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NOTHING DRAMATIC ABOUT POWER TO DISSOLVE LEGCO

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IN MOVING OVER TO A PARTLY ELECTED SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, IT IS A PERFECTLY NORMAL PROGRESSION TO HAVE A NORMAL TERM FOR THE LEGISLATURE AND ALSO TO PROVIDE FOR A SHORTER PERIOD IF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS AFTER TOURING THE LIM POR YEN INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN MONG KOK TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+WE ARE MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES OF COURSE AND ONE OF THE CHANGES IS THAT WE ARE MOVING OVER TO A PARTLY ELECTED SYSTEM AND IT IS A PERFECTLY NORMAL PROGRESSION IN CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THIS KIND TO HAVE A PERIOD FOR THE LEGISLATURE, WHICH IS WITH US THREE YEARS, BUT ALSO TO PROVIDE FOR A SHORTER PERIOD IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE IT.

+SO IT IS NOTHING VERY DRAMATIC, THIS POWER. YOU WILL FIND IT EXISTS IN MANY JURISDICTIONS. BUT IT IS THERE IN ORDER TO GIVE FLEXIBILITY.

+I THINK THAT IS THE BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE IT,+ HE SAID.

+THERE WILL BE A NORMAL TERM BUT IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES CALL FOR A DIFFERENT TERM THEN THE POWER WOULD BE THERE FOR THE GOVERNOR TO DISSOLVE THE LEGISLATURE.

+BUT AS I SAY, THE POWER EXISTS IN MANY JURISDICTIONS AND IT IS A VERY NATURAL DEVELOPMENT WHEN WE ARE MOVING THE WAY WE ARE IN HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON POLITICAL GROUPS RECENTLY SET UP IN HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID:

+IT WAS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO GET TOO ATTACHED TO LABELS.+

HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING VERY NEW IN HONG KONG ABOUT PEOPLE WHO SHARE SIMILAR INTERESTS FORMING GROUPS. IT HAD BEEN GOING ON AND QUITE A NUMBER HAD BEEN FORMED IN HONG KONG OVER THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS AND THERE WERE SOME OLD ESTABLISHED ONES.

/+I THINK

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+I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING TO KEEP YOUR EYE ON IS THE OBJECTIVES OF THESE GROUPS AND THE WAY THEY INTEND TO OPERATE AND I THINK THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUPS WHICH ARE NOW BEING DISCUSSED ARE VERY MUCH HOW THEY CAN ASSIST IN MAINTAINING THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG. SO I THINK MY ADVICE IS, DON'T GET TOO STUCK ON THE LABELS. LOOK TO THE OBJECTIVES.+

QUESTIONED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD INTERFERE IF THE OBJECTIVES WERE NOT IN THE INTEREST OF HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD REPLIED: +I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANYTHING TO INTERFERE WITH. IF PEOPLE, AS I SAY, OF SIMILAR INTERESTS FORM ASSOCIATIONS WITH PERFECTLY NORMAL AND RESPECTABLE OBJECTIVES THERE IS NOTHING FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO INTERFERE IN.+

ON THE REMARKS YESTERDAY BY A SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIAL, MR HU YAOBANG, THAT THERE WOULD BE CHANGES IN HONG KONG AFTER 1997, SIR EDWARD WAS ASKED IF HE SAW IT AS A CONTRADICTION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

+NO, I DON'T SEE ANY CONTRADICTION WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION, THE JOINT DECLARATION MAINTAINS THE ESSENTIALS OF THE SYSTEM IN HONG KONG AND THAT IS QUITE CLEARLY LAID DOWN. BUT HONG KONG IS CHANGING ALL THE TIME. WE LIVE IN A DEVELOPING WORLD. BUT I DON'T THINK ANYBODY EXPECTS HONG KONG TO REMAIN STATIC.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON MR HU'S REMARKS THAT CHINA WANTED MORE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG TO JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, SIR EDWARD SAID IT WAS NOT FOR HIM TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THESE MATTERS WHICH WERE FOR INDIVIDUALS IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING ABOUT HIS VISIT TO YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE HAD FOUND IT VERY USEFUL AS IT HAD ENABLED HIM TO SEE A NEW CENTRE AND AT THE SAME TIME AN AREA WITH AN OLD BUILDING SO THAT HE COULD SEE WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE.

+AND AS YOU KNOW, WE DO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY TO BUILDING NEW TOWNS BUT TO TRYING TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN SOME OF THE OLDER AND MORE DENSELY POPULATED PARTS OF HONG KONG.+

HE SAID WHAT IMPRESSED HIM WHEN HE WENT TO DISTRICTS LIKE THIS WAS THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS TO TRY TO IMPROVE THINGS FOR THE DISTRICT WHICH THEY SERVED.

+OF COURSE THIS AFTERNOON I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO SOME OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS AS WELL AS SOME OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS AND INDEED TO MEET SOME MEMBERS WHOM I HAVE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME BECAUSE MONG KOK WAS ONE OF THE FIRST AREAS I CAME TO, YOU MAY REMEMBER TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO. I HAVE FOUND IT IMPRESSIVE, THE AMOUNT OF TIME AND THE AMOUNT OF EFFORT THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ARE PREPARED TO PUT INTO THEIR DISTRICT BOARDS,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

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HONG KONG DESTINED TO BE THE REGIONAL
CAPITAL CITY FOR THE FAR EAST

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THERE IS NO OBVIOUS COMPETITOR TO HONG KONG FOR THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL CAPITAL CITY IN AND FOR THE FAR EAST, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL SPRING DINNER OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, SIR PHILIP POINTED OUT THAT THE ECONOMIES OF THIS DEVELOPING REGION NEEDED A FOCUS AND A CENTRE WHERE THERE WAS A CONCENTRATION OF THE COMPLEX SERVICES REQUIRED FOR OPERATING IN THE WORLD ECONOMY.

+I BELIEVE IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WILL COME TO PERCEIVE THAT THE LONG TERM VALUE OF HONG KONG AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY LIES IN THE ON-GOING DEVELOPMENT OF ITS SOPHISTICATED AND HIGHLY EXPERIENCED COMMERCIAL, MERCANTILE AND FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE BASED ON THE TWIN CONCEPTS OF THE MARKET MECHANISM AND THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, COMBINED WITH MINIMUM REGULATORY SYSTEMS AND FREE MOVEMENTS ACROSS THE EXCHANGES,+ HE SAID.

+IF HONG KONG IS ENABLED TO FULFIL WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE ITS ULTIMATE DESTINY -- TO BE THE REGIONAL CAPITAL CITY OF THE FAR EAST -- THEN THE HONG KONG SAR WILL HAVE ACQUIRED AN ADDITIONAL DIMENSION BEYOND THE DREAMS OF THOSE WHO NEGOTIATED THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT.

+IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT, WHEREAS TO PRESERVE THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG IN ITS PRESENT DIMENSION, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BASIC POLICIES ELABORATED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT FOR THE HONG KONG SAR IN ANNEX I TO THE JOINT DECLARATION IS SELF-EVIDENT, THE CONTINUING OBSERVANCE OF THESE POLICIES WOULD TAKE ON A SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS ADDITIONAL DIMENSION.+

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE VALUE OF HONG KONG AS A CAPITALIST ENCLAVE INSIDE THE SOCIALIST MOTHERLAND WOULD WITHER AWAY AS THE RESULTS OF CHINA'S MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES BEGAN TO COME ON STREAM.

+I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HONG KONG WILL CEASE TO BE A VIABLE AND PRODUCTIVE ASSET,+ HE SAID.

+WHILST THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR REMAINED THE BASE OF THE ECONOMY AND THE SOURCE OF LIVELIHOOD FOR OVER ONE-THIRD OF THE LABOUR FORCE, HONG KONG HAS RAPIDLY EMERGED, SINCE THE MIDDLE OF THE 1970S, AS AN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL, MERCANTILE AND FINANCIAL CENTRE IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

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+IT IS ALREADY THE LARGEST SUCH CENTRE IN THE FAR EAST AND IS SAID TO RANK THIRD IN THE WORLD LEAGUE AFTER LONDON AND NEW YORK.

''+BE THAT AS IT MAY, THE CITY OF HONG KONG PROVIDES AND MARKETS, OFF-SHORE AS WELL AS ON-SHORE, A WIDE RANGE OF FINANCIAL AND ALLIED SERVICES INDEPENDENT OF VISIBLE TRADE TRANSACTIONS AND I SEE NO OBVIOUS COMPETITOR TO HONG KONG FOR THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL CAPITAL CITY IN AND FOR THE FAR EAST,+ HE SAID.''

ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID IT WAS LOGICAL AND SENSIBLE TO START DEVELOPING A SYSTEM WHICH WAS COMPATIBLE WITH AND, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, REINFORCED THE HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY PROMISED BY THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT FOR THE FUTURE HONG KONG SAR GOVERNMENT, AND A SYSTEM WHICH WAS SELF-GENERATING.

+NOW THE ESSENCE OF ANY SELF-GENERATING SYSTEM IS THAT IT SHOULD BE SO FIRMLY ROOTED IN, AND ACCOUNTABLE TO, THE COMMUNITY AS TO OBLIATE THE NEED FOR EXTERNAL DIRECTION AND SO SENSITIVE TO GEO-POLITICAL REALITIES AS TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF INTERVENTION FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE SOVEREIGN POWER,+ HE SAID.

+AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS LITTLE POINT IN DEVISING ANY NEW SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WHICH PUTS AT RISK THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG FOR, WHATEVER VIEW ONE TAKES OF HONG KONG'S LONGER TERM DESTINY, CONTINUING STABILITY AND PROSPERITY ARE THE VERY RAISON D'ÊTRE OF ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE.

+IT WAS SIMPLE PRUDENCE, THEREFORE, TO ADOPT A GRADUAL STEP BY STEP APPROACH.

+MOREOVER, IN VIEW OF THE GROWTH MOMENTUM, COUPLED WITH SOCIAL STABILITY, WHICH WE HAVE ENJOYED FOR MANY YEARS PAST, IT WOULD SEEM TO MAKE SELF-EVIDENT SENSE TO BUILD THE NEW SYSTEM ON THE MOST RELEVANT FEATURES OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID ONE SUCH FEATURE WAS THE LONG-ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF GOVERNMENT BY CONSULTATION AND CONSENSUS, WHICH WAS CHARACTERISED BY AN ABSENCE OF FACTIONS AND ADVERSARIAL POLITICS.

+IT IS A PRACTICE WHICH DEPENDS ON THE ABSENCE OF PARTIES TAKING UP AN +OPPOSITION+ STANCE FOR ITS OWN SAKE,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS A PRACTICE WHICH IS SUBJECT ORIENTED. IT IS A PRACTICE DESIGNED TO TACKLE THE PROBLEMS OF THE DAY VIA A PRAGMATIC APPROACH. YET IT IS A PRACTICE WHICH DOES NOT RULE OUT GROUPINGS OF LIKE MINDED PEOPLE EITHER GENERALLY OR BY ISSUES.

/+WHATEVER INSTANT

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+WHATEVER INSTANT COMMENTATORS MAY CLAIM, SOMETIMES WITH EVIDENTIAL SUPPORT, THE PRACTICE ALLOWS, INDEED REQUIRES FULL AND FRANK DISCUSSION OF THE MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS WHICH ARISE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SO THAT DECISIONS ARE REACHED ON THE BASIS OF A GENERAL CONSENSUS.

+THIS PRACTICE HAS ENABLED HONG KONG TO ENJOY SUSTAINED PERIODS OF INTERNAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. IT MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN, OR LIGHTLY THROWN ASIDE, THEREFORE, IN DEVELOPING PLANS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO A DIRECTLY ELECTED SYSTEM FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS STRONGLY ADVOCATED BY A NUMBER OF GROUPS, SIR PHILIP SAID THERE COULD BE NO OBJECTION TO DIRECT ELECTIONS AS SUCH, MUCH LESS TO A DIRECTLY ELECTED ELEMENT LATER ON, SAY, IN 1988.

+BUT, AS EXPLAINED IN THE GREEN PAPER AND THIS WAS NOT WIDELY DISPUTED, DIRECT ELECTIONS WOULD RUN THE RISK OF A JERKY SHIFT TO ADVERSARIAL POLITICS, INTRODUCING AN ELEMENT OF INSTABILITY AT A CRUCIAL TIME,+ HE SAID.

+HONG KONG HAS HAD NO EXPERIENCE OF INDIRECT, LET ALONE DIRECT, ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND DIRECT ELECTIONS AT REGIONAL AND DISTRICT LEVEL ARE A RELATIVELY NEW FEATURE OF OUR POLITICAL LIFE.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS, THEREFORE, TAKEN THE VIEW THAT, GIVEN THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE AND THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING MISTAKES, THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO UNWIND, THE APPROACH ADOPTED IN THE WHITE PAPER IS THE ONE MOST LIKELY TO SECURE THE IMMEDIATE AND LONGER TERM OBJECTIVES,+ HE SAID.

ON ELECTION OF MEMBERS FROM FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES, SIR PHILIP STRESSED TWO POINTS.

+THE FIRST IS THAT THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY CONCEPT IS PURELY A MECHANISM FOR IDENTIFYING CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHO ARE COMPETENT TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF A PARTICULAR CONSTITUENCY BY VIRTUE OF THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE FUNCTIONAL AREA CONCERNED,+ HE SAID.

+THE SECOND IS THAT THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF A PARTICULAR CONSTITUENCY IS, OF COURSE, TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

/+THE UNDERLYING

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+THE UNDERLYING PHILOSOPHY OF THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY CONCEPT IS, THEREFORE, TO ENABLE THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS CONSTITUENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TASK OF GOVERNING THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE RATHER THAN TO PROTECT THEIR OWN INTERESTS,+ HE SAID.

IN CONCLUSION, SIR PHILIP SAID HONG KONG WAS ABOUT TO DEVELOP, THROUGH A MIX OF SYSTEMS, ITS OWN UNIQUE LEGISLATURE TAILORED TO ITS PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

+AS THIS NEW STYLE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL HAVE A DIVERSITY OF ROOTS IN THE COMMUNITY, IT WILL BE, SELF-EVIDENTLY, DIRECTLY ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+AT THE SAME TIME, VIA THIS MIX OF SYSTEMS, A SOLID FOUNDATION WILL BE LAID FOR ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS INDICATED BY THE REVIEW SCHEDULED FOR 1987 AND ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY LATER FLOW FROM THE BASIC LAW WHEN PROMULGATED.

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CIVIL SERVICE PAY RISE OFFER
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FOLLOWING CAREFUL CONSIDERATION YESTERDAY (TUESDAY) OF THE PAY CLAIMS SUBMITTED BY THE STAFF SIDES OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL, THE MODEL SCALE 1 STAFF CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL AND THE POLICE FORCE COUNCIL, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AUTHORISED THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE TO MAKE AN OFFER OF A PAY AWARD TO THE STAFF SIDES.

AT MEETINGS WITH THE STAFF SIDES THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS MADE THE FOLLOWING OFFER :-

UPPER SALARY BAND (\$13 165 - \$23 555 P.M.)	+ 8.76%
MIDDLE SALARY BAND (\$4 040 - \$12 460 P.M.)	+ 9.12%
LOWER SALARY BAND (BELOW \$4 000 P.M.)	+10.77%

THE MEETINGS WERE ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT WEEK IN ORDER TO GIVE TIME TO THE STAFF SIDES TO CONSIDER THE OFFER.

MR ROWLANDS EXPLAINED, +THE GOVERNMENT OFFER IS STRICTLY IN LINE WITH THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT PAY TREND SURVEY OF PRIVATE SECTOR SALARIES ADJUSTMENT.+

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GOVERNOR VISITS TWO URBAN DISTRICTS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED A MULTI-STOREY BUILDING IN YAU MA TEI AND AN INDOOR GAMES CENTRE IN MONG KOK.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SIR EDWARD FIRST WENT TO THE ALHAMBRA BUILDING ON NATHAN ROAD WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON PLANS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE 25-YEAR OLD BUILDING.

SIR EDWARD LATER TOURED THE NEWLY-OPENED \$5.4 MILLION LIM POR YEN INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN THE TAI KOK TSUI AREA. THE CENTRE, RUN BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, PROVIDES MUCH-NEEDED SPORTS FACILITIES TO RESIDENTS OF THE DENSELY-POPULATED AREA.

AFTER THE TOUR, SIR EDWARD MET MEMBERS OF THE NEW YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARDS AT AN INFORMAL GATHERING.

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DECEMBER JOB, PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED

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THERE WERE 898 900 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 5.1 PER CENT OVER DECEMBER 1983, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN DECEMBER 1984, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 573 800, WAS 7.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1983.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 169 500, WAS UP BY 4.8 PER CENT.

BUT EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DROPPED BY 2.8 PER CENT RELATIVE TO THE DECEMBER 1983 LEVEL.

/A DEPARTMENTAL

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN DECEMBER 1984 WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT, COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. THERE IS A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1983 AND SEPTEMBER 1984, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	DEC. 83	SEPT. 84	DEC. 84	DEC. 84 ON DEC. 83	DEC. 84 ON SEPT. 84
MANUFACTURING	855 400	904 700	898 900	+5.1	-0.6
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	70 600	67 700	68 600	-2.8	+1.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	532 000	555 800	573 800	+7.9	+3.2
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	161 700	167 700	169 500	+4.8	+1.1

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

/COMPARING DECEMBER

COMPARING DECEMBER 1984 WITH SEPTEMBER 1984, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED MARGINALLY BY 0.6 PER CENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 3.2 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, BY 1.1 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND BY 1.3 PER CENT FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE MAJOR SECTORS, OTHER THAN FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1983 AND SEPTEMBER 1984, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	DEC. 83	SEPT. 84	DEC. 84	DEC. 84 ON DEC. 83	DEC. 84 ON SEPT. 84
MANUFACTURING	32 530	37 740	23 810	-26.8	-36.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	4 820	6 450	6 160	+27.7	- 4.5
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 780	2 230	2 330	+30.9	+ 4.3

* BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1983, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY 26.8 PER CENT IN DECEMBER 1984. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES INCREASED BY 27.7 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND BY 30.9 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

/RELATIVE TO

RELATIVE TO SEPTEMBER 1984, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES DECREASED BY 36.9 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND BY 4.5 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR. ON THE OTHER HAND, AN INCREASE OF 4.3 PER CENT WAS REGISTERED FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE*
	4TH QTR. 1983	4TH QTR. 1984	4TH QTR. 1984 ON 4TH QTR. 1983
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	5 953	7 086	+19.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	4 030	4 916	+22.0
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 267	2 604	+14.9

* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES

/COMPARED WITH

COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 19.0 PER CENT, 22.0 PER CENT AND 14.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL PAYROLL OUTLAYS ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED. TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

VALUES OF THESE TWO INDICES ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	DEC. 83	DEC. 84	DEC. 84 ON DEC. 83
MANUFACTURING	171.9	190.3	+10.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	190.0	215.9	+13.6
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	231.2	253.8	+ 9.8

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	DEC. 83	DEC. 84	DEC. 84 ON DEC. 83
MANUFACTURING	116.3	123.0	+ 5.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	128.6	139.6	+ 8.6
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	156.4	164.1	+ 4.9

/BETWEEN DECEMBER

BETWEEN DECEMBER 1983 AND DECEMBER 1984, INCREASES OF 10.7 PER CENT, 13.6 PER CENT AND 9.8 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WERE 5.8 PER CENT, 8.6 PER CENT AND 4.9 PER CENT.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, DECEMBER 1984, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT HK\$11 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 1904, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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ISLAND EARMARKED FOR NEW CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS * * * *

ANY NEW CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS REQUIRED TO BE BUILT IN THE FUTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE ISLAND OF HEI LING CHAU, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+AND IF ANY OF THE EXISTING FACILITIES LOCATED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ARE TO BE RE-PROVISIONED, THEY WILL ALSO BE SITED ON HEI LING CHAU,+ MR GARNER SAID.

HE SAID THAT SEVERAL SITES ON THE ISLAND HAD IN FACT BEEN EARMARKED FOR NEW INSTITUTIONS IF AND WHEN REQUIRED.

MR GARNER WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A CHINESE-STYLE PAVILION AT THE CONCOURSE OF THE HEI LING CHAU PIER.

THE PAVILION, BUILT BY INMATES OF ONE OF THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES, WILL SERVE AS A SHELTER FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF AND VISITORS TO THE ISLAND.

TODAY'S CEREMONY ALSO MARKED THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAKING-OVER OF HEI LING CHAU BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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THE ISLAND WAS TAKEN OVER FROM THE LEPROSY MISSION (HONG KONG AUXILIARY) AND GAZETTED AS A DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE ON APRIL 10, 1975.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE FOUR INSTITUTIONS ON THE ISLAND COMPRISING A CLOSED CENTRE FOR REFUGEES, A MEDIUM SECURITY INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG PRISONERS AND TWO DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES INCLUDING ONE FOR YOUNG INMATES UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE. SOME 600 STAFF ARE WORKING ON THE ISLAND LOOKING AFTER MORE THAN 2 600 INMATES.

LATER IN THE EVENING, A FAREWELL PARTY WAS HELD ON THE ISLAND FOR SUPERINTENDENT CHUN CHAK-LAM OF HEI LING CHAU CLOSED CENTRE WHO WILL SOON BE RETIRING AFTER 31 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

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DB MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT POLICE OPERATIONS

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MEMBERS OF THE NEW KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON LEARNED ABOUT POLICE OPERATIONS AND THE CRIME SITUATION IN KWUN TONG.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, THE 23 BOARD MEMBERS VISITED THE KWUN TONG POLICE STATION, AND WERE BRIEFED BY THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (KWUN TONG), MR ROBERT STEELE, ON THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POLICE AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL.

BOARD MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT A REPORT ON THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN THE DISTRICT OVER THE PAST YEAR HAD BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THEIR DISCUSSION AT THE FIRST KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON MAY 6.

THEY WERE ALSO INTRODUCED TO THE NEW POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER OF SAU MAU PING DISTRICT, MR TEDDY U.

AFTER THE BRIEFING, THE PARTY TOURED THE POLICE STATION TO SEE THE VARIOUS FACILITIES AND OPERATION OF THE STATION.

TODAY'S VISIT WAS PART OF THE FOUR-MONTH FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMME FOR BOARD MEMBERS. SIMILAR ACTIVITIES TO INTRODUCE OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE ARRANGED IN NEXT FEW MONTHS.

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SEMINAR ON FINANCIAL REPORTING OFFERED

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JOURNALISTS ARE INVITED TO ENROL IN A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR ENTITLED +UNDERSTANDING AND REPORTING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT+ TO BE HELD ON MAY 6 WITH A REPEAT ON MAY 7.

THE ONE-DAY PROGRAMME IS AN INTENSIVE PRACTICAL DISCUSSION OF COMPONENTS OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.

ORGANISED BY THE BANK OF AMERICA, THE SEMINAR IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION.

THE ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ACCOUNTANCY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EAST ASIA, MACAU, MR ANTHONY C.W. TAM, WILL BE THE INSTRUCTOR.

THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SPEAKING SEMINAR IS FREE OF CHARGE AND IS OPEN TO ALL JOURNALISTS IN HONG KONG. ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 35 PARTICIPANTS EACH CLASS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATION IS APRIL 25. FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SEMINAR AND APPLICATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR FRANK NG, SECRETARY OF THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 283.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT POWER STATION

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS VISITED THE AP LEI CHAU POWER STATION THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING TO LEARN ABOUT THE OPERATION OF THE STATION.

THE VISIT IS PART OF THE FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE NEW DISTRICT BOARD.

MEMBERS WERE FIRST BRIEFED BY THE STAFF OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LTD. ON THE GENERAL FEATURES OF THE STATION, FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE STATION.

IN ADDITION TO THE VISIT AND A ROUND-THE-DISTRICT TOUR HELD LAST MONTH, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO ORGANISED TALKS BY OFFICIALS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON VARIOUS TOPICS.

TALKS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, TOWN PLANNING PROCEDURES, FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AS WELL AS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE URBAN COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEI TUNG ESTATE AND REHOUSING POLICY, AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES IN THE DISTRICT AT ANOTHER INFORMAL GATHERING THIS FRIDAY.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN ELECTED
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MR LAM WAI KEUNG WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD AT A MEETING THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

DURING THE MEETING, MR FONG LOI WAS ELECTED AS THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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BOARD TO ELECT CHAIRMAN AT FIRST MEETING
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THE FIRST MEETING OF THE THIRD TERM KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

AT THE MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN WILL BE ELECTED; AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND STANDING ORDERS OF THE BOARD WILL BE DISCUSSED.

COMMITTEES UNDER THE BOARD WILL BE FORMED AND DATES OF MEETINGS WILL ALSO BE DECIDED.

ALSO TABLED FOR DISCUSSIONS WILL BE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND THE BUDGET FOR 1985/86.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AT 2.15 PM, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, 1ST FLOOR, MORNING JOY BUILDING, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON.

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TENANCIES SOUGHT FOR KOWLOON SITES

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCIES OF TWO KOWLOON SITES.

THE FIRST SITE IS ADJACENT TO CHUK YUEN ESTATE, WONG TAI SIN. THE 1.15-HECTARE SITE IS FOR USE AS A FEE-PAYING CAR PARK FOR PRIVATE CARS AND GOODS VEHICLES INCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES WITHOUT THEIR TRAILERS AND/OR CHASIS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS AND IS RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE OTHER SITE AT CHA KWO LING ROAD, YAU TONG, IS FOR STORAGE AND/OR CARGO HANDLING, BUT EXCLUDING CONCRETE BATCHING PURPOSES. IT HAS AN AREA OF 2 160 SQUARE METRES.

THE TENANCY FOR THE SITE IS SIX MONTHS AND IS RENEWABLE ON MONTHLY BASIS THEREAFTER.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 26.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND PLANS INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG= AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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UNLICENSED RESTAURANT OPERATOR FINED \$9 200

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY URGED RESTAURANT OPERATORS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES NOT TO START THEIR BUSINESS BEFORE A LICENCE WAS ISSUED AS THEY WOULD BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

THE APPEAL WAS ISSUED AFTER A TUEN MUN RESTAURANT OPERATOR WAS BROUGHT TO THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY RECENTLY FOR AN OFFENCE OF OPERATING A RESTAURANT WITHOUT A LICENCE.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RESTAURANT - HOOVERCITY COMPANY LIMITED - PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGE AND WAS FINED \$5 000 PLUS AN ADDITIONAL DAILY FINE OF \$4 200 FOR 42 DAYS AT \$100 EACH DAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ANYONE OPERATING A RESTAURANT WITHOUT A LICENCE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000 PLUS \$250 DAILY FINE AND A JAIL SENTENCE OF SIX MONTHS UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE FOOD BUSINESS REGULATION (NEW TERRITORIES).

LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 472 CONVICTIONS OF UNLICENSED RESTAURANTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE RECORDED.

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ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN IN FULL FORCE
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AS THE EXISTING WARM AND WET WEATHER IS IDEAL FOR MOSQUITO BREEDING, PEST CONTROL STAFF FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ARE STEPPING UP ANTI-MOSQUITO ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE URBAN AREA.

FIRST TO GET OFF THE GROUND ARE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS WHERE PEST CONTROL STAFF ARE CONCENTRATING ON SOME 48 TARGET SPOTS TO ELIMINATE POTENTIAL MOSQUITO BREEDING PLACES.

THEY WILL PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO HILL SLOPES AND UNATTENDED OPEN SPACES WHERE STAGNANT WATER ARE OFTEN FOUND IN TREE HOLES AND DISCARDED ARTICLES.

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS, THE DEPARTMENT IS ENLISTING THE ASSISTANCE OF VARIOUS LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES, OWNERS INCORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

THEY WILL HELP DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION LEAFLETS AND POSTERS ADVISING RESIDENTS OF VARIOUS WAYS TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BREEDING AND TO CLEAR THE NUISANCE.

OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE URBAN AREA WILL START SIMILAR ACTIVITIES SHORTLY.

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