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CS TALKS ABOUT 'METROPLAN' FOR URBAN AREAS

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO TAKE A HARD AND COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE METROPOLITAN AREA AND THEN WORK OUT WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO RESTRUCTURE IT, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS NEW "METROPLAN" WAS TO HELP BRING ABOUT A BETTER ORGANISED, MORE EFFICIENT AND GENERALLY MORE DESIRABLE PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK, HE SAID.

IT WOULD INDICATE NEW DIRECTIONS AND FORMS OF DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT FOR THE 1990'S AND BEYOND, COVERING THE COMBINED URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON, TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING AT A PO LEUNG KUK LUNCHEON MEETING, DURING WHICH HE DISCUSSED THE PLAN THE GOVERNMENT HAD IN MIND TO TACKLE PROBLEMS THAT AROSE AS A RESULT OF THE "UNCOORDINATED" DEVELOPMENT IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

HE NOTED THAT THE FIRST STEP WAS TO DEFINE THE BROAD GOALS OF THE PLAN BY SETTING STANDARDS OF ENVIRONMENT, DENSITY AND AMENITY TO BE ACHIEVED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE URBAN AREAS.

"THEN WE MUST TRANSLATE THESE GOALS INTO ACTION BY PLANNING HOW WE CAN BEST IMPROVE AND DEVELOP THE POLICY AND THE MACHINERY NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THESE PLANS.

"FINALLY, WE MUST DEVISE PROGRAMMES OF WORK AND INVESTMENT NECESSARY FOR EACH AREA AND A GENERAL ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR THESE," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO HAVE THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEMES OF BOTH THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTIES AND OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF ITS OLDER ESTATES GUIDED BY METROPLAN AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE PROCESS WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND LONG, "AND MUCH OF WHAT WE PLAN IN THE METROPLAN CANNOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE END OF THE NINETIES AND IN THE EARLY PARTS OF THE NEXT CENTURY."

"AND IT WILL INVOLVE NEW POLICIES OR AT LEAST EXTENSIONS OF OLD ONES."

SIR DAVID SAID: "THE METROPLAN IS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO ALL AND BEARING IN MIND THE HUGE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS AND EFFORTS REQUIRED, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE PUBLIC SUPPORT IN WHAT IT IS SEEKING TO ACHIEVE."

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HE SAID THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WOULD BE PUBLISHING A STATEMENT OF THE AIMS AND ASSUMPTIONS OF THE METROPLAN AND WOULD SEEK PUBLIC COMMENT ON IT, ADDING THAT AT EACH STAGE AND IN EACH DISTRICT AFFECTED, PUBLIC COMMENT WOULD BE SOUGHT.

"NO PLANNING IS EVER PERFECT NOR IS IT EVER COMPLETE, AND EVEN AFTER A MAJOR EXERCISE OF THIS KIND, IT WOULD BE WRONG TO IMAGINE THAT WE WILL HAVE A PERFECT BLUEPRINT WHICH CANNOT BE CHANGED.

"BUT WE WILL HAVE A BASIC PLAN ON WHICH TO STRUCTURE THE REDEVELOPMENT AND NEW INVESTMENT WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S METROPOLITAN AREAS WILL REMAIN IN THE FOREFRONT OF MODERN CITIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY," SIR DAVID SAID.

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PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE INTERESTING AND USEFUL : CS

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THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WAS DESCRIBED AS "INTERESTING AND USEFUL" BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ADDRESSING THE PO LEUNG KUK LUNCHEON TODAY (THURSDAY), SIR DAVID SAID THE DEBATE DEMONSTRATED THE INTEREST THAT PARLIAMENT TAKES IN HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY NOTED THAT MANY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HAVE BEEN COMING TO HONG KONG AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE TERRITORY. THE DEBATE INDICATED A VERY REAL UNDERSTANDING MEMBERS HAVE ON THE MANY PROBLEMS OF HONG KONG.

ASKED WHETHER THE DECISIONS IN THE WHITE PAPER COULD BE TAKEN AS PROMISES OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THE HONG KONG PEOPLE, HE SAID THAT WHITE PAPERS SET OUT FIRM POLICIES.

"WHEN THE WHITE PAPER IS PUBLISHED, IT WILL OUTLINE OUR POLICIES FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG".

REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID EMPHASISED THAT NOTHING THAT WAS WRITTEN IN THE 1984 WHITE PAPER HAD BEEN NEGATED BY THE 1987 REVIEW.

"PROMISES WHICH WE MADE IN THAT WHITE PAPER HAD BEEN KEPT IN THE 1987 REVIEW," HE ADDED.

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CHINESE VICE MINISTER CALLS ON GOVERNOR

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THE VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, MR QIAN QICHEN, PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE GOVERNOR THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

MR QIAN IS PASSING THROUGH HONG KONG ON HIS WAY BACK TO PEKING AFTER A VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

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DISABLED PEOPLE CAN BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING: LADY WILSON

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SEVERELY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE CAN BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING WHEN BACKED BY THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE, LADY WILSON, SAID THIS WHEN SHE OPENED THE KAI YIP WORKSHOP OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN HER SPEECH, LADY WILSON NOTED THAT THE FEDERATION HAD RUN UNDER ITS UMBRELLA SELF-SUPPORTING PROJECTS INCLUDING THE ANNE HOSTEL FOR SINGLE HANDICAPPED YOUTHS, A WATCH FACTORY IN LAM TIN, A BRADBURY BATHING SHED AND A DISABLED DRIVERS' SCHOOL.

"THESE PROJECTS ARE ALL FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONATIONS, FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES, AND CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS.

"THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SUBVENTED THE OFFICE AND SOCIAL CENTRE IN 1978 AT LAM TIN ESTATE, AND THIS TOO GAVE MUCH IMPETUS FOR EXPANSION," SHE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE NEWLY OPENED KAI YIP WORKSHOP REPLACED THE ONE IN LAM TIN WHICH HAD PROVIDED A LIVING WAGE FOR MORE THAN 100 SEVERELY DISABLED YOUNG ADULTS SINCE IT WAS OPENED IN 1980, LADY WILSON SAID THE GENEROUS DONATION OF A SPECIALLY ADAPTED VAN BY THE MASONIC BENEVOLENCE FUND HAD SOLVED THE PROBLEM OF TRANSPORTING WORKERS LIVING IN LAM TIN ESTATE TO THEIR NEW WORKING PLACE,

QUOTING THE REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL CHARTER WHICH SAID "EMPLOYMENT IS CENTRAL TO THE DIGNITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES", LADY WILSON POINTED OUT THAT THE KAI YIP WORKSHOP WAS HELPING WITH THIS AIM AND SHE HOPED THAT OTHERS WOULD FOLLOW.

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WITNESS FOR HONG KONG LOOKS TO FUTURE  
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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE IN NEW YORK, MR JOSHUA LAW, YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) OUTLINED THE MANY POSITIVE STEPS BEING TAKEN TOWARDS A SMOOTH TRANSFER TO CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997.

HE WAS SPEAKING AS A "WITNESS FOR HONG KONG" BEFORE A DISTINGUISHED GATHERING OF ATTORNEYS AT A MEETING OF THE NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION.

MR LAW SAID THAT AMONG THE MANY AGREEMENTS ALREADY REACHED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION WERE MEMBERSHIP OF GATT, TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION, MEMBERSHIP OF THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL AND CONTINUED APPLICATION OF RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS.

IN DETAILING HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS, MR LAW TOLD OF ITS PROBABLE EMERGENCE THIS YEAR AS THE WORLD'S NO. 1 CONTAINER PORT, ITS GROWING IMPORTANCE AS A MARKET FOR U.S. EXPORTS AND THE TREMENDOUS, CONTINUING INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG BY U.S. COMPANIES.

THE COMPLETION OF THE BULK OF THE LAND COMMISSION'S POLICY WORK WAS ALSO CITED BY MR LAW AS AN INDICATION OF HOW THE CHINESE, BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS WERE WORKING TOWARDS SECURING HONG KONG'S FUTURE IN THE INTERESTS OF THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN - AND DO BUSINESS WITH - THE TERRITORY.

"THE VALUES, RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS SO CHERISHED BY AMERICANS ARE EQUALLY VALUED BY US AND OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE FUTURE INCLUDE MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THEIR FUTURE MAINTENANCE," HE SAID.

MR LAW POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE AGREEMENT, HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER ITSELF, PASS ITS OWN LEGISLATION AND EXERCISE INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL POWER.

HE CONCLUDED: "WITH THE APPROACH OF 1997, THERE IS A STRONG MOTIVE FOR ALL CONCERNED TO WORK FOR FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

"THIS IS MANIFESTLY IN THE INTEREST OF A MODERNISING CHINA, WITH A REPUTATION TO DEFEND. IT IS EQUALLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. IT IS ABOVE ALL IN THE INTEREST OF THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN HONG KONG."

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JOINT ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED

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1. Mr. Henry Keeswick, New Chairman of the Hong Kong  
A JOINT TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION WAS MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, AND THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS THIS WEEK AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE EVADED ARREST.

A private visit. He will be meeting the Governor  
THIS HAS RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF 103 PEOPLE, 36 OF THEM WERE SUSPECTED TO BE EVADERS AND SIX OTHERS WERE BELIEVED TO BE AIDERS AND ABETTERS. also visit Fu Tei Vietnamese refugees camp and Tuen Mun District.

SIXTY-ONE OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT IN THE BORDER. THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAN UK LING FOR REPATRIATION. liamentary Budget Committee, Delegation of Germany

OTHER HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

The delegation will be meeting the Commissioner of  
A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

Home Affairs (January 28 - February 3).  
THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER. He will be meeting the Governor, Attorney-General, Secretary for Security, Secretary

"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID. Commissioner of Police. He will also visit Vietnamese refugees camps, Pik Uk Prison, Police Tactical Unit in

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 19) MORNING AND ENDED THIS MORNING, POLICE STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. of the Belgium

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 33,301 PEOPLE, 4,113 VEHICLES AND 961 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

A TOTAL OF 29 PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY, AND A FURTHER 233 WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1,000.

ANOTHER SEVEN PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY POSSESSING IDENTITY CARDS WHICH DO NOT BELONG TO THEM.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 6,942 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

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A TOTAL OF EIGHT PERSONS IN SIX ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ANOTHER 27 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE KEEPING EITHER NO RECORD OR IMPROPER RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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#### MORE HOSPITAL BEDS PLANNED FOR NEXT DECADE

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ANOTHER 12,660 PUBLIC HOSPITAL BEDS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE END OF 1996 WITH THE COMPLETION OF 37 PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MDAC) CHAIRED BY DR CHIU HIN-KWONG.

THE 37 PROJECTS INCLUDE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL EXTENSION II, PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL, UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL EXTENSION, RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM REDEVELOPMENT, NETHERSOLE (TAI PO) HOSPITAL AND NORTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

AT PRESENT, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS IS ABOUT 25,000, OF WHICH 90 PER CENT ARE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR - 14 GOVERNMENT AND 20 SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

AT A MEETING TODAY, THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THE HOSPITAL BED PROVISION RATIO WILL INCREASE STEADILY FROM 4.5 BEDS PER THOUSAND POPULATION IN 1987 TO 6.1 IN 1996.

COMPARING THE CURRENT PROJECTION OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR BEDS WITH THE PREVIOUS PROJECTION, THE MEETING ALSO NOTED THAT THE ESTIMATED DEMAND HAD BEEN REDUCED BY ABOUT 3,000 BEDS.

THIS IS ATTRIBUTED MAINLY TO A REVISED POPULATION PROJECTION, BASED ON THE 1986 BY-CENSUS, WHICH INDICATES THAT THE INCREASE IN POPULATION OVER THE COMING DECADE WILL BE LESS MARKED THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT.

IN VIEW OF THE PLANNED PROVISION AND REQUIREMENT ON HOSPITAL BEDS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE WILL BE A TERRITORY-WIDE SHORTFALL OF 70 BEDS BY 1996.

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THE MDAC HAVE ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION TO ILLUSTRATE THE BASIS IN WORKING OUT THE REQUIREMENT OF HOSPITAL BEDS.

ANOTHER ITEM DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S MEETING WAS THE SUPPLY OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN THE NEXT DECADE.

MEMBERS WERE INFORMED THAT THE THREE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA COURSE IN PHYSIOTHERAPY RUN BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IS THE MAIN SOURCE OF SUPPLY OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS. THE PRESENT INTAKE IS 80 PER YEAR WITH AN OVERALL DROP OUT RATE OF ABOUT 10 PER CENT.

THE MDAC, HAVING REGARD TO THE SMALL SHORTFALL OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, SUGGESTED THAT THE INTAKE OF STUDENTS IN THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC BE INCREASED FROM 80 TO 90 PER YEAR.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 95 PER CENT OF THE GRADUATES WILL JOIN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITAL EACH YEAR.

AT THE END OF 1987, THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED AND PRIVATE SECTOR WAS ABOUT 415. THE REQUIREMENT FOR PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN HONG KONG IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO 715 BY 1996.

TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, THE MEETING WAS INFORMED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR AT THE END OF 1987 WAS ABOUT 240.

THE COMMITTEE ENDORSED THAT THE SCHEME ON DOMICILIARY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICE, WHICH WAS STARTED AS A PILOT SCHEME IN 1983, SHOULD BE FORMALLY RECOGNISED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES AND BE INCORPORATED INTO THE REGULAR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DELIVERY SYSTEM IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND REHABILITATION CENTRES.

THE DOMICILIARY OCCUPATION SERVICE AIMS TO GIVE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS WHO FACE ADAPTIONAL PROBLEMS IN THEIR NORMAL DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES AT HOME OR AT WORK AFTER DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL.

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MAXIMISE EXISTING SERVICES TO HELP THOSE MOST IN NEED

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IT IS VITAL FOR SOCIAL WORKERS TO ENSURE THAT THE EXISTING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM BENEFITS FOR THOSE MOST IN NEED BY INCREASED COMMITMENT TO THE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF THE AGED, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING THE SEMINAR ON THE ELDERLY JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED, SHE SAID THIS APPROACH WAS NEEDED TO COPE WITH THE FACT THAT SIGNIFICANT GAPS STILL REMAINED IN THE NETWORK OF SERVICES FOR HONG KONG'S OLD PEOPLE DESPITE A DRAMATIC SURGE IN THE FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THEIR WELFARE OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

REVIEWING THE BACKGROUND AND STRUCTURE OF THE CURRENT PROGRAMME TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG'S 670,000 RESIDENTS AGED 60 AND OVER, SHE NOTED THAT THE TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANTED TO THE ELDERLY HAD RISEN FROM AN ANNUAL \$275 MILLION IN 1983-84 TO \$467 MILLION PROJECTED FOR THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, WHILE THE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO OLD AGE ALLOWANCE HAD SOARED FROM \$508 MILLION TO \$1,030 MILLION PROJECTED FOR 1988-89.

OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS, SHE ADDED, GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR FOR ELDERLY SERVICES HAD RISEN BY 200 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 75 PER CENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES AND 86 PER CENT FOR FAMILY SERVICES.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY HAS LED TO INCREASED LEVELS OF BENEFIT THAT WILL COME INTO EFFECT NEXT APRIL FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND FOR BOTH THE OLD AGE AND DISABILITY ALLOWANCES.

"AS A RESULT, THE TYPICAL OLD PERSON WITHOUT ANY INCOME WILL RECEIVE FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES \$1,304 A MONTH INCLUDING RENT.

"IN ADDITION, MORE OLD PEOPLE WILL ENJOY BIGGER BENEFITS AS THE QUALIFYING AGE FOR THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE IS REDUCED FROM 70 TO 65 OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS," MRS GOODSTADT SAID.

AS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES, SHE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS, NO LESS THAN 66 DAY CENTRES, 35 RESIDENTIAL CENTRES AND 32 HOME HELP TEAMS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED.

NEVERTHELESS, SHE WARNED AGAINST COMPLACENCY.

"BY CURRENT PLANNING STANDARDS, WE ARE SHORT OF 66 SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, AS WELL AS 1,500 PLACES IN CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES.

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"AS SOCIAL WORKERS, WE CANNOT ACCEPT A SITUATION IN WHICH THERE IS A LONG WAITING LIST FOR SERVICES, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF THE ELDERLY, WITH THEIR LIMITED LIFE EXPECTANCY," SHE SAID.

TO COPE WITH SHORTFALLS IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, MRS GOODSTADT MADE A PLEA FOR THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION TO ADOPT A STRATEGY OF ENSURING THAT PRESENT FACILITIES WERE MANAGED WITH GREATER CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY.

"IN THIS WAY, THE CONTRIBUTION FROM CURRENT SERVICES TO THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY WOULD BE MAXIMISED," SHE SAID.

"IN PARTICULAR, SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE TO LOOK BEYOND THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL TO THE CREATION OF AN ENVIRONMENT - PARTICULARLY IN RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS - WHERE RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY PERSON'S INDIVIDUALITY AND INDEPENDENCE TAKE A VERY HIGH PRIORITY.

"MORE STRESS ON PERSONAL CHOICE. PRESERVATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE STYLE ARE VITAL.

"IN THIS WAY, WE DO A GREAT DEAL TO GUARANTEE THAT OLD PEOPLE - AND THE SOCIAL WORKERS WHO SERVE THEM - RETAIN A CONVICTION THAT THE OLD PERSON'S DECLINING YEARS STILL HAVE PURPOSE AND ARE NOT SIMPLY A BURDEN," MRS GOODSTADT ADDED.

SHE STRESSED THAT IT WAS ALSO VITAL FOR SOCIAL WORKERS TO MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS AMONG THE ELDERLY - SUCH AS THE RECENTLY-BEREAVED, THOSE WITHOUT FAMILY OR ISOLATED, THE BEDRIDDEN AND DEPRESSED.

MRS GOODSTADT CALLED FOR VIGOROUS MEASURES TO SEE THAT SOCIAL WORKERS ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE THESE GROUPS TO TAKE THE FULLEST ADVANTAGE OF ALL SOURCES OF HELP AND SUPPORT FOR THE ELDERLY.

"SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE TO ENSURE THAT ALL OUR ELDERLY ENJOYED THE BASIC SERVICES OF FOOD, SHELTER AND MEDICAL CARE; FREEDOM TO MAINTAIN THEIR INDIVIDUALITY AND TO MANAGE THEIR OWN LIVES; TOGETHER WITH THE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FROM OUTSIDE TO FEEL THAT LIFE IS WORTH LIVING," SHE SAID.

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WORK OF CUSTOMS MANIFOLD

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES THE FIRST, AND OFTEN ONLY, BARRIER AGAINST THE SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS, ARMS AND AMMUNITION, ENDANGERED SPECIES, COUNTERFEIT GOODS AND OTHER COMMODITIES WHOSE IMPORT AND EXPORT ARE PROHIBITED OR CONTROLLED FOR REASONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OR ARISING FROM INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR P.L. WONG, TODAY (THURSDAY) AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB OF HONG KONG.

EXPLAINING THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR WONG SAID THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ENFORCED CONTROLS ON THE IMPORT, EXPORT, MANUFACTURE, SALE AND STORAGE OF ALL DUTIABLE COMMODITIES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"TOTAL REVENUE DERIVED FROM DUTIES ON HYDROCARBON OILS, LIQUOR, METHYL ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND COSMETICS AMOUNTED TO \$3.6 BILLION IN 1987," HE SAID.

MR WONG POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS MADE UP OF BOTH DISCIPLINED CUSTOMS OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN TRADE CONTROLS OFFICERS, AND A SUBSTANTIAL PERCENTAGE OF THE FORMER WAS DEPLOYED ON ANTI-NARCOTICS DUTIES.

"SUCH DUTIES INCLUDE SHIP RUMMAGING, CARGO EXAMINATION, MARINE STRIKE AND SEARCH, PASSENGER PROCESSING AT ALL ENTRY POINTS AND INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF SUSPECTED OR KNOWN DRUG TRAFFICKERS, RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE LAST YEAR OF 270 KILOGRAMS OF DRUGS VALUED AT \$100 MILLION.

"THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING THE COPYRIGHT OF LITERARY, DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL WORKS UNDER THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE," HE ADDED.

"INVESTIGATIONS ARE ALSO CARRIED OUT INTO FALSE AND MISLEADING DESCRIPTIONS OF COMMERCIAL GOODS UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE, AND INFRINGEMENTS OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN COPYRIGHT UNDER THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE.

"AS A RESULT OF SUCH ACTIONS, \$56.1 MILLION WORTH OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS WERE SEIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR."

IN ENFORCING TRADE CONTROLS, MR WONG EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S OBJECTIVES WERE TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO OVERSEAS MARKETS, TO CONTROL THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF PROHIBITED GOODS AND TO FULFIL THE TERRITORY'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

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"OUR TRADE CONTROLS OFFICERS INSPECT FACTORIES AND CONSIGNMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN AND IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENCES, VERIFY TRADE DECLARATIONS AND MAINFESTS, CONDUCT INDUSTRIAL SURVEYS AND INVESTIGATE TRADE COMPLAINTS.

"WE ALSO REGULATE SUPPLIES OF ESSENTIAL FOOD (RICE, FROZEN MEAT AND FROZEN POULTRY) TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO UNDUE STOCKHOLDING, SPECULATION OR PROFITEERING AT THE WHOLESALE LEVEL.

"INSPECTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT ON REGISTERED GODOWNS AND COLD STORAGE FACILITIES EITHER AT RANDOM OR ON A PROGRAMMED BASIS."

MR WONG REITERATED THAT THE ENFORCEMENT ACTION TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, WHICH LED TO THE SEIZURE OF \$183 MILLION WORTH OF GOODS AND PROSECUTION OF 5,921 PERSONS AND FIRMS FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES LAST YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR URBAN TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR 168 URBAN TAXI LICENCES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

TENDER FORMS FOR THE NEW LICENCES WILL BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION, ROOMS 906-909, HUTCHISON HOUSE, 10 HARCOURT ROAD, CENTRAL; OR FROM THE SECTION'S KOWLOON OFFICE ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

TENDERERS MUST DEPOSIT \$25,000 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR EACH URBAN TAXI LICENCE THEY SEEK. ONE TENDER FORM MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR ANY NUMBER OF TAXI LICENCES NOT EXCEEDING 168.

A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS WHICH OFFER THE SAME UNIT PREMIUM.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE IN SEALED ENVELOPES ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD. THEY SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1988.

/THE SPOKESMAN .....

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL DECIDED IN JULY, 1986, THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES WHICH MIGHT BE REGISTERED AND LICENSED AS URBAN TAXIS WOULD REMAIN AT 14,400 UNTIL JULY, 1988, AND THIS NUMBER WOULD BE REVIEWED EVERY TWO YEARS.

SINCE THEN, THE ISSUE OF NEW LICENCES FOR URBAN TAXIS HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED TO 200 PER YEAR. THIS MEASURE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JULY, 1988.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENCES ALLOCATED BY THE END OF LAST YEAR WAS 14,132 INSTEAD OF 14,200 BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF SIX SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS TO PAY THE PREMIUM FOR A TOTAL OF 68 LICENCES IN THE TENDER EXERCISE IN JULY LAST YEAR. THESE 68 UNALLOCATED LICENCES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT TENDER EXERCISE.

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EXHIBITION ON DB ACHIEVEMENTS

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AN EXHIBITION FEATURING THE WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CURRENT TERM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD IS BEING HELD AT THE CHOI WAN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE. IT WILL BE MOVED TO VARIOUS OTHER VENUES IN THE DISTRICT OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 AM TO 9.30 PM. THE DATES AND VENUES OF THE EXHIBITION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	VENUE
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JANUARY 19 TO 23	CHOI WAN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
JANUARY 24 TO 30	WONG TAI SIN SHOPPING CENTRE
JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 4	TSZ WAN SHAN (EAST) ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
FEBRUARY 5 TO 6	CHUK YUEN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO PUBLICISE THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

OTHER PUBLICITY EFFORTS TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN THE ELECTIONS INCLUDE THE PRODUCTION OF A BOOKLET ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, A NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT, PUBLIC FORUMS FOR THE CANDIDATES, AND THE MOUNTING OF BANNERS, POSTERS, AND BUNTINGS AT VANTAGE POINTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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12 COMMITTEE TO BE BRIEFED ON LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WASTE DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1987 AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE ORDINANCE GIVES EFFECT TO A 10-YEAR PROGRAMME FOR THE CONTROL OF DISPOSAL AND STORAGE OF LIVESTOCK WASTE.

THE SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL GROUP, MR LAM YANG-CHUNG, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE SUBJECT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION

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FOUR SPEAKERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT AT A SEMINAR ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 23) AFTERNOON AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE CLUB IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS, CO-ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND HONG YIP SERVICE COMPANY LTD, AND SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE SPEAKERS ARE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MRS SUSAN MAK; CHIEF BUILDING SURVEYOR, MR H.W. CHEUNG; GENERAL MANAGER OF HONG YIP SERVICE COMPANY LTD, MR MOK CHI-HUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION, MR LEE ON.

IT WILL COVER SUCH TOPICS AS THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT; UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS; PROFESSIONALISATION OF BUILDINGMANAGEMENT; AND THE PARTICIPATION OF OWNERS AND TENANTS IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

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MEANWHILE, AN EXHIBITION ON "CREATING A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT" WILL BE HELD AT THE SAME VENUE.

IT WILL FOCUS ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT; JOINT EFFORTS OF OWNERS AND TENANTS IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT; THE WORK OF THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COORDINATING TEAM; AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SUN HUNG KAI PROPERTIES LTD, MR LAW KING-WAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 23) ON THE 2M FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE CLUB, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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DANCE CONTEST BEGINS ON SATURDAY

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A TOTAL OF 107 DANCING TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN THE 17TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST TO BE HELD FROM JANUARY 23 (SATURDAY) TO JANUARY 28 IN KWUN TONG.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, THE ANNUAL EVENT IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB.

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND OPEN SECTIONS AND PARTICIPANTS CAN PERFORM A DANCE OF THEIR CHOICE, BE IT CLASSICAL, MODERN, ORIENTAL OR WESTERN.

WINNING TEAMS WILL BE INVITED TO PERFORM AT THE CITY HALL IN APRIL.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONTEST WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY AT 8 PM AT THE NING PO NO. 2 COLLEGE IN SHUN TIN ESTATE, KWUN TONG. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE CHINESE DANCE COMPETITION IN THE OPEN SECTION.

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OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR POON CHI-FAI; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MRS ELSIE TU; AND PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB, MR LEE HO-LAP.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 17TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 23) AT THE NING PO NO. 2 COLLEGE IN SHUN TIN ESTATE, KWUN TONG.

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EXHIBITION OF CHRISTMAS PHOTOGRAPHS

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AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS FEATURING CHRISTMAS IN HONG KONG WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF SHUN TAK CENTRE FOR THREE DAYS STARTING FROM SUNDAY (JANUARY 24).

ON DISPLAY WILL BE THE WINNING ENTRIES OF A TERRITORY-WIDE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AND SHUN TAK CENTRE.

THE COMPETITION, AIMING TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE STANDARD OF PHOTOGRAPHY, HAS ATTRACTED MORE THAN 370 ENTRIES.

THE WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS WERE SELECTED BY AN ADJUDICATION PANEL OF RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHERS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM. THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS DURING THE CEREMONY.

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BOOKLET FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS UPDATED

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COPIES OF THE SECOND EDITION OF A BOOKLET FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO NEWCOMERS TO HONG KONG VIA THE QUEENSWAY BRANCH OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.

THE BOOKLET WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION (CPCE) TO PROVIDE NEW IMMIGRANTS WITH SOME BASIC INFORMATION ON HONG KONG TO HELP THEM ADAPT TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT.

"AS THE BOOKLET HAS PROVEN HELPFUL TO THE RECENT ARRIVALS, THE COMMITTEE UPDATED THE INFORMATION AND PRINTED A SECOND EDITION OF 50,000 COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION," A SPOKESMAN FOR CPCE'S PUBLICITY SUBCOMMITTEE SAID.

AMONG THE WIDE-RANGING TOPICS COVERED BY THE 17-PAGE PUBLICATION ARE HOUSING, SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND MEDICAL SERVICES. A TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM HAS ALSO BEEN REVISED AND INCORPORATED TO FACILITATE ENQUIRIES.

THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOKLET FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS IS PART OF THIS YEAR'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ADMINISTERED BY CPCE.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN ARE TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

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MUSIC OFFICE ANNUAL TRAINEES' GALA

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MORE THAN 1,000 YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL GIVE A SPECTACULAR CONCERT AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24) AT 3 PM.

THE ANNUAL TRAINEES' GALA IS ONE OF THE MAJOR MUSICAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ITS TRAINEES TO PERFORM BEFORE THEIR PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS IN PUBLIC.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT PARENTS WOULD BE PROUD OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THESE YOUNGSTERS WHEN THEY WATCHED THEM PERFORM ON STAGE, AND PARTICULARLY BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE.

THE GRAND FINALE OF THE GALA WILL BE A COMBINED PERFORMANCE BY A 1,000-MEMBER ORCHESTRA COMPRISING PLAYERS OF STRING, WIND AND CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S CHOIR.

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, AND LADY FORD WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY DURING WHICH OUTSTANDING TRAINEES, AND ORCHESTRAL, CHOIR AND BAND MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT OR AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE ANNUAL TRAINEES' GALA TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24) AT 3 PM.

STAFF OF THE MUSIC OFFICE INFORMATION UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES OPEN DAY

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THE KWAI CHUNG TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL HOLD AN OPEN DAY ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 23).

STUDENTS, PARENTS AND EMPLOYERS ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE EIGHT INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES IN THE COMPLEX FOR THE AUTOMOBILE, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS, GAS, JEWELLERY, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES AND THE WELDING AND RELATED TRADES.

ABOUT 40 FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME COURSES OF DIFFERENT DURATION ARE BEING OFFERED AT THE CENTRES FOR THE TRAINING OF 4,200 OPERATIVES, CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS EACH YEAR.

THE COMPLEX AT NO. 13-19 SAN KWAI STREET, KWAI CHUNG, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAY FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM.

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PHASE II HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION WORK TO START SOON

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WORK WILL START SOON ON PHASE II OF THE RECLAMATION AT HUNG HOM BAY TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 23 HECTARES OF LAND VARIOUS PURPOSES.

PART OF THE LAND PRODUCED WILL BE USED BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION TO EXPAND ITS FREIGHT YARD WHICH IS NEEDED TO COPE WITH THE RAPIDLY INCREASING FREIGHT TRAFFIC BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

THE RECLAMATION WILL ALSO PROVIDE LAND FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, AS WELL AS ESSENTIAL SECTIONS OF THE FUTURE ROAD NETWORK DESIGNED TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN TO KWA WAN AND HUNG HOM.

IN ADDITION, THE OPPORTUNITY WILL BE TAKEN TO REDRESS SHORTFALLS IN OPEN SPACE AND GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE AREA. THESE FACILITIES CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF HUNG HOM BAY.

IN THE SHORTER TERM, THE RECLAMATION WILL SERVE AS A MUCH-NEEDED DUMPING GROUND. THIS WILL MEAN A LESS COSTLY AND MORE CONVENIENT TRIP FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SPOIL IN THE URBAN AREA WITHOUT THE NEED TO DIVERT DUMPING TO MA ON SHAN.

AT PRESENT, WORK ON THE FIRST PHASE, WHICH INVOLVES 20.5 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED NEAR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TERMINAL BUILDING, IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

THE WORK STARTED IN JULY 1986 AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

IN CONNECTION WITH PHASE II OF THE RECLAMATION, THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PASSENGER FERRY PIERS AND THE FIRST SECTION OF THE SEAWALL AT HUNG HOM BAY.

THE FERRY PIERS WILL BE BUILT AT THE NEW WATERFRONT ADJACENT TO WHAMPOA TERMINAL TO REPLACE THE EXISTING FERRY PIERS AT HUNG HOM, WHICH WILL BE DEMOLISHED BY MID-1990 TO ALLOW RECLAMATION WORK THERE.

THE 300-METRE SEAWALL AND THE SUBSEQUENT RECLAMATION BEHIND WILL PROVIDE SPACE FOR BUILDING A CONCOURSE AND THE ASSOCIATED ROADS TO THE NEW FERRY PIERS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH AND WILL TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 5.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN TAI PO FACE DEMOLITION

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY IN SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 14 FOR CLOSURE ORDERS TO BE MADE ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE MAIN ROOF OF NOS. 1-27 TAI MING LANE, TAI PO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID CLOSING THE STRUCTURES WAS NECESSARY SO THAT DEMOLITION COULD BE CARRIED OUT SAFELY.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS HAVE BEEN POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (THURSDAY).

ORDERS TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES WERE ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN FEBRUARY 1985, BUT THEY HAD NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DEMOLITION WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS CLOSURE ORDERS WERE OBTAINED, HE SAID.

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NORTH DISTRICT WALK FOR MILLIONS TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24) TO FACILITATE THE LAUNCHING OF THE 1988 NORTH DISTRICT WALK FOR MILLIONS.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 8 AM AND 5 PM. THEY ARE THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD BETWEEN PAK SHEK AU INTERCHANGE AND SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT; AND THE SLIP ROAD AT PAK SHEK AU INTERCHANGE THAT CONNECTS TO THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD.

BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC:

- \* THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF FANLING BY-PASS (TAI PO ROAD FANLING SECTION) BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT AND KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT.
- \* THE SLIP ROAD AT SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT THAT CONNECTS TO THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF FANLING BY-PASS.
- \* THE SHEUNG SHUI-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ROAD D3 BETWEEN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT.

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\* ROAD D5 BETWEEN KAI LENG INTERCHANGE AND THE ROUNDABOUT NEAR FANLING KCR STATION.

\* PIK FUNG ROAD BETWEEN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND ROAD D5.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE IN FORCE:

\* TRAFFIC IN YUEN LONG HEADING FOR SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD SR6, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, ROAD SR9, ROAD SR10, FAN KAM ROAD AND SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM.

\* BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM, VEHICLES FROM SHEUNG SHUI HEADING FOR TAI PO AND KOWLOON WILL HAVE TO USE SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT, ROAD D4, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ROAD D3 TO REJOIN FANLING BY-PASS AT KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT.

THEY CAN ALSO TRAVEL ALONG SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT, ROAD D4, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD.

\* BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM, TRAFFIC ON FANLING BY-PASS HEADING FOR SHEUNG SHUI WILL HAVE TO PROCEED ONWARDS AND MAKE TURNS AT SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT INSTEAD OF KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT.

AT THE SAME TIME, ACCESS TO FAN LENG WAI WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.

\* KMB ROUTE NO. 78K PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SHA TAU KOK WILL HAVE TO OPERATE VIA SAN FUNG AVENUE, HEUNG CHING ROAD, ROAD D4, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD IN BOTH DIRECTIONS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

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#### SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR HK INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24) FOR THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON.

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT AND 3 PM:

\* THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND ALL ITS SLIPROADS;

\* THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF MONG LUNG STREET NORTH OF PO MAN STREET; AND

/\* TUNG HEI ROAD. ....

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\* TUNG HEI ROAD.

IN ADDITION, CMB ROUTE NO. 780 WILL BE SUSPENDED WHOLE DAY BUT THE FREQUENCIES OF ROUTE NOS. 20, 21 AND 80 WILL BE INCREASED.

MEANWHILE, THE BUS STOP ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 6 AM AND 1 PM.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE IN THE AREA NEAR THE SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS. ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHEUNG WAN AND CENTRAL

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THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KO SHING STREET IN SHEUNG WAN BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 16 AND 68 WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 23).

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FOR ROAD WORKS. NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING TEMPORARY 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KO SHING STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 5 AND 43 WILL BE LIFTED.

MEANWHILE, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH IN CENTRAL BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND H.M.S. TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24).

THIS MEASURE IS REQUIRED FOR HOLDING THE "PAINT AND PLAY DAY".

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RIGHT-TURN BAN AND RESTRICTED ZONE

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 23), NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM HIP WO STREET SOUTHBOUND ON TO WAN HON STREET IN KWUN TONG.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS. AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA YUET WAH STREET, HIP WO STREET NORTHBOUND AND WAN HON STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 9 PM DAILY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD WESTBOUND (YUEN LONG SECTION) WILL BE EXTENDED WESTWARD FOR ABOUT 90 METRES FROM HOUSE NO. 204 TO HOUSE NO. 236.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS.

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WATER CUT IN YAU MA TEI AND KWUN TONG

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE TURNED OFF ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 23) FROM NOON TO 5 PM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREAS AFFECTED WILL BE JORDAN ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, YIM PO FONG STREET, ARGYLE STREET, SAI YEE STREET, BOUNDARY STREET AND PREMISES ALONG THE SEAFRONT OF YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK DISTRICTS.

IN ADDITION, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CUT OFF ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 26) FROM 9.30 AM TO 8 PM FOR MAINTENANCE WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT KWUN TONG, NGAU TAU KOK, KOWLOON BAY, NGAU CHI WAN, SAU MAU PING, SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES - NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY, SHUN LEE, SHUN TIN, SHUN CHI, SHUN ON, WO LOK, LAM TIN, KWUN TONG (LEI YUE MUN ROAD), CHOI WAN AND SAU MAU PING.

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