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# NEW ID CARD BILL PUBLISHED

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION EMPOWERING THE GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE A NEW, MORE SECURE IDENTITY CARD WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 2).

AS STATED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 6, THE REPLACEMENT IDENTITY CARD WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DETERRING AND DETECTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN STRESSED TODAY THAT THIS EVENT WOULD NOT BE THE OCCASION FOR AN AMNESTY.

HE SAID THE INTENTION WAS TO START ISSUING THE NEW CARDS IN THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR. EXACT DETAILS OF THE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME, WHICH WILL BE PHASED OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD, WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, ENABLES THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TO MAKE REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE AND PERIODIC FRESH ISSUE OF THE NEW CARDS AND THE PHASING OUT OF THE OLD TYPES.

THE BILL ALSO ENABLES REGULATIONS TO BE MADE TO PROVIDE FOR FINES OF UP TO $20 000 INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT MAXIMUM OF $5 000 AND FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS TO BE INSTITUTED UP TO FIVE YEARS INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT THREE YEARS FROM THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION OF AN OFFENCE.

ANYONE WHO FAILS TO APPLY FOR A NEW CARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIED PROGRAMME OR IS IN POSSESSION OF A CARD DECLARED INVALID WOULD BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF $3 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THE NEED FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALTHOUGH THE RATE OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION HAD FALLEN SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THE ENDING OF THE 'REACHED BASE' POLICY IN 1980, HONG KONG COULD NOT DROP ITS GUARD AS THE URGE TO ENTER THE TERRITORY ILLEGALLY APPEARED TO BE AS STRONG AS EVER. THE GOVERNMENT HAD EVERY INTENTION, THEREFORE, OF MAINTAINING ITS COUNTER MEASURES AND ADDING TO THEM AS NECESSARY.

EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT MOST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE MALES AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 35. CONSEQUENTLY IT IS PLANNED TO ISSUE THE NEW CARD FIRST TO THIS AGE GROUP.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO REDUCE ANY INCONVENIENCE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE REPLACEMENT EXERCISE.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE EXERCISE WILL COST $76 MILLION IN NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND $318 MILLION IN RECURRENT EXPENDITURE SPREAD OVER A SIX-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1981-82 TO 1986-87. AND ABOUT 900 ADDITIONAL STAFF WILL BE REQUIRED.

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MORE PROTECTION PLANNED FOR PAPER GOLD INVESTORS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO PROVIDE GREATER PROTECTION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO MAY BE LURED BY INVESTMENT SCHEMES WHICH FALL OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE EXISTING PROTECTION OF INVESTORS ORDINANCE.

IF THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE IS ACCEPTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONTROL THE MARKETING AND ADVERTISING OF PAPER GOLD SCHEMES WHICH ALLOW BUYERS TO DEFER TAKING DELIVERY OF GOLD COINS OR GOLD BULLION AND SELL BACK THE GOLD.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT VARIOUS TYPES OF GOLD TRANSACTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT PRESENT WHICH PROVIDE DIRECT SALE, STORAGE, GOLD CERTIFICATE OR GOLD ACCUMULATION SERVICES.

THOSE BUYING FROM DEALERS WHO ARE SUBJECT TO PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION, SUCH AS THE BANKS, ARE WELL PROTECTED IN THEIR INVESTMENT, BUT THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT OTHER DEALERS ARE KEEPING ADEQUATE STOCKS OF GOLD OR ARE MAINTAINING SUFFICIENT LIQUIDITY TO MEET THEIR LIABILITY.

THE DECISION TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO BUYERS OF PAPER GOLD IS TAKEN AFTER THE GOVERNMENT HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE JUSTIFICATIONS FOR INTERVENTION IN THIS PARTICULAR CONSUMER MARKET, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT NORMAL GOLD TRADING, INCLUDING SPOT TRADING IN GOLD BULLION AND COINS AND GOLD ORNAMENT BUSINESS, WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, WHICH HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY AND THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON JEWELLERS' AND GOLDSMITHS' ASSOCIATIONS.

UNDER THE PROTECTION OF INVESTORS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 PUBLISHED TODAY, THE MEANING OF +INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS+ IS WIDENED AND THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL WILL BY ORDER BE ABLE TO SPECIFY, WITHIN THE LIMITS SET OUT IN THE BILL, WHICH INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS ARE CAUGHT BY THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE. A PROTECTION OF INVESTORS (GOLD PURCHASE) ORDER HAS BEEN APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE AND WILL BE MADE IF THE BILL IS PASSED INTO LAW.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO ADVERTISE OR INVITE THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PART IN SUCH INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSION, UNLESS EXEMPTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE. THE EXISTING MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR FAILING TO OBTAIN THAT PERMISSION IS A FINE OF $500 000 AND THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

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## PROPOSAL TO BASE PROPERTY TAX ON ACTUAL RENT

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A BILL PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE SEEKS TO AMEND THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE EXISTING NOTIONAL BASIS FOR CHARGING PROPERTY TAX.

UNLIKE THE OTHER TAXES UNDER THE ORDINANCE, PROPERTY TAX IS NOW CHARGED BY REFERENCE TO NOTIONAL OR CONTROLLED RENTS, RATHER THAN THE ACTUAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT.

DESPITE PROVISIONS FOR RELIEF FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED OR VACANT PREMISES, MANY CASES ARISE WHERE THE ASSESSABLE VALUE IS MORE OR LESS THAN THE ACTUAL RENT RECEIVABLE.

THIS IS UNSATISFACTORY FOR BOTH THE TAXPAYER AND THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE BILL PROPOSES THAT PROPERTY TAX SHOULD BE CHARGED ON THE ACTUAL RENT RECEIVED.

HOWEVER, IT RETAINS A FIXED DEDUCTION OF 20 PER CENT FROM THE RENT TO COVER REPAIRS AND OTHER RECURRENT EXPENSES.

THIS WILL AVOID THE NEED FOR THE TAXPAYER TO RECORD AND SUBSTANTIATE SUCH ITEMS AND FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO EXAMINE LARGE NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUAL EXPENSE CLAIMS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR PROPERTY TAX TO FOLLOW THE SALARIES AND PROFITS TAXES BY INTRODUCING A PROVISIONAL TAX SYSTEM.

THIS MEANS THAT A PROVISIONAL PAYMENT IS MADE DURING EACH YEAR AND THE FINAL LIABILITY IS ASSESSED IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, WHEN THE ACTUAL INCOME IS KNOWN, WITH THE PROVISIONAL PAYMENT BEING SET AGAINST THE FINAL LIABILITY.

FOR THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT 1983-84 THE PROVISIONAL PAYMENT WILL BE BASED UPON EXISTING ASSESSABLE VALUES ASCERTAINED UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

AFTER MARCH 31, 1984, RETURNS WILL BE ISSUED REQUIRING TAXPAYERS TO STATE THE ACTUAL RENT RECEIVED IN THE YEAR UP TO THAT DATE AND THE FINAL ASSESSMENT WILL THEN BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACTUAL RENT.

RETURNS WILL THEREAFTER BE ISSUED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

THE BILL INCLUDES PROVISION FOR THE DEDUCTION OF IRRECOVERABLE RENT BY REASON OF DEFAULT.

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BIG POTENTIAL SEEN IN ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY

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HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY WOULD UNDERGO CONSIDERABLE CHANGES IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, AS SHOWN BY ITS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PAST THREE DECADES, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR HUGH BOYLE SAID TODAY.

THE CHANGES WOULD BE +MORE EVOLUTIONARY THAN REVOLUTIONARY+, MR BOYLE SAID, ADDRESSING A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

OUTLINING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES SINCE THE EARLY 50'S, MR BOYLE POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESENT TREND WAS TOWARDS THE MANUFACTURE OF HIGH QUALITY, MORE SOPHISTICATED CONSUMER AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS.

ALTHOUGH HONG KONG COULD EXPECT CONSIDERABLE DIVERSIFICATION AND A WIDENING OF ITS INDUSTRIAL BASE, TEXTILES AND GARMENTS WOULD REMAIN AN IMPORTANT, OR EVEN DOMINANT, SECTOR FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, HE PREDICTED.

THIS WAS BECAUSE OF THE SECTOR'S UNDERLYING STRENGTH, ITS GUARANTEED ACCESS INTO THE MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS PROFITABLE AND IDEALLY SUITED TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENT, HE EXPLAINED.

+THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A NEED FOR CHANGE, NEW, MORE EFFICIENT MACHINERY WILL HAVE TO BE INTRODUCED IN MANY FACTORIES, OPPORTUNITIES TO INTRODUCE NEW TECHNOLOGY WILL HAVE TO BE EXPLORED, MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES WILL HAVE TO BE UPDATED AND CONSTANT ENDEAVOURS MADE TO CAPTURE AN INCREASING SHARE OF THE HIGH FASHION MARKET,+ HE ADDED.

TURNING TO THE RELATIVELY NEW ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, MR BOYLE SAID, IT WAS, IN WORLD TERMS, +THE GROWTH INDUSTRY+.

MOST OF THE WORK OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE AND THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SECTOR WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS THIS INDUSTRY, SIMPLY BECAUSE THE REWARDS FOR HONG KONG COULD BE ENORMOUS.

+RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH ARE AIMED TO STRENGTHEN THE INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THIS INDUSTRY ARE BEING DRAWN UP BY THE CONSULTANTS ON THE TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDY OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

+THESE ARE LIKELY TO INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRECISION MACHINERY INSTITUTE AND AN ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY WHICH WILL - TOGETHER WITH RELEVANT TRAINING COURSES AT OUR INSTITUTES OF TERTIARY EDUCATION - GO A LONG WAY TO MEETING GAPS IN OUR PRESENT INFRASTRUCTURE,+ HE SAID.

MR BOYLE EXPLAINED THAT THE GAPS EXISTED BECAUSE THE INDUSTRY WAS IN A TRANSITIONAL STAGE BETWEEN TRADITIONAL, COMPARATIVELY LOW TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS AND THE HIGH-TECHNOLOGY, HIGH-QUALITY PRODUCTS WHICH WERE BEGINNING TO BE PRODUCED HERE.

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IN HIS VIEW, SOPHISTICATED PERSONAL COMPUTERS, VIDEO GAMES INTEGRATED WITH THESE COMPUTERS, GAME WATCHES AND BUSINESS COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC CONSUMER PRODUCTS WERE LIKELY TO ENJOY THE BEST GROWTH IN THE YEARS TO COME.

TO HELP ACHIEVE THE SPEED OF GROWTH DESIRABLE, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION DIVISION AND ITS OVERSEAS OFFICES HAD THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY AS ITS PRIME TARGET FOR INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT, HE SAID.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IS A HIGH PRIORITY, AND OVERSEAS COMPANIES HAVE ALREADY IMPLANTED SOME RELATIVELY HIGH TECHNOLOGY INTO HONG KONG.

+A TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER STUDY IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE THIS YEAR, WHEN CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AGENCY IN HONG KONG.

+THIS STUDY WILL COMPLEMENT THE STUDY ON THE METALS AND LIGHT ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES ALREADY COMPLETED AND ON THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TO BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

+MUCH OF WHAT IS BEING DONE NOW WAS GIVEN IMPETUS BY THE GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION, WHICH HAD COME UP WITH 47 RECOMMENDATIONS, ALL OF WHICH WERE ACCEPTED BY GOVERNMENT AND WHICH ARE NOW AT VARIOUS STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION.

+WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED WE SHOULD HAVE GONE A LONG WAY TOWARDS THE DIVERSIFICATION OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AND UPGRADING OF HONG KONG MADE PRODUCTS,+ MR BOYLE SAID.

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## KEEN COMPETITION EXPECTED IN U.C. ELECTIONS

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THE STAGE IS SET FOR AN INTERESTING CONTEST IN THE MARCH 8 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS, EVEN THOUGH THREE OF THE 15 CONSTITUENCIES ARE ALREADY SETTLED.

THE THREE -- WAN CHAI, KWUN TONG WEST AND WONG TAI SIN SOUTH -- STILL HAD ONLY ONE CANDIDATE EACH WHEN NOMINATIONS CLOSED AT 5.30 PM TODAY (FRIDAY). THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT AND MR AUGUSTINE CHUNG SAI-KIT, ALL SERVING URBAN COUNCILLORS, WILL THEREFORE BE AUTOMATICALLY DECLARED ELECTED.

THIS LEAVES A FIELD OF 39 CANDIDATES IN THE RACE FOR THE REMAINING 12 CONSTITUENCIES AT STAKE AND SHOULD MAKE FOR AN INTERESTING CONTEST, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY.

/+MUCH DEPENDS .....

+MUCH DEPENDS ON INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES TO WIN THE CONFIDENCE OF VOTERS, AND NO DOUBT WE SHOULD BE SEEING SOME KEEN CAMPAIGNING PARTICULARLY IN SUCH LARGE DISTRICTS AS SHAM SHUI PO, EASTERN AND KOWLOON CITY WHERE FROM SIX TO EIGHT CANDIDATES ARE STANDING FOR ELECTION,+ HE SAID.

FIVE MORE CANDIDATES RUSHED IN THEIR NOMINATIONS TODAY BEFORE THE 5.30 PM DEADLINE, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO 42.

THESE INCLUDE 39 MEN AND THREE WOMEN FROM A WIDE BACKGROUND, INCLUDING TEACHERS, ENGINEERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, SOLICITORS, A FACTORY WORKER, DOCTORS AND BUSINESSMEN.

THE FINAL LINE UP OF CANDIDATES IN THE 15 CONSTITUENCIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NORTH POINT - 4; SHAU KEI WAN - 3; SOUTHERN - 3; CENTRAL AND WESTERN - 2; WAN CHAI - 1; KOWLOON CITY EAST - 3; KOWLOON CITY WEST - 4; MONG KOK - 2; SHAM SHUI PO EAST - 3; SHAM SHUI PO WEST - 5; KWUN TONG EAST - 3; KWUN TONG WEST - 1; WONG TAI SIN SOUTH - 1; WONG TAI SIN NORTH - 3; AND YAU MA TEI - 4.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON A CONSTITUENCY BASIS, THE CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IN EFFECT, THIS MEANS THAT VOTERS IN A CONSTITUENCY WILL BE ELECTING THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL THUS BE DIRECTLY ANSWERABLE TO THAT CONSTITUENCY.

+AS SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL ALSO AUTOMATICALLY SIT ON THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARDS, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REFLECT THE WISHES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE THEY REPRESENT TO THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+IT IS IMPORTANT THEREFORE THAT VOTERS IN EACH CONSTITUENCY SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE BY CASTING THEIR VOTE ON ELECTION DAY - MARCH 8,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MORE THAN 700 000 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE URBAN AREA ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE COMING ELECTIONS.

THERE WILL BE 134 POLLING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREA. POLLING HOURS WILL BE FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL ASSUME OFFICE FROM APRIL 1 FOR THREE YEARS.

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PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

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HONG KONG PEOPLE, GENERALLY, HAVE STRONG AND CLEAR-CUT FEELINGS ABOUT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AS A SOCIAL ISSUE OR PROBLEM.

THIS IS ONE OF THE FINDINGS FROM A PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY CONDUCTED AMONG 1 000 PEOPLE REPRESENTING A CROSS SECTION OF ADULTS OF 18 YEARS AND ABOVE, FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BY INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES (ASIA) LTD.

THE SURVEY WAS PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO MEASURE AND EVALUATE PREVAILING OPINIONS, ATTITUDES AND PERCEPTIONS AMONG ADULTS CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AS A SOCIAL ISSUE OR PROBLEM, AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT 83 PER CENT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC VIEW INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AS A SERIOUS PROBLEM, WITH THE MAJORITY CONSIDERING THE PRESENT SITUATION AS HAVING IMPROVED. EIGHTY PER CENT ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FUTURE.

THE GENERAL PUBLIC, FEEL ALSO THAT THE MOST COMMON CAUSES OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ARE LACK OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT, LACK OF TRAINING IN THE USE OF MODERN MACHINERY, AND PLAIN CARELESSNESS ON THE PART OF THE WORKERS THEMSELVES.

AND ABOUT EIGHT IN TEN BELIEVE THAT ALCOHOLISM, INEXPERIENCED WORKERS, AND INADEQUATE LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE COMMON CAUSES OF INDUSTRIAL MISHAPS.

ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF THE PUBLIC CONSIDER FATALISM OR SUPERSTITION AS A CAUSE OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

THE SURVEY FINDS THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC TEND TO AGREE THAT +INCONVENIENCE/DISCOMFORT+ AND +IMPAIRMENT/OBSTRUCTION+ IN WORK FLOW ARE REASONS WHY WORKERS DO NOT USE OR WEAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT. MOST REJECT +EMBARRASSMENT+ AS A REASON FOR NOT USING SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

WHILE 60 PER CENT FEEL THAT THERE ARE NOW MORE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS THAN IN THE PAST, 54 PER CENT BELIEVE THAT THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE WILL DECREASE.

ON THE QUESTION OF WHERE RESPONSIBILITY LIES IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, OPINION IS DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: MANAGEMENT/EMPLOYERS - 40 PER CENT; LABOUR/WORKERS - 33 PER CENT; AND GOVERNMENT - 27 PER CENT.

THE GENERAL PUBLIC FEEL THAT THE +BEST+ WAYS AND MEANS OF REDUCING OR MINIMISING INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ARE:

* TO TRAIN WORKERS IN THE PROPER USE OF MODERN EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY;

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* TO HAVE THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT CONDUCT MORE INSPECTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING AND POLICING COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY STANDARDS; AND,

* TO MOTIVATE THE FAMILY TO REMIND AND ENCOURAGE WORKING MEMBERS TO USE/WEAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

ON THE SUBJECT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN, THE SURVEY SHOWS 97 PER CENT AGREEMENT THAT A GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PUBLICITY PROGRAMME IS +IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY+.

THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PUBLICITY PROGRAMME RECEIVES THE PUBLIC'S +VOTE OF CONFIDENCE+ ON BEING EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, AND IN EDUCATING WORKERS TO WORK THE SAFE WAY.

ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY, AWARENESS OF ANY INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PUBLICITY MATERIALS OR ACTIVITIES IS FAIRLY HIGH -- 76 PER CENT.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE MINOR PUBLICITY VEHICLE, ALL PROJECTS EVALUATED, NAMELY, TELEVISION ANNOUNCEMENTS (API'S), EXHIBITS AT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE IN CANTON ROAD, THE +SAFETY AT WORK+ TV PROGRAMME, +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTERS AND +QUIZ COMPETITIONS+, WERE MOST HIGHLY RATED AS +EFFECTIVE+.

THE DATA COLLECTION FOR THIS SURVEY WAS CARRIED OUT BY MEANS OF IN-HOME PERSONAL INTERVIEWS AMONG A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF HONG KONG CHINESE ADULT POPULATION OF 18 YEARS AND OVER WITH THE USE OF A STRUCTURED QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH WAS DEVELOPED BY INRA USING INPUTS FROM FOUR QUALITATIVE FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS COMPLETED IN MAY LAST YEAR.

THE INTERVIEWS WERE CARRIED OUT AND COMPLETED DURING THE WHOLE OF JULY LAST YEAR.

THE SURVEY SAMPLE CONSISTED OF 1 000 HONG KONG ADULTS OF 18 YEARS AND ABOVE, SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SO AS TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF, AND PROJECTIBLE TO, THE UNIVERSE OF 3.5 MILLION ADULT POPULATION.

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## HONG KONG-SWEDEN TEXTILE TALKS START ON MONDAY

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CONSULTATIONS WITH SWEDEN REGARDING A NEW AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND GARMENTS TO SWEDEN WILL BEGIN IN HONG KONG ON MONDAY (JANUARY 31).

A SPOKESMAN OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID THE CURRENT HONG KONG/SWEDEN TEXTILE AGREEMENT IS DUE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 31 THIS YEAR. THE CURRENT AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR EXPORT RESTRAINT ON 18 GROUPS OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND WAS CONCLUDED UNDER THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT.

THE SWEDISH DELEGATION IS BEING LED BY MR CURT WIIK, DIRECTOR, SWEDISH MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MR JUSTIN YUE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, HEADS THE HONG KONG DELEGATION.

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## SECURITY FORCES EXERCISES

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THE GURKHA FIELD FORCE HAS NOW CONCLUDED ITS PERIOD OF GENERAL MILITARY TRAINING CULMINATING IN A LARGE SCALE EXERCISE HELD ON LANTAU. THIS WAS THE FIRST MAJOR EXERCISE OF 1983.

THE EMPHASIS FOR TRAINING NOW CHANGES TO PRACTISING DEPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE POLICE - THE PRIMARY ROLE FOR THE SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

AS IN PAST YEARS, THERE WILL BE AN EXERCISE IN THE SPRING WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE TO TEST THE COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES. THIS EXERCISE WILL NOT AFFECT THE PUBLIC.

THERE WILL THEN BE A SERIES OF SMALL SCALE EXERCISES INVOLVING INDIVIDUAL UNITS TO BE HELD DURING THE PERIOD JULY TO SEPTEMBER. THIS PATTERN FOR 1983 FOLLOWS THE NORMAL ANNUAL PATTERN FOR TRAINING IN HONG KONG WITH THE EXERCISES TESTING THE ABILITY OF THE SECURITY FORCES TO REACT TO TERRORIST INCIDENTS, HIJACKINGS OR OTHER EMERGENCIES.

THE LAST SUCH EXERCISE WAS AN ANTI-TERRORIST EXERCISE HELD IN NOVEMBER 1982.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE UNIT EXERCISES TO BE HELD IN THE SUMMER WHERE THE PUBLIC MAY BE AFFECTED WILL BE ISSUED NEARER THE TIME.

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## NEW ROADS TO SERVE TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A NUMBER OF ROADS TO SERVE PROPOSED NEW INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE ; THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WITHIN THE STATUTORY PERIOD OF SIXTY DAYS FROM FIRST PUBLICATION REQUIRED BY THE ORDINANCE.

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## COMMON JURORS LIST

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THE LIST OF COMMON JURORS, FINALLY SETTLED BY THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION FROM TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 1).

COPIES OF THE LIST MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE SUPREME COURT REGISTRY, OR AT THE JURY SECTION OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS HEADQUARTERS ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF PARK COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT 6 SHELTER STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

COMPRISING TWO VOLUMES, THE LIST IS ALSO ON SALE AT $618 A VOLUME AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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## 4 PIECES CROWN LAND AND A FLAT FOR SALE

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WILL BE OFFERING FOUR PIECES OF CROWN LAND AND A FLAT FOR SALE BY AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 24 AT 2.30 PM IN THE JADE BALLROOM OF HOTEL FURAMA, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

TWO OF THE SITES ARE IN STANLEY, AND THE OTHER TWO SITES ARE IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA.

BOTH SITES IN STANLEY ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSE.

ONE OF THE SITES IS IN STANLEY NEW STREET AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 135 SQUARE METRES, WHILE THE OTHER IS OF ABOUT 117.2 SQUARE METRES IN STANLEY MAIN STREET.

THE TWO YUEN LONG SITES ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES. BOTH ARE OF ABOUT 926.4 SQUARE METRES.

AT THE SAME AUCTION, A 43.3-SQUARE-METRE FLAT AT 13 IVY STREET, 5TH FLOOR, KOWLOON, WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR SALE.

INSPECTION OF THE FLAT MAY BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE LANDS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. NO. 5-26702184 FOR APPOINTMENT.

THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR A SITE IN KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION, MEASURING ABOUT 911.6 SQUARE METRES, FOR A PETROL FILLING STATION.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE FOR THE SITES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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## WONG NAI CHUNG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDMENT

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AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR WONG NAI CHUNG HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE AMENDMENT IS TO INCORPORATE A SET OF NEW NOTES TO THE PLAN AND THERE IS NO CHANGE TO THE LAND USE ZONINGS.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG, THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (WAN CHAI), TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, GROUND, 1ST AND 8TH FLOORS, HONG KONG UNTIL FEBRUARY 17, 1983.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN TOGETHER WITH A REVISED SET OF SCHEDULE OF NOTES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AT $10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY.

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## DB MEMBERS VISIT LABOUR DEPARTMENT

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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT SOME ASPECTS OF THE WORK OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, DR J.W. HAYES, THE MEMBERS VISITED THREE DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT WITH A VIEW TO GAINING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MANY SERVICES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THEY FIRST VISITED THE SAN PO KONG BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE SHORTLY AFTER 2 PM AND STAYED FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR OBSERVING HOW THE STAFF ASSISTED JOB-SEEKERS.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO THE CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE IN MA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WHERE MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON COUNSELLING SERVICES ON CAREERS OFFERED TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE VISIT CONCLUDED WITH A TOUR OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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## COURSES OFFERED ON REMEDIAL TEACHING

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CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN EIGHT IDENTICAL ONE-DAY COURSES ON REMEDIAL TEACHING OF CHINESE IN MARCH AND APRIL.

THE COURSES, ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 16, 18, 21, 23 AND 25 AT 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2/F, KOWLOON AND ON APRIL 18, 20 AND 22 AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, 1/F, HONG KONG.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AND EXCHANGE THEIR VIEWS ON REMEDIAL TEACHING WITH SCHOOL INSPECTORS OF CHINESE AND TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE FROM OTHER SCHOOLS.

AS EACH COURSE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE 30 PARTICIPANTS, EACH SCHOOL MAY NOMINATE ONLY ONE TEACHER, AND PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE ENGAGED IN REMEDIAL TEACHING OF THE SUBJECT.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2/F, KOWLOON BY FEBRUARY 28.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE CENTRE AT TEL. 3-7128476 OR 5-488230.

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## TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN MID-LEVELS

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A TRAFFIC LANE ON MAGAZINE GAP ROAD BETWEEN GARDEN ROAD AND BREWIN PATH WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 8.30 PM AND 12.30 AM DAILY FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 31) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER.

THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST FOUR DAYS, DURING WHICH PERIOD TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THE ADJACENT LANE.

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## URBAN CLEARWAYS IN TAI KOK TSUI

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ASH STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI BETWEEN ANCHOR STREET AND FUK TSUN STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 4 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 31).

THIS WILL ALSO APPLY TO POK MAN STREET NEAR TAI KOK TSUI ROAD.

WITHIN THESE ROADS, VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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## FRESH WATER CUT IN WAN CHAI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 31) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES WILL BE THOSE IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY CANAL ROAD EAST, HENNESSY ROAD, PERCIVAL STREET AND LEIGHTON ROAD. THIS WILL INCLUDE PREMISES IN LEIGHTON LANE, HOUSE NOS 42-64 LEIGHTON ROAD, PO LEUNG KUK, AND THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

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