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SATISFACTORY BASIS FOR NEW DCA REACHED

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FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, IN LONDON ON THE DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT HAS RESULTED IN A SATISFACTORY BASIS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT, SIR DAVID SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM A WEEK-LONG VISIT IN ENGLAND, HE ADDED THAT EXPERTS ON BOTH SIDES WOULD BE MEETING SOON TO WRITE DOWN DETAILS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

ASKED HOW MUCH LESS HONG KONG WOULD HAVE TO PAY IN THE NEW AGREEMENT, SIR DAVID SAID: "I CAN'T AT THE MOMENT GO INTO THE DETAILS OF IT UNTIL THE FINE PRINT HAS BEEN WRITTEN DOWN AND APPROVED.

"WHAT I CAN SAY THOUGH IS THAT WHEN MR GEORGE YOUNGER, THE DEFENCE SECRETARY, COMES HERE LATER TODAY, THERE WON'T BE ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH HIM.

"IT'S NOW A QUESTION OF THE EXPERTS WRITING DOWN THE FINE PRINT," SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED WHEN THE NEW AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "I HOPE WE WILL GET ONE VERY SOON, THE PRESENT AGREEMENT RUNS OUT AT THE END OF THE MONTH. WE WANT TO WRITE DOWN DETAILS OF A NEW AGREEMENT AND GET THAT APPROVED."

DESCRIBING HIS VISIT AS "SHORT BUT USEFUL, SIR DAVID SAID IT GAVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS AND TO BRING THEM UP-TO-DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG.

"I ALSO SAW THE HOME SECRETARY, MR DOUGLAS HURD AND I SPOKE TO HIM ABOUT THE CONTINUING AND GROWING PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HERE IN HONG KONG, AND THE NECESSITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HELPING TO FIND BOTH A LONG TERM SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, AND PENDING THAT LONG TERM SOLUTION, CONTINUING RESETTLEMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A CALL FROM ASEAN COUNTRIES TO FIND A COMMON SOLUTION TO THE REFUGEE PROBLEM, SIR DAVID SAID: "THE COMMENT I'D MAKE ON THAT IS THAT WE DO SHARE A COMMON PROBLEM WITH THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

"WE'RE ALL SUFFERING FROM THE FACT THAT VIETNAM IS RUNNING ITS ECONOMY IN SUCH A BAD WAY THAT PEOPLE ARE RISKING THEIR LIVES TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, AND THAT IS AFFECTING US AS IT IS AFFECTING THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA," HE ADDED.

"IT'S A VERY GOOD THING THAT WE SHOULD DISCUSS DIRECTLY WITH THEM WAYS IN WHICH THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE TACKLED," HE SAID.

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THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO LONDON HE ALSO MET MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM THE HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP.

"I WAS VERY PLEASED TO NOTICE THAT THERE IS GREAT INTEREST IN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG AMONGST MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WAS MET ON HIS ARRIVAL BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG; AND THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

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MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR NEW HOUSING AUTHORITY

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THE LEGISLATIVE AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES BEING MADE TO CREATE A MORE AUTONOMOUS HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL GIVE THE AUTHORITY MORE OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO ACHIEVE ITS TARGETS, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF HENG ON ESTATE AND THE HOME OWNERSHIP KAM ON COURT IN MA ON SHAN, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROPOSED THESE CHANGES NOT IN ANY WAY TO REDUCE ITS COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC HOUSING, AS SOME CRITICS HAD SPECULATED.

"WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS AND THE LAND NECESSARY FOR THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT ITS PROGRAMMES," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, REMAINED AS COMMITTED AS EVER TO ITS OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE PERMANENT HOUSING FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

SIR DAVID SAID MUCH HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN PUBLIC HOUSING AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY COULD BE JUSTLY PROUD OF ALL ITS EFFORTS.

NOTING THAT MUCH REMAINED TO BE DONE, HE SAID THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAD DEMONSTRATED ITS AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO CONTINUE TO INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS BY FORMULATING THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY.

HE SAID: "THE STRATEGY PROVIDES FOR THE DEMAND FOR RENTAL HOUSING TO BE MET BY THE MID-1990s, AND THE DEMAND FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SOME FIVE YEARS LATER.

"IT IS AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME, AND WE NEED MORE OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR THE AUTHORITY TO ACHIEVE ITS TARGETS.

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"THIS IS WHY LEGISLATIVE AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES ARE BEING MADE TO CREATE A MORE AUTONOMOUS HOUSING AUTHORITY WHICH WILL COME INTO BEING IN EIGHT DAYS' TIME, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS NEW CHAIRMAN, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES."

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE OPENING OF THE HENG ON ESTATE WAS A SIGNIFICANT OCCASION, FOR AROUND THIS FIRST MAJOR URBAN SETTLEMENT, A WHOLE TOWN WOULD DEVELOP.

SIR DAVID SAID HENG ON ESTATE MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA FOR MA ON SHAN.

"IT REPRESENTS YET ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND A FURTHER TESTIMONY TO GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A PERMANENT HOME FOR ALL THOSE WHO NEED ONE," HE NOTED.

HE SAID THAT THE 7 050 FLATS IN HENG ON ESTATE AND KAM ON COURT ONLY REPRESENTED A SMALL PART OF THE 160 000 NEW FLATS NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

"IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR ALONE, THE AUTHORITY WILL BE PROVIDING NEW HOMES FOR 230 000 PEOPLE," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO THANK THE RETIRING SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR JOHN TODD, FOR THE TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION HE HAD MADE NOT ONLY TO HOUSING BUT ALSO TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR TODD SAID THE \$585 MILLION HENG ON ESTATE AND KAM ON COURT WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF MODERN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

"THE FLATS IN THE RENTAL ESTATE PROVIDE A FLOOR AREA OF BETWEEN 35 AND 49 SQ METRES WHILE THE HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS EXTEND TO 60 SQ METRES."

HE SAID THAT EACH FLAT WAS SELF-CONTAINED AND PROVIDED WITH ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

"A MEDIUM-SIZED FAMILY FLAT CAN BE RENTED FOR \$700 A MONTH, WELL WITHIN THE LEVELS THAT FAMILIES IN THE ESTATE CAN AFFORD."

MR TODD ADDED THAT THE RESIDENTS WERE ALSO ABLE TO FIND ALL OF THEIR DAILY NEEDS IN THE WIDE RANGE OF SHOPS AND THE MARKET IN THE ESTATE.

THERE WERE THREE KINDERGARTENS, TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND A SECONDARY SCHOOL, WITH MORE SCHOOLS PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE, HE SAID.

THERE IS ALSO A LARGE INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AND A WIDE RANGE OF WELFARE FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FIRST SHELTERED HOUSING FOR THE ABLE-BODIED ELDERLY IN A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

NOTING THAT PEOPLE WHO WALKED AROUND THE ESTATE WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE JUST HOW MUCH THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS HAD BEEN IMPROVED, MR TODD SAID THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WAS PROUD TO OFFER THIS FINE ESTATE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR THEIR ENJOYMENT AND BENEFIT.

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NEW HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCED

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE RE-ORGANISED HOUSING AUTHORITY AND ITS INCREASED NUMBER OF COMMITTEES WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

HEADING THE AUTHORITY FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR WILL BE SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE FIRST NON-OFFICIAL MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN.

THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR FRED PANG, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS VICE-CHAIRMAN.

ALSO APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY FOR TWO YEARS IS DR PHILIP Y.H. WONG.

HE IS CURRENTLY A CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEES AND AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE.

DR WONG WILL CONTINUE TO SIT IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP COMMITTEE, THE TENANCY APPEALS COMMITTEE, THE RETITLED ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND ALSO THE NEW COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE, AND THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR JOHN TODD WILL RETIRE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY. ALSO RETIRING WILL BE MR LAWRENCE H.L. FUNG.

RETIRING AS MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY FROM APRIL 1 WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECENTLY PASSED HOUSING ORDINANCE WHICH STIPULATED REDUCTION IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF OFFICIALS FROM SIX TO THREE.

ALSO UNDER THE RE-ORGANISED HOUSING AUTHORITY, A COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES COMMITTEE WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON APRIL 1 AND WILL BE HEADED BY MR CHAN YING-LUN, CURRENTLY A FULL-MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND A COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE, WHILE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BECOME THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXTENDED REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE DISBANDED FROM APRIL 1. ITS WORK WOULD BECOME PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS CO-OPTED MEMBERS. THEY ARE:

- * PROFESSOR YEUNG YUE-MAN, THE REGISTRAR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE);
- * MR NICK MacANDREW, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SCHRODERS ASIA LTD (ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE);

/s/ MR L.S.

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* MR L.S. MILLER, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PEAT MARWICK MITCHELL AND CO (ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE);

* MR WILLIAM C.W. CHAU, AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SEVERAL COMPANIES (COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES COMMITTEE);

AND

* MR DAVID P.Y. LUNG, A LECTURER IN ARCHITECTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES COMMITTEE).

RE-APPOINTED AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR TWO MORE YEARS ARE:

* MR CHARLES SIN WHO WILL RETIRE FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE BUT WILL CONTINUE TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND CONTINUE TO SIT AS A MEMBER OF THE RETITLED ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. HE WILL ALSO JOIN THE NEW COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES;

* MR F.K. HU WHO WILL CONTINUE TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLEARANCE OF KOWLOON WALLED CITY. HE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND WILL JOIN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;

* DR PHILIP C.K. KWOK WHO WILL CONTINUE TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP COMMITTEE AND CONTINUE TO SIT AS A MEMBER OF THE RETITLED ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. HE WILL ALSO JOIN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;

* MR LAU WAH-SUM WHO WILL CONTINUE TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE RETITLED ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND ALSO JOIN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;

* MRS SELINA CHOW WHO WILL CONTINUE TO SIT AS A MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE RETITLED ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE;

* MR HUI YIN-FAT WHO WILL CONTINUE TO SIT AS A MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEES;

* MR POON CHI-FAI WHO WILL CONTINUE TO SIT AS A MEMBER OF THE OPERATIONS AND APPEALS COMMITTEES, AND ALSO JOIN THE NEW COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE; AND

* MR EDWARD S.T. HO WHO WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP COMMITTEE. HE WILL JOIN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

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FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES OF THE FIVE CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

PROFESSOR YEUNG YUE-MAN - PROFESSOR YEUNG, 50, IS THE REGISTRAR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. HE WAS A CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVIEW OF DOMESTIC RENT FROM 1985 TO 1987. PROFESSOR YEUNG IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY.

MR NICK MacANDREW - MR MacANDREW, 40, IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SCHRODERS ASIA LTD.

MR L.S. MILLER - MR MILLER, 49, IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PEAT MARWICK MITCHELL AND CO. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS.

MR WILLIAM C.W. CHAU - MR CHAU, 34, IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SEVERAL COMPANIES. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND AN ADJUDICATOR ON THE OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNAL.

MR DAVID P.Y. LUNG - MR LUNG, 40, IS A LECTURER IN ARCHITECTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. MR LUNG IS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EXAMINATION BOARD (BUILDINGS) AND A MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. MR LUNG IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN VARIOUS SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

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APPOINTMENTS TO THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS

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A TOTAL OF 141 PEOPLE FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS.

THEY WILL SERVE ON THE BOARDS FOR THREE YEARS STARTING FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR TOGETHER WITH THE 264 NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS.

THE APPOINTMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

OF THE APPOINTEES, 88 ARE SERVING APPOINTED MEMBERS AND FIVE ARE SERVING ELECTED MEMBERS.

THE REMAINING 48 OR 34 PER CENT ARE NEW MEMBERS WHO COME FROM A WIDE RANGE OF BACKGROUNDS.

COMMENTING ON THE APPOINTMENTS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE IS TO ACHIEVE, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AND PRACTICABLE, A BALANCED REPRESENTATION ON EACH BOARD WITH REGARD TO SEX, AGE, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUNDS OF MEMBERS.

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"CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN ON INDIVIDUAL BOARD BASIS AND ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF THE APPOINTEES' PERFORMANCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THEIR LINKS WITH THE DISTRICT.

"RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS AND THE NEED TO INJECT NEW BLOOD INTO THE DISTRICT BOARDS ARE ALSO CONSIDERED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SEVENTY-SEVEN MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO BOARDS IN THE URBAN AREAS AND 64 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AN INCREASE OF A TOTAL OF NINE APPOINTED MEMBERS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE FOR THE CURRENT TERM.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY RELEASED

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE CONTINUED TO GROW RAPIDLY IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AMONG THE VARIOUS TRADE AGGREGATES, THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY WAS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY 1988 AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS WAS BROADLY SIMILAR, WHILE THAT OF IMPORTS WAS SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER.

HOWEVER, CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN INTERPRETING FIGURES FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL MONTH IN ISOLATION, IN VIEW OF THE FLUCTUATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR FROM MONTH TO MONTH.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY 1988 WAS \$13,641 MILLION, 36.5 PER CENT OR \$3,649 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN FEBRUARY 1987, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 49.9 PER CENT OR \$5,298 MILLION TO \$15,914 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$29,555 MILLION IN FEBRUARY 1988, WAS 43.4 PER CENT OR \$8,947 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN FEBRUARY 1987.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 18 PER CENT OR \$4,352 MILLION OVER THE SAME PERIOD, TO \$28,470 MILLION IN FEBRUARY 1988.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY 1988 WAS LARGER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$1,085 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3.8 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED FOR THE MONTH.

IN VIEW OF THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, THE FIGURES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY COMBINED PROVIDE A MORE MEANINGFUL PICTURE.

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1988 WAS \$64,395 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$30,117 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$34,278 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1987, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$17,730 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT, THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$6,072 MILLION OR 25.3 PER CENT, AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS BY \$11,658 MILLION OR 51.5 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$13,986 MILLION OR 29.4 PER CENT, TO \$61,620 MILLION. A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$2,775 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.5 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1988.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WHILE THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS STILL RAPID, SOME DECELERATION IN GROWTH HAD OCCURRED SINCE THE FOURTH QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

HE ADDED THAT THE STRONG GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS WAS A REFLECTION OF THE FLOURISHING ENTREPOT TRADE.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SLOWER GROWTH IN IMPORTS IN FEBRUARY MIGHT SIGNAL A FURTHER DECELERATION IN THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1988.

PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY, 1988

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$13,641 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$15,914 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$29,555 MILLION	
	IMPORTS	:	\$28,470 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 1,085 MILLION	[IN SURPLUS]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	DEC 87	DEC 86	INCREASE	
	TO FEB 88 HK\$ MN.	TO FEB 87 HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	48,967	39,413	9,554	24.2
RE-EXPORTS	53,334	35,247	18,087	51.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	102,301	74,660	27,641	37.0
IMPORTS	100,438	75,102	25,336	33.7
TRADE BALANCE	1,863	-442	2,305	

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SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	FEBRUARY 1988	FEBRUARY 1987	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	13,641 (46.2%)	9,992 (48.5%)	3,649	36.5
RE-EXPORTS	15,914	10,616	5,298	49.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	29,555	20,608	8,947	43.4
IMPORTS	28,470	24,118	4,352	18.0
TRADE BALANCE	1,085	-3,510	4,595	

LAST MONTH	FEBRUARY 1988	JANUARY 1988	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	13,641 (46.2%)	16,477 (47.3%)	-2,836	-17.2
RE-EXPORTS	15,914	18,364	-2,450	-13.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	29,555	34,841	-5,286	-15.2
IMPORTS	28,470	33,150	-4,680	-14.1
TRADE BALANCE	1,085	1,691	-606	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-FEB 1988	JAN-FEB 1987	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	30,117 (46.8%)	24,045 (51.5%)	6,072	25.3
RE-EXPORTS	34,278	22,620	11,658	51.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	64,395	46,665	17,730	38.0
IMPORTS	61,620	47,634	13,986	29.4
TRADE BALANCE	2,775	-969	3,744	

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LAST 12 MONTHS	MAR 87	MAR 86	INCREASE	
	TO FEB 88 HK\$ MN.	TO FEB 87 HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	201,327	159,152	42,175	26.5
RE-EXPORTS	194,438	129,727	64,711	49.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	395,765	288,879	106,886	37.0
IMPORTS	391,934	287,800	104,134	36.2
TRADE BALANCE	3,831	1,079	2,752	

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FIRST SHELTERED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY IN HENG ON ESTATE
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MORE THAN 100 ELDERLY PEOPLE BECAME THE FIRST TENANTS OF A NEW TYPE OF HOUSING PROVIDED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR HONG KONG'S SENIOR CITIZENS.

THE ELDERLY PEOPLE ARE NOW LIVING IN HENG ON ESTATE IN MA ON SHAN, THE AUTHORITY'S FIRST OF A SERIES OF SHELTERED HOUSING WHICH INCLUDED WARDEN SERVICE.

THE SHELTERED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY SCHEME MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE A HOUSING FOR ABLE-BODIED ELDERLY IN NEW RENTAL ESTATES CONTAINING MORE THAN 3 000 FLATS.

THE ELDERLY TENANTS IN HENG ON, ALL AGED 60 OR OVER, COME FROM CLEARANCES, COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING, MANAGEMENT TRANSFERS, REDEVELOPMENT OF MARK I AND II ESTATES, SINGLE PERSON WAITING LIST AND THE ELDERLY PRIORITY SCHEME.

LOCATED ON FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF HENG FUNG HOUSE, THIS NEW HOUSING SCHEME FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IS DESIGNED TO GIVE MAXIMUM PRIVACY TO CO-TENANTS IN EACH FLAT.

THE HENG ON PROJECT COMPRISES 42 DOMESTIC FLATS WITH A TOTAL OF 138 ROOMS FOR 145 ELDERLY PERSONS. EACH FLAT CONSISTS OF THREE TO FOUR ROOMS.

INDIVIDUAL TENANTS ARE ALLOCATED ROOMS FOR SINGLE PERSONS WHILE COUPLES OR CLOSE RELATIVES OR FRIENDS CAN SHARE ROOMS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

SEPARATE LIGHTING AND GAS SUPPLY METERS ARE PROVIDED.

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THERE ARE ALSO SEPARATE MAIL BOXES FOR EACH ROOM, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE LIFT LOBBY OF EACH OF THE TWO FLOORS.

ALTHOUGH THEY ARE CAPABLE OF SELF-HELP MOST OF THE TIME, WARDENS OF THE SHELTERED HOUSING, WHO ARE ON DAY AND NIGHT SHIFT, ARE ALWAYS READY TO ATTEND TO ANY REQUEST OR ENQUIRY.

APART FROM OVERSEEING ORDER AND CLEANLINESS AND ENSURING THE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF ALL FACILITIES, THE WARDENS ALSO MAKE REFERRALS FOR MEDICAL AND WELFARE SERVICES AND CONTACT THEIR NEXT-OF-KIN IF NECESSARY.

A PANIC ALARM SYSTEM CONNECTING EACH ROOM AND THE WARDENS' OFFICE AND QUARTERS IS INSTALLED TO OFFER ROUND-THE-CLOCK EMERGENCY SERVICE TO TENANTS.

ON RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THERE IS A COMMON ROOM ON EACH FLOOR WHERE TENANTS CAN GATHER OR WATCH TELEVISION. THEY ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

UNDER THE SHELTERED HOUSING PROGRAMME ENDORSED BY HOUSING AUTHORITY IN 1985, ANOTHER 14 SHELTERED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE SET UP WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

BY THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES CAN DEVOTE THEIR RESOURCES TO THE CARE OF THOSE ELDERLY PERSONS WHO REQUIRE MORE INTENSIVE CARE AND ATTENTION.

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HAPPY COMMUNITY AT MA ON SHAN: SIR DAVID FORD
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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT HE WAS EXCITED TO RETURN TO MA ON SHAN IN SHA TIN TO SEE IT HAD DEVELOPED INTO A COMMUNITY WITH HAPPY PEOPLE AND MARVELOUS FACILITIES.

SIR DAVID HAD EARLIER OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE HENG ON ESTATE AND KAM ON COURT AT MA ON SHAN.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A TOUR OF HENG ON ESTATE, SIR DAVID SAID: "THE LAST TIME I HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS ESTATE IT WAS A SMALL MODEL ON A TABLE WHEN I WAS DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, AND WE WERE MOVING THE MODELS AROUND TO SEE WHAT THAT BUILDING BLOCKS WOULD LOOK LIKE."

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"I DO THINK WE'VE GOT A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT TO BE PROUD OF IN OUR HOUSING HERE, WITH AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND A MARVELOUS SHOPPING CENTRE WHICH IS DOING WELL ALREADY," HE SAID.

"IT'S A GOOD EXAMPLE OF EVERYTHING THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS DOING AND I THINK WE ALL SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF IT," HE ADDED.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO ENGLAND, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS MAINLY A PRIVATE VISIT.

"BUT I'M TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY WHILE I'M IN LONDON TO MEET A FEW PEOPLE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WHILE I'M THERE, THAT'S ABSOLUTELY STANDARD.

"I DON'T THINK ANY OF US CAN EVER GO TO LONDON WITHOUT FITTING IN A BIT OF WORK INTO THE VISIT," HE ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT, SIR DAVID SAID: "I DON'T THINK I SHALL BE DISCUSSING DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT. THAT'S REALLY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SIDE OF THE HOUSE."

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SALE OF FOUR LOTS FETCHES \$273.5 MILLION

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A TOTAL PREMIUM OF \$273.5 MILLION WAS REALISED IN THE LAST LAND AUCTION OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE LOTS INCLUDE THREE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND ONE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

ONE OF THE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL LOTS IS LOCATED IN AREA 44 IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$140 MILLION AND THE SITE WAS BOUGHT BY PRESTIGE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED FOR \$213 MILLION.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE PURCHASER HAS TO DEVELOP A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 24,000 SQUARE METRES ON THIS 13,200-SQUARE-METRE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31, 1992.

THE SECOND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 7,181 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED IN AREA 41A IN SHA TIN.

BIDDING STARTED AT \$12 MILLION AND THE SITE WAS BOUGHT BY BEST HEALTH HOLDINGS DEVELOPMENT LIMITED FOR \$21.5 MILLION.

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THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF AT LEAST 1,524 SQUARE METRES ON THE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31, 1992.

THE LAST SITE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE IS IN SHA HA IN SAI KUNG.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,601 SQUARE METRES, THE BUYER HAS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 937 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31, 1991.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$6 MILLION AND THE SITE WAS SOLD TO BEAUTY PALACE COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$11.5 MILLION.

THE INDUSTRIAL SITE IS LOCATED IN AREA 25, ON LOK TSUEN -IN FANLING.

IT MEASURES ABOUT 3,372 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, BUT EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE.

BIDDING STARTED AT \$20 MILLION AND THE SITE WAS SOLD TO AMPERE INDUSTRIAL LIMITED FOR \$27.5 MILLION.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 10,116 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31, 1992.

TODAY'S AUCTION WAS CONDUCTED BY A GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MR ROGER NISSIM.

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OBJECTION PERIOD FOR NEW RATEABLE VALUES ENDS SOON

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RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST SERVE A PROPOSAL ON THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION ON OR BEFORE THURSDAY, MARCH 31, IF THEY WISH TO OBJECT TO THE NEW RATEABLE VALUE OF THEIR PROPERTIES FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING APRIL 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THEY HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE NEW RATEABLE VALUE EARLY THIS MONTH.

THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE MADE ON FORM R.20A AND BE DELIVERED BY HAND OR BY POST TO THE DEPARTMENT AT HENNESSY CENTRE, 17TH FLOOR, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY. IT SHOULD REACH THE OFFICE BY MARCH 31.

THE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR ANY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT PROPOSALS SERVED AFTER MARCH 31 WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE NOTICE OF RATEABLE VALUE SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE EITHER IN PERSON, OR BY CALLING 5-8957888.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT IF THEY HAVE ANY QUERIES REGARDING THE RATEABLE VALUE. THEY MAY ALSO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE VALUER FOR THEIR PARTICULAR DISTRICT.

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HOLIDAY MAIL DELIVERY

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THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF LETTERS ON APRIL 2 (SATURDAY) AND ON APRIL 4 (MONDAY) DURING THE EASTER AND CHING MING FESTIVAL HOLIDAYS (APRIL 1 TO 5), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THAT ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR SERVICE DURING THE HOLIDAYS, EXCEPT ON APRIL 2 AND APRIL 4 WHEN 42 POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

THE 42 POST OFFICES INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON, AND THE TSUEN WING STREET, SHA TIN CENTRAL AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DETAILS OF THE 42 POST OFFICES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY POST OFFICE OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-231071.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SAI KUNG TRAFFIC FLOW
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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE INCREASED TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE DISTRICT.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE NEW ROADWORKS AT THE NORTHERN PART OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

THESE ROADWORKS ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE NEW HOUSING ESTATES AND OTHER FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROPOSED NORTHERN ACCESS ROAD TO THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO HIRAM'S HIGHWAYS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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EXHIBITION ON PACKAGING AND PRODUCT DESIGN
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A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION AND SEMINAR ON PACKAGING AND PRODUCT DESIGN FOR INDUSTRIALISTS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DESIGN AND PACKAGING CENTRE OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND THE TSUEN WAN OFFICE OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AT 2.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EXHIBITION.

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PRESENTATION OF SERVICE MEDALS TO CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, WILL PRESENT CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL TO 33 STAFF AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

ALTOGETHER, THE RECIPIENTS HAVE A TOTAL OF 914 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PASSING OUT PARADE OF 52 RECRUIT OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED SIX MONTHS' BASIC TRAINING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION OF CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL AND THE PASSING OUT PARADE AT 4 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT, 23RD FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 3 PM.

THERE WILL BE A FIXED POSITION FOR THE PRESS AT THE CEREMONY VENUE. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING TELEPHOTO LENSES.

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MEDICAL SCHEME FOR ELDERLY IN SOUTHERN
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ELDERLY PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT CAN ENJOY PRIORITY IN TREATMENT FROM PRIVATE DOCTORS AND DENTISTS AT A REDUCED COST, THANKS TO A COMMUNITY MEDICAL SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

"TO BENEFIT FROM THIS MEDICAL SCHEME WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR TWO YEARS, ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS TO APPLY TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE," A DB SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALL SENIOR CITIZENS AGED 60 OR ABOVE WHO ARE LIVING OR WORKING IN THE DISTRICT ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE SCHEME," HE ADDED.

THE COMMUNITY MEDICAL SCHEME WAS INITIATED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE. IT QUICKLY PROVED POPULAR AND ATTRACTED MORE THAN 1,000 PARTICIPANTS LAST YEAR.

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APPLICATIONS TO JOIN THE SCHEME SHOULD BE MADE IN PERSON TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE OR TO ITS SUB-OFFICES IN LEI TUNG ESTATE, WAH FU ESTATE AND STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING ALONG WITH THEM THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND ALSO DOCUMENTS WHICH COULD PROVE THAT THEY RESIDE OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

THOSE WHO ARE RECEIVING ANY FORM OF ALLOWANCES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SHOULD ALSO BRING ALONG RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

OLD MEMBERS WHO HAD JOINED THE SCHEME IN PREVIOUS YEARS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY HAVE TO RENEW THEIR REGISTRATION WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE THIS YEAR.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE ISSUED A SPECIAL CARD FOR PRESENTATION TO THE DOCTOR OR DENTIST WHEN SEEKING TREATMENT.

THE CARD ALSO INDICATES WHETHER THE HOLDER IS A RECIPIENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE ALLOWANCES SO THAT THE DOCTOR CAN FULLY ASSESS NEEDS.

"THE SCHEME HAS THE SUPPORT OF MANY REGISTERED DOCTORS AND DENTISTS IN THE DISTRICT AND SOME IN SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN WHO HAVE AGREED TO RENDER THEIR SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY WITH CONSIDERABLE CONCESSIONS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ID CARD REMINDER FOR MEN BORN IN 1957-58

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1957 AND 1958 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE APRIL 24.

"THERE WILL BE A LONG STRETCH OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING EASTER AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE VERY CROWDED AFTER THESE HOLIDAYS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"TO AVOID THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH, MEN OF THIS AGE GROUP WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD SHOULD COME FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY.

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

APPLICANTS CAN GO TO ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO RENEW THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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

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

THEY MAY 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 : SHATIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK
STREET.
TEL. NO. 0-6059108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK
ROAD.
TEL. NO. 0-793291
- 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. 0-927155

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

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PERFORMANCE BY DANCE CONTEST WINNERS

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FOURTEEN WINNING TEAMS OF THE 17TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WILL PERFORM AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL IN THE EVENING OF APRIL 4 (MONDAY).

DURING THE TWO-HOUR SHOW, THE WINNERS, SELECTED FROM 107 TEAMS IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE CONTEST HELD IN JANUARY, WILL PERFORM A VARIETY OF DANCES, INCLUDING WESTERN, ORIENTAL, CLASSICAL AND MODERN.

TICKETS FOR THE SHOW, AT \$10, \$20 AND \$30, ARE AVAILABLE AT ROOM 309 OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE IN TUNG YAN STREET.

THE OPEN DANCE CONTEST WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL. IT WAS SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR RUGBY TOURNAMENT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HAPPY VALLEY ON SATURDAY (MARCH 26) AND SUNDAY (MARCH 27) FOR THE RUGBY TOURNAMENT AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 8.30 AM ON BOTH DAYS AND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL THE CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED AT AROUND 7.30 PM:

- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LINK ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND;
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT VEHICLES FOR LOCAL ACCESS;
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN COTTON PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD/PENNINGTON STREET WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;
- * EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND; BUT VEHICLES MAY PROCEED TO THE ST PAUL'S HOSPITAL CARPARK FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD;

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- * ON SATURDAY ONLY, LOWER BROADWOOD ROAD BETWEEN UPPER BROADWOOD ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY UPHILL; VEHICLES FROM UPPER BROADWOOD ROAD AND LEIGHTON HILL SHALL PROCEED DOWN VIA LINK ROAD TO CAROLINE HILL ROAD, AND VEHICLES COMING DOWN FROM LINK ROAD TO CAROLINE HILL ROAD MUST TURN LEFT TO LEIGHTON ROAD;
- * ON SUNDAY, LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND HAPPY VIEW TERRACE WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY UPHILL; VEHICLES FROM UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL SHALL PROCEED DOWN VIA BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.
- * AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LAST MATCH, ONLY COACHES OR BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD NORTHBOUND FOR STACKING PURPOSES.

BETWEEN 7 AM AND 8 PM ON THE TWO DAYS, MATHESON STREET, RUSSELL STREET AND SHARP STREET EAST WILL BE PROHIBITED TO LEARNER DRIVERS.

ALL LEARNER DRIVERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM PERCIVAL STREET SOUTHBOUND INTO LEIGHTON ROAD EASTBOUND OR ENTER TUNG LO WAN ROAD FROM CAUSEWAY ROAD.

DURING THE SAME PERIODS, ALL ON-STREET CAR PARKING SPACES IN SUN WUI ROAD, STADIUM PATH, AND THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PERMITTED TO STOP FOR WAITING AT SUN WUI ROAD AS DIRECTED BY THE POLICE.

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PROHIBITED ZONE, U-TURN BAN
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FROM 5 AM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 26), ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THE TAI PO KCR STATION BUS TERMINUS AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.

MEANWHILE, FROM 9 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 27) TO 6 AM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 31), MOTORISTS ON WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE U-TURNS ON TO WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND OUTSIDE THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

THE MEASURE WILL FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER. THE SAME ARRANGEMENT WILL BE IN FORCE AGAIN FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

MOTORISTS ON WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, SHEUNG HING STREET, PUI CHING ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND.

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