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GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO INVOLVE PRIVATE SECTOR IN AIRPORT PROJECT

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO INVOLVE THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES AT THE NEW AIRPORT ITSELF, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PLENARY SESSION ON PROJECT FINANCING AND PRIVATISATION AT THE APEX '91 HONG KONG CONFERENCE, MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE WORK OF THE FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS ON THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK, TO DATE, HAS CONCENTRATED ON THE RANGE OF POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ON-AIRPORT ACTIVITIES.

THEY INCLUDED THE SCOPE FOR PRIVATISING MAJOR FACILITIES SUCH AS AIR CARGO, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AND THE PASSENGER TERMINAL.

SHE NOTED THAT MANY SERVICES AT KAI TAK SUCH AS CARGO HANDLING, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND ENGINEERING, THE HANDLING OF BAGGAGE, APRON SERVICES AND AIRCRAFT CATERING WERE ALREADY PRIVATISED.

"THE MAIN SCOPE FOR INCREASING THE LEVEL OF PRIVATIZING AT CHEK LAP KOK OVER AND ABOVE THAT ALREADY FOLLOWED AT KAI TAK WAS IN RESPECT OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL, WHICH AT KAI TAK WAS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

"THE MASTER PLANNERS ARE ENSURING THAT THEIR CONCEPTS FOR THE PASSENGER TERMINAL AT CHEK LAP KOK WILL BE SO DESIGNED AS TO MAKE THEM AMENDABLE TO PRIVATIZING," MRS CHAN SAID.

SHE STRESSED THAT A MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO KEEP THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO A LEVEL THAT IT WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE OPTIMAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW AIRPORT.

"OUR AIM IS TO BUILD A COST-EFFECTIVE AIRPORT THAT WOULD MEET INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF SERVICE AND SAFETY.

"AS THE ONLY SHAREHOLDER IN THE AUTHORITY, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO WISH TO ENSURE THAT THE AUTHORITY WILL OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY WITH A REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN ON ITS INVESTMENT," SHE ADDED.

TURNING TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY, MRS CHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO PREPARE THE LEGISLATION REQUIRED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUTHORITY PROPER IN LATE 1991 OR EARLY 1992.

"THE AUTHORITY WILL BE A BODY CORPORATE WHOLLY-OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT - AN ARRANGEMENT NOT UNLIKE THAT OF THE SUCCESSFUL MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, FOR EXAMPLE.

"THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY ORDINANCE WILL ESTABLISH THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE AUTHORITY WILL OPERATE, INCLUDING POLICY AND FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES LAID DOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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"THE LEGISLATION WILL SET OUT IN DETAIL THE AUTHORITY'S POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN OPERATING THE NEW AIRPORT," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE AUTHORITY WILL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY OF THE ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARY OF THE AIRPORT.

"AS WITH OTHER STATUTORY BODIES, WHICH OPERATE IN A COMMERCIAL WAY, WE WILL EXPECT THE AUTHORITY TO RAISE PART OF ITS FUNDING REQUIREMENTS THROUGH BORROWINGS IN THE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.

"THE AUTHORITY WILL, HOWEVER, BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ITS ACTIONS AND WILL BE EXPECT TO SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNMENT ITS AUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR SCRUTINY.

"AS IS NORMAL PRACTICE, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO RETAIN POWERS TO DIRECT THE AUTHORITY SHOULD THE NEED ARISE," SHE SAID.

"WE HAVE RECOGNISED THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST REMAIN DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY OF THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED AT THE AIRPORT.

"SUCH SERVICES WILL INCLUDE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS, PUBLIC HEALTH, OVERALL SECURITY, METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES, THE HANDLING OF MAIL, AND SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSIBILITIES.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO RETAIN FULL CONTROL OF ALL MATTERS RELATING TO CIVIL AVIATION POLICY INCLUDING THE NEGOTIATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS; AVIATION SAFETY; ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION; LICENSING OF AIR TRANSPORT OPERATORS; AND HONG KONG'S RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL BODIES INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION.

"BUT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT WILL BE THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY'S DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY," SHE SAID.

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FAIR COMPETITION FOR AIRPORT TENDERS

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THE TENDERING PROCEDURES AND AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE NEW AIRPORT CORE PROJECTS WILL BE DONE IN A FAIR AND PRESCRIBED MANNER BY COMPETENT PROFESSIONALS, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR HUGH PHILLIPSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE APEX '91 CONFERENCE, MR PHILLIPSON SAID HONG KONG'S OWN CONTRACTING INDUSTRY IS QUITE ABLE TO STAND ON ITS OWN FEET AND TO COMPETE ON EQUAL TERMS AND IS NOT GIVEN ANY SPECIAL PROTECTION.

"NOR ARE FAVOURS GIVEN TO ANY OVERSEAS COUNTRIES, BUT THEIR COMPETITION IS OF COURSE WELCOME, ESPECIALLY FOR THE VERY LARGE AND SOPHISTICATED PROJECTS WHICH REQUIRE UNUSUAL EXPERTISE OR VERY LARGE RESOURCES," HE SAID.

/MR PHILLIPSON

MR PHILLIPSON SAID CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED TO COMPANIES THAT HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY MANAGERIAL, FINANCIAL, AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES, TO DO A FIRST-CLASS JOB AND WHO SUBMIT THE LOWEST TENDER PRICE.

"OUR TENDERING PROCEDURES ENSURE THAT WE GET THE BEST VALUE-FOR-MONEY FOR THE HONG KONG TAXPAYERS.

"FREE, OPEN AND FAIR COMPETITION HAS BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A FUNDAMENTAL POLICY, AND IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR CONTINUING SUCCESS IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET," HE SAID.

IN HIS SPEECH, MR PHILLIPSON ALSO DESCRIBED THE ORGANISATION, ADMINISTRATION AND CONTRACTUAL SETUP FOR THE AIRPORT CORE PROJECTS.

HE SAID THERE ARE THREE MAIN BODIES INVOLVED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROJECTS.

THE AIRPORT ITSELF IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED ABOUT THE END OF THE YEAR GIVING IT FULL LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY.

ANOTHER CORE PROJECT, THE AIRPORT RAILWAY, WILL BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, HE SAID.

THE REMAINING CORE PROJECTS WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY, THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING, ROUTE 3, WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY, THE WEST HARBOUR CROSSING AND LIAISON WITH THE MTRC ON THE AIRPORT RAILWAY.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEW TOWN OF TUNG CHUNG AND THE SMALLER COMMUNITY UP THE LANTAU COAST TAI HO, AND FOR THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION AND THE CENTRAL AND WANCHAI RECLAMATION.

FOR ALL THESE PROJECTS, CONSULTANTS HAVE NOW BEEN WORKING FOR SOME TIME ON FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND DETAILED DESIGN.

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POLICE STUDYS IMPACT OF PADS ON LANTAU
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THE IMPACT ON LANTAU ISLAND OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF HONG KONG'S PROPOSED NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND THE GROWTH OF NORTH LANTAU AFTER ITS OPENING ARE BEING GIVEN CLOSE SCRUTINY BY FORCE FORMATIONS INVOLVED IN POLICING THE VAST PROJECT.

THE LARGE SCALE EXPANSION IN POPULATION - WORKERS AND THE SERVICES THAT WILL ACCOMPANY THEM - THE DEMANDS OF HEAVY TRANSPORT VEHICLES, ACCESS TO THE SITE BY SEA AND THE ACTIVITIES OF CRIMINAL ELEMENTS WILL TRANSFORM NORTH LANTAU FROM A TRANQUIL VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT TO A BOOM TOWN.

A WORKING GROUP ON THE INTERIM POLICING OF NORTH LANTAU HAS ALREADY BEEN SET UP UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS MR EDDIE HUI.

AT THE FOREFRONT OF POLICE CONSIDERATIONS IS THE NEED TO BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE OF CONSTRUCTION. BLASTING TO LEVEL CHEK LAP KOK IS DUE TO START THIS YEAR. THE ISLAND POPULATION, NOW 27 AND DROPPING WILL RISE TO 1,000 DURING BLASTING.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE WORKER POPULATION WILL CLIMB TO 2,000 BY THE END OF 1992 AS CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AND APPROXIMATELY 2,500 BY THE END OF 1993.

WORKER POPULATION IS FORECAST TO RISE SHARPLY TO AROUND 7,000 AS CONSTRUCTION INCREASES IN 1994 AND TO PEAK AT 10,000 AS CONSTRUCTION REACHES ITS CLIMAX AND FITTING OUT BEGINS IN 1995-96.

THE POPULATION OF THE AREA IS NOT EXPECTED TO DROP AFTER CONSTRUCTION AS NEW RESIDENTS EMPLOYED AT THE AIRPORT MOVE INTO THE AREA.

ALTHOUGH POLICE NEEDS ON THE LANTAU OF THE 21ST CENTURY ARE STILL UNCERTAIN, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT TWO DISTRICT FORMATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE AIRPORT AND AT TUNG CHUNG. AREAS TO THE SOUTH OF THE ISLAND ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE AFFECTED.

SAID MR PAUL GUEST, SENIOR STAFF OFFICER IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH PLANNING DIVISION: "WE ARE AT PRESENT REACTING TO BROAD CONCEPTS. THE FINE TUNING WILL FOLLOW."

HUB OF THE EXERCISE AT PRESENT IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LINK ROAD AND FIXED CROSSING DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 1996, WHICH WILL CONNECT LANTAU WITH THE SOUTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

UNTIL THE ROAD OPENS THE AREA WILL CONTINUE TO BE POLICED BY RURAL AREA PATROLS OPERATING FROM TAI O AND TUNG CHUNG. IT IS PLANNED THAT THE AIRPORT SITE AND LANTAU ITSELF WILL THEN TRANSFER TO THE COMMAND OF SOUTH NEW TERRITORIES REGION.

SAID MR GUEST: "LANTAU DISTRICT POLICE FACILITY MAY HAVE TO BE ENHANCED TO ACCOMMODATE TRAFFIC AND EMERGENCY UNIT ELEMENTS AT TUNG CHUNG AND WE ARE NEGOTIATING TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY POLICE BASE NEAR TUNG CHUNG UNTIL A NEW HEADQUARTERS IS COMPLETED."

WITH THE NEW AIRPORT DUE TO GO OPERATIONAL IN 1997, IT IS HOPED THAT AIRPORT POLICE STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY AT LEAST A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

"WE ARE RELYING ON THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS) FOR THE FUNDING OF ALL THESE PROJECTS," MR GUEST SAID.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT NO PLANS TO MOVE ISLANDS DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FROM ITS PRESENT BASE AT CHEUNG SHA.

ISLANDS DISTRICT COMMANDER MR DICK WORRALL HAD A DETAILED SCENARIO OF POLICE PROBLEMS THAT WILL BE FACED ON LANTAU AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIRPORT PROGRESSES.

THESE INCLUDE DISPUTES BETWEEN VILLAGERS AND CONTRACTORS AND THEIR WORKERS, WHO ARE EXPECTED TO BE EMPLOYED FROM SEVERAL AREAS AROUND SOUTH-EAST ASIA; THEFTS FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES AND VESSELS; SABOTAGE OF MACHINERY BY TRIADS; GAMBLING, PROSTITUTION AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; TRAFFIC AND INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS BOTH ON LAND AND AT SEA; MOVEMENT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE OVER TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND; AND LARGE SCALE INCREASES IN SEA TRAFFIC.

"THE SITUATION IS CHANGING ALL THE TIME," SAID MR WORRALL, "BUT THE SIGNS ARE ALREADY THERE OF WHAT IS TO COME.

"THE PROBLEMS WILL ARISE WHEN CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH LANTAU ROAD LINK COMMENCES."

MR WORRALL SAID IT WAS ACCEPTED THAT MOST OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WOULD LIVE ON THE ISLAND. THEIR PRESENCE WOULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON BUSINESS AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES.

"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT AFFECT THE SOUTH OF THE ISLAND," HE SAID. "THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON THE SOUTH SIDE WHICH IS NOW THE MOST POPULATED AREA WILL BE LIKE A HONEY POT FOR THE WORKERS. CAMP FOLLOWERS ARE BOUND TO FOLLOW."

PURPOSE BUILT BARRACK-TYPE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SITE WORKERS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY DWELLINGS FOR PERMANENT OCCUPATION.

"WHEN THE WORKERS START COMING IN, WE WILL NEED THE MANPOWER TO DEAL WITH THEM," MR WORRALL ADDED.

IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THE POPULATION OF TUNG CHUNG WOULD BE 20,000 WHEN THE AIRPORT WAS COMPLETED. POPULATION OF SILVERMINE BAY WOULD THEN BE 20,000 AND STILL GROWING.

BY 2011 ESTIMATED POPULATION OF NORTH LANTAU WILL BE 20,000.

ALREADY, SAID MR WORRALL, THERE WERE SIGNS OF THE LID COMING OFF THE LANTAU HONEYPOT.

"WE HAVE HAD EXTORTION AMONG BOAT PEOPLE AT TUNG CHUNG AND WE HAVE ARRESTED SIX ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED AT CHEK LAP KOK IN THE BELIEF THAT THERE WAS EMPLOYMENT THERE AND THAT THE AIRPORT WAS ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION."

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SALARY COMMISSION HAD DONE A THOROUGH REVIEW: S FOR CS

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, TODAY (FRIDAY) REPUDIATED THE ACCUSATION MADE YESTERDAY BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE CIVIL SERVANTS' ASSOCIATION (HKCCSA) THAT THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE WAS NOT IMPARTIAL.

DESCRIBING THE ACCUSATION AS UNFOUNDED, MR WIGGHAM SAID THE STANDING COMMISSION HAD DEVOTED AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT TO THE 1989 NON-DIRECTORATE SALARY STRUCTURE REVIEW OVER A PERIOD OF SOME 20 MONTHS.

"THE STANDING COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT ADVISORY BODY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND IS MADE UP OF RESPECTABLE INDIVIDUALS OF VARIOUS BACKGROUND AND WITH EXPERIENCE IN MANAGEMENT," MR WIGGHAM SAID.

"IT IS DELIBERATELY SET UP IN THIS WAY TO AVOID THE SITUATION WHERE CIVIL SERVANTS COULD BE TAKING DECISIONS ON CIVIL SERVICE PAY," HE ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE STANDING COMMISSION HAD DONE A VERY THOROUGH AND COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW INDEED. IT HAD THE BENEFIT OF THE VIEWS OF STAFF AND DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT, BEFORE FINALISING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

"IT RECEIVED OVER 700 REPRESENTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE REVIEW. WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE COMMISSION ALSO HAD MEETINGS WITH STAFF REPRESENTATIVES; AND WITH DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS SUBMISSIONS.

"THE ADMINISTRATION IS FULLY SATISFIED THAT THE STANDING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BALANCED THE INTERESTS OF STAFF, DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND THE PUBLIC," MR WIGGHAM ADDED.

MR WIGGHAM SAID IT WAS WRONG AND GROSSLY UNFAIR FOR HKCCSA TO SAY THAT STAFF GROUPS WHICH HAD MADE THE MOST NOISE HAD GAINED THE MOST OUT OF THE REVIEW.

"THE FACT IS THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE GRADES WHICH HAVE BENEFITTED HAVE REMAINED PATIENT AND CALM THROUGHOUT THE REVIEW, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE RECEIVED ABOVE-AVERAGE PAY IMPROVEMENTS," HE SAID.

THE HKCCSA ALSO DISTORTED THE FIGURES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF CIVIL SERVANTS BENEFITTING FROM THE REVIEW, BY QUOTING RANKS INSTEAD OF THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF STAFF RECEIVING IMPROVEMENTS.

MR WIGGHAM CLARIFIED THAT, AS EXPLAINED EARLIER, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 107,000 CIVIL SERVANTS COVERED BY THE FINAL STAGE OF THE REVIEW, SOME 97,000 OR 90 PER CENT, WILL RECEIVE PAY IMPROVEMENTS AS A RESULT OF THE STANDING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

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WAGE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1990

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR SEPTEMBER 1990, AT 210.3, INCREASED BY 12.6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989 AND BY 5.6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1990, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 115.3 IN SEPTEMBER 1990, WAS 2.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1989 AND 0.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN MARCH 1990.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE WAGES RECEIVED.

IN SEPTEMBER 1990, THE YEAR-ON-YEAR RATE OF INCREASE OF THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX RANGED FROM 11.0 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, TO 16.5 PER CENT FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

WHEN COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1990 WITH MARCH 1990, THE RANGE OF INCREASE WAS 3.4 PER CENT IN THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND 10.3 PER CENT IN THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR.

THE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1 AND TABLE 2 RESPECTIVELY. DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

THE WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM RESULTS OF THE HALF-YEARLY SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY COVERS BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING EMPLOYEES AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN FIVE MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS. THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEX IS MARCH 1982.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE UNIT PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNING.

WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK, AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSION AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

/TOTAL PAYROLL

TOTAL PAYROLL IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENT THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FROM EMPLOYERS, AND THEREFORE ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCE.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGES RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN A REPORT ON HALF-YEARLY SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOL. I, SEPTEMBER 1990 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

THE VOL. II ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN MID FEBRUARY 1991.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 823 4744 OR 823 4747.

TABLE 1: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	SEPT. 1989	MAR. 1990	SEPT. 1990	% CHANGE SEPT. 1990/ MAR. 1990	% CHANGE SEPT. 1990/ SEPT. 1989
MANUFACTURING	180.6	192.2	202.8	+5.5	+12.3
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	181.0	194.3	200.9	+3.4	+11.0
TRANSPORT SERVICES	222.3	229.9	253.5	+10.3	+14.0
BUSINESS SERVICES	217.0	235.4	252.7	+7.3	+16.5
PERSONAL SERVICES	209.4	224.4	237.2	+5.7	+13.3
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	186.7	199.1	210.3	+5.6	+12.6

TABLE 2: REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	SEPT. 1989	MAR. 1990	SEPT. 1990	% CHANGE SEPT. 1990/ MAR. 1990	% CHANGE SEPT. 1990/ SEPT. 1989
MANUFACTURING	108.7	111.2	111.2	0	+2.3
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	108.9	112.5	110.2	-2.0	+1.2
TRANSPORT SERVICES	133.8	133.0	139.1	+4.6	+4.0
BUSINESS SERVICES	130.6	136.2	138.6	+1.8	+6.1
PERSONAL SERVICES	126.1	129.9	130.1	+0.2	+3.2
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	112.4	115.2	115.3	+0.1	+2.6

TABLE 3: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

SELECTED MAJOR INDUSTRIES	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	SEPT. 1989	MAR. 1990	SEPT. 1990	% CHANGE SEPT. 1990/ MAR. 1990	% CHANGE SEPT. 1990/ SEPT. 1989
GARMENTS	153.1	160.9	171.5	+6.6	+12.0
GLOVES	192.2	191.0	203.8	+6.7	+6.0
			/HANDBAGS	180.5

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HANDBAGS	180.5	192.2	205.5	+6.9	+13.9
COTTON SPINNING /WEAVING	193.0	210.7	216.9	+2.9	+12.4
KNITTING	168.3	175.0	182.4	+4.2	+8.4
BLEACHING AND DYEING	200.6	207.7	218.0	+5.0	+8.7
PRINTING	222.9	238.5	267.2	+12.0	+19.9
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	170.5	184.1	190.1	+3.3	+11.5
METAL PRODUCTS	193.9	201.7	212.8	+5.5	+9.7
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	227.7	244.4	256.4	+4.9	+12.6
ELECTRONICS	210.6	228.4	241.1	+5.6	+14.5
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	224.6	243.4	245.2	+0.7	+9.2

MANUFACTURING	180.6	192.2	202.8	+5.5	+12.3

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UK SHIPPERS BRIEFED ON NEW HK REGISTER
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HONG KONG NOW RANKS IN THE TOP 15 OF WORLD SHIPPING REGISTERS IN TERMS OF TONNAGE AND HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE AT THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION (IMO), THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN THE UK, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SPECIAL SEMINAR IN LONDON TO INTRODUCE THE TERRITORY'S NEW SHIPPING REGISTER TO SOME 50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH SHIPPING INDUSTRY, MR YAXLEY STRESSED THAT IT WAS HONG KONG'S INTENTION TO PLAY AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE PART AT THE IMO.

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"MACHINERY IS BEING SET UP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTINCT SHIPPING POLICIES AND THOSE WITH SHIPS REGISTERED IN HONG KONG HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS TO ASSIST IN THE FORMULATION OF POLICY.

"THIS PROVIDES A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR SHIPOWNERS AND AGENTS OF HONG KONG-REGISTERED SHIPS TO INFLUENCE INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING REGULATIONS AT A FORMATIVE STAGE AND WILL ALLOW GOVERNMENT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AT THE OUTSET, THE VIEWS OF THE INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

EXPLAINING THE NEED FOR A NEW REGISTER -- WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 3 LAST YEAR -- MR YAXLEY SAID THE TERRITORY HAD ALWAYS BEEN A PORT OF BRITISH REGISTRY BUT THIS COULD NOT CONTINUE AFTER THE CHANGE OF SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997.

"THERE HAD ALSO BEEN A LONG STANDING DEMAND BY HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS FOR THEIR OWN REGISTRY.

"THE NEED FOR SEPARATE AND AUTONOMOUS SHIPPING REGISTER WAS THEREFORE PROVIDED FOR IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, SIGNED IN 1984."

HE SAID THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON THE SETTING UP OF THE REGISTER WHILE AN EXHAUSTIVE PROCESS OF DISCUSSION HAD BEEN HELD WITH EVERY SECTOR OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY SUCH AS SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, SEAFARERS UNIONS, PROFESSIONAL BODIES, LAWYERS AND BANKERS.

OUTLINING SOME OF THE PRINCIPLES ADOPTED IN THE REGISTER, MR YAXLEY EMPHASISED THAT THE REGISTER WOULD NOT BE A FLAG OF CONVENIENCE AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE A GENUINE LINK BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE SHIPS ON ITS REGISTER.

HE ALSO TOLD THE AUDIENCE THAT OCEAN-GOING SHIPS ON THE REGISTER WOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM HONG KONG PROFITS TAX FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

THE SEMINAR WAS HELD AT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON AND WAS HOSTED BY THE MARINE ADVISER MR DEREK HALL TOGETHER WITH MR S.Y. TSUI AND CAPTAIN TONY JESTICO FROM THE MARINE DEPARTMENT,

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COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 GAZETTED

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THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, WHICH SEEKS TO SET OUT IN GENERAL TERMS THE FIDUCIARY DUTIES OF DIRECTORS, IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THERE IS AT PRESENT NO PROVISION IN THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE REGARDING THE FIDUCIARY DUTIES OF DIRECTORS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLINING THE RELATIONSHIP OF DIRECTORS TOWARDS THEIR COMPANIES COULD ONLY BE STUDIED BY REFERRING TO THE COMMON LAW AS SET OUT IN DECIDED CASES AND DISCUSSED IN LEGAL TEXTBOOKS," HE SAID.

"WE BELIEVE THAT REFERENCE TO THE GENERAL FIDUCIARY DUTIES OF DIRECTORS SHOULD BE MADE READILY AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL DIRECTORS, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE NEW TO THEIR POSITIONS AND PERHAPS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE BASIC PRINCIPLES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS A SHORT STATUTORY STATEMENT WHICH REQUIRES THAT A DIRECTOR SHOULD ACT HONESTLY AND PERFORM HIS FUNCTIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMPANY. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SHOULD NOT PERFORM ANY FUNCTION FOR A PURPOSE NOT SPECIFIED IN NOR REASONABLY INFERRED FROM THE INSTRUMENT CONFERRING THAT FUNCTION.

"THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT A DIRECTOR SHALL NOT ALLOW A CONFLICT TO ARISE BETWEEN THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE AND HIS INTERESTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HE SHALL NOT, FOR INSTANCE, MAKE USE OF ANY MONEY OR OTHER PROPERTY OF THE COMPANY OR ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION OR OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GAINING AN ADVANTAGE FOR HIMSELF," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT A DIRECTOR SHOULD BE LIABLE TO ACCOUNT TO THE COMPANY FOR ANY GAIN MADE BY HIM, AND COMPENSATE IT FOR ANY LOSS SUFFERED BY IT, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF HIS CONTRAVENING THESE PROVISIONS.

GIVEN THAT NO STATUTORY LIST OF FIDUCIARY DUTIES CAN BE EXHAUSTIVE, THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES EXPLICITLY THAT THE PROPOSED PROVISIONS SHALL HAVE EFFECT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY RULE OF LAW OR TO ANY OTHER PROVISIONS IN THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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HK CELEBRATES INT'L CUSTOMS DAY

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HONG KONG, AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL (CCC) SINCE 1987, CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A COCKTAIL RECEPTION TO MARK THE OCCASION THIS EVENING, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR CLIVE OXLEY, SAID INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CCC MEMBERS TO PROMOTE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN CUSTOMS SERVICES AND TO MAKE THEIR ROLES AND OBJECTIVES BETTER KNOWN.

MR OXLEY PAID TRIBUTE TO OVERSEAS CUSTOMS ORGANISATIONS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THAT DESPITE HIS SHORT TIME WITH THE DEPARTMENT HE HAD ALREADY COME TO APPRECIATE THAT NO CUSTOMS SERVICE COULD WORK IN ISOLATION.

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"CLEARLY, INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION, THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE AND EXPERIENCE, IS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO FOSTER MUTUAL SUCCESS.

"SO HONG KONG IS MOST GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOUR HELP. MAY I ALSO ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU AS WELL AS WITH THE OTHER MEMBER TERRITORIES OF THE CCC OF WHICH THERE ARE NOW 106," HE SAID.

MR OXLEY SAID HONG KONG WOULD ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE CCC'S MANY ENDEAVOURS AND, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, PARTICIPATE IN MAJOR CONFERENCES, TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND OTHER PROJECTS.

"IN THIS RESPECT, I SHOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM HONG KONG'S COMMITMENT IN HELPING TO RUN THE REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICE FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP).

"THROUGH THIS OFFICE, A REGULAR SUPPLY OF INFORMATION ABOUT DRUGS AND OTHER CUSTOMS MATTERS IS PROVIDED FOR THE CCC'S SECRETARIAT, INTERPOL AND FOR ESCAP'S 16 MEMBER COUNTRIES," HE SAID.

THE RECEPTION WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 200 GUESTS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, OMELCO MEMBERS, CONSULS-GENERAL AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES OF NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS.

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AGREEMENT SIGNED ON DEVELOPMENT OF TIN SHUI WAI PARK
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THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, DR NIP KAM-FAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WITH DAMEN LTD, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF CHEUNG KONG (HOLDINGS) LTD, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT PARK IN TIN SHUI WAI NEW TOWN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROJECT, ESTIMATED TO COST \$40 MILLION, WILL BE WHOLLY SPONSORED BY DAMEN LTD AS ONE OF A SERIES OF OPEN SPACES BEING DEVELOPED FOR RESIDENTS OF TIN SHUI WAI.

THE AREA TO BE DEVELOPED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP COVERS 6.7 HECTARES ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE PARK.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, A PALM GARDEN, A LOOKOUT PAVILION, FOUNTAIN PLAZAS AND EXTENSIVE GARDENS AND LAWNS IN A SUB-TROPICAL SETTING.

THE SITE FOR THE PARK WILL BE HANDED OVER TO DAMEN LTD BY THE END OF THIS MONTH WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETING THE PROJECT AT THE END OF 1992.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR H.H.T. BARMA; PROJECT MANAGER (NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES), MR Y.Y. NG; AND DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR, CHEUNG KONG (HOLDINGS) LTD, MR ALBERT CHOW.

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KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CARNIVAL

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A CARNIVAL TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE KO SHAN ROAD FOOTBALL PITCH IN HUNG HOM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 27).

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AND AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THERE WILL BE GAME STALLS, SINGING PERFORMANCES, A HANDICRAFT CORNER, MINI-TRAIN RIDES AND A LUCKY DRAW.

MEANWHILE, WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT'S "KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN BOOK-MARK DESIGN COMPETITION" AND THE "WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION" WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES AT THE GALA.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR PAO PING-WING AND KOWLOON CITY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG CHI-KEUNG.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN GALA SHOW AT THE KO SHAN ROAD FOOTBALL PITCH ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 27). THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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SPECTACULAR TO HIGHLIGHT KEEP HK CLEAN CAMPAIGN

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A SPECTACULAR TO CALL ON THE PUBLIC FOR MORE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN KEEPING THE TERRITORY CLEAN WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 27), STARTING AT 8 PM AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM.

THE SPECTACULAR IS ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE AS THE HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITY OF THE 1990/91 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

POPULAR ARTISTES AND SINGERS WILL PERFORM IN A NUMBER OF SEGMENTS TO DISSEMINATE THE KEEP-CLEAN MESSAGE.

THE ONE-AND-A-HALF-HOUR SHOW IS TO BE PRODUCED BY ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED.

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OFFICIATING AT A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF THE SHOW WILL BE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE; CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN LAU; CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR TONG KAM-BIU AND DR PANG HOK-TURN.

PRIOR TO THE SHOW, MR TONG AND DR PANG WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO SOME 15 SPONSORS AT 7.45 PM TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN SPECTACULAR, BEGINNING AT 8 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 27) AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS RECEPTION COUNTER OF THE COLISEUM (NEAR THE BROWN GATE ENTRANCE) AT 7.30 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO FLASH LIGHT WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE SHOW AND PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE REMINDED TO USE TELEPHOTO LENSES.

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CHANCE FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS TO ATTEND MUSIC CAMP IN USA
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TALENTED YOUNG STRING PLAYERS IN HONG KONG ARE INVITED TO VIE FOR A CHANCE IN A LIFE TIME TO RECEIVE OVERSEAS TRAINING IN SYMPHONIC MUSIC BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE WORLD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN THE 1991 NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP.

THE ANNUAL MUSIC CAMP AT INTERLOCHEN, MICHIGAN, THE UNITED STATES IS BEING RECOGNISED AS THE PREMIER FINE ARTS CAMP IN THE WORLD. THE CAMP WILL BE HELD THIS SUMMER FROM JUNE 23 TO AUGUST 19.

THE TWO-MONTH MUSIC CAMP WILL INCLUDE MASTERCLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND PERFORMANCES BY SOME OF THE MOST WORLD-RENOWNED ARTISTS.

THE MUSIC OFFICE IS INVITING INTERESTED MUSICIANS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 18, WHO HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS, AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE VIII (PRACTICAL) IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATIONS OR EQUIVALENT TO APPLY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMP.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE AND A REASONABLE COMMAND OF ENGLISH.

APPLICANTS WILL HAVE TO ATTEND AN AUDITION ARRANGED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN MID-MARCH.

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THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FREE RETURN AIR TICKETS DONATED BY AN AIRLINE COMPANY AND A LOCAL ORGANISATION. THE FEES FOR THE NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP WILL BE MET BY THE CAMP ORGANISER.

THE SELECTED CANDIDATE WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR HIS PERSONAL INSURANCE ABROAD, AND TO PLACE A SUM OF US\$300 IN HIS PERSONAL ACCOUNT WITH THE NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP TO MEET MINOR PERSONAL EXPENSES.

THE FINAL DECISION ON THE SELECTION OF A SUITABLE CANDIDATE RESTS WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TSUEN WAN MUSIC CENTRE AT CHEUNG YIU BUILDING, 167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 21.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON THE TEL. 492 8127.

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\$1.5M PILOT SCHEME ON USE OF DEFIBRILLATORS

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FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 28), THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL INTRODUCE A \$1.5 MILLION PILOT SCHEME ON THE USE OF DEFIBRILLATORS TO ATTEND UNCONSCIOUS OR CARDIAC PATIENTS WHO MAY NEED TREATMENT FOR VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION.

INITIALLY SIX AMBULANCE AID MOTORCYCLES WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH AUTOMATIC ADVISORY DEFIBRILLATORS. THE NUMBER OF AMBULANCE AID MOTORCYCLES WILL BE INCREASED TO 13 WHEN THE NEW MOTORCYCLES ARRIVE IN MID-1991.

BEFORE THE DELIVERY OF THE NEW MOTORCYCLES, SIX DEFIBRILLATORS WILL BE TEMPORARILY CARRIED ON AMBULANCES.

SPEAKING DURING A DEMONSTRATION OF THE EQUIPMENT, THE CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, MR PANG TAK-SUM, SAID THE PILOT SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE ADVISORY GROUP ON EXTENDED TRAINING IN AMBULANCE AID.

MR PANG SAID VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION WAS AN ABNORMAL, RAPID AND CHAOTIC RHYTHM OF THE HEART WITH NO ACTIVE MECHANICAL BLOOD PUMPING ACTION, AND EVENTUALLY COULD LEAD TO DEATH UNLESS TREATED PROMPTLY.

"DEFIBRILLATION IS THE PROCESS OF ABOLISHING SUCH FIBRILLATION RHYTHM TO RE-ESTABLISH NORMAL RHYTHM AND CONTRACTION OF THE HEART, ACHIEVED BY PASSING A CONTROLLED ELECTRIC CURRENT THROUGH THE HEART," HE SAID.

MR PANG SAID DEFIBRILLATORS WERE OPERATED BY SELECTED AMBULANCE PERSONNEL TRAINED IN DEFIBRILLATION AND EXAMINED BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS.

"SO FAR OVER 120 OFFICERS FROM THE AMBULANCE COMMAND HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN USING THE EQUIPMENT," HE SAID.

MR PANG SAID THE USE OF DEFIBRILLATORS WOULD REQUIRE SOME TIME FOR APPLICATION OF ELECTRODES ON THE PATIENT'S CHEST, ANALYSIS OF CARDIAC RHYTHM AND CHECKING OF CONDITION.

"HOWEVER," HE SAID, "THE TIME SO SPENT IS WORTHWHILE."

MR PANG CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION AS THE CAUSE OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS, BREATHING, CHEST PAIN, AGE, AND HISTORY OF HEART DISEASE OF THE PATIENT, WHICH WOULD HELP THE STAFF OF THE FIRE SERVICES COMMUNICATION CENTRE IN DECIDING WHETHER A DEFIBRILLATOR SHOULD BE DESPATCHED.

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WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS TO HAVE BETTER AMBULANCE SERVICE

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WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) ASSURED OF BETTER EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES DURING FIRES, ACCIDENTS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE WONG TAI SIN AMBULANCE DEPOT, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR LEE YUK-KWAN, SAID THE NEW AMBULANCE DEPOT WOULD PROVIDE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES TO THE 400,000 RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT.

DR LEE SAID WONG TAI SIN WAS A DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICT WITH A NUMBER OF LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES SUCH AS WANG TAU HOM, LOK FU, TUNG TAU, UPPER WONG TAI SIN, LOWER WONG TAI SIN, TSZ WAN SHAN, CHUK YUEN, CHOI HUNG AND CHOI WAN ESTATES.

THE NEW DEPOT, LOCATED AT 5 YING FUNG LANE, HAS A FLEET OF EIGHT MODERN AND WELL-EQUIPPED AMBULANCES AND A STAFF OF OVER 80 AMBULANCE OFFICERS.

THE DEPOT, BUILT AT A COST OF \$12.5 MILLION, WAS PUT INTO OPERATION IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR LAM CHEK-YUEN; CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, MR PANG TAK-SUM; CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (HEADQUARTERS) MR PETER CHEUNG; AND OTHER LOCAL CELEBRITIES.

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LEASE GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SHIPYARD

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO GRANT A LEASE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 4.1 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT NORTH TSING YI FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHIPYARD LATER THIS YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION BEFORE JANUARY 24 NEXT YEAR.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER) AND AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CIVIL WORKS

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIVIL WORKS FOR TA KWU LING RURAL CENTRE IN NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CONTRACT WILL COVER EARTHWORKS, CONSTRUCTION OF CARPARKS, RETAINING WALLS, DRAINAGE, LANDSCAPING AND ELECTRICAL WORKS.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS EIGHT MONTHS AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 22.

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LAND RESUMPTION FOR VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 14,000 SQUARE METRES OF LAND IN YUEN LONG TO MAKE WAY FOR WORKS ON THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF TONG FONG VILLAGE IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

SITUATED NEXT TO PING SHAN SAN TSUEN, THE LAND COMPRISES 25 PRIVATE LOTS, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 58.25 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND, 164 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING AND GARDEN LAND, AND 14,261.5 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.

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

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SECTIONS OF TWO PRIVATE STREETS IN EASTERN TO BE RESUMED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND REPAIR SECTIONS OF KIN WAH STREET AND NORTH VIEW STREET IN EASTERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF KIN WAH STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG HONG STREET AND NORTH VIEW STREET; AND THE SECTION OF NORTH VIEW STREET BETWEEN CHING WAH STREET AND FORT STREET WOULD BE AFFECTED.

"BOTH KIN WAH STREET AND NORTH VIEW STREET ARE PRIVATE STREETS UNDER MULTIPLE OWNERSHIPS AND HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY MANAGED OR MAINTAINED," HE SAID.

"AS A RESULT THEY ARE IN POOR REPAIR AND ARE PARTLY OCCUPIED BY STALLS THAT OBSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR MOVEMENT. THE SITUATION GIVES RISE TO CONSIDERABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

"THE RESUMPTION WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CLEAR THE OBSTRUCTING STALLS, AND REPAIR THE STREETS TO A PROPER STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC."

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN AUGUST 1992, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF OR INCIDENTAL TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OBJECTS OR STRUCTURES ATTACHED TO OR PROJECTING FROM A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS IN CHING WAH STREET, KIN WAH STREET AND FORT STREET WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED, HE ADDED.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES :

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, CENTRAL;
- * HONG KONG EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI; AND
- * EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 29 TAI ON STREET, GROUND FLOOR, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, SAI WAN HO.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 26 THIS YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BEACH BUILDING IN MA WAN

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BEACH BUILDING AT TUNG WAN IN MA WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE WORKS INVOLVE THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING WATCH HOUSE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BEACH HOUSE WITH FACILITIES INCLUDING A MANAGEMENT OFFICE, CHANGING ROOMS, SHOWERS, A FAST FOOD KIOSK AND A FIRST AID ROOM, TWO LIFEGUARD LOOKOUTS AND A POLICE REPORTING CENTRE.

WORKS FOR THE PROJECT WILL START IN JUNE THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 22.

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NEW I.D. CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1929-34

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WOMEN BORN IN 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933 AND 1934 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM FEBRUARY 4 TO MARCH 28.

"WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI
TEL. NO. 574 7070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD,
NGAU TAU KOK
TEL. NO. 755 3669

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI
TEL. NO. 723 2424

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- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET
TEL. NO. 498 0117
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,
11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET
TEL. NO. 605 9108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK
ROAD
TEL. NO. 477 1543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI
LOK FA YUEN
TEL. NO. 458 0646
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI
TEL. NO. 672 7191

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY TELEPHONING 824 0303 TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

HE REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 AND 1940 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW I.D. CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON FEBRUARY 2.

FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW I.D. CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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PAINT AND PLAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

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A CREATIVE PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN -- "PAINT AND PLAY ACTIVITIES DAY" -- WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 27).

THERE WILL BE ELEVEN GAME STALLS AND CHILDREN WILL EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF CREATIVE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ROCK PAINTING, PAPER DYING, SANDWICH-MAKING AND PUZZLE GAMES.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE, THE CARITAS GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE, AND SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT CULTURAL AND ART ASSOCIATION.

"THROUGH GAMES, CHILDREN WILL LEARN HOW TO ORGANISE THEIR WORK, MAKE DECISIONS ON THEIR OWN AND BUILD UP THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FUNCTION SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A CHANCE FOR THE PARENTS WHO ACCOMPANY THEIR KIDS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLE IN HELPING CHILDREN DEVELOP THEIR CREATIVITY," HE ADDED.

ALL CHILDREN AGED TWO TO SEVEN ARE WELCOME AND ADMISSION IS \$5 EACH.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 852 3487.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE "PAINT AND PLAY ACTIVITIES DAY" TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 27) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT, BEGINNING AT 12.30 PM.

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TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL OPENS

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THE 13TH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL KICKED OFF THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ORIENTAL SONG AND DANCE ENSEMBLE FROM CHINA.

THE ENSEMBLE, A WORLD-RENOWNED NATIONAL ART TROUPE, WAS FOUNDED SOME 30 YEARS AGO.

OVER THE YEARS, THE ENSEMBLE HAS EITHER CREATED OR REVISED HUNDREDS OF SONGS FROM ASIAN, AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND ITS UNIQUE ARTISTIC STYLE IS REFLECTED IN ITS EXOTIC AND SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WAS THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA.

THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL, WITH OVER 50 PERFORMANCES, IS ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF ABOUT \$2.5 MILLION WAS FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL SPONSORSHIP.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY THE CHOR FUNG MING CANTONESE OPERA TROUPE, THE FUJIAN YOUTH ACROBATICS TROUPE AND FOSHAN TRADITIONAL ART TROUPE.

OTHER EVENTS WILL INCLUDE A DRAMA BY THE HONG KONG MOVIE AND TV THEATRICAL SOCIETY, A HAKKA FOLK SONG CONCERT; MIME PERFORMANCE, TRADITIONAL CHINESE MUSIC CONCERTS AND FILM SHOWS.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE URBTIX OUTLETS NOW. TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ON 734 9009 AND ENQUIRIES ON 414 0144 OR 414 9662.

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YAU TSIM PHOTO CONTEST PRIZE PRESENTATION

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WINNERS OF THE "YAU TSIM IMPRESSIONS II" PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT A CEREMONY AT THE ACTIVITY CENTRE OF THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION (YTCAA).

THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

ALL PRIZE-WINNING ENTRIES, TOTALLING 163, WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE ACTIVITY CENTRE AS WELL AS THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE TOMORROW AND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 27).

THE CONTEST WAS ORGANISED BY THE YTCAA AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AS PART OF THE ONGOING YAU TSIM CULTURE AND ARTS FESTIVAL.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE YAU TSIM PHOTO CONTEST TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE ACTIVITY CENTRE OF THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION AT 33 SALISBURY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

IT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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AMS PARADE INSPECTION AND RECRUITMENT DAY

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS) WILL HOLD ITS TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT PARADE INSPECTION AND RECRUITMENT DAY ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 27) AT THE TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

THE COMMISSIONER OF AMS, DR S.H. LEE, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE AND OFFICIATE AT THE RECRUITMENT CEREMONY.

PHOTOGRAPHS INTRODUCING THE ACTIVITIES OF AMS AND FIRST AID EQUIPMENTS WILL BE DISPLAYED.

THE AMS WOULD RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS THAT DAY. RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN FIRST AID SERVICES ARE WELCOME TO APPLY FOR ENROLMENT.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN FEBRUARY
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 21 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE ----	TIME ----
FEBRUARY 1 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 2 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 4 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 5 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 6 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 7 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
FEBRUARY 8 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 9 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 11 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
FEBRUARY 12 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 13 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 18 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 19 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 20 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 21 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
FEBRUARY 22 (FRIDAY)	12.01 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 23 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 25 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 26 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 27 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 28 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM

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