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OVERSEAS INVESTORS HELP ENRICH HK'S MANUFACTURING BASE: GOVERNOR
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OVERSEAS INVESTORS ARE HELPING TO ENRICH HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING BASE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) AFTER VISITING THE NEW TAI PO FACTORY OF MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTORS HONG KONG LTD.

SIR DAVID SAID: "IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE A COMPANY COMING TO HONG KONG AND USING THE VERY LATEST TECHNOLOGY TO MANUFACTURE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF HOW OVERSEAS INVESTORS HELP TO UPGRADE AND ENRICH MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG."

THE GOVERNOR MADE THESE REMARKS AFTER A TOUR OF THE FACTORY'S INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DESIGN CENTRE, COMPUTER CENTRE, AUTOMATED ASSEMBLY LINE AND INTEGRATED CIRCUIT TESTING CENTRE.

MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTORS HONG KONG LTD, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE AMERICAN SEMICONDUCTOR GIANT, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1967 AND MANUFACTURES A RANGE OF PRODUCTS FOR SALE BOTH IN HONG KONG AND IN OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN MARKETS, ESPECIALLY TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA.

ITS NEW FACTORY AT THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE BEGAN PRODUCTION IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

THE COMPANY WAS AWARDED THE 1990 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY IN THE "PRODUCTIVITY" CATEGORY LAST YEAR.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE COMPANY'S GENERAL MANAGER, MR C.D. TAM; THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA; AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR A.N. SAVAGE.

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LEGCO TO DEBATE ON VM ON WEDNESDAY
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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 10 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER 11 BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 5).

OF THE 11 BILLS, SEVEN WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. DEBATES ON THEM WILL BE ADJOURNED.

THEY ARE THE OATHS AND DECLARATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, IMPORT AND EXPORT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1991, OZONE LAYER PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1991, POLICE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TRUST (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 AND POLICE EDUCATION AND WELFARE TRUST (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991.

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DEBATES ON THE OTHER FOUR BILLS WILL BE RESUMED AND EACH IS DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THEY ARE THE HONG KONG BILL OF RIGHTS BILL 1990, ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, CLUBS (SAFETY OF PREMISES) BILL 1991 AND QUEEN ELIZABETH FOUNDATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991.

IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WILL MOVE TWO MOTIONS UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

THE HON NELLIE FONG AND THE HON EDWARD HO WILL EACH MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE WHILE THE HON POON CHI-FAI WILL MOVE A MOTION ON THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

MEANWHILE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL SPEAK ON THE REPORT OF CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1990-91 UNDER THE PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE.

THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS WILL SPEAK ON THE FIRST REVIEW OF PROGRESS ON THE 1989 WHITE PAPER ON POLLUTION AND DR THE HON DANIEL TSE WILL SPEAK ON THE REPORT OF THE POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE 1990.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR SEATS IN THE PUBLIC GALLERIES BY TELEPHONING 844 0899.

MEANWHILE, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO GO INTO A SHORT RECESS AFTER JUNE 5, WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL SITTING ON JUNE 12 IN VIEW OF THE LARGE AMOUNT OF BUSINESS AWAITING TRANSACTION.

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CSD SETS UP FUND FOR VM'S
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VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS (VM'S) UNDER THE CARE OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) WILL ENJOY MORE BENEFITS FOLLOWING THE SETTING UP RECENTLY OF A WELFARE FUND FOR THEM.

ESTABLISHED IN APRIL, THE FUND WOULD BE SPENT ON THE ADVICE OF THE VM'S THEMSELVES TO PURCHASE MAINLY VARIOUS RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ITEMS, ACCORDING TO CSD'S SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (VIETNAMESE UNIT), MR NICOLAS FRY.

MR FRY SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALWAYS TRIED ITS BEST TO IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF THE VM'S.

"SETTING UP A WELFARE FUND WAS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS DONE FOR THEM."

/MR FRY

MR FRY POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PAST, CSD HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS DONATIONS OF ARTICLES TO THE VM'S THROUGH THE CENTRE MANAGEMENT, BUT DIRECT OFFER OF MONEY WERE REJECTED UNDER STANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

"ANYONE WHO MAKES SUCH AN OFFER IF ASKED EITHER TO CONSULT A VOLUNTARY AGENCY OR TO PURCHASE SOMETHING THEMSELVES.

"THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE PURCHASES ARE SOMETIMES OF LITTLE PRACTICAL VALUE TO THE VM'S," HE SAID.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FUND, CSD COULD NOW ACCEPT DIRECT FINANCIAL DONATIONS ON THE VMS' BEHALF FROM VISITORS OR THE PUBLIC, MR FRY NOTED.

"THIS WOULD ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN CATERING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE VIETNAMESE."

THE FUND RECEIVED ITS FIRST DONATION OF \$16,000 FROM CSD'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION. THE MONEY WAS PART OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE AUTUMN FAIR ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION IN STANLEY LAST YEAR.

MR FRY SAID THE DEPARTMENT ALSO WELCOMED DONATIONS TO THE FUND BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

"THEY CAN MAKE THEIR DONATIONS THROUGH CENTRE MANAGEMENT OR THE CSD HEADQUARTERS."

HE SAID DONATION BY CHEQUES SHOULD BE CROSSED AND MADE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

ALL DONATIONS WOULD BE TAX-DEDUCTABLE, HE ADDED.

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HONG KONG TO ATTEND INT'L LABOUR CONFERENCE

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HONG KONG WILL SEND A TRIPARTITE TEAM TO ATTEND THE 78TH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA FROM JUNE 5 TO 26.

LED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR MR DARWIN CHEN, THE TEAM COMPRISES LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS MR HO SAI-CHU AND MISS LI FUNG-YING, REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES RESPECTIVELY, AND SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER MRS ANGELA HO.

THEY WILL ACT AS ADVISERS TO THE BRITISH DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE.

ABOUT 150 COUNTRIES ARE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AT WHICH THE QUESTION OF WORKING CONDITIONS IN RESTAURANTS, HOTELS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

/ANOTHER TOPIC

ANOTHER TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION WHICH IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO HONG KONG WILL BE THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS' CLAIMS IN CASE OF INSOLVENCY OF THEIR EMPLOYERS.

HONG KONG HAS ALREADY SET UP A PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND, AND BOTH MR HO AND MISS LI ARE MEMBERS OF THE FUND BOARD.

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COMMUNITY URGED TO FIGHT DRUG ABUSE

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ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS ALIKE, ARE URGED TO CLOSE RANKS AND FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE TODAY (MONDAY) BY A MEMBER OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), MR PAO PING-WING, WHILE OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY FOR A NEW MOBILE PUBLICITY VAN OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

HE SAID: "THE UNITED NATIONS HAS PROCLAIMED THE YEARS 1991 TO 2000 THE DECADE AGAINST DRUG ABUSE.

"IN THESE 10 YEARS, GOVERNMENTS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES WILL JOIN FORCES AND STRENGTHEN CO-OPERATION WITH THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO FIGHT DRUGS.

"HONG KONG, WHICH HAS BEEN SPARING NO EFFORTS IN ITS ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK, WILL RENDER UNSTINTING SUPPORT TO THIS 10-YEAR CAMPAIGN OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

MR PAO SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF ACAN, I.E. THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, HAS IN THE PIPELINE A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE UN DECADE.

"THE BEST EXAMPLES INCLUDE A NEW MOBILE PUBLICITY VAN AND THE 'HONG KONG FIGHTS DRUGS' EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN, FROM JUNE 25 TO 27.

"THESE ACTIVITIES FULLY REFLECT THE GOVERNMENT'S EXTREME CONCERN OVER THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE AND ITS EAGERNESS TO SET AN EXAMPLE IN FIGHTING DRUGS, IN A BID TO CALL ON ALL SECTORS TO FACE SQUARELY THE PROBLEM OF DRUGS AND JOIN FORCES TO FURTHER THE EFFECTS OF OUR OVERALL ANTI-NARCOTICS STRATEGY, I.E. LAW ENFORCEMENT, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION," MR PAO ADDED.

THE NEW MOBILE PUBLICITY VAN IS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING UNIT WHICH HAS BEEN USED SINCE 1985.

IT IS IN RED, GREEN AND YELLOW COLORS AND CARRIES A SIMPLE ANTI-DRUG SLOGAN - 'SAY NO TO DRUGS' AND THE DRUG ABUSE ENQUIRY SERVICES HOTLINE ON ITS BODY.

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ON BOARD THE VAN, THERE ARE TWO COLOR TELEVISION SETS AND A PUBLIC ADDRESSING SYSTEM TO BROADCAST ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES AND VIDEOS WHILE ON DISPLAY.

APART FROM AUDIO AND VISUAL AIDS, IT IS ALSO PROVIDED WITH LEAFLETS AND OTHER PUBLICITY GIVE-AWAY ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC.

THE NEW UNIT WILL CONTINUE VISITING DENSELY-POPULATED AREAS AND MORE REMOTE CORNERS OF THE TERRITORY ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

IT WILL ALSO BE DEPLOYED TO TAKE PART IN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION'S SCHOOL TALKS TEAM IN DELIVERING DRUG EDUCATION TALKS TO STUDENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES DURING WEEKDAYS.

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GREATER ROLE FOR RESTRUCTURED CDC

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A RESTRUCTURED CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CDC) WILL CERTAINLY PLAY AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT PART IN CURRICULUM MATTERS AT ALL EDUCATION LEVELS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR ANDREW SO, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

OUTLINING THE COUNCIL'S WORK IN A PRESS CONFERENCE, MR SO SAID CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT HAD BEEN COMPREHENSIVE IN TERMS OF SCOPE AND NATURE AND THAT THE PROGRESS OF MANY TASKS AND ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN SMOOTH AND SATISFACTORY.

A CURRICULUM GUIDE TO PROVIDE A BROAD AND GENERALLY DESIRABLE DIRECTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DETAILED SUBJECT SYLLABUSES WAS BEING PREPARED FOR EACH LEVEL OF EDUCATION, HE SAID.

"WHILE SYLLABUS DEVELOPMENT AT THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS HAS BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF CONSOLIDATION DURING THE CURRICULUM REVIEW, SYLLABUS DEVELOPMENT AT THE SIXTH FORM IS AT AN ADVANCED STAGE," HE ADDED.

"MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH FORM EDUCATION, WHICH INCLUDES THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED SUPPLEMENTARY LEVEL SYLLABUSES COVERING 16 SUBJECTS."

MR SO SAID THE COUNCIL WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN:

- * CURRICULUM RESEARCH AND ISSUES TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION;
- * DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULA, AND
- * BROADENING THE CURRICULUM TO HELP STUDENTS COPE WITH THE NEEDS AND DEMANDS OF THE SOCIETY.

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"IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE COUNCIL HAS ENDORSED THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW SUBJECT 'TRAVEL AND TOURISM' AT SECONDARY 4 AND 5 LEVELS," HE SAID.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS LIKELY TO LAUNCH A PILOT SCHEME IN AT LEAST 20 SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 1993, WITH THE INCLUSION OF THIS SUBJECT IN THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN 1995.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE CHAIRMEN OR VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE COUNCIL'S SIX CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES: MS CHENG TAI-TAI, MRS LING LAU YUET-FUN AND MESSRS CHAN KAI-YIN, FRANK NG, CHU SAU-KUEN, AND NG KWOK-CHUEN.

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LAW TO REGULATE ELDERLY HOMES IN PHASES

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO PROGRESSIVELY INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO REGULATE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY.

EXPLAINING THE PROPOSAL AT THE SWAC MEETING THIS (MONDAY) MORNING, AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ANTHONY CHAN, SAID IN PHASE I, THE STATUTORY MINIMUM STAFFING STANDARD OF EACH CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOME WOULD REQUIRE A HOME MANAGER AND ONE HEALTH STAFF AND A NUMBER OF CARE STAFF CORRESPONDING TO THE SIZE OF THE HOME AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AT DIFFERENT HOURS OF THE DAY.

AGED HOMES, SELF-CARE HOSTELS AND SHELTERED HOUSING WOULD ONLY REQUIRE ONE HOME MANAGER.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE MINIMUM SPACE STANDARD FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY IN PHASE I WAS 5.5 SQUARE METRES PER PERSON.

THERE WOULD BE AN INTERNAL ANNUAL REVIEW TO ASSESS THE GENERAL SITUATION.

MR CHAN ADDED: "IN PHASE II, WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY UPON THE COMPLETION OF PHASE I, ALL HOMES SHOULD HAVE A HOME MANAGER. EACH CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOME SHOULD HAVE ONE OR MORE NURSING STAFF OR HEALTH STAFF WHEN NURSING STAFF ARE NOT AVAILABLE, CARE STAFF, ANCILLARY STAFF AND OVERNIGHT STAFF CORRESPONDING TO THE SIZE OF THE HOME AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AT DIFFERENT HOURS OF THE DAY.

"AS REGARD AGED HOMES, CARE STAFF ARE NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED, WHILE IN SELF-CARE HOSTELS AND SHELTERED HOUSING NURSING STAFF, HEALTH STAFF AND CARE STAFF ARE ALSO NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED."

HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT IN PHASE II THE MINIMUM SPACE STANDARD FOR THESE HOMES WOULD BE IMPROVED TO 6.5 SQUARE METRES PER PERSON.

"NO LICENCE WOULD BE ISSUED TO NEW HOMES UPON ENACTMENT OF THE LEGISLATION UNLESS THEY CAN COMPLY FULLY WITH THE MINIMUM STANDARD OF PHASE II," MR CHAN CONTINUED.

TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF EXEMPTION, MR CHAN SAID THE MAXIMUM PERIOD OF ANY ONE EXEMPTION WAS THREE YEARS.

"THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE WOULD CONSIDER EXEMPTION FOR THESE HOMES, WITH CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE OPERATION WHILE TRYING TO MEET THE PRESCRIBED STANDARDS WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.

"THE EXEMPTION MECHANISM IS A VITAL LEVERAGE TO EXERT PRESSURE ON THE HOME OPERATOR TO IMPROVE STANDARDS.

"THE MECHANISM WILL ALSO ENABLE ANY POTENTIAL DISPLACEMENT OF ELDERLY PERSONS IN PERSISTENTLY NON-COMPLYING HOMES TO BE PROPERLY MANAGED SO THAT ANY CLOSURES THAT MIGHT EVENTUALLY BECOME NECESSARY WILL TAKE PLACE IN A SPACED-OUT, ORDERLY AND CONTROLLED MANNER," HE NOTED.

HE FURTHER ADDED THAT EXEMPTIONS COULD BE PROGRESSIVELY REVOKED, BEGINNING WITH THOSE HOMES WHICH HAVE SHOWN NEITHER THE ABILITY NOR THE INTENTION TO COMPLY EVEN WITH PHASE I STANDARDS.

SWAC MEMBERS ALSO LEARNED THAT SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSULT OPERATORS OF RESIDENTIAL HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY IN JULY.

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PHASED LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL IN NT NORTHWEST

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FARMERS IN PHASE II AREA 15 AND 16 UNDER THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME CAN NOW APPLY FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE AND CAPITAL GRANT AND LOAN.

CONTROL AREA 15 COVERS TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG CORRIDOR, WHILE CONTROL AREA 16 COVERS YUEN LONG ENVIRONS.

THE 10-YEAR LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE JUNE 24, 1988. THE STATUTORY COMMENCEMENT DATE OF CONTROL IN AREA 15 AND 16 IS JUNE 1 THIS YEAR.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED FARMERS IN THESE TWO CONTROL AREAS.

THOSE FARMERS WHO WISH TO CEASE BUSINESS MAY APPLY FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE AND THOSE WHO WISH TO CONTINUE BUSINESS MAY APPLY FOR A CAPITAL GRANT AND LOAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING NECESSARY ON-FARM POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS RECENTLY APPROVED A COMMITMENT OF \$386.04 MILLION FOR PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE AND A SUM OF \$48.99 MILLION FOR PAYMENT OF CAPITAL GRANT IN PHASE II CONTROL AREAS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID TO QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, THE LIVESTOCK KEEPING AND RELATED STRUCTURES SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE AT THE TIME OF THE 1987 FREEZING SURVEY AND RECORDED AS BEING USED FOR LIVESTOCK KEEPING OPERATIONS.

ALSO, SUCH STRUCTURES ARE IN USE FOR LIVESTOCK KEEPING OPERATIONS AT THE TIME OF THE PRE-OPERATIONAL SURVEY.

THE EPD HAS EARLIER CONDUCTED A PRE-OPERATIONAL SURVEY FOR CONTROL AREAS 15 AND 16, WHICH SERVED TO GATHER DETAILED LIVESTOCK FARM INFORMATION AND PARTICULARS OF AFFECTED FARM OPERATORS.

INVITATION LETTERS FOR APPLICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN SENT ALSO TO CONCERNED FARM OPERATORS. THOSE FARMERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN SURVEYED SHOULD CONTACT THE EPD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

GENERAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN THESE TWO AREAS, AS IN THE CASE IN PHASE I STAGE 2 AND 3 CONTROL AREAS, WOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE ENTIRE CONTROL SCHEME WHICH IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT.

HOWEVER, ANY FARM OPERATORS WHO HAVE COLLECTED EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE BUT RESTART BUSINESS THEREAFTER MUST COMPLY WITH THE CONTROL REGULATIONS. OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION.

UNDER THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME, THE PHASE II PROGRAMMES COVER ALSO CONTROL AREA 17 (KAM TIN RIVER AREA), CONTROL AREA 18 (TIN SHUI WAI ENVIRONS), CONTROL AREA 19 (SAN TIN AREA AND LAU FAU SHAN ENVIRONS) AND CONTROL AREA 20 (MAU WU TSAI VILLAGE AND ENVIRONS).

IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTROLS IN THESE AREAS WILL FOLLOW AS SCHEDULED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 2,348 FARMS IN PHASE I CONTROL AREAS HAVE CEASED BUSINESS, INVOLVING THE PAYMENT OF A SUM OF \$221.26 MILLION EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE.

ENQUIRIES ON THE APPLICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE EPD ON TEL. 685 1111 OR 685 1128.

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TIN SHUI WAI TAKING SHAPE

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MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, LED BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN, TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED TIN SHUI WAI TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE NEW TOWN IS EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR THE FIRST POPULATION INTAKE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE VISIT WAS ORGANISED BY THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

ALSO ATTENDING THE VISIT WERE MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TIN SHUI WAI AD HOC WORKING GROUP, MISS ELAINE CHUNG.

THE VISITORS WERE BRIEFED BY THE PROJECT MANAGER/NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES, MR Y.Y. NG, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND A PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

THEY LEARNED THAT TIN SHUI WAI IS A TYPICAL NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT WITH A PLANNED POPULATION OF 140,000.

A NOVEL FEATURE OF THE PROJECT IS THAT IT IS BEING JOINTLY DEVELOPED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MAJOR PRIVATE DEVELOPER, MIGHTYCITY CO LTD.

LOCATED TO THE NORTHWEST OF YUEN LONG TOWN, THE WHOLE TIN SHUI WAI SITE COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT FIVE SQUARE KILOMETRES FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY FISHPONDS.

THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE SITE OF ABOUT 220 HECTARES WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A NEW TOWN WHILE THE REMAINDER AREA WILL BE RESERVED AS A LANDBANK FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

WITHIN THE INITIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE, ABOUT HALF OF THE POPULATION WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN TWO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES - TIN YIU ESTATE AND TIN SHUI ESTATE - AND THE REST WILL BE HOUSED IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS IN SEVEN TOWN LOTS TOTALLING ABOUT 39 HECTARES.

A FULL RANGE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE, POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS, AND AN AMBULANCE DEPOT WILL BE PROVIDED.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A 17-HECTARE DISTRICT PARK IN THE CENTRE OF THE TOWN, A SWIMMING POOL, A SPORTS STADIUM AND A PROMENADE ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE NEW TOWN, ALL OF WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT AND ENHANCE THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE EARLY OCCUPANTS.

THE VISITORS WERE LATER TAKEN TO VARIOUS VANTAGE POINTS WHERE THEY WITNESSED HOW THE FUTURE NEW TOWN HAD BEGUN TO TAKE SHAPE WITH THE MAJORITY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURES EITHER WELL IN PROGRESS OR NEAR COMPLETION.

THEY ALSO HAD A VIEW OF THE WORK PROGRESS OF SOME PUBLIC HOUSING AS WELL AS SEVERAL STANDARD APARTMENTS IN A TOWER BLOCK DEVELOPED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

MISS CHUNG SAID WITH THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE PRIVATE DEVELOPER CONCERNED, TIN SHUI WAI WOULD PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE BEST NEW TOWNS IN HONG KONG.

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| | DATE ---- | \$ MILLION ----- |
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| CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON | 1.6.91 | 380 |
| EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON | 3.6.91 | -348 |
| EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING | | +348 |
| EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON | | NEUTRAL |

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91-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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| ISSUE NUMBER ----- | MATURING ON ----- | OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION ----- | |
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| Q115 | 10.7.91 | 440 | +40 |
| Q116 | 17.7.91 | 380 | +100 |
| Q117 | 24.7.91 | 618.5 | -138.5 |
| Q118 | 31.7.91 | 520 | -40 |
| Q119 | 7.8.91 | 428.5 | +51.5 |
| Q120 | 14.8.91 | 390 | +90 |
| Q121 | 21.8.91 | 455 | +25 |
| Q122 | 28.8.91 | 450 | +30 |
| Q110 | 5.6.91 | 60 | +420 |
| Q111 | 12.6.91 | 384 | +96 |
| Q112 | 19.6.91 | 375 | +105 |
| Q113 | 26.6.91 | 490 | -10 |
| Q114 | 3.7.91 | 557 | -77 |

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| ISSUE NUMBER ----- | MATURING ON ----- | OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION ----- | |
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| H164 | 13.11.91 | 190 | +70 |
| H165 | 27.11.91 | 200 | +60 |

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| H004 | 12.6.91 | 120 | +140 |
| H005 | 26.6.91 | 220 | +40 |
| H101 | 10.7.91 | 53 | +207 |
| H156 | 24.7.91 | 170 | +90 |
| H157 | 7.8.91 | 159.5 | +100.5 |
| H158 | 21.8.91 | 220 | +40 |
| H159 | 4.9.91 | 80 | +180 |
| H160 | 18.9.91 | 400 | -140 |
| H161 | 2.10.91 | 180 | +80 |
| H162 | 17.10.91 | 134 | +126 |
| H163 | 30.10.91 | 173 | +87 |

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
364-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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| ISSUE NUMBER | MATURING ON | OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION | |
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| Y187 | 26.2.92 | 250 | +10 |
| Y188 | 25.3.92 | 180 | +80 |
| Y189 | 22.4.92 | 200 | +60 |
| Y190 | 20.5.92 | 240 | +20 |

AVERAGE DAILY TRANSFER FOR WEEK ENDING 31.5.91 WAS 5,474 MN

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