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NATIONALITY PACKAGE WILL REDUCE BRAIN DRAIN

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THE OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS WHICH HAVE EXPERIENCED THE MOST SERIOUS DEPLETION THROUGH EMIGRATION AND ARE COSTLY TO REPLACE INCLUDE INFORMATION SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS, ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS, ENGINEERS, LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AND MEDICAL DOCTORS.

THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD TSANG, SAID THIS AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM NATIONALITY PACKAGE.

POINTING OUT THAT NO LIMITED SCHEME COULD EVER HOPE TO PLEASE EVERYBODY, HE SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WOULD TRY TO KEEP IN HONG KONG THOSE IT COULD LEAST AFFORD TO LOSE.

"IN SO FAR AS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO INFLUENCE THE SHAPE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM SCHEME, OUR OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO TARGET THE FULL BRITISH PASSPORTS AT THOSE AREAS OF THE WORKFORCE WHICH IN RELATIVE TERMS HAVE BEEN MOST HARD HIT BY EMIGRATION, WHERE JOB SKILLS ONCE LOST ARE MOST COSTLY AND TIME CONSUMING TO REPLACE, AND WHERE POTENTIAL LOSSES ARE GREAT AND WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES," MR TSANG SAID.

HE SAID THIS WAS OF COURSE NO EASY TASK AND THERE WERE BOUND TO BE DIFFERENT VIEWS ABOUT WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAD STRUCK THE RIGHT BALANCE.

"TAKING THOSE PEOPLE IN THE 'PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL' CATEGORY AS AN EXAMPLE, WE ARE LOSING ABOUT 10,000 OF THEM EVERY YEAR THROUGH EMIGRATION.

"SOME OF THEM ARE NEAR RETIREMENT AGE. SOME OTHERS ARE NOT PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR CAREERS IN HONG KONG. THEIR EMIGRATION INCURS RELATIVELY LESS COST TO THE COMMUNITY.

"HOWEVER, A PROPORTION OF THEM ARE YOUNG, BETTER EDUCATED AND WOULD REMAIN ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE THROUGH 1997. THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT ASSET TO HONG KONG," MR TSANG SAID.

"IF WE APPLY THE BULK OF THE 50,000 PLACES AVAILABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM NATIONALITY PACKAGE SELECTIVELY TO THE LATTER GROUP, I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO REDUCE BRAIN DRAIN IN OUR PROFESSIONAL AND MANAGERIAL CLASS FOR THE SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM," HE ADDED.

EXPANDING ON THE CONCEPT RELATIVE OF LOSSES, MR TSANG SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DEVELOPED THE ABILITY TO IDENTIFY THE OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS OF PERSONS EMIGRATING.

"THAT IS TO SAY, WE KNOW APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY PEOPLE LEAVING ARE FROM WHICH OCCUPATION CATEGORY. BUT ABSOLUTE NUMBERS ARE ONLY PART OF THE STORY," HE SAID.

IF AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT CATEGORY LOST, SAY, 500 PEOPLE IN A PERIOD OF ONE OR TWO YEARS, THAT MIGHT SOUND MUCH MORE SERIOUS THAN THE PROBLEM OF ANOTHER EMPLOYMENT CATEGORY WHICH LOST ONLY 50 PEOPLE IN THE SAME PERIOD, HE SAID.

"BUT IF THE TOTAL STOCK OF SUCH PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY IS 20,000 AND 200 RESPECTIVELY, THEN CLEARLY THE RELATIVE SIGNIFICANCE IS QUITE DIFFERENT," HE EXPLAINED.

EARLIER IN HIS SPEECH, MR TSANG NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONFIDENT THAT IT NOW HAD A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE ACTUAL NUMBERS OF PEOPLE EMIGRATING.

BASED ON THREE DIFFERENT SOURCES OF INFORMATION, THE GOVERNMENT WAS ABLE TO CONSTRUCT A USEFUL STATISTICAL MODEL WHICH ALLOWED A REASONABLE ASSESSMENT TO BE MADE OF THE OVERALL POSITION.

HE SAID FROM 1980-86, EMIGRATION FROM HONG KONG AVERAGED 20,000 PERSONS PER YEAR.

IN 1987, IT ROSE TO 30,000, IN 1988 TO 45,800 AND IN 1989 IT STAYED OVER 40,000 AT 42,000.

"THIS YEAR WE EXPECT A FURTHER INCREASE TO ABOUT 55,000," HE SAID.

MR TSANG SAID THE INFORMATION WAS AS DETAILED AND COMPREHENSIVE AS THE GOVERNMENT COULD EVER REASONABLY HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN A FREE SOCIETY WITHOUT TRESPASSING ON THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

"THERE ARE SMALL GREY AREAS WHERE WE WOULD LIKE TO REFINE OUR KNOWLEDGE, BUT THERE ARE NO GREAT BLACK HOLES OF IGNORANCE," HE SAID.

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AG SPEAKS ON LANGUAGE AND LAW

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LANGUAGE AND THE LAW WERE INEXTRICABLY RELATED, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE AND LAW ORGANISED BY THE CITY POLYTECHNIC, MR MATHEWS SAID IT WAS THROUGH LANGUAGE THAT THE LAW WAS PROCLAIMED, WHETHER IT BE BY LEGISLATION OR DECISIONS OF THE COURTS.

"CONVERSELY, THE LAW HAS BEEN EMPLOYED TO PRESERVE AND FOSTER LANGUAGE RIGHTS, THAT IS, THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TO USE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE AND HAVE IT USED IN RELATION TO THEM," HE SAID.

MR MATHEWS SAID THERE WAS ANOTHER DIMENSION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LANGUAGE AND THE LAW THAT WAS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT IN MULTILINGUAL SETTINGS.

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"IT IS THAT THE LAW SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO, AND THUS IN A LANGUAGE OR LANGUAGES CAPABLE OF BEING UNDERSTOOD BY, THE COMMUNITY IT IS DESIGNED TO SERVE," HE EXPLAINED.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID THE BILINGUAL CHARACTER OF HONG KONG MADE IT AN APPROPRIATE PLACE IN WHICH TO HOLD A CONFERENCE ON THE THEME OF "LANGUAGE AND LAW IN MULTILINGUAL SETTINGS".

HE SAID THAT UNDER HONG KONG LAW, BOTH THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE WERE DECLARED TO BE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

MR MATHEWS POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH CHINESE WAS THE LANGUAGE OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION, FOR HISTORICAL REASONS THE LEGAL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG WAS BASED UPON THE COMMON LAW AND THE LANGUAGE OF THE COMMON LAW WAS ENGLISH.

OUTLINING THE BILINGUAL LEGISLATION PROGRAMME UNDER WAY IN HONG KONG, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID: "UNTIL APRIL 7, 1989, ALL LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG WAS IN ENGLISH."

AS FROM THAT DAY ALL NEW PRINCIPAL PIECES OF LEGISLATION WERE TO BE ENACTED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HE SAID.

AS FOR EXISTING LEGISLATION, MR MATHEWS SAID THE PROCESS OF PREPARING THE CHINESE TEXT OF ORDINANCES HAD BEGUN.

THERE WERE 532 ORDINANCES AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES INVOLVED WAS ABOUT 20,000.

"PRIORITIES ARE BEING SET BY AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPRISING PRACTISING LAWYERS, LINGUISTS, A LEGAL ACADEMIC AND A LEGAL OFFICER FROM MY CHAMBERS AND CHAIRED BY A DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AND LEGISLATOR," THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE CHINESE TEXT OF EACH EXISTING ORDINANCE WAS TO BE DECLARED AUTHENTIC BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"BOTH THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXT AND THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEXT OF A BILINGUAL ORDINANCE ARE DECLARED TO BE EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

"THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF ONE LANGUAGE BEING PREFERRED TO THE OTHER. THE PROVISIONS OF A BILINGUAL ORDINANCE ARE PRESUMED TO HAVE THE SAME MEANING IN EACH AUTHENTIC TEXT.

"WHERE A COMPARISON OF THE AUTHENTIC TEXTS OF AN ORDINANCE DISCLOSES A DIFFERENCE OF MEANING WHICH THE RULES OF STATUTORY INTERPRETATION ORDINARILY APPLICABLE DO NOT RESOLVE, THE MEANING THAT BEST RECONCILES THE TEXTS, HAVING REGARD TO THE OBJECT AND PURPOSES OF THE ORDINANCE, SHALL BE ADOPTED," MR MATHEWS EXPLAINED.

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HE SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF BILINGUAL DRAFTING EXPERTISE WAS THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE BILINGUAL LEGISLATION PROGRAMME.

A BILINGUAL LAW TEAM WAS SET UP IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS IN 1986.

"PRESENTLY THIS TEAM CONSISTS OF NINE DRAFTSMEN AND 18 LAW TRANSLATORS. TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF HAVING ALL STATUTE LAW AVAILABLE IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH BEFORE 1997, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO EXPAND THIS TEAM," MR MATHEWS SAID.

TURNING TO DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN PREPARING CHINESE LANGUAGE TEXTS OF LEGISLATION ORIGINALLY DRAFTED IN ENGLISH, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WAS LACK OF APPROPRIATE TERMS IN CHINESE TO DESCRIBE CONCEPTS THAT WERE OFTEN PECULIAR TO THE COMMON LAW.

HE CITED THE TERMS "POSSESSION", "RECKLESS" AND "OFFENCE" TO ILLUSTRATE THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED.

MR MATHEWS SAID IT WAS NOT ALWAYS APPROPRIATE SIMPLY TO ADOPT - CHINESE TERMS USED IN JURISDICTIONS WHERE LAWS WERE ENACTED IN CHINESE.

"WHERE THERE IS A DIFFERENT CHINESE TERM ALREADY IN USE IN HONG KONG IT WILL OFTEN BE PREFERRED, THOUGH IT MAY BE A PECULIARLY LOCAL TERM AND CONSIDERED BY SOME TO BE COLLOQUIAL.

"AFTER ALL, THE LAW MUST SERVE THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE AND BE UNDERSTOOD BY THEM," HE SAID.

MR MATHEWS ALSO MENTIONED THAT ANOTHER ELEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BILINGUAL LEGAL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG WAS THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE USE OF CHINESE IN THE COURTS.

"A WORKING PARTY UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE HAS MADE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REGARD.

"MORE RECENTLY, ANOTHER WORKING PARTY HAS BEEN FORMED TO CONSIDER, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MEASURES FOR THE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF COURT DOCUMENTS, THAT ARE PRESENTLY FRAMED IN ENGLISH, BY PERSONS ON WHOM THEY ARE SERVED WHO ARE NOT LITERATE IN ENGLISH," HE SAID.

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MORE INNOVATIVE MANUFACTURING URGED

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TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE, HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY MUST BE MORE INNOVATIVE, PRODUCE MORE EFFICIENTLY AND ADD GREATER VALUE TO ITS PRODUCTS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS ARE NOW FACING INCREASING COMPETITION IN OUR OVERSEAS MARKETS WHICH ARE BECOMING MORE SOPHISTICATED. THOSE WHO BUY OUR PRODUCTS EXPECT EVER HIGHER STANDARDS OF QUALITY," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS CONCERNING THE SECOND GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY, MR CHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO ASSISTING THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY TO ACHIEVE HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVEMENTS IN QUALITY OF PRODUCTS AND IN CREATIVITY IN DESIGN.

"THIS IS DONE BY PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT SERVICES TO INDUSTRY THROUGH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS," HE ADDED.

MR CHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1989 TO AWARD MANUFACTURERS WHO HAD ACHIEVED EXCELLENCE IN THE KEY ELEMENTS OF INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS.

"THE AWARD COVERS FOUR MAIN AREAS: CONSUMER PRODUCT DESIGN; MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DESIGN; PRODUCTIVITY; AND QUALITY," HE SAID.

THE CONSUMER PRODUCT DESIGN AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DESIGN AWARD CATEGORIES ARE PRODUCT-BASED, AND RECOGNISE RESPECTIVELY THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD DESIGN IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND IN MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN MANUFACTURING.

THE PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY AWARD CATEGORIES ARE COMPANY-BASED, AND RECOGNISE ENDEAVOURS BY HONG KONG COMPANIES TO ACHIEVE IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY AND BETTER QUALITY IN THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESS.

MR CHAN SAID ANNUAL COMPETITIONS WOULD BE HELD IN EACH CATEGORY, RUN BY DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS.

THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES IS THE LEADING ORGANISER FOR THE CONSUMER PRODUCT DESIGN CATEGORY; THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DESIGN CATEGORY; THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL FOR THE PRODUCTIVITY CATEGORY; AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT FOR THE QUALITY CATEGORY.

MR CHAN SAID THERE WOULD BE ONE GOVERNOR'S AWARD IN EACH AWARD CATEGORY WHICH WOULD ENTITLE ITS HOLDER TO DISPLAY AN OFFICIAL LOGO FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

HE URGED LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITIONS.

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"THE AWARD WILL BE THE HIGHEST RECOGNITION AVAILABLE TO INDUSTRY AND WINNING IT WILL BE SEEN AS AN OUTSTANDING HONOUR, ACHIEVED AGAINST FIERCE COMPETITION, WITH A LASTING VALUE," HE SAID.

MR CHAN SAID THE FIRST GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY WAS MADE IN JUNE LAST YEAR IN THE CONSUMER PRODUCT DESIGN AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DESIGN CATEGORIES.

HE SAID THE SECOND GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY WOULD BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30 THIS YEAR AND THAT AWARDS WOULD BE MADE IN ALL FOUR CATEGORIES.

AS WITH THE FIRST GOVERNOR'S AWARD, THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, AND THE AWARDS WILL BE PERSONALLY PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY IN THE QUALITY AREA WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND AIMED AT PROMOTING A WIDER APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY AMONG HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS.

UNDER THE AWARD SCHEME, THERE ARE SIX PRODUCT CATEGORIES, NAMELY CLOTHING, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS, TEXTILES, WATCHES AND CLOCKS, TOYS AND DOLLS, AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.

ALL COMPANIES MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS IN HONG KONG WHICH QUALIFY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF HONG KONG ORIGIN ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER FOR THE COMPETITION AND IN ANY ONE CATEGORY.

"THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT MAY RECATEGORY AN ENTRY TO A DIFFERENT PRODUCT CATEGORY IF IT THINKS IT HAS BEEN WRONGLY ASSIGNED," MR BARMA SAID.

HE SAID ENTRIES FOR THE QUALITY AWARD WOULD BE EVALUATED ON TWO MAIN CRITERIA.

"THE FIRST CRITERION IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH A COMPANY'S QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM APPLIED TO DESIGN, MATERIALS SOURCING, PRODUCTION AND TESTING ELIMINATES DELAYS AND REJECTIONS DURING THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS AND CONSUMER COMPLAINTS AFTERWARDS.

"THE SECOND CRITERION IS THE QUALITY OF THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTS, IN TERMS OF FITNESS FOR PURPOSE, CONSISTENCY OF PERFORMANCE, APPEARANCE, VALUE FOR MONEY AND SAFENESS," HE SAID.

ENTRIES WILL BE EVALUATED IN JUNE AND JULY BY A PANEL OF JUDGES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

"THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT MAY NEED ACCESS TO A MANUFACTURER'S PREMISES AT THIS STAGE. I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL," HE SAID.

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MR BARMA SAID THERE WOULD BE ONE WINNING ENTRY IN EACH OF THE SIX CATEGORIES AND THESE SIX WINNING ENTRIES WOULD EACH RECEIVE AN INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT QUALITY AWARD.

"THE PANEL OF JUDGES WILL ALSO SELECT FROM AMONG THE SIX WINNING ENTRIES ONE OVERALL WINNING ENTRY. THIS WILL RECEIVE THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY: QUALITY," HE SAID.

MR BARMA CALLED ON MANUFACTURERS INTERESTED IN THE QUALITY AWARD COMPETITION TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT BY APRIL 28.

BROCHURES AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED ON REQUEST BY TELEPHONING THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ON 7360003. ENQUIRIES ON THE COMPETITION MAY ALSO BE DIRECTED TO THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER.

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THIRD QUARTER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX RELEASED

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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989, AT 134, STOOD AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THAT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS COMPARES WITH THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES OF 3.8 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER AND 1.7 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989. THE AVERAGE GROWTH RATE FOR 1988 OVER 1987 WAS 6.0 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989, AND BEARING IN MIND THE POSSIBLE INFLUENCE OF SEASONAL FACTORS, THE INDEX SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 11 POINTS OR 8.9 PER CENT.

INDUSTRIES SHOWING THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN PRODUCTION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989 OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1988 WERE: NEWSPAPER PRINTING, JOB PRINTING AND OTHER PRINTING (+18.1 PER CENT); TOBACCO (+17.3 PER CENT); TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING) (+8.9 PER CENT); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+5.7 PER CENT); AND MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (+5.2 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME INDUSTRIES REPORTED DECREASES IN PRODUCTION COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988.

AMONG THEM WERE: RUBBER PRODUCTS (-24.3 PER CENT); LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR) (-21.3 PER CENT); PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-16.9 PER CENT); FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (-16.1 PER CENT); AND WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, AND FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (EXCEPT PRIMARILY OF METAL) (-15.0 PER CENT).

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COMPARING THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989 WITH THAT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED REPORTED INCREASES IN PRODUCTION.

THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES: BEVERAGE (+28.3 PER CENT); TOBACCO (+23.4 PER CENT); NEWSPAPER PRINTING, JOB PRINTING AND OTHER PRINTING (+20.4 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING) (+15.4 PER CENT).

IN RELEASING THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE CHANGES OVER TIME OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF LOCAL PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, THIRD QUARTER", WHICH IS ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 8234832.

FOLLOWING IS A TABLE SHOWING CHANGES IN THE INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN GREATER DETAIL:

INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION BY INDUSTRY GROUP

(1986=100)

INDUSTRY GROUP	INDEXES FOR 3RD QTR. 1989	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER	
		3RD QTR. 1988	2ND QTR. 1989
FOOD	125	+ 2.5	+12.6
BEVERAGE	145	+ 2.8	+28.3
TOBACCO	190	+17.3	+23.4

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WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT KNITWEAR AND FOOTWEAR	121	+ 3.4	+12.0
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING)	135	+ 8.9	+15.4
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS	215	+ 2.4	+ 9.7
NEWSPAPER PRINTING, JOB PRINTING AND OTHER PRINTING	183	+18.1	+20.4
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	130	+ 5.7	+ 4.0
RUBBER PRODUCTS	103	-24.3	+ 6.2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	98	-16.9	+ 8.9
NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	122	- 2.4	+ 8.9
BASIC METALS	136	- 7.5	- 4.9
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	130	-16.1	+ 4.0
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	183	+ 5.2	- 4.7
CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	133	- 6.3	0.0
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY	169	- 1.2	+ 5.6
PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	141	+ 4.4	+10.2
LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR)	118	-21.3	- 5.6
WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, AND FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (EXCEPT PRIMARILY OF METAL)	85	-15.0	0.0
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	107	- 5.3	- 5.3
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	128	- 3.0	+ 4.1

ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	134	0.0	+8.9

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REPORTS ON MANDARIN RESOURCES SUBMITTED
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THE INSPECTORS APPOINTED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO INVESTIGATE THE AFFAIRS OF MANDARIN RESOURCES CORPORATION LTD HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR INTERIM AND FINAL REPORTS TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE INSPECTORS, MESSRS ROBERT KOTEWALL, QC, AND DAVID JORDAN, A PARTNER IN KWAN WONG TAN & FONG, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, WERE APPOINTED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN JUNE 1989 PURSUANT TO SECTION 143(3)(C) OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

"THEY WERE SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO EXAMINE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE FORFEITURE OF 84,060,000 AND 48,000,000 SHARES OF THE COMPANY ON JUNE 21, 1988 AND SEPTEMBER 23, 1988 RESPECTIVELY.

"THE INSPECTORS WERE OF THE VIEW THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY, THE FORFEITURES WERE CARRIED OUT IN GOOD FAITH AND FOR ITS INTENDED BENEFIT, EVEN THOUGH WITH THE BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT AND MATERIAL NOT AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AT THE MATERIAL TIMES, IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN FULLY JUSTIFIED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THIS RESPECT, THE INSPECTORS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE COMPANY SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO ASCERTAIN, LOCATE AND COMPENSATE THOSE GENUINE SHAREHOLDERS WHOSE SHARES HAVE BEEN FORFEITED.

"THE GOVERNMENT SHARES THE CONCERN OF THE INSPECTORS AS IT BELIEVES THAT ANY MATTER WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE INTERESTS OF BONA FIDE PURCHASERS OF SHARES COULD HAVE WIDE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE IMAGE OF HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE," HE POINTED OUT.

A COPY OF THE INTERIM AND FINAL REPORTS HAS BEEN SENT TO THE COMPANY FOR ANY ACTION IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

THE INSPECTORS HAVE ALSO MADE OTHER FINDINGS AND COMMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN THEIR REPORTS. AS THESE ARE MAINLY RELATED TO MATTERS IN WHICH CIVIL LITIGATION IS PENDING OR WHICH MAY BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, IT IS CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO BE PUBLISHED.

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MAJOR PROJECTS TO BEGIN IN SAI KUNG

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG, TODAY (MONDAY) REPORTED ON THE MAJOR FACILITIES COMPLETED IN THE DISTRICT LAST YEAR AND OUTLINED THE IMPORTANT PROJECTS THAT WOULD START DURING THE YEAR OF THE HORSE.

SPEAKING AT THE SPRING RECEPTION HELD BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, MR TONG SAID A NUMBER OF HOUSING ESTATES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN TSEUNG KWAN O WERE COMPLETED AND COMMISSIONED, AND MANY VILLAGE FACILITIES IN SAI KUNG WERE IMPROVED LAST YEAR.

"TSEUNG KWAN O WILL BE SERVED BY MORE FACILITIES WHICH INCLUDE THE TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL AND ITS ASSOCIATED ROADS, ADDITIONAL BUS ROUTES, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AT TSUI LAM ESTATE AND A CLINIC IN YAU YUE WAN IN THE COMING YEAR.

"KING LAM ESTATE, YAN MING COURT AND FU NING GARDENS IN TSEUNG KWAN O ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED AND ABOUT 30,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO THE NEW TOWN THIS YEAR.

"IN THIS RESPECT, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THESE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND WILL STRENGTHEN CONTACTS BETWEEN THE NEW RESIDENTS AND VARIOUS CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WITH A VIEW TO SOLVING RESIDENTS' PROBLEMS AT AN EARLY STAGE."

AS FOR THE DEVELOPMENTS IN SAI KUNG, MR TONG SAID THE FIRST PART OF THE HIRAM'S HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT WORK WOULD COMMENCE LATER THIS MONTH AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1992.

OUTLINING OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS IN THE AREA, MR TONG SAID RECLAMATION WORK AT CHUNG MEI TUK WOULD BEGIN THIS YEAR AND THE LAND MADE AVAILABLE WOULD BE USED FOR BUILDING RURAL HOUSING BLOCKS.

RECLAMATION WOULD ALSO TAKE PLACE IN SAI KUNG TOWN AND PART OF THE RECLAIMED LAND HAD BEEN EARMARKED FOR CAR PARKING TO MAKE UP FOR THE SHORTAGE OF THE FACILITY.

"TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MAIN TASK OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE," THE DISTRICT OFFICER STRESSED.

"MORE THAN 60 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COSTING A TOTAL OF \$2.2 MILLION WERE COMPLETED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE 1989-90 FINANCIAL YEAR.

"THESE INCLUDED PROVIDING STREET LIGHTING AND SUPPLYING TAP WATER TO MANY VILLAGES," HE SAID.

ON COMMUNITY BUILDING, MR TONG SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD HIGH REGARD FOR THE ROLE PLAYED BY AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

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WITH THE FORMATION OF THE PAK SHA WAN AND TSEUNG KWAN O AREA COMMITTEES LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER OF AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT HAD DOUBLED TO FOUR. FOUR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WERE ALSO SET UP DURING THE PERIOD. AT PRESENT, THERE WERE 53 MAC'S IN SAI KUNG, MR TONG ADDED.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR LEO KWAN, WAS THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE SPRING RECEPTION, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY COMMUNITY LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, VILLAGES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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SPRING RECEPTION FOR TAI O ELDERLY
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MORE THAN 400 SENIOR RESIDENTS OF TAI O ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL ATTEND A SPRING RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT THE PO LIN MONASTERY TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, THE SPRING RECEPTION IS BEING HELD TO HONOUR ELDERS IN TAI O.

SIMILAR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN HELD IN OTHER RURAL AREAS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SPRING RECEPTION, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT NOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TAI O SPRING RECEPTION FOR THE ELDERLY TO BE HELD AT THE PO LIN MONASTERY ON LANTAU TOMORROW (TUESDAY), BEGINNING AT NOON.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES CAN ASSEMBLE AT HONG KONG FERRY PIER TO OUTLYING ISLANDS, CENTRAL AT 9.15 AM AND TAKE THE 9.30 AM FERRY TO MUI WO. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR RAYMOND TAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS BUS FARE INCREASE

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED FARE INCREASES BY THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON ROUTE 5, NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND KWUN TONG BYPASS.

HE WILL ALSO ASK THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO CONTROL NOISE POLLUTION CAUSED BY BUSES.

ANOTHER MEMBER WILL ASK WHETHER THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WOULD CONSIDER RE-ROUTING BUS ROUTES OPERATING BETWEEN THE NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES AND KOWLOON VIA SHA TIN WEST AS BUSES ON THESE ROUTES ARE SELDOM FULL EVEN DURING PEAK HOURS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROPOSED ESTIMATES FOR 1990-91 AND A REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

DB COMMITTEE TO REVIEW FUNDING PROCEDURES

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW FUNDING PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR VETTING APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND AREA COMMITTEES FOR CARRYING OUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE DRAFT ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1990-91 AND A SUBSIDY FOR THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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LAYING OF SUBMARINE CABLES AUTHORISED

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO GRANT A WAYLEAVE TO CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED TO LAY THREE SUBMARINE CABLES.

THE 132 KILOVOLT SUBMARINE CABLES WILL BE LAID WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 366 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND SHAM SHUI KOK.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE AN INCREASED AND SECURED SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO LANTAU ISLAND TO MEET THE RAPIDLY INCREASING DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY.

THE WORK WILL COMMENCE IN NOVEMBER AND WILL BE COMPLETED AROUND FEBRUARY 1991.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 8 NEXT YEAR.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES TO STRENGTHEN SERVICES

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APPLICATIONS WILL BE INVITED FOR OPERATING 15 NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES ARE IN SHAM SHUI PO, MONG KOK, HO MAN TIN, TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN, YUEN LONG AND NORTH DISTRICT. DETAILS OF THESE ROUTES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 16).

APPLICATION MUST BE MADE ON THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FORM ENTITLED "APPLICATION FOR PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF THE PACKAGES OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED) ROUTES GAZETTED ON FEBRUARY 16" OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE ON REQUEST FROM THE FOLLOWING OFFICES FROM FRIDAY:

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- * TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 28TH FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG;
- * TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL OFFICES, 25 TH FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON;
- * HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 2 MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE, NINTH FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON;
- * KWUN TONG LICENSING OFFICE, FIFTH FLOOR, KOWLOON EAST GOVERNMENT OFFICE, 12 LEI YUE MUN ROAD, KOWLOON;
- * SHA TIN LICENSING OFFICE, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, SHA TIN; AND
- * ALL DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY REGISTERED POST TO REACH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT 28TH FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 6 THIS YEAR. APPLICATIONS BY ANY OTHER MEANS OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

"APPLICATIONS WILL THEN BE PROCESSED AND THE NEW ROUTES ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED IN TWO TO THREE MONTHS' TIME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A SELECTION BOARD COMPRISING AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS FROM THE TRANSPORT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL SELECT THE APPLICANTS ON THE BASIS OF THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA LAID DOWN BY THE BOARD.

THESE CRITERIA INCLUDE EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLICANT IN TRANSPORT SERVICE, HIS FINANCIAL RESOURCES, HIS MANAGEMENT RIGHT OVER THE VEHICLES, THE MAINTENANCE RECORD OF THE VEHICLES AS WELL AS THE QUALITY OF HIS VEHICLES TO BE DEPLOYED INCLUDING THE AVAILABILITY OF AIR-CONDITIONING.

"IF THE APPLICANT IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ONE OR MORE PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING THE GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT A COMPANY BE FORMED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AND THE APPLICATION BE MADE IN THE NAME OF THE COMPANY," HE ADDED.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON BAY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON BAY BETWEEN 8 PM AND 7 AM THE NEXT DAY DAILY FROM FEBRUARY 14 (WEDNESDAY) TO FEBRUARY 27 BECAUSE OF ROAD WORKS.

WANG CHIU ROAD BETWEEN CHEUNG YIP STREET AND SHEUNG YEE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

- * VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON HOI BUN ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR WANG CHIU ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG YIP STREET AND SHEUNG YEE ROAD;
- * VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON SHEUNG YEE ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR HOI BUN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FLYOVER, NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, ELEGANCE ROAD AND LAI YIP STREET;
- * VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON SHEUNG YEE ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR HOI BUN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHEUNG YUET ROAD, WANG KWONG ROAD, KAI CHEUNG ROAD, FLYOVER, NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, ELEGANCE ROAD AND LAI YIP STREET.

ALSO, GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTE 26 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOI BUN ROAD, CHEUNG YIP STREET, SHEUNG YEE ROAD, SHEUNG YUET ROAD, WANG KWUN ROAD, LAM LOK STREET, SHEUNG YUET ROAD AND SHEUNG YEE ROAD.

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RE-ROUTEING OF TSO KUNG STREET, TSUEN WAN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 14), TSO KUNG STREET BETWEEN HOI PA STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON HOI PA STREET HEADING FOR TSO KUNG STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA HEUNG CHE STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 39.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 228.913 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 219.764 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 37.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON TONG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 14) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT RENFREW ROAD, HEREFORD ROAD, NORFOLK ROAD, SUFFOLK ROAD, KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, CORNWALL STREET AND NOS. 2-10 KAM SHING ROAD, INCLUDING JUNCTION ROAD, KENT ROAD, SOMERSET ROAD, DEVON ROAD, DORSET CRESCENT, WATERLOO ROAD, NOS. 2-14 YORK ROAD AND NOS. 2-18 EDE ROAD.

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