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AIRPORT, PORT PROJECT IN LINE WITH HK'S DEVELOPMENT: CS

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THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS) PROJECT IS VERY MUCH IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AND FOLLOWS ON FROM WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DOING OVER THE YEARS TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT SORT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMY TO DEVELOP AND FLOURISH, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE PADS PROJECT, SIR DAVID SAID THAT WHILE THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SPENDING VAST SUMS OF MONEY TO IMPROVE KAI TAK AIRPORT, HIGHWAY SYSTEMS AND PORT FACILITIES, THE NEW DEVELOPMENT WAS A QUANTUM LEAP INsofar AS PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT WAS CONCERNED.

"IT IS NOT SIMPLY AS A WAY OF BOOSTING CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG. THAT IS VERY MUCH INCIDENTAL TO THE REAL NEED TO DEVELOP OUR AIRPORT AND OUR PORT," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT THAT KAI TAK AIRPORT WAS ALREADY APPROACHING SATURATION POINT, AND IN THE YEARS AHEAD IT WOULD BE INCREASINGLY CONGESTED DESPITE THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME TO EXPAND ITS FACILITIES.

KAI TAK, HE SAID, WAS ALREADY THE SECOND BUSIEST AIRPORT IN ASIA AFTER NARITA AIRPORT IN TOKYO.

LAST YEAR SOME 15.3 MILLION PASSENGERS PASSED THROUGH KAI TAK, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT OVER 1987.

"ON A LONG TERM FORECAST GROWTH OF ONLY FIVE PER CENT PER YEAR, WE WILL HAVE 50 MILLION PASSENGERS BY THE YEAR 2011," SIR DAVID NOTED.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD LOOKED AT THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE LIFE OF KAI TAK, EITHER BY BUILDING A SECOND RUNWAY OR BY A VARIETY OF OTHER MEASURES.

"AND THE FIRST CONCLUSION THAT WE'VE COME TO IS THAT REALLY THERE IS NO WAY IN WHICH KAI TAK CAN MEET OUR NEEDS BEYOND 1996," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT IF A NEW AIRPORT WAS NOT BUILT, THE ECONOMIC DISBENEFITS OF LIVING WITH KAI TAK AND THE CONGESTION WOULD AMOUNT TO SOME \$100 BILLION BETWEEN 1996 AND 2010.

"THAT WOULD RESULT FROM LOST TOURIST TRAFFIC, FOREGONE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND SO ON," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG ALSO NEEDED TO DEVELOP A NEW PORT BECAUSE ON A LONG-TERM FORECAST GROWTH WHICH WAS A FAIRLY MODEST EIGHT PER CENT PER ANNUM, THERE WOULD BE A FIVE-FOLD INCREASE IN THE CAPACITY REQUIRED BY THE YEAR 2011.

/"KWAI CHUNG, .....

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"KWAI CHUNG, AS YOU KNOW, IS ALREADY THE BIGGEST CONTAINER PORT IN THE WORLD, AND THE GROWTH HAS BEEN QUITE SUBSTANTIAL -- 14 PER CENT GROWTH PER ANNUM OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS," HE SAID.

THIS DEMAND HAD PROMPTED THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 7. THE TERMINALS 8 AND 9, AS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS YESTERDAY, WOULD BE SITUATED AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND TSING YI.

THIS WOULD MEAN ALL THE POTENTIAL AREAS WITHIN THE PRESENT HARBOUR LIMITS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTAINER PORTS WOULD THEN BASICALLY HAVE BEEN USED UP, SIR DAVID NOTED.

"IT'S FOR THAT REASON THEREFORE THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE A QUANTUM LEAP TOO IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PORT IN THE SAME WAY AS WE HAVE TO DO FOR OUR AIRPORT. AND THAT WILL BE OUT INTO THE WESTERN HARBOUR.

"SO IT'S THOSE TWO FACTORS TAKEN TOGETHER WHICH LED US TO THE STRATEGIC DECISION THAT WE NEEDED TO DEVELOP, IN TANDEM, A NEW PORT AND A NEW AIRPORT," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT ANY DECISION ON A NEW AIRPORT WAS A PROBLEM THAT REQUIRED TIME, NOT ONLY HERE BUT IN PLACES AROUND THE WORLD.

SIR DAVID SAID THE DECISION ON A NEW AIRPORT FOR HONG KONG INVOLVED A TREMENDOUS FINANCIAL COMMITMENT.

"I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO REALISE TOO THAT THE DECISION IN 1983 WAS NOT SIMPLY WAVERING AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD GO AHEAD OR NOT.

"THERE WAS A VERY CONSCIOUS DECISION TAKEN IN '83, BUT BECAUSE OF OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION AT THAT TIME AND OUR FORECAST OF OUR FUTURE FINANCIAL POSITION, WE WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE THE DECISION TO GO AHEAD IN '83," THE CHIEF SECRETARY EXPLAINED.

IN THE TWO YEARS THAT THE PADS STUDIES TOOK PLACE, SOME 50 DIFFERENT STUDIES, SOME OF WHICH WERE VERY COMPLEX, HAD BEEN LOOKED AT, SIR DAVID SAID.

"WE HAVE HAD TO GET THIS DECISION RIGHT. THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION OF MAKING A DECISION AND THEN FINDING FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, EITHER FOR THE ENGINEERING CONSIDERATIONS OR FOR THE SITUATION IN THE HYDROLOGICAL STUDIES OR THE AERONAUTICAL STUDIES, THAT WE WERE THWARTED.

"THEREFORE IT IS PRUDENT OF US, WITH THIS VAST EXPENDITURE INVOLVED, TO TAKE THOSE TWO YEARS AND COME UP WITH WHAT WE BELIEVE NOW TO BE A VERY SOLIDLY BASED DECISION," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

IN DECIDING THE NEW PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT, NO LESS THAN 47 SCENARIOS WERE LOOKED AT, AND THESE WERE NARROWED DOWN TO THREE OPTIONS -- THE RETENTION OF KAI TAK AIRPORT, CHEK LAP KOK AND THE WESTERN HARBOUR.

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HAVING DISMISSED RETAINING KAI TAK, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID, THE WESTERN HARBOUR PROJECT, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN THE LARGEST MAN-MADE ISLAND, WOULD HAVE INVOLVED IMMENSE ENGINEERING PROBLEMS.

IT WOULD ALSO COST MORE, TAKE LONGER TO COMPLETE AND THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM WOULD BE LESS SATISFACTORY, HE SAID.

"IN ADDITION, IT WOULD HAVE BLOCKED OFF FROM USE AS A PORT, THE GREAT POTENTIAL OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR WHICH IS NOW FUNDAMENTAL IN OUR NEW STRATEGY," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE AREA TO THE NORTH WOULD CLEARLY HAVE BEEN INACCESSIBLE IF WE'D PUT THE AIRPORT THERE. SO WE HAVE DISCOUNTED THE WESTERN HARBOUR APPROACH MAINLY ON THOSE CONSIDERATIONS ALTHOUGH THERE ARE OTHERS," HE ADDED.

CHEK LAP KOK, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD BE AVAILABLE TWO YEARS EARLIER THAN THE WESTERN HARBOUR PROPOSAL, AND AT A LOWER CONSTRUCTION COST OF \$35 BILLION AS AGAINST \$44 BILLION FOR WESTERN HARBOUR THIS WAS CLEARLY A BIG FACTOR, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

"THERE IS A GREATER URBAN DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL AT TUNG CHUNG AND AT TAI HO FOR SOME 200,000 PEOPLE. THERE IS THE POTENTIAL OF 370 HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AVAILABLE ON NORTH LANTAU, AND ON A MEASURE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IT WAS EASILY THE BEST SOLUTION," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ALSO NOTED THAT CHOOSING CHEK LAP KOK WOULD PROVIDE FOR MUCH BETTER USE OF STRATEGIC RAIL AND ROAD LINKS ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF LANTAU.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR, HE SAID, WAS THAT A GREAT DEAL OF WORK HAD BEEN DONE ON CHEK LAP KOK WITH THE GOVERNMENT HAVING SPENT MORE THAN \$300 MILLION ON ENGINEERING STUDIES.

"WE ARE VERY CONFIDENT ABOUT THE ENGINEERING SITUATION THERE, ABOUT THE SOIL SITUATION, ABOUT THE WATER SITUATION AND ABOUT THE AERONAUTICAL SITUATION," HE ADDED.

"ALL THAT CERTAINTY AGAINST THE TIME CONSTRAINTS OF KAI TAK BECOMING SATURATED BY THE YEAR 1996 HAS ALSO BEEN A BIG FACTOR IN OUR THINKING," SIR DAVID SAID.

TURNING TO NEW PORT FACILITIES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID IN ADDITION TO TERMINALS 8 AND 9, THERE WOULD BE NEW CONTAINER TERMINALS ON NORTHEAST LANTAU, DEVELOPED ALONGSIDE MULTI-PURPOSE BERTHS AND THE NEW WEST LAMMA CHANNEL FOR MARINE ACCESS.

"THERE WILL BE A LONG BREAKWATER IN WESTERN HARBOUR, GOING OFF CHEUNG CHAU, AND THAT WILL PROVIDE SHELTERED WATER TO THE NORTH OF IT, AND WILL REALLY EXTEND THE SIZE OF THE HARBOUR QUITE SUBSTANTIALLY.

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"THERE WILL BE NEW WATERFRONT INDUSTRIAL LAND AND CARGO WORKING AREAS IN TUEN MUN. THIS WILL SERVICE THE PEARL RIVER TRADE AND WILL BE A PORT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THE SMALL CRAFT WHICH COME DOWN FROM CHINA AND WHICH WILL OBVIATE THE NEED FOR OUR MAIN SHIPPING CHANNELS TO BE CLOGGED UP WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF SMALL VESSELS COMING INTO THE CENTRE OF THE HARBOUR HERE," HE SAID.

AS A RESULT OF THE WHOLE PROJECT, WHICH WOULD COST ABOUT \$127 BILLION, KAI TAK WOULD BE CLEARED FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON UNDER THE METROPLAN, LAND SALES AND THE LIFTING OF HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN THE PENINSULA, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT.

A PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, CHAIRED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, WOULD BE SET UP EARLY NEXT YEAR.

"WE ARE INTENDING TO RECRUIT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THAT AIRPORT AUTHORITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND HE WILL BECOME THE DEPUTY-CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AS SOON AS HE ARRIVES IN HONG KONG.

"IN 1991 THAT WILL TRANSFORM INTO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND WILL TAKE ON THE BUILDING AND EVENTUALLY THE RUNNING OF THE AIRPORT," HE SAID.

A NON-STATUTORY PORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD, CHAIRED BY A NON-OFFICIAL, WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE BEST WAY TO DEVELOP THE PORT.

"PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY OF ALL, WE WILL ESTABLISH WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT VERY DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT OF ALL THESE MAJOR PROJECTS.

"THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS IS GOING TO BE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PULLING TOGETHER ALL THESE PROJECTS TO MAKE SURE THEY MEET THEIR TIME SCALE, AND INDIVIDUAL SECRETARIES WILL LOOK AFTER THE PROJECTS WITH THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS," SIR DAVID SAID.

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ISLAND, RECLAIMED LAND FOR AIRPORT PROJECT  
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ELABORATING ON PLANS FOR BUILDING A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE AIRPORT WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED ON CHEK LAP KOK AND RECLAIMED LAND, INVOLVING ABOUT 100 HECTARES.

THE AIRPORT, WITH TWO RUNWAYS, WOULD BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING 80 MILLION PASSENGERS AND FOUR MILLION TONNES OF CARGO ANNUALLY, MRS CHAN SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS).

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"THE TWO RUNWAYS TOGETHER WILL HAVE A CAPACITY FOR OVER 70 AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS PER HOUR WHICH IS MORE THAN DOUBLE KAI TAK'S DESIGNED CAPACITY OF 30 AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS PER HOUR.

"THE NEW AIRPORT WILL BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING 28.6 MILLION PASSENGERS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF ITS OPERATION, THAT IS, WHEN THE FIRST RUNWAY IS OPERATIONAL. THE CURRENT MAXIMUM POTENTIAL FOR KAI TAK IS 24 MILLION PASSENGERS PER ANNUM," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID THE LATEST AVIATION TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE USED IN DESIGNING BOTH THE RUNWAYS AND THE AIR PASSENGER TERMINAL OF THE NEW AIRPORT.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THE FIRST RUNWAY WOULD BE OPERATIONAL BY THE EARLY PART OF 1997 AND, DEPENDING ON THE ACTUAL NEED AT THE TIME, THE SECOND RUNWAY COULD BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN TWO YEARS FROM THAT DATE.

ON FINANCIAL PACKAGING, THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION WOULD BE A KEY TO A RANGE OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD FIND IT ATTRACTIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN ABOUT 40-60 PER CENT OF THE PROJECTS IN TERMS OF THE TOTAL COST.

HE SAID THE PROJECTS WHICH WOULD BE ATTRACTIVE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD INCLUDE IN THE PORT, THE CONTAINER TERMINALS AND CONTAINER BACK-UP AREAS SUCH AS CONTAINER LORRY PARKING AND CARGO WORKING AREAS.

AS FAR AS THE AIRPORT WAS CONCERNED, MR MACLEOD SAID THE FUNDING OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY WOULD BE BY A MIXTURE OF EQUITY AND LOANS. INITIALLY, IT WOULD BE GOVERNMENT EQUITY. IT WOULD THEN RAISE MONEY ON THE MARKET IN A WAY RATHER SIMILAR TO HOW THE MTRC RAISED MONEY FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

ON THE TRANSPORT AND RAILWAY SIDE, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID A DUAL THREE-LANE EXPRESSWAY 12 KILOMETRES LONG WOULD BE BUILT ALONG THE COAST OF NORTH LANTAU SERVING THE AIRPORT, THE PORT, AND THE TUNG CHUNG COMMUNITY.

A FIXED CROSSING WOULD BE BUILT TO LINK NORTH LANTAU AND MA WAN AND THEN A BRIDGE OR A TUNNEL WOULD BE BUILT TO LINK MA WAN AND TSING YI, SUBJECT TO FINDINGS OF A DETAILED STUDY.

THE LATTER CROSSING, MR LEUNG, SAID, IF IT WENT AHEAD WOULD BE A 1,400 METRE LONG SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

"MOVING ON, THIS BRIDGE AND ROAD GOES ON TO TSING YI ISLAND WHICH CONNECTS WITH THE TSING YI SECTION OF ROUTE 3 AND THEN GOES ON TO KWAI CHUNG ALONG THE COAST OF WEST KOWLOON ON NEW RECLAMATION ON THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY. IT THEN GOES FURTHER DOWN SOUTH THROUGH THE THIRD HARBOUR CROSSING CONNECTING THE WESTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND," MR LEUNG SAID.

ALONGSIDE THE NEW ROAD NETWORK, A FAST AND COMFORTABLE RAILWAY WOULD BE BUILT TO SERVICE AIRPORT PASSENGERS.

ON FINANCING, MR LEUNG SAID THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING COMPRISING EITHER A BRIDGE OR A TUNNEL, AND A THIRD HARBOUR CROSSING WOULD BE ATTRACTIVE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THE FINANCING PATTERN OF THESE TWO PROJECTS WOULD FOLLOW THAT OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL WHICH WERE BOTH VERY SUCCESSFUL IN TERMS OF FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

WITH REGARD TO THE RAILWAY, IT WAS INTENDED TO USE ONE OF THE TWO EXISTING CORPORATIONS, WHICH HAD EXPERIENCE, TO FINANCE AND OPERATE THE RAIL LINK TO THE NEW AIRPORT.

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HOSPICE DESERVES COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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HOSPICE HAS TO BE A COMMUNITY PROJECT AND DESERVES COMMUNITY SUPPORT, LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN A SPEECH DELIVERED ON HER BEHALF AT THE OPEN HOUSE IN SHAM SHUI PO OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HOSPICE CARE, LADY WILSON NOTED THAT THERE WAS NOW A HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR AN INDEPENDENT HOSPICE, A STRONG HOME CARE PROGRAMME, AND FOR EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

"ALL OF THIS COSTS MONEY, AND WE GO FROM HERE WITH OUR HOPES HIGH THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE FROM ALL THE DIFFERENT SECTORS WILL SUPPORT THIS EXCELLENT PROJECT, WHICH WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO SO MANY PEOPLE'S LIVES," SHE SAID.

"WE NEED FUNDS AND VOLUNTEERS," SHE ADDED.

LADY WILSON'S SPEECH WAS DELIVERED IN HER STEAD BY THE SOCIETY'S CO-ORDINATOR, MISS LUCY CHUNG.

LADY WILSON FOUND IT ENCOURAGING THAT THE CONCEPT OF HOSPICE CARE HAD BEEN WIDELY ACCEPTED IN MANY COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

"THIS SHOWS HOW READY PEOPLE WERE TO LISTEN, AND THERE CLEARLY WAS A GAP IN THIS FIELD," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON NOTED THAT THE CONCEPT TURNED INTO REALITY IN HONG KONG AS OF MAY OF THIS YEAR WITH THE ADVENT OF TWO FULL-TIME NURSES WORKING IN THE SOCIETY'S HOME CARE PROGRAMME.

"THESE NURSES VISIT PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT HOME, WHERE THEY HELP WITH PAIN AND SYMPTOM CONTROL, PROVIDE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND COUNSELLING, ANSWER QUESTIONS, AND HELP TO ADAPT THE HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR THE COMFORT OF THE PATIENT.

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"IN AN EMERGENCY, THEY ARE JUST A TELEPHONE CALL AWAY," SHE SAID.

"IN THE FOLLOWING MONTHS, WE HOPE TO SEE OTHER STAFF NURSES ADDED TO THE HOME CARE PROGRAMME," SHE ADDED.

LADY WILSON DESCRIBED THE LAND GRANT FOR THE INDEPENDENT HOSPICE, A COMMUNITY PROJECT GENEROUSLY HELPED BY FUND RAISERS AND OTHER KIND GIVERS, AS A WONDERFUL BEGINNING OF A NEW PHASE.

"IT IS HOPED THAT ON A HILLSIDE IN SHA TIN, A MODEL HOSPICE CAN BE CREATED TO SET STANDARDS OF QUALITY CARE FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES," SHE SAID.

AS PLANS FOR THE BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT HOSPICE GO FORWARD, THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HOSPICE CARE CONTINUED ITS PROGRAMME OF LECTURES FOR PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE AND THE PUBLIC OF HONG KONG, LADY WILSON NOTED.

ITS INFORMATION CENTRE IN MONG KOK WAS WELL USED BY STUDENTS, DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, SHE SAID, ADDING THAT OVERSEAS AND LOCAL EXPERTS ALSO HELD LECTURES AND SEMINARS IN THAT CENTRE AS WELL AS GOING OUT TO UNIVERSITIES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, SOCIAL GROUPS AND FAMILY GROUPS TO EDUCATE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

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#### SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS, PURCHASES FOR SECOND QUARTER

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989, ESTIMATED AT \$7,280 MILLION, WAS 16 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1988, WHILE THE VOLUME REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WAS \$3,028 MILLION, WHICH WAS 14 PER CENT HIGHER IN VALUE TERMS THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE (28 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988. THESE WERE FOLLOWED BY "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" - COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY ETC. (16 PER CENT), NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (15 PER CENT) AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS (15 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR BARS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED. IN VOLUME TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS ROSE BY 12 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THOSE FOR "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED, WHILE THOSE FOR CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND BARS DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THE TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS ROSE BY 16 PER CENT.

IN VALUE TERMS, INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR FAST FOOD SHOPS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES", AT 24 PER CENT, 16 PER CENT, 16 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE A DECREASE OF 2 PER CENT WAS NOTED FOR BARS.

IN VOLUME TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS GREW BY 9 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" AND BARS DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER - AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS - TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS DROPPED BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS DECREASED BY 8 PER CENT.

IN VALUE TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES", FAST FOOD SHOPS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT, 12 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, THOSE FOR BARS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED, AND THOSE FOR CHINESE RESTAURANTS WENT DOWN BY 11 PER CENT.

IN VOLUME TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES", FAST FOOD SHOPS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS SHOWED INCREASES OF 11 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THOSE FOR BARS AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS, HOWEVER, DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR THE TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100. ALSO TABULATED ARE COMPARISONS OF THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 AND FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988. COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 5-565240).

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

		1st qtr. 1989 (Revised figures)	2nd qtr. 1989 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts	(in HK\$ million)	7 719	7 280
Total purchases by restaurants	(in HK\$ million)	3 281	3 028

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 1ST QUARTER 1989 AND 2ND QUARTER 1989

(Quarterly average of October 84 - September 85 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	1st quarter 1989	2nd quarter 1989	2nd qtr. 1989 compared with 1st qtr. 1989		2nd qtr. 1989 compared with 2nd qtr. 1988		1st-2nd qtr. 1989 compared with 1st-2nd qtr. 1988	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	170	151	-19	-11	19	15	23	16
	Volume	130	110	-20	-15	-2	-2	1	1
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	151	162	10	7	21	15	22	16
	Volume	115	118	3	3	2	2	3	2
Fast food shops	Value	186	208	22	12	45	28	38	24
	Volume	152	163	11	7	17	12	13	9
Bars	Value	122	123	†	†	-1	†	-2	-2
	Volume	103	103	-1	-1	-4	-4	-6	-5
Other eating and drinking places	Value	137	161	24	17	23	16	18	14
	Volume	107	119	12	11	†	†	-1	-1
Entire restaurant sector	Value	166	157	-9	-6	21	16	23	17
	Volume	128	115	-13	-10	†	†	2	2

Notes: 1. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.  
2. † denotes a figure within  $\pm 0.5$ .

GOVT RECOGNISES ITS ROLE IN IMPROVING PRODUCT QUALITY

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THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT IT HAS A POSITIVE AND ACTIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN FURTHER IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURE, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON "EEC 1992 - PRODUCT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS" ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, MR LEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTOOD WELL THAT CONSUMERS IN THE WORLD'S THE MAJOR MARKETS WERE BECOMING MORE AND MORE DEMANDING OF THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCTS THEY BOUGHT.

HE SAID THE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME TO BE LAUNCHED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS WELL IN KEEPING WITH THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS BETTER QUALITY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND ELSEWHERE.

"THE INCREASING EMPHASIS ON QUALITY IN THE EEC IS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ABOUT 10,000 FIRMS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY REGISTERED FOR QUALITY; AND IN FRANCE, THERE ARE ABOUT 15,000 OFFICIALLY REGISTERED QUALITY CIRCLES," MR LEUNG SAID.

"HARMONISATION BY 1992 IS LIKELY TO SPREAD THE QUALITY MOVEMENT MORE WIDELY WITHIN THE EEC," HE ADDED.

IN THE UNITED STATES, MR LEUNG SAID, THERE WAS INCREASING ACCEPTANCE AMONGST MANUFACTURERS AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT EXPERTS OF THE NEED FOR PROMOTING QUALITY ASSURANCE BEYOND THE WELL ESTABLISHED APPLICATIONS IN THE DEFENCE AND AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES.

"IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION, MANY MORE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING OUR COMPETITORS, ARE ACTIVELY PROMOTING QUALITY ASSURANCE," MR LEUNG CONTINUED.

HE SAID THE PROGRAMME OF WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF QUALITY IN MANUFACTURING WAS BOTH INTENSIVE AND EXTENSIVE.

HE SAID THE RANGE OF QUALITY SUPPORT SERVICES WOULD RELY NOT ONLY ON THE CO-OPERATION FROM INDUSTRY, BUT ALSO FROM ALL THOSE WHO WERE INTERESTED IN UPHOLDING QUALITY AS A KEY TO SUCCESS.

TALKING ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON THE QUALITY SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, MR LEUNG SAID THE SERVICES OF THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU WOULD BE FURTHER ENHANCED WITH THE SETTING UP OF DIRECT ON-LINE COMPUTER LINKS WITH THE DATABASE OF THE BRITISH STANDARDS INSTITUTION, INCLUDING BRITISH AS WELL AS GERMAN (DIN) STANDARDS.

AS REGARD THE VOLUNTARY SCHEME OF ACCREDITATION FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN FACTORIES, MR LEUNG SAID A GOVERNMENT SUBVENTED HONG KONG QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY HAD RECENTLY BEEN SET UP TO PROVIDE AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT SERVICE USING LOCAL AND OVERSEAS ASSESSORS EXPERT IN VARIOUS MANUFACTURING DISCIPLINES.

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ASSESSMENT OF THE FIRST GROUP FACTORIES WAS TARGETTED FOR MID-1990 AND ACCREDITATION OF A NUMBER OF THESE WAS EXPECTED SHORTLY THEREAFTER, MR LEUNG SAID.

"WHERE NECESSARY, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR MANUFACTURERS TO HAVE ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCIES," HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE SCHEME WOULD EXPAND CONSIDERABLY AS THE QUALITY MESSAGE BECAME MORE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AND BETTER APPRECIATED.

"FACTORIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCREDITED WILL BE LISTED IN AN INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY OF QUALITY ACCREDITED COMPANIES WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASING AGENCIES WORLDWIDE.

"ONCE THE SCHEME HAS ESTABLISHED A TRACK RECORD, THE DEPARTMENT WILL SEEK ITS MUTUAL RECOGNITION WITH SIMILAR OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS," MR LEUNG SAID.

THE SEMINAR ON "EEC 1992 - PRODUCT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS" IS DESIGNED TO EQUIP THE PARTICIPANTS WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRODUCT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF THE EEC AND THEIR COMPLIANCE.

TWO EXPERTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY WERE INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE SEMINAR.

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#### HK STANDS TO GAIN FROM NEW TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS

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HONG KONG, BECAUSE OF ITS SOPHISTICATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND ITS PIVOTAL POSITION IN THE ASIAN PACIFIC REGION, STANDS TO GAIN A SIZEABLE CHUNK OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS IN THE NEXT DECADE, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ERNEST EVANS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFICATION LABORATORIES, MR EVANS SAID HE BELIEVED THE ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS WOULD BE EVEN GREATER THAN THAT WHICH WE HAD SEEN IN THE LAST 20 YEARS.

WITH THE UPSURGE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS, MR EVANS SAID CONSEQUENTLY THERE WOULD BE EVEN GREATER DEMANDS ON OUR TESTING COMMUNITY SINCE NEW TECHNOLOGIES WOULD BRING WITH THEM DEMANDS FOR NEW STANDARDS OF SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE.

"QUALITY CERTIFICATION, WHICH IS NOW PROPERLY EMERGING GLOBALLY, WILL BE A STANDARD REQUIREMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

"IN THIS RESPECT WE ALREADY HAVE THE PREREQUISITES TO BE A NUMBER OF YEARS AHEAD OF OUR COMPETITORS.

"I HAVE THEREFORE EVERY CONFIDENCE IN OUR FUTURE IN A WORLD INCREASINGLY DRIVEN FORWARD BY NEW TECHNOLOGY," MR EVANS SAID.

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HAVING SAID THAT THERE WERE INDEED BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY, HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF AREAS WHERE GREATER EFFORT HAD TO BE APPLIED.

FIRST, HE SAID, HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS NEEDED TO REALISE THAT THE GOODS THEY PRODUCED MUST BE MADE TO THEIR CUSTOMERS' REQUIREMENTS AND NOT TO THEIR OWN SATISFACTION.

MR EVANS ADVISED THAT TESTING IN A HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) ACCREDITED LABORATORY PRIOR TO SHIPMENT WOULD SAVE MANUFACTURERS THE NEEDLESS EXPENSE INVOLVED IN REJECTED DELIVERIES.

AS FAR AS THE TESTING COMMUNITY WAS CONCERNED, HE SAID THERE WERE VARYING DEGREES OF RESPONSIVENESS.

HE WAS GLAD THAT SOME TESTING LABORATORIES HAD MADE GENUINE ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF THEIR OPERATIONS AND HAD BEEN ACCREDITED FOR A WIDE RANGE OF TESTING.

MR EVANS ENCOURAGED TESTING LABORATORIES ACCREDITED FOR TOY TESTING TO APPLY FOR EXTENSIONS TO THE SCOPE OF THEIR ACCREDITATIONS TO INCLUDE FOR TESTING TO EN71.

HE SAID THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WOULD SHORTLY BE NEGOTIATING FOR ITS HOKLAS LABORATORIES ACCREDITED FOR TESTING TO EN71 TO BE RECOGNISED BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AS "APPROVED BODIES" UNDER THE EEC TOY DIRECTIVE.

"MANUFACTURERS SEEKING 'TYPE APPROVAL' FOR NEW TOYS WILL IN FUTURE BE DIRECTED TO THESE HONG KONG APPROVED BODIES," HE SAID.

TURNING TO PRODUCT CERTIFICATION, MR EVANS SAID HE HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH TWO EUROPEAN PRODUCT CERTIFICATION ORGANISATIONS, AND ONE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN CONCLUDED WITH THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

TUV ESSEN OF WEST GERMANY WOULD NOW BE ABLE TO HELP HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS COMPLY WITH GERMAN STANDARDS SO THAT THE GS WEST GERMAN MARK COULD BE APPLIED TO THE TERRITORY'S GOODS DESTINED FOR THAT MARKET.

A SIMILAR AGREEMENT WAS BEING EXPLORED WITH CERVAC OF FRANCE, MR EVANS SAID.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE HONG KONG Q-MARK MIGHT BE WELL PLACED TO TAKE ON SOME OF THE PRODUCT INSPECTION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CERTIFICATION AGREEMENTS WITH TUV AND CERVAC.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEW AWARENESS OF PRODUCT CERTIFICATION AND ALSO OF QUALITY, PERHAPS IT WAS TIME WE ALL GAVE MORE SUPPORT TO THE HONG KONG Q-MARK, MR EVANS SAID.

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\$400,000 WORTH OF GARMENTS BEARING FALSE ORIGIN LABELS SEIZED

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CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAVE SEIZED CHINA-MANUFACTURED GARMENTS WORTH \$400,000 BEARING FALSE ORIGIN LABELS IN THEIR CRACKDOWN ON FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE ORIGIN OF TEXTILE EXPORTS.

ON OCTOBER 9, A TEAM OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS ENGAGED IN EXAMINING CARGO IMPORTED BY SMALL TRADING VESSELS INTERCEPTED AND SEIZED 2,580 PAIRS OF COTTON WOVEN SHORTS WHEN THE GOODS WERE BEING OFF-LOADED FROM AN INCOMING CHINESE TRADING VESSEL AT THE WAN CHAI CARGO HANDLING BASIN ON ARRIVAL FROM CHINA.

THE SHORTS CARRIED A WELL KNOWN TRADEMARK AND FALSE "MADE IN HONG KONG" LABELS WITH AN INDICATION THAT THE GOODS WERE FOR SALE IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS TRADE INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR Y.Y. LEUNG, SAID THAT FOLLOWING THE SEIZURE, INVESTIGATORS FROM THE TRADE CONTROLS BRANCH OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SEARCHED THE PREMISES OF AN IMPORTER AND FOUND CLUES THAT LED THE OFFICERS TO A LOCAL GARMENT MANUFACTURING COMPANY WHICH HAD CONTRACTED WITH THE IMPORTER TO HAVE THE GOODS MADE IN CHINA.

IN THE GARMENT COMPANY'S PREMISES LOCATED AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON, THE OFFICERS SEIZED ANOTHER 1,404 PAIRS OF SHORTS BEARING SIMILAR OFFENDING LABELS.

INQUIRIES REVEALED THAT THE COMPANY HAD IN JULY THIS YEAR DESPATCHED TO THE UNITED STATES FOUR SHIPMENTS TOTALLING 3,555 PIECES OF CHINESE ORIGIN COTTON WOVEN PANTS AND SKIRTS WITH A TOTAL EXPORT VALUE OF \$220,000. THE GOODS WERE WRONGLY DESCRIBED AS OF HONG KONG ORIGIN ON EXPORT UNDER HONG KONG QUOTA LICENCES.

MR LEUNG SAID BOTH THE IMPORTER AND THE GARMENT COMPANY WOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR FALSE ORIGIN LABELLING AND FALSELY REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORTS LICENCES UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE AND THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE.

"THIS IS ONLY ONE EXAMPLE OF OUR STEPPED-UP EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY AND CREDIBILITY OF THE TEXTILES QUOTA CONTROL SYSTEM AND TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS ARE FULFILLED.

"TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF THE TEXTILES QUOTA CONTROL SYSTEM, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS EXTENDED ITS REWARD SYSTEM TO THOSE PROVIDING INFORMATION ON FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE ORIGIN OF TEXTILES SINCE OCTOBER 1.

"UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, A REWARD, EQUIVALENT TO 10 PER CENT OF THE COURT FINE AND SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$10,000 IN EACH CASE, WILL BE GIVEN TO PERSONS PROVIDING INFORMATION LEADING TO THE PROSECUTION AND CONVICTION OF OFFENDERS," MR LEUNG.

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ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SUPPLY INFORMATION SHOULD TELEPHONE A HOTLINE. 5-8523288, SO THAT AN INVESTIGATION CAN BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

SAMPLES OF THE SEIZED GOODS WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR PHOTO-TAKING BY THE MEDIA AT 4 PM TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE OFFICE OF THE TRADE INVESTIGATION BUREAU, SEVENTH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

MR LEUNG WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS CASE. HE MAY ALSO BE CONTACTED ON TEL. 5-8523270.

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POLICE DELEGATION ATTENDED ASIAN DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT SYMPOSIUM

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ENHANCED UNDERSTANDING ON THE NEED FOR BETTER INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE BATTLE AGAINST CROSS-BOUNDARY DRUG TRADE HAS BEEN REACHED IN A RECENT PEKING SYMPOSIUM TO WHICH HONG KONG POLICE HAD DISPATCHED THE SECOND LARGEST DELEGATION.

HEADED BY THE FORCE'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CRIME, MR WONG TSAN-KWONG, THE FOUR-MEMBER DELEGATION ATTENDED THE ASIAN DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT SYMPOSIUM HOSTED BY THE PEKING INTERPOL BETWEEN OCTOBER 5 AND 9.

OVER 80 DELEGATES FROM 32 NATIONS FROM THE ASIAN REGION INCLUDING AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, MIDDLE-EAST, SOUTH LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA TOOK PART IN THE SYMPOSIUM.

MR WONG TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THE HONG KONG DELEGATION HAD HAD A "USEFUL, WORTHWHILE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE" WITH OTHER DELEGATES ON THE TRENDS OF THE ILLICIT TRADE AND DRUG ABUSES IN THE REGION AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO CO-OPERATE WITH OUR SURROUNDING COUNTRIES INCLUDING CHINA TO STOP THE FLOW OF DRUG FROM SOURCE COUNTRIES WHICH EXPORT DRUGS TO THE WESTERN MARKETS," MR WONG SAID.

APART FROM MR WONG, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL DELGATION COMPRISED MR CHRIS CANTLEY OF THE NARCOTICS BUREAU AND MISS BEATRICE WU FROM THE HONG KONG INTERPOL OFFICE AS WELL AS MR MICHAEL LI OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE SYMPOSIUM, THE LOCAL DELEGATION HAD MADE PRESENTATIONS ON THE LOCAL DRUG ABUSE AND SMUGGLING TRENDS AND THE OVERALL LAW ENFORCEMENT TACTICS, THE USE OF THE "CONTROLLED DELIVERY" TECHNIQUES AS WELL AS THE CUSTOMS STRATEGY OVER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF DRUG IN HONG KONG.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN GETS UNDERWAY

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THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE TERRITORY WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (THURSDAY) WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE.

AS PART OF THE LAUNCHING EXERCISE, A SHORT PUBLICITY FILM WILL BE SCREENED ON TELEVISION THIS EVENING.

THE CENTRE OPENED AT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON THE 29TH FLOOR OF SOUTHOEN CENTRE IN WAN CHAI, AFTER THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION HAD SPENT OVER \$200,000 IN IMPROVING ITS FACILITIES.

THE FILM TO BE SHOWN ON CHINESE TELEVISION CHANNELS IN THE EVENING, CARRIES THE COMMITTEE'S MESSAGE THAT "THE FUTURE IS RIGHT IN YOUR HANDS", AND URGES PEOPLE TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE TERRITORY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE TAKING AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AS A RESULT OF EFFORTS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE.

HE ADDED THAT THE CENTRE, WITH ITS IMPROVED FACILITIES, WOULD PROVIDE RESOURCE BACKING TO THOSE PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE TERRITORY.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, OUTLINED DETAILS OF OTHER PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES IN THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

HE SAID HIS COMMITTEE DECIDED EARLIER THIS YEAR TO DEVOTE MORE RESOURCES TO ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN, COMMUNITY AND POLITICAL MATTERS, AS WELL AS TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF THE RULE OF LAW.

FOR ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES, THE COMMITTEE HAD MAPPED OUT A SERIES OF PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES, WHICH WOULD BE HELD DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

AMONG THE ACTIVITIES, A MAJOR ONE WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 19 TO PROVIDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS CONSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY MATTERS WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS.

IT IS PLANNED THAT A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL TAKE PART IN THIS.

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FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM THAT DAY, A TRAM WILL SHUTTLE BETWEEN CENTRAL AND CAUSEWAY BAY, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY BOARD IT AND MEET THE COMMUNITY LEADERS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON VARIOUS MATTERS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN DISCUSSION ON TOPICAL ISSUES AT VICTORIA PARK.

THE DISCUSSION WILL BE RECORDED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, AND SCREENED BY TELEVISION STATIONS AT A LATER DATE.

A SECOND ACTIVITY OUTLINED BY DR TSE WILL BE A "MODEL CITIZENS" STORY-WRITING COMPETITION.

THIS IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF COMMUNITY AND CURRENT AFFAIRS SO AS TO CULTIVATE AMONG THEM A SENSE OF CARING FOR SOCIETY AND OF BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.

A THIRD ITEM WILL BE A SEMINAR, WITH "RULE OF LAW IN HONG KONG" AS THE THEME, SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 6.

ANOTHER MAJOR EVENT WILL BE A "CIVIC EDUCATION DAY", TO BE HELD IN DIFFERENT DISTRICTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR ON FEBRUARY 25.

THIS WILL BE ORGANISED BY DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WITH CO-ORDINATION PROVIDED BY THE COMMITTEE'S OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE SUB-COMMITTEE.

THESE ACTIVITIES IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE EVENT WILL INCLUDE SEMINARS, QUIZ COMPETITIONS, EXHIBITIONS, GAMES DAY, CARNIVALS, VARIETY SHOWS, ALL OF WHICH ARE AIMED AT INVOLVING THE PUBLIC.

IN CONCLUSION, DR TSE SAID HIS COMMITTEE HAD EARLIER SET ASIDE \$750,000 FOR SUBSIDISING 26 CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS UNDER THE "COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SCHEME".

THE COMMITTEE'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER ON CIVIC EDUCATION WOULD BE FURTHER IMPROVED, HE ADDED.

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#### LONG-SERVING CNTA STAFF AWARDED CERTIFICATES

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY SEVEN STAFF OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) WERE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TODAY (THURSDAY) IN RECOGNITION OF LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

THIS MARKED THE LAUNCHING BY THE CNTA OF ITS DEPARTMENTAL SCHEME TO EXPRESS THE MANAGEMENT'S APPRECIATION OF THE WORK OF LONG-SERVING STAFF.

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AT A CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DONALD LIAO, PRESENTED 30 YEARS' MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO 27 STAFF MEMBERS WITH AN AVERAGE LENGTH OF SERVICE OF 33 YEARS.

THE OTHER 170 MEMBERS, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 26 YEARS' SERVICE, RECEIVED MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATES FROM THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN; REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU; AND DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR BOWEN LEUNG.

TAKEN TOGETHER, THE SERVICE OF THE 197 RECIPIENTS TOTALS MORE THAN 500 YEARS.

MR LIAO SAID THE CNTA WAS PROUD TO HAVE ALMOST 200 MEMBERS OF ITS STAFF RECEIVING THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATES.

"THIS IS A RARE HONOUR AS THE STAFF MEMBERS NOT ONLY HAVE TO COMPLETE AN AGGREGATE OF 20 YEARS' OR 30 YEARS' SERVICE SINCE JOINING THE GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO HAVE TO RECEIVE GOOD REPORTS IN THE PAST 10 YEARS," HE SAID.

MR LIAO PRAISED THE RECIPIENTS FOR THEIR STRENUOUS EFFORTS IN SERVING THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC OVER THE PAST DECADES AND CALLED ON THEM TO CONTINUE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ENHANCING HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY.

THE LONGEST SERVING STAFF MEMBER WHO RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE WAS AN OFFICE ASSISTANT, MR SO YU, WHO JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1947.

AT THE CEREMONY, A SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MR KWOK SIU-MING, WAS AWARDED A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR HIS EXEMPLARY WORK DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CNTA SPORTS DAY ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

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FESTIVAL TO MARK TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT  
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MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE ORGANISING THIS YEAR'S TUEN MUN FESTIVAL ON A GRAND SCALE TO MARK THE NEW TOWN'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR JOHN WAN, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE 15TH INAUGURATION OF THE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON TONG DISTRICT.

"AFTER 15 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN HAS BECOME A BALANCED COMMUNITY COMPLETE WITH GENERALLY ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES," MR WAN SAID.

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HE SAID THAT IN CELEBRATION OF TUEN MUN ENTERING A NEW ERA, THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT FESTIVAL WOULD BE ENTITLED "HOME-SWEET-HOME IN TUEN MUN".

IN ADDITION TO A FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND ATHLETIC PERFORMANCES, THE FESTIVAL WOULD FEATURE A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND GAMES.

"THE FESTIVAL WILL LAST FOR A MONTH AND THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE WILL BE OVER \$2 MILLION," MR WAN ADDED.

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SEMINAR ON WHOLE-DAY OPERATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR ON THE WHOLE-DAY OPERATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 14), BEGINNING AT 10.30 AM AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON UNISESSIONALISM OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN WONG TAI SIN UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

ITS AIM IS TO UPDATE RESIDENTS ON THE WHOLE-DAY OPERATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE SYSTEM.

THE DISTRICT'S SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR IP PO-KUEN, AND ABOUT 150 PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS, AS WELL AS PARENTS, WILL TAKE PART IN THE SEMINAR.

OFFICIATING AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR NG NGOK-SHING; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM KWAN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON UNISESSIONALISM OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN WONG TAI SIN, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10.30 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 14) AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 104 CHING TAK STREET.

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STORY TELLING COMPETITION IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN  
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CHILDREN AGED FROM FIVE TO 12 LIVING IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO ENTER THE DISTRICT'S STORY TELLING COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT THE KENNEDY TOWN CARITAS CENTRE NEXT MONTH.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS. ITS PRELIMINARY AND FINAL ROUNDS WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOONS OF NOVEMBER 11 AND 25 (BOTH SATURDAYS) RESPECTIVELY.

AS PART OF THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT FESTIVAL, THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT AROUSING CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN READING.

IT IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE KENNEDY TOWN AND MOUNT DAVIS AREA COMMITTEE AND THE KENNEDY TOWN CARITAS CENTRE.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES AT HARBOUR CENTRE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) AND KENNEDY TOWN, AS WELL AS AT THE CARITAS CENTRE IN POKFIELD ROAD.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S KENNEDY TOWN SUB-OFFICE, 84 BELCHER'S STREET, BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8170196.

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MONDAY DEADLINE FOR DB SUBSIDY APPLICATIONS  
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO SEEK SUBSIDIES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR CARRYING OUT COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS BEFORE MONDAY (OCTOBER 16).

"APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL CONSIDER SPONSORING ANY PROJECT THAT AIMS AT ENHANCING COMMUNITY SPIRIT, SOCIAL COHESION, AND A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THOSE AIMING AT PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING OF PARTICIPANTS AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE SCHEME WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED, HE ADDED.

THESE PROJECTS CAN BE DISTRICT-BASED CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL OR SPORTS ACTIVITIES, SEMINARS, SURVEYS, EXHIBITIONS AND THE LIKE.

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INTERESTED PARTIES MAY REFER TO THE GUIDELINES FOR THE APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR DETAILS.

COPIES OF THE GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, MISS LEONIE MONG, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REPORTS ON LANDFILL OPERATIONS  
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS REPORTS BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON THE JORDAN VALLEY LANDFILL OPERATIONS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS MEASURES TO CLEAR OBSTRUCTIONS TO PUBLIC FOOTWAYS.

IN ADDITION, IT WILL CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF FURTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, 6 TUNG YAN STREET, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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LEGAL AID DEPT'S KOWLOON BRANCH ON MOVE  
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THE KOWLOON BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT WILL BE RELOCATED TO NEW PREMISES ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 15).

ITS NEW ADDRESS IS FIRST TO SIXTH FLOORS, KELLY COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 570 NATHAN ROAD. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 3-3001200.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY  
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT BACTERIA DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG DURING RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

BATHING WATERS COMMONLY BECOME WORSE DUE TO HEAVY USAGE DURING THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE MEAN E. COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 100 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN SEVEN CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE MEAN E. COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 1,000 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN 18 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE MEAN E. COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS 18 OR MORE CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

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NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO REOPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, SIX BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSE, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA, ROCKY BAY AND TING KAU. THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE SIX BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 28.9.89)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 12.10.89)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	A	A
CHUNG HOM KOK	A	A
DEEP WATER BAY	A	A
HAIRPIN	A	A
MIDDLE BAY	A	A
REPULSE BAY	A	A
SHEK O	B	B
SOUTH BAY	A	A
ST STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	A
STANLEY MAIN	B	A
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A

## ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	A	A
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	A	A
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	A	A
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	A	A
TUNG O*	A	A

## SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	A	A
HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	A	A
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	A	A

## TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	A	A
CASAM	A	A

GEMINI	A	A
HCI MEI WAN	A	A
LIDO	A	A
TING KAU	X	X
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A
TUEN MUN DISTRICT		
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OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	B	B
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	B	B
BUTTERFLY	B	B

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING

\* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACH HAS CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

STANLEY MAIN, FROM "B" TO "A".

THE CHANGE IS WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THE BEACH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR PAUL MR. HOLMES,  
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HAPPY VALLEY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 14) AFTERNOON IN HAPPY VALLEY AND CAUSEWAY BAY TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF THE SCOUT RALLY 1989 AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

AT 1.30 PM THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT UNTIL THE SCOUT RALLY COMMENCES AT 3.30 PM:

- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LINK ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND;
- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES;
- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN COTTON PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD/PENNINGTON STREET WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;
- \* EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, BUT VEHICULAR ACCESS FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD TO THE ST PAUL'S HOSPITAL CARPARK WILL BE MAINTAINED;
- \* LINK ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY DOWNHILL. VEHICLES HEADING FOR LEIGHTON HILL, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND UPPER BROADWOOD ROAD ARE DIVERTED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND BROADWOOD ROAD;
- \* WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON HYSAN AVENUE WILL BE DIVERTED TO TURN LEFT ONTO LEIGHTON ROAD EASTBOUND;
- \* SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ON SUN WUI ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT ONTO LEIGHTON ROAD WESTBOUND;
- \* THE SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC; AND
- \* TRAFFIC CONES WILL BE POSITIONED ALONG LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN HYSAN AVENUE AND CAROLINE HILL ROAD TO ALLOW FOR TWO LANES OF EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.

AT 5.15 PM THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL THE SPECTATORS HAVE LEFT THE STADIUM:

- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;
- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC; AND

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- \* LINK ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY DOWNHILL. VEHICLES HEADING FOR UPPER BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE, LEIGHTON HILL AND THE LOCAL PREMISES IN LINK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND BROADWOOD ROAD.

MATHESON STREET, RUSSELL STREET, AND SHARP STREET EAST WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL LEARNER DRIVERS FROM 11.30 AM TO 7.30 PM.

ALL LEARNER DRIVERS WILL ALSO NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM PERCIVAL STREET SOUTHBOUND ONTO LEIGHTON ROAD EASTBOUND, AND TO ENTER TUNG LO WAN ROAD FROM CAUSEWAY ROAD.

ALL ON-STREET CAR PARKING SPACES ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM NOON TO MIDNIGHT:

- \* SUN WUI ROAD - DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SUSPENSION, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PERMITTED TO WAIT THEREAT UNDER THE DIRECTIVE GIVEN BY POLICE OFFICERS ON SITE;
- \* STADIUM PATH; AND
- \* THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM.

ALL VEHICLES FOUND ILLEGALLY PARKED WILL BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

ON COMPLETION OF THE EVENT AND AFTER THE MAJORITY OF THE SPECTATORS HAVE BEEN CLEARED, TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND ITS APPROACHES IN SHA TIN, THE SECTION OF SIU LEK YUEN ROAD BETWEEN KWONG SIN STREET AND SHA TIN WAI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (OCTOBER 14 AND 15).

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SIU LEK YUEN ROAD HEADING FOR CITY ONE, SHA TIN, WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE KWONG SIN STREET, UNNAMED ROAD AND SHA TIN WAI ROAD BEFORE REJOINING SIU LEK YUEN ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SIU LEK YUEN ROAD HEADING FOR WONG NAI TAU, SHA TIN, WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHA TIN WAI ROAD, UNNAMED ROAD AND KWONG SIN STREET BEFORE REJOINING SIU LEK YUEN ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE SECTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN ICE HOUSE STREET AND BANK STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM ON OCTOBER 14 (SATURDAY), 15, 17 AND 18 TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BATTERY PATH FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEINGS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AND MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO SHEUNG WAN:

- \* BANK STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- \* THE SECTION OF ICE HOUSE STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON QUEENSWAY ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND ICE HOUSE STREET TO JOIN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

MOTORISTS FROM HILTON HOTEL AND GARDEN ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA BANK STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND ICE HOUSE STREET TO JOIN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWUN TONG  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 14), THE SECTION OF THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHEUNG YIP STREET IN KWUN TONG BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TSUI HING STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 36.5 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF LAM HING STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH WANG CHIU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 117.5 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN KWAI CHUNG  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 14), THE SECTION OF SHEK PAI STREET IN KWAI CHUNG FROM A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WAI KEK STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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GOODS VEHICLE BAN ZONE IN TSUEN WAN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 14), THE SECTION OF FU UK ROAD IN TSUEN WAN BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH YAU MA HOM ROAD AND ITS END AT THE CARPARK INSIDE CHUNG KWAI CHUNG TSUEN WILL BE DESIGNATED A GOODS VEHICLE BAN ZONE 24 HOURS DAILY.

ALL GOODS VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BAN ZONE.

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