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PROPOSED CONTROLS ON OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES

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THE GOVERNMENT IS DRAWING UP LEGISLATION TO CONTROL THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFC'S) AND HALONS WHICH ARE REGARDED AS OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR FRANKLIN CHUNG, SAID THIS AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY DAH CHONG HONG (ENGINEERING) LTD. THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

MR CHUNG SAID THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION BILL 1989 WOULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR A REGISTRATION AND LICENSING SYSTEM TO RESTRICT THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF CFC'S AND HALONS FOR USE IN HONG KONG.

THE BILL WILL REQUIRE ALL IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE AUTHORITY.

A REGISTERED IMPORTER WILL BE INFORMED OF THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE QUANTITY OF IMPORT AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH 12-MONTH PERIOD. LICENCES ISSUED WILL BE BASED ON THE QUOTAS ASSIGNED TO THE IMPORTER.

EACH SHIPMENT OF IMPORT OR EXPORT WILL REQUIRE A SEPARATE LICENCE.

LICENCES MAY BE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE PARTY TO ANOTHER SO THAT ANY PARTY WHO HAS AN INADEQUATE IMPORT QUOTA MAY OBTAIN A LICENCE FROM THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE MARKET.

THE BILL WILL CONTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS SUCH AS PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE, POWERS OF INVESTIGATION BY THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY AND APPEALS AGAINST THE AUTHORITY'S DECISION REGARDING ISSUE OF LICENCES.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE REGULATION-MAKING POWERS FOR CONTROL OR PROHIBITION OF MANUFACTURE, IMPORT OR EXPORT OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING OR MADE WITH CFC'S AND HALONS.

MR CHUNG SAID THROUGH THIS, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO FULFIL ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION UNDER THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL.

IN JANUARY 1987, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIENNA CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER. IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE UNITED KINGDOM, ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG, RATIFIED THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER.

THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTS THE EARTH BY FILTERING ULTRA-VIOLET RAYS FROM THE SUN. OZONE DEPLETION WOULD AFFECT HUMAN HEALTH, REDUCE CROP YIELDS, CHANGE CLIMATE AND AFFECT ALL LIFE ON BARTH.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR DEC - FEB RELEASED

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BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED AT A VERY LOW LEVEL DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1988 - FEBRUARY 1989, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE FIGURES SHOW THAT THE LABOUR MARKET CONDITIONS WERE STILL VERY TIGHT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR DECEMBER 1988 - FEBRUARY 1989 WAS 1.2 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1.3 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1988 AND 1.6 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASE OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE MONTHS PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE DECREASE OF 0.4 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN DECEMBER 1988 - FEBRUARY 1989 WAS ESTIMATED AT 33,600, COMPARED WITH 36,900 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1988 AND 44,600 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1988.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR DECEMBER 1988 - FEBRUARY 1989 WAS 0.6 PER CENT, WHICH WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1988. THE RATE FOR DECEMBER 1987 - FEBRUARY 1988 WAS 0.8 PER CENT.

THE DECREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR DECEMBER 1988 - FEBRUARY 1989 WAS 17,200, COMPARED WITH 18,100 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1988 AND 22,700 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1988.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE, PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

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THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE MONTHS PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1989 WAS 1.3 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.8 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 51,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1989 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND JUNE 20, AT \$10 PER COPY.

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PUBLIC ALERTED ON IMPOSTERS

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OR THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY ANY SUSPECTED CASES OF IMPERSONATION AS LABOUR OFFICERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A REPORT HAD BEEN RECEIVED RECENTLY THAT A MAN CLAIMING TO BE A LABOUR OFFICER RANG UP A BISCUITS COMPANY AND ASKED FOR SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT PLACEMENT OR CASH DONATION FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A MAGAZINE FOR THE DISABLED.

HOWEVER, HE REFUSED TO GIVE HIS CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

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THE CASE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REFERRED TO THE POLICE FOR INVESTIGATION.

COMMENTING ON THE INCIDENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SORT OF FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES INVOLVING NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS.

"IF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF A CALLER WHO APPROACHES THEM FOR DONATIONS, THEY SHOULD CHECK WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OR REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION," HE SAID.

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KWUN TONG GEARS UP FOR FUTURE TRANSPORT NEEDS

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KWUN TONG WAS UNDERGOING MAJOR CHANGES IN ITS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SYSTEM TO GEAR UP FOR THE ANTICIPATED OPENING OF THE THREE MAJOR TUNNELS IN EAST KOWLOON WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

"THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, WORK FOR WHICH COMMENCED IN 1986, IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED THIS SUMMER. THE ROAD NETWORK OF THIS NEW CROSSING WILL BE LINKED WITH THOSE OF THE JUNK BAY TUNNEL TO BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR AND THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL SCHEDULED FOR OPENING IN 1991," HE ADDED.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND, MR WAN POINTED OUT THAT ACCORDING TO THE EAST KOWLOON JOINT TRAFFIC STUDY WHICH ASSESSED THE LONG-TERM TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS IN EAST KOWLOON UP TO 1996, THERE WOULD BE DRASTIC CHANGES IN THE TRAFFIC PATTERN IN EAST KOWLOON FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE THREE TUNNELS.

TO COPE WITH THE FORECASTED INCREASE IN TRAFFIC VOLUME IN THE REGION, MR WAN SAID VARIOUS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS WERE NOW BEING CARRIED OUT IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT AT A TOTAL COST OF SOME \$1.8 BILLION, WITH THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE OVERALL TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN THE TERRITORY.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDED KWUN TONG BY-PASS PHASE I (\$498 MILLION), PHASE II (\$989 MILLION), PHASE III (\$326 MILLION), RECONSTRUCTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD (\$35 MILLION) AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE AND INDUSTRIAL AREA (\$40 MILLION).

MR WAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT MANY OF THE ASSOCIATED ROAD WORKS AND DIVERSIONS HAD TO BE FINISHED BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

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THEY ARE THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR TOWN CENTRE AND INDUSTRIAL AREA, RECONSTRUCTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD, LEI YUE MUN ROAD, JUNK BAY ROAD/SAU MAU PING ROAD INTERCHANGE AND THE EASTERN CROSS HARBOUR MAIN AND ASSOCIATED LAND MAINS.

"AS THESE WORKS PROJECTS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT IN FULL SWING ALMOST CONCURRENTLY, ROADS ARE OPENED AND DUG UP EVERYWHERE IN THE DISTRICT, GIVING RISE TO PUBLIC COMPLAINTS AGAINST DISRUPTION OF TRAFFIC FLOW AS WELL AS CAUSING NUISANCE AND INCONVENIENCE," HE NOTED.

MR WAN POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATION DURING THE PROCESS OF ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND DIVERSIONS IN ORDER TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO RESIDENTS.

"VIEWS ARE SOUGHT FROM AREA COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT BOARD BEFORE WORK COMMENCES AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS ARE HELD REGULARLY AMONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE TO MONITOR PROGRESS OF WORK AND ITS EFFECT ON LOCAL TRAFFIC SITUATION."

"WHEN NECESSARY, REDEPOLYMENT AND CONTINGENCY MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED TO ENSURE THAT VARIOUS WORKS PROJECTS ARE CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY WITHOUT PARALYSING THE TRAFFIC SYSTEM," HE SAID.

TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ARISING FROM ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, MR WAN SAID MOST OF THE WORKS TOOK THE FORM OF SURFACING OR RECONSTRUCTION USING TAR, AND THAT THIS METHOD ENABLED THE ROADS TO BE RE-OPENED SOONER THAN BY USING CONCRETE.

"SOME OF THE WORKS ARE ALSO CARRIED OUT AT NIGHT OR ON SUNDAYS TO MINIMISE PROBLEMS TO TRAFFIC FLOW," HE ADDED.

"WHILE IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH TRAFFIC CONGESTION, LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS IN KWUN TONG CAN ALSO HELP CONTAIN THE PROBLEM IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA," HE NOTED.

MR WAN SAID WHILE THERE WAS A HIGH VOLUME OF IN-COMING AS WELL AS OUT-GOING TRAFFIC IN THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA, WHERE 300-ODD INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS WERE LOCATED, CONGESTION IN THE AREA COULD BE REDUCED WITH PROPER TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT.

"IF OWNERS OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS CAN DEPLOY STAFF TO DIRECT IN-COMING AND OUT-GOING VEHICLES AT THE LOADING AND UNLOADING BAYS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAFFIC JAMS WILL BE MINIMISED," HE SAID.

MR WAN SAID DOUBLE-PARKING, LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES IN RESTRICTED AREAS AS WELL AS OBSTRUCTIONS ON THE PRIVATE PORTION OF REAR LANES DESIGNATED FOR LOADING/UNLOADING PURPOSES, WERE ALSO CAUSING TRAFFIC DELAY AND CONGESTION IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA.

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HE THEREFORE URGED INDUSTRIALISTS TO EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE TO HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN KWUN TONG.

HE ALSO CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO PUT UP WITH THE SHORT-TERM INCONVENIENCE ARISING FROM ALL HIGHWAY PROJECTS FOR THE SAKE OF THE LONG-TERM BENEFIT TO THE DISTRICT.

"IN FUTURE, KWUN TONG WILL NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED AS THE DEAD-END OF KOWLOON BUT A HUB IN THE TRUNK TRANSPORT NETWORK, WITH A GREAT POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES," MR WAN SAID.

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AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT TAI PO OZP ANNOUNCED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TAI PO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE AMENDMENTS WERE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR TAI PO.

THE MAJOR AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE GENERAL LAND USE REVISION IN AREA 33 TO THE WEST OF THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A WATERFRONT PARK, AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AND RECREATION GROUND, AND A BUS DEPOT.

A SITE AT THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE HAS BEEN REZONED FROM "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" TO "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" AND ANNOTATED "INDUSTRIAL ESTATE" FOR INCORPORATION OF THE SITE INTO THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HE SAID.

OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO TAKEN TO REVISE THE LAND USE ZONINGS AND ZONING BOUNDARIES IN AREAS 9, 17, 22 AND 29 TO REFLECT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE AREAS, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENTS IN AREA 9, PART OF A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME DEVELOPMENT IN AREA 17, AND A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN AREA 22.

ALSO, AN EXTENSIVE AREA IN CHUK HANG, AREA 29 HAS BEEN REZONED FROM "OPEN SPACE" TO "GREEN BELT" IN VIEW OF THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE AREA WHICH IS NOT SUITABLE FOR OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT.

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND

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* TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS
OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O
BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN
ROAD, HONG KONG BY MAY 5 THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP AND PLAN
SALES SECTION, SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS
DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
THE KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE PRICE IS \$10 FOR EACH UNCOLOURED VERSION AND \$60 FOR A
COLOURED ONE.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS REFERRED THREE DRAFT
OUTLINE ZONING PLANS, WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVISIONS, BACK TO
THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENTS.

THEY ARE THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS COVERING TSIM SHA TSUI,
HUNG HOM AND NGAU TAU KOK/KOWLOON BAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE THREE PLANS ARE STILL
SUBJECT TO REVISIONS AND ARE THEREFORE NOT READY FOR APPROVAL AT THIS
STAGE.

POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE MARINE POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN
TSIM SHA TSUI WHICH IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR PRESERVATION AS A
HISTORICAL BUILDING, LAND USE PROPOSALS FOR THE HUNG HOM BAY
RECLAMATION AND THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT.

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

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ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO COVER PRIVATE ROADS

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THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS HAVE
BEEN AMENDED TO EXTEND TO PRIVATE ROADS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW LEGISLATION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR BRIAN COAK, SAID
THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW LEGISLATION IS TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY ON
PRIVATE ROADS AND TO EMPOWER THE OWNERS OF PRIVATE ROADS TO MANAGE
THE PARKING OF VEHICLES MORE EFFECTIVELY.

A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRIVATE ROADS HAS BEEN ISSUED AS A GUIDE TO ESTATE OWNERS, DEVELOPERS AND MANAGEMENT ON THE APPLICATION OF THE LAW, IN PARTICULAR REGARDING THE ERECTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND PLACEMENT OF ROAD MARKINGS.

COPIES OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE 28TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HONG KONG.

DISTRICT OFFICES WILL BEGIN DISTRIBUTING COPIES OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE TO OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS IN THEIR DISTRICTS IN TWO WEEKS.

UNDER THE NEW LAW, A PERSON WHO DRIVES A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PRIVATE ROAD MUST COMPLY WITH THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS. HE IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION FOR OFFENCES LIKE RECKLESS DRIVING, CARELESS DRIVING AND DRIVING WITHOUT A VALID DRIVING LICENCE.

THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND SCHEME WILL BE EXTENDED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS ON PRIVATE ROADS, MR COAK NOTED.

A MOTOR VEHICLE USED EXCLUSIVELY ON A PRIVATE ROAD WILL HAVE TO BE REGISTERED, LICENSED AND INSURED AGAINST THIRD PARTY RISKS. IT WILL ALSO HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS IN CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

"A THREE-MONTH GRACE PERIOD FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE LEGISLATION IS PROVIDED FOR VEHICLE OWNERS TO COMPLETE THE PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND ISSUE OF PERMITS," MR COAK SAID.

THE NEW LEGISLATION ALSO AUTHORISES PRIVATE ROAD OWNERS TO ERECT OR PLACE CERTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS AND TO CONTROL PARKING ON PRIVATE ROADS.

OWNERS OF PRIVATE ROADS ARE EMPOWERED BY THE NEW LEGISLATION TO DESIGNATE "NO PARKING" AREAS, DETAIN OR IMPOUND UNLAWFULLY PARKED CARS AND CHARGE FOR SUCH DETENTION AND IMMOBILISATION A FEE AS SPECIFIED IN THE LAW.

SOME AREAS ARE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS. FOR INSTANCE, THE NEW LAW WILL NOT APPLY TO THE RESTRICTED ROAD IN THE AIRPORT, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE REGULATED BY THE HONG KONG AIRPORT (TRAFFIC) REGULATIONS.

IN AREAS WHOLLY OR MAINLY USED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY, THE NON-COMPLIANCE OF CERTAIN OFFENCES WILL BE ALLOWED. HOWEVER, OFFENCES LIKE RECKLESS DRIVING AND CARELESS DRIVING WILL STILL APPLY.

IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, GOLF CARTS MAY BE GRANTED A PERMIT TO BE USED ON ROADS AND WILL BE TREATED AS VILLAGE VEHICLES. OWNERS SHOULD OBTAIN A VALID VILLAGE VEHICLE PERMIT AND HAVE A THIRD PARTY INSURANCE POLICY. THE DRIVERS SHOULD HAVE A VALID DRIVING LICENCE TO DRIVE IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

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FIRST WHOLESALE MARKET CATERING TO MULTIPLE TRADES

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THE FIRST WHOLESALE MARKET IN THE WORLD TO CATER TO FIVE DIFFERENT TRADES WITHIN A SINGLE MULTI-LEVEL COMPLEX IS TO BE BUILT IN KENNEDY TOWN.

THE WESTERN WHOLESALE MARKET, WHICH WILL BE BUILT IN TWO PHASES, WILL EVENTUALLY OCCUPY A SITE AREA OF 6.20 HECTARES.

A \$245 MILLION CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PHASE I SUPERSTRUCTURE. IT WILL OCCUPY A SITE AREA OF 4.55 HECTARES.

WHOLESALE FACILITIES FOR FISH, FRUITS AND EGGS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE TWO-STOREY MARKET OF PHASE I WHILE PHASE II WILL CATER FOR THE SALE OF POULTRY AND VEGETABLES.

PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR STEPHEN HO, SAID THE MARKET IS DESIGNED FOR OPERATION ROUND-THE-CLOCK AND EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR. SPECIAL DESIGN FEATURES WILL BE BUILT IN TO MAINTAIN THE MARKET AT A HIGH HYGIENIC STANDARD.

"THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM OF EACH INDIVIDUAL MARKET IS DESIGNED TO BE SEALED TO PREVENT THE PASSAGE OF ODOUR ALONG WITH EFFLUENT THROUGH OTHER MARKETS.

"DUE CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE TREATMENT OF VARIOUS TYPES OF LIQUID AND SOLID WASTE RESULTED FROM ALL THE TRADES.

"A SEWERAGE SCREENING PLANT AND BALANCING TANK WOULD ALSO BE INSTALLED TO REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT TO THE PUBLIC SEWER.

"ALL THE CRITERIA AND STANDARDS LAID DOWN BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN FULLY MET," MR HO SAID.

THE MARKET WILL BE SERVED BY FIVE PIERS ALONG ITS 500-METRE SEAFRONT, EACH INSTALLED WITH PURPOSE DESIGNED MECHANISED EQUIPMENT FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING OF PRODUCE AND LIVESTOCK.

ANCILLARY FACILITIES TO BE BUILT INCLUDE A RESTAURANT, TWO BANKS, BARRACKS AND OFFICES FOR AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT STAFF, WHO WILL ADMINISTER THE MARKET.

THE 51,000 SQUARE METRES IN GROSS FLOOR AREA UNDER PHASE I WILL ACCOMMODATE 255 STALLS SELLING EITHER FISH, FRUITS OR EGGS.

OVER 200 LORRY PARKING SPACES AND 20 CONTAINER PARKING SPACES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON PHASE I WILL START AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. PHASE II WORKS WILL COMMENCE AFTER THE COMPLETION OF FIRST PHASE WORKS IN ABOUT TWO YEARS.

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LAYING OF OPTICAL FIBRE SUBMARINE CABLE

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A WAYLEAVE TO THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED TO LAY AN OPTICAL FIBRE SUBMARINE CABLE WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED ACROSS SHEUNG SZ MUN BETWEEN STANLEY PENINSULA AND CAPE D'AGUILAR.

THE CABLE WILL BE USED TO OPERATE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES.

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:

- * THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * HONG KONG SOUTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG;
- * SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE STANLEY SUB-OFFICE OF THE 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 SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 13, 1989.

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1988 REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE PUBLISHED

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THE HONG KONG REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1988 WILL BE ON SALE FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

IT CONTAINS A BRIEF TEXT ON HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE IN 1988, 13 GRAPHS AND 38 STATISTICAL TABLES SHOWING COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 1988 AND EARLIER YEARS.

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THE REVIEW PRESENTS A SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE DIRECTION AND COMPOSITION OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN 1988.

A CONCISE AND COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF TRADE BY MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS AND BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY CATEGORIES, AND STATISTICS ON HONG KONG'S EXPORTS PERFORMANCE IN WORLD TRADE AND IN PRINCIPAL OVERSEAS MARKETS AS COMPARED WITH OUR MAJOR COMPETITORS, ARE INCLUDED IN THE PUBLICATION.

STATISTICS ON EXCHANGE RATES OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR AGAINST PRINCIPAL FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND THE EFFECTIVE (TRADE-WEIGHTED) EXCHANGE RATE INDEX ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

ACCORDING TO THE REVIEW, IMPORTS ROSE BY 32 PER CENT IN VALUE IN 1988 OVER 1987, WHICH WAS SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THE 37 PER CENT INCREASE RECORDED IN 1987 OVER 1986.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA (BY \$38,277 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (BY \$21,103 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT), WHILE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM MACAU (BY \$73 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT) AND SUDAN (BY \$68 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE IN 1988, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 27 PER CENT RECORDED IN 1987.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY BY \$10,172 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT WHILE THOSE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM BY \$2,520 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO BANGLADESH DECREASED BY \$205 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN IMPORT VALUE WAS REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$17,529 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$11,159 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$614 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$251 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$4,524 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS (BY \$3,671 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$454 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT); AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$190 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

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RE-EXPORTS GREW SIGNIFICANTLY BY 51 PER CENT IN VALUE IN 1988, WHICH WAS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE 49 PER CENT INCREASE IN 1987.

RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA AND TO THE U.S.A. INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY BY \$34,725 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT, AND BY \$17,028 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (BY \$31 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) AND TO JAMAICA (BY \$29 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

COMMODITIES WITH SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN RE-EXPORT VALUE INCLUDED ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$12,705 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$10,444 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$107 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); AND EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTS (BY \$34 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT).

IN 1988, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY BY \$47,260 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$9,380 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT).

THE U.S.A. REMAINED THE LARGEST MARKET, FOR RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN THROUGH HONG KONG, ABSORBING 33 PER CENT OF SUCH RE-EXPORTS.

THE MAJOR GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO THIS MARKET WAS RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$4,504 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE TRADE IN 1988, REPRESENTING 21 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE, INCREASED BY \$46,137 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH 1987.

IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, AIRBORNE TRADE CONSTITUTED ONLY ABOUT 1 PER CENT OF TOTAL TRADE.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE TRADE WERE REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN (BY \$6,628 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT), DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$2,069 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT), AND RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$2,359 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF INCREASED BY \$8,669 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT, WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY AIR OF PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS INCREASED BY \$2,980 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT.

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AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF GREW BY \$5,119 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT.

AS REGARDS SEABORNE TRADE, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 53 PER CENT IN VALUE OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN 1988, AN INCREASE OF \$116,466 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT WAS RECORDED.

IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, 89 PER CENT OF TOTAL TRADE WAS CARRIED BY SEA IN 1988.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM JAPAN (BY \$14,453 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT), SEABORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$1,611 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT) AND SEABORNE RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$14,646 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, THE VALUE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS INCREASED BY \$8,815 MILLION OR 84 PER CENT, AND SEABORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT INCREASED BY \$2,066 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT.

AN INCREASE IN SEABORNE RE-EXPORTS WAS RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$9,152 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT).

THE REVIEW ALSO PRESENTS UNIT VALUE INDEXES AND QUANTUM INDEXES WHICH ARE USEFUL IN ASSESSING THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE.

DURING 1988, IN TERMS OF VOLUME, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 9 PER CENT, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 46 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH 1987.

DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF A NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES DECREASED IN 1988. COMMODITIES WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT DECREASES INCLUDED RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-35 PER CENT), TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-12 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, THESE DECREASES WERE MORE THAN OFFSET BY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (BY 44 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY 20 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURERS (BY 19 PER CENT) AND METAL ORES AND SCRAP (BY 18 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS (BY 32 PER CENT); CAPITAL GOODS (BY 29 PER CENT); AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (BY 25 PER CENT).

AS FOR THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR FUELS (BY 58 PER CENT); CAPITAL GOODS (BY 49 PER CENT) AND CONSUMER GOODS (BY 48 PER CENT).

BASED ON UNIT VALUE INDEXES, IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 4 PER CENT WHILE TOTAL EXPORT PRICES INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX, DEFINED AS THE RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX, DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT. WITHIN TOTAL EXPORTS, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ACCORDING TO THE COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS IN THE REVIEW, HONG KONG WAS THE LARGEST WORLD EXPORTER OF IMITATION JEWELLERY IN 1987.

HONG KONG WAS ALSO THE SECOND LARGEST EXPORTER OF CLOTHING (FOLLOWING ITALY), TOYS AND GAMES (FOLLOWING TAIWAN), AND COMPLETE WATCHES (FOLLOWING SWITZERLAND). HONG KONG RANKED FIFTH REGARDING EXPORTS OF RADIO-BROADCAST RECEIVERS (FOLLOWING JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE) AND PRECIOUS METAL JEWELLERY (FOLLOWING ITALY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, SWITZERLAND AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY).

THE REVIEW IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CENTRAL AT \$20 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TEL. NO.: 5-8234915.

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RATEPAYERS GIVEN REMINDER ON SECOND QUARTER PAYMENT

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RATEPAYERS SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES FOR RATES FOR THE QUARTER APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 1989 WHICH ARE DEMANDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RATING ORDINANCE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE MAY BRING A RATES DEMAND NOTE OF ANY PREVIOUS QUARTER AND MAKE PAYMENT AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE TREASURY CENTRAL COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- * THE NORTH POINT SUB-TREASURY, ODEON BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 28 SHU KUK STREET, HONG KONG;
- * THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, (MARKET STREET ENTRANCE), KOWLOON;

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* THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON.

ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE AND CANNOT PRODUCE A RATES DEMAND NOTE FOR ANY PREVIOUS QUARTER SHOULD INQUIRE AT THE TREASURY RATES SECTION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), NINTH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.

NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES MUST BE PAID BY NOON ON APRIL 29, 1989 AND UNLESS SO PAID RATEPAYERS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE OF FIVE PER CENT IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE RATING ORDINANCE.

A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT MAY BE ADDED TO ACCOUNTS (INCLUDING THE NORMAL FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE) WHICH REMAIN UNPAID SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION SHOULD NOTE THAT PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY POST, OR IN PERSON AS STIPULATED IN THE DEMAND NOTE UNLESS THE WORDING "PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY AUTOPAY" IS SHOWN IN THE DEMAND NOTE.

IN THIS CASE THEIR PAYMENT OF RATES WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON APRIL 29, 1989. RATEPAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS CONTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS ON THAT DATE.

RATEPAYERS ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE AMOUNT PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE IS INDICATED ON THE DEMAND NOTE BY AN ARROW-HEAD IN THE "TOTAL AMOUNT DUE" BOX.

RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PROPERTIES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 30 OF THE ORDINANCE.

UNDER SECTION 30(1A) AND (2A), HOWEVER, NO REFUNDS WILL BE PAYABLE IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES (UNLESS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT).

TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

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REGIONAL SECRETARY VISITS TSUEN WAN

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, TODAY (FRIDAY) TOURED TSUEN WAN AND SAW THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF THIS FIRST GENERATION NEW TOWN.

MR HSU FIRST WENT TO THE ROOFTOP OF A RIVIERA GARDENS BUILDING FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF TSUEN WAN OLD TOWN AND THE COASTAL AREAS.

HE WAS BRIEFED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, ON THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES WHICH INCLUDED THE WATERFRONT RECLAMATION AND THE OPENING UP OF SHING MUN VALLEY. THE TWO PROGRAMMES COULD PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 37 HECTARES OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE.

A NUMBER OF HOUSING ESTATES AND A NEW 900-ROOM HOTEL WOULD BE COMPLETED SHORTLY, MR HSU WAS TOLD.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY LATER WENT ON TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEVEN-KILOMETRE LONG ROUTE 5 WHICH, WHEN COMPLETED IN 1990, WOULD PROVIDE A FAST ROUTE BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN AND FORM PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROUTE.

HE ALSO MET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND RURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS.

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DB MEMBERS VIEW TRAFFIC SITUATION IN CENTRAL

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EIGHT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TOURED CENTRAL DISTRICT TO SEE THE EFFECTS OF ROAD WORKS ON TRAFFIC ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD.

THEY VISITED ROAD JUNCTIONS AT MORRISON STREET, MAN WAH LANE, RUMSEY STREET, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET AND ICE HOUSE STREET WHICH WERE AFFECTED BY THE ROAD WORKS.

THE VISIT WAS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO CONCERN EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS ON THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD.

"AN EARLY COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL HELP EASE THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN THE DISTRICT," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR HUNG WING-TAT, SAID AFTER THE VISIT.

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MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER TECHNICAL ASPECTS BY A SENIOR ENGINEER FROM THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, MR KEITH WESTMORELAND.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CLOSELY MONITORING THE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT BY CONTRACTORS TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW.

OTHER GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT THE VISIT INCLUDED THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS JOEY LAM, AND A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC ENGINEER.

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RESULTS OF UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

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THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE RESULTS OF ITS 250,000 POUND STERLING SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR THE 1989-90 ACADEMIC YEAR.

EIGHT OUTSTANDING STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE AWARDS WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM TO PURSUE THEIR STUDIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM COMMENCING THIS SEPTEMBER.

CHAIRMAN OF THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE, MR HENRY LITTON SAID: "THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FROM ABOUT 240 APPLICANTS AFTER CAREFUL SHORTLISTING AND TWO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

"BECAUSE OF THE HIGH QUALITY OF SO MANY CANDIDATES, THE SELECTION TASK HAS NOT BEEN EASY. BUT WE'RE CONFIDENT THAT MERITS HAVE PREVAILED.

"EACH SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE WORTH ABOUT 9,000 POUND STERLING TO 11,000 POUND STERLING A YEAR AND WILL COVER UNIVERSITY COMPOSITION FEES, PERSONAL MAINTENANCE AND AIR FARES WHERE REQUIRED.

"ALL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES."

THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ARE MR PETER WONG HING-HONG OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; MISS SANDY LAU SZE-MING OF KING'S COLLEGE; MR HUI HU OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE; MISS DIANE LEE OF ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE; MR NG WAN-FAI AND MR HENRY CHAN YUE-HUNG OF DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL; MISS MABEL CHU SHUK-YAN OF SEVENOAKS SCHOOL IN THE UK AND MR WILSON TANG WAI-HONG OF UNITED WORLD COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC, UK.

MR PETER WONG, 22, WHO IS CURRENTLY A POSTGRADUATE LAW STUDENT AT HKU, INTENDS TO FURTHER HIS LEGAL STUDY FOR A YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

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"I AM EXCITED THAT I HAVE WON AN UK/HK SCHOLARSHIP DESPITE THE KEEN COMPETITION," MR WONG SAID. "I'LL SPECIALISE IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAWS. THESE ARE SORELY NEEDED IN HONG KONG."

MISS SANDY LAU, 19, WHO GAINED EIGHT DISTINCTIONS AND ONE CREDIT IN THE 1987 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE), HAS BEEN PROVISIONALLY OFFERED A PLACE AT TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, TO STUDY COMPUTER ENGINEERING.

SHE PLANS TO SPECIALISE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS, WHICH OFFER GREAT DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS OLD PEKING-BORN MR HUI HU OBTAINED FIVE DISTINCTIONS AND THREE CREDITS IN THE 1987 HKCEE. HE HAS GAINED A CONDITIONAL OFFER AT THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE AND INTENDS TO USE THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO STUDY BIOLOGY.

MISS DIANE LEE, 19, OBTAINED SEVEN A GRADES AND ONE B GRADE IN HKCEE AND HAS RECEIVED A CONDITIONAL OFFER TO READ ENGLISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM. HER ASPIRATION IS TO BECOME A WRITER UPON GRADUATION AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LITERARY FIELD IN HONG KONG.

MR NG WAN-FAI, 19, HOPES TO EMBARK ON A DEGREE IN MEDICINE AT CAMBRIDGE. HARD WORK AND TALENT BROUGHT HIM NINE DISTINCTIONS IN THE 1987 HKCEE. HE IS AN ACTIVE ORGANISER OF MANY STUDENT ACTIVITIES.

DBS HEAD BOY MR HENRY CHAN IS ALSO 19. HE OBTAINED SIX DISTINCTIONS AND THREE CREDITS IN THE 1987 HKCEE AND HAS BEEN PROVISIONALLY OFFERED A PLACE TO READ ECONOMICS AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE.

MISS MABEL CHU AND MR WILSON TANG, BOTH 19, INTEND TO STUDY LAW AT KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON AND MEDICINE AT TRINITY, CAMBRIDGE RESPECTIVELY.

MISS CHU HAD FIVE DISTINCTIONS AT HKCEE AND MR TANG HAD SIX. BOTH LEFT FOR ENGLAND FOR THEIR SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION AFTER FORM FIVE.

THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE COMPRISES THE FORMER VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG DR MA LIN; JOCKEY CLUB STEWARD MR SIMON LI FOOK SEAN; JUSTICE OF PEACE DR JAMES WONG SAI-WING; DEPUTY SENIOR TRADE COMMISSIONER MR CHRIS HAYWARD; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG MR NEIL MAIDMENT; AND BRITISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE MR GEORGE O'BRIEN.

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SPECIAL STAMPS ON CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL

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THE POST OFFICE WILL ISSUE A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS ON MAY 4 ON THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL.

THE STAMPS ARE IN DENOMINATIONS OF 60 CENTS, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5, AND POSTCARDS SHOWING AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE STAMP DESIGNS WILL BE ISSUED WITH THE STAMP ISSUE.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS, AT 50 CENTS EACH AND POSTCARDS AT \$1 EACH, WILL BE ON SALE AT POST OFFICES ON APRIL 20.

SOUVENIR COVERS AT \$10.30 EACH WILL BE PUT ON SALE FROM MAY 8 TO 15 AT THE CHEUNG CHAU POST OFFICE.

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO THE ISSUE, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL WAS THE MAIN RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL OF THE ISLAND.

THE FESTIVAL STARTED OVER 100 YEARS AGO TO APPEASE THE SPIRITS OF THOSE KILLED BY DISEASE AND PIRATES AND IT USUALLY TOOK PLACE IN THE FOURTH LUNAR MONTH OF THE YEAR LASTING SEVEN DAYS.

THE CLIMAX OF THE FESTIVAL IS A LARGE PROCESSION, STARTING FROM THE SQUARE AT THE PEI TI TEMPLE, WINDING THROUGH THE MAIN STREETS OF THE ISLAND, WITH COLOURFUL BANNERS AND BEAUTIFULLY DRESSED CHILDREN DELICATELY BALANCED ON WIRES DEPICTING LEGENDARY AND MYTHOLOGICAL SUBJECTS.

RESIDENTS ALSO ADD TO THE COLOURFUL PROCESSION WITH THEIR OWN DECORATIONS AND FLORAL ARCHES AT ROAD JUNCTIONS.

THE CEREMONY IS COMPLETED WHEN THE PROCESSION RETURNS TO THE SQUARE WHERE BUN TOWERS ARE ERECTED.

AFTER THE "GHOSTS" HAVE TAKEN THEIR FILL, A PAPER EFFIGY OF THE "TAAI SI WONG" IS BURNT TO SIGNIFY HIS DEPARTURE FOR HEAVEN, TAKING WITH HIM THE HUNGRY GHOSTS.

THE OFFICIATING PRIEST WOULD THEN GIVE A SIGNAL AND THE BUNS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE POPULACE, AND THE AREA IS THEN CLEARED OF EVIL SPIRITS.

THE STAMPS, DESIGNED BY MR MICHAEL TUCKER, WERE PRINTED IN IRELAND BY BDT INTERNAL SECURITY PRINTING LTD.

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NEW BEACH BUILDING PLANNED FOR TUNG WAN, MA WAN ISLAND

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SWIMMERS AT TUNG WAN ON MA WAN ISLAND CAN EXPECT BETTER BEACH FACILITIES FROM NEXT YEAR, THANKS TO A GOVERNMENT PLAN TO BUILD A NEW BEACH BUILDING AND OTHER ASSOCIATED FACILITIES THERE.

THE PLAN WOULD INVOLVE THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING WATCH HOUSE AND LATRINE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BEACH BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE A FIRST AID ROOM, A BEACH MANAGEMENT OFFICE, A POLICE REPORTING CENTRE, A FAST FOOD KIOSK, PUBLIC LAVATORIES, CHANGING ROOM, SHOWER BOOTHS, SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS AND TWO LIFE GUARD LOOK-OUT POSTS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL BE PARTLY FINANCED BY A \$1 MILLION DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT WORKS ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 28.

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VARIETY SHOW FOR TRAINING CENTRE INMATES

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A JOINT VARIETY SHOW FOR YOUNG INMATES IN ITS TRAINING CENTRES TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE "VARIETY SHOW 89" WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, SHEK O ROAD, HONG KONG. THE ACTIVITY IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND TEAM SPIRIT AMONG THE INMATES.

"THE INMATES ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAN AND PRODUCE PROGRAMMES FOR THEIR OWN ENTERTAINMENT, AND THEIR PARENTS AND RELATIVES ARE ALSO INVITED TO SHARE THEIR FUN," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT IS HOPED THAT ACTIVITY OF THIS KIND WILL HELP INMATES TO DEVELOP SELF CONFIDENCE AND IN TURN FACILITATE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK," HE ADDED.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES SOLO AND GROUP SINGING, DANCES, DRAMA AND TALENT PERFORMANCES BY INMATES.

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AS AN INCENTIVE TO THE PARTICIPATING INMATES, A COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST PERFORMERS.

THE JUDGES FOR THE CONTEST WILL BE LADY AKERS-JONES, MR CHAU CHAM-SON, MR CHUNG KING-FAI AND MR LEE JARK-PUI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL START AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, SHEK O ROAD, HONG KONG.

A TOUR OF THE INSTITUTION WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT 1.30 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VARIETY SHOW AND ATTEND THE TOUR. PRESS TRANSPORT HAS BEEN ARRANGED AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 1 PM.

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WAN CHAI TO LAUNCH CLEAN AND PLANT FOR CHARITY CAMPAIGN

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A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO LAUNCH THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT CLEAN AND PLANT FOR CHARITY CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN IS AN ANNUAL EVENT IN THE DISTRICT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST. IT ALSO AIMS TO PROMOTE A GREENER ENVIRONMENT.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, MR DENIS BRAY; AND MISS HONG KONG, MISS MICHELE REIS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT NOON AT THE OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE HOPEWELL CENTRE, 183 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG.

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LANE CLOSURES ON TUEN MUN ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, THE THREE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC LANES ON TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR SAM SHING HUI WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN ON APRIL 16 AND 23 (SUNDAYS).

THE FAST AND MIDDLE LANES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON APRIL 16.

THE SLOW AND MIDDLE LANES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON APRIL 23.

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