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**+ATTACK+ ON ASSETS OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS PROPOSED  
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IN A MAJOR ATTEMPT TO STRIKE AT THE FINANCIAL ROOTS OF THE ILLICIT DRUG TRADE, THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE STRICTER MEASURES WHICH WILL ENABLE THE COURT TO MAKE CONFISCATION ORDERS TO RECOVER THE PROCEEDS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING.

THIS MOVE IS TARGETTED AT THOSE CONVICTED OF SERIOUS DRUG OFFENCES SUCH AS TRAFFICKING AND MANUFACTURE AND CONSPIRING TO COMMIT THESE OFFENCES.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE CONFISCATION ORDERS SCHEME WOULD ENABLE THE COURT TO ASSUME THAT ALL PROPERTY CURRENTLY HELD BY THE OFFENDER OR TRANSFERRED TO HIM WITHIN THE PREVIOUS SIX YEARS WAS RECEIVED AS A PAYMENT OR REWARD IN CONNECTION WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING.

THE COURT WILL ASSESS THE VALUE OF HIS PROPERTY AND ORDER HIM TO PAY THAT AMOUNT.

FAILING PAYMENT, MR MULLOY SAID, IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE COURT WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO IMPOSE A FURTHER TERM OF IMPRISONMENT ON A SLIDING SCALE UP TO TEN YEARS ACCORDING TO THE AMOUNT IN DEFAULT.

THIS WILL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY TERM OF IMPRISONMENT IMPOSED FOR THE DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENCES.

HOWEVER, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE CONFISCATION ORDER MIGHT BE REDUCED IF THE COURT IS SATISFIED THAT THE OFFENDER'S AVAILABLE PROPERTY WAS INSUFFICIENT TO PAY THE AMOUNT OF THE ORDER.

THIS PROVISION IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY SINCE THE VALUE OF PROPERTY MAY FLUCTUATE SIGNIFICANTLY BETWEEN THE TIME OF THE CONFISCATION AND ITS ACTUAL REALISATION.

+AS THE SCHEME WILL INVOLVE INVESTIGATION INTO THE OFFENDERS' ASSETS, THERE WILL HAVE TO BE CONSULTATION WITH BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ON DETAILED DRAFTING OF THE LEGISLATION,+ MR MULLOY SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT HONG KONG'S DECISION TO HAVE LEGISLATION SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO RECOVER PROCEEDS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING IS IN LINE WITH SIMILAR DECISIONS TAKEN BY A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

+THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE OF ATTACKING TRAFFICKERS' ASSETS,+ HE SAID.

/DRUG TRAFFICKING .....

DRUG TRAFFICKING IS ORGANISED TO EARN HUGE PROFITS WHICH ARE BEING USED TO FINANCE OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS GAMBLING, PROSTITUTION AND OTHER CRIMES.

MR MULLOY POINTED OUT THAT MONEY FROM THESE ACTIVITIES COMPLETES THE CYCLE BY HELPING TO FINANCE THE DRUG TRADE FURTHER.

+SO LONG AS THESE PROFITS GO UNTOUCHED, CONVICTED ACCOMPLICES AND CONFISCATED DRUG CONSIGNMENTS CAN BE QUICKLY REPLACED.

+THEREFORE, THERE IS A NEED TO ATTACK THE ASSETS OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS,+ HE SAID.

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CLOUD THREATENING HK'S ECONOMIC GROWTH  
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THERE IS A CLOUD ON THE HORIZON, DESPITE EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR HONG KONG'S CONTINUED ECONOMIC EXPANSION, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR MACLEOD WAS SPEAKING AT THE PACIFIC BASIN ECONOMIC COUNCIL PLENARY SESSION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

MR MACLEOD WAS REFERRING TO PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES IN THE U.S. AND TO THE DANGER THAT THESE WILL LEAD TO PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION IN THE COUNTRY, WHICH WILL IN TURN SERIOUSLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CLIMATE OF WORLD TRADE.

+THE SILVER LINING TO THE CLOUD, AS IT WERE, IS THAT THERE ARE SEPARATELY, IN GENEVA, EFFORTS GOING ON (IN THE URUGUAY ROUND OF GATT TALKS OF MULTILATERAL TRADE) TO IMPROVE BOTH THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THEIR OBSERVANCE,+ SAID MR MACLEOD.

MR MACLEOD APPEALED TO THE COUNCIL TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION SUCCEEDING, NOTING THAT EFFORTS IN GENEVA COULD LEAD TO NOTHING IF LEGISLATION GOES TOO FAR, PARTICULARLY SECTORAL LEGISLATION LIKE THAT WHICH THE U.S. TEXTILES LOBBY IS AGAIN TRYING TO PUSH THROUGH, DESPITE ABOVE AVERAGE PLANT UTILISATION AND PROFITS AND DESPITE ALREADY HAVING MORE PROTECTION VIA QUOTAS AND TARIFFS THAN ANY OTHER SECTOR.

MR MACLEOD REFUTED A CENTRAL MYTH OF THE +DEINDUSTRIALISATION OF AMERICA+.

HE QUOTED EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SIDE OF THE U.S., WHICH ROSE OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS BY 343 000, WHILE IN OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THE OPPOSITE HAPPENED.

MR MACLEOD FURTHER NOTED A U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATE WHICH STATES THAT EVEN IF ALL UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES WERE REMOVED, THIS WOULD ACCOUNT FOR LESS THAN 20 PER CENT OF THE US\$170 BILLION U.S. TRADE DEFICIT.

+I AM SURE THAT THE MORE WE ALL OPEN OUR MARKETS AS FAR AS WE ARE ABLE, THE BETTER FOR WORLD TRADE, AND FOR THE PROSPECTS OF AVOIDING EXTREMIST TRADE LEGISLATION,+ HE ADDED.

COMMENTING ON PROSPECTS FOR HONG KONG'S CONTINUED ECONOMIC EXPANSION, MR MACLEOD SAID IN ADDITION TO THE BROADER QUESTION OF WHETHER ATTEMPTS TO REINFORCE THE DISCIPLINES OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE WILL SUCCEED THE KEY FACTORS HAVE TO BE THE TERRITORY'S TWO LARGEST TRADING PARTNERS, CHINA AND THE U.S.

+WE FACE IN HONG KONG A SYSTEM IN TRANSITION; BUT THE POINT TO BEAR IN MIND IS THAT THE TRANSITION OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS PROBLEMS,+ SAID MR MACLEOD, NOTING THAT FROM PAST RECORD, HONG KONG SHALL MAKE THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AND WILL TACKLE THE PROBLEMS WITH DETERMINATION.

MR MACLEOD DISCLOSED THAT THE BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG INCREASED TEN TIMES SINCE CHINA'S +OPEN-DOOR+ POLICY BETWEEN 1978 AND 1985.

ON THE SECOND KEY FACTOR, MR MACLEOD SAID THAT THE TRADING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S., HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, REMAINS ALSO OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE.

+WE GREATLY VALUE OUR ROLE AS A MAJOR BUSINESS PARTNER FOR THE USA IN ASIA, AND WE BELIEVE THE VALUE IS TWO-WAY,+ ADDED MR MACLEOD.

IN 1986, \$12.5 BILLION IN TWO-WAY TRADE WAS RECORDED.

MR MACLEOD POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG IS ABOUT 13TH IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF ITS TOTAL TRADE, AND THIS IS ON AN UPWARD TREND. HE FURTHER ADDED THAT HONG KONG'S IMPORTS ARE AS LARGE AS ITS EXPORTS.

TRADE WITH THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION IS VITAL TO HONG KONG, SAID MR MACLEOD, QUOTING THE EXAMPLE THAT IN 1986 AROUND 75 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL IMPORTS OF US\$35 BILLION WERE FROM THIS REGION.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND PACIFIC CO-OPERATION BOTH FEATURE VERY LARGELY IN HONG KONG'S PAST PROGRESS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS, SAID MR MACLEOD.

+THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF ELECTRONICS HAS INCREASED SO FAST IN RECENT YEARS THAT IT NOW CONSTITUTES AROUND ONE FIFTH OF OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, SECOND ONLY TO GARMENTS,+ HE ADDED.

HONG KONG'S GDP HAS BEEN GROWING SINCE 1980 AT ABOUT SIX PER CENT IN REAL TERMS AND IT IS FORECAST TO GROW IN 1987 BY A FURTHER SIX PER CENT.

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EDUCATION CRUCIAL TO HK FUTURE  
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GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION HAD INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY FROM JUST OVER \$5 BILLION IN 1982-83 TO NEARLY \$10 BILLION THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF HO TIM BUILDING OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS A CRUCIAL TASK TO EDUCATE THE TERRITORY'S YOUNGER GENERATION, TO TRAIN AND EQUIP THEM TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF TOMORROW.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TOWARDS THIS END WERE AMBITIOUS.

+THEY MUST BE AMBITIOUS IF WE ARE TO DEVELOP THE FULL POTENTIAL OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO BUILD FOR OUR FUTURE,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAD NO MATERIAL RESOURCES BUT TALENTED PEOPLE, ADDING THAT +UPON THE EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS TERRITORY THE FATE OF THIS TERRITORY DEPENDS+.

IN THE TERTIARY SECTOR, SIR DAVID SAID THESE PLANS INCLUDED THE CONTINUED EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING TWO UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE 10 000 DEGREE PLACES EACH BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY; THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD UNIVERSITY WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS STUDIES; AND THE PROVISION OF DEGREE PROGRAMMES AT THE TWO POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE.

+WHEN THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE COMPLETED, THE NUMBER OF FIRST YEAR FIRST DEGREE PLACES WILL INCREASE TO 8 800, MORE THAN DOUBLE THE EXISTING NUMBER,+ HE SAID.

NOTING THAT PROVIDING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL WAS INEVITABLY EXPENSIVE, SIR DAVID SAID GIVEN THE CONSTRAINTS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL BUDGET, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC FUNDS WERE SPENT IN AREAS WHERE THE NEED WAS THE GREATEST.

HE ADDED THAT WITH EDUCATION ALREADY ACCOUNTING FOR THE LARGEST SHARE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET, CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES WERE MORE THAN WELCOME.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS GLAD TO SEE THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE NEW HO TIM BUILDING WHICH WAS A +JOINT VENTURE PROJECT+ FUNDED BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE DONORS.

TURNING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, SIR DAVID SAID THAT SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN OCTOBER 1963, THE UNIVERSITY HAD CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

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HE SAID THOUSANDS OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN HAD BENEFITED FROM A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF INSTRUCTION FOUNDED ON THE UNIVERSITY'S UNIQUE COLLEGIATE SYSTEM.

+A FOURTH COLLEGE IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND PROPOSALS ARE UNDER EXAMINATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW FACULTY OF ENGINEERING STUDIES,+ SIR DAVID ADDED.

HE SAID THESE ADDITIONS, WHEN MATERIALISED, WOULD FURTHER BROADEN THE BASIS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

HE NOTED THAT PRIVATE DONATIONS HAD ALWAYS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT AND INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES.

+YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WALK FAR IN OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE, HARVARD, OR ANY WORLD FAMOUS UNIVERSITY TO SEE THE RESULTS, OR TO HEAR THE NAMES, OF BENEFACTIONS MADE OVER HUNDREDS OF YEARS,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

HE SAID THIS PROCESS CONTINUED AND HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE HOW NOTABLY IT CONTINUED IN HONG KONG.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT IN THE LAST TRIENNIUM, PRIVATE DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE UNIVERSITY AMOUNTED TO SOME \$60 MILLION WHICH WAS NO SMALL AMOUNT BY ANY STANDARD.

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#### GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE CO-OPERATION KEY TO EDUCATION

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ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN THE AMOUNT OF PRIVATE BENEFACTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE HO TIM BUILDING IN THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, SIR DAVID SAID THE NEW BUILDING WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF PRIVATE BENEFACTION AND GOVERNMENT EFFORT CO-OPERATING.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECLARE THE BUILDING OPEN.

+I HAVE, OF COURSE, BEEN HERE MANY TIMES BEFORE WHEN I LIVED AND WORKED IN HONG KONG, BUT TO COME AS A CHANCELLOR IS A GREAT PLEASURE AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN THE HO TIM BUILDING,+ HE SAID.

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ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE FROM THREE TO FOUR YEARS OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, SIR DAVID SAID THESE THINGS HAD BEEN LOOKED AT BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD WAIT FOR A FULL CONSIDERATION AND REPORT BEFORE MAKING UP ITS MIND.

+ON AN ISSUE LIKE THIS, WHICH YOU KNOW IS A VERY COMPLICATED ONE, REQUIRES A LOT OF RESEARCH BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT REACHES A DECISION. I WOULDN'T DARE TO GIVE A PERSONAL OPINION ON SUCH A COMPLEX SUBJECT, ON WHICH SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE ARGUED FOR SO LONG. I SHALL WAIT FOR THE REPORT+.

SIR DAVID SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THE PRECISE TIMING OF THE REPORT AND WOULD WAIT UNTIL THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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#### IMPORTANCE OF COMMON LAW STRESSED \* \* \* \*

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION IS THE BROAD COMMITMENT TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LAWS IN HONG KONG AFTER 1997, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH DISTRICT 345, MR THOMAS SAID, +OF THESE, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IS THE SPECIFIC GUARANTEE THAT THE COMMON LAW WILL CONTINUE TO BE PART OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG+.

HE SAID THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT PROVISION FOR THREE MAIN REASONS. +FIRST, THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WILL THEREBY INHERIT PERHAPS THE MOST SOPHISTICATED AND COMPREHENSIVE BODY OF LAW KNOWN TO MAN+.

MR THOMAS EXPLAINED THAT THE COMMON LAW CONSISTS OF THE PRINTED REPORTS OF JUDGEMENTS AND DECISIONS OF THE HIGHER COURTS IN ENGLAND, HONG KONG AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THE COMMON LAW HAS TAKEN ROOT, STRETCHING BACK OVER LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

+BECAUSE THE COMMON LAW SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH, THERE ARE NOW HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REPORTED CASES FROM DEVELOPED SYSTEMS WITH DIFFERENT CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS WHICH ESTABLISH IN SPECIFIC CASES THE LEGAL PRINCIPLES THAT REGULATE THE VARIOUS RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THOSE WHO ARE GOVERNED, AND BETWEEN ONE INDIVIDUAL AND ANOTHER,+ HE SAID.

/+IN ALL .....

+IN ALL THESE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD, LIKE HONG KONG, FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW ARE DERIVED FROM PAST JUDICIAL DECISIONS. LAWYERS RESORT TO THE BOOKS TO FIND ILLUSTRATIONS OF THOSE PRINCIPLES APPLIED TO PARTICULAR CASES, AND CITE THEM AS PRECEDENTS AS PART OF THEIR ARGUMENT.+

THE JOINT DECLARATION STATES THAT +THE COURTS ... MAY REFER TO PRECEDENTS IN OTHER COMMON LAW JURISDICTIONS,+ MR THOMAS ADDED.

SO AFTER 1997, AS TODAY, IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING TO FIND A HONG KONG LAWYER REFER TO JUDGEMENTS FROM NOT ONLY HONG KONG, BUT COURTS IN ENGLAND, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, CANADA, AND KENYA IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE COURT HOW THE PARTICULAR DISPUTE BEFORE IT WAS TO BE DECIDED, CONSISTENTLY WITH THE CASE LAW, HE SAID.

+THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT INHERITANCE FOR A SMALL TERRITORY WITH A POPULATION OF ONLY FIVE AND A HALF MILLION PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

MR THOMAS NOTED THAT ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE LAW IN HONG KONG WAS TO BE FOUND IN HONG KONG'S ORDINANCES. +THE BULK OF IT IS TO BE FOUND IN THE LEGAL TEXT BOOKS AND COMMENTARIES AND IN THEIR RAW MATERIAL, THE LAW REPORTS, WHICH TOGETHER MAKE UP THE COMMON LAW.+

THE SECOND FEATURE OF THIS IMPORTANT GUARANTEE, HE SAID, WAS THAT HONG KONG WOULD REMAIN PART OF A MUCH LARGER LEGAL COMMUNITY MADE UP OF ALL THOSE JURISDICTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHICH APPLY THE COMMON LAW.

+THE COURTS OF HONG KONG WILL NOT BE CONFINED TO THEIR OWN BODY OF CASE LAW OR THEIR OWN LIMITED SUPPLY OF PRECEDENTS. AS NEW DEVELOPMENTS TAKE PLACE, BOTH HERE AND IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES MAY NEED TO BE RECONSIDERED AND REFINED TO ACCORD WITH MODERN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

AS THE COMMON LAW RESPONDS TO THIS CHALLENGE, SO HONG KONG WILL BE ABLE TO DRAW UPON THE REASONING OF JUDGES IN OTHER COMMON LAW JURISDICTIONS AND WHERE APPROPRIATE TO APPLY THEM IN HONG KONG, HE SAID.

+THE COMMON LAW IS THEREFORE A LARGE RESERVOIR OF LEGAL WISDOM, CONSTANTLY REPLENISHED,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

+HONG KONG WILL BE ABLE TO DRAW FROM THIS RESERVOIR IN DECIDING ITS OWN DISPUTES.

+ESPECIALLY IN A COMMUNITY WHERE THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS MADE ITS HOME, IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT HONG KONG SHOULD BE PLUGGED IN TO OTHER COMMON LAW JURISDICTIONS, AND THAT OUR JUDGES SHOULD BE ABLE TO DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THEM.

+THE JOINT DECLARATION UNDERLINES THAT,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID IT WAS PROVIDED THAT HONG KONG MAY RECRUIT JUDGES FROM OTHER COMMON LAW JURISDICTIONS TO SIT IN THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL. +IN THAT WAY, WE SHALL ENJOY IN HONG KONG'S COURTS THE BENEFIT OF JUDICIAL TALENT TRAINED AND BROUGHT UP IN OTHER COMMON LAW JURISDICTIONS, BRINGING THEIR ACQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BEAR UPON HONG KONG'S PROBLEMS.

+SO HONG KONG'S LEGAL SYSTEM WILL NOT LIE IN SOME SPACE CAPSULE, CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF THE COMMON LAW WORLD.+

+INSTEAD IT WILL REMAIN PART OF IT, INVOLVED IN IT, AND INSPIRED BY IT,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

THE THIRD FEATURE OF THIS IMPORTANT PROVISION WAS THAT THE PRESERVATION OF THE COMMON LAW IN HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A SAFEGUARD FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS AND TO PROVIDE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST ABUSE OF POWER, HE SAID.

+THERE ARE A WEALTH OF CASES TO PEG OUT THE ESSENTIAL FEATURE OF THE RULE OF LAW THAT NO PERSON, NOT EVEN THE HIGHEST MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE, NOR THE MOST HUMBLE POLICE OFFICER OR BUREAUCRAT MAY TAKE ANY STEP TO DEPRIVE AN INDIVIDUAL OF LIBERTY OR PROPERTY OR ANY VALUABLE RIGHT UNLESS HE CAN POINT TO SPECIFIC AUTHORITY UNDER THE LAW TO DO SO.

+THIS IS PART OF THE THEME OF THE COMMON LAW THAT EVERY PERSON IS FREE TO DO AS HE WISHES SO FAR AS THE LAW IS CONCERNED, UNLESS THERE IS A PROHIBITION OR RESTRAINT IMPOSED BY THE LAW,+ THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID.

HE NOTED THAT ONLY LAST WEEK THE COURT OF APPEAL SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS NOT A PLACE WHERE EVERYTHING WAS FORBIDDEN EXCEPT THAT WHICH WAS EXPRESSLY PERMITTED; RATHER IT WAS A PLACE WHERE EVERYTHING WAS PERMITTED EXCEPT THAT WHICH WAS EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN.

MANY OF THE CHECKS AND SAFEGUARDS WHICH ARE TAKEN FOR GRANTED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ARE DERIVED FROM PRINCIPLES DEVELOPED BY THE COMMON LAW, HE SAID.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JURY, THE RIGHT OF JURORS TO GIVE A VERDICT ACCORDING TO THEIR CONSCIENCE AND NOT UNDER ANY COERCION OR THREAT; THE RIGHT TO PERSONAL LIBERTY WHICH WAS SAFEGUARDED BY THE PROCEDURES OF HABEAS CORPUS; THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE, THE RIGHT TO BE SILENT IN THE FACE OF QUESTIONING; THE DUTY OF ADMINISTRATORS TO DEAL WITH THE PUBLIC FAIRLY AND EVEN-HANDEDLY, AND SO ON, HE ADDED.

IN CONCLUSION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID: +THE JOINT DECLARATION ACKNOWLEDGES THE FACT THAT THE LAW WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE HONG KONG SAR TO PROMOTE THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF THE TERRITORY.+

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**MORE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLANNED**

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THE PRESENT SITUATION OF OVERCROWDING IN MENTAL HOSPITALS WILL BE GRADUALLY IMPROVED IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS WITH THE PROVISION OF MORE BEDS AND DAY PLACES.

THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MDAC) DISCUSSED IN GREAT LENGTH TODAY (THURSDAY) THE DEVELOPMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

IN THE NEXT DECADE, THE NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS FOR MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS WILL INCREASE BY MORE THAN 2 500. THE EXISTING NUMBER OF BEDS IS 3 731.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE OF 700 BEDS FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

FOR THE MENTALLY INFIRM, THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ADDITIONAL 600 BEDS.

HOWEVER, LARGE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS ARE NO LONGER PLANNED AND FURTHER PROVISION OF IN-PATIENT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES WILL BE INTEGRATED WITH GENERAL HOSPITALS ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

THIS WILL OBTAIN THE STIGMA OF HAVING TO STAY IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL, SPEED UP REHABILITATION AND ALLOW EARLY INTEGRATION OF THE PATIENT BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY.

IT WAS BELIEVED THAT, WHERE POSSIBLE, TREATMENT AT PSYCHIATRIC OUT-PATIENT CLINICS OR DAY HOSPITALS, SUPPORTED BY COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSING SERVICE, SHOULD BE PURSUED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

FOR OUT-PATIENT SERVICE, THERE ARE PLANS TO BOOST THE NUMBER OF CLINICS FROM THE PRESENT 15 TO 18. IN ADDITION, FOUR OF THE EXISTING CLINICS WILL BE EXTENDED OR REPROVISIONED IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 464 DAY HOSPITAL PLACES IN 11 INSTITUTIONS.

BY 1991, THREE OF THE EXISTING HOSPITALS WILL BE EXTENDED AND FIVE MORE WILL BE BUILT, PROVIDING AN EXTRA 322 PLACES.

TURNING TO PSYCHIATRIC NURSING, THE MDAC ENDORSED THE PROPOSED NEW PLANNING RATIO FOR PSYCHIATRIC NURSES IN HOSPITALS.

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FOR DAY SHIFTS, THE RATIO OF NURSES FOR ACUTE BEDS WILL BE REVISED FROM 1:10 TO 1:8.5. FOR LONG STAY BEDS, THE RATIO WILL BE CHANGED FROM 1:18 TO 1:16.

AT THE MEETING TODAY, THE COMMITTEE ALSO ENDORSED THE EXPANSION OF TRAINING FACILITIES FOR PSYCHIATRIC NURSES.

AT PRESENT, THE ANNUAL INTAKE CAPACITY OF THE TWO EXISTING TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR PSYCHIATRIC REGISTERED NURSES IN KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL AND CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL IS 120 AND 40 RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, TWO NEW SCHOOLS ARE PLANNED IN THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL AND EASTERN HOSPITAL WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY 1991.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE TRAINING CAPACITY FOR PSYCHIATRIC ENROLLED NURSES WILL ALSO BE EXPANDED.

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CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS MARINE DEPARTMENT  
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG'S PORT AND SHIPPING SERVICES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, MR FORD MET DIVISION HEADS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT HARBOUR BUILDING WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PORT AND AT THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL, THE VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND THE PREPARATION WORK RELATED TO THE SETTING UP OF AN INDEPENDENT SHIPPING REGISTER.

HE WAS TOLD THAT TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING WORKLOAD AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT, ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES AND STAFFING SUPPORT WERE ALREADY UNDER WAY.

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FIRST JOINT MEETING OF MEMORIAL FUND ON SATURDAY  
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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE COUNCIL OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND WILL BE HOLDING THEIR FIRST JOINT MEETING ON SATURDAY (MAY 23), AND LADY YOUDE, A MEMBER OF BOTH THE BOARD AND THE COUNCIL, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING, THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE QUO-WEI, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+THE JOINT MEETING WILL DISCUSS THE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES FOR THE FUND- GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING THE FUND'S INCOME BROAD AREAS FOR WHICH THE FUND'S INCOME MAY BE APPLIED AND METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING THE FUND'S INCOME IN THE 1987/88 ACADEMIC YEAR,+ HE SAID.

MR LEE WAS SPEAKING AT A CHEQUE PRESENTATION CEREMONY THIS MORNING IN THE DINING HALL OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, WHERE HE RECEIVED A DONATION OF \$12 400 FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR RALPH SPENCER.

THE DONATION WAS THE SECOND CONTRIBUTION FROM MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER. THE FIRST DONATION OF \$100 000 WAS MADE ON MARCH 6.

MR LEE PRAISED THE CHAMBER'S INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND CIVIC-MINDED PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL MATTERS.

INCLUDING THIS MORNING'S DONATION, HE SAID THE FUND HAD COLLECTED MORE THAN \$81.6 MILLION.

MR LEE HOPED THE PUBLIC WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FUND AND DONATIONS COULD STILL BE MADE AT ANY DISTRICT OFFICE OR TREASURY OFFICE, AS WELL AS SOME 300 BRANCHES OF THE HONG KONG BANK, THE HANG SENG BANK AND THE HANG LUNG BANK.

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SUBSIDIES FOR PERFORMING ARTS ORGANISATIONS, ARTISTS  
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PERFORMING ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANISATIONS IN THE TERRITORY WILL RECEIVE ABOUT \$17.8 MILLION IN PUBLIC SUBSIDIES IN THE 1987-88 FINANCIAL YEAR UNDER THE GRANT APPLICATION SCHEME OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS.

THE COUNCIL HAS ALREADY ADVISED THE GOVERNMENT THAT SOME \$16.3 MILLION WILL BE AWARDED AS GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS TO FIVE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTS ORGANISATIONS IN MEETING PART OF THEIR RECURRENT COSTS FOR THE YEAR.

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THE ORGANISATIONS WHICH WILL RECEIVE GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS ARE THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, HONG KONG'S LEADING CLASSICAL ORCHESTRA; THE CHUNG YIN THEATRE COMPANY, HONG KONG'S ONLY FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENT DRAMA COMPANY; THE CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY AS WELL AS THE HONG KONG BALLET LIMITED, HONG KONG'S PREMIER MODERN AND CLASSICAL DANCE COMPANIES; AND THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY WHICH ORGANISES HONG KONG'S ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL.

A FURTHER \$1.5 MILLION HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THE AWARD OF PROJECT (AND OTHER) GRANTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO HELP OTHER PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS IN MOUNTING SPECIFIC PERFORMANCES AND PROJECTS.

STARTING THIS YEAR, APPLICATIONS FOR THESE GRANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA), 10TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CFPA SECRETARIAT ON 5-735878, 5-735425 OR 5-735569.

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NEW MARKET COMPLEX FOR TSUEN WAN  
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A \$39 MILLION CONTRACT FOR BUILDING A MARKET COMPLEX AT TSUEN WAN HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE MARKET WILL OCCUPY A 3 500-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF YEUNG UK ROAD AND CHUEN LUNG STREET.

THE LOWER THREE FLOORS OF THE SIX-STOREY BUILDING WILL PROVIDE SPACE FOR 332 MARKET STALLS. OFFICES OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, FOUR SQUASH COURTS, A PHYSICAL TRAINING ROOM, STOREROOM, CHANGING ROOMS AND TOILETS WILL BE ON THE REMAINING FLOORS.

WORK ON THE COMPLEX STARTED THIS WEEK AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS.

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1986 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT PUBLISHED  
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AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR 1986 WAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT GIVES A COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF THE MOVEMENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICES INDICES DURING 1986.

INCLUDED IN THE REPORT ARE FOUR CHARTS AND SEVEN TABLES SHOWING MOVEMENTS OF BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BY SECTION AND GROUP OF COMMODITY/SERVICE AS WELL AS THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OVERALL CHANGE IN THE INDICES.

INDICES BY SECTION AND GROUP OF COMMODITY/SERVICE OF THE 1979/80-BASED SERIES AND OF THE 1984/85-BASED SERIES ARE PUBLISHED IN THE REPORT.

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE, AT HK\$12 A COPY, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WANCHAI, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THIS REPORT CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8235089.

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SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS PRESS CONFERENCE  
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A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE 1987/88 SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 2.30 PM AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, 5/F., BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS, DR S.F. LAM, WILL TALK ABOUT THE WORK AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE THIS YEAR, INCLUDING THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES AND MATERIAL TO BE LAUNCHED TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE 1987 LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY, MR P.E. BIRNEY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE 1987 WATER SPORTS SAFETY DAY, MR J.A. FORTUNE, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE TWO EVENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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**SEMINAR FOR CAREERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS**

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THE 21ST CAREERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS' SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE AUDITORIUM OF HANG SENG BANK BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, IN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES AND INSTITUTIONS), MR BRIAN FRENCH, WILL GIVE AN OPENING SPEECH ON CAREERS AND GUIDANCE WORK IN SCHOOLS AT THE SEMINAR.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SEMINAR AT 9 AM TOMORROW.

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**MEETING ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS**

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG WILL MEET NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS OF SIX AREA COMMITTEES TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND DISTRICT MATTERS.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM TOMORROW IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14/F, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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YOUTH PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS ON TACKLING PROBLEMS OF UNRULY YOUTHS AT A MEETING ON FRIDAY (MAY 22).

THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CONTAINED IN THE FINDINGS BY A WORKING GROUP ON UNRULY YOUTHS IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE FORMAT AND ACTIVITIES OF THE HONG KONG SMOKE-OUT DAY TO BE HELD LATER IN THE YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PASSING-OUT PARADE

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THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, MR JOHN CHAN, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY ON SATURDAY (MAY 23) MORNING.

HE WILL ADDRESS THE PARADE AND PRESENT SILVER WHISTLES TO THE BEST RECRUITS.

ON PARADE WILL BE 21 OFFICERS AND 63 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THE DEPARTMENT'S BASIC TRAINING COURSE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT AT 23/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, AT 8.45 AM.

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CAS TO HOLD EXERCISE  
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD A HONG KONG REGIONAL EXERCISE ON SATURDAY (MAY 23).

THE EXERCISE WILL TAKE PLACE AT TWO SITES — THE TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK, TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD AND THE CAS HONG KONG TRAINING CENTRE, HAWTHORN ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY, FROM 3 PM TO 11 PM. ABOUT 230 CAS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE.

THE AIMS OF THE EXERCISE ARE TO TEST THE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY, CO-OPERATION AND LIFE-SAVING SKILLS OF CAS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF HONG KONG REGION DURING EMERGENCIES AS WELL AS THE COMMUNICATION LINK BETWEEN DISTRICTS AND HONG KONG REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO TAKE POOL TRANSPORT SHOULD REPORT TO MR TAM TAK-KWONG, ASSISTANT REGIONAL COMMANDER, HK AT THE CIVIL AID SERVICES HEADQUARTERS AT 100 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY AT 4 PM.

NEW ROADS IN SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION OPENED  
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SIX UNNAMED NEW ROADS IN SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION NEAR THE FERRY PIER WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THESE ROADS, WHICH WILL ALL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY TRAFFIC, A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR SAI WAN HO FERRY PIER, INCLUDING CMB ROUTE NO. 14, 82A AND 83 AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 19 AND 20, WILL HAVE TO PROCEED STRAIGHT AHEAD IN A NORTHBOUND DIRECTION AFTER PASSING THROUGH TAI HONG STREET. THEY WILL THEN HAVE TO TURN RIGHT AT THE FIRST CORNER BEFORE TURNING LEFT TO THE FERRY PIER.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNS AS THEY DRIVE ALONG.

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**RESTRICTED ZONE IN CAUSEWAY BAY**  
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THE 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE ON GREAT GEORGE STREET BETWEEN PATERSON STREET AND EAST POINT ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE EXTENDED FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 23).

NO VEHICLE EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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**TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL**  
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A SECTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FOR GOODS VEHICLES FOR ABOUT 10 WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 23).

THE SECTION IS THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL FROM A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PEDDER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DOUGLAS STREET.

NO GOODS VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE 24-HOUR DAILY BUS LANE ON THE CONNECTION ACROSS THE WORKS AREA SEPARATING THE OUTER AND INNER LANES OF WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN PEDDER AND POTTINGER STREETS WILL BE OPENED TO ALL VEHICLES.

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