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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PRAISED FOR PROGRESS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONTINUE ITS PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT.

+IN DOING SO, IT HAS SHOWN UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED FOR THESE PROGRAMMES TO REMAIN RESPONSIVE TO THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE 1980'S, + SIR EDWARD SAID AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL INSPECTION AT THE PARADE GROUND OF THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

+THIS NEED IS WELL ILLUSTRATED BY THE FACT THAT THE FIGURE OF 1 300 PRISONERS SERVING SENTENCES OF OVER SIX YEARS AT THE END OF 1983 IS ALMOST DOUBLE THE NUMBER AT THE END OF 1979, + HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT SOUND CORRECTIONAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES WERE NECESSARY IF THERE WAS TO BE ANY PROSPECT OF THOSE HELD IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS LEADING A LAW-ABIDING LIFE ON THEIR RELEASE. +THE SUCCESS OF YOUR EFFORTS SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, + HE ADDED.

THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, CONTINUED TO ATTRACT INTERNATIONAL INTEREST BOTH IN THE METHODS IT USES AND IN THE RESULTS IT ACHIEVES.

SIR EDWARD ALSO CITED A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT PROJECTS COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN 1983, INCLUDING A MUCH-NEEDED EXTENSION TO THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AND THE OPENING OF THE LAI SUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS ON HEI LING CHAU.

+IN ADDITION, PHOENIX HOUSE, WHICH WAS OPENED IN JULY, PROVIDE A HALF-WAY HOUSE FOR 120 PRISONERS, THEREBY ASSISTING THEM IN THE TRANSITION FROM INSTITUTIONAL TO COMMUNITY LIFE. WORK CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ON THE NEW TOP SECURITY PRISON AT SHEK PIK, EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BY EASTER, + HE SAID.

IN ITS MANAGEMENT OF THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT AND DETENTION CENTRES, THE DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO REDUCE SUBSTANTIALLY THE AVERAGE STAY IN THESE CENTRES. DURING 1983 THE AVERAGE DAILY MUSTER OF PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN THESE PROGRAMMES WAS REDUCED BY MORE THAN 500 TO 1950, HE SAID.

+THIS HAS NOT BEEN ACHIEVED BY REDUCING STANDARDS OR SUCCESS RATES. BOTH REMAIN HIGH BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, + HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID, THE PAROLE AND PRE-RELEASE EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES TO BE IMPLEMENTED LATER THIS YEAR WERE FURTHER STEPS FORWARD IN CORRECTING THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR OF OFFENDERS SO THAT THEY DO NOT REVERT TO CRIME AFTER THEY LEAVE PRISON.

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HE NOTED THAT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES CONTINUED TO EXPAND DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND NOW PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF HIGH QUALITY GOODS AND SERVICES.

THE GOVERNOR WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO NOTE THE PROGRESS ON THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHEME WHICH WILL ENABLE INMATES TO OBTAIN TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OBTAINED BY STUDENTS UNDERGOING VOCATIONAL TRAINING ELSEWHERE IN HONG KONG.

+WITH THE HELP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, PILOT SCHEMES PROVIDING TRAINING IN REFRIGERATION AND AIR-CONDITIONING ENGINEERING, PLUMBING AND PIPE-FITTING WILL BE STARTED IN MARCH,+ HE ADDED.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO CONTINUED TO PERFORM WELL IN ITS DEMANDING TASK OF MANAGING CLOSED CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

+A NEW CENTRE WAS OPENED ON HEI LING CHAU IN SEPTEMBER, AND A SECTION OF CAPE COLLINSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION WAS CONVERTED TO HOUSE REFUGEES. ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED LATER THIS YEAR AND BOWRING CAMP AT TUEN MUN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

+THE DEPARTMENT'S FINE RESPONSE TO THE TASK OF ADMINISTERING THESE CENTRES REFLECTS WELL ON THE ABILITY OF THE STAFF CONCERNED TO ADAPT TO A NEW PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE ANNUAL INSPECTION, SIR EDWARD ALSO PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 32 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF, MARKING 18 YEARS' EXEMPLARY SERVICE BY THEM.

SEVEN CONTINGENTS COMPRISING 196 OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT TOOK PART IN THE ANNUAL PARADE, COMMANDED BY THE PRINCIPAL OF THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT PI WING-LEE.

OF THEM, 84 ARE NEW RECRUITS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED SIX MONTHS BASIC TRAINING.

LIGHT AND MARCHING MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY THE CAPE COLLINSON MARCHING BAND. THE TAI TAM GIRLS' PIPERS AND PRECISION MARCHING TEAM ALSO GAVE A PERFORMANCE.

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BILL TO STREAMLINE FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

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TWO PROPOSALS TO STREAMLINE THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL PROCEDURES ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY UNDER A BILL KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC FINANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984.

ONE PROPOSAL WILL ENABLE CERTAIN REFUNDS, OR OVER-COLLECTIONS OF DUTY, AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, TO BE PAID DIRECT FROM REVENUE WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH THE MAIN ACCOUNTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE YEAR OF COLLECTION.

THIS WILL AVOID ANY ARTIFICIAL INFLATION OF THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FIGURES AND ANY FALSE IMPRESSION OF THE RELATIVE SIZE OF PUBLIC SECTOR EXPENDITURE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OTHER PROPOSAL WILL ALLOW CONTROLLING OFFICERS TO DELEGATE THEIR AUTHORITY FOR SIGNING ALLOCATION WARRANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF THESE ALLOCATION WARRANTS IS TO ALLOW ONE DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS THE FUNDS, TO ASK ANOTHER DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS THE EXPERTISE IN BUYING GOODS OR SERVICES, TO DO SO ON ITS BEHALF.

EACH YEAR MORE THAN 10 000 ALLOCATION WARRANTS ARE ISSUED.

IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTROLLING OFFICERS IF THEY HAVE TO SIGN PERSONALLY EVERY WARRANT, EVEN IF THE AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE INVOLVED IS SMALL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 25 AND IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS THIRD READING ON FEBRUARY 15.

PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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NEW WAY TO DEAL WITH MINOR CASES PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT, ACTING ON A PROPOSAL INITIATED BY THE JUDICIARY, IS SEEKING TO INTRODUCE A NEW PROCEDURE TO IMPROVE THE WAY MINOR OFFENCES ARE DEALT WITH BY THE COURTS.

UNDER THE MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 PUBLISHED TODAY, A DEFENDANT WILL NOT GENERALLY BE ISSUED A SUMMONS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE FOR A MINOR OFFENCE. INSTEAD A NOTICE OF PROSECUTION WILL BE ISSUED AND SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WILL BE DEALT WITHIN THE ABSENCE OF THE COMPLAINANT AND DEFENDANT UNLESS THE DEFENDANT WISHES TO DENY THE CHARGE OR REQUESTS A HEARING.

MINOR OFFENCES ARE THOSE WHERE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY IS A FINE OF \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS, WHETHER OR NOT THERE MAY BE ANY ADDITIONAL COURT ORDER RELATING TO COMPENSATION OR LICENCE DISQUALIFICATION. WHERE A MAGISTRATE CONSIDERS THAT A FINE ALONE MAY NOT BE ADEQUATE PENALTY, A SUMMONS WILL BE ISSUED TO THE DEFENDANT IN THE ORDINARY WAY.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT, IF THE BILL IS PASSED, ABOUT THREE QUARTERS OF THE ONE MILLION CASES DEALT WITH BY SUMMONS EACH YEAR AT PRESENT WILL BE DEALT WITH UNDER THE NEW PROCEDURE, WITH CONSEQUENT SAVING OF TIME BY DEFENDANTS, MAGISTRATES AND PROSECUTING OFFICERS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE DESIRABILITY OF SUCH A MINOR OFFENCE NOTICE PROCEDURE WAS INVESTIGATED AND RECOMMENDED BY A WORKING PARTY SET UP BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN 1981.

WHERE A FINE IS IMPOSED, NOTICE OF THE FINE WILL BE SERVED BY POST ON THE DEFENDANT, AND IF THE FINE IS NOT PAID WITHIN THE TIME STIPULATED, A FURTHER NOTICE WILL BE SERVED, PERSONALLY ON THE DEFENDANT, REQUIRING HIM TO PAY THE FINE. THERE IS, THEREFORE, NO QUESTION OF AN ARREST WARRANT BEING ISSUED AGAINST A DEFENDANT FOR NON-PAYMENT WITHOUT HAVING HAD PRIOR NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

FURTHER A MAGISTRATE SHALL REVIEW HIS DECISION IF, AT ANY TIME, A DEFENDANT SATISFIES HIM THAT THE NOTICE OF PROSECUTION DID NOT COME TO HIS PERSONAL NOTICE.

WHERE A MAGISTRATE REVERSES HIS DECISION ON AN APPLICATION BY A DEFENDANT, PROCEEDINGS FOR THE OFFENCE MAY BE INSTITUTED BY THE PROSECUTION WITHIN SIX MONTHS FROM THAT REVERSAL.

THE BILL, WHICH HAS THE GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION, WILL BE PRESENTED TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 25. ITS THIRD HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 15.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE BILL'S PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

CHANGES PROPOSED IN RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984
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SEVERAL CHANGES TO THE RATING ORDINANCE ARE PROPOSED IN THE RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

COMMENTING ON THE BILL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ONE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IS THE PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE RELIEF PROVISIONS TO ALL PREMISES AND NOT, AS AT PRESENT, JUST PRE-WAR RENT-CONTROLLED PREMISES.

HE RECALLED THAT THE PRESENT PROVISIONS WERE INTRODUCED IN 1977 TO COINCIDE WITH THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE 1977-78 REVALUATION. THE EFFECT OF THE RELIEF PROVISIONS WAS TO RESTRICT THE AMOUNT OF ANY INCREASE IN RATES ONE YEAR WITH ANOTHER, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCREASE IN THE RATEABLE VALUE OR CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE RATES CHARGE.

IN 1977 THE MAXIMUM INCREASE WAS DETERMINED AT 33-1/3 PER CENT. UNDER THE BILL, THE MAXIMUM INCREASE WILL BE DETERMINED BY RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUT THE SPOKESMAN ANTICIPATED IT BEING SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN 33-1/3 PER CENT FOR 1984-85.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT AMENDMENT IS TO ENSURE THAT, IN FUTURE, ALL RATEABLE VALUES ARE ASSESSED BY REFERENCE TO A PAST COMMON REFERENCE DATE. THIS IS TO ENSURE EQUITY IN THE BASE ASSESSMENTS, ON WHICH RATES ARE CHARGED.

+THUS, NO MATTER THAT RENTALS INCREASE OR DECREASE OVER TIME, ASSESSMENTS WILL BE CALCULATED BY REFERENCE TO THE LEVEL OF VALUES ON A PRE-DETERMINED DATE. FOR THE 1984-85 REVALUATION THIS HAS BEEN DETERMINED AS JULY 1, 1983,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THE BILL WOULD ALTER THE BASIS ON WHICH RATEPAYERS OCCUPYING TENEMENTS WITHOUT NORMAL SUPPLY OF WATER ARE GRANTED CONCESSIONS.

INSTEAD OF A TWO PERCENTAGE POINT REDUCTION IN THE GENERAL PERCENTAGE RATE CHARGE WHERE NO SUPPLY EXISTS, AND A ONE PERCENTAGE POINT REDUCTION WHERE WATER SUPPLIED IS UNFILTERED, CONCESSIONS FROM APRIL 1, 1984 WILL BE MADE BY MEANS OF PERCENTAGE REDUCTIONS TO THE TOTAL RATES PAYABLE. THESE PERCENTAGES WOULD BE DETERMINED BY RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HE SAID.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE BY RESOLUTION THE MINIMUM RATEABLE VALUE AT WHICH TENEMENTS ARE EXEMPT FROM ASSESSMENT TO RATES. THE EXISTING LEVEL, DETERMINED IN 1962, IS \$200.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID HOWEVER THAT THE NEW MINIMUM LEVEL TO BE RECOMMENDED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL WOULD NOT LIKELY AFFECT TENEMENTS WHICH ARE AT PRESENT EXEMPT FROM ASSESSMENT.

THE RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 25 AND IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS LEGISLATIVE STAGES ON FEBRUARY 15.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, AT HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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BILL TO FACILITATE REGISTRATION OF DOCTORS
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE LAW TO FACILITATE THE REGISTRATION, THROUGH THE LICENTIATE SCHEME, OF DOCTORS WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS CANNOT BE AUTOMATICALLY RECOGNISED FOR PRACTICE IN HONG KONG.

UNDER THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 PUBLISHED TODAY, THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG WILL BE ABLE TO ADOPT A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH IN THE LICENTIATE SCHEME BY VIRTUE OF ITS POWER TO GRANT EXEMPTION TO ANY PERSON FROM ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A LICENTIATE.

THE BILL ALSO REMOVES THE RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION FOR PERSONS TAKING PART IN THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION.

THE COMBINED EFFECT OF THESE PROVISIONS IS THAT DOCTORS SEEKING REGISTRATION THROUGH THE LICENTIATE SCHEME WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO WITHOUT HAVING FIRST RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF AT LEAST 180 DAYS OR HAVING THE RIGHT TO LAND IN HONG KONG.

SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS THEY MAY ALSO BE EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PARTS OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION AND FROM THE PERIOD OF PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE BILL WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT DEMAND FOR DOCTORS.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE MEDICAL COUNCIL WOULD CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT REASONABLE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS WOULD BE MAINTAINED AND THAT DOCTORS IN POSSESSION OF APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO COME TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION OF MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRACTICE IN HONG KONG HAD IN THE PAST BEEN CONFINED TO THOSE QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED IN HONG KONG, THE UNITED KINGDOM, IRELAND AND CERTAIN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

THIS POSITION WILL BE MAINTAINED UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION SO THAT IN FUTURE ONLY THE FOLLOWING THREE CATEGORIES OF DOCTORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG:

- (A) HOLDERS OF A HONG KONG DIPLOMA;
- (B) HOLDERS OF A UNITED KINGDOM OR IRISH DIPLOMA OR A RECOGNISED COMMONWEALTH DIPLOMA; AND
- (C) LICENTIATES.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE BILL WILL HAVE ITS FIRST READING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 25 AND WILL COMPLETE ITS LEGISLATIVE STAGES ON FEBRUARY 15.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, HONG KONG OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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DECEMBER CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR DECEMBER 1983 WERE 150 AND 149 RESPECTIVELY, THE SAME AS IN THE PRECEDING MONTH, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1982, CPI(A) ROSE BY 15 POINTS OR 11.1 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 14 POINTS OR 10.4 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE WHOLE OF 1983 WERE 143.3 AND 142.5 RESPECTIVELY, WHICH WERE 10.0 PER CENT AND 9.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGES FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED IN DECEMBER 1983, BOTH THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 1.3 PER CENT EACH MONTH.

DURING DECEMBER, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUITS WERE LOWER. ON THE OTHER HAND, CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS WENT UP.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH, AND THE CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

THE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1983 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY-SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR NOVEMBER 1983 AND DECEMBER 1982.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	DEC.82	NOV.83	DEC.83	DEC.82	NOV.83	DEC.83
FOODSTUFFS	138	151	150	139	151	151
HOUSING	131	140	140	130	140	140
FUEL AND LIGHT	140	152	151	140	152	151
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	127	206	207	126	198	199
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	136	149	150	136	150	151
DURABLE GOODS	108	123	123	110	126	127
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	127	144	146	126	141	143
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	145	159	159	146	162	162
SERVICES	141	162	163	141	160	161
ALL ITEMS	135	150	150	135	149	149

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1983, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI(A). THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES WAS LOWER AS A RESULT OF ADEQUATE SUPPLY. THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH FRUITS ALSO WENT DOWN DUE TO LOWER PRICES OF APPLES, BANANAS AND GRAPES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF EGGS INCREASED. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT DECREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) DUE TO LOWER PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LOWER FUEL COST ADJUSTMENTS IN ELECTRICITY AND TOWNGAS CHARGES.

HIGHER PRICES OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS CAUSED THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) TO INCREASE BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B).

THE ONE POINT RISE IN THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES OF CHILDREN'S OUTERCLOTHING, CLOTHING MATERIALS AND TAILORING CHARGES.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF FURNITURE AND TRAVEL AND SPORTS GOODS.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOLLOWING HIGHER PRICES OF MEDICINES AND JEWELLERY.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES, AS WELL AS HIGHER CHARGES FOR PACKAGE TOURS AND FOR ADMISSION TO NIGHT CLUBS AND DISCOTHEQUES AROUND CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED).

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR DECEMBER 1983. BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS OF THIS REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG, OR FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

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DEADLY EFFECTS OF SMOKING STRESSED

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EARLY DEATH CAN BE PREVENTED BY GIVING UP SMOKING, PROFESSOR J.W.L. KLEEVENS, READER OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE YUEN LONG ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION, HE SAID A SMOKER DID NOT ALLOW HIMSELF THE CHANCE OF LIVING HIS FULL LIFE SPAN.

THE TWO-DAY EXHIBITION AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL IS SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

+THE EVIDENCE OF BAD EFFECTS OF CIGARETTE SMOKING HAS ACCUMULATED SINCE THE 1950'S AND WE KNOW NOW THAT CIGARETTE SMOKING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AS MANY AS 90 PER CENT OF ALL LUNG CANCER DEATHS, 75 PER CENT OF BRONCHITIS DEATHS AND 25 PER CENT OF ISCHAEMIC HEART DEATHS.

+CIGARETTE SMOKING IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MOST CASES OF CHRONIC BRONCHITIS,+ HE ADDED.

OF THE 25 460 DEATHS RECORDED IN 1982, PROFESSOR KLEEVENS SAID, ABOUT 4 000 DEATHS REPRESENTING 15 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY GIVING UP SMOKING.

MOST LUNG CANCER PATIENTS DIED RELATIVELY YOUNG, HE POINTED OUT.

STATISTICS SHOWED THAT IN 1982 ALMOST 20 PER CENT OF LUNG CANCER DEATHS OCCURRED IN MEN YOUNGER THAN 55 YEARS OLD, AND MORE THAN 50 PER CENT IN MEN YOUNGER THAN 65 YEARS OLD. FOR WOMEN, THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES WERE 13 AND 40 PER CENT.

+THERE IS GROWING EVIDENCE THAT SMOKERS ALSO ENDANGER THE HEALTH OF THEIR RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND WORKMATES,+ HE SAID.

+NON-SMOKERS LIVING TOGETHER WITH SMOKERS ARE EXPOSED TO INVOLUNTARY OR PASSIVE SMOKING. THEY ALSO INHALE THE DISEASE-CAUSING AGENT OF CIGARETTE SMOKE AND RUN A GREATER RISK OF DEVELOPING THE RELATED DISEASES AS COMPARED TO NON-SMOKERS LIVING WITH NON-SMOKERS. THE FACTOR ADDS CONSIDERABLY TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SMOKER.+

PROFESSOR KLEEVENS URGED SMOKERS AT THE EXHIBITION TO QUIT SMOKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEMSELVES AS WELL AS FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE EXHIBITION OPENING CEREMONY WERE MR TERRY TANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, AND MR RICHARD YUEN, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

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INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AREAS SURVEYED

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, AND THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, ACCOMPANIED BY MR PETER KIANG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, LOOKED OVER THE MAIN DEVELOPMENT AREAS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES BY HELICOPTER THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THEY WERE JOINED BY MR BURTON LEVIN, CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND MR HIROAKI FUJII, CONSUL-GENERAL OF JAPAN WHO HAD ACCEPTED MR YAXLEY'S INVITATION TO SEE THESE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH FORM A MAJOR PART OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT AIMS TO PROVIDE FOR BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INVESTORS.

THE PARTY HAD A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR INDUSTRY. THESE INCLUDED THE NETWORK OF HIGHWAYS LINKING THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND THE CONTAINER PORT WHICH IS UNDERGOING EXPANSION.

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THE PARTY SAW THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL TOWNS AT KWUN TONG, KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN AS WELL AS THE MASSIVE ON-GOING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWNS AT JUNK BAY, SHA TIN, TAI PO AND TUEN MUN. THE TOUR ALSO INCLUDED VISITS TO THOSE PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING GOOD POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE PARTY MADE A BRIEF STOP AT THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WHICH ACCOMMODATES SOME OF THE BEST HIGH-TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG. THE ESTATE PROVIDES LAND FOR LOW DENSITY DEVELOPMENT WHICH AFFORDS MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS WHICH ARE UNABLE TO FIND SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION ELSEWHERE IN HONG KONG.

THE FACTORIES SET UP IN THE ESTATE EMPLOY THE MOST ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES FOUND IN HONG KONG. THE NUMBER OF LOCAL AND OVERSEAS COMPANIES ESTABLISHED IN THE ESTATE ARE ROUGHLY EQUALLY DIVIDED. THIS IS MUCH HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF OVERSEAS PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL INDUSTRY.

AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AMOUNTED TO OVER \$3.6 BILLION AT THE END OF 1983. JAPAN CAME SECOND WITH AN INVESTMENT OF \$2.3 BILLION. THEY ACCOUNTED FOR 46 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT OF TOTAL DIRECT OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG INDUSTRY RESPECTIVELY.

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+MANY TODAY NOT EQUIPPED FOR PARENTHOOD+
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MANY PARENTS FIND THEMSELVES QUITE HELPLESS, AND TOTALLY NOT EQUIPPED FOR THEIR NEWBORN CHILDREN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY, A CONSULTANT PAEDIATRICIAN OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG, NORTHEAST, DR LILLIAN KO SAID, +THEY ARE OFTEN NOT PSYCHOLOGICALLY PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE ENORMOUS PATIENCE AND SACRIFICE, THE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS AND DIRTY DIAPERS.+

VERY FEW PARENTS REALISE BEFOREHAND THAT CHILDREN GROW UP IN DIFFERENT STAGES, PHYSICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND THAT PARENTS MUST UNDERSTAND AND ADOPT DIFFERENT ATTITUDES TO THESE DEVELOPMENTAL CHANGES, SHE SAID.

DOCTORS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS AGREE, DR KO SAID, THAT THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF A CHILD'S LIFE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY FORM THE BASIC FOUNDATION FOR PHYSICAL GROWTH, INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS PERSONALITY STRUCTURE.

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+DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD, AND EVEN FOR YEARS LATER, PARENTS CARRY A VITALLY IMPORTANT ROLE AS THE FIRST AND MOST INFLUENTIAL TEACHER IN A CHILD'S LIFE,+ SHE SAID.

FOR MANY PARENTS, DR KO SAID, CHILD REARING WAS A PROCESS OF BASICALLY CARING FOR THE PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF THEIR CHILDREN AND ENSURING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND ULTIMATELY SOCIAL STATUS.

+PHYSICALLY SPEAKING, CHILDREN ARE ENJOYING MUCH BETTER HEALTH THAN BEFORE. ADVANCES IN MEDICAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH HAVE LED TO THE SHARP DECLINE OF INFANT MORTALITY RATE, AND THE CONTROL OF ACUTE ILLNESSES.

+WE NOW UNQUESTIONABLY EXPECT SURVIVAL FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN, AND WE ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE CONCERNED WITH THE QUALITY OF THEIR SURVIVAL. CONSEQUENTLY, PARENTS AND SOCIETY HAVE MUCH HIGHER DEMANDS AND EXPECTATION OF THEIR CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY ACADEMICALLY,+ DR KO SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SHE SAID, MOST PARENTS WERE SPENDING FAR LESS TIME WITH THEIR CHILDREN, PARTLY BECAUSE MORE WOMEN WERE TAKING FULL-TIME JOBS.

+DOCTERS ENGAGED IN THE MEDICAL CARE OF CHILDREN WERE BEING CONFRONTED MORE AND MORE BY PSYCHOSOMATIC DISORDERS. FOR EXAMPLE AN ASTHMATIC ATTACK MAY BE PRECIPITATED BY PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS IN THE FAMILY.

+THERE ARE PARENTS WHO SIMPLY IGNORE OR ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT SMALL CHILDREN ARE ALSO CAPABLE OF FEELINGS AND EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES SIMILAR TO ADULTS,+ DR KO SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT SCHOOL PHOBIA, SUICIDAL TENDANCY, AND CHILD ABUSE WERE RISING IN INCIDENCE AND CAUSING A LOT OF CONCERN RECENTLY.

IN THIS MESS OF CONFUSION, PARENTS HAD BECOME VIRTUALLY THE SOLE PILLARS OF REFERENCE AND SUPPORT IN MORAL JUDGEMENT AND PERSONALITY FORMATION.

+OUR CHILDREN INHERIT THE FUTURE AND CONTROL THE WORLD OF TOMORROW.

+THE MOST IMPORTANT GIFT A PARENT CAN GIVE TO THE WORLD IS A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN RAISED TO BE A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND SECURE HUMAN BEING WITH CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT,+ DR KO SAID.

PART-TIME TRAINING COURSES FOR TEACHERS

PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WITHOUT PROFESSIONAL TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS.

THESE FREE COURSES WILL START IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, CATERING FOR TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN AIDED OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS WHO, ALTHOUGH SUITABLY QUALIFIED ACADEMICALLY, DO NOT POSSESS THE PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AS +QUALIFIED TEACHERS+.

ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSES, WHICH WILL INCLUDE LECTURES, TUTORIALS AND TEACHING SUPERVISION, PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES ACCORDING TO THEIR QUALIFIED TEACHERS STATUS.

PART-TIME, SUPPLY, KINDERGARTEN AND EVENING CLASS TEACHERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE COURSES, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IS OF THREE YEARS' DURATION AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CHINESE.

THERE WILL BE TWO TYPES OF COURSES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS: A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSE AND A THREE-YEAR PART-TIME EVENING COURSE, EACH BEING DIVIDED INTO THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH SECTIONS.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE FULL-TIME PERMITTED OR REGISTERED TEACHERS IN AIDED OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS, OR GRADUATES OF HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE FROM 1970 ONWARDS, HONG KONG SHUE YAN COLLEGE FROM 1976 ONWARDS, OR LINGNAN COLLEGE, HONG KONG FROM 1979 ONWARDS.

FINAL-YEAR STUDENTS OF THESE THREE POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO APPLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS WISHING TO TAKE THE THREE-YEAR EVENING COURSE ARE FIVE SUBJECTS AT GRADE E OR ABOVE IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, INCLUDING THE LANGUAGE USED AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE COURSE.

APPLICANTS FOR THE TWO-YEAR DAY RELEASE COURSE MUST BE GRADUATES OF HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE (FROM 1970), HONG KONG SHUE YAN COLLEGE (FROM 1976) OR LINGNAN COLLEGE (FROM 1979), OR FINAL-YEAR STUDENTS IN ANY OF THESE COLLEGES.

THE PRIMARY COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WHILE THE SECONDARY (CHINESE) AND SECONDARY (ENGLISH) COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDANCE NOTES MAY NOW BE OBTAINED FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, 3/F, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG, ITS KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6/F, 405 NATHAN ROAD, AND THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

COMPLETED FORMS IN DUPLICATE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE JOINT SELECTION BOARD AND FORWARDED TO THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO WHICH ADMISSION IS SOUGHT BY 5 PM ON FEBRUARY 29, 1984.

TEACHERS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR FORMS THROUGH THEIR HEADS OF SCHOOLS, AND FINAL-YEAR STUDENTS OF THE THREE POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL RESIDENTS.

GRADUATES OF THE THREE COLLEGES SHOULD SUBMIT THE FORMS IN PERSON OR BY RECORDED POST, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, AND THE VALIDITY OF APPLICATIONS SENT BY RECORDED POST WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE DATE OF THE POST-MARK,+ HE SAID.

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FISHERMEN MOVE INTO NEW VILLAGE

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A TOTAL OF 65 FISHING FAMILIES, WHO HAVE MOVED HOME ON TWO OCCASIONS TO MAKE WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH LAND BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT ON WHICH TO BUILD A NEW VILLAGE AT AH KUNG KOK, SHA TIN.

THE OPENING AND MOVING-IN CEREMONY OF THE NEW VILLAGE TOOK PLACE TODAY (FRIDAY), WITH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, MR JOHN TODD, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR WAI HON-LEUNG, OFFICIATING.

MR TODD SAID THE CONSTRUCTION OF AH KUNG KOK FISHERMEN'S NEW VILLAGE HAD BEEN NO ORDINARY PROJECT.

+THE MAJORITY OF THE FISHERMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHOSE MOVING-IN WE ARE CELEBRATING TODAY, ORIGINALLY LIVED AT HO TUNG LAU VILLAGE, ACROSS THE RIVER ON THE SITE OF WHAT IS NOW SHA TIN RACE COURSE,+ HE SAID.

IN 1976, RECLAMATION WORK FOR THE RACE COURSE FORCED THEM TO MOVE AND THEY WENT ACROSS TO LIVE IN THE BAY OF AH KUNG KOK AND AT YAU SHUI PANG.

THREE YEARS AGO, RECLAMATION WORK BEGAN ON THIS (THE SOUTH) SIDE OF SHING MUN RIVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF MA ON SHAN, AND IT AGAIN BECAME NECESSARY FOR THE FISHERMEN TO MOVE.

+IN RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THE FISHERMEN AS THEY MOVED BEFORE THE ADVANCING DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN, IT WAS AGREED TO MAKE A SPECIAL CASE AND GRANT THEM LAND FROM THE AREA BEING RECLAIMED TO BUILD A NEW VILLAGE TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR FAMILIES,+ MR TODD SAID.

+THE FISHERMEN HAVE A TRADITIONAL AND LONG-ESTABLISHED WAY OF LIFE IN THE TOLO HARBOUR AREA AND I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE YOUR NEW VILLAGE SO WELL COMPLETED WITH ITS SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, TRANSFORMER COMPOUND AND OTHER SERVICE FACILITIES.+

IN YEARS TO COME AH KUNG KOK NEW VILLAGE WOULD FIND A MODERN DEVELOPMENT ON EITHER SIDE OF IT AND THE MAIN ROAD LINK TO MA ON SHAN IN FRONT. IT WAS IMPORTANT THEREFORE THAT ITS OWN FACILITIES WERE OF A STANDARD COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING NEW TOWN.

+BY YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT TO THE BUILDING OF THIS VILLAGE AND THE MONEY AND CARE YOU HAVE PUT INTO THE BUILDING AND DECORATION OF YOUR HOUSES, YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES HAVE SHOWN A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY FEELING.

+THIS IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT AND ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN THE CASE OF SHA TIN AS THE NEW TOWN EXPANDS,+ MR TODD CONCLUDED.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE NEW VILLAGE STARTED IN MAY, 1982.

EACH FAMILY HAS BUILT A TWO-STOREY HOUSE WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 1 000 SQUARE FEET.

SOME HOUSES HAVE ALREADY BEEN OCCUPIED, WHILE THE FINISHING TOUCHES ARE BEING PUT TO OTHERS. HOWEVER, ALL 65 FAMILIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN THEIR NEW HOMES BY CHINESE NEW YEAR.

TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 200 GUESTS.

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SPORTS BODIES OFFERED TECHNICAL ADVICE
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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS READY TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL ADVICE TO PROMOTE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (RECREATION AND SPORT), MR DICKEN YUNG, AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE WANCHAI SPORTS GROUND.

MR YUNG WAS SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET OF THE FOUR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AT WHICH MORE THAN 400 STUDENTS TOOK PART.

MR YUNG SAID FUNDS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO SUBSIDISE SPORTS EVENTS.

MR YUNG ALSO SAID THAT CHILDREN SHOULD BE EDUCATED IN AN ALL-ROUND WAY.

+ATTENTION SHOULD NOT ONLY BE ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, BUT ON MORAL, PHYSICAL AND PUBLIC EDUCATION AS WELL.

+WHILE BOOK LEARNING IS ESSENTIAL TO THE ADOLESCENTS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, HEALTHY PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT MAY EXERT SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE ON THEIR MENTAL GROWTH, OUTLOOK ON LIFE, ABILITY TO SEE THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

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TUEN MUN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AN AMENDMENT TO THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR TUEN MUN.

THE AMENDMENT INVOLVES REZONING AN 800 SQUARE METRE SITE ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR TSENG TAU FROM +OPEN SPACE+ TO +OTHER SPECIFIED USES+.

THE SITE IS TO BE DEVELOPED AS A REPLACEMENT FOR A PETROL FILLING STATION 600 METRES FURTHER TO THE NORTH WHICH MUST BE MOVED TO MAKE WAY FOR A ROAD INTERCHANGE.

THERE IS A REST GARDEN IN THE AREA ON WHICH THE PETROL STATION IS TO BE BUILT. IT IS ALSO HOPED EVENTUALLY TO CONSTRUCT A MINI-SOCCER PITCH AND TO CARRY OUT LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING WORK IN ORDER TO MINIMISE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

THE AMENDED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, 20, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN.

ANYONE AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT SHOULD OBJECT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING- AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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AIR ACCIDENT REPORT PUBLISHED

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A REPORT OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACCIDENT INVOLVING A THAI INTERNATIONAL AIRBUS A300 WHICH OCCURRED AT HONG KONG AIRPORT ON JULY 3, 1981, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND COPIES ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE.

THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED WHILE THE AIRCRAFT WAS TAKING OFF ON A SCHEDULED FLIGHT TO BANGKOK, WHEN THERE WAS AN UNCONTAINED FAILURE OF THE NO. 1 (PORT) ENGINE WHICH RESULTED IN SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE ENGINE, ENGINE PYLON, AND NACELLE.

THE ACCIDENT WAS FULLY INVESTIGATED BY THE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DIVISION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

THE CAUSE OF THE FAILURE, WHILE NOT DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A FRACTURE OF THE FIRST STAGE HIGH PRESSURE TURBINE DISC RIM WHICH LED TO SEPARATION OF THE HIGH PRESSURE TURBINE SECTION OF THE ENGINE.

THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO PASSENGERS OR CREW MEMBERS.

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INTELPOST EXTENDED TO NETHERLANDS

INTELPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE NETHERLANDS FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 23), THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

INTELPOST IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, USA, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY AND SOUTH KOREA AND PROVIDES FOR HIGH SPEED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OF DOCUMENTS, DRAWINGS AND PERSONAL MESSAGES.

DELIVERY CAN BE ACHIEVED IN A MATTER OF HOURS WHERE SPECIAL MESSENGER DELIVERY SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE OR THROUGH THE PICK-UP SERVICE AT DESIGNATED INTELPOST OFFICES, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL SAID.

THE CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE TO THE NETHERLANDS WILL BE :

FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER \$65

FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME \$30

DOCUMENTS MAY BE POSTED AT EITHER THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OR TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 10 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST REPRESENTATIVE ON TELEPHONE 5-2671148.

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TRAINING COURSE ON CLASS LIBRARIES

THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE WILL ORGANISE 10 IDENTICAL SEMINARS ON THE CLASS LIBRARY PILOT SCHEME BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND JUNE FOR TEACHERS OF PRIMARY THREE AND FOUR CLASSES.

THE COURSES, EACH OF WHICH WILL CONSIST OF EIGHT SESSIONS, WILL BE HELD AT THE EXTRA-MURAL TOWN CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AT WING ON CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

THE COURSES ARE TO EQUIP TEACHERS WITH THE BASIS KNOWLEDGE OF MANAGING CLASS LIBRARIES AND TO SHOW THEM HOW TO SELECT LIBRARY BOOKS AS WELL AS DEVISE RELEVANT ACTIVITIES.

OWING TO LIMITED ACCOMMODATION, EACH PRIMARY SCHOOL IS REQUESTED TO NOMINATE ONE TEACHER TO TAKE PART IN THE COURSES. NOMINATIONS SHOULD REACH THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, LIBRARY SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 30.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE SECTION ON 5-8392258.

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FREE LUNAR NEW YEAR POSTER OFFERED
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A POSTER DESIGNED ALONG TRADITIONAL CHINESE LINES HAS BEEN SPECIALLY PRODUCED FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

WITH A SPECIAL MESSAGE ON PREVENTION OF HILLFIRES, THE POSTER DEPICTS TWO CHILDREN CLAD IN TRADITIONAL CHINESE COSTUME.

IT ALSO CARRIES A MESSAGE FOR A PROSPEROUS YEAR, MAKING IT IDEAL FOR HOMES DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD.

THE THEME OF THE POSTER IS ON HARMONIOUS LIVING.

DESIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE POSTER MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE AT THE VARIOUS MANAGEMENT CENTRES AS WELL AS INFORMATION AND WARDEN POSTS INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS WHILE STOCKS LAST.

FARMERS WHO WISH TO HAVE COPIES OF THE POSTER CAN APPROACH THE AGRICULTURAL LIAISON OFFICES OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SUPPLY OF MOTOR BOATS
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TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE SUPPLY OF A MINIMUM OF THREE MOTOR BOATS ON HIRE AT ONE TIME AT HOURLY RATES TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS STARTING APRIL 1, 1984.

THE BOATS WILL BE USED FOR CONVEYING OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FOR JOURNEYS BETWEEN THE SHORE AND SHIPS AT ANCHOR IN THE HARBOUR AND FOR PATROLS WITHIN THE WATERS OF THE TERRITORY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TOTAL SAILING TIME PER MONTH WILL NOT BE LESS THAN 700 HOURS AND THE TOTAL WAITING TIME 900 HOURS.

NOTICE OF THIS IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SUPPLIES SECTION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, 15/F, HONG KONG TRADE CENTRE, 161-167 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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ELDERLY FOLK TO BENEFIT FROM CAMPAIGN

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A SEMINAR ON +THE LIFE OF OLD PEOPLE IN BUILT-UP AREAS+ WILL MARK THE OPENING TOMORROW (SATURDAY) OF A THREE-MONTH CAMPAIGN IN MONG KOK BENEFITING ELDERLY PEOPLE.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF THE ST JAMES SETTLEMENT, MRS GRACE WAN; SENIOR LECTURER IN SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR NELSON W.S. CHOW; CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, MR ADOLF K.T. TSANG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ELDERLY CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR CHO SHIU-CHUNG.

THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILFRED WONG WILL CHAIR THE SEMINAR.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO ELDERLY FOLK, AND CLEANING OF FLATS FOR THEM, A SPECIAL PURCHASE SCHEME, FREE MEDICAL EXAMINATION SCHEME, A HEALTH EXHIBITION, A VITALITY DAY AND CHINESE OPERAS.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE MONG KOK COUNTRYMEN AND CLANSMEN ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO THE EDITORS :

DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE FOUR SEASONS SUITE OF THE NEW WORLD HOTEL BEFORE THE START OF THE SEMINAR. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

THE MONG KOK ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STANLEY WONG WILL CHAIR THE CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

VARIETY SHOW STRESSES ON FIRE PREVENTION

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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 22) STARTING AT 2 PM, TO SPREAD THE FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGE TO EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

THE SHOW WILL FEATURE A TELEMATCH FOR FIRE WATCH TEAM MEMBERS AND SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

/THE ASSISTANT

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THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICERS, MR FREDERICK TONG AND MR STEPHEN NG AND THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER (HONG KONG EAST) OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN WAH-DING, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE TELEMATCH AND A QUIZ COMPETITION HELD EARLIER IN THE DISTRICT.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE VARIETY SHOW IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN WHICH STARTED IN LATE NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VARIETY SHOW AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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NEEDS OF ELDERLY TO BE SURVEYED

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A SURVEY ON THE NEEDS OF OLD PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

IT AIMS AT FINDING OUT THE ACTUAL DEMAND FOR ELDERLY SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

MORE THAN 200 VOLUNTEERS WILL BE VISITING HOMES DURING THE NEXT TEN DAYS TO COLLECT INFORMATION FROM ABOUT 1 000 PEOPLE OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE.

SIMPLE QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIVES, HABITS, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, FINANCIAL AND HEALTH CONDITIONS, AND FAMILY BACKGROUND.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE PROJECT IS CONDUCTED BY A WORKING GROUP RECENTLY FORMED UNDER THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD POINTED OUT THAT MORE THAN ONE-EIGHTH OF THE DISTRICT'S POPULATION ARE OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE.

+FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL GREATLY HELP PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF OUR SENIOR RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

ALL VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENTS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY WILL CARRY AN IDENTIFICATION CARD SPECIALLY ISSUED BY THE WORKING GROUP. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE WITH THE WORKING GROUP SECRETARY, MR M.H. LAM, AT 5-450868.

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CLEAN CANOPIES BLITZ SET TO BEGIN

A DRIVE TO CLEAN UP ALL THE CANOPIES IN THE URBAN AREA WILL SOON BEGIN.

DURING THE BLITZ, CITY SERVICES HEALTH INSPECTORS WILL POST NOTICES IN THE COMMON PARTS OF BUILDINGS URGING RESIDENTS TO CLEAN THEIR CANOPIES.

THEY WILL LATER VISIT THOSE BUILDINGS TO SEE IF THE CANOPIES HAVE BEEN CLEANED.

IF THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS, THEY WILL ISSUE A WARNING LETTER TO THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY YET ANOTHER INSPECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE SERVED WITH A SUMMONS.

ANYONE WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE.

THE DRIVE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN KWUN TONG, SHAM SHUI PO, YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK ON JANUARY 23, TO BE FOLLOWED BY WONG TAI SIN AND EASTERN DISTRICT ON JANUARY 24 AND 25 RESPECTIVELY.

IN CENTRAL, WESTERN, WAN CHAI AND SOUTHERN, THE BLITZ WILL LAST FROM JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 1.

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CONCERT FOR EASTERN RESIDENTS

ABOUT 1 100 EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A TWO-HOUR FOLK SONG CONCERT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT AT MAN KIU COLLEGE ON CLOUDVIEW ROAD.

STUDENTS FROM EIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WILL PERFORM AT THE CONCERT, BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM.

ORGANISED BY THE CAUSEWAY BAY SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE AND THE LAI TAK YOUTH CENTRE, IT AIMS AT ENCOURAGING STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS TO ENGAGE MORE IN COMMUNITY WORK.

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ROAD SAFETY DRIVE GOES ON

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KOWLOON CITY'S TWO-WEEK ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, ENDS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) -- BUT THE SAFETY MESSAGE WILL CONTINUE TO BE SPREAD.

OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, THE POLICE WILL BE ADVISING PEDESTRIANS ON-THE-SPOT ABOUT ROAD CROSSING.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TWO WEEKS OF STEPPED-UP PROSECUTION ACTION AGAINST JAY WALKERS AND CARELESS DRIVERS.

AT A CLOSING CEREMONY TOMORROW, +CHILDREN DRIVERS+ IN A +ROAD SAFETY TOWN+ WILL BE TAUGHT TO OBSERVE THE ROAD SAFETY CODES.

OTHER PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE A PERFORMANCE BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND PIPE AND DRUMS, AND A PARADE BY SIX LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PATROL TEAMS.

EIGHT MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND WINNERS OF A SLOGAN CONTEST WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON CITY ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE MA TAU WAI PLAYGROUND ON MA TAU WAI ROAD.

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NEW BUS TERMINUS FOR CHAI WAN

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A BUS TERMINUS IS TO BE BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF CHAI WAN ROAD AND SHEUNG ON STREET, CHAI WAN.

IT WILL CONSIST OF SIX BAYS VARYING IN LENGTH FROM 19 TO 43 METRES, SIX SHELTERED PASSENGER PLATFORMS, ASSOCIATED FOOTWAYS AND A KIOSK AND CANTEEN FOR BUS REGULATORS.

AFTER IT IS COMPLETED, THE BUS TERMINUS AT SAN HA STREET WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE NEW BUS TERMINUS AND CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO RELOCATING OTHERS IN THE AREA. THIS WILL MAKE AVAILABLE VALUABLE STREET SPACE AND ALSO PROVIDE COMMUTERS WITH A MORE SATISFACTORY SERVICE.

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WORK WILL START IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORK CAN BE SEEN AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, HARBOUR CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 884-886, KING'S ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE MARCH 20.

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EDINBURGH PLACE EAST TRAFFIC PLAN

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EDINBURGH PLACE EAST BETWEEN THE EASTERN END OF URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND QUEEN'S PIER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO 11 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 22) IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1984 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL.

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