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PRIME MINISTER WILL BE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON HK : GOVERNOR

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BRITAIN'S PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, WILL BE BRIEFED ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES THAT ARE AFFECTING HONG KONG AT THE MOMENT, BOTH THINGS THAT ARE GOING WELL AND THE PROBLEMS WE FACE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE LEAVING FOR LONDON, SIR DAVID SAID: "I EXPECT TO COVER THE WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES, TO BRING HER UP TO DATE ON HONG KONG."

"THIS IS ONE OF MY REGULAR VISITS TO LONDON IN WHICH I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AND IN OTHER MINISTRIES. ALSO TO MEET MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE PRESS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"I'M ALSO TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET, INFORMALLY, WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE," SIR DAVID ADDED.

ASKED IF HE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE DRAFT BASIC LAW WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD EXPECT TO DISCUSS IT IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

"I MIGHT TOUCH ON IT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, BUT ANY QUESTIONS OF DETAIL I WOULD EXPECT TO DEAL WITH WITHIN THE FOREIGN OFFICE RATHER THAN AT NO. 10 DOWNING STREET," SIR DAVID SAID.

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GOVERNOR SEES KEY ROLE FOR HK IN PACIFIC RIM ECONOMY

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HONG KONG WILL PLAY ITS PART AS COUNTRIES OF THE PACIFIC RIM ASSUME AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE WORLD ECONOMY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF PACRIM 89 BEING HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO THE 1988 TRADE STATISTICS YEAR BOOK PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, HONG KONG WAS NOW THE 10TH LARGEST TRADING COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MANY FACTORS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO HONG KONG'S SUCCESS, BUT A CRITICAL FACTOR HAD BEEN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION.

"TO OUR NORTH LIE CHINA WITH ITS NEW OPENNESS TO THE WORLD; THE JAPANESE ECONOMIC GIANT; AND THE NEWLY INDUSTRIALISING ECONOMIES OF SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN. TO THE SOUTH THE FAST DEVELOPING ASEAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING OUR FELLOW FREE TRADING DRAGON, SINGAPORE," HE SAID.

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SIR DAVID SAID THE EMERGING POWER OF THE REGION WAS BEING REFLECTED IN THE STRUCTURE OF HONG KONG'S OWN ECONOMY.

"OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, HONG KONG HAS MANAGED TO REDUCE ITS TRADITIONAL DEPENDENCE ON THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPEAN MARKETS AND INCREASE ITS TRADE WITH THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION," HE SAID.

TRADE WITH THE REGION HAD RISEN BY NEARLY 40 PER CENT IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1988 TO OVER US\$60 BILLION, REPRESENTING ALMOST 60 PER CENT OF THE TERRITORY'S TOTAL TRADE.

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT A MAJOR FACTOR IN THIS CHANGE WAS HONG KONG'S CLOSEST NEIGHBOUR, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS TINY TERRITORY WAS CHINA'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AND THE LARGEST SOURCE OF DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHINA. BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG INCREASED 19 TIMES BETWEEN 1978 AND 1987.

HE SAID THE REASONS FOR THIS WERE OBVIOUS, AND THE IMPLICATIONS WERE IMMENSELY SIGNIFICANT FOR HONG KONG AND FOR THE WHOLE REGION.

"HONG KONG'S FUTURE CLEARLY LIES IN ITS ROLE AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN CHINA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD. GIVEN THE ENORMOUS POTENTIAL OF THE CHINESE ECONOMY, THAT IS AN EXCITING PROSPECT. BUT THE REST OF THE REGION CAN BENEFIT TOO."

SIR DAVID SAID THERE WAS NO BETTER DOORWAY TO CHINA THAN HONG KONG.

"NOWHERE IS THERE MORE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF HOW TO TRADE WITH THAT VAST AND DIVERSE COUNTRY," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR PREDICTED THAT THE PACIFIC RIM, WITH HONG KONG AS A KEY PART OF IT, FACED A BRIGHT AND EXCITING FUTURE OF CHANGE AND EXPANSION.

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RESIDENTS PLAY PROMINENT PART IN FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY PROMINENT ROLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, AND IN 1988 CITIZENS' ARRESTS RECORDED 13.6 PER CENT OF ALL ARRESTS.

THIS WAS SAID BY THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR ALLEN LEE, AT THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY (SUNDAY) TO HONOUR 43 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BRAVELY HELPED THE POLICE TO PREVENT AND DETECT CRIME.

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ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE MR KEITH LOMAS, DIRECTOR OF POLICE (PERSONNEL AND TRAINING) AND MR JUSTIN C. WONG, FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBER.

"THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG IN RECENT YEARS HAS ENABLED THE PEOPLE HERE TO ENJOY A BETTER AND SAFER LIVING ENVIRONMENT," SAID MR LEE.

"ALL THIS IS THE RESULT OF THE STRENUOUS EFFORTS BY ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED INCLUDING THE CENTRAL AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES, DISTRICT BOARDS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS AND OF COURSE, THE POLICE."

"IT IS THEIR UNDAUNTED DEVOTION THAT HAS HAMMERED HOME THE CRIME PREVENTION MESSAGE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND HAS INSTILLED A STRONG SPIRIT OF CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AMONG THEM WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN INCREASING WILLINGNESS TO COMBAT CRIME."

ON PUBLIC EFFORTS, MR LEE SAID MORE PEOPLE WERE WILLING TO COME FORWARD TO REPORT CRIME AND IN MANY CASES, THEY HAD EVEN PUT THEMSELVES IN DANGER TO ASSIST THE POLICE TO APPREHEND CRIMINALS.

"IT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING TO SEE THAT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BECOMING AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COMMUNITY. THIS ENCOURAGING TREND WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE," MR LEE SAID.

OF THE 43 AWARDEES, MANY WERE YOUTHS WITH THE YOUNGEST BEING JUST 11 YEARS OLD. THEY HAVE ASSISTED THE POLICE TO ARREST CRIMINALS IN CASES OF ROBBERY, BURGLARY, THEFT, WOUNDING AND OTHER OFFENCES.

THE AWARDEES, WHO WERE EACH PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE AND A CASH AWARD, COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, COMPRISING WORKERS, DRIVERS, BUSINESSMEN, CIVIL SERVANTS, STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS.

"WHILE SOME OF THEM OFFERED PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE IN CHASING THE CULPRITS AND, IN SOME CASES, IN EVENTUALLY SUBDUING THEM, OTHERS USED THEIR WITS AND RESOURCEFULNESS TO FOIL CRIME."

MR LEE ALSO PRAISED THE AWARDEES FOR THEIR SHARP OBSERVATION, CALMNESS AND MOST IMPORTANT, THE DETERMINATION TO ACT TO PUT THE EVIL-DOERS TO JUSTICE.

SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE SCHEME IN 1973, A TOTAL OF 1,963 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE COVETED AWARD.

MR LEE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE BRAVE ACTIONS OF THE GOOD CITIZENS WOULD NOT ONLY ENCOURAGE US IN THE WORK OF FIGHTING CRIME, BUT WILL ALSO INSPIRE OTHERS TO FOLLOW SUIT.

"FIGHTING CRIME IS AN ONGOING BATTLE, BUT AS MORE PEOPLE ARE RESPONDING TO OUR APPEAL OF 'FIGHT CRIME TOGETHER', A GREATER ADVANCEMENT IS IN SIGHT," MR LEE ADDED.

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MOBILE EXHIBITIONS TO TAP LABOUR RESOURCES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL SOON LAUNCH A NEW PUBLICITY DRIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO HELP RESIDENTS SECURE EMPLOYMENT BY MAKING APPLICATIONS RIGHT ON THE SPOT.

A SERIES OF FOUR MOBILE EXHIBITIONS WILL BE STAGED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 24 AND APRIL 3 IN THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES OF SHUN LEE, BUTTERFLY, LOK FU AND CHOI YUEN ESTATES TO MEET THE CURRENT DEMAND OF THE LABOUR MARKET.

THIS FOLLOWS THE SUCCESS OF THREE LARGE-SCALE COLLECTIVE RECRUITMENT EXERCISES, THE JOB BAZAARS, ORGANISED BY THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR.

THE JOB BAZAARS, WHICH WERE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF TACKLING THE LABOUR SHORTAGE PROBLEM, RECEIVED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM BOTH THE PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS AND JOB SEEKERS.

"AS A CONTINUATION OF THIS POSITIVE APPROACH TO EMPLOYMENT, THE MOBILE EXHIBITIONS ARE LAUNCHED WITH AN AIM OF REACHING THE POTENTIAL LABOUR FORCE IN THE HOUSING ESTATES," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"THEY INCLUDE PEOPLE WITH WORKING ABILITY BUT ARE NOT EMPLOYED, SUCH AS HOUSEWIVES, THE SELF-EMPLOYED, STUDENTS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR EDUCATION, AND RETIRED PERSONS OF SOUND HEALTH WHO SELDOM TAKE HEED OF RECRUITMENT NOTICES.

"BY AROUSING THEIR INTEREST IN EMPLOYMENT AND MAKING THEM AWARE OF THE RECENT TREND IN THE LABOUR MARKET, IT IS HOPED THAT THE LABOUR PARTICIPATION RATE COULD BE RAISED," HE ADDED.

TO FURTHER FACILITATE RESIDENTS IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT, STAFF OF THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DIVISION WILL BE ON DUTY AT THE EXHIBITIONS TO REGISTER, MATCH AND MAKE REFERRALS OF INTERESTED JOB APPLICANTS TO EMPLOYERS FOR INTERVIEWS.

"IF THEY SPOTTED A SUITABLE POSITION AFTER TAKING A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, THEY CAN PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH APPLICATION FORMALITIES," HE STRESSED.

APART FROM STATIC DISPLAYS OF THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, THE EXHIBITIONS ALSO FEATURE SOUND-ON-SLIDE PRESENTATIONS INTRODUCING THE WIDE-RANGING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DIVISION.

JOB CARDS LISTING THE VACANCIES IN VARIOUS TRADES WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED, INCLUDING THOSE IN LARGE COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENT, CLERICAL, TECHNICIAN AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY POSTS.

FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE OF THE MOBILE EXHIBITIONS:

SHUN LEE ESTATE, KWUN TONG	FEBRUARY 24 - 27
BUTTERFLY ESTATE, TUEN MUN	MARCH 3 - 6
LOK FU ESTATE, WONG TAI SIN	MARCH 10 - 13
CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI	MARCH 31 - APRIL 3

EACH EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 2 PM AND 6 PM ON THE FIRST DAY AND FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MOBILE EXHIBITIONS.

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INDUSTRY AND TRADE DEPARTMENTS' PHONE NUMBERS CHANGED
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WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, THE GENERAL ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND TRADE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO 3-7372573 AND 3-7372333 RESPECTIVELY.

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS IN THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS WHICH PREVIOUSLY BEGAN WITH 3-7222 WILL NOW START WITH 3-7372.

THE HEAD OFFICE OF BOTH DEPARTMENTS HAVE REMAINED IN OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

FOR INFORMATION ON VARIOUS TRADE MATTERS, THE ENQUIRY NUMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * OVERSEAS TARIFF AND IMPORT REGULATIONS

EEC	3-7372292
NORTH AMERICA	3-7372269
OTHER REGIONS	3-7372290
MULTILATERAL	3-7372554
- * TEXTILE EXPORT CONTROLS

EEC	3-7372388
NORTH AMERICA	3-7372345
CANADA	3-7372336
OTHER REGIONS	3-7372523

/* TEXTILES

- * TEXTILES IMPORT LICENSING 3-7372340
- * SYSTEMS AND COMMON SERVICES 3-7372291
- * CERTIFICATION 3-7372494
- * RESERVED COMMODITIES 3-7372506
- * NON-TEXTILES IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENSING
- GENERAL ENQUIRIES 3-7372255
- STRATEGIC COMMODITIES 3-7372521

THE FACSIMILE NUMBER OF INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS BECOME 3-7304633 WHILE THAT OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 3-7356135.

FOR TRADERS WHO HAVE TO LODGE DECLARATIONS WITH THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, THE ENQUIRY NUMBER OF THE STAR HOUSE COLLECTION OFFICE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 3-7350225.

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MORE PEOPLE MAKE USE OF CNTA PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE

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THE 67 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAVE HANDLED 6,532,000 CASES DURING 1988, REPRESENTING A 1.1 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE NUMBER FOR 1987.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE 67 CENTRES, LOCATED CONVENIENTLY AT THE 19 DISTRICT OFFICES AND THEIR SUB-OFFICES AS WELL AS AT THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

THESE INCLUDED ANSWERING GENERAL ENQUIRIES, ADMINISTERING DECLARATIONS, ADVISING ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, HANDLING SIMPLE COMPLAINTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, RENDERING ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING PERSONAL PROBLEMS, AND ARRANGING REFERRALS FOR COMPLICATED CASES WHICH REQUIRED LEGAL AND EXPERT ADVICE, HE SAID.

DURING 1988, THE MOST POPULAR SUBJECTS OF ENQUIRIES WERE GOVERNMENT JOB VACANCIES; DECLARATION/OATH/AFFIRMATION; PROCUREMENT OF POSTERS, PAMPHLETS, FORMS AND CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS; LOCATIONS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND OPENING HOURS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES; AND ISSUES RELATED TO EMIGRATION AND OVERSEAS VISITS.

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ON THE NUMBER OF DECLARATIONS, OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE CENTRES, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE OF 1.2 PER CENT OVER THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE 742,000 CASES HANDLED DURING 1988 WERE MAINLY DECLARATION OF TRUE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS, EMIGRATION AND LABOUR DISPUTES AND APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME, A TOTAL OF 2,934 CASES WERE HANDLED BY THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY IN 1988, OF WHICH 2,929 CASES WERE REFERRED TO THE SOCIETY BY THE CNTA. A TOTAL OF 250 CASES WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REFERRED TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE.

DURING THE YEAR, 17,279 PEOPLE APPROACHED THE RENT OFFICERS FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WHO WERE ON DUTY AT 13 DISTRICT OFFICES -- 10 IN THE URBAN AREA AND THREE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES -- FOR ADVICE ON RENTAL AND TENANCY PROBLEMS.

APART FROM THE ABOVE SERVICES, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES ALSO HELPED DISTRIBUTE GOVERNMENT FORMS, LEAFLETS, POSTERS, CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENTS AND OTHER PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

IN 1988, SOME 10,131,000 FORMS AND OTHER INFORMATION MATERIALS WERE DISTRIBUTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE VARIOUS SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THESE CENTRES COULD APPROACH THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON THE 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, HARBOUR CITY, 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON OR TELEPHONE 3-7302255.

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT FIGURES FOR JANUARY

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A TOTAL OF 1,740 CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED IN 1,349 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY LAST MONTH.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT 745 OF THESE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED IN KOWLOON AND 302 EACH ON THE HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR JANUARY ALSO SHOWED THAT 29 PERSONS WERE KILLED, 409 PEOPLE WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 1,302 SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THE ACCIDENTS.

THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AND ACCIDENTS REPRESENTED A DECREASE OF 5.6 PER CENT AND 4.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

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ROAD SAFETY DAY AT VICTORIA PARK

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AN AVERAGE OF THREE PERSONS WERE KILLED OR INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS EACH DAY IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT LAST YEAR, THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (EASTERN), MR C.J. GLOVER, SAID AT THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY DAY AT VICTORIA PARK TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR GLOVER POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING INJURIES HAD REDUCED FROM 1,164 IN 1987 TO 1,145 IN 1988, AND THE NUMBER OF FATAL ACCIDENTS ALSO DROPPED FROM 25 IN 1987 TO 21 IN 1988.

HE SAID ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS IN HONG KONG WERE PEDESTRIANS.

"WHEN ONE LOOKS AT FATALITIES, 67 PER CENT WERE PEDESTRIANS AND NEARLY HALF OF THESE PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES WERE ELDERLY PEOPLE," HE CONTINUED.

MR GLOVER ALSO SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS, THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE LAST YEAR SHOWED A SLIGHT DECLINE DESPITE INCREASING CONGESTIONS ON ROADS.

"ANOTHER AREA OF CONCERN IS THE EVER-INCREASING NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES," THE DISTRICT COMMANDER SAID.

HE HOPED THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY SEAT BELT WEARING IN GOODS VEHICLES IN JANUARY 1990 WOULD HELP REDUCE THE INJURY RATE.

MR GLOVER FURTHER URGED DRIVERS OF ALL VEHICLES TO WEAR SEAT BELTS BE IT COMPULSORY OR NOT.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE ROAD SAFETY DAY, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, SAID THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE QUARRY BAY TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING WOULD FACILITATE THE TRAFFIC FLOW TO ALL PARTS OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

MR YEUNG ALSO SAID THAT THE RECONSTRUCTION OF KING'S ROAD WOULD BEGIN THIS YEAR AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS' TIME.

"THE WORKS, WHICH INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF ESCALATORS FOR PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGES, IMPROVEMENT OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, PAVEMENT WIDENING AND CONSTRUCTION OF CENTRAL DIVIDERS, WILL ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE FUTURE," HE SAID.

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VARIETY SHOW TO CONCLUDE TAI PO FESTIVAL

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THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL WILL BE CONCLUDED WITH A VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE FU SHIN SQUARE IN FU SHIN ESTATE TOMORROW (MONDAY) EVENING.

ABOUT 60 COLOURFUL AND ENTERTAINING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL WHICH STARTED ON JANUARY 14.

THE TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL IS AIMED AT FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG TAI PO RESIDENTS, CULTIVATING A FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD AND PROMOTING THE IDENTITY OF TAI PO.

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS AND A PUPPET SHOW AT TOMORROW'S VARIETY SHOW.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE FU SHIN SQUARE, FU SHIN ESTATE, TAI PO. IT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

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KWUN TONG DB TO DISCUSS UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 21).

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE WILL ADVISE THE BOARD OF THE PRESENT POSITION REGARDING ENFORCEMENT ACTION BEING TAKEN AGAINST SUCH WORKS IN KWUN TONG.

THEY WILL ALSO SEEK MEMBERS' VIEWS ON PROPOSED SIMILAR ACTION TO BE ENFORCED IN THE DISTRICT IN THE FUTURE.

IN ADDITION, THE MEETING WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE THE DATE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD'S SIX COMMITTEES AND BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 21) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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LEI TUNG ESTATE TRANSPORT PROBLEM ON AGENDA

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR LEI TUNG ESTATE IN AP LEI CHAU AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER THE REPORT OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE AP LEI CHAU AREA COMMITTEE TO ASCERTAIN THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THE ESTATE'S 30,000 RESIDENTS.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS SERVICES FOR THE ESTATE AS PROPOSED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE SURVEY REPORT.

TRANSPORT OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO HEAR MEMBERS' VIEWS AND TO ANSWER THEIR QUERIES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE REPORT OF THE 1988-89 SOUTHERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 20), IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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OPEN DAYS FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES
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STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE BEING INVITED TO VISIT THE PREMISES AND FACILITIES OF THE EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL DURING THEIR OPEN DAYS BETWEEN THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 23) AND MARCH 11.

ALL LABORATORIES, WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL TRAINING ROOMS OF THE INSTITUTES WILL BE OPEN TO ALLOW YOUNG PEOPLE TO LOOK AT THE TRAINING FACILITIES AND LEARN MORE ABOUT STUDYING THERE.

TO TIE IN WITH THE ANNUAL OPEN DAYS, EXHIBITIONS AND TALKS ON TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED AT THE INSTITUTES WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED. GUIDED TOURS WILL BE ARRANGED FOR VISITORS COMING IN GROUPS.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE OPEN DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
FEBRUARY 23 9.30 AM - 4.30 PM

MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
FEBRUARY 24 9 AM - 5 PM

TUEN MUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
FEBRUARY 26 10 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 27 10 AM - 5 PM

SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
MARCH 1 10 AM - 4.30 PM

KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
MARCH 3 10 AM - 5 PM

KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
MARCH 3 10 AM - 5 PM

CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
MARCH 3 10 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 4 9 AM - 12 NOON

LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
MARCH 10 2 PM - 5 PM
MARCH 11 10 AM - 5 PM

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OUTSTANDING SPORTSWOMAN UNDERTAKES SPORTS COURSE IN AUSTRALIA

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HONG KONG'S RECORD HOLDER IN THE DISCUS THROW AND JUNIOR SHOT PUT EVENTS, MISS MALINA NGAI, LAST (SATURDAY) NIGHT LEFT FOR AUSTRALIA TO UNDERTAKE A DEGREE COURSE IN SPORTS ADMINISTRATION AT THE CANBERRA COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION.

MISS NGAI HAS BEEN AWARDED THE 1988 SPORTS AID FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

THE SCHOLARSHIP AIMS AT ENABLING OUTSTANDING ATHLETES WITH NECESSARY ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS TO UNDERTAKE A COURSE OF STUDY OVERSEAS IN SPORTS-RELATED SUBJECTS NOT AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG.

MISS NGAI WAS ELECTED SPORTSGIRL OF THE YEAR BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION IN 1985-86, 1986-87 AND 1987-88. SHE HAD ALSO REPRESENTED HONG KONG IN THE FIRST ASIAN JUNIOR TRACK AND FIELD MEET IN 1986 AND IN THE SEVENTH ASIAN TRACK AND FIELD MEET IN 1987.

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LEFT-TURN BAN IN TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 8 AM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 22), VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM SAN HUI PATH WESTBOUND TO ROAD D9 SOUTHBOUND IN TUEN MUN FOR ABOUT 10 WEEKS FOR WATERWORKS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD D9 NORTHBOUND AND TSENG CHOI STREET SOUTHBOUND.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TAI PING SHAN STREET

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TAI PING SHAN STREET BETWEEN PO YAN STREET AND POUND LANE IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 22), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE CLOSURE WILL BE IN FORCE FROM 10 AM ON FEBRUARY 22 TO 6 PM ON MARCH 7 FOR ROAD WORKS.

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