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FC APPROVES PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING OF IMMIGRATION SERVICE GRADES

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THE PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE GRADES HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RESTRUCTURING INVOLVES THE CREATION OF A NEW CHIEF IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT RANK IN THE RANK AND FILE GRADE TO UNDERTAKE MOST OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES CURRENTLY CARRIED OUT BY ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS.

"THESE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE PERFORMANCE OF IMMIGRATION ARRIVAL CLEARANCE DUTIES AT THE AIRPORT AND PROCESS OF APPLICATIONS FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENT, VISAS AND EXTENSION OF STAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ON COMPLETION OF THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE, THE EXISTING ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICER RANK WILL BE ABOLISHED WHEN INCUMBENTS IN THIS RANK ARE REGRADED, PROMOTED, TRANSFERRED OR LEAVE THE SERVICE."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ENTRY RANK FOR THE OFFICER GRADE WOULD BE AT THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER RANK AFTER THE ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICER RANK WAS ABOLISHED.

"TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR SERVICES AND THE GROWING COMPLEXITY OF IMMIGRATION WORK, AND TO OPTIMISE THE USE OF ALL STAFF, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED TO DEVOLVE THE LESS COMPLEX DUTIES FROM THE LOWER END OF THE OFFICER GRADE TO THE HIGHER END OF THE RANK AND FILE," HE SAID.

"THIS WILL ALLOW THE OFFICERS TO CONCENTRATE ON THE RELATIVELY MORE IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX TASKS."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CHANGE WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THERE WAS NOW A POOL OF SENIOR IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS WITH A HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TO UNDERTAKE A LOT OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES CURRENTLY CARRIED OUT BY ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS.

A BILL TO INCORPORATE THIS NEW RANK IN THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE ORDINANCE AND IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS WAS PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 22, 1989.

THE FIRST BATCH OF CHIEF IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS WILL BE IN POST AT THE AIRPORT ON FEBRUARY 12 THIS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THE REORGANISATION WOULD HELP TO REDUCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROBLEMS AS THE CREATION OF THE NEW CHIEF IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT RANK WOULD ENHANCE THE JOB CONTENT AND CAREER PROSPECTS OF THE RANK AND FILE.

"THE ABOLITION OF THE ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICER RANK WILL ALSO ATTRACT MORE BETTER QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO JOIN THE OFFICER GRADE OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE," HE ADDED.

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FUNDS APPROVED FOR PART-TIME NURSE SCHEME

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (FRIDAY) APPROVED THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF PART-TIME REGISTERED NURSES IN THE GENERAL STREAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE TO RELIEVE THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE IN THE NURSING GRADE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PART-TIME NURSE SCHEME WOULD COME INTO EFFECT NEXT MONTH (MARCH) AND THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE WAS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$29 MILLION.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT EMPLOYMENT WOULD BE ON A SESSIONAL BASIS WITHOUT REQUIRING THE PART-TIMERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT REGARDING A FIXED SCHEDULE OF WORK.

"EACH SESSION WILL BE FOUR HOURS.

"PAYMENT WILL BE AT THE RATE OF \$52 PER HOUR FOR NORMAL WORKING HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS, AND \$60 AN HOUR OUTSIDE NORMAL HOURS INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL NUMBER 8 IS HOISTED," HE SAID.

THE PART-TIME NURSE SCHEME HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN BOTH GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS IN THE PAST. UNDER THE PREVIOUS SCHEME, PART-TIME NURSES WERE CONTRACTED TO WORK ON A REGULAR MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS LESS THAN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT.

"COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS SCHEME, THE NEW SCHEME ALLOWS MORE FLEXIBILITY. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE FLEXIBILITY SO ACCORDED WILL ATTRACT MORE PART-TIMERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A RECRUITMENT ADVERTISEMENT WILL APPEAR IN NEWSPAPERS NEXT WEEK AND INTERESTED CANDIDATES WITH THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS ARE ADVISED TO APPLY BY FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURES STATED IN THE ADVERTISEMENT.

TO IMPROVE THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF NURSING STAFF, A NUMBER OF MEASURES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED. THESE INCLUDE THE PAYMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL ALLOWANCE TO STUDENT/PUPIL NURSES AND A TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO NURSING STAFF FROM THE RANKS OF STUDENT/PUPIL NURSES TO NURSING OFFICER I.

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CIVIL SERVICE CONTINUES TO BE DEDICATED AND EFFICIENT

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DESPITE THE ADDITIONAL PRESSURES PLACED UPON THE CIVIL SERVICE BY STAFF SHORTAGES AND THE DEMANDS OF DEALING WITH AN INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, IT HAS CONTINUED TO SERVE THE PUBLIC WITH DEDICATION AND EFFICIENCY, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR KEITH SHIPLEY, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR SHIPLEY WAS ADDRESSING A COCKTAIL RECEPTION FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF STAFF ASSOCIATIONS AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CLUBHOUSE IN HAPPY VALLEY.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE (DESIGNATE), MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, ALSO ATTENDED THE RECEPTION.

HIGHLIGHTING MAJOR PROGRESS ON CIVIL SERVICE MATTERS DURING THE YEAR, MR SHIPLEY SAID THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE WAS WELL INTO THE SECOND PHASE OF ITS OVERALL REVIEW OF THE SALARY STRUCTURE OF THE CIVILIAN NON-DIRECTORATE STAFF.

IT WAS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT ITS NEXT REPORT ON A NUMBER OF GRADES IN APRIL AND WOULD THEN IMMEDIATELY BEGIN A REVIEW OF THE REMAINING GRADES, HE SAID.

MR SHIPLEY NOTED THAT ALL THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SALARY CHANGES ARISING FROM THE REVIEW WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED FROM OCTOBER 1, 1989.

"THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE WHICH WAS FORMED DURING THE YEAR IS NOW EXAMINING A NUMBER OF ISSUES RELATED TO THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES," HE SAID.

MR SHIPLEY ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD COMPLETED AN EXAMINATION OF STAFF COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED NEW PACKAGE OF CIVIL SERVICE HOUSING BENEFITS.

"WE SHALL SHORTLY BE SEEKING THE ADVICE OF THE VARIOUS BODIES DEALING WITH PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE ON THE PACKAGE," HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO FINALISING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CIVIL SERVICE CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

"THESE TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE STANDING COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT ON 'CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE' TOGETHER WITH STAFF COMMENTS ON THAT REPORT," HE SAID.

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FOR THE YEAR AHEAD, MR SHIPLEY PREDICTED CONTINUED HEAVY DEMANDS ON THE CIVIL SERVICE, BUT SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT IT HAD THE RESILIENCE AND COMMITMENT TO TAKE FORWARD THE AMBITIOUS PUBLIC PROGRAMMES PLEDGED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

TODAY'S RECEPTION WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 400 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE UNIONS, AND SENIOR STAFF OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH.

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN PREPARING SOCIAL WELFARE WHITE PAPER

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ADOPTING A TWO-STAGE APPROACH TO INVOLVE THE PUBLIC IN FORMULATING A WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES FOR THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

SPEAKING AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY), THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR MARTIN WHITE, DESCRIBED THIS APPROACH AS A DEPARTURE FROM PAST, AND IT AIMED TO EQUIP THE WORKING PARTY WITH THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING THE WHITE PAPER.

"THIS APPROACH INVOLVES THE PREPARATORY STAGE AND THE DRAFTING STAGE.

"THE FIRST STAGE WAS LAUNCHED IN EARLY DECEMBER 1989, PRIOR TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE WORKING PARTY. PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS, PRESS RELEASES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGH MASS MEDIA WERE USED TO INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO GIVE VIEWS ON THE ADEQUACIES OR OTHERWISE OF CURRENT WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES," MR WHITE SAID.

COPIES OF A BACKGROUND INFORMATION PAPER ON EXISTING SERVICES HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE AT CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OFFICES, AS REFERENCE MATERIAL TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO FACILITATE THEIR GIVING OF VIEWS.

GENERAL POST OFFICE BOX NO. 7333 HAD BEEN RENTED UNTIL THE END OF FEBRUARY FOR RECEIPT OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS, HE SAID.

MR WHITE STRESSED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AFTER THAT DATE COULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE OR TO SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE FIRST STAGE AIMED AT INVOLVING THE PUBLIC IN THE PROCESS OF THE FORMULATION OF THE WHITE PAPER AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE STAGE.

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THE VIEWS COLLECTED WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEMBERS FROM THE OUTSET OF THEIR WORK FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND REFERENCE.

MR WHITE ALSO TOLD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THAT DURING THE DRAFTING STAGE OF THE WHITE PAPER, THE WORKING PARTY WOULD SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE COMPLETION OF ITS DELIBERATIONS ON EACH OF THE PROGRAMME AREAS.

"THE WORKING PARTY'S CONCLUSIONS ON EACH SPECIFIC PROGRAMME AREA WILL BE MADE KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA, SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN RESPOND AND THE WORKING PARTY CAN THEREAFTER TAKE THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC INTO ACCOUNT IN FINALISING ITS PROPOSALS.

"RADIO PHONE-IN PROGRAMME AND PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE ARRANGED, TO ENCOURAGE THE EXPRESSION OF VIEWS BY THE PUBLIC ON THE WORKING PARTY'S PROPOSALS.

"THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE WILL BE A CONTINUOUS PROCESS, TO CONTINUE WELL INTO THE DRAFTING STAGE IN ABOUT MID-1990.

"NEVERTHELESS, THE EXERCISE WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL MODES OF CONSULTATION WILL BE KEPT IN VIEW," HE SAID.

MR WHITE EMPHASISED THAT IT WAS ALSO RELEVANT THAT WELFARE POLICY AS CURRENTLY ADOPTED HAD ITS GENESIS IN THREE PREVIOUS WHITE PAPERS, WHICH PROVIDED A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

IN ANSWERING QUESTION RAISED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR WHITE SAID: "THERE MAY PERHAPS HAVE BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE PURPOSE OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT WHICH WAS PUBLISHED.

"THIS WAS DESIGNED TO ALERT THE PUBLIC TO THE REVIEW AND THE PROPOSED WHITE PAPER, TO GIVE THE PUBLIC A SYNOPSIS OF THE SERVICES CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED, AND TO SEEK VIEWS ON THE ADEQUACY OR OTHERWISE OF THESE.

"THE DOCUMENT DID NOT INDICATE POSSIBLE CHANGES OR NEW IDEAS BECAUSE GOVERNMENT HAS NO PRECONCEIVED VIEWS ON THIS MATTER AND IT IS FOR THE WORKING PARTY TO PROPOSE ANY SUCH IMPROVMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, ETC, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, OF COURSE, THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC."

THE WORKING PARTY, WHICH HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE DRAFTING OF THE WHITE PAPER, AIMS TO COMPLETE ITS TASK BY AUGUST/SEPTEMBER.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE HIGH COURT

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THE JUDICIARY TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENTS OF TWO HIGH COURT JUDGES - JUDGE MOHAMMED SAIED AND MR NEIL KAPLAN, QC - WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 25, 1989 AND MARCH 26, 1990 RESPECTIVELY.

MR SAIED WAS BORN IN NAIROBI, KENYA, IN 1930. HE RECEIVED PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION AT GOVERNMENT INDIAN SCHOOL FROM 1936 TO 1948. HE RECEIVED HIS LEGAL EDUCATION IN LONDON AND WAS CALLED TO THE BAR OF THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN'S INN IN NOVEMBER 1954.

IN 1955, MR SAIED BECAME A MEMBER OF THE KENYA LAW SOCIETY. HE PRACTISED LAW IN KENYA FROM 1955 TO 1961 WHEN HE JOINED THE UGANDA JUDICIARY AS A RESIDENT MAGISTRATE. HE IN TURN BECAME CHIEF MAGISTRATE, PUISNE JUDGE, CHIEF JUSTICE, HIGH COURT, AND CHIEF JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL BETWEEN 1965 AND 1979.

MR SAIED JOINED THE HONG KONG JUDICIARY AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1980 AND WAS PROMOTED TO DISTRICT JUDGE IN 1983. HE ACTED AS A DEPUTY JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT AT VARIOUS TIMES BETWEEN 1985 AND 1989. MR SAIED IS MARRIED.

MR KAPLAN WAS BORN IN LONDON IN 1942. HE RECEIVED HIS LEGAL EDUCATION AT KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON, WHERE HE RECEIVED A LL.B IN 1964. HE WAS CALLED TO THE ENGLISH BAR IN 1965 AND TO THE HONG KONG BAR IN 1981. HE RECEIVED HIS PUPILLAGE IN THE CHAMBERS OF MR LEWIS HAWSER, QC, NOW JUDGE HAWSER, AS THE PUPIL OF MR GREVILLE JANNER, QC, MP.

HE PRACTISED IN LONDON FOR 16 YEARS, WHERE HE BUILT UP A SUBSTANTIAL PRACTICE AND A FINE REPUTATION. HIS PRACTICE CONTAINED BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL MATTERS, WITH SOME SPECIALISATION IN BUILDING AND COMMERCIAL CASES.

HE WAS APPOINTED A DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1980. IN 1982, HE BECAME DEPUTY CROWN SOLICITOR AND WENT INTO PRIVATE PRACTICE IN HONG KONG IN JANUARY 1984.

MR KAPLAN IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS AND A MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE. HE IS ALSO A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF JUSTICE.

MR KAPLAN IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN.

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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN NOVEMBER RELEASED  
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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 1 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1989 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 12 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS ALSO INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES, HAVING DISCOUNTED THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY 1 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE AVAILABLE.

COMPARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1989 WITH NOVEMBER 1988, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT. TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, TOTAL EXPORTS DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME DECREASED BY 7 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR NOVEMBER 1989 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED IN NOVEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988, INCLUDING RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-35 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-33 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-31 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-29 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (-21 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (-16 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-14 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-12 PER CENT).

NEVERTHELESS, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+26 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (+3 PER CENT).

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PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN NOVEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988. THESE INCLUDED METAL MANUFACTURES (+7 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+6 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+6 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+5 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+4 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+4 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+1 PER CENT); AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED IN RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-3 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-3 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (-2 PER CENT) AND METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-1 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR NOVEMBER 1989 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN NOVEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988.

DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE; FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS AND SWINE. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SUGAR; SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; AND WHEAT AND FLOUR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. THE COMMODITY ITEMS WITH INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME INCLUDED FOOTWEAR; CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY; AND CLOTHING.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; IRON AND STEEL; AND YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES. SOME OTHER COMMODITY ITEMS RECORDED INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME, NOTABLY RAW COTTON; WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; AND FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN NOVEMBER 1989 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, IMPORT VOLUME DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER 1989 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988. THERE WERE DECREASES IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; AND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY, OTHER THAN TEXTILE MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF OFFICE MACHINES AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

COMPARING THE IMPORT PRICES IN NOVEMBER 1989 WITH THOSE IN NOVEMBER 1988, ALL END-USE CATEGORIES SHOWED SOME INCREASES: FUELS (+29 PER CENT); CONSUMER GOODS (+5 PER CENT); FOODSTUFFS (+3 PER CENT); CAPITAL GOODS (+2 PER CENT) AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+1 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR NOVEMBER 1989 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF FUELS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 194 PER CENT, AND THAT OF CONSUMER GOODS BY 21 PER CENT. HOWEVER, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUMES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES, CAPITAL GOODS AND FOODSTUFFS DECREASED, BY 15 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN NOVEMBER 1989 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988: FUELS (+25 PER CENT); CONSUMER GOODS (+7 PER CENT); CAPITAL GOODS (+5 PER CENT); RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+5 PER CENT) AND FOODSTUFFS (+4 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE NOVEMBER 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND FEBRUARY 12 AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 8234918).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING NOV 1989 WITH NOV 1988			COMPARING JAN-NOV 1989 WITH JAN-NOV 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	7	4	3	8	3	5
TEXTILE FABRICS	3	4	-1	10	1	9
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-7	6	-12	11	3	8

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TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-29	6	-33	-11	7	-16
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-37	-3	-35	-41	*	-41
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	27	1	26	19	-3	24
FOOTWEAR	-22	-2	-21	-20	*	-19
METAL MANUFACTURES	-10	7	-16	-2	11	-11
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-2	-1	-1	16	1	15
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	-16	-3	-14	*	-1	*
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-28	5	-31	-14	5	-18
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-28	1	-29	-22	5	-25
ALL COMMODITIES	-3	2	-5	4	3	1

\* LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 2: CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING NOV 1989 WITH NOV 1988			COMPARING JAN-NOV 1989 WITH JAN-NOV 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	2	3	-1	7	3	4
CONSUMER GOODS	4	5	-1	24	5	18
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	-10	1	-11	8	2	6
FUELS	13	29	-12	41	11	27

/CAPITAL GOODS .....

CAPITAL GOODS	-10	2	-12	13	3	9
ALL COMMODITIES	-4	3	-7	15	4	11

TABLE 3: CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING NOV 1989 WITH NOV 1988			COMPARING JAN-NOV 1989 WITH JAN-NOV 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	3	4	-1	3	6	-2
CONSUMER GOODS	29	7	21	44	6	37
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	-11	5	-15	12	7	5
FUELS	268	25	194	158	8	138
CAPITAL GOODS	-3	5	-8	27	6	20
ALL COMMODITIES	8	6	2	28	6	21

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NOV RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY RELEASED  
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES SHOWED PRACTICALLY NO CHANGE IN NOVEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988, WHILE THEIR VOLUME DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT.

THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SUGGEST THAT BOTH LOCAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE AND TOURIST SPENDING REMAINED WEAK IN NOVEMBER 1989.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS ROSE BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

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ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES DROPPED BY 10 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 8 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN SALES VOLUME. MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED DECREASES OF 7 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DROPPED BY 12 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 9 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 7 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES FELL BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF 5 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND A NEGLIGIBLE CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 10 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

HOWEVER, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 15 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1989, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR NOVEMBER 1989 DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS DECLINED BY 7 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DECLINED BY 4 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. SALES OF SUPERMARKETS DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 11 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR OCTOBER 1989 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR NOVEMBER 1989.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1989 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF NOVEMBER 1989 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR OCTOBER 1989 AND WITH THOSE FOR NOVEMBER 1988, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE NOVEMBER 1989 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. :5565240).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for November 1989 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$ 8,841million  
for October 1989 (Revised Figure) = HK\$ 8,971million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES  
FOR OCTOBER 1989 AND NOVEMBER 1989

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	October	November	November 1989 compared with October 1989		November 1989 compared with November 1988		Jan.-Nov. 1989 compared with Jan.-Nov. 1988	
		1989	1989	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
<b>(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</b>									
	Value	160	158	-2	-1	#	#	9	6
	Volume	123	120	-3	-3	-7	-6	-1	-1
<b>(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</b>									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	159	154	-5	-3	13	9	18	14
	Volume	123	121	-2	-2	2	2	4	4
Fuels	Value	126	117	-9	-7	16	16	9	9
	Volume	125	114	-11	-8	4	3	3	2
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	171	182	11	6	-2	-1	12	7
	Volume	123	125	2	2	-13	-9	-3	-3
Consumer durables	Value	145	147	2	2	-16	-10	-4	-2
	Volume	108	110	2	1	-17	-13	-10	-8
Other consumer goods	Value	170	165	-5	-3	-3	-2	8	5
	Volume	130	124	-6	-5	-9	-7	-1	#
<b>(C) BY SELECTED TRADES</b>									
(see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	191	171	-20	-10	24	17	22	14
	Volume	145	129	-16	-11	7	6	4	3
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	275	263	-12	-4	-20	-7	36	15
	Volume	181	171	-10	-5	-26	-13	13	8
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	105	112	7	6	-15	-12	-16	-12
	Volume	86	91	5	6	-14	-13	-17	-15
Department stores	Value	208	220	12	6	17	8	19	10
	Volume	150	154	3	2	1	#	2	1

NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :

(a) "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.

(b) "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.

(c) "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.

(d) "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

3. "#" denotes a figure within  $\pm 0.5$ .

RECLAMATION FOR REPLACEMENT AIRPORT PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO FORM A RECLAMATION WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,452.92 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AROUND CHEK LAP KOK, LANTAU ISLAND.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS.

IN TSEUNG KWAN O, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DESIGNATE AN AREA OF ABOUT 97.4 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED FOR RECLAMATION.

THIS WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL USES, ROADS, OPEN SPACE AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

IN ORDER TO MAXIMISE UTILISATION OF BERTHING FACILITIES AT CHINA FERRY TERMINAL, TSIM SHA TSUI, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO MODIFY THE SOUTH CAMBER BREAKWATER.

ABOUT 70 METRES OF A NEW BREAKWATER AND 95 METRES OF EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING ONE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED, WHILE ABOUT 107 METRES OF AN EXISTING BREAKWATER WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 2.2 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE DEMOLISHED.

THE EXTENTS 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 FORESHORES AND SEABEDS INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE APRIL 8 THIS YEAR.

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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RESULTS OF SURVEY OF TUNNEL AIR QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED RESULTS OF AN AIR QUALITY SURVEY ON THE LION ROCK, CROSS HARBOUR, AIRPORT AND ABERDEEN TUNNELS.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED BY EPD LAST YEAR, WAS CARRIED OUT IN VIEW OF PUBLIC CONCERN ON AIR QUALITY INSIDE THESE TUNNELS.

CONGESTION IS COMMON IN THE TUNNELS, ESPECIALLY THE LION ROCK AND CROSS HARBOUR TUNNELS, WHERE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES EXCEED THE DESIGN CAPACITY.

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APART FROM CARBON MONOXIDE, AIR CONTAMINANTS SUCH AS OXIDES OF NITROGEN AND SMOKE CAN BE FOUND IN THE TUNNELS. MOST OF THESE EMISSIONS ARE FROM DIESEL VEHICLES.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCOPE OF THE SURVEY INCLUDED REVIEWING TUNNEL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS AND CURRENT AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PRACTICES, MONITORING OF THE AIR POLLUTION INSIDE TUNNELS, AUDITING OF THE TUNNEL ANALYSERS, AND REPORTING DEFICIENCIES OF THE VENTILATION SYSTEMS.

CARBON MONOXIDE AND OXIDES OF NITROGEN WERE MEASURED BY THE EPD'S CONTINUOUS ANALYSERS FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN EACH TUNNEL. AIRBORNE PARTICULATE (DUST) SAMPLES WERE ALSO COLLECTED AND THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ANALYSED IN THE LABORATORY FOR AUTOMOBILE RELATED EMISSIONS.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT CARBON MONOXIDE LEVELS WERE WITHIN THE CURRENT TUNNEL OPERATION LIMITS. FOR OXIDES OF NITROGEN, NO RECOGNISED WORLD-WIDE STANDARDS EXIST; BUT THE MEASURED LEVELS WERE BETTER THAN THE JAPANESE STANDARD. THIS INDICATED THAT THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

VENTILATION FANS WERE GENERALLY OPERATED ON AN "AS NEEDED" BASIS, ALTHOUGH THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL EMPLOYED A CONTINUOUS BASE LOAD OPERATION.

AUDITING SHOWED THAT THE TUNNEL ANALYSERS WERE GENERALLY OVER CALIBRATED (READING HIGH) AND THUS ERRING ON THE SAFE SIDE.

AS THE TUNNELS WERE BUILT AT DIFFERENT TIMES, SOME OF THE MONITORING EQUIPMENT WAS OBSOLETE AND THERE WAS A LACK OF STANDBY UNITS. ALSO, THERE WERE DIFFERENT PRESET ALARM SETTINGS FOR FAN OPERATION.

ON THE BASIS OF HIGH TUNNEL TEMPERATURE, ODOUR NUISANCE AND THE COMPARATIVELY HIGH PARTICULATE CONCENTRATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVED THAT THIS JUSTIFIED COMPLAINTS BY TUNNELS USERS, ESPECIALLY IN SUMMER.

THE EPD HAD ALREADY MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON IMPROVING TUNNEL AIR QUALITY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED STRENGTHENING OF POLLUTION CRITERIA AS WELL AS ENHANCEMENT OF THE AIR POLLUTION MONITORING AND CONTROL SYSTEMS.

MORE FREQUENT OPERATION OF FANS BASED ON TRAFFIC CONDITION, POLLUTION CONCENTRATION AND OTHER FACTORS HAD ALSO BEEN PROPOSED.

DISCUSSION ON THE CONCRETE MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE AIR QUALITY WAS IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE EPD, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE TUNNEL OPERATORS.

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NEW SCHEDULE OF TRADE STRATEGIC COMMODITIES

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW SCHEDULE OF STRATEGIC COMMODITIES UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (STRATEGIC COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING SCHEDULE WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 12).

THE NEW SCHEDULE, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, IS PART OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (STRATEGIC COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS. UNDER THESE REGULATIONS, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF ARTICLES SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE REQUIRE LICENCES FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE.

A PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, MR ALAN CHU, SAID THE NEW SCHEDULE UPDATED THE EXISTING SCHEDULE TO REFLECT ADVANCE IN TECHNOLOGY SINCE JULY 1988 WHEN THE SCHEDULE WAS LAST REVISED.

THE DEPARTMENT IS INFORMING THE TRADE, BY A CIRCULAR LETTER, OF DETAILS OF THE NEW SCHEDULE.

COPIES OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (STRATEGIC COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER 1990, WHICH CONTAINS THE NEW SCHEDULE, ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH THE TRADE LICENSING (NON-TEXTILES) SECTION, TRADE DEPARTMENT, OCEAN CENTRE, 13TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON (TEL. 7372437, 7351151 OR 7372521).

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FOUR CANDIDATES FOR RC BY-ELECTION

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FOUR CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE COMING REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION FOR THE ISLANDS CONSTITUENCY.

THEY ARE MR FUNG CHI-KANG, A BANK MANAGER; MR FUNG PAK-TAI AND MR DAVID KAM SHUI-YUNG, BOTH MERCHANTS; AND MR LIU KWONG-SANG, A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.

THESE CANDIDATES WILL CONTEST A SINGLE SEAT COVERING THE ENTIRE ISLANDS DISTRICT, WITH A TOTAL OF 21,764 ELECTORS.

THE ELECTORS WILL BE ISSUED POLL CARDS BY NEXT MONDAY. THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING ALONG THEIR POLL CARD TO THE DESIGNATED POLLING STATION ON POLLING DAY (FEBRUARY 22) TO FACILITATE VERIFICATION.

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FOR THOSE ELECTORS WHO HAVE RECENTLY CHANGED THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OR WHO FAIL TO RECEIVE THEIR POLL CARD BY FEBRUARY 15, THEY ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE BY TELEPHONE (5270369 OR 5270380) OR IN WRITING, QUOTING THEIR NAME, IDENTITY CARD NUMBER AND THEIR NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

SUCH ELECTORS ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE BY-ELECTION.

ELECTORS WILL ALSO BE SENT AN INTRODUCTORY LEAFLET ON THE FOUR CANDIDATES NEXT WEEK.

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#### APPRENTICE TRAINING ESSENTIAL FOR LOCAL INDUSTRIES

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A CONTINUATION IN THE GROWTH OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IS ESSENTIAL FOR A SUCCESSFUL ECONOMY IN HONG KONG WHICH HAS NOW DEVELOPED INTO A HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIAL CITY OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR CHAN YAN-KEE, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE GOVERNMENT APPRENTICES GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MR CHAN SAID THAT SINCE 1969 THE APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME HAD PRODUCED MORE THAN 1,800 CRAFTSMEN WHO, BY VIRTUE OF THEIR TRAINING AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, WERE ALL MAKING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE DIVERSIFIED ENGINEERING INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

UNDER THE SCHEME, TRAINED CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS WERE PRODUCED FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE AS WELL AS TO ENSURE THAT THE LOCAL INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF TRAINED MANPOWER TO SUSTAIN ITS DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID.

THE SELECTED CANDIDATES WERE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO A FOUR-YEAR COURSE OF TRAINING WHICH BLENDED AN APPROPRIATE MEASURE OF ACADEMIC LEARNING WITH PRACTICAL TRAINING.

GRADUATING TODAY WERE 57 CRAFT APPRENTICES, OF WHOM 50 WERE FROM THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FIVE FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND TWO FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE PRESENT ANNUAL RECRUITMENT FIGURE FOR CRAFT APPRENTICES IS 70, BY TWO INTAKES AT A SIX-MONTHLY INTERVAL, AND 285 CRAFT APPRENTICES ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING TRAINING UNDER THE SCHEME.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR MIAO CHI, STAFF INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING SCHEME, AND PARENTS OF THE GRADUATES.

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OVERSEAS STUDY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

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SEVERAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING OFFERED TO LOCAL STUDENTS FOR A TWO-YEAR MATRICULATION COURSE AT FOUR CO-EDUCATIONAL RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES IN BRITAIN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY THIS SEPTEMBER.

THE INSTITUTES ARE THE ATLANTIC COLLEGE IN THE UK, PEARSON COLLEGE IN CANADA, AMERICAN WEST COLLEGE IN THE USA AND ADRIATIC COLLEGE IN ITALY.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE COURSE IS RECOGNISED FOR UNIVERSITY ENTRY PURPOSES IN HONG KONG AND IN MOST OTHER COUNTRIES.

APPLICANTS MUST BE HONG KONG CITIZENS WITH AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS' RESIDENCE IN THE TERRITORY; AGED OVER 16 AND UNDER 18; AND POSSESS A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION WITH AT LEAST FIVE SUBJECTS AT GRADE C OR ABOVE, INCLUDING ENGLISH (OR GCE EQUIVALENT).

APPLICATIONS HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH SCHOOL HEADS. SHORT-LISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW BY A SELECTION COMMITTEE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE SCHOLARSHIPS, DONATED BY SOME LOCAL LEADING ORGANISATIONS, WOULD NORMALLY COVER PART OF THE TUITION AND BOARDING FEES FOR THE TWO YEARS.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION ON THE FIFTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY. COMPLETED FORMS AND RELEVANT TESTIMONIALS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SECTION THROUGH THE SCHOOL HEADS BEFORE FEBRUARY 16.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 8392571.

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MAJOR DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG FUNCTIONS ON SUNDAY

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TWO MAJOR PUBLICITY FUNCTIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 11) AFTERNOON IN SUPPORT OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN.

AT 1.15 PM, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), DR GERALD CHOA, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN ANTI-NARCOTICS CONCERT AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), MR WU CHOR-NAM; HEAD OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG RADIO 2, MR CHEUNG MAN-SUN; THE CENTRAL DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR CHRIS GLOVER; AND THE CONCERT'S WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN, MR NGAI WAI-MING.

TO BE HOSTED BY DISC JOCKEYS CHRIS WONG AND VIVIAN CHOW, THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS ROMAN TAM, MARIA CORDERO, YOLINDA YAN, SHIRLEY KWAN, WONG PO-YAN AND THE GROUP, GRASSHOPPERS. IT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK RADIO 2 BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4 PM.

ANOTHER ANTI-DRUG EVENT, THE "WESTERN VITALITY SHOW", WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN.

DR CHOA, MR FISHER, MR WU AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR ROBERT TOAL, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY LEADERS MR CHAN TAK-CHOR, MISS YIP SAU-WAH AND MR CHOW YIN-SUM WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY AT 3.30 PM.

THE SHOW WILL INCLUDE TELEMATCHES, STALL GAMES, AN INFLATED ELEPHANT FOR CHILDREN, ANTI-DRUG DISPLAYS AND A VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL GROUPS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PRIZE PRESENTATION FOR THE DISTRICT'S ANTI-DRUG BOOKMARK COMPETITION HELD LATE LAST YEAR.

THE TWO ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACAN, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DFCC AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

OTHER CO-ORGANISERS INCLUDE RTHK, THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG YWCA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TWO CENTRAL AND WESTERN ANTI-NARCOTICS FUNCTIONS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 11) AFTERNOON AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT AND THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN RESPECTIVELY.

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KOWLOON CITY TO HOLD FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 11) TO SPREAD FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES.

THE EVENT IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, KOWLOON CITY JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE. IT IS SPONSORED BY LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS MIRIAM LAU, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; CHAIRMAN OF LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, MR YU KAM-KEE; AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR DAVID DEPTFORD.

THE CARNIVAL, TO BE HELD AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND, WILL TREAT MORE THAN 3,000 LOCAL RESIDENTS TO A FULL PROGRAMME THAT WILL INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE "ROBOT COP" AND POLICE DOGS, GAMES STALLS, AND PERFORMANCES BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT JUNIOR POLICE CALL BAND.

POPULAR SINGERS TAKING PART WILL INCLUDE WONG HOI-KAN, SO WING-HONG AND WONG YIK.

DURING THE EVENT, SEVEN BUILDING WATCHMEN WILL BE PRESENTED THE "WATCHMEN OF THE YEAR AWARD" FOR HELPING THE POLICE TO FIGHT CRIME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 11), BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT'S INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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ANTI-TRIAD EXHIBITION ON SUNDAY

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AN EXHIBITION ON THE EVILS OF TRIADS WILL BE HELD IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE IN WONG TAI SIN FROM 1.30 PM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 11).

THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) WITH SPONSORSHIPS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE. ADMISSION IS FREE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DFCC SAID THE EXHIBITION AIMED AT REMINDING YOUNGSTERS TO RESIST THE EVILS OF TRIADS AND TO LEAD A MEANINGFUL LIFE.

THE DISPLAY BOARDS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY STUDENTS FROM SIX OF THE DISTRICT'S SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND THE CONTENTS ALSO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON TRIAD SOCIETIES, THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME, AND ON THE REASONS FOR YOUNGSTERS BEING TEMPTED TO JOIN TRIAD SOCIETIES.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM. OFFICIATING WILL BE A FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR WONG CHUN; WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE; DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN CHUN-FAT; AND CONVENER OF THE DFCC'S ACTIVITY WORKING GROUP, MADAM LEE TSUAN-E.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN ANTI-TRIAD EXHIBITION TO BE HELD FROM 1.30 PM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 11) AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM.

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CARNIVAL TO CONCLUDE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 11) TO CONCLUDE THE DISTRICT'S 1989-90 FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL AND ITS ADJACENT OPEN SPACE IN AP LEI CHAU ESTATE, BEGINNING AT 2 PM. THERE WILL BE MORE THAN A DOZEN GAMES STALLS ON THE TOPICS OF ANTI-TRIAD, ANTI-CORRUPTION, ANTI-NARCOTICS AND HOME SAFETY.

/THE THREE-HOUR .....

THE THREE-HOUR FUNCTION WILL ALSO INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR, WESTERN JUNIOR POLICE CALL, THE MAGIC CLUB OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND WINNERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY A POPULAR SINGER AND A GAME WITH HANDSOME PRIZES, TO BE HOSTED BY A WELL-KNOWN RADIO DISC JOCKEY.

THE CARNIVAL WILL START WITH A BRIEF CEREMONY TO MARK THE CONCLUSION OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN. DURING THE CEREMONY, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF AN INTER-SCHOOL ANTI-CRIME QUIZ HELD LAST WEEK.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; POLICE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR R.C. TOAL; POLICE ABERDEEN DIVISION COMMANDER, MR TSE CHAN-FAI; THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR KAN MAN-LEE; AND THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN YAU-YUE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AND CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE 1989-90 SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, BEGINNING AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 11) AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A VAN WILL LEAVE THE ENTRANCE TO THE SOUTHORN CENTRE AT HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 1.15 PM. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR ALEX LI, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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VOLUNTEER WORK - A REWARDING EXPERIENCE  
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TO VOLUNTEERS AH KIM AND KWOK TSAI, THE YEAR OF THE HORSE BRINGS ENCOURAGEMENT AND JOY -- THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEERS.

THE OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARD WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES.

/MISS LEUNG .....

MISS LEUNG KIM, A FORM 7 STUDENT, IS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER IN SWD'S NORTH DISTRICT YOUTH OFFICE. IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, SHE HAS BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ORGANISING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY AND YOUTH.

MISS LEUNG RECALLED THAT SHE WAS VERY DEPRESSED WHEN SHE WAS IN FORM 4 BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY SCHOOL WORK. INTRODUCED BY HER FRIENDS, AH KIM, AS HER FELLOW VOLUNTEERS CALLED HER, BECAME A MEMBER OF THE SWD'S GROUP WORK UNIT IN NORTH DISTRICT.

SHE ADMITTED THAT IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS RESISTANCE FROM HER PARENTS. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE CHANGED THEIR ATTITUDE AND NOW GIVE HER FULL SUPPORT.

"I FOUND VOLUNTEER WORK VERY REWARDING," MISS LEUNG SAID.

"IT NOT ONLY BROADENS MY KNOWLEDGE BUT ALSO ENABLES ME TO IMPROVE ON MY STUDIES.

"MORE IMPORTANT, I CAN DEVOTE MY SPARE TIME IN CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND HELPING OTHERS," SHE SAID CHEERFULLY.

IN FACT, MISS LEUNG IS ALSO THE BENEFICIARY. AFTER BECOMING A VOLUNTEER, SHE HAS BECOME MORE MATURE AND TO THE SURPRISE OF HER PARENTS, SHE HAS MADE MARKED IMPROVEMENTS IN HER SCHOOL WORK.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE BESPECTACLED, SMALL-BUILD MR LAI KIN-KWOK, OR KWOK TSAI, HAS A DIFFERENT STORY TO TELL.

MR LAI BECAME A VOLUNTEER RIGHT AFTER HE FINISHED SECONDARY SCHOOL. HE FIRST STARTED BY HELPING HIS FRIEND ON A COMMUNITY PROJECT IN 1988. SINCE THEN HE SPENT HIS MAJOR EFFORT IN SERVING MENTALLY-RETARDED CHILDREN AND EX-MENTAL PATIENTS.

WORKING AS A JUNIOR DESIGNER IN A PRIVATE FIRM, MR LAI MADE USE OF MOST OF HIS SPARE TIME, AND IN SOME CASES, DUG OUT OF HIS OWN POCKET, TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DESIGN ARTWORKS TO PROMOTE THE PROJECTS.

HE ALSO ORGANISED TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE FROM SWD STAFF IN THE WAN CHAI YOUTH OFFICE.

MR LAI HAS RETURNED TO SCHOOL TO FURTHER HIS STUDIES.

COMMENTING ON THE AWARD, BOTH MISS LEUNG AND MR LAI SAID THE HONOUR SHOULD GO TO MEMBERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUP.

"WITHOUT THEIR PARTICIPATION, TEAM SPIRIT AND THE GUIDANCE FROM SWD'S PROFESSIONAL STAFF, OUR PROJECTS COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY," THEY SAID.

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THE TWO APPEALED TO YOUNGSTERS TO JOIN THE LINE OF VOLUNTEERS.

"WE NEED NEW BLOOD AS EXISTING VOLUNTEERS WILL GROW UP AND CARRY ON VOLUNTEER WORK AT ANOTHER LEVEL. IN ADDITION TO CARING FOR OURSELVES, IT IS ALSO OUR DUTY TO CARE FOR OTHER PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THE NEEDY," MR LAI SAID.

HE CITED HIS EXPERIENCE IN HELPING THE EX-MENTALLY ILL THROUGH WHICH HE REALISED THAT SUPPORT AND ACCEPTANCE WERE ESSENTIAL IN THEIR REHABILITATION PROCESS.

MISS LEUNG ADDED THAT HER EXPERIENCE PROVED THAT VOLUNTEER WORK WOULD NOT AFFECT STUDY OR FAMILY LIFE.

"WHILE AS YOUTHS, WE MAY HAVE DIFFERENT IDEALS, WE ALL HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH VOLUNTEER SERVICES," SHE REMARKED.

THE REWARDING EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM VOLUNTEER WORK HAS PROMPTED AH KIM AND KWOK TSAI TO TAKE UP SOCIAL WORK AS THEIR CAREER. THEY WILL PURSUE SOCIAL WORK IN UNIVERSITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO EXTEND ITS APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS MADE BY 26 OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEERS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

MISS LEUNG KIM AND MR LAI KIN-KWOK ARE AMONG THE GROUP AND WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM IN GLOUCESTER ROOM, EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR OPEN SPACE PROJECT

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RESIDENTS IN KWUN TONG WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPEN SPACE FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN ABOUT 10 MONTHS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES INCLUDING A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND A LANDSCAPED REST GARDEN.

/THE SITE .....

THE SITE FOR THE 2,069-SQUARE-METRE OPEN SPACE IS AT KWUN TONG ROAD, NEXT TO PING SHEK ESTATE.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN MAY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON MARCH 2.

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NEW ID CARDS FOR MEN BORN IN 1928-31  
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT MEN BORN IN 1928, 1929, 1930, OR 1931 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM FEBRUARY 26 TO APRIL 7.

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

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP FOR A LONG TIME AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS OR THE AFTERNOONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.  
TEL. NO. 5747070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.  
TEL. NO. 7553679

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.  
TEL. NO. 7232424

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.  
TEL. NO. 4981259

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- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, 11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET.  
TEL. NO. 6059108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.  
TEL. NO. 4771543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.  
TEL. NO. 4580862
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.  
TEL. NO. 6727191

INFORMATION ABOUT DOCUMENTS REQUIRED CAN BE OBTAINED BY DIALLING THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE, ON 8240303.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1932, 1933, 1934 OR 1935 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE ARE ONLY TWO MORE WEEKS LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON FEBRUARY 24.

HE POINTED OUT THAT 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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#### KADOORIE AVENUE RESUMES TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

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KADOORIE AVENUE IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 11), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN CONNECTION WITH THE RE-ROUTEING, LEFT TURN MOVEMENTS FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST INTO KADOORIE AVENUE AND FROM KADOORIE AVENUE INTO ARGYLE STREET WILL BE INTRODUCED.

ALL EXISTING TURNING MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TURN FROM ARGYLE STREET INTO KADOORIE AVENUE, WILL BE MAINTAINED.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS HAD BEEN PUT UP NEAR THE JUNCTIONS OF KADOORIE AVENUE WITH PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AND ARGYLE STREET TO ADVISE MOTORISTS OF THE RE-ROUTEING.

/A SPOKESMAN .....

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID KADOORIE AVENUE WAS RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO OPERATE TWO-LANE ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND IN JUNE 1986 UNDER A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER.

AS THE FLYOVER HAD TO BE CLOSED TO ALL NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION, TRAFFIC HEADING FOR PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST FROM SOUTH KOWLOON HAD TO BE DIVERTED VIA PUI CHING ROAD, SOARES AVENUE, ARGYLE STREET AND KADOORIE AVENUE.

AS WORK ON THE FLYOVER AND ALL THE ASSOCIATED WORKS AT THE GROUND LEVEL HAD RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED, KADOORIE AVENUE COULD BE RE-OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO SERVE AS AN ACCESS TO KADOORIE HILL, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR HAPPY VALLEY RACE MEETINGS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR RACE MEETINGS IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ONE AND A HALF HOURS, INSTEAD OF TWO HOURS, PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FIRST RACE.

APART FROM THE ABOVE CHANGE, THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH RACE MEETINGS IN HAPPY VALLEY AS PREVIOUSLY PUBLICISED WILL REMAIN IN FORCE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 4 AM INSTEAD OF FROM 7 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 11) TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF AN ANTI-NARCOTICS CONCERT.

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