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RESULTS OF 1986 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION,
REAL ESTATE SECTORS RELEASED

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RESULTS OF THE 1986 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS, CONDUCTED FROM APRIL LAST YEAR TO EARLY THIS YEAR, INDICATED THAT 8,570 CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS HAD OPERATED IN 1986.

ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY), THE TOTAL GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY THESE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING 1986 AMOUNTED TO \$44,860 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 14 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING VALUE IN 1985.

THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF THESE CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS IN 1986 WERE \$43,871 MILLION.

THIS INCLUDED \$11,732 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND PAYMENTS TO LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS; \$13,559 MILLION ON CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES; \$15,966 MILLION ON SUB-CONTRACT WORK RENDERED BY FEE SUB-CONTRACTORS; AND \$2,614 MILLION ON MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES.

AT \$13,538 MILLION, THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED WAS 12 PER CENT MORE THAN THAT IN 1985. VALUE ADDED IS A MEASURE OF THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

SOME 41 PER CENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS WERE ENGAGED IN RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. HOWEVER, THEY ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 11 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY ALL CONTRACTORS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GENERAL TRADE CONTRACTORS OPERATING AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS BUT ACCOUNTED FOR \$29,142 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT BY VALUE OF TOTAL CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED.

THE REST OF THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR CONSISTED MOSTLY OF SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS, SUCH AS CONTRACTORS SPECIALISING IN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL FITTINGS, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 24 PER CENT BY VALUE OF TOTAL CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE SURVEY DID NOT COVER LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS WHO MAINLY SUPPLIED LABOUR TO WORK ON A JOB-TO-JOB BASIS. HOWEVER, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY THESE SUB-CONTRACTORS WAS INCLUDED IN THAT OF THE CONTRACTORS COMMISSIONING THEIR SERVICES.

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APART FROM CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS, THE SURVEY ALSO ENUMERATED FIRMS ENGAGED IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT; AND ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING.

ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY RESULTS, 3,699 ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES HAD OPERATED DURING 1986.

THEIR GROSS OUTPUT IN 1986 WAS \$19,602 MILLION WHICH INCLUDED \$10,596 MILLION FROM SERVICE AND RENTAL INCOME, \$8,727 MILLION FROM GROSS MARGIN OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (EXCLUDING LAND PRICE APPRECIATION) AND \$279 MILLION FROM OTHER INCOME.

THEIR TOTAL EXPENDITURES WERE \$7,714 MILLION.

AT \$16,819 MILLION, THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED WAS 19 PER CENT MORE THAN THAT IN 1985. THESE FIGURES DID NOT INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENTS THAT DEVELOPED REAL ESTATE PROJECTS FOR THEIR OWN OCCUPATION OR THOSE THAT OWNED LAND WITHOUT DEVELOPING IT DURING THE REFERENCE YEAR. ALSO EXCLUDED WERE REAL ESTATE LEASING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS.

REGARDING ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES, THE SURVEY RESULTS INDICATED THAT 613 SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS HAD OPERATED IN 1986.

THEIR TOTAL BUSINESS RECEIPTS WERE \$2,318 MILLION, AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES WERE \$1,859 MILLION OF WHICH \$1,101 MILLION WAS ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES. THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED WAS \$1,558 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 7 PER CENT OVER 1985.

THE SURVEY ALSO COLLECTED DATA ABOUT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY RESULTS, A TOTAL OF 1,842 SITE CONTRACTS WERE CARRIED OUT IN 1986 WITH THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED AMOUNTING TO \$21,158 MILLION, WHICH WAS 8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE CORRESPONDING VALUE IN 1985. THIS INCLUDED \$6,979 MILLION ON PUBLIC SITES AND \$14,179 MILLION ON PRIVATE SITES.

THE SHARE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED AT SITES WAS 33 PER CENT IN 1986, COMPARED WITH 36 PER CENT IN 1985.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN RESPECT OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AT \$10,648 MILLION IN 1986, WAS 23 PER CENT ABOVE THAT IN 1985.

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THE INCREASE OCCURRED MOSTLY IN PRIVATE HOUSING PROJECTS WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 70 PER CENT OF THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN RESPECT OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN 1986, COMPARED WITH 64 PER CENT IN 1985.

FOR REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, THE VALUE ACCRUED TO PRIVATE PROJECTS DURING 1986 WAS \$21,154 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 33 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH 1985.

THE TOTAL PROJECT OUTLAYS WERE \$14,051 MILLION WHICH INCLUDED PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS, FEES FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY, INTEREST PAYMENTS AND OTHER PROJECT EXPENSES.

SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR THE 1986 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MORE DETAILED RESULTS WILL BE GIVEN IN A FULL REPORT OF THE SURVEY TO BE PUBLISHED IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

IN THE MEANTIME, ENQUIRIES REGARDING THESE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234977.

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INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE TO BE MADE PERMANENT

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AN INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO AID HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS, THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB) RECOMMENDED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SCHEME WILL AIM TO RAISE MANUFACTURERS' LEVEL OF AWARENESS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE, TO EXPLAIN THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF THESE SERVICES IN TERMS OF PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, AND, THROUGH REFERRAL, TO ASSIST MANUFACTURERS TO MAKE USE OF THE SERVICES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE IDB, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAD RUN A PILOT SCHEME BETWEEN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR AND MARCH THIS YEAR. OVER 300 FACTORIES WERE VISITED BY TEAMS OF EXPERTS AND 273 REFERRALS WERE MADE TO A VARIETY OF AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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NOW THE IDB HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE SHOULD BE PLACED ON A PERMANENT FOOTING, MR JACOBS SAID.

AS WELL AS OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO MANUFACTURERS, THE SERVICE WILL SERVE AS A USEFUL SOURCE OF INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNMENT ON MANUFACTURERS' ATTITUDES, OPINIONS AND PROBLEMS. IT WILL ALSO PLAY A PART IN DISSEMINATING MESSAGES AND CAMPAIGNS.

THE MAIN TARGET WILL BE ABOUT 2,000 MEDIUM-SIZED FACTORIES AND SOME LARGER FACTORIES. THIS GROUP EMPLOYS ABOUT 290,000 WORKERS IN ELECTRONICS; METALS; PLASTICS; ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES; GARMENTS; BLEACHING, DYEING AND FINISHING; AND SPINNING AND WEAVING.

THE PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME WOULD BE MONITORED AND WOULD BE IN TWO YEARS, REVIEWED MR JACOBS ADDED.

THE BOARD ALSO APPROVED THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A CONSULTANCY STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A TECHNOLOGY CENTRE IN HONG KONG.

THE CONSULTANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMON RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION IN NOVEMBER

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THE ANNUAL COMMON RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION (CRE) FOR FIVE CIVIL SERVICE GRADES AND THE LOWER AND MIDDLE COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION OFFICER (CACO) GRADE WILL BE HELD ON A SATURDAY IN MID-NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE FIVE CIVIL SERVICE GRADES ARE: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS (AO), EXECUTIVE OFFICERS II (EO II), ASSISTANT LABOUR OFFICERS (ALO), MANAGEMENT SERVICES OFFICERS II (MSO II) AND ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICERS II (ATO II).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN GENERAL, GRADUATES WHO POSSESSED A DEGREE FROM A HONG KONG OR BRITISH UNIVERSITY, OR EQUIVALENT, WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

UNDERGRADUATES WHO ARE TAKING THEIR FINAL DEGREE EXAMINATIONS IN SUMMER 1989 MAY ALSO APPLY. DIPLOMA HOLDERS MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE CACO AND MSO II POSTS, AND EXCEPTIONALLY FOR THE EO II POSTS.

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CANDIDATES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF THE SIX GRADES PARTICIPATING IN THE CRE ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE VACANCIES ADVERTISED IN THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, SING TAO WAN PAO AND MING PAO (FOR THE CACO POST) ON SATURDAYS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS WILL BE IN THE FOURTH WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.

THE CRE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1984 TO SHORTLIST THE LARGE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES WHO MEET THE MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS FOR INTERVIEW.

"BEFORE 1984, MOST OF THOSE GRADES CONDUCTED THEIR OWN OPEN RECRUITMENT EXAMINATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, CANDIDATES HAD TO SIT A SUCCESSION OF WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS FOR THE POSTS THEY APPLIED FOR.

"AS THE EXAMINATIONS WERE SIMILAR BOTH IN CONTENT AND NATURE, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE CRE SHOULD BE INTRODUCED TO RELIEVE THE BURDEN ON THE CANDIDATES, PARTICULARLY THE UNDERGRADUATES WHO ARE PREPARING FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMINATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

LAST YEAR, A RECORD NUMBER OF 15,000 QUALIFIED APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR THESE POSTS. OF THE APPLICATIONS, 2,900 WERE FOR AO, 4,900 FOR EO II, 1,400 FOR CACO, 820 FOR MSO II, AND 2,600 EACH FOR ALO AND ATO II.

ABOUT 6,000 CANDIDATES WERE INVITED TO SIT FOR THE EXAMINATION, WHICH WAS HELD IN HONG KONG AND LONDON SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THIS YEAR, THE CRE WILL FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF PREVIOUS YEARS AND CONSIST OF THREE PAPERS. PAPER 1, A TWO-HOUR PAPER, IS "USE OF ENGLISH"; PAPER 2, A 75-MINUTE PAPER, IS "OBJECTIVE TESTS"; AND PAPER 3, A THREE-HOUR PAPER, IS "TASK PAPER".

THE WEIGHTINGS ARE RESPECTIVELY 30 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 50 PER CENT. PAPERS 1 AND 2 ARE EXAMINED IN ENGLISH WHEREAS HALF OF PAPER 3 MUST BE ANSWERED IN CHINESE.

"CANDIDATES SHOULD NOTE THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THEIR APPLICATIONS WILL BE BASED ON THEIR OVERALL PREFORMANCE IN THIS EXAMINATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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KWUN TONG 'MEET THE PUBLIC' SCHEME TO RESUME

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THE POPULAR "MEET THE PUBLIC" SCHEME RUN BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL RESUME ON MAY 30 (MONDAY) AFTER A SHORT BREAK.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS IN THE LAST TERM OF THE BOARD.

DURING THE THREE YEARS ENDING IN MARCH THIS YEAR, ABOUT 800 CASES HAD BEEN HANDLED BY BOARD MEMBERS. OF THESE, OVER 70 PER CENT HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED.

"OWING TO THE HIGH CONCENTRATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, NEARLY 70 PER CENT OF THE CASES WERE RELATED TO HOUSING PROBLEMS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE REMAINING CASES CONCERNED ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, ILLEGAL HAWKING AND LAW AND ORDER."

FOLLOWING THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW TERM DISTRICT BOARD, THE "MEET THE PUBLIC" SCHEME, WHICH HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING THE TRANSFER OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD, WILL RESUME NEXT MONDAY.

"AS BEFORE, THE SCHEME WILL OPERATE FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY ON A ONE-CENTRE-ONE-EVENING BASIS, FROM 8 PM TO 10 pM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON DUTY WILL INTERVIEW THE PUBLIC AT ONE OF THE FOUR CENTRES - THE THREE SUB-OFFICES OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE IN SAU MAU PING, NGAU TAU KOK AND LAM TIN, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS' ROOM AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MAIN OFFICE," HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO VISIT DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

"THESE INTERVIEW AND VISIT SESSIONS WILL ENABLE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF DISTRICT PROBLEMS.

"THEY ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO EXPLAIN VARIOUS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO RESIDENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MEET KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS CAN MAKE APPOINTMENTS EITHER BY CALLING 3-416315 OR 3-421443, OR IN PERSON AT ANY PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTER OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE OR SUB-OFFICES.

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UP-MARKET JEWELLERY INDUSTRY SHORT OF SKILLED WORKERS: SURVEY

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THE HIGH DEMAND FOR SKILLED JEWELLERY CRAFTSMEN WOULD CONTINUE TO EXIST FOR SOME YEARS ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN THE INDUSTRY IS MOVING UP MARKET, ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF A VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SURVEY.

IN A SURVEY REPORT RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY), THE COUNCIL'S JEWELLERY INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD NOTED THAT THE REMARKABLE GROWTH OF JEWELLERY EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC SALES IN THE PAST YEARS HAD RESULTED IN AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF SKILLED JEWELLERY WORKERS AT CRAFTSMAN LEVEL.

THE SURVEY RECORDED THAT IN JUNE LAST YEAR, THERE WERE ABOUT 1,100 VACANCIES IN THE JEWELLERY INDUSTRY WHICH EMPLOYED A TOTAL OF 7,800 TECHNICAL WORKERS.

EMPLOYERS INDICATED IN THE SURVEY THAT THEY WOULD REQUIRE A LARGE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL SKILLED CRAFTSMEN IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THE BOARD ALSO NOTED THAT THE INDUSTRY HAD BEEN GRADUALLY MOVING UP MARKET WITH SOME INTERNATIONALLY-RENOWNED EUROPEAN FIRMS SETTING UP JOINT VENTURES IN HONG KONG.

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE CONTINUING EXPORT GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY, THE BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT THE INDUSTRY SHOULD TRAIN ABOUT EIGHT TECHNOLOGISTS, 60 TECHNICIANS AND 800 CRAFTSMEN EACH YEAR FROM NOW ON TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND OF HIGH STANDARD OF CRAFTSMANSHIP AND PRODUCTIVITY.

THE BOARD HAS ALSO PUBLISHED A MANUAL OF RECOMMENDED TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR 14 PRINCIPAL JOBS AT TECHNICIAN, CRAFTSMAN AND OPERATIVE LEVELS IN THE JEWELLERY INDUSTRY.

THE MANUAL IS DESIGNED TO SERVE AS GUIDELINES FOR EMPLOYERS IN DRAWING UP TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

THE SURVEY REPORT AND THE MANUAL, AT \$10 AND \$10.50 EACH, ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NINE HK STUDENTS TO STUDY IN UK

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THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR NINE HONG KONG STUDENTS TO PURSUE UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE COURSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR.

STUDENTS SELECTED AFTER INTERVIEWS HELD BY THE COMMITTEE IN APRIL AND MAY ARE:

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS (SIX NAMES)

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- * MR KONG KWOK-HING, A FORM 7 STUDENT AT ST PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE. MR KONG PROPOSES TO PURSUE A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.

MR KONG OBTAINED FIVE DISTINCTIONS AND FOUR CREDITS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) IN 1986.

- * MR LEUNG SAI-CHEUNG, A FORM 7 STUDENT AT KING'S COLLEGE. MR LEUNG PROPOSES TO PURSUE A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN PHYSICS AT EXETER COLLEGE, OXFORD.

MR LEUNG OBTAINED FOUR DISTINCTIONS AND THREE CREDITS IN THE HKCEE IN 1986.

- * MR LO PUI-YIN, A FORM 7 STUDENT AT ST PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE. MR LO PROPOSES TO PURSUE A BACHELOR OF LAWS DEGREE AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.

MR LO OBTAINED NINE DISTINCTIONS IN THE HKCEE IN 1986.

- * MISS PO WING-KAY, A FORM 7 STUDENT AT DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL. MISS PO PROPOSES TO PURSUE A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN ENGLISH.

MISS PO OBTAINED THREE DISTINCTIONS AND FIVE CREDITS IN THE HKCEE IN 1986.

- * MR TAM WING-SEEN, A FORM 7 STUDENT AT LA SALLE COLLEGE. MR TAM PROPOSES TO PURSUE A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AND ACCOUNTANCY AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.

MR TAM OBTAINED SEVEN DISTINCTIONS AND TWO CREDITS IN THE HKCEE IN 1986.

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- * MISS SHIRLEY YUEN, A FORM 7 STUDENT AT SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE. MISS YUEN PROPOSES TO PURSUE A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY AT ST HUGH'S COLLEGE, OXFORD.

MISS YUEN OBTAINED ONE DISTINCTION AND SIX CREDITS IN THE HKCEE IN 1986.

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS (THREE NAMES)

- * MR LAU CHUN-TO, PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR.

MR LAU OBTAINED A BACHELOR OF LAWS DEGREE (1986) AND A POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LAWS (1987) FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

HE PROPOSES TO PURSUE A MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE IN CONSTITUTIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAWS AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.

- * MISS HELEN LEE HO-YAN, A SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL WITH THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MISS LEE OBTAINED A BACHELOR OF LAWS DEGREE (1982), A POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LAWS (1983) AND MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES DEGREE (1986) FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

SHE PROPOSES TO PURSUE A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE IN LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT CAMBRIDGE.

- * MISS CECILIA YEN SUI-WAH, A FINAL YEAR SOCIAL SCIENCES STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

SHE PROPOSES TO PURSUE A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN POLITICS AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE, MR HENRY LITTON SAID: "THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WERE CHOSEN FROM AMONG SOME 280 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN EARLY APRIL THIS YEAR".

"THERE WAS A VERY EXACTING SELECTION PROCESS TO SHORTLIST APPLICANTS FOR INTERVIEWS. THE COMMITTEE WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE HIGH STANDARDS OF ALL THE CANDIDATES INVITED FOR INTERVIEWS. I CONGRATULATE THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FOR WINNING THE SCHOLARSHIPS.

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"THE COMMITTEE FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THOSE SELECTED WILL MAKE FULL USE OF THE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER EDUCATION AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AFFORDED BY THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME AND WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG AND TO PROMOTING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR ABLE COUNSEL AND UNSTINTING SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING AND SELECTION PROCESSES."

THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FULL-COST AWARDS COVERING TUITION FEES, COLLEGE FEES WHERE REQUIRED, PERSONAL MAINTENANCE AND AIRFARES. EACH SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE WORTH 9,000 - 11,000 POUND STERLING A YEAR.

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COURTESY CALL ON DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE

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THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YAN CHAI HOSPITAL TODAY (MONDAY) PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TO DISCUSS THE HOSPITAL'S WELFARE PROJECTS IN THE COMING YEAR.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MADAM YEUNG KAM-CHUN, REVEALED THAT PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE INCLUDED A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IN KWAI CHUNG AND TWO HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY IN SHA TIN AND TSING YI.

THE HOSPITAL IS ALSO ACTIVELY PURSUING THE FEASIBILITY OF OPERATING A NURSERY IN TSING YI AND ANOTHER CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IN KWAI CHUNG.

MRS WONG NOTED THAT RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE ALREADY ENJOYING HIGH QUALITY SERVICES THROUGH THE HOSPITAL'S CURRENT NETWORK OF SIX CHILD CARE CENTRES, AS WELL AS A HOSTEL AND A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY.

SHE BELIEVED THAT THE PLANNED PROJECTS WOULD BE A WELCOME BOOST AND PLEDGED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE THE HOSPITAL ITS ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION IN BRINGING THEM TO FRUITION.

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CHAIRMAN FOR SOUTHERN DB COMMITTEE ELECTED

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AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAN YAU-YUE, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AT THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

MR CHAN, WHO WAS UNOPPOSED IN THE ELECTION, WILL HOLD THE CHAIRMANSHIP UNTIL THE END OF MARCH, 1989.

AT THE MEETING, THE COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED TO SET ASIDE ABOUT \$300,000 FOR CARRYING OUT 10 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF RAINSHELTERS, PAVILIONS, PATHS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING AMENITIES PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO ENDORSED TWO PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITIES TO BE ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AND THE 1988-89 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO OPEN ITS FUTURE MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC AND THE NEWS MEDIA. MEETINGS IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR ARE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 1, OCTOBER 3, DECEMBER 5 AND FEBRUARY 13.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS OLD BUILDINGS REPORT

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A REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS CONCERNING OLD BUILDINGS IN MONG KOK WILL BE TABLED AT A MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

TWO CITY POLYTECHNIC LECTURERS, COMMISSIONED BY THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON THE PROBLEMS OF AGEING BUILDINGS IN MONG KOK, CONDUCTED A STUDY OF OLD BUILDINGS IN TWO TARGETTED AREAS BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH THIS YEAR.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT OF THE STUDY AND CONSIDER WHETHER AN AD HOC GROUP SHOULD BE FORMED TO STUDY THE FINDINGS IN DETAILS, AND TO RECOMMEND, IF NECESSARY, A FURTHER STUDY ON THE PROBLEM.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS WHETHER TO LAUNCH AN ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR, AND THE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED.

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IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL DECIDE WHETHER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS FOR ACTIVITIES TO COMMEMORATE THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1988.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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NORTH DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUNDING

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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE FUNDS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE USAGE PATTERN OF MAJOR RECREATIONAL VENUES, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT IN MAY AND JUNE, AND A REPORT FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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SITE FORMATION CONTRACT FOR SIU SAI WAN DEVELOPMENT AWARDED
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WORK ON SITE FORMATION FOR THE SIU SAI WAN DEVELOPMENT STAGE II WILL START SOON FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$84 MILLION CONTRACT RECENTLY BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE FORMATION OF 10.8 HECTARES OF LAND, RECLAMATION OF 7.6 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED, AND CONSTRUCTION OF 440 METRES OF SEAWALL, 850 METRES OF CARRIAGEWAY AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

A TOTAL OF 18.4 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED FOR SIU SAI WAN (PHASE 3) PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING, PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME HOUSING, RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION, COMMUNITY, OPEN SPACE, ROADS AND OTHER USES.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WILL PROVIDE ACCESS FROM CHAI WAN ROAD TO THE FUTURE HOUSING ESTATES AND SIU SAI WAN DEVELOPMENT AREA.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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TREE PLANTING BY SCHOOLS TO MARK ENVIRONMENT DAY
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TO CELEBRATE THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON JUNE 5 AND TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS OF STUDENTS ON THE PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A TREE PLANTING FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS NEXT MONTH.

THE TREE PLANTING EXERCISE WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WITH THE PROVISION OF UP TO TWO TREES, EACH ABOUT 1.5 METRES HIGH, TO SCHOOLS TO ENABLE THEM TO BE PLANTED INSIDE THE SCHOOL PREMISES AS A PARALLEL WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ACTIVITY.

TREES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY SCHOOLS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON AT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S SHOUSON HILL NURSERY AND HO MAN TIN NURSERY RESPECTIVELY ON MAY 30 AND 31.

SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TOWNS AND OUTLYING ISLANDS ARE ADVISED TO COLLECT THEIR TREES FROM THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN HIN TIN NURSERY, TAI PO TUNG TSZ NURSERY, TSUEN WAN CHO KUNG TAN NURSERY AND TUEN MUN AREA 45 NURSERY ON MAY 30 AND 31.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 28.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 167.252 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 312.255 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 53.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER OPENING CEREMONY

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER IN WAN CHAI AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 25).

THE TWO-LANE FLYOVER IS LOCATED NEAR THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND. EXTENDING FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND TO TONNOCHY ROAD NORTHBOUND, IT WILL PROVIDE CONVENIENT ACCESS TO THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AREA FOR VEHICLES TRAVELLING WESTWARDS ON GLOUCESTER ROAD.

THE FLYOVER WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 26).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER IN WAN CHAI AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 25).

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE FLYOVER ADJACENT TO SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE IN TONNOCHY ROAD.

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OPENING OF TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER

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THE TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER IN WAN CHAI WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 26).

VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD HEADING FOR WAN CHAI NORTH CAN TRAVEL VIA THE FLYOVER TO JOIN HARBOUR ROAD AND HUNG HING ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FROM 7 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 26) TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN VICTORIA STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 26 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE BUS TERMINUS OF ROUTE 720 WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL OUTSIDE LANE CRAWFORD HOUSE.

IN ADDITION, ROUTE 720 ON ITS JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. ITS BUS STOP ON WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL OUTSIDE THE LANDMARK WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL OUTSIDE BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN NT

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YIP SHING STREET IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 6 AM ON MAY 29 (SUNDAY).

THE ROAD FOUNDATION IS UNDERGOING EMERGENCY REPAIR AT A SPOT WHERE A MANHOLE COLLAPSED.

ELSEWHERE, BAILEY BRIDGE N167 ACROSS NG TUNG RIVER AT THE ACCESS ROAD TO KWAN TEI PAK TSUEN IN FANLING WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 11 PM AND 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FROM MAY 25 (WEDNESDAY) TO JUNE 14.

PEDESTRIAN AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE BRIDGE DURING THE CLOSURE, WHICH WILL FACILITATE REPAIR WORK.

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