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BILL WILL SEEK DISCLOSURE OF TRUE OWNERSHIP

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A NEW BILL TO PROVIDE FOR A GREATER DEGREE OF DISCLOSURE OF THE TRUE OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC COMPANIES WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 17TH WORLD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FINANCIAL EXECUTIVES INSTITUTES, MR JACOBS SAID THIS WAS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE EXISTING REGULATORY FRAMEWORK, DRAWING IN PART ON THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRES, SO AS TO AFFORD A GREATER DEGREE OF PROTECTION TO INVESTORS.

+THESE EFFORTS IN UPDATING OUR LAWS RELATING TO INVESTMENT ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT GIVEN THE GROWING INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE SECURITIES BUSINESS AND THE PLETHORA OF NEW INSTRUMENTS WHICH CONTINUE TO BE INVENTED AND LAUNCHED UPON THE MARKET.+

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT HAD NOT BEEN ENTIRELY SMOOTH AND THE LAST FEW YEARS HAD WITNESSED DIFFICULTIES IN SOME LOCAL BANKS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT HONG KONG WAS NOT THE ONLY PLACE THAT HAD EXPERIENCED PROBLEMS IN ITS BANKING SYSTEM OVER THE PERIOD. +OUR PROBLEMS WERE PARTLY THE RESULT OF EXCEPTIONAL FLUCTUATIONS IN THE ECONOMY, AND A CONSEQUENTIAL SEESAW IN ASSET VALUES.+

+PERHAPS WE HAVE ALSO HAD MORE THAN OUR FAIR SHARE OF CASES WHERE MANAGEMENT WAS INCOMPETENT OR WORSE,+ HE SAID.

+BUT IN FACT ONLY A VERY SMALL PART OF THE BANKING SECTOR, WHETHER RECKONED IN TERMS EITHER OF ASSETS OR OF DEPOSITS HAS BEEN AFFECTED. THE SECTOR AS A WHOLE HAS BEEN AND IS SOUND AND HAS SERVED THE COMMUNITY WELL.+

MR JACOBS REITERATED THAT GOVERNMENT'S POLICY WAS TO INTERFERE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETPLACE, EXCEPT IN THE INTERESTS OF THE OVERALL FABRIC OF THE SYSTEM, OR TO PROTECT THE NON-PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPANTS FROM EXPLOITATION.

THE MEASURES WE HAD USED HAD RANGED FROM THE DIRECT ACQUISITION OF TROUBLED INSTITUTIONS TO THE PROVISION OF LIQUIDITY ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS TO GIVE TIME FOR PERMANENT SOLUTIONS, AT NO COST TO GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID HE BELIEVED THAT HONG KONG HAD NOW EMERGED FROM THE PROBLEMS OF THE PAST.

+THE BANKS IN GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP ARE MAKING A STEADY RECOVERY -- TWO OUT OF THE THREE HAVE RETURNED TO PROFITABILITY -- AND WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT THEY WILL BE SOLD TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR.+

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+THE INTEREST OF INTERNATIONAL BANKS IN COMING TO HONG KONG CONTINUES UNDIMINISHED, WITH NINE BANKING LICENCES ISSUED SO FAR THIS YEAR.+

MR JACOBS SAID THAT THE EXPERIENCE HAD HELPED IN PRODUCING THE NEW BANKING ORDINANCE, WHICH, AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH THE INDUSTRY, CAME INTO EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

+ALTOGETHER THE NEW ORDINANCE SHOULD PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE FRAMEWORK FOR PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION OF THE BANKING SYSTEM.+

HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAD FOUR FACTORS WHICH FAVOURED ITS DEVELOPMENT AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE -- ITS LOW TAXATION, FLEXIBILITY, LEGAL SYSTEM AND LANGUAGE, AND GEOGRAPHY.

ON FLEXIBILITY, MR JACOBS SAID HONG KONG HAD A SMALL AND COMPARATIVELY TIGHTLY ORGANISED ADMINISTRATION, WELL ABLE TO MOVE QUICKLY WHEN THE NEED AROSE.

+WHEN THERE IS A SITUATION CALLING FOR A SWIFT RESPONSE THEN OUR MECHANISMS ARE UP TO THE TASK. IF REGULATIONS OR INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS NEED TO BE CHANGED IN RESPONSE TO MARKET DEVELOPMENTS, THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT DELAY AND WITHOUT STRUCTURAL DAMAGE,+ HE SAID.

+OUR LAW IS BASED ON THE ENGLISH LEGAL SYSTEM ALTHOUGH WE HAVE OUR OWN STATUTES AND REGULATIONS TO SUIT OUR OWN REQUIREMENTS. NEVERTHELESS WE ARE TIED IN WITH THE THINKING OF OTHER COMMON LAW JURISDICTIONS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT IN RELATION TO LONDON AND NEW YORK.

+OUR LANGUAGE OF BUSINESS LARGELY REMAINS ENGLISH. ENGLISH HAS BECOME THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE AND ITS USE IN HONG KONG IS OF INESTIMABLE ADVANTAGE.

+AND, MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE, THERE IS SPECIFIC PROVISION IN THE SINO-BRITISH DECLARATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BOTH THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

+THE LAST FACTOR, BUT NOT THE LEAST, IS GEOGRAPHY. OUR LOCATION ON THE COAST OF CHINA HAS LED TO NOTEWORTHY DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATION TO HONG KONG'S ROLE VIS A VIS THE MAINLAND.+

MR JACOBS SAID CHINA HAD RECENTLY MADE INCREASING USE OF HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL SECTOR.

IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISION OF FUNDS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION, HE ADDED, HONG KONG OBVIOUSLY HAD MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAINLAND IN RELATION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF MANAGEMENT SKILLS, THE PROVISION OF EXPERTISE, AND THE PROMOTION OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

+I BELIEVED THESE FOUR FACTORS THAT I HAVE MENTIONED WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE HONG KONG WELL INTO THE FUTURE, AND THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE WILL CONTINUE.+

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DAYA BAY REPORT PRESENTED TO LEGCO

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (MONDAY) PUBLISHED A DETAILED 103-PAGE REPORT ON SAFETY AND TARIFF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER STATION.

THE REPORT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT ON OCTOBER 15.

DURING THE DEBATE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE A PAPER GIVING DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING SAFETY AND TARIFF FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FROM THE DAYA BAY PLANT TOGETHER WITH SUCH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WHICH WOULD NOT BREACH COMMERCIAL CONFIDENTIALITY.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ALSO ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPLAIN WHETHER OR NOT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD SUFFICIENTLY SAFEGUARD THE LONG TERM INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

IN THE REPORT THE GOVERNMENT EMPHASISES THAT IT REMAINS CONFIDENT THAT THE DAYA BAY STATION WAS A SUITABLE SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY TO MEET HONG KONG'S FUTURE NEEDS AND THAT ALL INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT WERE DETERMINED TO ENSURE ITS SAFETY AND MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

IT CONCLUDED THAT FOR HONG KONG NOT TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROJECT COULD HAVE RESULTED IN A NUCLEAR POWER STATION AT DAYA BAY ABOUT WHICH HONG KONG WOULD HAVE HAD LITTLE INFORMATION AND FROM WHICH IT WOULD HAVE DERIVED NO ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE.

THE REPORT REPRODUCES MORE THAN 20 PAGES OF DOCUMENTS FROM CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED (CLP) AND FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS ON THE PROJECT, LAZARD BROTHERS AND COMPANY LIMITED.

BUT, THE REPORT NOTED, CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE OVERALL ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS TAXATION AND PROFIT RATES, COULD NOT BE RELEASED AS IT WAS REGARDED AS BEING COMMERCIALY SENSITIVE OR CONSTITUTED CLASSIFIED STATE INFORMATION.

THE REPORT NOTES THAT AFTER STUDYING CLP'S FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM ON DETAILED COSTING OF COAL-FIRED AND NUCLEAR POWER OPTION IN MAY 1983, THE GOVERNMENT ASKED LAZARD BROTHERS TO REASSESS THE OPTIONS PRESENTED IN THE MEMORANDUM.

ALSO REPRODUCED IN THE REPORT ARE LAZARD BROTHERS' GRAPHS WHICH ILLUSTRATE VARIOUS SCENARIOS BASED ON LESS FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS AND COMPARE THE NUCLEAR AND COAL-FIRED STATIONS. THE LAZARDS CONCLUSION ON EACH SCENARIO WAS THAT THE NUCLEAR OPTION WAS THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS.

THE CONSULTANTS CONCLUSION ON TARIFFS WAS: +THIS REASSESSMENT OF THE COMPARATIVE COST OF ELECTRICITY CONFIRMS THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN EXPECTED BENEFITS TO CLP CONSUMERS ...+

/THE REPORT

THE REPORT INDICATES THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS, AS ANALYSED BY LAZARDS, THE GOVERNMENT CONCLUDED, ON JANUARY 3, 1985, THAT IT WAS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT OVER THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT PURCHASING POWER FROM THE NUCLEAR POWER STATION AT DAYA BAY WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF CONSUMERS.

THE REPORT CONTINUES +ALTHOUGH THE FOSSIL FUEL PRICES HAVE FALLEN SINCE THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED, OTHER IMPORTANT CHANGES HAVE ALSO TAKEN PLACE. PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT, BEARING IN MIND THE ENORMOUS BORROWINGS THAT ARE INVOLVED, IS THE LOW INTEREST RATES CURRENTLY PREVAILING. THE PRESENT EXPORT CREDIT INTEREST RATE FOR CHINA IS 7.4 PER CENT PER ANNUM WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THE ORIGINAL PLANNING FIGURE OF 10 PER CENT PER ANNUM. THIS INTEREST RATE WILL BE FIXED FOR 21 YEARS ...

+THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE REMAINS CONFIDENT THAT THE DAYA BAY POWER STATION CONTINUED TO REPRESENT AN ATTRACTIVE SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY TO MEET HONG KONG'S FUTURE REQUIREMENTS,+ THE REPORT SAID.

THE REPORT ALSO NOTES THE ACCURACY OF CLP'S FORECASTING IN PREDICTING FUTURE DEMANDS. DETAILED FORECASTS MADE IN 1977 FOR 1985 AND 1986 WERE ONLY 2.2 PER CENT AND 5.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY BELOW ACTUAL SALES. IN THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS, CLP EXPECTS MAXIMUM DEMAND TO GROW BETWEEN SEVEN AND NINE PER CENT PER ANNUM.

OTHER ASPECTS RELATING TO TARIFFS IN THE REPORT INCLUDE AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO HONG KONG, CLP'S LINKS WITH THE GUANGDONG POWER COMPANY, THE FINDINGS OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, ELECTRICITY DEMANDS, ALTERNATIVE METHODS IN MEETING FUTURE DEMANDS, THE STRUCTURE OF THE DAYA BAY PROJECT, ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SALE OF NUCLEAR ELECTRICITY, THE WAY IN WHICH TARIFFS ARE DETERMINED UNDER THE SCHEME OF CONTROL, AND THE TARIFF IMPACT OF THE DAYA BAY PROJECT.

IN THE FINAL +TARIFF+ CHAPTER UNDER +EVIDENCE FROM OTHER RECENT SOURCES+, THE REPORT REFERS TO A SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS WHICH CONCLUDED THAT NUCLEAR POWER WAS, IN ALMOST ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CHEAPEST MEANS BY WHICH ELECTRICAL UTILITIES IN EUROPE WOULD BE ABLE TO GENERATE POWER IN THE FUTURE.

PART TWO OF THE REPORT DEALS WITH SAFETY ASPECTS RELATING TO THE STATION. ITS INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER STRESSES THAT ALTHOUGH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS ABSOLUTE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PLANT'S SAFETY, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED THAT THE HIGHEST SAFETY STANDARDS SHOULD BE ADOPTED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION AND SUBSEQUENT OPERATION OF THE POWER STATION. THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE DEMONSTRATES THAT INSOFAR AS SAFETY IS CONCERNED, ALL THE FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE OF IMPORTANCE (FOR EXAMPLE, SOUND DESIGN CONCEPT, A WELL ENGINEERED AND PROVEN DESIGN, HIGH QUALITY CONSTRUCTION AND HIGH STANDARDS OF OPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CAREFULLY PREPARED OPERATING RULES) ARE BEING ADDRESSED MOST CAREFULLY BY THOSE CONCERNED.

ANOTHER SEVEN CHAPTERS OF THE REPORT ARE DEVOTED TO SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE STATION. THE REPORT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE DISTANCE OF THE SITE FROM HONG KONG IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF SAFETY.

UNDER SITE SELECTION IT LISTS A NUMBER OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS LESS THAN 50 KILOMETRES FROM CITIES WITH POPULATIONS BETWEEN 17.3 MILLION AND 1.2 MILLION.

IT ALSO STATES THAT STANDARDS USED BY THE UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR FINAL SITE SELECTION AT DAYA BAY. AND IT ADDED THAT ASSISTANCE WAS ALSO GIVEN BY THE UK ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY AND THE CENTRAL ELECTRICITY GENERATING BOARD OF THE UK.

THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT THE PROJECT INVOLVES A TRANSFER TO CHINA OF THE LATEST WESTERN TECHNOLOGY. IT SAYS: +IN OPTING FOR FRENCH REACTORS, WITH THEIR EXCELLENT SAFETY RECORD, AND FRENCH ASSISTANCE IN A WIDE RANGE OF OTHER ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT, CHINA HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED ITS CONCERN NOT ONLY TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY, BUT ALSO TO OBTAIN THE BEST EXPERTISE AND ASSISTANCE.+

THERE IS A CHAPTER ON THE CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT. WHILE ADMITTING CHERNOBYL HAS BEEN THE WORST NUCLEAR ACCIDENT EVER TO HAVE OCCURRED AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON THE DAYA BAY PROJECT PRECEDED THE ACCIDENT, THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT +IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, IT IS EXTREMELY PROBABLE THAT CHERNOBYL WILL HAVE NO DIRECT LESSONS FOR THE DESIGN AND OPERATION OF WESTERN NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS OF THE TYPE TO BE SUPPLIED TO DAYA BAY. CHERNOBYL THEREFORE HAS NOT ALTERED THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW ON THE SAFETY OF THE DAYA BAY PLANT.+

CONTINGENCY PLANNING IS HIGHLIGHTED UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. SUCH PLANNING INCLUDES BACKGROUND RADIATION MONITORING, CROSS BORDER LIAISON AND THE DRAWING UP OF DETAILED PLANS ON THE BASIS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HARWELL CONSULTANTS WHICH ARE EXPECTED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. AN EXISTING INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP WILL BE SPECIFICALLY TASKED TO CONSIDER THE PREPARATION OF DETAILED CONTINGENCY PLANS.

THE GOVERNMENT SAYS IT ACCEPTS THAT IT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO SATISFY ITSELF AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THAT THOSE INVOLVED IN BUILDING AND OPERATING THE PLANT MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARDS; TO DEVISE CONTINGENCY PLANS; AND TO LAUNCH PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ON NUCLEAR ENERGY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HONG KONG NUCLEAR INVESTMENT COMPANY.

ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IT REITERATES THAT THE NEED FOR A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME WAS RECOGNISED BY THE GOVERNMENT LONG BEFORE THE CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT.

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+IN 1985,+THE REPORT CONTINUES,+THE GOVERNMENT, AS PART OF THE HARWELL CONSULTANCY, SOUGHT EXPERT ADVICE IN THIS FIELD... MEANWHILE IT HAS BEEN AGREED WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THAT COVERAGE OF THE CONCEPT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY SHOULD ALSO BE STRENGTHENED IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.+

DISCUSSION OF MANY OTHER SAFETY ASPECTS IS INCLUDED IN THE REPORT, INCLUDING STANDARDS IN THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PLANT; TRAINING; SAFETY CONTROL; LEGCO FACT-FINDING DELEGATIONS AS WELL AS MISSIONS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; AND INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANCY AND ASSISTANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE TIME CONSTRAINTS IN ISSUING THE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ONLY ENGLISH COPIES WERE AVAILABLE TODAY, BUT COPIES IN CHINESE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE VERY SHORTLY.

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EPCOM BRIEFED ON BEACH WATER STUDY
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THE LINK BETWEEN POLLUTION AT BATHING BEACHES AND THE HEALTH OF SWIMMERS IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE.

MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) WERE BRIEFED AT A MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) ON THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE STUDY IN WHICH 6 000 FAMILIES USING FOUR BEACHES DURING THE SUMMER WERE CONTACTED. AT THE SAME TIME, POLLUTION WAS MEASURED IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS ARE THAT SICKNESS RATES AMONG SWIMMERS ARE LOW, BUT RATES OF EYE INFECTION ARE SOMEWHAT HIGHER.

THE STUDY WILL CONTINUE FOR TWO MORE YEARS TO GATHER ENOUGH MEASUREMENTS ON WHICH TO BASE FIRM CONCLUSIONS.

/ITS PURPOSE

ITS PURPOSE IS TO OBTAIN A RELIABLE QUANTITATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BEACH WATER QUALITY AND THE HEALTH OF SWIMMERS, BY CORRELATING BACTERIA COUNTS WHICH INDICATE SEWAGE POLLUTION WITH THE EXTRA CASES OF DISEASE WHICH MAY OCCUR IN SWIMMERS.

WHILE THE RESULTS SO FAR DO NOT SUGGEST THAT POLLUTION AT HONG KONG'S BEACHES IS CAUSING SIGNIFICANT LEVELS OF GASTRO-INTESTINAL SICKNESS, THE PRESENT CONTROL OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL NEAR TO BEACHES WAS CONSIDERED UNACCEPTABLE BY MEMBERS OF EPCOM.

IT WAS POINTED OUT TO MEMBERS THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME IMPROVEMENTS AT REPULSE BAY, SHEK O, STANLEY AND BUTTERFLY BEACHES IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

MEMBERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR FURTHER VIGOROUS ACTION AND A MORE FUNDAMENTAL APPROACH TO THE MATTER.

THE MEETING ALSO EXAMINED IN DETAIL THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATIONS WITH INDUSTRY ON THE DRAFT AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 AND THE DRAFT AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (SPECIFIED PROCESSES) REGULATIONS 1986.

SUBJECT TO A MINOR AMENDMENT, MEMBERS RECOMMENDED THAT THE DRAFT BILL AND THE DRAFT REGULATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE DRAFT REGULATIONS WILL CONTROL +SPECIFIED PROCESSES+ WHICH CAUSE OFFENSIVE AND OBNOXIOUS EMISSIONS. EXISTING INDUSTRIES WILL BE OBLIGED TO REGISTER WITH THE EPD AND ANY NEW +SPECIFIED PROCESS+ WILL REQUIRE A LICENCE.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE MEMBERS EARLIER THIS YEAR, AN EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION EXERCISE WAS CARRIED OUT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IN WHICH 33 REPRESENTATIVE INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS WERE INVITED TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BILL AND REGULATIONS. SIX WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED.

MEMBERS LEARNED THAT THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE HONG KONG PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION LTD HAVE INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

THE OTHER FOUR MAJOR ASSOCIATIONS (THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF TEXTILE BLEACHERS, DYERS, PRINTERS AND FINISHERS LTD),, DID RAISE SOME POINTS AND THESE HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN FINALISING THE PROPOSALS TO BE PUT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

THE FIRST TWO AIR CONTROL ZONES (HARBOUR AND TSUEN WAN/KWAI CHUNG) WILL BE GAZETTED LATER THIS YEAR AND SHOULD EFFECTIVELY FOCUS EFFORTS AIMED AT REDUCING AIR POLLUTION LEVELS IN THESE AREAS.

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THE ARRANGEMENTS PUT IN HAND BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT FOR THE HANDLING OF POLLUTION COMPLAINTS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING AS WAS THE STRATEGY THAT HAS NOW BEEN DEVELOPED FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE TERRITORY'S GROWING QUANTITIES OF WASTE.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT ACTIVITIES TO MARK THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED) 1987 ARE PLANNED FOR MAY 17 TO JUNE 5, 1987 WITH THE CO-OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND A NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS.

THE EPCOM WORKING GROUP ON WED HAS PLANNED A SERIES OF EVENTS TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AMONG THE PUBLIC IN HONG KONG.

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FOUR NEW CUSTOMS LAUNCHES COMMISSIONED
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THE PHASED PROGRAMME FOR REPLACING THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE'S 24-YEAR-OLD FLEET OF LAUNCHES CAME TO AN END TODAY (MONDAY) WITH ITS LAST BATCH OF FOUR LAUNCHES PUT INTO SERVICE.

SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION TO MARK THE COMMISSIONING THIS MORNING, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, SAID THE SERVICE NOW HAD A FLEET OF SIX LAUNCHES AS WELL AS FIVE INFLATABLE CRAFTS.

HE SAID THE NEW LAUNCHES WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR MARINE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE SMUGGLING OF CONTRABAND WHICH JEOPARDISED THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND SECURITY OF THE COMMUNITY.

+OUR SECTOR PATROLS CAN NOW BE MAINTAINED AROUND THE CLOCK AND SHOULD PROVIDE A REASONABLE DETERRENT AGAINST THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF NARCOTICS, DUTIABLE COMMODITIES, FIREARMS, UNMANIFESTED CARGO AND OTHER PROHIBITED GOODS BY SEA.

+BUT WE WILL NEED TO SEEK ADDITIONAL LAUNCHES IN FUTURE TO PROVIDE A FULLER COVERAGE OF HONG KONG'S TERRITORIAL WATERS IN ORDER TO PREVENT AND SUPPRESS SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES BY SEA,+ HE ADDED.

TODAY'S ADDITIONS INCLUDE THREE +DAMEN+ SECTOR LAUNCHES, BUILT LOCALLY AT A COST OF ABOUT \$7.2 MILLION EACH, AND A HARBOUR LAUNCH.

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TOGETHER WITH THE INFLATABLES, THE SECTOR LAUNCHES ARE USED FOR PATROLS OF TERRITORIAL WATERS, INTERCEPTING AND SEARCHING FISHING VESSELS AND CARRYING OUT +STRIKE AND SEARCH+ OPERATIONS ON THE OUTER ISLANDS FOR THE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND OTHER SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES.

THE HARBOUR LAUNCHES ARE USED TO CONVEY PERSONNEL TO VARIOUS VESSELS MOORED IN THE HARBOUR TO CARRY OUT SHIP RUMMAGING AND CARGO EXAMINATION FOR ANTI-SMUGGLING, ANTI-NARCOTICS AND REVENUE PROTECTION PURPOSES.

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MAIL DAMAGED IN POST BOX FIRE

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT AS A RESULT OF A FIRE INSIDE THE POSTING BOX OUTSIDE NATIONAL COURT AT 240-252 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, ABOUT 4 AM YESTERDAY (NOVEMBER 9), A NUMBER OF THE ITEMS POSTED BETWEEN 4 PM ON NOVEMBER 8 AND 4 AM ON NOVEMBER 9 WERE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO POSTED LETTERS AT THE POSTING BOX CONCERNED DURING THAT PERIOD AND ARE IN DOUBT OVER THE FATE OF THEIR CORRESPONDENCE ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE ASSISTANT CONTROLLER OF POSTS (INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE) ON 3-339111 EXT. 241

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CIVIC EDUCATION YOUTH PIONEER PROJECT FOR KWUN TONG

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN KWUN TONG OVER 18 ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE +KWUN TONG CIVIC EDUCATION YOUTH PIONEER PROJECT+ TO BE HELD AT THE END OF THIS MONTH UNTIL FEBRUARY 1987.

THE PROJECT IS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION ORGANISING COMMITTEE, AND SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MRS WINNIE POON, SAID THE AIM OF THE PROJECT WAS TO ALLOW YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

+BY TAKING PART IN A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, PARTICIPANTS WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT, THEY AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS+.

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DURING THE THREE MONTHS THEY WILL ATTEND TALKS, SEMINARS, GROUP DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS TAKING PART IN TRAINING CAMP, SITE VISITS AND PROJECT WORKS.

TOPICS OF TALKS WILL BE ON +THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF CITIZEN+, +THE IMPORTANCE OF DISTRICT BOARD IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION+, AND +WAYS TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION+ AND SO ON.

APPLICATION FORMS TO JOIN THE PROJECT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS NOVEMBER 15.

A TOTAL OF 40 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SELECTED FOR THE PIONEER PROJECT AND APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW. ENQUIRIES COULD BE MADE ON 3-7502325.

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SAFETY HANDOUTS FOR FUR PROCESSING WORKERS
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A LEAFLET AND A GUIDANCE NOTE ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO WORKERS AND MANAGEMENT ENGAGED IN FUR AND LEATHER PROCESSING TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ESSENTIAL SAFETY INFORMATION ON DANGEROUS CHEMICALS.

PRODUCED BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLICATIONS IDENTIFY THE RISKS CREATED BY CERTAIN CHEMICALS AND SUGGEST BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO DEAL WITH SUCH RISKS.

THE PICTORIAL LEAFLET FOR WORKERS GIVES A NUMBER OF SAFETY HINTS AS WELL AS THE 'DOS' AND 'DONT'S' WHEN HANDLING TOXIC SUBSTANCES.

THE GUIDANCE NOTE FOR MANAGEMENT OUTLINES IN GREATER DETAILS THE EFFECTS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF CHEMICALS AND WHAT THEY SHOULD DO TO PROTECT THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF WORKERS.

+THE CHEMICALS LISTED IN THE GUIDANCE NOTE ONLY SERVE TO ILLUSTRATE THE POTENTIAL RISKS THAT MAY BE INVOLVED AND THE CORRESPONDING BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE RISKS, HE STRESSED, THE MANAGEMENT MUST TAKE THE FOLLOWING FUNDAMENTAL STEPS:

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- * IDENTIFY THE CHEMICALS USED WITH THE HELP OF THE SUPPLIERS OR AGENTS;
- * CLASSIFY AND LABEL THE CHEMICALS SO THAT THEIR NAMES, THE ASSOCIATED RISKS AND BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED;
- * ADOPT THE BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS; AND
- * PASS ALL THE RELEVANT SAFETY INFORMATION TO THE WORKERS WHO HANDLE CHEMICALS.

APART FROM CHEMICALS, THE TWO PUBLICATIONS ALSO CALLED FOR PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO BE PAID TO VARIOUS TYPES OF MACHINERIES USED IN FUR PROCESSING FACTORIES INCLUDING MATERIAL LIFTING APPLIANCES.

IN ADDITION, RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ALSO GIVEN ON THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF WORK FLOOR, HOUSE-KEEPING AND FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE LOCAL FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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STUDENTS EXPRESS VIEWS ON YOUTH POLICY
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ABOUT 30 POST SECONDARY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED AN INFORMAL GATHERING WITH MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH ON SATURDAY TO TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE AND VIEWS ON YOUTH POLICIES.

THE GATHERING WAS PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES TO LISTEN TO FIRST-HAND VIEWS OF YOUNG PEOPLE ON THEIR OWN NEEDS. THE GATHERING, IN THE FORM OF QUESTIONING AND GROUP DISCUSSION, TOOK PLACE AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC CAMPUS.

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THE COMMITTEE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MRS ROSANNA TAM, WAS SET UP TO EXAMINE THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH POLICY AND TO PROMOTE YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING BEFORE THE DISCUSSION BEGAN, MRS TAM SAID IT WAS TIME FOR THE COMMITTEE TO ABSORB MORE PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT BEFORE MAKING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENT.

THE PARTICIPANTS, MOSTLY OFFICE-BEARERS OF POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION'S STUDENT UNIONS OR YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, SPOKE ON VARIOUS TOPICS SUCH AS THE INTERESTS OF TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE, THEIR CONCERNS AS WELL AS ASPIRATIONS.

DURING DISCUSSION SESSIONS, THEY WERE FORTHCOMING IN RELATING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND DIFFICULTIES IN ORGANISING AND MOBILISING YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES TO THE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS TAKING PART IN THE GATHERING INCLUDED CHAIRMEN OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROMOTION COMMITTEE AND SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE, MR NG SHUI-LAI, AND MR PETER LEE SHUNG-TAK, MR YOUNG TZE-KONG, DR AGNES NG AND MR KOK KA-MING AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

MOST SPEAKERS EXPRESSED CONCERN ON A GENERAL LACK OF ENTHUSIASM IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE REQUIRING EFFORTS AND COMMITMENT, AMONG STUDENTS STUDYING AT POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES.

ROUNDING UP THE GATHERING, MRS TAM ENCOURGED STUDENTS TO CONTINUE THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN YOUTH ACTIVITIES WHILE SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NEED FOR AN ALL-ROUND EDUCATION AND A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE FOR HONG KONG'S YOUNG PEOPLE.

+YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE MORE READY TO TAKE UP RESPONSIBILITY AND TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PROMOTING THE INTEREST OF OTHERS AND THE COMMUNITY,+ SHE SAID.

+THE FUTURE IS IN THEIR HANDS AND WHAT THEY WILL BECOME WILL DETERMINE FOR THE MOST PART WHAT OUR SOCIETY WILL BE,+ SHE CONCLUDED.

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PROJECTIONS ALONG LRT ROUTE TO BE REMOVED

THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO REMOVE PROJECTIONS OR OBSTRUCTIONS ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN YUEN LONG IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMATION OF A LIGHT RAIL RESERVE ON THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG CORRIDOR.

TO ACCOMMODATE THE LRT, WHICH WILL RUN DOWN THE MIDDLE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, THE ROAD IS BEING PUSHED OUT ON EACH SIDE WHILE THE FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES WILL BE REDUCED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

A NUMBER OF SERVICE BAYS WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

OBSTRUCTIONS AND PROJECTIONS PUT UP RECENTLY HAVE TO BE REMOVED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE WORK.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE LRT WILL LINK TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG, COMPRISING 23 KILOMETRES OF DOUBLE TRACK. WORK STARTED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1988.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED REMOVAL SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY JANUARY 6.

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BRIEFING ON CONTRACT TENDERING

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WILL HOLD A PRESS BRIEFING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ON THE SUBJECT OF TENDERING FOR CONTRACTS BY LOCAL AND OVERSEAS CONTRACTORS.

THE BRIEFING WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, 21ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING.

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BILINGUAL GLOSSARIES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPILED
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TO FACILITATE THE WIDER USE OF CHINESE AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS COMPILED A SET OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE GLOSSARIES OF TERMS COMMONLY USED IN THE TEACHING OF 19 SUBJECTS.

THE BILINGUAL GLOSSARIES, FOR ISSUE TO SCHOOLS, PROVIDE TRANSLATIONS OF ENGLISH TERMS USED IN THE TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS, COMPUTER STUDIES, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, HUMAN BIOLOGY, SCIENCE, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, SOCIAL STUDIES, GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, ECONOMICS, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CHRISTIAN), ART AND DESIGN, HOME ECONOMICS, MUSIC, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AND COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID COMMENTS ON THE GLOSSARIES WERE WELCOME FROM THE TEACHING PROFESSION AS THESE PUBLICATIONS WERE PRODUCED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AS A FIRST DRAFT.

ALL COMMENTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM PLANNING OFFICER (SECONDARY), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS WITH THE BILINGUAL GLOSSARIES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF COURSES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS STARTING EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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USE OF CHINESE COURSES FOR TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF COURSES ON THE USE OF CHINESE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF SUBJECTS OTHER THAN CHINESE, CHINESE HISTORY AND ENGLISH STARTING FEBRUARY 18.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSES IS TO ENHANCE THE ORAL AND WRITTEN SKILLS OF THOSE TEACHING SPECIAL SUBJECTS IN CHINESE.

THE COURSES ALSO AIM TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS WITH THE USE OF BILINGUAL GLOSSARIES AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH INFORMATION ON REFERENCE AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING MATERIALS IN CHINESE.

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ONE OF THE COURSES WILL BE ON INTEGRATED SCIENCE, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY AND OTHER ON HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

THEY WILL BE HELD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 18 AND JUNE 27 AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION AT PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE COURSES AND NOMINATIONS SHOULD REACH THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, BY DECEMBER 16.

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EVENT-PACKED FESTIVAL FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS
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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WILL HOLD ITS THIRD DISTRICT FESTIVAL FROM NOVEMBER 16 TO 30, PROVIDING MORE THAN 30 RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND ARTS ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL TODAY (MONDAY), WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, SAID THE EVENT-PACKED FORTNIGHT WOULD BE A MAJOR COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT AIMED AT ENHANCING THE SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL IS +TO BUILD A BEAUTIFUL WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT+.

CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG, SAID THE FESTIVAL WOULD FEATURE A VAST VARIETY OF PROGRAMMES THAT CATERED TO EVERY AGE AND TASTE.

THERE WOULD BE VARIETY SHOWS, CONCRETS, EXHIBITIONS, DEBATE, CANTONESE OPERA, MOVIES, ROUND-THE-DISTRICT RACE, CAMPS, FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS DURING THE FESTIVAL.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WOULD BE HELD AT 12.30 PM ON NOVEMBER 16 AT MORSE PARK, AND THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW WITH DRAGON AND LION DANCES AND RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS PERFORMED BY 300 SCHOOL CHILDREN.

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ELDERLY INVITED TO JOIN COOKING CONTEST
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ELDERLY PEOPLE IN KOWLOON CITY ARE INVITED TO COMPETE IN A COOKING CONTEST TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILL AND TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE.

THE CONTEST, LIMITED TO 20 TEAMS, IS OPEN TO AMATEURS ONLY. EACH TEAM SHOULD HAVE TWO MEMBERS AND WITH ONE AGED 60 OR OVER.

THEY ARE REQUIRED TO PREPARE A HOT POT DISH - A FAVOURITE IN WINTER - AT A COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$40. THE MONEY WILL BE REIMBURSED AFTER THE COMPETITION.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE JUDGED ON THEIR COOKING SKILL, RECIPE DESIGN, TASTE, TIDINESS AND TEAM CO-OPERATION.

GIFT COUPONS OF \$250 TO \$700 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE PRESENTED TO ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS.

THE CONTEST IS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY, THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 12 AND ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, ITS HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE IN BULKERLEY STREET, HO MAN TIN SUB-OFFICE IN HO MAN TIN ESTATE AND THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB AT 42 SHING TAK STREET.

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WAN CHAI TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

MEMBERS WILL RAISE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE LOCATION OF PARKING METERS, TRAFFIC FLOW AT LEE TUNG STREET, AND PROBLEMS CAUSED BY A GREEN MINIBUS STAND AT LEE GARDEN ROAD.

/THE CLOSING

THE CLOSING CEREMONY ON NOVEMBER 29 AT THE TSZ WAN SHAN CENTRAL PLAYGROUND WOULD BE MADE INTO A ONE-HOUR PROGRAMME AND BROADCAST ON TVB JADE THE NEXT DAY.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL WOULD BE A ROUND-THE-DISTRICT RACE WHICH WOULD ALLOW PARTICIPANTS TO GET AQUAINTED WITH THE DISTRICT WHILE TRYING OUT THEIR PHYSICAL STAMINA.

THE FESTIVAL WOULD ALSO FEATURE PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION, INCLUDING A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION OF CARTOONS AND STORIES ABOUT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE EXHIBITION WOULD BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMERCIAL CENTRE FROM NOVEMBER 28.

+A SONG SPECIALLY COMPOSED FOR THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND SUNG BY THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAN BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL PERIOD,+ MR FUNG SAID.

+TO AROUSE MORE INTEREST AND AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS, A BUS PARADE WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 15 TO PUBLICISE THE PROGRAMMES OF THE FORTNIGHT.

+AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL JOIN THE PUBLICITY TEAM IN THIS PROMOTION EXERCISE,+ HE SAID.

MR FUNG SAID THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE WAS SET UP IN MARCH THIS YEAR AND SIX WORKING GROUPS WERE FORMED TO TAKE CHARGE OF ARTS, SPORTS, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PUBLICITY, AND THE PRODUCTION OF A COMMEMORATIVE PUBLICATION.

WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG, SAID THE FESTIVAL COST ABOUT \$800 000, OF WHICH \$300 000 WAS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, WITH THE REST DONATED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND THE SIK SIK YUEN.

PAMPHLETS CONTAINING A FULL PROGRAMME OF THE FESTIVAL ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-7572510.

THE FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL.

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THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED SIGNALISED CROSSING AT THE JUNCTION OF KAI CHIU ROAD AND YUN PING ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT GETS READY FOR FESTIVAL
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COLOURFUL BANNERS AND BUNTINGS ARE BEING PUT UP IN MAJOR THOROUGHFARES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 22 AND DECEMBER 7.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID MORE THAN 170 ATTRACTIVE PINK AND YELLOW BUNTINGS BEARING THE FESTIVAL LOGO WILL BE PUT UP ON LAMP-POSTS ALONG MAJOR ROADS, CONCOURSES AND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO CREATE A FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE.

MANY BANNERS TO PUBLICISE THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES OF THE HALF-MONTH FESTIVAL ARE ALSO BEING MOUNTED ON STREETSIDE RAILINGS.

MORE THAN 8 000 POSTERS AND 50 000 LEAFLETS HAVE BEEN PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS.

THE LEAFLETS GIVING DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL'S PROGRAMMES ARE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN WAH FU AND STANLEY.

AS CIVIC EDUCATION IS THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL, A BROADCAST VAN PLAYING THE CIVIC EDUCATION THEME SONG +THE REVELATION OF A CLAM+ WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TO SPREAD THE CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

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TSUEN WAN PLANS TO HOLD DISTRICT FESTIVAL
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MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE WILL TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EXAMINE PROPOSALS TO STAGE A DISTRICT FESTIVAL IN JANUARY.

THEY WILL CONSIDER THE SUGGESTED PROGRAMMES AND BUDGET.

REPORTS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE ART NURTURE SCHEME WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE FUNDS FOR STAGING A CHRISTMAS DISCO NIGHT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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TO KWA WAN WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TO KWA WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 13) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY LOK SHAN ROAD, TO KWA WAN ROAD, CHI KIANG STREET AND KOWLOON CITY ROAD, INCLUDING HA HEUNG ROAD, LAI WA STREET, MEI WA STREET AND SZE CHUEN STREET.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 64.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 377.406 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 440.255 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 75.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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