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GOVERNOR VISITING JAPAN TO ATTRACT MORE INVESTMENT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT HIS TRIP TO JAPAN IS PART OF A STEADY PROCESS OVER THE YEARS TO ENCOURAGE THE JAPANESE TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR TOKYO WITH A TRADE DELEGATION, SIR DAVID SAID JAPAN WAS A VERY IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER FOR HONG KONG AND ALSO A VERY IMPORTANT INVESTOR IN THE TERRITORY.

"SO IT IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A HIGH-POWERED DELEGATION GOING TO JAPAN NOW IN ORDER TO HELP BUILD UP OUR ECONOMIC CONTACTS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT A ONE-OFF BUSINESS: "IT IS A STEADY PROCESS OVER THE YEARS OF BUILDING UP OUR TRADING RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN, ENCOURAGING JAPAN TO CONTINUE WITH IT'S INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG."

"OVER THE YEARS THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS, WE HAVE STEADILY BEEN IMPROVING OUR POSITION AND GETTING ACROSS THE MESSAGE IN JAPAN THAT HONG KONG IS A GOOD SOURCE OF HIGH QUALITY GOODS, FOR INSTANCE, JEWELLERY AND FASHION GOODS IN PARTICULAR.

"IN THE FASHION GOODS CONTEXT, I AM GOING TO PUT ACROSS THIS IDEA THAT HONG KONG IS NOW ONE OF THE LEADING FASHION DESIGNERS IN EAST ASIA," HE SAID.

WHILE IN JAPAN, SIR DAVID SAID HE WILL MEET A LARGE NUMBER OF VERY SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF A BUSINESS ORGANISATION.

REFERRING TO HIS TRIP TO LONDON NEXT WEEK, SIR DAVID SAID IT HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR A LONG TIME TO GO TO THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER AND TO LEAD OFF IN A SEMINAR FOR BRITISH BUSINESSMEN.

"WHO I WILL BE SEEING IN LONDON WILL DEPEND ON THE RESULTS OF CERTAIN ELECTIONS WHICH ARE GOING ON IN LONDON THIS WEEK," HE SAID.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON REPORTS THAT SOME VIETNAMESE WOULD BE TORTURED AFTER BEING SENT BACK TO VIETNAM, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT PEOPLE WERE SPREADING RUMOURS.

"I WOULD SIMPLY SAY ON THAT: THAT IS THE MOST UNSCRUPULOUS THING YOU COULD POSSIBLY DO BECAUSE IT IS SIMPLY ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO STAY HERE WHERE THEY REMAIN IN CAMP FOR YEAR AFTER YEAR. IT IS CYNICAL AND IT IS NOT AT ALL HELPFUL TO THE VIETNAMESE THEMSELVES," HE SAID.

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CONCERNING THE SCHEME TO SEND BACK VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT ACTIVELY VOLUNTEERED BUT WOULD NOT RESIST REPATRIATION, SIR DAVID SAID HE HOPED THE SCHEME WOULD START THIS WEEK.

"WE IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ARE VERY KEEN THAT THIS NEXT STAGE IN THE PROCESS, THAT IS PEOPLE GOING BACK TO VIETNAM WHO HAVEN'T ACTIVELY VOLUNTEERED; THAT THIS SHOULD START AND I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE STARTING THIS WEEK. THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE UNHCR," HE SAID.

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HONG KONG MISSION ARRIVES IN JAPAN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, ARRIVED IN TOKYO TONIGHT (TUESDAY) AS THE HEAD OF A HIGH-POWERED ECONOMIC MISSION TO JAPAN.

HE IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, BARONESS DUNN, THE SENIOR LEGCO MEMBER, MR ALLEN LEE AND 11 OTHER HONG KONG BUSINESS LEADERS AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), SIR DAVID, BARONESS DUNN, AND MR LEE WILL MEET THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER, MR TOSHIKI KAIFU, TOGETHER WITH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, SIR JOHN WHITEHEAD.

LATER, THE GOVERNOR WILL GIVE A KEYNOTE SPEECH TO A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG/JAPAN AND JAPAN/HONG KONG BUSINESS COOPERATION COMMITTEES, THE JAPAN/HONG KONG SOCIETY, THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE TOKYO AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

BOTH THE GOVERNOR AND BARONESS DUNN WILL LEAD THE MISSION ON A BUSY ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH SENIOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND BUSINESSMEN DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

ON FRIDAY, SIR DAVID AND MEMBERS OF THE MISSION WILL FLY TO SAPPORO FOR MEETINGS WITH THE GOVERNOR OF HOKKAIDO, VISIT THE FIRST HONG KONG PROMOTION IN SAPPORO PRIOR TO A GALA FASHION SHOW STAGED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

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CONTINUITY OF POLICIES AND PEOPLE IS VITAL TO HK: SIR DAVID

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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT CONTINUITY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF GOOD GOVERNMENT, BUT THE PROCESS DEPENDS FOR ITS SUCCESS ON CONTINUITY OF PEOPLE.

"I AM STRUCK ON MY VISITS ABROAD HOW WIDELY IT IS ASSUMED THAT, COME 1997, THERE WILL BE A COMPLETELY NEW GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG," SAID SIR DAVID WHEN ADDRESSING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIP DINNER OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MORE RECENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CRITICISED LOCALLY FOR TAKING DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

"THIS IGNORES THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW.

"IT IS INTEGRAL TO BOTH THAT, WHILE SOVEREIGNTY IS TRANSFERRED AND THE SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THAT SOVEREIGNTY CHANGE, THERE SHOULD BE CONTINUITY OF INSTITUTIONS, LEGISLATURE AND PEOPLE," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE PEOPLE WHO WERE MAKING MOST OF THE LONG-TERM DECISIONS SO ESSENTIAL TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE PROSPERITY WERE HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE GOVERNMENT WHO WOULD FORM THE CORE OF THE FUTURE SAR GOVERNMENT IN 1997 AND BEYOND.

"MORE THAN HALF THE SECRETARY POSTS IN THE GOVERNMENT ARE ALREADY FILLED BY LOCAL OFFICERS.

"IT IS OUR CLEAR INTENTION THAT AHEAD OF 1997, THESE TOP POSTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE FILLED BY PEOPLE WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BASIC LAW SO THAT THEY CAN SERVE THROUGH 1997.

"THERE IS NO LACK OF COMMITMENT AMONGST THE GROUP OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO FORM THAT TRANSITION, NOR IS THERE A LACK OF TALENT," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THE EXPATRIATE ELEMENT FROM THE MOST SENIOR ECHELONS OF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD IN NO WAY WEAKEN THE GOVERNMENT.

"INDEED, IT SEEMS TO ME A RATHER ARROGANT VIEW TO ASSUME THAT IT WOULD.

"TO HAVE LOCAL PEOPLE AT THE TOP, CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY, MUST STRENGTHEN THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO ENSURE THAT ITS POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES ARE IN TUNE WITH THE COMMUNITY'S ASPIRATIONS," HE SAID.

MOVING THESE MEN AND WOMEN INTO POSITION, SAID SIR DAVID, WAS A KEY PART OF PLANNING THE PROCESS OF CHANGE.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT IN THIS WAY WE WILL SECURE THE CONTINUITY OF BOTH POLICIES AND PEOPLE NECESSARY TO SEE HONG KONG THROUGH THE TRANSITION AND INTO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY," HE SAID.

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SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG'S RECIPE FOR SUCCESS HAD BEEN TO INVEST PUBLIC SURPLUSES IN THE PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURES NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TO LEAVE BUSINESS DECISIONS TO BUSINESSMEN.

"FEW, IF ANY, PLACES IN THE WORLD HAVE PURSUED THIS TYPE OF INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPMENT WITH SUCH SINGLE-MINDED DETERMINATION AND CONSISTENCY.

"THIS IS NOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT. THIS IS MANAGEMENT BY CAREFUL FORE-THOUGHT, BY PRUDENT PLANNING AND BY DECISIVE IMPLEMENTATION," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT AVOIDING CRISIS DEMANDED CONTINUOUS VIGILANCE, SIR DAVID SAID: "IT MEANS ANTICIPATING AND PLANNING FOR CHANGE SO THAT, WHEN CHANGE IS NECESSARY OR INEVITABLE, IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH AS LITTLE STRESS AS POSSIBLE.

"PLANNING FOR CHANGE PRESENTS A BIGGER CHALLENGE THAN AN INDIVIDUAL CRISIS," HE SAID.

THE TRANSITION OF SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997, SAID SIR DAVID, WAS ONE SUCH CHALLENGE.

"THE BLUEPRINT HAS BEEN DRAWN. IT IS NOW FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLECTIVELY TO MANAGE THE CHANGE.

"FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S PART, A KEY CONTRIBUTION WILL BE TO CONTINUE THE DETERMINED PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS POLICIES TREATING 1997 AS ANY OTHER YEAR," HE SAID, ADDING THAT HE WAS NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT THE AIRPORT, IMPORTANT THOUGH THIS WAS.

"EVERY POLICY SECRETARY HAS PLANS IN HIS PORTFOLIO, WHICH WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR HONG KONG WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY. THIS IS NOT A PR DEVICE.

"IT IS SIMPLY A FACT OF THE WAY GOVERNMENT OPERATES. RATHER LIKE HEAVY UTILITY COMPANIES, WE CANNOT ALLOW QUARTERLY REPORTS TO DOMINATE OUR OPERATIONS; SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON PROJECTING DEMANDS A DECADE AHEAD AND PLANNING NOW TO PROVIDE FOR THEM," SIR DAVID SAID.

BRITISH NATIONALITY (HK)
(RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CITIZENSHIP) REGULATIONS 1990 GAZETTED
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THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) (RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CITIZENSHIP) REGULATIONS 1990, WHICH SET OUT THE PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) ACT 1990, WERE PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY EDITION OF THE GAZETTE TODAY (TUESDAY).

THESE REGULATIONS ARE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER SECTION 3(1) OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) ACT 1990.

THEY PRESCRIBED THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES AS WELL AS SPOUSES AND CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 CAN APPLY FOR RECOMMENDATION FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO PRESCRIBED APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION FEES.

"UNDER THESE REGULATIONS, AN APPLICANT FOR CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE SELECTION SCHEME CAN INCLUDE DETAILS OF HIS SPOUSE AND CHILDREN IN HIS APPLICATION FORM SO THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH HIS OWN," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IN THIS CASE, HE NEEDS TO PAY ONE APPLICATION FEE OF \$200."

"SUCH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 28, 1991, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF APPLICANTS INVITED BY THE GOVERNOR TO APPLY WHO WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS BY THE TIME LIMIT SPECIFIED IN THE INVITATION.

"ALTERNATIVELY, SEPARATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE BY THE SPOUSE AND ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN AFTER AN APPLICATION BY A PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARY IS SUCCESSFUL, IN WHICH CASE SEPARATE APPLICATION FEES OF \$200 PER APPLICATION ARE PAYABLE.

"HOWEVER, POTENTIAL APPLICANTS SHOULD NOTE THAT SUCH SEPARATE APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE A DATE TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE GOVERNOR LATER TO ENABLE THEM TO BE PROCESSED BEFORE JUNE 30, 1997, AND IN THE CASE OF A CHILD, BE SUBMITTED BEFORE THAT CHILD REACHES HIS 18TH BIRTHDAY," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE REGULATIONS ALSO EMPOWER THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION TO CALL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE FROM APPLICANTS TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIMS IN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS, AND TO REQUIRE THEM TO ATTEND FOR INTERVIEWS.

"THEY ALSO STIPULATE THAT WHERE AN APPLICANT APPEARS TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND BEFORE THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS HIM FOR REGISTRATION, THE APPLICANT WILL BE ASKED TO CONFIRM HIS INTENTION TO BE REGISTERED AND THAT HIS ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE ACT HAS NOT CHANGED," HE SAID.

SCHEDULE 1 OF THE REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED DIFFERENT APPLICATION FORMS UNDER THE SCHEME, WHILE SCHEDULE 2 SETS OUT THE FEES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (\$200) AND FOR REGISTRATION AS A BRITISH CITIZEN UNDER THE ACT (\$1,800 EACH).

ALSO PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE WAS THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990 (COMMENCEMENT) NOTICE 1990, WHICH SPECIFIES THAT THE ORDINANCE WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 1, 1990, THE DAY WHEN APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

"THE NEW LAW MAKES IT AN OFFENCE FOR ANY PERSON WHO, WITHOUT AUTHORISATION, DISCLOSES ANY INFORMATION ON ANY APPLICATION WHICH HAS COME INTO HIS POSSESSION AS A RESULT OF HIS CARRYING OUT HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES.

"THIS OFFENCE CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TODAY'S EXTRAORDINARY EDITION OF THE GAZETTE ALSO ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL ADVISE THE GOVERNOR IN MAKING HIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEOPLE TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE SCHEME.

MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE ARE:

SIR DAVID FORD, CHIEF SECRETARY (CHAIRMAN)
BARONESS DUNN
SIR Q.W. LEE
MR ANDREW SO
MR PETER WONG HON-YUEN
PROFESSOR CHARLES K. KAO
MR PETER HEAP, SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER.
MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, COMMISSIONER, ICAC
MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE
MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY

ALSO PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE, FOR INFORMATION, ARE VARIOUS UK LEGAL INSTRUMENTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHEME.

THESE ARE THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) (SELECTION SCHEME) ORDER 1990, THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) (REGISTRATION OF CITIZENS) REGULATIONS 1990, AND THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) ACT 1990 (COMMENCEMENT) ORDER 1990.

THE SCHEME WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON DECEMBER 1, 1990 WHEN APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDANCE NOTES TO HELP APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES, AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

RE-EXPORTS SHOW STRONG GROWTH

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HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS CONTINUE TO SHOW STRONG GROWTH AND THIS HAS LARGELY COMPENSATED FOR A DECLINE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS UP TO SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE EIGHTH ASIAN HOROLOGICAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY PROMOTION CONFERENCE, MRS CHAN SAID DOMESTIC DEMAND HAS ALSO SHOWN SIGNS OF RECOVERY IN RECENT MONTHS WITH THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES UP ABOUT SEVEN PER CENT IN THE THREE MONTHS TO AUGUST.

"THE HONG KONG ECONOMY IS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING A CYCLICAL SLOW-DOWN ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ENCOURAGING SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN RECENT MONTHS," SHE SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT OIL PRICE RISES AS A RESULT OF THE GULF CRISIS HAVE KEPT THE LOCAL INFLATION RATE HIGH.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) WAS 9.5 PER CENT HIGHER IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR THAN A YEAR EARLIER BUT MUCH OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE ARE FACING HAVE ARISEN BECAUSE DEMAND, PARTICULARLY FOR LABOUR, HAS OUTSTRIPPED SUPPLY.

"OUR ECONOMIC PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR REMAIN UNCERTAIN. MUCH WILL DEPEND ON THE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF OUR MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS AND ON THE OUTCOME OF THE GULF CRISIS," SHE SAID.

HONG KONG'S GDP GROWTH IN REAL TERMS IN 1990 IS ESTIMATED TO BE 2.3 PER CENT.

"THIS SLOWER GROWTH IS NO BAD THING FOR AN ECONOMY THAT HAS ENJOYED SUSTAINED HIGH LEVELS OF GROWTH IN RECENT YEARS.

"IN THE FOUR YEARS BETWEEN 1986 AND 1989, OUR ECONOMY ENJOYED AN AVERAGE OF NINE PER CENT GROWTH IN REAL TERMS," SHE SAID, ADDING THAT SUCH RAPID GROWTH WAS INEVITABLY NOT WITHOUT ITS PAINS AND HONG KONG HAS HAD TO LIVE WITH HIGHER INFLATION AND A VERY TIGHT LABOUR MARKET.

"SLOWER GROWTH SHOULD ALLOW THE ECONOMY TO ADJUST TO CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS. BUT OUR ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS REMAIN STRONG AND WE ARE WELL POSITIONED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY UPSWING IN THE WORLD ECONOMY," MRS. CHAN SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT'S MAIN ROLE IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG IS TO PROVIDE THE INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO RUN THEIR BUSINESSES AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE, SHE EMPHASISED.

HONG KONG STANDS TO LOSE OUT SERIOUSLY ECONOMICALLY IF IT PERMITS ITS AIRPORT TO CONTINUE OPERATING AT OR BEYOND ITS DESIGN CAPACITY FOR A PROTRACTED PERIOD.

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"IT IS THIS FACT THAT IS DRIVING THE TIMING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY AIRPORT-RELATED ELEMENTS IN THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY," SHE SAID.

ON THE WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY, MRS CHAN SAID IN TERMS OF BOTH QUALITY AND VALUE, JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND HONG KONG HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN AMONG THE TOP FIVE EXPORTERS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS IN RECENT YEARS.

"WITH RAPID ADVANCES IN PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY, THE WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY IN ASIA HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CAPITAL-INTENSIVE.

"MANY MANUFACTURERS HAVE INSTALLED FULLY AUTOMATED ASSEMBLY LINES, AND HAVE CONDUCTED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TO IMPROVE PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN NEW PRODUCTS.

"THERE IS ALSO A STRONG SUPPORTING SECTOR WHICH PRODUCES HIGH QUALITY PARTS AND COMPONENTS AND PROVIDES AUXILIARY SERVICES FOR THE INDUSTRY WITHIN THE REGION.

"THE INDUSTRY CAN CLEARLY LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUING PERIOD OF PROSPERITY AS LIVING STANDARDS IN ASIA IMPROVE," SHE SAID.

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SUBSTANTIVE PROMOTIONS TO TOP GOVT POSTS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE PROMOTIONS TO SENIOR RANKS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1991.

THREE OFFICERS ARE GIVEN SUBSTANTIVE PROMOTION TO SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT. THE THREE ARE THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN MING-YEUNG; THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY; AND THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

SIX OFFICERS ARE GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL PROMOTION TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A. THE SIX ARE: THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, MR ANTHONY G. EASON; THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR GORDON SIU KWING-CHUE; THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MR DONALD TSANG YAM-KUEN; THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND; POSTMASTER GENERAL AND COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, MR DOMINIC WONG SHING-WAH; AND DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR JOSEPH YAM CHI-KWONG.

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ALL-OUT EFFORT TO CRACK CAR THEFT AND SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES
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POLICE IN AN ALL-OUT EFFORT AGAINST VEHICLE THEFT AND SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES HAS PAID OFF WITH 11 CARS RECOVERED IN THE PAST THREE DAYS IN A SERIES OF OPERATIONS.

IN A TERRITORY-WIDE OPERATION CONDUCTED OVER THE WEEKEND, MORE THAN 2,000 POLICE OFFICERS WERE INVOLVED IN RAIDING A TOTAL OF 800 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, INCLUDING GARAGES, PUBLIC AREAS, VACANT LOTS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CAR PARKS AND CONTAINER SITES.

AMONG THE 3,400 PEOPLE QUESTIONED, 24 OF THEM, SUSPECTED TO BE IN CONNECTION WITH VEHICLE SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES, WERE ARRESTED, WHILE 17 PERSONS WERE TAKEN IN FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS. OF THE 3,000 VEHICLES CHECKED, POLICE FOUND FOUR MISSING VEHICLES.

ORGANISED SERIOUS CRIME BUREAU OFFICERS ALSO CAUGHT 10 SUSPECTS, NINE MALES AND ONE FEMALE, RED-HANDED WHEN THEY WERE ALLEGEDLY LOADING A STOLEN CAR AND TWO LEFT-HAND VEHICLES ONTO SPEEDBOATS IN KWAI CHUNG LAST SATURDAY.

ALMOST AT THE SAME TIME, REGIONAL CRIME UNIT OFFICERS FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES RECOVERED THREE MISSING VEHICLES IN A CONTAINER GODOWN IN SO KWUN WAT, TUEN MUN. TWENTY PEOPLE WERE TAKEN IN FOR ENQUIRIES.

MEANWHILE, TWO 35-YEAR-OLD MEN WERE ARRESTED YESTERDAY (NOVEMBER 26) AT HANG HAU, SAI KUNG FOR ALLEGEDLY SMUGGLING A NEW JEEP.

POLICE INVESTIGATIONS ON THE CASES ARE CONTINUING.

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30,000 COUPLES PAY LESS TAX BY JOINT ASSESSMENT
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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT (IRD) HAD, UP UNTIL NOW, IDENTIFIED SOME 30,000 MARRIED COUPLES WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM A REDUCED TAX LIABILITY BY ELECTING TO BE JOINTLY ASSESSED.

AN IRD SPOKESMAN SAID AN ADVICE, WHICH ALSO SPECIFIED THE TAX SAVING, HAD BEEN ISSUED IN EVERY CASE SO FAR IDENTIFIED.

FOR A COUPLE TO RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF THE REDUCED TAX LIABILITY, THEY MUST SIGN THE "ELECTION" AT THE FOOT OF THE ADVICE AND RETURN IT TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED ALL TAXPAYERS THAT THE DEPARTMENT COULD NOT PASS ON THE BENEFIT OF THE TAX SAVINGS UNDER A JOINT ASSESSMENT UNTIL THE SIGNED ELECTION HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

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HE ADDED THAT IT WAS IN TAXPAYERS' BEST INTERESTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED ELECTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THEY RECEIVED THEM. THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT THEY COULD BE PROCESSED PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE OF THE FIRST TAX INSTALMENTS EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF ASSESSMENTS GENERALLY, WHILST THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW ISSUED MOST TAXPAYERS' ASSESSMENTS, ADDED EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO FINALISE THE REMAINING ASSESSMENTS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

THE DEPARTMENT IS CONFIDENT THAT ALL TAXPAYERS WILL HAVE THEIR 1989/90 ASSESSMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF THEIR SPOUSES' FIRST INSTALMENT.

HE FURTHER STRESSED THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY, AT THIS STAGE, FOR TAXPAYERS TO TELEPHONE THE IRD TO CHECK THE PROGRESS OF THEIR ASSESSMENTS.

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PAY TREND SURVEY PERIOD BROUGHT FORWARD

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO CHANGE THE PERIOD OF THE ANNUAL PAY TREND SURVEY SO THAT IT REFLECTS MORE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE SIZE OF THE ANNUAL CIVIL SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENT.

ANNOUNCING THE DECISION TODAY (TUESDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE OLD SURVEY PERIOD COVERED THE 12 MONTHS FROM FEBURARY 1 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO JANUARY 31 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.

"AS THE ANNUAL CIVIL SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENT TAKES EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 EACH YEAR, THE INFORMATION GATHERED IN THE SURVEY COULD BE AS MUCH AS 14 MONTHS OUT OF DATE BY THE TIME THE PAY ADJUSTMENT IS DECIDED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS PROBLEM HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE. THE STANDING COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT A TIME LAG WAS UNAVOIDABLE GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY THAT CIVIL SERVICE PAY SHOULD FOLLOW, AND NOT LEAD, THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

"HOWEVER, GIVEN THAT TWO-THIRDS OF THE SURVEYED COMPANIES AWARD THEIR ANNUAL OR PRINCIPAL PAY ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL, THE COMMISSION CONSIDERED THAT THE EXTENT OF THE TIME LAG COULD BE REDUCED, AND RECOMMENDED CHANGING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO COVER THE 12 MONTHS FROM APRIL 2 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO APRIL 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE STANDING COMMISSION EXAMINED OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR REDUCING THE TIME LAG BUT CONCLUDED THAT CHANGING THE SURVEY PERIOD WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE, AND WOULD INVOLVE LEAST DISRUPTION TO THE PAY TREND SURVEY SYSTEM.

THE COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT FOR THE TRANSITION YEAR (I.E. 1990-91), THE PERIOD OF THE PAY TREND SURVEY SHOULD BE EXTENDED BY TWO MONTHS TO COVER THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1990 TO APRIL 1, 1991 SO AS TO ENSURE THAT PRIVATE SECTOR PAY AWARDS MADE IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1990 WOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED.

THE DATA RELATING TO COMPANIES WHICH NORMALLY MAKE THEIR PAY AWARD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1 AND APRIL 1 WILL BE AVERAGED BEFORE INCLUSION IN THE PAY TREND CALCULATIONS.

THE STANDING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ACCEPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING TODAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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GOVT SEARCHING FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL AREAS FOR LARGE WATER USERS
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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING NEW INDUSTRIAL AREAS FOR LARGE USERS OF WATER, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR BARMA WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A FACTORY OF CONCORDIA PAPER LIMITED IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

HE SAID WHEN THE CONCORDIA PROJECT WAS FIRST CONTEMPLATED, MUCH THOUGHT WAS GIVEN BY BOTH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION TO ONE IMPORTANT ISSUE: THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER SUPPLY TO YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, SINCE INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES LIKE THOSE OF CONCORDIA REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF WATER.

"AS A RESULT OF OUR JOINT EFFORTS, AND WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO INCREASE WATER SUPPLY TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO THE EXTENT THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE A NUMBER OF FACTORIES WHICH ARE FAIRLY LARGE USERS OF WATER.

"REGRETTABLY, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS ALL TOO WELL AWARE THAT THE SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL SITES IS STILL INSUFFICIENT TO SATISFY NEEDS OF HEAVY WATER-USING INDUSTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE BLEACHING AND DYEING INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

WITH THIS IN MIND, THE DEPARTMENT HAD OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS BEEN LOOKING INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING NEW INDUSTRIAL AREAS FOR SUCH INDUSTRIES.

ALREADY, THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE SOME LAND WITHIN THE NEW THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AT TSEUNG KWAN O FOR HEAVY WATER USERS.

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MOREOVER, THE RESULTS OF A RECENT STUDY OF A SITE IN TUEN MUN, ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF TAP SHEK KOK POWER STATION, INDICATED THAT THE AREA SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE FURTHER HEAVY WATER USERS.

"MY DEPARTMENT IS ALSO STILL ACTIVELY PURSUING A PROPOSAL TO USE PART OF THE RECENTLY FORMED LAND IN TIN SHUI WAI FOR SUCH PURPOSES," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID HEAVY WATER USERS ALSO TENDED TO PRODUCE LARGE QUANTITIES OF EFFLUENT.

AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAD TO SET VERY STRINGENT TREATMENT STANDARDS.

"CONCORDIA'S OPERATION DEMONSTRATES VERY CLEARLY THAT WITH CAREFUL PLANNING IT IS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THE STRINGENT TREATMENT STANDARDS DEMANDED IN THIS MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS AGE," HE SAID.

"SO, CONCORDIA SHOULD NOT ONLY BE PROUD OF ITS TREATMENT STANDARDS, BUT ALSO ITS ROLE AS A WASTE PAPER RECYCLER."

EACH DAY, CONCORDIA USED AS MUCH AS 260 TONNES OF PAPER, A LARGE PROPORTION OF WHICH WAS WASTE PAPER COLLECTED LOCALLY.

"THE EFFORTS OF CONCORDIA TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL WASTE PAPER RECYCLING DESERVE OUR WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT," MR BARMA SAID.

CONCORDIA PAPER LIMITED IS A HK\$400 MILLION JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN CHIAP HUA GROUP, CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRUST AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION, CHINA NATIONAL PACKAGING IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION, AND CHINA RESOURCES.

IT EMPLOYED 230 PEOPLE AT ITS 29,000 SQUARE METRE MILL WHERE TRIAL PRODUCTION COMMENCED IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR. IT HAD ALREADY REACHED ITS PLANNED DAILY CAPACITY OF 220 TONNES OF PAPERBOARD PRODUCTS WHICH IT SUPPLIED TO THE PRINTING AND PACKAGING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

IT MANUFACTURED ITS PRODUCTS FROM RECYCLED WASTE PAPER WHICH IT OBTAINED FROM LOCAL AND OVERSEAS SOURCES.

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RESULTS OF PRIMARY ONE DISCRETIONARY PLACES RELEASED

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RESULTS OF ALLOCATION OF DISCRETIONARY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 1991 UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION (POA) SYSTEM WILL BE RELEASED ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 30) BY ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT ABOUT 40,000 OUT OF 72,000 APPLICANTS WILL BE OFFERED A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR SCHOOLS.

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PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL TO WHICH THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR A PRIMARY 1 PLACE, WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE SCHOOL OR NOT, ON NOVEMBER 30 BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM OR ON DECEMBER 1 BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON TO FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATION.

REGISTRATION OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN DECEMBER 5 AND DECEMBER 6 DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN OFFERED A PRIMARY 1 PLACE ARE ADVISED TO NOTE CAREFULLY THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND ANY REQUIREMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS, SUCH AS PRODUCING PARENT'S COPY OF THE POA APPLICATION FORM, AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEIR CHILDREN.

"THE REGISTRATION OF THE CHILD WITH THE SCHOOL WILL BE REGARDED AS BINDING ON BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE PARENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARENTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN WITH THE SCHOOL WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TWO-DAY PERIOD ON DECEMBER 5 AND 6 ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL CONCERNED OR THROUGH THE POA UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (572 4383) TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

PARENTS WHO FAIL TO GIVE NOTICE WOULD BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE PLACE OFFERED TO THEIR CHILDREN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE POA SYSTEM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL COULD FILL UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 65 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIMARY 1 PLACES AT THEIR OWN DISCRETION.

THE REMAINING 35 PER CENT WOULD BE RESERVED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION AT A LATER STAGE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

PARENTS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES WILL BE INFORMED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION ARRANGEMENTS.

PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN COMING UP TO PRIMARY 1 SCHOOL AGE BUT HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE, WILL ALSO BE NOTIFIED AT THE SAME TIME.

THEY WILL BE ASKED TO GO TO A DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTION CENTRE IN THEIR HOME DISTRICT TO OBTAIN A COPY OF "CHOICE OF SCHOOLS" FORM AND A LIST OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL THEN ALLOCATE A PRIMARY 1 PLACE TO THEIR CHILDREN WITHIN THEIR HOME DISTRICT, WITH THE PARENTS' CHOICES FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

DETAILS OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED EARLY NEXT YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PUBLIC URGED TO REPORT ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS

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AN ALERTED PERSON WHO SPOTTED A DILAPIDATED BALCONY HANGING DANGEROUSLY IN TO KWA WAN REPORTED TO A NEWSPAPER AND PROBABLY HAD AVOIDED ANOTHER TRAGIC COLLAPSE INCIDENT FROM HAPPENING.

THE BALCONY, WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE, WAS LOCATED AT 25 CHEUNG NING STREET.

THE COMPLAINT APPEARED IN A NEWSPAPER ON NOVEMBER 22 AND WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED UP BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (BOO).

THE BALCONY WAS REMOVED IN THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

AT THE SAME TIME, TWO ILLEGAL BALCONIES IN THE SAME BUILDING FOUND TO BE IN A SIMILAR STATE OF DILAPIDATION WHICH MIGHT POSE IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC, WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DISMANTLING.

A BOO SPOKESMAN TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REPORT DANGEROUS ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

REPORTS MAY BE MADE BY CALLING 848 2340, 848 2369 OR 848 2997 DURING OFFICE HOURS FOR ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES RESPECTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED FLATS OWNERS THAT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THEIR PREMISES AND IF THEY FAIL TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION, GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS WILL BE ENGAGED.

OWNERS WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE COST OF THE REMOVAL WORKS.

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CONFERENCE TO IMPROVE LABOUR RELATIONS

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MORE THAN 600 BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES, TRADE UNIONISTS AND PROFESSIONALS WILL EXAMINE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STAFF DEVELOPMENT, LABOUR RELATIONS AND PRODUCTIVITY AT A LARGE-SCALE CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

THE CONFERENCE - "HONG KONG LABOUR RELATIONS CONFERENCE '90" - CARRIES THE THEME "PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVED LABOUR RELATIONS". IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

"THE CONFERENCE IS INTENDED TO ENHANCE THE AWARENESS OF BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF INDIVIDUAL WORKERS THROUGH LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN HUMAN RESOURCES," SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER, MR PONG PING-KWAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE ONE-DAY CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A PLENARY SESSION WITH A NUMBER OF KEYNOTE SPEECHES TO BE DELIVERED IN THE MORNING.

THE TALKS WILL COVER SUCH TOPICS AS THE IMPLICATIONS OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT POLICIES IN THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT OF HONG KONG, OBLIGATION TO TEAM PERFORMANCE THAT MAXIMISES EFFECTIVENESS, FLEXIBLE TOOLS FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTIVITY DRIVE AND LABOUR RELATIONS, AND THE ROLES PLAYED BY TRADE UNIONS IN MANPOWER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS IN THE AFTERNOON WILL BE CONDUCTED BY EMINENT ENTREPRENEURS, TRADE UNION LEADERS, HEADS OF TRAINING CENTRES, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELD.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, MR WILLIAM PURVES; CHAIRMAN OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION SUB-COMMITTEE, MR CHAN SUI-KAU; AND COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONFERENCE AT 9.15 AM AT THEATRE 1, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, 1 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

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DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES SOUVENIRS LONG-SERVING STAFF

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DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR ROY KILVERT, TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID HE WILL SADLY MISS EVERYONE IN THE DEPARTMENT WHEN HE RETIRES EARLY NEXT YEAR.

"THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT (GSD) IS A FAMILY AND THIS CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY WILL BE MY GREATEST LOSS WHEN I LEAVE HONG KONG ON RETIREMENT," MR KILVERT SAID AT A CEREMONY IN WHICH HE PRESENTED GOLD PINS AND LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO 80 STAFF WHO HAD SERVED THE DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

MR KILVERT WILL RETIRE FROM THE SERVICE IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AFTER SERVING THE DEPARTMENT FOR 39-AND-A-HALF YEARS.

THE OUTGOING DIRECTOR JOINED THE SERVICE IN MAY 1951 AS AN ASSISTANT STORES OFFICER AND HAD BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES FOR 11 YEARS.

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DURING HIS TENURE OF OFFICE, HE HAD WITNESSED RAPID GROWTH OF THE SUPPLIES GRADE AND THE INTRODUCTION OF MODERN TECHNIQUES AND EXPERTISE IN SUPPLY AND PURCHASING ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

EARLIER ON, MR KILVERT PRESENTED LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO 302 STAFF WHO HAD SERVED THE DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS THE CENTRAL PURCHASING AND SUPPLIES ORGANISATION, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCUREMENT, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MANY SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT MADE ANNUAL PURCHASES OF ABOUT \$3 BILLION AND THESE REQUIREMENTS WERE SOURCED ON A 'WORLDWIDE' BASIS.

AS THE SOLE HONG KONG ENTITY REGISTERED WITH GATT, THE DEPARTMENT OPERATED UNDER THE RULES OF THE GATT GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CODE AGREEMENT.

MR BILLY LAM WILL SUCCEED MR ROY KILVERT AS THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES IN JANUARY 1991.

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DAYTIME A & E SERVICES AT YAN OI POLYCLINIC SUSPENDS

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (A & E) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM AT THE YAN OI POLYCLINIC IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 3).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MOVE FOLLOWS THE RECENT OPENING OF THE A & E DEPARTMENT OF THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL.

THE YAN OI POLYCLINIC WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FROM 5 PM TO 9 AM.

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ACTION ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE A NUMBER OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AT FLAT ROOFS IN UNITS E, F, G AND H, THIRD FLOOR, 21-27 WING YIP STREET, KWAI CHUNG, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 11 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

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UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, A CLOSURE ORDER IS REQUIRED BEFORE DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORKS WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS GRANTED.

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THIRD HONG KONG SOCIAL DANCE OPEN COMPETITION

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AMATEUR DANCERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY THEIR SKILLS IN THE FORTHCOMING 1990-91 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

AS ONE OF THE MAJOR FESTIVAL EVENTS, THE THIRD HONG KONG SOCIAL DANCE OPEN COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 6 AT THE CONVENTION HALL OF THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

APPLICATION IS NOW INVITED AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 361 6282.

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FIGHT CRIME POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

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A "BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS" POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN FOR ENTRY FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE CONTEST IS PART OF THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS TO PICKPOCKETING ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS TO PROMOTE THEIR INTERESTS IN DESIGN.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AT 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, GROUND FLOOR BEFORE DECEMBER 15.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 380 2251.

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