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CENTRAL BANK FUNCTIONS SATISFACTORILY PERFORMED IN HK
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ALL OF THE FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY CENTRAL BANKS AND MONETARY AUTHORITIES ELSEWHERE, TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE RELEVANT TO HONG KONG, ARE BEING SATISFACTORILY PERFORMED IN HONG KONG UNDER THE EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR JOSEPH YAM, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

IN HIS SPEECH TO THE FOREX CLUB, MR YAM POINTED OUT THAT WHETHER OR NOT HONG KONG NEEDED A CENTRAL BANK OR A MONETARY AUTHORITY WAS A QUESTION OF NO REAL SIGNIFICANCE.

HE SAID THE IMPORTANT QUESTION WAS WHETHER THE ABOVE-MENTIONED FUNCTIONS WERE PERFORMED SATISFACTORILY.

HE NOTED THAT WITH THE NEW ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS INTRODUCED LAST JULY BETWEEN THE EXCHANGE FUND AND THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, THE ANSWER TO THE LATTER QUESTION WAS IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO NEED TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL CENTRAL BANKING ROLES NOW PERFORMED BY COMMERCIAL BANKS.

IN THE SPEECH, MR YAM GAVE A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS ON HOW FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY CENTRAL BANKS AND MONETARY AUTHORITIES ELSEWHERE ARE CURRENTLY PERFORMED IN HONG KONG.

"OUR MONETARY POLICY OBJECTIVE IS TO MAINTAIN EXCHANGE RATE STABILITY. WE HAVE OF COURSE THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM. AND NOW WE ALSO HAVE A MECHANISM, IN THE FORM OF THE ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS, TO ASSIST US IN ACHIEVING THAT OBJECTIVE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM."

HE EXPLAINED HOW MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS ARE NOW CONDUCTED THROUGH THE NEW ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS.

"THE THEORY BEHIND THEM IS SIMPLE. HOWEVER, ONE MUST BE ALWAYS ON THE ALERT TO WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE MONEY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS SO THAT OPERATIONS ARE CARRIED OUT AT THE RIGHT TIME, USING THE RIGHT INSTRUMENT AND INVOLVING THE RIGHT AMOUNT.

"THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE ARE SETTING UP A SMALL DEALING ROOM WITHIN THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH," HE SAID.

MR YAM ALSO LAID DOWN CERTAIN CRITERIA BY WHICH LICENSED BANKS CAN APPROACH THE EXCHANGE FUND, WHICH NOW SERVES AS THE LENDER OF LAST RESORT TO THE BANKING SYSTEM, FOR LATE LIQUIDITY ASSISTANCE.

HE EMPHASISED THAT, SINCE THE GOVERNMENT WAS TALKING ABOUT LAST RESORT LIQUIDITY ASSISTANCE, SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE PROVIDED IF THE MONEY MARKET WAS STILL OPEN.

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"FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, IT WILL BE USEFUL TO APPOINT 4.15 PM TO 4.45 PM AS THE TIME DURING WHICH REQUESTS FOR LATE ASSISTANCE CAN BE MADE TO THE EXCHANGE FUND," HE ADDED.

HE GAVE A STRONG DEFENCE OF THE EXISTING CLEARING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BANKING SYSTEM DESIGNED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY OF THE VIEW THAT THE PRESENT CLEARING ARRANGEMENTS WORK WELL FOR HONG KONG AND THERE IS NO NEED FOR CHANGE."

ON THE QUESTION OF A "DISCOUNT WINDOW", MR YAM SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD A VERY EFFICIENT MONEY MARKET TO MEET FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.

ALSO, THE EXCHANGE FUND, RATHER THAN A COMMERCIAL COMPETITOR, HAD NOW TAKEN ON THE ROLE AS THE LENDER OF LAST RESORT, HE SAID.

"WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT WE ARE NOT PURSUING AN ACTIVE INTEREST RATE POLICY. THERE IS THEREFORE LITTLE JUSTIFICATION FOR PROVIDING THE MARKET WITH SUCH A STRONG INDICATOR ON THE LEVEL OF INTEREST RATE AS A DISCOUNT RATE."

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DB'S PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE

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THE DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE BEEN PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURAL BALL OF THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR LAN SAID THAT EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS HAD BECOME A STANDARD PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE FORMULATION OF MAJOR GOVERNMENT PLANS AND POLICIES.

"I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE FULFILLED THEIR CONSULTATIVE ROLE ADMIRABLY," HE SAID.

MR LAN ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

"IN THE OVERALL AND LONG-TERM INTEREST OF HONG KONG, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MORE AND MORE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND ARE WILLING TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG," HE NOTED.

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DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION HAD PUT IN REMARKABLE EFFORTS TOWARDS PROMOTING GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND IN ENCOURAGING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, HE ADDED.

EARLIER IN HIS SPEECH, MR LAN PRAISED THE CHAMBER FOR ITS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY, PROVIDING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILL AND A STRONG SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

ONE GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE CHAMBER'S ACHIEVEMENTS WAS THE INTRODUCTION TO HONG KONG OF THE 10 OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS SELECTION SCHEME.

THE SCHEME ENCOURAGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONTINUE THEIR QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAREERS AND TO GIVE THEIR BEST IN THEIR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, HE NOTED.

MR LAN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT ALSO HAD CATERED FOR THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, AND CITED THE PROGRESS MADE IN EDUCATION AS AN EXAMPLE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE MARKED IMPROVEMENTS IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL, SUCH AS PUBLIC HOUSING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

IN PUBLIC HOUSING, HONG KONG WAS AT PRESENT TAKING A LEAD IN THE WORLD BOTH IN TERMS OF QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF NEW HOUSING STOCK COMPLETED EVERY YEAR, HE SAID.

AND IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT, THE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINED A BALANCED SYSTEM, WITHIN WHICH VARIOUS TRANSPORT MODES COULD FULFIL THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES EFFECTIVELY.

LOOKING AHEAD, MR LAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD NUMEROUS LONG-TERM AND MAJOR PLANS AND PROJECTS ON VARIOUS FRONTS.

THESE INCLUDED THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTAINER TERMINALS 8 AND 9, THREE MAJOR RECLAMATION PROJECTS AND THE METROPLAN.

"THESE PROJECTS WILL PROVIDE HONG KONG WITH THE MUCH NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENABLE IT TO PROSPER BEYOND THE YEAR 2000 AND WELL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY," HE NOTED.

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VIEWS SOUGHT ON CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

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THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC ARE BEING SOUGHT ON SOME ASPECTS OF THE OPERATION OF THE CERTIFICATION SYSTEM RELATING TO INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNISED CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN.

A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) INVITES VIEWS AS TO HOW THE SYSTEM MIGHT DEVELOP IN FUTURE.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR STUART HARBINSON, EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT THE CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AND FIVE GOVERNMENT APPROVED CERTIFICATION ORGANISATIONS (GACO'S).

THESE ARE THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES; THE INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HONG KONG; THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG; AND THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

FIVE MORE BODIES HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN BECOMING DESIGNATED - THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG, THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION, THE GERMAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LTD AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS.

THE GOVERNMENT NOW WANTS VIEWS AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE THE ROLE OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IN CERTIFICATION MATTERS; WHETHER THE NUMBER OF GACO'S SHOULD BE INCREASED; IF THIS HAPPENS, SHOULD THERE BE A CEILING ON NUMBERS; WHAT SHOULD BE THE CRITERIA FOR APPROVING DESIGNATION; AND WHETHER A CORPORATION MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED TO DELIVER CERTIFICATION SERVICES.

MR HARBINSON ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT CONSTITUTED THE THIRD STAGE OF A REVIEW PROCESS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CERTIFICATION SYSTEM.

IN THE FIRST STAGE, THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR COMPLETED A QUALITATIVE EXAMINATION OF THE STANDARD MAINTAINED BY THE EXISTING GACO'S AND CONCLUDED THAT THE QUALITY OF SERVICE WAS SATISFACTORY.

IN THE SECOND STAGE, THE DEPARTMENT OBTAINED PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON THE CERTIFICATION SYSTEM FROM BOTH PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE GACO'S.

VIEWS ON THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MARCH 31. THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL THEN, AS A FINAL STAGE IN THE REVIEW PROCESS, ASSESS THE SUBMISSIONS TO DRAW UP PROPOSALS WHICH WILL BE LAID BEFORE THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD FOR ADVICE.

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NEW WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER APPOINTED

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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR BRIAN LAU AS WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER WITH EFFECT FROM SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 4).

MR LAU WILL SUCCEED MR NG HON-WAH, WHO IS TO ATTEND A SENIOR STAFF COURSE STARTING ON FEBRUARY 20.

MR LAU IS AT PRESENT AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE FINANCE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

HE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1980 AND HAS SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED IN A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES.

AT THE END OF 1980 HE WAS POSTED TO THE SECURITY BRANCH TO HANDLE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT MATTERS, AND IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR ATTENDED A COURSE AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

ON HIS RETURN FROM ENGLAND, HE WAS POSTED TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN JULY 1982 TO DEAL WITH MANPOWER PLANNING WORK.

BEFORE BEING POSTED TO THE FINANCE BRANCH IN 1986, MR LAU SERVED AS ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHAM SHUI PO FOR TWO YEARS.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1987.

MR LAU IS AT PRESENT ATTENDING A MANAGEMENT COURSE IN THE EVENING.

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HEARING SURVEY RESULTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

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RESULTS OF A YEAR-LONG STUDY ON INDUSTRIAL NOISE AND HOW IT AFFECTS WORKERS IN HONG KONG WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE PROJECT WAS CONDUCTED JOINTLY BY THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (FTU), THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH UNIT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

IT INVOLVED MEASUREMENTS OF HEARING ACUITY OF SOME 1,000 WORKERS IN THE ELECTRONICS, SHIPBUILDING/SHIPREPAIRING, PLASTICS, TEXTILES, METAL AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES.

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CHAIRING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE FTU'S CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG YIU-TONG, AND VICE-CHAIRMAN, MISS LAM SHUK-YEE; A SENIOR LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE, DR TAN TAH-CHEW; AND THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, 50 MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, SIXTH FLOOR, KOWLOON, STARTING AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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INCREASING ARTISTIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS: LADY WILSON

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SCULPTURE AND OTHER FORMS OF ART ARE CONSTANTLY DEVELOPING IN HONG KONG, LADY WILSON SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION "ELISABETH FRINK - SCULPTURE AND DRAWINGS" AT EXCHANGE SQUARE, LADY WILSON SAID: "MANY SCHOOLS THAT I HAVE SEEN RECENTLY EITHER HAVE, OR PLAN TO HAVE, MORE FACILITIES FOR ART.

"THESE PROVIDE INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS, AND TEACHERS TELL ME THAT THEY ARE OFTEN SURPRISED BY HOW MANY STUDENTS DEVELOP IN OTHER WAYS, WHEN THEY ARE ALLOWED TO EXPLORE AND EXPERIMENT WITH ART.

"THERE IS STILL SCOPE FOR MUCH TO BE DONE IN THIS AREA WITHIN SCHOOLS, BUT IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE HOW FAST THINGS ARE NOW DEVELOPING."

LADY WILSON NOTED THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL HAD PLAYED ITS PART IN BRINGING SCULPTURE TO MORE PEOPLE, AND WAS NOW PLANNING TO PROVIDE STUDIO FACILITIES FOR SCULPTURE IN THE NEW PARK AT VICTORIA BARRACKS.

"THE NEWLY DEVELOPED KOWLOON PARK WILL NOW ALSO INCLUDE SCULPTURE FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY," LADY WILSON SAID.

"HONG KONG LAND, TOO, ARE MAKING A REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTION FOR PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER HONG KONG TO BE ABLE TO SEE FINE WORKS OF ART DISPLAYED IN AND AROUND THEIR BUILDINGS."

IN CONGRATULATING DAME ELISABETH ON THIS EXHIBITION OF HER WORK, AND HONG KONG LAND FOR ORGANISING IT, LADY WILSON SAID: "IT IS INDEED A LOVELY CONTRIBUTION TO OUR ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL, WHICH HAS JUST BEGUN."

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PRIZE PRESENTATION FOR YOUTHS

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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH (CCY) WILL PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WORKERS AND WINNERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS SCHEME AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

EIGHTEEN YOUTH LEADERS WHO HAD RENDERED OUTSTANDING SERVICES DURING THE 1988 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE AWARDED OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS WHILE TWO YOUTH GROUPS WILL RECEIVE THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS.

CHAIRMAN OF THE CCY, MRS ROSANNA TAM, AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE CENTENARY ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI, TOMORROW (TUESDAY), STARTING AT 3.15 PM.

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LABOUR DEPT TASK FORCE MAKES GOOD PROGRESS

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THE SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM SET UP BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN JULY LAST YEAR HAS MADE VERY GOOD PROGRESS IN MONITORING THE COMPLIANCE BY EMPLOYERS OF THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THE TEAM, MADE UP OF SEVEN LABOUR INSPECTORS, HAS CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON WHETHER EMPLOYEES WERE GIVEN THEIR STATUTORY BENEFITS UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

SO FAR, THEY HAVE VISITED 1,500 INDUSTRIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, INCLUDING 1,000 BOUTIQUES AND 400 EATING ESTABLISHMENTS.

DURING THE VISITS, SOME 40 EMPLOYERS WERE FOUND TO HAVE BREACHED THE LAW.

THE MAJORITY OF BREACHES CONCERNED FAILURE TO GRANT THEIR EMPLOYEES STATUTORY HOLIDAYS, MATERNITY LEAVE, NON-PAYMENT OR UNDER-PAYMENT OF HOLIDAY PAY, AND SICKNESS ALLOWANCE.

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THE TEAM ALSO RECEIVED 41 COMPLAINTS FROM EMPLOYEES ON BREACHES BY EMPLOYERS OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS.

AS A RESULT, 54 WARNINGS WERE ISSUED AND FOUR SUMMONSES TAKEN OUT AGAINST THE OFFENDERS.

"IF ANY MALPRACTICES ARE FOUND ON AN ESTABLISHMENT, EMPLOYERS WILL BE ADVISED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY REMEDIAL ACTIONS," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"BLATANT OFFENDERS WOULD BE PROSECUTED AND, UPON CONVICTION, ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000," HE STRESSED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT STARTING FROM NEXT MONTH, THE TEAM WILL VISIT GARMENT FACTORIES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"WE HOPE THAT THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS OF THE TEAM WILL DO MUCH TO IMPROVE EMPLOYERS' COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND WILL BENEFIT WORKERS DIRECTLY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ENQUIRIES RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE CAN BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

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THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF LETTERS ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE, FEBRUARY 5 (SUNDAY), AND ONE DELIVERY ON FEBRUARY 7 (TUESDAY) DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS (FEBRUARY 6 TO 8), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

HE SAID THAT ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR SERVICE DURING THE HOLIDAYS, EXCEPT ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 7 (TUESDAY) WHEN 42 POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

THE 42 POST OFFICES INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON; AND TSUEN WING STREET, SHA TIN CENTRAL AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DETAILS OF THE 42 POST OFFICES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM LOCAL POST OFFICES OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-231071.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON FEBRUARY 8, THE THIRD DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 6 AND 7 WHICH ARE THE FIRST AND SECOND DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE THE VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FUND ALLOCATION BUDGET

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A BUDGET FOR THE ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS IN 1989-90 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE BUDGET IS BASED ON THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS HELD LAST YEAR AND A REASONABLE EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE WORK REPORTS OF ITS FOUR WORKING GROUPS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, HONG KONG.

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'FAI-CHUN' TO PUBLICISE DB 'MEET-THE-PUBLIC' SCHEME
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"FAI-CHUN" (SPRING SCROLLS) TO PUBLICISE THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE IN THE DISTRICT ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

PREPARED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE 12,000 PIECES OF "FAI-CHUN" SERVE THE DUAL PURPOSE OF BEING AN USEFUL ITEM FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR AND REMINDING RESIDENTS TO MAKE FULLER USE OF THE BOARD'S "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME.

THE "FAI-CHUN" CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD; THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI; AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES AT SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI AND IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION IN 1982, THE "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAS BECOME A CHANNEL FOR MUTUAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS.

EVERY THURSDAY FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM, TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ANSWER RESIDENTS' QUERIES, RECEIVE COMPLAINTS, HEAR SUGGESTIONS AND OFFER ASSISTANCE AT THE MEMBERS' INTERVIEW ROOM AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

DURING THE YEAR 1988, NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 54 CASES, OF WHICH 37 CASES WERE RESOLVED.

THESE CASES WERE MAINLY RELATING TO MATTERS SUCH AS HOUSING, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, EDUCATION, HAWKERS AND MARKET, SOCIAL WELFARE, LAND AND PERSONAL PROBLEMS.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS CAN MAKE AN APPOINTMENT BY PHONE ON 0-6758041.

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SINGING CONTEST OPEN TO YAU TSIM RESIDENTS
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YAU TSIM DISTRICT RESIDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SINGING ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CONTEST ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION.

"THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS TOMORROW (TUESDAY). BUT AS APPLICATIONS ARE STILL STEADILY COMING IN, THE ASSOCIATION HAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE DEADLINE TO ALLOW MORE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ASSOCIATION SAID.

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SPONSORED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE CONTEST IS AIMED AT PROMOTING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN MUSIC AND IDENTIFYING SINGING TALENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO POPULAR AND CLASSICAL SONG SECTIONS. THE PRELIMINARY ROUND WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 25 AND THE FINAL ON MARCH 18 AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

BOTH SOLOISTS AND GROUPS ARE WELCOMED TO TAKE PART. THE FIRST THREE WINNERS OF EACH SECTION WILL RECEIVE CASH COUPONS OF \$800, \$500 AND \$300 RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-323791 OR 3-322716.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK OF TWO RECREATIONAL AREAS TO START SOON

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WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARK AND A SITTING OUT AREA WILL START SOON TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN KWUN TONG AND THE MID-LEVELS RESPECTIVELY.

THE PARK, WITH A SITE AREA OF ABOUT 9,296 SQUARE METRES, IS TO BE BUILT AT HOI BUN ROAD, KWUN TONG. IT WILL PROVIDE A FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER PITCH, A TABLE TENNIS PAVILION, A PAVILION, TOILET FACILITIES, WOODEN ARBOUR AND PLANTING AREAS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 1990.

IN THE MID-LEVELS, A SITTING OUT AREA WILL BE BUILT ON TOP OF TWO EXISTING TERRACES AT KOTEWALL ROAD WHICH HAVE A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 236 SQUARE METRES.

THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE SIX TERRACED WATER POOLS, ARBOURS, PLANTERS AND WOODEN SEATS.

WORK WILL COMMENCE IN APRIL AND TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TWO PROJECTS. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 24.

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTER OF AROUND 350,000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG TO SERVE MAINLY AS THE SAMPLING FRAME FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEYS ON BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

MANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO MAKE USE OF THE REGISTER FOR PUBLICITY, SURVEY AND RESEARCH WORK.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE REGISTER BY MAKING USE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS RECORDED IN IT FOR MARKET RESEARCH, STATISTICAL SURVEY, BUSINESS AND PRODUCT PROMOTION PURPOSES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PHOTOCOPY OR A MAGNETIC TAPE OF THE LISTING OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE NAME, THE ADDRESS, THE MAJOR TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

A CHARGE WILL BE LEVIED FOR THIS SERVICE, AND THE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) \$2.50 PER PHOTOCOPY, AND

(B) A MINIMUM CHARGE OF \$340 FOR A JOB REQUIRING UP TO 20 CRU'S (COMPUTER RESOURCES UNIT) PLUS \$17 FOR EACH CRU IN EXCESS OF 20 CRU'S IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON MAGNETIC TAPES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234760.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN TAI PO TO BE DEMOLISHED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON MAY 26 LAST YEAR REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON MAY 18 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (MONDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BEACH ROAD SECTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON BEACH ROAD IN REPULSE BAY FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORKS ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 2) AND FRIDAY.

BEACH ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO.53 AND THE THE JUNCTION WITH SOUTH BAY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM DAILY ON THESE TWO DAYS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE SECTION OF BEACH ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NOS.43 AND 51 WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. IN ADDITION, ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING THREE TONNES GROSS WILL BE BANNED FROM THIS ROAD SECTION.

MEANWHILE, ALL PARKING SPACES ALONG THE WESTERN KERBSIDE OF BEACH ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NOS.43 AND 49 WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM ON THURSDAY TO 5 PM THE NEXT DAY.

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