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'SOMETHING SPECIFIC' ON ASSESSMENT OFFICE SHORTLY  
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE SOMETHING MORE SPECIFIC TO SAY IN ABOUT TWO OR THREE WEEKS' TIME ABOUT WHETHER AN ASSESSMENT OFFICE WOULD BE SET UP TO CANVASS PUBLIC OPINIONS ON THE 1987 POLITICAL REVIEW. THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A VISIT TO THE BRITISH COUNCIL WHERE HE ALSO RECEIVED A CHEQUE FOR \$100 000 AS A COUNCIL DONATION TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND.

SPEAKING ABOUT THE FUND, DONATIONS TO WHICH NOW TOTAL MORE THAN \$70 MILLION, SIR DAVID SAID: +THE FUND WILL HAVE TO BE INVESTED, AND THEN WE WILL USE THE INTEREST WE GET FROM THE FUND.

+IT WILL BE USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, FOR PEOPLE DOING RESEARCH HERE IN HONG KONG, AND IT WILL BE USED, I HOPE, TO SEND SOME QUALIFIED STUDENTS OVERSEAS TO STUDY.+

THE AMBIT OF THE FUND WAS VERY BROAD AND IT WOULD BE FOR THE TRUSTEES TO DECIDE ON HOW IT WOULD BE EMPLOYED, HE SAID.

+BUT ONE NICE THING I HOPE IS THAT LADY YOUDE WILL BE ONE OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUND AND WILL COME OUT HERE AND TAKE PART IN THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES,+ SIR DAVID ADDED.

+I DO HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND BECAUSE IT'S GOING INTO A VERY GOOD CAUSE, THE EDUCATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

ON THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, HE SAID: +WE SHOULD GET IT ALL SET UP AND GOING BY ABOUT MAY.+

ASKED ABOUT THE SETTING UP OF A CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND, HE STRESSED THAT ONE MUST WAIT UNTIL THE PUBLIC DEBATE WAS PROPERLY OVER.

+WE'VE GOT TO LOOK AT THE CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND AND WE'VE GOT TO LOOK AT ALL THE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO IT, AND A DECENTRALISED PROVIDENT FUND -- THAT IS, THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO HAVE THEIR OWN FUNDS AND SEE WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE WITH THAT.+

IT WOULD BE +A FEW MONTHS+ BEFORE THE SUBJECT WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID ADDED.

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NEW HARBOUR CROSSING PROJECT 'A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE'

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THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING (EHC) PROJECT REPRESENTS A SUBSTANTIAL VOTE OF CONFIDENCE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE FUTURE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROJECT, HE SAID THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE EHC -- ESTIMATED AT HK\$3.4 BILLION -- WOULD BE PROVIDED PRINCIPALLY BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

+THE FINANCING WILL BE THROUGH EQUITY INVESTMENT OF \$1.1 BILLION, THE DOCUMENTS FOR WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN SIGNED, AND THROUGH A DEBT FINANCING PACKAGE OF UP TO \$3.3 BILLION, THE DOCUMENTS FOR WHICH ARE BEING SIGNED TODAY,+ MR JACOBS SAID.

+A TOTAL OF 50 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FROM A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN PROVIDING THE CREDIT FACILITIES, AND THE REPAYMENT PROVISIONS EXTEND TO THE YEAR 2007.+

NO FINANCIAL GUARANTEES HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY ANY GOVERNMENT AND THERE WAS NO FINANCIAL COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED.

ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT PROVIDED ANY FINANCIAL BACKING FOR THE PROJECT, MR JACOBS SAID IT HAD BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING AND HAD GRANTED THE LAND AND OPERATING FRANCHISES AT NIL PREMIUM.

+THIS PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HARBOUR CROSSING AT NO COST TO THE TAXPAYER, IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH FREE ENTERPRISE AND INITIATIVE,+ HE SAID.

CONSISTING OF AN IMMERSSED TUBE OF ALMOST TWO KILOMETRES IN LENGTH CONTAINING BOTH ROAD AND RAIL TUNNELS, THE EHC WILL BE LINKED TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND TO INTERCHANGES IN KOWLOON CONNECTING IT WITH MAJOR ROUTES LEADING TO JUNK BAY AND LATER ON TO SHA TIN.

THE RAIL ELEMENT WOULD LINK THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS AT KWUN TONG AND QUARRY BAY, INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATION AT LAM TIN, MR JACOBS SAID.

+UPON ITS COMPLETION THE PROJECT WILL BRING IMMEDIATE BENEFIT BY RELIEVING CONGESTION AT THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY; IN THE LONGER TERM, IT WILL PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY, NORTHEAST KOWLOON AND THE EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND,+ HE ADDED.

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CONSTRUCTED BY THE NEW HONG KONG TUNNEL COMPANY LIMITED, THE EHC WILL TAKE THREE TO FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE.

MR JACOBS ALSO SAID THE PROJECT WAS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF A TERRITORY-WIDE PLAN DESIGNED TO REDUCE CURRENT LEVELS OF CONGESTION AND PROVIDE EFFICIENT TRANSPORT LINKS TO ALL PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY UNDER CLOSE STUDY  
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THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (FCC) IS GEARING UP ITS WORK AGAINST JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND CRIME, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER HOSTED BY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) CHAIRMEN, HE SAID THERE WERE CLEAR AND WORRYING TRENDS THAT MORE JUVENILES WERE BECOMING INVOLVED IN CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR -- AND AT A YOUNGER AGE.

+SUCH A TREND HAS BEEN THE EXPERIENCE OF MANY COUNTRIES. IN HONG KONG, WE MUST TRY AND REVERSE IT,+ MR FORD SAID.

HE ADDED THAT COMMITTEES UNDER THE FCC WERE EXAMINING A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE JUVENILE PROBLEM.

THESE INCLUDED SUCH MATTERS AS COULD TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS BE BETTER TRAINED IN HOW TO DEAL WITH YOUNG DELINQUENTS AND HOW THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT COULD BE IMPROVED TO PROVIDE WHOLESOME DIVERSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

ALSO, COULD THE EDUCATION SYSTEM BE ADJUSTED TO FORESTALL THE LESS BRIGHT STUDENTS FROM BECOMING ACADEMICALLY FRUSTRATED AND TURNING TO DELINQUENCY, AND WHAT COULD BE DONE TO TACKLE TRIADS AND GANGS IN SCHOOLS.

MR FORD CALLED ON THE 19 DFCC'S TO CONSIDER THE JUVENILE ISSUE AND REFLECT THEIR VIEWS TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

NOTING THAT THE JUVENILE PROBLEM COULD NOT BE DIVORCED FROM TRIADS, HE SAID: +I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT WE ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS WITH THE MEASURES THE PUBLIC SUPPORTED IN OUR DISCUSSION DOCUMENT 'OPTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE LAW AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW TO COUNTER THE TRIAD PROBLEM'.+

/MR FORD .....

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MR FORD ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE OVERALL NUMBER OF REPORTED CRIMES IN 1986 DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, BY 6.8 PER CENT, FROM 1985 -- THE FIRST DECREASE FOR SOME YEARS.

THANKING THE DFCC CHAIRMEN FOR THEIR GOOD WORK, HE SAID: +WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT THE MOMENTUM IS MAINTAINED.+

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POLITICAL REVIEW MAJOR TOPIC FOR DB  
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THE POLITICAL REVIEW WOULD BE A MAJOR CONCERN FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD IN THE COMING YEAR, THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM, TOLD A SEMINAR TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

+TO COINCIDE WITH THE REVIEW, THE BOARD HAS SET UP A DISCUSSION GROUP ON HONG KONG'S POLITICAL SYSTEM TO COLLECT, STUDY AND REFLECT RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT,+ HE ADDED.

THE GROUP HAD ALREADY PASSED ON ITS VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME TO THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR LAM SAID.

OUTLINING WORK IN THE COMING YEAR AT A SEMINAR INVOLVING THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES, MR LAM SAID THE BOARD WOULD CONTINUE TO CO-ORDINATE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT, IMPROVE RESIDENTS' LIVELIHOOD, REFLECT THEIR VIEWS AND MONITOR DISTRICT AS WELL AS TERRITORY-WIDE ISSUES.

ON WORK IN THE PAST YEAR, MR LAM SAID THE \$1.43 MILLION ALLOCATED TO THE BOARD HAD BEEN SPENT EFFECTIVELY ON A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS MONITORED BY ITS COMMUNITY BUILDING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES.

THE BOARD HAD MET NINE TIMES LAST YEAR AND A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS HAD BEEN TACKLED, HE ADDED.

THEY INCLUDED TERRITORY-WIDE ISSUES SUCH AS HAWKER AND MARKET POLICIES, CONTROL OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY ANIMAL WASTE, DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES, OPTIONS TO COUNTER TRIAD PROBLEM, THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND AIR CONTROL ZONES AND AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES.

THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES, RENT POLICY AND HOUSING SUBSIDY TO PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS, THE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S NO. 2 REPORT AND THE STATUS OF DISTRICT BOARDS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

LOCAL ISSUES WHICH HAD AROUSED THE BOARD'S CONCERN INCLUDED AIR QUALITY, WATER QUALITY, BUS SERVICES, LIBRARY SERVICES, THE IMPACT ON TRAFFIC OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN REPULSE BAY AND POK FU LAM, POLLUTION OF TAI TAM RESERVOIR BY A NEARBY CONSTRUCTION SITE, ROCK BLASTING NEAR CHI FU FA YUEN AND THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

ON COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS, MR LAM SAID THE BOARD HAD IMPROVED THE MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME.

+IN FACT, ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF CASES RECEIVED THROUGH THE MEET THE PUBLIC AND THE BOARD'S POSTGRAMME SCHEMES HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED DURING THE YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING WITH LOCAL BODIES. IT WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 150 PEOPLE FROM AREA COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEES HAD FORMED A VITAL PARTNERSHIP IN THE OVERALL STRUCTURE OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR THEIR WISE AND RATIONAL ADVICE.

+THIS PARTNERSHIP WORKS PARTICULARLY WELL IN SOUTHERN NOT ONLY AS A RESULT OF THE DEDICATION OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, WHO ARE ALSO AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, BUT ALSO THE CLOSE LINKS AMONG THE SIX AREA COMMITTEES,+ MR LORD ADDED.

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#### U.S. PROTECTIONIST BILL CRITICISED

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HONG KONG HAS MADE AN ATTACK AT A MAJOR FORUM IN GENEVA ON THE +BLATANTLY PROTECTIONIST+ TEXTILES AND APPAREL TRADE ACT 1987 RECENTLY INTRODUCED INTO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

THE TERRITORY'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT), MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, MADE THE ATTACK WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE SURVEILLANCE BODY OF THE GATT YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

THE BILL, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE A DISASTROUS EFFECT ON GATT AND ON THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM IN GENERAL.

/MR CARTLAND .....

MR CARTLAND TOLD DELEGATES THAT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO WAIT UNTIL A MEASURE HAD BEEN TAKEN - THE DAMAGE WILL HAVE BEEN DONE BY THEN. +THIS FORUM MUST BE AN ACTIVE BODY THAT CAN RECEIVE WARNINGS OF IMPENDING ACTIONS WHILST THERE IS STILL TIME TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.+

ACKNOWLEDGING THE FACT THAT THE BILL WAS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, HE SAID: +THIS BILL PURPORTS TO DETERMINE THAT IMPORTS OF ALL TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND OF NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR, AS A WHOLE, ARE CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY TO THE U.S. DOMESTIC PRODUCERS.

+ON THE BASIS OF THAT BLANKET ASSESSMENT THE BILL PROVIDES FOR QUOTAS ON IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES - UNDER EACH AND EVERY CATEGORY. THE TEXTILES QUOTAS WOULD GROW AT ONE PER CENT PER ANNUM BUT THE FOOTWEAR QUOTAS WOULD REMAIN AT 1986 TRADE LEVELS.

+THE DURATION OF THESE MEASURES WOULD BE INDEFINITE BUT THERE WOULD BE A REVIEW AFTER 10 YEARS. COMPENSATION TO AFFECTED FOREIGN SUPPLIERS IS ENVISAGED ONLY IN THE FORM OF TEXTILE AND FOOTWEAR TARIFF REDUCTIONS LIMITED TO 10 PER CENT AND PHASED OVER FIVE EQUAL ANNUAL STAGES. THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE PRECLUDED FROM NEGOTIATING TEXTILE AND FOOTWEAR TARIFF REDUCTIONS UNDER ANY OTHER U.S. LEGAL PROVISION.+

MR CARTLAND TOLD DELEGATES THAT +THIS BLATANTLY PROTECTIONIST BILL IS CLAIMED BY ITS SPONSORS TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 19 OF THE GATT AND IT IS ALREADY GAINING SUPPORT IN CONGRESS UNDER THE CLAIM THAT IT IS A MORE REASONABLE AND MODERATE MEASURE THAN THE JENKINS BILL ON WHICH THE PRESIDENTIAL VETO WAS SO NARROWLY SUSTAINED LAST YEAR.

+IN FACT, THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING ABOUT THE BILL WHICH COULD BE REGARDED AS IN ANY WAY CONSISTENT WITH EITHER THE GATT OR THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT.+

CITING JUST ONE EXAMPLE MR CARTLAND SAID THAT ARTICLE 19 OF GATT PROVIDED FOR EMERGENCY ACTION ON IMPORTS OF PARTICULAR PRODUCTS BUT +NOT ONLY IS THERE NO EMERGENCY, THE U.S. INDUSTRY IS IN A RELATIVELY HEALTHY AND STABLE CONDITION.+

THE BILL PLACED THE URUGUAY ROUND OF TALKS ON GATT IN JEOPARDY, HE SAID. IT WOULD, IF ENACTED, CLEARLY VIOLATE THE STANDSTILL COMMITMENT. THE ONE PER CENT GROWTH PROVISION COULD NOT BE HONOURED IN ANY OF THE EXISTING MFA BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

+IT IS A MEASURE WHICH GOES BEYOND THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY TO REMEDY SPECIFIC SITUATIONS (EVEN IF IT WOULD BY SOME REMOTE STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION BE REGARDED AS THE LEGITIMATE EXERCISE OF GATT RIGHTS).+

+IT WOULD EFFECTIVELY REMOVE FROM THE SCOPE OF MULTI-LATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS U.S. TEXTILE AND FOOTWEAR TARIFFS, WHICH CONTAIN SOME OF THE HIGHEST REMAINING TARIFF PEAKS.

+IT WOULD FORESTALL ANY ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE LIBERALISATION OF WORLD TRADE IN TEXTILES AND RETURN OF THE SECTOR TO THE GATT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MINISTERIAL MANDATE, BY LEGISLATING FOR INCREASED PROTECTION ON AN INDEFINITE BASIS AND IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE GATT AND MFA.+

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF OTHER DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES JOINED IN THE CRITICISM OF THE BILL.

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COMPENSATION LAW TO INCLUDE ANOTHER OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE  
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THE NUMBER OF OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES PRESCRIBED IN THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE TUMOUR OF THE URINARY TRACT.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (CARCINOGENIC SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, THE USE OF SUBSTANCES WHICH MAY GIVE RISE TO TUMOUR OF THE URINARY TRACT HAD EITHER BEEN PUT UNDER CONTROL OR PROHIBITED.

+NOTWITHSTANDING THE ADOPTION OF THESE PREVENTIVE MEASURES, SOME OF THE SUBSTANCES MAY STILL BE PRESENT IN VERY LOW CONCENTRATIONS, IN CHEMICALS OR DYESTUFFS WHICH ARE IN USE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+TO ENSURE, THEREFORE, THAT COMPENSATION CAN BE PAID TO VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS WHO UNFORTUNATELY SUFFER INCAPACITY OR DEATH AS A RESULT OF CONTRACTING THE DISEASE AT WORK, IT IS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE TUMOUR OF THE URINARY TRACT TO THE LIST OF THE PRESCRIBED OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES ALTHOUGH THE OCCURRENCE OF THE DISEASE IN HONG KONG IS RARE.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LEVEL OF COMPENSATION FOR TUMOUR OF THE URINARY TRACT IS THE SAME AS THOSE PRESCRIBED UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT TOTAL INCAPACITY IS \$341 000 AND THAT FOR DEATH IS \$299 000.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JANUARY  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1987. THE NEW CPI (A) AND NEW CPI (B) (OCTOBER 84/SEPTEMBER 85 = 100) FOR JANUARY 1987 WERE 105.8 AND 106.2 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 4.5 PER CENT OVER JANUARY 1986 FOR BOTH INDEXES.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1986 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CPI (A) INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT AND THE NEW CPI (B), BY 0.5 PER CENT. THE AVERAGE NEW CPI (A) AND AVERAGE NEW CPI (B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 1987 WERE 104.0 AND 104.4 RESPECTIVELY.

THE 1979-80-BASED CPI (A) AND CPI (B) FOR JANUARY 1987 WERE 167.9 AND 169.5 RESPECTIVELY. COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1986, CPI (A) INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT AND CPI (B), BY 0.5 PER CENT. THE AVERAGE CPI (A) AND AVERAGE CPI (B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 1987, AT 164.9 AND 166.3 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 3.0 PER CENT AND 3.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 1986.

PRICE MOVEMENTS DESCRIBED BELOW ARE BASED ON THE NEW CPI SERIES.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 1987, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI (A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.6 PER CENT PER MONTH, AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI (B), AT 0.5 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING JANUARY, RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY, FRESH FRUIT, SHRIMPS AND CRABS INCREASED. CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES AND FOR HAIRDRESSING ALSO WENT UP. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED.

THE NEW CPI (A) AND THE NEW CPI (B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE NEW CPI (A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2 000 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CPI (B) BETWEEN \$6 500 AND \$9 999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1987 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1986 AND JANUARY 1986, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	NEW CPI (A)			NEW CPI (B)		
	INDEX FOR JAN. 87	% CHANGE OVER DEC. 86	% CHANGE OVER JAN. 86	INDEX FOR JAN. 87	% CHANGE OVER DEC. 86	% CHANGE OVER JAN. 86
FOODSTUFFS	102.5	+1.4	+3.5	103.2	+1.5	+3.6
HOUSING	108.4	+0.1	+5.3	106.4	+0.2	+4.1

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FUEL AND LIGHT	89.7	+1.4	-10.7	90.5	+1.8	-10.0
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	110.3	-0.0 *	+4.7	110.2	-0.1	+4.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	108.6	-2.5	+6.2	109.6	-3.1	+7.2
DURABLE GOODS	108.3	+0.1	+7.4	107.5	+0.1	+6.7
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	111.3	+0.4	+10.1	110.7	+0.3	+9.0
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	107.4	+0.1	+3.6	106.7	+0.1	+3.2
SERVICES	114.6	+0.8	+7.6	113.8	+0.8	+7.5
ALL ITEMS	105.8	+0.7	+4.5	106.2	+0.5	+4.5

\* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1986, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN NEW CPI (A) AND BY 1.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI (B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY, FRESH FRUIT, SHRIMPS AND CRABS AROUND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN NEW CPI (A) AND BY 1.8 PER CENT IN NEW CPI (B) DUE TO HIGHER CHARGE FOR TOWNGAS.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI (A) AND BY 3.1 PER CENT NEW CPI (B) BECAUSE OF LOWER PRICES OF OUTER CLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI (A) AND NEW CPI (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING AND PACKAGE TOURS AROUND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.)

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR JANUARY 1987, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1904, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDDLELL STREET, HONG KONG, FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 108.4 IN JANUARY 1987, UP BY 0.2 PER CENT OVER DECEMBER 1986 AND BY 5.7 PER CENT OVER JANUARY 1986. THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10 000-\$24 999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLDS EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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ORDER ON NUCLEAR CARRIAGE PUBLISHED  
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TWO ORDERS SETTING OUT THE DUTY OF OWNERS OF NUCLEAR MATTER REGARDING ITS TRANSPORT AND THE RIGHT TO COMPENSATION FOR BREACH OF THAT DUTY WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS (HONG KONG) ORDER 1983 AMENDED CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS ACT 1965, AS EXTENDED TO HONG KONG, SO AS TO BRING THEM INTO LINE WITH SIMILAR AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE ACT AS IT APPLIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THIS ORDER ALSO EXTENDED TO HONG KONG, WITH ADAPTATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS, SECTION THREE OF THE CONGENITAL DISABILITIES (CIVIL LIABILITY) ACT 1976 WHICH SPELT OUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DISABLED BIRTH DUE TO RADIATION AS APPLIED TO THIS ACT.

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THE OTHER ORDER GAZETTED TODAY - THE NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS (HONG KONG) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1986 - PROVIDES FOR THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS TO CERTIFY THE HONG KONG DOLLAR EQUIVALENT OF AMOUNTS EXPRESSED IN SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS (HONG KONG) ORDER 1983.

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO THESE TWO ORDERS, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IN 1972 CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS ACT 1965, AS AMENDED, WERE EXTENDED TO HONG KONG BY THE NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS (HONG KONG) ORDER 1972.

+THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1972 ORDER RELATE SPECIFICALLY TO THE DUTY IN RESPECT OF THE CARRIAGE OF NUCLEAR MATTER; TO THE RIGHT TO COMPENSATION FOR BREACH OF THAT DUTY AND TO THE BRINGING AND SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS AND CERTAIN ANCILLARY PROVISIONS,+ HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS TO THE 1965 UK ACT, BY PART TWO OF THE UK ENERGY ACT 1983, THE NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS (HONG KONG) ORDER 1972 WAS AMENDED ACCORDINGLY BY THE NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS (HONG KONG) ORDER 1983.

+THE 1983 ORDER NOT ONLY UPDATES IN MONETARY TERMS THE COMPENSATION THAT MAY BE PAID OUT ALSO EXPANDS THE SCOPE OF THE LEGISLATION BY EXTENDING TO HONG KONG, WITH ADAPTATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS, SECTION THREE OF THE CONGENITAL DISABILITIES (CIVIL LIABILITY) ACT 1976,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HOWEVER, AS THE NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS (HONG KONG) ORDER 1983 DID NOT PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR CONVERTING SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS INTO HONG KONG DOLLARS, A FURTHER ORDER, THE NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS (HONG KONG) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1986 WAS THEREFORE MADE ON NOVEMBER 25, 1986 TO PROVIDE FOR SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS TO CERTIFY HONG KONG DOLLAR EQUIVALENT OF AMOUNTS EXPRESSED IN SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE 1983 ORDER.+

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ORDER APPROVED FOR WORK AT NIGHT, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS  
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN EXEMPTION ORDER UNDER SECTION 13(4) OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE TO ENABLE WORK RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH TUBES OF THE JUNK BAY TUNNEL BE CARRIED OUT AT NIGHT AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE ORDER, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, REPLACES A PREVIOUS ORDER WHICH EXEMPTED WORK ON THE SOUTH TUBE ONLY.

SOME DISTURBANCE TO RESIDENTS OF THE MA YAU TONG SQUATTER AREA AND TO TENANTS MOVING INTO BLOCK 1 OF JUNK BAY AREA FIVE HOUSING ESTATE AFTER DECEMBER 1987 IS EXPECTED.

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HOWEVER, IF THE NORTH TUBE WERE TO BE BUILT SEPARATELY AT A LATER STAGE, LOCAL RESIDENTS WOULD BE AFFECTED TWICE.

THE SAI KUNG AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THE EXEMPTION. RESIDENTS AFFECTED AND THE TWO DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE BRIEFED AGAIN ON THE WORK.

WHEN OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN 1990, THE TUNNEL WILL PROVIDE DIRECT VEHICULAR LINK BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND THE DEVELOPING JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

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LICENCE REVOKED  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE LICENCE OF ORION ROYAL PACIFIC LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TODAY AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 32(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986.

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CALL TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO ALTER RATEABLE VALUE  
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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT IF THEY WISH TO MAKE A PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE RATEABLE VALUE OF THEIR PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING APRIL 1, 1987 THEY MAY DO SO DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

FORMS FOR THIS PURPOSE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES AT HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, AND ALSO FROM DISTRICT OFFICES.

PROPOSALS MUST BE LODGED WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT RATEABLE VALUES FOR NEXT YEAR WILL BE THE SAME AS FOR THIS YEAR. WHERE AN ALTERATION WAS MADE TO THE RATEABLE VALUE AS A RESULT OF A PROPOSAL LODGED IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE REVISED FIGURE WILL APPLY NEXT YEAR AND SO NO FURTHER PROPOSAL NEED BE MADE.

HE EMPHASISED THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE LODGING OF A PROPOSAL OR APPEAL, RATES MUST STILL BE PAID BY THE DUE DATE.

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PRE-WAR BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS  
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TWO PRE-WAR BUILDINGS AT 26 AND 30 SHAN PIN TERRACE, SHAU KEI WAN, WERE DECLARED TO BE DANGEROUS BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BUILDINGS AT 21 - 25 (INCLUDING 24A), 27 - 29 AND 32 SHAN PIN TERRACE WERE ALSO DECLARED LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS BY THE AUTHORITY.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN THE DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 27 WERE POSTED ON THE BUILDINGS TODAY.

THE APPLICATION FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IS, HOWEVER, NOT APPLICABLE TO NO. 23 WHICH HAS REVERTED TO THE GOVERNMENT BUT WILL ALSO BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED UNDER THE CROWN LANDS ORDINANCE.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID ALL THE BUILDINGS AFFECTED WERE TWO-STORY PRE-WAR STRUCTURES WITH TIMBER FIRST FLOOR AND ROOF ON LOAD BEARING STONE RUBBLE WALLS.

AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE BUILDING AT 31 FOLLOWING A ROOF COLLAPSE IN 1979, THE OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE TERRACE HAVE BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION.

AS A RESULT, EXTERNAL AND PARTY WALLS OF THESE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE FRACTURED WITH SIGNS OF ADVANCED DETERIORATION IN THE ROOFS.

SOME OF THE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED AND ALL ARE CONSIDERED BEYOND REASONABLE REPAIR.

THE SERIOUS ROTTING AND SAGGING OF ROOF JOISTS AND THE FRACTURED PARTY WALLS OF NO. 26 AND 30 HAVE RENDERED THE BUILDINGS DANGEROUS.

DEMOLITION IS THEREFORE NECESSARY WITH THE BUILDING AT 31.

THE OTHER BUILDINGS ON THE TERRACE WHICH ARE IN SIMILAR CONDITION ARE CONSIDERED TO BE LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS, AND MUST BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED.

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LOOKING AT DEVELOPMENT IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT  
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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T. H. CHAU, TODAY (FRIDAY) TOURED KWUN TONG TO LOOK AT DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, MR CHAU ARRIVED AT THE KWUN TONG HIGH LEVEL RESERVOIR FOR A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE DISTRICT.

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HE THEN WENT TO LOK WAH HOUSING ESTATE IN NGAU TAU KOK, ONE OF THE LARGEST AND LATEST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN EAST KOWLOON.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THE ESTATE, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 12.1 HECTARES, IS A SMALL SELF-CONTAINED TOWNSHIP WITH A WIDE RANGE OF COMMERCIAL, WELFARE, EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE ESTATE CONSISTS OF 14 RENTAL DOMESTIC BLOCKS AND SIX HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME BLCOKS, ACCOMMODATING ABOUT 50 000 PEOPLE.

MR CHAU THEN WENT TO THE ROOFTOP OF YIP ON FLATTED FACTORY BUILDING AND WAS BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENT IN KOWLOON BAY.

THE PARTY WENT TO THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING SITE TO SEE PROGRESS OF WORK ON THE PROJECT.

WORK ON THE \$3 000 MILLION PROJECT HAS STARTED AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY 1990. IT WILL LINK CHA KWO LING IN KOWLOON WITH QUARRY BAY ON THE ISLAND.

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#### ACCESS ROAD PROPOSED FOR NIM WAN

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A TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY OF FIVE-KILOMETRES IN LENGTH IS TO BE BUILT FROM TAP SHEK KOK TO TSANG KOK TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED NIM WAN CONTROLLED TIP.

THE 7.3-METRE-WIDE CARRIAGEWAY IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY AS THERE IS AT PRESENT NO ACCESS TO THE FUTURE CONTROLLED TIP WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO SERVE THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE GENERATED FROM THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES WHEN THE PRESENT CONTROLLED TIP AT PILLAR POINT VALLEY IS EXHAUSTED IN EARLY 1989.

A FOOTPATH WILL BE BUILT ALONG THE CARRIAGEWAY TO IMPROVE PEDESTRAIN SAFETY IN LUNG KWU TAN AND LUNG KWU SHEUNG TAN.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE BOX-CULVERTS IN THE LUNG KWU TAN, TSANG TSUI AND TSANG KOK AND TWO MAINTENANCE CULVERTS OVER THE EXISTING PULVERISED FUEL ASH PIPELINES AT LUNG KWU TAN.

IN ADDITION, RETAINING WALLS AT TAP SHEK KOK AND AT BURIAL GROUNDS BETWEEN LUNG KWU TAN AND LUNG KWU SHEUNG TAN, ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPING WORKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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SOME EXISTING ROADS AND VEHICULAR ACCESSES IN THE AREA WILL NEED TO BE CLOSED TO FACILITATE THE WORKS.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY APRIL 28.

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**BLANKETS FOR STREET SLEEPERS**  
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FIELD STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL MOUNT AN OPERATION TONIGHT (FRIDAY) TO DISTRIBUTE BLANKETS TO STREET SLEEPERS AND OTHERS IN NEED DUE TO THE COLD SPELL.

THE DISTRIBUTION WILL START AT ABOUT 8 PM IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES INTERESTED IN FILMING THE OCCASION MAY ASSEMBLE AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, YAU MA TEI, AT 7.15 PM.

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**REMINDER TO APPLY EARLY FOR TAXI VOUCHER**  
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ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR TAXI VOUCHERS, DESIGNED TO SUBSIDISE THE TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF WHEELCHAIR-BOUND DISABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON MARCH 14.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IT WOULD TAKE TIME TO PROCESS. APPLICANTS SHOULD RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TO THE DEPARTMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THEY BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME FROM APRIL 1. LATE APPLICATIONS WOULD NOT BE PROCESSED.

UNDER THE SCHEME, AN ELIGIBLE PERSON WILL BE ISSUED WITH TAXI VOUCHERS AMOUNTING TO \$55 PER MONTH TO PAY FOR TAXI FARES. APPLICANTS SHOULD BE 15 OR ABOVE WITH A MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME BELOW \$5 400 AND WITHOUT ENJOYING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR THEIR VEHICLES.

/+APPLICANTS ARE .....

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+APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A STATUTORY DECLARATION OF THEIR MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME ON THE APPLICATION FORMS. STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND AT THE OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON THE SECOND FLOOR, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG, VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES; OR THROUGH THE POST ON APPLICATION, EITHER IN WRITING OR BY TELEPHONE 5-8623253.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY POST OR BY AGENT TO THE DEPARTMENT AT SECOND FLOOR, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS CAN ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON OR BY AGENT TO:

- \* TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT 28TH FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG;
- \* TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE AT 2 MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN LICENSING OFFICE AT KCR HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR, SHA TIN STATION, NEW TERRITORIES;
- \* TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE AT 56 DUNDAS STREET, NINTH FLOOR, KOWLOON; AND
- \* TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S KWUN TONG LICENSING OFFICE AT KOWLOON EAST GOVERNMENT OFFICES, FIFTH FLOOR, 12 LEI YUE MUN ROAD.

FOR ENQUIRIES CALL 5-8623253.

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FOUR LOTS OFFERED FOR SALE  
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TWO INDUSTRIAL LOTS, A RESIDENTIAL SITE AND A NON-INDUSTRIAL ONE ARE TO BE AUCTIONED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

ONE OF THE INDUSTRIAL LOTS IS AT SHEUNG ON STREET IN CHAI WAN AND MEASURES ABOUT 3 000 SQUARE METRES.

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THE BUYER WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 21 500 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31, 1991.

THE OTHER INDUSTRIAL SITE, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 5 487 SQUARE METRES, IS AT KAI HING ROAD, KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION.

UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE PURCHASER HAS TO DEVELOP NOT LESS THAN 36 000 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ALSO BY MARCH 31, 1991.

IT IS STATED IN LEASE CONDITIONS FOR BOTH SITES THAT THEY CAN BE USED AS GODOWNS BUT NOT FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES.

THE RESIDENTIAL SITE OFFERED FOR SALE IS LOCATED ON RAZOR HILL IN SAI KUNG.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 1 710 SQUARE METRES ON THE 3 800-SQUARE-METRE SITE BY THE SAME DATE.

MEASURING ABOUT 444 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, THE NON-INDUSTRIAL LOT IS SITUATED AT WANCHAI ROAD, HONG KONG.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE BUYER HAS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 2 125 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA.

A SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRE WITH ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE SITE, BUT GODOWN DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

THE AUCTION, THE LAST THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON MARCH 23.

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SEMINAR TO FOCUS ON TERRITORY'S SYSTEMS

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SEMINAR ON SUNDAY (MARCH 1) TO EXPLAIN HONG KONG AFFAIRS TO RESIDENTS SO AS TO PREPARE THEM FOR THE REVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT THAT IS TAKING PLACE THIS YEAR.

THE SEMINAR, +KNOW HONG KONG, KNOW WONG TAI SIN+, WILL COVER POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND LEGAL SYSTEMS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF GOVERNMENT.

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IT IS PART OF A SERIES OF CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

SCHOLARS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL PARTICIPATE.

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR K.Y. TANG, AND A LAW LECTURER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR CHEN HUNG-YEE, WILL SPEAK ON THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMIC AND LEGAL SYSTEMS.

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR PETER TAM, AND ASSISTANT WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH, WILL COVER POLITICAL ASPECTS AND THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE.

THE SEMINAR WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE FUNG MING HALL, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION TEAMS WILL ATTEND.

THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY IN THE FUNG MING HALL OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

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PUBLICITY DRIVE FOR BUILDING MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT  
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A PUBLICITY DRIVE TO PROMOTE A BETTER AND CLEANER LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE PEDESTRIAN ZONE AT THE JUNCTION OF O'BRIEN ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD.

AFTER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY, DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT AND VISIT BUILDINGS TO DISTRIBUTE PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS, POSTERS AND STICKERS, CARRYING THE MESSAGE OF HOUSEHOLD CLEANLINESS.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE WAN CHAI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMAN CHIU, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LESTER KWOK, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR HO FOOK-CHU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE PUBLICITY DRIVE TO BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW.

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DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO GIVE CONCERT  
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL GIVE ITS ANNUAL CONCERT AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE NEXT SUNDAY (MARCH 8).

FREE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD AND ITS TWO SUB-OFFICES AT BULKELEY STREET AND HO MAN TIN ESTATE.

THE CHOIR HAS 70 MEMBERS, AGED BETWEEN NINE AND 16. THEY WILL PERFORM 25 PIECES OF MUSIC INCLUDING THE SPECIALLY-COMPOSED +KOWLOON CITY SONG+, FOLK SONGS, HYMNS AND CLASSICAL MUSIC.

THE CHOIR, SET UP IN 1982 WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, IS TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S INTERESTS IN MUSIC AND TO RAISE THEIR STANDARD OF MUSIC THROUGH PARTICIPATION AND PERFORMANCES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONCERT AT 3 PM NEXT SUNDAY.

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PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION TOMORROW  
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A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION ON CHINESE PAINTING, CALLIGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE STAGED AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL TO ENHANCE LOCAL APPRECIATION OF CHINESE ART.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE WORKS BY LOCAL ARTISTS AND MEMBERS FROM THE ASSOCIATION'S CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY TRAINING CLASS. A DEMONSTRATION ON CHINESE PAINTING WILL ALSO BE HELD.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM DAILY AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW AT 11 AM AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL, LUNG SUM AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 23 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

DATE	TIME
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MARCH 2 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM -- 2 PM
MARCH 4 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 11.59 PM
MARCH 5 (THURSDAY)	0.01 AM -- 11.59 PM
MARCH 6 (FRIDAY)	0.01 AM -- 11.59 PM

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MARCH 7 (SATURDAY)	0.01 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 9 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 10 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 11 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 12 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 13 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 16 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 17 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 18 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 11.30 PM
MARCH 19 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 20 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 23 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 24 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 25 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 26 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 27 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 28 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 30 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 31 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM

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CASTLE PEAK ROAD CLOSED TO TRAFFIC  
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TO FACILITATE FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, TWO SECTIONS OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC INTERMITTENTLY FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 1) AND MARCH 15 RESPECTIVELY.

THE TUEN MUN BOUND SECTION NEAR LAM TEI WILL BE CLOSED ON MARCH 1, AND THE YUEN LONG BOUND SECTION ON MARCH 15.

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