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## CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT STATISTICS FOR 4TH QUARTER OF 1988

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THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 AMOUNTED TO \$11,848 MILLION, WHICH WAS 23.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, AND 24.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE WORKS INCLUDED THOSE CARRIED OUT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, AT ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND AT OTHER MINOR WORK LOCATIONS.

THE INDEX OF GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 WAS 179.8, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 BEING TAKEN AS 100. THE CORRESPONDING INDEXES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 AND THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 WERE 145.5 AND 144.3 RESPECTIVELY.

WITH REGARD TO THE INCREASE OF 24.6 PER CENT IN THE VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1987, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS MOSTLY IN THE FORM OF INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

AFTER DISCOUNTING THE COST INCREASES, THE REAL GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED WAS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS. READERS SHOULD BEAR THIS POINT IN MIND WHEN INTERPRETING THE SURVEY RESULTS.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$8,955 MILLION. THIS WAS 22.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 22.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987.

APART FROM WORK PERFORMED AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND OTHER MINOR WORK LOCATIONS WAS \$2,893 MILLION, WHICH WAS 26.8 PER CENT AND 30.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 RESPECTIVELY.

OF THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, \$2,881 MILLION WAS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR (INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION).

THIS REPRESENTED INCREASES OF 16.0 PER CENT AND 22.4 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 RESPECTIVELY.

AS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES WAS \$6,073 MILLION, WHICH WAS 25.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 22.8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987.

WHEN ANALYSED BY END-USE OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (WHICH INCLUDE COMBINED RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS) AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$4,172 MILLION AND \$1,392 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

THESE REPRESENTED INCREASES OF 22.3 PER CENT AND 25.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER, AND INCREASES OF 26.2 PER CENT AND 24.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF TRANSPORT PROJECTS WAS \$1,104 MILLION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 27.5 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT A DECREASE OF 4.8 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF INDUSTRIAL AND STORAGE BUILDINGS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$784 MILLION, WHICH WAS 12.6 PER CENT AND 19.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 RESPECTIVELY.

DUE TO WIDESPREAD SUB-CONTRACTING PRACTICE IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, A CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENT CAN BE A MAIN CONTRACTOR FOR ONE CONTRACT AND A SUB-CONTRACTOR FOR ANOTHER CONTRACT SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS REFERS TO THE OUTPUT OF THOSE CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY TAKE THE ROLE OF A MAIN CONTRACTOR. AND DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT OF PROJECTS WHERE THEY PLAY THE ROLE OF SUB-CONTRACTORS.

HOWEVER, SUB-CONTRACTORS' CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY THE MAIN CONTRACTORS FOR WHOM THEY WORKED.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT IS GIVEN IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, 4TH QUARTER 1988", WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON SALE AT \$2.50 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, WANCHAI TOWER I, 19/F, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-8234860.

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1988 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS FOR 1988 HAS JUST COMMENCED.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY AND REPRESENTS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME IN THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT ECONOMIC STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE "WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS" SECTORS IN HONG KONG.

THE AIMS OF THE SURVEY ARE TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE DATA FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE "WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS" SECTORS TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, AND FOR ASCERTAINING THEIR COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND SALES LEVELS.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

ABOUT 8,100 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF THE SURVEY, COVERING THE SECTORS OF WHOLESALE; RETAIL; IMPORT AND EXPORT; RESTAURANTS; HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES: TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (I.E. WAGES, SALARIES AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASES, STOCKS, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AS WELL AS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) ORDER 1984, WHICH WAS MADE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 316) AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 16 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS SAMPLED FOR THE SURVEY. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31, 1989.

IF REQUIRED, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES. THESE OFFICERS WILL CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WHILST ON DUTY, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS HAS APPEALED TO THE MANAGERMENTS OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COURSE OF ENUMERATION, SO AS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

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ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUPPLY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED IN THE SURVEY.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE RETURNS, IF AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-8235087.

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SGD'S USA TOUR CONCLUDES WITH VISIT TO THE WEST COAST

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THE SECRETARY FOR GENERAL DUTIES, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, IS CONCLUDING HIS TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES WITH A VISIT TO CALIFORNIA.

ARRIVING IN SAN FRANCISCO ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 3) MR WIGGHAM BEGAN HIS VISIT WITH AN ADDRESS TO A GROUP OF SENIOR EXECUTIVES REPRESENTING INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS BANK OF AMERICA, BECHTEL, STANDFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE; ACADEMICS FROM HOOVER INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY AND DOMINICAN COLLEGE; AND LEADING INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

YESTERDAY (THURSDAY), HE SPOKE BEFORE ANOTHER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AUDIENCE AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 100 SENIOR BUSINESSMEN AND EXECUTIVES.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THAT THE TIMING FOR HIS VISIT WAS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE AS THE TWO BAY AREA MAYORS, MAYOR ART AGNOS OF SAN FRANCISCO AND MAYOR TOM MCENERY OF SAN JOSE WERE CURRENTLY LEADING A MISSION OF 80 BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATES TO HONG KONG AND OTHER ASIAN CITIES.

THE VISITS IN EACH DIRECTION WERE DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE INTERNATIONALISM OF THE TWO CITIES, MR WIGGHAM SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONALISM THAT WOULD ALSO BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO CHINA IN THE FUTURE.

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"I BELIEVE THAT CHINA REALISES THAT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF ITS COMMITMENT TO MODERNISING, HONG KONG PLAYS AN IMPORTANT AND EVEN UNIQUE ROLE AND THAT ROLE CAN CONTINUE TO BE OF BENEFIT TO CHINA ONLY IF HONG KONG RETAINS ITS CAPITALIST SYSTEM AND ITS ATTRACTION AS AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR INVESTMENT," HE SAID.

QUESTIONED ON THE SUBJECT OF CHINA'S COMMITMENT TO THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, MR WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE MANY REASONS SUPPORTING CHINA'S COMMITMENT TO A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE AGREEMENT AND AMONG THESE WERE ITS OWN SELF INTEREST AND MODERNISATION PROGRAMME.

"THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION CAME ABOUT AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME AS CHINA WAS COMMITTING ITSELF TO A POLICY OF MODERNISATION AND OPENING UP TO THE WORLD," HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THAT CHINA HAD ALWAYS FOUND HONG KONG USEFUL, BUT PERHAPS NEVER MORE SO THAN NOW.

"CURRENTLY, ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF ALL EXTERNAL INVESTMENT IN CHINA COMES FROM OR THROUGH HONG KONG. CHINA ALSO OF COURSE OBTAINS THROUGH HONG KONG ALL THE KNOW-HOW WHICH HONG KONG CAN PROVIDE AS A WINDOW TO THE WESTERN WORLD," HE NOTED.

"HONG KONG AND CHINA ARE EACH OTHER'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER. CHINA IS THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS. MUCH OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING IS NOW BEING SUB-CONTRACTED TO CHINA," HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, MR WIGGHAM ADDED, IT HAD BEEN ESTIMATED THAT IN GUANGDONG PROVINCE ALONE, THERE WERE SOME TWO MILLION PEOPLE EMPLOYED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN, A FIGURE MORE THAN DOUBLE THE SIZE OF HONG KONG'S OWN MANUFACTURING WORK FORCE.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, MR WIGGHAM SAID IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE THE TREMENDOUS INCENTIVES OFFERED BY SUCH ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO ENSURE THE FULL AND FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

MR WIGGHAM HAD ALSO GIVEN SEVERAL MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS DURING HIS STAY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

HE CONCLUDES HIS WEST COAST VISIT WITH A BREAKFAST MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY) BEFORE LEAVING FOR HONG KONG.

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PAY TREND SURVEY COMMITTEE MEETS

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THE PAY TREND SURVEY COMMITTEE MET TODAY (FRIDAY) TO CONSIDER THE FINDINGS OF THE 1988-89 PAY TREND SURVEY.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY MR ANDREW K.W. SO OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

THE SURVEY, WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE PAY SURVEY AND RESEARCH UNIT, MEASURED PAY TRENDS IN A SELECTED GROUP OF 53 COMPANIES DURING THE YEAR FEBRUARY 1, 1988 TO JANUARY 31, 1989.

BUT UNLIKE PREVIOUS YEARS' SURVEYS, WHICH TOOK INTO ACCOUNT INCREASES RELATING TO COST OF LIVING, COMPANY PERFORMANCE, AND GENERAL CHANGES IN MARKET RATES ONLY, THE 1988-89 PAY TREND SURVEY TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE AFOREMENTIONED FACTORS AS WELL AS INSCALE INCREMENT AND MERIT.

THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WHICH INDICATED THAT THE FOLLOWING AVERAGE PAY INCREASES WERE AWARDED BY THE SURVEYED COMPANIES:

- 16.04 PER CENT FOR EMPLOYEES EARNING LESS THAN \$5,700 PER MONTH;
- 16.07 PER CENT FOR EMPLOYEES EARNING BETWEEN \$5,700 AND \$17,999 PER MONTH; AND
- 14.60 PER CENT FOR EMPLOYEES EARNING BETWEEN \$18,000 AND \$35,890 PER MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE EMPHASISED THAT THESE FIGURES ARE ONLY THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY OF PAY TREND IN THE PRIVATE COMPANIES.

PAY ADJUSTMENT IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, IF ANY, IS A SEPARATE MATTER AND WILL BE DECIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN DUE COURSE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE THREE STAFF CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS.

THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, THE ADMINISTRATION, THE POLICE FORCE COUNCIL, AND THE STAFF SIDES OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL AND THE MODEL SCALE 1 STAFF CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL.

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## PAY TREND INDICATORS METHODOLOGY EXPLAINED

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FOLLOWING THE RELEASE OF THE 1988-89 PAY TREND INDICATORS BY THE PAY TREND SURVEY COMMITTEE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) EXPLAINED THE NEW BASIS TO BE USED THIS YEAR FOR CONSIDERING THE 1989 CIVIL SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENT.

"THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE 1988 CIVIL SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENT AND RELATED MATTERS HAD EARLIER RECOMMENDED THAT, BEGINNING FROM THIS YEAR, THE PAY TREND SURVEY SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MERIT PAYMENTS AND INSCALE INCREMENTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN ADDITION TO INCREASES RELATED TO THE COST OF LIVING, COMPANY PERFORMANCE AND GENERAL CHANGES IN MARKET RATES.

"THIS RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL," HE SAID.

USING THIS SYSTEM, THIS YEAR'S PAY TREND SURVEY INDICATED THAT THE FOLLOWING AVERAGE PAY INCREASES HAD BEEN AWARDED BY THE SURVEYED COMPANIES:

16.04 PER CENT FOR EMPLOYEES EARNING LESS THAN \$5,700 PER MONTH;

16.07 PER CENT FOR EMPLOYEES EARNING BETWEEN \$5,700 AND \$17,999 PER MONTH; AND

14.60 PER CENT FOR EMPLOYEES EARNING BETWEEN \$18,000 AND \$35,890 PER MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY HAD ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE VALUE OF NORMAL INCREMENTS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE SHOULD BE DEDUCTED, BUT AT A DISCOUNTED RATE, FROM THE PAY TREND INDICATORS ARRIVED AT UNDER THE NEW SURVEY SYSTEM.

"THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY FELT THAT THIS DISCOUNTED RATE SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY TAKING THE VALUE OF CIVIL SERVICE INCREMENTS AT THEIR PAYROLL COSTS, THAT IS THEIR COST TO GOVERNMENT IN THE SURVEY YEAR, BROKEN DOWN INTO DIFFERENT PAY BANDS, RATHER THAN THEIR AVERAGE PERCENTAGE VALUE.

"THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL," HE SAID.

THE VALUE OF CIVIL SERVICE INCREMENTS AT THEIR PAYROLL COST THIS SURVEY YEAR IS AS FOLLOWS:

1.38 PER CENT FOR THE LOWER BAND (CIVIL SERVANTS EARNING LESS THAN \$5,700 PER MONTH)

1.26 PER CENT FOR THE MIDDLE BAND (CIVIL SERVANTS EARNING BETWEEN \$5,700 AND \$17,999 PER MONTH)

1.17 PER CENT FOR THE UPPER BAND (CIVIL SERVANTS EARNING BETWEEN \$18,000 AND \$35,890 PER MONTH).

AFTER THE PAY TREND INDICATORS ARE DISCOUNTED BY THE PAYROLL COST OF CIVIL SERVICE INCREMENTS, THE FOLLOWING RESULTANT INDICATORS SHOULD BE USED IN CONSIDERING THE 1989 CIVIL SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENT:

14.66 PER CENT FOR THE LOWER BAND

14.81 PER CENT FOR THE MIDDLE BAND

13.43 PER CENT FOR THE UPPER BAND.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE RESULTANT INDICATOR FOR THE LOWER BAND, AT 14.66 PER CENT, WAS BELOW THAT FOR THE MIDDLE BAND, AT 14.81 PER CENT.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED, THE RESULTANT INDICATOR FOR THE LOWER BAND WILL BE BROUGHT UP TO THE SAME LEVEL AS THE MIDDLE BAND, I.E. 14.81 PER CENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE 1989 CIVIL SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENT, UNLESS THERE ARE OVERRIDING REASONS FOR NOT DOING SO," HE SAID.

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FS VISITS SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION

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A VERY GOOD START HAS BEEN MADE FOLLOWING THE SETTING UP OF THE NEW SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC), THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME THE PREMISES OF THE NEW SFC, MR JACOBS SAID HE WAS ANXIOUS TO VISIT IT SHORTLY AFTER THE NEW COMMISSION CAME INTO OPERATION.

WHEN ASKED WHAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS OF THE NEW COMMISSION COMPARED WITH THE OLD SECURITIES COMMISSION, MR JACOBS SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD PUT A LOT OF WORK INTO SETTING UP THIS NEW BODY AND WHAT HAD BEEN DONE WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE.

"BUT I THINK IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT WHAT THE OLD COMMISSION ALSO ACHIEVED WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE.

"MY MEMORY GOES BACK A LONG WAY TO THE TIMES WHEN WE DID NOT HAVE ANY COMMISSION AT ALL AND THE OLD COMMISSION AND THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE ACTUALLY ACHIEVED A GREAT DEAL.

"THIS NEW COMMISSION IS THE NEXT STEP FORWARD," HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW COMMISSION, MR ROBERT OWEN, AND HIS TEAM SO WELL SET IN.

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HE SAID HE HAD MET AND EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTORS AND A NUMBER OF STAFF.

"WE'VE DISCUSSED VERY BRIEFLY SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT LIE AHEAD OF US AND OBVIOUSLY A GREAT DEAL STILL REMAINS TO BE DONE. THAT IS WHY WE SET UP THIS NEW COMMISSION," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE MATTERS THAT WERE DISCUSSED INCLUDED SOME OF THE NEW LEGISLATION THAT WERE NEEDED TO BE INTRODUCED -- THE INSIDER DEALING LEGISLATION -- AND SOME OF THE WORK THAT STILL NEEDED TO BE DONE IN RELATION TO THE FUTURES EXCHANGE.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD INTRODUCE INTO THE INSIDER DEALING LEGISLATION A REFERENCE TO TRADING IN FUTURES CONTRACTS, MR JACOBS SAID THAT ASPECT WAS STILL BEING EXAMINED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS HOPING TO GET A BILL ON INSIDER DEALING INTRODUCED THIS SESSION.

"WHETHER I SHALL GET IT ENACTED DEPENDS UPON THE TIMING. WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL DEAL WITH FUTURES TRADING IN THE BILL IS STILL SOMETHING WE ARE CONSIDERING.

"IN ANY EVENT, I SHALL, AS I PROMISED, MAKE A STATEMENT ON THAT PARTICULAR ASPECT EITHER WHEN I INTRODUCE THE BILL OR CERTAINLY BEFORE THE END OF THE SESSION," HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE SFC, MR JACOBS SAID ALTHOUGH A FEW MORE DIRECTORS WERE APPOINTED THAN WAS ACTUALLY RECOMMENDED, IN GENERAL TERMS WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DONE WAS IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE PROBLEMS POSED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO HONGKONG BANK MEMBERS ON THE SFC BOARD, MR JACOBS SAID THE TWO NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS IN QUESTION WERE BOTH APPOINTED IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY.

"THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF OTHER DIRECTORS ON THE BOARD AND IF QUESTIONS OF CONFLICT DO ARISE FROM TIME TO TIME AS THEY ARE BOUND TO, AS IT HAPPENS IN EVERY ORGANISATION IN HONG KONG, THERE WILL BE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

"I JUST DON'T SEE ANY REASON FOR ANY PROBLEMS AT ALL," HE SAID.

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NOMINEE SHAREHOLDINGS IN TELEVISION LICENSEE COMPANIES  
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AN ORDER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE SHORTLY WHICH WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF DEFERRING THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF SECTION 17B OF THE TELEVISION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1988.

SECTION 17B PROHIBITS MOST NOMINEES FROM HOLDING AN INTEREST IN THE VOTING SHARES OF A TELEVISION LICENSEE COMPANY, AND WAS SCHEDULED TO COME INTO OPERATION ON MAY 21.

EXPLAINING THE REASON FOR THE DEFERMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, SAID: "ALTHOUGH THE TWO TELEVISION LICENSEE COMPANIES WERE CONSULTED PRIOR TO THE PROMULGATION OF THE TELEVISION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1988, THE ADMINISTRATION EARLIER THIS YEAR RECEIVED REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS AND TVB LTD. SEEKING TO EXTEND THE CATEGORY OF NOMINEES ALLOWED TO HOLD SHARES IN A TELEVISION LICENSEE COMPANY IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE CURRENT MARKET PRACTICES ADOPTED BY BANKS, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND STOCKBROKERS."

THESE PRACTICES INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES BY BANKS, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, INSURANCE COMPANIES AND STOCKBROKERS AS NOMINEES FOR SHAREHOLDERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO MANAGE THE SHARES THEMSELVES AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF SHARES BY SUCH INSTITUTIONS AS SECURITY AGAINST LOANS.

THIS ALSO COVERS SUBSIDIARIES OF BANKS, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, INSURERS OR STOCKBROKERS WHICH IN MOST CIRCUMSTANCES HOLD THE SHARES ON BEHALF OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIMARY CONCERN IN RESTRICTING NOMINEE SHAREHOLDING IS TO PREVENT PERSONS WHO WISH TO CONTROL A TELEVISION LICENSEE FROM HIDING THEIR IDENTITIES BEHIND NOMINEES," MR TSAO SAID.

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MET REPRESENTATIVES OF BANKS, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, AND STOCKBROKERS AND HAS CONSULTED INSURERS WITH THE AIM OF ACCOMMODATING MARKET PRACTICES WHILE UPHOLDING THE GOVERNMENT'S PRINCIPLE THAT SHAREHOLDERS OF TELEVISION LICENSEES SHOULD BE KNOWN TO THE ADMINISTRATION.

"WE HAVE NOW WORKED OUT AN APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK TO ENSURE THAT THE IDENTITY AND THE RESIDENTIAL STATUS OF BENEFICIAL OWNERS ARE KNOWN.

"IT IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S INTENTION TO SUBMIT A DRAFT BILL TO AMEND THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE TO THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

"SECTION 17B WILL BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE UPON THE PROMULGATION OF THE AMENDMENTS," MR TSAO SAID.

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HOWEVER, AS GAZETTED IN NOVEMBER 1988, SECTION 17C OF THE ORDINANCE WILL COME INTO EFFECT AS SCHEDULED ON MAY 21, 1989.

THIS SECTION BRINGS INTO OPERATION THE "49 PER CENT RULE" UNDER WHICH AN AGGREGATE OF NO MORE THAN 49 PER CENT OF THE VOTING SHARES OF A TELEVISION LICENSEE COMPANY MAY BE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF PERSONS OR COMPANIES WHICH DO NOT SATISFY CERTAIN HONG KONG RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS.

THE TELEVISION LICENSEES, THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG HAVE BEEN INFORMED TODAY (FRIDAY) OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S INTENTIONS.

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TEXTILES RELATED APPLICATION FEES REVISED  
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THE FEES CHARGED UNDER THE TEXTILES EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM WILL BE REVISED WITH EFFECT FROM JUNE 1 THIS YEAR, UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (FEES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE INCREASE WAS NECESSARY TO RECOVER THE COST.

"IT IS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY THAT FEES AND CHARGES SHOULD RECOVER THE FULL COST OF OPERATING THE TEXTILES EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM.

"THE PRESENT SCALE OF FEES WAS INTRODUCED IN 1984 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS POLICY," HE SAID.

A COSTING EXERCISE RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT THE SERVICE HAD OPERATED AT A LOSS OF \$13 MILLION IN 1987-88 AND THE LOSS IN 1988-89 WAS EXPECTED TO BE \$3 MILLION.

"IF THE FEES ARE NOT RAISED NOW, THE LOSSES ARE EXPECTED TO BE \$13 MILLION AND \$23 MILLION FOR 1989-90 AND 1990-91 RESPECTIVELY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE NEW FEES GENERALLY REFLECTED THE INCREASED COSTS.

ON THE THREE-FOLD INCREASE FROM \$30 TO \$100 FOR INTER-REGIONAL TRANSFER, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE FEE FOR INTER-REGIONAL TRANSFER WAS AT PRESENT NOT REFLECTED AS A SEPARATE ITEM IN THE SCHEDULE OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (FEES) REGULATIONS, AND IT WAS BEING CHARGED AS A DOCUMENT ISSUED OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE AT \$30.

THE NEW FEE FOR INTER-REGIONAL TRANSFER WOULD BE THE SAME AS FOR SWING AND TRANSFER, BECAUSE THEY ALL PROVIDED SIMILAR FLEXIBILITY TO THE TRADE.

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BETWEEN 1983-84 AND 1987-88, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEXTILES APPLICATIONS PROCESSED HAS INCREASED BY 71 PER CENT WHEREAS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STAFF OF THE TRADE AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN ADMINISTRATION OF THE TEXTILES EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM HAS INCREASED ONLY BY 11 PER CENT.

"THIS REPRESENTS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN PRODUCTIVITY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD HAS BEEN CONSULTED ON THE REVISION AND HAS EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT," HE ADDED.

THE FOLLOWING NEW SCALE OF FEES FOR TEXTILES RELATED APPLICATIONS WILL APPLY FROM JUNE 1, 1989:

TYPE OF APPLICATIONS -----	FEES ----	
	CURRENT ----- (\$)	NEW ---- (\$)
NON-RESTRAINED EXPORT LICENCES	20	25
RESTRAINED EXPORT LICENCES	60	65
IMPORT LICENCES	20	25
TEXTILES CONTROLS REGISTRATION (ANNUAL FEE)	1,000	1,000
SWING	100	100
TRANSFER	100	100
INTER-REGIONAL TRANSFER	30	100
FREE QUOTA EXPORT AUTHORISATION	200	200
SURVEILLANCE EXPORT AUTHORISATION	100	100

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REVIEW OF DB ELECTIONS COMPLETED  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED A REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1988 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND HAS COME UP WITH A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR LAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF SEMINARS ORGANISED FOR AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE ROLE OF AREA COMMITTEES IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

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HE NOTED THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS WAS TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY OF THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL (GER).

"THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED BY STEPPING UP PUBLICITY TO REMIND VOTERS OF THE NEED TO REPORT CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND BY UPDATING THE GER BY MATCHING IT WITH HOUSING DEPARTMENT RECORDS TO IDENTIFY ELECTORS AFFECTED BY INTER-ESTATE MOVEMENTS, CLEARANCES OR REDEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

ADDITIONALLY, A SYSTEM OF CHECKING COULD BE DEvised TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF THE IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS SUPPLIED BY REGISTERED ELECTORS.

TO ENCOURAGE VOTERS TO TURN OUT AT THE POLLS, THE LOCATION AND LAYOUT OF EACH POLLING STATION WOULD BE STUDIED IN DETAIL TO SEE WHAT IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE MADE.

"SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING STATIONS, TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS NEAR POLLING STATIONS AND WAYS TO PREVENT THE DISPLAY OF ELECTION POSTERS WITHIN POLLING STATIONS," MR LAN SAID.

BUFFER ZONES PROVED VERY EFFECTIVE IN CONTROLLING ELECTIONEERING ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE POLLING STATIONS. IN SOME CASES, THE BOUNDARY OF BUFFER ZONES WOULD NEED TO BE RE-DRAWN FOR MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT, MR LAN NOTED.

FURTHERMORE, IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT TRAINING FOR POLLING STAFF SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. THIS WOULD INCLUDE DETAILED BRIEFINGS FOR POLLING STAFF TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE CONVERSANT WITH THE BASIC RULES GOVERNING THE RUNNING OF AN ELECTION AND THE RELATED PROCEDURAL MATTERS.

MR LAN SAID BECAUSE OF THEIR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS, AREA COMMITTEES WERE OFTEN PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS.

"I THEREFORE WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON HOW THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED," MR LAN TOLD PARTICIPANTS OF THE SEMINAR.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY NOTED THAT AREA COMMITTEES WERE GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING A COMMUNITY SPIRIT AS WELL AS PROVIDING AN INVALUABLE TWO-WAY CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL RESIDENTS.

AREA COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT BOARDS MAINTAINED THEIR LINKS MAINLY THROUGH CROSS-MEMBERSHIP.

"ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE AREA COMMITTEES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES AND THEY HAVE HELPED REFER AREA PROBLEMS TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THEIR COMMITTEES WHERE NECESSARY," MR LAN SAID.

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THE REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME CARRIED OUT IN 1987 HAD REAFFIRMED THE VALUE OF AREA COMMITTEES.

SINCE 1988-89 DISTRICT OFFICES HAVE PROVIDED AREA COMMITTEES WITH EXTRA FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE ORGANISATION OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A FOCAL POINT FOR DISCUSSION ON AREA BASED MATTERS.

TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED FOR MEMBERS OF THE EIGHT AREA COMMITTEES IN KOWLOON CITY. IT WAS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF "A STEP CLOSER TO AREA COMMITTEE" SEMINARS AIMED AT ENABLING AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE AREA COMMITTEES AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY.

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AC MEMBERS TO DISCUSS LOCAL ISSUES

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A MEETING OF NEWLY-APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE EIGHT AREA COMMITTEES OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, 89 CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN.

AT THE MEETING, THE MEMBERS WILL BE DISCUSSING TOPICS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY MATTERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

THEY WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ISSUE AND THE REMOVAL OF THE AIRPORT.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT A BRIEF CEREMONY AND WILL TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

THE GATHERING IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, 89 CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM.

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## A SUCCESSFUL FACELIFT FOR KWUN TONG

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (IBMCC) HAS ACCOMPLISHED THE TARGET OF IMPROVING 12 INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS ONE YEAR AFTER ITS ESTABLISHMENT, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

ADDRESSING A MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB, MR WAN SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED IN MAY 1988 UNDER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE HELP, ADVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE OWNERS EAGER TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR PREMISES.

THE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR WAN, COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, THE POLICE, AND THE FIRE SERVICES, URBAN SERVICES, CIVIL ENGINEERING, LABOUR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENTS.

THE EXECUTIVE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IS CARRIED OUT BY AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM SECONDED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

MR WAN SAID THE COMMITTEE STARTED ITS WORK BY CONDUCTING AN INITIAL SURVEY ON 33 INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT. THEY WERE SELECTED FROM 300-ODD INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS WHICH WERE THE SUBJECT OF RELATIVELY MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

"FOLLOWING THE SURVEY, THOSE BUILDINGS WHERE THE OWNERS' CORPORATIONS HAD THE RESOLUTION, CAPABILITY AND SINCERITY FOR BETTER BUILDING MANAGEMENT WERE THEN IDENTIFIED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN BATCHES," HE ADDED.

MR WAN NOTED THAT A YEAR OF HARD WORK BY THE COMMITTEE HAD BROUGHT ABOUT A FACELIFT TO THE FIRST BATCH OF 12 BUILDINGS.

ITS ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDED RECTIFICATION OF CHOKED DRAINS AND UNAUTHORISED DRAINAGE CONNECTIONS; REPAIRS OF SPALLING ON CANOPY SLABS AND STAIRCASES; REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS IN REAR LANES AND FIRE ESCAPES; RECTIFICATION OF WATER DRIPPING FROM COOLING TOWERS AND AIR CONDITIONERS; REPAIRS OF BROKEN DRAIN PIPES, WINDOWS, SMOKE DOORS AND CABLES, AS WELL AS IMPROVEMENTS TO LIGHTING AND VENTILATION SYSTEM.

MR WAN POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE BASED ITS WORK ON THREE MAJOR PRINCIPLES.

"FIRSTLY," HE EXPLAINED, "THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT PROPER BUILDING MANAGEMENT IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

"SECONDLY, THE COMMITTEE IS TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK TO ENABLE ALL PROPERTY OWNERS TO MANAGE THEIR BUILDINGS, AND WHEN NECESSARY, TO CO-ORDINATE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL EFFORTS, SUCH AS PERSUASION AND WARNING OR EVEN TAKING ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST UNCO-OPERATIVE OWNERS.

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"THIRDLY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT EACH BUILDING MAY HAVE ITS UNIQUE PROBLEMS, THE COMMITTEE, WHEN HANDLING THESE BUILDINGS, WILL CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL CASES AND MAY NOT NECESSARILY TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO RECTIFY IRREGULARITIES."

MR WAN ADDED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD EXERCISE DISCRETION WHEN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON ACTIONS AGAINST UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS, AND THAT PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHICH WERE CAUSING IMMINENT DANGER TO LIFE AND LIMB.

"WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST YEAR, THE COMMITTEE IS NOW EMBARKING ON ANOTHER PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE SECOND BATCH OF TARGET BUILDINGS," HE SAID.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT OWNERS CORPORATIONS OF THOSE TARGET BUILDINGS ARE BECOMING MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND HAVE RECTIFIED MANY IRREGULARITIES AND IMPROVED THE STANDARD OF MANAGEMENT, ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATING TO SANITATION, MAINTENANCE AND FIRE PREVENTION," MR WAN CONCLUDED.

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#### COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE PREVOCAIONAL EDUCATION

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PREVOCAIONAL EDUCATION WOULD UNDERGO CONSIDERABLE CHANGES IN THE COMING YEARS WITH GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE THIS SECTOR OF EDUCATION QUANTITATIVELY AND QUALITATIVELY, THE SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (DEVELOPMENT), MR ROBERT LO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF CARITAS CHAN CHUN HA PREVOCAIONAL SCHOOL AND CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE IN FANLING, MR LO SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ADOPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT NOS. 1 AND 2 TO REVISE THE CLASS STRUCTURE, STAFF ESTABLISHMENT AND THE RATIO OF GRADUATE TO NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS OF PREVOCAIONAL SCHOOLS.

THE REVISION WOULD INCLUDE THE EXPANSION OF FORM 4 CLASSES, THE PROVISION OF FORM 6 CURRICULA AND THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF GRADUATE TEACHERS, SAID MR LO.

AS A RESULT OF THESE CHANGES, MR LO SAID, STUDENTS OF PREVOCAIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD STAND A BETTER CHANCE TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES IN TERRITORY INSTITUTIONS, TO BE PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OR TO BE ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED FOR THEIR PROFESSION.

MR LO ENVISAGED THAT PREVOCAIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD BECOME INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE, ATTRACTIVE, AND POPULAR AMONG STUDENTS AND PARENTS. THEIR IMPORTANCE WOULD BE MORE WIDELY ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE SOCIETY.

THE CARITAS CHAN CHUN HA PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL, BEING THE FIRST PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN NORTH DISTRICT AND THE NINTH OPERATED BY CARITAS PROVIDING STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT AN ADDITIONAL CHOICE OF SCHOOLS, HELPING TO ALLEVIATE THE NEED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN THE DISTRICT, AND TRAINING LOCAL TALENTS FOR OUR INDUSTRIALLY-DIVERSIFIED AND COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY, MR LO SAID.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SIR QUO-WEI LEE, PRAISED CARITAS HONG KONG FOUNDED 36 YEARS AGO IN 1953, FOR ITS DEVOTION AND DEDICATION TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

HE SAID THE RANGE AND QUALITY OF ITS SERVICES HAD BEEN IMPROVED TO COPE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AND THE CHANGING NEEDS OF OUR SOCIETY.

SIR QUO-WEI SAID THE NEW CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL WOULD ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF TRAINED MANPOWER TO SUSTAIN THE GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS OF HONG KONG'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

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GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1990

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THE FOLLOWING LIST OF GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1990 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY):-

EVERY SUNDAY

THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JANUARY	MONDAY	JANUARY 1
THE DAY PRECEDING LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY	FRIDAY	JANUARY 26
LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY	SATURDAY	JANUARY 27
THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	MONDAY	JANUARY 29
CHING MING FESTIVAL	THURSDAY	APRIL 5
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY	APRIL 13
THE DAY FOLLOWING GOOD FRIDAY	SATURDAY	APRIL 14
EASTER MONDAY	MONDAY	APRIL 16
TUEN NG FESTIVAL	MONDAY	MAY 28
THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN	SATURDAY	JUNE 16
THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	MONDAY	JUNE 18

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THE SATURDAY PRECEDING THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST	SATURDAY	AUGUST 25
LIBERATION DAY, BEING THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST	MONDAY	AUGUST 27
THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL	THURSDAY	OCTOBER 4
CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL	FRIDAY	OCTOBER 26
CHRISTMAS DAY	TUESDAY	DECEMBER 25
THE FIRST WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY	WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 26

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EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING REGULATIONS APPROVED  
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING ROAD TUNNEL REGULATIONS 1989, WHICH HAVE BEEN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING ORDINANCE, SET OUT THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE NEW HONG KONG TUNNEL COMPANY IN THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE EFFICIENT AND SAFE PASSAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES THROUGH THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING (EHC) AREA.

THE COMPANY WAS GRANTED A FRANCHISE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF EHC, A ROAD TUNNEL ACROSS THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE HARBOUR LINKING CHA KWO LING AND QUARRY BAY.

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THREE LOTS OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION  
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THE FIRST AUCTION OF GOVERNMENT LANDS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR WILL BE HELD ON MAY 29 WHEN THREE LOTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE LOTS INCLUDE TWO FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE.

ONE OF THEM IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF KA YIP STREET AND WING TAI ROAD, CHAI WAN, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,412 SQUARE METRES.

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ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 17,366 SQUARE METRES BEFORE JUNE 30, 1993.

THE OTHER LOT FOR THE SAME PURPOSE IS LOCATED IN AREA 4B, SHEUNG SHUI.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,911 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 17,733 SQUARE METRES BEFORE JUNE 30, 1992.

THE THIRD LOT, WHICH IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, IS LOCATED IN AREA 41A, SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 960 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 230 SQUARE METRES BEFORE JUNE 30, 1992.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- \* THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND
- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

IN ADDITION, CONDITIONS OF SALE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE THEATRE OF THE CITY HALL, HONG KONG, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

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TWO DRAFT OZP'S REFERRED BACK FOR AMENDMENTS

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS REFERRED TWO DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS BACK TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENTS.

THEY ARE THE OUTLINE ZONING PLANS FOR MONG KOK AND CHEUNG SHA WAN.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT BOTH PLANS ARE STILL SUBJECT TO REVISIONS AND ARE, THEREFORE, NOT READY FOR APPROVAL AT THE PRESENT STAGE.

POSSIBLE FUTURE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE LAND USE PROPOSALS FOR THE FORMER SHAM SHUI PO ARMY CAMP, AND INCORPORATION OF PART OF THE PROPOSED WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION INTO THE TWO PLANS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SHOULD THE PLANS BE AMENDED IN FUTURE, THE AMENDMENTS WOULD BE EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC OBJECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

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STAIRCASE TO REPLACE LADDER AT TAI TAM BAY PIER

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A LADDER WITH A STAIRCASE AT THE EXISTING PIER AT TAI TAM BAY, TAI TAM, HONG KONG.

THE WORK, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN AUGUST THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1990, WILL AFFECT AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 1.2 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED.

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

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- \* SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, 20TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WANCHAI, HONG KONG;
- \* SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, G/F., MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG; AND
- \* STANLEY SUB-OFFICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 88 STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, STANLEY, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JULY 4, 1989.

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PROPOSED FLYOVER TO LINK TIN WAN HILL ROAD AND TIN WAN PRAYA ROAD

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD A FLYOVER WITH FOOTWAY ACROSS ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD LINKING TIN WAN HILL ROAD AND TIN WAN PRAYA ROAD.

IT ALSO PROPOSES TO WIDEN AND RECONSTRUCT A SECTION OF ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD BETWEEN SHEK PAI WAN ROAD AND ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD FROM DUAL TWO-LANE TO DUAL THREE-LANE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THAT THE PROPOSED WORKS WOULD CATER FOR THE FUTURE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC VOLUME GENERATED BY THE INFLUX OF OCCUPANTS OF WAH KWAI ESTATE IN KELLETT BAY WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN LATE 1990.

A NEW FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM WILL BE BUILT NEAR TIN WAN STREET TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE OPPOSITE TO THE ABERDEEN FISHERIES AND MARINE OFFICE.

AN OPEN AIR LORRIES/COACHES CARPARK ADJACENT TO THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISHERIES MARKET AND THE PUBLIC CARPARK NEAR YUE KO STREET WILL ALSO BE RECONSTRUCTED.

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

A PLAN AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, 20TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT 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 JULY 4 THIS YEAR.

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ROADS TO BE REBUILT IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE NORTH-SOUTH CONNECTION BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND THE POK FU LAM ROAD/BONHAM ROAD JUNCTION.

THE ROADS TO BE RECONSTRUCTED UNDER THE WESTERN DISTRICT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME ARE THIRD STREET BETWEEN BONHAM ROAD AND WATER STREET, SECOND STREET BETWEEN POK FU LAM ROAD AND WATER STREET, POK FU LAM ROAD BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND SECOND STREET, AND THE JUNCTIONS OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WITH WESTERN STREET AND WATER STREET.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE ASSOCIATED WORKS ON DRAINAGE, TRAFFIC AIDS, RETAINING WALL AND CAISSONS.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN JULY THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

A NOTICE FOR INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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PO LEUNG KUK DIRECTORS CALL ON SWD

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MEMBERS OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PO LEUNG KUK TODAY (FRIDAY) PAID A COURTESY CALL TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, TO DISCUSS WELFARE SERVICES PLANNED BY THE KUK IN THE COMING YEAR.

THE KUK'S CHAIRMAN, MR LUK HING-TOO SAID THESE PROJECTS INCLUDE A SMALL GROUP HOME IN TAI PO, THREE NURSERIES IN TAI KOK TSUI, POK FU LAM AND HUNG HOM AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF WELFARE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED.

THE KUK WOULD ALSO PROCEED WITH THE EXTENSION SCHEME OF ITS HEADQUARTERS AT WELFARE BUILDING IN LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

MR LAW COMMENDED THE KUK FOR ITS INCREASING EFFORTS IN PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY AND ASSURED BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM TO IMPLEMENT THESE SERVICES.

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## DISTRICT SEMINARS FOR CATERING EMPLOYEES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A SERIES OF SIX DISTRICT SEMINARS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS ON THE MANPOWER SITUATION IN THE CATERING INDUSTRY.

THE SEMINARS ARE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ONGOING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE LABOUR RELATIONS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL.

DESIGNED MAINLY FOR PERSONNEL OF THE CATERING TRADE, THE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD IN KWAI CHUNG, WONG TAI SIN, TAI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI, CAUSEWAY BAY AND TUEN MUN STARTING FROM MONDAY (MAY 8).

THEY ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS IN THE INDUSTRY WITH A VIEW TO RESOLVING ITS CURRENT STAFF SHORTAGE PROBLEM, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT PERSONNEL FROM EATING ESTABLISHMENTS CAN MAKE USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE TRADE," HE ADDED.

GUEST SPEAKERS FROM EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATIONS AND TRADE UNIONS OF THE INDUSTRY AND THE LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL SPEAK ON STAFF LOSSES, MODERN MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, AND DIFFICULTIES AND PROSPECTS OF THE TRADE.

"THERE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSIONS ON THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CATERING INDUSTRY WHICH HELPS EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IMPROVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS THERE ARE ONLY LIMITED PLACES FOR EACH SEMINAR, APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

APPLICATIONS AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, OR AT THE RESPECTIVE LABOUR RELATIONS BRANCH OFFICES.

SCHEDULES OF THE DISTRICT SEMINARS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DISTRICT -----	DATE/TIME -----	ENQUIRIES -----
KWAI CHUNG/TSUEN WAN	MAY 8 (2.45 PM)	0-4873897
KOWLOON EAST	MAY 10 (2.45 PM)	3-241680
SHA TIN/TAI PO/NORTH	MAY 11 (2.45 PM)	3-241680
KOWLOON WEST	MAY 17 (3 PM)	3-7719444
HONG KONG ISLAND	MAY 18 (3 PM)	5-282524
TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG	MAY 19 (2.45 PM)	0-4873897

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DONATION FOR WELFARE CAMPAIGN

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) RECEIVED A DONATION OF \$150,000 FROM THE HONG KONG SHUMEI CHURCH OF DIVINE GUIDANCE AS A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS A MAJOR REHABILITATION CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR.

THE "IN-TOUCH WITH REHABILITATION" CAMPAIGN IS A MAJOR PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME PARTICIPATED BY THE SWD AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND WELFARE AGENCIES.

IT COMPRISES A PROJECT CONTEST FOR YOUTH TEAMS IN THEIR STUDY OF A SOCIAL ISSUE OR A TOPIC OF INTEREST IN REHABILITATION; REHABILITATION SERVICES EXHIBITION; EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED EXHIBITION; AND DESIGN AWARD COMPETITIONS.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, SEMINARS AND TALKS WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

BESIDES THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN INCLUDE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND WELFARE AGENCIES.

RECEIVING THE CHEQUE FROM MR SO KAM-MING, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG SHUMEI CHURCH OF DIVINE GUIDANCE, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION AND EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT IN WELFARE SERVICES.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON, YUEN LONG AND SAI KUNG AREAS

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SOUTHEAST KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY (MAY 7) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON CITY, KOWLOON TONG, SAN PO KONG AND WONG TAI SIN.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 9) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN CONNECTION.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY HA TSUEN, SHEK KONG TSUEN, SHEK KONG WAI, LO UK TSUEN, SAN WAI, TSEUNG KONG WAI, TUNG TAU TSUEN, FUNG KONG TSUEN, SHA KONG WAI, SAN HING TSUEN, LAU FAU SHAN, HANG HAU TSUEN, FUK LO TSUEN, NGAU HOM, HANG MEI TSUEN, NGAU HOM SHEK, PAT LAI, SHA KIU TSUEN, SAI SHAN TSUEN, KAU LEE UK TSUEN AND SAN UK TSUEN.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 10) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY TAI PO ROAD, UN CHAU STREET, FUK WING STREET, FUK WAH STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, PEI HO STREET, NAM CHEONG STREET AND KWEILIN STREET.

ON THE OTHER HAND, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 11) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY FUK MAN ROAD, WAI MAN ROAD, CHAN MAN STREET AND SAI KUNG HOI PONG STREET.

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