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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR JUNE PUBLISHED

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS GREW MORE RAPIDLY IN JUNE THAN IN MAY, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

ALL DEFINITIONS OF HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY INCREASED DURING JUNE. TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES ALSO RECORDED AN INCREASE DURING THE MONTH.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR JUNE 1990 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS. TABLE 2 PRESENTS FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR.

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS, ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS, GREW BY 3.7 PER CENT IN JUNE, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 1.2 PER CENT AND 2.3 PER CENT IN APRIL AND MAY RESPECTIVELY.

OF THESE DEPOSITS, DEMAND, SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS ROSE BY 4.6 PER CENT, 9.5 PER CENT AND 1.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN JUNE.

THE SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS WAS PARTLY DUE TO SEASONAL FACTORS, INCLUDING THE CREDITING OF HALF-YEAR INTEREST INTO SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 15.7 PER CENT IN JUNE.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS ROSE BY 1.2 PER CENT IN JUNE, AFTER INCREASES OF 0.8 PER CENT IN BOTH APRIL AND MAY. AMONG THESE DEPOSITS, U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS AND NON-U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 2.6 PER CENT AND 0.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 26.8 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS OF ALL CURRENCIES WITH LICENSED BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 2.5 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN JUNE WHILE THOSE WITH RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS DECLINED BY 2.5 PER CENT. COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER, THEIR GROWTH RATES WERE 22.6 PER CENT, -11.9 PER CENT AND 38.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

MONEY SUPPLY

HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ROSE BY 2.6 PER CENT, 3.6 PER CENT AND 3.4 PER CENT IN JUNE RESPECTIVELY. THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN MAY WERE -1.3 PER CENT, 2.1 PER CENT AND 2.1 PER CENT. FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE, THESE MONETARY AGGREGATES ROSE BY 7.4 PER CENT, 16.9 PER CENT AND 14.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 ROSE BY 3.2 PER CENT, 2.5 PER CENT AND 2.2 PER CENT DURING JUNE RESPECTIVELY. THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN MAY WERE -1.7 PER CENT, 1.5 PER CENT AND 1.5 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 9.2 PER CENT, 21.7 PER CENT AND 20.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS INCREASED BY 3.0 PER CENT IN JUNE, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 0.5 PER CENT AND 6.8 PER CENT IN APRIL AND MAY RESPECTIVELY. OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS, THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 0.8 PER CENT DURING JUNE, WHILE FOREIGN CURRENCY DENOMINATED LOANS GREW BY 4.5 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG ROSE BY 2.2 PER CENT IN JUNE, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 1.1 PER CENT AND 1.2 PER CENT IN APRIL AND MAY RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 1.4 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 1.5 PER CENT IN JUNE COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 1.8 PER CENT AND 0.9 PER CENT IN APRIL AND MAY RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 20.4 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG INCREASED BY 4.1 PER CENT IN JUNE, FOLLOWING A DECLINE OF 0.7 PER CENT IN APRIL AND AN INCREASE OF 13.6 PER CENT IN MAY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 67.9 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE MERCHANDISING TRADE NOT TOUCHING HONG KONG FELL BY 4.8 PER CENT IN JUNE, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 9.9 PER CENT IN APRIL AND A DECLINE OF 3.1 PER CENT IN MAY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS DECREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR

IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990, TOTAL LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG INCREASED BY 4.2 PER CENT. OF THESE, LOANS FOR USE IN MANUFACTURING ROSE BY 2.8 PER CENT, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 3.9 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 4.5 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE WHOLESALERS AND RETAIL TRADE INCREASED BY 6.6 PER CENT, AFTER A GROWTH OF 4.3 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS ROSE BY 5.8 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS (OTHER THAN AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS) ROSE BY 3.7 PER CENT THIS QUARTER, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 6.3 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 38.8 PER CENT.

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LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME) GREW BY 5.9 PER CENT THIS QUARTER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 8.0 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS ROSE BY 32.9 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 5.0 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS INCREASED BY 11.6 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS DECREASED BY ONE TO 164 WHILE THE NUMBERS OF RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 38 AND 196 RESPECTIVELY.

NOTES :

- (1) BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1990, "RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS" AND "DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES" WERE KNOWN AS "LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES" AND "REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES" RESPECTIVELY.
- (2) IN THE TEXT ABOVE, TOTAL HK\$ DEPOSITS, HK\$ TIME DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS. TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS AND US\$ DEPOSITS HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS.

"SWAP DEPOSITS" ARE DEPOSITS INVOLVING CUSTOMERS BUYING FOREIGN CURRENCIES (MOSTLY U.S. DOLLARS) IN THE SPOT MARKET AND PLACING THEM AS DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT TO SELL SUCH FOREIGN CURRENCIES (PRINCIPAL PLUS INTEREST) FORWARD IN LINE WITH THE MATURITY OF SUCH DEPOSITS. FOR MOST ANALYTICAL PURPOSES, THEY SHOULD BE REGARDED AS HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

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TABLE 1 : MONETARY STATISTICS - JUNE 1990

(HK\$mn)

Money Supply	Jun 1990	Earlier months (% change to June 1990)		
		May 1990	Mar 1990	Jun 1989
M1 - HK\$	84,270	82,103 (2.6 %)	82,848 (1.7 %)	78,459 (7.4 %)
Foreign currency	11,606	10,823 (7.2 %)	9,739 (19.2 %)	9,365 (23.9 %)
Total	95,876	92,926 (3.2 %)	92,587 (3.6 %)	87,823 (9.2 %)
M2 - HK\$*	505,826	488,269 (3.6 %)	473,225 (6.9 %)	432,839 (16.9 %)
Foreign currency*	579,651	571,225 (1.5 %)	561,833 (3.2 %)	458,986 (26.3 %)
Total	1,085,476	1,059,495 (2.5 %)	1,035,058 (4.9 %)	891,825 (21.7 %)
M3 - HK\$*	537,659	520,003 (3.4 %)	504,209 (6.6 %)	468,564 (14.7 %)
Foreign currency*	623,214	615,721 (1.2 %)	605,534 (2.9 %)	493,062 (26.4 %)
Total	1,160,873	1,135,724 (2.2 %)	1,109,743 (4.6 %)	961,626 (20.7 %)
Notes and coins in circulation	38,795	38,901 (-0.3 %)	39,968 (-2.9 %)	36,727 (5.6 %)
of which held by public	33,611	33,664 (-0.2 %)	34,861 (-3.6 %)	31,721 (6.0 %)
Total Deposits				
Total Demand deposits	62,265	59,261 (5.1 %)	57,727 (7.9 %)	56,102 (11.0 %)
Total Savings deposits	202,891	189,748 (6.9 %)	190,273 (6.6 %)	172,232 (17.8 %)
Total Time deposits with licensed banks	768,677	759,273 (1.2 %)	735,871 (4.5 %)	614,635 (25.1 %)
Total Time deposits with restricted licence banks	39,165	40,183 (-2.5 %)	40,589 (-3.5 %)	28262 (38.6 %)
Total Time deposits with deposit-taking companies	34,787	34,568 (0.6 %)	32,669 (6.5 %)	39,482 (-11.9 %)
HK\$ deposits*	490,830	473,481 (3.7 %)	457,202 (7.4 %)	424,142 (15.7 %)
US\$ deposits*	273,660	266,840 (2.6 %)	261,840 (4.5 %)	240,624 (13.7 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	343,295	342,713 (0.2 %)	338,085 (1.5 %)	245,946 (39.6 %)
All deposits	1,107,785	1,083,034 (2.3 %)	1,057,128 (4.8 %)	910,713 (21.6 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	68,094	68,578 (-0.7 %)	63,529 (7.2 %)	57,200 (19.0 %)
Total Loans and advances				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	66,579	65,152 (2.2 %)	63,704 (4.5 %)	65,687 (1.4 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	9,211	9,672 (-4.8 %)	9,080 (1.4 %)	9,262 (-0.6 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	644,466	635,100 (1.5 %)	618,547 (4.2 %)	535,224 (20.4 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	659,989	633,982 (4.1 %)	561,917 (17.5 %)	393,037 (67.9 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	105,090	98,009 (7.2 %)	90,589 (16.0 %)	79,789 (31.7 %)
Loans in HK\$	575,346	571,007 (0.8 %)	556,436 (3.4 %)	485,485 (18.5 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	909,988	870,908 (4.5 %)	787,401 (15.6 %)	597,514 (52.3 %)
Total loans and advances	1,485,335	1,441,915 (3.0 %)	1,343,837 (10.5 %)	1,082,999 (37.2 %)

* Adjusted for foreign currency swap deposits

Note : 'Restricted licence banks' and 'deposit-taking companies' were known as 'licensed deposit-taking companies' and 'registered deposit-taking companies' respectively before 1 February 1990.

TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - JUNE 1990 # +

(HK\$mn)

	Jun 1990	Earlier quarters (% change to June 1990)		
		Mar 1990	Dec 1989	Jun 1989
Manufacturing	49,429	48,062 (2.8 %)	46,267 (6.8 %)	47,291 (4.5 %)
Transport and transport equipment	37,658	37,149 (1.4 %)	37,174 (1.3 %)	27,043 (39.3 %)
Building, construction, property development and investment	102,145	101,149 (1.0 %)	96,299 (6.1 %)	91,518 (11.6 %)
Wholesale and retail trade	69,663	65,358 (6.6 %)	62,663 (11.2 %)	65,874 (5.8 %)
Financial concerns *	93,849	90,507 (3.7 %)	85,158 (10.2 %)	67,625 (38.8 %)
Individuals:				
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	13,883	12,660 (9.7 %)	10,605 (30.9 %)	9,209 (50.8 %)
to purchase other residential property	113,773	107,406 (5.9 %)	99,493 (14.4 %)	85,635 (32.9 %)
other purposes	58,843	56,828 (3.5 %)	55,105 (6.8 %)	53,420 (10.2 %)
Others	105,222	99,428 (5.8 %)	91,830 (14.6 %)	87,608 (20.1 %)
Total	644,466	618,547 (4.2 %)	584,594 (10.2 %)	535,224 (20.4 %)

Starting from December 1988, more detailed statistics on loans to the transport sector, to building, construction, property development and investment and to financial concerns are available. They are published in the Monthly Digest of Statistics from the January 1989 issue onwards.

+ In December 1988, the return for reporting loans for use by sector was revised. As a result of this, some authorized institutions have now more properly classified their loans according to intended usage rather than the business of the loan recipients.

* This excludes funds advanced to authorized institutions

FIRST QUARTER CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT STATISTICS RELEASED

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THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS (WHICH MAY BE GENERAL CONTRACTORS OR SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS) IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 AMOUNTED TO \$13,795 MILLION, WHICH WAS 2.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1989 AND 16.2 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MAIN CONTRACTORS MAY BE GENERAL CONTRACTORS OR SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS. WHEREAS GENERAL CONTRACTORS ARE ENGAGED IN NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK AND RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS ARE ENGAGED IN SPECIALISED JOB AREAS SUCH AS CONCRETING, SCAFFOLDING, CARPENTRY, PLUMBING AND GAS WORK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE INCREASE OF 16.2 PER CENT IN THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1989 WAS MOSTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS. AFTER DISCOUNTING THE COST INCREASES, THE REAL GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED WAS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS.

THE INDEX OF THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 WAS 209.4, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 BEING TAKEN AS 100.

THE CORRESPONDING INDEXES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1989 AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 WERE 204.2 AND 180.1 RESPECTIVELY.

OF THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990, \$12,793 MILLION WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO WORK PERFORMED BY GENERAL CONTRACTORS. THIS WAS 4.7 PER CENT AND 18.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

OF THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY GENERAL CONTRACTORS, \$6,330 MILLION WAS RELATED TO NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK AT PRIVATE SECTOR CONSTRUCTION SITES, BEING 3.2 PER CENT AND 5.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

SOME \$3,931 MILLION WAS RELATED TO NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK AT PUBLIC SECTOR (INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION) CONSTRUCTION SITES, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 0.7 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 31.6 PER CENT OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989.

THE REMAINING \$2,533 MILLION WAS RELATED TO NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK AT MINOR WORK LOCATIONS, AND RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE AT ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. THIS WAS 16.5 PER CENT AND 41.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

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THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS WAS \$1,002 MILLION, WHICH WAS 19.0 PER CENT AND 5.9 PER CENT LOWER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

WHEN ANALYSED BY END-USE OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY GENERAL CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (INCLUDING COMBINED RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS) IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 WAS \$4,136 MILLION.

THIS REPRESENTS A DECREASE OF 8.4 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT AN INCREASE OF 10.9 PER CENT OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY GENERAL CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 WAS \$1,843 MILLION, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 48.6 PER CENT AND 17.5 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY GENERAL CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF TRANSPORT PROJECTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 WAS \$1,675 MILLION, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 1.1 PER CENT AND 28.9 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

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

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS (WHICH MAY BE GENERAL CONTRACTORS OR SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS) REFERS TO THE OUTPUT OF THOSE CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY TAKE THE ROLE OF A MAIN CONTRACTOR, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT OF PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY PLAY THE ROLE OF SUB-CONTRACTORS.

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

MORE DETAILED STATISTICS ON CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT ARE GIVEN IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, 1ST QUARTER 1990". THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT \$2.50 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, WANCHAI TOWER I, 19TH FLOOR, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 3265.

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REVISED CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES, COMPOSITION FOR NEXT DB TERM
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DECLARATIONS OF CHANGES TO DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES AND COMPOSITION FOR THE NEXT DISTRICT BOARD TERM WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF 14 DISTRICTS, NAMELY EASTERN, WAN CHAI, WONG TAI SIN, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, SHAM SHUI PO, KWAI TSING, NORTH, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

THE CHANGES ALSO INVOLVED REALIGNING SOME OF THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN 17 DISTRICTS. NO CHANGES WERE MADE TO MONG KOK AND YAU TSIM DISTRICTS.

"THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONSTITUENCIES HAS INCREASED BY 53 FROM 157 TO 210, AMONG WHICH, 146 ARE SINGLE-SEAT CONSTITUENCIES AND 64 ARE DOUBLE-SEAT CONSTITUENCIES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THESE CHANGES WERE MADE IN LIGHT OF POPULATION GROWTH AND MOVEMENTS, PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE NEED TO BRING THE BOUNDARIES OF SOME DISTRICTS IN LINE WITH LAND ADMINISTRATION BOUNDARIES. SOME OF THE CONSTITUENCIES WERE RENAMED TO BETTER REFLECT LOCAL CHARACTERISTICS.

THE CHANGES WERE BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE SET UP IN JUNE LAST YEAR TO REVIEW THE DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES WHICH HAD ALSO TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC OPINION.

"THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE IN GENERAL SUPPORTED BY THE PUBLIC".

"CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES HAVE TO BE DECLARED NOW TO ENABLE THE ANNUAL VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE TO START ON AUGUST 15 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

POPULATION CHANGES IN INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENCIES HAD RESULTED IN ADJUSTMENT ON THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS IN SOME DISTRICTS.

SPECIFICALLY, THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS WOULD BE REDUCED BY ONE AND TWO IN SOUTHERN AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICTS RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER INCREASED BY A TOTAL OF 13 IN EIGHT DISTRICTS (EASTERN, ISLANDS, KWAI TSING, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN). THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS WOULD BE INCREASED BY 10 FROM 264 TO 274.

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FOLLOWING THE CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS, THE NUMBER OF APPOINTED SEATS WOULD HAVE TO BE INCREASED BY ONE IN EASTERN DISTRICT AND REDUCED BY ONE EACH IN SOUTHERN AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICTS, REDUCING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPOINTED SEATS FROM 141 TO 140. THE RATIO BETWEEN ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS WAS MAINTAINED AT ABOUT TWO TO ONE.

TOGETHER WITH THE 27 RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT DISTRICT BOARD TERM WOULD INCREASE BY NINE FROM 432 TO 441.

THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS HAD BEEN REVISED IN LINE WITH CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES. DECLARATIONS OF THESE CHANGES WERE ALSO PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

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LEGO ROLL GAINS 547 ELECTORS

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THE 1990 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL ROLL IS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE, HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S DISTRICT OFFICES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN, YAU TSIM, KWUN TONG, SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL CONTAINS 59,234 ENTRIES, WITH A NET GAIN OF 547 OVER THE TOTAL FOR 1989. THE REGISTRATION RATE SHOWS A MINOR IMPROVEMENT, INCREASING FROM 55.9 PER CENT TO 56.7 PER CENT.

"THE PRESENT EXERCISE COVERS ONLY THOSE ELIGIBLE PERSONS IN THE EXISTING ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE EXPLAINED.

"REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS FOR THE NEW FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES FOR THE 1991 ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED UNTIL NEXT APRIL."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO BECOME A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTOR OR TO STAND FOR ELECTION IN ANY OF THE 1991 ELECTIONS, THAT IS, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, MUST FIRST BE REGISTERED AS AN ELECTOR UNDER THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS ORDINANCE.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT YET REGISTERED AS ELECTORS UNDER SUCH ORDINANCE, THEY SHOULD DO SO BY NO LATER THAN MID-NOVEMBER.

A MASSIVE REGISTRATION DRIVE WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN AUGUST 15 AND OCTOBER 1, AND ALL ELIGIBLE PERSONS SHOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET REGISTERED.

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DANISH BANK GRANTED BANKING LICENCE

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THE LARGEST BANK IN DENMARK, DEN DANSKE BANK AKTIESELSKAB, HAS BEEN GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEN DANSKE BANK AKTIESELSKAB IS THE FIRST DANISH BANK WHICH OPENS A BRANCH IN HONG KONG. IT HAS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY AND A FINANCE COMPANY HERE.

"THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN ENTERING THE LOCAL MARKET REFLECTED HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"GIVEN THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH DENMARK, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT DENMARK HAS APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION IN THE BANKING SECTOR OF HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

THE GRANTING OF THE LICENCE BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS TO 166, OF WHICH 136 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

SO FAR, THREE BANKING LICENCES HAVE BEEN GRANTED THIS YEAR.

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FIRST MEETING OF EXPERT COMMITTEE ON THE PRACTICE OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY

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THE EXPERT COMMITTEE ON THE PRACTICE OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY, SET UP BY THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO LOOK INTO THE SAFE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN THE USE OF MEDICAL GASES IN HOSPITALS, HELD ITS FIRST MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE COMMITTEE, COMPRISING TOP ANAESTHETISTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED SECTORS, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, THE SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS, WAS FORMED FOLLOWING A RECENT INCIDENT INVOLVING A MIX-UP OF MEDICAL GAS AT THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE.

ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE:

- * TO RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES ON AND/OR CODE OF PRACTICE IN ANAESTHESIA WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO THE SAFE USE OF MEDICAL GASES.
- * TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON WAYS AND MEANS TO MONITOR THE PROPER AND SAFE SUPPLY AND/OR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL GASES.

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THE MEETING WAS CONVENED BY DR KWOK CHE-LING, CONSULTANT ANAESTHETIST OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE TWO-AND-A-HALF HOUR MEETING, TOPICS INCLUDING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFE SUPPLY OF MEDICAL GASES; ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD PATIENTS' SAFETY AND REVIEW ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE LAST YEAR BY THE SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS OF HONG KONG ON SAFE PRACTICE OF ANAESTHETICS WERE DISCUSSED.

DR KWOK EXPLAINED THAT THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE WAS NOT TO INVESTIGATE INTO THE LATEST INCIDENT BUT TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR HOSPITALS IN CONSULTATION WITH PROFESSIONAL BODIES IN RELATION TO SAFE ANAESTHETIC PRACTICE.

"ON QUALITY ASSURANCE OF MEDICAL GASES, THE MEETING CONCLUDED THAT THE SUPPLIER SHOULD BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFE SUPPLY OF MEDICAL GASES AND EVERY POSSIBLE MEASURE SHOULD BE INSTITUTED BY THE SUPPLIER TO THIS EFFECT.

"HOWEVER, THE MEETING ALSO STUDIED WAYS AND MEANS TO SEE IF ANY ADDITIONAL MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF THE LATEST INCIDENT TO SAFEGUARD PATIENTS' SAFETY," DR KWOK SAID.

HE SAID THAT THERE WERE USEFUL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERTISE AMONG MEMBERS ON THE SAFE PRACTICE OF ANAESTHETICS IN OPERATION THEATRE.

IT WAS EXPECTED THAT FURTHER GUIDELINES ON THE SAFE PRACTICE OF ANAESTHETICS WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO THE USE OF MEDICAL GASES WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS OF HONG KONG IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD MEET AGAIN IN ABOUT A MONTH'S TIME.

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EXCO ENDORSES GIC/OS FACILITIES PAYMENT PROPOSAL

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ENDORSED A RECOMMENDATION ON THE COST APPORTIONMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE DEVELOPERS FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION, COMMUNITY AND OPEN SPACE (GIC/OS) FACILITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA (CDA).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT UNDER THE RECOMMENDATION, THE EXISTING POLICY OF REQUIRING PRIVATE DEVELOPERS TO PAY FOR GIC/OS FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN RESPECT OF DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT OF GIC/OS SITES WILL BE APPLIED, IN PRINCIPLE, TO DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT OF CDA'S.

IN CASES WHERE SUCH FACILITIES ARE INTENDED TO MEET WIDER DISTRICT OR TERRITORIAL NEEDS, THE GOVERNMENT MAY EXERCISE DISCRETION TO PAY FOR THE COSTS.

"INDIVIDUAL CASES WILL BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR OWN MERITS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MARICULTURISTS LEARN HUSBANDRY TECHNIQUES

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A GROUP OF 10 MARICULTURISTS TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE YUNG SHUE AU FISH CULTURE ZONE TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES SOME OF THE HUSBANDRY TECHNIQUES IN FISH CULTURE INTRODUCED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD).

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES), DR THOMAS YIP, THE MARICULTURISTS SAW AN ON-SITE DEMONSTRATION OF THE USE OF THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN DETECTION METER AND THE AERATION SYSTEM IN ONE OF THE FISH FARMS AT YUNG SHUE AU.

THE EQUIPMENTS, ACCORDING TO THE AFD, ARE ESSENTIAL FOR MINIMISING FISH LOSS DUE TO OXYGEN DEPLETION IN THE WATER.

FISH FARMS IN YUNG SHUE AU HAD SUFFERED A HEAVY FISH LOSS THREE YEARS AGO DUE TO SUDDEN OXYGEN DEPLETION IN THE WATER. THE MARICULTURISTS LATER FORMED THE YUNG SHUE AU MARINE FISH CULTURE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IN A HOPE TO PROMOTE COOPERATION AMONG MARICULTURISTS TO PREVENT SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN FUTURE.

WITH TECHNICAL ADVICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, THE MARICULTURISTS ROTATE AMONG THEMSELVES TO CONDUCT DAILY MONITORING OF THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN LEVEL IN THEIR FISH CULTURE ZONE AND ALERT FISH FARMERS TO AERATE THE WATER WITH PROPER AERATION SYSTEM WHENEVER THE OXYGEN LEVEL IS LOW.

SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TECHNIQUES, FISH FARMS AT YUNG SHUE AU HAVE NOT SUFFERED ANY FISH LOSS DUE TO OXYGEN DEPLETION IN THE WATER.

IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH TODAY'S VISIT, MARICULTURISTS IN OTHER FISH CULTURE ZONES WILL ADOPT SIMILAR TECHNIQUES TO AVOID FUTURE FISH LOSS DUE TO DEPLETION OF OXYGEN.

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ADVICE TO PARENTS ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF JSEA ALLOCATION RESULTS

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ALLOCATION OF AIDED SECONDARY 4 PLACES UNDER THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA) SYSTEM WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 7), AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN ANNOUNCING THIS, THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED PARENTS TO TAKE NOTE THAT STUDENTS ALLOCATED A SECONDARY 4 PLACE IN OTHER SCHOOLS OR A FULL-TIME POST-SECONDARY 3 CRAFT COURSE PLACE THROUGH THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION SHOULD REGISTER AT THE ALLOCATED SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, OR INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRES THE FOLLOWING DAY, THAT IS, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

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A REGISTRATION FORM CONTAINING DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF REGISTRATION IS ISSUED TO EACH OF THESE STUDENTS.

HE SAID: "STUDENTS SHOULD RETURN TO THEIR OWN SCHOOLS ON AUGUST 7 TO COLLECT THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS AND REGISTER AT THE ALLOCATED SCHOOLS THE FOLLOWING DAY.

"BUT SHOULD THEY BE UNABLE TO COLLECT THE FORMS OR UNABLE TO TURN UP FOR REGISTRATION, THEIR PARENTS SHOULD AUTHORISE IN WRITING A REPRESENTATIVE TO COLLECT THE FORM AND REPORT TO THE ALLOCATED SCHOOLS FOR REGISTRATION ON THEIR BEHALF."

THE LETTER OF AUTHORISATION MUST BE ENDORSED BY THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE SAID THAT THE LETTER SHOULD BE PRODUCED BY THE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE AT THE TIME OF COLLECTING THE REGISTRATION FORM OR REGISTERING WITH THE ALLOCATED SCHOOL.

"STUDENTS WOULD BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE AIDED SECONDARY 4 PLACES ALLOCATED TO THEM IF THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE IS NOT COMPLIED WITH," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WHEN REPORTING FOR REGISTRATION, STUDENTS SHOULD BRING WITH THEM:

- * THE REGISTRATION FORM;
- * STUDENT'S HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD; AND
- * TWO RECENT PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS AND SUFFICIENT MONEY UP TO ABOUT ONE MONTH'S SCHOOL FEE WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS ALLOCATED TO FULL-TIME POST-SECONDARY 3 CRAFT COURSE PLACES WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 8.

STUDENTS, HE ADDED, SHOULD BRING ALONG THE REGISTRATION FORMS AND THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS TO THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES FOR REGISTRATION.

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FSD WILL FIGHT FOR BETTER STAFF CONDITIONS

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS FOR ITS MEMBER FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 54 HOUR-WEEK DUTY SYSTEM ON AUGUST 25.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING OUT PARADE OF FIREMEN AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG TODAY (FRIDAY), THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR CHEUNG SHU-SHING, SAID: "YOU MUST HAVE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN YOUR SUPERIORS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING EXTREMELY HARD ON YOUR BEHALF."

MR CHEUNG TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT WHEN HE FIRST JOINED THE SERVICE 36 YEARS AGO, HE HAD TO WORK ON AN 84 HOUR-WEEK DUTY SYSTEM, AND THIS HAD NOW BEEN SCALED DOWN PROGRESSIVELY.

MR CHEUNG ASKED THEM TO BE RESPECTFUL AND TO HAVE SELF-CONFIDENCE AND TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES WITH COURAGE, DETERMINATION AND WITHOUT FEAR.

HE REMINDED THEM TO ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THEIR PRIORITY WAS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC.

"LIKE YOU AND MOST OF OUR COLLEAGUES, IT WAS A SENSE OF DUTY TO THE PUBLIC THAT PROMPTED ME SOME 36 YEARS AGO TO JOIN THIS SERVICE WHICH REQUIRES ITS MEMBERS TO DEVELOP AND DISPLAY A VERY HIGH STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTIES IN THE EVENT OF FIRE AND NATURAL DISASTERS HOWEVER DANGEROUS THE SITUATION MIGHT BE.

"OUR JOB IS, THEREFORE, NOT A 9 TO 5 ONE, NOR CAN IT BE ONE WHICH PERMITS YOU TO COMFORTABLY SIT IN THE OFFICE.

"IT IS A JOB IN WHICH YOU WILL FACE DANGERS AND RISKS. ONLY YOUNG MEN WHO, LIKE YOU, ARE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY WILLING TO SERVE THE PUBLIC CAN COPE WITH SUCH A MEANINGFUL PROFESSION," MR CHEUNG SAID.

HE TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THE HARD WORK AND EFFICIENCY OF THEIR PREDECESSORS HAD SUCCESSFULLY WON CREDIT FROM THE COMMUNITY AND THEY MUST SAFEGUARD AND ENHANCE WHAT THEIR PREDECESSORS HAD ACHIEVED.

MR CHEUNG PRESENTED THE BEST RECRUIT AWARD TO FIREMAN KONG KING-CHIU FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES DURING THE TRAINING.

THE 47 FIREMEN WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR 26-WEEK VIGOROUS AND DEMANDING TRAINING WILL BE POSTED TO THE OPERATIONAL STREAM NEXT WEEK.

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POLICE DETECTIVE SERGEANT ON OVERSEAS COURSE

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DETECTIVE SERGEANT EDDIE HUI SAI-CHU WILL MAKE POLICE FORCE TRAINING HISTORY WHEN HE SETS FOOT ON AMERICAN SOIL LATER THIS WEEK FOR A FINANCIAL ASSET REMOVAL COURSE ORGANISED BY THE U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA).

MR HUI, WHO IS NOW WITH THE THE POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU'S FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION GROUP (FIG), IS THE FIRST-EVER JUNIOR POLICE OFFICER TO BE OFFERED SUCH AN OVERSEAS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY WHICH IS NORMALLY RESERVED FOR INSPECTORATE OFFICERS.

MR HUI, TOGETHER WITH A SENIOR INSPECTOR FROM THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, WILL ATTEND THE TWO-WEEK DEA COURSE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, TOGETHER WITH 30 OR SO OFFICERS, MOST OF WHOM ARE FROM VARIOUS U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

APART FROM FAMILIARISING HIMSELF WITH THE U.S. FINANCIAL SYSTEMS AND INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES THROUGH THE DEA COURSE, MR HUI IS ALSO TASKED TO UPDATE HIS FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS ON THE LATEST ACTION TAKEN BY THE FORCE TO TACKLE DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

AND IN THE PROCESS, MR HUI HOPES ANY POSSIBLE SOURCES OF MISUNDERSTANDING FOR FUTURE CO-OPERATION WILL BE ELIMINATED.

"MISUNDERSTANDINGS DID OCCUR OCCASIONALLY IN THE PAST ARISING FROM THE FACT THAT THEY WERE EITHER UNAWARE OF THE LATEST HAPPENINGS IN THE TERRITORY, OR NOT UPDATED ON OUR FINANCIAL AND BANKING PRACTICES WITH REGARD TO ASSET TRACING INVESTIGATIONS.

"I WILL ALSO TELL THEM THAT BANKS IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN VERY CO-OPERATIVE WITH THE FORCE IN TRACKING DOWN ALLEGED DRUG ASSETS AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING ITS UTMOST TO OBLITERATE ALL POSSIBLE SOFTSPOTS IN OUR SYSTEMS THAT MIGHT BE EXPLOITED BY MONEY LAUNDERERS," MR HUI SAID.

"I'LL TRY TO CONVEY TO THEM THAT HONG KONG IS NOT A MAJOR MONEY LAUNDERING CENTRE, AS OFTEN ALLEGED. HOWEVER, MONEY LAUNDERING OF ILLICIT GAINS IS BOUND TO EXIST IN A FINANCIAL CENTRE LIKE HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

MR HUI, WHO HAS BEEN INVITED TO GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE FORCE'S ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS, WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE EXISTING COMMUNICATION CHANNELS WITH U.S. COUNTERPARTS IN THE GLOBAL WAR AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

AS FOR THE TRAINING ITSELF, MR HUI NOTED THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE RELATIVELY NEW FIG, THERE SHOULD BE A LOT FOR HIM TO LEARN FROM U.S. OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN ASSET CHASING WORK FOR MANY YEARS.

FIG OFFICIALLY BEGAN OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF THE DRUG TRAFFICKING (RECOVERY OF PROCEEDS) ORDINANCE.

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THE HEAD OF FIG, SUPERINTENDENT STUARD MCDOUALL, SAID THE DEA COURSE WAS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR A JUNIOR POLICE OFFICER TO EXPERIENCE OVERSEAS POLICE INVESTIGATION AND COURT PRACTICES.

MR MCDOUALL NOTED THAT DETECTIVE SERGEANTS SUCH AS MR HUI WERE OFTEN ASKED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN AGENCIES AND COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS REGULARLY.

"WE NEED TO GIVE OUR JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS AS MUCH TRAINING AS WE DO FOR INSPECTORATE OFFICERS," HE SAID.

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QUIZ TO PROMOTE BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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THE 1990 YAU TSIM DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT JOINT PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN WILL KICK OFF TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WITH A QUIZ SHOW.

THE CAMPAIGN, SPONSORED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS AND THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL START AT 3 PM IN THE NEW COMMUNITY HALL OF TSIM SHA TSUI KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, 136A NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUESTS.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A QUIZ ON GENERAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT KNOWLEDGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1990 YAU TSIM DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT JOINT PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE NEW COMMUNITY HALL OF TSIM SHA TSUI KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, 136A NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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HK YOUNG MUSICIANS PROMOTE CHINESE MUSIC IN CALIFORNIA

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AFTER A SUCCESSFUL FIVE-DAY MUSICAL TOUR OF VANCOUVER, THE 66 MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA AGAIN WON APPLAUSE FROM THE AMERICAN AUDIENCE IN A SERIES OF PUBLIC PERFORMANCES IN CALIFORNIA IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

THE ORCHESTRA ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO LAST SATURDAY (JULY 28) AND GAVE A LUNCH TIME CONCERT AT THE EMBARCADERO CENTRE ON JULY 30, ATTRACTING ABOUT 1,000 LOCAL RESIDENTS.

"OUR MISSION IS TO INTRODUCE CHINESE MUSIC AND THE VARIOUS CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS TO THE AMERICAN AUDIENCES," THE TOUR DIRECTOR, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, SAID.

"WE ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE RESPONSE. IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE OVERJOYED TO LEARN THAT THE 3,000 TICKETS FOR THE FUND-RAISING CONCERT AT THE PRESTIGIOUS LOUISE DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL ON AUGUST 1 WERE ALL SOLD OUT BEFORE WE ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO," SHE SAID.

THE CONCERT AT THE LOUISE DAVIES HALL WAS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND SING TAO NEWSPAPER OF SAN FRANCISCO.

IT WAS ATTENDED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM BOTH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CONCERT, MRS ALLCOCK SAID THE CONCERT TOUR BY THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA WAS AN ATTEMPT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE BOND BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CALIFORNIA FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, SAID IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE ORCHESTRA THAT THROUGH ITS PERFORMANCES, THE CITIZENS OF BOTH HONG KONG AND THE UNITED STATES WOULD GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S CULTURE, TRADITIONS AND MUSIC.

"IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR OUR YOUNG MUSICIANS," THE CONDUCTOR, MR TONG LEUNG-TAK, ADDED.

"EVERYWHERE THEY WENT, THEY IMPRESSED THE AUDIENCE WITH THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE. HONG KONG SHOULD BE PROUD OF THEM," HE SAID.

MR TONG AND HIS ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR, MR HO MAN-CHUEN, RECEIVED HIGH ACCLAIM FROM MUSIC CRITICS IN BOTH VANCOUVER AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA IS 16, WITH THE YOUNGEST BEING 12 YEARS OLD AND THE OLDEST 23.

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THE ORCHESTRA LEFT SAN FRANCISCO FOR LOS ANGELES YESTERDAY (THURSDAY). THERE THEY WILL GIVE THREE COMMUNITY CONCERTS, INCLUDING ONE AT DISNEYLAND, BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON AUGUST 8.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE RETURNING YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL MEET MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 8) AROUND 8 PM AT THE PRESS ROOM OF THE ARRIVAL HALL OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OR CONDUCT INTERVIEWS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE INFORMATION OFFICERS, OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH DURING OFFICE HOURS BEFORE TUESDAY (AUGUST 7) ON TEL. 574 1455 EXT. 14 FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

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NEW FANLING POST OFFICE OPENS ON AUGUST 13

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A NEW FANLING POST OFFICE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, AT 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, WILL OPEN AT 9.30 AM ON AUGUST 13 (MONDAY), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS OFFICE WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING FANLING POST OFFICE AT 1 WO LUNG STREET, GROUND FLOOR, LUEN WO MARKET, WHICH WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS AT 1 PM ON AUGUST 11 (SATURDAY), A SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW OFFICE IS 675 1689 AND THE HOURS OF BUSINESS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. A TOTAL OF 1,000 P.O. BOXES WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE NEW OFFICE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A SPECIAL HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEW FANLING POST OFFICE ON AUGUST 13.

"UNREGISTERED FULL POSTAGE PREPAID 'FIRST DAY' COVERS PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS, WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM," HE SAID.

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN IN 1947-50

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WOMEN BORN IN 1947, 1948, 1949 AND 1950 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM AUGUST 13 TO OCTOBER 20, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

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

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

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

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI
TEL. NO. 574 7070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD,
NGAU TAU KOK
TEL. NO. 755 3669
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI
TEL. NO. 723 2424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET
TEL. NO. 498 0117
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,
11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET
TEL. NO. 605 9108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD
TEL. NO. 477 1543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
CHI LOK FA YUEN
TEL. NO. 458 0646
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI
TEL. NO. 672 7191

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

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HE REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1917 OR BEFORE WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON AUGUST 11.

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

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

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MOVE OF TSING YI SHIPYARDS TO REDUCE NOISE POLLUTION

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THE EXISTING SHIPYARDS IN NORTH TSING YI WILL BE RELOCATED TO REDUCE NOISE POLLUTION TO THE NEARBY RESIDENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALL WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 5.47 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF TSING YI ISLAND TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION.

IN TSUEN WAN, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PERMIT THE SAN MIGUEL BREWERY LIMITED TO USE AN AREA OF ABOUT 900 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT SHAM TSENG, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUBMARINE OUTFALL.

THE AREA WILL BE USED FOR DREDGING OF SEABED TO FORM A TRENCH AND LAYING OF A CONCRETE PIPE THEREIN.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WERE DESCRIBED IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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 OCTOBER 2, 1990.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PIERS

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PIERS AT THE PROPOSED WESTERN WHOLESALE MARKET SITE AT THE WESTERN RECLAMATION, OPPOSITE WHITTY STREET.

THE PIERS WILL FACILITATE LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES AT THE MARKET.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND WILL TAKE 26 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 24.

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LAND RESUMPTION FOR VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT

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SEVENTY-THREE PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS IN SHA TIN ARE TO BE RESUMED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

THE LOTS, COMPRISING 15,283.56 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 5,086.7 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL AND ORCHARD LAND, WILL BE RESUMED FOR THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF SHEUNG KENG HAU, HA KENG HAU AND HIN TIN VILLAGES.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORK INCLUDES SITE FORMATION, DRAINAGE WORKS, CONSTRUCTION OF OPEN SPACE, ROADS AND CAR PARKS ETC.

THE LOTS WILL BE REVERTED TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING OF NOTICES ON THE LOTS.

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

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ROAD CLOSURE FOR BUILDING ESTATE ROAD IN WANG TAU HOM

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CLOSE PERMANENTLY THE WESTERN PART OF WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD AND FU YUE STREET IN EARLY 1992 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ESTATE ROAD TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WANG TAU HOM ESTATE.

ACCESS TO THE NEARBY KIT SAM MIDDLE SCHOOL AND LOK SIN TONG YU KAN HING SCHOOL WILL, HOWEVER, BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1992, THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WANG TAU HOM ESTATE PHASE 7 WILL PROVIDE 1,175 RENTAL FLATS FOR ABOUT 4,400 PEOPLE.

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

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

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, LOK FU SUB-OFFICE, UNIT NOS. T51-T53, THIRD FLOOR, LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 25, 1990.

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NEW ROADS TO BE BUILT IN TUEN MUN SAN HING TSUEN

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PHASE 1 WORKS OF THE RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL UPGRADING AREAS PILOT PROJECT AT SAN HING TSUEN, TUEN MUN.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WORKS COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-LANE LOCAL ROAD NETWORK ABOUT 1,350 METRES LONG WITH ADJACENT CAR-PARKING AREAS.

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LAYING OF WATERMAINS, FOUL SEWERS, STORM WATER DRAINS, LANDSCAPING, REPROVISIONING OF WALLS, FENCES AND GATES TO AFFECTED BUILDINGS ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORKS, A BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR LOCAL RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 1992.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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SUSPENSION OF PAK SHA WAN CARPARK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE SUSPENSION OF THE PAK SHA WAN CARPARK, LOCATED AT NORTH OF THE JUNCTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY WITH THE ACCESS ROAD TO PAK SHA WAN FERRY PIER, WILL BE EXTENDED FURTHER TO 6 PM ON AUGUST 14.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF A THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE IN CELEBRATION OF THE KWUN YUM FESTIVAL.

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