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RESIDENTS SHOULD WORK TOWARDS WHITE PAPER'S AIMS: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED PEOPLE TO WORK TOWARDS THE AIMS SET DOWN IN THE WHITE PAPER AND TO PREPARE FOR THEM THROUGH THE PROCESS OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER HIS VISIT TO THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO PROVIDE 10 DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 1991 WAS A FIRM ONE.

HE SAID PEOPLE DID NOT WANT UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE SITUATION.

"THEY WANT CERTAINTY, AND THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN GIVEN BY THE WHITE PAPER ISSUED YESTERDAY," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE POINT I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE MADE ABOUT THE WHOLE WHITE PAPER EXERCISE IS THAT WE'VE GONE THROUGH A LONG PERIOD OF DISCUSSION IN HONG KONG, VERY EXTENSIVE AND VERY IMPRESSIVE DISCUSSIONS.

"IT SHOWED THERE WAS ENORMOUS INTEREST IN HONG KONG IN THE SUBJECT.

"IT SHOWED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WANTED DIRECT ELECTIONS AND THEY WANTED THEM BEFORE 1997. IT SHOWED THAT THEY WERE VERY DIVIDED IN THEIR VIEWS ON WHETHER THOSE DIRECT ELECTIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN 1988," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS THIS RESPONSE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT MADE ITS DECISIONS IN THE WHITE PAPER.

"THOSE DECISIONS ARE VERY FAR-REACHING," SIR DAVID SAID.

DURING HIS TOUR OF THE COLLEGE, SIR DAVID NOTICED A BLACKBOARD WITH A TABLE SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS IN HONG KONG DATING BACK TO 1948.

SIR DAVID SAID IT SHOWED THE PROGRESSION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

"THE STEP THAT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT STEP IN THAT PROGRESSION. FOR THE FIRST TIME WE WILL HAVE DIRECT ELECTIONS AFTER 140 ODD YEARS OF A DIFFERENT SYSTEM," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE 10 DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS PROPOSED IN THE WHITE PAPER WAS A LOGICAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

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"WE'VE GOT GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION AT THE MOMENT FROM THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND WE'VE NOW PROGRESSED SO THAT WE WILL HAVE DIRECT GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION. IT MAKES SENSE TO MOVE FROM THOSE 10 INDIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS TO 10 DIRECTLY ELECTED," HE SAID.

"IT LEAVES ROOM, OBVIOUSLY, FOR FURTHER EXPANSION. THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF FURTHER CHANGE THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE MADE BETWEEN 1991 AND 1997, AND ONE OF THOSE CHANGES WILL BE TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS," HE ADDED.

"I THINK IT IS A GOOD FIRST STEP," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR STRESSED THAT THE PROPOSALS IN THE WHITE PAPER DID NOT LESSEN THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

"THE DISTRICT BOARDS REMAIN A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR THREE-TIER SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

"THE THREE TIERS NOW WILL WORK IN A MORE LOGICAL WAY SO THAT YOU HAVE REPRESENTATION GOING UP THE PYRAMID FROM THE BASIC LEVEL - ELECTIONS INTO THE DISTRICT BOARDS, DISTRICT BOARDS INTO THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, FROM THOSE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND TEACHER TRAINING IN HONG KONG.

"IT'S VITAL FOR A PLACE LIKE HONG KONG THAT WE SHOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HIGHLY-EDUCATED PEOPLE WE HAVE HERE. WE NEED PEOPLE OF TALENT IF WE'RE GOING TO REMAIN A DYNAMIC ECONOMY AND KEEP OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE FACILITIES AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE AND WITH THE HIGHLY SKILLED TEACHERS. HE ALSO NOTED THE ENORMOUS ENTHUSIASIM AND DEDICATION OF THE STUDENTS.

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SIR DAVID PRAISES WORK OF LIFE GUARDS

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NEARLY 20,000 LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED SINCE THE WATER SAFETY CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED IN 1962.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) AT A RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY (HONG KONG) TO MARK THE SILVER JUBILEEOF THE WATER SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

"ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY, I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO HAVE RISKED THEIR OWN LIVES TO SAVE OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE QUALIFIED LIFE GUARDS WHO WORK AT SWIMMING POOLS AND THE MANY GAZETTED BEACHES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY," SIR DAVID SAID.

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HE NOTED THAT THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY, AND ITS AFFILIATED LIFE SAVING ORGANISATIONS, HAD DONE A GREAT DEAL TO PROMOTE WATER SAFETY IN HONG KONG THROUGH THE ORGANISATION AND ACCREDITATION OF LIFE SAVING TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

"IN 1986-87, NEARLY 7,000 PEOPLE BECAME QUALIFIED LIFE GUARDS," HE SAID.

"THIS SHOWS AN ADMIRABLE WILLINGNESS AMONG MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO PROVIDE A VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY."

MOREOVER, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SAFETY IN WATER SPORTS.

"IN 1986-87, MORE THAN 38,000 PEOPLE WERE TAUGHT HOW TO SWIM THROUGH COURSES ORGANISED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

"THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT REPEATEDLY REMINDS THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER SAFETY THROUGH ITS WATER SPORTS SAFETY DAYS AND MANY OTHER PROJECTS."

PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS ALSO HAD REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ABOUT THE NEED FOR WATER SAFETY THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY.

"ALL THESE EFFORTS HAVE AN EFFECT," SIR DAVID EMPHASISED.

"THERE ARE CLEAR SIGNS THAT THE PUBLIC ARE BECOMING MORE AWARE OF THE NEED FOR WATER SAFETY."

FOUR YEARS AGO, IN 1983-84, 13 PEOPLE DIED IN SWIMMING ACCIDENTS AT GAZETTED BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS IN HONG KONG. LAST YEAR THERE WAS ONLY ONE DEATH.

"THIS IS A REMARKABLE IMPROVEMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WE MUST TRY TO ENSURE THAT THESE IMPROVED STANDARDS, AND THIS INCREASED AWARENESS, CONTINUE."

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HK POPULATION HAS INCREASED TO 5.65 MILLION

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THE ESTIMATED POPULATION OF HONG KONG AT THE END OF DECEMBER LAST YEAR WAS 5,658,800, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 70,800 PEOPLE OR 1.3 PER CENT OVER THE END OF 1986.

THE BALANCE OF TOTAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES SHOWED A NET INFLOW OF 27,600 DURING 1987.

THERE WERE 70,100 BIRTHS LAST YEAR. DEATHS TOTALLED 26,900. NATURAL INCREASE, THAT IS THE SURPLUS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AMOUNTED TO 43,200, AND ACCOUNTED FOR 61 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION GROWTH.

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TRADE VALUE STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER AND 1987 RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN DECEMBER 1987, AT $76,723 MILLION, GREW BY 38 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1986, ACCORDING TO TRADE VALUE STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE OF 1987 RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY).

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 23 PER CENT TO $18,850 MILLION IN DECEMBER 1987 WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 51 PER CENT TO $19,055 MILLION, BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN DECEMBER 1987 TO $37,905 MILLION, WHICH WAS 35 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1986.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 41 PER CENT TO $38,818 MILLION IN DECEMBER 1987.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BETWEEN DECEMBER 1986 AND DECEMBER 1987.

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE BY 78 PER CENT, THE NETHERLANDS BY 48 PER CENT, CHINA BY 47 PER CENT, FRANCE BY 42 PER CENT, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM BY 41 PER CENT.

A 6 PER CENT GROWTH WAS RECORDED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, THE U.S.A.

/BETWEEN DECEMBER .....

BETWEEN DECEMBER 1986 AND DECEMBER 1987, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM THE U.S.A. (+90 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+59 PER CENT), SWITZERLAND (+52 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+51 PER CENT) AND ITALY (+43 PER CENT).

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, TAIWAN, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 89 PER CENT, 72 PER CENT, 64 PER CENT, 57 PER CENT AND 52 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN INTERPRETING THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF BILATERAL TRADE IN ANY SINGLE MONTH, AS THE RESPECTIVE GROWTH RATES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL MONTH MAY BE SUBJECT TO CONSIDERABLE FLUCTUATIONS.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN THE YEAR 1987 AT $755,982 MILLION, INCREASED BY 37 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AS COMPARED WITH THE YEAR 1986.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT TO $195,254 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 49 PER CENT TO $182,780 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 37 PER CENT TO $378,034 MILLION.

IMPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 37 PER CENT TO $377,948 MILLION. A SMALL MERCHANDISE TRADE SURPLUS OF $87 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO ONLY 0.02 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE YEAR 1987, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF $575 MILLION IN 1986, EQUIVALENT TO 0.2 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THAT YEAR. THUS THE VISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT WAS VIRTUALLY IN BALANCE IN THESE TWO YEARS.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1987 WITH THE YEAR 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS.

THE MARKETS WITH THE FASTEST GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED CHINA (+55 PER CENT), JAPAN (+53 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+44 PER CENT), FRANCE (+44 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+39 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, THE U.S.A., GREW BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS IN THE YEAR 1987 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE YEAR 1986. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+55 PER CENT), CHINA (+44 PER CENT), ITALY (+40 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+39 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (+39 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, TAIWAN, AUSTRALIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 106 PER CENT, 72 PER CENT, 63 PER CENT, 59 PER CENT AND 53 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN DECEMBER 1987 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY MARCH.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1987 WITH THE YEAR 1986, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE MORE NOTABLE ONES INCLUDED CLOTHING (BY $13,159 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY $5,050 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY $4,552 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $3,287 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY $83 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY $17 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1987 WITH THE YEAR 1986, INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY $14,731 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $11,404 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $7,843 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT); AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY $6,609 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY $48 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT); AS WELL AS PROCESSED ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS, AND WAXES OF ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE ORIGIN (BY $33 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1987 WITH THE YEAR 1986, INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY $8,238 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY $7,541 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $6,338 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $5,276 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY $318 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); AS WELL AS COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY $220 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISON.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE AVAILABLE IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE DECEMBER 1987 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND FEBRUARY 20, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT $5.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN DECEMBER 1987 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY MARCH AT $15 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 87 OVER JAN-DEC 86 (%)	DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	DEC 87 OVER DEC 86 (%)
U.S.A.	72,817	+ 13	6,152	+ 6
CHINA	27,871	+ 55	2,953	+ 47
F.R. OF GERMANY	14,855	+ 35	1,617	+ 20
U.K.	12,905	+ 30	1,471	+ 41
JAPAN	9,489	+ 53	789	+ 20
CANADA	5,656	+ 16	597	+ 27
NETHERLANDS	4,027	+ 44	532	+ 48
SINGAPORE	3,880	+ 39	418	+ 78
FRANCE	3,790	+ 44	407	+ 42
AUSTRALIA	3,697	+ 10	362	+ 11

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TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 87 OVER JAN-DEC 86 (%)	DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	DEC 87 OVER DEC 86 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	65,321	+ 25	6,618	+ 13
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	29,983	+ 18	2,381	+ 10
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	16,005	+ 46	1,563	+ 33
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	15,646	+ 20	1,505	+ 36
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	14,873	+ 27	1,372	+ 11
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	14,501	+ 29	1,295	+ 21

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 87 OVER JAN-DEC 86 (%)	DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	DEC 87 OVER DEC 86 (%)
CHINA	117,357	+ 44	12,150	+ 39
JAPAN	71,905	+ 27	7,316	+ 30
TAIWAN	33,337	+ 39	3,240	+ 25
U.S.A.	32,242	+ 39	3,684	+ 90

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REPUBLIC OF KOREA	16,959	+ 55	1,974	+ 59
SINGAPORE	14,357	+ 32	1,334	+ 41
U.K.	11,713	+ 25	1,164	+ 37
F.R. OF GERMANY	10,166	+ 26	1,069	+ 51
SWITZERLAND	7,375	+ 33	788	+ 52
ITALY	6,170	+ 40	541	+ 43

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 87 OVER JAN-DEC 86 (%)	DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	DEC 87 OVER DEC 86 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	57,316	+ 35	5,270	+ 19
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	35,046	+ 48	3,703	+ 49
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	26,031	+ 32	2,417	+ 23
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	21,713	+ 57	2,191	+ 42
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	21,323	+ 45	2,088	+ 41
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	20,783	+ 27	2,213	+ 49

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TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 87 OVER JAN-DEC 86 (%)	DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	DEC 87 OVER DEC 86 (%)
CHINA	60,170	+ 47	6,964	+ 49
U.S.A.	32,454	+ 45	2,821	+ 30
JAPAN	9,772	+ 46	1,108	+ 64
TAIWAN	9,685	+ 63	966	+ 72
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	8,969	+ 53	871	+ 52
SINGAPORE	6,481	+ 23	678	+ 46
F.R. OF GERMANY	5,533	+106	603	+ 89
U.K.	4,271	+ 72	391	+ 33
MACAU	3,326	+ 29	326	+ 37
AUSTRALIA	2,913	+ 59	336	+ 57

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 87 OVER JAN-DEC 86 (%)	DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	DEC 87 OVER DEC 86 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	28,332	+ 41	2,702	+ 27
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	18,279	+ 37	1,615	+ 30
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	17,884	+ 73	1,625	+ 60

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	15,956	+ 66	1,722	+ 69
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	11,955	+ 79	1,183	+ 50
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	8,163	+ 42	792	+ 35

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GOVERNOR SEES STUDENT TEACHERS AT WORK

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THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON TODAY (THURSDAY) TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT THE WIDE RANGE OF TEACHER TRAINING COURSES AND FACILITIES DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER), MRS RUBY LAU, AND THE PRINCIPAL OF THE COLLEGE, MR DAVID PUN.

THE VISITORS SAW A DISPLAY OF STUDENT PROJECTS ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND COLLEGE LIFE.

THEY THEN WENT ON A TOUR OF THE CAMPUS TO SEE STUDENT TEACHERS AT WORK IN THE COMPUTER ROOM, EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ROOM, GYMNASIUM, GAMES HALL, POTTERY AND ART STUDIOS AND SCIENCE LABORATORY.

IN THE POTTERY STUDIO, LADY WILSON WAS PRESENTED WITH A VASE MADE BY ONE OF THE LECTURERS.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON ALSO VISITED THE LIBRARY BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE STAFF COMMON ROOM FOR A TEA RECEPTION WHERE THEY TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH STUDENT AND STAFF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLLEGE.

THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE FOUR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THE COLLEGES OFFER COURSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO INTEND TO ENTER THE TEACHING PROFESSION AT THE KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY LEVELS.

THE FOUR COLLEGES ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR RETRAINING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS TO KEEP THEM ABREAST OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN TEACHER EDUCATION.

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BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED TO TAKE EXTRA CARE AGAINST CRIMES AS THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

"THE INCREASINGLY FESTIVE MOOD MUST NOT GIVE RISE TO NEGLIGENCE WHICH COULD RESULT IN LOSS AND SPOIL THE NEW YEAR," SAID MR JOHN NORMAN, SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE OF THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU.

MR NORMAN SAID PEOPLE WILL TEND TO GO YEAR-END SHOPPING IN THE COMING WEEK, CARRYING ON THEM MORE CASH THAN USUAL, AND VERY OFTEN LEAVING THEIR HOMES UNATTENDED.

"THIS IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY THAT CRIMINALS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF."

HE SAID THAT WHILE ADDITIONAL POLICE PATROLS WOULD BE DEPLOYED ON THE STREETS BEFORE AND DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, THE PUBLIC CAN HELP KEEP THE CRIMINALS AWAY BY TAKING SOME VERY SIMPLE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

SUPERINTENDENT NORMAN GAVE THESE TIPS ON CRIME PREVENTION:

"OF ALL THE PRECAUTIOUS MEASURES, THE SIMPLEST AND THE MOST EFFECTIVE IS TO BE SELF-VIGILANT AT ALL TIMES.

"PEOPLE SHOULD ALWAYS MAKE SURE THEIR WALLETS AND PURSES ARE BEING CARRIED SECURELY, ESPECIALLY IN CROWDED AREAS SUCH AS BUS, MTR AND KCR STATIONS.

"DON'T EXPOSE YOUR MONEY OR VALUABLES IN PUBLIC PLACES AS A WOULD-BE THIEF OR SNATCHER MIGHT BE STANDING JUST BESIDE YOU. USE CHEQUES, CHARGE ACCOUNTS AND CREDIT CARDS WHENEVER POSSIBLE," MR NORMAN SAID.

THE ANTI-CRIME OFFICER ADVISED PEOPLE WHO NEED TO DRAW LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY FROM BANKS, IN THEIR OWN INTEREST, TO ARRANGE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FRIEND.

ON HOME SECURITY, MR NORMAN ADVISED PEOPLE TO LOCK ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS BEFORE GOING OUT.

A LARGE NUMBER OF BURGLARIES WERE COMMITTED THROUGH OPEN DOORS AND WINDOWS, HE ADDED.

"ALWAYS CHECK ON THE IDENTITY OF VISITORS BEFORE ADMITTING THEM INTO YOUR HOUSE. THIS IS A VITAL SAFETY MEASURE. IN CASE OF SUSPICION, NOTIFY THE MANAGEMENT OF YOUR BUILDING AND CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY.

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"IF YOU ARE TO GO AWAY ON HOLIDAY, ASK A NEIGHBOUR TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR FLAT."

REGARDING COMMERCIAL PREMISES, MR NORMAN URGED PROPRIETORS AND MANAGEMENTS OF SHOPS AND FACTORIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE RUNNING HIGH RISK BUSINESSES, TO FORTIFY THEIR PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ROBBERY AND BURGLARY.

"DON'T KEEP LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY IN YOUR PREMISES WHEN DEPOSIT FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT BANKS.

"YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CHECK THE LOCKS AND BOLTS AND OTHER SECURITY INSTALLATIONS IN YOUR PREMISES TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE IN GOOD ORDER. FAULTY ITEMS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REPLACED.

"IF YOU NOTICE SUSPICIOUS PERSONS LOITERING, CALL THE POLICE AT ONCE," MR NORMAN SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT THEFT FROM VEHICLES IS A COMMON CRIME, MR NORMAN REMINDED MOTORISTS OF SEVERAL ANTI-THEFT STEPS.

"MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL WINDOWS WOUND UP AND ALL DOORS SHUT BEFORE YOU ALIGHT FROM YOUR VEHICLE. DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES INSIDE THE CAR. IF YOU MUST LEAVE THEM INSIDE, LOCK THEM IN THE BOOT AS CRIMINALS MIGHT EVEN DAMAGE THE DOORS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL.

"WHEREVER POSSIBLE, USE A STEERING-WHEEL LOCK, IMMOBILISER SWITCH OR AN ADDITIONAL SECURITY LOCK TO PREVENT YOUR VEHICLE FROM BEING STOLEN.

"DON'T PARK YOUR VEHICLE UNATTENDED FOR LONG PERIOD OF TIME WITHOUT CHECKING BECAUSE THE THIEVES WILL BE PATIENT ENOUGH TO NOTICE THIS," SAID MR NORMAN.

HE SAID THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU IS ALWAYS WILLING TO OFFER ADVICE TO SHOP OPERATORS, OR ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, ON EFFECTIVE SECURITY MEASURES AGAINST CRIME.

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WONG TAI SIN CANDIDATES TO MEET MEDIA

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CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE 21 ELECTED SEATS IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE MEDIA AT A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

ARRANGED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SESSION WILL ENABLE THE MEDIA TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR PLATFORMS.

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THE SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SESSION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AND NO SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

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DB TO DISCUSS REPORT ON YOUTH SERVICES

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THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A SURVEY REPORT ON THE NEEDS OF YOUTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

CONDUCTED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK DISTRICT YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARDS, SURVEY AIMS TO FIND OUT THE PATTERN OF LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF RESIDENTS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 24 AND THEIR NEEDS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES.

FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE USED AS REFERENCES BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN HOLDING COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE THEMES OF COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS TO BE ORGANISED IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME AND VARIOUS COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.45 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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FINALS OF 5TH HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

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THE FINALS OF THE 5TH HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD WILL BE HELD AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN POK FU LAM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 13).

FORTY TEAMS WON THROUGH FROM THE HEATS IN WHICH 175 TEAMS COMPETED.

THE FINALS ARE ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT OF THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

A PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMPETITION FINISHES AT ABOUT NOON. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER), MRS RUBY LAU, AND THE PRINCIPAL OF THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MR S.L. HO, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNING TEAMS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FINALS AND THE PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY OF THE 5TH HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 21 SASSOON ROAD, POK FU LAM, BETWEEN 9.45 AM AND NOON ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 13).

MISS TSO CHEE-HING, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD (1987-88) WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CUSTOMS HINTS FOR NEW YEAR TRAVELLERS

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TO MOST PEOPLE SPENDING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS ABROAD IS AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE, WHETHER IN DISTANT COUNTRIES, WITHIN THE REGION, IN CHINA OR EVEN JUST IN MACAU.

HOWEVER, SOME OF THE FUN CAN BE SPOILED IF, UPON THEIR RETURN, TRAVELLERS ARE FOUND BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS TO HAVE WITH THEM PROHIBITED ITEMS, MAKING THEMSELVES LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

THE DEPARTMENT IS THE ENFORCEMENT BODY FOR SEVERAL ORDINANCES. A CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) POINTED OUT THAT LACK OF KNOWLEDGE WOULD NOT EXEMPT A PERSON FROM BEING PROSECUTED WHEN HE WAS CARRYING WITH HIM A PROHIBITED ARTICLE WHICH MUST BE COVERED BY A VALID IMPORT LICENCE, OR DUTIABLE COMMODITIES WHICH MUST BE DECLARED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO EMPHASISED THAT PEOPLE MUST NOT BRING BACK ITEMS SUCH AS COUNTERFEIT GOODS, FIRECRACKERS, DRIED OPIUM POPPY, OR FLICK-KNIVES.

SUCH ITEMS HAVE BEEN FOUND AT CHECKPOINTS AT THE LO WU TERMINAL, HONG KONG MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AND KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BEING BROUGHT BACK BY INCOMING PASSENGERS EITHER AS PRESENTS OR SOUVENIRS AFTER A VACATION ABROAD.

HE REMINDED LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT THE DUTY-FREE CONCESSIONS WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD.

THESE CONCESSIONS ONLY INCLUDE ONE LITRE OF STILL WINE, 60 MILLILITRES OF PERFUME AND 250 MILLILITRES OF TOILET WATER, AND 100 CIGARETTES OR 25 CIGARS OR 125 GRAMMES OF SMOKER'S TOBACCO. THEY ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE GRANTED TO OVERSEAS VISITORS.

"TRAVELLERS SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT PASSENGERS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD DO NOT QUALIFY FOR DUTY-FREE LIQUOR AND TOBACCO," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NOTICES INFORMING PASSENGERS OF THEIR CONCESSION RIGHTS AS WELL AS GOODS WHICH REQUIRE LICENCES ARE DISPLAYED AT THE DEPARTURE LOUNGES AND ARRIVAL HALLS. CUSTOMS OFFICERS ARE PREPARED TO ANSWER PASSENGERS' ENQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR DUTY-FREE CONCESSIONS AND PROHIBITED GOODS WHICH REQUIRE LICENCES.

"PASSENGERS CARRYING DUTY-FREE CONCESSIONS MUST DECLARE THESE ITEMS, OTHERWISE THEY WILL NOT ONLY LOSE THESE RIGHTS BUT WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION FOR THE POSSESSION OF DUTIABLE GOODS," SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

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THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED HOLIDAY-MAKERS TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR TO TAKE NOTE OF WAYS TO EASE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER OF INCOMING PASSENGERS IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, WHICH INCLUDED THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, REACHED 453,626 AT THE MAJOR CHECKPOINTS AT THE LO WU TERMINAL, KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HONG KONG MACAU FERRY TERMINAL.

"AN INCOMING PASSENGER SHOULD CARRY ONLY HIS OWN DUTY-FREE CONCESSIONS WHEN PASSING THROUGH A CUSTOMS CHECKPOINT - NOT THOSE OF ALL HIS FRIENDS," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID CARRYING OTHER PEOPLE'S CONCESSIONS WOULD CAUSE CONFUSION IN LOCATING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE OWNERS OF THESE ITEMS.

THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD ALSO LOSE HIS CONCESSION RIGHT UPON LEAVING THE CUSTOMS CHECKPOINT TO TRY TO GET HIS FRIENDS BACK IN THE RESTRICTED AREA TO IDENTIFY THEIR FORMERLY-OWNED DUTY-FREE CONCESSIONS.

STATISTICS AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SHOW THAT DURING FEBRUARY LAST YEAR SEIZURES MADE AT THE MAJOR CUSTOMS CONTROL POINTS AT THE LO WU TERMINAL, HONG KONG MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AND KAI TAK AIRPORT WERE QUITE SIGNIFICANT.

THESE SEIZURES ALSO INCLUDED PROHIBITED AND/OR UNDECLARED ITEMS BROUGHT BACK BY HOLIDAYS-MAKERS AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR OWING TO NEGLIGENCE.

IMPORT CONTROLS IN HONG KONG ARE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. THEY STEM FROM OBLIGATIONS UNDER VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKINGS. CURRENTLY LICENCES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE IMPORTATION OF ARTICLES SUCH AS AMMUNITION, FIREARMS AND WEAPONS, FIREWORKS, STRATEGIC COMMODITIES, TEXTILES, ANIMALS AND PLANTS, NARCOTICS SUCH AS OPIUM, MORPHINE, HEROIN, COCAINE, CANNABIS, METHADONE AND OTHER NARCOTIC ANALGESICS.

"PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS, INCLUDING MOST STIMULANTS, HYPNOTICS, TRANQUILLISERS AND SEDATIVES SUCH AS AMPHETAMINE, BENZODIAZEPINES, QUINALBARBITONE, METHAQUALONE AND OTHERS, AS WELL AS ANTIBIOTICS AND OTHER POISONS SUCH AS PENICILLIN, TETRACYCLINE, CORTICOSTEROID AND OTHERS ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO LICENCE CONTROL," SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

TOTAL GOODS SEIZED FROM INCOMING PASSENGERS IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR (INCLUDING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR) AT CUSTOMS CHECKPOINTS AT THE LO WU TERMINAL, HONG KONG MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AND KAI TAK AIRPORT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PLANTS	- 1,312
ANIMALS	- 32
GRASSHOPPERS	- 600

/ASSORTED FIREWORKS .....

ASSORTED FIREWORKS	- 27.66 KILOGRAMS
COUNTERFEIT LEATHERWARE	- 147 PIECES
FLICK-KNIVES	- 2 PIECES
CIGARETTES	- 61,663 PIECES
CIGARS	- 80 PIECES
CHINESE PREPARED TOBACCO	- 25.475 KILOGRAMS
LIQUOR	- 32.45 LITRES
PORK MEAT	- 2281.50 KILOGRAMS
PANGOLIN MEAT	- 2.5 KILOGRAMS
OPIUM	- 5 GRAMS
HEROIN	- 90 GRAMS
METHAQUALONE	- 10 TABLETS
OPIUM SOLUTION	- 100 MILLILITRES
METHADONE SOLUTION	- 70 MILLILITRES
UNGEUENTUM FLUOCINOLONI ACETONIDI ACETICS	- 129 TUBES
ANALGINI	- 400 TABLETS
INJECTIO (POISON)	- 205 AMPOULES
GOLD BARS	- 9.828 KILOGRAMS
INJECTIO APPARATUS	- 100 UNITS

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TAI PO READY FOR FESTIVITIES

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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD IN TAI PO PLAYGROUND ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 13) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME.

THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM AND A NEW YEAR FLOWER FAIR WILL ALSO GET UNDERWAY IN THE PLAYGROUND ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

THE SHOW, ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO TSAT YEUK RURAL COMMITTEE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND SPONSORSHIP FROM THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, WILL INCLUDE SINGING, LION AND UNICORN DANCES AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES PROVIDED UNDER THE DISTRICT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME.

THE ACTIVITIES, TO BE HELD BETWEEN SATURDAY AND MARCH 2, ARE ORGANISED BY DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL HAS GIVEN ASSISTANCE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS PROVIDED SPONSORSHIP.

THIS ANNUAL PROGRAMME, NOW IN ITS EIGHTH YEAR, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG THE RESIDENTS AS WELL AS CULTIVATING A FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE.

SIXTEEN EVENTS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO ALLOW AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMME.

THE EVENTS INCLUDE NINE GALA AND CARNIVAL EVENTS TO BE STAGED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, VILLAGES AND A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

THERE WILL ALSO BE VARIETY SHOWS, A DISCO NIGHT, A PHOTOGRAPH AND ART EXHIBITION, AND A BANQUET FOR ABOUT 1,450 ELDERLY PEOPLE.

COSTING ABOUT $470,000, THE PROGRAMME IS FUNDED BY THE DISTIRCT BOARD AND FROM DONATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VARIETY SHOW STARTING AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 13) IN THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUSICIANS, DANCERS

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LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS CAN NOW APPLY FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND FOR THE YEAR 1988-89.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS IS TO ENABLE EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN POST DIPLOMA STUDIES AT INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS.

THE SCOPE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS IS NOT CONFINED TO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDIES OR BALLET. RELATED STUDIES IN MUSIC OR DANCE, PRACTICAL OR ACADEMIC, SUCH AS MUSICOLOGY, CHOREOGRAPHY, AND DANCE NOTATION ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL COVER TUITION FEES, A TECHNICAL ALLOWANCE AND A RETURN PASSAGE. A SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE MAY BE GRANTED ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO CHOOSE ONE-YEAR COURSES AS THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NORMALLY GRANTED FOR ONE YEAR ONLY.

CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUSIC OR MUSIC RELATED STUDIES SHOULD PREFERABLY BE UNDER THE AGE OF 23 ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, AND HAVE STUDIED MUSIC UP TO THE DIPLOMA STANDARD OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

AS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DANCE OR DANCE RELATED STUDIES, CANDIDATES SHOULD PREFERABLY BE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 23 ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, AND HAVE STUDIED DANCING UP TO THE DIPOLMA STANDARD OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

IN ADDITION, ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST THREE YEARS' RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT, MUSIC OFFICE, 25TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY THE APPLICANTS IN PERSON TO THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT NOT LATER THAN MARCH 4.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED ON 5-8235343.

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EXTENDED TRANSPORT SERVICES ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (FEBRUARY 16) UNTIL EARLY THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

TO COPE WITH THE CROWDS ATTENDING FLOWER FAIRS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, THE STAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT, AND TRAMS AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, WILL OPERATE ALL NIGHT.

THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY SERVICE FROM NORTH POINT TO KWUN TONG WILL BE EXTENDED TO 1 AM, WHILE THE PEAK TRAM SERVICE WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED IF NECESSARY.

ALSO OPERATING OVERNIGHT WILL BE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTES 5, 6, 80M, 82M AND 85K AS WELL AS GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 20M AND 29 ON HONG KONG ISLAND; 33M AND 37M IN KOWLOON; AND 86 AND 89M IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING THE EXTENDED OPERATING PERIOD, KMB ROUTE 80M WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO OPERATE BETWEEN KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION AND WO CHE.

THE LAST KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TRAIN BOUND FOR SHEUNG SHUI WILL DEPART FROM KOWLOON STATION AT 2 AM.

AS MANY PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FLOWER FAIR AT VICTORIA PARK, SPECIAL CROSS-HARBOUR BUSES ON ROUTES 111A AND 111S (CAUSEWAY BAY TO CHOI HUNG) AND ROUTES 112A AND 112S (CAUSEWAY BAY TO MONG KOK) WILL BE IN SERVICE FROM HALF PAST MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM, SUPPLEMENTING THE OVERNIGHT SERVICES OF ROUTES 121 AND 122.

MOREOVER, CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES 112 AND 116 WILL OPERATE SUPPLEMENTARY JOURNEYS LINKING CAUSEWAY BAY WITH MONG KOK AND CHOI HUNG RESPECTIVELY FROM 8 PM TO MIDNIGHT.

CHINA MOTOR BUS WILL ALSO RUN THREE SPECIAL ROUTES TO VICTORIA PARK. OF THESE, ROUTE 86 PLYING BETWEEN CHAI WAN EAST AND CAUSEWAY ROAD WILL OPERATE FROM 8 PM TO MIDNIGHT.

ROUTES 304, 308 AND 392 LINKING CAUSEWAY ROAD WITH WAH FU, CHAI WAN EAST, AND AP LEI CHAU ESTATE RESPECTIVELY, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT TO 5 AM.

FROM 7 PM, CMB ROUTE 5B WILL BE EXTENDED TO CAUSEWAY ROAD OUTSIDE VICTORIA PARK. BUSES ON THIS ROUTE WILL CLOSE FOR THE DAY AT 2 AM.

MEANWHILE, MANY BUS SERVICES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR WILL FINISH LATER THAN USUAL. THESE INCLUDE CMB ROUTES 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 37, 38, 40, 47, 48, 70, 71, 73, 81, 83, 90, 92, 95, 97, AND 98 WHICH WILL CEASE OPERATING ABOUT AN HOUR LATER THAN ON NORMAL WEEKDAYS.

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KMB ROUTES 16M, 24K, 71K AND 106 WILL BE EXTENDED FOR 30 MINUTES AFTER NORMAL OPERATING PERIOD.

SERVICES ON 37 KMB ROUTES WILL BE EXTENDED BY AN HOUR. THEY ARE ROUTES 1, 2A, 3C, 6B, 9, 10, 14, 15C, 16, 21, 28, 31, 31M, 32, 33, 34, 34B, 35, 36A, 36M, 37, 39A, 44, 46, 54, 59, 59M, 60M, 61A, 63, 66M, 67M, 68M, 72X, 80K, 81K, AND 85A.

OTHER ROUTES 1A, 2, 5C, 6C, 11, 15, 26, 27K, 29M, 32B, 36, 37M, 39M, 43, 43M, 44M, 46A, 88K, 89, 89A AND 89C WILL FINISH AN HOUR-AND-A-HALF AFTER NORMAL SERVICE SCHEDULES.

SERVICES ON CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES 102 AND 106 WILL BE EXTENDED FOR TWO HOURS AND ONE HOUR RESPECTIVELY.

GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES WILL ALSO OPERATE WELL INTO THE EARLY HOURS OF LUNAR NEW YEAR DAY.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, ROUTE 16M WILL FINISH AT 0.40 AM; 19 AND 20 AT 1.40 AM; AND 21M, 33 AND 33M AT 2 AM.

IN KOWLOON, ROUTES 52 AND 23A WILL STOP RUNNING AT MIDNIGHT AND 1.30 AM RESPECTIVELY; 11M, 30A, 31M, 51M AND 53M AT 2 AM; 3 AND 8 AT 2.30 AM; 34M AND 36A AT 3 AM AND 6, 16, 18, 19 AND 20 AT 4 AM.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ROUTES 33 AND 35 WILL RUN ON UNTIL 11.30 PM, AND 31, 32 AND 67K UNTIL MIDNIGHT. ROUTES 39 AND 66K WILL CEASE OPERATING AT 0.30 AM; 34 AT 1 AM; 52K AND 65K AT 1.30 AM; 81, 82 AND 85 AT 2 AM; 20K AND 22K AT 2.30 AM; 83, 89 AND 98 AT 4 AM; AND 61M AT 5.30 AM.

IN SOME CASES, GREEN MINIBUSES WILL CHARGE A FLAT FARE DURING THE EXTENDED OPERATING HOURS.

SERVICES ON CMB ROUTES 10A, 10B, 12M, 22, 82A AND KMB ROUTE A3 WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6 PM.

PASSENGERS SHOULD ALSO WATCH OUT FOR BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE DIVERSIONS AND SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN BUS AND TRAM STOPS IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR CAUSEWAY BAY FLOWER FAIR

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16) TO COPE WITH CROWDS ATTENDING THE FLOWER FAIR IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ROAD CLOSURES AND DIVERSIONS, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM TUESDAY, FROM THE TIMES SPECIFIED BELOW TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. MOTORISTS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNS IN THE AREA.

A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS NEAR VICTORIA PARK WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 PM.

THESE INCLUDE: LOCKHART ROAD EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET (EXCEPT FOR GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 10, 11 AND 31), JAFFE ROAD EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET, KESWICK STREET (EXCEPT FOR GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 21M), CANNON STREET, PATERSON STREET BETWEEN KINGSTON STREET AND YEE WO STREET, GREAT GEORGE STREET, SUGAR STREET, AND KINGSTON STREET BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND CLEVELAND STREET.

ALSO CLOSED WILL BE GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN CAUSEWAY ROAD AND THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SOUTHBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER, CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN COTTON PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD - PENNINGTON STREET JUNCTION, ROXY ROUNDABOUT, TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER SOUTHBOUND LEADING FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD TO TAI HANG ROAD, SUN WUI ROAD, EAST POINT ROAD AND CANAL ROAD EAST BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 PM IF NECESSARY: PERCIVAL STREET BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD, TUNG LO WAN ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND THE NORTHBOUND EXIT RAMP OF TAI HANG ROAD, SHELTER STREET, CLEVELAND STREET AND KAI CHIU ROAD BETWEEN JARDINE'S BAZAAR AND YUN PING ROAD.

FROM 7 AM ONWARDS, HYSAN AVENUE BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND YUN PING ROAD, AND LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN CANAL ROAD EAST AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BECOME ONE-WAY WESTBOUND: KESWICK STREET (RESTRICTED FOR THE USE OF GMB ROUTE 21M ONLY), LAU LI STREET BETWEEN ELECTRIC ROAD AND HING FAT STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN PENNINGTON STREET AND HYSAN AVENUE, AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD BETWEEN MORETON TERRACE AND THE RAMP TO TAI HANG ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

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FROM 7 PM, VEHICLES ON QUEENSWAY - HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR NORTH POINT SHOULD PROCEED VIA ARSENAL STREET FLYOVER; OR FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER; OR MARSH ROAD FLYOVER; OR PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD, CANAL ROAD WEST AND CANAL ROAD FLYOVER.

EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON QUEENSWAY - HENNESSY ROAD HEADING FOR TAI HANG SHOULD USE EITHER QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND STUBBS ROAD OR PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND BLUE POOL ROAD.

WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON KING'S ROAD GOING TO WAN CHAI AND CENTRAL SHOULD TRAVEL VIA TSING FUNG STREET FLYOVER; OR TUNG LO WAN ROAD, MORETON TERRACE, CAUSEWAY ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND MORRISON HILL ROAD; OR TUNG LO WAN ROAD, TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER (NORTHBOUND) AND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ON LEIGHTON ROAD WESTBOUND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER IRVING STREET AND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PENNINGTON STREET TO JARDINE'S BAZAAR.

NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON CAROLINE HILL ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT ON TO LEIGHTON ROAD EASTBOUND.

IN ADDITION, SOME PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM ON TUESDAY TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

LEARNER DRIVERS SHOULD NOTE THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE MAJOR ROADS IN THE AREA FROM 6 PM TO 11.30 PM ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

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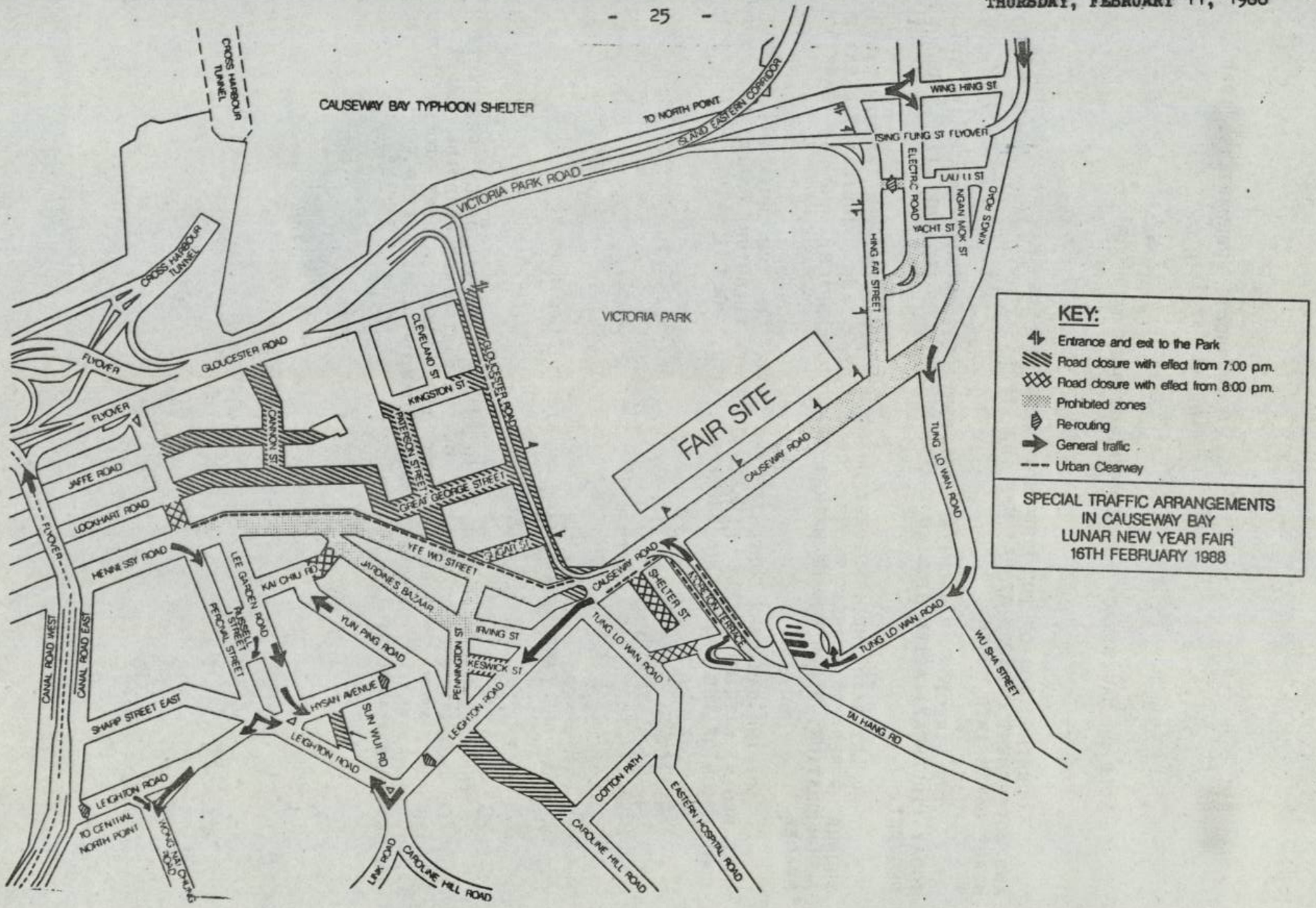
CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER
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NGAN MOK ST
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HING FAT STREET
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LEE GARDEN ROAD
PERCIVAL STREET
KAI CHIU RD
JARDINE'S BAZAAR
YUN PING ROAD
HYSAN AVENUE
SUN WUI RD
PENNINGTON ST
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EXCHANGE TERRACE
TUNG LO WAN ROAD
WU SHA STREET
TAI HANG RD
CANAL ROAD WEST
CANAL ROAD EAST
SHARP STREET EAST
LEIGHTON ROAD
TO CENTRAL NORTH POINT
MORRIS HILL ROAD
LEIGHTON ROAD
LINK ROAD
CAROLINE HILL ROAD
COTTON PATH
CAROLINE HILL ROAD
EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD
KEY:
Entrance and exit to the Park
Road closure with effect from 7:00 p.m.
Road closure with effect from 8:00 p.m.
Prohibited zones
Re-routing
General traffic
Urban Clearway
SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
IN CAUSEWAY BAY
LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR
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WORK ON MAGISTRACY, GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO START SOON

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE EASTERN MAGISTRACY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION, HONG KONG, WILL START LATER THIS MONTH.

THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSE LEI, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) AFTER SIGNING THE MAIN CONTRACT FOR THE $133 MILLION PROJECT.

MR LEI SAID THE 16-STOREY BUILDING WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 7,000 SQUARE METRES OF COURT ROOMS, CELL AREAS AND JUDICIARY-RELATED ACCOMMODATION, 8,000 SQUARE METRES OF OFFICE SPACE, AND 62 PARKING SPACES.

"PILING HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WORK ON THE BUILDING ITSELF WILL BEGIN WITHIN A FEW WEEKS. CURRENT PLANNING CALLS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IN SEPTEMBER 1990," MR LEI SAID.

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BUS LANE RESTRICTION ON KING'S ROAD LIFTED

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THE EXISTING PEAK HOUR (7-10 AM AND 4-7 PM) DAILY RESTRICTION FOR ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT OMNIBUSES ON THE EASTBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF KING'S ROAD, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG CHONG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES WEST OF MOUNT PARKER ROAD, WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 13).

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TEMPORARY RESTRICTED ZONES IN NORTH POINT

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THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN NORTH POINT WILL BE DESIGNATED AS DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES ROUND THE CLOCK FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 13):

* JAVA ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT THREE METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHU KUK STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 48 METRES EAST OF THAT JUNCTION, AND

* SHU KUK STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MARBLE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 12 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH JAVA ROAD.

THESE MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS BECAUSE OF ROAD WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE EXISTING PEAK HOUR (7-10 AM AND 4-7 PM) DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE ON SHU KUK STREET, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MARBLE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 12 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH JAVA ROAD, WILL BE LIFTED.

THE 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON SHU KUK STREET BETWEEN MARBLE ROAD AND JAVA ROAD WILL ALSO BE LIFTED.

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