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PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR LORD CAITHNESS' VISIT

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THE FOLLOWING ARE PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COVERAGE OF THE VISIT TO HONG KONG BY THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD CAITHNESS.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:

ARRIVAL

LORD CAITHNESS WILL ARRIVE BY FLIGHT CX 250 AT AROUND 2 PM. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 1.10 PM AT THE LATEST.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:

VISIT TO WHITEHEAD VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE DETENTION CENTRE

A PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (CGO) CARPARK, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL AT 10 AM SHARP TO TAKE THE PRESS TO WHITEHEAD IN SHA TIN.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAKING THEIR OWN WAY TO WHITEHEAD SHOULD ARRIVE THERE NOT LATER THAN 11 AM.

VISIT TO SHA TIN DISTRICT

A PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE THE CGO CARPARK AT 1 PM TO TAKE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS TO SHA TIN.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAKING THEIR OWN WAY TO SHA TIN SHOULD ARRIVE AT BLOCK F, GARDEN RIVERA (ADJACENT TO REGAL RIVERSIDE HOTEL) NOT LATER THAN 2.15 PM.

VISIT TO TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

EDITORS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE PRESS COACH COVERING THE SHA TIN VISIT WILL ALSO TAKE THE MEDIA TO TAI PO TO COVER THE MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAKING THEIR OWN WAY TO THE ESTATE SHOULD ARRIVE AT JOHNSON ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTORY LIMITED AT 6-22 DAI SHUN STREET NOT LATER THAN 4 PM.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:

VISIT TO TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN

THE PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE THE CGO CARPARK AT 2 PM SHARP TO TAKE THE PRESS TO TSEUNG KWAN O.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAKING THEIR OWN WAY TO THE NEW TOWN SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE PAVILION OPPOSITE HONG SHING GARDENS, PO LAM ROAD NOT LATER THAN 2.45 PM.

VISIT TO SITE OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

EDITORS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE PRESS COACH FROM TSEUNG KWAN O WILL ALSO TAKE THE PRESS TO THE UNIVERSITY SITE IN SAI KUNG.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:

VISIT TO HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE VISIT SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE ATRIUM OF THE HKCEC NOT LATER THAN 9.45 AM.

VISIT TO KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT

THE PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE THE CGO CARPARK AT 2.15 PM SHARP TO TAKE THE PRESS TO KWAI CHUNG.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAKING THEIR OWN WAY THERE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF MODERN TERMINALS LIMITED NOT LATER THAN 3.30 PM.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:

VISIT TO WELFARE INSTITUTION

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE VISIT SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT, 85 STONE NULLAH LANE, WAN CHAI NOT LATER THAN 9.45 AM.

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PRESS CONFERENCE AT GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL START AT 4.30 PM AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL. TV CREW ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE BEFORE 4.15 PM TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

DEPARTURE

LORD CAITHNESS WILL LEAVE HONG KONG BY FLIGHT CX251 AT AROUND 10.55 PM. A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER HIS DEPARTURE. THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 10.15 PM.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR MAY - JULY RELEASED

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED STABLE AT A LOW LEVEL WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASED DURING THE PERIOD MAY - JULY 1990, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1990 WAS 1.7 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 1.8 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1990 AND 1.2 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASE OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.5 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN MAY - JULY 1990 WAS ESTIMATED AT 46,700, COMPARED WITH 48,700 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1990 AND 34,100 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1989.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1990 WAS 1.0 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 0.7 PER CENT FOR BOTH THE THREE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1990 AND THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASE OF 0.3 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN MAY - JULY 1990 WAS 26,800, COMPARED WITH 20,300 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1990 AND 19,200 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1989.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION. THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JUNE - AUGUST 1990 WAS 1.8 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.9 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR MAY - JULY 1990 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 11,500 HOUSEHOLDS OR 41,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND SEPTEMBER 20 AT \$11.50 PER COPY.

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CS SPELLS OUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR UK INVESTMENT

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FAINT HEARTS IN BRITAIN SHOULD REALISE THAT 1997 IS NOT THE END OF EMPIRE BUT THE KEY TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID IN LONDON YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING A REAL ESTATE SYMPOSIUM ATTENDED BY SENIOR FUND MANAGERS, SECURITY ANALYSTS AND PROPERTY CONSULTANTS, SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT THE RETURN TO CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY WOULD BRING NO RADICAL CHANGES TO THE WAY HONG KONG FUNCTIONS.

"CONTINUITY IS ASSURED IN ALL ASPECTS OF OUR BUSINESS DEALINGS, GOVERNMENT, JUDICIARY AND CAPITALIST WAY OF LIFE," HE SAID.

THIS MEANT THAT HONG KONG'S PLANNING HORIZON WAS NOT LIMITED BY THE YEAR 1997.

"WE MUST PLAN WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY AND TO THAT END THE GOVERNMENT'S JOB IS TO PROVIDE THE PHYSICAL AND HUMAN INFRASTRUCTURE IN WHICH BUSINESSMEN CAN OPERATE; AND ENVIRONMENT THAT ALLOWS BUSINESSMEN TO MAKE DECISIONS WITH THE MINIMUM INTERFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

IN EXPLAINING HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A REGIONAL CENTRE AND GATEWAY TO CHINA, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO EXPAND PORT FACILITIES AND BUILD A NEW AIRPORT TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND.

WORK WAS ALREADY UNDERWAY AND THERE WERE TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR BRITISH INVOLVEMENT, HE SAID.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES WERE "GREAT INDEED".

"THE EXISTING KAI TAK SITE AND AREAS OF KOWLOON FREED FROM HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS WILL PROVIDE EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT," SIR DAVID SAID, "IN ADDITION TO THE VIRGIN SITES RELATED TO THE NEW AIRPORT IN NORTHERN LANTAU."

THE HONG KONG PROPERTY MARKET HAD PUT UP A ROBUST PERFORMANCE OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, HE SAID. APART FROM SETBACKS IN 1973-75, 1983-85 AND THE SECOND HALF OF 1989, EXPENDITURE ON BUILDINGS GREW AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF 22 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS OR EIGHT PER CENT IN REAL TERMS.

COMPLETIONS OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY HAD DECLINED FROM THE PEAKS REACHED IN THE 1970'S AND EARLY 1980'S BUT WERE STILL SUBSTANTIAL AT 450,000 TO 500,000 SQUARE METRES PER YEAR.

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CSD SCOUTS COMMENDED FOR GREAT COURAGE

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRAISED SCOUTS FROM THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD), WHO ARE TRAINING CENTRE INMATES, FOR THEIR GREAT COURAGE AND ENDEAVOUR TO TURN OVER A NEW LEAF.

SIR TI LIANG WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY PRIOR TO THE "BEATING RETREAT" PERFORMANCE STAGED BY CSD SCOUTS AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM THIS EVENING.

"IT TAKES GREAT COURAGE FOR ONE TO RISE FROM AN INGLORIOUS PAST AND START AFRESH. THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE PRESENTING THE PERFORMANCE THIS EVENING ARE MAKING A POINT THAT THIS THEY ARE ENDEAVOURING TO DO.

"THEY WILL NOT ONLY BE DEMONSTRATING THEIR COMMITMENT TO REDEEMING THEMSELVES AS USEFUL AND RESPECTABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THEY ARE ALREADY DOING SOMETHING GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY, SINCE PROCEEDS OF THE PERFORMANCE WILL BE DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST," HE SAID.

SIR TI LIANG NOTED THAT AS HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN A HIGHLY COMPLEX, HIGHLY COMPETITIVE SOCIETY, THE PRESSURE OF LIFE IS GREAT AND PITFALLS ARE PLENTY.

"THERE ARE ALWAYS THOSE WHO FAIL TO COPE OR TO KEEP STRAIGHT. SOME REGRETTABLY GET CAUGHT UP WITH THE LAW," HE SAID.

HE SAID AS A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIARY, HE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO SEE THOSE WHOM IT HAD DEALT WITH IN THE DOCKS TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF AND BECOMING GOOD CITIZENS.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO WELCOME THEM BACK TO THEIR SIDE.

THE MAIN PERFORMERS OF THIS EVENING'S SHOW WERE SCOUTS OF THE 221ST HONG KONG ISLAND SCOUT GROUP, WHO DEMONSTRATED THEIR MUSIC TALENT AND MAGNIFICENT MARCHING DISPLAY TO MORE THAN 2,000 SPECTATORS.

THERE WAS ALSO A PERFORMANCE BY THE 141ST ISLAND RANGER SERVICE UNIT.

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES WERE FIRST ORGANISED BY THE CSD FOR YOUNG INMATES IN 1986 AND NOW FORM AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMME IN TRAINING CENTRES.

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HK SUPPORTS INT'L ACTION TO SAVE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

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HONG KONG WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON WORLD CLIMATE AND WILL SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO SAVE THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT.

THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE "HONG KONG IS OUR HOME" EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT PROTECTION OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT WAS BOUND TO BECOME PART OF OUR LIVES.

"AS PARTIES THROUGH BRITAIN TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL, WE ARE NOW FIRMLY BOUND BY RESPONSIBILITIES TO REDUCE OUR CONSUMPTION OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFC'S), INCLUDING THOSE USED IN AIR-CONDITIONERS AND REFRIGERATORS, TO 1988 LEVELS BY 1992.

"FURTHERMORE, WE CANNOT, AND SHOULD NOT, WISH TO ESCAPE RESPONSIBILITY TO PHASE OUT THE USE, IMPORT OR EXPORT OF CFC'S BY THE END OF THE CENTURY."

MR BARNES SAID CFC'S WERE EXTREMELY POTENT GREENHOUSE GASES, BUT QUANTITATIVELY NOT SO SIGNIFICANT AS CARBON DIOXIDE.

"THE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE ON THE PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES OF THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT IS LESS CERTAIN, AND CERTAINLY LESS UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED THAN THE EVIDENCE ON CFC'S.

"HOWEVER, IF AND WHEN THE WORLD'S NATIONS DECIDE TO MOVE TOWARDS RESTRICTION OF CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS, WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS CAST-IRON PROOF OF GLOBAL WARMING, HONG KONG WILL CERTAINLY HAVE TO DO ITS PART."

MR BARNES POINTED OUT THAT AT A RECENT INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN STOCKHOLM CONVENED TO PREPARE FOR THE FORTHCOMING WORLD CLIMATE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, A FAIRLY ENCOURAGING CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ON INITIATING ACTION.

"HONG KONG WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IT MUST SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL ACTION.

"ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS, AND IMAGE IN, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MUST BE PROGRESSIVE IF IT IS TO SURVIVE, AND, IN MANY INTERNATIONAL EYES, WE WILL STAND OR FALL ON OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE," HE SAID.

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IMPORTANCE OF APPRENTICE TRAINING STRESSED

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CAPITAL AND A TRAINED WORK FORCE ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG, WHICH IS NOW NOT ONLY AN INTERNATIONAL TRADING AND FINANCIAL CENTRE, BUT ALSO AN ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL CITY.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR HO SAI-CHU SAID THIS WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE GOVERNMENT APPRENTICES GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR HO NOTED THAT SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME IN 1969, SOME 647 TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES AND 1,856 CRAFT APPRENTICES HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE COURSES WHICH EMPHASISED BOTH CLASSROOM TRAINING AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION.

"THIS APPROACH ENABLES THE APPRENTICES TO JOIN THE WORK FORCE RIGHT AFTER GRADUATION SO THAT THEY CAN IMMEDIATELY MAKE USE OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

MR HO CONGRATULATED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS FORESIGHT IN STARTING THE TRAINING SCHEME FROM WHICH CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS WERE PRODUCED FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE AS WELL AS TO ENSURE THAT THE LOCAL INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF TRAINED MANPOWER TO SUSTAIN ITS DEVELOPMENT.

AS HONG KONG WAS NOW UNDERTAKING LARGE-SCALE INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT, THERE WAS A GREAT DEMAND FOR TRAINED MANPOWER, HE ADDED.

GRADUATING TODAY WERE 39 TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES AND 31 CRAFT APPRENTICES WHO HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE FOUR-YEAR TRAINING COURSE.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH INCLUDED ON-THE-JOB TRAINING, HAD BEEN DEVELOPED TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS FOR PROFICIENCY IN THEORETICAL TECHNOLOGY AND SKILL IN PRACTICAL WORK.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR MIAO CHI, STAFF INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING PROGRAMME AND PARENTS OF THE GRADUATING APPRENTICES.

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ANOTHER WORLD CLASS STANDARD WSD PROJECT OPENS

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THE OPENING OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL WORKSHOP IN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TODAY (FRIDAY) MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORT IN CENTRALISING AND STREAMLINING THE MAINTENANCE OF WATERWORKS EQUIPMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR KENNETH KWOK, SAID AT THE WORKSHOP'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY.

MR KWOK SAID THE WORKSHOP, COSTING ABOUT \$150 MILLION, WAS YET THE DEPARTMENT'S ANOTHER PROJECT OF WORLD CLASS STANDARD, JUST AS THE PLOVER COVE AND HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIRS.

OCCUPYING A 16,900 SQUARE-METRE SITE, THE WORKSHOP WILL HANDLE THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL WATERWORKS HEAVY MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL PLANTS INSTALLED IN THE TERRITORY.

IT WILL ACCOMMODATE ALL FACILITIES AT PRESENT PROVIDED AT THE WATERWORKS DEPOTS AT BULLOCK LANE AND ARGYLE STREET, THE YAU TONG METER SHOP AND THE TEMPORARY ELECTRICAL WORKSHOP AND CABLE STORE AT THE LOK ON PAI DESALTER.

WITH ITS COMMISSIONING, THE WORKSHOPS AND OFFICES AT BULLOCK LANE IN WAN CHAI WILL BE DEMOLISHED THUS RELEASING VALUABLE LAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

"THE DEPOT AT BULLOCK LANE HAS BEEN OPERATED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SINCE 1946 AND THE FACILITIES THERE ARE INADEQUATE TO COPE WITH THE EVER INCREASING DEMANDS OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE," MR KWOK SAID.

"THE INCREASING DEMAND IS CLEARLY REFLECTED IN THE INCREASE IN AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN THE TERRITORY, RISING FROM SOME 0.13 MILLION CUBIC METRES PER DAY IN 1946 TO WELL OVER TWO MILLION CUBIC METRES PER DAY IN 1990," HE ADDED.

THE NEW WORKSHOP, WHICH HAS TAKEN THREE AND A HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE, COMPRISES A MAIN WORKSHOP BUILDING, A MULTI-STORY OFFICE BLOCK, A MAIN ELECTRICAL WORKSHOP, AUXILIARY WORKSHOP BUILDINGS, COVERED STORES, OPEN STORAGE COMPOUND, METER SHOP AND RECREATIONAL AND CANTEN FACILITIES FOR THE STAFF.

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PUBLICATION OF INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS
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THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE GAZETTING OF TWO MORE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA (IDPA) PLANS FOR NGAU TAM MEI AND THE SHEUNG PAK NAI AND HA PAK LAI AREAS IN NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

SINCE THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 WAS GAZETTED ON JULY 27, 1990, A TOTAL OF 17 IDPA PLANS HAVE SO FAR BEEN PUBLISHED COVERING A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 8,550 HECTARES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SAID THAT NGAU TAM MEI, LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES, IS ESSENTIALLY A LARGE VALLEY SHIELDED BY HILLS IN THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES.

"ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF DESIGNATING THE AREA AS IDPA IS TO SET OUT A FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL TO PREVENT FURTHER DEGRADATION OF THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE UNREGULATED OPEN STORAGE AND INDUSTRIAL USES," HE SAID.

THE NGAU TAM MEI IDPA COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 901 HECTARES WHILE THE SHEUNG PAK NAI AND HA PAK NAI IDPA COVERS 176 HECTARES OF LAND.

THE SHEUNG PAK NAI AND HA PAK NAI IDPA IS SITUATED IN THE WESTERN PART OF NORTHWEST PART OF NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES ALONG THE COAST OF OUTER DEEP BAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO PREVENT IMPROPER FILLING ACTIVITIES, AND UNCONTROLLABLE PROLIFERATION OF OPEN STORAGE AND ASSOCIATED USES WHICH WOULD JEOPARDISE THE GOVERNMENT'S LAND USE INTENTION IN THE AREA, DEGRADE THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT AND POSE THREATS TO A SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST IN SHEUNG PAK NAI (THE SANDPIT ALONG THE SHORE).

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, DEVELOPMENT IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE PLANS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS UPON COMMENCEMENT OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

ON ENACTMENT THE IDPA'S WOULD BE INCLUDED IN STATUTORY DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS (DPA'S) AND THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING COULD THEN SERVE NOTICE REQUIRING REINSTATEMENT OF THE LAND TO THE CONDITION IT WAS IN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE GAZETTING OF THE IDPA PLANS OR RESTORATION OF THE LAND TO HIS SATISFACTION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT EXISTING USES WOULD BE TOLERATED WITHIN THE IDPA'S. PERMISSION GRANTED BY THE DIRECTOR WOULD BE HONOURED WHEN THE IDPAS ARE INCLUDED INTO STATUTORY DPA'S.

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ON THE NGAU TAM MEI IDPA PLAN, THERE ARE AREAS DESIGNATED FOR "VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT" TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY EXPANSION OF ESTABLISHED VILLAGES.

TO CATER FOR THE CONTINUING DEMAND FOR OPEN STORAGE SITES, ABOUT 9.3 HECTARES OF LAND ARE DESIGNATED FOR OPEN STORAGE USES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AN IDPA WOULD BE ASSESSED ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

IF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING'S PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT IS REQUIRED, AN APPLICATION FOR SUCH PERMISSION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL REGISTRY, PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

INDIGENOUS NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGERS WISHING TO APPLY FOR SMALL HOUSE SITES IN AREAS COVERED BY THE NEW IDPA'S SHOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY DIRECT TO THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER.

THE TWO IDPA PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED UNTIL NOVEMBER 14 THIS YEAR AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- * PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICES.

COPIES OF THE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AD LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 EACH COLOURED.

DRAFT SAI YING PUN AND SHEUNG WAN OZP AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS MADE AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT SAI YING PUN AND SHEUNG WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGES IN LAND USE PROPOSALS.

THE AMENDMENTS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WESTERN MARKET SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF MORRISON STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL HAS BEEN REZONED FROM "OPEN SPACE" AND "ROAD" TO "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" ANNOTATED "EXISTING BUILDING TO BE PRESERVED FOR RETAIL, RESTAURANT, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL USES" TO FACILITATE THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S PRESERVATION SCHEME.

ALSO, A "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" SITE AT FAT HING STREET HAS BEEN REZONED TO "OPEN SPACE" FOR OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS UNTIL OCTOBER 5 THIS YEAR AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- PLANNING DEPARTMENT,
FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,
GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRY
SUB-OFFICE,
GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
WEST WING, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG; AND
- CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE,
GROUND AND 11TH FLOORS, HARBOUR BUILDING,
38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 5.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE KOWLOON MAP SALE SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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UNDERGROUND STRUCTURES SUBJECT TO PROPER CONTROL

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UNDERGROUND STRUCTURES SUCH AS CAVERN AND UNDERGROUND SPACE HAVE BEEN DEFINED AS A BUILDING IN A DECLARATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY HAS DECLARED SEA-WALL, BREAKWATER, JETTY, MOLE, QUAY, CAVERN OR ANY UNDERGROUND SPACE ADAPTED OR CONSTRUCTED FOR OCCUPATION FOR ANY PURPOSE INCLUDING ITS ASSOCIATED ACCESS TUNNELS AND ACCESS SHAFTS AS A BUILDING FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN THE LAWS OF HONG KONG.

AS A RESULT, THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THESE STRUCTURES ARE SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS.

BEFORE THESE STRUCTURES ARE CONSTRUCTED, PLANS HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL.

A RECENT STUDY BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE POTENTIAL USES OF UNDERGROUND SPACE HAS DEMONSTRATED THE APPLICABILITY OF ROCK CAVERN CONSTRUCTION IN HONG KONG.

PRIVATE DEVELOPERS ARE EXPECTED TO ADOPT SUCH UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SUCH PRIVATE UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO PROPER CONTROL.

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LAND RESUMPTION FOR LANDSCAPE AREA

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME LAND IN NAM PIN WAI, YUEN LONG FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VILLAGE LANDSCAPE AREA WITH FLOWER BEDS, PLANTATION AND TREE RINGS, AND PARKING SPACES.

THE LAND TO BE RESUMED COMPRISES PORTIONS OF TWO PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 2,558.6 SQUARE METRES.

THE LAND WILL BE REVERTED TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING OF NOTICES ON THE LOTS.

DETAILS OF THE RESUMPTION WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAN WAI SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IN YUEN LONG AS PART OF THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES SEWERAGE SCHEME.

THE CONTRACT COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TREATMENT PLANT AND THE ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS, PIPELINES, ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 19 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S DESIGN DIVISION AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY ITS NEW WORKS DIVISION.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, NEW WORKS DIVISION, DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 12.

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BAN ON SUB-STANDARD SAFETY HELMETS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A WARNING TO CONTRACTORS CONCERNING THE USE OF SUB-STANDARD SAFETY HELMETS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES WHICH CANNOT AFFORD WORKERS THE REQUIRED PROTECTION FROM INJURY BY FALLING OBJECTS.

DURING A RECENT STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE, IT WAS FOUND THAT A CERTAIN TYPE OF LOCALLY-MADE SAFETY HELMET WORN BY WORKERS WAS WHOLLY INADEQUATE TO WITHSTAND THE IMPACT OF OBJECTS DROPPED FROM A HEIGHT.

THE HELMET, WHICH BEARS THE DESCRIPTION "SAFETY HELMET-MALTON-ABS-10-3054, UV 2017-PASS ETC SAFETY TEST", DOES NOT CONFORM TO BRITISH STANDARD 5240 PRESCRIBED FOR THE TESTING OF SAFETY HELMETS, THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID.

"HENCE, WE CONSIDER THIS TYPE OF HELMET UNABLE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF REGULATION 48 OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS," MR YIP SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE REGULATIONS, CONTRACTORS WERE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EACH WORKER WITH A SUITABLE SAFETY HELMET AND TO ENSURE THAT IT WAS WORN BY WORKERS ON SITE AT ALL TIMES.

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"IN VIEW OF THE EXIGENCY OF THE MATTER, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE AN ORDER TO EACH CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR A CONSTRUCTION SITE REQUIRING HIM TO PROVIDE WORKERS ONLY WITH SAFETY HELMETS CONFORMING TO SPECIFIED NATIONAL STANDARDS," MR YIP SAID.

"LETTERS AND COPY OF THE ORDER ARE BEING SENT TO ALL CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES, CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNIONS, INSTITUTES OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, RELATED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL AND OTHER CONCERNED ORGANISATIONS, NOTIFYING THEM OF THE REQUIREMENTS ON SAFETY HELMETS."

THE HELMETS SHOULD BE MADE TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS:

- AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD INSTITUTE ANSI Z 89.1
SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL HEAD PROTECTION
- AUSTRALIAN STANDARD SPECIFICATION AS 1801
INDUSTRIAL SAFETY HELMETS
- BRITISH STANDARDS SPECIFICATION BS 5240
INDUSTRIAL SAFETY HELMETS
- CANADIAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION CSA Z 94.1
SAFETY HELMETS
- FRENCH STANDARD SPECIFICATION NF S72-202
INDUSTRIAL SAFETY HELMETS
- GERMAN INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS SPECIFICATION DIN 4840
PROTECTIVE HELMETS USED IN INDUSTRY
- JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL STANDARD JIS T8131
SAFETY HELMETS

IN ADDITION, CONTRACTORS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENT WITH IN A MONTH FROM THE ISSUE OF THE ORDER.

"AFTERWARDS, FACTORY INSPECTORS WILL VISIT THE SITES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDER BY THE CONTRACTORS," MR YIP SAID.

"ANY CONTRACTOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER COMMITS AN OFFENCE WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000," HE STRESSED.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE ABOVE SAFETY DRIVE, MR YIP SAID THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WOULD HOLD AN "EXHIBITION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT '90" ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND 29 AT THE KOWLOON PARK PIAZZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

"PARTICIPATED BY 13 SAFETY EQUIPMENT COMPANIES AND THE RED CROSS, THE EXHIBITION WILL INCLUDE A DISPLAY ON VARIOUS TYPES OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT USED IN INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS A DEMONSTRATION ON THE TESTING OF SAFETY HELMETS," HE NOTED.

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ROAD WORKS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW NEAR AIRPORT

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROAD WORKS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS NEAR THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO MEET THE ANTICIPATED INCREASING TRAFFIC.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO PROVIDE SPACE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON.

THE PROPOSED WORKS, SCHEDULED TO START IN MAY NEXT YEAR WITH A CONSTRUCTION PERIOD OF 15 MONTHS, INCLUDE:

- * CONSTRUCTION OF SLIP ROADS TO AND FROM THE SECTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD LOCATED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE AIRPORT POLICE STATION AND A ROUNDABOUT IN CONCORDE ROAD TO CONNECT THESE SLIP ROADS;
- * RE-ALIGNMENT OF A SECTION OF CONCORDE ROAD;
- * RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE CONNECTION TO CONCORDE ROAD FLYOVER;
- * RE-ALIGNMENT AND WIDENING OF A SECTION OF EASTERN ROAD TO RUN AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE PROPOSED AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON AND BENEATH THE CONCORDE ROAD FLYOVER, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT TO CONNECT THESE RE-ALIGNED ROADS;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD CONNECTION TO WANG KWONG ROAD ADJACENT TO RICHLAND GARDENS;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS, RETAINING WALLS, STREET FURNITURE AND DRAINAGE WORKS; AND
- * ASSOCIATED PERMANENT CLOSURE OF PORTIONS OF EXISTING ROADS AND FOOTPATHS AFTER REPROVISIONING BY CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY ACCESS OR THE ABOVE ROAD WORKS.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON;
- * KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON; AND
- * KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 6 THIS YEAR.

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HK POLICE OFFICER DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS IN JAPAN

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A KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON INTERNATIONAL DRUGS INVESTIGATION WAS GIVEN AT THE JAPANESE NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY IN TOKYO BY POLICE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, NARCOTICS BUREAU, MR DAVE HODSON, AS PART OF AN ADVANCED COURSE FOR SENIOR POLICE ADMINISTRATORS.

MR HODSON WAS ONE OF TWO OVERSEAS OFFICERS INVITED TO LECTURE OFFICERS ATTENDING THE FIVE-MONTH COURSE FROM JAPAN, BRUNEI, INDONESIA, KOREA, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND.

THE PURPOSE OF THE COURSE WAS TO INFORM THE POLICE ADMINISTRATORS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS TO INCREASE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF JAPANESE POLICING METHODS AND TO DISCUSS AND STUDY THE SYSTEM AND ITS PROBLEMS.

MR HODSON'S WEEK LONG VISIT TO JAPAN ALSO ALLOWED HIM TO MAKE A STUDY TOUR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY, THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE AND THE OSAKA PREFECTURAL POLICE.

"TWO TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST DURING MY VISIT WERE LOOKING AT DEVELOPMENTS THERE IN THE INCREASE IN THE USE OF COCAINE AND THE SMUGGLING OF STIMULANTS AND CANNABIS FROM HONG KONG TO JAPAN," MR HODSON SAID.

"THE HONG KONG SITUATION IS NOT OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE BUT LAST YEAR SAW AN INCREASE IN THE APPEARANCE IN TOKYO OF COCAINE FROM SOUTH AMERICA AND THAT IS A DEVELOPMENT BEING WATCHED CAREFULLY.

"I WAS ALSO GLAD TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING JAPANESE POLICE OFFICERS I'D MEET PREVIOUSLY AND TO DISCUSS THE INVESTIGATION OF INTERNATIONAL DRUGS CASES.

"I WAS DELIGHTED TO BE INVITED TO JAPAN."

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FACTORY VISITS TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTHERN

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON WORKERS TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS SO THAT THEY CAN VOTE IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

MRS CHAN MADE THE APPEAL DURING A TOUR OF LOCAL FACTORIES WITH A TEAM OF DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION.

SPEAKING TO WORKERS AT A RAZOR FACTORY, MRS CHAN SAID: "AS AN ELECTOR, YOU CAN USE YOUR BALLOT TO ELECT AN IDEAL REPRESENTATIVE TO REFLECT YOUR VIEWS."

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DURING THE VISITS, THE TEAM INVITED WORKERS TO PARTICIPATE IN GAMES AND QUIZZES RELATED TO VOTER REGISTRATION AND HELPED THEM SIGN UP AS ELECTORS.

AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION AMONG WORKERS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO MADE REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN MORE THAN 300 LOCAL FACTORIES.

MEANWHILE, IT WILL CONDUCT SEPARATE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES AT REPULSE BAY AND SHEK O ON SUNDAY.

THE DISTRICT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN, WHICH STARTED IN EARLY AUGUST, ALSO INCLUDES VISITS TO ABOUT 60,000 HOUSEHOLDS AND THE SETTING UP OF TEMPORARY REGISTRATION COUNTERS IN VARIOUS PLACES.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS TO DATE RECEIVED OVER 7,500 COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS.

ACCORDING TO THE 1989 FINAL REGISTER, ABOUT 78,000 PEOPLE, OR 46.6 PER CENT, OF THE 167,900 ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT HAD REGISTERED.

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SENIOR RESIDENTS SIGN UP AS VOTERS
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS AND TO VOTE IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

MR FISHER MADE THE APPEAL WHEN ATTENDING A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE ELDERLY AT THE KENNEDY TOWN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL CENTRE THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT HAD SHOWN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE. EARLIER, HE RECEIVED A LARGE NUMBER OF COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS FROM A CENTRE REPRESENTATIVE.

MR FISHER ALSO CALLED ON OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO THE DRIVE.

IN ORDER TO REACH MORE POTENTIAL ELECTORS, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL VISIT COMMERCIAL FIRMS AND EVENING SCHOOLS IN THE COMING WEEKS AND WILL ALSO ASSIST VISITORS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE DISTRICT TO SIGN UP, HE SAID.

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SPECIAL ARTICLE ON OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES IN CHINA

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THE MAY 1990 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA OF OUTWARD PROCESSING NATURE".

OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES IN CHINA HAVE BEEN GROWING INTO PROMINENCE IN RECENT YEARS, AND HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ANALYSIS OF HONG KONG'S TRADE PERFORMANCE WITH CHINA.

THE SPECIAL ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE SURVEY ON EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING AND THE SURVEY ON IMPORTS FROM CHINA RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE OBJECTIVES, DEFINITIONS, COVERAGE AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEYS, AND THE USES OF STATISTICS DERIVED FROM THE SURVEYS ARE OUTLINED IN THE ARTICLE. SURVEY RESULTS FOR 1989 ARE ALSO PRESENTED AND ANALYSED.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$40 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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NEW POST OFFICE TO SERVE HAPPY VALLEY

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THE NEW HAPPY VALLEY POST OFFICE, LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF 14-16 SING WOO ROAD, WILL BE OPEN AT 9.30 AM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE EXISTING POST OFFICE AT 4 WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS WITH EFFECT FROM 1 PM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

THE HOURS OF BUSINESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

"A SPECIAL HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL PHILATELISTS AT THE NEW HAPPY VALLEY POST OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 24," MR WONG SAID.

"UNREGISTERED FULL POSTAGE PREPAID FIRST DAY COVERS PREPARED PRIVATELY AND BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM."

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II'S AND OVERSTAYERS ARRESTED

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IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATORS, ACTING ON INFORMATION, ARRESTED FOUR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND TWO OVERSTAYERS FROM CHINA YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

THREE OF THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, MEN AGED 22 AND 23, WERE APPREHENDED AT A DESERTED FARM IN YUEN LONG. THEY ARE NATIVES OF CHIU CHOW AND CLAIMED TO HAVE SNEAKED INTO HONG KONG EARLIER THIS MONTH.

THE OTHER ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT AND THE TWO OVERSTAYERS, AGED 21, 22 AND 23, WERE ARRESTED AT A RESIDENTIAL FLAT IN NORTH POINT. THEY ARE ALL FEMALES AND NATIVES OF FUKIEN.

THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT ADMITTED TO HAVE SNEAKED INTO HONG KONG LAST MONTH. HER FATHER, A HONG KONG RESIDENT, IS ASSISTING WITH INVESTIGATION.

THE TWO OVERSTAYERS WHO ARE SISTERS ENTERED HONG KONG ON TWO-WAY PERMITS. THEY HAVE OVERSTAYED FOR ABOUT NINE MONTHS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT REITERATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BREACHED THEIR CONDITION OF STAY HERE ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND TO A FINE OF \$5,000 AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

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