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+UK WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER LEGCO MOTION+

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) HE WAS SURE THAT THE UK GOVERNMENT WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MOTION ON THE DRAFT HONG KONG (BRITISH NATIONALITY) ORDER.

+WE ARE AFTER ALL A PART OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS. ONE OF THE THINGS WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SAID THEY WOULD DO WAS THAT THEY WOULD ADOPT THE PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD ENABLE THERE TO BE CONSULTATION OF THE DRAFT ORDER IN COUNCIL, AND THIS IS ALL PART OF THAT CONSULTATION,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AT THE END OF A VISIT TO TWO FACTORIES IN KWAI CHUNG THIS AFTERNOON.

ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANGES IN THE POWER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE 1987 REVIEW, SIR EDWARD SAID: +WE HAVEN'T HAD THE REVIEW YET. THE WHOLE POINT OF THE 1987 REVIEW IS TO REVIEW THE SYSTEM. BUT DURING THIS YEAR, WE SHALL BE SEEING HOW IT IS SETTLING DOWN FOLLOWING THE INSTITUTION OF THE NEW LEGCO.+

HE SAID WE WOULD NEED A LITTLE TIME BEFORE WE STARTED THINKING ABOUT FURTHER CHANGES TO SEE HOW THE PRESENT SYSTEM WAS WORKING.

+THE WHOLE POINT OF THE REVIEW NEXT YEAR IS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN HOW THE PRESENT SYSTEM WORKS AND WE WILL GO ON FROM THERE,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID WE WOULD ADOPT A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH, BUILDING ON WELL-TRIED INSTITUTIONS. THAT IS STILL OUR APPROACH.+

ASKED WHETHER HONG KONG WOULD CONSULT UK'S OPINION ON THE 1987 REVIEW, SIR EDWARD SAID THE MAIN THING ABOUT THE REVIEW WAS TO TAKE THE VIEWS OF HONG KONG.

+THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW IN '87,+ HE SAID.

ON WHETHER THE VIEW OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, THE GOVERNOR SAID: +OUR CONCERN IS, WHAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DOES IS TO TAKE THE VIEWS OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG.

+I THINK THAT AT THIS STAGE, THE THING TO DO IS TO MAKE THE PRESENT SYSTEM WORK AND SEE HOW IT GETS ON, AND THEN WE CAN ALL HAVE VIEWS ON WHAT WE MIGHT DO IN THE '87 REVIEW.+

ON THE QUESTION OF STRIKING AN +ACCORD+ BETWEEN THE BASIC LAW AND POLITICAL REFORMS IN HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID: +I SAID IN THE ADDRESS WHICH I GAVE IN LEGCO THAT I THOUGHT BOTH SIDES WOULD BE VERY ALIVE TO THE CONCERN OF THE OTHER.+

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+AND I THINK MOST PEOPLE IN HONG KONG THINK THAT IS A VERY SENSIBLE APPROACH,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD BE MEETING MR LU PING, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF CHINA'S STATE COUNCIL, WHO IS NOW VISITING HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID NO FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR THE MOMENT.

+BUT I KNOW HIM QUITE WELL FROM MY TIME IN PEKING,+ HE SAID. +SO I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF HE AND I SAW EACH OTHER INFORMALLY AT SOME POINT.+

+I SHOULD BE LISTENING TO HIM AS MUCH AS TALKING TO HIM. I THINK HE HAS COME HERE TO TALK TO PEOPLE AND HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY, AND WE MUCH ENCOURAGE ALL VISITORS FROM PEKING TO DO THAT.+

ON THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO CHINA BY MR TIMOTHY RENTON, MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR SAID MR RENTON WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA IN GENERAL.

+THAT ENCOMPASSES OF COURSE MANY SUBJECTS OTHER THAN HONG KONG. BUT I IMAGINE THAT HE WILL HAVE SOME EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HONG KONG MATTERS.

+BUT HIS MAIN PURPOSE IS A VISIT TO CHINA ON THIS OCCASION AND SO THERE WILL BE MANY OTHER SUBJECTS TOO.

+THE AGENDA HASN'T BEEN FIXED YET, AND SO I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT SUBJECTS HE WILL WANT TO TAKE UP,+ HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE LOCALISATION PROGRAMME WITHIN THE POLICE FORCE, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD SPOKEN ON THE REVIEW ON LOCALISATION IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, I THINK -- CERTAINLY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE BELIEVES THIS AND I THINK HE IS QUITE RIGHT -- THAT THERE SHOULD BE FULL CONSULTATION WITH THOSE INVOLVED, SO THAT WHATEVER MEASURES ARE DECIDED ON ARE DECIDED ON ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THOSE INVOLVED,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RECONSIDER SCRAPPING JURIES FOR THE TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ROSKILL COMMITTEE, THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT THIS QUESTION WAS NOW FIRMLY WITH THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+AND I AM SURE THEY WILL BE STUDYING THE ROSKILL REPORT, WHICH IS QUITE A LONG REPORT I UNDERSTAND - I HAVEN'T SEEN IT YET - BUT I AM SURE THEY WILL HAVE TO STUDY THE REPORT AS A WHOLE BEFORE THEY TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT IN THEIR OWN REPORT AT THE END OF THE DAY,+ HE SAID.

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THE FOLLOWING WAS ISSUED BY THE LORD CHANCELLOR'S DEPARTMENT
IN LONDON AT 8 PM (HONG KONG TIME) TODAY:

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THE REPORT OF THE FRAUD TRIALS COMMITTEE
MAJOR CHANGES PROPOSED IN THE LAW AND PROCEDURES
FOR COMBATTING FRAUD

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THE REPORT OF THE FRAUD TRIALS COMMITTEE IS PUBLISHED
TODAY (JANUARY 10). THE COMMITTEE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
LORD ROSKILL, CALLS FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THE LAW - AND
IN ATTITUDES AND PROCEDURES - IF THE PERPETRATORS OF SERIOUS
FRAUD ARE TO BE +SWIFTLY AND EFFECTIVELY DISCOVERED, CONVICTED
AND PUNISHED+.

IN AN INTRODUCTORY SUMMARY TO ITS 250-PAGE REPORT THE
EIGHT-MEMBER COMMITTEE STATES THAT IN RELATION TO SERIOUS
CRIMES OF FRAUD AND TO THE SKILFUL AND DETERMINED CRIMINALS WHO
COMMIT THEM +THE PRESENT LEGAL SYSTEM IS ARCHAIC, CUMBERSOME AND
UNRELIABLE+; IT OFFERS +AN OPEN INVITATION TO BLATANT DELAY AND
ABUSE+.

THE COMMITTEE EMPHASISES THAT THE CHANGES IT CALLS FOR -
SOME OF WHICH WILL REQUIRE LEGISLATION - WILL MAKE DEMANDS UPON
THE INVESTIGATING AUTHORITIES, THE JUDICIARY, THE BAR AND THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE COURTS. IT EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE
GOVERNMENT WILL NOT SHRINK FROM IMPLEMENTING THEM.

AMONG A TOTAL OF 112 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGE, THE COMMITTEE
CALLS FOR:

- * SUBSTANTIAL REVISION OF THE RULES OF EVIDENCE;
- * FOR COMPLEX FRAUD TRIALS, TRIAL BY JUDGE AND
TWO LAY MEMBERS (THE +FRAUD TRIALS TRIBUNAL+)
SHOULD REPLACE TRIAL BY JUDGE AND JURY;
- * THE DEFENDANT'S RIGHT OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE
OF JURORS TO BE ABOLISHED IN FRAUD CASES AS
SHOULD THE PROSECUTION'S RIGHT OF +STAND BY
FOR THE CROWN+;
- * THE ABOLITION OF FULL COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS IN
SERIOUS FRAUD CASES;
- * A REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEFENCE SHOULD DISCLOSE
THE OUTLINE OF THEIR CASE IN ADVANCE OF THE
TRIAL;
- * THE SETTING UP OF AN INDEPENDENT MONITORING
BODY (THE +FRAUD COMMISSION+) TO STUDY THE
EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH FRAUD CASES ARE PURSUED
FROM DETECTION THROUGH TO TRIAL; AND

* THE APPOINTMENT OF +CASE CONTROLLERS+ FOR THE CONTROL OF SERIOUS FRAUD CASES FROM DISCOVERY TO VERDICT.

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT WAS UNANIMOUS, SAVE THAT ONE MEMBER, MR WALTER MERRICKS, DISSENTS ON THREE POINTS, NAMELY THE NEED FOR AN ALTERNATIVE MODE OF TRIAL FOR COMPLEX FRAUD CASES, THE ABOLITION OF THE RIGHT OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE, AND THE USE TO WHICH THE DEFENCE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT COULD BE PUT DURING THE TRIAL.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE RELATE TO FRAUD IN GENERAL, BUT THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS IS CONCERNED WITH LARGE SCALE OR COMPLEX FRAUD CASES. IN MANY INSTANCES THE REFORMS PROPOSED COULD BE ARGUED TO BE OF BENEFIT TO A WIDER RANGE OF CRIMINAL CASES. THIS IS A QUESTION FOR OTHERS TO CONSIDER.

CHANGES ARE REQUIRED IN THE PROCEDURES FOR MOBILISING THE NECESSARY PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TO ANALYSE COMPLEX CASES. EVERY COMPLEX FRAUD CASE SHOULD HAVE A +CASE CONTROLLER+ TO CONTROL THE CASE FROM DISCOVERY THROUGH TO THE VERDICT.

EXPANDED INVESTIGATORY RESOURCES WILL BE REQUIRED, AND EARLIER INTERVENTION BY LEADING COUNSEL WORKING WITH THE CASE CONTROLLER IS ALSO ESSENTIAL.

PENDING THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON THE 1981 RECOMMENDATION OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL PROCEDURE TO ABOLISH COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE AN ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE DESIGNED TO BRING SERIOUS FRAUD CASES MORE QUICKLY TO THE CROWN COURT.

IT PROPOSES THE NOMINATION OF THE TRIAL JUDGE AT AN EARLY STAGE. THE JUDGE SHOULD BE EMPOWERED TO DISCHARGE THE DEFENDANT AT A PREPARATORY HEARING ON THE GROUND THAT PRIMA FACIE THE EVIDENCE DOES NOT SUPPORT THE CHARGES IN THE INDICTMENT.

PRE-TRIAL REVIEWS MUST BE MADE EFFECTIVE AND GIVEN +TEETH+. AN OBLIGATION SHOULD BE PLACED UPON THE DEFENCE TO REVEAL THE NATURE OF THE DEFENCE CASE ONCE THE PROSECUTION CASE IS DISCLOSED. THE REMUNERATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNSEL MUST REFLECT ADEQUATELY THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPARATORY WORK.

SUBSTANTIAL REVISION OF THE RULES OF EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL AND THE DELIBERATE OBSTRUCTIONIST.

DESPITE ALL ITS SHORTCOMINGS, THE COMMITTEE FINDS TRIAL BY JURY AN ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURE FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF FRAUD CASES. FOR COMPLEX FRAUD CASES FALLING WITHIN CERTAIN GUIDELINES, THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES, WITH ONE DISSIDENT, THAT A DIFFERENT TYPE OF TRIBUNAL IS REQUIRED (THE +FRAUD TRIALS TRIBUNAL+), CONSISTING OF A JUDGE AND TWO SKILLED LAY MEMBERS.

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THE COMMITTEE, WITH ONE DISSENTIENT, TOOK THE VIEW THAT THE DEFENDANT'S RIGHT OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE OF JURORS IS NOT NEEDED AND SHOULD BE ABOLISHED IN FRAUD CASES. THE PROSECUTION'S RIGHT OF +STAND BY FOR THE CROWN+ SHOULD ALSO BE REMOVED. EITHER SIDE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE FOR CAUSE.

ONCE THE CASE PROPER BEGINS, THE COMMITTEE FAVOURS THE INCREASED USE OF WRITTEN SUMMARIES BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO THE JURY, AND VISUAL AIDS.

A CONSIDERABLE CHANGE IN THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND WORKING PRACTICES OF ALL CONCERNED WITH CRIMINAL FRAUD CASES - POLICE, LAWYERS, JUDGES AND COURT ADMINISTRATORS ALIKE - WOULD BE REQUIRED.

THE COMMITTEE WELCOMES THE CLOSER COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE PROSECUTING AUTHORITIES WHICH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT FRAUD INVESTIGATION GROUP HAS INITIATED. HOWEVER, IT THINKS THAT THE NEED FOR A NEW UNIFIED ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE FUNCTIONS OF DETECTION, INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF SERIOUS FRAUD SHOULD BE EXAMINED FORTHWITH.

AN INDEPENDENT MONITORING BODY (THE +FRAUD COMMISSION+) SHOULD BE NOMINATED WHICH SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDYING AND ADVISING FROM YEAR TO YEAR ON THE EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH FRAUD CASES ARE CONDUCTED.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS:

- * THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO SET UP THE FRAUD TRIALS COMMITTEE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF LORD ROSKILL, WAS ANNOUNCED ON NOVEMBER 8, 1983, AND FOLLOWED GROWING CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESENT METHODS OF COMBATTING SERIOUS COMMERCIAL FRAUD. THE COMMITTEE - AN INDEPENDENT BODY SET UP JOINTLY BY THE LORD CHANCELLOR AND THE HOME SECRETARY - BEGAN WORK IN APRIL 1984.

ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE: +TO CONSIDER IN WHAT WAYS THE CONDUCT OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN ENGLAND AND WALES ARISING FROM FRAUD CAN BE IMPROVED, AND TO CONSIDER WHAT CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW AND PROCEDURE WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO SECURE THE JUST, EXPEDITIOUS AND ECONOMICAL DISPOSAL OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS.+

- * THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE LORD ROSKILL (CHAIRMAN), LORD BENSON, MR DAVID BUTLER, SIR JAMES CRANE, JUDGE JOHN HAZAN, SIR ARTHUR KNIGHT, DR BARBARA MARSH AND MR WALTER MERRICKS.

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1986, A YEAR FOR LISTENING, SAYS CS

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THIS YEAR IS A YEAR OF LISTENING IN PREPARATION FOR THE 1987 REVIEW, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE LAYING-OFF CEREMONY OF A SEWAGE OUTFALL IN JUNK BAY, HE SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO SAY YET WHAT WOULD BE IN THE REVIEW SINCE IT WAS STILL 18 MONTHS AWAY.

THIS IS A YEAR IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE LISTENING TO THE OPINIONS WHICH ARE BEING EXPRESSED VERY WIDELY IN HONG KONG, COLLATING AND COLLECTING THEM, AND DISCUSSING THEM WITH PEOPLE, HE SAID.

+AND OF COURSE, THIS IS A YEAR IN WHICH THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE BASIC LAW WILL ALSO BE WORKING.

+SO THIS YEAR IS REALLY A YEAR OF LISTENING,+ HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, HE DESCRIBED AS +SPECULATIVE+ REPORTS THAT THE 1987 REVIEW WOULD ONLY CONCENTRATE ON THE ROLE AND STRUCTURE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND THAT IT WOULD NOT TOUCH ON ISSUES SUCH AS THE POWER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNOR.

+IF THE PUBLIC WISH TO DISCUSS THE POWER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE PUBLIC WILL DISCUSS THE POWER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,+ HE ADDED.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE LIKELY OUTCOME OF THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO THE UK GOVERNMENT OVER THE BN(O) PASSPORT ISSUE, SIR DAVID SAID HE COULD NOT SAY EXACTLY WHAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD DECIDE.

+BUT I AM QUITE SURE THAT THOSE REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE GIVEN VERY FULL AND DETAILED CONSIDERATION,+ HE SAID.

+BUT THEY DO, AS I SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EARLIER THIS WEEK, GIVE RISE TO IMPORTANT MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE - AND THEY ARE QUITE DIFFICULT MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE BECAUSE THEY INVOLVE NOT ONLY HONG KONG BUT A WHOLE RANGE OF PROBLEMS - AND THEREFORE THEY WILL REQUIRE DETAILED CONSIDERATION BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.+

ASKED TO ELABORATE ON THESE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS, SIR DAVID SAID THE THREE ISSUES WHICH WERE RAISED IN THE LETTER BY MISS LYDIA DUNN WERE ALL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE AND +CURRENT BRITISH POLICY HAS TO BE LOOKED AT IN RELATION TO THOSE ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED+.

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ON THE QUESTION OF COMPENSATION FOR THE FACTORIES WHICH HAVE TO BE MOVED BECAUSE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY, SIR DAVID SAID HE DIDN'T THINK A FINAL FIGURE HAD BEEN REACHED YET.

+BUT IT IS QUITE A LARGE SUM OF MONEY,+ HE SAID. +BUT THEN THEY ARE VERY LARGE FACTORIES.+

+BUT AS I SAID LAST TIME WHEN I WAS HERE, YOU WILL HAVE TO THINK OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY TO HONG KONG AS A WHOLE, AND THEN ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCE OF THOSE DECISIONS.

+THE DECISION TO DEVELOP JUNK BAY MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO REMOVE THOSE POLLUTING FACTORIES FROM WHERE THEY ARE.

+AND WE HAVE DONE THIS IN MANY PLACES.

+THERE WERE MANY FACTORIES IN THE VALLEY OF SHA TIN, SEVERAL HUNDRED I SHOULD THINK.

+AND THEY HAVE ALL BEEN MOVED. AND LOOK AT SHA TIN NOW.+

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID HE HOPED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET MR LU PING, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF CHINA'S STATE COUNCIL, WHO IS CURRENTLY VISITING HONG KONG.

+BUT THE PRECISE DETAILS HAVE NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT.

+I MET MR LU PING IN PEKING WHEN I WAS THERE, SO FIRST OF ALL IT WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW OUR ACQUAINTANCE, AND WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT HONG KONG IN GENERAL AND WHAT HE WILL BE DOING HERE.+

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD DISCUSS HONG KONG'S POLITICAL CHANGES WITH MR LU, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WOULD NOT BE A PRECISE AGENDA FOR THEIR DISCUSSION.

+WE WILL HAVE A GENERAL TALK ABOUT HONG KONG - WHAT IS GOING ON HERE AND SO ON,+ HE SAID. +THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG SOCIALLY, POLITICALLY AND FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT.+

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID HE KNEW OF NO PLANS FOR MR LU TO MEET THE GOVERNOR.

AS FOR WHETHER SIR EDWARD WOULD ACCOMPANY MR TIMOTHY RENTON, MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, ON HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO CHINA, SIR DAVID ALSO SAID HE KNEW OF NO PLANS FOR THE GOVERNOR TO GO TO CHINA.

+MR RENTON IS MAKING A VISIT WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD BE MAKING WHEN HE TOOK UP HIS OFFICE AS MINISTER,+ HE ADDED.

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SIR EDWARD TOURS KWAI CHUNG FACTORIES
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED TWO FACTORIES IN KWAI CHUNG TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SIR EDWARD FIRST VISITED THE ELECTRONIC DEVICES LIMITED AND WAS MET BY THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR TOMMY ZAU.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1969 AND HAS A WORKFORCE OF 1 440 TODAY. EQUIPPED WITH HIGHLY-AUTOMATED MACHINES, IT MAINLY PRODUCES ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS SUCH AS TRANSISTORS AND DIODES FOR EXPORT TO THE EEC, U.S., JAPAN AND THE FAR EAST.

SIR EDWARD THEN WENT TO THE TYCO (HK) LTD., WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR ROBERT DORSEE.

A U.S.-OWNED TOY FACTORY ESTABLISHED IN 1965, TYCO HAS A WORKFORCE OF 538 AND PRODUCES ELECTRIC HOBBY TRAINS. CAR-RACING SETS AND TOY CONSTRUCTION BLOCKS FOR EXPORT TO THE U.S.

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SIR DAVID LAUNCHES JUNK BAY SUBMARINE PIPELINE
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (FRIDAY) LAUNCHED THE FIRST SECTION OF WHAT WILL EVENTUALLY BE A 3.4-KILOMETRE SUBMARINE OUTFALL TAKING TREATED SEWAGE FROM JUNK BAY NEW TOWN INTO THE DEEPER WATERS OF TATHONG CHANNEL.

THE \$81 MILLION PIPELINE CONTRACT IS JUST ONE OF THREE PARTS OF THE \$168 MILLION JUNK BAY SEWAGE PROJECT WHICH WILL SERVE THE PROPOSED TOWN.

SIR DAVID DESCRIBED THE WORKS AS +AN INDICATION OF THE CAREFUL CONCERN WHICH NOW GOES INTO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NEW TOWNS AND OUR CONCERN TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH POLLUTION.+

+THIS MARKS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THE LATEST PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN WHICH AIMS TO PROVIDE A FULL LIFE, IN A PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT, FOR 175 000 PEOPLE.

+THESE WORKS WILL ENABLE THE EFFLUENT FROM THE POPULATION AND THE INDUSTRIAL WORKS TO BE TREATED AND DISCHARGED INTO THE TIDAL STREAM OF THE TATHONG CHANNEL WHERE THE DEPTH OF THE WATER AND THE CURRENT WILL ENSURE ADEQUATE DILUTION AND DISPERSION,+ HE ADDED.

/THREE KILOMETRES

THREE KILOMETRES OF THE PIPELINE ARE BEING LAID BY THE BOTTOM TOW METHOD IN A PREPARED TRENCH ON THE SEA BED. THE 12-METRE SECTIONS OF 1.3-METRE DIAMETER PIPE ARE BEING ASSEMBLED INTO 60-METRE LENGTHS ON SHORE AT JUNK BAY AND THEN PULLED INTO POSITION BY A WINCH SET UP ON THE OPPOSITE SHORE AT SIU CHAI WAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

TOWING AND POSITIONING OF THE PIPE IS EXPECTED TO TAKE TWO WEEKS WITH ENGINEERS AND CONSTRUCTION STAFF WORKING ROUND THE CLOCK.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY SIR DAVID DOTTED THE EYE OF A DRAGON PLACED AT THE HEAD OF THE PIPE AND THEN SMASHED A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE ON THE FIRST 180-METRE SECTION BEFORE IT WAS TOWNED INTO PLACE.

THIS FIRST SECTION INCLUDES THE DIFFUSER MANIFOLD THROUGH WHICH THE TREATED EFFLUENT WILL EVENTUALLY BE DISCHARGED INTO TATHONG CHANNEL THROUGH ONE-WAY VALVES.

ONCE THE 180-METRE DIFFUSER LENGTH HAD LEFT THE LAUNCH RAMP THE FIRST 60-METRE LENGTH OF PIPE WAS PLACED INTO POSITION AND WELDED TO THE TAIL OF THE FIRST SECTION. SUBSEQUENT LENGTHS WILL BE WELDED ON OVER THE NEXT FORTNIGHT UNTIL THE WHOLE PIPELINE IS IN PLACE.

THE PIPELINE PROJECT IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS PTY LTD. AND MOTT HAY AND ANDERSON FAR EAST ARE THE CONSULTANT ENGINEERS. THE CONTRACT STARTED IN APRIL LAST YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST.

THE OTHER TWO CONTRACTS FOR THE PROJECT - THE \$30 MILLION TUNNEL LINKING THE MAIN SEWER FROM THE HEAD OF THE BAY AND HANG HAU TO THE TREATMENT WORKS, AND THE \$57 MILLION TREATMENT WORKS THEMSELVES - ARE PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE AND WILL BE READY TO SERVE JUNK BAY'S FIRST RESIDENTS.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR BRYAN O'RORKE; HIS SUCCESSOR, MR KENNETH KWOK; THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NTDD, MR C.K. CHOW; MR JOHN MCNAUGHT, A DIRECTOR OF LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS; AND MR JOHN WHITEFIELD, A PARTNER OF MOTT HAY AND ANDERSON FAR EAST.

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SECOND MEETING ON LICENSING OF TRAVEL AGENTS
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THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL AGENTS HELD ITS SECOND MEETING THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF LICENSING WORK FOR TRAVEL AGENTS CARRIED OUT BY THE TRAVEL AGENTS REGISTRY.

THE MEETING NOTED THAT, UP TO JANUARY 9, 1986, A TOTAL OF 530 APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING TRAVEL AGENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE REGISTRY.

OF THIS NUMBER, 156 WERE FROM INDIVIDUALS OR PARTNERSHIP AND 374 FROM BODY CORPORATE.

THE APPLICATIONS ARE BEING CLOSELY SCRUTINISED BY THE REGISTRY, INCLUDING CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK ON THE APPLICANTS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT STAFF, CONDUCTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE POLICE.

WHERE NECESSARY, THE APPLICANTS ARE ALSO BEING CALLED FOR INTERVIEW IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF INFORMATION GIVEN IN THEIR APPLICATIONS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT BY THE END OF THE MONTH, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATIONS SO FAR RECEIVED AND DECISION CAN BE TAKEN AS TO WHICH APPLICATIONS MAY BE ISSUED WITH A LICENCE.

AS IT IS INTENDED THAT ALL EXISTING TRAVEL AGENTS WILL NEED TO BE LICENSED UNDER THE TRAVEL AGENTS ORDINANCE BY FEBRUARY 1, 1986, TRAVEL AGENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED ARE STRONGLY URGED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS BEFORE JANUARY 15, 1986 AS APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE MAY NOT BE PROCESSED IN TIME FOR LICENCES TO BE ISSUED TO CONTINUE THE APPLICANTS' BUSINESS AS TRAVEL AGENT AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 1986.

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WAN CHAI GOVERNMENT BUILDING TOPPED OUT
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THE FIRST BUILDING IN THE HARBOUR ROAD GOVERNMENT COMPLEX IN WAN CHAI WAS TOPPED OUT TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN.

THE 30-STOREY, \$212 MILLION BUILDING WILL HOUSE 39 DISTRICT AND MAGISTRATES' COURTS AND SIX GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN 27 000 SQUARE METRES OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

/THE DEPARTMENTS

THE DEPARTMENTS ARE THE DATA PROCESSING AGENCY, LAND TRANSPORT AGENCY, MUSIC OFFICE, CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, COMMERCIAL CRIMES BUREAU AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

WORK ON THE BUILDING STARTED IN NOVEMBER 1984 AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

MR CHAN WAS ASSISTED IN THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY BY THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO= THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR CHAM-SON CHAU= THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, MR NICHOLAS BARNETT= AND THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT, MR JOSE LEI.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR CHAN SAID THE COMPLEX WAS PART OF AN EXTREMELY ACTIVE WAN CHAI BUILDING PROGRAMME BEING UNDERTAKEN BY BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

THE FIRST TWO BUILDINGS IN THE COMPLEX, THE COURT AND OFFICE BUILDING AND THE HARBOUR ROAD SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION, WERE BEING BUILT BY SHUI ON BUILDING CONTRACTORS LTD.

+THESE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TWO 49-STOREY GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDINGS WITH THE WHOLE DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF 1990,+ MR CHAN SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE BUILDING PROGRAMME WAS ESTABLISHED TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON LEASED PRIVATELY-DEVELOPED OFFICE ACCOMMODATION,+ HE ADDED.

OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED AN EIGHT-STOREY BLOCK IN SAI KUNG, THE 27-STOREY HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL AND THE 56-STOREY QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

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EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING PLANS GAZETTED

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DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS FOR THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ACCORDING TO THE PLANS, THE WORKS WILL PROVIDE A 2.2-KILOMETRE DUAL, TWO-LANE TUNNEL BETWEEN QUARRY BAY AND CHA KWO LING.

THE 1.76 KILOMETRES OF THE TUNNEL UNDER THE SEA WILL BE OF IMMERSED TUBE CONSTRUCTION IN WHICH PRE-CAST CONCRETE UNITS WILL BE SUNK INTO A PREPARED TRENCH.

THE TUNNEL WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR (IEC) ON HONG KONG ISLAND BY A CIRCULAR FREE-FLOW INTERCHANGE ON THE QUARRY BAY RECLAMATION.

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THIS WILL INVOLVE MODIFICATION TO THE EAST AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF THE IEC, REALIGNMENT OF THE GROUND-LEVEL SLIP ROADS OF THE TAIKOO SHING INTERCHANGE, CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNEL MANAGEMENT ACCESS AND SERVICE ROADS ON THE QUARRY BAY RECLAMATION, EXTENSION OF HOI YU STREET AND MODIFICATION OF THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS THE IEC TO THE EAST OF THE TAIKOO SHING INTERCHANGE.

ON THE KOWLOON SIDE WORK WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A TOLL PLAZA INCORPORATING AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, SERVICE AREAS, ACCESS ROADS, BUS LAYBYS AND A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE, ALL WITHIN THE PRESENT CHA KWO LING QUARRY.

OTHER WORK WILL COMPRISE REALIGNMENT OF CHA KWO LING ROAD, CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT ON LEI YUE MUN ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH KAI TIN ROAD AND OF A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AND SLIP ROAD FROM THE TOLL PLAZA TO THE NEW LEI YUE MUN ROAD ROUNDABOUT.

IN ADDITION, LEI YUE MUN ROAD WILL BE WIDENED BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH YAU TONG ROAD AND CHA KWO LING ROAD AND THE NORTHERN KERBLINE MODIFIED TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR ACCESS TO A PROPOSED TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE.

A ONE-WAY ROAD WILL BE BUILT FROM LEI YUE MUN ROAD TO THE TOLL PLAZA PROVIDING LOCAL ACCESS TO THE TUNNEL. EXISTING GROUND-LEVEL ROADS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VARIOUS WORKS WILL ALSO REQUIRE MINOR MODIFICATIONS.

THE PLANS AND SCHEME CAN BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 880-886, KING'S ROAD, HONG KONG; AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, KOWLOON; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND AT THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, NINTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, IS REQUIRED TO WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MURRAY BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE MARCH 11.

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WARNING AGAINST UNLICENSED FOOD CATERERS
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED THE PUBLIC NOT TO USE THE SERVICE OF UNLICENSED FOOD CATERER.

THIS FOLLOWED A COURT CASE IN WHICH A 56-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS FINED \$4 000 IN FANLING MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING FOR OPERATING AN UNLICENSED FOOD FACTORY AND SELLING FOOD UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

THE OFFENCES WERE COMMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF FOOD FOR A WEDDING BANQUET WHICH TOOK PLACE IN LO UK CHUEN, YUEN LONG, ON DECEMBER 29.

OVER 80 GUESTS BECAME ILL AFTER TAKING FOOD PREPARED BY THE DEFENDANT.

HO RETURNING FROM TALKS
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MR ERIC HO, LEADER OF THE BRITISH TEAM OF EXPERTS ON GATT, WILL RETURN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTER TALKS IN PEKING ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE STATUS IN GATT AND THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

HE WILL BE ARRIVING ON FLIGHT CA105, ETA 11 AM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER MR HO'S ARRIVAL TOMORROW. THOSE COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM BY 10.10 AM.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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GRAND FESTIVAL FOR WAN CHAI RESIDENTS
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THE 1986 WAN CHAI FESTIVAL, A GRAND-SCALE DISTRICT EVENT COMPRISING VARIETY SHOWS, COMPETITIONS, SPORTS ACTIVITIES, EXHIBITIONS AND NUMEROUS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, WILL START ON JANUARY 19 (SUNDAY).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEE KON, SAID THE AIM OF THE FESTIVAL WAS TO HELP RESIDENTS KNOW THEIR DISTRICT BETTER AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING.

+IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THROUGH THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL EMPHASISE THE DISTRICT'S CHARACTERISTICS, THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL HAVE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF WAN CHAI.+

WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, ALSO THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, SAID DEVELOPMENT IN WAN CHAI WAS ENTERING A NEW PHASE WITH LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS COMING UP IN THE RECLAMATION AREA AND COMPREHENSIVE URBAN RENEWAL PLANS FOR THE OLDER PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

+IT IS HOPED THAT RESIDENTS WOULD REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND REMEMBER THE MESSAGE OF THE FESTIVAL WHICH IS TO WORK TOGETHER IN UNITY FOR A BETTER FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MRS PEGGY LAM, SAID THE 10-DAY FESTIVAL WOULD INCLUDE 15 EVENTS, MOST OF WHICH WERE FREE-OF-CHARGE.

A SPECTACULAR OPENING CEREMONY WOULD BE STAGED AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON JANUARY 19. THERE WILL BE DRAGON AND LION DANCES, A FLOAT PARADE, BAND PERFORMANCE, AND A ONE-HOUR VARIETY SHOW FEATURING WELL-KNOWN SINGERS AND ARTISTES FROM TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD.

+IN ORDER THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN ENJOY THE FESTIVAL, PART OF THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE TELECAST ON THE TVB'S +ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT+ SHOW THE FOLLOWING MONDAY EVENING,+ MRS LAM ADDED.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A CHINESE BAZAAR NIGHT TO BE HELD AT THE SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 20. THERE WILL BE FORTUNE-TELLING, PALM-READING, SINGING AND MAGIC SHOWS, SHE SAID.

FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT, THERE WILL BE CANTONESE OPERATIC PERFORMANCE= FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, A DISCO NIGHT= FOR CHILDREN, A GAMES DAY= AND FOR OFFICE WORKERS, FREE LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE VARIOUS SPORTS EVENTS, CONCERTS, A DRAWING COMPETITION AND A FILM SHOW.

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A ONE-WEEK EXHIBITION ON HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF WAN CHAI AND ON CIVIC EDUCATION WILL BE STAGED AT THE HENNESSY CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM JANUARY 20.

MRS LAM SAID THAT A DANCE PERFORMANCE NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 28 FOR THE CLOSING CEREMONY AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

PAMPHLETS CONTAINING A FULL PROGRAMME OF THE FESTIVAL ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-752477.

THE FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE 1986 WAN CHAI FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND SUPPORTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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FORMER ATLAS WORKERS PAID
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A TOTAL OF \$4.26 MILLION HAS BEEN PAID OUT FROM THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND TO SOME 1 500 FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE TWO SUBSIDIARIES OF ATLAS INDUSTRIES LIMITED.

THE LAST BATCH OF WORKERS FROM THE ALPHANETICS MANUFACTURING CO LTD AND THE ATLAS ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING LTD, WHICH CLOSED DOWN IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, RECEIVED THEIR PAYMENTS LAST MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THAT AS OF THE END OF DECEMBER, MORE THAN 5 700 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM WORKERS INVOLVED IN INSOLVENCY CASES SINCE THE FUND BEGAN OPERATION LAST APRIL.

THE WORKERS WERE CLAIMING FOR WAGES OWED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$15.6 MILLION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EMPLOYEES APPLYING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE FUND ARE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED IN TRIPLICATE.

THEY MUST GIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION WHILE FILLING IN THE FORMS AS ERRORS MAY CAUSE DELAY IN THE PROCESSING OF THEIR CLAIMS.

THE APPLICANTS ALSO HAVE TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS SUCH AS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, PAYROLL RECEIPTS, WAGE RECORDS AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIMS.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS ANIMAL WASTE POLLUTION

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SUBJECTS ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD ON MONDAY (JANUARY 13), INCLUDING ANIMAL WASTE POLLUTION CONTROLS AND THE EXPANSION OF MARICULTURE ZONES.

BEFORE THE DISCUSSION, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ON THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER PREPARED BY THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH ON THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY ANIMAL WASTES.

DISCUSSION ON EXPANSION OF MARICULTURE ZONES IN SAI KUNG WAS INITIATED BY FISHERMEN WHO SUBMITTED THEIR REQUEST IN WRITING TO THE DISTRICT BOARD LAST DECEMBER.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE JUNK BAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 1985 EDITION; A REPORT BY THE BOARD'S PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MR WAN YUET-KAU; AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 10 AM ON MONDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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FOCUS ON WHOLESALE, RETAIL TRADES

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A SPECIAL REVIEW, ENTITLED +A REVIEW OF THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES SECTOR+, IS INCLUDED IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

THE ARTICLE ANALYSES THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE SECTOR BETWEEN 1980 AND 1983 USING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE ANNUAL SURVEYS OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BESIDES PROVIDING STATISTICS AT THE ACTIVITY LEVEL, THE ARTICLE ANALYSES THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR TRADE GROUPS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE COMMODITIES TRADED OR THE TYPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED.

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THE ARTICLE ALSO CONTAINS AN ANALYSIS OF THE SECTOR BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$25 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR SUPPLY OF MOTOR BOATS

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF AT LEAST THREE MOTOR BOATS ON HIRE AT HOURLY RATES TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FOR 24 MONTHS STARTING APRIL 1, 1986.

THE BOATS WILL BE USED TO CONVEY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE OFFICERS BETWEEN 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, EIGHTH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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WARNING AGAINST OBSTRUCTION OF FACTORY INSPECTORS

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FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT STAFF ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO OBSTRUCT OR DELAY AUTHORISED OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR DUTIES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE MANAGEMENT OF A GARMENT FACTORY IN CHEUNG SHA WAN WAS RECENTLY BROUGHT TO COURT AND FINED \$1 000 FOR DELAYING TWO FACTORY INSPECTORS FROM CARRYING OUT INSPECTION AT THE FACTORY.

HE SAID THAT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHO OBSTRUCTED OR DELAYED AN OFFICER IN THE EXERCISE OF HIS DUTIES COMMITTED AN OFFENCE AND WAS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20 000 ON CONVICTION.

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RED PACKETS FOR 4 500 NEEDY PEOPLE
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ABOUT 320 WIDOWED FAMILIES ON HONG KONG ISLAND TODAY (FRIDAY) RECEIVED NEW YEAR +LAI-SEE+ OF \$100 EACH FROM THE TANG SHIU KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND.

A FURTHER 4 200 BENEFICIARIES WILL RECEIVE THEIR RED PACKETS FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO JANUARY 24. THEY COMPRISE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND LIVING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, ELDERLY PEOPLE IN SELECTED RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS AND ELDERLY PATIENTS IN THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

SOME \$700 000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE FUND'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR DISTRIBUTION PURPOSE.

ASSISTING SIR SHIU-KIN AND MR HO TIM, FOUNDERS OF THE FUND, IN TODAY'S DISTRIBUTION AT THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL WERE MRS ANSON CHAN, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, WHO IS THE TRUSTEE OF THE FUND, MR CHARLES LUI, ADVISER, AND TV ARTISTE, MISS DEBORAH LEE.

THE \$30 MILLION FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES IN COPING WITH HARDSHIP BROUGHT ON BY UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES.

GRANTS ARE PROVIDED TO MAINTAIN A CHILD'S EDUCATION AND TO MEET THE HIGH COSTS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

PAYMENTS ARE ALSO MADE FOR NEEDY PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS, AND TO VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND CAN BE MADE TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, PO LEUNG KUK OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

SOCIAL WORKERS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES MAY ALSO REFER HARDSHIP CASES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE FUND OR THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION IN CHAI WAN

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A FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE DANGER OF FIRE DURING THE DRY WINTER MONTHS WILL BE HELD AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY FROM NOON TO 3 PM.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHS PREPARED BY THE FIRE SERVICES AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENTS AMPLIFYING THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN THEME THAT CARELESSNESS CAUSES FIRE. THERE WILL ALSO BE FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT ON SHOW.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL EACH RECEIVE A BOOKLET ON FIRE PREVENTION IN THE HOME, A 1986 CALENDAR CARD AND A BOOKMARK.

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DRAWING CONTEST IN BOTANICAL GARDEN

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CHILDREN IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN ARE INVITED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR TALENT AT AN OPEN-AIR DRAWING COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 12).

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE MID-LEVEL (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE, IS SPONSORED BY PENTEL (HK) LIMITED WITH THE AIM OF ENHANCING CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN ART AND CULTURE.

IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO CLASSES -- THE JUNIOR CLASS FOR CHILDREN AGED EIGHT AND BELOW AND A HIGHER CLASS -- FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12.

CHILDREN CAN CHOOSE EITHER WATER COLOUR OR CRAYONS. DRAWING PAPER AND CRAYONS WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE SPOT BUT PARTICIPANTS MUST FINISH THEIR WORK BEFORE NOON.

CHILDREN SHOULD ALSO BRING ALONG THEIR DRAWING EQUIPMENT AND ARRIVE AT THE REGISTRATION BOOTH NEAR THE FOUNTAIN OF THE GARDEN AT 10 AM.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, MISS WINDY KWOK; CHAIRMAN OF THE MID-LEVEL (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE, MR AMBROSE LAU; MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MRS VINCENT KO; AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE PENTEL (HK) LIMITED, MR KAZUYUKI UENO.

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APART FROM GIFTS AND SOUVENIRS FOR WINNERS IN EACH CLASS, WINNING ENTRIES WILL FURTHER BE SUBMITTED FOR COMPETITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN JAPAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMPETITION.

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CIVIC EDUCATION FUN DAY ON SUNDAY

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A CIVIC EDUCATION FUN DAY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 12) AFTERNOON AT THE FOOTBALL PITCH OF ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND TO CONCLUDE THE MONTH-LONG +CIVIC EDUCATION 30+ CAMPAIGN IN MONG KOK.

THE FUN DAY WILL FEATURE GAMES AND MATCHES THAT INCORPORATE VARIOUS CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE TO ENHANCE CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS.

PROGRAMME WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS - THE FIRST WILL BE A COMPETITION AMONG EIGHT TEAMS FORMED BY SIX AREA COMMITTEES, THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND THE MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION AND THE SECOND WILL BE A CONTEST BETWEEN TEAMS REPRESENTING THE WING ON COMPANY LIMITED, TELEVISION BROADCAST LIMITED, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 4.30 PM AT THE FOOTBALL PITCH OF ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND, TAI KOK TSUI.

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BRANCH OFFICE ON THE MOVE
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THE BRANCH OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL BE MOVING TO NEW OFFICES ON THE THIRD AND NINTH FLOORS OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KOWLOON, TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE UNITS INVOLVED INCLUDE THE ENGINEERING DIVISION, FLORA CONSERVATION SECTION, CO-OPERATIVE AND CREDIT UNION SECTION, AND CROP ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION SECTION.

THEY WILL BE OPERATING FROM THE NEW OFFICES FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 13).

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE VARIOUS UNITS ARE:

ENGINEERING DIVISION	3-7332484
FLORA CONSERVATION SECTION	3-7332493
CO-OPERATIVE AND CREDIT UNION SECTION	3-7332473
CROP ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION SECTION	3-7332272

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ROOFTOP STRUCTURE TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF OF 23D, FUK WING STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, TO ENABLE DEMOLITION.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON FEBRUARY 27 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN SEPTEMBER 1984. DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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FIRST ROUND OF SCHOOL DEBATE STARTS
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THE FIRST ROUND OF THE POST SECONDARY SCHOOL DEBATE 86, ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF STUDENTS, WILL START TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS INCLUDE UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LEE YU-TAI AND SOLICITORS MR KENNETH CHOW AND MR LEUNG TING-PONG.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING WILL BE THE HEAD OF RTHK RADIO 1, MR PETER SHIU; PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST, DR RAYMOND HO; AND PRESIDENT OF THE HKFS, MR DANIEL FUNG.

AN INVITATION DEBATE WILL ALSO BE HELD FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DEBATE TO BE HELD AT THE C.S. TSE MEMORIAL HALL OF BAPTIST COLLEGE AT 2 PM TOMORROW.

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CLOSING CEREMONY
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A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 3 PM IN THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE TWO-WEEK LONG EASTERN DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL.

DURING THE FESTIVAL MANY RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE 12 AREA COMMITTEES HAD FORMED TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN VARIOUS COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENTS, SUCH AS TABLE TENNIS, TENNIS, BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL AND BOWLING.

OFFICIATING AT TOMORROW'S CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG AND MR WONG KIN-FAI, REGIONAL SPORTS MANAGER (HK).

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SHAM SHUI PO TRAFFIC CHANGES

A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NAM CHEONG STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 13) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

THESE ARE:

- * THE SOUTHWEST BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NAM CHEONG STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND KI LUNG STREET WILL BE MADE A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY. NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.
- * VEHICLES ON NAM CHEONG STREET NORTHEAST BOUND WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT ONTO YU CHAU STREET NORTHWEST BOUND.
- * VEHICLES ON NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHWEST BOUND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE U-TURNS AT ITS JUNCTION WITH YU CHAU STREET.

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YAU MA TEI WATER CUT

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 13) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY MAN CHEONG STREET, MAN WUI STREET AND FERRY STREET, INCLUDING THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND WATER SELLING KIOSK AT MAN CHEONG STREET.

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