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MAJORITY HAVE CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG: SURVEY

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SIXTY-TWO PER CENT OF THE 2,000 PEOPLE POLLED IN A GOVERNMENT SURVEY SAID THEY HAD CONFIDENCE THAT HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROSPEROUS AND STABLE.

THIS IS ONE OF THE FINDINGS OF A BENCHMARK SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IN MARCH TO MAY 1990.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SURVEY WAS TO COLLECT PUBLIC OPINION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN ALL MAJOR AREAS OF ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE DIRECT AND SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

SIMILAR SURVEYS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE FORMER HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH IN 1982 AND 1984 RESPECTIVELY.

THE SURVEY WAS UNDERTAKEN BY A PRIVATE RESEARCH FIRM AND WAS CONDUCTED BY WAY OF FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS WITH A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE OF 2,000 PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 64.

"HONG KONG FUTURE" WAS ONE OF THE MOST-MENTIONED SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE SURVEY.

SIXTY-TWO PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS INDICATED THAT THEY HAD CONFIDENCE IN THE TERRITORY, OF WHICH 56 PER CENT SAID "SOME CONFIDENCE", AND SIX PER CENT SAID THEY HAD "A GREAT DEAL OF CONFIDENCE" THAT HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROSPEROUS AND STABLE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, 25 PER CENT SAID THEY HAD "ONLY A LITTLE CONFIDENCE", AND NINE PER CENT SAID THEY HAD "NO CONFIDENCE AT ALL" IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

WHEN ASKED WHETHER THEY HAD ANY ACTUAL PLAN OR TAKEN ANY ACTION WITH REGARD TO EMIGRATING, 14 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL SAMPLE OF RESPONDENTS SAID THEY PLANNED TO EMIGRATE AND 79 PER CENT HAD NO SUCH PLANS.

ON THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT, 43 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS FELT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE, AS A WHOLE, WAS GOOD.

A FURTHER 44 PER CENT SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE WAS NEITHER GOOD NOR POOR OR GAVE NO COMMENT, AND 13 PER CENT SAID IT WAS POOR.

AS FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, 38 PER CENT RATED IT AS BEING EFFICIENT, WHILE 42 PER CENT WERE INDIFFERENT OR GAVE NO COMMENT. TWENTY PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS RATED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS "INEFFICIENT".

THE WORKING ATTITUDES OF CIVIL SERVANTS RECEIVED A "GOOD" RATING AMONG 40 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS, AND A "BAD" RATING AMONG 17 PER CENT.

THIRTY-NINE PER CENT RATED THE ATTITUDES OF CIVIL SERVANTS AS "NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD" AND FOUR PER CENT GAVE NO COMMENT.

WHEN COMPARED WITH THE 1984 SURVEY, THERE WERE MORE PEOPLE SAYING THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE WAS EFFICIENT AND THAT CIVIL SERVANTS' WORKING ATTITUDES WERE GOOD IN 1990.

ON THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC, 31 PER CENT FELT THAT THE COMMUNICATION WAS GOOD, AND 42 PER CENT SAID "NEITHER GOOD NOR POOR".

ONLY 27 PER CENT FELT IT WAS POOR, WHEREAS IN 1984 AS MANY AS 50 PER CENT GAVE IT POOR RATING.

FORTY-ONE PER CENT THOUGHT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC OPINION ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS. TWENTY-THREE PER CENT THOUGHT THE GOVERNMENT WAS INDIFFERENT TO PUBLIC OPINION, WHILE 36 PER CENT THOUGHT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NEITHER CONCERNED NOR INDIFFERENT.

WHEN ASKED "TO WHAT EXTENT THE GOVERNMENT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC OPINION WHEN DECIDING ON POLICIES AND ACTIONS", 69 PER CENT BELIEVED THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID DO SO, WHILE 20 PER CENT THOUGHT THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT TAKE PUBLIC OPINION INTO ACCOUNT WHEN DECIDING ON POLICIES AND ACTIONS. THE REMAINING 11 PER CENT WERE UNSURE AND OFFERED NO COMMENT EITHER WAY.

THE MAIN CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION PERCEIVED BY THE RESPONDENTS FOR THE PUBLIC TO CONVEY THEIR VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT WAS THE DISTRICT BOARD (53 PER CENT). SOME MENTIONED OTHER CHANNELS SUCH AS DISTRICT OFFICES (12 PER CENT), OMELCO (10 PER CENT) AND ANY RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS (EIGHT PER CENT).

ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF THE PUBLIC (73 PER CENT) FELT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY. THIS FINDING COMPARES FAVOURABLY WITH THAT OF THE 1984 SURVEY.

ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE PEOPLE AGREED THAT HONG KONG SHOULD BUILD A NEW AIRPORT (68 PER CENT) AND EXPAND THE PORT FACILITIES (65 PER CENT). THE PERCENTAGES OF PEOPLE WHO DID NOT SUPPORT THESE TWO PROJECTS WERE EIGHT PER CENT IN BOTH CASES.

ANOTHER MOST-MENTIONED SOCIAL PROBLEM WAS "VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE". EIGHTY-EIGHT PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS FELT THAT THE PROBLEM WAS A SERIOUS ONE.

WHEN ASKED WHAT THEY THOUGHT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN HANDLING THE PROBLEM, NEARLY ONE-THIRD (32 PER CENT) FELT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS HANDLING THE PROBLEM WELL, OF WHICH 29 PER CENT SAID "WELL" AND THREE PER CENT SAID "VERY WELL".

ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WERE 38 PER CENT WHO FELT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS HANDLING THE PROBLEM BADLY, OF WHICH 34 PER CENT SAID "BADLY" AND FOUR PER CENT "VERY BADLY".

ON SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM, 68 PER CENT FELT THAT MANDATORY REPATRIATION WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE WAY. MOST OF THE RESPONDENTS (88 PER CENT) ALSO FAVOURED ABOLITION OF THE PORT OF FIRST ASYLUM POLICY IN HONG KONG (BEFORE THE QUESTION ON THE RISK OF BOAT PEOPLE BEING DROWNED WAS ASKED). EVEN KNOWING THAT THE BOAT PEOPLE MIGHT DROWN, 70 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS STILL FELT THAT THE POLICY SHOULD BE ABOLISHED WHILE 10 PER CENT FELT THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ABOLISHED.

THE RESPONDENTS WERE ALSO ASKED TO ASSESS THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN THE AREAS OF EDUCATION, LABOUR, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, HEALTH/MEDICAL CARE, HOUSING, LAW AND ORDER, SOCIAL WELFARE AND TRANSPORT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE REPORT ON THE 1990 BENCHMARK SURVEY ON PUBLIC ATTITUDES WILL BE BOXED.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1990, AT \$128,676 MILLION, GREW BY 34 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1990 RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT TO \$21,878 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 42 PER CENT TO \$42,705 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT TO \$64,583 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 38 PER CENT TO \$64,092 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1990, AT \$1,166,073 MILLION, INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT TO \$205,663 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT TO \$377,238 MILLION.

THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT TO \$582,901 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT TO \$583,172 MILLION.

/THE CHANGES .....

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1990 WITH NOVEMBER 1989, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY RECORDED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES OF 68 PER CENT AND 46 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, CHINA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS AND JAPAN ALSO INCREASED, BY 30 PER CENT, 26 PER CENT, 19 PER CENT, 14 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CANADA, THE USA AND AUSTRALIA DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE AND TAIWAN, BY 33 PER CENT AND 32 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CHINA AND THE NETHERLANDS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CANADA AND AUSTRALIA BOTH DECREASED BY 15 PER CENT. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE USA AND JAPAN ALSO DECREASED IN VALUE TERMS, BY 9 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1,551 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT); TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$973 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$917 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING WENT UP BY \$277 MILLION ALTHOUGH IN PERCENTAGE TERMS IT WAS AN INCREASE OF LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT. THOSE OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$217 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$1,845 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT), AND MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$728 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1990 WITH NOVEMBER 1989, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, SWITZERLAND, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND SINGAPORE, BY 56 PER CENT, 54 PER CENT, 52 PER CENT, AND 46 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE FROM TAIWAN, CHINA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, ITALY AND THE USA INCREASED BY 36 PER CENT, 36 PER CENT, 35 PER CENT, 31 PER CENT, 28 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA, SWITZERLAND, SINGAPORE, THE USA AND TAIWAN INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT, 19 PER CENT, 15 PER CENT, 12 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE FROM JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ITALY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 4 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$8,516 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$8,468 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$7,929 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$5,883 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1,705 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT), AND NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$766 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO ALL THE MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN NOVEMBER 1990 OVER NOVEMBER 1989.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, TAIWAN, JAPAN AND CHINA, BY 139 PER CENT, 85 PER CENT, 78 PER CENT, 53 PER CENT, 46 PER CENT AND 41 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE TO THE USA, SINGAPORE, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND CANADA INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT, 17 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1990 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, TAIWAN, THE USA, CANADA AND SINGAPORE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 69 PER CENT, 41 PER CENT, 35 PER CENT, 30 PER CENT, 22 PER CENT, 21 PER CENT AND 16 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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THOSE TO JAPAN AND CHINA INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT.

TABLE 6 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$12,317 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$9,377 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$8,036 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$3,865 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1,879 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$785 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

AS FROM OCTOBER 1990, STATISTICS ON HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY REFER TO THE UNIFIED GERMANY. WHERE PAST DATA ARE REFERRED TO, THE TRADE VALUES OF THE PREVIOUS FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ARE ADDED TOGETHER TO ENSURE COMPARABILITY WITH THOSE AFTER THE GERMAN UNIFICATION.

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS DESCRIBED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1990 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1991.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE NOVEMBER 1990 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND JANUARY 15, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$27 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 823 4915).

/TABLE 1 .....

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

| MAJOR MARKET  | NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | NOV 90<br>OVER<br>NOV 89<br>( % ) | JAN-NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | JAN-NOV 90<br>OVER<br>JAN-NOV 89<br>( % ) |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| USA           | 5,920                    | - 7                               | 60,869                       | - 8                                       |
| CHINA         | 4,752                    | + 26                              | 43,453                       | + 9                                       |
| FR OF GERMANY | 1,900                    | + 46                              | 15,810                       | + 13                                      |
| UK            | 1,445                    | + 19                              | 12,046                       | - 9                                       |
| JAPAN         | 1,221                    | + 9                               | 11,146                       | - 7                                       |
| SINGAPORE     | 884                      | + 68                              | 7,109                        | + 33                                      |
| TAIWAN        | 577                      | + 30                              | 5,267                        | + 32                                      |
| CANADA        | 391                      | - 10                              | 4,856                        | - 15                                      |
| NETHERLANDS   | 431                      | + 14                              | 4,434                        | + 5                                       |
| AUSTRALIA     | 350                      | - 4                               | 3,284                        | - 15                                      |

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

| COMMODITY<br>DIVISION  | NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | NOV 90<br>OVER<br>NOV 89<br>( % ) | JAN-NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | JAN-NOV 90<br>OVER<br>JAN-NOV 89<br>( % ) |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| ARTICLES OF APPAREL<br>AND CLOTHING<br>ACCESSORIES   | 6,436                    | + 4                               | 64,701                       | *   |
| MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED<br>ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY,<br>GOLDSMITHS' AND<br>SILVERSMITHS' WARES) | 2,505                    | + 8                               | 24,073                       | - 7                                       |

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| PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS,<br>EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES,<br>OPTICAL GOODS,<br>WATCHES AND CLOCKS | 2,166 | + 26 | 19,450 | + 9 |
| ELECTRICAL MACHINERY,<br>APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES,<br>AND ELECTRICAL PARTS<br>THEREOF      | 1,763 | + 16 | 15,844 | - 4 |
| TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS,<br>MADE-UP ARTICLES AND<br>RELATED PRODUCTS                         | 1,648 | + 6  | 15,534 | + 1 |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND<br>SOUND RECORDING AND<br>REPRODUCING APPARATUS<br>AND EQUIPMENT    | 1,681 | + 22 | 15,298 | + 3 |

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

| MAJOR SUPPLIER    | NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | NOV 90<br>OVER<br>NOV 89<br>( % ) | JAN-NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | JAN-NOV 90<br>OVER<br>JAN-NOV 89<br>( % ) |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| CHINA             | 23,599                   | + 36                              | 213,866                      | + 20                                      |
| JAPAN             | 10,712                   | + 56                              | 93,459                       | + 9                                       |
| TAIWAN            | 6,095                    | + 36                              | 52,678                       | + 11                                      |
| USA               | 4,438                    | + 17                              | 47,630                       | + 12                                      |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA | 2,782                    | + 52                              | 25,476                       | + 8                                       |
| SINGAPORE         | 2,783                    | + 46                              | 23,409                       | + 15                                      |
| FR OF GERMANY     | 1,577                    | + 35                              | 13,571                       | + 7                                       |
| UK                | 1,385                    | + 31                              | 12,765                       | + 7                                       |
| SWITZERLAND       | 1,272                    | + 54                              | 10,422                       | + 19                                      |
| ITALY             | 1,000                    | + 28                              | 9,974                        | + 8                                       |

TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

| COMMODITY<br>DIVISION  | NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | NOV 90<br>OVER<br>NOV 89<br>( % ) | JAN-NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | JAN-NOV 90<br>OVER<br>JAN-NOV 89<br>( % ) |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS,<br>MADE-UP ARTICLES AND<br>RELATED PRODUCTS                                   | 8,140                    | + 32                              | 72,070                       | + 9                                       |
| ELECTRICAL MACHINERY,<br>APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES,<br>AND ELECTRICAL PARTS<br>THEREOF                | 6,472                    | + 40                              | 58,434                       | + 12                                      |
| ARTICLES OF APPAREL<br>AND CLOTHING<br>ACCESSORIES   | 5,122                    | + 28                              | 48,903                       | + 21                                      |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND<br>SOUND RECORDING AND<br>REPRODUCING APPARATUS<br>AND EQUIPMENT              | 5,268                    | + 46                              | 44,888                       | + 23                                      |
| MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED<br>ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY<br>CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES<br>AND SPORTING GOODS) | 4,595                    | + 41                              | 42,289                       | + 23                                      |
| PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS,<br>EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES,<br>OPTICAL GOODS,<br>WATCHES AND CLOCKS           | 3,645                    | + 50                              | 31,381                       | + 17                                      |

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

| MAJOR MARKET | NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | NOV 90<br>OVER<br>NOV 89<br>( % ) | JAN-NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | JAN-NOV 90<br>OVER<br>JAN-NOV 89<br>( % ) |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| CHINA        | 11,679                   | + 41                              | 100,817                      | + 6                                       |
| USA          | 8,071                    | + 27                              | 80,754                       | + 22                                      |

/JAPAN 2,864 .....

|                   |       |       |        |      |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| JAPAN             | 2,864 | + 46  | 22,251 | + 8  |
| FR OF GERMANY     | 2,936 | + 139 | 20,459 | + 69 |
| TAIWAN            | 2,169 | + 53  | 19,492 | + 30 |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA | 1,247 | + 11  | 12,033 | - 2  |
| SINGAPORE         | 1,167 | + 17  | 11,625 | + 16 |
| UK                | 1,279 | + 78  | 11,073 | + 35 |
| CANADA            | 487   | + 7   | 5,996  | + 21 |
| FRANCE            | 637   | + 85  | 5,812  | + 41 |

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

| COMMODITY<br>DIVISION  | NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | NOV 90<br>OVER<br>NOV 89<br>( % ) | JAN-NOV<br>1990<br>(HKD MN.) | JAN-NOV 90<br>OVER<br>JAN-NOV 89<br>( % ) |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED<br>ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY<br>CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES<br>AND SPORTING GOODS) | 5,513                    | + 47                              | 51,300                       | + 32                                      |
| ARTICLES OF APPAREL<br>AND CLOTHING<br>ACCESSORIES   | 4,488                    | + 37                              | 43,448                       | + 28                                      |
| TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS,<br>MADE-UP ARTICLES AND<br>RELATED PRODUCTS                                   | 4,941                    | + 36                              | 42,833                       | + 10                                      |
| ELECTRICAL MACHINERY,<br>APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES,<br>AND ELECTRICAL PARTS<br>THEREOF                | 3,670                    | + 32                              | 34,283                       | + 12                                      |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND<br>SOUND RECORDING AND<br>REPRODUCING APPARATUS<br>AND EQUIPMENT              | 4,117                    | + 52                              | 33,113                       | + 32                                      |
| TRAVEL GOODS,<br>HANDBAGS AND<br>SIMILAR CONTAINERS  | 1,289                    | + 49                              | 13,875                       | + 31                                      |

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RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 GAZETTED

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THE RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, WHICH WILL PROVIDE A MECHANISM IN THE RATING ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING RELIEF AGAINST SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN RATES, IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

IF ENACTED, THE BILL WILL ENABLE A LIMIT TO BE PLACED ON THE AMOUNT OF RATES PAYABLE IN ANY ONE YEAR TO AN AGGREGATE OF THE AMOUNT PAYABLE IN THE PRECEDING YEAR PLUS A PRESCRIBED PERCENTAGE OF THAT AMOUNT.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE RELIEF IN A PARTICULAR YEAR AND THE RELIEF LIMIT.

COMMENTING ON THE BILL, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MECHANISM FOR A RATES RELIEF SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL REVALUATION OF RATEABLE VALUES NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN.

"AS DIRECTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING NEW RATEABLE VALUES FOR ALL THE ASSESSED PROPERTIES TO TAKE EFFECT ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

"BECAUSE OF THE TIME LAG SINCE THE LAST REVALUATION THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES WILL BE HIGHER THAN THE EXISTING ONES," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ESTIMATED AN OVERALL INCREASE OF ABOUT 80 PER CENT BUT STRESSED THAT THE ACTUAL INCREASE IN PAYMENTS BY RATEPAYERS WOULD GENERALLY BE LESS THAN THIS BECAUSE THE PERCENTAGE CHARGED ON THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES WOULD BE REDUCED.

"THE RATES RELIEF SCHEME IS A FURTHER PROVISION TO ENSURE THAT RATEPAYERS WILL NOT BE FACED WITH EXCESSIVE INCREASES IN RATES PAYMENTS IN 1991/92," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF A GENERAL REVALUATION WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE TOTAL RATES BURDEN WAS EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT RENTAL VALUE OF EACH PROPERTY.

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TV SHOW TO SPREAD PITCH-IN MESSAGE

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A KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN SPECTACULAR WILL BE STAGED AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM ON JANUARY 27 (SUNDAY) EVENING TO CALL ON THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY TO PITCH IN TO MAKE THE TERRITORY A CLEANER AND NICER PLACE.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE SHOW, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR TONG KAM-BIU, SAID: "THE SPECTACULAR TO BE PRODUCED BY ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED IS THE HIGHLIGHT FUNCTION OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

"THE ONE AND A HALF HOUR SHOW WILL BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 6,000 SPECTATORS INCLUDING LEADING COMMUNITY LEADERS, CELEBRITIES, DISTRICT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS."

POPULAR SINGERS AND ARTISTES INCLUDING MS MAK KIT-MAN, MS YOLINA YAN, MR TAM PING-MAN, MS ELAINE WU AND MS ELAINE DA SILVA WILL PERFORM AT THE SHOW.

"MESSRS JAMES WONG AND DAVID LAU WILL BE MASTERS OF CEREMONY, WHILE MR LI LIANJIE AND MS FLORA CHEONG-LEEN WILL BE SPECIAL GUESTS."

THE SHOW WILL BE TELECAST ON ATV'S HOME CHANNEL ON FEBRUARY 2 (SATURDAY) FROM 8.35 PM TO 10.05 PM.

"WE HOPE THIS TV PROGRAMME WOULD REMIND AND ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CLEAN UP ESPECIALLY DURING THIS YEAR-END PERIOD," MR TONG SAID.

APART FROM THE TV SPECTACULAR, HE SAID THE STEERING COMMITTEE HAD ALSO PRODUCED, DURING THE YEAR, THREE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN PUBLIC INTEREST (API'S) FOR SHOWING ON TV.

"TWO API'S ON PENALTY REMIND THE PUBLIC NOT TO LITTER AND EXPECT TO GET AWAY WITH IT, WHILE THE THIRD ONE STRESSES THAT KEEPING THE TERRITORY CLEAN IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY, IRRESPECTIVE OF SOCIAL STATUS AND OCCUPATION.

"THIS API ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WILL MAKE ITS DEBUT ON TV THIS EVENING," HE SAID.

WITH THE APPROACH OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, MR TONG SAID A TERRITORY-WIDE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL START ON JANUARY 20 (SUNDAY).

"ADDITIONAL LORRIES AND MANPOWER WILL BE DEPLOYED TO REMOVE REFUSE DURING THESE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS," HE ADDED.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING ON TV

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THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ATV AND TVB HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY COULD INTRODUCE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING ON TELEVISION AS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1991.

A SPOKESMAN SAID UNDER THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE, THE TELEVISION LICENSEES MAY BROADCAST CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS BETWEEN 2 AM AND 12 NOON SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RULES PRESCRIBED BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY.

AFTER CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF ITS WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF CODES OF PRACTICE AND CONSULTING ATV AND TVB, THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY HAS REACHED A DECISION ON THE CONDITIONS FOR INTRODUCING CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS ON TELEVISION TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CHANNEL FOR MEETING THE ADVERTISING AND INFORMATION NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC.

"IT IS CONSIDERED THAT INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL BUSINESSES WOULD, IN PARTICULAR, BENEFIT FROM THIS NEW CATEGORY OF ADVERTISING.

"TO ENSURE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE REASONABLE ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING, PRODUCTS OR SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN ADVERTISED ON TELEVISION IN REGULAR ADVERTISING SPOTS OR ADVERTISING MAGAZINES DURING THE PRECEDING SIX MONTHS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE FEATURED IN CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IN THE INTEREST OF VIEWERS, THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ALSO DECIDED NOT MORE THAN TWO BLOCS OF SUCH ADVERTISEMENTS TALLING 15 MINUTES MAY BE SHOWN DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN 2 AM AND 12 NOON.

"IN ADDITION, EACH BLOC OF CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS SHOULD NOT LAST MORE THAN EIGHT MINUTES.

"ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE SAME PRODUCT OR SERVICE MAY NOT BE REPEATED WITHIN THE SAME BLOC AND THE AIR TIME OCCUPIED BY A SINGLE ADVERTISER SHOULD NOT EXCEED 30 SECONDS IN ANY BLOC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RULES GOVERNING CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE CODE OF PRACTICE ON ADVERTISING STANDARDS FOR TELEVISION. THE ARRANGEMENT WILL BE REVIEWED AFTER 12 MONTHS.

NOTE:

ANY ENQUIRIES ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER MR PAUL WAI ON TEL. 838 9515.

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GOVT DETERMINED TO IMPROVE ENGLISH STANDARDS

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SINCE THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH SCHOOL LEAVERS WITH EFFECTIVE SKILLS IN ENGLISH, A FALSE IMPRESSION HAS BEEN CREATED THAT STANDARDS OF ENGLISH ARE FALLING WHEN IN FACT THEY ARE NOT, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR YEUNG POINTED OUT THAT RESEARCH FINDINGS, RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS, INFORMATION FROM THE POLYTECHNICS AND THAT PROVIDED BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL INDICATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN INDEED AN IMPROVEMENT IN STANDARDS OF ENGLISH AT SCHOOL LEVEL THROUGHOUT THE 1980'S, RATHER THAN TO ANY DECLINE.

SPEAKING AT A CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS, MR YEUNG SAID THE PERCEPTION THAT STANDARDS OF ENGLISH WERE DECLINING STEMMED FROM THE PROBLEM OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

"OUR SUCCESS AS AN ECONOMY HAS FUELED DEMAND FOR EMPLOYEES WITH EFFECTIVE AND WIDE-RANGING SKILLS IN ENGLISH TO SATISFY THE NEEDS OF COMMERCE, THE FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES, GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND OTHER INDUSTRIES, ALL OF WHICH DO THEIR BUSINESS TO A GREATER OR LESSER EXTENT IN ENGLISH.

"THIS DEMAND HAS NOW OUTSTRIPPED THE SUPPLY, AND THE EXCESS IS ACCENTUATED BY THE CONTINUING SHIFT AWAY FROM MANUFACTURING TOWARDS THE SERVICES INDUSTRIES, MANY OF WHICH ARE RAPIDLY 'UPSKILLING' THEMSELVES," MR YEUNG SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE PROBLEM, NEVERTHELESS, WAS A SERIOUS ONE.

"IT IS ALL VERY WELL TO SAY THAT STANDARDS ARE RISING STEADILY, BUT THIS IS COLD COMFORT TO THOSE WHO HAVE GAPS TO FILL IN THEIR WORKFORCE," HE ADDED.

FACED WITH THIS SITUATION THE EDUCATION COMMISSION THOUGHT LONG AND HARD ABOUT SOLUTIONS, MR YEUNG SAID.

THE COMMISSION HAD, IN THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 4, RECOMMENDED LONG TERM AND SHORT TERM SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM, MR YEUNG SAID.

ON THE LONG TERM SOLUTIONS, MR YEUNG SAID THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE INTRODUCTION OF WHOLE DAY SCHOOLING AT PRIMARY 5 AND 6 WOULD GIVE STUDENTS FIVE EXTRA LESSONS A WEEK, ALLOWING TIME FOR ADDITIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES WHERE NECESSARY.

THE INTRODUCTION OF ATTAINMENT TARGETS AND RELATED ASSESSMENTS AT PRIMARY 3 AND 6 FOR ENGLISH SHOULD HELP TO RE-FOCUS ATTENTION AMONG TEACHERS AND PUPILS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE WITHOUT, HOWEVER, UNDULY DISTORTING THE PRIMARY CURRICULUM.

"TO ENABLE THOSE SELECTED FOR AN ENGLISH MEDIUM EDUCATION TO COPE PROPERLY AT SECONDARY LEVEL, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS A FULL TIME ENGLISH LANGUAGE BRIDGING COURSE IN THE FIRST TERM OF SECONDARY 1," MR YEUNG SAID.

"IT ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT WAYS SHOULD BE EXPLORED IN WHICH A BRIDGING COURSE MIGHT BE PROVIDED AT THE END OF SECONDARY 3, FOR THOSE STUDENTS IN THE CHINESE STREAM WHO ARE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE ENGLISH STREAM."

HE SAID A MAJOR RECOMMENDATION OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION WAS THE SETTING UP OF A CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE TO UNDERTAKE CURRICULUM DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO INCLUDE EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES AND PARENTS, ON THE OTHER.

"THIS SHOULD LEAD TO AN IMPROVED, MORE INNOVATIVE AND RELEVANT CURRICULUM IN OUR SCHOOLS TO MEET THE DIFFERENT NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

"BUSINESSMEN WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO WHAT IS TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS."

REGARDING THE SHORT TERM MEASURES, MR YEUNG SAID THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT AN APPROPRIATE GENERAL ENGLISH COURSE BE PROVIDED, POSSIBLY DURING SUMMER AFTER STUDENTS HAD LEFT SCHOOL BUT BEFORE THEY ENTERED THE WORKPLACE.

"WE ARE AT PRESENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRITISH COUNCIL OVER THE MEANS OF PROVIDING SUCH COURSES.

"THE COUNCIL IS WORKING TOWARDS RUNNING A PILOT SCHEME THIS SUMMER, WITH THE INTENTION OF STARTING IN EARNEST IN THE SUMMER OF 1992.

"THE COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDS APPROPRIATE VOCATIONAL ENGLISH COURSES DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SPECIFIC TYPES OF OCCUPATIONS AND BE AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS FROM CHINESE-MEDIUM AND ENGLISH-MEDIUM BACKGROUNDS WHO ARE ABOUT TO TAKE UP OR WHO HAVE ALREADY TAKEN UP EMPLOYMENT, FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THEIR EDUCATION AT SECONDARY 5 OR SECONDARY 7," MR YEUNG SAID.

IN ORDER TO GET THE BALL ROLLING ON BOTH OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, MR YEUNG HAVE ALREADY MET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THEY HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE NEED FOR THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING PARTY ON VOCATIONAL ENGLISH.

THE WORKING PARTY WILL BE ASKED TO IDENTIFY INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS, AND TO TRANSLATE THESE REQUIREMENTS INTO EXPECTED STANDARDS, CURRICULUM, AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND MATERIALS.

IT WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO IDENTIFY THE ORGANISATION(S) MOST QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING PARTY WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS FROM THE BRITISH COUNCIL AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

"IF ALL GOES WELL I EXPECT THE WORKING PARTY TO DELIVER ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN A YEAR," MR YEUNG SAID.

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## OLD-TYPE ID CARDS INVALID FROM JANUARY 14

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1927 AND BEFORE THAT THEIR OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987 WILL BECOME INVALID FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 14).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "THIS IS THE NINTH BATCH OF I.D. CARDS DECLARED INVALID SINCE THE NEW I.D. CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME STARTED ON JULY 1, 1987."

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT ONCE AN OLD CARD WAS DECLARED INVALID, IT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE.

HE SAID: "FOR EXAMPLE, MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP HOLDING AN INVALID OLD-TYPE I.D. CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR TRAVELLING ABROAD OR TO APPLY FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT."

"HOWEVER, THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR SPECIFIED CARD REPLACEMENT PERIODS DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OR ANY OTHER REASONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES," HE ADDED.

THESE CASES WILL BE LOOKED INTO AND DEALT WITH ON INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

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

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## NEW ROADS TO BE BUILT IN TUEN MUN

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT SIX NEW ROADS IN AREA 16 SOUTH, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN TO SERVE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN A NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND A NOTICE CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED ROADS MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, CENTRAL; AND
- \* TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHS TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 5, THIS YEAR.

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HK TO SET UP INSECT HOUSE

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RESIDENTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT INSECTS WHEN THE INSECT HOUSE IN HONG KONG'S FIRST NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE IS SET UP, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND, DR LEE SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSECT HOUSE WOULD ALSO PREVENT SOME INSECT SPECIES FROM SINKING INTO OBLIVION JUST BECAUSE THEY WERE DECLINING IN NUMBERS OWING TO URBANISATION AND LOSS OF NATURAL HABITATS.

THE INSECT HOUSE, WHICH STANDS ON A 480-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN THE LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE IN TSIU HANG, SAI KUNG, WILL COMPRISE AN EXHIBITION HALL, A NET HOUSE AND A GREEN HOUSE. IT IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$2.5 MILLION.

"APART FROM THE ANNOTATED DISPLAY OF HUNDREDS OF INSECT SPECIMENS CAUGHT LOCALLY, VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH CLOSELY LIVE SPECIMENS IN A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT INSIDE THE GREEN HOUSE AND THE NET HOUSE," DR LEE SAID.

"INTERESTED RESIDENTS WILL THEN HAVE A FAIR IDEA OF WHICH ARE BENEFICIAL INSECTS, WHICH ARE INJURIOUS PESTS, WHICH CAN BE USED FOR MEDICINE AND WHICH ARE OF ECONOMIC VALUE," HE CONTINUED.

APART FROM MAN, INSECTS ARE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL GROUP OF ANIMALS ON EARTH AND OVER ONE MILLION SPECIES HAVE BEEN NAMED WITH MANY MORE TO BE ADDED, ACCORDING TO DR LEE.

IN HONG KONG, OVER 2,100 INSECT SPECIES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. AMONG THEM ARE SOME 500 SPECIES OF BEETLES, SOME 200 SPECIES OF BUTTERFLIES AND NEARLY 400 SPECIES OF MOTHS.

HE ELABORATED ON THE INTERESTING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOME OF THE INSECT SPECIES, INCLUDING THE DIVING BEETLE WHOSE NUMBER HAS GREATLY DECLINED IN RECENT YEARS OWING TO THE LACK OF PADDY FIELDS, THE ADULT MAYFLY WHICH HAS ONLY ABOUT ONE DAY'S LIFE, THE APHID WHICH IS HIGHLY PROLIFIC AND SENSITIVE TO LIGHT, THE COMMON CROW BUTTERFLY WHOSE PUPA LOOKS LIKE A GOLDEN PEANUT AND THE BANANA SKIPPER WHOSE LARVA LIKES TO ROLL ITSELF UP IN BANANA LEAVES.

"THE STUDY OF INSECTS IS AN IMPORTANT THEME IN NATURE EDUCATION AND KNOWING MORE ABOUT INSECTS IS INSTRUMENTAL TO BETTER PEST CONTROL, CONSERVATION, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

"I BELIEVE THE INSECT HOUSE WILL MAKE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTION OF NATURE EDUCATION IN HONG KONG," DR LEE CONCLUDED.

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THE LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE, SPONSORED BY THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 - HONG KONG AND MACAU, WILL BE OPEN IN PHASES.

THE FIRST PHASE, COMPRISING EXHIBITION HALLS ON AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND COUNTRY PARKS AND AN ORCHARD, IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR.

THE INSECT HOUSE, WHICH CONSTITUTES THE SECOND PHASE, WILL BE READY FOR OPENING SOME TIME NEXT YEAR.

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GATHERING FOR PAINTERS AND CALLIGRAPHERS IN YAU TSIM  
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MORE THAN 700 ARTISTS WILL JOIN A GATHERING AT THE MIRAMAR HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 13), FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM, TO EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCES IN CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AS PART OF THE CURRENT YAU TSIM CULTURE AND ARTS FESTIVAL.

THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY. SHE WILL ALSO JOIN NINE FEMALE ARTISTS TO WORK ON A PAINTING ENTITLED "PERFECT COMBINATION".

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PETER FERRY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GATHERING OF CHINESE PAINTERS AND CALLIGRAPHERS IN YAU TSIM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 13), FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM, AT THE CONVENTION CENTRE, PENTHOUSE OF MIRAMAR HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH MOBILE EXHIBITIONS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH FROM AN EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 14).

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION CONCOURSE.

"THE EXHIBITION AIMS AT AROUSING GREATER PUBLIC AWARENESS TO THE EFFECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ON HEALTH," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"IT IS TARGETTED TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE WHO CAN HELP PREVENT MOST OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTIONS THROUGH DEVELOPING A SENSE OF OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT." THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE VISITORS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL RUN UNTIL WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 16) MORNING BEFORE MOVING TO THE KWUN TONG MTR STATION CONCOURSE IN THE AFTERNOON. THERE IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL JANUARY 23.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE MOBILE EXHIBITIONS ON ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| TSEUN WAN MTR STATION | JANUARY 14       | 1 PM TO 6 PM     |
|                       | JANUARY 15       | 10 AM TO 6 PM    |
|                       | JANUARY 16       | 10 AM TO 2 PM    |
| KWUN TONG MTR STATION | JANUARY 16       | 4 PM TO 6 PM     |
|                       | JANUARY 17 TO 22 | 10 AM TO 6 PM    |
|                       | JANUARY 23       | 10 AM TO 1.30 PM |

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13 CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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A CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY, ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 13).

THROUGH EXHIBITS, PERFORMANCE AND GAMES, 65 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ORGANISATIONS WILL CONVEY TO THE PUBLIC THE POSITIVE VALUE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

/THE DIRECTOR .....

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, THE GOVERNOR OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, MR TAM WING-KUN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATORS' ASSOCIATION, MR WONG KWONG-KAI, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY, ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 13) AT 11 AM.

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CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR IN MONG KOK

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A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE FA YUEN STREET URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX IN MONG KOK TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE THEME OF THE SEMINAR IS "PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN HONG KONG". ADMISSION IS FREE.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION SLOGAN AND COMICS COMPETITIONS WILL BE PRESENTED PRIZES AT THE SEMINAR.

AN EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE COMPETITIONS WILL ALSO BE STAGED AT THE VENUE.

OFFICIATING GUESTS OF THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, AND ASSISTANT MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VINCENT FUNG.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE FA YUEN STREET URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX, 10TH FLOOR, 123A FA YUEN STREET.

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