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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JANUARY PUBLISHED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1991.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84 - SEP. 85 = 100) FOR JANUARY 1991, AT 149.8 AND 149.2 RESPECTIVELY, WERE BOTH 10.8% HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY 1990.

THESE RATES OF INCREASE WERE LOWER THAN THOSE RECORDED IN DECEMBER 1990 (11.3% FOR CPI(A) AND 11.1% FOR CPI(B)) AND WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE RECORDED IN NOVEMBER 1990 (10.9% FOR CPI(A) AND 10.8% FOR CPI(B)). THE SLOWER RATES OF INCREASE IN JANUARY 1991 WERE PARTLY DUE TO A RELATIVELY HIGH BASE OF COMPARISON IN JANUARY 1990 WHEN THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS TOOK PLACE LAST YEAR.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 1991, AT 143.2 AND 142.8 RESPECTIVELY, WERE BOTH 9.8% HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 1990.

ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, FASTER RATES OF INCREASE IN CPI(A) IN JANUARY 1991 WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR FUEL AND LIGHT (17.3%), TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES (15.5%), ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO FOR HOME CONSUMPTION (14.2%), SERVICES (13.1%) AND HOUSING (12.7%).

THE CORRESPONDING RATES OF INCREASE FOR THE SAME COMPONENTS IN THE CPI(B) WERE 16.4%, 16.3%, 14.8%, 11.6% AND 11.9% RESPECTIVELY.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS, WHICH HAS THE LARGEST WEIGHTING IN THE INDEX, INCREASED BY 9.7% IN CPI(A) AND BY 10.1% IN CPI(B). THESE SIX COMPONENTS TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 89% OF THE OVERALL INCREASE IN THE CPI(A) AND 87% OF THE INCREASE IN THE CPI(B).

COMPARING JANUARY 1991 WITH DECEMBER 1990, THE CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.8% AND THE CPI(B), BY 0.7%, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES AND FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES, HIGHER PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT AND HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 1991, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.9% PER MONTH.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50% AND 30%, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1991 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1990 AND JANUARY 1990, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)
CPI(A) CPI(B)

SECTION	INDEX	% CHANGE	% CHANGE	INDEX	% CHANGE	% CHANGE
	FOR JAN. 91	OVER DEC. 90	OVER JAN. 90	FOR JAN. 91	OVER DEC. 90	OVER JAN. 90
FOODSTUFFS	150.4	+1.3	+9.7	152.9	+1.4	+10.1
HOUSING	142.0	+0.9	+12.7	135.4	+1.0	+11.9
FUEL AND LIGHT	116.7	-0.1	+17.3	115.9	+0.2	+16.4
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	164.1	+0.8	+14.2	165.6	+1.0	+14.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	148.8	-3.4	+8.2	151.6	-4.1	+9.1
DURABLE GOODS	129.2	+0.5	+5.4	127.6	+0.2	+5.2
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	146.1	+0.3	+7.8	145.0	+0.1	+7.3
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	162.1	+0.8	+15.5	162.4	+1.0	+16.3
SERVICES	173.4	+1.5	+13.1	171.4	+1.1	+11.6
ALL ITEMS	149.8	+0.8	+10.8	149.2	+0.7	+10.8

COMPARING JANUARY 1991 WITH DECEMBER 1990, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1.3% IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.4% IN CPI(B).

THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES AND IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT AND LIVE POULTRY, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASES IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 0.9% IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.0% IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT DECREASED BY 0.1% IN CPI(A) BUT INCREASED BY 0.2% IN CPI(B) AS THE EFFECT OF THE INCREASES IN CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY AND TOWNGAS WAS MORE THAN OFFSET BY THE EFFECT OF DECREASES IN THE PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (INCLUDING LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AND KEROSENE) IN THE FORMER CASE.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INCREASED BY 0.8% IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.0% IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF BEER AND FOREIGN-STYLE WINES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 3.4% IN CPI(A) AND BY 4.1% IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF OUTER CLOTHING AS MANY DEPARTMENT STORES AND FASHION SHOPS WERE ON SALE DURING THE MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 0.8% IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.0% IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PREMIUM FOR CAR INSURANCE AND THE INTRODUCTION OF SURCHARGE FOR THE THEFT OF VEHICLES, HIGHER DRIVING INSTRUCTOR'S FEES AND THE EFFECT OF THE FUEL SURCHARGE FOR TAXI SERVICES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 1.5% IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.1% IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR JANUARY 1991, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$7 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 805 6403.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 159.3 IN JANUARY 1991, UP BY 0.5% OVER DECEMBER 1990 AND BY 11.6% OVER JANUARY 1990.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY RELEASED

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THE VARIOUS TRADE AGGREGATES SHOWED A MARKED INCREASE IN JANUARY 1991 OVER A YEAR EARLIER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

HOWEVER, THE INCREASE WAS DUE IN PART TO A LOW BASE OF COMPARISON IN JANUARY 1990 AS THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS TOOK PLACE IN THE LATTER PART OF JANUARY LAST YEAR WHILE THIS YEAR THE HOLIDAYS WERE IN MID-FEBRUARY.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1991, AT \$19,176 MILLION, WAS \$2,538 MILLION OR 15.3% HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY 1990. THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY \$11,061 MILLION OR 39.6% TO \$39,021 MILLION.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS ROSE BY \$13,599 MILLION OR 30.5% OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$58,197 MILLION IN JANUARY 1991.

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THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY \$19,569 MILLION OR 47.6% OVER LAST YEAR, TO \$60,661 MILLION IN JANUARY 1991.

AS THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WAS LARGER THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$2,464 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.1% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN JANUARY 1991.

THIS COMPARES WITH A SURPLUS OF \$3,506 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 8.5% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN JANUARY 1990.

PUTTING THE TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1991 AMOUNTED TO \$179,753 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$61,266 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$118,487 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$36,195 MILLION OR 25.2% IN VALUE TERMS, WITH DOMESTIC EXPORTS RISING BY \$5,301 MILLION OR 9.5% AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$30,894 MILLION OR 35.3%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY \$49,236 MILLION OR 36.5%, TO \$184,115 MILLION.

IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1991, THERE WAS A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$4,362 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 2.4% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS. THIS COMPARES WITH A SURPLUS OF \$8,679 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 6.4% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

COMMENTING ON THE JANUARY TRADE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE RESPECTIVE GROWTH RATES, WHILST APPEARING IMPRESSIVE, COULD HAVE BEEN DISTORTED TO SOME EXTENT BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS. COMPARISONS MADE OVER THE FIRST QUARTER AS A WHOLE SHOULD BE MORE ACCURATE.

IT WAS NEVERTHELESS NOTEWORTHY THAT RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW AT A MUCH FASTER RATE THAN DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

AS REGARDS RETAINED IMPORTS, THE GROWTH RATE CONTINUED TO BE SUBSTANTIAL IN JANUARY, AT AROUND 59% IN VALUE TERMS (AFTER ADJUSTING FOR THE RE-EXPORT MARGIN).

THIS WAS THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH IN WHICH THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE IN VALUE TERMS OF RETAINED IMPORTS EXCEEDED 25%.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1991.

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS :	\$19,176 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS :	\$39,021 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS :	\$58,197 MILLION	
	IMPORTS :	\$60,661 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE :	\$2,464 MILLION	[IN DEFICIT]

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COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	NOV 90 TO	NOV 89 TO	INCREASE	
	JAN 91	JAN 90	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	61,266	55,965	5,301	9.5
RE-EXPORTS	118,487	87,593	30,894	35.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	179,753	143,558	36,195	25.2
IMPORTS	184,115	134,879	49,236	36.5
TRADE BALANCE	-4,362	8,679	-13,041	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	JANUARY	JANUARY	INCREASE	
	1991	1990	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	19,176	16,638	2,538	15.3
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(33.0%)	(37.3%)		
RE-EXPORTS	39,021	27,960	11,061	39.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	58,197	44,598	13,599	30.5
IMPORTS	60,661	41,092	19,569	47.6
TRADE BALANCE	-2,464	3,506	-5,970	

LAST MONTH	JANUARY	DECEMBER	INCREASE	
	1991	1990	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	19,176	20,212	-1,036	-5.1
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(33.0%)	(35.5%)		
RE-EXPORTS	39,021	36,761	2,260	6.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	58,197	56,973	1,224	2.1
IMPORTS	60,661	59,358	1,303	2.2
TRADE BALANCE	-2,464	-2,385	-79	

LAST 12 MONTHS	FEB 90 TO	FEB 89 TO	INCREASE	
	JAN 91	JAN 90	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	228,414	223,480	4,934	2.2
RE-EXPORTS	425,059	348,112	76,947	22.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	653,473	571,592	81,881	14.3
IMPORTS	662,100	560,739	101,361	18.1
TRADE BALANCE	-8,627	10,853	-19,480	

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SPECIAL ARTICLE ON DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR IN HK

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THE NOVEMBER 1990 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "A REVIEW OF THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR IN HONG KONG FROM 1984 TO 1988".

THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR COVERS FIVE BROAD CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITIES, NAMELY, WHOLESALE TRADE, RETAIL TRADE, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES.

THE OUTPUT OF THESE ACTIVITIES TAKEN TOGETHER ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 20 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

THE ARTICLE REVIEWS THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR AS A WHOLE AND ITS VARIOUS COMPONENT ACTIVITIES IN TERMS OF GENERAL STRUCTURE, COST COMPOSITION AND PERFORMANCE FROM 1984 TO 1988, ON THE BASIS OF STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM THE ANNUAL SURVEYS OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS FOR THESE YEARS.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$40 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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GOVERNOR VISITS SCHOOL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE HONG KONG RED CROSS JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN SANDY BAY.

THE SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED IN 1966 AND NOW OFFERS A BROAD EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME TO 140 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AT BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVEL.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE SHOWN ROUND THE SCHOOL AND WERE BRIEFED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MISS MARION FANG.

THEY SAW COMPUTERS SPECIALLY ADAPTED TO TEACH PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND WERE TOLD ABOUT THE MANY VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS INVOLVED IN OFFERING EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TO THESE CHILDREN.

THEY ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET TEACHING AND SPECIALIST STAFF WORKING AT THE SCHOOL.

"THE ENTHUSIASM AND HIGH SPIRITS OF THE PUPILS AT THIS SCHOOL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES," SIR DAVID SAID.

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"THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY MAKING THE BEST OF A GOOD RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL," HE ADDED.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WERE THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, MR TONY REYNALDS.

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U.S., JAPAN, CHINA LOOK SET TO CONTINUE INVESTING IN HK

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THE THREE MAJOR COUNTRIES WITH INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR - THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND CHINA - LOOK SET TO CONTINUE INVESTING, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH, MR BARMA SAID THIS WOULD BE DONE BY INCREASING EITHER THE TOTAL VALUE OF THEIR INVESTMENT, OR THE NUMBER OF COMPANIES WITH A PRESENCE IN HONG KONG, OR BOTH.

HE SAID THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN WERE AT PRESENT THE TWO LARGEST FOREIGN INVESTORS IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

"IT IS NOTICEABLE THAT MOST JAPANESE INVESTORS TELL US THEY SEE CHINA AS A LUCRATIVE LONG-TERM MARKET, AND ARE IN HONG KONG NOW BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT AFTER 1997 IT WILL BE THE MOST MODERN CITY IN CHINA.

"COMPARED WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE REGION, THEY PRAISE HONG KONG FOR OUR EXCELLENT FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, OUR GOOD COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, OUR STRATEGIC LOCATION, OUR LOW TAX RATE AND OUR HARDWORKING YET FLEXIBLE LABOUR FORCE.

"MANY POTENTIAL JAPANESE INVESTORS DO NOT SEE THESE ADVANTAGES DISAPPEARING AFTER 1997," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID AMERICAN COMPANIES HAD TENDED TO BE MORE CAUTIOUS, ESPECIALLY IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE EVENTS OF JUNE 1989.

HE SAID THEY WERE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHANGES, IF ANY, THAT 1997 MIGHT BRING TO HONG KONG.

"BUT THERE ARE SIGNS THAT RECENTLY THEY TOO ARE TAKING A MORE LONG-TERM VIEW, LIKE THEIR JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS, AND ARE ALSO WELL AWARE OF THE SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM ADVANTAGES OF SETTING UP MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS AND REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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MR BARMA SAID ACCORDING TO THE LATEST SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, 67 PER CENT OF INVESTORS FELT THAT HONG KONG'S OVERALL MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENT WAS FAVOURABLE.

"CLEARLY, INVESTORS ARE PREPARED TO TAKE THE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH AND, WHILE NOT CONCEALING THEIR WORRIES, FEEL THAT HONG KONG HAS A GREAT DEAL TO OFFER," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT OVER 36 PER CENT OF FOREIGN INVESTORS HAD PLANS TO EXPAND PRODUCTION IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY, DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PRODUCTS AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRODUCTION PROCESSES.

"OVER HALF SAY THEY WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM THEIR EXISTING PREMISES IN HONG KONG WITHOUT EITHER EXPANDING OR CUTTING BACK ON PRODUCTION. ONLY A TENTH PLAN TO PHASE OUT PART OR ALL OF THEIR PRODUCTION," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID ONE MAJOR TREND WAS THE RAPID GROWTH OF CHINESE MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

"SINCE 1985, WHEN THE AMOUNT OF CHINESE INVESTMENT FIRST BECAME LARGE ENOUGH TO BE WORTH COUNTING, IT HAS SHOT UP AND IS NOW WORTH \$3.2 BILLION, RANKING THIRD AFTER THE U.S. AND JAPAN," HE SAID.

"APART FROM ITS INTRINSIC VALUE, CHINESE INVESTMENT IS A SIGN OF CHINA'S OWN CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE, AND WE WELCOME SUCH PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS OF SUPPORT," HE ADDED.

MR BARMA SAID WE WOULD PROBABLY SEE MORE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

"AS A SURVEY CARRIED OUT IN 1990 DEMONSTRATED, RATHER MORE COMPANIES ARE MOVING REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS INTO HONG KONG THAN ARE MOVING OUT," HE SAID.

BETWEEN 1987 AND 1989, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS AN AVERAGE OF OVER 60 NEW REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS BEING SET UP IN HONG KONG EACH YEAR BY OVERSEAS COMPANIES. THIS TREND WAS CONTINUING UP TO THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990, WHEN THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED.

"THE MORE WELL-KNOWN OVERSEAS COMPANIES THAT HAVE ESTABLISHED REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN HONG KONG OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS INCLUDE MCDONNELL DOUGLAS, GENERAL MOTORS, BANK OF AMERICA, BRITISH AIRWAYS, OLIVETTI AND YAOHAN, SHOWING STRONG OVERSEAS INTEREST FROM AMERICAN, BRITISH, ITALIAN AND JAPANESE COMPANIES.

"OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION MAY HAVE SOME ADVANTAGES AS A REGIONAL BASE WHICH HONG KONG HAS NOT; BUT, EQUALLY, WE HAVE ADVANTAGES WHICH THEY DO NOT HAVE," HE SAID.

"SO I EXPECT WE WILL SEE A CONTINUING STRONG INTEREST IN HONG KONG AS A REGIONAL BASE," HE ADDED.

PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY CEO APPOINTED
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THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR RICHARD ALLEN AS ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

AGED 49, MR ALLEN IS A CHARTERED ENGINEER FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH A FIRST CLASS HONOURS DEGREE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING AND A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FROM THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY IN CALIFORNIA.

MOST OF HIS WORKING LIFE HAS BEEN SPENT WITH THE KIER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. WHILST WITH KIERS HE ROSE TO BECOME THE COMPANY CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. IN THIS CAPACITY HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPANY'S 10,000 EMPLOYEES AND SUBSTANTIAL WORLDWIDE OPERATION.

PARTICULARLY EXPERIENCED IN MAJOR CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, MR ALLEN HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN AIRPORTS, MAJOR POWER STATIONS, WHARF PROJECTS, WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND PETROCHEMICAL WORKS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

MR ALLEN ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY TO TAKE UP HIS NEW APPOINTMENT.

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NEW TAC CHAIRMAN APPOINTED
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED PROFESSOR LEUNG CHI-KEUNG TO SUCCEED MISS MARIA TAM WAI-CHU AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

PROF LEUNG HAS BEEN SERVING TAC SINCE APRIL 1986 AND IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ADVISING THE GOVERNMENT ON A WIDE RANGE OF TRANSPORT POLICIES AND ISSUES.

AGED 56, PROF LEUNG FIRST JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AS A LECTURER IN 1973. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR LECTURER IN 1980 AND READER IN 1982, AND WAS APPOINTED PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY IN 1988.

HE BECAME DEAN OF FACULTY OF ARTS IN THE SAME YEAR AND HAS RECENTLY BEEN RE-ELECTED DEAN FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES AT CROSS HARBOUR TUNNELS DISCUSSED

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY) CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION ON TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT CROSS HARBOUR TUNNELS AND RECOMMENDED THE FARE INCREASES APPLIED FOR BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY AND THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT DESPITE THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING (EHC) IN SEPTEMBER 1989, TRAFFIC CONGESTIONS ON BOTH SIDE OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL (CHT) HAD NOT ABATED, AND WOULD ONLY SLIGHTLY DECREASE UPON THE OPENING OF TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL IN MID 1991.

TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT BOTH CROSS HARBOUR TUNNELS, THE TAC WAS TOLD THAT A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES WERE ALREADY IN HAND.

THESE INCLUDED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUS LAYBY AT THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL KOWLOON PORTAL, WIDENING OF THE VICTORIA PARK ROAD WESTBOUND FROM THREE TO FOUR LANES AND THE COMPLETION OF A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC SCHEMES IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE KWUN TONG BYPASS LATER THIS YEAR.

IN ADDITION, A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE DIRECTIONAL SIGNS ALONG THE ROUTES TO AND FROM THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING WAS BEING CONDUCTED.

HOWEVER, THESE MEASURES COULD ONLY FORM PART OF THE OVERALL PACKAGE TO DEAL WITH THE CONGESTION PROBLEM AT CHT IN VIEW OF THEIR LIMITED APPLICATION.

IN ADDITION, TAC MEMBERS WERE GIVEN DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT TUNNEL TRAFFIC, TUNNEL TRAFFIC INTERFERENCE WITH NON-TUNNEL TRAFFIC, AS WELL AS THE PROPORTION OF VEHICLES THAT COULD BE DIVERTED TO THE EHC AND THE IMPACT OF THE CONGESTION ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

TAKING THESE INTO CONSIDERATION, THE COMMITTEE HAD LOOKED INTO THE POSSIBILITIES OF MAKING GREATER USE OF FERRIES, RATIONALISING THE CLASSIFICATION AND TOLLS FOR GOODS VEHICLES FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNELS AND INTRODUCING DIFFERENTIAL TOLLS WITHIN CHT FOR SELECTED HOURS OF THE DAY.

MEANWHILE, THE TAC HAD ALSO TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE OMELCO TRANSPORT PANEL AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON SOLUTIONS TO THE CONGESTION PROBLEM AT CHT.

AT THE MEETING, THE COMMITTEE ALSO EXAMINED THE FARE RISE APPLICATIONS FROM KMB AND CMB.

THE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION, IN PROCESSING THE FARE INCREASE APPLICATIONS, HAD CAREFULLY STUDIED THE ACTUAL IMPACT OF FUEL PRICE MOVEMENTS ON THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE TWO BUS COMPANIES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE GULF CRISIS IN AUGUST 1990.

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THE ADMINISTRATION HAD ALSO TAKEN A CRITICAL LOOK AT CMB AND KMB'S ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THE LIKELY MOVEMENT OF FUEL PRICES OVER THE NEXT NINE TO 12 MONTHS, ON THE BASIS OF THE TERMS OF THEIR SUPPLY CONTRACTS WITH OIL COMPANIES AND THE BEST FORECASTS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH ABOUT PRESENT AND FUTURE OIL SUPPLY AND DEMAND CONDITIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET, INCLUDING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF THE GULF WAR.

THE TAC NOTED THAT WITH ANTICIPATED RISES IN STAFF SALARIES, COST OF SPARE PARTS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO FUEL COSTS, INTEREST AND EXCHANGE RATES, KMB WOULD HAVE A SHORTFALL IN PERMITTED RETURN OF MORE THAN \$330 MILLION IN 1991 IF FARES REMAIN UNCHANGED.

MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT KMB NEEDED A FARE RISE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE ITS SERVICES. THE COMMITTEE OBSERVED THAT KMB HAD PLANNED TO INTRODUCE 15 NEW BUS ROUTES IN 1991 AND 1992, DEPLOY AIR-CONDITIONED BUSES ON SOME 30 BUS ROUTES INCLUDING THE CROSS-HARBOUR SERVICES, AND AUGMENT SERVICE FREQUENCIES ON NO LESS THAN 50 BUS ROUTES IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC DEMANDS VOICED THROUGH THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

TAC ALSO NOTED THAT, IN ITS LATEST FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMME (1991-1995), KMB HAD, ACCORDING TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S ADVICE, PROPOSED A FULL PACKAGE OF COST ECONOMY MEASURES, INCLUDING RATIONALISATION OF LOSS-MAKING OR POORLY UTILISED SERVICES, MODEST FLEET EXPANSION AND MINIMAL DEPOT DEVELOPMENT.

CONCURRENT WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW FARES, KMB PROPOSED TO OFFER HALF FARE FOR CHILDREN ON AIRBUS, EXPRESS, AIR-CONDITIONED AND CROSS-HARBOUR SERVICES; SECTION FARE ON SELECTED ROUTES TO ESTATES IN EAST KOWLOON AS WELL AS ON EXPRESS ROUTES. THESE PROPOSALS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE TAC.

WHEN CONSIDERING CMB'S FARE INCREASE, TAC MEMBERS NOTED THAT THE INCREASE SOUGHT COULD HAVE BEEN LOWERED BY A FEW PERCENTAGE POINTS IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE NEED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL PENSION PROVISION OF \$13 MILLION IN ITS ACCOUNTS. HOWEVER, THE TAC AGREED THAT SUCH PROVISION SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT CMB'S RIDERSHIP FIGURE, AND HENCE FAREBOX REVENUE, WAS EXPECTED TO REMAIN VIRTUALLY STATIC IN 1991 AND 1992 DUE TO THE LIMITED SCOPE FOR SERVICE EXPANSION ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE TAC WAS ALSO TOLD THAT SINCE CMB'S LEVEL OF FUEL CONSUMPTION WAS MUCH LOWER THAN THAT OF KMB'S, THE COMMERCIAL DISCOUNTS WHICH CMB OBTAINED FROM ITS FUEL SUPPLIERS WERE LESS FAVOURABLE THAN THOSE OFFERED TO KMB.

SETTING ASIDE THE IMPACT OF RISING COSTS, PART OF THE FARE RISE SOUGHT BY CMB WAS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS IN THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

THE TAC OBSERVED THAT CMB HAD PLANNED TO INTRODUCE SIX NEW BUS ROUTES IN 1991 AND 1992, DEPLOY AIR-CONDITIONED BUSES ON SIX ROUTES, AND ENHANCE SERVICE FREQUENCIES FOR 10 BUS ROUTES.

MEMBERS ALSO NOTED THAT CMB HAD AGREED TO EXTEND CONCESSIONARY HALF FARE FOR CHILDREN TO CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES. ADDITIONALLY, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDED FARE SCALE WOULD SEE THE DISPARITY IN FARES BETWEEN SOUTHERN AND NORTH-SHORE ROUTES FURTHER NARROWED DOWN.

TAC WAS TOLD THAT FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH THE RELEVANT DISTRICT BOARDS, CMB HAD RATIONALISED SERVICES ON A NUMBER OF BUS ROUTES WITH THE RESULTANT SAVING OF A NUMBER OF BUSES AT THE BEGINNING OF 1991. FURTHER COST ECONOMY MEASURES WERE BEING LOOKED INTO.

THE TAC'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TWO BUS COMPANIES' FARE RISE APPLICATIONS WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR FINAL DECISION.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WERE INFORMED THAT PROFESSOR LEUNG CHI-KEUNG HAD BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW TAC CHAIRMAN.

COMMENTING ON PROF LEUNG'S APPOINTMENT, THE CHAIRMAN OF TAC, MISS MARIA TAM, SAID SHE FULLY SUPPORTED PROF LEUNG AS THE NEW TAC CHAIRMAN AND BELIEVED THAT HIS SOUND JUDGEMENT AND CLARITY OF MIND WOULD SERVE THE COMMITTEE EXTREMELY WELL.

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APPLICATION FOR BRITISH NATIONALITY CLOSES TODAY
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED WOULD-BE APPLICANTS THAT TODAY (THURSDAY) IS THE LAST DAY FOR APPLICATIONS UNDER THE BRITISH NATIONALITY SELECTION SCHEME.

THE COUNTERS OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY DIVISION OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS, WILL BE IN OPERATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS NO NEED FOR APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT THEIR FORMS IN PERSON. THEY COULD CHOOSE TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION FORMS BY REGISTERED MAIL.

HE SAID ALL FORMS RECEIVED WITH POSTAL CHOPS SHOWING FEBRUARY 28 WILL BE ACCEPTED.

"SENDING IN APPLICATIONS BY MAIL WOULD SAVE THEM TIME OTHERWISE SPENT IN QUEUING UP BEFORE THE COUNTERS AND AVOID LIKELY CLOG-UPS AT THE DIVISION," HE EXPLAINED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT THE IDENTITY OF APPLICANTS UNDER THE SCHEME MUST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN COVERING ACTIVITIES AT THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S BRITISH NATIONALITY DIVISION SHOULD AVOID TAKING PICTURES OR FILM SHOWING THE FACES OF APPLICANTS.

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ELECTION FOR KWUN TONG SHUN LEE CONSTITUENCY COUNTERMANDED

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THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION FOR THE SHUN LEE CONSTITUENCY IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (MARCH 3) IS COUNTERMANDED BY REASON OF THE DEATH OF ONE OF THE CANDIDATES, MR POON YU-KWONG.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE WILL BE SENDING LETTERS TO INFORM ALL THE 15,030 REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CONSTITUENCY OF THE COUNTERMAND TOMORROW.

"A BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 21 AND THE NOMINATION PERIOD WILL BE FROM MARCH 15 TO APRIL 2," HE SAID.

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REVISION IN FEES COLLECTED BY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

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WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), FEES CHARGED FOR A NUMBER OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE INCREASED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

"IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC ON A COST-RECOVERY BASIS UNLESS OTHERWISE JUSTIFIED.

"A RECENT REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SHOWS THAT THERE IS AN OVERALL UNDER-RECOVERY OF THE COST OF SERVICES PROVIDED, PARTICULARLY, IN RESPECT OF REGISTRATION OF PERSONS, REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGE, AND ISSUE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S REGULAR FEES ADJUSTMENT EXERCISES WERE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT INFLATION AND INCREASED OPERATING COSTS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, RATHER THAN SIMPLY PASSED ON TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ACTUALLY USE THE SERVICES.

HE SAID THAT TO DELAY THE INCREASE WOULD EXTEND THE PERIOD OF LOSS TO THE GENERAL TAXPAYERS, AND THE NEW FEES WERE, IN SOME AREAS, STILL BELOW THE COST OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES.

"IN MANY AREAS, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH GREAT AND INCREASING PRESSURES OF DEMAND ON SERVICES AND STAFF, THE GOVERNMENT MUST REINFORCE THE VERY FAIR AND APPROPRIATE PRINCIPLE THAT THOSE WHO USE AND CAN AFFORD THE SERVICES SHOULD BEAR THE COSTS," HE STRESSED.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE FEES FOR A 32-PAGE HONG KONG BDTA PASSPORT WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$200 TO \$250, A REPLACEMENT ISSUE OF A LOST OR DESTROYED IDENTITY CARD FROM \$100 TO \$170 AND A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE FROM \$40 TO \$75," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE OLD FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BEFORE MARCH 1," HE SAID.

DETAILS OF THE INCREASES WILL BE GAZETTED ON MARCH 1. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ON 824 6111 AND A FULL LIST OF THE INCREASED FEES MAY BE OBTAINABLE AT THE INFORMATION OFFICE AT THE IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL LIST OF REVISED FEES COLLECTED BY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 1 (FRIDAY):

ISSUE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS -----	OLD FEES \$ -----	NEW FEES \$ -----
HONG KONG BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN PASSPORT (32-PAGE)	200	250
HONG KONG BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN PASSPORT (94-PAGE)	400	500
ISSUING A PASSPORT OF 32 PAGES (IN SUBSTITUTION FOR SUCH AN EXISTING PASSPORT) IN ORDER TO ADD A FRESH PHOTOGRAPH OR AMEND THE HOLDER'S DESCRIPTION	40	65
EMERGENCY PASSPORT	45	70
SEAMAN'S IDENTITY BOOK VALID FOR 5 YEARS	55	85
RENEWAL OF SEAMAN'S IDENTITY BOOK VALID FOR 5 YEARS	40	65
SEAMAN'S CERTIFICATE OF NATIONALITY AND IDENTITY	55	85
RENEWAL OF A SEAMAN'S CERTIFICATE OF NATIONALITY AND IDENTITY	10	15
HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY (44-PAGE)	150	180
HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY (92-PAGE)	300	360
MULTIPLE RE-ENTRY PERMIT (WHETHER OF FULL OR RESTRICTED VALIDITY)	35	55
RE-ENTRY PERMIT FOR 1 VISIT	10	15
ENDORSEMENT TO A TRAVEL DOCUMENT FOR WHICH NO SPECIFIC FEE IS PROVIDED	40	65

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SERVICE CHARGE FOR SUPPLYING, ON APPLICATION A COPY OF ANY DOCUMENT, OR FOR MAKING OR FORWARDING, OR BOTH, A REQUEST OR RECOMMENDATION TO ANY AUTHORITY OF A FOREIGN STATE OR COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY, FOR CONSULAR OR NATIONALITY REGISTRATION OR FOR THE ISSUE OR RENEWAL OF A PASSPORT OR OTHER TRAVEL DOCUMENT OR OF A DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY OR FOR THE GRANT OF A VISA OR ENTRY PERMIT	45	70
DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES (44-PAGE)	115	160
DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES (92-PAGE)	230	320
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS -----		
POST REGISTRATION OF BIRTH (AFTER 42 DAYS) WITHIN 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BIRTH	12	20
POST REGISTRATION OF BIRTH AFTER 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BIRTH	70	120
A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF ADDITION OR ALTERATION OF NAME OF CHILD	12	20
ADDITION OR ALTERATION OF NAME OF CHILD AFTER 42 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE BIRTH	45	75
A CERTIFIED COPY OF A BIRTH ENTRY IN THE REGISTER TO A LOCAL APPLICANT	12	20
A CERTIFIED COPY OF A BIRTH ENTRY IN THE REGISTER TO OVERSEAS APPLICANT	25*	40*
A PARTICULAR SEARCH OF THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS RECORDS	12	20
A GENERAL SEARCH OF THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS RECORDS	70	120
A SHORTENED FORM OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE UNDER THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE	5	10
CORRECTION OF AN ERROR OF FACT OF SUBSTANCE IN REGISTERS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS	45	75

A PARTICULAR SEARCH FOR A BIRTH ENTRY	10	20
A GENERAL SEARCH FOR A BIRTH ENTRY	60	110
A CORRECTION OF AN ERROR IN ANY REGISTER BOOK OF BIRTH REGISTRATION	40	75
A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY IN ANY OF THE REGISTER BOOKS OF BIRTH REGISTRATION TO LOCAL APPLICANT	10	20
A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY IN ANY OF REGISTER BOOKS OF BIRTH REGISTRATION TO OVERSEAS APPLICANT	20*	40*
RE-REGISTRATION OF BIRTH IF INFORMATION NOT FURNISHED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME	35	65
A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF THE BIRTH OF A LEGITIMATED PERSON	12	20
A PARTICULAR SEARCH FOR AN ADOPTION RECORD	12	20
A GENERAL SEARCH FOR AN ADOPTION RECORD	70	120
A SHORTENED FORM OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE UNDER THE ADOPTION ORDINANCE	5	10
A CERTIFIED COPY OF ANY ENTRY IN THE ADOPTED CHILDREN REGISTER TO LOCAL APPLICANT	12	20
A CERTIFIED COPY OF ANY ENTRY IN THE ADOPTED CHILDREN REGISTER TO OVERSEAS APPLICANT	25*	40*
REGISTRATION OF DEATHS		

A PARTICULAR SEARCH FOR A DEATH ENTRY	10	20
A GENERAL SEARCH FOR A DEATH ENTRY	60	110
A CORRECTION OF AN ERROR IN ANY REGISTER BOOKS OF DEATH REGISTRATION	40	75
A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY IN ANY OF THE REGISTER BOOKS OF DEATH REGISTRATION TO LOCAL APPLICANT	10	20
A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY IN ANY OF THE REGISTER BOOKS OF DEATH REGISTRATION TO OVERSEAS APPLICANT	20*	40*

REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE

FILING OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE UNDER THE MARRIAGE REFORM ORDINANCE	10	20
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE MARRIAGE REFORM ORDINANCE	40	75
A SEARCH FOR MARRIAGE ENTRY MADE UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE MARRIAGE REFORM ORDINANCE DURING ANY NUMBER OF SUCCESSIVE HOURS NOT EXCEEDING 6, WITHOUT THE OBJECT OF THE SEARCH BEING SPECIFIED	60	110
A SEARCH FOR A SPECIFIED MARRIAGE ENTRY WHERE THE SEARCH IS MADE BY THE APPLICANT OR BY THE REGISTRAR ON HIS BEHALF UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE MARRIAGE REFORM ORDINANCE	10	20
CERTIFIED COPY OF A MARRIAGE ENTRY GIVEN UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE MARRIAGE REFORM ORDINANCE TO LOCAL APPLICANT	20	35
CERTIFIED COPY OF A MARRIAGE ENTRY GIVEN UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE MARRIAGE REFORM ORDINANCE TO OVERSEAS APPLICANT	30*	50*
CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE MARRIAGE REFORM ORDINANCE OF THE ABSENCE OF ANY RECORD TO LOCAL APPLICANT	60	110
CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE MARRIAGE REFORM ORDINANCE OF THE ABSENCE OF ANY RECORD TO OVERSEAS APPLICANT	70*	125*
FILING OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISSOLVE A MARRIAGE UNDER SECTION 16(1) OF THE MARRIAGE REFORM ORDINANCE	5	10
FILING OF NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISSOLVE A MARRIAGE UNDER SECTION 16(2) OF THE MARRIAGE REFORM ORDINANCE	5	10
STATEMENT OF DESIGNATED PUBLIC OFFICER UNDER SECTION 17(2) OF THE MARRIAGE REFORM ORDINANCE, IN DUPLICATE	50	100

A CERTIFICATE BY REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGE GIVEN UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE FOREIGN MARRIAGE ORDINANCE	5	10
GOVERNOR'S LICENCE GIVEN UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE FOREIGN MARRIAGE ORDINANCE	70	120
FILING AND EXHIBITION OF NOTICE OF MARRIAGE	30	50
CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE WHEN ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIO TO SECTION 9 OF THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE	550	925
SEARCH FOR MARRIAGE ENTRY MADE UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE DURING ANY NUMBER OF SUCCESSIVE HOURS NOT EXCEEDING 6, WITHOUT THE OBJECT OF THE SEARCH BEING SPECIFIED	70	120
SEARCH UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE FOR A SPECIFIED ENTRY OF MARRIAGE WHETHER THE SEARCH IS MADE BY THE APPLICANT OR BY THE REGISTRAR ON HIS BEHALF	12	20
CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE GIVEN UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE TO LOCAL APPLICANT	25	40
CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE GIVEN UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE TO OVERSEAS APPLICANT	35*	55*
CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE OF ABSENCE OF ANY MARRIAGE RECORD TO LOCAL APPLICANT	70	120
CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE OF ABSENCE OF ANY MARRIAGE RECORD TO OVERSEAS APPLICANT	80*	135*
SPECIAL LICENCE UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE GRANTED BY THE GOVERNOR	1,100	1,850
MARRIAGE AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR - DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS	90	155
MARRIAGE AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR - OUTSIDE NORMAL OFFICE HOURS	200	335

CELEBRATION BY THE REGISTRAR, ELSEWHERE THAN IN HIS OFFICE, OR MARRIAGE BY SPECIAL LICENCE OR OF PERSON IN ARTICULO MORTIS	450	755
CELEBRATION BY THE REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGES UNDER PARAGRAPH (B) OF THE PROVISO TO SECTION 21(3), PER MARRIAGE AND IN ADDITION \$560 (TO BE PAID PROPORTIONATELY BY THE PARTIES BEING MARRIED) OR \$75 PER MARRIAGE, WHICHEVER IS THE GREATER	220	370

REGISTRATION OF PERSONS

LOST OR DESTROYED IDENTITY CARD REPLACED UNDER REGULATION 13 OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE	100	170
DAMAGED OR DEFACED IDENTITY CARD REPLACED UNDER REGULATION 13 OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE	35	70
IDENTITY CARD REQUIRING ALTERATION REPLACED UNDER REGULATION 14(1)(A) OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE	100	170
CERTIFICATE OR A CERTIFIED COPY ISSUED UNDER REGULATION 23 OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE.	100	170

NOTE: * PLUS AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AIRMAIL
POSTAGE AT THE NORMAL RATE.

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NEW REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR LICENSING OF CROSSBOWS
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THE POSSESSION AND USE OF CROSSBOWS WILL BE BROUGHT UNDER
CONTROL WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 29.

FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, NEW REGULATIONS
UNDER THE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION ORDINANCE WILL BE PUBLISHED
TOMORROW (FRIDAY) PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF CROSSBOWS.

A PERIOD OF FOUR WEEKS IS BEING GIVEN TO ALLOW PERSONS ALREADY
IN POSSESSION OF CROSSBOWS TO OBTAIN A LICENCE OR DISPOSE OF THEM.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID CROSSBOWS WERE POWERFUL WEAPONS CAPABLE OF CAUSING INJURY OR DEATH AND THEY HAD BEEN USED IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES BY CRIMINALS AND DERANGED PERSONS IN RECENT YEARS WITH SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING A MURDER IN HONG KONG.

"MODERN CROSSBOWS ARE ACCURATE AND LETHAL EVEN WHEN FIRED AT RANGES OF SOME HUNDREDS OF METRES.

"IN SOME CASES, THE BOLTS (THE PROJECTILES) ARE DESIGNED TO PIERCE ARMOUR-PLATING, SHATTER CONCRETE OR TWIST AND TURN ON IMPACT TO MAXIMISE A WOUND," HE SAID.

THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL APPLY TO CROSSBOWS WITH A DRAW WEIGHT OF MORE THAN SIX KILOGRAMS, WHICH IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CAUSE VISIBLE DAMAGE TO HUMAN SKIN, AS WELL AS TO THE BOLTS.

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WORK OF POLICE CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU EXPLAINED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE "PAPER CHASE" OF CRIMINAL RECORDS LEAVES POLICE HEADQUARTERS EVERY DAY AS POLICE FORCE MOTORCYCLISTS DISTRIBUTE VITAL CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS TO COURTS.

WITH MORE THAN 200 ARRESTS IN HONG KONG DAILY THE COMPLICATED AND DETAILED WORK OF THE CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU IS DEDICATED TO KEEPING AND UPDATING ALL RECORDS RELATING TO CASES OLD AND NEW.

THE BUREAU IS HONG KONG'S SOLE REPOSITORY OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS. IT HOLDS 513,000 RECORDS OF OFFENCES AND NEARLY TWO MILLION INDIVIDUAL CASE FILES.

YET ALTHOUGH THE STIGMA OF A CRIMINAL OFFENCE MIGHT STAY WITH A CONVICTED PERSON UNTIL THE DAY HE OR SHE DIES, THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE CRIMINAL RECORDS ONLY FIND THEMSELVES ACCUSED ONCE IN THEIR LIVES.

SIXTY PER CENT OF PEOPLE IN THE CRB FILES HAVE ONLY ONE CONVICTION. AROUND 30 PER CENT HAVE TWO AND THE REST THREE OR MORE.

MOST PERSONS HAVING MULTIPLE CONVICTIONS, SOME HAVE DOZENS, ARE INVOLVED WITH DANGEROUS DRUGS OFFENCES.

TRAFFIC CONVICTIONS ARE KEPT SEPARATELY AT TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS.

"THE MAJORITY OF OUR CASE FILES OF ALL INVESTIGATIONS INTO RECORDABLE OFFENCES ARE NOW ON MICRO-FILM," CRB STAFF OFFICER, CRIME, MR DAVE MADOC-JONES, SAID. "WE HAVE 12 PEOPLE WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO MICROFILM CRIMINAL RECORDS. THEY FILM MORE THAN THREE MILLION PAGES A YEAR."

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BUT THE BUREAU IS NOT JUST A REPOSITORY. ITS RECORDS HAVE A NUMBER OF USES ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS LONG AFTER A CRIMINAL HAS BEEN CONVICTED IN COURT. THEY CAN BE USED AS MUCH FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CRIMINALS AS FOR HELPING INVESTIGATIONS.

THE BUREAU PREPARES REPORTS ON CASES WHEN A CONVICTED PRISONER PETITIONS THE GOVERNOR, WHEN LONG TERM PRISONERS APPLY FOR THEIR SENTENCES TO BE REVIEWED AND WHEN THEY PLEAD FOR RELEASE FROM PRISON UNDER SUPERVISION BY A PAROLE BOARD.

"WE HAVE TWO OFFICERS DEDICATED TO RESEARCHING OLD CASES," MR MADOC-JONES SAID. "IT'S AN ONGOING TASK."

WHEN A CASE IS DEALT WITH, WHETHER IT IS AN INVESTIGATION OR A CASE BEFORE THE COURTS, THE SYSTEMS AT CRB ARE MANPOWER INTENSIVE. WHEN A CASE GOES TO COURT IT IS ALLOCATED A NUMBER BY THE IDENTIFICATION BUREAU WHEN A DEFENDANT HAS NO PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS. IF THERE ARE THE PREVIOUS RECORDS ARE SENT BY DISPATCH RIDERS EVERY DAY FOR SAFE KEEPING BY OFFICERS COMMANDING COURTS.

A RESULT CHECKING GROUP MONITORS THE OUTCOME OF COURT PROCEDURES AND CONFIRMS DETAILS WHEN THE RECORDS RETURN TO THE BUREAU. THE RECORDS ARE THEN REWRITTEN FOR CODING UNDER A CODING SYSTEM WHICH HAS HUNDREDS OF ABBREVIATIONS FOR QUICK REFERENCE.

"WE HAVE TO CHASE THE RETURN OF SLOW MOVING FILES AND IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THESE PAPERS TO BE RETURNED URGENTLY AFTER A CASE HAS BEEN DEALT WITH," MR MADOC-JONES SAID. "THE LATE RETURN OF RECORDS CAUSES A LOT OF TROUBLE AND A LOT OF WORK."

"THE RECORDS ARE HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WE DON'T GIVE INFORMATION ON THEM TO ANYONE, ALTHOUGH MUCH OF IT IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD. WE DON'T GIVE INFORMATION TO INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED OR TO THEIR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES."

WHEN A DEFENDANT IS ACQUITTED NO RECORD IS KEPT ON THE FILE EVEN IF THERE ARE PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS RECORDED.

ALTHOUGH THE DEATH OF A CRIMINAL IS THE FINAL EXONERATION OF HIS RECORD THERE ARE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A FILE CAN BE REMOVED OR CONSIDERED "SPENT".

"WE WEED OUT THE FILES WHEN WE CHECK THE DEATHS RECORDED BY THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE," MR MADOC-JONES SAID. "THE FILES ARE DESTROYED."

"SO ARE THOSE OF JUVENILES DEALT WITH UNDER THE SUPERINTENDENTS' DISCRETION SCHEME. THEY ARE KEPT ONLY THREE YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF CONVICTION. OTHER RECORDS ARE CONSIDERED SPENT UNDER THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ORDINANCE."

IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED BUT NOT SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT OR FINED NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 DETAILS OF THE CONVICTION CANNOT BE MENTIONED THREE YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION EXCEPT UNDER CONDITIONS DEFINED IN THE ORDINANCE.

THE BUREAU'S VETTING UNTIL LAST YEAR MADE 200,000 CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS.

RECORDS ARE ALSO MAINTAINED OF ALL UNEXECUTED NON-TRAFFIC ARRESTS, INCLUDING THOSE REFERRED BY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, AND BANKRUPTCIES.

"WE ARE GETTING INCREASED REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM OVERSEAS POLICE AGENCIES AS CRIME BECOMES MORE INTERNATIONAL," MR MADOC-JONES ADDED.

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION HOSTS SPRING RECEPTION

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING HOSTED A SPRING RECEPTION FOR EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TO THANK THEM FOR THE ADVICE AND SUPPORT THEY HAD GIVEN TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST YEAR.

ABOUT 500 GUESTS ATTENDED THE PARTY WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE HAPPY VALLEY CLUBHOUSE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THEY INCLUDED MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, EDUCATION COMMISSION, BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT BOARDS, SCHOOL COUNCILS, UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION, COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND SCHOOL SPONSORING BODIES.

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REPROVISIONED SCHOOL MATCHES POPULATION TREND

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SOUTH TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE YU TO SANG MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL, IS ONE OF THE SCHOOLS UNDER THE REPROVISIONING SCHEME TO MATCH POPULATION TREND AND ENHANCE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WERE TOLD THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN THEY VISITED THE SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL WAS REPROVISIONED IN SEPTEMBER 1988 FROM HOSPITAL ROAD IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT TO TUEN MUN WHERE THERE IS INCREASING DEMAND FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES AS A RESULT OF POPULATION SHIFT FROM BUILT-UP AREAS TO NEW TOWNS.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN ENHANCED WITH THE 24-CLASSROOM SCHOOL OFFERING 1,280 SECONDARY 1-5 PLACES.

THE VISITORS WERE BOARD CHAIRMAN MR TIMOTHY HA AND MEMBERS MRS MINNIE LAI, MISS BOW SUI-MAY, MR TAM MAN-KWAN AND MR PETER PELHAM.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SCHOOLS), MR CHAN KWOK-HEI.

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SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

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THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION AND THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT FOR PERMANENT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR YOUTH.

THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION IS USED FOR THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL, SPORTING, CULTURAL, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

IT IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE RECREATIONAL AND RELATED PROJECTS WITH THE AIM TO PROMOTE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, PARTICULARLY OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT IS PRIMARILY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

A SINGLE APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE FOR THE TWO FUNDS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND AT THE EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE, HEALTH, HOSPITAL SERVICES, URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

THEY CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SECTION OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH, AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING BOTH THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION FOR CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS AND ADVISING ON THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE, 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS WILL CLOSE ON MAY 20 WHILE THAT FOR NON-CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS IS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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FIGHT CRIME VARIETY SHOW IN NORTH DISTRICT
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POPULAR SINGERS WILL PERFORM IN A VARIETY SHOW IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING TO HELP SPREAD THE FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGES TO RESIDENTS.

THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS VARIETY SHOW, TO BE HELD AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND, IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIPS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

"THE TWO-HOUR SHOW IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IN 1990-91," THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TAO MAN-KWONG, SAID.

"ABOUT 20,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SHOW WHICH WILL BE PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG. ADMISSION IS FREE," HE SAID.

PERFORMING WILL BE SINGERS MR HACKEN LEE, MR JACKY CHEUNG, MR LUN WING-LEUNG AND MISS SHIRLEY KWAN.

DISC JOCKEY MR YEUNG KAT-SAI AND ARTISTE MISS ELIZABETH LEE WILL BE THE COMPERES. THE SHOW WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK RADIO 1, FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM.

PRIOR TO THE SHOW, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO RECIPIENTS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT GOOD CITIZEN AWARD AND WINNERS OF A POSTER DESIGN AND A CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION.

OMELCO MEMBER MRS RITA FAN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI; THE FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR SIMON LUN; FRONTIER POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR MICHAEL WATSON; AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (NARCOTICS), MISS WINDY KWOK.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (FRIDAY), BEGINNING AT 8 PM AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND.

THE OPENING AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING AT THE REAR YARD OF WINKI HOUSE, 123-125 LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND 209 TONG MI ROAD, MONG KOK, SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON APRIL 12 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS GRANTED.

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