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GOVERNMENT HOPEFUL OF MORE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
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THE GOVERNMENT WAS HOPEFUL OF A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN THE RATE OF RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY.

HE EXPLAINED THAT WHILE THE RATE OF NEW ARRIVALS HAD DROPPED CONSIDERABLY, SO HAD THE RATE AT WHICH THE REFUGEES HAD BEEN RESETTLED ABROAD.

+BUT, FOLLOWING THE UNITED KINGDOM'S AGREEMENT TO INCREASE THE INTAKE OF REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT IS ENGAGED IN A MAJOR CAMPAIGN TO SECURE ASSISTANCE FROM COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

SPEAKING THIS AFTERNOON AT THE ANNUAL PARADE OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SIR EDWARD SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD CONTINUED +TO SHOULDER MANFULLY ITS DEMANDING TASK OF MANAGING CLOSED CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES+.

SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD OFTEN SAID THAT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLAYED AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN THE SYSTEM OF LAW AND ORDER.

+SOUND CORRECTIONAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES ARE NECESSARY FOR THOSE HELD IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS IF THEY ARE TO LEAD A PRODUCTIVE, LAW ABIDING LIFE ON THEIR RELEASE,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THIS WAS WHY EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE GENERAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION OF OFFENDERS, PARTICULARLY THE YOUNGER OFFENDERS. IN 1985, 152 INMATES HAD TAKEN PART IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS. ALL THE RESULTS WERE NOT YET KNOWN, BUT SO FAR AN AVERAGE PASS RATE OF 90 PER CENT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED, SIR EDWARD SAID.

+MANY CANDIDATES HAVE ACHIEVED DISTINCTIONS AND CREDITS. OVERALL THE RECORD IS ONE WHICH ANY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WOULD BE PROUD OF,+ HE SAID.

THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES' INDUSTRIES HAD ALSO CONTINUED TO EXPAND AND DIVERSIFY, WITH COMPLETION LAST YEAR OF A MULTI-STOREY WORKSHOP COMPLEX AT PIK UK PRISON. TOTAL COMMERCIAL VALUE OF GOODS AND SERVICES PRODUCED LAST YEAR CAME TO \$125 MILLION.

SIR EDWARD ALSO PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 30 OFFICERS +IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED+.

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SPEAKING OF THE FOUR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED OFFICERS WHO WERE AMONG THOSE RECEIVING THE MEDALS, THE GOVERNOR SAID: +THEIR ACHIEVEMENT IS CLEAR TESTIMONY TO THE FACT THAT A PHYSICAL HANDICAP IS NOT NECESSARILY A BAR TO MAKE A REAL CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY.

SEVEN CONTINGENTS, COMPRISING 196 OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, TOOK PART IN THE PARADE, COMMANDED BY THE PRINCIPAL OF THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT LAM WAH-PAK.

LIGHT AND MARCHING MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY THE CAPE COLLINSON MARCHING BAND. THE TAI TAM GIRLS' PIPERS AND PRECISION MARCHING TEAM ALSO PERFORM DURING THE PARADE.

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1987 REVIEW NOT AN EMPTY ONE -- SIR DAVID
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) HE HAD ASSURED UMEICO MEMBERS THAT THE 1987 REVIEW WOULD NOT BE AN EMPTY ONE.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER HIS REGULAR MEETING WITH UMEICO MEMBERS, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET MADE UP ITS MIND ABOUT THE SCOPE OF THE REVIEW AND ITS SIZE AND SHAPE.

+BUT IT WILL BE A PROPER REVIEW,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE COULD NOT SAY AT THE PRESENT TIME WHETHER THE REVIEW WOULD INCLUDE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND THE LEGISLATURE.

+OBVIOUSLY, DURING THIS YEAR, WE'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG= WE'VE GOT TO GIVE TIME FOR THE PRESENT SYSTEM TO SETTLE DOWN= AND AT THE END OF THE YEAR, WE HAVE THEN GOT TO TAKE ALL THE THINGS INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE WE START ON WRITING THE REVIEW.+

ASKED WHAT MR LU PING, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAO AFFAIRS OFFICE OF CHINA'S STATE COUNCIL, HAD SAID ABOUT THE REVIEW WHEN THEY HAD DINNER TOGETHER YESTERDAY, SIR DAVID SAID, +WE JUST HAD A FRIENDLY DINNER PARTY. WE DIDN'T DISCUSS THE REVIEW.+

ASKED EARLIER TO COMMENT ON THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE ON THE DRAFT HONG KONG (BRITISH NATIONALITY) ORDER, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY FULL DEBATE.

+THERE WAS A GOOD EXPRESSION OF OPINION FROM VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW AND AS THE MINISTER SAID, THEY WILL NOW GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO ALL THE POINTS THAT WERE RAISED IN THE DEBATE AND IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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BILL AIMS AT FIGHTING TAX AVOIDANCE

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A BILL AIMED AT FIGHTING TAX AVOIDANCE, AND WHICH INCORPORATES RECOMMENDATIONS FROM UMELCO, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 29, FOR FURTHER DEBATE ON FEBRUARY 5, HAD FIRST BEEN PUBLISHED IN JULY LAST YEAR IN DRAFT FORM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND WAS THE SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE BILL LAYS DOWN THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANTI-TAX AVOIDANCE AND TAX DEFERRAL PROPOSALS MADE BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN THE 1985 BUDGET SPEECH.

+THESE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION,+ HE SAID.

AFTER THE DRAFT WAS PUBLISHED LAST YEAR, HE SAID, AN AD HOC INLAND REVENUE REVIEW PANEL WAS SET UP BY UMELCO +FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE BILL AND ASSEMBLING AND EXAMINING PUBLIC OPINION ON THE PROPOSALS+, AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS. AS A RESULT, MANY REPRESENTATIONS WERE RECEIVED THROUGH UMELCO.

THE UMELCO PANEL, HE SAID, COMPLETED ITS REVIEW IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR AND SUBMITTED A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE DRAFT BILL, TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO BE MADE.

+THE BILL PUBLISHED TODAY DIFFERS IN MANY RESPECTS FROM THE DRAFT AND EMBODIES ALMOST ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UMELCO PANEL,+ HE SAID.

PUBLIC OPINION AS A WHOLE SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, CONCERN HAD BEEN EXPRESSED OVER THE SEEMINGLY WIDE DISCRETIONARY POWERS WHICH THE DRAFT BILL GAVE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE AND TO THE POSSIBLE RETROSPECTIVE OPERATION WHICH THE BILL MIGHT HAVE.

OTHER PROPOSALS AT WHICH CRITICISM WAS DIRECTED INCLUDED THOSE TO PROHIBIT ANY DEDUCTION FOR AN ACCOUNTING PROVISION AND TO RESTRICT DEDUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN LEASING ARRANGEMENTS OF MACHINERY AND PLANT.

THE SPOKESMAN LISTED THE FOLLOWING MAJOR CHANGES MADE TO THE DRAFT BILL:

- (A) THE DELETION OF CLAUSES WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN RISE TO POSSIBLE RETROSPECTIVE EFFECT IN APPLICATION;

/(B) THE DELETION

- (B) THE DELETION OF THE PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT A DEDUCTION IN RESPECT OF ALL ACCOUNTING PROVISIONS ;
- (C) THE INTRODUCTION OF A NARROWER AND MORE OBJECTIVE TEST FOR DECIDING WHETHER A TRANSACTION COMES WITHIN THE NEW ANTI-AVOIDANCE PROVISIONS ;
- (D) THE NARROWING OF THE TEST OF PURPOSE FOR DECIDING WHETHER A CHANGE OF SHAREHOLDING IN A COMPANY SHOULD ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER TO REFUSE TO SET OFF AGAINST CURRENT YEAR PROFITS LOSSES INCURRED IN EARLIER YEARS, AND
- (E) THE EXPANSION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH INTEREST IS DEDUCTIBLE TO INCLUDE INTEREST PAYABLE ON ALL INTER-GROUP BORROWINGS WHERE THE MONEYS BORROWED AROSE FROM A PUBLIC DEBENTURE ISSUED BY A GROUP COMPANY.

SO FAR AS THE PROPOSALS ON PLANT LEASING WERE CONCERNED THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT SUCH PROPOSALS WERE NOT INTENDED TO IMPEDE LEASING AT LARGE AS A COMMERCIAL PRACTICE.

+THE LEGISLATION IS AIMED AT TWO CAREFULLY DEFINED TYPES OF LEASING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN ARE PREDOMINANTLY TAX MOTIVATED AND WHICH HAVE CAUSED A VERY SERIOUS LEAKAGE IN TAX REVENUE. ORDINARY LEASING TRANSACTIONS WILL BE UNAFFECTED BY THE PROPOSALS EMBODIED IN THE BILL,+ HE SAID.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 29, WITH FURTHER DEBATE ON FEBRUARY 5.

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LAND COMMISSION HOLDS SEVENTH MEETING
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THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION HELD ITS SEVENTH MEETING ON JANUARY 16 AND 17. THE TWO SIDES REACHED AGREEMENT ON ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREMIUM INCOME FROM LAND TRANSACTIONS.

THE TWO SIDES ALSO REVIEWED WITH SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE COMMISSION DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF ITS OPERATION.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE TWO SIDES, IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLY COOPERATION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ANNEX III TO THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON A RANGE OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS FOR LAND TRANSACTIONS, THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 1985-86 FINANCIAL YEAR, THE AVERAGE COST OF LAND PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR AND THE ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREMIUM INCOME.

THESE AGREEMENTS ARE BENEFICIAL TO THE OPERATION OF THE PROPERTY MARKET, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND ADMINISTRATION IN HONG KONG.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE HELD IN MARCH, TO DISCUSS THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 1986-87 FINANCIAL YEAR.

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LONG SERVICE PAYMENT LAW EXPLAINED

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT FIGURES CONTRADICT RECENT CLAIMS THAT MANY EMPLOYERS HAD DISMISSED THEIR WORKERS BEFORE THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT LEGISLATION CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1.

THE CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS, MR CHOW TUNG-SHAN SAID THAT OF THE 586 CASES REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE PERIOD -- AFTER THE LEGISLATION WAS PASSED ON DECEMBER 18 AND BEFORE ITS EFFECTIVE DATE ON JANUARY 1 -- ONLY SEVEN WERE IDENTIFIED AS CASES CONNECTED WITH LONG SERVICE PAYMENT.

+THE SEVEN INDIVIDUAL CASES INVOLVE ONLY SEVEN PEOPLE AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED IS ABOUT \$70 000. THESE CASES ARE BEING HANDLED AND THE OUTCOME IS NOT YET KNOWN,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR CHOW STRESSED THAT IN THE CASE OF TERMINATION BY NOTICE, THE LAST DAY OF THE DISMISSAL NOTICE WOULD BE COUNTED.

+THAT IS TO SAY, IF THE LAST DAY OF THE DISMISSAL NOTICE FALLS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, THE WORKERS WILL BE PROTECTED UNDER THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT LEGISLATION.

+OR, IF THE EMPLOYER DISMISSED HIS WORKERS BY WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, THE DATE UP TO WHICH SUCH WAGES ARE CALCULATED WILL BE RECKONED AS THE 'RELEVANT DATE' FOR THE CALCULATION OF LONG SERVICE PAYMENT.

+IF THIS 'RELEVANT DATE' FALLS BEYOND JANUARY 1, THE WORKERS WILL ALSO BE PROTECTED BY THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT LEGISLATION.+

HE SAID THE NATURE OF THE OTHER CASES RECORDED DURING THE PERIOD WAS CONCERNED WITH SEVERANCE PAYMENT, WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE AND OTHER ISSUES ARISING OUT OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, AND NOT RELATED TO LONG SERVICE PAYMENT.

THESE CASES INCLUDED THE DISPUTES INVOLVING A TOY FACTORY IN CHAI WAN AND A RESTAURANT IN KWUN TONG.

+IN CASE OF DOUBTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE LEGISLATION, WORKERS OR EMPLOYERS ARE WELCOME TO CALL ON OUR LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICES OR MAKE USE OF THE 3 HOTLINES AT 5-8523509, 3-242779 OR 0-4980208.+

MR CHOW SAID THE SPIRIT OF THE LEGISLATION WAS TO RECOGNISE THE LOYALTY OF THE OLDER WORKERS WHO HAD WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR A LONG PERIOD WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH ADDITIONAL PROTECTION WHEN THEY WERE DISMISSED.

+EVEN WITHOUT THE LEGISLATION, TRADITIONALLY MANY EMPLOYERS WOULD GIVE SOME FORM OF GRATUITY TO THEIR LONG SERVICE WORKERS,+ HE SAID.

+AS THERE WAS A PRESSING NEED TO PROTECT SUCH WORKERS, THE LEGISLATION WAS ENACTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES CAN ENJOY THIS ADDITIONAL BENEFIT.

+THE GOVERNMENT WILL COLLECT VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON THE LEGISLATION FOR AN OVERALL REVIEW IN A YEAR'S TIME,+ HE ADDED.

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BILLS DEAL WITH INJURY CLAIMS
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TWO INTERRELATED BILLS WHICH PROPOSE TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT ENTITLED 'DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURY AND DEATH' WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE LAW AMENDMENT AND REFORM (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 AND THE FATAL ACCIDENTS BILL 1986 ARE TO MAKE SOME LEGAL CHANGES IN RELATION TO DAMAGES RECOVERABLE BY AND ON BEHALF OF PERSONS INJURED OR KILLED THROUGH THE DELIBERATE OR NEGLIGENT ACTION OF OTHERS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THESE CLAIMS MOST COMMONLY ARISE AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENTS AT WORK OR ON THE ROADS,+ HE ADDED.

ONE OF THE MAIN AIMS OF THE BILLS IS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF +WINDFALL+ DAMAGES.

AS THE LAW STANDS AT PRESENT, IT IS POSSIBLE IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES THAT A DEFENDANT IN A FATAL ACCIDENT CLAIM IS REQUIRED TO PAY OUT SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN IS NECESSARY TO COMPENSATE THE RELATIVES OF THE PERSON KILLED.

+THE BILLS WILL ENSURE THAT WHAT IS PAID BY THE DEFENDANT IS NO MORE, AND NO LESS, THAN FAIR COMPENSATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME THE BILLS ABOLISH SOME OUTDATED PROVISIONS IN THE PRESENT LAW AND REPLACE THEM WITH NEW REMEDIES, HE POINTED OUT.

THE CHIEF OF THESE NEW REMEDIES IS AN AWARD OF \$40 000 WHICH WILL BE PAID TO THE CLOSE RELATIVES OF A DECEASED PERSON TO COMPENSATE THEM FOR THEIR BEREAVEMENT.

+WHERE A PERSON IS SO BADLY INJURED AS TO REDUCE HIS ABILITY TO GIVE HIS CLOSE RELATIVES THE BENEFIT OF HIS SOCIETY, COMPENSATION OF UP TO \$40 000 CAN ALSO BE AWARDED. IF AN INJURED OR DECEASED PERSON RENDERED GRATUITOUS SERVICES TO ANY OF THEM BEFORE THE ACCIDENT, COMPENSATION MAY BE AWARDED FOR HIS LOSS OF ABILITY TO RENDER THOSE SERVICES,+ HE EXPLAINED.

THE BILLS ALSO PROPOSE THAT THE RANGE OF DEPENDANTS WHO CAN MAKE A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ANY PERSON'S DEATH CAUSED BY A WRONGFUL ACT, NEGLIGENCE OR DEFAULT SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

AT PRESENT WIVES AND HUSBANDS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CHILDREN (INCLUDING ADOPTED AND STEP-CHILDREN), GRANDCHILDREN, BROTHERS, SISTERS, UNCLAS AND AUNTS, COUSINS, NIECES AND NEPHEWS CAN CLAIM.

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+THE LIST WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER GREAT UNCLAS AND AUNTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, GREAT-GRANDPARENTS AND OTHERS IN A DIRECT LINE, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, GOD CHILDREN AND GOD PARENTS ACCORDING TO CHINESE CUSTOM, CHILDREN TREATED AS CHILDREN OF THE FAMILY AND PERSONS TREATED BY A CHILD AS HIS OR HER PARENTS, AND UNMARRIED CO-HABITEES AS LONG AS THEY HAVE LIVED TOGETHER FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS,+ HE SAID. THE SAME RANGE OF DEPENDANTS WOULD APPLY TO THE CLAIM FOR LOSS OF ABILITY TO RENDER GRATUITOUS SERVICES.

TURNING TO ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE BILLS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS PROVISION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG FOR THE COURTS TO MAKE PROVISIONAL ORDERS FOR DAMAGES.

+A PERSON WHO IS INJURED, BUT WHOSE INJURIES HAVE NOT FINALLY SETTLED AT THE TIME HIS CASE IS HEARD IN COURT, MAY BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO RETURN AT A LATER DATE FOR A FINAL AWARD, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ACTUAL RESULT OF THE INJURY,+ HE SAID.

THE BILLS ALSO SEEK TO ABOLISH THE ANTIQUATED LAWS THAT ENABLED AN EMPLOYER TO RECOVER DAMAGES FROM A PERSON WHO DEPRIVED HIM OF THE SERVICES OF HIS FEMALE SERVANT BY RAPING OR SEDUCING HER, OR WHO ENTICED OR HARBOURED HIS SERVANT.

THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 29.

VIEWS ON PROVISIONS OF THE BILLS CAN BE SENT TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 4/F, 66 QUEENSWAY, OR TO UMELCO AT JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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+NET CAPITAL+ DEFINED IN NOTICE
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A NOTICE MADE UNDER THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE TO SPECIFY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINITIONS OF 'NET CAPITAL' AND 'LIQUIDITY MARGIN' OF A DEALER OR DEALING PARTNERSHIP, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER SECTION 65B OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE, A REGISTERED DEALER OR DEALING PARTNERSHIP WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A MINIMUM LEVEL OF NET CAPITAL AND A LIQUIDITY MARGIN.

THE SECURITIES (SPECIFICATION OF APPROVED ASSETS, LIQUID ASSETS AND RANKING LIABILITIES) NOTICE 1986 WILL HELP DEALERS AND DEALING PARTNERSHIPS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT WHEN THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE BEGINS TRADING.

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MTR BILL PROVIDES FOR COMPENSATION CLAIMS
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A BILL, PROVIDING FOR CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION BY PROPERTY OWNERS AFFECTED BY THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING HAS BEEN GAZETTED TODAY.

KNOWN AS THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, IT WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 29.

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BILL SETS AWARD INTEREST RATE
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THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), PROVIDES FOR AN AWARD MADE BY THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL TO CARRY INTEREST AT A RATE TO BE PRESCRIBED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

THE INTEREST WILL APPLY FROM THE DATE OF THE AWARD, UNTIL EITHER THE AWARD IS PAID OR THE AWARD IS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT.

AT PRESENT, THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD CARRIES INTEREST FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT FELL DUE, UP TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE AWARD IS PRONOUNCED BY THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL. THEREAFTER, IT CARRIES INTEREST ONLY FROM THE DATE OF REGISTRATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

THE BILL WILL BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE AWARD AND THE DATE OF REGISTRATION.

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THIRD QUARTER RESTAURANT SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985, ESTIMATED AT \$4 839 MILLION, WAS SIX PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS THREE PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL RESTAURANT PURCHASES IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 WAS \$2 089 MILLION, WHICH WAS SIX PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, BARS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE (14 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, FOLLOWED BY FAST FOOD SHOPS (13 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (SEVEN PER CENT) AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (ONE PER CENT).

OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY ETC.), HOWEVER, RECORDED A DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT.

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS, BARS AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS WENT UP BY 10 PER CENT, NINE PER CENT AND FOUR PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT AND SIX PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS ROSE BY FOUR PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME, AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF RESTAURANT PURCHASES INCREASED BY ONE PER CENT.

FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE (15 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS, FOLLOWED BY BARS (12 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (FOUR PER CENT) AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (TWO PER CENT).

FOR OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS REMAINED UNCHANGED. IN TERMS OF THE VOLUME OF RECEIPTS, FAST FOOD SHOPS, BARS AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS SHOWED INCREASES OF 12 PER CENT, SIX PER CENT AND ONE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES SHOWED DECREASES OF TWO PER CENT AND FOUR PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS WENT UP BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME, AND THE VALUE OF RESTAURANT PURCHASES INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT. TOTAL RECEIPTS OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND NINE PER CENT IN VOLUME, AND THOSE OF BARS ROSE BY EIGHT PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. BOTH FAST FOOD SHOPS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES RECORDED INCREASES OF EIGHT PER CENT IN THE VALUE AND SEVEN PER CENT IN THE VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985, AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF THE THIRD QUARTER 1985 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 AND FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, AND COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. : 3-7216024).

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

	2nd qtr. 1985 (Revised figures)	3rd qtr. 1985 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts (in HK\$ million)	4 778	4 839
Total restaurant purchases (in HK\$ million)	1 884	2 089

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 2nd QUARTER 1985 AND 3rd QUARTER 1985

(Quarterly average of 1982 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	2nd quarter 1985	3rd quarter 1985	3rd qtr. 1985 compared with 2nd qtr. 1985		3rd qtr. 1985 compared with 3rd qtr. 1984		1st-3rd qtrs. 1985 compared with 1st-3rd qtrs. 1984	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	112	124	+12	+11	+ 8	+ 7	+ 5	+ 4
	Volume	96	105	+10	+10	+ 4	+ 4	+ 1	+ 1
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	124	137	+13	+10	+ 2	+ 1	+ 3	+ 2
	Volume	103	112	+10	+ 9	- 3	- 2	- 2	- 2
Fast food shops	Value	151	163	+12	+ 8	+18	+13	+20	+15
	Volume	126	135	+ 9	+ 7	+12	+10	-13	+12
Bars	Value	107	115	+ 9	+ 8	+14	+14	+12	+12
	Volume	38	95	+ 7	+ 8	+ 8	+ 9	+ 6	+ 6
Other eating and drinking places	Value	115	124	+ 9	+ 8	- 1	- 1	*	*
	Volume	95	102	+ 7	+ 7	- 7	- 6	- 5	- 4
entire restaurant sector	Value	117	129	+12	+11	+ 8	+ 6	+ 5	+ 4
	Volume	99	108	+10	+10	+ 4	+ 3	+ 1	+ 1

Notes : 1. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

2. * denotes no change.

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TWO JAPANESE BANKS GRANTED LICENCES
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TWO JAPANESE BANKS, THE NIPPON CREDIT BANK, LTD. AND THE SUMITOMO TRUST AND BANKING CO., LTD., HAVE BEEN GRANTED BANKING LICENCES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

INCORPORATED IN JAPAN, THE NIPPON CREDIT BANK LTD. HAS BEEN A LONG-TERM CREDIT BANK SINCE 1957 AND AN AUTHORISED FOREIGN EXCHANGE BANK SINCE 1964.

IT HAS AT PRESENT A WHOLLY OWNED REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY AND A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN HONG KONG.

THE SUMITOMO TRUST AND BANKING CO., LTD., WHICH WAS SET UP AS A TRUST COMPANY IN JAPAN IN 1925, HAS A WHOLLY OWNED REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY IN HONG KONG SINCE 1978.

THE BANK HAS BEEN PROVIDING COMMERCIAL BANKING AND FIDUCIARY SERVICES SINCE 1948.

+THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG TO 145, OF WHICH 20 ARE JAPANESE BANKS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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DECEMBER COOLER THAN USUAL
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DECEMBER 1985 WAS SLIGHTLY COOLER THAN USUAL, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED.

THE MONTH'S MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 19.7 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS 1.1 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL AND THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 17.2 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS 0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL.

TOTAL RAINFALL IN DECEMBER WAS 12.9 MILLIMETRES WHICH WAS ONLY ABOUT HALF THE NORMAL AMOUNT FOR THE MONTH.

WEATHER DURING THE FIRST SIX DAYS WAS MAINLY FINE AND WARM APART FROM SOME CLOUDY PERIODS AND TRACES OF LIGHT RAIN ON DECEMBER 3 AND 5.

TEMPERATURE ON DECEMBER 6 ROSE TO 25.6 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

A WEAK SURGE OF WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 6 AND THE WEATHER BECAME CLOUDY WITH LIGHT RAIN AT FIRST ON DECEMBER 7. HOWEVER, IT TURNED FINE AND SUNNY LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. A FURTHER REPLENISHMENT OF THE WINTER MONSOON THAT EVENING BROUGHT DRY NORTHERLY WINDS TO HONG KONG AND FINE WEATHER CONTINUED FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

/ANOTHER SURGE

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ANOTHER SURGE OF WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 10. WINDS BECAME STRONG EASTERLY OFFSHORE AND IT WAS OVERCAST WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN.

OVERCAST CONDITIONS CONTINUED THE NEXT DAY WHEN IT WAS COLD WITH PERIODS OF RAIN.

WINDS BECAME MODERATE ON DECEMBER 12 BUT IT REMAINED COLD WITH TEMPERATURE FALLING TO AROUND 10 DEGREES CELSIUS IN URBAN AREAS.

CONDITIONS TURNED MILDER ON DECEMBER 13 ALTHOUGH THE SKIES REMAINED OVERCAST IN THE MORNING. IT HOWEVER BECAME FINE AND SUNNY IN THE AFTERNOON.

ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 13, A DRY NORTHERLY SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED AND THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND SUNNY UP TO DECEMBER 17.

THE NORTHERLY WINDS BECAME STRONG ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 14 AND REMAINED FRESH TO STRONG UNTIL THE NEXT DAY.

IT WAS VERY DRY ON DECEMBER 15 AND A RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 22 PER CENT - THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH - WAS RECORDED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY. MANY HILL FIRES OCCURRED ON THAT DAY.

AS THE DRY WEATHER PERSISTED, IT BECAME PROGRESSIVELY COLDER AND TEMPERATURE FELL TO A MINIMUM OF 9.6 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH. TEMPERATURES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES FELL EVEN FURTHER AND REACHED ZERO DEGREE CELSIUS AT TA KWU LING AND HOARFROST WAS REPORTED AT TA KWU LING, SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING.

IT WAS CLOUDY ON DECEMBER 18 AND 19 AND THE WEATHER BECAME MILDER BUT THE RELATIVE HUMIDITY REMAINED LOW.

FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER RETURNED ON DECEMBER 20 AND CONTINUED UP TO DECEMBER 27.

ANOTHER SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 21.

FRESH TO STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED OFFSHORE AND IN EXPOSED PLACES ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 22.

FROM DECEMBER 23 TO 25, OVERNIGHT TEMPERATURES IN THE URBAN AREAS WERE AROUND 11 DEGREES CELSIUS WHILE THOSE IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE BELOW FIVE DEGREES CELSIUS.

AS THE NORTHERLY WINDS SUBSIDED, IT BECAME MORE HUMID AND MILDER FROM DECEMBER 26 TO 30.

IT WAS CLOUDY FROM DECEMBER 28 TO 31 WITH TRACES OF LIGHT RAIN ON DECEMBER 28 AND 30.

/A COLD

A COLD FRONT PASSED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON THE EARLY MORNING OF DECEMBER 31. NORTHERLY WINDS FRESHENED DURING THE DAY AND IT BECAME COLD DURING THE EVENING.

DURING THE MONTH TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA BUT NONE AFFECTED HONG KONG.

NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 14 TO 17, ON 22 AND AGAIN FROM 23 TO 25. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON DECEMBER 1, 2, 7, 8, 14, 19, 20, 23, 26 AND 29.

THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED FOUR TIMES DURING THE MONTH AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>		<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>	
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DEC 10	8 AM	DEC 10	2.05PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DEC 11	4 AM	DEC 11	5.05PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DEC 14	6.05PM	DEC 15	3PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DEC 22	9.05AM	DEC 22	NOON

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE :

SUNSHINE	182.3 HOURS = 3.0 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
RAINFALL	12.9 MM = 12.4 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	50 % = 2% LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	67% = 2% LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	19.7 DEG. C. = 1.1 DEG. C. BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	17.2 DEG. C. = 0.5 DEG. C. BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	14.9 DEG. C. = 0.3 DEG. C. BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	10.6 DEG. C. = 0.8 DEG. C. BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	99.6 MM = 19.0 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 25.6 DEG. C. WAS RECORDED ON DECEMBER 6

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 9.6 DEG. C. WAS RECORDED ON DECEMBER 17

SKILLS TEAM MEETS LADY YOUDE
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AT A SPECIAL RECEPTION IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE TODAY (FRIDAY), LADY YOUDE PRESENTED MEDALS TO A TEAM OF 12 DISABLED PERSONS WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL ABILYMPICS -- A SKILLS CONTEST FOR DISABLED PEOPLE.

THE EVENT WAS HELD IN BOGOTA, COLUMBIA IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, AND THE HONG KONG TEAM CAME SECOND, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 60 PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

THE TEAM TOOK PART IN THE COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, BILLBOARD ADVERTISING, METAL LATHE TURNING, MACHINE-KNITTING, DRESS MAKING, TYPING, JOINERY AND WATCH REPAIR CONTESTS.

SPEAKING AT TODAY'S TEA RECEPTION HOSTED BY LADY YOUDE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, MR MARTIN LEWIS, POINTED OUT THAT THE RESULT WAS EXTREMELY CREDITABLE BECAUSE NEARLY ALL OF THE TEAM MEMBERS WERE PLACED IN THE TOP 10 OF THEIR CATEGORIES.

+WE KNOW OF NO INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WHERE HONG KONG HAS EVER BEFORE BEEN PLACED SO HIGH, SO THIS RESULT WAS EXTREMELY CREDITABLE, THE MORE SO SINCE HONG KONG DID NOT WIN ANYTHING IN THE FIRST ABILYMPICS IN JAPAN,+ HE SAID.

MR LEWIS ALSO APPEALED TO EMPLOYERS +TO ACT POSITIVELY BY EMPLOYING DISABLED PEOPLE+.

+WE ARE HOPING THAT THE GOOD RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE HONG KONG TEAM IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WILL HELP ALERT EMPLOYERS TO THE FACT THAT DISABILITY IS NO BAR TO EMPLOYMENT,+ HE SAID.

+INDEED, DISABILITY NEED NOT EVEN BE A HANDICAP,+ HE ADDED.

EMPHASISING THAT DISABLED PERSONS COULD ACHIEVE SIMILAR IF NOT BETTER RESULTS THAN OTHER EMPLOYEES, MR LEWIS URGED EMPLOYERS TO CONTACT THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT 5-8524159 FOR FURTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION.

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FIRE STATION IN KOWLOON BAY OPENED
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A \$11 MILLION DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION SERVING THE POPULATED PART OF KOWLOON BAY WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, MR TOM GARDINER.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR GARDINER SAID THAT THE PLANNING OF NEW STATIONS PROCEEDED TOGETHER WITH THAT FOR NEW TOWNS, NEWLY DEVELOPED AREAS AND NEW ROAD NETWORKS.

/+THE PRESENCE

+THE PRESENCE OF THIS STATION WILL PROVIDE VERY NECESSARY FIRE COVER NOT ONLY FOR THOSE BUILDINGS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE BUT ALSO THE CONSIDERABLE NUMBER WHICH HAS YET TO BE BUILT,+ HE SAID.

HE DISCLOSED THAT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA INCLUDED COMMERCIAL, GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS AS WELL AS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOUSE SOME 50 000 PEOPLE, AND MORE IMPORTANT, LIGHT INDUSTRY ESTABLISHMENTS.

TRACING THE HISTORY OF THE SITE, MR GARDINER SAID THIS PARTICULAR AREA HAD BEEN UNDER 4.5 METRES OF WATER, AND WHAT WAS RECENTLY SEA-BED IS NOW A RAPIDLY EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL AREA.

HE SAID THE EAST DIVISION OF KOWLOON COVERS A LOT OF TERRITORY AND IS CURRENTLY SERVED BY SEVEN FIRE STATIONS INCLUDING THE ONE OPENED TODAY, AND SEVERAL MORE WERE PLANNED OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

+IN DUE COURSE THERE MAY WELL BE A NEED TO CREATE A FOURTH DIVISION TO SPREAD THE WORKLOAD AND THIS IS CURRENTLY UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION,+ MR GARDINER ADDED.

COMMENTING ON THE HIGHER NUMBER OF EMERGENCY CALLS IN KOWLOON EAST, HE SAID THAT FIRE DID NOT JUST HAPPEN ALL ON THEIR OWN, AND IT WAS PEOPLE WHO CAUSED THEM BY BEING NEGLECTFUL OR UNTHINKING.

+IF KOWLOON EAST IS HAVING SO MANY MORE FIRES THAN ELSEWHERE THEN THAT MUST MEAN THAT THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THIS AREA ARE EXERCISING LESS CARE THAN OTHERS,+ HE SAID.

+ALL I CAN ASK IS THAT THEY BE MORE FIRE CONSCIOUS - AFTER ALL IT IS THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTY AT STAKE,+ MR GARDINER ADDED.

THE NEW FIRE STATION IS OF STANDARD DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION DESIGN WHICH HOUSES FOUR FIRE APPLIANCES, SIX AMBULANCES MANNED BY 134 OFFICERS AND MEN.

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DREDGING IN DEEP BAY PLANNED

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GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CARRY OUT DREDGING IN DEEP BAY TO OBTAIN FILL MATERIAL TO FORM LAND AT TIN SHUI WAI FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SELF-CONTAINED NEW TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF 146 500.

WORK IS DUE TO START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR, AND TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16.

/THE NOTICE,

THE NOTICE, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT:

- * LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER FROM THE SALES OFFICE);
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG;
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, 9TH TO 11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG;
- * TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN; AND
- * TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 6TH FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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CS TO OPEN WAN CHAI FESTIVAL
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THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1986 WAN CHAI FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19) AT 2.30 PM.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES; REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM; WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEE KON WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AT OI KWAN ROAD ON SUNDAY NOT LATER THAN 2.15 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE THERE TO DISTRIBUTE PRESS BADGES. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE REMINDED TO BRING ALONG THEIR TELEPHOTO LENSES AND THAT FLASH LIGHT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED DURING PERFORMANCES INSIDE THE STADIUM.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR TSING YI BRIDGE WORK
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$20 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A 170-METRE LONG BRIDGE ACROSS LIU TO VALLEY ON TSING YI ISLAND.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR W.H. CHIU, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY, DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLICS.

THE PROJECT, WHICH IS PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT ON THE ISLAND, ALSO INVOLVES WIDENING THE SOUTHERN APPROACH ROAD OF THE PROPOSED BRIDGE, MR CHIU SAID.

THE BRIDGE WILL HAVE A 13.5-METRE WIDE CARRIAGEWAY PROVIDING FOUR LANES OF TRAFFIC. IT WILL ALSO HAVE A 2.75-METRE FOOTPATH ON EACH SIDE.

WORK WILL START THIS MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS MAKE PROGRESS
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WITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT, PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION HAD MADE RAPID PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS YOW KAM YUEN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN SHA TIN, THE 15TH PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN HONG KONG.

THIRTEEN MORE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD BE BUILT BY THE EARLY 1990'S, MR LEUNG SAID.

AND MORE SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS WITH A MODIFIED CLASS PATTERN FROM THE EXISTING +77722+ FOR FORMS 1 TO 5 TO +66644+ WOULD ALSO BE STARTING IN 1989.

MR LEUNG ALSO SAID THAT MORE GENERAL SUBJECTS WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES.

IT WAS ALSO INTENDED TO INCLUDE MORE PRACTICAL SUBJECTS, SUCH AS FASHION AND CLOTHING, FOOD AND HOTEL, IN THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, TO MEET THE DEMAND OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

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TEMPLE EXPECTED TO ATTRACT VISITORS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WITH THE COMPLETION OF RENOVATIONS AT LIN FA KUNG, THE AREA WOULD BECOME A MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTION IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

OFFICIATING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE REOPENING OF LIN FA KUNG, MR WIGGHAM SAID THAT THE TEMPLE WAS THE ONLY 'KUAN YIN' TEMPLE IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT, AND WAS BUILT IN 1863, DURING THE CHING DYNASTY.

+BECAUSE OF THE HISTORICAL VALUE OF THE TEMPLE, THE GOVERNMENT CLASSIFIED IT AS A GRADE I BUILDING, WHICH MEANT THAT ANY ALTERNATIONS TO THE TEMPLE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE LANDS DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

+WHEN THE CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE TOOK OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TEMPLE IN 1975, MOST OF THE PREMISES WERE IN DILAPIDATED STATE.

+IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THIS HISTORICAL TEMPLE, IN 1984 THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO ALLOCATE \$1.2 MILLION TO FULLY RENOVATE THE TEMPLE.

+RENOVATION WORKS INCLUDED REFURBISHING THE EXTERNAL WALL AND INTERIOR PARTS OF THE TEMPLE, RECONSTRUCTING THE LILY POND AND THE STREAM BEHIND THE TEMPLE, AND BUILDING THE MOON GATE AND CARETAKER'S QUARTER,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

+TO ADD TO ITS BEAUTY, AND TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATION AND AMENITIES FACILITIES TO LOCAL RESIDENTS, THE URBAN COUNCIL ALSO PLANS TO BUILD A CHINESE GARDEN BEHIND THE TEMPLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

+THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO RECONSTRUCT AND WIDEN THE STREETS IN THE VICINITY TO FACILITATE MORE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS TO VISIT THE AREA,+ HE SAID.

THE SERIES OF IMPROVEMENTS WAS THE RESULT OF CAREFUL AND TIME-CONSUMING PLANNING AND EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC INCLUDING THE DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND KAIFONGS, WHICH CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE CONCERTED COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF THE EASTERN RESIDENTS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN WESTERN DISTRICT AND WAN CHAI
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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 20) IN WESTERN DISTRICT AND WAN CHAI. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES ON EASTBOUND BELCHER'S STREET WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN INTO COLLINSON STREET FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR ROAD WORKS. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA.
- * TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS, ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES IN HIGH STREET WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO WESTERN STREET, AND WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA EASTERN STREET AND SECOND STREET BEFORE REJOINING WESTERN STREET. THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS.
- * THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY ON EASTBOUND HENNESSY ROAD FROM HOUSE NO. 127 TO HOUSE NO. 139 WILL BE LIFTED FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.
- * THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE ON EASTBOUND HENNESSY ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 165 AND HOUSE NO. 225 WILL BE EXTENDED WESTWARD TO BEGIN AT HOUSE NO. 135 FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS. NO VEHICLE EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN THE RESTRICTED ROAD SECTION.

MEANWHILE, TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER, THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TONNOCHY ROAD BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 20) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE MEASURE WILL BE REPEATED BETWEEN 10 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 21) AND 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

DURING THE CLOSURE, SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ON TONNOCHY ROAD NORTH OF HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HARBOUR ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD TO JOIN GLOUCESTER ROAD.

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PULLOVER JACKETS
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, COTTON AND MAN-MADE-FIBRE (MMF) PULLOVER JACKETS WITHOUT FULL FRONTAL OPENINGS FORMERLY CLASSIFIED IN EXPORT AUTHORIZATION (EA) CATEGORIES 359 AND 659, WILL BE RECLASSIFIED IN CATEGORIES 333-334, 335, 633-634 AND 635 FOR VISA AND QUOTA PURPOSES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED THE RECEIPT OF APPLICATION FOR EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS AND THE ISSUE OF EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS IN RESPECT OF COTTON AND MMF PULLOVER JACKETS IN CATEGORIES 359 AND 659.

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE ROOFS ADJACENT TO FLATS A, B AND C ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF 130-136, SHAU KI WAN MAIN STREET EAST, HONG KONG, TO ENABLE DEMOLITION.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDER IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON MARCH 14 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN SEPTEMBER, 1984, REQUIRING DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AS A RESULT OF THE OWNERS' FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDERS.

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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ARRAN STREET TRAFFIC CHANGES START MONDAY
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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN ARRAN STREET FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 20) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS, TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS AT TONG MEI ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

THESE ARE:

- * THE JUNCTION BETWEEN ARRAN STREET AND TONG MEI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * THE ARRAN STREET SECTION BETWEEN THE UN-NAMED ROAD 40 METRES EAST OF TONG MEI ROAD AND CANTON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- * THE UN-NAMED ROAD 40 METRES EAST OF TONG MEI ROAD JOINING ARRAN STREET AND BUTE STREET WILL BE MADE ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * ARRAN STREET SECTION BETWEEN THE UN-NAMED ROAD AND TONG MEI ROAD WILL BE MADE A CUL-DE-SAC.
- * TRAFFIC ON SOUTHBOUND TONG MEI ROAD HEADING FOR ARRAN STREET CAN GAIN ACCESS VIA TONG MEI ROAD, MONG KOK ROAD AND CANTON ROAD.

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WAN CHAI OFFERS FESTIVAL DISCO NIGHT
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YOUTHS IN WAN CHAI CAN ENJOY AN EVENING OF DISCO DANCING ON JANUARY 25 (SATURDAY).

THE DISCO NIGHT IS PART OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE 1986 WAN CHAI FESTIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AND THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE DISCO DE VENUE AT ISLAND CENTRE, GREAT GEORGE STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY, AND TICKETS AT \$40 EACH WHICH INCLUDE TWO DRINKS, ARE NOW ON SALE.

THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL ALSO WILL PRESENT A CONTEMPORARY CHINESE FILM, +THE YELLOW EARTH+ AT THE NANYANG THEATRE NEXT SUNDAY (JANUARY 26) AT 10 AM.

TICKETS ARE AT \$5 AND \$10.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN THESE TWO EVENTS MAY NOW OBTAIN TICKETS AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-752477.

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MOCK DISTRICT BOARD EXERCISE FOR STUDENTS
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TAI PO SECONDARY STUDENTS TAKING PART IN A MOCK DISTRICT BOARD EXERCISE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WILL ENJOY A DAY OF FUN AND ALSO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THE WORKSHOP, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, IS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MOCK DISTRICT BOARD EXERCISE, ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT WORKING GROUP ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE SEMINARS, QUIZ, GAMES AND A MOCK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS PAULINE NG CHOW MAY-LIN AND TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, DR STEPHEN TANG WILL GIVE TALKS TO THE STUDENTS.

TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 'MOCK DB EXERCISE WORKSHOP FOR TAI PO STUDENTS' AT 9 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET.

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BOARD MEMBERS SET FOR BIG CLEAN UP
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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CLEAN KWUN TONG CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL BE OUT IN FORCE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO HELP CLEAN UP THE DISTRICT.

THEIR FIRST TASK WILL BE TO SWEEP THE STREETS IN THE TOWN CENTRE.

THEY WILL THEN MOVE TO LAM TIN ESTATE, WHERE THEY WILL DISTRIBUTE LITTER BAGS TO THE HAWKERS AT A LOCAL MARKET.

IN TAI SHING VILLAGE, SAU MAU PING, THEY WILL DISTRIBUTE LITTER BAGS TO RESIDENTS, AND ALSO HELP SET UP LITTER BINS IN THE VILLAGE.

TOMORROW'S ACTIVITY IS ORGANISED BY THE CLEAN KWUN TONG CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER TOMORROW'S +CLEAN KWUN TONG+ ACTIVITY. THOSE COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE JUNCTION OF YAN OI COURT AND FU YAN STREET IN THE KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE (NEXT TO THE PARK'N SHOP).

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SEA COURSE FOR ACTIVE YOUTHS
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SIX OUTSTANDING YOUNG PEOPLE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR THE 1985 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, WERE EACH AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND AN 18-DAY SEA COURSE ON BOARD THE OUTWARD BOUND SHIP +JI FUNG+.

THESE, AND SIMILAR OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS, HAVE BEEN DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUALLY SINCE 1977 TO DISTINGUISHED YOUTH LEADERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND RENDERED VOLUNTARY SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME POLICY COMMITTEE, MR DONALD LIAO, SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, PRESENTED THE SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE RECIPIENTS.

THE SIX AWARD WINNERS ARE: MR LIU KWONG-SANG, MISS CHAN MUI-LING, MR CHAN HON-YU, MISS WONG MEI-CHING, MR LEE YUK-WA, AND MR MO CHI-SUM.

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THE SIX WERE SELECTED FROM AMONG 27 YOUTH LEADERS NOMINATED BY 20 MEMBER ORGANISATIONS OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (SYPCCC) AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES.

THANKING THE SPONSOR AND ORGANISERS, MR LIAO SAID, +THE PROGRAMME OWES ITS SUCCESS TO THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE REMARKABLE EFFORT OF VARIOUS YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY-SPIRITED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED ACTIVELY IN THE PLANNING AND RUNNING VARIOUS EVENTS.+

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PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING YOUTHS IN EASTERN
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A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1985-86 WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE KIANGSU AND CHEKIANG PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL IN NORTH POINT.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHEME, AN OUTSTANDING YOUTHS AND CHILDREN AWARD SCHEME, A SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION AND A NEW LYRICS FOR OLD SONGS CONTEST FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT COURTESY CAMPAIGN.

AT TOMORROW'S CEREMONY, 50 STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES AFTER COMPLETING THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHEME AND ABOUT 200 YOUTHS AND CHILDREN WILL BE AWARDED GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS FOR DISTINCTIVE RESULTS IN THE OUTSTANDING YOUTHS AND CHILDREN AWARD SCHEME.

THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WERE HELD WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT KIANGSU AND CHEKIANG PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL, 30 CHING WAH STREET, NORTH POINT.

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400 FOR DANCE CONTEST
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THE 1986 BALLROOM DANCE CONTEST, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE DIVISION OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE HONG KONG DANCING ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD AT MACPHERSON STADIUM, MONG KOK ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19) FROM 7 PM UNTIL 10 PM.

ABOUT 400 DANCERS WILL BE TAKING PART.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SEMINAR FOR TRADE UNIONS
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TRADE UNION MEMBERS WILL GET TOGETHER ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19) FOR A SEMINAR IN CANTONESE ENTITLED '+ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF TRADE UNIONS+'.

THEY WILL LOOK INTO ASPECTS OF TRADE UNION AFFAIRS INCLUDING MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS AND PRACTICE, FINANCIAL AND TAXATION MATTERS.

ORGANISED BY THE REGISTRY OF TRADE UNIONS, THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM AT THE RECITAL HALL, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, WANCHAI, HONG KONG.

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SUNDAY BASKETBALL FOR OFFICE STAFF
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A BASKETBALL COMPETITION AMONG STAFF OF ACCOUNTING COMPANIES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT THE POKFULAM ROAD BASKETBALL PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19) MORNING.

SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE THIRD INTER-HONG BASKETBALL COMPETITION (ACCOUNTING FIRMS) IS AIMED AT PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP AMONG ACCOUNTING COMPANIES.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN RECREATION AND SPORT ASSOCIATION.

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ABOUT 150 PERSONS FROM 15 ACCOUNTING FIRMS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE COMPETITION, WHICH STARTS AT 9 AM.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME TO WATCH.

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YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE INTER-HONG BASKETBALL COMPETITION.

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WINNING PICTURES FOR SHOW
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THE WINNING ENTRIES TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S PHOTOGRAPHY AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS WILL BE EXHIBITED BETWEEN 10 AM AND 8 PM IN THE ABERDEEN CULTURAL CENTRE FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO JANUARY 26 (SUNDAY).

THE DISPLAY IS SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND URBAN COUNCIL. ADMISSION IS FREE.

EXHIBITS INCLUDE THREE WINNING ENTRIES AND 20 SPECIAL AWARDS IN EACH OF THE FOUR DIVISIONS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE +BEAUTIFUL SOUTHERN DISTRICT+ CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITIONS.

RECENT WORKS OF THE ADJUDICATORS, INCLUDING MR CHIN MAN-LEE, MR CHEUNG KAN-CHEE AND MR TAM KWOK-KWAN WILL ALSO BE EXHIBITED.

ALL THE PRIZE-WINNING PICTURES ARE COLOURFUL PORTRAYALS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS AND CURRENT LOOK -- SCENERY, DEVELOPMENT, PEOPLE OR FESTIVITIES -- OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, WHICH COVER THE ENTIRE SOUTHERN SIDE OF HONG KONG ISLAND FROM SHEK O IN THE EAST TO POKFULAM IN THE WEST.

AN OPENING AND AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE ABERDEEN CULTURAL CENTRE IN THE EXHIBITION HALL, 5/F ABERDEEN MARKET COMPLEX.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, MRS SO CHOW YIM-PING AND MR S.Y. LI, MR ALBERT LI OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND MR C.S. TANG OF AFGA-GEVAERT (HK) LTD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING AND AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY AND DRAWING EXHIBITION AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE ABERDEEN CULTURAL CENTRE EXHIBITION HALL, 5/F, ABERDEEN MARKET COMPLEX, HONG KONG.

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