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GOVTS ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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REFERRING TO STATEMENTS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT PREMATURELY CONSIDERED THAT MATTERS RELATING TO HONG KONG WERE NOW PREDOMINANTLY THE CONCERN OF CHINA, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT SUCH REMARKS WERE INCORRECT AND MISLEADING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO BE UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION UNTIL JULY 1, 1997. THE BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONG KONG.

IN THEIR CLOSING REMARKS, MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN HAD EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THEY ALSO SAID THAT THE EXCELLENT PREPARATION FOR THE DIALOGUE BY THE BRITISH DELEGATION AND THE CANDID AND PRECISE ANSWERS GIVEN TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE SHOWED THE RESOLVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

THREE POINTS ON HONG KONG WERE HIGHLIGHTED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 3.

THESE WERE: THE PUBLICATION IN FEBRUARY 1988 OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG; THE PUBLICATION IN APRIL 1988 OF THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE BASIC LAW OF HONG KONG; AND THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF THE COVENANT INTO THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF HONG KONG. AFTER 1997 THE CONTINUATION OF THIS SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE COMMON LAW, WAS PROVIDED FOR BY THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

"THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS TO BE SATISFIED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE BASIC LAW, NOW BEING DRAFTED, SHOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION. BUT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TEXT OF THE BASIC LAW."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM HAD SUBMITTED ITS FIRST REPORT TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE IN 1977 AND REPORTS BY ITS DEPENDENT TERRITORIES IN 1978. THESE REPORTS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1979.

IN AUGUST 1984 THE UNITED KINGDOM HAD SUBMITTED ITS SECOND REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE. ALTHOUGH THE HONG KONG CONTRIBUTION WAS PROVIDED IN APRIL 1985, RETURNS FROM OTHER DEPENDENT TERRITORIES WERE DELAYED WITH THE RESULT THAT HONG KONG HAD TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED REPORT IN DECEMBER 1987. THE UNITED KINGDOM SUBMITTED THE REPORT ON ALL OF ITS DEPENDENT TERRITORIES TO THE COMMITTEE IN MAY 1988.

NEW PENSION SCHEME FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE A NEW PENSION SCHEME FOR MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, DETAILS OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE PENSION BENEFITS (JUDICIAL OFFICERS) BILL 1988 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW SCHEME WAS TO ASSIST THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS OF HIGH QUALITY AND SPECIFICALLY TO ATTRACT MORE LOCAL LAWYERS TO THE JUDICIARY.

THE PROPOSALS COVERING THEIR RETIREMENT AGES AND PENSION ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE RETIREMENT AGE FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS WILL -

- * REMAIN AT 65 FOR SUPREME COURT JUDGES;
- * BE RAISED FROM 60 TO 65 FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGES APPOINTED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1987, BUT REMAIN AT 60 FOR THOSE APPOINTED BEFORE THAT DATE;
- * BE RAISED TO 65 FOR REGISTRAR AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT; AND
- * BE 60 FOR ASSISTANT REGISTRARS, MEMBER, LAND TRIBUNAL, JUDICIAL OFFICERS PRESIDING OVER SPECIALISED TRIBUNALS AND MAGISTRATES.

THE PENSION ARRANGEMENTS WILL MIRROR THE NEW PENSION SCHEME FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE WHICH PROVIDES FOR OFFICERS TO -

- * BE ELIGIBLE FOR PENSIONS AS OF RIGHT;
- * EARN PENSION AT 1/675 OF THEIR ANNUAL SALARIES FOR EACH MONTH OF PENSIONABLE SERVICE;
- * COMMUTE UP TO 50 PER CENT OF PENSION INTO A LUMP SUM PENSION GRATUITY; AND
- * BE ELIGIBLE FOR A DEFERRED PENSION ON RESIGNATION AFTER NOT LESS THAN 10 YEARS' SERVICE.

IN ADDITION, TWO SPECIAL FEATURES WILL BE INTRODUCED TO -

- * INCREASE PENSIONABLE SERVICE AT THE RATE OF ONE MONTH FOR EACH MONTH OF SERVICE AFTER THE AGE OF 50; AND
- * GRANT A MINIMUM PENSION EQUIVALENT TO ONE QUARTER OF SALARY TO OFFICERS RETIRED ON MEDICAL GROUNDS.

/"THE PROPOSALS

"THE PROPOSALS RECOGNISE THAT JUDICIAL OFFICERS ARE NORMALLY APPOINTED LATER IN LIFE AND UNDER EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS ARE UNABLE EITHER TO PURSUE A LONG CAREER OR EARN A SATISFACTORY PENSION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THOSE WHO JOIN THE JUDICIARY ARE 10 TO 15 YEARS OLDER THAN THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE COUNTERPARTS, BECAUSE IT IS DESIRABLE THAT ONLY LAWYERS WITH ADEQUATE EXPERIENCE ARE APPOINTED TO JUDICIAL OFFICE.

"UNDER THE EXISTING PENSION ARRANGEMENTS, AN OFFICER SERVES 33 YEARS TO EARN HIS FULL PENSION ENTITLEMENT. AS A RESULT, LAWYERS OF ADEQUATE EXPERIENCE AND MATURE YEARS WHO HAVE JOINED THE JUDICIARY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO EARN A WORTHWHILE PENSION.

"IT IS PERCEIVED THAT THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FACTORS PREVENTING SUITABLE LOCAL CANDIDATES FROM COMING FORWARD AND SERVING OFFICERS FROM REMAINING.

"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE MORE SENIOR PRACTITIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK JUDICIAL OFFICE AND NOT BE DETERRED BY THEIR INABILITY TO EARN A WORTHWHILE PENSION. THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL THEREFORE TO ACHIEVE THIS.

"THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO ENHANCE THE ACCUMULATION RATE OF PENSIONABLE SERVICE OVER THE AGE OF 50 WILL DOUBLE THE STANDARD PENSION EARNINGS RATE OVER THAT AGE; AND TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT JUDICIAL OFFICERS ARE APPOINTED LATER IN LIFE."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SERVICE BELOW 50 WOULD HOWEVER EARN PENSION AT THE STANDARD RATE.

"TO ILLUSTRATE THE POSITION, A JUDICIAL OFFICER APPOINTED AT 50, WHO RETIRES AT 65, WILL EARN THE EQUIVALENT OF 30 YEARS PENSION (ABOUT 53 PER CENT OF HIS RETIREMENT SALARY).

"A JUDICIAL OFFICER APPOINTED AT 40 WILL EARN THE MAXIMUM PENSION OF TWO THIRDS OF HIS RETIRING SALARY IF HE RETIRES AT 65," HE SAID.

"THE OTHER SPECIAL FEATURE GUARANTEES JUDICIAL OFFICERS RETIRED WITH SHORT SERVICE ON GROUNDS OF ILL HEALTH, A MINIMUM PENSION EQUIVALENT TO ONE QUARTER SALARY.

"THIS BROADLY FOLLOWS UNITED KINGDOM PRACTICE TO ENSURE THAT SUCH OFFICERS WILL RECEIVE A REASONABLE SUM IN PENSION BENEFITS."

TO REFLECT THE JUDICIARY'S INDEPENDENCE, A SEPARATE PIECE OF LEGISLATION IS PROPOSED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THIS NEW PENSION SCHEME.

NEW APPOINTEES TO THE JUDICIARY AFTER THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PENSION SCHEME WILL BE ENGAGED ON THE NEW TERMS AND SERVING OFFICERS WILL BE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY OF TRANSFERRING TO THE NEW SCHEME.

THE PENSION BENEFITS (JUDICIAL OFFICERS) BILL 1988 IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 23, 1988.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE BILL CAN WRITE TO OMELCO, 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL, OR TO THE REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT, 38 QUEENSWAY.

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PANEL TO ADVISE ON PENSION REFUSALS

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT PANEL TO ADVISE THE GOVERNOR WHEN CONSIDERING APPEALS AGAINST A DECISION TO SUSPEND, REDUCE, CANCEL OR NOT TO GRANT A PENSION UNDER THE PENSIONS LEGISLATION.

THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTAINED IN THE PENSION BENEFITS (REFUSAL TO GRANT, SUSPENSION, REDUCTION AND CANCELLATION) BILL 1988 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS FORMULATED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE STAFF SIDES AND IN AN EFFORT TO SAFEGUARD AN OFFICER'S RIGHT TO HIS OR HER PENSIONS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PENSIONS LEGISLATION.

THE APPEAL PANEL WILL CONSIST OF THREE PERSONS WHO ARE NOT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, COMPRISING A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIARY OR THE LEGAL PROFESSION, A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND A LAYMAN, HE SAID.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ON NOVEMBER 23, 1988.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE AMENDMENTS CAN WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, 12TH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL OR TO OMELCO, 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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HK FINANCIAL MARKETS EMERGE STRONGER

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ONE YEAR AFTER "BLACK MONDAY", HONG KONG HAS EMERGED STRONGER AND BETTER EQUIPPED TO TAKE ITS PLACE AS THE MOST DYNAMIC REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE IN THE ASIA PACIFIC.

THIS WAS THE MESSAGE THAT THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, GAVE YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) TO MORE THAN 100 LEADING BROKERS, BANKERS AND FINANCIAL ADVISERS ATTENDING AN EXECUTIVE BRIEFING ON HONG KONG IN NEW YORK.

THE BRIEFING, ORGANISED BY THE ASIA SOCIETY, CULMINATED A TWO-WEEK TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES BY MR NENDICK.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, MR NENDICK SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL MARKETS LIVED UP TO THE EXPECTATIONS OF INVESTORS IN BOTH PROBITY AND SOUNDNESS.

HE SAID THE STOCK EXCHANGE ITSELF HAD ALREADY DONE MUCH TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN ITS OPERATION AND THIS HAD GREATLY REDUCED THE NEED TO IMPOSE REGULATIONS.

HOWEVER, HE SAID SOME REGULATORY FRAMEWORK WAS NECESSARY AND PROPOSALS ON THE POWERS TO BE GIVEN TO THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION WERE NOW UNDER DISCUSSION.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS GATHERING THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE MARKETS AND THESE WILL BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT," HE SAID. "BUT WE AIM TO REACH A CONSENSUS WITHOUT EMASCULATING THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSION."

HE SAID THERE WOULD BE A FURTHER CONSULTATION PERIOD AFTER A BILL WAS PUBLISHED TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR.

ON THE QUESTION OF HOW MUCH THE COMMISSION WOULD COST, MR NENDICK ASSURED HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE LEVY ON THE MARKET WOULD BE MUCH LESS THAN THE EXISTING LEVY IMPOSED ON TRANSACTIONS BY THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

MR NENDICK WOUND UP HIS U.S. VISIT BY CALLING ON THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, MR JOHN PHELAN.

BEFORE GOING TO NEW YORK, HE SPENT TWO DAYS IN BOSTON WHERE HE GAVE SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS TO AUDIENCES OF BUSINESSMEN AND ACADEMICS.

HE GAVE A LECTURE TO THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY.

HE WAS ALSO GUEST SPEAKER AT A DINNER HOSTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE OF NEW ENGLAND AND HE HAD A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH KEY PORTFOLIO MANAGERS AND INVESTMENT ADVISERS FOR BOSTON-BASED MUTUAL FUNDS.

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TWO JAPANESE BANKS GRANTED LICENCES

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THE CHIBA BANK AND THE HOKURIKU BANK HAVE BEEN GRANTED BANKING LICENCES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CHIBA BANK AND THE HOKURIKU BANK ARE RESPECTIVELY THE 28TH AND 29TH LARGEST BANKS IN JAPAN.

THE CHIBA BANK HAS ESTABLISHED A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN HONG KONG SINCE 1985.

THE HOKURIKU BANK HAS OPERATED A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE AND A REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HERE SINCE 1984 AND 1986 RESPECTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN OBTAINING HONG KONG BANKING LICENCES REFLECTED HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

THE GRANTING OF THESE LICENCES BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS TO 160, OF WHICH 125 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG. SEVEN LICENCES HAVE BEEN GRANTED SO FAR THIS YEAR.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 1988

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1988, AT \$90,878 MILLION, GREW BY 35 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1987, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON VALUE OF TRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1988 RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT TO \$19,950 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER 1988, WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 59 PER CENT TO \$26,230 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1988 TO \$46,180 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 34 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1987.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 36 PER CENT TO \$44,697 MILLION.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1988 WITH SEPTEMBER 1987, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA (+51 PER CENT) AND THE NETHERLANDS (+35 PER CENT).

/THE VALUE

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, SINGAPORE AND JAPAN ALSO INCREASED, BY 28 PER CENT, 28 PER CENT AND 25 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE U.S.A. DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN SEPTEMBER 1988 OVER SEPTEMBER 1987, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+81 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+62 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+51 PER CENT) AND ITALY (+48 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, CHINA, TAIWAN, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE U.S.A. ALSO WENT UP BY 37 PER CENT, 36 PER CENT, 35 PER CENT, 30 PER CENT, AND 14 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN, CHINA, AUSTRALIA, THE U.S.A. AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, BY 89 PER CENT, 75 PER CENT, 64 PER CENT, 58 PER CENT AND 50 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALSO INCREASED, BY 44 PER CENT, 40 PER CENT AND 39 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1988, AT \$703,924 MILLION, INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT TO \$156,373 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 49 PER CENT TO \$192,948 MILLION.

THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 29 PER CENT TO \$349,321 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT TO \$354,603 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS.

THE MARKETS WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED SINGAPORE (+37 PER CENT), CHINA (+36 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+24 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+22 PER CENT), FRANCE (+16 PER CENT), JAPAN (+16 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+12 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+11 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., HONG KONG'S LARGEST DOMESTIC EXPORT MARKET, DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1988 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+55 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+32 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+31 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+31 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+31 PER CENT), CHINA (+30 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (+29 PER CENT). THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM JAPAN INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND CHINA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 91 PER CENT, 58 PER CENT AND 56 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

NOTABLE INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA (+50 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+48 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+45 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+44 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+35 PER CENT) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+34 PER CENT).

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1988 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY DECEMBER 1988.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN MOST MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$3,422 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$2,585 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2,278 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,683 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING INCREASED BY \$16 MILLION OR LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$287 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$216 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$12,443 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$7,959 MILLION OR 105 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$6,863 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$5,294 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$3,185 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$402 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT); AND OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$87 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$9,032 MILLION OR 82 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$7,426 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$4,858 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$4,807 MILLION OR 205 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$3,811 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$93 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT); AND PROCESSED ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS, AND WAXES OF ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE ORIGIN (BY \$1 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE SEPTEMBER 1988 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND NOVEMBER 15, 1988, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1988 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN END-NOVEMBER 1988 AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	SEP 88 OVER SEP 87 (%)	JAN-SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 88 OVER JAN-SEP 87 (%)
U.S.A.	6,838	- 1	51,973	- 3
CHINA	3,778	+ 51	26,929	+ 36
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,269	- 3	11,941	+ 11
U.K.	1,428	+ 28	11,007	+ 22
JAPAN	1,198	+ 25	7,922	+ 16
CANADA	518	+ 8	4,374	+ 6
SINGAPORE	484	+ 28	3,712	+ 37
NETHERLANDS	412	+ 35	3,578	+ 24
FRANCE	316	- 4	3,097	+ 16
AUSTRALIA	379	+ 12	2,950	+ 12

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	SEP 88 OVER SEP 87 (%)	JAN-SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 88 OVER JAN-SEP 87 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6,105	+ 1	47,632	+ *
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,966	+ 2	22,009	- 1

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PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,727	+ 21	13,554	+ 24
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,519	+ 17	12,838	+ 22
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,641	+ 27	12,437	+ 16
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,303	- 2	11,193	- 3

* LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	SEP 88 OVER SEP 87 (%)	JAN-SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 88 OVER JAN-SEP 87 (%)
CHINA	14,454	+ 36	108,668	+ 30
JAPAN	8,354	+ 37	65,709	+ 26
TAIWAN	3,851	+ 35	31,505	+ 31
U.S.A	3,611	+ 14	30,257	+ 32
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,409	+ 81	18,556	+ 55
SINGAPORE	1,837	+ 62	13,362	+ 31
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,236	+ 51	9,460	+ 31
U.K.	1,076	+ 30	9,458	+ 13
SWITZERLAND	678	+ 1	6,576	+ 29
ITALY	692	+ 48	5,722	+ 27

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TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	SEP 88 OVER SEP 87 (%)	JAN-SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 88 OVER JAN-SEP 87 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5,245	+ 7	45,141	+ 8
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,951	+ 66	37,463	+ 50
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,431	+ 69	22,211	+ 45
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,068	+ 30	22,140	+ 16
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,834	+ 36	20,398	+ 35
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,283	+ 24	19,267	+ 31

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	SEP 88 OVER SEP 87 (%)	JAN-SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 88 OVER JAN-SEP 87 (%)
CHINA	9,246	+ 75	65,161	+ 56
U.S.A	4,961	+ 58	34,492	+ 44
JAPAN	1,718	+ 89	12,180	+ 91
TAIWAN	1,206	+ 44	10,135	+ 48
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	993	+ 39	8,783	+ 34

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SINGAPORE	716	+ 34	6,216	+ 35
F.R. OF GERMANY	848	+ 50	5,948	+ 58
U.K.	623	+ 40	4,521	+ 45
AUSTRALIA	450	+ 64	3,002	+ 50
MACAU	333	+ 23	2,925	+ 19

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	SEP 88 OVER SEP 87 (%)	JAN-SEP 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 88 OVER JAN-SEP 87 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2,977	+ 24	24,398	+ 19
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,784	+ 94	20,091	+ 82
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,242	+ 64	20,043	+ 59
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2,395	+ 41	17,340	+ 25
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,024	+ 67	13,058	+ 59
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	908	+ 49	7,271	+ 24

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RE-APPOINTMENT OF LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS RE-APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, FOR ANOTHER TERM OF ONE YEAR FROM DECEMBER 1, 1988.

MR LEO KWAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE PRAISED THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH ENABLED THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

"MEMBERS' PARTICIPATION HAS HELPED TO DISPEL MANY UNNECESSARY MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND SOLVE VARIOUS PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME," HE SAID.

MR KWAN SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER YEAR OF GOOD AND FRUITFUL WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNOFFICIAL AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

HE ADDED THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE LATER THIS MONTH.

A TOTAL OF 26 MEETINGS WERE HELD BY THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND ITS SUB-GROUPS SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

IN ADDITION, MORE THAN 10 VISITS TO FARMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE DURING THE YEAR.

"REGULAR INFORMAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS HAVE ALSO BEEN MAINTAINED," MR KWAN ADDED.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF RE-APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE:-

MR AU YIU; MR CHAN HON-LAM; MR CHAN KWOK-WAI, JP; MR CHAN YU-YUK; MR CHIU YU-PANG; MR FOK WUI-KO; MADAM FUNG CHOI-YUK; MR JOSEPH LAU; MR LAU WONG-FAT, MBE, JP; MR LEUNG CHI-WA; MR LEUNG CHIK; MR LI HOI-YUK; MR LO SHUK-CHING; MR NG PO-WING; MR SO WING-HOI; MR TSE FAI; MR WONG CHUN-KAU; MR WONG SUI-FAN; MR YAU MING-TAK, AND MR YUEN CHIT-CHI.

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EMPLOYERS WARNED AGAINST HIRING CHILDREN

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) WARNED EMPLOYERS THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN UNDER 15 IN INDUSTRY OR THOSE UNDER 13 IN NON-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

THIS FOLLOWED A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A SUB-CONTRACTOR WAS FINED \$3,000 BY A CENTRAL MAGISTRATE FOR EMPLOYING A 14-YEAR-OLD CHILD TO WORK IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE. AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION BY LABOUR INSPECTORS, THE CHILD WAS FOUND INSTALLING ELECTRICAL FITTINGS AT THE SITE.

IN PASSING SENTENCE, THE MAGISTRATE SAID THAT EMPLOYING A CHILD TO WORK IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE WAS A VERY SERIOUS OFFENCE.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TOOK OUT 82 SUMMONSES AGAINST EMPLOYERS FOR BREACHING THE REGULATIONS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, RESULTING IN TOTAL FINES OF OVER \$110,000.

"THE MAJORITY OF THE CONVICTED CASES RELATED TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"EMPLOYERS WHO INTEND TO HIRE YOUNG JOB-SEEKERS FOR FULL OR PART-TIME JOBS MUST CHECK THE APPLICANTS' IDENTITY CARDS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT UNDER-AGED."

ANYONE WHO CONTRAVENES THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS IS LIABLE, UPON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO URGED EMPLOYERS TO CONTACT THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 5-8524153 FOR ADVICE IF THEY HAVE ANY DOUBTS REGARDING THE REGULATIONS.

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WORKSHOP ON STREET SLEEPERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

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MORE THAN 80 VOLUNTEERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN A TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR STREET SLEEPERS AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 13).

THROUGH TALKS, EXPERIENCE-SHARING SEMINARS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM OF STREET SLEEPING AS WELL AS THE TECHNIQUES IN CONTACTING STREET SLEEPERS SO THAT THEY CAN BETTER ASSIST THE RELEVANT AGENCIES IN RENDERING SERVICES.

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THE WORKSHOP IS ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HELPING HAND, THE SALVATION ARMY, THE ST. STEPHEN SOCIETY, THE STREET SLEEPERS' ACTION COMMITTEE, FUK LAM CHURCH, THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION, THE STREET SLEEPERS SOCIETY AND THE MISSIONARY OF CHARITIES.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI, WILL DELIVER THE OPENING REMARKS WHILE THE FORMER CONVENOR OF THE COMMITTEE ON SERVICES FOR STREET SLEEPERS IN WEST KOWLOON/NEW TERRITORIES, MR ALEX FUNG, WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO SERVING VOLUNTEERS.

THE HALF-DAY WORKSHOP WILL START AT 9 AM.

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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES JOIN IN CIVIC EDUCATION DAY
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SEVENTEEN REPUTABLE COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICE FIELDS WILL TAKE PART IN THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY: 'TO CARE AND TO GIVE' ON DECEMBER 18 AT VICTORIA PARK TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL HELP AND CARE IN THE COMMUNITY.

A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR PETER TAM, MADE THE COMMENTS AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LION'S CLUB OF KOWLOON TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR TAM SAID THAT THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY WOULD BE AN HISTORIC EVENT AS IT WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME THAT SO MANY VOLUNTARY SERVICE GROUPS CAME TOGETHER TO INTRODUCE THEIR SERVICES THROUGH EXHIBITIONS AND TO SPREAD THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM, AND THE JOY IN CONTRIBUTING TO SOCIETY THROUGH DONATION.

"PEOPLE OF ALL AGE GROUPS SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT AS LONG AS HE OR SHE IS READY, TO DONATE MONEY, BLOOD, A KIDNEY, OR CORNEA OR TO GIVE TIME FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES," HE SAID.

"WE ARE MORE THAN CONFIDENT THAT THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY WILL BRING A TOUCH OF MUTUAL CARE AND CONCERN AND HELP TO BUILD UP AND FOSTER, ON THAT BASIS, A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG.

"CIVIC EDUCATION IS SOMETHING IN WHICH ALL OF US NEED TO PLAY A PART AND THAT IT IS PROMOTED FOR THE COMMUNITY BY THE COMMUNITY," MR TAM CONCLUDED.

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THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY IS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION OF WHICH MR TAM IS A MEMBER.

THE COMMITTEE, COMPRISING MAINLY NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBERS FROM A FAIRLY WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, HAS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO MOBILISING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

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FMO PRAISED FOR ITS ROLE IN EDUCATION
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN YING-LUN, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRAISED THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION IN ESTABLISHING SCHOOLS FOR FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN IN THE PAST FOUR DECADES.

HE SAID: "THE WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT NEW INNOVATIONS, KNOWLEDGE IN UTILISING HI-TECH EQUIPMENT AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW TECHNIQUES REQUIRE A REASONABLE ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL STANDARD.

"TO THIS END, THE CONTRIBUTION BY THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION IS OBVIOUS TO ALL."

INCREASED CATCHES HAVE AUGMENTED THE INCOMES OF FISHERFOLK AND SUBSEQUENTLY IMPROVED THEIR LIVELIHOOD, HE ADDED.

MR CHAN MADE THE COMMENTS WHEN HE ADDRESSED 600 GRADUATES AT THE ANNUAL JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS HELD AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SET UP ITS FIRST SCHOOLS IN 1947. IT NOW RUNS NINE PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND ONE SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL WITH SOME 1,700 STUDENTS.

ON THE MODERNISATION OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY, MR CHAN SAID: "CONSEQUENT TO THE PROGRESS OF TIMES, THE DEPENDENCY ON TECHNOLOGY HAS INCREASED AND THE FISHING INDUSTRY IS NO EXCEPTION.

"AT PRESENT, FISHING VESSELS OPERATED BY LOCAL FISHERMEN ARE EQUIPPED WITH HIGHLY ADVANCED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT. AND THE DESIGN OF FISHING VESSELS WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE."

AS FOR THE ENTIRE PROCESS OF FISHING, HE SAID; IT HAS NOW BEEN LARGELY MECHANISED.

"SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE ALSO FOSTERED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE FISHING BOATS AND THE SHORE. NEW NAVIGATION TECHNIQUES HAVE GREATLY REDUCED THE DANGER OF OFF-SHORE FISHING," MR CHAN SAID.

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MR CHAN NOTED THAT THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS PLACED EMPHASIS ON STUDENTS' ACADEMIC STUDIES, CHARACTER FORMATION AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE NUMBER OF AWARDS WON BY THE VARIOUS FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS IN INTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. SUCH ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE AN AVERAGE OF ONE AWARD EVERY 14 STUDENTS IN AP LEI CHAU SCHOOL, ONE AWARD EVERY FIVE STUDENTS IN SAM MUN TSAI SCHOOL AND ONE AWARD EVERY 1.5 STUDENTS IN KAU SAI AND SAI LAU KONG SCHOOLS.

"I REALISED THAT BOTH THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS HAVE REALLY WORKED HARD TO ACHIEVE SUCH PROMISING RESULTS.

"I HOPE THAT THE GRADUATES OF THE CURRENT YEAR WILL KEEP UP THE SAME SPIRIT IN STRIVING HARD TO ATTAIN GOOD ACHIEVEMENTS, NO MATTER WHETHER YOU CONTINUE WITH YOUR STUDIES OR WORK IN SOCIETY," MR CHAN SAID.

EARLIER IN HIS INTRODUCTORY SPEECH, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, PAID TRIBUTE TO MR CHAN FOR HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND WORK OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION AND HIS VALUABLE ADVICE TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY AND THE BETTERMENT OF THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE FISHING COMMUNITY.

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SAI KUNG DB DISCUSSES HO CHUNG RIVER POLLUTION

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THE PROBLEM OF POLLUTION IN HO CHUNG RIVER WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY), MR P.R. HOLMES WILL ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO AN INCIDENT WHICH AFFECTED THE SAI KUNG CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 18.

THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING AND THE COMMUNITY PHYSICIAN, NEW TERRITORIES EAST OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR M.B. ALI WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE ISSUE.

THE ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR WAT KWING-SHING WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE RECENTLY COMPLETED SAI SHA ROAD - THE SECTION BETWEEN NAI CHUNG AND MA ON SHAN.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE BOARD'S REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MR WAN YUET-KAU AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

MEANWHILE, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING THE FIRST SAI KUNG DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD BETWEEN DECEMBER 2 AND 18.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 AM.

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CHAI WAN EXHIBITION ON PASSIVE SMOKING

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TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HAZARDOUS EFFECT OF PASSIVE SMOKING, AN EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 13 (SUNDAY) TO NOVEMBER 16 (WEDNESDAY) AT THE NEW JADE SHOPPING ARCADE IN CHAI WAN.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKING GROUP, THE EXHIBITION WILL EXPLAIN THE HAZARD POSED BY PASSIVE SMOKING AND THE HARMFUL EFFECT ON SMOKERS' FAMILY MEMBERS AND THE ELDERLY.

PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS WARNING AGAINST PASSIVE SMOKING WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AND A VIDEO ON THE ILL EFFECT OF SMOKING WILL ALSO BE SHOWN IN THE EXHIBITION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PASSIVE SMOKING EXHIBITION WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, DR CHRISTOPHER LEUNG; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 'PASSIVE SMOKING EXHIBITION' WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 13) ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE NEW JADE SHOPPING ARCADE AT THE CHAI WAN MTR STATION.

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NEW DEPOT FOR POLICE IN FANLING

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WORK WILL START IN JANUARY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DEPOT FOR THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT IN FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE DEPOT.

THE PROJECT COVERS A HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, TRAINING WING, MESS AND DINING BLOCK AND OTHER FACILITIES.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 1990.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON NOVEMBER 25 THIS YEAR.

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THREE FOOTBRIDGES PROPOSED FOR TSING YI

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT THREE FOOTBRIDGES IN AREA ONE, TSING YI, TO PROVIDE SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS OVER MAJOR ROADS WITHIN THE TSING YI TOWN CENTRE.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT A FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE BUILT ACROSS FUNG SHUE WO ROAD NEAR TSING SUM STREET.

A SECOND FOOTBRIDGE WILL SPAN TSING LUK STREET TO LINK THE PODIUM OF TSING YI ESTATE PHASE I WITH THE ELEVATED WALKWAY SYSTEM OF TSING YI GARDEN.

A THIRD FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ACROSS FUNG SHUE WO ROAD AND TSING LUK STREET TO LINK THE ELEVATED WALKWAY SYSTEM OF TSING YI GARDEN WITH A NEW FOOTPATH LEADING TO SHEUNG KO TAN STREET.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;

/* KWAI TSING

- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH-11TH FLOORS, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES;
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, TSING YI SUB-OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, CHEUNG CHING ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TSING YI, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANYONE WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 10 NEXT YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DOLPHINS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DOLPHINS IN THE NEW SHAU KEI WAN TYPHOON SHELTER.

FOURTEEN DOLPHINS WILL BE BUILT OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED NORTH OF THE ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELTER TO CONTROL THE MOORING AND MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS WITHIN THE NEW SHAU KEI WAN TYPHOON SHELTER.

CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THIS CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN FEBRUARY 1989 AND WILL TAKE ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 2.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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OLD-TYPE I.D. CARDS DECLARED INVALID
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ALL OLD-TYPE I.D. CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987 TO MEN BORN IN 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956 OR 1969 WILL CEASE TO BE VALID DOCUMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 21, 1988.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THIS IS THE THIRD BATCH OF I.D. CARDS DECLARED INVALID SINCE THE NEW I.D. CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME STARTED ON JULY 1, 1987.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID, "ONCE AN OLD CARD IS DECLARED INVALID, IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE".

"FOR EXAMPLE, MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP HOLDING AN INVALID OLD-TYPE I.D. CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR TRAVELLING ABROAD OR TO APPLY FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT."

THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR SPECIFIED CARD REPLACEMENT PERIODS DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OR ANY OTHER REASONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES.

THESE CASES WILL BE LOOKED INTO THOROUGHLY AND DEALT WITH ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

THE SIZE OF THE NEW TYPE I.D. CARDS IS THE SAME AS THE OLD ONES.

"HOWEVER THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE OLD CARDS AND THE NEW ONES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAIN DIFFERENCES ARE:

- (A) THE I.D. CARD NUMBER IS PRINTED ON THE TOP RIGHT CORNER IN THE OLD CARD, BUT IN THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF THE NEW CARD.
- (B) THE HONG KONG CREST AT THE BACK IS REPLACED BY THE MULTI-COLOUR BACKGROUND PRINTING.

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

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COMMISSIONER GOING ON LEAVE

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING, MR RAY ASTIN, WILL PROCEED ON LEAVE ON NOVEMBER 22 PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF HIS AGREEMENT.

MR ROBERT OWEN WILL TAKE OVER THE DUTIES OF MR ASTIN AS COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING.

MR OWEN HAS BEEN WORKING AS GOVERNMENT SECURITIES CONSULTANT SINCE JULY 13. HE WILL CONTINUE TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES CONSULTANT IN ADDITION TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY ON SUNDAY

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THE REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE CENOTAPH IN STATUE SQUARE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 13) IN HONOUR OF THOSE WHO HAD GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

WREATHS WILL BE LAID BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON; THE ACTING COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, BRIGADIER GILES ARNOLD; THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI-LIANG YANG; REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS; COMMONWEALTH COMMISSIONERS; THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR GERRY FORSGATE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; AND CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 11 AM AND WILL END ABOUT 11.30 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS POSITION TO THE WEST OF THE CENOTAPH FOR COVERAGE OF THE CEREMONY WILL BE SET UP. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE ONE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING FACING STATUE SQUARE BY 10.15 AM TO COLLECT BADGES FOR ADMISSION TO THE CEREMONY. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ESCORT THEM TO THE PRESS POSITION. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND T.V. CAMERAMEN PLEASE NOTE THAT TELEPHOTO LENSES MAY BE REQUIRED.

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COMMUNITY CHEST STAMP ISSUE ON NOVEMBER 30

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THE PUBLIC WERE REMINDED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT A SET OF FOUR STAMPS -- THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG STAMPS -- WILL BE ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 30.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THAT STAMPS AND FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA ON NOVEMBER 19 AND 20, AND IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE FROM NOVEMBER 19.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS, SELLING AT \$1 EACH WITH A 50 CENTS DONATION INCLUDED, WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON NOVEMBER 16.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ADVANCE ORDERS FOR FIRST DAY TREATMENT OF FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 16 AND 23 AT ALL POST OFFICES. THE MINIMUM QUANTITY IS FIVE PER ORDER.

"CUSTOMERS WISHING TO AVOID CONGESTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THIS ADVANCE ORDER SERVICE," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FIRST DAY COVERS PRE-AFFIXED WITH A SET OF FOUR STAMPS AND CANCELLED WITH THE PHILATELIC BUREAU DATESTAMP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ON NOVEMBER 30:

HONG KONG ISLAND

BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE, CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, PEAK POST OFFICE, TSAT TSZ MUI POST OFFICE, SAI YING PUN POST OFFICE, AND KING'S ROAD POST OFFICE.

KOWLOON

AIRPORT POST OFFICE, CHEUNG SHA WAN POST OFFICE, GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, KOWLOON BAY POST OFFICE, KWUN TONG POST OFFICE, AND MONG KOK POST OFFICE.

NEW TERRITORIES

SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE, TAI PO POST OFFICE, SHEK WU HUI POST OFFICE, TSUEN WING STREET POST OFFICE, TUEN MUN SAN HUI POST OFFICE, AND YUEN LONG POST OFFICE.

THESE "SERVICED" FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE SOLD AT \$12.40 EACH.

DEFINITIVE STAMPS AT NORMAL PRICES WILL ALSO BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT TO MAKE A DONATION WITH THE STAMP PURCHASE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TRAINING COURSE FOR PRIVATE HOME HEALTH WORKERS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED THE HONG KONG NURSES ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF NURSING TO ORGANISE A "TRAINING COURSE FOR HEALTH WORKERS FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE" IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE OBJECTIVE IS TO HELP RAISE THE QUALITY OF SERVICE GIVEN BY PERSONNEL SERVING IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE THREE-MONTH COURSE IS FOR NON HONG KONG-TRAINED NURSING/MEDICAL PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOW WORKING IN PRIVATE HOMES OR WHO INTEND TO TAKE UP A JOB IN SUCH HOMES.

THE COURSE CONTENT COVERS BASIC SKILLS IN LOOKING AFTER THE ELDERLY, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL CHANGES IN THE ELDERLY, INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONS AND THE BASIC PRINCIPLES IN RUNNING A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF THEIR QUALIFICATIONS. THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THEIR EMPLOYER HOME WILL BE ACCORDED PRIORITY.

ALL APPLICANTS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO ATTEND A SELECTION INTERVIEW TO QUALIFY FOR JOINING THE COURSE.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE AND ON PASSING AN EXAMINATION.

LETTERS WERE SENT OUT TODAY (FRIDAY) TO PRIVATE HOMES TO INVITE THEM TO RECOMMEND SUITABLE CANDIDATES FOR THIS COURSE.

INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED CAN WRITE TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REGISTRATION OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY ON THE 21ST FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG, OR TELEPHONE 5-8955395.

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DISTRICT BOARD TAKES ELDERLY TO HEART

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A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE COMMUNITY WELFARE COMMITTEE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD IS STAGING A VARIETY SHOW FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

SPONSORED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE VARIETY SHOW WILL MARK THE OPENING OF THE "FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY" IN THE DISTRICT.

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ALL SENIOR RESIDENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE AND ENJOYABLE EVENT WHICH WILL FEATURE SINGING AND A MAGIC SHOW.

THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GREGORY LEUNG, SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR TONG KAM-BIU, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TO OPEN THE FESTIVAL BEFORE THE VARIETY SHOW BEGINS.

TOMORROW'S EVENT FORMS PART OF THE WORKING GROUP'S EFFORT IN PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND CONCERN FOR THE NEEDS AND WELL-BEING OF THE AGED, IN SUPPORT OF A TERRITORY-WIDE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED ANNUALLY BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE. THIS YEAR WILL SEE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FESTIVAL.

IN ADDITION, PLANS ARE IN HAND TO PUBLISH A BROCHURE, CONTAINING USEFUL INFORMATION FOR THE ELDERLY, FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION IN THE DISTRICT.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE WORKING GROUP HAS LIAISED WITH VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO HELP PROMOTE THE FESTIVAL.

APART FROM ALLOCATIONS FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE WORKING GROUP HAS ALSO OBTAINED PRIVATE DONATIONS FOR SUBSIDISING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN ARRANGING ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

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FESTIVAL AIMS TO FOSTER COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

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THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88, WHICH AIMS AT FOSTERING COMMUNITY INTEGRATION THROUGH A WIDE VARIETY OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 20 AND DECEMBER 10.

THE FESTIVAL, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE 15 LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES IN KWUN TONG, WILL FEATURE PROGRAMMES CATERING FOR THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES, AND FROM DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, SAID SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES WERE ALLOCATED EACH YEAR TO ORGANISE A MAJOR FESTIVE EVENT.

THE AIM WAS PROMOTING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ENHANCING COMMUNITY INTEGRATION THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN A DIVERSIFIED RANGE OF ACTIVITIES.

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"MAJOR FESTIVE EVENTS ORGANISED IN THE PAST, NAMELY THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL, SPORTS FESTIVAL, YOUTH FESTIVAL AND ARTS FESTIVAL, HAVE ALL BEEN WARMLY WELCOMED AND SUPPORTED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS," MR WAN SAID.

OUTLINING THE PROGRAMME FOR THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88, MR WAN SAID ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE FESTIVAL WOULD UNDERLINE "KWUN TONG - OUR LOVELY HOME" AS THEIR THEME.

"THE FESTIVAL WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH A GRAND OPENING ON NOVEMBER 20 AT THE SAU NGA ROAD PLAYGROUND, FEATURING A SPECTACULAR VARIETY SHOW PRESENTED BY ASIA TELEVISION LTD.," HE ADDED.

DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD, A HOST OF EVENTS WILL BE STAGED IN SUB-DISTRICTS BY THE 15 AREA COMMITTEES OF KWUN TONG.

"THEY INCLUDE CHINESE OPERA SONGS, PICNIC AND DINNER FOR THE ELDERLIES; PAINTING AND DRAWING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN; LUNCH-HOUR CONCERT FOR WORKERS; FILM SHOWS; "FUN DAYS"; CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS, ALL OF WHICH WILL GUARANTEE GREAT FUNS FOR ALL," MR WAN SAID.

"TO BOOST THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE, SOME SUB-DISTRICTS WILL ALSO BE STAGING THEIR OWN AREA FESTIVALS TO TIE IN WITH THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88," HE ADDED.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL, THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL PRESENT A SERIES OF COLOURFUL PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING AN ATHLETIC MEET, A "MINI-OLYMPICS", A POP CONCERT AND A NUMBER OF BALL GAMES.

THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88 WILL CULMINATE WITH A CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND ON DECEMBER 10.

THE CLOSING HIGHLIGHT WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN SINGERS, PONY RIDES, EXHIBITION TO BE STAGED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, "BALLOON TRIP", ARMY VEHICLE DISPLAY AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF CHINESE FOLK ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS.

KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88 ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MADAM YEUNG KAM-CHUN; PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR YU SUN-SAY, AND THE DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR LAU KWOK-KWONG ALSO ATTENDED TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

BOTH MR LAM AND MADAM YEUNG CALLED ON LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL AND TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN ITS ACTIVITIES.

THE BUDGET FOR THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88 IS ABOUT \$550,000, OF WHICH \$250,000 IS FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE BALANCE SPONSORED BY LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

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LONG DISTANCE RACE FOR YAU TSIM RESIDENTS

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MORE THAN 400 YAU TSIM RESIDENTS WILL BE TAKING PART IN A LONG DISTANCE RUN ALONG THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 13) MORNING.

MALE PARTICIPANTS WILL COMPLETE A DISTANCE OF 4,200 METRES WHILE WOMEN PARTICIPANTS WILL COVER A DISTANCE OF 2,100 METRES.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

AMONG THOSE WHO WILL START THE RACE AT 9 AM WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT, MR ARTHUR YUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT LONG DISTANCE RUN TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 13) AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE. THE COMPETITION WILL START AT 9 AM AT A SPOT BEHIND THE REGENT HOTEL.

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DRAWING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN

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A DRAWING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 13) MORNING AT THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS IN CENTRAL.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED UNDER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CULTURAL AND ARTS FESTIVAL WITH AN AIM TO CULTIVATE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN ART AND IN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

ABOUT 300 CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART IN THE EVENT. ADJUDICATION WILL BE MADE AND PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMPETITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH BEGINS AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 13) AT THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS.

AN INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN MID-LEVELS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE MID-LEVELS FROM 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 13) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY:

- * THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM POK FU LAM ROAD TO BONHAM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * BONHAM ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH POK FU LAM ROAD AND HOUSE NO. 66 WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.
- * ALL VEHICLES OVER 10 METRES LONG EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM POK FU LAM ROAD EASTBOUND TO BONHAM ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAU KEI WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAU KEI WAN FROM 10 AM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 14) FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK CONNECTION WORKS:

- * HING MAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- * HOI AN STREET BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND HING MAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * EASTBOUND VEHICLES ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER HOI AN STREET. VEHICLES HEADING FOR SAI WAN HOI STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SUN SHING STREET.
- * ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES LONG WILL BE BANNED FROM HING MAN STREET.
- * HOI AN STREET BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND HING MAN STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY. NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ICE HOUSE STREET IN CENTRAL FROM A POINT ABOUT 165 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 230 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 14).

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS. NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

IN ADDITION, CLUB STREET WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A CUL-DE-SAC FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS. VEHICLES HEADING FOR CLUB STREET SHOULD ENTER FROM CHATER ROAD.

DURING THIS PERIOD, JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD WILL CONTINUE TO BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 103 ON ITS JOURNEYS TO POKFIELD ROAD AND KMB ROUTE A2 ON ITS JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIVERTED VIA JACKSON ROAD.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THREE ROAD SECTIONS IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 2.30 PM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 13) FOR THE HOLDING OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST CHARITY WALK.

THEY ARE:

- * SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD AND FEI NGO SHAN ROAD;
- * JAT'S INCLINE BETWEEN FEI NGO SHAN ROAD AND NGAU CHI WAN STREET; AND
- * FEI NGO SHAN ROAD BETWEEN AN UNNAMED PASS AND SHATIN PASS ROAD.

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