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SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE TO MEET ON MONDAY

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THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING NEXT MONDAY (NOVEMBER 23), AFTER WHICH IT WILL CALL FOR THE PUBLIC AND INTERESTED PARTIES TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS AND EVIDENCE, MR IAN DAVISON, THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS ARRIVAL FROM LONDON, MR DAVISON SAID ANYBODY WHO HAD ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE BETTER REGULATIONS OF THE HONG KONG STOCK AND FUTURES EXCHANGES WAS WELCOME TO GIVE HIS VIEWS.

"OBVIOUSLY WE EXPECT THE COUNCIL OF EXCHANGE AND THE LEADING BODIES OF THAT SORT TO GIVE US THEIR VIEWS IN DETAIL. BUT WE CERTAINLY INVITE SUBMISSIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AS WELL," HE SAID.

MR DAVISON PLEDGED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD DO ITS BEST IN TRYING TO PREPARE A REPORT IN SIX MONTHS, ADDING THAT HE WOULD MEET MEMBERS OF HIS COMMITTEE INDIVIDUALLY IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE COMMITTEE'S PRIORITIES OF WORK, MR DAVISON SAID THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE INDICATED THAT THE MAJOR THRUST OF ITS REPORT WAS LOOKING FORWARD.

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO TRY TO LAY A BLUEPRINT WHICH COULD BE FOLLOWED IN IMPROVING THE REGULATORY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE HONG KONG FINANCIAL MARKETS IN THE FUTURE.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE STOCK MARKET, MR DAVISON SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD TRY AND DRAW CONCLUSIONS FROM WHAT HAD PASSED IN ORDER TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE.

"OBVIOUSLY WE WILL HEAR WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND FORM OUR VIEWS. BUT AS I SAID AGAIN, WE'RE NOT HERE TO CRITICISE OR TO FORM A VIEW AS TO WHAT WAS DONE RIGHT OR WRONG IN THE PAST.

"IT'S NOT A BACKWARD LOOKING REPORT," HE ADDED.

COMMENTING ON THE RECENT PLUNGE IN THE HONG KONG STOCK MARKET, MR DAVISON SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER THAT ON OCTOBER 19 ALL STOCK MARKETS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WERE BADLY HIT.

"IT'S CLEAR THAT HONG KONG WAS AS BADLY HIT AS ANY OTHER MARKET," HE SAID.

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SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THE FOLLOWING SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS:

MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, WILL SUCCEED MR GEOFFREY BARNES AS COMMISSIONER, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, IN LATE FEBRUARY 1988.

MR GEOFFREY BARNES, COMMISSIONER, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, WILL REPLACE MR DAVID JEAFFRESON AS SECRETARY FOR SECURITY.

MR KEITH BROADBRIDGE, POLICE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER, WILL SUCCEED MR MICHAEL CARTLAND AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, GENEVA, IN FEBRUARY 1988.

MR ANTHONY EASON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, WILL SUCCEED MR HAIDER BARMA AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE (APPOINTMENTS) TOWARDS THE END OF NOVEMBER 1987.

MR ADOLF HSU, COMMISSIONER, SURVEY OFFICE, WILL SUCCEED MISS ELAINE CHUNG AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE IN DECEMBER 1987.

MISS ELAINE CHUNG, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, WILL BECOME DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION IN NOVEMBER 1987.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THESE OFFICERS FOLLOW.

MR DAVID GREGORY JEAFFRESON, CBE, JP

AGED 56. MR JEAFFRESON JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1961. HIS RECENT POSTINGS INCLUDE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY (1972-76) AND SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES (1976-82). HE BECAME SECRETARY FOR SECURITY IN NOVEMBER 1982. MR JEAFFRESON WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, IN FEBRUARY 1977.

MR GEOFFREY THOMAS BARNES

AGED 55. MR BARNES JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1970. HE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES. HIS RECENT POSTINGS INCLUDE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (1977-81), DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES (1981-83), DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE (1983-84). HE BECAME COMMISSIONER, ICAC, IN JANUARY 1985. MR BARNES WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

MR KEITH

MR KEITH BROADBRIDGE, JP

AGED 52. MR BROADBRIDGE JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE IN 1971 AND WAS APPOINTED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C IN 1975. HE HAS SERVED AS PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE (1973-78), ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN THE FORMER TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT (1978-79), DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS (1979-82), DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (1982-84), DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT (1984-86) AND BECAME POLICE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER IN JUNE 1986. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1 IN OCTOBER 1987.

MR ANTHONY GORDON EASON, JP

AGED 49. MR EASON JOINED THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1968. HE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES: AS DISTRICT OFFICER IN THE FORMER NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AS PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE FORMER ENVIRONMENT BRANCH, AND AS CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER IN THE FORMER HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. MORE RECENTLY HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (1979-81), DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS (1981-86) AND BECAME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY IN JANUARY 1986. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN APRIL 1982.

MR ADOLF HSU HSUNG, JP

AGED 49. MR HSU JOINED THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1968. HE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES INCLUDING PERIODS AS PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE AND THE FORMER ADMINISTRATION BRANCH. MORE RECENTLY HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES (1979-83), DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (TSUEN WAN), CNTA (1983-84), AND DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION (1985-87). HE WAS APPOINTED COMMISSIONER, SURVEY OFFICE, IN APRIL THIS YEAR TO UNDERTAKE THE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT RELATING TO THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN APRIL 1981.

MISS ELAINE CHUNG LAI-KWOK, JP

AGED 42. MISS CHUNG JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1969. SHE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES INCLUDING PERIODS AS PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE HOUSING BRANCH, AND AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ADMINISTRATION) IN RTHK. MORE RECENTLY SHE HAS ALSO SERVED AS DISTRICT OFFICER (TSUEN WAN), CNTA (1982-84), DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (1984-86) AND BECAME DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE IN OCTOBER 1986. SHE WAS PROMOTED TO HER PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN SEPTEMBER 1987.

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AG'S CHAMBERS INCREASED IN SIZE AND SCOPE

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS IS NOW ONE OF THE LARGEST LAW OFFICES UNDER ONE ROOF IN THE WORLD, THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL, MR FRANK STOCK, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR STOCK TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG THAT LIKE ITS COUNTERPARTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS HAD INCREASED BOTH IN SIZE AND IN THE SCOPE OF THE WORK UNDERTAKEN.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO IT HAD 69 LAWYERS, 10 YEARS AGO 84 AND TODAY THERE WERE 248 LAWYERS FROM A VARIETY OF JURISDICTIONS INCLUDING A LARGE NUMBER OF LOCALLY QUALIFIED COUNSEL.

HE SAID THAT HONG KONG'S GROWTH INTO A LEADING FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CENTRE IN THE PAST DECADE HAD CREATED AN INCREASED DEMAND FOR LEGAL AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. ALSO THE POPULATION WAS NOW BETTER EDUCATED TO THEIR RIGHTS IN LAW.

AS A RESULT MANY NEW LAW FIRMS, LOCAL AND FROM ABROAD, HAD SET UP OFFICES HERE.

"IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE GROWTH IN THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF LAW FIRMS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAD BEEN A RESPONSE TO A PUBLIC NEED, SO TOO HAVE WE RESPONDED TO NEW DEMANDS.

"LITIGATION TO WHICH GOVERNMENT IS A PARTY HAS INCREASED; CRIME HAS BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED AND MORE COMPLEX; AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS MORE FREQUENTLY REQUIRE THE PROVISION OF SWIFT AND SOUND LEGAL SERVICES," HE SAID.

AS A RESULT THE GROWTH IN THE SIZE OF THE CHAMBERS, AND IN THE AREAS OF THE WORK UNDERTAKEN, HAS MIRRORED THE GROWTH IN, AND THE NEEDS OF, THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

SPEAKING ON THE TOPIC "A MODERN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS: MYTH AND REALITY", MR STOCK SOUGHT TO PUT PAY TO THE MISCONCEPTION, HELD BY SOME, THAT THE SOLE FUNCTION OF THE CHAMBERS WAS TO PROSECUTE CRIMINAL CASES.

IN REALITY THE WORK OF THE CHAMBERS WAS FAR MORE VARIED.

HE SAID OF COURSE THE 124 COUNSEL IN THE PROSECUTIONS DIVISION PERFORMED A VITAL PUBLIC FUNCTION BUT THIS WAS JUST ONE ASPECT OF THE CHAMBERS' WORK.

ON THE WORK OF THE PROSECUTION DIVISION, HE SAID: "JUST AS THE COMMUNITY HAS BECOME BETTER EDUCATED, SO HAS THE CRIMINAL BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED; AND WE HAVE HAD TO TAILOR OUR RESPONSE ACCORDINGLY."

/THE LAWYER

THE LAWYER WHO JOINS THE PROSECUTION SERVICE WILL FIND WITHIN THAT DIVISION ALONE A NUMBER OF SPECIALISED FUNCTIONS REQUIRING HIGH LEVELS OF EXPERTISE. THE PROSECUTION OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIME, FOR EXAMPLE, IS UNDERTAKEN BY A UNIT WHICH HAS EIGHT DIRECTORATE OFFICERS AND 15 OTHER EXPERIENCED LAWYERS; AND THERE ARE ALSO FIVE LAWYERS WHO WORK EXCLUSIVELY ON EXTRADITION CASES.

THE CIVIL LITIGATION UNIT WAS ANOTHER AREA WHICH HAD GROWN DRAMATICALLY, THE SOLICITOR GENERAL SAID.

"TO THAT UNIT ARE SENT ALL CIVIL CASES TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS A PARTY - WHETHER AS DEFENDANT OR PLAINTIFF.

"LAND DISPUTES; NEGLIGENCE ACTIONS; TAX CASES; JUDICIAL REVIEWS OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; INQUIRIES; TRIBUNAL WORK; CASES BEFORE PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINARY BOARDS; AND REQUESTS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS FOR THE TAKING OF EVIDENCE IN HONGKONG," MR STOCK SAID.

THE 38 BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS OF THE UNIT HAVE, SO FAR THIS YEAR, APPEARED IN THE COURTS AND TRIBUNALS OF HONGKONG ON OVER 1,000 OCCASIONS.

TURNING TO ARBITRATION CASES, MR STOCK SAID THESE CASES WERE UNDERTAKEN BY ANOTHER SPECIALIST UNIT WHICH HAD HANDLED CLAIMS OF ABOUT \$280 MILLION SO FAR THIS YEAR.

"THEY TOO HAVE CLIENTS - GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND POLICY BRANCHES - TO WHOM THEY ARE REQUIRED TO TENDER ADVICE, POPULAR OR UNPOPULAR," HE SAID.

MR STOCK EXPLAINED THAT THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH CLIENT DEPARTMENTS WAS IN ESSENCE NO DIFFERENT FROM THE RELATIONSHIP OF ANY OTHER LAWYER WITH HIS CLIENT.

"WE TENDER ADVICE, ULTIMATELY LEAVING THE CLIENT TO DECIDE UPON HIS COURSE OF ACTION; AND OUR DUTY OF PROFESSIONAL CONFIDENTIALITY TO THAT CLIENT IS THE SAME DUTY AS ATTACHES TO ANY PRIVATE LAWYER," HE SAID.

MR STOCK SAID THOSE LAWYERS TO WHOM ADVOCACY AND LITIGATION DOES NOT APPEAL WOULD FIND, IN THE CHAMBERS, A HOST OF OTHER SPECIALITIES. THESE INCLUDED A COMMERCIAL ADVISORY SECTION, SPECIALISING IN COMMERCIAL CONTRACT WORK AND IN ADVICE ON MONETARY AFFAIRS; A LARGE GENERAL ADVISORY SECTION, ADVISING ON TAXATION, MERCHANT SHIPPING, COPYRIGHT, FAMILY LAW, IMMIGRATION. IN THE POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION, ADVISERS WITH SPECIALIST EXPERIENCE IN LEGAL POLICY WORK. UNDER THE LAW DRAFTSMAN, A LAW DRAFTING DIVISION WITH EXPERTS IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING; A FURTHER UNIT WHOSE SPECIALISATION IS INTERNATIONAL LAW AND A BODY OF LAWYERS WHO PROVIDE RESEARCH FOR THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION.

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"BUT WITH THESE WIDESPREAD FUNCTIONS, AND THE GROWTH THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE, WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE REQUISITE PROFESSIONAL MANPOWER IS ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED.

"NO MODERN LAW OFFICE CAN FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY WITHOUT SKILLED SUPPORTING STAFF OR WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF THE MODERN EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES OF ITS COMPETITORS," HE SAID.

MR STOCK SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT SOME LARGE LAW FIRMS HAD SPECIALIST MANAGERS WHO WERE NOT LAWYERS BUT WHO WERE INSTEAD ACCOUNTANTS, OR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS.

"WE TOO ARE EXAMINING WHETHER SUCH A SOLUTION IS APPROPRIATE FOR US," MR STOCK SAID.

FINALLY, MR STOCK SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD YET ANOTHER IMPORTANT ROLE - THAT OF TRAINING THE LARGE NUMBERS OF NEWLY QUALIFIED LAWYERS AND TRAINEES WHO JOIN EACH YEAR.

"WE LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT WE PAY CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THIS TRAINING FUNCTION; BUT, WITH THE GROWING NUMBER OF TRAINEES, WE HAVE DECIDED TO EXAMINE OUR TRAINING PROGRAMMES SO AS TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE WELL EQUIPPED IN THE YEARS AHEAD TO PROVIDE A TRAINING SERVICE OF EXCELLENCE," HE SAID.

TO THIS END, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS RECENTLY APPOINTED A WORKING GROUP, WHICH WILL EXAMINE THE PRESENT TRAINING METHODS, DECIDE WHAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A FUTURE PROGRAMME AND POLICIES. THE SOLICITOR GENERAL WILL CHAIR THE NEW GROUP.

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TREND TOWARDS COMMUNITY CARE FOR MENTALLY ILL

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IT IS NOW AN INTERNATIONAL TREND TO PROVIDE CARE AND TREATMENT FOR THE MENTALLY ILL WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE WAN TSUI HALF-WAY HOUSE OPERATED BY THE RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG, MRS WONG SAID THAT WITH THE ADVANCEMENT MADE IN MEDICATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS OF LIVING IN AN INSTITUTION, SMALLER SETTINGS MORE SIMILAR TO AN ORDINARY HOME ENVIRONMENT COULD HELP THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE REGAIN SELF-CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM.

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IT WAS ALSO RECOGNISED THAT A "NETWORK OF CARE" SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY A WIDE RANGE OF PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING PSYCHIATRISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND NURSES, SHE ADDED.

AS REGARDS WELFARE PROVISION FOR COMMUNITY CARE, MRS WONG SAID THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED RESOURCES FOR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITY CENTRES, HOSTELS AND HALF-WAY HOUSES.

"APART FROM SUCH TANGIBLE SERVICES, ANOTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENT IS THE GOODWILL OF THE COMMUNITY TO KEEP AND SUSTAIN ITS MENTALLY ILL MEMBERS IN ITS MIDST.

"IN THIS ASPECT, COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS MOST IMPORTANT IN HELPING PEOPLE TO HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE MENTALLY ILL," SHE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE COMMON PREJUDICE OF ASSOCIATING THE MENTALLY ILL WITH UNPREDICTABLE VIOLENT ASSAULTS, SHE SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE EMPHASISED THAT POTENTIAL DANGER WAS PRESENTED NOT BY HALF-WAY HOUSE RESIDENTS BUT BY THOSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CARE AND SUPPORT AND THAT MENTAL ILLNESS WAS TREATABLE IN THE SAME WAY AS PHYSICAL ILLNESS.

ON HALF-WAY HOUSES, MRS WONG SAID THAT THEY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE REHABILITATION OF DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS, IN HELPING TO BRIDGE THE GAP DURING THAT DIFFICULT PERIOD OF TRANSITION FROM THE CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT OF THE MENTAL HOSPITAL TO THE MORE DEMANDING LIFE OF THE OPEN COMMUNITY.

"THIS THERAPEUTIC APPROACH FOR THE CARE OF THE MENTALLY ILL HAS BEEN WIDELY PRACTISED IN ALL ADVANCED COUNTRIES AND HAS PROVED TO BE A MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF BRINGING ABOUT RE-INTEGRATION OF THE MENTALLY ILL INTO THE COMMUNITY WHICH IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF REHABILITATION," SHE SAID.

SHE NOTED THAT THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES PROMOTED ON A DISTRICT BASIS, THERE WAS A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE MENTALLY ILL AND A GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THEM.

SHE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS ALSO AN IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE OF THE RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE LINK WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO INVOLVE ITS PARTICIPATION IN PROVIDING IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES.

THE RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG IS A VOLUNTARY AGENCY SET UP IN 1984 TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITIES, WHICH APART FROM PROVISION OF TRANSITIONAL CARE FACILITIES, ALSO ENCOMPASSES BOTH PREVENTIVE CARE AND CONTINUED SUPPORT.

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MORE RESOURCES TO PROMOTE PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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HONG KONG'S FIRST PRACTICAL EDUCATION CENTRE AND TECHNICAL TEACHING CENTRE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 20) BY THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MR HORACE KNIGHT.

THE TWO CENTRES, HOUSED UNDER ONE ROOF AT THE FORMER LOK FU GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 145 JUNCTION ROAD, LOK FU, HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE TEACHING OF PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE PRACTICAL EDUCATION CENTRE CATERS FOR STUDENTS OF SCHOOLS IN EAST KOWLOON INCLUDING PRIVATE SCHOOLS WHICH ARE SHORT OF ACCOMMODATION, FACILITIES OR TRAINED TEACHERS FOR THE TEACHING OF PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

IT HAS 15 WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL ROOMS FOR THE TEACHING OF WOODWORK, METALWORK, PLASTICS, COOKERY, NEEDLEWORK, PAINTING, POTTERY AND THREE-DIMENSIONAL WORKS UNDER THE THREE SCHOOL SUBJECTS OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, HOME ECONOMICS AND ART AND DESIGN. IN ADDITION, IT HAS TWO CLASSROOMS AND A REFERENCE LIBRARY WITH AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT.

THE CENTRE IS MANNED BY QUALIFIED TEACHERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. INSTRUCTION IS GIVEN FREE TO STUDENTS WHO ATTEND AN 80-MINUTE SESSION ONCE A WEEK AT THE CENTRE FOR EACH SUBJECT THEY TAKE.

STAFF OF THE CENTRE KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE FULLY INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THEIR STUDENTS IN THE CENTRE.

THE CENTRE IS NOW SERVICING ABOUT 5,400 SECONDARY 1 AND 2 STUDENTS FROM 11 SCHOOLS IN THE EAST KOWLOON REGION. IT CAN HANDLE UP TO 9,600 STUDENTS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CENTRE WILL START OPERATING COURSES FOR SECONDARY 3 STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL YEAR 1988/89.

THE TECHNICAL TEACHING CENTRE WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE BENEFIT OF TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS. IT HAS A MODERN WORKSHOP EQUIPPED WITH SOPHISTICATED MACHINERY INCLUDING GRINDERS, MILLING MACHINES AND SHAPERS FOR TEACHERS' USE IN ENHANCING THE TEACHING OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN SCHOOLS.

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THE CENTRE ALSO HAS A RESOURCE AREA FOR ORGANISING IN-SERVICE COURSES AND SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS. PARTICIPANTS COULD ALSO USE THE FACILITIES THERE TO PRODUCE TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE TEACHING OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AND TO EXPERIMENT ON NEW TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE TWO CENTRES AT 145 JUNCTION ROAD, LOK FU, BY THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MR HORACE KNIGHT, AT 11 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

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AMENDMENTS TO MONEY CHANGERS ORDINANCE PROPOSED

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PROPOSALS WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) FOR AMENDMENT OF THE MONEY CHANGERS (DISCLOSURE OF RATES, CHARGES AND COMMISSIONS) ORDINANCE.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR STEVE BARCLAY, SAID THE MONEY CHANGERS ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN APRIL 1985 FOLLOWING MANY COMPLAINTS, BUT THIS HAD NOT EFFECTIVELY SOLVED THE PROBLEM.

A WORKING GROUP ON MONEY CHANGERS WAS ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1986 TO IDENTIFY AND EXAMINE THE PROBLEMS THAT REMAINED AND TO RECOMMEND A SOLUTION.

THE WORKING GROUP CONCLUDED THAT THE PROBLEM AREAS FELL INTO THREE CATEGORIES -

- (A) FAILURE BY MONEY CHANGERS TO COMPLY WITH THE EXISTING LEGISLATION;
- (B) PROVISION BY MONEY CHANGERS OF FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION, AND
- (C) RUDE AND IMPOLITE MANNERS OF STAFF OF MONEY CHANGERS.

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THE RECOMMENDED SOLUTION TO THE MAJOR PROBLEMS CONSISTS OF A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE. THE PROPOSED CHANGES, LISTED BELOW, ARE INTENDED TO CLARIFY A NUMBER OF AMBIGUITIES AND LEGAL LOOP-HOLES; TO PROVIDE CLEAR INFORMATION TO THE CUSTOMER; AND TO FACILITATE PROSECUTION OF OFFENDERS:-

- MONEY CHANGERS MUST DISPLAY A NOTICE BOARD CLEARLY SHOWING THE NET RATE OF EXCHANGE OFFERED;
- CERTAIN PRESCRIBED CURRENCIES SHOULD BE DISPLAYED ON THE NOTICE BOARD;
- THE NET RATES DISPLAYED MUST BE THE LEAST FAVOURABLE TO THE CUSTOMER - BETTER RATES MAY BE OFFERED;
- ANY ADVERTISING OF RATES OF EXCHANGE, COMMISSION ETC MUST RELATE EQUALLY TO BUYING AND SELLING RATES;
- THE NOTE MONEY CHANGERS MUST GIVE THEIR CUSTOMERS WILL BE PRESCRIBED;
- A NEW OFFENCE OF MAKING FALSE REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE CREATED;
- THE LIABILITY FOR PROSECUTION FOR DIFFERENT OFFENCES WILL BE CLARIFIED.

ANYONE WISHING TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSALS MAY DO SO BEFORE JANUARY 31 NEXT YEAR BY WRITING TO:- THE SECRETARY, WORKING GROUP ON MONEY CHANGERS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH, 2/F MAIN WING, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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LEGCO MOTION ON SURVEY OFFICE REPORT

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ABOUT 30 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL SPEAK ON A MOTION CONCERNING THE REPORT OF THE SURVEY OFFICE, AND THE REPORT OF THE MONITORS, AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IN ADDITION, SEVERAL SESSIONAL PAPERS WILL BE TABLED. THESE INCLUDE : THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES AND THE ACCOUNTS OF HONG KONG FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1987; AND THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1987 AND THE RESULTS OF VALUE FOR MONEY AUDITS.

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TAC CONSIDERS STAR FERRY'S FARE RISE APPLICATION

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AN APPLICATION BY THE STAR FERRY COMPANY LTD FOR FARE INCREASES WAS CONSIDERED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (TUESDAY) AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

IN CONSIDERING THE APPLICATION, MEMBERS EXAMINED STAR FERRY'S EXISTING FINANCIAL POSITION AND ALSO THE EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED FARE INCREASES ON THE COMPANY'S PATRONAGE, REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND PROFITS FORECASTS.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON STAR FERRY'S 1988/1992 FORWARD PLAN, INCLUDING ITS PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES.

THE TAC ALSO REVIEWED THE ROLE OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT RECENT TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENTS. MEMBERS AGREED THAT THE ROLE OF PLB'S AS A COMPLEMENTARY PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.

THEY ALSO AGREED THAT THE OPERATION OF GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE CONVERSION OF RED MINIBUSES INTO GREEN MINIBUSES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROMOTED.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO GIVEN A BRIEFING ON THE BACKGROUND TO THE COMMISSIONING OF THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY, ITS SCOPE OF WORK AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE TRANSPORT PLANNING.

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ELDERLY URGED TO KEEP UP WITH CHANGES

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OLD PEOPLE SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTH AND MAINTAIN AN OPTIMISTIC AND HOPEFUL OUTLOOK ON LIFE SO AS TO ENJOY A HAPPY OLD AGE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MRS WONG WAS SPEAKING AT A CONCERT FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY THE ENDEAVOURERS.

SHE SAID THAT OLD PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO CURRENT AFFAIRS AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOCIETY TO KEEP THEMSELVES ABREAST OF THE CHANGES OF THE TIMES.

"IF THEY CAN ACCEPT NEW KNOWLEDGE, IT WILL BE EASIER FOR THEM TO ACCEPT THE VIEWS OF OTHER PEOPLE AND CAN BUILD UP A BETTER INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS," SHE SAID.

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IN ADDITION, SHE SAID THAT OLD PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

"BY KEEPING UP THEIR SOCIAL CONTACTS, TAKING PART IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY AND OTHER AGENCIES OR BY BECOMING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE OTHERS ARE ALL GOOD WAYS FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS TO REMAIN SOCIALLY AND PHYSICALLY ACTIVE," SHE ADDED.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE ENDEAVOURERS FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS IN SERVING THE ELDERLY.

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TOP-CLASS MARATHON RUNNERS TO JOIN ANTI-DRUG EVENT

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OLYMPIC STANDARD MARATHON RUNNERS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES WILL JOIN HONG KONG ATHLETES IN BECOMING "ANTI-DRUG RUNNERS" IN THE 1988 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON EARLY NEXT YEAR.

DETAILS OF THE NEW JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (HKAAA) WERE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY.

MR MULLOY SAID THAT "BE AN ANTI-DRUG RUNNER" HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THE THEME FOR THE MARATHON, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 24.

HE STRESSED THAT THE WAR AGAINST THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE WAS A GLOBAL ISSUE REQUIRING THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF ALL COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES.

MR MULLOY ALSO SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT HONG KONG'S ANTI-DRUG PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY WORK WAS SPREADING TO THE SPORTS SECTOR.

"WE ARE GLAD THAT THE SPORTS WORLD IS INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND TAKES AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE," HE SAID.

HE HOPED THAT HONG KONG, THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL EVENT, WOULD DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD ITS DETERMINATION TO SUPPRESS THE DRUG PROBLEM BY APPEALING TO ATHLETES ALL OVER THE WORLD TO REMAIN DRUG-FREE.

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"WE WILL SHOW THE WORLD THE REAL SPIRIT OF COMPETITION -- AIM TO WIN BY YOUR OWN ABILITIES AND DO NOT CHEAT BY USING ARTIFICIAL DRUG AID," HE ADDED.

THE RACE DIRECTOR, MR JAMIE SCOTT, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE CONFERENCE, DISCLOSED THAT OLYMPIC STANDARD MARATHON RUNNERS FROM CHINA, MACAU, UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, ITALY, THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE, JAPAN, THAILAND AND INDIA WOULD TAKE PART IN THE EVENT.

COMPETITORS WILL RUN FOUR LAPS OF A SECTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND SHAU KEI WAN, COVERING A DISTANCE OF 26 MILES 385 YARDS (42.195 KILOMETRES) WHICH IS THE LENGTH OF THE STANDARD MODERN MARATHON.

THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, WHICH WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR A SPORTS COMPETITION, HAS BEEN SELECTED BECAUSE OF ITS RATHER FLAT ROAD SURFACE WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE INCLUSION OF WHEELCHAIR ATHLETES.

MR SCOTT ADDED THAT WORLD-CLASS WHEELCHAIR ATHLETES WOULD BE INVITED FROM AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE AND THE UNITED STATES.

HONG KONG HAS BEEN RATED BY THE U.S. RUNNER MAGAZINE AS THE BEST CITY IN ASIA AND ONE OF THE 25 BEST PLACES IN THE WORLD FOR RUNNING.

THE RATING IS BASED ON SUCH FACTORS AS TRAINING TERRAIN, RACE OPPORTUNITIES, RUNNING SUPPORT SYSTEMS, ACCESS TO FACILITIES AND CLIMATE.

ALSO ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HKAAA, MR WILLIAM KO.

THE RACE IS SPONSORED BY DEL MONTE, CATHAY PACIFIC, NEW BALANCE, WATSON'S DISTILLED WATER AND THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE.

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SEMINAR ON TRIAD ACTIVITIES

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YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT THE REAL NATURE OF TRIADS AT A SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL OF HONG KONG CARITAS, CAINE ROAD ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21) AFTERNOON.

CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHUNG-YING, SAID THE SEMINAR WOULD HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES OF TRIAD INVOLVEMENT DESPITE THE "HERO" IMAGE OF TRIAD LEADERS IN SOME MOVIES.

POLICE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ANTI-TRIAD SECTION, MR YUEN CHUNG-BIU AND MR CHONG NAM-HOI, WILL BRIEF PARTICIPANTS ON TRIAD ACTIVITIES, WHILE AN OUTREACH SOCIAL WORKER OF Y.M.C.A., MR CHUN PING-KIT, WILL TALK ABOUT TRIAD INFILTRATION IN SCHOOLS AND RELATED COUNSELLING SERVICES.

A RESIDENT WHO HAD BEEN VICTIMISED BY TRIADS WILL TELL OF HIS OWN EXPERIENCE AT THE SEMINAR AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHU CHI-KEUNG, WILL SPEAK ON CUSTODIAL SENTENCES FOR PEOPLE CONVICTED OF TRIAD CRIMES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY STUDENTS AND PARENTS, ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

A FIGHT CRIME SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AFTERWARDS. A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICES.

THE SEMINAR AND AWARD SCHEME ARE PART OF THE PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE THIS YEAR.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SEMINAR CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523478.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON TRIADS AND THE FIGHT CRIME SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY STARTING AT 2 PM THIS SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21) AT THE COMMUNITY HALL OF HONG KONG CARITAS IN CAINE ROAD.

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HISTORY OF CHEUNG CHAU ON EXHIBIT

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AN EXHIBITION TRACING THE RAPIDLY CHANGING FACES OF CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE HELD FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO NOVEMBER 22 (SUNDAY) AT THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE YOUTH CENTRE, TUNG WAN.

THE EXHIBITION IS TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE "ISLANDS ROOT PROJECT" ON CHEUNG CHAU ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE VENUE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 3.30 PM AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN SHERWIN, WILL OFFICIATE.

THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY TO SHOW THE CHANGES ALONG THE WEST COAST OF CHEUNG CHAU SUCH AS LAND USE PATTERN AND RECLAMATION DEVELOPMENT, AND A SLIDE SHOW ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING VILLAGES ON THE ISLAND.

TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS ON CHEUNG CHAU, CARITAS ST. PAUL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND CHEUNG CHAU GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL, TOOK PART IN THE PROJECT. STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOLS STARTED TO DRAFT PLANS FIVE MONTHS AGO, UNDERTOOK RESEARCH DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND PRODUCED THE EXHIBITS IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE SAID: "THE AIM OF THE 'ISLANDS ROOT PROJECT' IS TO AROUSE ISLANDERS' INTEREST TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THEIR DISTRICT SO AS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING."

"THE CHEUNG CHAU PROJECT IS A PILOT ONE AND SIMILAR PROJECTS WILL BE HELD ON OTHER ISLANDS," HE ADDED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "ISLANDS ROOT PROJECT" EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE YOUTH CENTRE, TUNG WAN AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A PRESS LAUNCH, "CLEMENTI", WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER IN CENTRAL FOR CHEUNG CHAU AT 2 PM. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR RAYMOND TAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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ENDANGERED ANIMALS AND BIRD SET FREE

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED THREE ENDANGERED ANIMALS AND A RARE BIRD IN THE REMOTE PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE SPECIES, PROTECTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE, INCLUDE THREE PANGOLINS AND A SHORT-EARED OWL. THEY WERE SEIZED TOGETHER WITH ONE DEAD OWL AND 12 LIVE GIANT SALAMANDERS BY THE POLICE AT AN ENTRY POINT ON THE BORDER ON SUNDAY DURING A ROUTINE OPERATION.

THE GIANT SALAMANDERS, NOW IN THE DEPARTMENT'S CUSTODY, WILL BE SENT BACK TO THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES IN CHINA AS SOON AS ARRANGEMENTS ARE FINALISED.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR M. K. CHEUNG, REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO POSSESS, IMPORT OR EXPORT ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORISATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

"FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 ON CONVICTION FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE, AND \$10,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE," HE WARNED.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, MR CHEUNG SAID, SOME 320 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED FOR VIOLATING THE ORDINANCE. MANY OF THE CASES CONCERNED THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATIONS OF OWLS, KESTRELS, PARROTS, PANGOLINS, GIANT SALAMANDERS, AND STUFFED SPECIMENS OF SEA TURTLES AND CROCODILES.

FINES TOTTALLING \$154,200 HAVE BEEN IMPOSED AND, IN ALL CASES, THE ENDANGERED SPECIES HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED, HE ADDED.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY CALENDAR HAS MEDIA THEME

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"METEOROLOGY AND THE MEDIA" IS THE THEME OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S WALL CALENDAR FOR 1988 TO SHOW APPRECIATION OF THE MEDIA'S EXCELLENT WORK IN HELPING TO PROVIDE ACCURATE WEATHER INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC.

THE BILINGUAL CALENDAR, ON SALE NOW AT \$32 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CENTRAL, CONTAINS BASIC INFORMATION ON CLIMATOLOGY, ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS AND TIDES, AS WELL AS USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR WEATHER AND OTHER GEOPHYSICAL INFORMATION.

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ALSO INCLUDED IS A SELECTION OF COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING THE ESSENTIAL LINK -- THE MEDIA -- BETWEEN THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND ITS WEATHER SERVICES ON THE ONE HAND AND THE COMMUNITY AND USERS OF THE WEATHER INFORMATION ON THE OTHER.

THE ATTRACTIVE CALENDAR, WHICH WOULD MAKE AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT, IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AT 134A, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES PUBLISHING SUB-DIVISION SAID PURCHASERS OF THE CALENDAR WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF BUYING A COPY OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S CENTENARY PUBLICATION, "FROM TIME BALL TO ATOMIC CLOCK", AT A REDUCED PRICE OF \$19.

THE BOOK, WHICH NORMALLY COSTS \$34 A COPY, TRACES THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS FOR OVER 100 YEARS.

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MAGAZINE HIGHLIGHTS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

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THE SIXTH ISSUE OF THE ROAD SAFETY QUARTERLY HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, AND ITS MAIN THEME IS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

THE QUARTERLY IS A BILINGUAL PUBLICATION DISTRIBUTED FREE TO THE PUBLIC, WITH THE OVERALL AIM OF INCREASING SAFETY AWARENESS AMONG ROAD USERS.

"IN HONG KONG, ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS ACCOUNT FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF INJURIES RESULTING FROM ROAD ACCIDENTS", A ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID.

"EVERYONE SHOULD TAKE TIME TO STUDY THE SECTION ON PEDESTRIANS IN THE NEW ROAD USERS' CODE", HE ADDED.

ARTICLES IN THE CURRENT ISSUE INCLUDE KEY POINTS FOR PEDESTRIANS TO REMEMBER, CARTOONS TO DRIVE HOME THE SAFETY MESSAGES AND SOME ACCIDENT CASE STORIES.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SMOKE-OUT

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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE SMOKE-OUT DAY PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION, HEALTH CHECK-UP AND A SERIES OF LECTURES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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STREET SLEEPER PROBLEMS UNDER STUDY

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 19) TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS CONCERNING STREET SLEEPERS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL STUDY VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF HOUSING THESE STREET SLEEPERS AND WILL REFLECT ITS VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT LATER.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO ENDORSE A PROJECT FOR PRODUCING A VIDEO FOR CIVIC EDUCATION PURPOSE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING STARTING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14/F., HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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MARINE SAND DREDGING, CABLE LAYING AUTHORISED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD FOR DREDGING MARINE SAND NEAR LANTAU AND TSING YI AND FOR LAYING A CABLE AT DEEP WATER BAY.

TO PROVIDE FILL MATERIAL FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE RECLAMATIONS, MARINE SAND WILL BE EXTRACTED WITHIN TWO AREAS OF ABOUT 847.4 AND 748.9 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF LANTAU AND TO THE SOUTH OF TSING YI.

THE AUTHORISATION GIVEN TO HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY TO LAY SECTIONS OF A 132-KILOVOLT CABLE AT DEEP WATER BAY IS TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

IT IS PART OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE NEW CABLE ROUTE TO LINK THE WONG CHUK HANG ZONE SUB-STATION WITH THE PROPOSED CHUNG HOM KOK ZONE SUB-STATION.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT ONE YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 1,290 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TWO AREAS WILL BE AFFECTED.

NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS WITHIN ONE YEAR.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN CHOI HUNG ESTATE

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 20), TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN CHOI HUNG ESTATE WILL BE MADE 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS.

THEY ARE :

- * LUK LAU AVENUE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HAMMER HILL ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, AND
- * HUNG MUI AVENUE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH LUK LAU AVENUE AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THESE URBAN CLEARWAYS, NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON LUK LAU AVENUE WILL BE LIFTED.

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PROHIBITED ROAD ZONES IN WAN CHAI

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THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION OF TONNOCHY ROAD IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN SEAFRONT ROAD AND HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE TO ALL VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES OVER SEVEN METRES LONG FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 20). THIS WILL FACILITATE EMERGENCY DRAINAGE REPAIR WORK.

FROM 10 AM THE NEXT DAY (SATURDAY), THE EXISTING BAN THAT NO VEHICLE OVER FOUR TONNES GROSS IS ALLOWED TO ENTER HEARD STREET BETWEEN WAN CHAI ROAD AND JOHNSTON ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED FOR TWO MORE MONTHS BECAUSE OF ROAD WORKS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION IN SHEUNG SHUI

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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF LUNG SUM AVENUE IN SHEUNG SHUI BETWEEN SAN FAT STREET AND SAN HONG STREET WILL BE MADE A PEAK-HOUR (I.E. 7 TO 10 AM AND 4 TO 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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