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GOOD THING TO COME AND STUDY HONG KONG -- SIR EDWARD

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING THAT BOTH HE AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAO AFFAIRS OFFICE OF CHINA'S STATE COUNCIL, MR LU PING, AGREED THAT IT WAS A VERY GOOD THING TO COME AND STUDY THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG AS IT IS TODAY.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE UNION FLOOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG STUDENTS' UNION.

SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD KNOWN MR LU PING FOR QUITE A LONG TIME.

+WE HAD MANY TALKS WHEN WE WERE IN PEKING FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. AND SO THIS AFTERNOON HE CAME UP FOR AN INFORMAL CALL WITH SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES,+ HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THEY WERE NOT DISCUSSING MATTERS OF GREAT SUBSTANCE, SIR EDWARD SAID HE WAS EXPLAINING TO HIM THE PRESENT SITUATION IN HONG KONG AND HOW HONG KONG HAD DEVELOPED TO BECOME THE PLACE IT WAS.

+HE OF COURSE IS QUITE FAMILIAR WITH MUCH THAT GOES ON IN HONG KONG, AND HE WAS TELLING ME SOMETHING OF THE PROGRESS OF THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH HE HAS BEEN HAVING.+

ASKED IF MR LU PING HAD REQUESTED FOR HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT STOOD READY TO HELP ANY VISITOR TO HONG KONG.

+IF ANY HELP IS NEEDED, WE'LL BE VERY HAPPY TO PROVIDE IT,+ HE SAID, +BUT HIS MAIN PURPOSE OF COURSE IS TO TALK TO A WIDE VARIETY OF PEOPLE HERE.+

ASKED IF HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE CONSULTATION MENTIONED BY MR LU PING, SIR EDWARD SAID: +I THINK MR LU PING IS MEETING A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, AND I THINK THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS IS GOING VERY WELL.+

+CERTAINLY THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF IDEAS BEING PUT TO HIM,+ HE ADDED.

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CS VISITS MARINE POLICE
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VIGILANCE AGAINST THE EVER-PRESENT THREAT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION INTO THE TERRITORY WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE TOP PRIORITIES OF THE MARINE POLICE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WAS TOLD TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE TOPIC WAS RAISED DURING A DEMONSTRATION OF THE CAPABILITIES OF THE SMALL BOAT UNIT WHICH SPEARHEADS POLICE ACTIVITIES IN COUNTERING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN DEEP BAY.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT 12,616 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA WERE APPREHENDED IN 1985, COMPARED WITH 9,653 IN THE YEAR BEFORE. HE WAS TOLD THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LET-UP IN POLICE EFFORTS IN THIS RESPECT DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE MARINE POLICE REGION BEGAN WHEN HE BOARDED A NEW MARK III DAMEN POLICE LAUNCH AT QUEEN'S PIER, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR JAMES MORRIN- THE MARINE REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR JOHN MACDONALD, AND THE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER/OPERATIONS, MR VINCE WALSH.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON HARBOUR POLICING BY THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, HARBOUR, MR KENNETH MACKENZIE. AMONG THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF THE HARBOUR VESSELS WITH SEVEN NEW PATROL CRAFT, INCREASED TRAFFIC THROUGH THE HARBOUR, PARTICULARLY THE WESTERN SIDE, AND POLICING IN TYPHOON SHELTERS.

SIR DAVID AND HIS PARTY LATER BOARDED ANOTHER DAMEN LAUNCH FOR TAI LAM CHUNG WHERE HE WAS GIVEN A DETAILED BRIEFING BY THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, WEST, MR RICHARD BELL ON THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL MARINE BASE AND WAS INTRODUCED TO THE SMALL BOAT UNIT BY THE OFFICER IN CHARGE, MR WALLACE MURISON. SBU EQUIPMENT AND BASE FACILITIES AS WELL AS THE NEED TO EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE UNIT TO INCLUDE ANTI-CRIME AND CROWD CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

OTHER POLICING PROBLEMS IN WEST DIVISION, PARTICULARLY THE SMUGGLING OF GOODS TO AND FROM CHINA AND THE ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING OF MINOR IIS, WERE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONVERSATION.

SIR DAVID ENDED HIS TOUR WITH A CALL AT DEEP BAY TO VIEW THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AT THE BORDER. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH OFFICERS IN CHARGE ON THE POLICING PROBLEMS CONCERNING ILLEGAL ARRIVALS POSED TO POLICE AND THE ARMY BY THE BUILDING OF ASH LAGOONS AT TAP SHEK KOK POWER STATION.

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PROPERTY MARKET CONSOLIDATES
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THE PROPERTY MARKET CONTINUED TO BE ACTIVE FROM JULY TO DECEMBER LAST YEAR, ALTHOUGH IT CONSOLIDATED SOMEWHAT TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

THIS IS STATED IN A REPORT ON THE PROPERTY MARKET WHICH, TOGETHER WITH A PAPER ON SPECULATION IN THE PROPERTY MARKET, WAS CONSIDERED AT A MEETING TODAY OF THE LAND AND BUILDINGS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LBAC).

THE REPORT STATES THE MARKET FOR MOST CATEGORIES OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY HAD GENERALLY STABILISED.

NOTING THAT IN JULY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT RECORDED 32 000 PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS -- THE HIGHEST NUMBER FOR THE YEAR -- THE PAPER SAID HOWEVER, THAT PROSPECTIVE BUYERS, PROPERTY DEVELOPERS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS APPEARED TO BE TAKING A MORE REALISTIC AND CAUTIOUS VIEW OF PROPERTY PRICES.

LARGE VALUE TRANSACTIONS WERE SCARCE.

ON THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MARKET THE REPORT SAID THE DEMAND FOR ACCOMMODATION CONTINUED TO STRENGTHEN DURING MOST OF 1985 DUE TO THE CONTINUATION OF HISTORICALLY LOW PROPERTY PRICES COMPARED TO THE EARLY 1980'S, BETTER CREDIT TERMS AND LOWER MORTGAGE RATES.

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SIGNS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR OF SPECULATION CREEPING BACK, IT WAS QUITE CLEAR BY THE END OF THE YEAR THAT THIS SPECULATION WAS SHORT-LIVED.

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS RISING DEMAND DURING THE EARLIER PART OF THE YEAR, THE SUPPLY OF NEW PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION ALSO SHOWED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE.

COMPARING THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1985 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1984, THE REPORT SHOWED COMPLETIONS ROSE 40 PER CENT TO 23 890 UNITS.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT SUPPLY BY THE END OF 1985 WILL SHOW AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 36 PER CENT OVER ACTUAL COMPLETIONS IN 1984,+ THE REPORT SAID.

PRICES OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED FLATS WERE IN THE REGION OF \$9 000 - \$12 000 PER SQUARE METRE, ABOUT 20 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THOSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

THE REPORT SAID SALES OF LARGER-SIZED ACCOMMODATION AT THE LUXURY END OF THE MARKET SHOWED A STRONG RECOVERY DURING THE MIDDLE OF 1985, DUE TO +PENT UP DEMAND+ WHICH HAD BEEN KEPT BACK IN PREVIOUS YEARS BY HIGH INTEREST RATES AND UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

/IT SAID

IT SAID AT PRESENT PRICES RANGED BETWEEN \$12 000 AND \$15 000 PER SQUARE METRE, BUT THERE WERE SIGNS OF AN OVER-SUPPLY EMERGING AND PRICES APPEARED TO BE CONSOLIDATING, IF NOT DECREASING.

ON THE COMMERCIAL (MAINLY SHOPS) SECTOR THE REPORT SAID IT CONTINUED TO SUFFER FROM OVER-SUPPLY ALTHOUGH THE SUPPLY OF NEW COMMERCIAL PREMISES DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT FROM THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984.

THE SUPPLY OF NEW OFFICE SPACE IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1985 ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THAT FOR THE SAME 1984 PERIOD, THE REPORT SAID, LARGELY ATTRACTED BY THE TRADE POTENTIAL IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA, PARTICULARLY CHINA.

MANY EXISTING COMPANIES HAD EXPANDED THEIR OPERATIONS AND MORE FOREIGN COMPANIES HAD SET UP OFFICES IN HONG KONG WITH A VIEW TO USING HONG KONG AS A REGIONAL BASE OR A SPRINGBOARD TO THE CHINA MARKET.

THE REPORT PREDICTED THAT THE MARKET FOR OFFICE ACCOMMODATION IN CENTRAL WAS LIKELY TO TIGHTEN TEMPORARILY, BUT GIVEN THE NUMBER OF OFFICE PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE PRICES AND RENTALS WERE NOT EXPECTED TO SHOW MUCH INCREASE.

ON INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, THE REPORT SAID THE DEMAND FOR HIGH QUALITY INDUSTRIAL ACCOMMODATION APPEARED TO HAVE REMAINED STEADY IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1985 AFTER THE INCREASE IN 1984 AND EARLY 1985, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE CURRENTLY SIGNS OF A SOFTENING OF PRICES DUE POSSIBLY TO THE DROP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND THE THREAT OF PROTECTIONISM IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN CONCLUSION, THE REPORT SAID THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MARKET APPEARED TO HAVE STABILISED OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS AFTER A RESURGENCE OF TRADING ACTIVITY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR.

+THE UPWARD TREND OF PRICES AND RENTALS PARTICULARLY FOR MEDIUM AND LARGER-SIZED RESIDENTIAL UNITS SHOWED SIGNS OF LEVELLING OFF,+ IT SAID.

THERE HAD BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE SUPPLY OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS DURING THE YEAR, AND SUPPLY WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN THE COMING YEAR.

+PRICES AND RENTALS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SHOULD THEREFORE REMAIN FAIRLY STABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE,+ THE REPORT FORECAST.

DEMAND FOR INDUSTRIAL ACCOMMODATION APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED AT THE CURRENT LEVEL OF PRICES AND RENTALS, BUT THERE WERE CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON DUE TO THE WEAK DOMESTIC EXPORT PERFORMANCE AND THE THREAT OF PROTECTIONISM.

THE PAPER ON PROPERTY SPECULATION SAID IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THERE WERE BASICALLY TWO FORMS:

- (A) WHERE A PERSON QUEUED TO PURCHASE A PROPERTY IN A DEVELOPMENT IN ANTICIPATION OF BEING ABLE TO SELL THE UNIT FOR WHICH HE HAD SIGNED A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE BEFORE SIGNING THE SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AND
- (B) WHERE A PERSON PAID AN INITIAL DEPOSIT AND SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE ON A PROPERTY WITH A VIEW TO SELLING THE BENEFIT OF THE AGREEMENT AT A PREMIUM PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THE DEVELOPMENT.

IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT MOST CONCERN WAS ABOUT THE TYPE OF SPECULATION IN (A) - THE SECOND FORM WAS LESS PROBLEMATIC AND IN ANY CASE WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PREVENT.

IT APPEARED THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO SPECULATION AROSE FROM THE -FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED+ SALES SYSTEM, LOW INITIAL DEPOSITS AND FACILITIES WHEREBY NOMINAL OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY COULD BE FREELY TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.

THE PAPER PROPOSED THAT:

- (A) THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS' ASSOCIATION (REDA) SHOULD RECOMMEND TO ITS MEMBERS A SCHEME INVOLVING INTRODUCTION OF A SALE-BY-BALLOT SYSTEM FOR DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENTS WHERE IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT SPECULATORS MIGHT BE INTERESTED;
- (B) A LARGER DEPOSIT OF UP TO A MAXIMUM FIVE PER CENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF A UNIT SHOULD BE PAID BY THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER WHEN SIGNING THE PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT; AND
- (C) PURCHASERS SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRANSFER THEIR PROPERTY RIGHTS DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN SIGNING THE PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT AND THE COMPLETION OF THE SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

IT SAID THE MEASURES PROPOSED HAD BEEN CONSIDERED IN DETAIL BY THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM REDA AND THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS.

+ ALL ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT SOME ACTION IS REQUIRED AND THAT THE MEASURES PROPOSED WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN TACKLING THE BASIC PROBLEMS WHILST MAINTAINING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE PROPERTY MARKET FOR GENUINE INVESTMENT PURPOSES,+ THE PAPER SAID.

MEMBERS OF LBAC AGREED THAT THE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE ENDORSED FOR RECOMMENDATION BY THE REDA TO ITS MEMBERS.

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NEED FOR REVALUATION EXERCISE STRESSED
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THE RATEABLE VALUE OF PROPERTY REPRESENTS AN ESTIMATE OF THE ANNUAL RENT AT WHICH THE PROPERTY MIGHT REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO LET AND BECAUSE RENTS DO RISE OR FALL OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THERE IS A NEED FOR RATEABLE VALUES TO REFLECT THE CURRENT RENTAL POSITION, THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR GORDON BLENKINSOP SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

EXPLAINING THE REASONS FOR THE RECENTLY COMPLETED 1984 GENERAL REVALUATION, MR BLENKINSOP SAID RENTS DID NOT NECESSARILY RISE OR FALL EVENLY FOR DIFFERENT CLASSES OF PROPERTY OR IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AND SO IF WE SIMPLY RAISED THE RATES PERCENTAGE EACH YEAR INSTEAD OF REVISING THE RATEABLE VALUES ACCORDING TO CURRENT RENTS PAYABLE, CERTAIN PROPERTIES WOULD BE UNFAIRLY PENALISED WHILE OTHERS WOULD PAY CONSIDERABLE LESS THAN THEY SHOULD.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON, MR BLENKINSOP SAID THE OTHER REASON WAS THAT IF WE CONTINUED TO VALUE NEW PREMISES AT THE 1976 LEVEL, WHEN THE PREVIOUS REVALUATION WAS CONDUCTED, THE MORE DIFFICULT IT BECAME FOR VALUERS TO DETERMINE WHAT VALUE SHOULD BE PLACED ON NEWLY BUILT PREMISES.

+THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN AREAS SUCH AS SHA TIN, TAI PO AND TUEN MUN WHICH DID NOT EXIST IN THEIR PRESENT FORM IN 1976.

+WE CERTAINLY DID NOT WISH TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF ENGLAND AND WALES, WHERE THEY HAVE NOT CONDUCTED A REVALUATION SINCE 1973, WITH THE RESULT THAT NEW ESTATES BEING BUILT ARE VALUED AT HYPOTHETICAL 1973 RENTAL LEVELS, A CONCEPT THAT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO RATEPAYERS,+ HE SAID.

MR BLENKINSOP ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO CONDUCT ANOTHER GENERAL REVALUATION IN 1988 AND THEN REPEAT IT EVERY THREE YEARS.

AS FOR THE RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO RAISE THE RATES PERCENTAGES FROM 5.5 PER CENT TO 6 PER CENT, MR BLENKINSOP SAID THIS WAS INCLUDED IN THE RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 WHICH HAD HAD ITS SECOND READING AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 8.

HE SAID THE IMPRESSION THAT MANY RATEPAYERS WOULD HAVE LITTLE OR NO INCREASE IN THEIR RATES BILLS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS WAS NOT STRICTLY CORRECT, AS ALL RATEPAYERS WOULD FACE INCREASED RATES IN 1986/87 AND MOST IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

HE ADDED: +HOWEVER, THESE INCREASES WILL BE LIMITED BY THE RELIEF SCHEME TO A MAXIMUM OF 20 PER CENT EACH YEAR.+

+IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS, AVERAGE RATES WILL INCREASE IN 1986/87 BY 20 PER CENT (OR APPROXIMATELY \$11 PER MONTH) WHETHER THE PERCENTAGE CHARGE REMAINS AT 5.5 PER CENT OR IS RAISED TO 6 PER CENT AND SO, AS WAS STATED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, RAISING THE PERCENTAGE CHARGE TO 6 PER CENT WILL NOT CAUSE ANY FURTHER INCREASE IN THE RATES PAID BY THE MAJORITY OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS IN 1986/87.

+FOR SMALL PRIVATE FLATS (THOSE LESS THAN 100 SQUARE METRES), AVERAGE INCREASES NEXT YEAR WILL BE IN THE REGION OF \$25 PER MONTH, OR \$10 MORE THAN IF THE PERCENTAGE CHARGE HAD REMAINED AT 5.5 PER CENT AND FOR LARGER FLATS (THOSE OVER 100 SQUARE METRES), THE AVERAGE INCREASE NEXT YEAR WILL BE \$99 OR \$56 MORE THAN IF THE PERCENTAGE CHARGE HAD NOT BEEN RAISED.+

MR BLENKINSOP, NEVERTHELESS, STRESSED THAT THESE FIGURES WERE ONLY AVERAGES AND INDIVIDUAL RATEPAYERS WOULD EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT INCREASES FROM THOSE MENTIONED.

A GENERAL RATE INCREASE, HE SAID, DID BRING WITH IT THE COMPENSATION OF HIGHER SALE PRICES AND RENTAL LEVELS.

+FURTHERMORE, RATES LEVELS IN HONG KONG AS A PERCENTAGE OF G.D.P. ARE CONSIDERABLY BELOW THOSE IN BRITAIN, NEW ZEALAND AND THE U.S.A., AND IN MANY OF THE NEWER DEVELOPMENTS NOW BEING BUILT IN HONG KONG, RATES ARE IN FACT LOWER THAN MANAGEMENT CHARGES.+

AS FOR WHETHER RATES WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST IN HONG KONG, MR BLENKINSOP SAID, +I AM AFRAID THEY ARE HERE TO STAY, AS UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, RATEABLE VALUE WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE GROUND RENT PAYABLE UPON EXTENSION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF LAND LEASES WHICH EXPIRE BETWEEN NOW AND 1997.+

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TOBACCO AD RULING CLARIFIED
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THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, TODAY CLARIFIED THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO PROHIBIT A SERIES OF TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE TOBACCO INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG.

MR TSAO SAID: +SECTION 7 OF THE TELEVISION (ADVERTISING) REGULATIONS PROVIDES THAT NO ADVERTISEMENT OF A RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL NATURE OR CONCERNED WITH ANY INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE SHALL BE BROADCAST.

+THE LEGAL ADVICE GIVEN TO US IS THAT ANY ADVERTISEMENT WHICH SEEKS TO CHANGE, OR TO PREVENT A CHANGE, IN THE LAW IS LEGALLY DEFINED AS POLITICAL. THE PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENTS THEREFORE CANNOT BE APPROVED.+

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HE ADDED, +IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE PROHIBITION, ANY WEALTHY PRESSURE GROUP COULD BUY AIR TIME TO ARGUE ITS CASE, POSSIBLY TO THE PREJUDICE OF LESS WEALTHY PERSONS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PUT THE CONVERSE POSITION. THIS WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTERESTS OF FREE SPEECH.

+IF THE TOBACCO INSTITUTE WISHES TO REVISE ITS PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENTS AND TURN THEM INTO PURELY TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENTS, IT IS OF COURSE FREE TO DO SO, IN WHICH CASE THEY WOULD HAVE TO CARRY THE STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING ('CIGARETTE SMOKING IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH'),+ HE SAID.

MR TSAO WENT ON TO SAY THAT, CONTRARY TO ONE RECENT EDITORIAL COMMENT, THE REGULATIONS RELATE PURELY TO ADVERTISING AND NOT TO OTHER PROGRAMMES BROADCAST BY THE TELEVISION COMPANIES.

PROGRAMME STANDARDS ARE GOVERNED BY A SEPARATE CODE OF PRACTICE WHICH REQUIRES ONLY THAT PROGRAMMES DEALING WITH NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS BE FAIR AND BALANCED.

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STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING RULES PREPARED * * * * *

THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES, MR RAY ASTIN, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT LISTING RULES MADE BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

HE EXPLAINED THAT PROPOSED LISTING RULES HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES IN APRIL LAST YEAR, AND SUBMITTED FOR COMMENT BY INTERESTED PARTIES -- THE STOCK EXCHANGES, LEGAL, ACCOUNTING AND STOCKBROKING BODIES, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, BANKS, FINANCIAL PUBLICATIONS AND A LARGE NUMBER OF PUBLIC LISTED COMPANIES.

DRAFT RULES WERE THEN PREPARED BY THE LAW DRAFTSMAN, ON THE BASIS OF THE MANY COMMENTS RECEIVED.

THE RULES WILL COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 1. HOWEVER, CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING COMPLETION OF THE NEW STATUTORY UNDERTAKING AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT OF ANNUAL DIRECTORS' STATEMENTS AND INTERIM REPORTS, WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

ALSO TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ARE THE SECURITIES (STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING)(AMENDMENT) RULES 1986, WHICH ALTER THE CITATION OF THE PRINCIPAL RULES MADE IN 1976 AND INTRODUCE THE DEFINITION OF 'COMPANY' INTO THOSE RULES.

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GOVERNOR TO INSPECT CSD PARADE
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL INSPECT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PARADE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

HE WILL ALSO PRESENT COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 30 OFFICERS TO MARK THEIR 18 YEARS' EXEMPLARY SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 4 PM. THERE WILL BE FIXED PRESS POSITIONS AND CAMERAMEN ARE ADVISED TO BRING TELEPHOTO LENS. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 3 PM SHARP.

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SHEUNG SHUI GETS OWN WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM
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A RAPID INCREASE IN WATER REQUIREMENTS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS NECESSITATED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEPARATE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR SHEUNG SHUI DISTRICT, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SHEUNG SHUI TREATMENT WORKS, HE SAID THE WORKS WITH AN INITIAL CAPACITY OF 100 000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY WAS THE PRINCIPAL COMPONENT OF THE SYSTEM.

IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT THE PLANT WOULD PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY TO THE DISTRICT UP TO 1990 AND PROVISION HAD BEEN MADE TO DOUBLE ITS CAPACITY AT THAT TIME IF THE NEED AROSE.

MR TOMLINSON SAID THE NEW SYSTEM DREW WATER VIA THE PUMPING INSTALLATION AT MUK WU FROM THE EAST RIVER IN GUANGDONG PROVINCE. IT WAS TREATED AT THE NEW WORKS BEFORE BEING PUMPED FROM THE ADJACENT NEW PUMPING STATION THROUGH SIX KILOMETRES OF NEWLY-LAID TRUNK MAIN TO THE NEW TABLE HILL RESERVOIR AND THE EXISTING TONG HANG RESERVOIR FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE AREA, FANNING NORTHWARDS FROM WO HOP SHEK TO LOK MA CHAU TO THE WEST AND SHA TAU KOK TO THE EAST.

/MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

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MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DISTRIBUTION NETWORK HAD ALSO BEEN EFFECTED AND A FURTHER TWO SERVICE RESERVOIRS, ONE AT PING CHE AND THE OTHER AT KWU TUNG, WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE FUTURE TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

MR TOMLINSON SAID THE COST OF THE TREATMENT WORKS ITSELF WAS \$29 MILLION, BUT THE WHOLE OF THE NEW WORKS, INCLUDING THE PUMPING STATION, TABLE HILL RESERVOIR, TRUNK MAINS AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, HAD COST ABOUT \$141 MILLION.

+THUS, IN TERMS OF CAPACITY, EXTENT OF SUPPLY, AREA AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT, THE SCHEME CAN CERTAINLY BE REGARDED AS ONE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE,+ HE SAID.

MR TOMLINSON GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT ANY FURTHER WATER DEMANDS IN KEEPING WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA WOULD BE MET.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, WHO SAID IT WAS COMFORTING TO LEARN THAT WATER REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT WOULD BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW AND THAT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE MADE AS AND WHEN NECESSARY.

HE SAID HE HOPED THAT COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW TREATMENT WORKS WOULD HELP ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS AND BRING INCREASED PROSPERITY TO THE AREA.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTOR FOR THE PROJECT WAS NISHIMATSU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, AND THE PLANT CONTRACTOR BIWATER (TREATMENT) HONG KONG LTD.

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PLAN TO CLOSE BEACH SHELVED
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ANGLER'S BEACH AND GEMINI (WEST) BEACH IN TSUEN WAN WILL NOT NOW HAVE TO BE CLOSED BY THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THIS IS BECAUSE SHAM TSENG WILL NOT NOW BE USED AS A FILL SOURCE FOR RECLAMATION OF LAND FOR THE PROPOSED CONTAINER TERMINAL 6, AND THESE TWO BEACHES WILL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR BARGE LOADING OPERATIONS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES (HEADQUARTERS), MR GEOFFREY ORR, TOLD A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TODAY (THURSDAY).

+HOWEVER, THE PROJECT MANAGER (TSUEN WAN) ADVISES THAT SHAM TSENG MAY STILL BE USED IN FUTURE TO PROVIDE FILL SOURCE FOR RECLAMATION OF LAND FOR THE PROPOSED CONTAINER TERMINALS 7 AND 8 OR OTHER PROJECTS. IN WHICH CASE, THE TWO BEACHES WOULD NEED TO BE CLOSED FOR THE NECESSARY BARGE LOADING OPERATIONS,+ HE ADDED.

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AT THE MEETING, THE COUNCIL GAVE APPROVAL TO THE HYGIENE ADVISER OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH TO TAKE PART IN THE 2ND WORLD CONGRESS ON FOODBORNE INFECTIONS AND INTOXICATIONS TO BE HELD IN WEST BERLIN FROM MAY 26 TO 30.

THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT FOODBORNE INFECTIONS AND INTOXICATIONS REMAINED A WORLDWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM WHICH COULD ONLY BE SOLVED BY CLOSE COLLABORATION OF ALL RESPONSIBLE.

+THE RESULT OF THE CONGRESS SHOULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR SCIENTIFICALLY SOUND AND CRITICALLY EVALUATED CONTROL MEASURES,+ HE SAID.

+THE SUBJECTS TO BE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED AT THE CONGRESS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL BOTH TO THE HYGIENE ADVISER AS AN EXPERT IN HYGIENE AND THE SERVICE AT LARGE.+

THE COUNCIL ALSO GAVE ITS APPROVAL TO THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY THE RELEVANT SELECT COMMITTEES:

1. DEMARCATIION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FUNDING SPORTS

THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORTS (CRS) SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDING PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS HELD EITHER LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS, THE SELECTION AND TRAINING OF NATIONAL SQUADS AND THE TRAINING OF SPORTS OFFICIALS. THE REGIONAL AND URBAN COUNCILS SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDING EVENTS ORGANISED ON A LOCAL, MULTI-DISTRICT OR REGIONAL LEVEL.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE PLACES OF AMUSEMENT (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS

AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO EMPOWER THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES (AND IN FUTURE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL) TO REFUSE AN APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF A LICENCE ISSUED UNDER THE REGULATIONS.

3. CONTRIBUTION TO THE 10TH NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW

A CONTRIBUTION OF \$100 000 SHOULD BE MADE TO THE 10TH NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW, WHICH IS THE ONLY SHOW OF ITS KIND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE COUNCIL ELECTED MR CHOW CHUN-WING AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON YOUTH.

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KOWLOON CITY DB TO DISCUSS HAWKER POLICY
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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THREE CURRENT ISSUES -- THE HAWKER AND MARKET POLICIES, THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY ANIMAL WASTES AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR OWEN BROADLEY, THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (POLLUTION) OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, MR I.A. HOWARD, AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY (BROADCASTING) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH, MR J.A. CLARKE WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE STREETS IN THE DISTRICT, MEDICAL SERVICES FOR KIDNEY PATIENTS, CONTROL OF BILLIARD CENTRES AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT URBAN COUNCIL PROJECTS IN THE KOWLOON CITY AREA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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SURVEY ON FEMALE WORKFORCE
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A SURVEY ON WORKING CONDITIONS OF FEMALE WORKERS IN TSUEN WAN FACTORIES WILL START FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 20).

THE SURVEY IS COMMISSIONED BY THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WITH A VIEW TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORKING CONDITIONS OF FEMALE WORKERS, THEIR ATTITUDE AND DISPOSITION TOWARDS THEIR WORK AND PROBLEMS IN THEIR JOB MOBILITY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF FEMALE WORKERS EMPLOYED IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN TSUEN WAN, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A PROPER STUDY ON THE SUBJECT.

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SUBSEQUENT TO THE SURVEY, THE COMMITTEE WOULD MAKE SUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRIALISTS, HE SAID.

THE FIELD SURVEY WHICH LASTS UNTIL FEBRUARY 5 WILL BE CONDUCTED BY STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THEY WILL VISIT 150 FACTORIES WHICH HAVE BEEN SELECTED AT RANDOM IN THE DISTRICT. THE MANAGEMENT AND SOME 1 000 FEMALE WORKERS AGED 18 OR ABOVE WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT NO NAMES OF PERSONS OR INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE RECORDED IN THE SURVEY AND ALL DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE TREATED WITH THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED THROUGH RANDOM SAMPLING WILL BE NOTIFIED BY AN EXPLANATORY LETTER WITH THE SCHEDULED TIME OF VISIT BY THE SURVEY STAFF. EACH SURVEY TEAM MEMBER WILL CARRY A PROPER ACCREDITED IDENTITY CARD BEARING A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE HOLDER.

MEANWHILE, STAFF OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CALL ON THE FACTORIES TO EXPLAIN TO THEM MATTERS RELATED TO THE SURVEY.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MAY.

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FUNDS APPROVED FOR BETTER FACILITIES
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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS APPROVED AN ALLOCATION OF \$20 000 TO IMPROVE EXISTING FACILITIES IN A COMMUNITY CENTRE, AND TWO COMMUNITY HALLS IN THE DISTRICT.

SINCE JUNE LAST YEAR, THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRES WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

IN EASTERN, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS HAVE ALSO BEEN APPOINTED TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THESE CENTRES AND HALLS TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE OPERATION OF THE FACILITIES AND TO PROMOTE THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT ROLE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THESE COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRE, WHICH PROVIDE BASIS FACILITIES SUCH AS BASKETBALL COURTS, ASSEMBLY HALLS, BADMINTON COURTS AND CONFERENCE ROOMS, ARE ALSO USED FOR HOLDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

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THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AGREED THAT A BETTER UTILISATION RATE CAN BE ACHIEVED WITH SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES.

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES SUCH AS TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR CHILDREN'S PAINTING AND WRITING CLASSES, MIRRORS AND BARS FOR DANCING, BACKDROPS FOR THE STAGE, TABLE-TENNIS TABLES AND MATTRESSES WILL SOON BE PROVIDED AT THE VENUES SO THAT THERE WILL BE MORE CHOICES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD.

OTHER MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES TO PROMOTE BETTER USAGE OF THESE VENUES INCLUDE MORE PUBLICITY, SIMPLIER BOOKING PROCEDURES, ADDITIONAL TRAINING CLASSES AND ENCOURAGING DISTRICT-WIDE ORGANISATIONS TO USE THE HALLS AND CENTRE.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT INCINERATOR PLANT
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IN RESPONSE TO RECENT PUBLIC CONCERN OVER THE MAINTENANCE OF CHIMNEYS AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR PLANT, A VISIT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TOWORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THE PLANT MANAGER, MR G.W. ROWLAND, AND A GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE SURVEYOR WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE ROUTINE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE INCINERATOR.

AFTER TOURING THE PLANT, MEMBERS WILL ALSO VISIT THE KENNEDY TOWN ABBATOIR, FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION OF THE MORNING'S VISITS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 9.45 AM TOMORROW OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE OF THE CENTENARY MANSION AT 9-15 VICTORIA ROAD, KENNEDY TOWN.

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REPORT ON IYY ACTIVITIES TO BE COMPILED

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TO COMMEMORATE HONG KONG'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (CCCIYY) IS COMPILING A REPORT ON ALL IYY EVENTS ORGANISED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES LAST YEAR.

ORGANISATIONS THAT SPONSORED OR ORGANISED ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE IYY ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION OR FEEDBACK TO THE CCCIYY BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CCCIYY, MRS PAMELA CHAN, SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD PUBLISHED TWO PROGRAMMES ON IYY ACTIVITIES LAST JANUARY AND JULY 1985 TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE YOUTH YEAR.

TO ASSIST IN COMPILING THE REPORT A QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN SENT TO OVER 1 500 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. ANY VOLUNTARY AGENCY OR COMMERCIAL SPONSOR WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A COPY AND IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING MAY OBTAIN ONE FROM ANY DISTRICT OFFICE.

+WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN GATHERING INFORMATION ON THE IYY FUNCTIONS THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN OUR PUBLISHED PROGRAMMES,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

+THE REPORT WILL GIVE A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED, THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH EVENT, AND THE DEGREE OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING THOSE EVENTS,+ SHE ADDED.

QUESTIONNAIRES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY, CCCIYY, 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, BEFORE JANUARY 30.

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FIRE STATION COMPLEX OPENING

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THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, MR TOM GARDINER, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENING THE FIRE STATION COMPLEX IN KOWLOON BAY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 10.30 AM.

THE DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION HAS BEEN BUILT TO STRENGTHEN THE FIRE COVER FOR THE DENSELY POPULATED AREA OF KOWLOON EAST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE STATION AT 5 LAM HING STREET.

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SYMPOSIUM FOR RESTAURANT WORKERS ORGANISED
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PEOPLE IN THE RESTAURANT AND CATERING INDUSTRY ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SYMPOSIUM ON LABOUR RELATIONS ON JANUARY 28 AT THE SHERATON HOTEL.

ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE HALF-DAY SESSION IS FOR EMPLOYERS, PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT STAFF, AND TRADE UNION MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON LABOUR-MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

IT WILL ALSO HELP PARTICIPANTS GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE OPENED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR TAM YIU-CHUNG, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, AND MR RON BRIDGE.

THE OPENING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TALKS BY PROFESSIONALS IN THE TRADE AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE SYMPOSIUM SHOULD CONTACT THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT (TEL: 5-8523511) BY MONDAY (JANUARY 20).

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FIGHT CRIME DRAMA COMPETITION TO BE STAGED
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A DRAMA COMPETITION AIMED AT SPREADING THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE WILL BE STAGED AT THE COMMUNITY HALL OF CARITAS CENTRE IN CAINE ROAD ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 18) AFTERNOON.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS COUNCIL.

WITH THE AIM OF ENHANCING CRIME PREVENTION KNOWLEDGE AND TO MOBILISE RESIDENTS AGAINST CRIME, THE THEME OF THE COMPETITION IS TO URGE RESIDENTS TO HELP THEIR NEIGHBOURS AND TO WATCH OUT FOR CRIMINAL ELEMENTS.

THERE WILL BE EIGHT SCHOOL TEAMS WITH MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS TAKING PART IN THE COMPETITION.

THE EVENT WILL START AT 6.30 PM AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DRAMA COMPETITION WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN, MISS WENDY KWOK; CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME DRAMA COMPETITION COMMITTEE, MR WU CHOR-NAM; POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER (WESTERN), MR MAK KWOK-KUEN; POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER (CENTRAL), MR HO SZE-MING; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS COUNCIL, MR LEE SHUN-TAK; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE, DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS, MR LEE TAT-YU.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DRAMA COMPETITION.

CARNIVAL ON CLEAN ENVIRONMENT FOR SUNDAY
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A LARGE-SCALE CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT KWUN TONG'S HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND THIS SUNDAY (JANUARY 19) TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS.

THE CARNIVAL, PART OF THE CURRENT CLEAN KWUN TONG CAMPAIGN, WILL FEATURE A DRAWING AND COLOURING COMPETITION WITH SOME 700 CHILDREN, ALL UNDER 12, EXPRESSING THEIR IDEAS ON A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT.

A GIANT BALLOON ELEPHANT WILL ALSO BE INSTALLED AT THE PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY INSIDE.

SEVEN GAMES STALLS WILL BE MOUNTED BY LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THEIR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

FOR TEENAGERS IN THE CROWD, THERE WILL BE A POP CONCERT STAGED BY THREE WELL-KNOWN SINGERS DURING THE CARNIVAL. WINNERS OF A RECENT LYRIC-WRITING COMPETITION WILL ALSO PERFORM.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CLEAN KWUN TONG CARNIVAL, WHICH STARTS AT 2 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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ORGANISED BY THE CLEAN KWUN TONG CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE CARNIVAL WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK; THE DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT, MR ANTHONY SIU; A SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, MRS IVY CHAN; THE PUBLICITY EXECUTIVE OF CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, MR JOSEPH TASHIRO; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR STEPHEN LAU; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLEAN KWUN TONG CARNIVAL AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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+NT IN PHOTO+ COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE RESULTS OF THE +NT IN PHOTO 1985+ COMPETITION.

IN THE MONOCHROME PRINT GROUP FOR STUDENTS, THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES WENT TO MR NG KOON-MING, MISS POON LAI-WAH AND MR FONG VAI-KEONG RESPECTIVELY.

IN THE COLOUR PRINT GROUP FOR STUDENTS, MISS LI LUN-YING WON WHILE MR JIN CHI-HUNG AND MISS CHAN PUI-LIN TOOK SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES.

THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZE WINNERS IN THE OPEN MONOCHROME PRINT GROUP WERE MISS CHAN YIN-YEE, MR TANG PING-YUNG AND MR CHEUNG CHENG-PING.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN THE OPEN COLOUR PRINT GROUP WERE MR TUNG YU-SO, MR YU KWONG-CHUN AND MISS CHEUNG SIU-HING.

THE ACTING CHIEF LIBRARIAN OF THE RSD, MR WONG WING-HAY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 18) IN THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY ON THE FOURTH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY AFTER THE CEREMONY. ADMISSION WILL BE FREE.

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OPEN DAY, SEMINAR AT TRAINING CENTRES
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ALL 10 TRAINING CENTRES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL BE HOLDING OPEN DAYS FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE NEXT TWO SATURDAYS TO ENABLE VISITORS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND FACILITIES OF THE CENTRES.

THE OPEN DAY FOR THE TRAINING CENTRES AT 13-19 SAN KWAI STREET, KWAI CHUNG, WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY (JANUARY 18) WHILE CENTRES AT 46 TAI YIP STREET, KOWLOON BAY, WILL BE OPENED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON JANUARY 25.

THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO ORGANISE FOR CAREERS MASTERS AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS A SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS PROSPECTS IN INDUSTRY FOR FORM 3 LEAVERS AT THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX ON JANUARY 25.

EIGHT OF THE 10 TRAINING CENTRES WILL BE PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 1 300 ONE-YEAR AND SIX-MONTH FULL-TIME CRAFT TRAINING PLACES FOR FORM 3 LEAVERS IN THE 1986-87 TRAINING SESSION.

THESE ARE CENTRES FOR AUTOMOBILE, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS, PRINTING, TEXTILE AND GAS INDUSTRIES.

CURRENT FORM 3 STUDENTS MAY APPLY IN MARCH THROUGH THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

THE SEMINAR WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CAREERS MASTERS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND FACILITIES OF THE CENTRES.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THE SEMINAR AND RESERVATION, CONTACT MR N. WONG ON 5-8932341 EXT. 254 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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PROPER DISPOSAL OF LITTER URGED
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR GARBAGE PROPERLY WHEN CARRYING OUT THEIR YEAR-END HOME CLEAN-UP WITH THE APPROACH OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS GIVE-AWAY ITEMS, WITH AN APPEAL URGING RESIDENTS NOT TO THROW OBJECTS OUT OF WINDOWS, HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN WAH FU AND STANLEY.

THESE ITEMS INCLUDE WALL CALENDARS, RULERS AND STICKERS. RULERS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS THROUGH LOCAL SCHOOLS.

THE DISTRICT BOARD LAUNCHED AN EXTENSIVE +CAMPAIGN AGAINST THROWING OBJECTS FROM BUILDINGS+ IN SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES LAST YEAR TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' CIVIC-MINDEDNESS.

+THE CAMPAIGN HAS PROVED SUCCESSFUL AND THE BOARD DECIDED TO RENEW ITS CALL AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN EACH HOUSEHOLD WILL BE CARRYING OUT YEAR-END CLEAN-UPS,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL MATCHES ORGANISED FOR THE DEAF
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A BASKETBALL KNOCKOUT COMPETITION AND A FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR THE DEAF WILL BE HELD AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE OVER THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS -- JANUARY 19 AND 26.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF, THE PROJECTS ARE AIMED AT STIMULATING AN INTEREST IN SPORTS AMONG THE DEAF AND TO HELP THEM DEVELOP CONFIDENCE.

THE BASKETBALL KNOCKOUT MATCHES WILL START AT 10.30 AM THIS SUNDAY AND WINNING TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES BY THE CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND CHAN.

FINALS OF THE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SPORTS CENTRE BETWEEN 3 PM AND 6 PM ON JANUARY 26.

THE MANAGER OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, MR HOWARD WELLS, WILL BE PRESENTING PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND BOTH EVENTS WHICH ARE FREE.

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ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR SINGING CONTEST
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YOUTHS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 30 AND LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE FOURTH CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST.

THE CONTEST, AIMED AT PROMOTING AN INTEREST IN SINGING AND DISCOVERING TALENTS IN THE DISTRICT, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN).

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THE CONTEST COMPRISES THREE CATEGORIES - CLASSICAL MUSIC (SOLO SINGING), POP MUSIC/FOLK SONG (SOLO SINGING) AND POP MUSIC/FOLK SONG (GROUP SINGING).

PRELIMINARIES WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE OF THE ARTS CENTRE ON FEBRUARY 27, MARCH 1 AND 2 AND THE FINALS AT THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL ON MARCH 30 AT 8 PM.

A CASH PRICE OF \$1 000 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY WITH THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNER-UP RECEIVING \$500 AND \$300.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE. DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES WILL BE FEBRUARY 10.

FOR ENQUIRIES, CALL 5-283257.

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FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL TICKETS AVAILABLE

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THE 1985-86 FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN FOR SAI KUNG WILL CONCLUDE WITH A CARNIVAL ON JANUARY 25 (SATURDAY) AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IN SAI KUNG TOWN.

A PARACHUTE JUMP STAGED BY THE MILITARY, A POLICE DOG SHOW AND PERFORMANCE BY THE POLICE BAND WILL BE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CARNIVAL.

PONY AND CAMEL RIDES, AND GAMES STALLS WILL BE THE OTHER ATTRACTIONS OF THE DAY.

THE CARNIVAL WILL START AT 2 PM WITH A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO; CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBER, MRS SOPHIA HO; AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WONG TAI SIN), MR F.S. KAVANAGH.

ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE CARNIVAL ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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MENTAL HEALTH WORK ON SHOW

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A 16-DAY EXHIBITION ON REHABILITATION SERVICES WILL BE OPENED IN WONG TAI SIN ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 18) AS PART OF THE DISTRICT PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH AND REHABILITATION.

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN-SAI KUNG DISTRICT REHABILITATION SERVICES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE. IT WILL LAST TILL FEBRUARY 2 AND WILL BE MOUNTED AT FOUR DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE REGIONAL OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR LOK MAN-PAN, WILL GIVE AN OPENING ADDRESS AT THE CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY.

THE CENTRE IS LOCATED AT 104 CHING TAK STREET WHERE THE FIRST EXHIBITION WILL BE MOUNTED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBERS

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DUE TO A REARRANGEMENT OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT, THE NEW NUMBERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT ARE : 3-452832, 3-452838 AND 3-452875, TWO OTHER LINES: 3-420486 AND 3-435090 WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

EMPLOYERS IN THE DISTRICT WHO WANT TO RECRUIT STAFF MAY PLACE VACANCY ORDERS BY TELEPHONE. ENQUIRIES ON REGISTRATION MATTERS CAN ALSO BE MADE AT THE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

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WESTERN, WAN CHAI TRAFFIC CHANGES

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NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST INTO SOUTHBOUND WHITTY STREET AND FROM WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST INTO NORTHBOUND WHITTY STREET FROM 10 AM SATURDAY (JANUARY 18) IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMISSIONING OF A SIGNALISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON DES VOEUX ROAD WEST NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WHITTY STREET.

VEHICLES ON THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HILL ROAD WILL ALSO BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

MEANWHILE, FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19), OI KWAN ROAD CIRCUIT WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY TRAFFIC IN CLOCKWISE DIRECTION TO FACILITATE THE FLOAT PARADE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

THE METERED PARKING SPACES ON OI KWAN ROAD OPPOSITE THE STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE DURATION.

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