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EARLY TRAINING FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IMPORTANT

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LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THERE CLEARLY IS A NEED FOR EARLY TRAINING FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, AND SERVICES SHOULD BE PROVIDED WHENEVER THIS NEED IS IDENTIFIED, AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE HEEP HONG SOCIETY FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S SYMPOSIUM ON "WORKING WITH YOUNG HANDICAPPED CHILDREN - THE WAY AHEAD".

LADY WILSON SAID SHE WAS GLAD TO LEARN THAT WITH THE ANTICIPATED EXPANSION RATE OF NEW SERVICE UNITS, IT WAS HOPED TO HAVE SUFFICIENT PLACES FOR CHILDREN IN THE SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES AND EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES BY 1991 OR 1992 AT THE LATEST.

"SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO DRAWING UP PLANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE MILDLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WAITING FOR PLACEMENT IN INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES IN CHILD CARE CENTRES.

"HEEP HONG SOCIETY ITSELF IS PLANNING A PARENT EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTRE TO ENABLE PARENTS TO LEARN MORE, SO THAT THEY CAN HELP THEIR CHILDREN MORE EFFECTIVELY," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON SAID THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR HAD BEEN WORKING CLOSELY TO PROMOTE SERVICES FOR PRE-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

"THIS KIND OF CO-OPERATION IS SOMETHING WE ARE PROUD OF," SHE SAID.

THE WORKING PARTY ON PRE-SCHOOL CARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING, FORMED IN 1982. WAS AN INDICATION OF THIS CO-OPERATION. A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE SERVICES WAS CONDUCTED SUBSEQUENTLY, AND MANY VALUABLE RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES WERE LAID.

"IN FACT, MOST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE 1987. THERE IS, HOWEVER, STILL MUCH TO BE DONE," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON SAID WE WERE NOW MOVING CLOSER TO MEETING BASIC NEEDS. AND IT WAS TIME WE DEVOTED OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF WORK.

"I AM WELL AWARE, AS I SAID, THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING PARTY HAVE PROVIDED USEFUL GUIDELINES FOR SERVICES AND THAT MOST OF THE SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN ACTED UPON," SHE SAID.

PRE-SCHOOL REHABILITATION SERVICES WERE GROWING FAST AND SHE HOPED THAT THE IDEAS WHICH CAME OUT OF THE WORKING PARTY COULD BE DEVELOPED FURTHER.

"WE MUST CONTINUE TO THINK OF NEW IDEAS, AND LEARN FROM WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN OTHER COUNTRIES," SHE ADDED.

/LADY WILSON

LADY WILSON SAID IT WAS VITAL TO RECOGNISE THAT WITHIN THE LABEL OF "HANDICAPPED", THERE WAS MUCH DIVERSITY IN THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF HANDICAPS.

IT WAS THEREFORE UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO THESE CHILDREN WAS NO SIMPLE MATTER, SHE SAID.

"NO SINGLE DISCIPLINE, BE IT PHYSICIANS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, EDUCATORS, TEACHERS, OR EVEN PARENTS THEMSELVES, CAN CLAIM ADEQUACY IN HANDLING THESE SPECIAL CHILDREN ON THEIR OWN.

"WHILE THE PROFESSIONALS MIGHT HAVE THE SCIENTIFIC OR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AT HAND, THEY LACK THE PARENTS' CHANCES OF SUSTAINED OBSERVATION AND INTERACTION WITH THE CHILDREN.

"IT IS ONLY THROUGH SHARING OF EXPERIENCES, AND CO-OPERATION OF ALL THESE CONCERNED PARTIES, THAT WISDOM IN THE FIELD CAN BE POOLED TO ATTAIN THE BEST RESULTS," LADY WILSON SAID.

NOTING THAT THE SYMPOSIUM WAS THE CLIMAX OF THE HEEP HONG SOCIETY'S JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATION, LADY WILSON SAID IT WAS A VERY SPECIAL PLEASURE TO HAVE TWO INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS SCHOLARS ATTENDING - PROFESSOR GURALNICK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, AND PROFESSOR RUTTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, TO GIVE THEIR INSIGHTS INTO EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION AND THE TRAINING OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN.

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SEPT ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED
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THE ORDERS POSITION IN SEPTEMBER 1989 AS REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH AUGUST 1989 AND SEPTEMBER 1988, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1989 WITH AUGUST 1989, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES REMAINED UNCHANGED. ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988, THE ORDERS POSITION IN SEPTEMBER 1989 INCREASED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, ORDERS DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN SEPTEMBER 1989 DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989, AND BY 8 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989, WHILE EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1989 DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN MOST OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, THE DECREASE IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WAS MORE SIGNIFICANT. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1989 WITH SEPTEMBER 1988, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, WHILE SLIGHT DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED MORE SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES.

IN SEPTEMBER 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED, IN MONEY TERMS, BY 3 PER CENT OVER AUGUST 1989 AND BY 21 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1988.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1989 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. THESE INCREASES WERE PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSSES BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRIES, BUT DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1989 WITH SEPTEMBER 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1989 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1989 INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER AUGUST 1989 AND SUBSTANTIALLY WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS SECTOR COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1989 IN THE COMPANIES SURVEYED WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN AUGUST 1989, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER SEPTEMBER 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1989 INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER AUGUST 1989 AND SUBSTANTIALLY OVER SEPTEMBER 1988 FOR THE SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1989 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234820.

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1989 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		AUG. 89 (%)	SEP. 88 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.28	*	*
WEARING APPAREL	4.77	*	+3
TEXTILES	2.22	-5	-3

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PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.78	-3	+7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.49	-3	+3
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.07	*	-1
OTHERS	4.15	*	*

* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT

PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1989

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	AUG. 89	SEP. 88
-----	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-2	-8
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FOOD AND DRINKS	+3	+2
WEARING APPAREL	-2	-10
TEXTILES	-1	-1
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-10	-23
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-3	-3
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-3	-13
OTHERS	+1	*
CONSTRUCTION #	*	-3
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SERVICES	*	+3
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BANKS	-1	+3
HOTELS	*	*
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*
OTHERS	*	+8

/* CHANGES WITHIN

* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5 PER CENT

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3: PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN SEPTEMBER 1989	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	(HK\$)	AUG. 89 (%)	SEP. 88 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	5,368	+3	+21
FOOD AND DRINKS	6,326	+1	+21
WEARING APPAREL	4,277	-4	+16
TEXTILES	5,436	+7	+27
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5,813	+16	+27
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5,090	+2	+17
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5,107	+4	+18
OTHERS	6,845	+3	+21
CONSTRUCTION #	7,446	+1	+17
SERVICES	9,105	+2	+18
BANKS	8,369	*	+20
HOTELS	5,638	-1	+18
PUBLIC UTILITIES	9,918	+14	+23
OTHERS	9,527	-10	+10

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* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5 PER CENT

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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CALL FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO ANTI-DUMPING RULES WELL SUPPORTED

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HONG KONG'S CALL FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RULES ON ANTI-DUMPING TO PREVENT ABUSE HAS BEEN GIVEN AN ALMOST UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AT AN INFORMAL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN TOKYO ON THE URUGUAY ROUND MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

COMMENTING ON THE MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY TO TODAY (NOVEMBER 15 TO 17), THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID HE WAS GRATIFIED AT THE SUPPORT SHOWN BY DELEGATES AT THE MEETING.

MR CHAN SAID THE CALL WAS FIRST RAISED BY HONG KONG AT THE MONTREAL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER 1988.

"HONG KONG WILL BE SUBMITTING FURTHER PROPOSALS ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ANTI-DUMPING CODE NEXT MONTH," HE SAID.

MR CHAN WAS THE LEADER OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION AT THE INFORMAL MEETING OF TRADE MINISTERS REPRESENTING 25 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT).

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION INCLUDED THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, AND HONG KONG'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GATT. MR KEITH BROADBRIDGE.

MR CHAN SAID THE RULES OF ORIGIN ALSO ATTRACTED A LOT OF ATTENTION.

"IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS STRONG SUPPORT FROM BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO INTRODUCE GATT DISCIPLINES IN THIS AREA TO MAKE THE RULES FAIRER AND MORE CERTAIN TO EXPORTERS," HE SAID.

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HE SAID THERE WAS ALSO A CONSENSUS THAT TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING SHOULD RETURN TO THE RULES OF THE GATT.

MR CHAN SAID ALL MINISTERS PARTICIPATED FULLY IN THE VERY INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS.

HE HIMSELF SPOKE FORCEFULLY ON ALL ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG, IN PARTICULAR TEXTILES, ANTI-DUMPING, RULES OF ORIGIN, SAFEGUARDS AND SERVICES.

HE ADDED THAT THE MEETING WAS A USEFUL CHECKPOINT FOR MINISTERS TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER BEFORE THE URUGUAY ROUND'S FINAL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

MR CHAN SAID HE HAD ALSO TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE INFORMAL PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH A NUMBER OF MINISTERS AT THE CONFERENCE INCLUDING MRS CARLA HILLS, THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.

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REVIEW OF ORGANISATION OF REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED A FIRM OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS, COOPERS AND LYBRAND ASSOCIATES LTD, TO UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF THE ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

MR GLEESON SAID THAT SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1949, HIS DEPARTMENT HAD DEVELOPED INTO A CONGLOMERATE OF SUB-DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAD LITTLE OR NO INTERFACE WITH EACH OTHER.

APART FROM THE TRADE MARKS AND PATENTS REGISTRY AND THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY, BOTH OF WHICH WOULD BE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE CONSULTANCY, THE DEPARTMENT NOW INCLUDED OTHER FUNCTIONS WHICH THE CONSULTANTS WOULD EXAMINE.

THESE WERE THE COMPANIES REGISTRY, THE MONEY LENDERS REGISTRY, THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE, THE OFFICES OF THE OFFICIAL TRUSTEE AND THE OFFICIAL SOLICITOR, AND THE LAND OFFICE.

THE LAND OFFICE INCLUDED LAND REGISTRATION AND CERTAIN OTHER STATUTORY LAND FUNCTIONS AS WELL AS A CONVEYANCING AND LEGAL ADVISORY SERVICE FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN ALL OF THEIR PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS.

/MR GLEESON

MR GLEESON SAID MOST OF THESE FUNCTIONS HAD EXPANDED GREATLY OVER THE YEARS AND IT WAS TIME TO REVIEW THE WHOLE OPERATION TO SEE IF THE PRESENT STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT WAS THE ONE MOST SUITABLE TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC AND ALSO TO IDENTIFY ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVEMENT.

THE CONSULTANTS WOULD EXAMINE ALL OPTIONS INCLUDING CORPORATISATION, CONTRACTING OUT, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES, HE SAID.

MR GLEESON SAID HE COULD NOT FORECAST THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTANCY AS THIS WOULD DEPEND ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSULTANTS AND THE DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING UPON THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE CONSULTANCY WOULD COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

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GROWING INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN AIRPORT PROJECT

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INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT IS FAST GATHERING MOMENTUM, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT EVEN BEFORE THE DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN OCTOBER, EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM LEADING INTERNATIONAL FIRMS.

"UP TO EARLY NOVEMBER, SOME 20 CONSORTIA OR COMPANIES HAVE APPROACHED THE GOVERNMENT INDICATING THEIR INTEREST IN TAKING PART IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT," HE SAID, ADDING THAT A MAJORITY OF THEM WERE ENGINEERING AND CONSULTANCY FIRMS IN EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND JAPAN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A RECENT NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE CALLING SPECIFICALLY FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN UNDERTAKING THE CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT MASTER PLAN CONSULTANCY HAS DRAWN A FAVOURABLE RESPONSE.

THE NOTICE, CALLING FOR SUBMISSIONS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION BEFORE NOON ON NOVEMBER 24 THIS YEAR HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AGAIN IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

"AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ENTAILS ONLY A STATEMENT OF THE FIRM'S RELEVANT EXPERTISE AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH THE MATTERS TO BE COVERED BY THE MASTER PLAN CONSULTANCY.

/"/CONSULTANTS UNDERTAKING

"CONSULTANTS UNDERTAKING THE PROJECT WILL NEED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REVIEW AIR TRAFFIC FORECASTS, FIX THE RUNWAY CONFIGURATION AND RECLAMATION SIZE, DESIGN THE AIRPORT LAYOUT AND TRANSPORT INTERFACES, CARRY OUT A COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY, AND PRODUCE AN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WITH COSTS.

"SINCE THE NEW AIRPORT IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PROJECT, WE ARE TAKING GREAT CARE IN ENSURING THAT WE GET THE BEST POSSIBLE TEAM OF CONSULTANTS TO PREPARE THE MASTER PLAN FOR IT.

"A SHORTLIST OF CONSULTANTS WILL BE DRAWN UP FROM THOSE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST AND THESE POTENTIALLY SUITABLE CONSULTANTS WILL THEN BE ASKED TO MAKE DETAILED PROPOSALS TO THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE WAY THEY WOULD UNDERTAKE THE CONSULTANCY.

"ON THE BASIS OF THESE PROPOSALS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL EVALUATE WHICH CONSULTANT SHOULD UNDERTAKE THE WORK," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CONSULTANCY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO START BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, HE ADDED.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVES TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE PAYMENT OF A TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO FIVE CIVIL SERVICE GRADES.

"THOSE ENTITLED TO THE ALLOWANCE ARE ANALYST/PROGRAMMER I AND II, ASSISTANT SOCIAL WORK OFFICER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER II, SENIOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER AND MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER AND NURSE (NURSING OFFICER I AND BELOW)." A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

A PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE SAME TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO COVER THOSE STAFF OF COMPARABLE RANKS IN DOCTOR, NURSING AND SOCIAL WORKER GRADES IN GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS WAS ALSO APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COST FOR THE ALLOWANCE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN 1989-90 WOULD BE IN THE REGION OF \$69.5 MILLION WHILE THAT FOR SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS WOULD BE \$34 MILLION.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL DECIDED EARLIER THIS MONTH TO ACCEPT A RECOMMENDATION BY THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR PAYMENT OF A TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE FOR THE FIVE GRADES WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

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FURTHER PROVISION FOR MEETING COURT COSTS

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) APPROVED THE ALLOCATION OF AN EXTRA \$5 MILLION TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO MEET ESTIMATED COURT COSTS FOR THE REST OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$5 MILLION REPRESENTS AN ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT OF COSTS THAT MAY BE AWARDED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT IN CRIMINAL AND COURT CASES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE PAYMENT OF COSTS UP TO OCTOBER 31 STOOD AT \$9,480,303, OF WHICH \$6,223,526 WAS IN CRIMINAL CASES AND THE REST IN CIVIL CASES.

THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE ON COURT COSTS IN 1988-89 WAS \$40.74 MILLION.

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MORE FLEXIBILITY PROPOSED IN PAYMENT OF UC/RC ALLOWANCES

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN AMENDMENT IN THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCES TO REMOVE A QUALIFICATION ON THE TYPE OF ALLOWANCE THE COUNCIL MAY PAY TO ITS MEMBERS.

THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCIL AMENDMENT BILLS WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) AND WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 29.

THE EXISTING PROVISIONS RESTRICT THE PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES SOLELY TO EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISCHARGE OF A MEMBER'S OFFICE. THEY DO NOT COVER MEMBERS' LOSS OF SALARY OR WAGES AS A RESULT OF THEIR ATTENDANCE TO COUNCIL DUTIES.

"THIS QUALIFICATION IS UNNECESSARILY RESTRICTIVE AND THE BILLS SEEK TO REMOVE SUCH A RESTRICTION. IN ADDITION, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE PAID TO MEMBERS WITHOUT REQUIRING THEM FIRST TO CERTIFY THAT THEY HAVE INCURRED EXPENSES TO THAT AMOUNT," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOLLOWING THE AMENDMENT, THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES TO MEMBERS OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS WILL BE BROUGHT MORE IN LINE WITH THE PRACTICES OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND OMELCO, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MEMBERS MAY, IN THE SAME WAY AS DISTRICT BOARD AND OMELCO MEMBERS, OPT TO CLAIM THEIR ALLOWANCES EITHER WITH A MONTHLY BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES INCURRED OR WITHOUT A BREAKDOWN.

"THIS PROPOSAL IS IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH THE LEVEL OF ALLOWANCES, THE MAXIMUM OF WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNCILS THEMSELVES.

"IT WILL HOWEVER PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES TO MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MARINE REGULATIONS TAKE EFFECT ON SUNDAY

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THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY) (SIGNALS OF DISTRESS AND PREVENTION OF COLLISIONS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989 HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND WILL COME INTO FORCE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THESE REGULATIONS GIVE EFFECT TO A FEW MINOR TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972 WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE AMENDED REGULATIONS APPLY TO ALL VESSELS WITHIN HONG KONG WATERS AND TO HONG KONG REGISTERED SHIPS WHEREVER THEY MAY BE, HE ADDED.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 182 OF 1989 WHICH CAN NOW BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

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EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS TO BOOST CHILD CARE SERVICES

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, HAS CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING CHILD CARE SERVICES.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF CHUNG HONG ESTATE CHILDREN CENTRE IN TSING YI. THE CENTRE IS OPERATED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN AND JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

/MRS WONG

MRS WONG SAID THE PROJECTS INCLUDED HALF-DAY OR FULL-DAY OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICES, OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICES IN HOSPITAL, MUTUAL HELP CHILD CARE PROGRAMMES AND EXTENDED SERVICE HOURS IN CHILD CARE CENTRES FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN TWO AND SIX.

ANOTHER EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMME, IN AFTER-SCHOOL CARE, WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN JANUARY FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 12.

THE PROJECTS WOULD PROVIDE FLEXIBLE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND MINIMISE INCIDENTS RELATED TO UNATTENDED CHILDREN, MRS WONG SAID.

IT WAS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO PROVIDE 100 AIDED NURSERY PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN TWO AND SIX IN EVERY 20,000 POPULATION.

HOWEVER, THE PLANNING RATIO WOULD BE TAILORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISTRICT NEEDS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 301 NURSERIES PROVIDING ABOUT 30,000 PLACES. OF THESE, 168 ARE AIDED, PROVIDING ABOUT 18,000 PLACEMENTS.

MRS WONG ALSO SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS PLANNING TO ADD 1,600 PLACEMENTS PER ANNUM IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO MEET DISTRICT DEMANDS.

SHE COMMENDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE WELFARE OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES SINCE ITS INAUGURATION IN 1965.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE CONSTANTLY UPGRADED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT REGULARLY REVIEWS AND SEEKS TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE IT PROVIDES TO JOB-SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE KWAI CHUNG OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES), MR KWOK SAID THE NEW OFFICE REPRESENTED THE LES'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT IN PROVIDING A BETTER EMPLOYMENT SERVICE IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS.

"ITS FACILITIES ARE ESPECIALLY GEARED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CLIENTS WHILE THE OFFICE LAYOUT IS DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE A LARGE NUMBER OF JOB-SEEKERS," HE NOTED.

"WITH MORE DISPLAY WINDOWS AND PANELS, IT CAN ALLOW UP TO 2,000 VACANCY INFORMATION CARDS TO BE SHOWN AT A TIME," HE ADDED.

APART FROM JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE, MR KWOK SAID THE LES ALSO PROVIDED EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICES FOR JOB-SEEKERS AND RECRUITMENT SERVICES FOR EMPLOYERS.

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"THESE INCLUDE A JOB BAZAAR TO BE HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TUEN MUN NEXT MARCH," HE SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WAS A MEMBER OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD, MISS LI FUNG-YING.

SHE SAID THE OPENING OF THE KWAI CHUNG OFFICE WAS A TIMELY AND IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THE WIDE-RANGING SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

"IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT AS A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CENTRE AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN THE MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE SECTORS, THE NEW SERVICE SHOULD BE WELCOMED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS," MISS LI SAID.

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GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS REAFFIRMED ITS COMMITMENT TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WITH THE DECISION TO SET UP A COMMISSION ON YOUTH, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF WELLINGTON COLLEGE, MR LAN SAID THE FIRST MAJOR TASK OF THE COMMISSION WOULD BE TO REVIEW THE YOUTH SERVICES PROVIDED, WITH A VIEW TO RECOMMENDING A DIRECTION FOR PLANNING FUTURE SERVICES.

THE COMMISSION WOULD ALSO GATHER INFORMATION AND INITIATE RESEARCH ON YOUTH MATTERS TO ENSURE THAT THE INTERESTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE DESIGN OF RELEVANT SERVICE PROGRAMMES, AND ENCOURAGE BETTER CO-OPERATION AMONG AGENCIES PROVIDING YOUTH SERVICES.

IN ADDITION, IT WOULD PROPOSE MEASURES FOR PROMOTING CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

YET ANOTHER IMPORTANT FUNCTION WOULD BE TO PROMOTE LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND LIAISE WITH OVERSEAS YOUTH ORGANISATIONS TO INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACQUIRE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EXPOSURE, HE ADDED.

MR LAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME ENABLED MORE LOCAL RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE, TO BECOME INVOLVED IN DISTRICT MATTERS, AND TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THESE.

"IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT NEARLY 40 PER CENT OF ALL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ARE AGED BELOW 40, AND AT PRESENT MANY YOUNG PERSONS ARE CO-OPTED MEMBERS ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF DISTRICT BOARDS, RECEIVING GOOD TRAINING AS COMMUNITY LEADERS," HE POINTED OUT.

NOTING THAT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED FULL COMMUNITY SUPPORT, MR LAN SAID SCHOOLS HAD AN IMPORTANT AND ACTIVE ROLE TO PLAY BY PROVIDING ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD ENABLE STUDENTS TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND RECOGNISE THEIR COMMITMENT TO MAKING THE TERRITORY A BETTER COMMUNITY.

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EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY

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AN ARTS CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) TO MARK THE START OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL.

THE TWO-WEEK FESTIVAL WILL PRESENT A VARIETY OF CULTURAL EVENTS, BOTH CHINESE AND WESTERN, FOR RESIDENTS.

THEY INCLUDE A FILM SHOW, A CONCERT BY THE 70-STRONG EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR, A CANTONESE OPERA SHOW AND A CONCERT BY THE LIM KEH HAN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

ON DISPLAY AT THE ARTS CARNIVAL WILL BE MURAL PAINTINGS AND CALLIGRAPHY WORKS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE HANDICRAFT AND FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE GIVEN.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING A CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE, DANCING AND FOLK SONGS AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS JOHNNY YIP AND AU SIU-LUN.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG.

THE ARTS FESTIVAL IS BEING JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE VARIOUS EVENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS THREE SUB-OFFICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AT VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCHES NO. 4 TO 6. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL IN FULL SWING
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MORE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN WONG TAI SIN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

THE ACTIVITIES, ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS AS PART OF THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CURRENTLY IN FULL SWING, INCLUDE A CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION, DEBATE, PUBLIC SPEAKING AND CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITIONS, DRAMAS, A BADMINTON MATCH, AN ATHLETIC MEET AND A DANCE PRESENTATION.

THE CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION BEING HELD AT THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 21). IT WILL THEN MOVE TO THE WONG TAI SIN COMMERCIAL CENTRE ON NOVEMBER 22 BEFORE CLOSING ON NOVEMBER 24.

TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2 PM STUDENTS FROM THE DISTRICT'S SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN A DEBATE COMPETITION AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE HONG KONG REPERTORY THEATRE WILL PRESENT A DRAMA TOMORROW AND ON SUNDAY AT THE NGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE. THE PLAYS WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM. TICKETS AT \$30 EACH ARE ON SALE AT URBTIX OUTLETS.

ACTIVITIES ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) WILL BEGIN WITH A DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET AT THE HAMMER HILL ROAD SPORTS GROUND. MORE THAN 200 ATHLETES WILL COMPETE IN THE VARIOUS EVENTS WHICH START AT 9 AM.

MORE THAN 200 CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART IN A DRAWING COMPETITION TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD PLAYGROUND, WHILE A PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

ADMISSION TO THESE EVENTS IS FREE.

A BADMINTON INVITATION MATCH BETWEEN TWO OUTSTANDING YOUNG PLAYERS FROM FUJIAN PROVINCE AND LOCAL PLAYERS WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE MATCH ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL. THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 20), THERE WILL BE A DANCE PRESENTATION BY THE MIRANDA CHIN DANCING COMPANY AT THE NGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE, BEGINNING AT 8 PM. TICKETS AT \$10 AND \$15 ARE ON SALE AT THE NGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE AND URBTIX OUTLETS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENTS OF THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

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MORE FESTIVAL EVENTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN

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A TOTAL OF NINE EVENTS WILL BE HELD DURING THE FOURTH WEEK OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, BEGINNING ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM THAT DAY, MORE THAN 300 CHILDREN AGED FOUR TO 15 WILL TAKE PART IN A DRAWING COMPETITION AT THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS. THE THEMES OF THE COMPETITION ARE NATURAL LANDSCAPE AND THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OUTLOOK OF THE DISTRICT.

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS, WHOSE ENTRIES MAY BE SELECTED TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE 1990 INTERNATIONAL DRAWING CONTEST IN JAPAN.

THE COMPETITION HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE MID-LEVELS AND CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS AND THE YWCA. IT IS SPONSORED BY PENTEL (HK) LTD.

FROM 1.30 PM TO 5 PM, A MASS CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

THE RTHK-PRODUCED CONCERT WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS JACKY CHEUNG, SANDY LAM, CHOW KAI-SANG AND THE GROUP "BLUE JEANS", IN ADDITION TO PERFORMANCES BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE PIPE BAND, GAMES, A DRAMA AND A SINGING COMPETITION.

THE CONCERT WILL BE HOSTED BY DISC JOCKEYS FUNG WAI-TONG, TAI CHOI-WUN AND TSOI NGA-KOK. IT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK RADIO 1 BETWEEN 3 PM AND 5 PM.

AN OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM, WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICER MR STEPHEN FISHER, HEAD OF RADIO 1 MRS AVA CHIU, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR LAM KIN-LAI AND MRS IRENE LEE, AS WELL AS THE SHEUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MR NGAI WAI-MING, OFFICIATING.

DETAILS FOR THE OTHER SEVEN EVENTS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE/TIME -----	EVENT -----	VENUE -----
NOVEMBER 19 (SUNDAY) 9 AM - 4 PM	OUTING FOR DISTRICT ELDERLY	YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN AND CHUK LAM SIM YUEN, TSUEN WAN
NOVEMBER 19 (SUNDAY) 2 PM	HAPPY CARNIVAL	BLAKE GARDEN, SHEUNG WAN

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NOVEMBER 22 AND 23 (WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY) 11 AM - 8.30 PM	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS EXHIBITION	EXHIBITION HALL, SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE
NOVEMBER 23 (THURSDAY) 9 AM - 2.30 PM	"GET TO KNOW HONG KONG" TRAM RIDE	FROM KENNEDY TOWN TO SHAU KEI WAN
NOVEMBER 25 (SATURDAY) 2 PM - 5 PM	CHILDREN STORY TELLING COMPETITION (FINALS)	CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, POKFIELD ROAD
NOVEMBER 25 (SATURDAY) 8 PM	YOUTH ARTS PARADE CLOSING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW	CITY HALL CONCERT HALL
NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 8	HEALTHY 10-DAY FOR DISTRICT ELDERLY	THREE ELDERLY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION AND THE MASS CONCERT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM AND 1.30 PM RESPECTIVELY ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AT THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS AND THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL.

THE DISTRICT INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND AT BOTH FUNCTIONS TO ASSIST.

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PREMIERE OF GOOD CHILDREN DRAMA SERIES

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A PREMIERE OF A VIDEO DRAMA SERIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE MING HUA HALL OF ST JAMES SETTLEMENT, STONE NULLAH LANE, WAN CHAI. IT WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

THE SERIES, ENTITLED "THE GOOD CHILDREN DRAMA SERIES", AIMS TO CULTIVATE CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AMONG CHILDREN.

IT HAS BEEN PRODUCED JOINTLY BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE, ST JAMES SETTLEMENT, AND THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION FOR THE "GOOD CHILDREN MOVEMENT" PROJECT IN WAN CHAI.

STORIES FOR THE SERIES WERE WRITTEN BY SCHOOL TEACHERS ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS. A TEACHING KIT HAS ALSO BEEN PRODUCED TO ACCOMPANY THE VIDEO.

/THE ASSISTANT

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS), MR Y.P. CHAN, ASSISTANT WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRYAN CHAN, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PREMIERE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PREMIERE WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM IN THE MING HUA HALL OF ST JAMES SETTLEMENT, STONE NULLAH LANE, WAN CHAI.

SAI KUNG ATHLETIC MEET ON SUNDAY
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THE 1989 SAI KUNG DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

THE PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL FUNCTION IS TO INCULCATE AN INTEREST IN SPORTS AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER.

ABOUT 200 PARTICIPANTS FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS, ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN 48 EVENTS AT THE ATHLETIC MEET.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS) OF SAI KUNG, MISS LISA CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 1989 SAI KUNG DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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"FERRY POINT NITE" FOR YAU TSIM RESIDENTS
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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD FOR YAU TSIM RESIDENTS ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) NIGHT.

THE 'FERRY POINT NITE', WHICH FEATURES A LION DANCE, MAGIC SHOW, SINGING AND DANCE PERFORMANCES BY TV ARTISTS, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY CONCOURSE, STARTING AT 7.30 PM. THERE WILL ALSO BE A LUCKY DRAW OF ATTRACTIVE PRIZES FOR PARTICIPANTS.

THE EVENT, WHICH AIMS AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT, HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE FERRY POINT AREA COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE SHOW'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; CHAIRMAN OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIP WAH; AND CHAIRMAN OF FERRY POINT AREA COMMITTEE, MR IP KWOK-CHUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FERRY POINT NITE TO BE HELD AT JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY CONCOURSE THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) STARTING AT 7.30 PM.

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SMOKE OUT DAY IN TSUEN WAN
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AN ANTI-SMOKING EXERCISE WITH THE THEME "TAKE A FRESH BREATH IN TSUEN WAN - SMOKE OUT DAY" WILL BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AFTERNOON.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON EDUCATION AND THE TSUEN WAN ADVENTIST HOSPITAL.

EXHIBITION PANELS WILL BE PUT UP AT THE PODIUM OUTSIDE THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION AND LUK YEUNG SHOPPING ARCADE.

TO ENCOURAGE A WIDER PARTICIPATION, PUBLICITY LEAFLETS AND BALLOONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN ADDITION TO FREE HEALTH CHECK-UPS.

/THE EXECUTIVE

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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, DR CHRISTOPHER LEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE, MR CHAN YUEN-SUM, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF TSUEN WAN, MISS DIANE WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "TAKE A FRESH BREATH IN TSUEN WAN - SMOKE OUT DAY" ANTI-SMOKING EXERCISE AT THE PODIUM OUTSIDE THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION AND LUK YEUNG SHOPPING ARCADE AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

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TREE PLANTING IN SHA TIN

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SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER MR VICTOR YUNG, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN SHA TIN COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PART IN A TREE PLANTING EXERCISE TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE CLEAN SHA TIN CAMPAIGN 1989 ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

TWENTY-FIVE TREES OF THE SPECIES STERCULIA LANCEOLATA LAV WILL BE PLANTED IN THE OPEN SPACE ADJOINING CITY ONE AND CHAP WAI KON STREET.

AT A CEREMONY TO BEGIN AT 2 PM AT GARDEN SQUARE, CITY ONE CENTRE, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE "PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ESTATES CLEANLINESS COMPETITION" AND THE "REFUSE REMAKE COMPETITION". WHICH HAVE FORMED PART OF THE CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY OF THE CLEAN SHA TIN CAMPAIGN 1989 TO BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AT THE GARDEN SQUARE, CITY ONE CENTRE, SHA TIN.

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DINNER FOR 1,000 SENIOR RESIDENTS

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ABOUT 1,000 SENIOR RESIDENTS FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WERE TONIGHT (FRIDAY) TREATED TO A DINNER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT.

MANY ALSO WON ATTRACTIVE PRIZES IN A GRAND LUCKY DRAW AFTER THE MEAL.

BEING PART OF THE CURRENT DISTRICT FESTIVAL, THE DINNER WAS FINANCED MAINLY BY THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

SPEAKING BEFORE THE DINNER, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, WELCOMED THE ELDERLY TO THE GATHERING WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A "HARMONIOUS AND HAPPY" OCCASION.

"YOU ALL DESERVE THE TREAT AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY," HE TOLD THE PARTICIPANTS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER ALSO CALLED ON THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO BE MORE CONSIDERATE OF THE ELDERLY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AMICABLE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS.

ALSO ATTENDING THE DINNER WERE THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (HONG KONG ISLAND), MR KWOK NAI-SIK, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KENNEDY TOWN/MOUNT DAVIS AREA COMMITTEE, MR CHOW YIN-SUM.

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STUDENTS URGED TO BE CIVIC-MINDED

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED STUDENTS OF NING PO COLLEGE TO BE MORE CIVIC-MINDED, AND TO PUT INTO PRACTICE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED ABOUT CIVIC AND MORAL EDUCATION.

SPEAKING AT THE SCHOOL'S GRADUATION CEREMONY, MR WAN DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE STUDENTS TO EXAMPLES OF UNCIVIC-MINDED BEHAVIOUR HE HAD WITNESSED.

THESE EXAMPLES INCLUDED OBSTRUCTION BY SHOP-KEEPERS OF A PAVEMENT IN KWUN TONG, A YOUNG MAN SCRAMBLING FOR A SEAT AHEAD OF A CHILD IN AN MTR TRAIN, AND PASSENGERS ELBOWING THEIR WAY ABOUT IN AN MTR TRAIN. HE ALSO REFERRED TO A WOMAN TEACHER WHO WAS KILLED BY A FALLING BRICK IN NORTH POINT.

MR WAN TOLD THE STUDENTS: "I AM SURE THAT CIVIC AND MORAL EDUCATION FORMS AN INTEGRAL PART OF YOUR SCHOOL CURRICULUM. HOWEVER, ACTION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WORDS. I URGE YOU TO PRACTISE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED."

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HE SAID THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRACTICE CAME FROM "THE LITTLE THINGS THAT WE DO IN OUR DAILY LIVES".

"IF YOU TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND YOU AND AT YOURSELF, YOU WILL SEE PLENTY OF GOOD EXAMPLES AND BAD EXAMPLES OF CIVIC ACTS AND ATTITUDES.

"LET US CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THIS SOCIETY THAT WE ALL LIVE IN BY BEING MORE CONSIDERATE TO OTHERS. BY SHOWING MORE CONCERN TO OUR FELLOW CITIZENS AND MORE COMPASSION TO THE AGED, THE YOUNG, THE HANDICAPPED AND THE UNDERPRIVILEGED," HE SAID.

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INCREASE IN NUMBER OF DRUG-RELATED DEATHS

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THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DRUG-RELATED DEATHS AND POLICE BELIEVE THE LOW PURITY OF NO. 3 HEROIN IS A MAJOR FACTOR.

IT IS ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DIRECT USE OF NO. 4 HEROIN BY LOCAL ADDICTS COULD LEAD TO FATALITIES, SENIOR STAFF OFFICER OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU, MR YIP KWOK-KEUNG, TOLD MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

MR YIP SAID ACCORDING TO POLICE FIGURES, DRUG-RELATED DEATHS HAD RISEN FROM 65 CASES IN 1987 TO 85 CASES IN 1988, AND MORE SERIOUSLY, 85 SUCH CASES WERE RECORDED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS THIS YEAR.

"PURITY LEVELS OF NO. 3 HEROIN, THE DRUG COMMONLY USED BY LOCAL ADDICTS, HAVE PLUMMETTED TO AS LOW AS ABOUT FIVE PER CENT," MR YIP SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE LOW PURITY CONTENT WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS SEEKING MORE ATTRACTIVE PROFITS. HARMFUL SUBSTANCES WERE BEING ADDED MAKING DRUGS MORE LETHAL.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, MANUFACTURERS FROM THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE HAD STOPPED PRODUCING HEROIN BASE AND CONCENTRATED ON NO. 4 HEROIN FORCING LOCAL ADDICTS TO TAKE THE HIGH-GRADED DRUG.

"BECAUSE THE AVERAGE ADDICT DOES NOT HAVE THE EXPERIENCE IN CONTROLLING THE DOSAGE OF NO. 4 HEROIN, THE PURITY OF WHICH VARIES, THIS RESULTS IN THE INCREASED DRUG-RELATED DEATHS," HE ADDED.

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TURNING TO THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, MR YIP SAID DESPITE THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS, ONE SHOULD NOT BE COMPLACENT BUT SHOULD CONTINUE WITH THE UPHILL BATTLE.

"THE IMPETUS OF THE DRUG TRAFFICKING (RECOVERY OF PROCEEDS) ORDINANCE WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR HAS LED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF SEVEN SERIOUS DRUG TRAFFICKING CASES AND THE FREEZING OF ABOUT \$5 MILLION OF ASSETS BY THE COURTS.

"THIS AMOUNT MAY SEEM SMALL, BUT IT IS A GOOD START FOR THE 30-STRONG FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION GROUP WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ON THE TREMENDOUS WORKLOAD IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS," MR YIP SAID.

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TRAVELLERS URGED TO GET DOCUMENTS EARLY

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED PEOPLE INTENDING TO TRAVEL ABROAD DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TO APPLY FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS NOW.

"THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAVELLING OUTSIDE HONG KONG WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED AT THAT TIME OF THE YEAR. IN ORDER TO AVOID A LAST MINUTE RUSH. PEOPLE ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR A PASSPORT OR CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE ON WHICH THEY INTEND TO TRAVEL," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE DEPARTMENT NOW TAKES 20 WORKING DAYS (I.E. APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS) TO ISSUE A BRITISH HONG KONG PASSPORT AND 15 WORKING DAYS (I.E. APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS) TO ISSUE A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY.

"HOWEVER, THE PROCESSING TIME FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORT OR A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY IS ABOUT FIVE WEEKS IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF A PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD. FOR HE HAS TO OBTAIN ONE AT THE SAME TIME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RE-ENTRY PERMITS AND DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES WERE NORMALLY ISSUED ON THE SAME DAY BUT DELAY WAS LIKELY IF THERE WERE MANY APPLICANTS COMING AT THE SAME TIME. FOR EXAMPLE, ON A SATURDAY.

"THE PERIOD BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IS THE BUSIEST TIME OF THE YEAR. APPLYING EARLY WILL NOT ONLY SPREAD THE WORKLOAD OF THE DEPARTMENT BUT WILL ALSO GIVE APPLICANTS EXTRA TIME TO MEET ANY FURTHER VISA PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS WHERE NECESSARY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE TRAINING FOR YOUNG INMATES

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A NEW TRAINING FACILITY, A "TRAINING RESTAURANT", FOR MALE YOUNG OFFENDERS HAS BEEN ADDED TO LAI SUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION ON HEI LING CHAU.

THE FACILITY WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK.

PROVISION OF THE "TRAINING RESTAURANT" WILL ENABLE INMATES IN THE INSTITUTION TO RECEIVE PROPER TRAINING IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE OF PRACTICAL APPLICATION IN HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND OTHER CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) SAID FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE TRAINING WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1983 AT TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG FEMALE INMATES.

"THE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO A STANDARD ENABLING TRAINEES TO SIT FOR THE RELEVANT EXAMINATION OFFERED BY THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE TRAINEES SHOWED GREAT INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM IN THE TRAINING PROGRAMME AND ACHIEVED ENCOURAGING RESULTS IN THE EXAMINATION.

"IN FACT, MANY OF THEM GAINED EMPLOYMENT IN THIS TRADE AFTER RELEASE," HE ADDED.

IN VIEW OF THE SUCCESS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME, THE CSD DECIDED TO INTRODUCE A SIMILAR FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE COURSE TO INMATES AT LAI SUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION.

MAJOR TOPICS COVERED BY THE COURSE INCLUDE A GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO THE CATERING INDUSTRY, FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE OPERATION, SAFETY AND HYGIENE, LAW AND CUSTOM, SOCIAL SKILLS, BILLING AND CHECKING.

THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE COURSE IS ONE OF THE VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES PROVIDED BY THE CSD TO YOUNG INMATES.

OTHER COURSES INCLUDE BOOK-KEEPING, ACCOUNTING, TYPEWRITING AND TELECOMMUNICATION, LEADING TO EXAMINATIONS OFFERED BY THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE, LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, PITMAN EXAMINATIONS INSTITUTE AND UNDER THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION.

THE CSD IS ALSO MAKING ARRANGEMENT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY FOR DISCHARGED TRAINING CENTRE INMATES TO ATTEND COURSES OFFERED BY THE AUTHORITY.

"THIS EXTENSIVE PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP GOOD WORK HABITS AND SKILLS WHICH WILL HELP THE INMATES OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT AFTER RELEASE AND ASSIST THEIR RE-INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXHIBITION OF SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECTS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION OF SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECTS FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL PRINCIPALS FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE IN PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

THE EXHIBITION IS DESIGNED TO AROUSE TEACHERS' INTEREST IN THE SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECT SCHEME AND TO GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MR ANDREW SO, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECT SCHEME, MR TAM MAN-KWAN, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 10.30 AM.

EXHIBITS FROM 35 KINDERGARTENS, PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY.

THE EXHIBITION, FUNDED BY THE SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECT SCHEME, WILL BE OPEN TOMORROW FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM AND ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 20 AND 21) FROM 9.30 AM TO 6 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR MEN BORN IN 1936-40

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT MEN BORN IN 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 OR 1940 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM NOVEMBER 27 TO JANUARY 13.

"MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP FOR A LONG TIME AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND THE AFTERNOONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI
TEL. NO. 5-747070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD
TEL. NO. 3-7553679

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI
TEL. NO. 3-7232424

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET
TEL. NO. 0-4981259

SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,
11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET
TEL. NO. 0-6059108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD
TEL. NO. 0-4771543

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
CHI LOK FA YUEN
TEL. NO. 0-4580862

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI
TEL. NO. 0-6727191

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DOCUMENT TO BE BROUGHT ALONG, THEY MAY MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY DIALLING 5-8909393.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1941, 1942, 1943 OR 1944 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON NOVEMBER 25.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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PSPS DEVELOPMENT IN SHEUNG SHUI

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A NEW HOUSING ESTATE UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME WILL BE BUILT ON A 9,732-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN AREA 7A, SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES.

UNDER THE SCHEME, NOT LESS THAN 800 BUT NOT MORE THAN 880 RESIDENTIAL UNITS WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE BUILDING CONVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE GROSS FLOOR AREA FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES SHALL NOT EXCEED 48,110 SQUARE METRES AND THE GROSS FLOOR AREA FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL AND GODOWN) PURPOSES SHALL NOT EXCEED 700 SQUARE METRES.

THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS NOW OFFERING THE SITE FOR SALE BY TENDER. THE DEADLINE FOR TENDER SUBMISSIONS IS NOON ON JANUARY 12 NEXT YEAR.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDER DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND THE NORTH AND ISLANDS DISTRICTS.

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PRIVATE LAND LOT TO BE RESUMED FOR OPEN SPACE

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A PRIVATE LAND LOT IN QUARRY BAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND IS TO BE RESUMED FOR A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE PROJECT.

THE LOT, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 250 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT GREIG ROAD.

TOGETHER WITH A PIECE OF ADJOINING GOVERNMENT LAND AT THE JUNCTION OF GREIG ROAD AND KING'S ROAD, THE SITE WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE FOR USE AS A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY 1991.

DETAILS OF THE RESUMPTION WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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NEW ROAD TO NORTH EAST NT LANDFILL

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD A ROAD FROM SHA TAU KOK ROAD TO THE NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL IN TA KWU LING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID A FEASIBILITY STUDY WAS CARRIED OUT IN 1987 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL.

THE STUDY RECOMMENDED AN ACCESS ROUTE INTO THE LANDFILL SITE BY MEANS OF A NEW ROAD FROM SHA TAU KOK ROAD.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE:

- * CONSTRUCTION OF A 7.3 METRE-WIDE CARRIAGEWAY WITH A FOOTPATH FROM SAH TAU KOK ROAD TO WO KENG SHAN FOR A TOTAL LENGTH OF 2.5 KILOMETRES;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A CARPARKING AREA, FOOTPATHS AND AMENITY AREAS;
- * ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE, LANDSCAPING AND EARTHWORKS;
- * REALIGNMENT AND SURFACING OF SOME EXISTING TRACKS; AND
- * CLOSURE OF SOME EXISTING TRACKS AND FOOTPATHS.

A NOTICE ON THESE WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE PLANS AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AND THE NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 16 NEXT YEAR.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN TAI KOK TSUI TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN TAI KOK TSUI SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURE IS ON THE ROOF OVER FLAT A ON THE FIFTH FLOOR, RISING BILLION MANSION, 67A AND 67B, TONG MEI ROAD.

THE CLOSURE FORMS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JANUARY 17 NEXT YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURE TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER A CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

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EXTENDED PARKING METER OPERATION
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT 50 PARKING METERS IN NORTH POINT AND WAN CHAI WILL ALSO OPERATE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) TO REGULATE THE UTILISATION OF THE PARKING SPACES.

IN NORTH POINT, 10 PARKING METERS ARE LOCATED IN JAVA ROAD BETWEEN NORTH POINT ROAD AND TONG SHUI ROAD, FOUR IN TIN CHONG STREET AND NINE IN YUET YUEN STREET. THE PARKING CHARGE IS \$1 PER 30 MINUTES.

THE REMAINING 27 PARKING METERS ARE LOCATED IN LOCKHART ROAD IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN FLEMING ROAD AND STEWART ROAD. THE PARKING CHARGE IS \$2 PER 30 MINUTES.

THESE PARKING METERS WILL BE OPERATIVE FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND FROM 8 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT ON WEEKDAYS.

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PARKING METERS TO OPERATE ON SUNDAYS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE PARKING METERS ON MAN FUK ROAD AND MAN WAN ROAD IN HO MAN TIN WILL ALSO OPERATE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

THE OPERATING HOURS OF THESE METERS WILL BE FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM.

ON NORMAL WEEKDAYS, THE OPERATING HOURS WILL REMAIN FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT.

THE UPPER PART OF THE POST OF THESE METERS WILL BE PAINTED WHITE AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE UNDER THE PARKING SIGN WILL INDICATE THE OPERATING HOURS. THE PARKING CHARGE WILL BE UNCHANGED.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 4 AM TO MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) FOR THE HOLDING OF THE "MASS CONCERT OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL 89".

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 8 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO 10 PM ON SUNDAY.

THE "CSL FAIR '89" WILL BE HELD THERE DURING THIS PERIOD.

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