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HONG KONG HAS KEYS TO MODERN BUSINESS: SIR DAVID

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HONG KONG IS A PLACE IN WHICH, AND FROM WHICH, TO DO BUSINESS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON TOLD THE ITALIAN ENTREPRENEURS IN ROME TODAY (TUESDAY).

SIR DAVID SAID CONVENIENT TRAVEL CONNECTIONS, FIRST CLASS COMMUNICATIONS AND ACCESS TO UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION WERE THE KEYS TO MODERN BUSINESS.

"HONG KONG - AT THE CENTRE OF THE MOST ECONOMICALLY DYNAMIC PART OF THE WORLD - HAS THESE KEYS. IT IS DETERMINED TO KEEP THEM," THE GOVERNOR SAID WHEN ADDRESSING THE FEDERATION OF ITALIAN INDUSTRIES.

ON THE PROBLEM OF BRAIN DRAIN IN HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID UNDERSTANDABLY, THE PROSPECT OF CHANGE STILL CREATED SOME UNCERTAINTY IN THE MINDS OF MANY HONG KONG PEOPLE.

SIR DAVID SAID EMIGRATION WAS A PRACTICAL PROBLEM AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS ADOPTING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR IT WHICH INCLUDE:- THE BRITISH NATIONALITY SCHEME; DOUBLING THE OUTPUT OF THE TERRITORY'S UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS AND MAKING IT EASIER FOR FIRMS TO RECRUIT OVERSEAS SKILLED PERSONNEL WHICH COULD NOT BE FOUND IN THE LOCAL MARKET.

HE SAID COMPETITION FOR TALENT WAS ALREADY VERY FIERCE AND AS THE SERVICES SECTOR EXPANDED, DEMAND FOR EDUCATED AND SKILLED WHITE-COLLAR STAFF HAD INCREASED.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, CHINA'S MODERNISATION HAD OPENED UP OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE BORDER.

"WE ESTIMATE THAT SOME 50,000 PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG NOW WORK IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF CHINA, PASSING ON THEIR SKILLS TO PEOPLE THERE.

"THIS IS JUST ONE ASPECT OF THE GROWING INTER-DEPENDENCE OF THE HONG KONG AND MAINLAND ECONOMIES," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HONG KONG ENTREPRENEURS WERE QUICK TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY CHEAPER LAND AND MORE ABUNDANT LABOUR WHEN CHINA OPENED ITS DOORS TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

"THEY HAVE PROVIDED ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF THIS INVESTMENT - L13,000 BILLION IN ALL (US\$11.3 BILLION)."

SIR DAVID SAID IN GUANGDONG ALONE, THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES ESTIMATED THAT HONG KONG INVESTORS HAD CREATED JOBS FOR SOME TWO MILLION PEOPLE.

"THAT IS MORE THAN DOUBLE HONG KONG'S OWN MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE," HE SAID.

HONG KONG PROVIDED CAPITAL, TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL SKILLS, DESIGN, MARKET KNOWLEDGE AND COMMERCIAL CONNECTIONS.

FOR OTHER FOREIGN INVESTORS, HONG KONG ALSO PROVIDED THE KNOW-HOW REQUIRED FOR GETTING AN ENTERPRISE OFF THE GROUND.

HE SAID THESE TRADING LINKS HAD BROUGHT HONG KONG AND CHINA CLOSER AND CLOSER TOGETHER.

"JUST OVER 10 YEARS AGO, THE ONLY WAY INTO CHINA WAS TO WALK ACROSS THE RAILWAY BRIDGE AT LO WU.

"TODAY, THE TRAVELLER AND BUSINESSMAN CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN RAPID ROAD, RAIL, AIR AND RIVER LINKS. ON ANY DAY, SOME 14,000 VEHICLES CROSS THE BORDER VIA THREE DIFFERENT ROUTES," SIR DAVID SAID.

LAST YEAR FROM HONG KONG, WITH A POPULATION OF SOME SIX MILLION PEOPLE, THERE WERE MORE THAN 15 MILLION VISITS TO CHINA.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT ITALIAN POPULATION IN HONG KONG HAD DOUBLED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND 14 ITALIAN BANKS WERE REPRESENTED IN HONG KONG; SEVEN OF THESE HAD FULL BANKING LICENCES.

"THEY COME BECAUSE THEY SEE IT AS THE RIGHT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS IN ASIA. NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD, APART FROM NEW YORK AND LONDON, HAS BROADER BANKING REPRESENTATION," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT ITALIAN ENTREPRENEURS HAD INVESTED ABOUT L3.5 BILLION (US\$3 MILLION) IN MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID: "THEY ARE WELCOME AS ALL FOREIGN INVESTORS ARE WELCOME, NOT JUST FOR THE CAPITAL, BUT BECAUSE THEY BRING WITH THEM THE UPGRADING OF TECHNOLOGY AND DIVERSIFICATION OF PRODUCTS."

THE GOVERNOR SAID ITALIAN BUSINESSMEN HAD ALSO FOUND THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE DEVELOPING A TASTE FOR HIGH QUALITY CONSUMER GOODS.

"THIS IS PERHAPS NOT SURPRISING WHEN PER CAPITA INCOME IS AMONGST THE HIGHEST IN ASIA AND HIGHER THAN SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE OECD (L14 MILLION).

"ALMOST EVERYTHING WE BUY FROM EUROPE, AND FROM ITALY IN PARTICULAR, IS AT THE TOP END OF THE MARKET. BRAND-NAME LEATHER GOODS, JEWELRY, TEXTILES, APPAREL, CLOTHING ACCESSORIES, FURNITURE AND CERAMICS HEAD THE LIST. BUT OFFICE MACHINES AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT ARE ALSO IMPORTANT," SIR DAVID SAID.

LAST YEAR, THE AVERAGE PERSON IN HONG KONG IMPORTED ITALIAN GOODS WORTH NEARLY L250,000.

HE SAID THIS WAS 10 TIMES THE COMPARABLE FIGURE FOR JAPAN; MORE THAN SIX TIMES THAT FOR THE UNITED STATES; AND MORE THAN THREE TIMES THAT FOR AUSTRALIA AND CANADA.

BILATERAL TRADE WAS DOING WELL AND IT HAD GROWN AT AN AVERAGE OF 22 PER CENT EACH YEAR FOR THE LAST DECADE WITH THE BALANCE HEAVILY IN ITALY'S FAVOUR (L450 BILLION/HK\$2.98 BILLION).

SIR DAVID SAID EUROPEAN FIRMS WERE ALSO FINDING THAT THEY COULD MANAGE THEIR FAR EASTERN SALES AND DISTRIBUTION BETTER FROM HONG KONG THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE REGION.

ABOUT 600 FOREIGN FIRMS HAD REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN HONG KONG MORE THAN DOUBLE THE NUMBER FIVE YEARS AGO AND SOME 40 PER CENT WERE EUROPEAN, AMONG THEM, MANY ITALIANS.

"I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE THE SAME COMMERCIAL BELIEFS AS HONG KONG: THAT BUSINESSMEN ARE BEST AT JUDGING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, AND THAT TRADE, FREE OF GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE, GENERATES GREATER BENEFITS FOR ALL," SIR DAVID SAID.

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HK: A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF WORLD'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM

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THE CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM OF OVERSEAS INVESTORS ABOUT HONG KONG IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TERRITORY'S LONG-TERM ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR WILFRED WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT AN INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION SYMPOSIUM IN OSAKA, JAPAN, MR WONG SAID HONG KONG HAD BECOME A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM WITH ITS GDP GROWING AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF 8.4 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS IN THE PAST DECADE.

"SECONDLY, UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION, HONG KONG HAS BECOME A SEPARATE CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GATT AND A SEPARATE MEMBER OF THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY INTERNATIONAL BODIES IN OUR OWN RIGHT BEYOND 1997.

"WE HAVE NEGOTIATED SEVERAL OF OUR OWN SEPARATE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS. WE ARE ESTABLISHING OUR OWN SHIPPING REGISTER. THESE INTERNATIONAL LINKS AND SEPARATE STATUS WILL CONTINUE TO BENEFIT HONG KONG AND CHINA BEYOND 1997," MR WONG SAID.

THIRDLY, MR WONG SAID, HONG KONG HAD AN EXCELLENT AND EVER-IMPROVING BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A FREE ECONOMY, A HARD-WORKING LABOUR FORCE, A WORLD-RENOWNED CONTAINER PORT AND AIRPORT, HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.

"FOURTHLY, EVEN AFTER RECENT EVENTS, CHINA HAS REPEATEDLY REAFFIRMED ITS 'OPEN DOOR' POLICY. MUCH OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA HAS BEEN SPEARHEADED BY GUANGDONG, WHICH IN TURN DEPENDS ON HONG KONG FOR ITS FOREIGN CAPITAL, FOR MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE, AND FOR THE SUPPLY OF PARTS, COMPONENTS AND PROCESSED MATERIALS.

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"FIFTHLY, HONG KONG HAS PROVED TO BE HIGHLY RESILIENT, EMERGING STRONGER THAN BEFORE THROUGH PREVIOUS RECESSIONS AND POLITICAL UPHEAVALS IN CHINA," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID HONG KONG HAD ENJOYED A HIGH RATE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH DURING THE LAST 20 YEARS AND, INDEED, THE AVERAGE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS WAS AS HIGH AS NINE PER CENT.

HE SAID THAT AS WITH OTHER ECONOMIES, HONG KONG WAS NOW EXPERIENCING A SLOWDOWN IN GROWTH AND WAS ALSO FACING A VERY TIGHT LABOUR MARKET.

"BUT BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INVESTORS ARE CONFIDENT OF THE BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR DOING PROFITABLE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

"APART FROM ITS UNIQUE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AS A HUB FOR DOING BUSINESS IN ASIA PACIFIC WITH A SOUND ECONOMIC FOUNDATION AND EXCELLENT BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE, HONG KONG'S FREE TRADE AND FREE ENTERPRISE POLICY, ITS HARD-WORKING AND EFFICIENT LABOUR FORCE, LOW TAXATION RATE AND EXCELLENT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK HAVE LONG BEEN RECOGNISED AS FAVOURABLE FACTORS," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID PAST EXPERIENCES HAD SHOWN THAT THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG WAS EXTREMELY RESILIENT.

"WHENEVER THERE WAS A GLOBAL ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN, THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO BOUNCE BACK QUICKLY WITH ENHANCED VIGOR."

HE SAID HONG KONG'S FUTURE WAS NOT WITHOUT UNCERTAINTIES. "BUT NEITHER DOES IT LACK EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES."

"THE LARGE NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES IN HONG KONG, AND THE CONTINUOUS INFLOW OF TECHNOLOGY AND INVESTMENT, SHOWS CLEARLY THAT HONG KONG IS A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN FIND OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGE FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

TURNING TO JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG, MR WONG SAID THAT UP TO THE END OF JAPAN'S FISCAL YEAR 1988 (APRIL TO MARCH), JAPAN'S CUMULATIVE OVERALL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG AMOUNTED TO US\$6.17 BILLION.

"WE ARE THE SECOND MOST FAVOURED INVESTMENT DESTINATION (AFTER INDONESIA) IN ASIA FOR JAPANESE FIRMS.

"MOREOVER, IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1988 ALONE, HONG KONG GAINED THE LARGEST SHARE OF JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN ASIA, ALMOST DOUBLED THAT FOR THE COUNTRY IN THE SECOND POSITION.

"THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 37 PER CENT OVER FISCAL YEAR 1987, COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE OF 21 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLE OF ASIA," HE SAID.

AS FOR INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, JAPAN SURPASSED THE USA IN BOTH 1987 AND 1988 AS THE TOP OVERSEAS INVESTOR IN HONG KONG IN A SINGLE YEAR.

ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A RECENT SURVEY, JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS CHANNELLED 36.5 PER CENT MORE FUNDS IN 1988 TO ACQUISITIONS OF FIXED ASSETS IN HONG KONG THAN IN 1987.

BY THE END OF 1988, JAPAN'S CUMULATIVE MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG STOOD AT US\$893 MILLION, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 27 PER CENT OF THE OVERSEAS TOTAL, UP FROM 21 PER CENT IN 1985.

SPEAKING ON THE HONG KONG-CHINA RELATIONSHIP AND HOW IT HELPED HONG KONG REMAIN COMPETITIVE, MR WONG SAID THAT AS A MANUFACTURING CENTRE, HONG KONG HAD DEVELOPED A "SYMBIOTIC" RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOUTHERN REGION OF CHINA, SPECIFICALLY WITH GUANGDONG, GUANGXI AND FUJIAN PROVINCES.

"WHEN THE MANAGEMENT SOPHISTICATION AND MARKETING FLAIR OF HONG KONG ARE INTEGRATED WITH THE LOW-COST AND HIGH-VOLUME PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES OF CHINA, THE RESULT IS A FORMIDABLE ECONOMIC FORCE THAT PRESENTS A GENUINE CHALLENGE TO THE OTHER DYNAMIC ASIAN ECONOMIES' CURRENT DOMINATION OF LIGHT AND LOW-TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID THIS "SYMBIOTIC" RELATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WAS NOT JUST A THEORY BUT A REALITY.

"HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS NOW EMPLOY OVER TWO MILLION WORKERS IN CHINA, WHICH IS THREE TIMES HONG KONG'S OWN INDUSTRIAL LABOUR FORCE," HE SAID.

CHINA AND HONG KONG WERE ALSO CLOSE INVESTMENT PARTNERS.

"CHINA IS THE THIRD LARGEST NON-LOCAL INVESTOR IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AFTER THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, HONG KONG ACCOUNTS FOR TWO-THIRDS OF DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHINA, AT US\$11.5 BILLION, MOST OF WHICH IS IN SOUTH CHINA.

"THIS ECONOMIC INTER-DEPENDENCE HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED BY THE EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN CHINA IN JUNE LAST YEAR," HE SAID.

THE INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION SYMPOSIUM IS ORGANISED BY THE JAPAN EXTERNAL TRADE ORGANISATION AND THE OSAKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IT NOT ONLY SERVES TO HIGHLIGHT AND UPDATE THE SITUATION ON THE LATEST JAPANESE MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG BUT ALSO POINTS TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE.

AFTER THE ADDRESS BY MR WONG, A FILM ENTITLED "HONG KONG WORKS" IN JAPANESE WAS SHOWN TO PROVIDE A FEEL OF WHAT ONE WOULD ENCOUNTER WHEN PLANNING AN OFFSHORE MANUFACTURING BASE IN HONG KONG.

GOVERNMENT PLAYING ITS PART TO CURB INFLATION

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CONSCIOUSLY DOING ITS PART TO CURB INFLATION IN SUCH A WAY THAT ANY MEASURES TAKEN WILL NOT JEOPARDISE THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE ECONOMY AND WILL REFLECT A BALANCE OF THE VARIOUS SECTORAL INTERESTS, THE GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST, MR K.Y. TANG SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNIVERSARY SEMINAR ORGANISED BY SURVEY RESEARCH HONG KONG THIS AFTERNOON, MR TANG SAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP A TIGHT GRIP ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURE TO ENSURE THAT IT WILL NOT CROWD OUT THE RESOURCES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR ACTIVITIES AND FUEL INFLATION.

"IN THIS REGARD, IT REMAINS OUR OVERALL STRATEGY TO KEEP PUBLIC EXPENDITURE IN LINE WITH THE SIZE AND GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY, AND NOT MERELY BY REFERENCE TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT'S DISPOSAL," HE STRESSED.

MR TANG POINTED OUT THAT THE CURRENT HIGH INFLATION RATE IS NO DOUBT A MATTER OF CONCERN, BUT THIS IS PERHAPS NOT ALTOGETHER UNEXPECTED GIVEN THE PRESSURES ON CAPACITY THAT HONG KONG HAS EXPERIENCED FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

"THE HIGH GROWTH RATE IN 1986 TO 1988 HAS CONTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THESE PRESSURES.

"THE MARKET PROCESSES SUGGEST THAT, IN DUE COURSE, THE HIGHER PRICES AND WAGES WILL WORK THROUGH TO RESTRAIN DEMAND FOR OUR RESOURCES BOTH LOCALLY AND EXTERNALLY AND BRING IT TO A BETTER BALANCE WITH THE AVAILABLE SUPPLY," HE EXPLAINED.

HOWEVER, THE CONTINUING STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, RESULTING IN A GREATER ORIENTATION AWAY FROM MANUFACTURING TOWARDS THE SERVICE SECTORS, REQUIRES PRICE AND WAGE INDUCEMENTS IN THE MARKET IN ORDER THAT RESOURCES WILL READILY SHIFT ACROSS SECTORS, MR TANG SAID.

"MOREOVER, MANY OF THE SERVICES IN THE LOCAL MARKET ARE NOT EXPOSED TO FOREIGN COMPETITION BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT BEING TRADED INTERNATIONALLY.

"THE SECTORAL INFLATIONARY PRESSURES THUS MAINTAINED RESULT IN A HIGHER INFLATION RATE OVERALL, AND THIS SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR SOME TIME," HE ADDED.

TOUCHING ON THE IMPACT OF RECENT INCREASES IN OIL PRODUCT PRICES, MR TANG POINTED OUT THAT THE INCREASES GENERATED ADDITIONAL INFLATIONARY PRESSURES WHICH TEND TO OFFSET THE TENDENCY TOWARDS LOWER INFLATION FOLLOWING THE SLOW-DOWN IN ECONOMIC GROWTH.

"THE ADDITIONAL INFLATIONARY IMPACT FROM THE OIL PRICE HIKE WILL PROBABLY TAKE SOME TIME TO FILTER THROUGH COMPLETELY.

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"BUT EVEN SO, AND PARTICULARLY IF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST DETERIORATES, A DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION RATE FOR CERTAIN MONTHS IN THE REST THE YEAR IS NOT UNLIKELY," MR TANG SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT IN HONG KONG'S FREE MARKET SETTING, DIRECT REGULATION OF THE LEVEL OF DEMAND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS SIMPLY NOT FEASIBLE.

"IMPOSITION OF ARTIFICIAL CONTROLS ON PRICES, WAGES AND RENTAL IS UNREALISTIC BECAUSE THE EXCESS DEMAND WOULD ONLY BE SUBMERGED, NOT ELIMINATED.

"MORE SERIOUSLY, BY INTERFERING WITH THE FREE PLAY OF MARKET FORCES, IT COULD CAUSE LASTING DAMAGE TO OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SUPPRESSING LOCAL OIL PRICES BELOW THOSE IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET WILL NOT HELP HONG KONG'S SUPPLY SITUATION, AS THE OIL SUPPLIES COULD BE DIVERTED ELSEWHERE.

TURNING TO GOVERNMENT'S SPENDING, MR TANG NOTED THAT A MARGIN OF RELAXATION AT THIS POINT IN TIME TO ALLOW FOR INCREASES IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON THOSE INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS WHICH ARE CRUCIAL TO CONTINUED GROWTH OF OUR ECONOMY IS JUSTIFIED.

"EVEN SO, PROJECT PRIORITIES ARE CAREFULLY REVIEWED AND PROGRAMME CONTROLS TIGHTENED TO AVOID CREATING AN EXCESSIVE BUDGETARY BURDEN AND CONSTRUCTION WORKLOAD.

"FURTHERMORE, AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO THE STATE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCES, WE MUST ALWAYS KEEP A STRICT CONTROL OVER THE LEVEL OF RECURRENT EXPENDITURE," HE STRESSED.

THIS MEANS THAT DEMANDS FOR NEW SERVICES WILL BE PUT UNDER EVEN CLOSER SCRUTINY, AND THAT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL HAVE TO STRIVE FOR AN EVEN BETTER VALUE FOR MONEY FOR THEIR EXISTING SERVICES; MR TANG SAID.

REGARDING THE SUPPLY OF LABOUR RESOURCES, MR TANG SAID THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD AGREE THAT A MORE EFFECTIVE LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO THE LABOUR SHORTAGE PROBLEM IS TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF THE ECONOMY THROUGH RAISING OVERALL LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY.

"OUR PLANS FOR EXPANDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING AT THE TERTIARY AND TECHNICAL LEVELS CARRY THIS IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE," MR TANG SAID.

WITH THE NEED TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE, WE ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF THE PRESSURES THEY WILL IMPOSE ON THE CAPACITY OF THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE SUPPLY OF LABOUR, HE SAID.

"ANY DRASTIC UPSURGE IN CONSTRUCTION WAGES OR UNIT CONSTRUCTION COST SHOULD BEST BE AVOIDED, IN THE INTEREST OF KEEPING THE PROJECT COSTS WITHIN BUDGET.

"THUS CONSTANT ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER USE OF CAPITAL-INTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES SO AS TO ECONOMISE ON THE DEMAND FOR LABOUR RESOURCES," HE NOTED.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, MR TANG SAID THAT HONG KONG HAS QUITE A LOT TO DO BY WAY OF ENHANCING OUR PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY FOR THE FUTURE, AND THIS HAS TO BE TAKEN THROUGH THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT OF MODEST GROWTH AND INCREASED ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES.

"WE HAVE TO BE PRUDENT PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE SHORT TERM.

"BUT OVER THE MEDIUM TO LONGER TERM WE HAVE NO REASON TO BE PESSIMISTIC.

"THE NEW INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES THAT WILL BE WITH US BY THAT TIME, COUPLED WITH PRESERVATION OF ALL VIRTUES THAT UNDERLIE OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM, WILL ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A MAJOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CENTRE OF THE REGION WILL STAY INTACT, IF NOT FURTHER ENHANCED," HE SAID.

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ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION FIGURE RELEASED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAD BEEN FOUND GUILTY IN COURT, DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, OF BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION CURRENTLY ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE REGULARLY ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE VERY TIME-CONSUMING AND AS A RESULT THERE WAS SOMETIMES A LENGTHY TIME GAP BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE OFFENCE AND THE CONVICTION DATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURT DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1. WINDSANG INVESTMENT LTD	TAI NAM ST, MONG KOK	10.8.89- 28.8.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON

2.FAST STEP INVESTMENTS LTD	CAUSEWAY BAY PLAZA, CAUSEWAY BAY	10.9.89-24.10.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	2,500	1ST	CENTRAL
3.KA KA LOK SNACK SHOP	ASHLEY RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	1.10.89-30.10.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
4.NEW WORLD HARBOURVIEW HOTEL CO LTD	HARBOUR RD, WAN CHAI	1.10.89-30.11.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,000	1ST	CENTRAL
5.CHOSERISE LTD	SHAU KI WAN RD, SAI WAN HO	6.10.89-18.2.90	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,500	2ND	CENTRAL
6.TUNG FAT METAL CO	WING KIN RD, KWAI CHUNG	1.11.89	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,000	3RD	TSUEN WAN
7.PO YIP LAUNDRY & DYEING CO	WANG LUNG ST, TSUEN WAN	29.11.89	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
8.FLOATA SEAFOOD RESTAURANT LTD	CHEUNG SHA WAN RD, CHEUNG SHA WAN	6.12.89-13.2.90	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	2,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
9.BODHI VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT LTD	GRANVILLE RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	7.12.89-6.1.90	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,500	2ND	TSUEN WAN
10.SOUTH OCEAN KNITTERS (KLN) LTD	KWAI WING RD, KWAI CHUNG	15.12.89-27.12.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
11.CHAI WAN HON PO RESTAURANT LTD	CHAI WAN RD, CHAI WAN	15.2.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	1,500	1ST	CENTRAL

12.YU KWEN YICK FOOD PRODUCTS MFG LTD	DAVID LANE, WESTERN	20.2.90	APCO: FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	8,000	1ST	WESTERN
13.CHAI WAN HON PO RESTAURANT LTD	CHAI WAN RD, CHAI WAN	28.2.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,000	2ND	CENTRAL
14.SUN LIGHT COLORING MFG LTD	YEUNG UK RD, TSUEN WAN	1.3.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
15.SZE YAU KONG LUNG DYEING & BLEACHING FACTORY LTD	WING LAP ST, KWAI CHUNG	6.3.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
16.WIDA CORDUROY FACTORY LTD	CASTLE PEAK RD, TSUEN WAN	8.3.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	5,000	4TH	TSUEN WAN
17.CHI SHING FAT KNITTING FACTORY LTD	WAH SING ST, KWAI CHUNG	9.3.90	APCO: FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	4,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
18.WARMTEX FIBERFILLS INDUSTRIAL CO LTD	WING LAP ST, KWAI CHUNG	15.3.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
19.FRANKI KIER LTD	JUNCTION RD, KOWLOON TONG	20.3.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	1,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
20.SUNLAND LAUNDRY & DYEING CO LTD	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	20.3.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,500	3RD	TSUEN WAN
21.CHUNG LUEN DYEING FACTORY LTD	CASTLE PEAK RD, TSUEN WAN	21.3.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN

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22.SHINE HARBOUR CO LTD	CHAI WAN RD, CHAI WAN	3.4.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	5,000	2ND	CENTRAL
23.TAT KWONG DYEING FACTORY CO LTD	TSING YI INDUSTRIAL CENTRE, TSING YI	4.4.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	5,000	5TH	TSUEN WAN
24.SUN LIC (LUEN HOP) DYEING CO LTD	KWAI CHEONG RD, KWAI CHUNG	18.4.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,500	3RD	TSUEN WAN
25.SHUN WAH CHEMICAL FIBRES LTD	TA CHUEN PING ST, KWAI CHUNG	25.4.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
26.THE INCORPO- RATED OWNERS OF SOUTHVIEW VILLAS	TAI PO RD, TAI PO	14.5.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED DOMESTIC SEWAGE INTO STORM DRAIN WITHOUT A LICENCE	10,000	1ST	SHA TIN
27.YIP WO OIL FACTORY	CHAU TAU, YUEN LONG	15.5.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,000	4TH	FANLING
28.GOOD YEAR RESTAURANT LTD	NGA TSIN WAI RD, KOWLOON CITY	21.5.90	NCO: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	10,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
29.SUNLEY MIU'S ENG. & CONST.CO LTD	ON PO RD, TAI PO	23.5.90	NCO: CARRY OUT PERCUSSIVE PILING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF A PERMIT	5,000	2ND	SHA TIN

30.RHEEM (HK) LTD	TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, TAI PO	30.5.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE INTO STORM DRAIN WITHOUT A LICENCE	3,000	1ST	SHA TIN
31.TAI HING TUNG YUEN RESTAURANT	FA YUEN ST, MONG KOK	27.6.90	APCO: FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	3,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
32.SUNLAND LAUNDRY & DYEING CO LTD	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	18.7.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,500	4TH	TSUEN WAN
33.TSANG YIU-TANG	CAPE D'AGUILAR RD, SHEK O	18.7.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO A STREAM	7,000	1ST	CENTRAL
34.WONG VIN-LUNG	CAPE D'AGUILAR RD, SHEK O	18.7.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO A STREAM	7,000	1ST	CENTRAL
35.HON YICK CONSTRUC- TION LTD	CASTLE PEAK RD, TSUEN WAN	23.7.90	DSA: SHORT DUMPING OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	3,000	1ST	CENTRAL
36.SHEK PING-KEE (TUG MASTER)	FANTA CONSTRUC- TION CO LTD, WAI CHING ST, YAU MA TEI	26.7.90	DSA: DUMPING OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA WITHOUT A LICENCE	5,000	2ND	CENTRAL
AND LEUNG KOON- YAU (BARGE OPERATOR)	"	"	"	3,000	1ST	"

37.LAI SHUK-FUK (TUG MASTER)	LAU CHEONG 27.7.90 KEE MARINE ENGINEERING CO, NATHAN RD, MONG KOK	DSA: DUMPING OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	3,000	1ST CENTRAL
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NOTE:

APCO: AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE
 DSA: DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975
 NCO: NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE
 WPCO: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE, ONE PERSON WAS PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PLACES AT NIGHT. HE WAS FINED \$500.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID CASE NUMBER 28 WAS THE FIRST CONVICTION UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE ON THE CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL NOISE INCLUDING VENTILATING SYSTEM NOISE.

THE RESTAURANT HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO INSTALL NOISE CONTROL MEASURES WITHIN 60 DAYS THROUGH THE SERVING OF A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE, BUT NO IMPROVEMENT WAS FOUND AT THE EXPIRY OF THE PERIOD.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN CASE NUMBER 36, ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS WAS A REPEATED OFFENDER AND WAS CONVICTED WITH A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 FOR DUMPING OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA WITHOUT A LICENCE. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO STEP UP ITS ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL DUMPING ACTIVITIES.

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STUDY ON SURVEY AND MAPPING SERVICES COMMISSIONED

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED PRICE WATERHOUSE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS LTD TO CARRY OUT A \$2 MILLION CONSULTANCY STUDY ON THE SURVEY AND MAPPING SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THE STUDY WILL COVER A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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THEY INCLUDED THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GEODETIC CONTROL NETWORK, TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY, ENGINEERING SURVEY, CARTOGRAPHIC SERVICES, COMPUTERISED LAND INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE SALES OF MAPS, NAUTICAL CHARTS AND NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS.

THE CONSULTANTS WILL REVIEW SERVICES RELATING TO THESE ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS WHICH ARE PROVIDED OR REQUIRED AND WILL ASSESS THEIR DEMAND, STANDARDS, ADEQUACY AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS.

THE CONSULTANTS WILL ALSO EXAMINE AND ADVISE ON THE INSTITUTIONAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK REQUIRED TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY, QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR A SURVEY AUTHORITY, AND OTHER MEASURES NECESSARY TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF SURVEY AND MAPPING SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: "ON THE BASIS OF THE ASSESSMENT, THE CONSULTANTS WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS, ORGANISATION AND STAFFING AND FUTURE REQUIREMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE (SMO) AND ASSOCIATED UNITS IN OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES, DRAINAGE SERVICES, HIGHWAYS, WATER SUPPLIES, HOUSING, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND MARINE DEPARTMENTS."

THE CONSULTANTS WILL ALSO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE, EITHER WITHIN THE SMO OR AS A SEPARATE ENTITY, AND ITS FUNCTIONS, ORGANISATION AND STAFF.

ALL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE NEED FOR COST-RECOVERY AND OVERALL COST-EFFECTIVENESS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IN VIEW OF THE VERY LIMITED DEVELOPABLE LAND AND MARINE AREAS IN HONG KONG, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPERS, LANDOWNERS, PORT USERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN LAND AND ENGINEERING SURVEY, CARTOGRAPHIC AND NAUTICAL INFORMATION AND SERVICES WHICH WERE ACCURATE, RELIABLE, EFFICIENT AND UP-TO-DATE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS SO FAR RELIED LARGELY ON ITS OWN IN-HOUSE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SMO AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF SECONDED FROM THE SMO TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO DIRECT AND SUPERVISE LAND AND ENGINEERING SURVEY WORK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO RESTRICT CIVIL SERVICE GROWTH AND IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY HAS PROMPTED THE NEED TO EXAMINE AND DEFINE THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN PROVIDING THESE SERVICES.

"THE DECISION TO EMBARK ON MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS SUCH AS THE NEW AIRPORT AND PORT EXPANSION GALVANIZES THE URGENCY OF THIS TASK."

WORK ON THE CONSULTANCY STUDY WILL START SHORTLY. THE CONSULTANT IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS STUDY AND SUBMIT ITS DRAFT FINAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

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SWD STAFF VISITS BUILDING COLLAPSE VICTIMS

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A TEAM OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) STAFF VISITED THE VICTIMS OF LAST WEEK'S BUILDING COLLAPSE IN SHEUNG WAN LATE MONDAY NIGHT.

THE INCIDENT RESULTED IN A TOTAL OF 41 PEOPLE FROM 14 FAMILIES HOMELESS. THEY ARE NOW STAYING AT THE WONG CHUK HANG TEMPORARY SHELTER.

LED BY MRS LESLIE HUNG, DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF CENTRAL, WESTERN AND ISLANDS; AND MR PAUL CHEUNG, DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF SOUTHERN, THE OFFICIALS CAME FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE AND SOCIAL SECURITY UNIT. THEY INTERVIEWED THE VICTIMS AND EXPLAINED TO THEM THE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE.

A SWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CLOSELY MONITOR THE WELFARE OF THESE PEOPLE. THEY HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED TO APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE IF NEEDED.

DURING THE VISIT, SWD STAFF ALSO DISTRIBUTED TOYS TO YOUNG VICTIMS. HOT MEALS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED FOR THEM, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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KOWLOON CITY TO LAUNCH CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

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THE 1990-91 KOWLOON CITY CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE KICKED OFF WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AND A CARNIVAL "CIVIC EDUCATION DAY" ON OCTOBER 28 (SUNDAY) AT ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OPENING DAY WILL INCLUDE GAME STALLS, AN EXHIBITION, BUS TOURS, A BAND PARADE AND A VARIETY SHOW BY LOCAL GROUPS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN IS TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS AND THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT. IT IS ORGANISED BY THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

THE CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN ELECTION POLLS AND TO DEVELOP A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON THE RULE OF LAW.

A TOTAL OF 10 ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED FROM MID OCTOBER TO FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

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THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS BY ALLOCATING TO THEM FUNDS TO ORGANISE A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SEMINARS, LECTURES, CARNIVALS AND VISITS.

A DISTRICT INFORMATION HANDBOOK AND A CALENDAR POSTER WILL BE PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL END WITH A CLOSING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW ON FEBRUARY 23 AT KO SHAN THEATRE.

MOST OF THE EVENTS ARE FREE. APPLICATION FORMS AND ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE OTHER FUNCTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS HUNG HOM AND LUNG SHING SUB-OFFICES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 711 0171.

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KWAI TSING FESTIVAL TO LAUNCH SOON

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A LARGE-SCALE FESTIVAL TO PROMOTE SPORTS AND ARTS WILL BE HELD IN KWAI TSING FROM OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 18.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY), KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG, SAID THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FESTIVAL WERE TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT AND TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.

SEPARATE ANNUAL FESTIVALS FOR ARTS AND SPORTS HAD BEEN ORGANISED IN KWAI TSING SINCE 1986. THIS YEAR, THE TWO FESTIVALS WILL BE COMBINED INTO ONE LARGE-SCALE DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR BETTER UTILISATION OF RESOURCES, MR TANG SAID.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI TSING FESTIVAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR SO HOI-PAN, SAID MORE THAN 50 ARTS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ORGANISED.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS, SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL, TENNIS, TABLE-TENNIS, BASKETBALL, BADMINTON, GATEBALL, SWIMMING, ARCHERY AND ISLAND MARATHON WALK.

ARTS ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERAS, SINGING AND DANCING, CHILDREN'S DRAWING, CALLIGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS.

APART FROM LOCAL TEAMS, CHINESE AND MACAU TROUPES WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE FESTIVAL.

/THE KWAI

THE KWAI TSING FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT ARTS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1.4 MILLION, PARTLY SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

IT WILL BE KICKED OFF WITH A MATCH BETWEEN THE KWAI TSING AND GUANGZHOU SOCCER TEAMS ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 20) AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND.

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MUSIC OFFICE RECRUITS PROFESSIONAL STAFF
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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS RECRUITING FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF IN AURAL, THEORY, CHORAL AS WELL AS VIOLIN.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL ENTER THE GRADE OF ASSISTANT MUSIC OFFICER II WITH A PAY SCALE BETWEEN \$9,035 AND \$14,640 PER MONTH.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE GRADUATES OF:

- * THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, OR
- * THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, OR
- * THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, OR
- * HAVE A DEGREE IN MUSIC FROM A RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY, OR
- * POSSESS EITHER LRSM, LRAM, LTCL, ARCM OR EQUIVALENT.

APPLICANTS MUST MAJOR IN EITHER PIANO, SINGING OR VIOLIN.

FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT MUSIC OFFICER II (VIOLIN), CANDIDATES WITH CHINESE QUALIFICATION MAY ALSO APPLY.

FINAL YEAR MUSIC STUDENTS OF THE INSTITUTES MAY APPLY; IF SELECTED, THEIR APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THEIR OBTAINING OF THE REQUISITE QUALIFICATION.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ON G.F. 340 AND FORWARDED TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER (PERSONEL & GENERAL), MUSIC OFFICE, 25TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 29.

PLEASE TELEPHONE 823 5340 FOR ENQUIRIES.

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