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ANALYSIS OF 1988 RE-EXPORT TRADE

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HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO \$275,405 MILLION IN 1988, A GROWTH OF 51 PER CENT IN VALUE AS COMPARED WITH 1987, ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY STATISTICS ON HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN 1988 ANALYSED BY MARKET AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

CHINA AND THE U.S.A., THE TWO LARGEST MARKETS FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, ACCOUNTED FOR 34 PER CENT AND 18 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN 1988. THE SHARES OF JAPAN, TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WERE 6 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING 1988 WITH 1987, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED, WITH THE MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES RECORDED IN JAPAN (+78 PER CENT), CHINA (+58 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+56 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+53 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+52 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+50 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, SINGAPORE AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALSO INCREASED, BY 46 PER CENT, 34 PER CENT AND 31 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, THE LARGEST MARKET, INCREASED BY \$34,725 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT IN 1988 AS COMPARED WITH 1987.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$5,183 MILLION OR 180 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$4,290 MILLION OR 96 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$3,586 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PRODUCTS AND PREPARATIONS (BY \$31 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, INCREASED BY \$17,028 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT.

COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$4,547 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$3,171 MILLION OR 127 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,180 MILLION OR 107 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTS (BY \$146 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED BY \$7,646 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1,832 MILLION OR 133 PER CENT) AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$567 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$33 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN RECORDED AN INCREASE OF \$4,446 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,260 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); AND TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$440 MILLION OR 556 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$11 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA GREW BY \$2,795 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$771 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); AND NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$379 MILLION OR 107 PER CENT).

A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$14 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

RE-EXPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

GOODS FROM CHINA, JAPAN, TAIWAN, THE U.S.A. AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONTRIBUTED 48 PER CENT, 14 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY TO THE TOTAL VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS THROUGH HONG KONG IN 1988.

COMPARING 1988 WITH 1987, ALL THE MAJOR ORIGIN COUNTRIES SUPPLIED MORE IN VALUE TERMS TO HONG KONG FOR RE-EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+111 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+74 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+67 PER CENT), CHINA (+56 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+53 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. INCREASED BY 41 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

CHINA CONTINUED TO BE THE LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN 1988. A GROWTH OF 56 PER CENT IN VALUE OR \$47,260 MILLION OVER 1987 WAS RECORDED IN THE RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN CHINA.

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ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$9,380 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$6,328 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$5,269 MILLION OR 114 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$173 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT); AND OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$104 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

JAPAN REMAINED THE SECOND LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN 1988. COMPARED WITH 1987, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF \$13,115 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN JAPAN.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2,651 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT); ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$1,715 MILLION OR 136 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,676 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$62 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN TAIWAN INCREASED BY \$8,527 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS IN 1988, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,484 MILLION OR 113 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,465 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$101 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE U.S.A. INCREASED BY \$5,567 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,414 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT); AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$1,390 MILLION OR 159 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$98 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED BY \$6,862 MILLION OR 111 PER CENT IN VALUE, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,980 MILLION OR 141 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,258 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN PAPER, PAPERBOARD, AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD (BY \$122 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE ABOVE RE-EXPORT STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, DECEMBER 1988" NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234915.

TABLE 1 : RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
CHINA	94,895	60,170	34,725	58
U.S.A.	49,483	32,454	17,028	52
JAPAN	17,418	9,772	7,646	78
TAIWAN	14,130	9,685	4,446	46
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	11,764	8,969	2,795	31
SINGAPORE	8,703	6,481	2,222	34
F. R. OF GERMANY	8,637	5,533	3,104	56
U. K.	6,420	4,271	2,149	50
AUSTRALIA	4,459	2,913	1,546	53
MACAU	3,899	3,326	573	17

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TABLE 2 : RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
CHINA	131,525	84,266	47,260	56
JAPAN	37,714	24,599	13,115	53
TAIWAN	21,208	12,680	8,527	67
U.S.A.	19,153	13,586	5,567	41
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	13,050	6,188	6,862	111
F. R. OF GERMANY	4,201	2,979	1,222	41
SWITZERLAND	3,346	2,389	957	40
U. K.	3,255	2,463	792	32
FRANCE	3,134	2,119	1,015	48
SINGAPORE	2,734	1,567	1,166	74

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FIVE NEW INSURANCE COMPANIES - FOUR OVERSEAS AND ONE LOCAL - WERE AUTHORISED TO CARRY ON INSURANCE BUSINESS IN OR FROM HONG KONG DURING THE 1988-89 FINANCIAL YEAR, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, NINE EXISTING INSURERS CEASED TO BE AUTHORISED FOLLOWING THE CESSATION OR ORDERLY RUN-OFF OF THEIR INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

AS AT MARCH 31 THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 275 AUTHORISED INSURERS OPERATING IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING A NET DECREASE OF FOUR SINCE MARCH 31 LAST YEAR.

OF THESE, 127 WERE HONG KONG INSURERS, THE REMAINDER COMING FROM OVERSEAS, INCLUDING THE UK (39), USA (28), BERMUDA (11), JAPAN (8), SINGAPORE (7), SWITZERLAND (7) AND CANADA (6).

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IN ANNOUNCING THE ABOVE FIGURES, MR GLEESON ATTRIBUTED THE STABLE NUMBER OF AUTHORISED INSURERS TO THE GENERALLY EFFECTIVE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK REGULATING INSURANCE COMPANIES IN HONG KONG.

NEW INSURERS WISHING TO OBTAIN AUTHORISATION MUST SATISFY THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY THAT THEY MEET THE NECESSARY CRITERIA FOR AUTHORISATION BEFORE THEY CAN BE ADMITTED.

EXISTING INSURERS WHICH HAD CEASED TO CARRY ON INSURANCE BUSINESS WERE GENERALLY NOT ALLOWED TO RETAIN THEIR AUTHORISATION AFTER THEY HAD RUN OFF THEIR OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

MR GLEESON SAID INTEREST TO ENTER THE HONG KONG INSURANCE MARKET REMAINED KEEN, ESPECIALLY FROM INSURERS COMING FROM ABROAD.

DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1988-89, 10 NEW APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORISATION WERE RECEIVED, EIGHT OF WHICH WERE FROM OVERSEAS INSURERS.

AS AT MARCH 31 THIS YEAR, THERE WERE EIGHT PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORISATION, FIVE OF WHICH WERE FROM OVERSEAS COMPANIES AND THREE FROM HONG KONG.

THIS DEMONSTRATED THE HONG KONG INSURANCE MARKET'S STRONG POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND THE CONTINUED CONFIDENCE OF BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INSURERS IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE AND ITS CONTINUING ATTRACTION AS AN INSURANCE CENTRE.

MR GLEESON ALSO SAID THAT DURING THE YEAR HE HAD EXERCISED HIS POWER OF INTERVENTION AS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ON 56 OCCASIONS IN RESPECT OF 18 INSURERS.

HE ADDED THAT HE HAD TAKEN INTERVENTIONAL ACTION AGAINST A TOTAL OF 69 INSURERS SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE IN JUNE 1983.

THE INTERVENTIONAL ACTION HE HAD TAKEN HAD GENERALLY SERVED THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF POLICY HOLDERS AND POTENTIAL POLICY HOLDERS.

MR GLEESON WENT ON TO SAY THAT AMENDING LEGISLATION TO ENHANCE THE PROTECTION FOR POLICY HOLDERS AND POTENTIAL POLICY HOLDERS HAD BEEN ENACTED DURING THE YEAR.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT, WHICH WAS MADE TO SECTION 265 OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE BY THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) ORDINANCE NO. 7 OF 1988 ENACTED IN DECEMBER 1988, EXTENDED PREFERENCE TO CLAIMS UNDER CONTRACTS OF INSURANCE OVER ORDINARY CLAIMS IN THE WINDING-UP OF AN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT WAS INTRODUCED BY THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE NO.8 OF 1989, ENACTED IN MARCH, 1989. THE EFFECT OF THIS AMENDMENT ORDINANCE WAS THAT:-

- A) THE SOLVENCY MARGIN REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO GENERAL BUSINESS INSURERS WAS INCREASED;
- B) THE FREQUENCY OF ACTUARIAL VALUATIONS OF LONG TERM BUSINESS INSURERS WAS SHORTENED FROM TWO YEARS TO 12 MONTHS; AND
- C) THE "FIT AND PROPER PERSON" PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE WAS TIGHTENED BY WIDENING THE DEFINITION OF "CONTROLLER" OF AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO INCLUDE ANY PERSON HAVING 15 PER CENT (PREVIOUSLY ONE-THIRD OR MORE) OF THE INSURER'S VOTING POWER.

THE NEW MINIMUM SOLVENCY MARGIN REQUIREMENT FOR GENERAL BUSINESS INSURERS IS \$5 MILLION (PREVIOUSLY \$2 MILLION), AND \$10 MILLION (PREVIOUSLY \$4 MILLION) FOR COMPANIES CARRYING ON COMPULSORY CLASSES OF INSURANCE BUSINESS SUCH AS MOTOR VEHICLES THIRD PARTY RISKS AND EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION.

ANOTHER CHANGE IN THE LAW THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE DURING THE YEAR WAS THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE NO.34 OF 1988, ENACTED IN JUNE 1988. THIS AMENDMENT ORDINANCE GIVES THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY MORE FLEXIBILITY IN:-

- A) MAINTAINING OR REVOKING CONDITIONS FOR AUTHORISATION OF INSURERS;
- B) WITHDRAWING THE AUTHORISATION OF ANY DORMANT CLASS OF INSURANCE BUSINESS OR ANY PART THEREOF; AND
- C) PRESERVING SECRECY WITH REGARD TO INFORMATION RELATING TO THE AFFAIRS OF INSURERS.

MR GLEESON SAID SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE DURING THE YEAR ON THE FIRST STAGE OF SELF-REGULATION.

THIS WAS A SELF-REGULATORY SYSTEM WHICH WOULD BE OPERATED BY THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY. IT WOULD COMPLEMENT THE EXISTING LEGISLATION IN REGULATING THE INSURANCE MARKET AND ENHANCE THE STATUS AND IMAGE OF THE HONG KONG INSURANCE INDUSTRY.

THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY SELF-REGULATION WORKING GROUP HAD PUT FORWARD TO HIM CERTAIN PROPOSALS IN THE AREA OF INSURANCE CONTRACT LAW AND THE PRACTICES OF INSURANCE COMPANIES IN THAT CONNECTION.

THESE INCLUDED THE ADOPTION OF A PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT BY INSURERS, A MORE EQUITABLE INTERPRETATION OF INSURANCE CONTRACTS AND A MECHANISM FOR COMPLAINTS BY DISSATISFIED POLICY HOLDERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY AN INDEPENDENT BODY.

HE EXPECTED THAT FINAL DETAILS OF THESE PROPOSALS WOULD BE AGREED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT WHICH TIME THEY WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

THE SECOND STAGE OF SELF-REGULATION CONCERNED INTERMEDIARIES, THAT IS BROKERS AND AGENTS, AND HE HOPED THAT GOOD PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE ON THIS AS SOON AS FINAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE FIRST STAGE.

LAB DISCUSSES WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES

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THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD AT ITS MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) DISCUSSED A PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE TO COVER THE CATERING TRADE WHICH HAS IN RECENT YEARS BEEN THE SOURCE OF THE LARGEST NUMBER OF NON-INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT MORE THAN 13,330 ACCIDENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE TRADE LAST YEAR, REPRESENTING 31 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL 43,627 NON-INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

THE CAUSES OF THESE ACCIDENTS WERE VERY OFTEN SIMILAR IN NATURE TO INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS SUCH AS ELECTROCUTION, MACHINERY CUTS, BURNS, FALLS OF PERSON, POISONING, FIRE AND EXPLOSION.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL HELP UPGRADE SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS FOR WORKERS IN THE TRADE AND BRING THEM BROADLY INTO LINE WITH THOSE IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

USEFUL VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS AT THE MEETING. EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES WERE GENERALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL WHILE EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES AGREED IN PRINCIPLE SUBJECT TO FURTHER DETAILS BEING WORKED OUT FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, SUCH AS INSPECTIONS BY FACTORY INSPECTORS.

THE BOARD THEN STUDIED AND ENDORSED A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTION OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE RECRUITED FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG OR WHO ARE REQUIRED TO WORK OUTSIDE HONG KONG BY THEIR HONG KONG EMPLOYERS.

THE PROPOSALS INCLUDE:

- * TO EXTEND THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE TO COVER HONG KONG EMPLOYEES WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY HONG KONG EMPLOYERS TO WORK WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY OUTSIDE HONG KONG SO AS TO ENABLE THEM TO PURSUE ANY CLAIMS THEY MAY HAVE AGAINST THEIR EMPLOYERS AFTER THEY RETURN TO HONG KONG; AND
- * TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE CONTRACTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG ORDINANCE TO NON-MANUAL WORKERS AND TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THAT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OFFERED TO AN EMPLOYEE ARE IN LINE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

MEMBERS NEXT TURNED TO A PROPOSAL TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE DEFINITION OF "LAY-OFF" UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

AT THE BOARD'S MEETING IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, MEMBERS HAD ALREADY AGREED THAT AN EMPLOYEE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO BE LAID OFF IF NON-PROVISION OF WORK BY HIS EMPLOYER AMOUNTS TO MORE THAN HALF OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NORMAL WORKING DAYS IN ANY PERIOD OF FOUR CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE DEFINITION, IT IS PROPOSED TO ADD A NEW PROVISION TO THE EFFECT THAT AN EMPLOYEE SHALL ALSO BE TAKEN TO BE LAID OFF IF NON-PROVISION OF WORK BY HIS EMPLOYER AMOUNTS TO MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NORMAL WORKING DAYS IN ANY PERIOD OF 26 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THIS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PREVENT UNSCRUPULOUS EMPLOYERS FROM ABUSING THE LAW IN ORDER TO AVOID PAYING SEVERANCE PAY AND AT THE SAME TIME IT SHOULD GIVE EMPLOYERS A DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN MAKING OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENT TO CATER FOR TEMPORARY SHORTAGE OF WORK.

MOST EMPLOYER MEMBERS SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE THE PROPOSAL WHILE EMPLOYEE MEMBERS CONSIDERED THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF 26 WEEKS AS TOO LONG AND THAT IT SHOULD BE SHORTENED.

AFTER DISCUSSIONS, THE BOARD AGREED THAT THE 26-WEEK PERIOD COULD BE TAKEN AS A STARTING POINT AND THAT IT WOULD BE REVIEWED ON THE BASIS OF ECONOMIC CHANGES AND IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED. THIS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONE YEAR AFTER THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT HAS BEEN ENACTED.

DURING THE MEETING, THE BOARD ALSO AGREED TO SEND A TRIPARTITE DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE 76TH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN GENEVA IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WOULD COMPRISE THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK; MR A.E. GAZELEY REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS; AND MISS LI FUNG-YING REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR TONY HAMMOND, ON THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON IMPORTATION OF SKILLED LABOUR. A NUMBER OF USEFUL VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS ON THE SUBJECT AND WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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LADY WILSON OPENS ESF ART EXHIBITION

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EDUCATORS HAVE TO ENSURE THAT A BALANCED AND WIDE CURRICULUM IS PROVIDED FOR PUPILS, LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION (ESF) THIRD ART EXHIBITION, SHE NOTED THAT IN HIGHLY COMPETITIVE, RESULT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL PRESSURES COULD LEAD SCHOOLS TO EMPHASISE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND SUCCESS IN SUBJECTS SUCH AS SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, WHICH HAD A DIRECT APPLICATION IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

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"IMPORTANT THOUGH SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS ARE, EDUCATORS MUST ENSURE THAT THE CURRICULUM REMAINS BALANCED AND THAT PUPILS ARE INTRODUCED TO A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING HUMANITIES, LANGUAGES AND THE CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON SAID THAT CREATIVE ART AS A SUBJECT IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM, WAS OF IMMENSE VALUE TO THE LEARNING PROCESS.

"IT PROVIDES YOUNG PUPILS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS AND FORMALISE THEIR EXPERIENCES, WITHOUT HAVING TO RELY ON THE USE OF LANGUAGE.

"ART ALSO EXERCISES THE IMAGINATION, AND USES THE CREATIVE PROCESSES LATENT IN EVERYONE.

"IT ENCOURAGES PROBLEM-SOLVING AND ANALYTICAL SKILLS, SHARPENS THE POWERS OF OBSERVATION AND TACTILE AWARENESS, AND FURTHERS THE DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF EMOTIONS," LADY WILSON ADDED.

SHE SAID THAT THE EXHIBITION DEMONSTRATED HOW ESF SCHOOLS PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING A BROAD CURRICULUM FOR THEIR PUPILS.

SHE NOTED THAT THE WORK IN THE EXHIBITION HAD NOT BEEN PRODUCED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES; THE INTENTION HAD BEEN TO GIVE AN INDICATION OF THE ART WORK UNDERTAKEN BY PUPILS DURING THEIR NORMAL CLASSROOM LESSONS, THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG WAS MORE AND MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ARTS AND OUR FESTIVALS AND MANY ACTIVITIES WERE BECOMING INCREASINGLY WELL KNOWN IN THE REGION.

"OUR CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS ARE GROWING ALL THE TIME.

"IT IS GOOD TO SEE THIS HAPPENING AT AN EARLY AND FORMATIVE AGE," SHE ADDED.

LADY WILSON CONGRATULATED THE TEACHERS AND PUPILS WHO HAD MADE THE EXHIBITION POSSIBLE.

"AS YOU VIEW THIS EXHIBITION, YOU WILL SEE WORK BY PUPILS WHO COME FROM 40 DIFFERENT NATIONS, AND WHOSE CULTURAL BACKGROUND ARE VERY DIVERSE," SHE SAID.

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RESEARCH GRANTS TO THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS FOR 1989-90

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THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC) HAS NOTIFIED THE FIVE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS OF THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND ROUND OF RESEARCH GRANT ALLOCATIONS MADE FROM THE SPECIAL FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE FIVE INSTITUTIONS ARE: THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE.

THE TOTAL SUM ALLOCATED FOR RESEARCH FOR THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD 1988-91 IS \$120 MILLION.

OF THIS AMOUNT, \$30 MILLION WAS ALLOCATED DURING THE FIRST ROUND OF THE EXERCISE, FOR 1988-89, WITH \$40 MILLION RESERVED FOR 1989-90 AND THE REMAINING \$50 MILLION FOR 1990-91.

FOR THE 1989-90 EXERCISE, \$13.75 MILLION IS TO BE DISBURSED IN THE FORM OF SMALL GRANTS BY THE INSTITUTIONS' RESEARCH COMMITTEES, COMPARED WITH \$10 MILLION FOR 1988-89, AND THE BALANCE OF \$26.25 MILLION IS TO BE ALLOCATED BY THE UPGC IN RESPONSE TO COMPETITIVE BIDS.

THE \$26.25 MILLION MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEAR'S ALLOCATION WILL SUPPORT, FULLY OR PARTIALLY, A TOTAL OF 59 PROJECTS, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 135 PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY THE INSTITUTIONS, WHICH HAD THEMSELVES SHORTLISTED THEIR INDIVIDUAL BIDS FROM A CONSIDERABLY LARGER NUMBER.

THE DETAILS OF THE PROJECTS SUPPORTED, BY SUBJECT AREA ARE:

SUBJECT AREA	NO. OF PROJECTS	FUNDING SUPPORTED
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ARTS & LANGUAGES	2	\$0.80 M
ADMINISTRATIVE, BUSINESS & SOCIAL STUDIES	7	\$2.16 M
BIOLOGICAL & PHYSICAL SCIENCE	16	\$7.87 M
EDUCATION	2	\$0.63 M
MEDICINE, DENTISTRY & HEALTH	11	\$5.97 M
CIVIL ENGINEERING, SURVEYING, BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION	4	\$1.33 M
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	8	\$5.26 M

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COMPUTING SCIENCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & MATHEMATICS	5	\$1.15 M
MECHANICAL, PRODUCTION & INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING	3	\$0.88 M
LAW, ARCHITECTURE, TOWN PLANNING, ETC	1	\$0.20 M
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TOTAL	59	\$26.25 M
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SECRETARY OF THE UPGC, MR LEONARD SPARK, SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT 59 PROJECTS THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH ONLY 40 FOR 1988-89. ONCE AGAIN, THE QUALITY OF THE BIDS HAD BEEN EXTREMELY HIGH.

AS IN THE CASE OF THE 1988-89 ROUND, THERE WERE A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF HIGHLY COMMENDABLE PROJECTS WHICH COULD NOT BE SUPPORTED OWING TO THE LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, MR SPARK SAID THAT THE UPGC HOPED THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE ENHANCED FUNDING FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AT THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS STARTING FROM 1991 ONWARDS, AND THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH A RESEARCH GRANTS COUNCIL TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLOCATING AND MONITORING THE GRANTS.

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MANUAL FOR GENERAL MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED

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A MANUAL ON GENERAL MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

"IT IS THE EFFORT OF THREE YEARS' RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK OF THE CENTRE WHICH AIMS TO ENHANCE THE SKILLS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF GENERAL MANAGERS IN HONG KONG," THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE, MR MICHAEL CUMBERS SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (GMP) DESCRIBED IN THE MANUAL HAS BEEN TESTED AND REFINED IN COLLABORATION WITH EIGHT GROUPS OF PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR SENIOR MANAGERS OF THEIR COMPANIES.

MR CUMBERS SAID: "THE PROGRAMME NOW MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND IS RIGHT FOR HONG KONG GENERAL MANAGERS, AND IS BEING OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG."

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THE "GENERAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME - ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL" IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT THE CENTRAL AT \$80 A COPY, AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE INFORMATION SERVICES, 17TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE CENTRE IS ALSO ESTABLISHING A GMP FACULTY FOR HONG KONG. FACULTY MEMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST ORGANISATIONS THAT WANT TO RUN A SENIOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME USING THE METHODOLOGY OF THE GMP.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE GMP FACULTY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MR CUMBERS OR TO THE CENTRE'S SENIOR ADVISER AS WELL AS THE MANAGER OF THE GMP, MR R.A. WILLIAMS ON 5-8932341.

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4 423 ILLEGAL HAWKERS ARRESTED IN CONTINUED CRACKDOWN
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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH MADE A TOTAL OF 4 423 ARRESTS IN ITS CONTINUED CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL HAWKERS, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 51 PER CENT OVER THAT OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

"OF THESE ARRESTS, 493 WERE ILLEGAL COOKED-FOOD HAWKERS, A JUMP OF ABOUT 43 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH," THE STAFF OFFICER (HAWKER CONTROL), MR SHUM CHEE-WANG, SAID TODAY.

"THIS REFLECTS THE DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION TO KEEP ILLEGAL HAWKERS OFF THE STREET, ESPECIALLY THE COOKED-FOOD HAWKERS AS THEY SELL FOOD ITEMS THAT ARE HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO SUCH DISEASES AS VIRAL HEPATITIS, DYSENTERY AND TYPHOID."

"MOST OF THE RAIDS WERE CARRIED OUT BY GENERAL DUTIES TEAM MEMBERS IN THE 11 URBAN DISTRICTS, WITH SOME CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POLICE."

MR SHUM EMPHASIZED THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS REQUIRED FULL CO-OPERATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND URGED THEM NOT TO PATRONISE ILLEGAL HAWKERS.

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JOINT UC/RC KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETS TOMORROW

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THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF A CLEAN-UP OPERATION.

CONVENED BY THE NEW CHAIRMAN, DR PANG HOK-TUEN, THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA WILL BE A BRIEF ACCOUNT ON THE HISTORY OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGN IN 1989/90.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT REVIEWED AT DB MEETING

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY (BUILDING MANAGEMENT) FROM THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MRS SUSAN MAK, WILL ATTEND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO OUTLINE A CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON "PROPOSALS TO REMEDY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT".

AT THE SAME TIME, THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS, MR ARTHUR GARCIA, WILL BRIEF THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE A REVIEW ON PROCEDURES FOR THE NOMINATION OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS AND A REPORT BY A DISTRICT BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 9.30 AM IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 33.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 194.589 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 210.287 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 35.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WAN CHAI DB TO DISCUSS WORK OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS OFFICE

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE WORK OF THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE REPORT ON ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS AND CONSIDER THE APPORTIONMENT OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR 1989-90. MEMBERSHIP OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES FOR 1989-90 WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS OF DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES; THE REPORT OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE; FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF PROJECTS SPONSORED BY DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS; AND PROGRESS REPORT OF AREA COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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CONCERT BY MUSIC OFFICE INSTRUCTORS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL PRESENT A CONCERT BY TWO OF ITS INSTRUCTORS' ORCHESTRAS AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

THE CONCERT IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE "MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS" PROGRAMME TO INTRODUCE MUSIC TO NEW AUDIENCES. IT WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 30, BEGINNING AT 3 PM.

THE MUSIC OFFICE, SET UP IN 1977, HAS REGULARLY ORGANISED CONCERTS WHICH ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE VARIOUS ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS WITH ILLUSTRATIONS IN BOTH CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSIC.

SO FAR THE CONCERTS HELD OVER THE YEARS HAVE ATTRACTED AN AUDIENCE OF OVER THREE MILLION.

THE CONCERT ON APRIL 30, WHICH IS THE 4,200TH OF ITS KIND, WILL FEATURE COMPOSITIONS OF BOTH CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSIC. THE REPERTOIRE INCLUDES "BUTTERFLY LOVERS" AND "JINGLING OF CAMEL BELLS".

THE CONDUCTORS OF THE TWO ORCHESTRAS ARE SENIOR MUSIC OFFICER (CHINESE), MR TONG LEUNG-TAK, AND SENIOR MUSIC OFFICER (STRING), MR LUI KI-LING.

TICKETS AT \$10 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4750465.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS IN HO MAN TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE SECTION OF SHEUNG FOO STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SHEUNG SHING STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE RESTRICTED TO SINGLE LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 19) FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR DAYS.

THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, RE-ROUTEING FOR BUSES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

- * CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTE 109 ON JOURNEY TO CENTRAL WILL DEPART FROM HO MAN TIN ESTATE AND VIA SHEUNG FOO STREET AND FAT KWONG STREET.
- * KMB ROUTE 17 ON JOURNEY TO KWUN TONG WILL VIA FAT KWONG STREET AND SHEUNG SHING STREET.
- * KMB ROUTES 7B, 8, 18 ON JOURNEYS TO LOK FU, JORDAN ROAD FERRY AND MEI FOO RESPECTIVELY WILL VIA FAT KWONG STREET AND PUI CHING ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YAU MA TEI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TUNG KUN STREET, YAU MA TEI FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 20) FOR ONE MONTH.

THE SECTION OF TUNG KUN STREET BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND RECLAMATION STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY WESTBOUND.

THERE WILL BE NO RIGHT TURN FROM NORTHBOUND CANTON ROAD ONTO TUNG KUN STREET EASTBOUND; AND NO LEFT TURN FROM SOUTHBOUND CANTON ROAD ONTO TUNG KUN STREET EASTBOUND.

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WATER CUTS IN FIVE AREAS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 19) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AN AREA BOUNDED BY CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, FUK WA STREET, FUK WING STREET, SHEK KIP MEI STREET, WONG CHUK STREET, MAPLE STREET, NAM CHEONG STREET AND UN CHAU STREET.

TO FACILITATE WORKS TO DIVERT A WATER MAIN AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES ALONG LAI KING HILL ROAD BETWEEN KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM ON THE SAME DAY (APRIL 19) TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY.

MEANWHILE, TO FACILITATE A FRESH WATER MAIN CONNECTION, POTABLE WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON THE SAME DAY (APRIL 19) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED WILL INCLUDE MOUNT DAVIS, VICTORIA ROAD, KUNG MAN TSUEN, BISNEY ROAD, CONSORT RISE, CROWN TERRACE, UPPER TAI HAU WAN VILLAGE AND TAI HAU WAN VILLAGE.

FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 20) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CHA KWO LING WILL BE SUSPENDED TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CHA KWO LING ROAD, SHUNG SHUN STREET, SZE SHAN STREET, CHO YUEN STREET AND SHUNG YIU STREET, INCLUDING SAM KA TSUEN, LEI YUE MUN TSUEN, LING NAM SAN TSUEN AND MA SAN TSUEN.

ALSO, ALL PREMISES AT TUNG SHAN TERRACE, SHIU FAI TERRACE AND 15-34 STUBBS ROAD WILL BE AFFECTED BY A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY FROM 10 PM ON THE SAME DAY (APRIL 20) TO 5 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER MAIN CONNECTION WORKS.

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