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DECEMBER EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL STATISTICS OUT

THERE WERE 865 600 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN DECEMBER 1986, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 2.1 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH DECEMBER 1985, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 620 100 IN DECEMBER 1986, WAS 3.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1985.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 194 300, WAS UP BY 7.4 PER CENT.

EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 6.8 PER CENT COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1985.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN DECEMBER 1986 WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THESE SECTORS COVER THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. THERE IS A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1986 IN THESE SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, BY COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1985 AND SEPTEMBER 1986, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	DEC. 85	SEPT. 86	DEC. 86	DEC. 86 ON DEC. 85	DEC. 86 ON SEPT. 86
MANUFACTURING	847 600	869 800	865 600	+2.1	-0.5
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	66 300	69 000	70 800	+6.8	+2.7

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	600 400	614 900	620 100	+3.3	+0.8
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	180 900	191 100	194 300	+7.4	+1.6

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1986 WITH SEPTEMBER 1986, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES, IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 2.7 PER CENT, 0.8 PER CENT, AND 1.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS, OTHER THAN FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1985 AND SEPTEMBER 1986, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	DEC. 85	SEPT. 86	DEC. 86	DEC. 86 ON DEC. 85	DEC. 86 ON SEPT. 86
MANUFACTURING	15 080	32 090	25 760	+70.8	-19.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	5 530	8 530	10 850	+96.3	+27.2

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FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 350	2 930	3 300	+40.3	+12.5
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* BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

RELATIVE TO DECEMBER 1985, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 70.8 PER CENT, 96.3 PER CENT AND 40.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1986, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES DECREASED BY 19.7 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES INCREASED BY 27.2 PER CENT AND 12.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE*
	4TH QTR. 1985	4TH QTR. 1986	4TH QTR. 1986 ON 4TH QTR. 1985
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	7 317	8 390	+14.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	5 557	6 459	+16.2

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FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	3 075	3 679	+19.6
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* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 14.7 PER CENT, 16.2 PER CENT AND 19.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN DECEMBER 1985 AND DECEMBER 1986, ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED. TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. THESE TWO INDICES FOR DECEMBER 1985 AND DECEMBER 1986 ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	DEC. 85	DEC. 86	DEC. 86 ON DEC. 85
MANUFACTURING	212.2	242.4	+14.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	229.2	264.9	+15.6
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	279.3	305.8	+ 9.5

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	DEC. 85	DEC. 86	DEC. 86 ON DEC. 85
MANUFACTURING	133.6	147.2	+10.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	144.3	160.8	+11.4
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	175.9	185.7	+ 5.6

BETWEEN DECEMBER 1985 AND DECEMBER 1986, INCREASES OF 14.2 PER CENT, 15.6 PER CENT AND 9.5 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WERE 10.2 PER CENT, 11.4 PER CENT AND 5.6 PER CENT.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, DECEMBER 1986, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$11 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR HYDRAULIC, WATER QUALITY STUDIES
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A \$33 MILLION CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT FOR CONDUCTING HYDRAULIC AND WATER QUALITY STUDIES OF THE VICTORIA HARBOUR HAS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND BINNIE AND PARTNERS (HONG KONG).

THE DEPARTMENT'S PROJECT MANAGER (URBAN AREA), MR KWEI SEE-KAN, WHO SIGNED THE AGREEMENT, SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THE FORMULATION OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, VARIOUS RECLAMATION DEVELOPMENT SCENARIOS AND A NEW SHIP MOORING SYSTEM HAD BEEN PROPOSED.

+THESE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 600 HECTARES OF LAND IN THE HARBOUR AREA FOR URBAN GROWTH, INCLUDING PROVISION FOR FURTHER CONTAINER TERMINALS AND RELATED FACILITIES.

+THE PURPOSES OF THE STUDIES ARE TO ASSESS THE HYDRAULIC AND WATER QUALITY IMPLICATIONS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE PROPOSALS AND TO RECOMMEND THE BEST DEVELOPMENT OPTION WITH THE ASSURANCE OF THE ACCEPTABLE CONSEQUENTIAL HYDRAULIC AND WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS, + HE SAID.

MR KWEI EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS WERE LOCATED AT THE VICTORIA HARBOUR AND WESTERN ANCHORAGE, THE TERRITORIAL WATERS HAD TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM SO THAT THE KNOCK-ON EFFECTS FROM DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL AS ITS CONSTRAINTS COULD BE PROPERLY ASSESSED.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS' FIRM IS REQUIRED TO EMPLOY SPECIALIST SUB-CONSULTANTS TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDIES THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL MODELS OF THE PROPOSALS, THE HARBOUR AND TERRITORIAL WATERS.

HYDRAULIC RESEARCH LIMITED, WATER RESEARCH CENTRE, LONDON OFFSHORE CONSULTANTS AND LIVESEY HENDERSON HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED TO ASSIST WITH THE STUDIES WHICH WILL TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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YOUDE FUND CHAIRMAN TO RECEIVE DONATION
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND, MR LEE QUO-WEI, WILL RECEIVE A DONATION OF \$100 000 TO THE FUND FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, MR LAWRENCE CHU, AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 10.30 AM AT THE DINING HALL OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING IN CENTRAL.

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THE DONATION IS THE FIRST SINCE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS SET UP EARLY THIS MONTH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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SEMINAR HELD ON FAMILY HARMONY
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A SEMINAR TO PROMOTE HARMONY IN THE FAMILY WAS HELD IN SAI KUNG TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMUNITY LEADERS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF VILLAGES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT ATTENDED THE SEMINAR IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

DURING THE SEMINAR, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT TENDER FAMILY ELECTION PROJECT, A FILM ON FAMILY EDUCATION WAS SHOWN TO ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE ON HOW TO MAINTAIN A HARMONIOUS FAMILY.

PAMPHLETS AND APPLICATION FORMS WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO THEM SO THAT THEY WOULD HELP PROMOTE THE ELECTION AMONG OTHER RESIDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON TENDER FAMILY ELECTION SAID THE PROJECT WAS ALSO ONE OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WHICH AIMS AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES BOTH IN THE FAMILY AS WELL AS IN THE COMMUNITY.

ALL RESIDENTS IN SAI KUNG ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART OR NOMINATE A FAMILY FOR ELECTION. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MAY 10.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

AN ADJUDICATION PANEL HAS ALSO BEEN FORMED TO ASSESS THE FAMILY WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT. THIS PANEL CONSISTS OF 10 MEMBERS, FIVE OF THEM ARE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WHILE THE OTHERS COME FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE.

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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SPONSORING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
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RESIDENT ORGANISATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT CAN APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE AREA COMMITTEES TO SPONSOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE HAS SET ASIDE A BLOCK ALLOCATION OF \$60 000 THIS YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE.

TO STRENGTHEN TIES AMONG THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES AND RESIDENT BODIES, THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE POWER TO VET APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED UNDER ITS SCHEME AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ENDORSEMENT BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WOULD SHORTEN THE TIME AND SIMPLIFY PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORSHIP.

+EACH AREA COMMITTEE IS GIVEN AN APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS ACCORDING TO POPULATION, THE NUMBER OF RESIDENT ORGANISATIONS AND THE PAST YEAR'S EXPENDITURE PATTERN IN THE CONSTITUENCY,+ HE SAID.

+THE MAXIMUM GRANT FOR EACH APPLICATION IS \$1 500, WHILE THAT FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PICNICS AND VEGETARIAN MEALS IS \$750,+ HE SAID.

RESIDENT BODIES CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND BRANCH OFFICES IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, WAH FU AND STANLEY. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TEN DAYS BEFORE EACH AREA COMMITTEE MEETING.

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS EXCEEDING \$1 500 TO ORGANISE LARGE-SCALE ACTIVITIES MUST BE MADE TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE DIRECT. ENQUIRIES ON DETAILS OF THE BLOCK ALLOCATION SCHEME CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-540271.

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VIDEO TO PROMOTE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD
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A 20-MINUTE VIDEO OUTLINING THE WORK AND FUNCTION OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT'S CHARACTERISTICS AND FACILITIES HAS BEEN PRODUCED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS.

THE VIDEO, PRODUCED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AIMS TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND CIVIC EDUCATION.

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IT WILL HELP THE PUBLIC LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT AND BUILD A SENSE OF BELONGING SO THAT THEY COULD BE MORE READY TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

THE PRODUCTION OF THE VIDEO IS PART OF THE PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT'S YEAR-LONG CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN 1986-87.

PRESENTED IN A DRAMATIC FORMAT THROUGH A +TREASURE HUNT+ QUIZ, THE VIDEO FEATURES TELEVISION ARTISTE MISS LISA WANG AS NARRATOR AND INTERVIEWER WHO INTRODUCES THE DISTRICT BOARD, CHATS WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT OFFICER AS WELL AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THREE COMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING.

THROUGH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND INTERVIEWS, THE VIDEO GIVES A CONCISE AND INFORMATIVE INTRODUCTION ABOUT THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES.

COPIES OF THE VIDEO ARE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE ON 3-7110171 EXTENSION 36.

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COURSES, SEMINAR ON CIVIC EDUCATION NEXT MONTH
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A SEMINAR AND FOUR IDENTICAL COURSES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE TEACHING OF COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS AND CHINESE LANGUAGE.

A HALF-DAY SEMINAR INTRODUCING THE WAYS AND MEANS OF PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE TEACHING OF COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE AT ROOM 915, ARGYLE CENTRE, STAGE ONE, MONG KOK, ON MAY 16.

FOUR IDENTICAL HALF-DAY COURSES WILL BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, SEVENTH FLOOR, BETWEEN MAY 18 AND 21.

THE COURSES ARE AIMED AT PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE TEACHING OF CHINESE LANGUAGE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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MOVE TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY TO YUEN LONG
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TENDERS ARE INVITED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FOR ABOUT 2 500 METRES OF WATER MAINS TO BE LAID ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD, FROM TAN KWAI TSUEN NEAR HUNG SHUI KIU TO YUEN LONG.

THE NEW 700-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER WATER MAINS, A DUPLICATE OF EXISTING MAINS ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD, IS REQUIRED TO COPE WITH INCREASING DEMAND IN THAT SECTION OF ROAD AND YUEN LONG NEW TOWN.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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