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SIR EDWARD STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN
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THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING QUALITY, DESIGN AND INNOVATION IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES.

IT WAS WITH THIS IN MIND THAT THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY LIMITED WAS LAUNCHED IN MARCH THIS YEAR WITH THE TASK OF STIMULATING LOCAL INTEREST IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND ENCOURAGING PRODUCT DIVERSIFICATION.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE 1986 +GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HONG KONG DESIGN+ WHICH TOOK PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SIR EDWARD RECALLED THAT DURING THE 1984 DESIGN AWARD CEREMONY, HE HAD POINTED OUT THAT THE DESIGN PROCESS WAS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE WHOLE BUSINESS OF MANUFACTURE, BOTH IN DEVELOPING EXISTING PRODUCTS AND IN DEVELOPING NEW ONES.

+CONSUMERS NOWADAYS HAVE BECOME MORE DEMANDING AND MORE SELECTIVE= THEY EXPECT TO OBTAIN NOT ONLY A RELIABLE AND SAFE PRODUCT BUT ALSO AN ATTRACTIVE ONE,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

+TO ENSURE THAT OUR PRODUCTS REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN WORLD MARKETS, OUR MANUFACTURERS MUST PRODUCE PRODUCTS OF HIGH QUALITY AND GOOD DESIGN, AND CONSTANTLY SEEK TO IMPROVE THEM IN BOTH RESPECTS.+

THE GOVERNOR STATED THAT THE MAIN INITIATIVE BEHIND HONG KONG'S EFFORTS TO MOVE UP-MARKET MUST REMAIN WITH THE MANUFACTURERS THEMSELVES.

HE ALSO PRAISED THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES FOR ITS REGULAR EFFORT IN ORGANISING THE DESIGN COMPETITION.

+THE GOOD RESPONSE THAT THE COMPETITION HAS RECEIVED, SERVES TO UNDERLINE THAT OUR INDUSTRIES ARE INDEED FULLY COMMITTED TO PROMOTING NEW AND BETTER DESIGNS FOR HONG KONG PRODUCTS,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

THE PRODUCT THAT WON THIS YEAR'S GOVERNOR'S AWARD IS A PAIR OF ALL WEATHER BINOCULARS DESIGNED BY W. HAKING ENTERPRISES LTD.

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW CS ANNOUNCED
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE IN JUNE 1987. SIR DAVID, WHO HAS SERVED IN HONG KONG SINCE 1957, WILL BE 60 ON APRIL 14.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR DAVID FORD TO SUCCEED SIR DAVID AS CHIEF SECRETARY. MR FORD IS PRESENTLY THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON SIR DAVID AND MR FORD:

SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES KBE CMG JP

AGED 59. AFTER SERVICE IN MALAYA BETWEEN 1953 AND 1957, SIR DAVID WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A CADET OFFICER CLASS II IN JULY 1957. BETWEEN 1960 AND 1969 HE SERVED AS A DISTRICT OFFICER, IN TSUEN WAN, ISLANDS, AND YUEN LONG DISTRICTS, AND LATER AS DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. AFTER SERVICE IN THE LANDS BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT BETWEEN 1969 AND 1973 HE BECAME DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, NEW TERRITORIES AND LATER SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES IN NOVEMBER 1973. ON THE FORMATION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HE BECAME ITS FIRST SECRETARY IN DECEMBER 1981, THE TITLE OF THE POST BEING CHANGED LATER TO ITS PRESENT DESIGNATION OF SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION. SIR DAVID WAS APPOINTED AS CHIEF SECRETARY IN JUNE 1985.

MR DAVID FORD LVO OBE JP

AGED 51. MR FORD JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES IN JUNE 1972, AND WAS APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 1972. AFTER A SECONDMENT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT COMMENCING IN JANUARY 1977, HE RETURNED TO HONG KONG AS SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION IN JANUARY 1979. HE THEN SERVED AS COMMISSIONER, LONDON OFFICE BETWEEN JULY 1980 AND DECEMBER 1981, AFTER WHICH HE ATTENDED A COURSE AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF DEFENCE STUDIES. HE WAS APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF HOUSING IN JULY 1983 AND AS SECRETARY FOR HOUSING IN FEBRUARY 1985, AND BECAME SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE IN OCTOBER 1985. MR FORD WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT IN JANUARY 1986.

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VERY EXCITING 30 YEARS WORKING -- SIR DAVID
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID HE HAD HAD A VERY EXCITING 30 YEARS WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT. +IT HAS BEEN A MOST INTERESTING AND FASCINATING TIME.+

HE WAS TALKING TO REPORTERS ABOUT HIS RETIREMENT NEXT YEAR AFTER ATTENDING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT IT WAS VERY INTERESTING THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS RETIREMENT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY WHEN HE ATTENDED THE KUK'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY +BECAUSE ALMOST HALF OF THAT 60 YEARS I HAVE KNOWN THE PEOPLE THAT WERE HERE TODAY+.

WHEN HE FIRST CAME OUT TO TSUEN WAN IN 1959, THE TOWN HALL WAS SEA IN FACT.

+SO, I'VE KNOWN THE MEMBERS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK FOR 27 YEARS NOW, WHICH IS REALLY A LONG TIME, WHICH IS ALMOST HALF THE TIME THAT THE HEUNG YEE KUK HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE,+ HE SAID.

ASKED IF HE HAD ANY ADVICE FOR HIS SUCCESSOR, MR DAVID FORD, SIR DAVID SAID: +NO. I'M QUITE SURE THAT HE'S A NEW MAN AND HE WOULD BRING NEW IDEAS TO THE JOB.+

WHEN ASKED WHY DIDN'T HE LEAVE AFTER THE 1987 POLITICAL REVIEW, HE SAID: +WE ALL HAVE TO LEAVE SOME TIME OR OTHER, AND CHIEF SECRETARIES USUALLY LEAVE WHEN THEY'RE 60. IF YOU LOOK BACK OVER THE PAST SEVERAL CHIEF SECRETARIES YOU'LL FIND THAT THEY LEAVE WHEN THEY'RE 60.+

ASKED ABOUT HIS FUTURE PLANS, SIR DAVID SAID THAT BY NEXT YEAR, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN HONG KONG FOR 30 YEARS AND HE PLANNED TO STAY HERE.

+I HOPE I SHOULD GO ON WORKING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD BE WORKING AT. I FEEL THAT THE PERIOD AHEAD WOULD BE A PERIOD OF CHALLENGE FOR ME AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT,+ HE ADDED.

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FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO NT WAY OF LIFE
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INITIATIVES WERE BEING TAKEN TO PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS ROADS, DRAINAGE AND SERVICES TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE URBAN FRINGE AREAS AND IN THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, SIR DAVID SAID THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW PROGRAMME WOULD BEGIN IN 1987-88.

WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS IN RECENT YEARS CAME LARGESCALE MIGRATION OF PEOPLE FROM THE OLD URBAN AREAS AND THIS RESULTED IN A DRAMATIC EFFECT ON BOTH THE LANDSCAPE AND THE WAY OF LIFE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE SAID.

+NEW RELATIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN FORMED AND NEW ORGANISATIONS CREATED TO MEET THIS SITUATION, BUT IN THIS PERIOD OF CHANGE, THE HEUNG YEE KUK HAS CONTINUED TO FULFIL ITS OBJECTIVES BY REFLECTING THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE, HELPING TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS WHICH INEVITABLY ARISE IN THE COURSE OF DEVELOPMENT, AND BY EXPLAINING THESE DEVELOPMENTS TO THE PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES ARE AFFECTED BY THEM,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT IN THE PAST THREE DECADES THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD RISEN FROM A QUARTER-OF-A-MILLION PEOPLE TO ALMOST TWO MILLION AND WAS CONTINUING TO INCREASE RAPIDLY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT KUK LEADERS WERE NOT CONFING THEMSELVES TO REPRESENTING ONLY THE INTERESTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE BUT ALSO PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF NEWCOMERS BY UNDERTAKING AND SPONSORING COMMUNITY PROJECTS OF ALL KINDS.

+SIXTY YEARS HAVE SEEN MANY CHANGES AND THERE WILL BE GREAT CHANGES IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+WE MUST LEARN FROM THE PAST AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WITH VISION AND IMAGINATION,+ HE SAID.

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EXTRA FUNDING SOUGHT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APPROVE AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENT OF \$3.786 MILLION TO ASSIST THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY (HONG KONG BRANCH) TO BUILD AND EQUIP THE NEW PRINCESS ALEXANDRA RED CROSS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL IN KWUN TONG.

THE COMMITMENT OF \$4.64 MILLION APPROVED IN JUNE 1980 FOR BUILDING AND EQUIPPING THE 18-CLASSROOM SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IS INADEQUATE DUE TO RISES IN PRICES.

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IN ADDITION, THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE DESIGN OF A MORE SPREAD-OUT SUB-STRUCTURE FOR A TWO-STORY SCHOOL WHICH RESULTS IN A MUCH LARGER AREA OF ROOF PER UNIT FLOOR AREA AND THE INSTALLATION OF A SPRINKLER SYSTEM AS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES.

MOREOVER, THE COST OF FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT SHOULD ALSO BE REVISED.

THE NEW SCHOOL IS INTENDED TO REPROVISION AND EXPAND THE EXISTING PRINCESS ALEXANDRA RED CROSS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY. IT WILL PROVIDE 100 PRIMARY AND 80 SECONDARY PLACES.

THE PRESENT SCHOOL BUILDING, BEING USED AS SCHOOL FOR 80 CHILDREN WITH BOARDING FACILITIES FOR 60, WILL BE CONVERTED FOR USE ENTIRELY AS BOARDING ACCOMMODATION FOR 100 CHILDREN.

FUNDS FOR THE CONVERSION WILL BE SOUGHT SEPARATELY WHEN PLANS ARE FINALISED.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ARE:

- * A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$1.3 MILLION TO MEET INCREASED EXPENDITURE ARISING FROM COSTS AWARDED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT;
- * COMMITMENTS TOTALLING \$8.373 MILLION FOR BUYING 25 REPLACEMENT SPECIALIST DUTIES MEDIUM VANS AND 21 REPLACEMENT THREE-TONNE COVERED LORRIES FOR THE POLICE VEHICLE FLEET;
- * A REVISION OF THE LEVELS OF ALLOWANCES PAYABLE UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN; AND
- * SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS UNDER THE LOANS (ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK) ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SECOND SHA TIN URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF EXPENDITURE HEAD AND SUBHEAD TITLE, THAT IS, THE CHANGE OF TITLE OF HEAD 112 FROM +OFFICE OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS+ TO +OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS+.

THEY WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF TITLE OF HEAD 106 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES SUBHEAD 220 FROM +EXPENSES AND STIPEND OF UMELCO MEMBERS+ TO +EXPENSES AND STIPEND OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS+.

FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES, BOTH CHANGES SHOULD TAKE EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1986 AND THERE ARE NO FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

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POPULATION GROWTH RATE SLOWING DOWN
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THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 410 000 PEOPLE IN HONG KONG OVER 1981, REPRESENTING AN AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF 1.6 PER CENT COMPARED TO 2.8 PER CENT BETWEEN 1976 AND 1981, A REPORT ON A POPULATION BY-CENSUS BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT REVEALED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE BY-CENSUS, CONDUCTED IN MARCH THIS YEAR, WAS BASED ON A ONE-IN-SEVEN SAMPLE OF THE POPULATION AND A TOTAL OF 218 381 HOUSEHOLDS WERE ENUMERATED. QUESTIONS ASKED COVERED THE BROAD RANGE OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS, THERE WERE 5.5 MILLION RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG IN MARCH 1986. A TOTAL OF 5.43 MILLION PEOPLE WERE ENUMERATED, INCLUDING TRANSIENTS AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. IT WAS ALSO ESTIMATED THAT 99 500 RESIDENTS WERE TEMPORARILY AWAY FROM HONG KONG AT THE TIME OF THE BY-CENSUS.

COMMENTING ON THE POPULATION GROWTH, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR JOSEPH LEE, SAID THAT THE GROWTH RATE OF 1.6 PER CENT OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS WAS LOWER THAN THE RATE FOR ANY OTHER INTERCENSAL PERIOD SINCE 1961.

THE GROWTH DUE TO NATURAL INCREASE HAS SLOWED DOWN FURTHER AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUOUS DECLINE IN FERTILITY. GROWTH DUE TO IMMIGRATION HAS ALSO BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED AS A RESULT OF THE REVISION OF IMMIGRATION POLICY AT THE END OF 1980.

AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF SLOWER POPULATION GROWTH AND CONTINUOUS INCREASE IN THE SUPPLY OF LIVING QUARTERS, THE 1986 BY-CENSUS PRESENTED A PICTURE OF IMPROVED HOUSING CONDITIONS.

+THERE WAS A SMALLER NUMBER OF PEOPLE PER LIVING QUARTERS IN 1986 THAN IN 1981, IN TERMS OF A DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE (FROM 3.9 TO 3.7) AND A DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS PER LIVING QUARTERS (FROM 1.19 TO 1.11),+ MR LEE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE PROPORTION OF HOUSEHOLDERS OWNING FLATS (35 PER CENT AS AGAINST 28 PER CENT FIVE YEARS AGO).

THE PROPORTION OF HOUSEHOLDS IN PUBLIC AND AIDED RENTAL BLOCKS WAS 35 PER CENT AND THAT IN PRIVATE HOUSING BLOCKS WERE 44 PER CENT IN 1986, AN INCREASE OF 2 PERCENTAGE POINTS AND A DECREASE OF 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

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HALF OF THOSE HOUSEHOLDS (NON-OWNER OCCUPIERS) OCCUPYING WHOLE FLATS IN PRIVATE HOUSING BLOCKS PAID A RENT OF LESS THAN \$1 794 A MONTH. AMONG HOUSEHOLDS IN PUBLIC AND AIDED RENTAL BLOCKS, 50 PER CENT PAID LESS THAN \$350 PER MONTH.

REGARDING THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION, MR LEE SAID: +THE POPULATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES INCREASED BY NEARLY 600 000 FROM 1.30 MILLION IN 1981 TO 1.88 MILLION IN 1986.+

THE LARGEST POPULATION GROWTH DISTRICT WAS SHA TIN, FOLLOWED BY TUEN MUN, WHILE WONG TAI SIN AND KOWLOON CITY EXPERIENCED THE LARGEST POPULATION DECREASES.

MONG KOK WAS THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICT, WITH 139 600 PEOPLE PER SQUARE KILOMETRE.

THERE WERE 1 057 MALES PER 1 000 FEMALES IN THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG. THE SEX RATIO OF THE POPULATION WAS HIGHER IN 1981, BEING 1 093 MALES PER 1 000 FEMALES.

WITH THE LARGER NUMBER OF PEOPLE BORN IN THE LATE 1950'S NOW HAVING REACHED ADULTHOOD AND A CONTINUOUS DECLINE IN FERTILITY OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, HONG KONG'S POPULATION HAS BECOME OLDER. +ITS MEDIAN AGE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM 22 IN 1971 TO 26 IN 1981 AND TO 29 IN 1986.+

ABOUT THREE-FIFTHS OF THE POPULATION WERE BORN IN HONG KONG. MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE POPULATION AGED 15 AND ABOVE WERE NEVER MARRIED.

EDUCATION ATTAINMENT OF THE POPULATION HAS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE. THE PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION AGED 5 AND ABOVE WITH SECONDARY OR A HIGHER LEVEL OF EDUCATION INCREASED FROM 45 PER CENT IN 1981 TO 51 PER CENT IN 1986.

+WITH THE INFLOW OF IMMIGRANTS LARGELY SUBDUED, THE LABOUR FORCE OF HONG KONG GREW OLDER AGAIN IN 1986 AS A RESULT OF THE AGEING OF THE POPULATION. THE MEDIAN AGE WAS 33, COMPARED WITH 32 FIVE YEARS AGO,+ MR LEE SAID.

THE LABOUR FORCE INCREASED FROM 2.5 MILLION IN 1981 TO 2.75 MILLION IN 1986, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM. MORE WOMEN JOINED THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD THEIR LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE INCREASED FROM 49 PER CENT TO 51 PER CENT.

SPEAKING OF THE OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORKING POPULATION, MR LEE SAID, +THERE WERE MORE WORKERS IN PROFESSIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL OCCUPATIONS IN 1986 THAN IN 1981. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WERE LESS PRODUCTION WORKERS.+

/BETWEEN 1981

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BETWEEN 1981 AND 1986, THERE WAS A SHIFT OF WORKERS FROM MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES TO WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS AND SERVICES INDUSTRIES.

AN AVERAGE WORKER EARNED 70 PER CENT MORE INCOME IN 1986 THAN IN 1981. DISCOUNTING CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICES, REAL EARNINGS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT DURING THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.

INCOMES FOR HOUSEHOLDS ALSO SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. THE MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, CALCULATED AT 1981 PRICES, INCREASED FROM \$2 955 IN 1981 TO \$3 386 IN 1986.

THESE AND OTHER SUMMARY FINDINGS ON THE 1986 BY-CENSUS ARE PRESENTED IN THE +HONG KONG 1986 BY-CENSUS : SUMMARY RESULTS+, WHICH, TOGETHER WITH FOUR OTHER ADVANCE REPORTS ON THE BY-CENSUS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE FIVE REPORTS ARE :

- * HONG KONG 1986 BY-CENSUS : SUMMARY RESULTS
- * DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY AREA : POPULATION BY AGE
- * TERTIARY PLANNING UNIT : POPULATION BY AGE
- * DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY AREA : LIVING QUARTERS, HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION BY TYPE OF LIVING QUARTERS; AND
- * TERTIARY PLANNING UNIT : LIVING QUARTERS, HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION BY TYPE OF LIVING QUARTERS.

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KUK AID IN CUSTOMARY SUCCESSION PROCESSING URGED

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, URGED THE HEUNG YEE KUK TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT IN PROCESSING AND REGISTERING CUSTOMARY SUCCESSION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.

IN AN ARTICLE FOR A SPECIAL PUBLICATION CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, DR HAYES SAID THAT DESPITE INROADS OF MODERN THINKING, WHICH HAS LED TO DRAWING UP WILLS AND THE OCCASIONAL CONTESTING OF CUSTOMARY SUCCESSION BY WIDOWS AND DAUGHTERS, THROUGH BEING LINKED TO LAND OWNERSHIP WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF VILLAGES COMMUNITIES, THE BULK OF SUCCESSION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS STILL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CUSTOM.

/+LOCAL CUSTOM

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+LOCAL CUSTOM IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY KNOWN OR DOCUMENTED AND THE LACK OF AUTHORITATIVE GUIDANCE IS A HANDICAP TO DISTRICT OFFICERS WHO ARE ENTRUSTED WITH PROCESSING AND REGISTERING CUSTOMARY SUCCESSION, AND THE JUDICIARY WHO ARE OBLIGED TO HAND DOWN JUDGEMENTS IN DISPUTED CASES,+ HE SAID.

+BY MAKING ITSELF KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE CUSTOMARY LAW RELATING TO SUCCESSION, OR BY LISTING PERSONS WHO COULD PROVIDE EXPERT ADVICE, THE KUK COULD GREATLY ASSIST THEIR WORK,+ HE ADDED.

DR HAYES ALSO PRAISED THE HEUNG YEE KUK FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWNS THROUGH THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THE PROCESS, POLICY MAKING AND MEDIATION IN THE EARLY STAGES OF SUCH PROJECTS.

HE SAID THE KUK WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY AS MORE NEW TOWNS WERE BEING DEVELOPED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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LEGCO TO DEBATE TWO HOUSING REPORTS
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AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON THE +REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING+ AND THE +REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC RENT POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE+ WILL BE HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

SIX BILLS, TWO MOTIONS AND 12 QUESTIONS WILL BE AMONG MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MEETING.

OF THE SIX BILLS, TWO ARE DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING. THEY ARE THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 AND THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986.

IN ADDITION, THREE STATEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY MEMBERS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT ACTION FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DISCUSSION DOCUMENT ON OPTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE LAW AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW TO COUNTER THE TRIAD PROBLEM.

THE SECOND STATEMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE SENIOR MEMBER, THE HON LYDIA DUNN, ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL, AND THE THIRD BY THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION.

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FOOD PROTECTION LAW TAKES EFFECT SATURDAY
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THE HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN FOOD (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986 WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 1).

THE NEW REGULATIONS MAKE IT AN OFFENCE TO SELL, CONSIGN OR DELIVER FOR SALE, FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION ANY FISH, MEAT OR POULTRY (INCLUDING LIVE POULTRY) WHICH CONTAINS SPECIFIED SYNTHETIC HORMONES.

A MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW MEASURES ARE DESIGNED FOR BETTER PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGULATIONS, THE FOOD SECTION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL CHECK THESE FOOD ITEMS ON SALE. SAMPLES WILL BE TAKEN FOR EXAMINATION FROM SHOPS, STALLS, WHOLESALE LAANS, AND LOCAL FARMS FROM TIME TO TIME.

IMPORTED GOODS WILL ALSO BE SUBJECTED TO THE SAME CONTROL. LIVE POULTRY IMPORTED BY LAND WILL BE CHECKED AT THE BORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE FOOD SUPPLIED TO HONG KONG IS SAFE.

THE LAW DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUIRE SUPPLIERS OR WHOLE-SALERS TO PROVIDE WARRANTIES TO THEIR COMMODITIES BUT FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT, RETAILERS OR SELLERS MAY ASK FOR CERTIFICATES THAT GOODS SUPPLIED TO THEM ARE FREE FROM HORMONE RESIDUES.

HOLDERS OF WARRANTIES MAY USE THEM AS A DEFENCE UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TAC CONSIDERS KMB'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS
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THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY'S LATEST ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WAS CONSIDERED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO HAVE BEEN PREPARED IN A CONSCIENTIOUS AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER.

THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTED THIS POINT IN A MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) WHEN MEMBERS EXAMINED PROPOSALS IN THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE COMPANY'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR 1986-1991.

THE OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME INCLUDE BUS PURCHASING PROGRAMMES, DEPOT REQUIREMENTS, FINANCIAL FORECASTS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, SPARE PARTS STOCK LEVELS AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES.

THE 1987-1991 ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME CONTAINS A TOTAL OF 429 ITEMS, INCLUDING INTRODUCTION OF 61 NEW ROUTES, 201 ITEMS RELATED TO FREQUENCY IMPROVEMENTS AND 93 ITEMS RELATED TO CONVERSION TO HIGHER CAPACITY BUSES.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY HAD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MODIFIED ITS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTIMATING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING TO DISCUSS THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WITH THE BUS COMPANY IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEES AND PROPOSALS BY OTHER PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS.

MEMBERS HAD RAISED QUESTIONS ON THE FLEET SIZE, THE PROJECTED RIDERSHIP AND POPULATION GROWTH, THE NEED FOR EXTRA DEPOTS AND THE JUSTIFICATION ON PROJECTED CAPITAL INVESTMENT.

A SECOND MEETING WILL BE HELD FOR SCRUTINISING THE ANSWERS RECEIVED BEFORE A VIEWPOINT ON THE OVERALL PLAN CAN BE REACHED.

AT THE MEETING TODAY, MEMBERS ALSO CONSIDERED A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PARKING METER CHARGES IN AREAS WHERE UTILISATION WAS HEAVIEST.

THE NEED TO KEEP FEES AND CHARGES UP TO DATE WAS OUTLINED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR WHEN HE NOTED THAT: +A FRESH LOOK WILL BE TAKEN AT PARKING METER CHARGES, WHICH HAVE BEEN UNCHANGED SINCE 1981.+

MEMBERS ALSO EXAMINED A PROPOSAL FOR A SURCHARGE ON LANTAU TAXI FARES DURING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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FREE LEGAL SCHEME HANDLES 1 500 CASES

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THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME, ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE LAW SOCIETY, HANDLED MORE THAN 1 500 CASES DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

ASSISTANCE WAS REQUESTED BY MORE THAN 12 000 PEOPLE, AND 1 517 WERE REFERRED TO DUTY LAWYERS UNDER THE SCHEME.

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+THE MAJORITY OF THE CASES DEALT WITH MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS, MATRIMONIAL MATTERS, COMPENSATION CLAIMS, MATTERS CONCERNING LANDLORDS AND TENANTS AND CRIMINAL CASES,+ A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED IN 1978 TO PROVIDE FREE LEGAL ADVICE TO THOSE WHO CANNOT AFFORD IT,+ HE POINTED OUT.

+THROUGH THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES, APPLICANTS ARE REFERRED TO DUTY LAWYERS ATTENDING THE EIGHT EVENING BUREAUS THAT ARE LOCATED IN DISTRICT OFFICES IN WAN CHAI, EASTERN, MONG KOK, WONG TAI SIN, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN,+ HE SAID.

+LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 300 LAWYERS DRAWN FROM PRACTISING SOLICITORS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, CONTRIBUTED THEIR SERVICES TO THE SCHEME.+

ANYONE WISHING TO SEE THE DUTY LAWYERS MAY APPROACH ANY OF THE 66 PESC'S LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

+AFTER AN INTERVIEW, STAFF OF THE CENTRES WILL IDENTIFY THEIR NEEDS AND MAKE REFERRALS WHERE NECESSARY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE DUTY LAWYERS CAN USUALLY BE ARRANGED WITHIN 10 DAYS AT AN EVENING BUREAU OF THE APPLICANT'S CHOICE.+

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REFUGEE GIRLS FORM BROWNIE GROUP

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A BROWNIE GROUP COMPRISING VIETNAMESE REFUGEE GIRLS WAS FORMED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT HEI LING CHAU CLOSED CENTRE THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION.

THE 241ST NEW TERRITORIES PACK IS THE THIRD REFUGEE BROWNIE GROUP TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CLOSED CENTRES UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. IT HAS 24 MEMBERS, AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 12. ALL LIVE AT THE CLOSED CENTRE ON HEI LING CHAU.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, LADY AKERS-JONES, OFFICIATED AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY. ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, LADY AKERS-JONES INSPECTED THE PACK, WHICH LATER STAGED A SHOW FOR THE GUESTS.

/MR CHAN

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MR CHAN THANKED LADY AKERS-JONES AND STAFF OF THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN OUTLYING DISTRICT REGIONS, FOR THEIR VOLUNTARY WORK AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT LEADING TO THE FORMATION OF THE PACK.

+IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION LEADING A TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THESE YOUNG GIRLS, TRAINING THEM IN SELF-RELIANCE AND CITIZENSHIP WHICH NO DOUBT WILL ENHANCE THEIR PHYSICAL AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT,+ MR CHAN SAID.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL BENEFIT A GREAT DEAL FROM THE GUIDING ACTIVITIES, AND WILL BE PREPARED TO LEND A HAND TO THE NEEDY WHEN THE OCCASION ARISES.+

GUIDING ACTIVITIES FOR REFUGEE GIRLS LIVING IN CLOSED CENTRES BEGAN IN 1985 WHEN THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, FORMED THE FIRST BROWNIE GROUP AT CHI MA WAN CLOSED CENTRE.

IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, ANOTHER PACK WAS FORMED AT THE REFUGEE UNIT OF THE CAPE COLLINSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE.

THE PACK WAS DISBANDED FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF THE UNIT IN APRIL. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO REINSTATE THE PACK AT BOWRING CLOSED CENTRE AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE VISITS POLICE BUREAU

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MEMBERS OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE VISITED THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU IN TSIM SHA TSUI THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR CHENG HOK-YIN, MEMBERS SAW THE LATEST SECURITY DEVICES AT THE DISPLAY ROOM AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE SUBJECT BY DETECTIVE SERGEANT YIP WAI.

MR CHENG SAID THE VISIT WOULD UPDATE MEMBERS ON WAYS TO PREVENT BURGLARIES IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, OFFICES AND SHOPS.

THE VISIT WAS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN NOW UNDERWAY IN THE DISTRICT, AND MR CHENG REFERRED TO OTHER ACTIVITIES BEING UNDERTAKEN.

THESE INCLUDE A SLOGAN COMPETITION RELATING TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME. THIS IS OPEN TO SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO MAY OBTAIN ENTRY FORMS FROM THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS NOVEMBER 11.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION OF SECURITY DEVICES IN JANUARY.

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ARMY CAMP OPEN DAY FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS
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AN ARMY CAMP OPEN DAY, FEATURING EXCITING AND ENTERTAINING PERFORMANCES FOR THE YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE, WILL BE HELD IN THE PEROWNE CAMP IN TUEN MUN ON NOVEMBER 8.

THE CAMP IS LOCATED AT 18 MILESTONE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, OPPOSITE THE OLD CAFETERIA BEACH. SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT IS AIMED AT FOSTERING COMMUNITY SPIRITS AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG RESIDENTS.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE A BRIDGE-BUILDING COMPETITION BETWEEN DIFFERENT UNITS OF THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS, AND A MOCK ATTACK ON DISSIDENTS OCCUPYING THE BRIDGE. THERE WILL ALSO BE DANCING PERFORMANCES BY GURKHA CHILDREN, PIPE AND DRUM PERFORMANCES BY THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS, AS WELL AS DISPLAY OF AN ARMY HELICOPTER AND OTHER ARMY EQUIPMENT.

ABOUT 1 500 CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 8 AND 14 WILL BE TREATED TO SPECIAL GAMES LIKE AERIAL ROPEWAY, PONY AND CAMEL RIDES, CLIMBING UP ARMY TANKS AND OTHER GAMES. HOWEVER PARTICIPANTS MUST OBTAIN THEIR PARENTS' CONSENT BEFORE TAKING PART.

ADMISSION TICKETS ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS ARE AVAILABLE FREE FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND ITS FOUR SUB-OFFICES AT TAI HING, ON TING; YAU OI, SIU HONG, WU KING AND BUTTERFLY ESTATES, AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4513045.

THE TUEN MUN ARMY CAMP OPEN DAY ORGANISING COMMITTEE COMPRISES THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS.

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'EMPLOY THE DISABLED' EXHIBITION OPENS FRIDAY
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A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED WILL BEGIN AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI, ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 31).

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, AIMS AT ENCOURAGING EMPLOYERS TO EMPLOY DISABLED PEOPLE WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

USING AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS AND STATIC DISPLAYS, THE EXHIBITION WILL INTRODUCE VARIOUS SERVICES WHICH THE DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE PROVIDES FOR DISABLED WORKERS.

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THE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING PLACEMENT SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN FIVE MAIN AREAS OF DISABILITY -- PHYSICAL, VISUAL, HEARING, MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND EX-MENTALLY ILL.

THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY OF MODERN TECHNICAL AIDS AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF THEIR USE BY DISABLED WORKERS.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE EXHIBITION WILL GIVE THE PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR EMPLOYERS, A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORKING ABILITY OF DISABLED PEOPLE,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, MR DAVID LI.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY AND FROM 11 AM TO 7 PM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 3 PM ON FRIDAY.

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COURSES IN BANKING OFFERED
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BANKING STAFF ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR TWO UPGRADING COURSES TO BE OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE IN MID-NOVEMBER. THE COURSES INVOLVE BILL OPERATION AND LEGAL ASPECTS RELATING TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BANKERS AND CUSTOMERS.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, THE COURSES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO UPGRADE THE PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF EMPLOYEES OF BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

THE FIRST COURSE, ON +INWARD-OUTWARD BILLS: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE+, WILL GIVE A PRACTICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ABOUT BILL OPERATION IN BANKING.

THE SECOND COURSE, ON +CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BANKERS AND CUSTOMERS+, WILL PROVIDE BANKING STAFF WITH A GOOD KNOWLEDGE IN VARIOUS LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE IMPLIED AND CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

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CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE EVENING AT THE TOWN CENTRES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS NOVEMBER 7.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD, MR S.M. WOO, ON 5-8932341, EXT. 255.

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NEW LIVESTOCK CHECKPOINTS GOING INTO SERVICE
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TWO LIVESTOCK INSPECTION STATIONS RUN BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL COME INTO OPERATION AT MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 1).

THE NEW FACILITIES ARE PART OF GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS IN PROVIDING PROPER INSPECTION OF IMPORTED ANIMALS AND BIRDS TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF DISEASE, TO SAFEGUARD ANIMAL WELFARE AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WILL BE TAKEN TO VISIT THE MAN KAM TO LIVESTOCK INSPECTION STATION ON MONDAY AFTERNOON. THEY WILL BE BRIEFED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR NORMAN CHENG.

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AT 1.30 PM.

AS CLOSED AREA PERMITS HAVE TO BE ARRANGED IN ADVANCE, REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO CALL THE AFD INFORMATION UNIT AT 3-7332176, GIVING THEIR NAMES AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS BEFORE NOON ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 30). LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

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EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE BETTER LIVING

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LOCAL COMPANIES AND MANUFACTURERS OF PRODUCTS AND FACILITIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER AND SAFER LIVING ENVIRONMENT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE +HOME BEAUTIFICATION AND SAFETY EXHIBITION+ IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO LEARN OF THE LATEST INFORMATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD ENVIRONMENT IN TERMS OF SAFETY, SECURITY AND DECORATIONS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID.

EACH PARTICIPATING FIRM WILL BE ALLOCATED A 3 METRE BY 3 METRE EXHIBITION BOOTH AT A COST OF \$10 000 FOR DISPLAY OF THE PRODUCTS DURING THE EXHIBITION BETWEEN JANUARY 3 AND 11.

+NO BUSINESS TRANSACTION WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE EXHIBITION WHICH IS A NON-PROFIT-MAKING ACTIVITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD, DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS NOVEMBER 7.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE OBTAINED ON 3-695259.

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FIVE SITES TO BE AUCTIONED

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FIVE SITES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT AN AUCTION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 2.30 PM.

TWO OF THE HONG KONG SITES ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL, EXCLUDING GODOWN, DEVELOPMENT AT HENNESSY ROAD AND BETWEEN VICTORIA ROAD AND SAI NING STREET.

ANOTHER ISLAND SITE AT LOCKHART ROAD IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL, EXCLUDING GODOWN AND HOTEL, DEVELOPMENT.

TWO NEW TERRITORIES SITES NEAR ON LOK TSUEN IN FANLING ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUCTION AT THE JADE BALLROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE FURAMA HOTEL.

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DETAILS OF MINI-OLYMPICS TO BE ANNOUNCED
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THE 1986 TUEN MUN MINI-OLYMPICS ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 30) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE TUEN MUN MINI-OLYMPICS, A WIDE-RANGING SPORTS PROGRAMME TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE MONTH-LONG PROGRAMME WILL FEATURE FOOTBALL, BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS. AN OPENING CEREMONY, WITH AN ALL-STAR TELEMATCH, A DISTANCE RUN AND TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 2) IN THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTSGROUND IN TUEN MUN.

PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR TANG TUNG-CHIU; VICE-CHAIRMAN MESSERS, HO CHI-KEUNG, NG KWOK-KUI, NIP CHAK-TONG, WONG KIN-HONG AND MISS WAN SHUI-LING; TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT 11 AM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 12TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, HARBOUR CITY, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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PRESS BRIEFING
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR CHENG HON-KWAN, WILL BE GIVING A BRIEFING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 30) AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, ON THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING THAT MORNING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS BRIEFING.

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CLOSURE OF SOUTH BAY CLOSE CUL-DE-SAC
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THE CUL-DE-SAC END OF SOUTH BAY CLOSE ON HONG KONG ISLAND LEADING TO THE SWIMMING POOL OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 4 PM TO MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 31).

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE A FUN FAIR OF THE SCHOOL.

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KOWLOON CITY SALT WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 31) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, KOWLOON CITY ROAD AND MA TAU KOK ROAD.

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