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GOVT COMMITTED TO FIGHT AGAINST ECONOMIC CRIME

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO AN UNRELENTING FIGHT AGAINST ECONOMIC CRIME INCLUDING MONEY LAUNDERING AND WAS VERY WILLING TO PLAY A FULL PART IN ASSISTING OTHERS TO DO SO, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, MR JOHN WOOD, SAID IN SAN FRANCISCO ON FRIDAY.

MR WOOD SAID INVARIABLY LARGE FRAUDS WERE BOTH COMPLEX AND INTERNATIONAL IN NATURE AND THAT TRADITIONAL CONCEPTS OF TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WERE STRAINED TO THE LIMIT WHERE TRANSACTIONS FREELY CROSSED NATIONAL BOUNDARIES.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, A RECENT ENGLISH COURT OF APPEAL DECISION HELD THAT THERE WAS NO JURISDICTION IN ENGLAND WHERE PROPERTY WAS STOLEN FROM A NEW YORK BANK ACCOUNT EVEN THOUGH THE TELEX INSTRUCTION CAME FROM ENGLAND.

"SO CONCERNED HAVE THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES BECOME THAT THE LAW COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT JURISDICTION SHOULD BE MATERIALLY WIDENED IN RELATION TO CASES OF FRAUD.

"THE LEGAL POLICY DIVISION IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN HONG KONG IS CONSIDERING WHETHER WE SHOULD GO DOWN THE SAME ROAD," MR WOOD SAID.

MR WOOD WAS SPEAKING AT A GATHERING OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION ON THE SUBJECT OF WHITE COLLAR CRIME IN HONG KONG. HE WAS INVITED BY THE ASSOCIATION TO ADDRESS THE FUNCTION AS A GUEST SPEAKER.

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD ADOPTED A TASK FORCE SYSTEM TO INVESTIGATE FRAUDS.

"LAWYERS ARE NOW INVOLVED AT A FAR EARLY STAGE OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO ECONOMIC CRIME THAN IN RELATION TO VARIOUS OTHER TYPES OF CRIME AND TASK FORCES CONSISTING OF LAWYERS, ACCOUNTANTS AND POLICE MEET SOON AFTER A LARGE FRAUD IS SUSPECTED AND DECIDE THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THE INVESTIGATION SHOULD TAKE AND MONITOR THE RESULTS ON AN ON-GOING BASIS.

"SUCH INFORMAL MEETINGS ARE EASILY ACHIEVED IN A SMALL CENTRALISED PLACE LIKE HONG KONG," MR WOOD SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEMS AND IMPACT OF ECONOMIC CRIME HAD RESULTED IN MORE MATTERS BEING REPORTED AND THAT THE STANDARD OF AUDITING HAD IMPROVED WITH FAR MORE QUALIFIED REPORTS BEING GIVEN TO COMPANY ACCOUNTS THAN IN THE PAST.

"LEGISLATIVE CHANGES OF SIGNIFICANCE IN HONG KONG INCLUDE THE CREATION OF PROCEDURAL RULES TO ENABLE EVIDENCE TO BE OBTAINED FROM OVERSEAS FOR USE IN HONG KONG COURTS.

"THESE NEW PROCEDURES HAVE ALREADY PROVED TO BE OF IMMENSE PRACTICAL VALUE AS HAS BEEN THE SIMPLIFICATION OF PROOF OF BANKERS' REPORTS."

/MR WOOD .....

MR WOOD NOTED THAT THE COURTS OF HONG KONG HAD SUPPORTED THE DRIVE AGAINST ECONOMIC CRIME IN HANDING DOWN SEVERE SENTENCES TO PERSONS INVOLVED IN LARGE-SCALE FRAUD OR CORRUPTION.

"HOWEVER, THE PROBLEMS OF THESE COMPLEX PROSECUTIONS ARE VAST AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ARE CONSTANTLY STRIVING TO IMPROVE THEIR ARMOURY.

"IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP ONE STEP AHEAD OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITIES WHO SEEK TO ACHIEVE THEIR FORTUNES ILLEGALLY AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS. THEY ARE NOT INERT. AS THE LEVEL OF PREVENTIVE AND DETECTIVE MEASURES BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED SO WILL THE CRIMINALS," MR WOOD SAID.

HE SAID THE SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING TARGETS FROM THE POLICE, THE CIVIL SERVICE AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION IN 1974 HAD EXPRESSED THE DETERMINATION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO CLAMP DOWN ON WHITE COLLAR CRIME.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS INVOLVED IN A CONTINUING PROCESS OF SETTING HIGHER STANDARDS.

"THE ROLE IS LARGELY EDUCATIONAL SO THAT THE PUBLIC APPRECIATES NEW STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR AS REGARDS GIFT-GIVING COMMISSIONS AND BRIBES.

"IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE RULES AS TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS BY CIVIL SERVANTS ARE AS STRICT AS ANYWHERE IN THE REST OF THE WORLD.

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THESE VALUES ARE INSTILLED IN THE YOUNG AS THEY ARE PERHAPS MORE APPROACHABLE AND LESS SET IN THEIR WAYS THAN SOME OF THEIR ELDERS," MR WOOD SAID.

HE SAID CRIMINALS MUST NOT BE ABLE TO USE NATIONAL BOUNDARIES AND TRADITIONAL VIEWS OF JURISDICTION AS SHIELDS AGAINST INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIME.

"WITHOUT EFFECTIVE LAWS AND MEANS OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT BODIES, BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL, CRIMINALS ARE ABLE TO PLAN AND EXECUTE THEIR CRIMES MORE QUICKLY THAN ANY ONE COUNTRY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES."

HE SAID MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATIES BETWEEN COUNTRIES WERE REGARDED AS NECESSARY TOOLS FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST INTERNATIONAL WHITE COLLAR CRIME.

"THE BENEFIT OF SUCH TREATIES IS THAT THEY CREATE CENTRAL AUTHORITIES FOR SUCH PARTY WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING AND OVERSEEING THE EXECUTION OF REQUESTS. THIS REMOVES THE TIME-CONSUMING AND UNNECESSARY USE OF DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND REQUESTS FOR EVIDENCE CAN BE MADE AT THE INVESTIGATORY STAGE RATHER THAN ONLY AFTER FORMAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED."

HE SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD A NUMBER OF MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATIES.

"PRESENTLY WE ARE LOOKING AT THE PROSPECT OF HONG KONG ENTERING INTO MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATIES AND ENACTING THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO BRING THEM INTO EFFECT.

"WE ARE LOOKING AT OPTIONS THAT WILL ENSURE THAT HONG KONG WILL NOT BE A HAVEN FOR CRIMINALS BECAUSE OF ITS INABILITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

"IN COMMON WITH OUR OTHER INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT ANY TREATIES WE ENTER INTO ARE IN SUCH A FORM THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE THROUGH THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997," MR WOOD SAID.

HE SAID: "WE ARE COMFORTED BY THE EXCELLENCE OF THE RELATIONSHIPS BUILT UP OVER THE YEARS WITH COLLEAGUES IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE READINESS OF THE HELP GIVEN TO US WHICH WE ARE ALWAYS ANXIOUS TO RECIPROCATE.

"IT IS ONLY BY RECOGNISING THAT IN THESE DAYS INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IS VITAL AND THAT IF THOSE WHOSE GREED LEADS THEM TO FRAUD ARE SPEEDILY AND EFFICIENTLY INVESTIGATED, PROSECUTED AND CONVICTED THEN WE SHALL ALL PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF OUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS."

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DFCC PRAISED FOR PROMOTING FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

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THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AT KOWLOON PARK, MR ASPREY SAID THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), WHICH ORGANISED THE CARNIVAL, HAD BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO PREVENT AND REPORT CRIME.

AS TO THE OVERALL CRIME PICTURE, HE SAID THE OVERALL CRIME PER 100,000 POPULATION HAD INCREASED BY OVER SEVEN PER CENT LAST YEAR.

"THIS IS OF COURSE A MATTER OF GREAT PUBLIC CONCERN. THE POLICE ARE RESPONDING VIGOROUSLY WITH STEPPED-UP ANTI-CRIME OPERATIONS, AND WE HAVE ALSO LAUNCHED A SPECIAL PUBLICITY DRIVE TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE MEANS OF COMBATTING CRIME," HE SAID.

THOSE EFFORTS WERE YIELDING RESULTS, HE STRESSED, AND THERE WERE ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT THE CRIME RATE AS WELL AS THE TREND OF VIOLENT CRIME HAD BEGUN TO DROP SINCE THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1990.

BUT IT IS NO CAUSE FOR COMPLACENCY, HE STRESSED.

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"WE SHALL ALL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO WORK HARD IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED IN SUSTAINING THIS INITIAL SUCCESS.

"WITH THE ADVICE AND HELP RENDERED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE GOVERNMENT HAD INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF NEW LEGISLATIVE MEASURES LAST YEAR TO ASSIST IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT FURTHER MEASURES WERE IN THE PIPELINE WITH A MAJOR PIECE OF LEGISLATION TO GIVE THE AUTHORITIES ADDITIONAL POWERS TO ATTACK ORGANISED CRIME TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF A WHITE BILL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION THIS SUMMER.

"WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT THE DETAILS OF A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FOR A STATUTORY POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION SCHEME FOR ADULT OFFENDERS."

MR ASPREY CALLED FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT IN CURBING CRIME AS CRIME FIGHTING IS NOT JUST A GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

"THE COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT," HE SAID.

OTHER GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY WERE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PETER FERRY AND YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH.

THE CARNIVAL, SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND URBAN COUNCIL, FEATURED POLICE BAND PERFORMANCES, A VARIETY SHOW AND EXHIBITIONS OF SECURITY DEVICES AGAINST CAR THEFT AND HOME BURGLARY.

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LADY YOUDE PRESENTS AWARDS TO 693 SCHOLARS

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LADY PAMELA YOUDE TODAY (SATURDAY) PRESENTED AWARDS TO 693 STUDENTS WHO WERE GRANTED SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND.

LADY YOUDE, WHO HAD ARRIVED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO OFFICIATE AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, SAID: "HONG KONG'S PROGRESS INTO THE NINETIES AND BEYOND WILL BE DEPENDENT ON ITS YOUNG PEOPLE.

"IN ENCOURAGING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND LEADERSHIP AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND OFFERS THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY A KEY PART IN GUIDING HONG KONG TOWARDS A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE."

THE TOTAL WORTH OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL AWARDS FOR THE 1990-91 ACADEMIC YEAR WAS \$3.7 MILLION.

THIS INCLUDED THE AWARDS OF 567 PRIZES FOR SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, 69 SCHOLARSHIPS AND 34 FELLOWSHIPS FOR TERTIARY AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS, 13 AWARDS FOR OVERSEAS STUDIES, SEVEN AWARDS FOR DISABLED STUDENTS AND FOUR MEDALS FOR STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

ACCORDING TO THE FUND'S COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MR STEPHEN CHEONG, THE COMPETITION FOR THE THIRTEEN OVERSEAS AWARDS HAS BEEN VERY KEEN.

MR CHEONG SAID THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WERE CHOSEN FROM OVER 300 APPLICANTS AFTER TWO VIGOROUS SELECTION INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL INCLUDING LADY YOUDE, MISS CHRISTINE CHOW, PROFESSOR LEUNG WAI-SUN, PROFESSOR BENJAMIN T'SOU, DR LUI MING-WAH AND MR ANTHONY KAN.

EACH FELLOW WILL RECEIVE \$160,000 PER YEAR AND EACH SCHOLAR \$145,000 PER YEAR. THEY ARE ALL REQUIRED TO WORK IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES.

THE AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR THE FIVE OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIP ARE :-

MISS MABEL WONG CHIU-YU, 25. SHE GRADUATED FROM THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INTENDS TO READ A TWO-YEAR MASTER DEGREE COURSE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CANADA.

MISS SHANDY LIU, 22. SHE IS CURRENTLY A POSTGRADUATE LAW STUDENT AT HKU AND INTENDS TO PURSUE A MASTER DEGREE IN LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

MR LEUNG YING-KEUNG, 21. HE IS AN ENGINEERING STUDENT AT THE HKU AND PLANS TO STUDY A MASTER DEGREE COURSE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, USA.

MR VIN CHU YIU-KONG, 28. HE OBTAINED A MASTER DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS AND IS CURRENTLY STUDYING FOR A MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. HE INTENDS TO PURSUE A DOCTORATE IN CRIMINOLOGY AT CAMBRIDGE.

MISS CARRIE LIN KA-YUK, 25. SHE OBTAINED A FIRST CLASS HONOURS IN MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM AND A MASTER DEGREE IN OPERATIONS RESEARCH FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT). SHE PLANS TO PURSUE A DOCTORATE IN MATHEMATICAL MODELLING IN THE UK.

THE EIGHT OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ARE : -

MR LI HO-SUN, 18, SHANGHAI-BORN, IS A QUEEN'S COLLEGE STUDENT. HE OBTAINED NINE DISTINCTIONS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE). HE PLANS TO PURSUE A BACHELOR DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY, USA, AND ASPIRES TO BECOME A PSYCHOLOGIST.

MISS TANG YAN-YAN, 18, OF ST. PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE WHO GOT NINE DISTINCTIONS IN HKCEE. SHE PLANS TO STUDY EITHER LAW AT BRISTOL, UK OR ENGINEERING AT MIT.

MISS REBECCA CHEONG, 18, OF ST. MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE WHO SCORED NINE DISTINCTIONS IN HKCEE. SHE INTENDS TO STUDY COMPUTER ENGINEERING AT MIT.

MR SAMUEL LIU, 18, ALSO FROM ST. PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE. HE OBTAINED NINE DISTINCTIONS IN HKCEE. HE PLANS TO BECOME AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AFTER HIS STUDY IN MIT.

MR THOMAS TOMMY CHUNG, 18, OF THE PERSE SCHOOL IN ENGLAND. HE GOT NINE DISTINCTIONS AND TWO CREDITS IN THE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION. HE WILL STUDY ARCHITECTURE AT CAMBRIDGE.

MR LAU WAI, 17, IS ANOTHER QUEEN'S COLLEGE STUDENT WHO SCORED NINE DISTINCTIONS IN HKCEE. HE HOPES TO BECOME AN ELECTRONIC ENGINEER AFTER HIS STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, USA.

MR CHAN WOON-CHUNG, 18, IS A QUEEN'S COLLEGE STUDENT WITH NINE DISTINCTIONS IN HKCEE. HE INTENDS TO STUDY COMPUTER SCIENCE AT MIT.

MISS CHAN JO-FEI, 19, THE FORMER HEAD PREFECT OF ST. MARY CANOSSIAN'S COLLEGE. SHE OBTAINED FIVE DISTINCTIONS AND TWO CREDITS IN HKCEE. SHE HOPES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE TOURIST/HOTEL INDUSTRY AFTER HER STUDY AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, USA.

"THEY ARE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A STRONG COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG," MR CHEONG SAID.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT, WHEN THEY RETURN FROM THEIR OVERSEAS STUDIES, THEY WILL BECOME LEADERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONS AND OF OUR COMMUNITY."

THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND ALSO AWARDED MEDALS AND SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$2,000 EACH TO FOUR STUDENTS WHO EXCELLED IN 1990 PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS. THEY ARE -

MR CHAN TUNG OF WAH YAN COLLEGE. HE SCORED 10A'S IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION.

MR LAM CHEUK-HUNG OF HEUNG TO MIDDLE SCHOOL. HE SCORED 5A'S IN THE HONG KONG HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION.

MISS CHUNG SZE-MAN OF KING'S COLLEGE. SHE SCORED 5A'S IN THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION (SCIENCE STREAM).

MISS YEUNG PUI-SZE OF BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL. SHE SCORED 4A'S IN THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION (ARTS STREAM).

SEVEN DISABLED STUDENTS FROM THE FIVE LOCAL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WERE ALSO AWARDED GRANTS AMOUNTING TO \$158,100 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TECHNICAL AIDS FOR THEIR PURSUIT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

THEY ARE MR LAW KWAN-HO OF HKU, MISS CHOU WAI-YI AND MR POON KWOK-LEUNG OF CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (CUHK), MR LEUNG TZE-MAN OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC (HKP), MR LO WAI-KEUNG AND MR WONG SUNG-KEUNG OF CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG (CPHK) AND MR LI KWONG-TAT OF HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE (HKBC).

UNDER THE LOCAL FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 34 POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS WERE AWARDED FELLOWSHIP WORTH \$25,000 EACH.

AMONGST THEM, 16 ARE FROM HKU; 10 FROM CUHK; FOUR FROM HKP; THREE FROM CPHK AND ONE FROM HKBC.

69 UNDERGRADUATE AND DIPLOMA STUDENTS WERE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP WORTH \$10,000 EACH.

OF THESE, 33 STUDENTS ARE FROM HKU, CUHK AND HKP (EACH WITH 11 STUDENTS); NINE FROM CPHK; SIX FROM HKBC; FIVE FROM SHUE YAN COLLEGE, THREE EACH FROM LINGNAN COLLEGE, GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION; FIVE FROM NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND TWO FROM HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

BESIDES, 567 SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVED SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL PRIZES AMOUNTING TO \$226,800.

THEY WERE ALL NOMINATED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE PRINCIPALS ON THE BASIS OF THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN BOTH STUDIES AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL.

"IT IS PLEASING TO SEE THAT MORE AND MORE STUDENTS FROM OUR TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE BENEFITTED FROM OUR SCHEMES," MR CHEONG SAID.

"THE NUMBER AND THE VALUE OF AWARDS WILL BE FURTHER INCREASED IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR WHEN WE EXPECT THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON THE AWARDS WILL RISE TO SOME \$6 MILLION," HE ADDED

"WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT IN ENCOURAGING ACADEMIC PURSUITS AMONG OUR YOUNGER GENERATION, WE SHALL BE BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR OUR SOCIETY, FOR IT IS THEM WHO WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN A PROSPEROUS AND STABLE FUTURE HONG KONG."

ACCORDING TO SIR QUO-WEI LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE FUND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE FUND'S PORTFOLIO HAS INCREASED TO \$107.8 MILLION, WHICH IS 28.9 PER CENT MORE THAN THE \$83.65 MILLION RECEIVED FROM DONATIONS.

WHILST THE FUND'S INCOME HAS GROWN, ITS EXPENDITURE ON AWARDS HAS ALSO INCREASED.

"THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE FUND'S RECURRENT EXPENDITURE WILL CONTINUE TO RISE AS THE VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES ARE EXTENDED IN STEP WITH THE EXPANSION OF HONG KONG'S TERTIARY EDUCATION.

"TO ENABLE THE FUND TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS, THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY IS VITAL."

THE FUND WELCOMES FURTHER DONATIONS TO ALL BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG BANK AND THE HANG SENG BANK, OR TO THE TRUST FUNDS SECTION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

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YOUTH SERVICES BE RESPONSIVE TO CHANGING REQUIREMENTS

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IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SERVICES FOR YOUTH SHOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO THE CHANGING NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A YOUTH COUNSELLING CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS OF TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO, MR CARTLAND POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS PARTICULARLY THE CASE IN AN ERA OF RAPID SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CHANGE.

FOR THOSE WHO WERE CONFRONTED WITH PROBLEMS, YOUTH COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE WOULD BE NECESSARY, HE STRESSED.

"YOUTH IS OFTEN REGARDED AS A TRAUMATIC PHASE OF LIFE DURING WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE NOT ONLY HAVE TO GRAPPLE WITH RAPID SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES, BUT THEY ALSO UNDERGO UNFAMILIAR PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL CHANGES," HE ADDED.

IT WAS TO THEM THAT A CENTRE, SUCH AS THE ONE OPENED TODAY, COULD OFFER HOPE AND ASSISTANCE TO BUILD A BETTER LIFE IN FUTURE, HE ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1960, HAD BEEN ONE OF THE MAIN PROVIDERS OF YOUTH SERVICES IN THE TERRITORY.

"I AM SURE THE ORGANISATION WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO PROVIDE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-FULFILMENT AND FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY," MR CARTLAND SAID.

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SOCIAL WORKERS TAKE LEAD TO HELP RE-INTEGRATE DISABLED PERSONS

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, TODAY (SATURDAY) APPEALED TO WORKERS OF SOCIAL WELFARE ESTABLISHMENTS TO TAKE THE LEAD TO HELP THE RE-INTEGRATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE INTO THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLED BODY ASSOCIATION AT CITY ONE SHA TIN, MRS GOODSTADT POINTED OUT THAT THE RE-INTEGRATION OF THE DISABLED PEOPLE INTO THE COMMUNITY WAS THE PRIME OBJECTIVE OF THE SOCIETY.

"TO ACHIEVE THE AIM, WELFARE ESTABLISHMENTS SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD TO HELP THE DISABLED," SHE SAID.

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IN DOING SO, SHE POINTED OUT THAT WORKERS FROM THE ESTABLISHMENTS SHOULD ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE THEIR MEMBERS TO ACCEPT THE DISABLED AS THEIR PARTNERS.

"TO TRUST THE ABILITY OF THE DISABLED IS A GREAT STEP TOWARDS HELPING THEM TO RE-INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY EXTENSIVELY," SHE NOTED.

MRS GOODSTADT ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR SETTING UP THE CENTRE TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS AND DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DISABLED.

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#### ELDERLY CAN HELP IN ROAD SAFETY

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THE NEW TERRITORIES ELDERLY ROAD SAFETY PATROLS FOSTER A SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AMONG THE ELDERLY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HELP TO REDUCE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

TAKING THE SALUTE AT THE ELDERLY ROAD SAFETY PATROLS IN YUEN LONG TOWN HALL THIS MORNING, MR HSU SAID WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, IT WAS HOPED THAT ELDERLY PEOPLE, AFTER SOME TRAINING, COULD CONTRIBUTE TO ROAD SAFETY IN THE RURAL AREA.

MEMBERS OF THE ELDERLY ROAD SAFETY PATROLS, AGED FROM 60 TO OVER 80, COME FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES SUCH AS SHA TIN, NORTH DISTRICT, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

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#### 1,108 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN FEBRUARY

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A TOTAL OF 1,583 CASUALTIES WAS REPORTED IN 1,108 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY LAST MONTH.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT 271 OF THESE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 603 IN KOWLOON AND 234 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY SHOWED THAT 23 PEOPLE WERE KILLED, 279 PEOPLE WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 1,281 SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THESE ACCIDENTS.

THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS REPRESENTED A DECREASE OF 1.7 PER CENT WHILE THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES INCREASED BY 3.1 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990.

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REGISTRATION OF DEPOSIT-TAKING CO REVOKED  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF HANG LUNG (FINANCE) COMPANY LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MARCH 9, 1991 AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS  
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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DOWNSTREAM CULVERT AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR THE KAI TAK NULLAH.

THE WORKS, PART OF THE TOLO HARBOUR EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME, WILL COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 200-METRE LONG TWIN CELL BOX CULVERT ALONG THE DRAINAGE RESERVE EAST OF PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD; THE LAYING OF A RELIEF SEWER OF 1.8 METRE IN DIAMETER ACROSS THE JUNCTION OF PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND CHOI HUNG ROAD; AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS WITHIN THE KAI TAK NULLAH IN THE DIAMOND HILL AND WONG TAI SIN AREA OF EAST KOWLOON.

THE CULVERT WILL CARRY TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT AND STORM DRAINAGE FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AREA, VIA AN EXISTING BOX CULVERT, AND DISCHARGE INTO THE KAI TAK NULLAH.

THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO START IN MAY AND TAKES ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 12.

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