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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION
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THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MARCH 26, 1987. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 1987-88 FINANCIAL YEAR SHOULD AMOUNT TO 61 HECTARES. THE PROGRAMME COMPRISES 27 HECTARES FOR COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS (INCLUDING FIVE HECTARES TO BE GRANTED TO THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY MAINLY FOR BUILDING PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING); 17 HECTARES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEMES; AND 17 HECTARES FOR VILLAGE HOUSING, PUBLIC UTILITIES, EDUCATIONAL, WELFARE, RELIGIOUS, RECREATIONAL AND OTHER USES.

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CS LOOKS AT PROGRESS OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, TODAY (THURSDAY) MADE AN AERIAL TOUR OF THE NEW TOWNS AND VARIOUS SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHERE MASSIVE DEVELOPMENTS ARE UNDERWAY OR BEING PLANNED.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR KENNETH KWOK, THE HELICOPTER FLIGHT TOOK MR FORD OVER GREEN ISLAND, TSING YI, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, TIN SHUI WAI, YUEN LONG, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI BEFORE LANDING IN SHA TAU KOK.

THE PROJECT MANAGER (NEW TERRITORIES/NORTHEAST), MR ROBERT HANNA, BRIEFED MR FORD ON A THREE-YEAR PLAN TO REHOUSE THE POPULATION OF THE YIM LIU HA AND TSOI YUEN KOK SQUATTER AREAS IN A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 3 900.

OTHER IMPORTANT ENGINEERING WORKS IN THE AREA INCLUDE SITE FORMATION AND RECLAMATION OF ABOUT FOUR HECTARES OF LAND, CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL AND CORRESPONDING DREDGING OF AN AREA OF FORESHORE, WIDENING OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD, PROVISION OF AN ESTATE ROAD AND BUILDING OF ASSOCIATED SEWERS AND DRAINS.

AFTER LEAVING SHA TAU KOK, MR FORD FLEW OVER TAI PO, SHA TIN, MA ON SHAN AND SAI KUNG, LOOKING AT A NUMBER OF ONGOING PROJECTS ON ROUTE TO JUNK BAY.

THERE, THE PROJECT MANAGER (NEW TERRITORIES/SOUTH), MR TOM ARMOUR, BRIEFED HIM ON MAJOR WORKS UNDERWAY FOR THE NEW TOWN WHICH WOULD BE READY TO TAKE IN ITS FIRST RESIDENTS WITHIN A FEW MONTHS.

DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY PHASE I WILL PROVIDE HOUSING AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES FOR ABOUT 220 000 PEOPLE BY THE MID-1990'S. IT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR ROAD LINKS, A TUNNEL, PUBLIC HOUSING, 13 PRIMARY SCHOOLS, FIVE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, FOUR INDOOR RECREATION CENTRES AND A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

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PHASE II DEVELOPMENT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY FROM KWUN TONG, AND ENABLE THE NEW TOWN TO HOUSE A TOTAL OF 325 000 PEOPLE.

MR FORD ALSO SAW THE PROGRESS OF LAND FORMATION AND RECLAMATION WORKS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD TUNNEL LINKING THE NEW TOWNSHIP TO EAST KOWLOON AND KWUN TONG. CONSTRUCTION OF THE 900-METRE TWIN-TUBE DUAL-CARRIAGEWAY TUNNEL BEGAN LAST YEAR AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN MID-1990.

MR FORD SAID JUNK BAY, WITH ITS WELL THOUGHT-OUT PLANNING AND COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF FACILITIES, HAD THE PROSPECT OF BECOMING AN EXCELLENT NEW TOWN.

+IT'S MARVELLOUS TO SEE THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE SO FAR. I AM SURE IT WILL BE VERY POPULAR WITH EVERYBODY,+ HE ADDED.

ON HIS RETURN TO HMS TAMAR, MR FORD FLEW OVER HUNG HOM BAY TO SEE MAJOR RECLAMATION WORKS IN PROGRESS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PLANNING) OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, DR PETER PUN, AND MR FORD'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, MRS FANNY LAW, ALSO TOOK PART IN THE TRIP.

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COMPANY LAW REFORM STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT RELEASED
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THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED ITS THIRD ANNUAL REPORT AFTER IT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

IN ITS REPORT FOR 1986, THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS. ONE OF THE MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD IS THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION TO REGULATE WHAT SUMS MAY BE DISTRIBUTED AS PROFITS BY LIMITED COMPANIES TO THEIR SHARE-HOLDERS. THE LEGISLATION WOULD ONLY MAKE LAW WHAT IS ALREADY GOOD ACCOUNTING PRACTICE FOLLOWED BY THE LEADING LISTED COMPANIES.

THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINED RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE POWER OF COMPANIES TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN SHARES; REVISING SECTION 48 OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE DEALING WITH PROHIBITION OF PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY A COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ITS OWN SHARES AND SECTION 228A DEALING WITH SPECIAL PROCEDURE FOR VOLUNTARY WINDING UP IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

/THE COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE HAD MADE DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS ON A NUMBER OF VERY TECHNICAL MATTERS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 80(2)(C) AND (E) OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (REGISTRATION OF CHARGES CREATED BY COMPANIES) AND SECTIONS 79 AND 265 (PAYMENT OF CERTAIN DEBTS OUT OF ASSETS SUBJECT TO A FLOATING CHARGE IN PRIORITY TO CLAIMS UNDER THE CHARGE, IN THE CASE OF BOTH RECEIVERSHIPS AND WINDING-UPS).

OTHER SUBJECTS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE INCLUDED THE MINIMUM AGE LIMIT FOR DIRECTORS AND WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE A MAXIMUM AGE LIMIT FOR DIRECTORS AND THE QUESTION OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES BY MEMBERS OF PRIVATE CLUBS.

THE COMMITTEE SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE YEAR CONSIDERING THE DIFFICULT SUBJECT OF INSIDER DEALING. DISCUSSION CONTINUED INTO 1987 AND A SEPARATE REPORT SETTING OUT THE COMMITTEE'S VIEWS WAS SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY LAST WEEK.

SUBJECTS WHICH WERE CONSIDERED DURING THE YEAR AND ON WHICH CONSIDERATION IS CONTINUING INCLUDED DIRECTORS' DUTY REGARDING INFORMATION TO SHAREHOLDERS, NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND THE PRINCIPLE OF ULTRA VIRES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM, REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, COMMERCIAL DIVISION, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 21ST FLOOR, 66, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECTS COVERED BY THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER 11, 24TH FLOOR, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1.

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MORE HOSPITALS TO MEET NEW TERRITORIES DEMAND
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TWO NEW HOSPITALS ARE BEING PLANNED FOR TAI PO AND NORTH DISTRICT TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE 1990'S.

PLANS FOR THESE HOSPITALS - THE NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL AND THE NORTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL - WERE DISCUSSED BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MDAC) TODAY (THURSDAY).

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MEMBERS NOTED THAT THE EXISTING 385-BED NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL AT BONHAM ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND WAS IN NEED OF MAJOR RENOVATION DUE TO ITS DILAPIDATED PHYSICAL CONDITION AND THE OBSOLESCENCE OF THE BUILDING.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE NEW NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL WITH ABOUT 600 BEDS BE BUILT INSTEAD IN TAI PO. IT WOULD BE AN ACUTE GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH A 24-HOUR ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE, A SPECIALIST CLINIC, A SMALL GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT AND DAY HOSPITAL PLACES.

MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE THE NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL WOULD OBTAIN THE NEED TO INJECT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FUNDS INTO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING HOSPITAL.

THE PROJECT WOULD ALSO HELP TO RELIEVE THE SHORTFALL OF HOSPITAL BEDS IN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES, PARTICULARLY IN TAI PO DISTRICT.

SITE FORMATION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL COULD START IN EARLY 1989 AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS COMPLETED IN 1992-93.

THE MEETING ALSO ENDORSED PLANS FOR A 1 200-BED NORTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT IN FANLING.

SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1996-97, IT IS TO HAVE 600 ACUTE GENERAL BEDS, 400 BEDS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL AND 200 FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, A 24-HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE AND A SPECIALIST CLINIC.

ANOTHER TOPIC DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WAS HOSPICE CARE IN LOCAL HOSPITALS.

UNLIKE CONVENTIONAL CARE, THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THE HOSPICE CONCEPT IS TO MAINTAIN DYING PATIENTS AT HOME FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE AND TO HARNESS DEDICATED VOLUNTEER SERVICE OF FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, PRIESTS AND THE COMMUNITY. IT IS AIMED AT PROVIDING EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL AND MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL BEYOND THE HOSPITAL DOORS.

MEMBERS OF THE MEETING CONSIDERED THAT THERE COULD BE IMPROVEMENT TO TERMINALLY-ILL PATIENTS IN LOCAL PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

MEMBERS AGREED THAT HOSPICE CARE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF OVERALL MEDICAL PRIORITIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO SETTING UP A CO-ORDINATING CENTRE AT THE VARIOUS REGIONAL HOSPITALS TO LIAISE WITH VOLUNTARY OR PASTORAL SERVICES FOR FAMILY AND PATIENTS WHO REQUIRED SUCH CARE.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY RELEASED

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EXTERNAL TRADE CONTINUED TO SHOW SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN FEBRUARY 1987. THE GROWTH RATES OF DIFFERENT TRADE AGGREGATES VARIED CONSIDERABLY, HOWEVER.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY 1987, AT \$9 992 MILLION, INCREASED BY 19.7 PER CENT OR \$1 645 MILLION COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1986, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 54.4 PER CENT OR \$3 740 MILLION TO \$10 616 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, AT \$20 608 MILLION, WAS 35.4 PER CENT OR \$5 385 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN FEBRUARY 1986. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 42.0 PER CENT OR \$7 135 MILLION OVER FEBRUARY 1986 TO \$24 118 MILLION.

IN FEBRUARY 1987, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS EXCEEDED THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS. THE LAST TIME THIS OCCURRED WAS IN MARCH 1985.

AS THE GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WAS FASTER THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP (THAT IS, THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS) RECORDED IN FEBRUARY 1987 WIDENED TO 14.6 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH A VISIBLE TRADE GAP OF 10.4 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1986.

AS A RESULT OF THE TRADE SURPLUS RECORDED IN JANUARY, A CUMULATIVE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$969 MILLION WAS RECORDED FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY TAKEN TOGETHER, REPRESENTING ONLY 2 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FOR THESE TWO MONTHS.

COMPARING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 27.4 PER CENT AND 46.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. AS A RESULT, TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 36.0 PER CENT. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS GREW BY 33.1 PER CENT.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH RATES ACHIEVED BY DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE LATTER PART OF 1986 HAD CONTINUED IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. SIMILARLY THE VERY SHARP RECOVERY IN RE-EXPORTS SEEN TOWARDS THE END OF LAST YEAR WAS ALSO CONTINUING.

THIS WAS MAINLY THE RESULT OF CHINESE GOODS BEING CHANNELLED THROUGH HONG KONG AND REFLECTED CHINA'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ITS EXPORTS. THE STRONG GROWTH IN IMPORTS SUGGESTED THAT THE GROWTH MOMENTUM OF EXPORTS SHOULD BE SUSTAINED IN THE COMING MONTHS.

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE
TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1987:

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$9 992 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$10 616 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$20 608 MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$24 118 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$3 510 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	DEC 86 TO	DEC 85 TO	INCREASE	
	FEB 87	FEB 86	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	39 413	31 202	8 211	26.3
RE-EXPORTS	35 247	24 904	10 343	41.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	74 660	56 106	18 554	33.1
IMPORTS	75 102	57 969	17 133	29.6
TRADE BALANCE	-442	-1 863	1 421	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY	INCREASE	
	1987	1986	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	9 992 (48.5%)	8 347 (54.8%)	1 645	19.7
RE-EXPORTS	10 616	6 876	3 740	54.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	20 608	15 223	5 385	35.4
IMPORTS	24 118	16 983	7 135	42.0
TRADE BALANCE	-3 510	-1 760	-1 750	

LAST MONTH	FEBRUARY	JANUARY	INCREASE	
	1987	1987	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	9 992 (48.5%)	14 053 (53.9%)	-4 061	-28.9

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RE-EXPORTS	10 616	12 004	-1 388	-11.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	20 608	26 057	-5 449	-21.9
IMPORTS	24 118	23 516	602	2.6
TRADE BALANCE	-3 510	2 541	-6 051	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-FEB 1987	JAN-FEB 1986	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	24 045 (51.5%)	18 877 (55.0%)	5 168	27.4
RE-EXPORTS	22 620	15 439	7 181	46.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	46 665	34 316	12 349	36.0
IMPORTS	47 634	35 789	11 845	33.1
TRADE BALANCE	-969	-1 473	504	

LAST 12 MONTHS	MAR 86 TO FEB 87	MAR 85 TO FEB 86	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	159 152	128 212	30 940	24.1
RE-EXPORTS	129 727	104 315	25 412	24.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	288 879	232 527	56 352	24.2
IMPORTS	287 800	233 124	54 676	23.5
TRADE BALANCE	1 079	-597	1 676	

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY 1987. THE NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) (OCTOBER 84 - SEPTEMBER 85 = 100) FOR FEBRUARY 1987 WERE 106.6 AND 106.7 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 3.9 PER CENT OVER FEBRUARY 1986 FOR BOTH INDEXES.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT AND THE NEW CPI(B), BY 0.5 PER CENT. THE AVERAGE NEW CPI(A) AND AVERAGE NEW CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 1987 WERE 104.4 AND 104.7 RESPECTIVELY.

THE 1979-80-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR FEBRUARY 1987 WERE 169.1 AND 170.4 RESPECTIVELY. COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987, CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 0.6 PER CENT. THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 1987, AT 165.4 AND 166.8 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 3.0 PER CENT AND 3.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 1986.

PRICE MOVEMENTS DESCRIBED BELOW ARE BASED ON THE NEW CPI SERIES.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 1987, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.3 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING FEBRUARY, BUS FARES, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT AND CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES INCREASED. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND OUTERCLOTHING AND CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING DECREASED.

THE NEW CPI(A) AND THE NEW CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE NEW CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2 000 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6 500 AND \$9 999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY 1987 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY - SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987 AND FEBRUARY 1986, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	NEW CPI (A)			NEW CPI (B)		
	INDEX FOR FEB 87	% CHANGE OVER JAN 87	% CHANGE OVER FEB 86	INDEX FOR FEB 87	% CHANGE OVER JAN 87	% CHANGE OVER FEB 86
FOODSTUFFS	103.3	+0.7	+2.0	104.0	+0.8	+2.3

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HOUSING	108.6	+0.2	+5.2	106.6	+0.2	+3.7
FUEL AND LIGHT	91.1	+1.6	-8.5	91.6	+1.2	-8.0
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	111.1	+0.7	+5.4	111.0	+0.7	+5.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	107.6	-1.0	+6.4	108.0	-1.4	+7.3
DURABLE GOODS	108.5	+0.2	+7.2	107.6	+0.1	+6.7
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	111.9	+0.6	+9.8	111.4	+0.6	+8.9
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	112.4	+4.7	+8.2	110.8	+3.8	+6.9
SERVICES	114.4	-0.2	+4.8	113.5	-0.2	+4.3
ALL ITEMS	106.6	+0.7	+3.9	106.7	+0.5	+3.9

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.8 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT, SHRIMPS AND CRABS AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.2 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AND KEROSENE.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) DUE TO INCREASED DUTIES ON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.4 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF OUTER CLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY AND FRESH FLOWERS.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 4.7 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 3.8 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER BUS FARES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES DECREASED BY 0.2 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING AND PACKAGE TOURS AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR. HOWEVER, THESE DECREASES WERE PARTLY OFFSET BY INCREASES IN THE CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.)

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR FEBRUARY 1987, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.50 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDELL STREET, HONG KONG, FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 108.9 IN FEBRUARY 1987, UP BY 0.5 PER CENT OVER JANUARY 1987 AND BY 5.1 PER CENT OVER FEBRUARY 1986. THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$10 000-24 999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

SHIPPING REGISTER STEERING GROUP HOLDS FIRST MEETING
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THE STEERING GROUP FORMED TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON THE DETAILED WORKINGS OF THE MODIFIED HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER AGREED ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND WORKING PROCEDURES AT ITS FIRST MEETING TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY MR RAFAEL HUI, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, AND WAS ATTENDED BY MR KENNETH LO, MR PETER THOMPSON, MR TING KAM-YUEN, CAPT E H FARROW, MR J P LEE, MR K H M WALLACE, MR J MATHEWS, MR G A HIGGINSON, MR D A HALL AND MR A R CLARK.

AT THE MEETING, THE STEERING GROUP AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:

+TO RECOMMEND TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HONG KONG REGISTER OF SHIPPING GENERALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AGREED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA AND PUBLISHED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ON 14 OCTOBER 1986.+

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE PROPOSALS WILL INCLUDE, INTER ALIA:

- (A) THE PROCEDURES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE REGISTER;
- (B) QUALIFICATION FOR OWNING SHIPS ON THE REGISTER;
- (C) METHODS BY WHICH THE MARINE ADMINISTRATION CAN FULFIL ITS OBLIGATIONS WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, CODES OF PRACTICE ETC. IN RESPECT OF SHIP CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT, SURVEY, CERTIFICATION AND MANNING, INCLUDING TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR CREW AND THEIR TRAINING;
- (D) MEASURES FOR THE EXERCISE OF WORLD-WIDE JURISDICTION OVER SHIPS ON THE REGISTER;
- (E) FINANCING THE REGISTER;
- (F) THE TAXATION OF SHIPPING AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE TAXATION SYSTEM TO OTHER JURISDICTION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE STEERING GROUP TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES, TWO COMMITTEES ARE TO BE SET UP. THE FIRST ONE WILL DISCUSS ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF THE REGISTER AND WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR A R CLARK, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES. THE SECOND ONE TO BE CHAIRED BY MR D A HALL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE WILL DISCUSS ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE REGULATION TO BE APPLIED TO HONG KONG REGISTERED SHIPS AND THEIR CREWS INCLUDING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS.

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IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF SPECIALIST WORKING GROUPS WILL BE SET UP UNDER THE TWO COMMITTEES TO CONSIDER PARTICULAR AREAS OF WORK. THEY WILL SUBMIT THEIR REPORTS TO THEIR PARENT COMMITTEE FOR ENDORSEMENT AND ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO THE STEERING GROUP.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE STEERING GROUP WILL COMPLETE ITS DELIBERATIONS IN TIME FOR THE MODIFIED REGISTER TO BE INTRODUCED IN 1990 OR 1991.

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DISTRICT BOARD ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNISED
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THE AIM OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WAS TO ACHIEVE HIGHER RESPONSIVENESS AND BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF ADMINISTRATION AT DISTRICT LEVEL AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING GREATER PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENTS IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS, NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ELEVENTH SPEECH DAY OF THE SHA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, WITH ITS NETWORK OF COMMITTEES TOGETHER WITH THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, HAD BROUGHT ABOUT SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

AMONG THEM WAS ITS CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL EDUCATION, MR CHEUNG SAID, ADDING THAT A WORKING GROUP ON THE PROVISION OF FORM 1 SCHOOL PLACES WITHIN THE DISTRICT WAS SET UP EARLY LAST YEAR.

AS A RESULT, A REPORT RECOMMENDING THAT FOUR ADDITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHOULD BE BUILT BY 1992 WAS SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE BOARD HAD ALSO BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA OF SHA TAU KOK WHICH WOULD BE OPERATIONAL BY SEPTEMBER 1988, HE SAID.

ON TRANSPORT MATTERS, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD DONE MUCH IN THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW EXPRESS BUS ROUTE 70X PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND KWUN TONG VIA TOLO HIGHWAY IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

+CREDIT ALSO GOES TO THE BOARD IN THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION TO THE LONG-STANDING PROBLEM OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN MAN KAM TO, + HE SAID.

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MR CHEUNG ALSO NOTED THAT THE BOARD HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED A TRAVEL SURVEY AND THE FINDINGS WOULD SERVE AS AN IMPORTANT REFERENCE FOR FUTURE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

REGARDING MEDICAL SERVICES, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT A PREFERENTIAL OUT-PATIENT TREATMENT SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLIES WAS LAUNCHED FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

AN EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED LAST JULY BY THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD SHOWN THAT SOME 75 PER CENT OF THE LOCAL WORKFORCE HAD JOBS OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT. SUCH FINDINGS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR THE LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PLANNING BY THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, A TOTAL OF \$780 000 HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY THE BOARD TO CARRY OUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

THESE INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS, PAVILIONS, PLAYGROUNDS, RAINSHELTERS, FOOTPATHS AND VAN TRACKS.

TURNING TO THE PROMOTION OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT MORE THAN 120 EVENTS HAD BEEN ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TOGETHER WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

+OVER HALF OF THE DISTRICT'S POPULATION HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THESE ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE DISTRICT'S IMAGE, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD HOLD AN EXHIBITION ON FLOWERS, BIRDS, INSECTS AND GOLDFISH THIS AUTUMN.

IT WOULD BE THE FIRST DISPLAY OF ITS KIND IN THE TERRITORY AND WAS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT MANY ENTHUSIASTS BOTH FROM WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT, HE ADDED.

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AIDS COUNSELLING SERVICE TELEPHONE CHANGED
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) COUNSELLING SERVICE WILL BE CHANGED FROM 3-7102553 TO 3-7802211 STARTING APRIL 1.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE HOURS OF OPERATION WILL BE EXTENDED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM INSTEAD OF 4 PM DAILY FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

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THE AIDS COUNSELLING SERVICE, MANNED BY EXPERIENCED HEALTH PERSONNEL, WAS SET UP ON NOVEMBER 25, 1985 TO PROVIDE COUNSELLING TO PEOPLE IN THE HIGH RISK GROUPS, AND PERSONS WHO FEAR THEY MIGHT HAVE CONTRACTED THE INFECTION. IF NECESSARY, BLOOD TEST CAN BE PROVIDED.

CALLERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES. ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND ANONYMITY WILL BE PRESERVED.

UP TO THE END OF FEBRUARY 1987, THE SERVICE HAD RECEIVED 3 644 CALLS SINCE ITS INCEPTION.

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CLEARANCES TO IMPROVE CENTRAL-WESTERN ENVIRONMENT
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A MAJOR CLEARANCE EXERCISE WAS CARRIED OUT THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING TO REMOVE 91 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ALONG A SECTION OF LUNG WAH STREET BELOW KWUN LUNG LAU IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

OF THESE STRUCTURES, 25 WERE DOMESTIC UNITS AND 66 WERE FOR COMMERCIAL AND STORAGE PURPOSES.

AMONG THE 164 PERSONS AFFECTED, 32 WERE ELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING IN PUBLIC HOUSING AND 103 IN TEMPORARY HOUSING.

CO-ORDINATED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, TODAY'S OPERATION WAS JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

A SITTING-OUT AREA WITH BENCHES, ARBOUR AND TABLES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE SITE.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, A SIMILAR OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT AT THE LANE BEHIND BLAKE GARDENS, SIDE STREETS ALONG THE TAI PING SHAN STREET AND THE REAR LANE OF THE UPPER STATION STREET.

A TOTAL OF 86 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE DEMOLISHED AND 80 PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED. OF THESE, 50 PERSONS WERE RE-HOUSED IN PUBLIC OR TEMPORARY HOUSING.

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COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME TO BE LAUNCHED
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT A +CELEBRITY TREE PLANTING+ ACTIVITY ON SUNDAY (MARCH 29) TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME.

JOINING SIR DAVID IN PLANTING THE FIRST TREES WILL BE ABOUT 100 WELL-KNOWN PUBLIC FIGURES INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, OMELCO MEMBERS AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN AS WELL AS 1 000 SCHOOL CHILDREN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 10.30 AM AT HOI HA IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL FROM THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, BY 9 AM.

AS THE PLANTING SITE IS WITHIN A COUNTRY PARK WHERE PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS IS RESTRICTED, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES OR TELEVISION CREW WISHING TO ARRANGE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT SHOULD CONTACT THE AFD INFORMATION UNIT ON 3-7332176 BY 5 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FOR NECESSARY VEHICULAR PERMITS. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

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SEMINAR TO CONCLUDE CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
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A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (MARCH 28) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE TO CONCLUDE THE +86 CIVIC EDUCATION IN EASTERN DISTRICT+.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR PAUL YIN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) ABOUT \$150 000 WAS ALLOCATED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO ORGANISE OVER 100 CIVIC EDUCATION ORIENTED ACTIVITIES IN 1986-87.

ENTITLED +EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR - FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AT DISTRICT LEVEL+, THE SEMINAR AIMS TO GATHER PUBLIC OPINIONS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEES, REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN THE CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES LAST YEAR, WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

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SPEAKERS INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MRS PAULINE NG, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR PAUL YIN AND MR LEE YU-TAI.

A DISCUSSION FORUM WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MR CHAN YUK-CHEUNG AFTER THE TALKS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY AT 3 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-884 KING'S ROAD.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMBASSADORS OFF TO JAPAN
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HONG KONG'S THREE NEWLY-NOMINATED INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMBASSADORS WILL TAKE UP THEIR FIRST OFFICIAL ROLE BY VISITING INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN JAPAN TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MR FOK KAM-CHEONG, MR LYON LING AND MR MAN HOI-MING, ALL IN THEIR 20'S, WERE SELECTED UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMBASSADOR AWARD SCHEME RUN BY THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

DURING THEIR WEEK-LONG STAY IN JAPAN, THEY WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY A DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR PANG KWOK-LAM, THE THREE AMBASSADORS WILL FIRST CALL AT THE NISHIMATSU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN TOKYO WHERE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THEM TO VISIT ONE OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION SITES.

IN UOZU, THEY WILL VISIT THE YKK ZIPPERS COMPANY TO TAKE A FIRST HAND LOOK AT THE LATEST APPAREL ACCESSORIES MANUFACTURING MACHINERIES AND TO OBSERVE THE SAFE WORKING PRACTICES THERE.

BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON APRIL 3, THE PARTY WILL VISIT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN TOKYO WHICH ADVOCATES A SELF-INITIATING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DRIVE AMONG THE INDUSTRY.

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FIRE STATION TO BE AIR-CONDITIONED
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$746 000 CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AN AIR-CONDITIONING AND VENTILATION SYSTEM IN A SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT AT JUNK BAY.

WORK HAS STARTED AND BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 1988.

THE STATION AND DEPOT ARE BEING BUILT ON A 4 600-SQUARE-METRE SITE OPPOSITE PO LAM ESTATE TO PROVIDE FIRE-FIGHTING SERVICES FOR A POPULATION OF 223 000 IN PHASE ONE OF THE DEVELOPING NEW TOWN.

BOTH BUILDING ARE OF FOUR STOREYS. A NINE-STOREY DRILL TOWER, DRILL YARDS AND ANCILLARY BUILDINGS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

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DETAILS OF UNIVERSITY DESIGN COMPETITION
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF AN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION FOR THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL BE HELD AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3 PM.

CHAIRING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAPITAL WORKS AND BUILDING PROJECTS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DR CHAN NAI-KEONG.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, MR IAN MACPHERSON, AND CHIEF PROFESSIONAL ADVISER TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, MR KEITH ROPER, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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SERVICE MEDAL CLASPS TO BE PRESENTED
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, WILL PRESENT COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL CLASPS TO 42 STAFF AT A PARADE AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY, TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE PARADE WILL ALSO MARK THE PASSING-OUT OF 31 RECRUIT OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED SIX-MONTH BASIC TRAINING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT AT 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, AT 3 PM TOMORROW.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL TO BE BUILT IN JUNK BAY
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$11.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL TO BE BUILT ON A 6 445-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT YAU YUE WAN IN JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE ONE BLOCK OF 24 CLASSROOMS AND ANOTHER FOR SPECIAL ROOMS, INCLUDING SCIENCE LABORATORIES, TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS, A LIBRARY, MUSIC ROOM, DOMESTIC SCIENCE ROOM AND OFFICES.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT ARE AN ASSEMBLY HALL, BASKETBALL COURTS AND STAFF QUARTERS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, EXPECTED TO START SHORTLY AND TAKE 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, WILL SUPPLEMENT THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE NEW TOWN WHERE THE POPULATION WILL GROW TO 75 000 PEOPLE BY 1990.

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FIRE STATION OPENING
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A SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION NEAR SHUN LEE ESTATE IN THE EASTERN PART OF KOWLOON WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF HEADQUARTERS COMMAND, MR LAM CHEK-YUEN TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE STATION SERVES RESIDENTS OF THE NEARBY SHUN LEE ESTATE AND THOSE IN NGAU CHI WAN AND SAI KUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE SHUN LEE FIRE STATION, NEXT TO SHUN LEE ESTATE TOMORROW AT 11 AM.

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TEACHERS INVITED TO ATTEND FOOD HYGIENE SEMINARS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS TO ATTEND SEMINARS ON FOOD HYGIENE TO BE HELD IN APRIL.

TWO IDENTICAL HALF-DAY SEMINARS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 15 AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

THE SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 23 AT THE LECTURE THEATRE OF GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT GASCOIGNE ROAD, YAU MA TEI.

THE SEMINARS ARE TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS WITH THE WAYS OF EDUCATING PUPILS TO PREVENT FOOD POISONING AND ENTERIC DISEASES, AND FOR TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE THEIR VIEWS.

THE SEMINARS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL INCLUDE TALKS ON THE CAUSES, EFFECTS AND PREVENTION OF FOOD-BORNE DISEASES AND THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF ILLEGAL COOKED FOOD HAWKERS.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE SOCIAL STUDIES AND HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE FIFTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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SEMINARS ON NEW SYLLABUSES ORGANISED
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A SERIES OF SEMINARS DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ON THE NEW SYLLABUSES ENDORSED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

SECONDARY SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND TWO IDENTICAL SEMINARS ON THE NEW GEOGRAPHY SYLLABUSES FOR FORMS/MIDDLE 4 TO 5.

AIMED AT FAMILIARISING TEACHERS WITH THE NEW SYLLABUS AND TO ASSIST THEM IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION, THE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT THE LECTURE THEATRE OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, YAU MA TEI, ON APRIL 22.

AT THE SEMINARS THE DEVELOPMENT AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEW GEOGRAPHY SYLLABUS FOR SENIOR FORMS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO TEACHERS. THE RESOURCE MATERIAL AND LEARNING ACTIVITY FOR THE NEW SYLLABUS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

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FROM MAY 2, THE COMPUTER EDUCATION SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE WILL CONDUCT 10 IDENTICAL SEMINARS FOR 400 SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON THE TEACHING OF THE REVISED SYLLABUS FOR COMPUTER STUDIES IN FORMS 4 TO 5.

THE SEMINARS WHICH WILL DISCUSS THE MAJOR REVISIONS OF THE SYLLABUS WILL BE HELD AT THE COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 19 HOK YUEN STREET, HUNG HOM.

NOMINATION FOR THE SEMINAR ON THE NEW GEOGRAPHY AND THE REVISED COMPUTER STUDIES SYLLABUSES SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT BY MARCH 31 AND APRIL 14 RESPECTIVELY.

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KWUN TONG DB MEMBERS VISIT RTHK
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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG TO SEE ITS OPERATION.

LED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, THE PARTY WAS MET BY SENIOR PROGRAMME OFFICER, MR WILLIAM LEE.

MEMBERS TOURED THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS, INCLUDING THE STUDIOS OF THE RADIO DIVISION AT BROADCASTING HOUSE, STUDIOS OF THE TELEVISION DIVISION AT TELEVISION HOUSE AND STUDIOS OF THE EDUCATION TELEVISION DIVISION AT EDUCATION TELEVISION HOUSE.

THEY ALSO HELD A DISCUSSION WITH RTHK STAFF IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE STATION.

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DETAILS OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRESS TO BE ANNOUNCED
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MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO GIVE DETAILS ON THE PROGRESS OF EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM OF THE CHUNG NAM INDUSTRIAL BUILDING IN KWOK SHUI ROAD.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, MR CHOW TIK-HIN, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU, AND STAFF OF THE MANAGEMENT SIDE OF THE BUILDING WILL ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM AT THE HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB AT HILLTOP ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

A GOVERNMENT VAN (AM 2415) HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CLUB. IT WILL LEAVE FROM THE CARPARK OF THE FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD (NEXT TO TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING) IN TSUEN WAN BY 1.45 PM.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE
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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE ON MAY 31 TO CELEBRATE THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE, THE RACE WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 9.30 AM TO 1 PM ALONG THE WATERFRONT OF THE TOLO HARBOUR NEAR THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE RACE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S OPEN AND MIXED INVITATION SECTIONS.

EACH TEAM SHOULD CONSIST OF 27 MEMBERS COMPRISING A PADDLING CREW OF 24, A DRUMMER, A GONG-BEATER AND A COXSWAIN.

COMPETING TEAMS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH DRAGON BOATS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AND WILL BE ALLOCATED PRACTICE TIMES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN WONG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE DRAGON BOAT RACE WAS A LONG TRADITION IN THE DISTRICT AND HE URGED LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO MAKE THE ANNUAL EVENT A SUCCESS.

LETTERS WILL BE SENT TO ORGANISATIONS TO INVITE THEIR PARTICIPATION.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION'S LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE FROM MARCH 30.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 15. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6577111 EXTENSION 254.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN CENTRAL

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 28).

NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL ON TO RUMSEY STREET OR TO ENTER THE SECTION OF POTTINGER STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

THE LEFT-TURN BAN ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR UTILITY DIVERSION WORKS. AFFECTED VEHICLES, INCLUDING CMB ROUTE 71, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CLEVERLY STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND RUMSEY STREET.

THE BAN ON LONG VEHICLES ON POTTINGER STREET, MEANWHILE, IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF GILMAN STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY OPERATING ROUND THE CLOCK. NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING PEAK-HOUR (I.E. 7 - 10 AM AND 4 - 7 PM) URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON A SMALL SECTION OF CHIU LUNG STREET WILL BE EXTENDED SOUTHWARDS BY 11 METRES AND WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN CAUSEWAY BAY

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TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF JARDINE'S BAZAAR, TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 28).

KESWICK STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND, WHILE THE SECTION OF JARDINE'S CRESCENT BETWEEN JARDINE'S BAZAAR AND KAI CHIU ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER KESWICK STREET AND THE SECTION OF PENNINGTON STREET BETWEEN KESWICK STREET AND IRVING STREET. HOWEVER, ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING FOUR TONNES GROSS WILL BE BANNED FROM JARDINE'S BAZAAR.

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AT THE SAME TIME, URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS ALONG JARDINE'S BAZAAR WILL BE REARRANGED.

THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOUTHERN LANE OF JARDINE'S BAZAAR WILL BE LIFTED, WHILE THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF JARDINE'S BAZAAR BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 33 AND 41, THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANES OF JARDINE BAZAAR AND THAT OF KESWICK STREET WILL BE MADE 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS.

IN ADDITION, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND IN JARDINE'S BAZAAR AND ALL METERED PARKING SPACES IN KESWICK STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN WAN CHAI
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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 28), TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN WAN CHAI WILL BE MADE PEAK-HOUR (7-10 AM AND 4-7 PM) URBAN CLEARWAYS DAILY:

- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF JOHNSTON ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH O'BRIEN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE SECTION OF O'BRIEN ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH JOHNSTON ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAYS, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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