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APPOINTMENT OF SFC NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR DENIS CHANG KHEN-LEE, MR THOMAS CHEN TSENG-TAO, MR DENYS CONNOLLY, MR FRANK FRAME AND MR PETER WONG HONG-YUEN AS NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) FROM MAY 1 THIS YEAR, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS WOULD BRING AN INDEPENDENT VIEW TO THE MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION OF THE SFC, AND WOULD BE FULLY INVOLVED IN ITS POLICY DEVELOPMENT.

UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE SFC ORDINANCE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT NOT LESS THAN EIGHT DIRECTORS TO THE SFC, HALF OF WHOM SHALL BE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS.

BOTH MR DENYS CONNOLLY AND MR PETER WONG HONG-YUEN ARE CURRENTLY MEMBERS OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSION WHICH WILL BE DISSOLVED UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SFC ON MAY 1.

"THEIR APPOINTMENT TO THE SFC WILL HELP PROVIDE CONTINUITY FOR THE NEW REGULATORY AUTHORITY," MR JACOBS SAID.

MR DENIS CHANG KHEN-LEE, AGED 45, IS A PRACTISING BARRISTER AND A PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND THE INLAND REVENUE BOARD OF REVIEW.

MR THOMAS CHEN TSENG-TAO, AGED 64, IS THE CHAIRMAN OF HANG LUNG DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD AND AMOY PROPERTIES LTD, HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

MR DENYS CONNOLLY, AGED 57, IS A QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT AND MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM.

MR FRANK FRAME, AGED 59, IS THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CORRUPTION PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

MR PETER WONG HONG-YUEN, AGED 45, IS A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND A PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS. HE IS ALSO AN ADJUDICATOR ON BOTH THE IMMIGRATION TRIBUNAL AND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS TRIBUNAL.

THE APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR PERIODS RANGING FROM ONE TO TWO YEARS.

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COMMENCEMENT OF SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION ORDINANCE 1989
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MOST OF THE PROVISIONS IN THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) ORDINANCE, ENACTED ON APRIL 13 THIS YEAR WILL BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT ON MAY 1, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER SECTION 1(2) OF THE SFC ORDINANCE, THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MAY 1, 1989 AS THE ESTABLISHMENT DAY FOR THE SFC.

THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING WILL BE DISESTABLISHED UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SFC AND ALL ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SFC.

"ALL PROVISIONS OF THE SFC ORDINANCE, EXCEPT SECTIONS 27(1) TO (8), 30, 31 AND 32, AND THE REPEAL OF SECTIONS 122 AND 123 OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE (CAP.333) IN SCHEDULE 2, SHALL COME INTO OPERATION UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SFC," MR NENDICK SAID.

SECTION 27(1) TO (8) OF THE ORDINANCE REQUIRES ALL REGISTERED PERSONS TO NOTIFY THE SFC OF THE PREMISES WHERE THEIR RECORDS ARE TO BE KEPT.

SECTION 31 ENABLES THE SFC TO OBTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES, FUTURES CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS.

"WE ARE DEFERRING THE COMMENCEMENT OF THESE TWO SECTIONS IN ORDER TO GIVE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR BOTH THE REGISTERED PERSONS TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND FOR THE SFC TO PREPARE RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE KEEPING OF RECORDS," MR NENDICK EXPLAINED.

OTHER PROVISIONS WHICH WILL NOT BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT ARE CONSEQUENTIAL TO THE DEFERRAL IN COMMENCING THE ABOVE TWO SECTIONS.

"THE DEFERRAL IN BRINGING THESE PROVISIONS INTO OPERATION WILL NOT AFFECT THE INITIAL OPERATIONS OF THE SFC. WE INTEND TO BRING THEM INTO EFFECT IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WHEN BOTH THE MARKETS AND THE SFC ARE READY," HE SAID.

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REGISTRATION OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY REVOKED
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF GULF FINANCE CO. LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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SGD UPDATES AMERICANS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN HK

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SCHOLARS AND EXPERTS IN ASIA-PACIFIC AFFAIRS MEETING IN THE AMERICAN CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WERE YESTERDAY (APRIL 27) GIVEN AN UPDATE BY THE SECRETARY FOR GENERAL DUTIES, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

MR WIGGHAM WHO IS ON A SPEAKING TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES, WAS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT A MAJOR ANNUAL SEMINAR ON THE ASIA-PACIFIC JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, THE EAST-WEST CENTRE, HONOLULU, HAWAII AND THE GEORGIA CONSORTIUM.

MR WIGGHAM TOLD THE AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 100 STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ACADEMICS, BUSINESSMEN AND MEDIA WHO ATTENDED THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR THAT HONG KONG'S ECONOMY HAD GROWN AT A TREMENDOUS RATE SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT - IT HAD AVERAGED AROUND 11 PER CENT OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS.

HE POINTED TO HONG KONG'S RECORD LOW UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, CONTINUING INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY, INCREASING FOREIGN INVESTMENT FROM THE U.S., JAPAN AND CHINA, THE EXPLOSION IN THE RE-EXPORT TRADE WITH CHINA AND MASSIVE INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS FINANCED BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR WITH PAYBACK PERIODS WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY AS EVIDENCE OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN INVESTORS' CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE.

IN DISCUSSING THE BASIC LAW, MR WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG WAS NOW IN THE MIDST OF A SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATION. HE NOTED A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE SECOND DRAFT AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS LAST YEAR ON THE FIRST DRAFT.

"THE DRAFTERS HAVE THEMSELVES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE DRAFT IS STILL NOT PERFECT AND IS TO BE FURTHER AMENDED IN THE LIGHT OF PUBLIC REACTION.

"BASED ON EXPERIENCE THE FIRST TIME ROUND, THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT REMAINING CONCERNS WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED IN AN EFFORT TO REACH CONSENSUS ON THE BEST POSSIBLE BASIC LAW TO TAKE HONG KONG SMOOTHLY INTO THE NEXT CENTURY," HE SAID.

LISTING THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, MR WIGGHAM SAID THE EXPERIENCE OF WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE CHINESE HAD CONFIRMED THE CHINESE COMMITMENT TO WORKING FOR THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY AND STABILITY FOR A SMOOTH TRANSFER IN 1997.

HE SAID THIS COMMITMENT HAD BEEN UNDERLINED BY A LONG LIST OF PRACTICAL ACHIEVEMENTS THAT HAD SET HONG KONG WELL ON THE ROAD TO A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE.

MR WIGGHAM SAID 1997 WAS THE GREATEST CHALLENGE HONG KONG HAD YET FACED - "BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT 1997 OFFERS HONG KONG AND ITS PEOPLE THEIR GREATEST OPPORTUNITY YET."

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ACCOMPANIED BY MR KERRY MCGLYNN, DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK, MR WIGGHAM BEGAN HIS TOUR ON WEDNESDAY IN NASHVILLE, THE CAPITOL OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE WHERE HE MET THE STATE GOVERNOR MR NED MCWHERTER.

MR WIGGHAM URGED GOVERNOR MCWHERTER TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF OTHER AMERICAN STATES AND PORT AUTHORITIES BY ESTABLISHING A TENNESSEE OFFICE IN HONG KONG WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE STATE TO CAPITALISE ON THE TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR DOING BUSINESS NOT ONLY WITH HONG KONG, BUT USING IT AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR DOING BUSINESS WITH CHINA AND THE PACIFIC RIM.

DURING THE DAY MR WIGGHAM ALSO MET OTHER OFFICIALS INCLUDING MR CARL JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER OF TENNESSEE'S DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, FOR BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS ON HONG KONG AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TWO-WAY TRADE AND INVESTMENTS.

IN THE EVENING HE WAS GUEST OF THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OFFICE AT A RECEPTION HELD AS PART OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL TENNESSEE WORLD TRADE CONFERENCE HELD IN THE CITY.

TODAY, MR WIGGHAM FLIES TO JACKSON, CAPITOL OF MISSISSIPPI, WHERE HE WILL BE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE LEADING EDGE SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE UNIVERSITIES CENTRE OF JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY WHICH REPRESENTS THE MAJOR INSTITUTES OF LEARNING IN THE STATE.

THE SEMINAR IS TO BE ATTENDED BY LEADERS OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, TRADING AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES IN JACKSON.

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PORT OF HK TO ENVISAGE EXPONENTIAL GROWTH

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THE PORT OF HONG KONG WILL ENVISAGE EXPONENTIAL GROWTH OVER THE NEXT 22 YEARS TO 2011, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID IN MIAMI, FLORIDA LAST NIGHT (APRIL 27).

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE WORKING SESSION OF THE 16TH PORTS CONFERENCE BEING HELD FROM APRIL 22 TO 28. THE CONFERENCE IS ORGANISED BIENNIALLY BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PORTS AND HARBOURS.

"TAKING 1986 AS THE BASE YEAR, REAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) IN HONG KONG WILL GROW 400 PER CENT UP TO THE YEAR 2011," MR STRACHAN SAID.

"TO PUT THIS INTO PERSPECTIVE, GDP PER CAPITA IN 1989 IS ESTIMATED TO BE US\$11,000.

"IN TONNAGE TERMS WE EXPECT, OVER THIS 25 YEAR PERIOD, TOTAL IMPORTS TO GROW BY 740 PER CENT, RE-EXPORTS BY 1,300 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY 470 PER CENT AND TRANSHIPMENTS BY 1,490 PER CENT."

/MR STRACHAN

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MR STRACHAN SAID THIS WHILE HE WAS PRESENTING A DISCUSSION PAPER PREPARED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, FOR THE PORTS CONFERENCE.

IN THE PAPER WHICH IS ENTITLED "THE PORT OF HONG KONG: CURRENT SITUATION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS", MR HALL GAVE A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE PORT, FROM ITS PRESENT FACILITIES AND OPERATION TO ITS POSSIBLE AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR EXPANSIONS AND ITS RELATIONS WITH CHINA'S DEVELOPMENTS.

MR STRACHAN POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE MASSIVE INFRASTRUCTURAL GROWTH REQUIRED FOR THE PORT DEMANDED THE MOST CAREFUL PLANNING AND STUDY.

HE SAID HONG KONG WAS ONE OF THE WORLD'S BUSIEST PORTS WITH VESSELS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES CRISS-CROSSING THE CROWDED HARBOUR.

"SHIPS FROM MORE THAN 200 LINES, FLYING THE FLAGS OF 70 COUNTRIES TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND WORLD PORTS.

"TO MEET EVER INCREASING DEMANDS BEING PLACED UPON THE PORT, HONG KONG HAS EMBARKED UPON THE INSTALLATION OF A VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM," HE SAID.

THE SYSTEM, WHICH WOULD BE THE WORLD'S MOST UP-TO-DATE SYSTEM, WOULD COMMENCE OPERATION LATER THIS SUMMER, HE ADDED.

TURNING TO CONTAINER HANDLING, MR STRACHAN SAID HONG KONG WAS CURRENTLY THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE IN TERMS OF THROUGHPUT WHICH, IN 1988, TOTALLED JUST OVER FOUR MILLION TEU'S, 25 PER CENT OF WHICH WAS HANDLED MID-STREAM.

AT A PROJECTED GROWTH OF 14 PER CENT PER ANNUM UP TO 1995, IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT HONG KONG COULD BY THEN BE HANDLING 7.5 MILLION TEU'S AT CONTAINER TERMINALS AND A FURTHER 2.5 MILLION TEU'S MID-STREAM, TOTALLING 10 MILLION TEU'S, HE ADDED.

ON THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE PORT, MR STRACHAN NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAD A WELL SHELTERED, NATURAL DEEP WATER HARBOUR AND WAS NAVIGABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

"WITH 150 YEARS OF PORT EXPERIENCE BEHIND IT HONG KONG HAS ATTAINED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION," HE SAID.

ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION ON FAR EAST TRADE ROUTES AND ITS CENTRAL POSITION IN THE FAST GROWING ASIA-PACIFIC BASIN WERE WELL RECOGNISED FACTORS, HE ADDED.

MR STRACHAN, HOWEVER, ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHERN CHINA WAS A NEW FACTOR WHICH WAS NOW SPIRALLING HONG KONG'S GROWTH.

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HE SAID LAST YEAR GUANGDONG PROVINCE REGISTERED 15 PER CENT GDP GROWTH AND 31 PER CENT INDUSTRIAL GROWTH; THE LATTER WAS FORECAST BY EXPERTS TO RISE BY 20 PER CENT THIS YEAR.

"THE CHINA FACTOR HAS BECOME THE MAIN IMPETUS TO THE GROWTH OF OUR PORT.

"WE CONFIDENTLY EXPECT THAT HONG KONG CAN AND WILL RETAIN ITS LEADING POSITION AS A PORT SERVICING BOTH THE REGION AND SOUTH CHINA," MR STRACHAN SAID.

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EC SINGLE MARKET MIGHT AFFECT INVESTMENT TO HK
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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG KIN-PONG, TODAY (FRIDAY) NOTED THAT THE CREATION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) SINGLE MARKET SYSTEM IN 1992 MIGHT KEEP SOME OVERSEAS INVESTMENT AWAY FROM HONG KONG.

ONCE THE INTERNAL EUROPEAN MARKET WAS ESTABLISHED, MR LEUNG SAID, INVESTMENT BY EUROPEAN COMPANIES IN PRODUCTION MIGHT CONCENTRATE INSIDE EC BOUNDARIES TO AN EVEN GREATER EXTENT.

HE NOTED THAT SOME POTENTIAL OVERSEAS INVESTORS IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING AMERICAN AND JAPANESE COMPANIES, HAD CONCLUDED THAT, TO EXPORT TO EUROPE, THEY SHOULD BE BASED IN EUROPE RATHER THAN HONG KONG TO COMPLY WITH ANY INCREASE IN THE PROPORTION OF LOCAL VALUE ADDED TO PRODUCTS THAT THE COMMUNITY MIGHT REQUIRE.

MR LEUNG SAID, IF HONG KONG FAILED TO ATTRACT OVERSEAS INVESTMENT TO ITS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, IT MIGHT HINDER THE GROWTH OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, PRODUCT DIVERSIFICATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT IN LOCAL PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES.

TURNING TO THE CAPABILITY OF HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS, MR LEUNG SAID HE COULD FORESEE THAT PRODUCTION FOR ALL EC COUNTRIES WOULD BE UNIFORM AND LARGER PRODUCTION RUNS WOULD BECOME POSSIBLE AFTER 1992.

"HOWEVER, THE GENERALLY LARGER MANUFACTURERS OF EUROPE, THE USA AND JAPAN ARE LIKELY TO BE BETTER ABLE, THAN SMALL HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS, TO BENEFIT FROM ECONOMIES OF SCALE IN MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION," HE SAID.

OUT OF THE 50,000 MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN HONG KONG, MR LEUNG SAID, ONLY ONE PER CENT HAD A WORKFORCE OF OVER 200.

IF HONG KONG WAS TO CATER FOR THE EUROPEAN MARKET WITH A POPULATION OF 3.2 BILLION, LOCAL MANUFACTURERS HAD TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN PRODUCTIVITY, QUALITY AND INNOVATIVE CAPABILITY, HE SAID.

/MR LEUNG

MR LEUNG AGREED THAT 1992 WAS STILL NEARLY FOUR YEARS AWAY AND SOME OF THE COMMUNITY'S PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE EUROPEAN INTERNAL MARKET WERE THE FOCUS OF INTENSE DEBATE WITHIN EUROPE ITSELF.

"AT PRESENT, NO ONE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT ALL THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN INTERNAL MARKET WILL BE.

"ONLY ONE THING IS CERTAIN: WHETHER HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS ARE ABLE TO REAP BENEFITS FROM THIS MAJOR DEVELOPMENT ULTIMATELY DEPENDS ON THEIR FLEXIBILITY AND CAPABILITIES TO MEET TECHNICAL AND OTHER STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE EC AS A WHOLE," MR LEUNG SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT, AND IN PARTICULAR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, HAD BEEN PURSUING THE GROWTH IN MANUFACTURING AND WERE MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT ITS LONG-TERM COMPETITIVENESS.

MR LEUNG BELIEVED LOCAL MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS REQUIRED A HIGHER LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGERIAL EXPERTISE AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL WAS WELL-PLACED TO OFFER SERVICE IN THESE AREAS.

MOREOVER, A MAJOR, SUSTAINED QUALITY ASSURANCE IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN WOULD BE LAUNCHED THIS YEAR TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, TOGETHER WITH THE CRYSTALLISATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AND SCIENCE PARK PROJECTS.

MR LEUNG WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE IN THIS FIELD WOULD CONTINUE.

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MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MIGHT SOLVE SOME PROBLEMS IN HOSPITAL SERVICES

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY MIGHT NOT SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS OVERNIGHT, BUT THE CREATION OF A MORE UP-TO-DATE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, FREED FROM THE TIGHT CONSTRAINTS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE FINANCIAL AND STAFF REGULATIONS, SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO RESOLVE MANY OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT THE PROVISION OF HOSPITAL SERVICES.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, MR JOHN CHAMBERS WHEN HE ADDRESSED A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.

MR CHAMBERS POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM WAS THE VERY UNEVEN UTILISATION OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

"SEVERAL OF THE MAJOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS ARE GROSSLY OVERCROWDED, WITH CAMP-BEDS A REGULAR FEATURE OF MANY WARDS, WHILE OTHER HOSPITALS WITHIN A RELATIVELY SHORT DISTANCE HAVE QUITE A LARGE PROPORTION OF EMPTY BEDS," HE SAID.

/MR CHAMBERS

MR CHAMBERS SAID THE DECISION TO SET UP A STATUTORY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD BRING TOGETHER THE TWO ELEMENTS OF THE PRESENT PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM, THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND THE SO-CALLED SUBVENTED OR SUBSIDISED HOSPITALS, WAS TO CREATE A SINGLE ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE CIVIL SERVICE, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO INTRODUCE MUCH GREATER FLEXIBILITY, AS WELL AS NEW MANAGEMENT METHODS.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PHA APPOINTED LATE LAST SUMMER, WAS TO ADVISE ON THE MOST APPROPRIATE STRUCTURE FOR THE STATUTORY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY PLANNED TO BE SET UP ON APRIL 1, 1990, HE EXPLAINED.

OUTLINING THE WORK PROGRESS OF THE SIX COMMITTEES UNDER THE PHA TO TACKLE VARIOUS TASKS FOR THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATUTORY BODY, MR CHAMBERS SAID THE NEW ORGANISATION WAS BEGINNING TO EMERGE.

"THERE IS STILL MUCH TO BE DONE, INCLUDING SUCH UNPREDICTABLE ASPECTS AS THE ENACTMENT OF THE LEGISLATION AND THE IDENTIFICATION AND RECRUITMENT OF THE KEY PEOPLE IN THE NEW SYSTEM.

"SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE OF COURSE OUTSIDE THE CONTROL OF THE PHA, BUT SO FAR AS THE WORK OF THE AUTHORITY IS CONCERNED I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THERE IS A GREAT DETERMINATION AMONG THE MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE PHA TO GET THE JOB DONE ON TIME," HE ADDED.

MR CHAMBERS SAID HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED VERY STRONGLY THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM, AND THAT THE SOONER THEY WERE IN OPERATION THE BETTER FOR ALL CONCERNED.

HE SAID THAT THE PHA SHOULD BE PUTTING SOON TO THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS ON THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE WHICH WERE BEING WORKED OUT BY ONE OF THE SIX COMMITTEES - THE AUTHORITY STRUCTURE COMMITTEE.

THE PROPOSED MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE WILL HAVE THREE LEVELS -- THE MAIN AUTHORITY BOARD AND HEADQUARTERS, AN INTERMEDIATE REGIONAL LEVEL AND THE INDIVIDUAL HOSPITALS.

IT IS THE INTENTION TO GIVE AS MUCH POWER AS POSSIBLE FOR DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT TO THE HOSPITALS, WHILE THE CENTRAL LEVEL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERALL POLICIES AND STANDARDS, AS WELL AS THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.

"THE REGIONAL LEVEL WILL HAVE A CO-ORDINATING FUNCTION AND WILL ALSO PROVIDE, IN THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES, A FORUM FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HOSPITALS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REGIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SYSTEM," MR CHAMBERS EXPLAINED.

ANOTHER COMMITTEE, THE HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, HAD BEEN EXAMINING THE PROPOSALS IN THE SCOTT CONSULTANTS' REPORT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL HOSPITALS AND HAD MADE GOOD PROGRESS IN DESIGNING A MANAGEMENT MODEL WHICH COULD BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR THE NEW SYSTEM, MR CHAMBERS SAID.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE HOSPITALS VARIED WIDELY IN SIZE AND RANGE OF FUNCTIONS THIS MODEL WOULD NEED TO BE ADAPTED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL HOSPITALS.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S MAJOR CONCERNS AT THIS STAGE ARE THE WAY IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY WILL BE PROVIDED AND HOW FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE HOSPITALS.

"IT HAS ALSO SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE MORE DETAILED FINANCIAL ISSUES SUCH AS ACCOUNTING METHODS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS, WHICH WILL PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN MANAGING THE NEW SYSTEM," MR CHAMBERS ADDED.

MR CHAMBERS POINTED OUT THAT THE STAFFING COMMITTEE HAD RECENTLY APPOINTED A FIRM OF CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE ON THE VERY DIFFICULT TASK OF CREATING A NEW UNIFIED PACKAGE OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR ALL STAFF IN THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM.

SINCE THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WAS TO BE A STATUTORY BODY, AN ORDINANCE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO GIVE LEGAL EFFECT TO THE ARRANGEMENTS, MR CHAMBERS NOTED.

"THIS IS THE TASK OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS RECENTLY AGREED AN OUTLINE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BILL, WHICH WILL ENABLE AN EARLY START TO BE MADE ON THE DRAFTING," HE SAID.

THE SIXTH COMMITTEE, THE INTEGRATION COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS THE TASK OF ADVISING ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF HOSPITAL INTO THE NEW SYSTEM HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SUBVENTED HOSPITAL BOARDS, IN ORDER TO LEARN AT FIRST HAND ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS.

"IT IS NOW PRODUCING A REPORT WHICH WILL BE PUT TO THE OTHER COMMITTEES TO ENSURE THAT THE PROBLEMS OF THE SUBVENTED HOSPITALS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE PHA'S PROPOSALS.

"THE SUBVENTED HOSPITALS ARE VERY KEEN TO RETAIN AS MUCH OF THEIR AUTONOMY AS POSSIBLE, AND THE PHA AS A WHOLE IS VERY MUCH IN FAVOUR OF THIS.

"WE CERTAINLY DO NOT ENVISAGE A WHOLESALE TAKEOVER OF THE SUBVENTED HOSPITALS, AND VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW BEING STUDIED AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HOSPITAL BOARDS," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE PHA HAD RECENTLY DECIDED TO SET UP A SEVENTH COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF THE MANAGEMENT AND FINANCING OF THE TEACHING HOSPITALS.

AT PRESENT THE QUEEN MARY AND PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITALS ARE BOTH JOINTLY OPERATED BY THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MEDICAL FACULTIES OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES.

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"THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THIS NEW COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PHA AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE," HE ADDED.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT THE WEEKLY VISITS TO HOSPITALS ON THURSDAY MORNINGS HELPED MEMBERS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE SERVICES PROVIDED AND THE PROBLEMS WHICH NEEDED TO BE TACKLED.

"THESE VISITS ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PHA MEMBERS TO TALK TO THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE HOSPITALS," HE SAID.

THE FULL PROGRAMME OF VISITS TO 34 HOSPITALS WHICH STARTED LAST NOVEMBER, WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL THE SUMMER.

"WE ARE ALSO PLANNING A VISIT TO SINGAPORE BY A GROUP OF MEMBERS NEXT MONTH, TO ENABLE THEM TO SEE HOW SINGAPORE IS REFORMING ITS PUBLIC HOSPITALS, IN A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT WAY FROM THE HONG KONG APPROACH," MR CHAMBERS ADDED.

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AGLESO URGED TO STOP INDUSTRIAL ACTION

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO IMPROVE THE PAY AND STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT SURVEY OFFICERS GRADE AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT LAND AND ENGINEERING SURVEYING OFFICERS (AGLESO) WERE URGED TO DISCONTINUE THEIR INDUSTRIAL ACTION WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS.

IN A MEETING HELD TODAY (FRIDAY) BETWEEN THE MANAGEMENT AND AGLESO REPRESENTATIVES, GOVERNMENT LAND SURVEYOR, MR GORDON ANDREASSEND, SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN WORKING FOR SOME TIME ON PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE PAY AND STRUCTURE OF SURVEY OFFICER (LAND) GRADE WHICH WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE IN MAY.

"THERE IS A STRONG CASE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE SO(L) GRADE PAY AND STRUCTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT ACCOUNT SHOULD BE TAKEN OF THE OUTDOOR WORKING ENVIRONMENT OF THE GRADE, THE INHERENT ELEMENTS OF DANGER IN THEIR WORK AND THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES THEY HAVE.

"ALLOWANCE FOR SUCH FACTORS SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE FINAL PAY PACKAGE AND THE GRADE SHOULD BE BROUGHT CLOSER TO THE WORKS INSPECTORATE GRADES IN TERMS OF PAY AND STRUCTURE," MR ANDREASSEND SAID.

MR ANDREASSEND ALSO PRESENTED A PHASED PROGRAMME FOR THE FUTURE GROWTH OF THE GRADE, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

/THE PROGRAMME

THE PROGRAMME WOULD SEE THE CREATION OF 103 NEW POSTS FOR THE GRADE BETWEEN 1989-90 AND 1993-94, 35 OF WHICH AT SENIOR SURVEYING OFFICER LEVEL AND ABOVE.

"BUT CONTINUED INDUSTRIAL ACTION OF THE SO(L) GRADE BY REFUSING TO PERFORM A NUMBER OF NORMAL DUTIES WOULD WEAKEN THE JUSTIFICATIONS FOR CREATION OF ADDITIONAL POSTS.

"FURTHERMORE, IF AND WHEN SUCH INDUSTRIAL ACTION HAS AFFECTED SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC TO AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL, THE MANAGEMENT MIGHT BE FORCED TO CONTRACT OUT OR PASS THESE DUTIES TO OTHER GRADES.

"ONCE THIS IS DONE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE SO(L) GRADE TO GET THE DUTIES BACK. THE PLANNED GROWTH PROGRAMME WOULD IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE TO BE TRIMMED DOWN AND THIS WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PROSPECTS OF THE GRADE IN THE LONG TERM," MR ANDREASSEND SAID.

AGLESO RESORTED TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION IN MARCH TO PRESS FOR MORE SENIOR POSTS TO BE CREATED FOR SURVEYING OFFICERS.

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AMENDMENT TO DRAFT QUARRY BAY OZP ANNOUNCED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT QUARRY BAY OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE AMENDMENT IS TO REZONE A SITE TO THE EAST OF HOI CHAK STREET FROM "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" TO "OPEN SPACE".

THE AMENDMENT IS MADE BY THE BOARD, AFTER THOROUGH CONSIDERATION, IN RESPONSE TO THE OBJECTIONS RELATING TO THE "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" ZONING OF THE SITE.

THE NEW PIECE OF OPEN SPACE IS INTENDED TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE FUTURE QUARRY BAY PARK OR FOR THE USE OF OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD;
- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE; AND
- * THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, GROUND AND 1ST FLOORS.

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ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT OF THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, ON OR BEFORE MAY 12 THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON THE 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR AT 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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ROAD EXTENSIONS IN MA ON SHAN

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD FURTHER PORTIONS OF SAI SHA ROAD AND HANG HONG STREET TOGETHER WITH CONNECTING LOCAL ROADS IN THE MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT AREA, SHA TIN.

WHEN THESE ROADWORKS ARE COMPLETED IN 1991, THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW MA ON SHAN TOWN CENTRE WILL BE FULLY SERVICED AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE ROAD NETWORK NOW BEING COMPLETED UNDER THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE:

- * CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SECTION OF HANG HONG STREET WHICH WILL BE A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, FROM YIU ON ESTATE TO THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF SAI SHA ROAD AND DUALLING OF THE EXISTING SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY PORTION OF HANG HONG STREET FROM HENG ON ESTATE TO YIU ON ESTATE;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF DUAL TWO-LANE AND DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY FORMING PART OF SAI SHA ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED HANG HONG STREET EXTENSION TO ITS JUNCTION WITH MA ON SHAN ROAD;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF LOCAL ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND CYCLETRACKS IN AREAS 90, 92, 100 AND 110;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE SUBWAYS, BRIDGES, RETAINING WALLS, SEWERAGE, DRAINAGE AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY UNDER MA ON SHAN ROAD TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED RAMPS, FOOTPATHS AND ANCILLARY WORKS TO LINK AREA 100 AND AREA 103.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE.

/THE PLANS

THE PLANS AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES;
- * SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, 6TH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2ND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JUNE 27, 1989.

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NEW ROADS PLANNED FOR JUNK BAY DEVELOPMENTS
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO BUILD TWO NEW ROADS IN THE HANG HAU AREA OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN TO SERVE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE:

- * CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-LANE SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY ROAD L34 TO SERVE AREA 41 FROM ROAD L32;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-LANE SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY ROAD L310 TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO AREA 35, AREA 109 AND AREA 110;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS, CARPARKS, STREET FURNITURE, LANDSCAPING WORKS AND TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN AIDS;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS ADJOINING HANG HAU TOWN; AND
- * CLOSURE OF A SECTION OF HANG HAU ROAD AND ITS ADJOINING FOOTPATH.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START LATER THIS YEAR AND COMPLETE IN EARLY 1991.

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

THE SCHEME AND PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

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- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AND
- * SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, BOTH AT SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN JUNE 27 THIS YEAR.

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NEW ROAD IN TUEN MUN

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD A ROAD LINKING TAP SHEK KOK TO THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL AT NIM WAN, TUEN MUN.

A NOTICE FOR INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ROAD WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT AT PRESENT, THERE IS ONLY A SUB-STANDARD SINGLE LANE ROAD CONNECTING TAP SHEK KOK AND LUNG KWU TAN.

THERE IS NO PROPER VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED WEST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL AT NIM WAN, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO SERVE THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE GENERATED FROM THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES UPON THE EXHAUSTION OF THE PRESENT CONTROLLED TIP AT PILLAR POINT VALLEY.

THE NEW ROAD EXTENDING FROM TAP SHEK KOK TO TSANG KOK WILL BE A 7.3 METRE-WIDE TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH FOOTPATH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ROAD WILL ALSO IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE OF PEOPLE LIVING IN LUNG KWU TAN AND LUNG KWU SHEUNG TAN.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 29 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS WERE DESIGNED AND THEIR CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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ROADWORKS IN FANLING LUEN WO MARKET

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROADWORKS NORTH OF LUEN WO MARKET AND WITHIN THE MARKET TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREAS.

THE PROPOSED WORKS IN FANLING AREAS 18, 19 AND 21 INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOME 1,200 METRES OF DISTRIBUTOR ROADS AND 1,400 METRES OF LOCAL ROADS.

THEY ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, ROADSIDE AMENITIES, EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESSES, STREET FURNITURE, A FOOTBRIDGE AND A SUBWAY.

A PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS COMPRISING A TEMPORARY BUS TERMINUS, A GREEN MINI BUS/PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINUS, A TAXI STAND AND A VEHICLE SET DOWN AREA WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

SOME EXISTING ROADS WITHIN THE MARKET WILL BE IMPROVED AND RECONSTRUCTED AND SOME TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKS, ABOUT 44,600 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE LOTS WILL HAVE TO BE RESUMED.

PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESSES WILL BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR THE EXISTING ACCESSES THAT HAVE TO BE CLOSED.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, CONSULTING ENGINEERS ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE; CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE; CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY; AND AT THE NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, BOTH AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND THE OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2ND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN JUNE 27, 1989.

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STRUCTURES FOR BOATYARD PURPOSE AT A KUNG NGAM

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 8,400 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT A KUNG NGAM, IN SHAU KEI WAN FOR BOATYARD PURPOSES.

THE GRANT WILL BE IN THE FORM OF SHORT-TERM TENANCIES. WITHIN THE TENANCY AREAS, THE ERECTION OF STRUCTURES FOR THE PURPOSES OF SHIP/BOAT BUILDING/REPAIRING AND SLIPWAYS/PIERS/DOLPHINS, WILL BE ALLOWED.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE NOTICE CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14/F., MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD;
- * ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG EAST, 19/F., SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI; AND
- * EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, G/F, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 27, 1989.

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BUS GATE FOR USE BY FRANCHISED BUSES ONLY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT THE BUS GATE ON THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WAS FOR USE BY FRANCHISED BUSES ONLY AND NOT PRIVATE BUSES OR OTHER VEHICLES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID PROPER TRAFFIC SIGNAGE AND ROAD MARKING HAD LONG BEEN IN PLACE AT THE JUNCTION ON THE FLYOVER INDICATING THAT THE BUS LANE MERGING WITH THE TRAFFIC TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WAS RESTRICTED TO FRANCHISED BUSES ONLY.

THE BUS LANE IS TO ENABLE FRANCHISED BUSES TO BYPASS THE TRAFFIC QUEUES ON THE ACCESS ROADS TO THE TUNNEL FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT PASSENGERS.

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RECENTLY, NON-FRANCHISED BUS DRIVERS HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT THE STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL USE OF THE BUS GATE ON THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HELD A MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC OMNIBUS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION ON APRIL 19 DURING WHICH IT WAS EXPLAINED TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION THAT IN THE LIGHT OF PREVAILING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO OPEN THE BUS GATE TO NON-FRANCHISED BUSES AT THIS STAGE.

"AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WHICH IS RELATIVELY FAST FOR NON-FRANCHISED BUSES TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL IS THE BUS LANE ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND OUTSIDE EXCELSIOR HOTEL.

"THIS BUS LANE IS OPEN TO FRANCHISED AND NON-FRANCHISED BUSES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE LAW WAS VERY CLEAR ON TRAFFIC SIGNAGE AND THAT IT MUST BE ENFORCED OR IT WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES IMPOSED.

THESE MEASURES WERE INTRODUCED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AND OTHER MOTORISTS WERE ASKED TO BE TOLERANT AND TO OBSERVE THE SIGNS PUT UP, HE SAID.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUOUSLY REVIEW THE SITUATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ROAD CAPACITY AT THE BUS GATE AND THE IMPLICATION TO OTHER ROAD USERS.

IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED TO THE ASSOCIATION THAT IF IT FELT THAT IT HAD A STRONG CASE, IT COULD PROVIDE SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS IN DETAIL TO BACK UP ITS CASE FOR REMOVING THE PROHIBITION ON NON-FRANCHISED BUSES USING THE BUS GATE.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WOULD THEN REVIEW THE SITUATION IN THE LIGHT OF THE ARGUMENTS FORWARDED.

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CHEUNG CHAU LOT TO BE SOLD BY TENDER
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING A SITE ON CHEUNG CHAU FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 65 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED IN KIN SAN LANE AND WILL BE USED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT REQUIRES A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 130 SQUARE METRES TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1991.

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THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 26.

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

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE OFFICES.

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

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KOWLOON PARK DRIVE FLYOVER TO BE BUILT

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF KOWLOON PARK DRIVE FLYOVER AND ASSOCIATED ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE TWO-LANE FLYOVER WILL CARRY NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG KOWLOON PARK DRIVE OVER ITS JUNCTION WITH CANTON ROAD, WITH PROVISION FOR FUTURE CONNECTION TO THE HARBOUR CITY DEVELOPMENT.

A SECTION OF AUSTIN ROAD FROM CANTON ROAD TO TEMPLE STREET WILL BE WIDENED TO BECOME A DUAL-TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY.

A SECTION OF SALISBURY ROAD IN FRONT OF THE SPACE MUSEUM WILL ALSO BE WIDENED TO FACILITATE VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE CULTURAL CENTRE TO BE OPENED LATER THIS YEAR.

THESE WORKS ARE A PART OF THE OVERALL ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE WORKS WILL START IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

THE KOWLOON PARK DRIVE FLYOVER WILL BE COMPLETED IN MID-1991, WHILE THE WORKS ON SALISBURY ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD WILL BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND JUNE NEXT YEAR RESPECTIVELY.

THE WORKS WERE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LTD FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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ONE MORE WEEK FOR EMPLOYER'S RETURNS

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EMPLOYERS ARE REMINDED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO SUBMIT THE COMPLETED EMPLOYER'S RETURN OF REMUNERATION AND PENSIONS TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THURSDAY, MAY 4.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT MORE THAN 125,000 RETURNS FOR 1988-89 HAD BEEN ISSUED TO EMPLOYERS ON APRIL 3 AND 4.

"FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE COMPLETED RETURNS BEFORE MAY 4 IS AN OFFENCE AND MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES," HE STRESSED.

"MAKING AN INCORRECT OR FALSE RETURN WITH A FRAUDULENT INTENT TO EVADE TAX, OR TO ASSIST ANY OTHER PERSONS TO DO SO, IS ALSO AN OFFENCE.

"AN OFFENDER SHALL BE LIABLE TO HEAVY PENALTY, THE MAXIMUM BEING IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE YEARS AND A FURTHER FINE OF TREBLE THE AMOUNT OF TAX UNDERCHARGED.

"THE COURT OF APPEAL HAS WARNED THAT, ON CONVICTION, THE DEFENDANT SHALL BE LIABLE TO IMMEDIATE CUSTODIAL SENTENCE.

"IT IS THE EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE NOTICE IN WRITING OF THE COMMENCEMENT OR CESSATION OF ANY EMPLOYMENT, OR THE DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG, OF ANY EMPLOYEE, WHO IS OR IS LIKELY TO BE CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX."

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE, ANYONE WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE WOULD BE LIABLE TO HEAVY PENALTIES.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE RETURN FORMS OR WHO HAS ANY ENQUIRY IS ADVISED TO TELEPHONE 5-8942030, OR WRITE TO G.P.O. BOX 132, HONG KONG.

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SCS VISITS INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, WAS TODAY (FRIDAY) GIVEN AN INSIGHT INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT DURING A VISIT TO ITS VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, MR ANTONY AU YEUNG, MR GREWAL TOURED THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING SECTION WHICH PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE COURSES ON TAXATION LAW AND PRACTICE, AND SUPERVISORY DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS INDUCTION COURSES FOR NEW STAFF.

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HE ALSO TOOK A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES OF THE COMPUTER INSTALLATION UNIT, THE KEY PUNCHING POOL, THE CENTRAL ENQUIRY COUNTER AND THE COLLECTION HALL.

MR GREWAL LATER HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH STAFF REPRESENTATIVES ON STAFF MATTERS.

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NEW ID CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN IN 1951-53

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WOMEN BORN IN 1951, 1952 OR 1953 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM MAY 8 TO JULY 1.

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

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

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

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

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

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

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

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

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

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

/YUEN LONG :

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

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

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

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1954, 1955 OR 1956 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON MAY 6.

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

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

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AREA COMMITTEES' ROLE PRAISED
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AREA COMMITTEES PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 1989-90 INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF AREA COMMITTEES IN SHAM SHUI PO, MR CHENG SAID THESE COMMITTEES WERE FORMED IN THE EARLY 1970'S MAINLY TO PROMOTE THE CLEAN HONG KONG AND FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGNS.

"WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN THE EARLY 1980'S, WE SAW CHANGES IN THE ROLE OF AREA COMMITTEES," HE NOTED.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THESE COMMITTEES WERE EXPANDED IN 1981 SO THAT THEY COULD COMMENT ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF THOSE LIVING OR WORKING IN A DISTRICT. THEY ALSO PROVIDED A FORUM WHERE CURRENT ISSUES AND GOVERNMENT POLICIES COULD BE DISCUSSED.

THESE CHANGES HAD STRENGTHENED THE ROLE OF AREA COMMITTEES IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT. NOWADAYS THE COMMITTEES FORM AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LIAISON NETWORK AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

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"THEY ALSO HELP PROMOTE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT BY ORGANISING AND PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

"THEIR ROLE IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IS IMPORTANT, AND THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME IS DUE TO AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS' CONTINUOUS EFFORT," MR CHENG STRESSED. HE NOTED THAT THE MEMBERS WERE OFFERING A VOLUNTARY SERVICE AND THEIR DEDICATION DESERVED OUR RESPECT AND COMMENDATION.

MR CHENG BELIEVED THAT WITH MEMBERS' EFFORT, EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE, AREA COMMITTEES WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY.

HIS VIEWS WERE SHARED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS JENNIE CHOK. SHE SAID THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVING THE UNDERSTANDING AMONG MEMBERS, THUS HELPING TO ENHANCE THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF AREA COMMITTEES IN THE YEAR AHEAD.

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CLEAN FOOD HYGIENE URGED

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WITH SUMMER APPROACHING, THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH UNCLEAN AND UNWHOLESOME FOOD AND WATER.

MAKING THIS APPEAL, THE HYGIENE ADVISOR OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, DR RON PERRY, ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST FOOD POISONING AND DISEASES SUCH AS CHOLERA, DYSSENTERY, TYPHOID AND VIRAL HEPATITIS A.

"THE PUBLIC SHOULD OBSERVE PROPER PRACTICES IN FOOD AND PERSONAL HYGIENE TO ENSURE THAT THE FOOD THEY CONSUME IS HYGIENIC AND FREE FROM CONTAMINATION AND DETERIORATION," HE SAID.

DR PERRY SAID THE PUBLIC SHOULD REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING WHEN EATING AT HOME:

- * MAINTAIN A CLEAN KITCHEN;
- * CLEAN ONE'S HANDS AFTER TOILET AND BEFORE PREPARING FOOD;
- * USE WHOLESOME FOOD AND WATER;
- * USE CLEAN COOKING UTENSILS;
- * STORE ALL PERISHABLE FOOD NOT FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION IN REFRIGERATOR.

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- * COOKED FOOD STORED IN REFRIGERATOR SHOULD BE SEPARATED FROM RAW FOOD ITEMS AND WRAPPED UP IN CLEAN PLASTIC SHEETS;
- * DO NOT THAW OUT FROZEN FOOD UNTIL IT IS NEEDED;
- * NEVER USE A CHOPPING BLOCK OR KNIFE FOR CUTTING COOKED FOOD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN USED FOR CUTTING RAW FOOD, PARTICULARLY MEAT AND POULTRY;
- * COOK FOOD, ESPECIALLY MEAT AND SHELLFISH, THOROUGHLY BEFORE CONSUMPTION;
- * EAT COOKED FOOD WHILE IT IS STILL HOT. DON'T LEAVE IT EXPOSED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME;
- * FOOD TO BE KEPT OVER-NIGHT SHOULD BE PUT IN A REFRIGERATOR. RE-COOK LEFTOVERS THOROUGHLY BEFORE EATING;
- * ALL GARBAGE AND WASTE SHOULD BE STORED IN A COVERED CONTAINER BEFORE DISPOSAL.

DR PERRY ALSO ADVISED THE PUBLIC NOT TO PATRONISE ILLEGAL FOOD HAWKERS AND UNLICENSED FOOD PREMISES AS THE FOOD MAY BE UNCLEAN AND MAY POSE A SERIOUS RISK TO HEALTH.

"ALSO, DO NOT PURCHASE CUT FRUIT FROM ANY ILLEGAL FRUIT VENDOR AS OPEN CUT FRUIT CAN EASILY GET CONTAMINATED.

"SAFE FOOD, GOOD PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE ARE THE STRONGEST WEAPONS AGAINST GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES," HE SAID.

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TELEPHONE ADVISORY SERVICE FOR VISITORS TO UK EXTENDED

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THE TELEPHONE ADVISORY SERVICE (TAS) RUN BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON FOR HONG KONG VISITORS TO THE UK IS TO BE EXTENDED FOR SIX MONTHS UNTIL OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

THE TAS WAS SET UP LAST NOVEMBER ON A TRIAL BASIS TO ASSIST HONG KONG PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES UPON ENTRY TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD FROM LAST NOVEMBER IS HOWEVER THE LOW TRAVELLING SEASON IN THE UK. IN ORDER TO TEST OUT FULLY THE LIKELY DEMAND FOR THE SERVICE, IT IS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE TRIAL PERIOD FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS.

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THE TELEPHONE SERVICE IS MANNED BY BILINGUAL OFFICERS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5.30 PM.

SINCE THE SERVICE WAS INTRODUCED, A TOTAL OF 30 CALLS WERE RECEIVED. OF THESE 24 WERE GENERAL ENQUIRIES ON IMMIGRATION MATTERS WHILE SIX WERE CALLS FROM TRAVELLERS WHO HAD HAD DIFFICULTIES AT PORTS OF ENTRY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE EMPHASISED THAT THE SERVICE WAS NOT INTENDED TO INTERFERE WITH THE UK IMMIGRATION SERVICE DECISIONS.

"UNDER THE UNITED KINGDOM IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1971, A PASSENGER WHO HAS BEEN REFUSED ENTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL AGAINST THE DECISION.

"THE TAS HAS BEEN SET UP TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON THE TRAVELLERS' RIGHTS AND THE PROPER PROCEDURES AND, WHEN NECESSARY, TO SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM THE UK IMMIGRATION SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE PASSENGERS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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APPLICATIONS FOR HOLDING FLAG DAYS IN 1990
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ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO HOLD FLAG DAYS NEXT YEAR TO RAISE FUNDS TO FINANCE THE SERVICES WHICH THEY PROVIDE SHOULD APPLY TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT NOW.

ABOUT 30 FLAG DAYS WILL BE ALLOCATED IN 1990. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

APPLICANTS MUST BE BONA FIDE NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 88 OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE SUBVENTIONS AND LOTTERIES FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MERITS OF THE SERVICE OR THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH FUND RAISING THROUGH A FLAG DAY IS PROPOSED AND THE FINANCIAL NEED OF THE ORGANISATION.

THE APPLICANT MUST ALSO DEMONSTRATE ITS ABILITY TO ORGANISE A FLAG DAY EFFECTIVELY.

"PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS PROVIDING DIRECT WELFARE SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND WHICH HAVE A FINANCIAL NEED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

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"ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED A FLAG DAY IN THE PAST SHOULD NOT ASSUME THAT A FLAG DAY WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE GRANTED IN 1990," HE ADDED.

EXPLAINING THE CRITERIA WHICH HAVE BEEN PRACTISED, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT EACH APPLICATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED BASICALLY IN FOUR ASPECTS:

- * AN ASSESSMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY OF THE APPLICANT. THIS IS IMPORTANT SINCE PUBLIC FUNDS ARE INVOLVED;
- * THE NATURE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISATION AND THE DEMAND FOR SUCH FROM THE COMMUNITY;
- * THE FINANCIAL NEED OF THE ORGANISATION BASED ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET, THE OPERATING DEFICIT, THE AMOUNT OF RESERVE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING.

THE ASSESSMENT WILL ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PLANNED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION; AND

- * APPLICANT'S ABILITY TO ORGANISE EFFECTIVELY AND TO MAXIMISE THE BENEFITS OF A FLAG DAY.

HE ALSO REMINDED INTERESTED APPLICANTS THAT EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH FLAG DAY NORMALLY SHOULD NOT EXCEED 10 PER CENT OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS AND THAT SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS SHOULD OBSERVE THE CONDITIONS FOR HOLDING FLAG DAYS LAID DOWN BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY FROM MAY 1 IN PERSON OR IN WRITING.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 5-765922.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE LATEST ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF THE ORGANISATION, MUST REACH THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 10. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

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LAST CHANCE FOR RESIDENTS TO PLANT TREES

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THE 1989 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL DRAW TO A CLOSE ON SUNDAY (APRIL 30).

INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO MAKE USE OF THIS LAST CHANCE TO SHARE THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF PLANTING TREES.

ON THE LAST TREE PLANTING DAY ON SUNDAY, TREE SEEDLINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FOR PLANTING BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN EIGHT DESIGNATED COUNTRY PARK PLANTING SITES AT TAI MO SHAN, TAI MEI TUK, MUI WO, POK FU LAM, QUARRY BAY, PAK TAM CHUNG, CLEAR WATER BAY AND TAI TONG.

PARK WARDENS WILL BE ON DUTY FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM TO PROVIDE TOOLS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

SINCE THE LAUNCH OF THIS YEAR'S SCHEME LATE LAST MONTH, MORE THAN 16,210 PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAVE VOLUNTEERED THEIR SUPPORT AND PLANTED A TOTAL OF 21,340 TREES.

AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS, 11,070 CAME FROM 162 SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND THE REMAINDER WERE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHILE ANOTHER 40 GROUPS OF 3,200 PEOPLE ARE STILL AWAITING THEIR TURNS TO PLANT TREES ON WEEKDAYS, REQUESTS ARE STILL POURING IN.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE VERY GOOD RESPONSE WHICH WAS INDICATIVE OF THE INCREASING PUBLIC SUPPORT IN CONSERVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME HAS BEEN AN ANNUAL EVENT, SINCE 1957, TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION.

MR CHEUNG SAID TREE PLANTING WAS ESSENTIAL IN STOPPING SOIL EROSION, IN BEAUTIFYING OUR COUNTRYSIDE AND IN REPLENISHING THE STOCK OF TREES DAMAGED BY HILL FIRES.

"IT HAS THEREFORE BEEN OUR POLICY TO INVOLVE THE PUBLIC IN PLANTING AND CARING FOR TREES IN OUR COUNTRY PARKS TO MAKE THEM REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN AND GREEN," HE SAID.

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HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION IN TUEN MUN
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THE SIXTH IN A SERIES OF NINE MOBILE EXHIBITIONS TO DISSEMINATE HOME SAFETY MESSAGES WILL BE STAGED AT YAN OI TOWN SQUARE IN TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY (APRIL 30) FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM.

ORGANISED BY THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES TO ALERT THE PUBLIC OF HIDDEN DANGERS IN THE HOME AND GIVE THEM ADVICE ON PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

"THE EXHIBITION, IN THE FORM OF A MOCK KITCHEN, WILL HIGHLIGHT POTENTIAL DANGERS IN THIS AREA OF THE HOME," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

A NEW BOOKLET "SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME" WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS AT THE VENUE.

"THE BOOKLET FEATURES THE MOST COMMON HAZARDS IN THE HOME ON A 'ROOM-BY-ROOM' BASIS AND PROVIDES GUIDELINE ON HOW TO AVOID MISHAPS ARISING THROUGH THE USE OF GAS, ELECTRICITY, MICROWAVE, WATER, CHEMICALS AND MEDICINE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT ALSO INCLUDES FIRST AID KNOWLEDGE AND ADVICE ON THE CONTENT OF A FIRST AID BOX," HE ADDED.

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ANOTHER MINIATURE TOWN TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD SAFETY TOWN AT PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG TO FACILITATE THE TRAINING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ROAD SAFETY.

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WILL BE SIMILAR IN LAYOUT TO THE EXISTING SAU MAU PING ROAD SAFETY TOWN WHICH INCORPORATES ALL THE ROAD FEATURES IN MINIATURE.

THESE INCLUDE STREETS, A ROUNDABOUT, ZEBRA CROSSINGS, A MAJOR ROAD JUNCTION, TRAFFIC LIGHTS, TRAFFIC SIGNS AND PAVEMENT.

A SINGLE STOREY ADMINISTRATION BLOCK WITH OFFICE, LECTURE ROOM, BICYCLE STORE AND A TOILET BLOCK WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 19 THIS YEAR.

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1988 ANNUAL STAMP PACK ON SALE
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THE ANNUAL STAMP PACKS FOR 1988, EACH CONTAINING A SET OF ALL THE SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUED LAST YEAR, ARE NOW ON SALE, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPECIAL STAMP ISSUES ARE: LUNAR NEW YEAR OF THE DRAGON, HONG KONG TREES, HONG KONG BIRDS, CENTENARY OF THE PEAK TRAMWAY, CENTENARY OF THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, AND THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG CHARITY STAMPS.

THE PACKS, SOLD AT \$53 EACH, ARE IDEAL AS GIFTS AS WELL AS FOR PERSONAL COLLECTION.

THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PHILATELIC COUNTERS OF THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE, PEAK POST OFFICE, AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE.

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CSD DONATES TO CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS DONATED A TOTAL OF \$474,413 TO 22 CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE DONATIONS ARE FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE AUTUMN FAIR ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION AT STANLEY LAST NOVEMBER.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, PRESENTED THE DONATIONS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORGANISATIONS AT A BRIEF CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RECIPIENTS INCLUDED THE SOCIETY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS, MARGARET TRENCH REHABILITATION CENTRE, LOK HEEP CLUB, THE SALVATION ARMY, WORLD RELIEF, SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND, INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES, THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD, THE DEPARTMENT'S WELFARE FUND AND ASSOCIATION FOR THE RETIRED STAFF OF HONG KONG CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TSUEN WAN ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MARKING WORKS, THE FAST AND MIDDLE LANES OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF A SECTION OF TSUEN WAN ROAD BETWEEN KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND TEXACO INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 30).

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