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GREEN PAPER WILL BE RELEASED ON SCHEDULE
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THE GREEN PAPER ON HONG KONG'S POLITICAL REFORM WILL BE RELEASED ON TIME AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, STRESSED THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON AFTER A THREE-DAY VISIT THERE MEETING THE NEW GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND OTHER BRITISH OFFICIALS.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS ABLE TO BRING OFFICIALS IN LONDON UP TO DATE WITH THE CURRENT STATE OF PREPARATION OF THE GREEN PAPER.

+I WAS ABLE TO SAY TO THE BRITISH OFFICIALS EXCATLY WHERE WE HAVE GOT WITH OUR PREPARATION FOR THE GREEN PAPER, THE DRAFTING OF THE GREEN PAPER, AND TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO PRESENT THE CONTENTS OF THE GREEN PAPER.+

SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD HAD A BUSY THREE DAYS IN LONDON, DURING WHICH TIME HE SAW THE NEW GOVERNOR AND HAD +VERY USEFUL+ DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM.

+IT'S GOOD TO MEET AN OLD FRIEND AGAIN, AND TO BRING HIM UP TO DATE WITH THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN HONG KONG AND ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE CONCERNING US AS A COMMUNITY, AND TO TALK A BIT ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS ARRIVAL IN THE SECOND WEEK OF APRIL,+ HE SAID.

WHILE IN LONDON, SIR DAVID ALSO MET THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AND TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THE DEEP CONCERN OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE OVER THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE QUESTION.

+I THINK WE CAN BE ASSURED IN HONG KONG THAT OUR CONCERNS ARE BEING TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD ALSO TALKED TO THE PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, SIR PATRICK WRIGHT= HIS DEPUTY, MR DAVID GILMORE= AND THE HEAD OF HONG KONG DEPARTMENT, MR CHRISTOPHER HUM, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

+I WAS ABLE TO TALK ABOUT THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP IN THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, AND THE WORK THAT LIES AHEAD OF IT,+ HE SAID.

ON HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE NEW GOVERNOR ABOUT HIS FUTURE ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT, SIR DAVID SAID: +IT WOULD BE DISCOURTEOUS OF ME TO REVEAL TO YOU EXACTLY WHAT I DISCUSSED IN LONDON BEFORE I'VE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO EXCO NEXT WEEK.

+I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING, CERTAINLY FOR ME, IS THAT I'M GOING TO GO ON LIVING IN HONG KONG, AND, I HOPE, MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY IN SOME FORM OR ANOTHER.+

SIR DAVID WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S. Y. CHUNG; AND THE ACTING SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR S. L. CHEN.

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JLG SUB-GROUP TO MEET IN HK
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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JLG SUB-GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WILL BE HELD ON 11 TO 13 FEBRUARY IN HONG KONG.

THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE LED BY MR F. BURROWS WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY TWO OTHER MEMBERS, MESSRS NORMAN CHAN AND ANTHONY TO.

OTHER EXPERTS FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL ATTEND AS NECESSARY.

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COMPOSITION OF BRITISH TEAM FOR EXPERT TALKS
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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE BRITISH TEAM FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JLG SUB-GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

LEADER	:	F. BURROWS, LAW OFFICER (SPECIAL DUTIES)	T:
MEMBERS	:	NORMAN CHAN, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL DUTIES)	
		ANTHONY TO, SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL	
EXPERTS	:	PATRICK SHAM, DIRECTOR OF ROYAL OBSERVATORY	
		G.A. HIGGINSON, DIRECTOR OF MARINE	
		NICKY LO, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (TRADE)	
		J.C.A. HAMMOND, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR	
		DARWIN CHEN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR	
NOTETAKER	:	C.T. WOOD, ASSISTANT POLITICAL ADVISER	
INTERPRETERS	:	MRS JOSEPHINE HO	
		MRS SARAH LEE	

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U.S. CAN PLAY VITAL ROLE -- TRADE CHIEF
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HONG KONG'S CONTINUED VIABILITY DEPENDED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND THE UNITED STATES COULD PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THIS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, TOLD A HIGH-LEVEL AUDIENCE IN WASHINGTON TODAY (THURSDAY, HK TIME).

MR HO WAS SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, ONE OF THE UNITED STATES' LEADING PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTES, WITH CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON THE THINKING OF MANY OF WASHINGTON'S TOP DECISION-MAKERS, BOTH IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND IN CONGRESS.

MR HO POINTED OUT THE DEEP INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY, WITH CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING, WIDE REPRESENTATION IN THE SERVICES SECTOR AND MANY CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS FOR ASIA, AS WELL AS SUPPORT FOR HONG KONG FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

+FOR ALL OF THESE, WE IN HONG KONG ARE GRATEFUL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUAL SUPPORT, GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING,+ MR HO SAID. +HONG KONG'S CONTINUED VIABILITY DEPENDS TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND THE UNITED STATES CAN PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THIS.+

HOWEVER, MR HO EMPHASISED THAT BECAUSE OF HONG KONG'S HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON TRADE FOR ITS ECONOMIC SUCCESS, IT SUFFERED A CORRESPONDING VULNERABILITY TO SWINGS IN THE FORTUNES OF ITS TRADING PARTNERS.

+ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS IN OUR MAJOR MARKETS INEVITABLY HAVE A DIRECT EFFECT ON OUR ECONOMY. BUT PROTECTIONIST MEASURES ADOPTED BY OUR TRADING PARTNERS COULD POSE AN EVEN MORE SERIOUS THREAT,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT WE IN HONG KONG ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS BY FAR OUR LARGEST MARKET, ACCOUNTING FOR OVER 40 PER CENT OF OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS.+

MR HO SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS ONE OF THE STRONGEST SUPPORTERS OF AND THE TRUEST PRACTITIONER OF FREE TRADE, EMPHASISING THAT THE TERRITORY HAD NO BARRIERS AGAINST IMPORTS OR SERVICES.

+IF IT IS THE AIM OF THE UNITED STATES TO PERSUADE OR INDUCE ITS TRADING PARTNERS TO DISMANTLE OR LOWER THEIR BARRIERS TO IMPORTS, THEN THE UNITED STATES MUST SURELY GIVE FULL RECOGNITION TO HONG KONG'S FREE TRADE PRACTICES TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW,+ HE SAID.

/MR HO

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MR HO OUTLINED TO HIS AUDIENCE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION FOR THE FUTURE STABILITY OF HONG KONG, BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL AND THE GOOD PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN MADE IN IMPLEMENTING IT.

+THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP WHICH WAS SET UP TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT IN 1997 HAS ALREADY REACHED AGREEMENT ON MANY ISSUES OF SIGNIFICANCE TO HONG KONG - THE PARTICIPATION OF HONG KONG AS A SEPARATE CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, THE PRINCIPLES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER, THE DESIGN OF THE FUTURE HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD WHICH WILL REMAIN VALID AFTER 1997, TO NAME JUST A FEW EXAMPLES,+ HE SAID.

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FORD GETS INSIGHT INTO LABOUR DEPARTMENT

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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, MR DAVID FORD, SPENT THE AFTERNOON TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITING VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, MR FORD FIRST CALLED AT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN HARBOUR BUILDING.

THE CENTRE, RUN BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE, PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF BASIC AND ADVANCED SAFETY TRAINING COURSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND STAFF OF THE LABOUR AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

MR FORD LEARNT THAT THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF ORGANISING THESE TRAINING COURSES WAS TO ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO IDENTIFY UNSAFE ACTS AND UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS IN THEIR OWN WORKING ENVIRONMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH KNOWLEDGE IN TACKLING SAFETY PROBLEMS.

LAST YEAR MORE THAN 10 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE 358 COURSES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE.

BEFORE LEAVING HEADQUARTERS, MR FORD HAD AN INFORMAL MEETING AND DISCUSSION WITH THE DIRECTORATE AND SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS.

HE THEN VISITED THE LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION'S HONG KONG EAST OFFICE IN NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY.

/MR FORD

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MR FORD WAS TOLD THAT THE DIVISION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR RESOLVING LABOUR DISPUTES AND ADVISING EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS ON ALL ASPECTS RELATING TO CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.

ABOUT 200 LABOUR DISPUTES, INVOLVING SOME 16 800 WORKERS, WERE HANDLED IN 1986.

TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN JOINT CONSULTATION, OFFICERS FROM THE DIVISION PAID REGULAR VISITS TO ESTABLISHMENTS TO EXPLAIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND TO ADVISE GENERALLY ON HOW TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN LABOUR AND MANAGEMENT.

FROM THERE, MR FORD WENT TO INSPECT THE OPERATIONS OF THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION'S HONG KONG OFFICE IN DOMINION CENTRE, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST. THE OFFICE IS SPECIALLY FITTED TO TAKE CARE OF THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE MANOEUVRABILITY OF DISABLED PERSONS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE IN WHEELCHAIRS.

SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDE A RAMPED ENTRANCE, WIDER CORRIDOR AND DOORWAY, ALARM BELL AND EQUIPMENT TO ASSESS THE WORKING APTITUDE OF THE DISABLED.

LAST YEAR MORE THAN 1 000 DISABLED PERSONS WERE FOUND JOBS IN BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DIVISION -- A RECORD NUMBER SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN MID-1980.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT, MR FORD ALSO WATCHED A VIDEO PRESENTATION OF THE RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DIVISION FOR THE BLIND, THE DEAF, THE EX-MENTALLY ILL, THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

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\$2 MILLION DONATION TO SET UP TRUST FUND
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A TRUST FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH AN INITIAL DONATION OF \$2 MILLION FROM AN INDUSTRIALIST, MR LAW TING-PONG OF THE LAWS FASHION KNITTERS LTD, TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SCHEME OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND ARTS ACTIVITIES.

THE TRUST FUND, KNOWN AS THE LAWS FOUNDATION TRUST, ALSO AIMS AT PROMOTING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE WELLBEING OF THE COMMUNITY AND AT PROVIDING RELIEF OF POVERTY, HARDSHIP AND SUFFERING WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE PROTECTION OF THE YOUNG AND CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

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THE FUND IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE FURTHER DONATIONS FROM THE DONOR, OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

IT WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY A BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPRISING MR RAYMOND LAW KAR-KUI, MR MICHAEL M.K. LEUNG, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, SERVING IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY, MR LO CHI-SANG, MR WILFRED LEE CHEE-WAH, AND MR SO FAI-CHO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

TO LAUNCH THE FUND'S OPERATIONS, MR LAW TODAY (THURSDAY) OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY IN WHICH \$100 000 WAS ALLOCATED TOWARDS FINANCING TWO COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) PROJECTS IN 1987-88.

THE PROJECTS ARE A VISIT TO SINGAPORE FOR OUTSTANDING CYC MEMBERS, SCHEDULED FOR JULY, AND A +FUN DAY FOR THE ELDERLY+ TO BE ORGANISED BY THE CYC SENIOR MEMBERS SERVICE GROUP TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR LAW SAID THE TRUST FUND HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY, WHICH WAS SOMETHING THAT HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN.

IN THANKING MR LAW FOR HIS GENEROUS DONATION, MR LEUNG PAID TRIBUTE TO HIM FOR LAUNCHING SUCH A MEANINGFUL PROJECT IN HELPING TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY.

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EXCO ENDORSES REVISED METERED PARKING CHARGES
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE METERED PARKING CHARGES IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR THIS YEAR.

NO DATES HAVE YET BEEN FIXED FOR THE INCREASE, BUT WHEN IT OCCURS THE EXISTING CHARGES ON HEAVILY USED METERED SPACES WILL BE DOUBLED.

THIS MEANS THAT WHERE THE MINIMUM FEE IS NOW 50 CENTS IT WILL BECOME \$1 AND WHERE IT IS NOW \$1 IT WILL BECOME \$2.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REVISED RATES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI ON HONG KONG ISLAND= AND IN YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK, KOWLOON CITY, WONG TAI SIN AND SHA TIN. THERE ARE ABOUT 7 800 METERS IN THESE AREAS.

/HE SAID

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HE SAID THE CONVERSION OF THE METERS WOULD START IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN 1988. THE NEW CHARGE FOR A PARKING METER WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AS AND WHEN THE CONVERSION IS COMPLETED.

+THE REVISED CHARGES WILL BE INTRODUCED PROGRESSIVELY, STARTING IN AREAS OF HIGHEST DEMAND,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IT HAD BECOME NECESSARY TO RAISE THE RATES BECAUSE THE AVAILABILITY OF PARKING SPACES HAD FALLEN BELOW 15 PER CENT IN THE AREAS IDENTIFIED.

HE ADDED THAT CHARGES WOULD ALSO BE INCREASED IN OTHER AREAS IF AND WHEN THE AVAILABILITY RATE FELL BELOW 15 PER CENT.

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\$125 MILLION TAI PO DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT SIGNED
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WORK ON FORMING ABOUT 20 HECTARES OF LAND AND RELATED ROAD WORKS IN TAI PO WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$125 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE WAN TAU TONG, PAK KIU, TO YUEN TUNG AND MA WO AREAS ADJACENT TO TAI PO MARKET KCR STATION.

THE LAND, TO BE FORMED AS PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, WILL BE USED FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME ESTATE, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, SCHOOLS, A BUS AND A MAXICAB TERMINUS AND A TAXI RANK.

A DISTRIBUTOR ROAD OF 1.2 KILOMETRES, LOCAL ROADS TOTALLING 1.5 KILOMETRES AND ABOUT 600 METRES OF SLIP ROADS LINKING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD WILL BE BUILT TO SERVE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

TWO ROAD BRIDGES AND TWO FOOTBRIDGES ARE ALSO TO BE PROVIDED ACROSS TAI PO RIVER CHANNEL.

FOUR SUBWAYS, A NUMBER OF FOOTPATHS, CYCLETRACKS AND ROADSIDE AMENITY AREAS WILL BE CONTRUCTED.

OTHER WORKS WILL INCLUDE RIVER TRAINING, LANSCAPING, AND CONSTRUCTING STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT THREE AND A HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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INCENTIVE FOR YOUTH TO SERVE COMMUNITY
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YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTH DISTRICT WHO ENJOY SERVING THE COMMUNITY ARE BEING INVITED TO STAND FOR THE DISTRICT'S TEN OUTSTANDING YOUTHS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT JAYCEES AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE AWARD AIMS AT ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AS WELL AS PROVIDING RECOGNITION TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE WELLBEING OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S STEERING COMMITTEE ON CIVIC EDUCATION, SAID THE SCHEME PROVIDED AN INCENTIVE TO THOSE WHO DEVOTED TIME TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

+IT IS ALSO A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ATTRACT MORE CIVIC-MINDED YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE PROMOTION OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE AWARD IS OPEN TO RESIDENTS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 30 AND NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE EITHER IN PERSON OR THROUGH SCHOOLS OR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS HEADED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, WILL BE FORMED. IT WILL COMPRISE LOCAL LEADERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, HEADMASTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

CANDIDATES WILL BE JUDGED ON PERSONALITY, YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THEIR ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY. IN ADDITION, THEY WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL PROJECT ON THEIR SUBJECT OF INTEREST.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN MARCH AND THEY WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO HELP ORGANISE FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FEBRUARY 28. NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NORTH DISTRICT CHOI YUEN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE, CHOI YUEN ESTATE; SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, SAN FUNG AVENUE; CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT JAYCEES OFFICE, FU HING STREET, SHEUNG SHUI. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-917941.

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GOOD JOB PROSPECTS FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GRADUATES
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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF GRADUATES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S TECHNICAL INSTITUTES LAST YEAR WAS ENCOURAGING, WITH NEARLY TWO-THIRDS GETTING A JOB WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF GRADUATION, A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE COUNCIL REVEALED THAT 66 PER CENT OF THE 3 405 GRADUATES OF FULL-TIME COURSES IN THE 1985-86 ACADEMIC YEAR WERE EMPLOYED WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF GRADUATION COMPARED WITH 68 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES PURSUING FURTHER FULL-TIME STUDIES INCREASED FROM 19 PER CENT TO 24 PER CENT.

THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT 47 PER CENT OF EMPLOYED GRADUATES HAD TAKEN UP WORK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES. IN 1985, THE FIGURE WAS 38 PER CENT.

THE RESULT OF THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT THE GRADUATES WERE READILY ACCEPTED BY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND MOST HAD BEEN ABLE TO GET JOBS RELATED TO THEIR COURSE OF STUDY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AMONG THOSE EMPLOYED, 45 PER CENT WERE IN THE MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, 50 PER CENT IN COMMERCE AND SERVICING SECTORS, THREE PER CENT IN GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED BODIES WHILE THE REST WERE IN PUBLIC UTILITY SECTORS SUCH AS THE GAS AND BUS COMPANIES.

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY OF EMPLOYED GRADUATES AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY WAS ABOUT \$2 500 FOR DIPLOMA COURSE STUDENTS, \$2 400 FOR CERTIFICATE COURSE STUDENTS AND \$1 800 FOR CRAFT COURSE STUDENTS.

+THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO PURSUED FURTHER FULL-TIME STUDIES WERE EITHER ABSORBED BY THE POLYTECHNICS OR RE-ADMITTED TO HIGH LEVEL COURSES OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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DETAILS ON TRENCH FUND GRANTS FOR 1987-88
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION IN 1987-88 WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL. IT WILL START AT 3 PM.

/THE CHAIRMAN

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE,
MR TANG TAI-CHUEN, WILL PRESIDE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION
OF UNITED CHINESE FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING
COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY (THURSDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST
UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986.

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KOWLOON CITY TO HOLD FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AND A +FRIENDS
OF POLICE AND CITIZENS' AWARD+ PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 14.

THE EVENT IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY
DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG.
IT IS SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST.

THE VENUE WILL BE THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND FROM 2.30 PM
TO 5.30 PM.

FREE TICKETS FOR A LUCKY DRAW, GAMES STALLS AND DRINK CAN
BE OBTAINED FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN KAU PUI LUNG
ROAD, HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE IN BULKELEY STREET AND HO MAN TIN SUB-
OFFICE IN HO MAN TIN ESTATE.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME ORGANISING COMMITTEE
HAS ORGANISED A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS DURING
THE CARNIVAL. THEY INCLUDE GAMES STALLS ON THE THEME OF FIGHTING
CRIME, A LUCKY DRAW, PERFORMANCES BY THE TAI TAM GIRLS' PRECISION
MARCHING TEAM AND DANCING BY SCHOOL PUPILS.

/THE POLICE

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THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU WILL SET UP A MOBILE CRIME PREVENTION EXHIBITION IN THE PLAYGROUND WHERE OFFICERS FROM THE BUREAU WILL GIVE ADVICE TO RESIDENTS.

IN THE +FRIENDS OF THE POLICE AND CITIZENS' AWARD+ PRESENTATION, THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS TO 22 KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE HELPED THE POLICE TO FIGHT CRIME.

THE RECIPIENTS, 21 MEN AND A WOMAN AGED BETWEEN 17 AND 72, HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY THE POLICE AND AREA COMMITTEES.

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VARIETY SHOW TO CLOSE DISTRICT FESTIVAL
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ABOUT 1 200 SAI KUNG RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN ENTERTAINING VARIETY SHOW TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) NIGHT AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL.

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL INCLUDE GROUP SINGING, COUNTRY DANCES, CANTONESE OPERA, AND MARTIAL ARTS EXERCISES.

PERFORMERS WILL INCLUDE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS, MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN CHOIR AND MEMBERS OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE FESTIVAL'S PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HAS ARRANGED FREE COACH SERVICES TO TAKE RESIDENTS FROM HANG HAU AND RENNIE'S MILL TO THE TOWN HALL.

FREE TICKETS FOR THE SHOW HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS THROUGH RURAL COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WAN-HEI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL, PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM.

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DB PLANS TO PROMOTE ELECTIONS IN FESTIVAL
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE 1987 DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE USE OF FESTIVAL TO PUBLICISE THE 1988 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

SHAM SHUI PO HAS BEEN HOLDING A MAJOR DISTRICT FESTIVAL ANNUALLY SINCE 1981.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE THE PROVISIONAL TIME-TABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES AND THE ALLOCATIONS OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS IN 1987-88.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE ROOM AT 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, SHAM SHUI PO.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT A MAJOR TASK
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A MAJOR TASK OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE ALSO SAID THAT A HAWKER MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE HAD BEEN SET UP UNDER THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH HAWKER PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO CLEAR THE STRUCTURES AND SQUATTERS ON HING WAH STREET NULLAH DECKINGS, HE SAID.

THE CLEARANCE OPERATION IS EXPECTED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN MID-YEAR. IT IS CONSIDERED ANOTHER MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON NAM CHEONG STREET NULLAH DECKINGS LAST YEAR.

MR TSE NOTED THAT NEW PUBLIC HOUSING WAS BEING BUILT ON THE SHAM SHUI PO RECLAMATION AREA, WITH A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND A PARK NEARBY.

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SPEAKING AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SPRING RECEPTION, MR TSE OUTLINED MAJOR EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT LAST YEAR. HE SAID THESE INCLUDED THE RESETTLEMENT OF THE CHU KOO CHAI FIRE VICTIMS, CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON NAM CHEONG STREET NULLAH DECKINGS, COMPLETION OF KING LAM STREET AND SHUN LING ROAD REST GARDENS, AND THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL HELD IN NOVEMBER. ALL HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY HANDLED WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

MR TSE ALSO THANKED THE BOARD FOR ITS SUPPORT IN DEALING WITH THE RESETTLEMENT OF RESIDENTS FROM THE THREE DEFECTIVE PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS IN PAK TIN ESTATE.

+AFTER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE RESIDENTS WITH CO-ORDINATION PROVIDED BY A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, THE RESIDENTS ARE NOW SATISFIED WITH THE ARRANGEMENT,+ HE SAID.

+AS FOR THE COMPENSATION AND RESETTLEMENT FOR AFFECTED SHOP OWNERS, I BELIEVE THEY WILL BE GIVEN FAIR COMPENSATION WITH SUPPORT FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD,+ HE ADDED.

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SPRING RECEPTION IN WONG TAI SIN
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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 4.30 PM AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

ABOUT 800 GUESTS INCLUDING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ALSO ATTEND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE RECEPTION.

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KWUN TONG SPRING RECEPTION
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOST A SPRING RECEPTION FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

DURING THE FUNCTION, 29 REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR THEIR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY BUILDING AND FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ATTEND.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE RECEPTION WILL START AT 3.30 PM IN THE TELFORD CHINESE RESTAURANT IN TELFORD GARDENS, KOWLOON BAY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FUNCTION.

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SPRING RECEPTION IN SAI KUNG
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A SPRING RECEPTION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL BE GIVEN BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

LEADING FIGURES IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WILL ATTEND.

THE GUEST OF HONOUR WILL BE THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, DR JAMES HAYES.

THE RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN A RESTAURANT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPRING RECEPTION, TO BE HELD AT THE FUNG LAM RESTAURANT, WATERFRONT, SAI KUNG TOWN, STARTING AT 3 PM.

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SPRING RECEPTION FOR YUEN LONG COMMUNITY LEADERS
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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN WONG, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL HOST A SPRING RECEPTION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR.

THE RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN A LOCAL RESTAURANT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE RECEPTION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM IN THE KAR SHING RESTAURANT, 15-19 KAU YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN WAN CHAI

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THE SECTION OF STONE NULLAH LANE SOUTH OF KAT ON STREET IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM TO 1 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 8) IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPEN DAY AT ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT MULTI-SERVICE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

AT THE SAME TIME, PARKING SPACES ALONG STONE NULLAH LANE WILL BE SUSPENDED.

ELSEWHERE ROAD REPAIR WORKS WILL NECESSITATE THE CLOSURE OF THE UP-RAMP LINKING CANAL ROAD WEST WITH THE CANAL ROAD WEST FLYOVER ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY (FEBRUARY 9) EVENING. IN EACH CASE, THE UP-RAMP WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON MORRISON HILL ROAD HEADING FOR NORTH POINT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEIGHTON ROAD AND VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND LEIGHTON ROAD HEADING FOR CENTRAL AND NORTH POINT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MORRISON HILL ROAD.

CROSS-HARBOUR BUSES BOUND FOR KOWLOON ON ROUTES 101, 111, 112, 116, 121 AND 122 ON EITHER MORRISON HILL ROAD OR CANAL ROAD EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEIGHTON ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND THE UP-RAMP LINKING MORRISON HILL ROAD WITH THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTING.

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