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SHAW FOUNDATION DONATES \$106 MILLION
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+AS THIS NEW YEAR OPENS, THERE IS A RENEWED AIR BOTH OF ACHIEVEMENT AND OPTIMISM IN HONG KONG,+ THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE SAID IT WOULD BE REFLECTED IN FULL MEASURE IN THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF THE MANY CIVIC-MINDED INDIVIDUALS IN OUR SOCIETY.

SPEAKING AT A TEA RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE TO MARK THE DONATION OF \$106 MILLION BY THE SHAW FOUNDATION TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS, SIR EDWARD THANKED THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN OF THE FOUNDATION, SIR RUN RUN SHAW, FOR HIS GENEROSITY.

THE BULK OF THE DONATIONS - \$73 MILLION - WAS GIVEN TO 11 EDUCATIONAL, MEDICAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG. THE OTHER \$33 MILLION WENT TO SIX OVERSEAS ORGANISATIONS.

IN HIS ADDRESS, SIR RUN RUN DESCRIBED THE DONATIONS AS +A SIMULTANEOUS EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AT THIS MOMENTOUS STAGE IN THE TERRITORY'S HISTORY, FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT+.

+WE ARE CONTINUOUSLY OVERWHELMED BY THE SPIRIT AND COURAGE OF THE PEOPLE, WHO HAVE MADE HONG KONG WHAT IT IS TODAY.

+NOT ONLY HAVE THEY BUILT A PROSPEROUS PLACE, BUT THEY HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT LOSING SIGHT OF THE HUMAN VALUES INHERITED FROM BOTH EAST AND WEST,+ HE SAID.

SIR RUN RUN COMMENDED THE BENEFICIARIES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY, AND SAID HONG KONG WAS INDEBTED TO THE PERSONAL GENEROSITY OF THE PEOPLE BEHIND THESE ORGANISATIONS.

+THEIR UNSTINTING GUIDANCE HAS ENSURED OUR PRIDE IN A PLACE WE LOVE,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD LATER PRESENTED THE CHEQUES TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BENEFICIARIES IN HONG KONG.

THE SHAW FOUNDATION HONG KONG LIMITED WAS ESTABLISHED SOME YEARS AGO TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE NEEDY AND TO ENHANCE THE STANDARD OF HUMAN LIFE AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING THROUGH VARIOUS WAYS.

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HONGKONG BENEFICIARIES

UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL	HK\$30M
CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	HK\$10M
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	HK\$10M
HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC	HK\$10M
HONG KONG BAPTIST HOSPITAL	HK\$ 3M
SAI KUNG CLINIC	HK\$ 3M
SHUE YAN COLLEGE	HK\$ 2M
HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE	HK\$ 2M
HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE	HK\$ 1M
HONG KONG HEART FOUNDATION LTD	HK\$ 1M
HONG KONG KIDNEY FOUNDATION LTD	HK\$ 1M
	<u>HK\$73M</u>

OVERSEAS BENEFICIARIES

ZHE JIANG UNIVERSITY (CHINA)	HK\$10M
NATIONAL ART COLLEGE OF TAIWAN	HK\$10M
UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE	HK\$10M
UNIVERSITY OF EAST ASIA (MACAU)	HK\$ 1M
UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX (U.K.)	HK\$ 1M
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (U.S.A.)	HK\$ 1M
	<u>HK\$33M</u>

SEPTEMBER JOB, PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED
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THERE WERE 904 700 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 4.6 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1983, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN SEPTEMBER 1984, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 555 800, WAS 5.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1983.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 167 700, WAS UP BY 3.1 PER CENT.

BUT EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DROPPED BY 4.8 PER CENT RELATIVE TO THE SEPTEMBER 1983 LEVEL.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN SEPTEMBER 1984 WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT, COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. THERE IS A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1983 AND JUNE 1984, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	SEPT 83	JUN 84	SEPT 84	SEPT 84 ON SEPT 83	SEPT 84 ON JUN 84
MANUFACTURING	865 100	922 400	904 700	+4.6	-1.9
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	71 200	67 000	67 700	-4.8	+1.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	527 000	548 600	555 800	+5.5	+1.3

/FINANCE, INSURANCE,

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FINANCE,
INSURANCE,
REAL ESTATE
AND BUSINESS
SERVICES

162 600 167 300 167 700 +3.1 +0.2

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR SHOWED A SEASONAL DROP OF 1.9 PER CENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES SECTOR, BY 0.2 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND BY 1.0 PER CENT IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE MAJOR SECTORS, OTHER THAN FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1983 AND JUNE 1984, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	SEPT 83	JUN 84	SEPT 84	SEPT 84 ON SEPT 83	SEPT 84 ON JUN 84
MANUFACTURING	41 130	39 420	37 740	-8.3	-4.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	4 050	5 540	6 450	+59.5	+16.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 540	2 140	2 230	+45.1	+4.3

* BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1983, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY 8.3 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 1984. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES INCREASED BY 59.5 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND BY 45.1 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

/RELATIVE TO

RELATIVE TO JUNE 1984, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES DECREASED BY 4.3 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR. ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES OF 16.6 PER CENT AND 4.3 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE*
	3RD QTR. 1983	3RD QTR. 1984	3RD QTR. 1984 ON 3RD QTR. 1983
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	5 819	7 038	+21.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	3 580	4 283	+19.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 956	2 284	+16.8

* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES

COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 INCREASED BY 21.0 PER CENT, 19.6 PER CENT AND 16.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL PAYROLL OUTLAYS ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED. TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

/VALUES OF

VALUES OF THESE TWO INDICES ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	SEPT 83	SEPT 84	SEPT 84 ON SEPT 83
MANUFACTURING	153.1	176.8	+15.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	150.0	169.6	+13.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	156.2	176.4	+12.9

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	SEPT 83	SEPT 84	SEPT 84 ON SEPT 83
MANUFACTURING	105.8	114.1	+7.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	103.7	109.4	+5.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	107.9	113.8	+5.5

/COMPARED WITH

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1983, INCREASES OF 15.5 PER CENT, 13.1 PER CENT AND 12.9 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED SHOWED INCREASES OF 7.8 PER CENT, 5.5 PER CENT AND 5.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE ABOVE SECTORS.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLES:

I. MANUFACTURING SECTOR

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>PERSONS ENGAGED</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u> *	
	<u>(EMPLOYMENT) IN</u>			<u>SEPT 84</u>	<u>SEPT 84</u>
	<u>SEPT 83</u>	<u>JUN 84</u>	<u>SEPT 84</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>ON</u>
	<u>SEPT 83</u>	<u>JUN 84</u>	<u>SEPT 84</u>	<u>SEPT 83</u>	<u>JUN 84</u>
WEARING APPAREL (EXCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	256 400	262 400	265 400	+ 3.5	+1.1
TEXTILE (INCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	111 800	115 700	115 400	+ 3.3	-0.3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	131 300	147 800	143 900	+ 9.6	-2.6
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	82 700	101 000	92 400	+11.6	-8.5
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	66 500	70 900	67 600	+ 1.7	-4.7

* BASED ON UNROUNDED FIGURES.

/II. BUILDING AND

II. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

(MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)

<u>CONTRACTING PARTY</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>	
	<u>SEPT 83</u>	<u>JUN 84</u>	<u>SEPT 84</u>	<u>SEPT 84</u> <u>ON</u> <u>SEPT 83</u>	<u>SEPT 84</u> <u>ON</u> <u>JUN 84</u>
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	15 500	11 600	11 300	-27.2	- 2.7
OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT 1/	19 000	16 600	18 000	- 5.5	+ 8.4
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION 2/	6 200	5 100	4 300	-29.9	-14.8
PRIVATE SECTOR 3/	30 400	33 700	34 100	+12.1	+ 1.1

1/ ALL SITES UNDER THE CHARGE OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT- ALSO INCLUDING KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION SITES NOT REGISTERED WITH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, FOR WHICH CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS COMMITTED, CONTRACTED OR STARTED BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1983.

2/ CONSTRUCTION SITES CONTRACTED OUT BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION THAT ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE. IN THE CASE OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION SITES, ONLY THOSE CONTRACTED OUT AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 1983 ARE INCLUDED. THOSE CONTRACTED OUT BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1983 ARE INCLUDED UNDER OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

3/ INCLUDING THOSE SUPER-STRUCTURES ON SITES ABOVE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS OR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY STATIONS WHICH WERE REGISTERED WITH THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE, E.G. THOSE REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DEVELOPED JOINTLY WITH PRIVATE DEVELOPERS.

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

III. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT
AND EXPORT TRADES, AND
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR

PERSONS ENGAGED

(EMPLOYMENT) IN

PERCENTAGE CHANGE *

INDUSTRY GROUP	(BEFORE INCORPORATING RESULTS OF THE INDUSTRY UPDATING SURVEY +)	(AFTER INCORPORATING RESULTS OF THE INDUSTRY UPDATING SURVEY +)		SEPT 84 ON JUN 84
	JUN 84	JUN 84	SEPT 84	
WHOLESALE TRADE	62 200	56 500	57 200	+1.1
RETAIL TRADE	165 300	161 000	161 700	+0.4
IMPORT-EXPORT BUSINESS	148 600	158 100	162 100	+2.6
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS	150 000	150 500	151 600	+0.8
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	22 600	22 600	23 200	+2.8

+ CONCURRENT WITH THE JUNE 1983 ROUND OF THE SURVEY, AN INDUSTRY UPDATING SURVEY WAS CARRIED OUT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR (I.E. ISIC MAJOR DIVISION 6). RESULTS OF THIS SURVEY HAVE BEEN USED TO UPDATE INFORMATION ON BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF EACH AND EVERY ESTABLISHMENT IN THIS SECTOR AS FROM THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984. STATISTICS SINCE THIS QUARTER ANALYSED BY INDUSTRY ARE, THEREFORE, NOT STRICTLY COMPARABLE WITH THOSE IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTERS. TO ENABLE USERS TO ANALYSE THE EFFECT OF THIS SURVEY ON THE STATISTICAL SERIES, TWO SETS OF FIGURES, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER INCORPORATING THE RESULTS OF THIS INDUSTRY SURVEY, ARE GIVEN IN THE ABOVE TABLE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984.

* BASED ON UNROUNDED FIGURES.

IV. FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE
AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR

PERSONS ENGAGED

INDUSTRY GROUP	(EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	SEPT 83	JUN 84	SEPT 84	SEPT 84 ON SEPT 83	SEPT 84 ON JUN 84
MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS	50 200	50 900	51 100	+ 1.8	+0.3
REAL ESTATE COMPANIES	27 300	28 300	27 700	+ 1.6	-2.2
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	23 400	24 100	24 100	+ 3.2	-0.1
ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FIRMS	6 800	7 300	7 700	+12.1	+5.3
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	10 000	9 400	9 400	- 6.4	-0.5

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION: MR NG KUNG-TAK (5-434185), MR LO WING-LEUNG (5-434185), MR CHOI FUN-TAI (5-455668), OR MR CHIU FOOK-CHING (5-446720).

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SCOTT OUTLINES WAYS TO EASE TRAFFIC

THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN SCOTT TODAY SET OUT THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE VARIOUS POSSIBLE METHODS TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

ADDRESSING THE LIONS CLUB OF KOWLOON AT THEIR LUNCHEON MEETING, MR SCOTT SAID THAT THE PROBLEM WAS BEING LOOKED AT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A MORE SETTLED AND CONFIDENT HONG KONG.

+A HONG KONG WHICH LOOKS SET FOR A PERIOD OF INCREASING PROSPERITY; A HONG KONG WHOSE PEOPLE HAVE INCREASINGLY HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN ALL ITS PROGRAMMES. THESE FACTORS, WITH THE TREND TO SMALLER HOUSEHOLDS AND THE DISPERSION TO THE NEW TOWNS, ALL POINT TO A CONTINUING INCREASE IN TRAFFIC DEMAND,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE SITUATION HAD TO BE LOOKED AT IN THE LIGHT OF THE WELL-ESTABLISHED POLICY THAT, FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REASONS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND GOODS VEHICLES SHOULD HAVE FIRST PRIORITY IN THE USE OF THE ROAD NETWORK.

+BY ONE MEANS OR ANOTHER, WE HAVE TO RESTRAIN THE DEGREE OF USE OF THE ROAD NETWORK BY PRIVATE VEHICLES IN CERTAIN PLACES AT CERTAIN TIMES. THIS IS NO EASY MATTER BECAUSE THE OWNERSHIP AND USE OF A PRIVATE VEHICLE IS NOT ONLY CONVENIENT, IT IS ALSO AN EVIDENT REFLECTION OF FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL STANDING; TO SAY NOTHING OF ITS PSYCHOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE TWO PRINCIPAL SOLUTIONS - HIGH TAXATION OR ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING - SHOULD BE EXAMINED ON THEIR RELATIVE MERITS AND IN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR IMPLICATIONS, +SO THAT DURING 1985 THE DECISION WILL BE REACHED WITH THE BENEFIT OF THE THIRD ROUND OF DISTRICT BOARD CONSULTATIONS IN MAY AND THE CONTINUING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN.+

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CONCERN FELT OVER UNPAID TRAFFIC ACCIDENT CLAIMS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED WITH THE PLIGHT OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED COMPENSATION BY A COURT BUT ARE UNABLE TO RECOVER THAT COMPENSATION DUE TO THE INSOLVENCY OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY INVOLVED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN TAKING PLACE FOR SOME TIME, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FUNDS AND TO DEVISE A SCHEME TO MEET THE CLAIMS OF SOME THIRD PARTY TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS WHOSE CLAIMS HAVE NOT BEEN SATISFIED. THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT WHILE THE GOVERNMENT WAS DOING ALL IT COULD TO ACHIEVE A QUICK AND SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, THE PROPOSALS WERE STILL AT A FORMATIVE STAGE, AND WOULD REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS. IT WAS INTENDED TO DEAL ONLY WITH CASES ARISING FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANIES WHICH HAVE BECOME INSOLVENT DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

ON THE SUBJECT OF PROBLEMS CAUSED BY FUTURE INSOLVENCIES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT A BROAD MEASURE OF AGREEMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN REACHED WITH THE MOTOR INSURERS' BUREAU ON THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING FUND OPERATED BY THE MIB TO COVER CLAIMS ARISING FROM THE INSOLVENCY OF AN INSURANCE COMPANY. AT PRESENT, HE POINTED OUT, THE MOTOR INSURERS' BUREAU FUND WILL ONLY SATISFY CLAIMS WHERE THE DRIVERS' INSURANCE WAS NOT VALID, OR THE VEHICLE INVOLVED IS UNTRACEABLE.

HE ADDED THAT SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE IN 1983, WHICH IMPOSED SPECIFIC CAPITAL AND SOLVENCY REQUIREMENTS ON COMPANIES WISHING TO CARRY ON INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WHICH EFFECTIVELY PREVENTED FINANCIALLY UNSOUND COMPANIES FROM OPERATING AND SO REDUCED THE LIKELIHOOD OF INSURANCE COMPANIES BEING FORCED INTO LIQUIDATION.

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HK PRAISED FOR ANTI-DRUG EFFORT
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HONG KONG WAS PRAISED TODAY BY AN OVERSEAS CONSULTANT FOR ITS EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE.

THE PRAISE CAME FROM DR R.G. NEWMAN, CONSULTANT TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON THE TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTION IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE 55TH MEETING OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS TODAY (FRIDAY), DR NEWMAN SAID THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG IN CONTAINING THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM. THE MULTI-MODALITY APPROACH TO TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTION ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE, HE SAID.

DR NEWMAN, WHO IS HERE ON HIS FIFTH CONSULTANCY VISIT, SAID THAT HONG KONG'S CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE WAS UNIQUE IN THE WORLD.

THE SYSTEM HELPED TO ANALYSE TRENDS IN DRUG ABUSE, AND SERVED AS A YARDSTICK OF THE DRUG PROBLEM AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAMMES FOR COMBATING IT, HE SAID.

HE WAS ALSO VERY IMPRESSED WITH HONG KONG'S ANTI-NARCOTICS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES, WHICH INCLUDE DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGNS, DRUG EDUCATION FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION, MEDIA PUBLICITY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

THE METHADONE TREATMENT PROGRAMME WAS DESCRIBED BY DR NEWMAN AS +BEING OUTSTANDING+.

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THERE WERE FEW PLACES IN THE WORLD WHICH OFFERED INSTANT DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES TO ALL THOSE NEEDING HELP, HE SAID.

OVER 7 000 PEOPLE ATTEND DAILY AT THE 24 TREATMENT CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

HONG KONG HAD TO CONTINUE ITS ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS, HE SAID.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY PROF. G.H. CHOA, ACAN CHAIRMAN.

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DRAFT WAN CHAI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR WAN CHAI.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT INVOLVES THE REZONING OF THE SITE TO THE NORTH OF HARBOUR ROAD ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION FROM +OPEN SPACE+ AND +GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY+ TO +OPEN SPACE+ AND +OTHER SPECIFIED USES+ AND NOTED AS +EXHIBITION CENTRE+.

THIS IS TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXHIBITION CENTRE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE EXHIBITION HALLS, CONFERENCE HALLS, HOTELS, OFFICES, RESIDENTIAL FLATS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED USES. THE WHOLE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1989.

THE AMENDMENT ALSO INCLUDES THE INCORPORATION OF A PROPOSED SEAFRONT ROAD TO THE NORTH OF THE +EXHIBITION CENTRE+ SITE, LINKING FENWICK PIER STREET AND HUNG HING ROAD.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT RE-CLASSIFIES THE SITE FOR THE ACADEMY OF THE PERFORMING ARTS ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION FROM +OPEN SPACE+ TO +GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY+.

THE THIRD AMENDMENT ADJUSTS THE WESTERN BOUNDARIES OF THE PLANNING AREA BY EXCLUDING THE AREA TO THE NORTH AND THE WEST OF FENWICK PIER STREET.

OTHER AMENDMENTS MAINLY RELATE TO NEW ROAD PROPOSALS IN THE AREA, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF FLYOVERS AT FENWICK PIER STREET, TONNOCHY ROAD AND HUNG HING ROAD, AIMED AT IMPROVING VEHICULAR ACCESS TO AND FROM THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION.

WORK ON THE PROPOSED FLYOVERS IS EXPECTED TO START BY EARLY NEXT YEAR, AND BE COMPLETED IN 1987.

TWO OTHER AMENDMENTS INVOLVE THE DELETION OF THE PROPOSED ELEVATED ROAD ALONG GLOUCESTER ROAD AND DELETION OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER ON THE RECLAMATION AREA.

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THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AT \$10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED ONE.

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FIVE LAND LOTS OFFERED
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FIVE LOTS OF LAND ARE TO BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 4 AT 2.30 PM IN THE JADE BALLROOM OF THE FURAMA HOTEL, IT IS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE FIRST SITE, ON WHICH THERE IS A BUILDING HEIGHT RESTRICTION OF 45.72 METRES, IS AT YEE KUK STREET, KOWLOON. THE LOWEST THREE LEVELS OF THE DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING ANY BASEMENT LEVEL OR LEVELS) ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL EXCLUDING HOTEL, GODOWN AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USES, AND THE REMAINING LEVELS ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE DEVELOPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 52 000 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE 1 278-SQUARE-METRE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31, 1988.

THE SECOND SITE, MEASURING 690 SQUARE METRES, IS AT 547 - 555 NATHAN ROAD, AND IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL EXCLUDING GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE DEVELOPER WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 3 900 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31, 1989. THE BUILDING HEIGHT RESTRICTION IS 91.44 METRES.

THE DEVELOPER WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO DEMOLISH THE EXISTING STRUCTURE ON THE SITE AT HIS OWN EXPENSE WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

THE NEXT SITE IS AT THE JUNCTION OF ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND CHENGTU ROAD. IT IS A NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) SITE WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 537 SQUARE METRES.

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THE LAST TWO SITES ARE AT SHA TIN. THE 1 875-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT SUI WO ROAD IS TO BE USED FOR LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, WHILE THE SITE AT SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, OCCUPYING 3 834 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND-OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND SALES CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND RELATED PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT:

- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TET CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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ALL APPLICANTS GET GOLD COINS
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR THE +OX+ GOLD COIN ISSUE WOULD BE MET.

SOME 16 900 APPLICATIONS - ABOUT 7 300 FOR THE PROOF VERSION AND 9 600 FOR THE UNCIRCULATED VERSION - HAD BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE ISSUE.

THE SMALLER NUMBER OF +OX+ GOLD COINS IN CIRCULATION SHOULD ENHANCE THE NUMISMATIC VALUE OF THE COIN AND SHOULD LEAD TO A MUCH MORE HEALTHY SECONDARY MARKET, HE SAID.

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY REGISTERED MAIL AROUND JANUARY 25, AND DISTRIBUTION OF COINS WILL START ON JANUARY 28.

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FIRST BATCH OF PUBLIC HOUSING CONTRACTS IN 1985 SIGNED
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY (FRIDAY) SIGNED 12 PUBLIC HOUSING CONTRACTS TOTALLING OVER \$67 MILLION -- THE FIRST BATCH IN THE YEAR 1985.

SIGNED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (CONSTRUCTION), MR FRED PANG, THE CONTRACTS COVER A VARIETY OF WORKS INCLUDING LIFT INSTALLATION, SLOPE IMPROVEMENT, PILING AND LANDSCAPING.

SIX CONTRACTS, VALUED AT \$49.9 MILLION, ARE FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF 104 PASSENGER LIFTS AND TWO ESCALATORS AT HANG ON, LONG PING, WAN TSUI AND TAI HANG TUNG ESTATES, AND IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP CHING WAH COURT.

ANOTHER CONTRACT WORTH OVER \$12 MILLION IS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SLOPES AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

IN TWO CONTRACTS TOTALLING \$2 MILLION, LANDSCAPING WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO ADD MORE GREENERY IN CHEUNG KWAI AND TAI WO HAU ESTATES.

A CONTRACT OF \$2.9 MILLION IS FOR PILING WORKS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF A FOUR-STOUREY COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND A CARPARK, PLUS AN ELEVATED WALKWAY, AT TSING YI ESTATE.

THE LAST TWO CONTRACTS, VALUED AT OVER \$782 000, ARE FOR FITTING-OUT WORKS FOR COMPUTER ROOMS AS WELL AS SITE INVESTIGATION WORK AT SHAU KEI WAN.

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SEAWALL PLANNED
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM ABOUT 3.53 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE PROPOSED NEW KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL SITE.

THE RECLAMATION WILL PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY SEAWALL AND THE ULTIMATE REALIGNMENT OF THE LAI CHI KOK NULLAH.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

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PLANS CAN BE SEEN:

- * ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE;
- * AT LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * AT TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL AND - OR CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS IN WRITING WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE STAYING OPEN IN WEEKEND
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THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN WILL REMAIN OPEN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 13) TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FROM ASPIRING HOME-OWNERS FOR THE 3 776 FLATS NOW ON SALE UNDER PHASE VIIA OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

+THE OPENING HOURS OF THE CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE HO MAN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, WHERE AN EXHIBITION ON THE FULL DETAILS OF THE PROJECTS ON SALE IS BEING STAGED, WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM TOMORROW AND FROM 11 AM TO 7 PM ON SUNDAY,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID TWO MINI EXHIBITIONS ON THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE SCHEME WOULD ALSO BE HELD IN THE WEEKEND AT THE WONG TAI SIN SHOPPING CENTRE AND THE SHEK KIP MEI EXHIBITION HALL ON SATURDAY AND AT WO CHE AND SHEK WAI KOK COMMERCIAL CENTRES ON SUNDAY.

THE THREE PROJECTS FOR SALE ARE AT CHOI PO COURT IN SHEUNG SHUI, FUNG SHING COURT IN SHA TIN AND CHING SHING COURT ON TSING YI ISLAND.

+SAMPLE FLATS ON SITES WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN THROUGH THE WEEKEND DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FOR INSPECTION BY INTERESTED HOME-SEEKERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+FLATS AT THE THREE PROJECTS ARE SOLD FROM \$96 600 TO \$186 200 EACH, WITH GROSS AREAS BETWEEN 41.9 AND 64.5 SQUARE METRES.

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+THE 3 248 OPEN-PLAN FLATS ON THE TRIDENT BLOCKS AT FUNG SHING COURT AND CHING SHING COURT WILL FIRST BE SOLD TO GREEN-FORM APPLICANTS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ENQUIRIES ON THE CERTIFICATE OF GREEN FORM STATUS ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY TO FAMILIES ON THE WAITING LIST, CLEARREES AND DISASTER VICTIMS, AND JUNIOR CIVIL SERVANTS TO ENABLE THEM TO APPLY BY USING THE GREEN FORM SHOULD BE MADE BY TELEPHONE ON 3-7144477.

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON JANUARY 18 AND A BALLOT TO DECIDE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

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YOUTH YEAR EVENTS

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TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (IYY), THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BE STARTING OFF A SERIES OF EVENTS TOMORROW (SATURDAY), SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE.

SOME 240 EVENTS HAVE BEEN PLANNED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO ENCOURAGE YOUTHS TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, PROMOTE THEIR PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND HELP THEM CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY.

THE EVENTS INCLUDE CAMPS, FORUMS, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, RESEARCH AND STUDIES, EXHIBITIONS, EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMMES, AS WELL AS ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

YOUTHS WISHING TO TAKE PART MAY CONTACT THEIR DISTRICT'S YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE AT TEL: 5-762057.

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MACROECONOMICS FOR THE PRESS

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FINANCIAL JOURNALISTS ARE BEING INVITED TO ATTEND A ONE-DAY SEMINAR ON +UNDERSTANDING AND REPORTING MACROECONOMICS+ TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE BANK OF AMERICA.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 4 FROM 8.30 AM TO 6 PM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE BANK OF AMERICA TOWER, 12 HARCOURT ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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+BASED ON A SIMILAR PROGRAMME DEVELOPED BY BANK OF AMERICA AND CONDUCTED FOR JOURNALISTS IN MAJOR U.S. CITIES, THE SEMINAR IS AN INTENSIVE SURVEY OF MACROECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS,+ EXPLAINED DR KENNETH LEUNG, SEMINAR LECTURER.

AN ECONOMIST IN THE BANK'S ASIA DIVISION, DR LEUNG WILL TEACH PARTICIPANTS HOW TO RECOGNISE AND INTERPRET ECONOMIC TRENDS AND THE EFFECTS OF FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICY.

DISCUSSION WILL CENTRE ON THEORY, AS WELL AS ASIAN CASE STUDIES, INCLUDING HONG KONG, DR LEUNG SAID.

THE SEMINAR IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION, THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB AND THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE SEMINAR CAN BE DIRECTED TO MR FRANK NG, SECRETARY OF THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 283.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD ALSO ADDRESS TO MR NG AT 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, BEFORE JANUARY 15, 1985.

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LEARNING ABOUT IMPORT, EXPORT
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A COURSE ON BASIC PROCEDURES AND TERMINOLOGY IN THE IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE IS BEING OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE FROM JANUARY 28 TO FEBRUARY 13.

ORGANISED AT THE REQUEST OF THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, THE COURSE COVERS - IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE TERMINOLOGY, CIF CALCULATION, IMPORT/EXPORT PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTATION, AND EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND SIX OF THE TWO-AND-A-HALF HOUR LECTURES, ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS.

COURSE FEE IS \$400, BUT PARTICIPANTS WHO ATTEND AT LEAST 80 PER CENT OF THE COURSE AND PASS THE FINAL EXAMINATION WILL BE REIMBURSED HALF THE SUM, FROM A SUBSIDY PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE COURSE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, MR H. HUNG ON 5-8932341 EXT. 261.

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SEIZED ENDANGERED BIRDS SET FREE
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TWENTY-FOUR BIRDS OF DIFFERENT ENDANGERED SPECIES WERE SET FREE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WOODS BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT THIS AFTERNOON.

MOST OF THE BIRDS — 22 KESTRELS, AN OWL AND A VULTURE — HAD BEEN SEIZED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT ENTRY POINTS AT THE BORDER FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS RETURNING FROM CHINA DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

FIVE PANGOLINS AND FOUR LEOPARD CATS HAD ALSO BEEN SEIZED DURING THE SAME PERIOD AT THE BORDER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE PANGOLINS HAD ALREADY BEEN RELEASED IN THE WILD, AND EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO FIND A NEW HOME FOR THE LEOPARD CATS, HE SAID.

THERE HAD BEEN REPEATED APPEALS TO PEOPLE LEAVING FOR THE HOLIDAYS NOT TO BRING IN ANY OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES, BUT THESE APPEALS HAD BEEN IGNORED, HE SAID.

LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 50 PERSONS HAD BEEN PROSECUTED FOR ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS BANNED BY LAW, HE SAID.

HONG KONG'S LAW ON THIS, GIVING EFFECT TO THE CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES), PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 ON CONVICTION FOR A FIRST OFFENCE, AND \$10 000 FINE AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE.

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DRIVE TO KEEP PLACE CLEAN
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A BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR HAS BEEN ORGANISED TO LAUNCH THE YAU MA TEI ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN, ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AIMS AT IMPROVING THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT, AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING MORE INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENTS IN KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG AND MR LAI SZE-NUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU MA TEI ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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YOUTH CAMP ORGANISED

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A TWO-DAY +YOUTH CAMP+ HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR YOUTHS IN MONG KOK DISTRICT TO TIE IN WITH THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, THE +YOUTH CAMP+ WILL BE HELD OVER THE WEEKEND IN THE FORM OF LECTURES AND SEMINARS.

THE FIRST +CAMP+ WILL BE HELD IN THE HONG KONG CITY POLYTECHNIC TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND THE SECOND WILL BE AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 13).

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FIRE PREVENTION DAY

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A FIRE PREVENTION DAY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 13) AT WONG TAI SIN FIRE STATION.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE WONG TAI SIN FIRE WATCH TEAM, AND A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION OF RECENT FIRES.

DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, MR WOO KWAN-KUEN WILL BE GUEST OF HONOUR OF THE CEREMONY.

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TREAT FOR KWUN TONG YOUTHS

YOUTHS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TREATED TO A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF YOUTH STARTING ON JANUARY 20.

THE TWO-WEEK KWUN TONG YOUTH FESTIVAL, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND AMONG THE 18 DISTRICTS, AIMS AT DRIVING HOME THE IYY MESSAGE +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT, PEACE+.

+OUR THEME WILL BE TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY, BECAUSE THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A HARMONIOUS AND PEACEFUL LIFE,+ THE PRESIDENT OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR EDDIE LAMB EXPLAINED.

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SPEAKING AT THE +MEET THE KWUN TONG YOUTH FESTIVAL SEMINAR+ THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, MR LAMB SAID: +THE FESTIVAL WILL KICK OFF WITH A MASS PARADE OF YOUTHS AND A VARIETY SHOW ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 20).

+AND THE GRAND FINALE WILL BE A CARNIVAL ON FEBRUARY 3 WHERE 1 000 YOUTHS WILL BE DANCING AND SINGING IN AN OPEN PLAYGROUND,+ HE SAID.

MORE THAN 30 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR THE FESTIVAL INCLUDING SEMINARS, CAMPS AND EXHIBITIONS TO EDUCATE YOUTHS ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY AND THEIR ROLE IN IT.

+THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISCO PARTY, OUTWARD-BOUND TRAINING COURSES, HORSE-RIDING, WIND-SURFING, BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS AND VARIETY SHOWS,+ MR LAMB SAID.

+ANOTHER CHARACTERISTIC OF THE YOUTH FESTIVAL IS THAT MANY OF THE PROGRAMMES WERE INITIATED AND ORGANISED BY LOCAL YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, MAKING THE FESTIVAL A TRULY COMMUNITY EVENT,+ HE ADDED.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT A COST OF \$150 000, THE FESTIVAL IS ALSO AN +EXAMPLE OF THE COMBINED EFFORT OF THE BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS+, MR LAMB SAID.

DETAILS OF THE KWUN TONG YOUTH FESTIVAL ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES= AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315.

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WINNING DANCERS TO PERFORM
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MORE THAN 150 WINNERS OF THE 14TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WILL STAGE A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE 14TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WAS HELD LAST NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, WITH MORE THAN 1 000 TAKING PART.

OFFICIATING AT THE WINNERS' PERFORMANCE WILL BE THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM AND MRS LAM; THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK; AND THE PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR DAVID CHIU, WILL ALSO PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

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COLISEUM A 'SUPERB VENUE,' SAYS LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY

THE LORD MAYOR OF AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST CITY, SYDNEY, BELIEVES THAT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM IS AN +ABSOLUTELY SUPERB VENUE+.

MR DOUG SUTHERLAND, PRESENTLY VISITING HONG KONG FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL YEARS, SAID HE +COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE IMPRESSED+ WHEN SHOWN AROUND THE 12 500-SEAT COLISEUM.

HE BELIEVES IT COMPARES MORE THAN FAVOURABLY WITH THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE IN SYDNEY, WHICH ALSO SEATS 12 500.

+BESIDES BEING A MAGNIFICENT VENUE, IT IS ALSO A COMMANDING BUILDING THAT MAKES A VERY REAL CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT,+ HE ADDED.

DISCUSSING CIVIC PROBLEMS WITH URBAN COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, AND MR KENNETH T.C. LO, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, MR SUTHERLAND SAID THAT SYDNEY'S POLICY OF IMPOSING +FIXED-PENALTY+ LITTERING TICKETS ON LITTERERS HAD GREATLY HELPED CURB THE LITTERBUG HABIT.

+YOUR CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN IS MOST COMMENDABLE, BUT THE FINES MUST BE HIGHER -- CONSIDERABLY HIGHER,+ HE OPINED.

MR SUTHERLAND SAID HE WAS IN FAVOUR OF KEEPING UP CONTACTS WITH CITIES AROUND THE PACIFIC RIM, RANGING FROM SINGAPORE IN THE WEST TO SAN FRANCISCO IN THE EAST, +BECAUSE BY COMPARING NOTES AND DISCUSSING PROBLEMS WE CAN HELP ONE ANOTHER TO ACHIEVE CLEANER, GREENER AND HAPPIER CITIES.+

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TSIM SHA TSUI PORT HEALTH OFFICE MOVING

THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE AT NEW WORLD CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL MOVE TO ITS NEW ADDRESS AT ROOMS 903 AND 905 CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NINTH FLOOR, FROM JANUARY 21.

THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE ACCOMMODATES THE VACCINATION CENTRE, THE DEATH REGISTRY OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA OFFICE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE THREE OFFICES WILL BE THE SAME, I.E.:

	TELEPHONE NUMBERS	OFFICE HOURS
VACCINATION CENTRE	3-683361	MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 9 AM TO 1 PM 2 PM TO 5 PM SATURDAY: 9 AM TO 1 PM
DEATH REGISTRY	3-684706	} MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 9 AM TO 12.30 PM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM } SATURDAY: 9 AM TO 12.30 PM
CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA OFFICE	3-684850	

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ALL SHEUNG SHUI FAIR SITES TAKEN UP
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ALL 113 STALL SITES FOR THE SHEUNG SHUI LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WERE LEASED AT ABOVE THE UPSET PRICE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION HELD YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) AT THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL AND TOWN HALL IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THE HIGHEST PRICE FETCHED FOR ONE OF THE 108 FLOWER STALLS WAS \$1 900, AND THE LOWEST PRICE \$300, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

FIVE DRY GOODS STALLS WERE LEASED FOR BETWEEN \$900 AND \$150, AGAINST THE UPSET PRICE OF \$100.

THE FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND IN SHEUNG SHUI BETWEEN FEBRUARY 13 AND 20.

THE SIX OTHER LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE HELD IN TUEN MUN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG, OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

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HK TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR SUNDAY WALK
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE ON HONG KONG ISLAND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 13) FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S WALK FOR MILLIONS.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, THE FOLLOWING REROUTING MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 5.30 PM:

- * EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN HONG KONG STADIUM AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN HOI PING ROAD AND HONG KONG STADIUM WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND, TRAFFIC BEING RESTRICTED TO THE NORTHERN LANE.
- * BROADWOOD ROAD BETWEEN TAI HANG ROAD AND LINK ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY UPHILL, TRAFFIC BEING RESTRICTED TO THE EASTERN LANE.
- * TRAFFIC ENTERING TAI HANG ROAD FROM STUBBS ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED NORTH DOWN BLUE POOL ROAD.
- * LEFT TURNS FROM BLUE POOL ROAD INTO TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE BANNED.
- * TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN BROADWOOD ROAD AND BLUE POOL ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND AND TRAFFIC WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE SOUTHERN LANE.
- * MOUNT BUTLER ROAD BETWEEN TAI HANG ROAD AND HENDERSON ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY UPHILL AND TRAFFIC WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE NORTHERN LANE.
- * THE UPHILL SECTION OF WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL TENNIS COURTS AND THE ENTRANCE TO THE HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ONE LANE TRAFFIC.
- * LINK ROAD BETWEEN BROADWOOD ROAD AND CAROLINE HILL ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY DOWNHILL, TRAFFIC BEING RESTRICTED TO THE WESTERN LANE. THE ROAD SECTION WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 8.45 AM AND 9.30 AM.

FROM 9.30 AM TO 5.30 PM, DOWNHILL TRAFFIC ON MOUNT BUTLER ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED NORTH VIA PERKINS ROAD.

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A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC:

- * BLUE POOL ROAD SOUTH OF TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 8 AM AND NOON.
- * TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD, EXCEPT A SHORT SECTION AT ITS WESTERN END, WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE OF RESIDENTS FROM 8 AM TO 3 PM.
- * LINK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 8.45 AM AND 9.30 AM.
- * MOUNT BUTLER DRIVE AND PRICE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE OF RESIDENTS FROM 9.30 AM UNTIL ABOUT 5.30 PM.
- * MOUNT PARKER ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 AM UNTIL ABOUT 2.30 PM.

ALL PARKING SPACES ON HONG KONG STADIUM SLIP ROAD, TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD, PRICE ROAD AND MOUNT BUTLER DRIVE WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 6 AM AND 6 PM.

BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 11, 41 AND 62 AND MAXICABS ON ROUTES 5, 14 AND 24 WILL BE DIVERTED AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE ROAD REROUTING AND CLOSURE MEASURES.

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RESTRICTED ZONE
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FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 13), THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SAU LAI STREET, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HIU KWONG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

WITHIN THE ABOVE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

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NO LORRY PARKING HERE

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LORRY PARKING SPACES IN SAN FUNG AVENUE AT SHEK WU HUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 5 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 13) TO 8 AM ON JANUARY 18, TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

DURING THIS PERIOD, DRIVERS MAY USE THE LORRY PARKING SPACES AT LUNG SUM AVENUE OR SAN SHING AVENUE.

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7-HOUR CENTRAL WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 14) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA WILL BE ALONG ICE HOUSE STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, JACKSON ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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THE HONG KONG BILL

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE HONG KONG BILL WAS PUBLISHED IN LONDON A SHORT WHILE AGO, FOLLOWING ITS FIRST READING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE PURPOSE OF THE BILL IS TO ENABLE THE UK TO IMPLEMENT THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER AND THE CHINESE PREMIER, MR ZHAO ZIYANG IN PEKING ON DECEMBER 19, 1984. BOTH SIDES WILL NOW MOVE TO BRING THE AGREEMENT INTO FORCE. AS PART OF THAT PROCESS THE BRITISH SIDE NEEDS TO ENACT LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT BEFORE JUNE 30, 1985, AS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

+THE HONG KONG BILL PROVIDES FOR THE TERMINATION OF BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY AND OF BRITISH JURISDICTION WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1997.

+THE BILL ALSO INCLUDES A PROVISION SEEKING AUTHORITY FOR HMG TO INTRODUCE AN ORDER OR ORDERS IN COUNCIL TO CREATE THE NEW FORM OF BRITISH NATIONALITY REFERRED TO IN THE UK MEMORANDUM ASSOCIATED WITH THE AGREEMENT, AND TO TAKE OTHER MEASURES CONSEQUENTIAL UPON OR CONNECTED WITH THIS. THESE INCLUDE THE TERMINATION OF BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN STATUS FOR THOSE PERSONS WHO ON JUNE 30, 1997 POSSESS IT BY VIRTUE OF THEIR CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG AND MEASURES TO PREVENT PEOPLE BECOMING STATELESS AS A RESULT OF THESE CHANGES.+

THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED: +THE BILL ALSO ENABLES ORDERS IN COUNCIL TO MODIFY UNITED KINGDOM ENACTMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR OR CONSEQUENT UPON TERMINATION OF UNITED KINGDOM SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION. THIS WILL ENABLE THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT TO MAKE TECHNICAL MODIFICATIONS TO UK LEGISLATION APPLICABLE TO HONG KONG. IT WILL ALSO EMPOWER THE HONG KONG LEGISLATURE TO MAKE LAWS HAVING EXTRA TERRITORIAL OPERATION+.

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THE SPOKESMAN ADDED: +THE BILL ALSO ACCORDS DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO CHINESE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WHO ATTEND MEETINGS IN LONDON. THIS IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT PARAGRAPH 10 TO ANNEX II OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

+THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL IN DUE COURSE AND IN ADVANCE OF RATIFICATION ENACT SIMILAR PROVISIONS FOR CHINESE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WHEN THEY ATTEND MEETINGS IN HONG KONG.+

ASKED WHY NATIONALITY PROVISIONS HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BILL THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +IT IS IMPORTANT TO SET OUT IN THE BILL THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONALITY PROVISIONS IN THE UK MEMORANDUM ASSOCIATED WITH THE AGREEMENT. ALTHOUGH THE MEMORANDUM IS NOT PART OF THE AGREEMENT, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDER IT TO REPRESENT AN UNDERTAKING THAT THEY ARE COMMITTED TO CARRYING OUT. BOTH PARLIAMENT AND THE HONG KONG PEOPLE WILL EXPECT TO BE TOLD, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HONG KONG BILL, HOW THIS WILL BE DONE. SUCH AN EXPLANATION WILL HELP TO DISPEL ANY REMAINING UNCERTAINTY THERE MAY BE ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE UK MEMORANDUM.+

REFERRING TO THE PROVISION FOR AN ORDER IN COUNCIL ON NATIONALITY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +NO DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED FOR THE MAKING OF THE ORDER IN COUNCIL. IT WILL CONTAIN A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE IN THE TIME AVAILABLE DURING PASSAGE OF THE BILL TO CONSIDER AND PUT FORWARD FOR DEBATE ALL THE DETAILED AMENDMENTS TO NATIONALITY LEGISLATION THAT WILL BE REQUIRED. FOR THIS REASON THE BILL ONLY CONTAINS AN ENABLING POWER FOR A SUBSEQUENT ORDER OR ORDERS IN COUNCIL IN WHICH THESE AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE.

+A DRAFT ORDER IN COUNCIL WILL BE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT AND MADE PUBLIC IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE ITS PROVISIONS ARE DEBATED. ORDERS IN COUNCIL RELATING TO NATIONALITY WILL BE SUBJECT TO AFFIRMATIVE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES AND THEY WILL THEREFORE BE THE SUBJECT OF A DEBATE, EITHER BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AS A WHOLE OR BY A COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE. THAT DEBATE WILL OF COURSE BE OPEN TO THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC, AND A RECORD OF THE DEBATE WILL BE PUBLISHED. THE ORDER WOULD THEN BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. PROCEDURES WILL BE BASICALLY THE SAME FOR THE SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION BY THE HOUSE OF LORDS+.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO STRESSED THAT THE PRESENT POSITION OF HONG KONG BDTCS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED UNTIL 1997.

+THE BILL PROVIDES AN ENABLING POWER FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE A SUBSEQUENT ORDER IN COUNCIL. SUBJECT TO PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL THIS ORDER WILL GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE UK MEMORANDUM. BUT EVEN THEN HONG KONG BDTCS WILL RETAIN THE STATUS OF BDTCS, WHICH WILL NOT BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY, UNTIL JULY 1, 1997. THEY WILL ALSO BE ELIGIBLE TO RETAIN ANOTHER FORM OF BRITISH NATIONALITY FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.+

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TEXT OF THE HONG KONG BILL
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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE HONG KONG BILL:

DRAFT OF A BILL TO MAKE PROVISION FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENDING OF BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION OVER HONG KONG. BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE LORDS SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL, AND COMMONS, IN THIS PRESENT PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED, AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME, AS FOLLOWS:-

- 1.(1) AS FROM 1ST JULY 1997 HER MAJESTY SHALL NO LONGER HAVE SOVEREIGNTY OR JURISDICTION OVER ANY PART OF HONG KONG.
- (2) THIS SECTION SHALL COME INTO FORCE ON THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG WHICH WAS SIGNED IN PEKING ON 19TH DECEMBER 1984: AND NOTICE OF THE DATE ON WHICH THOSE INSTRUMENTS ARE EXCHANGED SHALL BE GIVEN IN THE LONDON GAZETTE.
- 2.(1) THIS ACT MAY BE CITED AS THE HONG KONG ACT 1985.
- (2) THE SCHEDULE TO THIS ACT SHALL HAVE EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTERS THERE MENTIONED, BEING MATTERS CONSEQUENTIAL ON OR CONNECTED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1 ABOVE OR THE DECLARATION MENTIONED IN THAT SECTION.

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

PRELIMINARY

1. IN THIS SCHEDULE 'THE RELEVANT DATE' MEANS 1ST JULY 1997 AND 'ENACTMENT' MEANS ANY PROVISION OF AN ACT, OTHER THAN THIS ACT, PASSED BEFORE THE RELEVANT DATE AND ANY PROVISION OF AN INSTRUMENT MADE BEFORE THAT DATE UNDER ANY SUCH ACT.

NATIONALITY

- 2.(1) HER MAJESTY MAY BY ORDER IN COUNCIL MAKE PROVISION WHEREBY-
 - (A) BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENSHIP CANNOT BE RETAINED OR ACQUIRED ON OR AFTER THE RELEVANT DATE BY VIRTUE OF A CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG: AND
 - (B) PERSONS WHO ARE BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS BY VIRTUE OF ANY SUCH CONNECTION MAY BEFORE THAT DATE (OR BEFORE THE END OF 1997 IF BORN IN THAT YEAR BEFORE THE RELEVANT DATE) ACQUIRE SUCH NEW FORM OF BRITISH NATIONALITY AS IS SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER.

- (2) AN ORDER UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY REQUIRE APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE NEW STATUS MENTIONED IN SUB-PARAGRAPH (1)(B) ABOVE TO BE MADE BEFORE SUCH TIME OR TIMES AS ARE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER AND MAY MAKE PROVISION WHEREBY THAT STATUS IS TO BE HELD ON AND AFTER THE RELEVANT DATE ONLY BY PERSONS WHO ARE BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THAT DATE.
- (3) AN ORDER UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY MAKE PROVISION FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF STATELESSNESS AND MAY CONTAIN SUCH SUPPLEMENTARY, TRANSITIONAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS AS APPEAR TO HER MAJESTY TO BE NECESSARY OR EXPEDIENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ORDER, INCLUDING PROVISIONS AMENDING THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981 AND ANY OTHER ENACTMENT.
- (4) NO ORDER SHALL BE MADE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH UNLESS A DRAFT OF IT HAS BEEN LAID BEFORE AND APPROVED BY A RESOLUTION OF EACH HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT.

ADAPTATION OF LAW

- 3(1) HER MAJESTY MAY BEFORE THE RELEVANT DATE BY ORDER IN COUNCIL MAKE SUCH PROVISION AS APPEARS TO HER MAJESTY TO BE NECESSARY OR EXPEDIENT IN CONSEQUENCE OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1(1) OF THIS ACT-
- (A) FOR REPEALING OR AMENDING ANY ENACTMENT SO FAR AS IT IS PART OF THE LAW OF HONG KONG: AND
- (B) FOR ENABLING THE LEGISLATURE OF HONG KONG TO REPEAL OR AMEND ANY ENACTMENT SO FAR AS IT IS PART OF THAT LAW AND TO MAKE LAWS HAVING EXTRA-TERRITORIAL OPERATION.
- (2) HER MAJESTY MAY BEFORE, ON OR AFTER THE RELEVANT DATE BY ORDER IN COUNCIL MAKE SUCH PROVISION AS APPEARS TO HER MAJESTY TO BE NECESSARY OR EXPEDIENT IN CONSEQUENCE OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1(1) OF THIS ACT FOR REPEALING OR AMENDING, SO FAR AS IT RELATES TO HONG KONG, ANY ENACTMENT FORMING PART OF THE LAW OF, OR OF ANY PART OF, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR OF A BRITISH POSSESSION OTHER THAN HONG KONG, AND ANY PROVISION CONTAINED IN NORTHERN IRELAND LEGISLATION.
- (3) AN ORDER UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE MADE SO AS TO HAVE EFFECT FROM THE RELEVANT DATE OR AS RESPECTS ANY TIME BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DATE.
- (4) A STATUTORY INSTRUMENT CONTAINING AN ORDER UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANNULMENT IN PURSUANCE OF A RESOLUTION OF EITHER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES

4. THE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES ACT 1964 SHALL HAVE EFFECT AS IF IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THAT ACT REFERENCES TO A DIPLOMATIC AGENT INCLUDED REFERENCES TO ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP SET UP UNDER PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE DECLARATION MENTIONED IN SECTION 1(2) OF THIS ACT.

THE PROCEDURAL STAGES OF THE HONG KONG BILL
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EDITORS MAY WISH TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF THE STAGES THROUGH WHICH THE BILL WILL PASS:

HOUSE OF COMMONS:

- (A) FIRST READING. FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF THE BILL, WITHOUT DEBATE, FOLLOWED BY PUBLICATION OF THE BILL. (THIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED).
- (B) SECOND READING. THE OCCASION FOR FULL DEBATE ON THE BILL'S GENERAL PRINCIPLES. THE CONVENTION IS FOR TWO WEEKENDS TO BE ALLOWED BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.
- (C) COMMITTEE STAGE. THE OCCASION FOR DETAILED SCRUTINY OF THE BILL AND ANY AMENDMENTS WHICH MAY BE PROPOSED EITHER BY HMG OR BY ANY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.
- (D) REPORT STAGE. CONSIDERATION OF ANY AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE.
- (E) THIRD READING. THIS IS USUALLY TAKEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE REPORT STAGE.

AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THE BILL IS REFERRED TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS WHERE THE PROCEDURE IS:

- (A) FIRST READING.
- (B) SECOND READING. A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKENDS IS USUALLY OBSERVED BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.
- (C) COMMITTEE STAGE. THERE IS USUALLY A MINIMUM OF 14 DAYS BETWEEN THE SECOND READING AND THE START OF THE COMMITTEE STAGE.
- (D) REPORT STAGE. THERE IS USUALLY AN INTERVAL OF ONE WEEK BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE AND REPORT STAGES.
- (E) THIRD READING. THERE IS USUALLY AN INTERVAL OF THREE SITTING DAYS BETWEEN THE END OF THE REPORT STAGE AND THE THIRD READING.
- (F) IF THE HOUSE OF LORDS AMEND THE BILL IT IS REFERRED BACK TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. ROYAL ASSENT IS THEN SECURED.

THE TIMING OF THESE STAGES WILL DEPEND ON THE DECISIONS OF THOSE WHO ARRANGE PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS, IN THE LIGHT OF SUCH FACTORS AS THE PARLIAMENTARY TIME-TABLE AND MINISTERIAL AVAILABILITY.