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INITIAL STEP TO DRAFT LEGISLATION
TO DEAL WITH VICE DEN SIGNS

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AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO DRAFT LEGISLATION WHICH WILL HELP TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF SIGNS OF VICE ESTABLISHMENTS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE END OF A VISIT TO MONG KOK DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID THE PROBLEM OF SIGNPOSTS AND SIGNS OF VICE DENS WAS NOT AN EASY ONE TO DEAL WITH BECAUSE THE LEGISLATION WAS NOT THERE TO DEAL WITH IT.

"THE POLICE ARE BEING VERY ACTIVE TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF VICE DENS. THERE ARE OTHER PROBLEMS SUCH AS, IN PARTICULAR, THE NEED TO DEAL WITH SIGNPOSTS OR SIGNS OUTSIDE IN THE STREET WHICH OFFEND SOME PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND WHICH IN OTHER CASES ARE POSSIBLY DANGEROUS BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO LARGE," HE SAID.

"THERE IS AT THE MOMENT AN ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO DRAFT LEGISLATION WHICH WILL HELP TO DEAL WITH THOSE PROBLEMS. BUT NOBODY PRETENDS THAT IT IS AN EASY PROBLEM TO GET ON TOP OF," HE ADDED.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AIDS THROUGH PROSTITUTION, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD LAUNCHED A VERY SUBSTANTIAL CAMPAIGN TO TRY TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF AIDS.

"IT'S NOT JUST THE PROBLEM OF AIDS THROUGH PROSTITUTION, BUT AIDS IN EVERY OTHER FORM OF SEXUAL CONTACT. IT MEANS A MASSIVE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN THAT IS NOW BEING DONE," HE NOTED.

REFERRING TO HIS VISIT TO THE DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED TO SEE HOW THE PROBLEM OF HAWKING COULD BE CHANNELLED AND BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BY THE HAWKERS PERMITTED AREA SCHEME, AND HOW THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL CONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY IN THAT AREA WAS DEALT WITH BY THE LEGAL METERING SYSTEM.

"ALL THE HAWKERS WHOM I TALKED TO THERE SAID IT WAS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PAST BECAUSE IT WAS A SAFER SYSTEM AND IT IS ALSO A MUCH TIDIER SYSTEM THAN IT HAD BEEN BEFORE," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS ALSO IMPRESSED BY THE WORK OF THE OWNERS CORPORATIONS (OC'S) IN IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS.

HE SAID THE BUILDING HE VISITED THIS AFTERNOON WAS 23 YEARS' OLD AND HAD BECOME VERY DILAPIDATED, BUT BECAUSE OF THE EFFICIENCY AND ENERGY OF THE OWNERS CORPORATION, THE BUILDING'S CONDITIONS WERE GREATLY IMPROVED.

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SIR DAVID ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING TO HELP THE OC'S BY OPERATING A NUMBER OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAMS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS, AND NOTED THAT IT WAS ONE OF THOSE TEAMS WHICH HELPED TO BRING ABOUT THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE BUILDING WHICH HE VISITED.

HE SAID THERE WAS ALSO AN ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO IMPROVE THE LEGISLATION RELATING TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND BY LAWYERS TO DRAW UP TERMS OF REFERENCE TO HELP PEOPLE TO FORM OC'S.

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GOVERNOR TOLD ABOUT MONG KOK IMPROVEMENT PLANS

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MORE OPEN SPACE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR MONG KOK - THE TERRITORY'S MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREA, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON WERE TOLD DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE DISTRICT THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THEY LEARNT THAT AN ORDERLY PATTERN OF LAND USE TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH VARIOUS KINDS OF FACILITIES IN THE FUTURE HAS BEEN PREPARED.

IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, MONG KOK WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE, TWO CENTRES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND THREE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON BEGAN THEIR TOUR FROM THE TUNG CHOI STREET HAWKER PERMITTED PLACE.

THEY WERE MET BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, BEFORE STROLLING ALONG THE BUSY "WOMEN'S STREET".

THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (KOWLOON) OF URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR TOMMY CHOY, ON THE HAWKER PERMITTED PLACE WHICH EXTENDED FROM ARGYLE STREET TO DUNDAS STREET IN FOUR SECTIONS, ACCOMMODATING 960 DRY GOODS STALLS.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THE PLACE IS A POPULAR SHOPPING CENTRE NOT ONLY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS BUT ALSO FOR PEOPLE FROM OTHER DISTRICTS.

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AS THE STALLS WERE PREVIOUSLY NOT PROVIDED WITH A PROPER SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY, THERE HAD BEEN ILLEGAL TAPPING FROM NEARBY BUILDINGS WHICH POSED SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY PROBLEMS.

WITH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD AND CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD, AN ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED IN 1984.

THE GOVERNOR WAS INFORMED THAT LEGAL POWER SUPPLY IS BEING PROVIDED FOR THE SECTIONS BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND SHANTUNG STREET. PLANS ARE IN HAND TO EXTEND THE SCHEME TO PROVIDE LEGAL ELECTRICITY TO THE REMAINING TWO SECTIONS.

SIR DAVID THEN WALKED ALONG PORTLAND STREET WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (MONG KOK), MR E.J. LOCKYEAR, ON THE ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST THE PROBLEM OF VICE ESTABLISHMENTS. HE WAS ALSO TOLD ABOUT THE VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES CAUSED BY THESE ESTABLISHMENTS AND OVERHANGING SIGNBOARDS.

HE NOTED THAT A BILL TO AMEND THE CRIMES ORDINANCE TO BETTER CONTROL NUISANCES ASSOCIATED WITH PROSTITUTION IS AT AN ADVANCED DRAFTING STAGE.

THE PROPOSED NEW LEGISLATION IS AIMED AT REMOVING SIGNS ADVERTISING ANY FORM OF PROSTITUTION AND CLOSING PREMISES BEING USED AS VICE ESTABLISHMENTS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME WHERE TWO OR MORE CONVICTIONS FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED OFFENCES HAVE BEEN SECURED IN RELATION TO THE PREMISES WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO LEARNT THAT THE MONG KOK POLICE ARE AT PRESENT CARRYING OUT CONSTANT RAIDS ON VICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN ORDER TO CONTAIN AND REDUCE THE PROBLEM.

INTENSIVE RAIDS OVER THE PAST YEAR HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CLOSED DOWN OVER 100 VICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE DISTRICT, SIR DAVID WAS TOLD.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED ON FOOT TO A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BLOCK IN CANTON ROAD, KWONG FOOK BUILDING TO LEARN ABOUT PROBLEMS RELATING TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE 23-YEAR-OLD BUILDING IS ONE OF THE TARGET BUILDINGS CHOSEN FOR IMPROVEMENT BY THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE.

A SERIES OF IMPROVEMENTS WERE EFFECTED BY THE OWNERS' CORPORATION WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE MANAGEMENT TEAM AND CO-OPERATION FROM RESIDENTS.

MAJOR REPAIRS INCLUDED THE REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE WASTE WATER PIPES, WHITE-WASHING OF WALLS, RENEWAL OF TWO LIFT CARS AND REPLACEMENT OF FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS.

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THE GOVERNOR COMMENDED THE OWNERS' CORPORATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE RESIDENTS.

HE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON A FAMILY ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR WHICH HAD RESIDED IN THE BUILDING FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS.

THE FINAL STOP OF THE VISIT WAS THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION LIM POR YEN CENTRE IN TAI KOK TSUI.

THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED ON THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CENTRE. HE SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND WATCHED FITNESS EXERCISES IN THE GYMNASIUM AND CLASSES IN THE DANCING STUDIO.

BEFORE CONCLUDING THE VISIT, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON ATTENDED A TEA RECEPTION AND MET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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FS: MARKETS WILL BECOME WISER AFTER RECENT EVENTS

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HE BELIEVED THE BROKING COMMUNITY AND THE MARKETS WOULD COME OUT OF RECENT EVENTS STRONGER AND WISER.

SPEAKING AT THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER PARTY OF THE HONG KONG STOCKBROKERS ASSOCIATION, MR JACOBS SAID THE EVENTS LAST MONTH IN THE STOCK MARKETS IN ALL THE MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAD BEEN TRAUMATIC AND HONG KONG HAD NOT BEEN SPARED.

"WE HAVE HAD TO ADOPT VARIOUS SUPPORT MEASURES, AND THIS HAS BEEN DONE JOINTLY BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE GOVERNMENT," MR JACOBS SAID, ADDING THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE RESCUE OPERATION HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

MR JACOBS HOPED THAT BROKERS, SMALL AND BIG, FOREIGN AND LOCAL, WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS A BETTER MARKET FOR THEIR OWN BENEFITS AND FOR THE OVERALL GOOD OF HONG KONG.

HE SAID HONG KONG WAS A COSMOPOLITAN CITY, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF THE FINANCIAL COMMUNITY, AND ITS SUCCESS DEPENDED ON AN ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER.

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"WE CANNOT AFFORD TO DAMAGE IT BY INTERNAL SQUABBLES. THE PARTNERSHIP IS TOO IMPORTANT AND FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR STABILITY AND PROSPERITY," HE SAID.

"AT TIMES, HOWEVER, AND PARTICULARLY AT MOMENTS OF CRISIS, THERE CAN BE SIGNS OF TENSION WITHIN THE BROKING COMMUNITY."

"THIS IS UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE BROKERS, BY THE NATURE OF THEIR BUSINESS, MUST TRUST EACH OTHER. ANY DIVISION WITHIN THE BROKING COMMUNITY WILL BE DANGEROUS AND WILL DO NO GOOD TO THE BROKERS THEMSELVES OR TO THE MARKETS," HE SAID.

MR JACOBS THEREFORE HOPED THAT HARMONY, TRUST AND CO-OPERATION WOULD PREVAIL.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WHEN THE FOUR EXCHANGES CAME TOGETHER IN 1986, THE MARKET WAS THEN VERY MUCH A MARKET FOR INDIVIDUAL BROKERS. BUT NOW HONG KONG HAD A MARKETPLACE IN WHICH BOTH INDIVIDUAL BROKERS AND CORPORATE BROKERS COULD TRADE.

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GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO LONG-TERM ROAD PROJECTS

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ROAD PROJECTS LIKE THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR INDICATED CLEARLY THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING DETERMINATION TO INVEST SUFFICIENT MONEY AND RESOURCES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE, NOT JUST FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS, BUT TO THE END OF THE CENTURY AND BEYOND, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CHEUNG SHA WAN SECTION OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR, MR LEUNG SAID THAT THIS SECTION WAS THE THIRD STAGE OF THE CORRIDOR TO BE COMPLETED, AND EXTENDED THE MAIN TRUNK ROUTE FROM SHAM SHUI PO TO WESTERN CHEUNG SHA WAN.

IT WAS AN IMPORTANT FURTHER STEP TOWARDS PROVIDING A HIGH CAPACITY THROUGH ROAD LINKING LAI CHI KOK TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND TSIM SHA TSUI.

ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THIS ROUTE, MR LEUNG SAID WORK HAD ALREADY STARTED ON EXTENDING THE GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER OVER WYLIE ROAD TO RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THAT JUNCTION, AND TO PROVIDE A MORE DIRECT LINK TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND EAST KOWLOON WAY.

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AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE CORRIDOR, THE KWAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE AND THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS WOULD BE RE-CONSTRUCTED AND WIDENED FROM FOUR-LANE TO FIVE-LANE CARRIAGEWAYS. WORK SHOULD START NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN MID-1991.

FURTHER NORTH, ACCESS TO TSING YI WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED WITH THE OPENING OF THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE NEXT MONTH.

IN THE LONGER TERM, LARGE-SCALE TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENTS WERE LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED. THIS WOULD INVOLVE THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION AND THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY CONNECTING OTHER FUTURE LARGE PROJECTS SUCH AS THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND ROUTE X.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, SAID THAT THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR WAS A HIGH CAPACITY ELEVATED TRAFFIC ROUTE STRETCHING FROM GASCOIGNE ROAD TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD IN THE VICINITY OF THE APPROACHES TO THE LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE.

SINCE THE OPENING OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CORRIDOR IN LATE 1982, FROM CHERRY STREET TO YEN CHOW STREET BETWEEN THE TAI KOK TSUI AND SHAM SHUI PO FERRY PIERS, THE COMMUNITIES IN TAI KOK TSUI AND SHAM SHUI PO HAD RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL RELIEF FROM TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

THE CHEUNG SHA WAN SECTION WHICH RAN ABOVE THE CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION, TOGETHER WITH THE TUNG CHAU STREET/TONG MEI ROAD RAMP, FORMED THE THIRD STAGE OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

BOTH NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC USING THE CORRIDOR WOULD FIND SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN SOUTHERN KOWLOON AND THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS IN TURN WOULD BRING RELIEF TO THE CONGESTION NOW EXPERIENCED ON THE ROADS AT GROUND LEVEL IN THE LAI CHI KOK AND SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICTS, MR BEATON SAID.

AFTER DELIVERING HIS SPEECH AND UNVEILING A PLAQUE, MR LEUNG, ACCOMPANIED BY MR BEATON, RODE IN A CAR WHICH DROVE THROUGH A CEREMONIAL RIBBON TO DECLARE THE ROAD OPEN.

THE 1.25 KILOMETRE-LONG ROAD TOOK ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE AT A COST OF ABOUT \$160 MILLION.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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SALE OF FOUR LOTS FETCHES \$806.5 MILLION

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AN INDUSTRIAL SITE AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION WAS SOLD FOR \$470 MILLION AT AN AUCTION HELD AT THE CITY HALL TODAY (FRIDAY).

BIDDING FOR THE 22,280-SQUARE-METRE SITE STARTED AT \$200 MILLION. GRAINBOW LTD WAS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.

UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 70,000 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1992 FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN OR TRADE MART PURPOSES.

TWO OTHER INDUSTRIAL SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE ALSO SOLD AT THE AUCTION.

ONE IS LOCATED AT YUEN CHAU KOK IN SHA TIN AND COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,582 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT BUT NOT FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES.

BIDDING STARTED AT \$30 MILLION AND THE SITE WAS BOUGHT BY BEECHCROFT INVESTMENT LTD FOR \$53 MILLION.

THE PURCHASER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 13,746 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY NOVEMBER 30, 1991.

THE OTHER ONE IS AT ON LOK TSUEN IN FANLING WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,563 SQUARE METRES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, BUT ALSO NOT FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$13 MILLION AND THE SITE WAS SOLD TO BIGINNI LTD FOR \$18.5 MILLION.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 7,689 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY DECEMBER 31, 1991.

IN ADDITION, A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE WAS SOLD AT THE AUCTION.

COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 19,460 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS LOCATED AT THE TOWN CENTRE OF TUEN MUN, NEAR THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME, CHI LOK FA YUEN.

BIDDING FOR THE SITE STARTED AT \$160 MILLION AND THE SITE WAS PURCHASED BY DYNAMIA CO. LTD FOR \$265 MILLION.

THE BUYER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 38,530 SQUARE METRES BY DECEMBER 31, 1991.

THE AUCTION WAS CONDUCTED BY GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR C.M. MO, OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

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PROVISIONAL HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR
ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION (HKCAA).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AWARDS, DR DAVID BETHEL, HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL.

DR BETHEL IS THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF LEICESTER POLYTECHNIC IN THE UK AND IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE. HE HEADED THE PLANNING COMMITTEE SET UP LAST YEAR TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON HOW FULL LOCAL VALIDATION OF DEGREES AWARDED BY NON-UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG MIGHT BEST BE ARRANGED AND MANAGED.

A LOCAL ENGINEER AND A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, DR RAYMOND HO, HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL. DR HO IS PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG.

THE OTHER LOCAL LAY MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL ARE: MR GRAHAM CHENG CHENG-HSUN, AN INDUSTRIALIST AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY; DR JAMES WONG SAI-WING, AN INDUSTRIALIST AND A MEMBER OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD; MRS ALICE PIERA LAM LEE KIU-YUE, A BANKER AND A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND MR STEPHEN LAU, A BANKER AND THE FORMER MANAGER OF THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY.

THREE OTHER OVERSEAS ACADEMICS APPOINTED TO THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL ARE: PROFESSOR J.E. SPENCE, PROFESSOR AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS, UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER; MR F.C. JAMES, DEAN OF FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE, ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY; AND DR MALCOLM FRAZER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS.

THE REMAINING MEMBERS ARE FIVE LOCAL ACADEMICS FROM THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, THE TWO POLYTECHNICS AND THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE.

THEY ARE PROFESSOR D.M.B. EVANS, DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; PROFESSOR S.W. TAM, DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL AND PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; DR S.A. REID, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR (ACADEMIC) OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC; DR CYRIL CANNON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR (ACADEMIC PLANNING) OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG; AND DR H.S. HOUSTON, ACADEMIC VICE-PRESIDENT, THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE.

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THE PROVISIONAL HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION WILL WORK IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS (CNA) AND THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE IN EFFECTING TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING A HONG KONG SYSTEM OF VALIDATION, WITHOUT INTERRUPTING THE EXISTING PLANS FOR VALIDATING DEGREE COURSES OF THE NON-UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING IN HONG KONG IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR, TO DRAW UP PLANS FOR ITS PROGRAMME OF WORK IN THE FUTURE.

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STI ATTENDS GATT MEETING IN GENEVA

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TODAY (FRIDAY) TO ATTEND THE 43RD SESSION MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) IN GENEVA.

THE SESSION WILL ALSO MARK THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GATT, WHICH WAS FORMED IN 1948 AS THE ONLY MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENT WITH AGREED RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

DURING THE FOUR-DAY MEETING FROM DECEMBER 1 TO 4, TRADE MINISTERS OF GATT MEMBERS WILL REVIEW THE WORK OF THE GATT OVER THE PAST YEAR AND THE PROGRESS OF THE URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

HONG KONG HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY IN THE URUGUAY ROUND LAUNCHED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GATT IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

MR MACLEOD WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON DECEMBER 5.

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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION MEETING

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THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION HELD THEIR FOURTEENTH MEETING ON NOVEMBER 27, 1987 TO REVIEW THEIR WORK, AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS MADE.

THE LAND COMMISSION REVIEWED THE LEASE DOCUMENTATION AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND WERE SATISFIED THAT THEY WERE WORKING WELL. LAND PREMIUM AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$2,600 MILLION HAD BEEN SHARED BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE FUTURE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT FROM APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR.

PROGRESS ON THE CURRENT LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME WAS ALSO CONSIDERED. THE LAND COMMISSION AGREED THAT THE 1987/88 LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME SHOULD BE INCREASED BY 13.1 HECTARES. THIS WILL ENABLE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE PROPOSAL OF RESITING THE SHELL COMPANY'S OIL DEPOTS AND OTHER RELATED REDEVELOPMENTS. MOST OF THE ADDITIONAL LAND WOULD BE FORMED BY RECLAMATION OFF TSING YI AND AP LEI CHAU.

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SCHOOL HEADS TO ATTEND SEMINAR ON
PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE

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A SEMINAR ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE, ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

A SET OF COLOUR SLIDES ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE, PRODUCED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, WILL BE INTRODUCED AND ULTIMATELY COPIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

MORE THAN 350 SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, STUDENT COUNSELLORS AND TEACHERS WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR, DURING WHICH THE NEWLY-PRODUCED DOCUMENTARY FILM ON HONG KONG'S DRUG POLICY, "THE WHITE POWDER WAR", WILL ALSO BE SHOWN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, DR GERALD CHOA, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM.

THERE WILL BE AN OPEN FORUM ON THE PROBLEM OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION IN THE PREVENTION OF DRUG ABUSE, AND ON THE INCLUSION OF DRUG ABUSE AS A COMPULSORY SUBJECT IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

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PANELISTS AT THE SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK; HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR C.N. CHEN; SENIOR INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MISS W.N. BAU; CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU, MR L.C. TANG; AND CHAIRMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL BEGIN IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE, CENTRAL, AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY.

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APPOINTMENTS TO LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

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THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE 26-MEMBER LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENTS TODAY (FRIDAY), DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES (SPECIAL DUTIES) AND CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, MR LEO KWAN, SAID THE 21 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS INCLUDED HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT, WHO IS ALSO A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, AND MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATIONS AND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES OF THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY.

THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH.

MR KWAN ADDED THAT IN FUTURE, REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS MIGHT BE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE IF THEIR PRESENCE WAS REQUIRED.

THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING AT THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3.

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COMMENTING ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, MR KWAN NOTED THAT THE LIST WAS DRAWN UP AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH LIVESTOCK FARMING ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. TO ENSURE THAT THE INTERESTS OF CONCERNED PARTIES WERE PROPERLY REPRESENTED THE GEOGRAPHICAL ELEMENT HAD ALSO BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

MR KWAN SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD PROVIDE A FORMAL COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT. ACTIONS TAKEN AND PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME COULD BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY THE LIVESTOCK FARMERS AFFECTED, AND ANY VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS RELATING TO SUCH ACTIONS AND PROPOSALS BY THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY COULD BE FULLY REFLECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

"THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMMENDING MEASURES WHICH WILL HELP TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME AND FOR INITIATING EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL INCREASE THE INDUSTRY'S UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF IT," MR KWAN CONTINUED.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL MEMBERS LIST OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE:

DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY, NEW TERRITORIES (SPECIAL DUTIES) -
CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK OR REPRESENTATIVE

MR AU YIU

MR CHAN HON-LAM

MR CHAN KWOK-WAI

MR CHAN YU-YUK

MR CHEUNG HOK-MING

MR CHIU YU-PAN

MS FUNG CHOI-YUK

MR FOK WUI-KO

MR LAU YEUK-SAT

MR LEE HOI-YUK

MR LEUNG CHIK

MR LEUNG TSZ-WA

/MR LO SHUK-CHING

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MR LO SHUK-CHING

MR NG PO-WING

MR SO WING-HOI

MR TSE FAI

MR WONG CHUN-KAU

MR WONG SUI-FAN

MR YAU MING-TAK

MR YUEN CHIT-CHI

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE

HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, NEW TERRITORIES (SPECIAL DUTIES) -
SECRETARY

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VIGOROUS DRIVE AGAINST COUNTRYSIDE LITTERBUGS TO BEGIN

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A VIGOROUS DRIVE AGAINST LITTERING WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN HONG KONG'S 21 COUNTRY PARKS TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE DRIVE, WHICH WILL INITIALLY RUN THROUGH THE CURRENT PICNIC SEASON, IS ONE OF STERN PROSECUTION ACTION TO PENALISE PARK VISITORS WHO CHOOSE TO IGNORE THE ANTI-LITTER LAW.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, PLAIN-CLOTHES ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS BRANCH WILL BE MOBILISED TO BACK UP A TASK FORCE OF 90 UNIFORMED PARK WARDENS IN DETECTING LITTER OFFENCES AND IN SERVING SUMMONSES ON-THE-SPOT.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO PEOPLE MAKING EVENING VISITS TO MAJOR PICNIC AND BARBECUE SITES, WHICH ARE NOW BECOMING VERY POPULAR AMONG THOSE IN THE YOUNGER AGE GROUPS.

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VIOLATION OF THE COUNTRY PARKS REGULATIONS WILL RENDER A LITTER OFFENDER LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR S. P. LAU, SAID THE NEW MEASURE IS PART OF AN ACTION PLAN DRAWN UP TO TACKLE THE LITTER PROBLEM WHICH HAS GIVEN RISE TO CONCERN.

LAST YEAR, SOME 4,000 TONNES OF LITTER WERE COLLECTED INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS, A CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY OF WHICH WAS DISCARDED INDISCRIMINATELY ON THE GROUND BY IRRESPONSIBLE PARK VISITORS.

"DESPITE OUR REPEATED APPEALS FOR PROPER USE OF THE 5,000 LITTER BINS AND STOCKADES PROVIDED IN THE PARKS AND OUR EFFORTS TO CLEAN THEM UP, THE PROBLEM IS GETTING WORSE THIS YEAR WITH A GROWING AMOUNT OF LITTER BEING LEFT AT PICNIC AND BARBECUE SITES.

"THIS CLEARLY REFLECTS A GROWING PUBLIC APATHY TOWARDS THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT AND SOME PEOPLE'S DISRESPECT FOR THE LAW," HE SAID.

MR LAU SAID THAT AS GOVERNMENT ADVICE AND WARNINGS HAVE APPARENTLY FALLEN ON DEAF EARS, IT IS TIME FOR FIRM ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO BRING LITTER OFFENDERS BEFORE THE COURT.

APART FROM STRICTER ENFORCEMENT ACTION, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PUT IN HAND OTHER SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN ALL COUNTRY PARKS TO ALLEVIATE THE LITTER PROBLEM.

THESE INCLUDE THE REDEPLOYMENT OF MORE STAFF TO MOUNT LITTER RAIDS; EMPLOYMENT OF MORE CASUAL WORKERS IN COLLECTING LITTER; PROVISION OF MORE LITTER BINS ESPECIALLY ALONG HIKING ROUTES; ERECTION OF WARNING SIGNS AT POPULAR PARK AREAS AND MOBILE BROADCASTS OF ANTI-LITTER MESSAGE IN MAJOR COUNTRY PARKS DURING WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

IN ADDITION, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FOR CIVIL AID SERVICES MEMBERS TO ASSIST PARK WARDENS IN DISTRIBUTING LITTER BAGS TO PARK VISITORS AND GIVING THEM ON-THE-SPOT ADVICE ON THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF LITTER IN PARK AREAS.

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FINES PROPOSED FOR FALSE ELECTIONEERING CLAIMS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR A CANDIDATE IN AN ELECTION TO MAKE FALSE CLAIMS THAT HE HAS THE SUPPORT OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANISATIONS.

UNDER THE CORRUPT AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 WHICH WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), A CANDIDATE WHO MAKES SUCH A FALSE CLAIM IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$500 ON SUMMARY CONVICTION OR A FINE OF \$2,000 ON CONVICTION ON INDICTMENT.

PERSONS CONVICTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM BEING REGISTERED AS AN ELECTOR FOR SEVEN YEARS FROM THE DATE OF CONVICTION AND FROM CANDIDATURE FOR 10 YEARS.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO PERMIT THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY TO SPECIFY THE FORM OF ELECTION EXPENSE RETURN AND ACCOMPANYING DECLARATION TO BE LODGED BY CANDIDATES FOLLOWING AN ELECTION.

"THE EXISTING FORM IS CONSIDERED NOT DETAILED ENOUGH; FOR INSTANCE, IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF SERVICES IN KIND OR REQUIRE GOODS AND SERVICES PROVIDED WITHOUT CHARGE TO CANDIDATES TO BE IDENTIFIED," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO INTRODUCED SEVERAL CHANGES TO ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS AS PROVIDED UNDER THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1987.

UNDER THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, DEPOSITS FOR DISTRICT BOARD AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN INCREASED FROM \$1,000 TO \$2,000 AND FROM \$1,000 TO \$3,000 RESPECTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DEPOSIT WAS STILL RELATIVELY MODEST, AND WOULD BE REVIEWED PERIODICALLY TO MAINTAIN THE DETERRENT AGAINST FRIVOLOUS CANDIDATES.

OTHER AREA OF CHANGE INCLUDE:

- A). THE REGISTRATION OFFICER IS EMPOWERED TO SPECIFY VARIATIONS TO POLLING HOURS IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES;
- B). THE IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS OF ELECTORS WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE CANDIDATES' COPIES OF THE FINAL REGISTER AND FROM THE ADDRESS LABELS PRODUCED FOR MAILING PURPOSES;
- C). THE ADDRESSES OF CANDIDATES WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE BALLOT PAPERS UNLESS THE REGISTRATION OFFICER OTHERWISE REQUIRES.
- D). THE AUTHORITY TO ADMIT PUBLIC OFFICERS INTO POLLING STATIONS IS TRANSFERRED FROM THE DIRECTOR, COUNCILS AND ADMINISTRATION BRANCH (A POST WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS) TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY.
- D). A TIDIER METHOD OF COUNTING VOTES IS INTRODUCED IN CONSTITUENCIES WHERE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE.

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BILLS GIVE PROFESSIONAL COUNCILS RIGHT
TO ELECT OWN CHAIRMEN

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND EXISTING LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR SELECTING THE CHAIRMEN OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG, THE DENTAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG, THE NURSING BOARD OF HONG KONG AND THE MIDWIVES BOARD OF HONG KONG.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WOULD ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF ONE LAY MEMBER ON EACH OF THE COUNCILS AND BOARDS.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, THE DENTISTS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1987, THE NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 AND THE MIDWIVES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IS BOTH A MEMBER AND THE CHAIRMAN OF EACH OF THE FOUR COUNCILS AND BOARDS WHICH ARE STATUTORY BODIES CHARGED WITH THE REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONS AS DOCTORS, DENTISTS, NURSES AND MIDWIVES.

"IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE REMOVAL OF THE DUAL ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AS THE GOVERNMENT'S PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER AND EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMAN OF THESE COUNCILS AND BOARDS WOULD ENHANCE THE SELF-REGULATING AND INDEPENDENT NATURE OF THESE PROFESSIONAL BODIES.

"THE BILLS THEREFORE SEEK TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIRECTOR TO RELINQUISH HIS POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF THESE COUNCILS AND BOARDS AND FOR THE FUTURE CHAIRMEN TO BE ELECTED BY THE MEMBERS FROM AMONG THEMSELVES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 9.

COMMENTS ON THE BILLS MAY BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR THE OMELCO OFFICE AT 8 JACKSON ROAD.

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CHANGE IN LOTTERIES FUND PROCEDURE PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE BETTING DUTY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A HIGHER AND MORE STABLE FUNDING FOR THE WELFARE SECTOR THROUGH THE LOTTERIES FUND.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL ARE CONTAINED IN THE BETTING DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE ORDINANCE, THE HONG KONG LOTTERIES BOARD WAS PERMITTED TO USE THE FACILITIES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR RUNNING PERMITTED LOTTERIES AND TO REIMBURSE THE CLUB FOR THE OPERATING COSTS. AT PRESENT, ONLY THE MARK SIX LOTTERY IS LICENSED.

THE CURRENT PRACTICE IS FOR THE CLUB TO DEDUCT AN INITIAL 9.5 PER CENT OF THE PROCEEDS AFTER EACH LOTTERY TO COVER OPERATING COSTS. THE BALANCE, WHICH IS 1.5 PER CENT OF THE PROCEEDS AFTER ACCOUNTING FOR PRIZES (59 PER CENT) AND BETTING DUTY (30 PER CENT), IS PAID INTO THE LOTTERIES FUND.

WHEN THE ACTUAL OPERATING COSTS ARE FINALISED, THE CLUB IS THEN REQUIRED TO PAY ANY SURPLUS INTO, OR TO RECOVER ANY DEFICIENCY FROM, THE FUND.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE ACTUAL OPERATING COSTS WERE NOT KNOWN UNTIL THE END OF THE CLUB'S FINANCIAL YEAR IN JUNE.

"UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE FUND CANNOT BE CERTAIN OF THE ACTUAL INCOME TO BE RECEIVED UNTIL AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE CLUB'S FINANCIAL YEAR. THIS HINDERS ACCURATE FORWARD PLANNING," HE SAID.

"THERE ARE ALSO INCREASING DIFFICULTIES IN SEPARATING LOTTERY OPERATING COSTS FROM THOSE RELATED TO HORSE RACE BETTING AS BOTH SHARE THE SAME COMPUTER SYSTEM," HE ADDED.

IN VIEW OF THIS, THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO FIX THE ALLOCATION TO THE CLUB AS OPERATING COSTS AT A RATE OF 7.5 PER CENT.

THE CORRESPONDING PERCENTAGE PAID INTO THE FUND WILL THEN BE 3.5 PER CENT, A HIGHER FIGURE COMPARED WITH THE ACTUAL PERCENTAGES FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, WHICH WERE 2.42 PER CENT FOR 1984-85 AND 2.96 PER CENT FOR 1985-86.

"THIS WILL ALSO REDUCE THE DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY AND THE ACCOUNTING DIFFICULTIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PRACTICAL EFFECT ON THE LEVEL OF PRIZE MONEY UNDER THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION ARRANGEMENT.

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IN LINE WITH THE AMENDMENT TO THE PERCENTAGE ALLOCATION OF PRIZE MONEY, THE BILL PROVIDES THAT AMENDMENTS TO THE "COSTS" PERCENTAGE SHOULD REQUIRE A RESOLUTION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 9.

COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR OMELCO, 8 JACKSON ROAD, HONG KONG.

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MORE SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY PLANNED

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SET UP A TOTAL OF 25 MULTI-SERVICES CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE LONG-TERM PLAN IS TO HAVE ONE SUCH CENTRE IN EACH ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT AND AN EXTRA ONE FOR THE MORE DENSELY-POPULATED DISTRICTS - SHAM SHUI PO, WONG TAI SIN, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON CITY AND EASTERN," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG WAS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WILSON T. S. WANG MULTI-SERVICES CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, OPERATED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, IN SHA KOK ESTATE, SHA TIN.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT 12 MULTI-SERVICES CENTRES WHERE, IN ADDITION TO SUCH RECREATIONAAL FACILITIES AS ARE PROVIDED IN SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, THERE ARE ALSO COUNSELLING, HOME HELP, LAUNDRY, CANTEEN AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES. SOME EVEN HAVE A DAY CARE CENTRE ATTACHED.

"IT MEANS THAT THE ELDERLY CAN ENJOY A VARIETY OF SERVICES WITHIN ONE BUILDING," MRS WONG SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT, ACCORDING TO THE 1986 BI-CENSUS, THERE WERE 76,000 OLD PEOPLE OVER 60 LIVING ALONE WHILE ANOTHER 520,000 WERE LIVING WITH THEIR SPOUSES OR FAMILIES.

SHE BELIEVED THAT MULTI-SERVICES CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY HAD A ROLE TO PLAY IN RESOLVING THE GENERATION GAP PROBLEM FOR THE LATTER GROUP OF ELDERLY.

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"THROUGH THEIR CONTACT WITH THE ELDERLY AND THE ACTIVITIES THEY ORGANISE, THE CENTRES CAN HELP THE ELDERLY TO IMPROVE THEIR INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONS AND TO APPRECIATE THE DIFFERENT LIFE STYLE AND VALUE STANDARDS OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION," SHE SAID.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FAMILY MEMBERS, THROUGH THE SEMINARS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRES, CAN ACQUIRE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STATES OF THEIR OLD FOLK AND THE CORRECT CONCEPT OF RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY.

"FURTHERMORE, THE COUNSELLING SERVICE CAN HELP TO RESOLVE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING OR PROBLEM THAT MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE ELDERLY AND THEIR CHILDREN," MRS WONG SAID.

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TWO VIETNAMESE BOYS SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) CONFIRMED THAT TWO VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CHILDREN WERE SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA.

THE TWO BOYS - AGED TWO AND THREE - ARRIVED BY BOAT IN HONG KONG WITH ANOTHER 35 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 23.

ON ARRIVAL, THIS BATCH OF REFUGEES WAS TAKEN TO THE GREEN ISLAND RECEPTION CENTRE WHERE THEY WERE EXAMINED BY THE PORT HEALTH OFFICERS. THE TWO BOYS WERE FOUND TO HAVE SYMPTOMS OF DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING AND WERE IMMEDIATELY REFERRED TO THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL FOR INVESTIGATION AND TREATMENT.

RESULTS OF THEIR STOOL TEST TODAY REVEALED THAT THEY WERE SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA EL TOR. DOCTORS DESCRIBED THE CONDITION OF THE PATIENTS AS SATISFACTORY.

HEALTH OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT HAVE VISITED THE PATIENTS' PARENTS AND THE OTHER CONTACTS IN THE CHI MA WAN QUARANTINE HUT. THEY WERE ALL GIVEN MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND PREVENTIVE DRUGS AND WERE ALSO PUT UNDER MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE. BOTH THE QUARANTINE HUT AND THE RECEPTION CENTRE HAVE BEEN DISINFECTED.

SINCE THE TWO BOYS WERE NEW ARRIVALS FROM VIETNAM, THEY WERE CLASSIFIED AS IMPORTED CASES. SO FAR, A TOTAL OF FOUR CHOLERA CASES HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THIS YEAR AND THREE OF THEM WERE IMPORTED.

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THE LAST CASE WAS REPORTED IN EARLY NOVEMBER. THE PATIENT WAS A 19-YEAR-OLD NEPALESE TOURIST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE TO PREVENT CHOLERA.

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NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YUEN LONG

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A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IS TO BE BUILT IN YUEN LONG TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE NEW TOWN.

COVERING A SITE AREA OF ABOUT 5,637 SQUARE METRES AT TOWN PARK ROAD SOUTH, THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS, A NUMBER OF SPECIAL ROOMS AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL.

OTHER FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE A BASKETBALL COURT, A COVERED PLAYGROUND, STAFF QUARTERS AND CAR PARKING SPACES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST, 1989.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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PUBLIC URGED TO BE ALERT TO HIDDEN HOME DANGERS

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WITH THE ONSET OF THE WINTER SEASON, THE PUBLIC WAS REMINDED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO PAY EXTRA ATTENTION TO FIRE RISKS AT HOME.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR GEORGE YUEN, SAID, "MOST HOME ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS AND ARE IN FACT AVOIDABLE."

MR YUEN ALSO WARNED THAT SUB-STANDARD WATER HEATERS CAN BE DANGEROUS, AND IT IS NECESSARY TO OPEN WINDOWS OR DOORS WHEN TAKING A BATH OR SHOWER.

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"THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF THE MANY HIDDEN DANGERS IN THE HOME," MR YUEN SAID. "OTHER COMMON DANGERS INCLUDE WATER, SCALDING LIQUIDS, SHARP OBJECTS, POISONOUS CHEMICALS, ELECTRIC APPLIANCES, AND GRILLED WINDOWS OR BALCONIES THAT DO NOT HAVE GRILLES."

PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT HOME SAFETY ARE WELCOME TO VISIT A HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION ON SUNDAY AT THE SHIPPING ARCADE OF MEI LAM ESTATE IN SHA TIN.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO POINT OUT VARIOUS PRECAUTIONS WHICH, IF TAKEN, COULD REDUCE HOME HAZARDS THAT ENDANGER FAMILY MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN," MR YUEN SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT ADULTS IN THE HOME HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN KEEPING THEIR HOMES SAFE.

"ACCIDENTS ARE VERY UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES, AND SOME MISTAKES CAN COST LIVES," HE SAID.

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PHOTO EXHIBITION TO SPREAD FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES

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A FIVE-DAY PHOTO EXHIBITION, "A MEANINGFUL LIFE", WILL BEGIN AT THE CHEUNG CHAU YOUTH RECREATIONAL CENTRE, TUNG WAN, TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EXHIBITION, CO-ORGANISED BY THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THE CHEUNG CHAU PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, IS PART OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

WINNING ENTRIES IN THE FIGHT CRIME POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION HELD EARLIER IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE EXHIBITION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE SAID: "THE CURRENT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN MAINLY FOCUSES ON THE PROMOTION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME, SAFETY AT HOME AND THE PREVENTION OF SHOP THEFTS.

"ANTI-TRIAD IS ANOTHER MAJOR ASPECT OF CRIME FIGHTING IN THE DISTRICT, BUT IT WILL BE PROMOTED BY A SEPARATE CAMPAIGN."

APART FROM THE EXHIBITION, A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT PAK TEI PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG CHAU, ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6. THIS WILL FEATURE A GRAND PARADE, PERFORMANCES BY JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS AND POLICE DOG UNIT, GAMESTALLS, A CRIME PREVENTIVE EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION AND A POLICE RECRUITING BOOTH.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN TAIKOO SHING

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THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF EIGHT FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS, ORGANISED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP, WILL BE HELD IN THE CITIPLAZA OF TAIKOO SHING ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 29).

THESE EXHIBITIONS WILL BE STAGED IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE HIGH FIRE RISK IN THE DRY SEASON AND THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION.

PANELS PROVIDED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ELABORATING ON THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, "FIRE LAWS PROTECT", WILL BE DISPLAYED.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DISPLAY PANELS PREPARED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC ON WAYS TO PREVENT COUNTRYSIDE FIRE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL START AT NOON AND LAST UNTIL 3 PM.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION BOOKLETS ON FIRE PREVENTION AND SOUVENIRS SPONSORED BY THE KWONG ON BANK.

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KWUN TONG RESIDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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AN EXHIBITION TO INFORM KWUN TONG RESIDENTS ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE HELD AT TELFORD GARDENS MAIN SQUARE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 29).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MRS RITA FAN, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

THE EXHIBITION, PRESENTED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, WILL LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

CHARTS, GRAPHICS AND CARTOONS WILL BE ON DISPLAY TO ILLUSTRATE THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF A DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC.

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IN ORDER TO ADD COLOUR TO THE EXHIBITION, A STREET SHOW WILL BE STAGED. A FANCY VEHICLE WILL ALSO TOUR THE DISTRICT IN THE AFTERNOON, AND PAMPHLETS AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION EXHIBITION TO BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY AT TELFORD GARDENS MAIN SQUARE.

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CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

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SOME 2,000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN SHA TIN WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THEIR OPINIONS ON VARIOUS SOCIAL ISSUES AT A CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON THE PODIUM OF SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 29) AFTERNOON.

ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC-MINDEDNESS, THE CARNIVAL IS AIMED AT PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG YOUNGSTERS THROUGH GAMES AND VISITS.

THERE WILL BE 15 GAME STALLS USING TOPICS SUCH AS HONG KONG'S POLITICAL SYSTEM AND DISTRICT BOARD AS THEMES. A GUIDED TOUR OF SHA TIN TOWN HALL WILL BE ARRANGED TO ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE MARCHES, BRASS BANDS, MIME, FOLK SONGS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AT THE CARNIVAL VENUE.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHA TIN, MISS MARGARET FONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM, AND BOARD MEMBERS, MR ANDREW WONG, MR CHEUNG CHI-YUEN, MR LAU KONG-WAH AND DR FANNY CHEUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE EVENT AT 2 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YOUTH CARNIVAL ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AT THE PODIUM OF SHA TIN TOWN HALL OPPOSITE TO KCR STATION ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 29). THE CARNIVAL WILL START AT 2 PM.

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CELEBRITY FOOTBALL MATCH TO CLOSE SPORTS FESTIVAL

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THE THREE-WEEK CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL COME TO A CLOSE WHEN A CELEBRITY SOCCER MATCH IS HELD AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK IN SAI YING PUN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 29).

SOUTH CHINA VETERANS WILL PLAY TVB ARTISTES IN THE MATCH WHICH WILL START AT 11.40 AM.

A CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT ABOUT 12.30 PM AFTER THE MATCH ENDS. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LIU LIT-FOR; CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT ASSOCIATION (RSA), MR LEUNG SIK-WAH; AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE.

DURING THE SPORTS FESTIVAL, MORE THAN 10,000 RESIDENTS HAVE TAKEN PART IN A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE INCLUDED ORIENTEERING, ATHLETICS, BASKETBALL AND SOCCER COMPETITIONS, AN EXPEDITION FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE, "DANCING AT SEA" CRUISE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, A WALKATHON ROUND THE PEAK, AND A RECREATION CAMP FOR AREA COMMITTEES.

THE FESTIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RSA, WITH MORE THAN \$110,000 IN SPONSORSHIP COMING FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR POLICE CALL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH THE CELEBRITY SOCCER MATCH AND THE CLOSING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY, AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK IN SAI YING PUN. THE SOCCER MATCH WILL START AT 11.40 AM AND THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT ABOUT 12.30 PM.

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NORTH ORGANISATIONS PRAISED FOR ART PROMOTION

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ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PROMOTING ART AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AT DISTRICT LEVEL WERE PRAISED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ROCKERY GARDEN AT KAM TSIN VILLAGE IN SHEUNG SHUI, MR CHEUNG SAID THE DISTRICT'S ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION WAS AMONG ONE OF THE ORGANISATIONS THAT WERE ACTIVE IN FOSTERING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN VARIOUS FORMS OF ART.

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SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1980, THE ASSOCIATION HAD PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN ORGANISING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN NORTH DISTRICT. IT NOW MANAGED A CHILDREN'S CHOIR, CHINESE ORCHESTRA, DANCE TROUPE AND A DRAMA GROUP.

IN ADDITION, THE ASSOCIATION OFFERED A WIDE RANGE OF TRAINING COURSES RANGING FROM MUSIC, BALLET AND DRAMA TO HORTICULTURE.

MR CHEUNG ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HONG KONG BONSAI ASSOCIATION FOR ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.

THE ASSOCIATION WAS ALSO PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FIRST NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT, FISH SHOW TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH. THE SHOW, COSTING OVER \$500,000, WOULD BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG.

MR CHEUNG ADDED THAT THE OPENING OF THE ROCKERY GARDEN WOULD PROVIDE BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS PROVIDING A PROPER VENUE FOR POT PLANT ENTHUSIASTS TO BE TAUGHT MORE ABOUT THEIR HOBBY.

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SAI KUNG FESTIVAL FOR ELDERLY TO CLOSE

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MORE THAN 1,300 SENIOR RESIDENTS OF SAI KUNG WILL TAKE PART IN THE CLOSING CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) OF THE DISTRICT'S FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY.

ACTIVITIES FOR OLD PEOPLE, SUCH AS SINGING, RIDDLES, AN EXHIBITION, BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE AND A SPORTS COMPETITION, WILL BEGIN AT 10.30 AM AT CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE A "THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD FEAST", BEGINNING AT 12.30 PM, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LONGEVITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS. GOLD MEDALS AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE SIX OLDEST PEOPLE FROM SAI KUNG, HANG HAU AND RENNIE'S MILL.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, AND THE REGIONAL WELFARE OFFICER, EAST KOWLOON, MR KWOK KA-CHI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

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THE FESTIVAL IS AN ANNUAL EVENT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND FEAST OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY TOMORROW AT THE CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, CHUK KOK, SAI KUNG. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE FROM THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, NEXT TO STAR FERRY, AT 11 AM.

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SAND SCULPTURING AND STREET SHOW AT MUI WO
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MORE THAN 80 YOUNGSTERS WILL JOIN THE FIRST SAND SCULPTURING COMPETITION EVER HELD AT SILVERMINE BAY BEACH ON LANTAU ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 29). IT IS PART OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MUI WO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND NOON.

EACH TEAM WILL BE ALLOTTED AN AREA OF 3M BY 5M AND PROVIDED WITH BASIC TOOLS. THEIR DESIGNS SHOULD EXPRESS THE THEME OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL - "ISLANDS, MY HOME."

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE FESTIVAL'S CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MUI WO. OFFICIATING WILL BE THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, AND ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, A STREET SHOW WILL BE GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF THE FRINGE CLUB AND THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION OF WINNING ENTRIES IN VARIOUS COMPETITIONS HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY AND THE EXHIBITION WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAND SCULPTURING COMPETITION AT SILVERMINE BAY BEACH AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL CLOSING CEREMONY AT MUI WO ON SUNDAY.

THE PRESS LAUNCH "CLEMENTI" WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, FOR MUI WO AT 10.30 AM. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR RAYMOND TAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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NEW ROADS IN HANG HAU, JUNK BAY

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT SEVERAL NEW ROADS IN HANG HAU TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA AND TO CONNECT JUNK BAY NEW TOWN TO CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, VIA HANG HAU ROAD.

A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY ROAD IS TO BE BUILT BETWEEN PO LAM ESTATE AND HANG HAU ROAD, WHICH WILL PROVIDE A ROAD CONNECTION BETWEEN JUNK BAY NEW TOWN AND CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, VIA HANG HAU ROAD.

SECTIONS OF HANG HAU ROAD BETWEEN HANG HAU TOWN AND PAK SHIN KOK WILL BE IMPROVED TO DUAL CARRIAGEWAY STANDARD, ON A NEW ALIGNMENT, TO CONNECT THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AREAS WITH THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE NEW TOWN.

LOCAL ROADS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED HOUSING ESTATES IN HANG HAU.

A ROTARY ROAD SYSTEM WILL BE BUILT FOR THE PROPOSED TOWN CENTRE IN HANG HAU TO EXPEDITE TRAFFIC FLOW, WHILE PROVIDING MAXIMUM SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE FOR PEDESTRIANS.

A BUS TERMINUS WITH PROVISION FOR INTERCHANGING TO TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROVIDED.

WORK IS PLANNED TO COMMENCE IN EARLY 1988 WITH COMPLETION SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1991.

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THE ROADWORKS FORM PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

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

A COPY OF THE PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORK CAN BE SEEN DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SAI KUNG, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, THIRD FLOOR, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, SECOND FLOOR, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE JANUARY 26 NEXT YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR HIRE OF MOTOR BOATS TO CUSTOMS

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF A MINIMUM OF THREE MOTOR BOATS ON HIRE AT ONE TIME AT HOURLY RATES TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS COMMENCING APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE BOATS WILL BE USED TO CONVEY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE OFFICERS FOR JOURNEYS BETWEEN THE SHORE AND SHIPS AT ANCHOR IN THE HARBOUR AND FOR PATROLS WITHIN THE WATERS OF THE TERRITORY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TOTAL HIRING TIME PER MONTH WILL NOT BE LESS THAN 1,600 HOURS.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SUPPLIES SECTION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, 8/F, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

DETAILS OF THE TENDERING PROCEDURES WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN WAN CHAI

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THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM FLEMING ROAD TO THE WAN CHAI FERRY PIER BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR OPENING OF WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN MONG KOK AND SHAM SHUI PO FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR STAGE III.

IN MONG KOK, FIR STREET BETWEEN LARCH STREET AND FUK TSUN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHWEST-BOUND, WHILE SYCAMORE STREET BETWEEN MAPLE STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST WILL BECOME TWO-WAY.

LEFT TURNS FROM TONG MEI ROAD NORTHBOUND ON TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST WESTBOUND, AND FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST EASTBOUND ON TO TONG MEI ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED.

AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST WESTBOUND ON TO SYCAMORE STREET, AND FROM TONG MEI ROAD NORTHBOUND ON TO MONG KOK ROAD EASTBOUND.

WHILE RIGHT TURNS FROM MONG KOK ROAD WESTBOUND ON TO TONG MEI ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED FOR ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON TONG MEI ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT ON TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST EASTBOUND.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, LEARNER DRIVERS, CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR AND ITS SLIP ROADS.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFSIDE LANE OF MONG KOK ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN CHEUNG WONG ROAD AND TONG MEI ROAD WILL BE MADE A BUS-ONLY LANE. NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS TRAFFIC LANE AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.

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TO ENSURE SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW, CERTAIN SECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD, THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR AND ITS SLIP ROADS WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS OPERATING ROUND THE CLOCK, 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT OR 7 AM TO 7 PM. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNS.

MOREOVER, MOTORISTS SHOULD ALSO WATCH FOR SPEED LIMIT DIRECTIONS. WHILE A SPEED LIMIT OF 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR WILL BE IMPOSED ON CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON SOME OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CORRIDOR AND ITS SLIP ROADS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE UP TO A LIMIT OF 50 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TUEN MUN
FOR JUNCTION RECONSTRUCTION

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TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE JUNCTION OF SHEK PAI TAU ROAD, MING KUM ROAD AND ROAD D7 IN TUEN MUN, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 30) FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS:

- * VEHICLES ON SHEK PAI TAU ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR ROAD D7 NORTHBOUND WILL HAVE TO USE MING KUM ROAD SOUTHBOUND, PUI TO ROAD EASTBOUND, KIN ON STREET/KIN TAI STREET, KIN WING STREET EASTBOUND, TSUN WEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, PUI TO ROAD WESTBOUND, MING KUM ROAD NORTHBOUND, SHEK PAI TAU ROAD WESTBOUND, ROAD 2B, ROAD 2C, ROAD 2A AND SHEK PAI TAU ROAD EASTBOUND.
- * NO VEHICLES ON SHEK PAI TAU ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE ACROSS THE JUNCTION OF SHEK PAI TAU ROAD WITH MING KUM ROAD. THEY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MING KUM ROAD SOUTHBOUND, PUI TO ROAD EASTBOUND, KIN ON STREET/KIN TAI STREET, KIN WING STREET EASTBOUND, TSUN WEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, PUI TO ROAD WESTBOUND AND MING KUM ROAD NORTHBOUND.
- * ALL VEHICLES ON MING KUM ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED FROM DRIVING ACROSS SHEK PAI TAU ROAD TO ROAD D7 NORTHBOUND. THEY WILL HAVE TO TURN LEFT ON TO SHEK PAI TAU ROAD WESTBOUND BEFORE PROCEEDING ALONG ROAD 2B, ROAD 2C, ROAD 2A AND SHEK PAI TAU ROAD EASTBOUND.
- * NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM MING KUM ROAD NORTHBOUND ON TO SHEK PAI TAU ROAD EASTBOUND. AFFECTED VEHICLES, INCLUDING KMB ROUTE NOS. 59S, 61, 61A, 62, 66 AND 66M, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 47S AND RESIDENTS' SERVICE ROUTE NO. 76R, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHEK PAI TAU ROAD WESTBOUND, ROAD 2B, ROAD 2C AND ROAD 2A.

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