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BILINGUAL DRAFTING PROGRAMME SET TO BEGIN

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ALL NEW PRINCIPAL ORDINANCES PASSED AFTER TOMORROW (FRIDAY, APRIL 7) WILL BE ENACTED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WITH BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

THE LAW DRAFTSMAN OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, MR JAMES O'GRADY Q.C., TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR A NOTICE WOULD BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW TO BRING INTO OPERATION SECTION 3 OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1987.

THIS PROVIDES THAT ALL NEW PRINCIPAL ORDINANCES, I.E. ORDINANCES WHICH ARE NOT AMENDMENTS TO OTHER ORDINANCES, MUST BE ENACTED IN BOTH OFFICIAL LANGUAGES.

"THIS IS AN HISTORIC OCCASION IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG.

"THE PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE A MEANS SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL HAVE THE LAWS OF HONG KONG IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN ENGLISH TEXT. BOTH TEXTS WILL HAVE EQUAL STATUS," MR O'GRADY SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE ONLY EXCEPTION WAS WHERE THE GOVERNOR REQUIRED A BILL TO BE PRESENTED IN ONE LANGUAGE ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS URGENT AND PRESENTATION IN BOTH LANGUAGES WOULD CAUSE DELAY.

THE LAW DRAFTSMAN SAID THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION BILL, WHICH WAS GAZETTED ON JANUARY 13, 1989 FOR PRESENTATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO BE THE FIRST ORDINANCE ENACTED BILINGUALLY.

AND SUBJECT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL, OTHER BILLS LIKELY TO BE ENACTED BILINGUALLY IN THIS SESSION INCLUDE THE DRUG TRAFFICKING (RECOVERY OF PROCEEDS) BILL AND THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG BILL.

MR O'GRADY SAID THERE WERE TWO ASPECTS TO THE BILINGUAL LAWS PROJECT.

ONE WAS THE ENACTMENT OF NEW LEGISLATION BILINGUALLY WHICH IS NOW SET TO BEGIN. THE OTHER WAS THE TRANSLATION AND PROMULGATION OF AUTHENTIC CHINESE TEXTS OF EXISTING ORDINANCES THAT WERE CONTAINED IN THE 31 VOLUMES OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG.

ON THE FIRST ASPECT, HE SAID THE LAUNCHING OF THE BILINGUAL DRAFTING PROGRAMME WAS THE CULMINATION OF CAREFUL PLANNING AND PREPARATION IN THE LAW DRAFTING DIVISION OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND IN OMELCO.

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING IN CHINESE BEGAN ON A TRIAL BASIS IN JUNE 1987 WITH A SERIES OF "DUMMY RUNS". SINCE THEN, A SERIES OF EIGHT DUMMY RUN BILLS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BILINGUALLY IN THE GAZETTE.

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ALTHOUGH EVENTUALLY ENACTED IN ENGLISH ONLY, THE CHINESE TEXTS OF THESE BILLS WERE EXAMINED BY OMELCO IN THE SAME WAY AS ENGLISH TEXTS.

MR O'GRADY SAID MUCH OF VALUE HAD BEEN LEARNED FROM THE HELPFUL COMMENTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF OMELCO AND BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

IN DECEMBER 1988, THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WERE AMENDED TO ENABLE LEGCO TO DEBATE BILINGUAL BILLS. THIS SET THE STAGE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF BILINGUAL LEGISLATION TO LEGCO.

PARALLEL WITH THE PRODUCTION OF BILINGUAL LEGISLATION IS THE TASK OF PRODUCING AUTHENTIC CHINESE TEXTS OF HONG KONG'S EXISTING LEGISLATION.

WORK ON THIS ASPECT OF THE BILINGUAL LEGISLATION PROGRAMME HAS ALREADY STARTED.

THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4B AND 4C OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ORDINANCE RELATING TO EXISTING LAWS WERE BROUGHT INTO FORCE IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR TO ENABLE THE BILINGUAL LAWS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BLAC) TO BE CONSTITUTED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR DANIEL TSE.

THE BLAC IS PRESENTLY EXAMINING THE CHINESE TEXT OF THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE (CAP 1).

THE BLAC WILL BE SCRUTINIZING CHINESE TRANSLATIONS OF EXISTING LAWS PRODUCED BY THE LAW DRAFTING DIVISION OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT BEFORE THEY ARE PRESENTED FIRST TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AND THEN TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL FOR PROMULGATION.

THE TASK OF TRANSLATING ALL EXISTING LAWS WILL TAKE SOME YEARS TO COMPLETE BUT THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION IS 1994, MR O'GRADY SAID.

ON THE QUESTION OF STAFFING, MR O'GRADY SAID THERE ARE NOW SEVEN BILINGUAL LAWYERS AND 19 LAW TRANSLATION OFFICERS ON THE BILINGUAL LEGISLATION PROJECT. THEY ARE ASSISTED BY A TEAM OF CALLIGRAPHISTS, LAW CLERKS, CLERICAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS.

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HOUSING SOCIETY TO PROVIDE MORE FLATS TO
ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS: GOVERNOR

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THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY WILL BUILD A FURTHER 15,000 FLATS FOR RENT AND SALE TO ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, AT A TOTAL COST OF \$5.8 BILLION, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CLAGUE GARDEN ESTATE IN TSUEN WAN BAY NAMED AFTER THE FOUNDING CHAIRMAN SIR DOUGLAS CLAGUE, SIR DAVID PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY FOR ITS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG.

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"THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY HAS BEEN BUILDING PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS.

"SINCE IT BEGAN TO OPERATE IN 1948, THE SOCIETY HAS CONTRIBUTED A TOTAL OF NEARLY 34,000 FLATS TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF LOWER INCOME FAMILIES," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT THE CLAGUE GARDEN ESTATE WAS A SIGNIFICANT NEW VENTURE FOR THE SOCIETY, BEING THE FIRST ESTATE TO PROVIDE A MIX OF FLATS FOR SALE AND FOR RENT IN THE SAME DEVELOPMENT.

"THIS NEW APPROACH RESPONDS TO A GROWING DESIRE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR HOME OWNERSHIP AS WELL AS HOME RENTAL.

"THIS IS A TREND WHICH DESERVES TO BE ENCOURAGED," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE ESTATE ALSO PROVIDED 77 FLATS ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

"THESE WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE TO LIVE ON THEIR OWN IN SELF-CONTAINED UNITS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, HAVE ACCESS TO WARDEN SERVICES AS WELL AS SOME COMMUNAL FACILITIES.

"THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN PROVIDING SHELTERED HOUSING FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE SINCE 1977 AND THESE NEW FLATS - IN THE FIFTH SCHEME OF ITS KIND - WILL PROVIDE A VALUABLE ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION FOR SOME OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SIR DOUGLAS CLAGUE, THE GOVERNOR SAID SIR DOUGLAS AS CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY FOR 28 YEARS, MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG.

"FROM THE VERY EARLY DAYS, SIR DOUGLAS SAW THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE SOCIETY'S ESTATES.

"HE ALSO SAW THE NEED FOR BETTER LANDSCAPING AS A MEANS OF IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS IN A CONGESTED URBAN AREA," HE ADDED.

"THIS ESTATE, NAMED AFTER SIR DOUGLAS, IS A FITTING MEMORIAL TO HIS VISION AND DEDICATION," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT IT WAS A PARTICULAR PLEASURE THAT THREE GENERATIONS OF THE CLAGUE FAMILY - LADY CLAGUE, HER SON JONATHAN, DAUGHTER ISOLIN AND GRANDCHILDREN EMMA AND GEORGINA, WERE PRESENT TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE ESTATE BEARING THEIR FAMILY NAME.

"THEIR PRESENCE MAKES THIS A DOUBLY AUSPICIOUS OCCASION," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

LOOKING AT THE IMPRESSIVE NEW ESTATE, SIR DAVID CONGRATULATED THE HOUSING SOCIETY, THE ARCHITECTS, THE CONTRACTOR AND ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF CLAGUE GARDEN ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

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FIGHT CRIME REPORT NO.8 PUBLISHED

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THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (FCC) REPORT NO.8, WHICH COVERS THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN THE CALENDER YEAR 1988, WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY).

DURING THE YEAR, THE FCC CONTINUED TO WORK THROUGH ITS FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS. THESE ARE THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON YOUNG OFFENDERS, RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEE, PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF THE SECURITY INDUSTRY AND WORKING GROUP ON GANGS.

AS REGARDS THE GENERAL LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN 1988, THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT THERE WAS A DECREASE OF 2.5 PER CENT IN REPORTED CRIME. CRIME PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION ALSO DECREASED BY 3.5 PER CENT.

ALTHOUGH OVERALL CRIME IN 1988 WAS STILL HIGHER THAN IT WAS TEN YEARS AGO, IT HAS DECLINED FROM THE PEAK OF 1985. THE LEVEL OF VIOLENT CRIME ROSE, BUT AT A MUCH LOWER RATE OF INCREASE COMPARED WITH 1987.

SHOPTHEFT CASES SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE OF 20.7 PER CENT FROM OVER 7,000 CASES IN 1987 TO SOME 5,600 CASES IN 1988, AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE FCC'S PUBLICITY AND OTHER MEASURES TO COUNTER THIS PARTICULAR CRIME HAVE PRODUCED A POSITIVE EFFECT.

SUMMARIZING THE WORK DONE BY THE WORKING GROUP ON GANGS, THE REPORT NOTES THAT THE WORKING GROUP DEVOTED MOST OF ITS TIME TO FOLLOW UP THE PROPOSALS IN THE DISCUSSION DOCUMENT "OPTION FOR CHANGES IN THE LAW AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW TO COUNTER THE TRIAD PROBLEMS".

THESE INCLUDED PROTECTION OF WITNESSES FROM INTIMIDATION, SETTING UP ONE-WAY VIEWERS FOR IDENTIFICATION PARADES, INCREASING THE FINES UNDER THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE DEALING WITH TRIAD MEMBERSHIP, INTRODUCTION OF THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME, ESTABLISHMENT OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TASK FORCES TO INVESTIGATE ORGANISED CRIME, AND CONSIDERATION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF STRICTER PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL GAMBLING, VICE-RELATED OFFENCES AND DRUG TRAFFICKING.

ON THE PREVENTIVE SIDE, A TEACHING PACKAGE ON THE DANGER OF TRIAD INVOLVEMENT FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAS BEEN INTRODUCED. VARIOUS PROJECTS ON THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS AND AFTERCARE SERVICES HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED.

ADDITIONALLY, THE WORKING GROUP HAD MONITORED POLICE ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST THE ILLEGAL FISH TRADING AT CASTLE PEAK BAY AND TRIAD ACTIVITIES IN ABATTOIRS. IT HAD ALSO LOOKED INTO POSSIBLE TRIAD INVOLVEMENT IN THE HARASSMENT OF CONTRACTORS IN THE NT CIRCULAR ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

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IN ITS CONTINUED EFFORT TO TACKLE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON YOUNG OFFENDERS HAD REVIEWED THE YOUNG OFFENDER ASSESSMENT PANEL PILOT SCHEME AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE PENAL SERVICES SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL MAGISTRATES AND HIGHER COURTS, SUBJECT TO RESOURCES BEING AVAILABLE.

NOTING THAT SHOPTHEFT REPRESENTS 43 PER CENT OF ALL JUVENILE CRIME IN 1987, THE STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED VARIOUS PUBLICITY AND EDUCATIONAL MEASURES AIMED AT DISCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM COMMITTING THIS CRIME.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO YOUNG OFFENDERS AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. THESE INCLUDED THE AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY, TRUANCY AND THE RATE OF CHILDREN DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOLS, AGE RESTRICTION ON YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERING BILLIARD SALOONS, AND THE NEED FOR A SPECIAL GUIDANCE SCHEME FOR "PROBLEM" STUDENTS TO BE RUN IN SCHOOLS.

THE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE WORK OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF THE SECURITY INDUSTRY IN PRODUCING A LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO REGULATE THE SECURITY INDUSTRY WHICH INCLUDE BOTH THE SECURITY COMPANIES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES.

THE REPORT ALSO NOTES THAT A DRAFT LEGISLATION ON BETTER CONTROL OF BURGLAR ALARMS WILL BE INTRODUCED SOON.

REFERRING TO THE RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEE, THE REPORT SAID IT HAD CONTINUED TO OVERSEE THE SETTING UP OF THE STANDARDISED LAW AND ORDER STATISTICAL SYSTEM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MORE ADVANCED INTEGRATED LAW AND ORDER STATISTICAL SYSTEM.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE HAD ALSO CONTINUED TO MONITOR THE LONG-TERM STUDY OF RECIDIVISM AMONG YOUNG OFFENDERS, RECOMMENDED THE UNDERTAKING OF THE FOURTH CRIME VICTIMISATION SURVEY IN 1990, REVIEWED THE COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR THE VICTIMS OF RAPE AND OTHER SEX OFFENCES, OVERSAW THE ORGANISATION OF OUTWARD BOUND COURSES FOR YOUNG DELINQUENTS, CONSIDERS THE FRAMEWORK FOR AN IMPROVED SYSTEM FOR THE TRAINING OF PROFESSIONALS IN DEALING WITH YOUNG OFFENDERS, AND COMMISSIONED A SPECIAL STUDY ON AFTERCARE SERVICES FOR EX-PRISONERS.

FIGHT CRIME PUBLICITY EFFORTS IN 1988 WERE MAINLY FOCUSED ON THE ANTI-TRIAD CAMPAIGN, THE ANTI-SHOPTHEFT DRIVE AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

SO FAR AS COMMERCIAL CRIMES ARE CONCERNED, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE EVIDENCE ORDINANCE HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AND THE COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIME BILL HAD BEEN ENACTED. AMENDMENTS ARE ALSO BEING CONSIDERED TO THE CRIME ORDINANCE AND THE THEFT ORDINANCE TO DEAL WITH COMPUTER CRIME.

PENDING THE OUTCOME OF A TEST CASE IN COURT, A DRAFT FIREARMS AND AMMUNITIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL AIMED AT BETTER CONTROL OF IMITATION AND REPLICA FIREARMS WILL BE REVIEWED.

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THE CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL, WHICH SEEKS TO INTRODUCE BETTER CONTROL OF NUISANCES ASSOCIATED WITH PROSTITUTION, WAS PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN JULY 1988 AND WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LATER.

THE REPORT CONCLUDES BY THANKING THE 19 DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES FOR THEIR CONTINUED CO-OPERATION IN KEEPING UNDER REVIEW THE STATE OF CRIME AT DISTRICT LEVEL AND IN CO-ORDINATING ALL DISTRICT EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE POLICE TO COMBAT CRIME.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

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FEASIBILITY STUDY ON TECHNOLOGY CENTRE COMPLETED

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A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A TECHNOLOGY CENTRE HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY SEGAL QUINCE WICKSTEED, A FIRM OF CONSULTANTS APPOINTED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ON THE ADVICE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB).

THE STUDY CONCLUDED THAT A TECHNOLOGY CENTRE COULD MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVING HONG KONG'S TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID.

THE CONSULTANTS SUGGESTED THAT THE AIM OF THE CENTRE SHOULD BE TO HELP UPGRADE THE TECHNOLOGY COMPETENCE OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE CENTRE SHOULD BE TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF FIRMS USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES, ENCOURAGE MORE FIRMS TO MAKE USE OF CONTRACT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, AND PROVIDE A TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER SERVICE WHICH WOULD HELP LOCAL FIRMS GAIN ACCESS TO USEFUL TECHNOLOGIES.

THE GOVERNMENT, AND INDUSTRY, ACADEMIC, BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMUNITIES HAD A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN MAKING THE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE A SUCCESS, AND THE CENTRE'S MANAGEMENT SHOULD AIM TO FORGE EFFECTIVE LINKS WITH THESE GROUPS, THE CONSULTANTS SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, WHILE MAINTAINING THESE VITAL LINKS, THE CENTRE SHOULD BE ABLE TO OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY OF THEM, SO THAT IT COULD MAINTAIN A COMMERCIAL OUTLOOK.

THE CONSULTANCY REPORT ALSO SAID THE CENTRE COULD GENERATE SUFFICIENT INCOME FROM LETTINGS TO COVER ITS RECURRENT COSTS, PROVIDED THAT IT DID NOT HAVE TO BEAR THE CAPITAL COSTS OF THE LAND AND BUILDINGS.

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE IDB TO ADVISE WHETHER A TECHNOLOGY CENTRE WOULD BE USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE IN HONG KONG, AND IF SO, HOW IT SHOULD BE ORGANISED AND MANAGED.

THE BOARD HAS DIRECTED ITS INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE TO ANALYSE THE REPORT IN DETAIL, WITH THE AIM OF FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE IDB WOULD BE INVITED TO ADVISE ON THIS PROJECT WITHIN THREE MONTHS.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR JANUARY
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JANUARY 1989, ESTIMATED AT \$10,663 MILLION, WAS 32 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY 1988 WHILST THEIR VOLUME WAS 22 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN INTERPRETING THE YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON IN THIS PRESS RELEASE, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, WHICH OCCURRED IN EARLY FEBRUARY THIS YEAR. IN 1988, THESE HOLIDAYS FELL IN MID-FEBRUARY.

ANALYSED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO IN JANUARY 1989 INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME OVER JANUARY 1988. FUELS ROSE BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 47 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 35 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 25 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS ROSE BY 40 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 32 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 96 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 80 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 55 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 41 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 16 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME, WHILE THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR SUPERMARKETS WERE 22 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT.

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WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1988, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR JANUARY 1989 INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO HAD VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE IN SALES VALUE AND A DROP OF 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS WENT DOWN BY 11 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY 22 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 20 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 8 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 11 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 49 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 17 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 21 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS SALES DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR DECEMBER 1988 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JANUARY 1989.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN DECEMBER 1988 AND JANUARY 1989 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES, WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF JANUARY 1989 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1988 AND WITH THOSE FOR JANUARY 1988 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JANUARY 1989 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-8234941).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for January 1989 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$10,663million
 for December 1988 (Revised Figure) = HK\$ 9,770million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR DECEMBER 1988 AND JANUARY 1989

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

| Item | Index of Retail Sales | December | January | January 1989 | | January 1989 | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----|
| | | 1988 | 1989 | compared with December 1988 | compared with January 1988 | Points | % |
| | | (Revised figures) | (Provisional figures) | Points | % | Points | % |
| (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES | | | | | | | |
| | Value | 174 | 190 | 16 | 9 | 47 | 32 |
| | Volume | 140 | 152 | 12 | 9 | 27 | 22 |
| (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS | | | | | | | |
| Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco | Value | 149 | 149 | # | # | 19 | 15 |
| | Volume | 126 | 123 | -3 | -2 | 3 | 3 |
| Fuels | Value | 112 | 99 | -13 | -11 | 1 | 1 |
| | Volume | 122 | 107 | -16 | -13 | # | # |
| Clothing, footwear and allied products | Value | 218 | 234 | 17 | 8 | 47 | 25 |
| | Volume | 160 | 178 | 18 | 11 | 21 | 13 |
| Consumer durables | Value | 170 | 207 | 37 | 22 | 66 | 47 |
| | Volume | 132 | 159 | 27 | 20 | 41 | 35 |
| Other consumer goods | Value | 190 | 210 | 19 | 10 | 60 | 40 |
| | Volume | 149 | 166 | 17 | 12 | 40 | 32 |
| (C) BY SELECTED TRADES | | | | | | | |
| (see note 1 below) | | | | | | | |
| Supermarkets | Value | 181 | 177 | -3 | -2 | 32 | 22 |
| | Volume | 149 | 145 | -4 | -3 | 13 | 10 |
| Motor vehicles and parts | Value | 258 | 386 | 127 | 49 | 188 | 96 |
| | Volume | 177 | 263 | 86 | 49 | 117 | 80 |
| Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts | Value | 143 | 152 | 10 | 7 | 28 | 23 |
| | Volume | 119 | 127 | 8 | 7 | 18 | 16 |
| Department stores | Value | 246 | 289 | 43 | 17 | 102 | 55 |
| | Volume | 185 | 223 | 38 | 21 | 64 | 41 |

- NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :
- "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.
 - "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
 - "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
 - "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.
2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.
 3. "#" denotes a figure within ± 0.5 .

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TRADE DEPARTMENT STRIVES TO IMPROVE MARKET ACCESS

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS DOING ITS BEST IN THE CURRENT URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATION UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) TO LIBERALISE WORLD TRADE, IMPROVE MARKET ACCESS AND STRENGTHEN DISCIPLINE IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, TOLD A SEMINAR THIS TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR CHEUNG SAID APART FROM THE LEVEL OF CONSUMER DEMAND IN ITS EXPORT MARKETS, HONG KONG'S CONTINUED ACCESS TO THESE MARKETS WAS ALSO IMPORTANT AND ANY INTENSIFICATION OF PROTECTIONIST MEASURES WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT ITS EXPORTS AND WORLD TRADE IN GENERAL.

"THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ARE TO WORK FOR A FREER AND MORE OPEN WORLD TRADING SYSTEM AND TO SECURE AND PRESERVE FREE AND FAIR ACCESS FOR HONG KONG-MADE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN OVERSEAS MARKETS.

"IT PURSUES THESE OBJECTIVES MULTILATERALLY THROUGH HONG KONG'S FULL CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS IN THE GATT AND THROUGH BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS," HE SAID, NOTING THAT HONG KONG BECAME THE 91ST CONTRACTING PARTY TO GATT IN APRIL 1986.

"TO MAINTAIN CONTINUED ACCESS TO MARKETS ALREADY OPENED TO HONG KONG, TO REMOVE BARRIERS WHERE THEY EXIST AND TO GAIN ACCESS TO MARKETS THAT ARE CLOSED ARE THE PRIORITIES OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT," HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG SAID HONG KONG ACHIEVED ITS PRESENT-DAY TRADING PROMINENCE PARTLY BECAUSE OF ITS EXCELLENT DEEP-WATER PORT, ITS STRATEGIC POSITION AT THE VERY CENTRE OF THE FAST GROWING ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND ITS POSITION AS THE NATURAL GATEWAY FOR TRADE WITH A RAPIDLY MODERNISING CHINA.

"BUT ANOTHER FUNDAMENTAL REASON FOR HONG KONG'S SUCCESS IS THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE AND FREE ENTERPRISE.

"THIS POLICY ENSURES THAT THE ECONOMY ADJUSTS RAPIDLY TO CHANGES IN WORLD MARKET FORCES AND THAT RESOURCES ARE, CONSEQUENTLY, USED EFFICIENTLY AND PRODUCTIVELY."

MR CHEUNG POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE GATT 40 YEARS AGO, THERE HAD BEEN A VERY SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN TRADE BARRIERS, LARGELY AS A RESULT OF SEVEN ROUNDS OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE GATT, LEADING TO AN UNPRECEDENTED EXPANSION IN WORLD TRADE.

"HONG KONG HAS CERTAINLY BENEFITTED FROM THIS TRADE EXPANSION AND HAS RISEN RAPIDLY IN THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF TRADING NATIONS," HE SAID.

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HONG KONG IS NOW THE 11TH LARGEST TRADING ENTITY IN THE WORLD, TAKING UP 1.9 PER CENT OF WORLD TRADE.

ON HONG KONG'S TRADE PATTERNS, MR CHEUNG SAID THE MOST NOTABLE CHANGE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS WAS THAT CHINA HAD OVERTAKEN THE UNITED STATES AS HONG KONG'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER.

TRADE BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG INCREASED 27 TIMES IN VALUE TERMS BETWEEN 1978 AND 1988.

MR CHEUNG SAID THE MAIN FACTOR IN THE RAPID GROWTH IN HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA HAD BEEN THE INCREASE IN OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES IN CHINA.

"OUTWARD PROCESSING IS A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL DEVELOPMENT: THE PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN HONG KONG IS ENLARGED AND THE ABUNDANT LABOUR RESOURCES IN CHINA ARE EMPLOYED MORE EFFICIENTLY," HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG ALSO POINTED TO THE RE-EMERGENCE OF HONG KONG'S ENTREPOT ROLE.

"CHINA IS BOTH THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS AND THE MOST IMPORTANT SUPPLIER OF GOODS RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG.

"JAPAN IS ALSO A SIGNIFICANT PARTNER IN HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE, BEING THE SECOND LARGEST SUPPLIER OF GOODS RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG," HE SAID.

TURNING TO FUTURE PROSPECTS, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT GIVEN THE LIKELY SLOWDOWN IN THE GROWTH OF THE U.S. MARKET AND THE EMERGENCE OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AS A DYNAMIC ECONOMIC FORCE, SOME DIVERSIFICATION IN EXPORT MARKETS IN FAVOUR OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION WAS EXPECTED AND THE FOCUS WAS LIKELY TO BE JAPAN.

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NT TAXIS PERMITTED TO OPERATE IN MA ON SHAN

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A RECOMMENDATION BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT THE OPERATING BOUNDARY OF NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE MA ON SHAN.

THE APPROVAL INCLUDES ALLOWING NT TAXIS TO SERVE ALL INTERNAL ROADS TO BE BUILT WITHIN MA ON SHAN, AND TO TRAVEL FROM SAI KUNG TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AND TO TAI PO OR NORTH DISTRICT.

HOWEVER, THE NT TAXIS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS ON THE MAIN ROADS BETWEEN MA ON SHAN AND THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL.

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AT PRESENT, NT TAXIS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO OPERATE IN SHA TIN, INCLUDING MA ON SHAN, EXCEPT TO BRING PASSENGERS FROM THE NORTH TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, SHA TIN RACE COURSE AND MEI SHA PIER. FROM SAI KUNG, NT TAXIS ARE ONLY PERMITTED TO OPERATE AS FAR AS NAI CHUNG IN SAI KUNG NORTH.

THE RESTRICTION ON NT TAXIS IN MA ON SHAN HAD BEEN IMPOSED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S DECISION IN 1987 THAT NT TAXIS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM MA ON SHAN SUBJECT TO A REVIEW WHEN ADDITIONAL ROAD LINKS WERE PROVIDED TO MA ON SHAN IN 1988.

THE OPENING OF SAI SHA ROAD IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR HAS GENERATED A DEMAND FOR TAXI TRAVEL BETWEEN SAI KUNG AND TAI PO/NORTH DISTRICTS VIA MA ON SHAN.

THE DEMAND FOR TAXI TRAVEL BETWEEN MA ON SHAN AND TAI PO/NORTH DISTRICTS IS ALSO EXPECTED TO INCREASE WITH POPULATION GROWTH. NT TAXIS CAN MEET THIS INCREASING DEMAND.

REMOVAL OF THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS WILL ALSO ALLOW PATIENTS FROM SAI KUNG TO BE TAKEN TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL DIRECT BY NT TAXIS.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ALSO DECIDED THAT NT TAXIS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE BANNED FROM THE JUNK BAY NEW TOWN, INCLUDING RENNIE'S MILL.

THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR THE JUNK BAY NEW TOWN TO BE SERVED BY URBAN TAXIS AS MOST EXTERNAL TRIPS WOULD BE TO AND FROM KOWLOON RATHER THAN SAI KUNG.

AT PRESENT FOUR BUS ROUTES ARE OPERATING BETWEEN JUNK BAY AND THE SOUTH AND EAST KOWLOON. A GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE IS ALSO OPERATING BETWEEN THE NEW TOWN AND SAI KUNG TOWN CENTRE.

AS REGARDS RENNIE'S MILL, ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED THROUGH THE OPERATION OF BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES, FERRIES AND URBAN TAXIS.

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NEW BUS SERVICES TO ALLEVIATE MTR CONGESTION
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NEW BUS SERVICES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INTRODUCED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLEVIATING THE MORNING PEAK HOUR CONGESTION PROBLEM ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY NATHAN ROAD CORRIDOR.

THE TWO NEW KMB BUS ROUTES ARE INTENDED TO CARRY PASSENGERS DIRECT FROM EAST AND WEST NEW TERRITORIES TO KOWLOON TO BYPASS THE OVERCROWDED MTR CORRIDOR.

THESE ARE ADDITIONAL TO THE EXISTING 53 BUS ROUTES SERVING BETWEEN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE KOWLOON AREA.

ROUTE 81C, INTRODUCED IN JANUARY, RUNS FROM MA ON SHAN IN SHA TIN TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND HELPS REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS TAKING THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TO THE KOWLOON TONG KCR STATION FOR INTERCHANGING TO THE MTR.

ROUTE 30X, INTRODUCED IN FEBRUARY, TAKES PASSENGERS FROM CHAI WAN KOK IN TSUEN WAN TO JORDAN AND PROVIDES SOME RELIEF TO THE OVERCROWDING SITUATION ALONG THE MTR TSUEN WAN LINE.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION HAS ALSO AGREED TO ANNOUNCE ON THEIR TRAINS AND PLATFORMS THE AVAILABILITY OF BUS SERVICES FROM THE KCR KOWLOON STATION (HUNG HOM) TO TSIM SHA TSUI.

SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE ON TRAINS GOING BETWEEN TAI WAI AND KOWLOON TONG STATIONS AND ON STATION PLATFORMS BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND TAI WAI.

THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS, STARTING IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AIM TO ENCOURAGE TRAIN PASSENGERS HEADING FOR TSIM SHA TSUI TO USE BUSES INSTEAD OF INTERCHANGING TO THE MTR AT THE OVERCROWDED KOWLOON TONG STATION.

THERE IS STILL SPARE CAPACITY DURING THE MORNING PEAK HOURS ON FOUR KMB BUS ROUTES - 1K, 5C, 8 AND 8A - ALL GOING TO TSIM SHA TSUI THAT PASSENGERS CAN TAKE AT THE KCR KOWLOON STATION.

THERE ARE NEW DIRECTIONAL SIGNS AT THE KOWLOON STATION PODIUM HALL TO INDICATE THE LOCATIONS OF THE BUS STOPS FOR THESE FOUR BUS ROUTES. ALSO, KMB WILL PUT UP DIRECTIONAL SIGNS AT THE STATION BUS TERMINUS TO AID PASSENGERS.

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TEN SENIOR POLICEMEN PROMOTED
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POLICE TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTION OF TEN SENIOR OFFICERS, INCLUDING A SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT TO THE RANK OF CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT; THREE SUPERINTENDENTS TO SENIOR SUPERINTENDENTS; AND SIX CHIEF INSPECTORS TO SUPERINTENDENTS.

AT A CEREMONY AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, PRESENTED LETTERS OF PROMOTION TO THE OFFICERS AND CONGRATULATED THEM ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

THE NEWLY PROMOTED CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT IS MR GEORGE MURPHY OF THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

THE NEW SENIOR SUPERINTENDENTS ARE : MR AU YIU-KWAN WHO HOLDS THE POST OF DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, WESTERN; MR STEVE VICKERS, SENIOR STAFF OFFICER, CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, AND MR IAIN GRANT, WHO IS SECONDED TO THE LONDON OFFICE AS POLICE APPOINTMENTS OFFICER.

ANOTHER SIX OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SUPERINTENDENT ARE MESSRS ROD COLSON, LEUNG KA-HUNG, LEE WAI-LAM, JEFF RICHARDS, NOEL HOWCROFT AND LO CHI-MING.

TWO STORAGE LOTS TO LET BY TENDER

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT FOR LETTING TWO STORAGE LOTS IN POK FU LAM AND WESTERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

MEASURING ABOUT 1,910 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE AT WAH LOK PATH, POK FU LAM, IS FOR THE STORAGE OF THE TENANT'S GOODS (INCLUDING VEHICLES) AND/OR COMMERCIAL NURSERY.

NO REPAIRING OR MAINTENANCE WORKS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED.

THE INITIAL TENANCY IS THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

THE OTHER LOT, MEASURING ABOUT 4,775 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED AT THE FORMER CARGO HANDLING AREA, WESTERN RECLAMATION.

IT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE/HANDLING OF CARGO, EXCLUDING CONCRETE BATCHING, HANDLING OF SAND, AGGREGATES OR BUILDING MATERIALS.

THE INITIAL TENANCY IS ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 14.

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CYC CIVIC EDUCATION SHOWS

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MORE THAN 1200 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL STAGE TWO CIVIC EDUCATION SHOWS AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN WANCHAI, ON SUNDAY (APRIL 9).

THE EVENTS WILL MARK THE END OF THE CURRENT CYC CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE GREATER AWARENESS AMONG ITS MEMBERS AND OTHER SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE WORK OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE SHOWS WILL FEATURE DANCES, SINGING, ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES, DRAMAS AND LION DANCES BY OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE CYC CIVIC EDUCATION FORTNIGHT IN THE 19 DISTRICTS IN LATE FEBRUARY WHICH WERE ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE TWO-HOUR SHOW.

IN THE EVENING, MR LI WILL JOIN THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, TO OFFICIATE AT THE SECOND CYC CIVIC EDUCATION SHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE TWO CIVIC EDUCATION JOINT PRESENTATIONS AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WANCHAI, ON SUNDAY (APRIL 9) BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 4.30 PM AND 8 PM AND 10 PM RESPECTIVELY.

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