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GIVE OPINIONS ON TRIAD REPORT -- GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED THE COMMUNITY TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE TRIAD REPORT.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER TOURING TUEN MUN DISTRICT THIS AFTERNOON, HE NOTED THAT THERE REALLY WAS VERY GREAT CONCERN ABOUT TRIAD ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS PLACES -- PLACES LIKE TUEN MUN.

+WHAT WE'VE TRIED TO DO IS TO SET OUT ALL THE THINGS THAT COULD BE DONE IN ORDER TO MAKE THE ATTACK ON THE TRIAD PROBLEM MORE EFFECTIVE,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

+BUT WE DO RECOGNISE THAT SOME OF THESE MEASURES DO HAVE A COST. AND WHAT WE ARE DOING IS WRITING DOWN IN ONE REPORT THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF TAKING EACH TYPE OF ACTION.

+IT WILL BE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SAY WHETHER THEY WANT US TO PUT FORWARD THAT ACTION FOR LEGISLATION OR WHETHER THEY THINK THAT THE COST FOR ANY PARTICULAR ITEM IS TOO GREAT.

+I DO HOPE THAT ALL THE DISTRICTS WHO WILL HAVE IT WILL CONSIDER IT VERY CAREFULLY, CONSIDER THE WHOLE RANGE OF THE OPTIONS IN IT, DECIDE WHICH ONES THEY WISH US TO SUPPORT, WHICH ONES THEY WISH US TO TAKE ACTION ON QUICKLY, WHICH ONES THEY WANT MORE CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO, AND WE'LL GET ON WITH IT AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.

+I THINK MOST PEOPLE WILL FIND IT A COMPREHENSIVE AND FAIRLY INTERESTING REPORT. SO PLEASE, COMMUNITY, LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT US TO DO, AND IF YOU DON'T WANT US TO DO WHAT IS IN THE REPORT, WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE US TO DO.

+I THINK IT IS A CASE NOT SO MUCH FOR NEGATIVE CRITICISM, ALTHOUGH THAT IS PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE, BUT FOR POSSIBLE SUGGESTIONS FROM ANYBODY WHO HAS IDEAS THAT ARE NOT IN THE REPORT.+

ASKED WHETHER THE OPTIONS IN THE REPORT WOULD AFFECT CIVIL RIGHTS, SIR EDWARD SAID SOME OF THEM WERE PROCEDURAL AND WOULD NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT ON CIVIL RIGHTS.

+SOME OF THEM WOULD HAVE SOME EFFECTS ON THE RIGHTS OF SOME PEOPLE. BUT WHEN YOU ARE FACING A PROBLEM OF ORGANISED CRIME AS HAS BEEN FOUND IN MANY COUNTRIES, YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING SOMETHING IN CIVIL RIGHTS IS JUSTIFIED BY THE PROBLEM YOU ARE FACING,+ HE SAID.

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+SO WHAT WE ARE ASKING THE COMMUNITY TO SAY IS 'DO YOU THINK THAT THE COST OF SOME OF THESE IS TOO GREAT OR DO YOU THINK THE PROBLEM IS SO SERIOUS THAT THAT COST WOULD BE JUSTIFIED'.

+AND THAT'S WHY WE'LL TAKE GREAT NOTE AND PAY GREAT ATTENTION TO THE OPINIONS WHICH WE WILL GET FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.+

ASKED WHETHER IT WAS REASONABLE TO EXTEND LEGALISED GAMBLING, HE SAID: +THAT IS THE QUESTION WE ARE GOING TO ASK YOU.

+IN FACT, I MIGHT HAVE A LITTLE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE TRIAD REPORT AND SEE WHETHER YOU HAVE IDEAS.+

ASKED ABOUT THE LATEST POSITION ON HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GATT, SIR EDWARD SAID, +THINGS ARE GOING QUITE WELL.+

+I HOPE IT WON'T BE VERY LONG NOW BEFORE WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE EXTRA NEWS FOR YOU,+ HE ADDED.

ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE, THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE WAS NO NEWS ON THAT. IT WAS STILL BEING CONSIDERED IN LONDON AND +THE MATTER IS VERY MUCH IN THE HANDS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.+

ASKED ABOUT THE BASIC LAW, HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE READ WHAT THE PRESS WROTE ABOUT IT EVERY DAY AND +I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT NEWS WE WILL GET WHEN THEY ALL COME BACK NEXT WEEK.+

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HK-NETHERLANDS AIR SERVICE AGREEMENT INITIALLED
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(THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS BEING MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN LONDON, THE HAGUE AND HONG KONG).

DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD THIS WEEK IN THE HAGUE BETWEEN DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS.

AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, A SEPARATE HONG KONG-NETHERLANDS AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT WAS INITIALLED. THE AGREEMENT, WHICH IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE NETHERLANDS.

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WHEN THE AGREEMENT COMES INTO FORCE IT WILL PROVIDE FOR TWO SERVICES PER WEEK EACH BY KLM AND A HONG KONG AIRLINE ON THE ROUTE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AMSTERDAM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HONG KONG-NETHERLANDS AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PREVIOUSLY HONG KONG'S AIR SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN DEALT WITH UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST BILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT MADE BY HONG KONG ITSELF ACTING UNDER AUTHORIZATION FROM THE U.K. THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ADOPTED AND WOULD BE PURSUED IN THE COMING YEARS SO THAT HONG KONG'S SITUATION IN THIS REGARD PRIOR TO 1997 WILL PARALLEL THAT ENVISAGED FOR THE SAR THEREAFTER, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION IX OF ANNEX 1 TO THE JOINT DECLARATION.

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SIR EDWARD SEES TUEN MUN PROGRESS

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WAS TODAY (FRIDAY) TOLD THAT CURRENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WOULD TRANSFORM TUEN MUN INTO AN IMPRESSIVE SELF-CONTAINED NEW TOWN GEARED TOWARDS A MODERN COMMUNITY IN THE 1990'S.

DURING A TOUR OF THE DISTRICT, SIR EDWARD WAS INFORMED THAT CONTINUOUS EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO IMPROVE SERVICES AND FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

THE GOVERNOR FIRST TOURED TUEN MUN BY HELICOPTER ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, AND PROJECT MANAGER (NEW TERRITORIES NORTH-WEST), MR KWEI SEE-KAN.

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FROM THE AIR, SIR EDWARD SAW SITES OF TWO MAJOR PROJECTS AT TSANG TSUI IN THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF TUEN MUN -- AN ENCLOSED LAGOON WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR THE DISPOSAL OF PULVERISED FUEL ASH FROM THE CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION AND THE B.B.C. RELAY STATION WHICH INVOLVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE TOWERS FOR RADIO BROADCASTING TO ASIAN COUNTRIES.

AFTER THE HELICOPTER TOUR, SIR EDWARD PROCEEDED TO SIU HONG COURT WHOSE OUTSTANDING ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING HAVE WON TWO MAJOR AWARDS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT/NEW TERRITORIES (WEST), MR HUI CHEE-CHUNG, AND HOUSING MANAGER OF SIU HONG COURT, MR CHOW CHEE-KONG, SIR EDWARD VISITED THE REST GARDEN AND THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

SIU HONG COURT WAS DESIGNED AS A SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY WITH A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF SHOPPING, EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. IT HAS 20 HIGH-RISE BLOCKS PROVIDING HOMES FOR ABOUT 18 000 PEOPLE.

FROM THE ROOF OF SIU YIN COURT, THE GOVERNOR HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF VARIOUS KEY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE VICINITY.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION WORK ON LEUNG KING AND TIN KING ESTATES IN THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF THE NEW TOWN, WHICH WOULD BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR.

SIR EDWARD WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON VARIOUS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TUEN MUN REGIONAL HOSPITAL, WITH 1 228 BEDS FOR GENERAL PATIENTS AND 340 BEDS FOR PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTALLY RETARDED PATIENTS, WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR. THE FIRST INDOOR GAMES HALL IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE GOVERNOR THEN VISITED THE 100-YEAR-OLD VILLAGE OF KEI LUN WAI AND WAS BRIEFED ON ITS HISTORY AND PRESENT SITUATION BY VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR CHAN WING-HING.

AT THE TUEN MUN TOWN PARK, SIR EDWARD WAS MET BY THE DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER (TUEN MUN), MR JIMMY CHOW. THE PARK IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG TO HAVE AN ORNAMENTAL LAKE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR ROWING.

PHASE TWO OF THE PARK, CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDES ANOTHER UNIQUE FEATURE, A 160-METRE WIDE WATER CASCADE WHICH WILL BE THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

AT THE END OF THE TOUR, THE GOVERNOR MET TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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SYSTEM NEEDED TO RECTIFY INCORRECT LAND BOUNDARIES
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR JOHN TODD, HAS CALLED FOR THE SETTING UP OF A SYSTEM TO DEAL WITH INCORRECT OR DISPUTED LAND BOUNDARIES.

+I FEEL THAT SOME SUCH SYSTEM IS NECESSARY TO ENABLE US TO PUT OUR LAND ADMINISTRATION ON A FIRM BASIS, TO PROVIDE A SYSTEM WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN THE TRANSITION OF GOVERNMENT IN 1997 AND WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE CERTAINTY OF TITLE ON WHICH OUR LAND SYSTEM DEPENDS,+ HE SAID.

PRESENTING A PAPER, +LAND ADMINISTRATION AND THE BOUNDARY PROBLEMS+, AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF LAND SURVEYORS AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS, TODAY (FRIDAY). HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS WELL AWARE THAT CERTAINTY OF TITLE WAS A BASIC REQUIREMENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL SYSTEM OF LAND ADMINISTRATION.

MR TODD, WHO UNTIL HIS RECENT APPOINTMENT WAS DIRECTOR OF LANDS, POINTED OUT THAT IN ANNEX III OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG GREAT EMPHASIS HAD BEEN PLACED ON RIGHTS CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY, CONDITIONS ON WHICH NEW LEASES COULD BE GRANTED AND HOW EXISTING LEASES COULD BE EXTENDED.

+IN VIEW OF ALL THIS EMPHASIS ON CERTAINTY IT IS THEREFORE VERY SURPRISING TO REALISE THAT DESPITE THE CARE TAKEN TO FRAME LEASE CONDITIONS AND TO RECORD LAND TRANSACTIONS THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR AN ACCURATELY SURVEYED PLAN TO FORM PART OF THOSE CONDITIONS.

+YOU CAN THEREFORE BE SATISFIED AS TO OWNERSHIP AND THE DETAILED USE TO WHICH THE LAND MAY BE PUT, BUT HAVE NO GUARANTEE AS TO THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE SITE,+ HE ADDED.

MR TODD SAID THE POSITION WAS NOT SO CHAOTIC AS THIS DESCRIPTION MAY TAKE IT SOUND AS VERY MANY LAND REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WERE SUPPORTED BY ACCURATE SURVEY PLANS.

THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF NEW DEVELOPMENT AREAS, BUT IN OLDER AND RURAL AREAS THE POSITION WAS MUCH LESS SATISFACTORY.

WHILE INACCURACIES OR DISPUTES ABOUT BOUNDARIES MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SO IMPORTANT WHEN RURAL LAND VALUES WERE LOW, WITH THE SPREAD OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INCREASED INTEREST IN RURAL LAND +WE ARE NOW FACED WITH AN INCREASING PROBLEM,+ MR TODD SAID.

+NOT ONLY ARE WE FACED WITH THE PROBLEM, BUT WE HAVE NO EFFICIENT WAY OF DEALING WITH IT.

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+WHEN GOVERNMENT FINDS THAT BOUNDARIES ARE INCORRECT WE NEED TO HAVE A SYSTEM WHICH WILL ALLOW THOSE BOUNDARIES TO BE RECTIFIED IN A MANNER WHICH CAUSES THE MINIMUM OF INCONVENIENCE AND EXPENSE TO THE LAND HOLDER AND TO GOVERNMENT.+

MR TODD SAID A QUICK AND REASONABLY PRICED METHOD OF SOLVING LAND DISPUTES HAD NOT EXISTED SINCE THE DAYS WHEN DISTRICT OFFICERS ADJUDICATED IN THESE MATTERS AS MAGISTRATES.

TAKING SUCH CASES TO THE DISTRICT COURT WAS TIME-CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE.

HE SAID THAT WHAT WAS NEEDED TODAY WAS TO ENSURE THAT:

- * IN FUTURE ALL LAND GRANTS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY AN AUTHENTICATED SURVEY PLAN;
- * WHERE A LOT WAS NOT PROPERLY SURVEYED THIS MAY BE DONE AT THE INSTIGATION OF EITHER GOVERNMENT OR THE OWNER AND THAT WHERE NECESSARY THE BOUNDARIES MAY BE RECTIFIED ;
- * WHERE THERE WAS A DISPUTE THERE SHOULD BE AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE IT BY AGREEMENT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AND IF THIS FAILED BY REFERENCE TO AN INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL AND
- * THE TRIBUNAL SHOULD NOT REQUIRE THE PARTIES TO BE LEGALLY REPRESENTED BUT SHOULD OPERATE MORE IN THE MANNER OF THE LANDS TRIBUNAL THAN AS THE DISTRICT COURT.

+I AM, THEREFORE, VERY PLEASED THAT YOU ARE DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM IN DETAIL TODAY AND HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE STRONG SUPPORT FOR A NEW LOOK AT AND NEW ACTION ON THIS PROBLEM.

+WITH SUCH SUPPORT I HOPE WE CAN EXTEND AND GIVE PROPER LEGAL BACKING TO THE WORK NOW BEING DONE ON AN INFORMAL BASIS BY THE SURVEY OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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LAND SURVEY ORDINANCE UNDER STUDY
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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING INTRODUCING A LAND SURVEY ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD ALLOW PRIVATE SECTOR LAND SURVEYORS TO UNDERTAKE WORK NECESSARY TO RECTIFY LAND BOUNDARIES OR SETTLE LAND DISPUTES.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, WHEN HE OPENED A ONE-DAY SEMINAR, +FOCUS ON HONG KONG PROPERTY BOUNDARIES+, AT THE CHINA FLEET CLUB TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF LAND SURVEYORS AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS.

MR CHAN SAID THAT DEFICIENCIES IN THE SYSTEM OF LOT BOUNDARY DEFINITION HAD BEEN LEFT TO HONG KONG BY HISTORY AND WERE WELL KNOWN.

+THE FUNDAMENTAL DEFECT IS THAT, WHILE LAND GRANTS AND TRANSACTIONS ARE EXECUTED ON PAPER ACCORDING TO THE RECORD, THIS MAY NOT BE IN ACCORD WITH THE ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE GROUND.

+IT IS FUNDAMENTAL THAT DEEDS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, AS EVIDENCE OF TITLE, ARE OF LITTLE USE IF NO ONE CAN TELL FROM THE DOCUMENT WHAT LAND IS BEING DEALT WITH OR WHERE ITS BOUNDARIES ARE LOCATED.

+GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF YOUR CONCERN IN THESE MATTERS AND IS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND OTHER INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS, CONSIDERING THE NEED FOR LEGISLATION WHICH WILL ENABLE LOT BOUNDARIES TO BE RECTIFIED OR AUTHENTICATED AND LAND TITLE DISPUTES SETTLED BY SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES.+

MR CHAN WENT ON: +IN PARALLEL, WE ARE EXAMINING A PROPOSAL FOR A LAND SURVEY ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD ALLOW QUALIFIED LAND SURVEYORS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO UNDERTAKE SOME OF THE WORK WHICH WOULD BECOME NECESSARY AS A RESULT.+

HE SAID THE CHANGES SHOULD AIM AT PROVIDING A BETTER SECURITY OF TITLE, ENHANCING SURVEY AND ADMINISTRATION EFFICIENCY, RESOLVING OUTSTANDING BOUNDARY PROBLEMS, MAXIMISING LAND USE AND LAYING A BETTER FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENT IN THE LAND REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

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COMPANY REGISTRATIONS RISE 12 PER CENT
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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE IN 1985-86 INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT TO 150 551, COMPARED WITH 134 318 THE PREVIOUS YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON.

THE NUMBER OF NEW COMPANIES REGISTERED INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT OVER 1984-85, TOTALLING 17 990 COMPARED WITH 14 080.

MR GLEESON ALSO REPORTED MAJOR INCREASES OF ACTIVITY IN MOST AREAS IN THE COMMERCIAL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES WHICH HAD ESTABLISHED A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF THE YEAR ROSE BY FIVE PER CENT TO 2 122, AS COMPARED WITH 2 017 THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES ESTABLISHING A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG DURING THE YEAR WAS 257, AN INCREASE OF 27 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

MR GLEESON SAID NO SEPARATE STATISTICS WERE MAINTAINED ON HOW MANY OVERSEAS COMPANIES INCORPORATED LOCAL SUBSIDIARIES OR TOOK UP A MAJORITY SHAREHOLDING IN A HONG KONG COMPANY.

IN 1985-86, EXISTING COMPANIES INCREASED THEIR NOMINAL CAPITAL BY \$14 714 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT OVER THE RISE OF \$12 273 MILLION IN 1984-85, WHILE THE NOMINAL CAPITAL OF NEW COMPANIES INCORPORATED DURING THE YEAR DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT, FROM \$3 571 MILLION TO \$3 365 MILLION.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED BY CHARGES REGISTERED ON THE ASSETS OF COMPANIES INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT FROM \$29 724 MILLION TO \$36 875 MILLION, WHILE THE AMOUNT REPAID ON CHARGES, AS EVIDENCED BY CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION, DECREASED BY 37 PER CENT, FROM \$13 388 MILLION TO \$8 449 MILLION.

DURING 1985-86, A TOTAL OF 117 PROSPECTUSES OF PUBLIC COMPANIES, INCLUDING 66 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, WERE APPROVED AS AGAINST 85 PROSPECTUSES, INCLUDING 51 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS RECEIVED DURING 1985-86 INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT, FROM 380 780 TO 461 046.

THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES CONCERNING RESERVATION OF COMPANY NAMES DURING 1985-86 WAS 142 183, A 19 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 119 578 IN 1984-85.

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUMMONSES ISSUED BY THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AGAINST COMPANIES AND THEIR DIRECTORS FOR BREACHES OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, MAINLY FOR FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL RETURNS WITH ACCOUNTS, IN 1985-86 WAS 497, COMPARED WITH 548 IN 1984-85. OF THESE, 180 WERE WITHDRAWN FOR REASONS SUCH AS NON-SERVICE, 297 RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS, COMPARED WITH 235 IN 1984-85, AND 181 REMAINED TO BE HEARD BY THE COURT.

FINES IMPOSED FOR CONVICTIONS IN 1985-86 AMOUNTED TO \$493 664, COMPARED WITH \$214 860 IN 1984-85.

THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRY RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 3 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED -- 6 799 AS AGAINST 6 569 THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

AT 2 820, THE NUMBER OF NEW TRADE MARKS REGISTERED WAS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN IN 1984-85, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRADE MARKS NOW REGISTERED TO 44 976.

IN THE PATENTS REGISTRY, THE NUMBER OF UNITED KINGDOM PATENTS RE-REGISTERED LOCALLY DURING THE YEAR TOTALLED 1 000, AS AGAINST 980 IN 1984-85.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF +LIVE+ PATENTS RE-REGISTERED WAS NOW APPROXIMATELY 12 000. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE A PRECISE FIGURE AS THIS DEPENDED ON THE LIVES OF THE PATENTS AS ORIGINALLY REGISTERED IN THE UK PATENTS OFFICE IN LONDON.

IN ADDITION, 40 (50) APPLICATIONS FOR ENDORSEMENT OF NEW OR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS PREMISES ON A LICENCE WERE APPROVED.

AT THE END OF 1985-86, THERE WERE 425 (442) LICENSED MONEY LENDERS.

THE TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED THROUGH THE REGISTRY AMOUNTED TO \$1 805 532, COMPARED WITH \$1 293 256 IN 1984-85.

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QUEEN HONOURS MARINE MECHANIC
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A SENIOR LAUNCH MECHANIC OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR FUNG CHI-CHEUNG, HAS BEEN AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL BY THE QUEEN ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 38 YEARS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

ADVISING OF THE AWARD TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR CHAN YUE-YAN, COMMENDED MR FUNG FOR HIS +LOYAL AND INDUSTRIOUS SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT+.

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+THROUGHOUT HIS YEARS OF SERVICE, MR FUNG HAS PERFORMED HIS DUTIES WITH COMPLETE DEVOTION AND HIS EFFICIENT SERVICE HAS BEEN MUCH VALUED BY THE DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR FUNG JOINED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AS A STOKER IN 1947, TRANSFERRED TO ENGINEER CLASS IN 1952 AND BECAME A SENIOR LAUNCH MECHANIC IN 1974.

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CONTROL ON MINERAL WATER TO BE IMPOSED
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CONTROL ON THE MANUFACTURE AND QUALITY OF BOTTLED WATER SOLD AS +MINERAL WATER+ WILL BE IMPOSED BY GOVERNMENT FROM JANUARY 1, 1987 IF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) IS PASSED INTO LAW.

A MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESENT DEFINITIONS OF +FOOD+ AND +DRINK+ IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE DID NOT INCLUDE BOTTLED WATER SOLD AS +MINERAL WATER+ OTHER THAN NATURAL SPRING WATER.

+AS A RESULT, SUCH BOTTLED WATER IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE QUALITY OF ALL IMPORTED AND LOCALLY PRODUCED +MINERAL WATER+ ON SALE IN HONG KONG HAD NOT BEEN FOUND TO BE UNSAFE OR UNHYGIENIC, IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY ON PUBLIC HEALTH GROUND TO PROVIDE STATUTORY CONTROL ON THE MANUFACTURE OF SUCH PRODUCTS AS WELL AS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THEM OTHER RELEVANT CONTROLS AVAILABLE UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

THE BILL THEREFORE AMENDS THE DEFINITIONS OF +FOOD+ AND +DRINK+ TO BRING INTO THE AMBIT OF THE ORDINANCE BOTTLED WATER FOR SALE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

HE ADDED THAT ALL LOCAL PRODUCERS OF +MINERAL WATER+ HAD BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND HAD NOT EXPRESSED ANY UNFAVOURABLE COMMENTS. MAJOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRADE HAD ALSO INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL.

THE BILL WOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 30. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE TRADE TO COMPLY WITH LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF SUCH WATER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED WOULD NOT COME INTO EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1987.

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AIRPORT PARKING CHARGES REVISED
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A NEW SCALE OF PARKING CHARGES WILL BE LEVIED AT THE PUBLIC CAR PARKS AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM MAY 1.

THE REVISED CHARGES WILL BE \$5 PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST TWO HOURS AND \$10 PER HOUR FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT HOUR.

THE EXISTING RATES ARE \$4 AND \$8 RESPECTIVELY. THESE HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE APRIL 1983.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT SAID THE FEES HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED MAINLY TO OFFSET RISING OPERATING COSTS AND TO REFLECT THE CURRENT MARKET VALUE OF HOURLY OCCUPANCY.

FROM THE SAME DAY, THE MONTHLY FEES FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL CAR PARKS WILL ALSO BE INCREASED.

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NEW VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL APPOINTED
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MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, SUCCEEDING MR FRANCIS Y.H. TIEN WHO RETIRED FROM THE POSITION ON MARCH 31 AFTER FOUR YEARS' SERVICE.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW COUNCIL UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR CHAN IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). IT IS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAIRMAN

* MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

MR WONG PO-YAN

MEMBERS

MR P.F. BARRETT

* MR E.A. BLACK

MR GRAHAM CHENG CHENG-HSUN

/* DR DAVID

- * DR DAVID J. JOHNS
MR LEE YU-TAI
- * MR JOHN H.P. LOK
MR FRANK NG HAK-TSUN
- * MR NGAI SHIU-KIT
MR TAM YIU-CHUNG
MR DENNIS TING HOK-SHOU
- * DR DANIEL TSE
- * MR TSE TSUN-HIM
DR H.S. WARD
MR ANDREW WONG WANG-FAT
- * DR ENOCH C.M. YOUNG
DR HENRY YU TAT-CHING
- * RE-APPOINTED MEMBERS

IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AND DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

BORN IN HONG KONG IN 1925, MR CHAN WAS EDUCATED AT LA SALLE COLLEGE AND GRADUATED FROM HENDON COLLEGE, LONDON AND CRANFIELD SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, BEDFORDSHIRE, U.K.

HE IS SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE DIRECTOR (FAR EAST), CABLE AND WIRELESS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY, A DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED AS WELL AS A DIRECTOR OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

MR CHAN HAS BEEN AN APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SINCE 1980 AND HAS BEEN TAKING PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE AREAS OF LABOUR, TRANSPORT, AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1982.

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THREE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY (FRIDAY) RECEIVED THREE NOMINATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH.

IN THE CHUNG WAN CONSTITUENCY OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, MR YUEN BUN-KEUNG, A TEACHER AGED 42, WAS NOMINATED.

IN THE TAI KOK TSUI CONSTITUENCY OF MONG KOK DISTRICT, TWO CANDIDATES WERE NOMINATED. THEY WERE MR LAI SHIU-NIN, 52, AN AIRCRAFT TECHNICIAN, AND MR CHAN CHUNG-KIT, 37, AN ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED
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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF WISDOM FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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KUK PRAISED FOR EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TODAY (FRIDAY) COMMENDED THE NEW DIRECTORS OF THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

HE WAS SPEAKING DURING A COURTESY CALL TO THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS BY THE NEW BOARD OF THE KUK, LED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MRS LISA CHEE.

NOTING THAT A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS WERE IN THE PIPELINE OF THE KUK'S LONG-TERM PLANS, MR LEUNG SAID THE KUK WOULD BE HELPING TO PROVIDE MORE SCHOOL PLACES IN THE URBAN AREA AND IN JUNK BAY.

APART FROM THE PLANNED PO LEUNG KUK LUK HING TOO PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE PO LEUNG KUK KAP TZE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL, IT ALSO HOPED TO BUILD A GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND A KINDERGARTEN IN JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

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AMONG OTHER NEW PROJECTS ARE THE CHEE JING YIN PRIMARY SCHOOL WHICH WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON MAY 2 AND THE YU LEE MO FAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL COMING UP IN NORTH POINT.

MR LEUNG ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE KUK FOR ITS DEDICATION IN RUNNING SIX KINDERGARTENS, 10 PRIMARY SCHOOLS, SEVEN SECONDARY AND PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, AND THREE SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS.

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY STAMP SET OUT MONDAY
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A SPECIAL SET OF FIVE STAMPS TO HONOUR THE 60TH BIRTHDAY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II WILL BE ISSUED ON MONDAY (APRIL 21).

AT DENOMINATIONS OF 50 CENTS, \$1, \$1.30, \$1.70 AND \$5, THE STAMPS ARE PART OF AN OMNIBUS SERIES ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH 22 OTHER POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS.

AS ALL POST OFFICES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CROWDED, ADDITIONAL COUNTERS FOR NORMAL BUSINESS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THESE ARE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HENNESSY ROAD, MORRISON HILL, NORTH POINT, QUEEN'S ROAD AND SHEUNG WAN.

IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES THESE ARE KOWLOON CENTRAL, CHEUNG SHA WAN, GILLIES AVENUE, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI, TSUEN WAN.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID EXTRA STAFF WOULD BE ON DUTY AT MOST POST OFFICES ON THAT DAY WHEREVER NECESSARY.

HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO SHOW THEIR USUAL TOLERANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO TRANSACT THEIR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS THE DAY BEFORE OR AFTER THE SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUE DATE.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL FOR TSUEN WAN

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL, WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN THIS SUNDAY (APRIL 20).

IT WILL FEATURE EXHIBITION DISPLAYS, A DEMONSTRATION BY THE ANTI-NARCOTICS DOG UNIT OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, GAMES STALLS AND AN INFLATABLE ELEPHANT FOR CHILDREN.

THE CARNIVAL, STARTING FROM 11 AM, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR SIMON LUN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN AND DISTRICT OFFICER (TSUEN WAN), MR ANGUS MIU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL AT 2.30 PM. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TWO-HOUR LIVE CONCERT WITH PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL AT 2.30 PM.

VARIETY SHOW WITH THE DISABLED ON SUNDAY

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ABOUT 500 DISABLED AND ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE IN WAN CHAI WILL TAKE PART IN A VARIETY SHOW AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON SUNDAY (APRIL 20) AFTERNOON TO COINCIDE WITH THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS WITH THE DISABLED.

PERFORMANCES INCLUDE SINGING, DANCING AND DRAMA BY DISABLED AND ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT. THERE WILL ALSO BE A HANDICRAFT AND MURAL-PAINTING EXHIBITION.

THE SHOW IS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS WITH THE DISABLED.

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DONNA WONG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECT'S WORKING GROUP, MR TERENCE TENG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VARIETY SHOW WITH THE DISABLED TO BE HELD AT 2 PM IN THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 6 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, ON SUNDAY.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO PLAY AT ARTS FAIR
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THE 60-MEMBER ISLAND YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL PERFORM AT AN ARTS FAIR TO BE HELD AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN ON SUNDAY (APRIL 20).

BEGINNING AT 10.30 AM, THE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY SEVERAL PIECES OF CHINESE MUSIC, INCLUDING +HORSE RIDING IN SPRING+, +VIGOROUS DANCE OF THE GOLDEN SNAKE+ AND +SMALL PINE TREE+.

THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE HONG KONG PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE AND STUDENTS FROM THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS WILL ALSO GIVE PERFORMANCES.

THE ARTS FAIR, PART OF THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS WITH THE DISABLED, COMBINES PERFORMANCES WITH EXHIBITIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS. ON DISPLAY WILL BE MORE THAN 650 EXHIBITS, IN DIFFERENT ART FORMS, ALL CONTRIBUTED BY REHABILITATION ORGANISATIONS.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH HAS LADY YOUDE AS ITS PATRON, IS ADMINISTERED BY THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE AND ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND REHABILITATION ORGANISATIONS.

ITS MAIN AIMS ARE TO ENCOURAGE THE DISABLED TO TAKE PART IN MUSIC ACTIVITIES AND TO STIMULATE THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THOSE WHO HAVE A DISABILITY.

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THE FESTIVAL, FEATURING VARIOUS ART EXHIBITIONS, DRAMA WORKSHOPS AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCES, BEGAN ON APRIL 12 AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL APRIL 26.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ARTS FAIR - PART OF THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS WITH THE DISABLED.

BONSAI EXHIBITION FOR YUEN LONG

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A FOUR-DAY BONSAI EXHIBITION AT THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH NEXT TO THE TOWN HALL FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EXHIBITION - FIRST EVER IN THE DISTRICT - IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE, WHICH IS RENOWN IN THE FIELD OF BONSAI ARTS.

APART FROM FEATURING A RARE COLLECTION OF MORE THAN 200 POTS OF MINIATURE PINE, BANYAN AND TEA TREES, THE EXHIBITION WILL INCLUDE EXHIBITS OF VARIOUS CHINESE GARDENING TECHNIQUES.

THE BONSAI EXHIBITION WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) BY YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE, MR TONG KWOK-WAH.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM DAILY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YUEN LONG BONSAI EXHIBITION.

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FIRE PREVENTION DAY IN TUEN MUN

A FIRE PREVENTION DAY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (APRIL 20) AT THE TUEN MUN FIRE STATION IN PUI TO ROAD TO PUBLICISE THE FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGE.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN FIRE STATION AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE EVENT WHICH STARTS AT 10.30 AM WILL INCLUDE FIRE FIGHTING DEMONSTRATIONS, HIGH-RISE AND TURNABLE LADDER RESCUES. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION ON FIRE PREVENTION.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FIRE STATION WILL ORGANISE GUIDED TOURS FOR VISITORS.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER FOR TUEN MUN, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG, AND SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR HO CHAK-LAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 10.30 AM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUEN MUN FIRE PREVENTION DAY AT 10.30 AM ON SUNDAY AT THE TUEN MUN FIRE STATION, PUI TO ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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EVENING COURSES OFFERED AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, INCLUDING TWO SOON TO BE COMPLETED IN TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN, ARE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR PART-TIME EVENING COURSES DUE TO START IN SEPTEMBER.

THE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG, LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, TOGETHER WITH THE TWO NEW INSTITUTES, WILL OFFER MORE THAN 130 COURSES IN 15 DISCIPLINES TO MEET DEMANDS FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

ALL COURSES ARE OFFERED AT THE CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS, PROVIDING COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE WORKING IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS.

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WITH THE OPENING OF TWO NEW TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, NEW COURSES COVERING AREAS OF APPLIED SCIENCE, DISPENSING, COMPUTING STUDIES AND HAIRDRESSING WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID.

THE 15 DISCIPLINES ARE : HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, MARINE AND FABRICATION, DESIGN, MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING, APPLIED SCIENCE AND COMPUTING STUDIES.

THE NEW COURSES TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE 1986-87 SESSION INCLUDE CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY, DISPENSING, PURCHASING AND SUPPLY AND COMPUTING STUDIES AT TECHNICIAN LEVEL AND HAIRDRESSING, DISPENSING TECHNIQUES, GRAPHIC ARTWORK AND DATA PROCESSING AT CRAFT LEVEL.

PART-TIME EVENING COURSE STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND CLASSES FOR ONE TO FOUR EVENINGS A WEEK. THE COURSES LAST FROM ONE TO THREE YEARS.

DETAILS OF ALL COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE PRESS TOMORROW (SATURDAY). APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES CAN BE OBTAINED AT ALL TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND AT VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS MAY 10. FORM FIVE STUDENTS SITTING FOR THE 1986 HKCE EXAMINATION MAY ALSO APPLY.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR MUSIC FUND GRANTS
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SCHOOLS AND MUSIC AND DANCE ORGANISATIONS MAY NOW APPLY FOR 1986-87 GRANTS FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND WHICH ARE PRIMARILY INTENDED FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN MUSIC, DANCE AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES.

GRANTS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE TO SCHOOLS, MUSIC AND DANCE ORGANISATIONS FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS: PURCHASING MUSICAL AND DANCE INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT, PAYING INSTRUCTORS' FEES FOR TRAINING, BUYING MUSIC BOOKS, SCORES AND TAPES, AND ORGANISING MUSIC EVENTS, FOR EXAMPLE CONCERTS AND MUSIC CAMPS.

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APPLICATIONS MAY ALSO BE MADE FOR GRANTS FOR OTHER PURPOSES WHICH CONFORM WITH THE OVERALL EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE FUND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC FUND SAID IN 1985-86 GRANTS TOTALLING \$572 614 WERE APPROVED FOR 56 SCHOOLS, SIX MUSIC AND DANCE ORGANISATIONS AND FOUR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

ALL REGISTERED NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION PAMPHLETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

* HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT, 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; AND

* MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE CLOSING DATE IS SATURDAY (MAY 3). FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED ON 5-458791, EXT. 25.

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HAPPY VALLEY FLYOVER CLOSURE
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TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION WORKS, THE FLYOVER LINKING WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD AND STUBBS ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 21) FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD HEADING DOWNHILL FOR STUBBS ROAD AND VEHICLES ON STUBBS ROAD UPHILL HEADING FOR WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROADS AT THE GROUND LEVEL AND THE STUBBS ROAD ROUNDABOUT.

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TUEN MUN FLUSHING WATER CUT
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 7 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 21) TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE WHOLE AREA FROM FU TEI TO SAM SHING ESTATE, INCLUDING SIU HONG COURT, SIU ON COURT, TAI HING ESTATE, SAN FAT ESTATE, ON TING ESTATE, YAU OI ESTATE, SHAN KING ESTATE, BUTTERFLY ESTATE, WU KING ESTATE, MELODY GARDEN, SIU SHAN COURT, PAK KOK AND WU KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, TUEN MUN CLINIC AND YAN OI POLYCLINIC.

AREAS 4B, 9, 10, 12, 26, 36, 37A, 37B, CHI LOK GARDEN, WALDORF GARDEN AND THE TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL AREA WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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