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GOVERNOR: TRANSPORT PLANNING NO EASY TASK

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IT HAD BEEN NO EASY TASK TO KEEP THE BUILDING OF ROADS, AND WHERE NECESSARY TUNNELS AND BRIDGES, IN STEP WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWNS AND THE CONSEQUENT DRAMATIC INCREASES IN POPULATION AND TRAFFIC, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, SIR DAVID SAID SOMETIMES THESE INCREASES WERE LARGER AND TOOK PLACE QUICKER THAN EXPECTED.

"THE RESULT IS CONGESTION, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE ON THE TSING YI SOUTH BRIDGE AND AS IS STILL THE CASE IN THE LION ROCK TUNNEL," HE ADDED.

"THIS PROBLEM OF CONGESTION ON THE FIRST TSING YI BRIDGE ILLUSTRATES VIVIDLY THE IMPORTANCE, AND THE DIFFICULTY, OF COORDINATING THE PLANNING OF ROADS AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

"FACED WITH THIS SITUATION, THE GOVERNMENT PUTS A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT INTO PLANNING TRANSPORT LINKS AND A GREAT AMOUNT OF PUBLIC MONEY INTO BUILDING THEM."

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO SPEND \$5 BILLION ON HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, AND IT INCLUDED THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, THE ROUTE 5 TRUNK ROAD BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN, THE TUEN MUN LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM, THE REMAINING SECTIONS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, THE LOK MA CHAU BORDER LINK AND THE JUNK BAY TUNNEL IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

SIR DAVID SAID: "THESE PROJECTS WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF CONGESTION - THAT WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US SO LONG AS OUR ECONOMY GROWS AS RAPIDLY AS, HAPPILY, IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN GROWING - BUT THEY DO ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO KEEPING TRAFFIC AND PEOPLE MOVING."

TURNING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSING YI, SIR DAVID SAID ONE BRIDGE WAS CLEARLY NOT ENOUGH FOR AN ISLAND WITH A POPULATION OF 90,000 AND THE OPENING OF THIS SECOND BRIDGE WOULD RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THE FIRST ONE.

"THIS WILL I KNOW BE A GREAT RELIEF TO THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN TSING YI.

"IT ALSO OPENS UP NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS."

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT PLANNING FOR FUTURE TRANSPORT EXPANSION KEPT PACE WITH THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

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SIR DAVID SAID THE BRIDGE WAS NOT ONLY THE NEWEST BRIDGE IN HONG KONG AND WAS ALSO THE LONGEST, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A VITAL SECOND ROAD LINK BETWEEN TSING YI AND THE REST OF THE TSUEN WAN/KWAI CHUNG NEW TOWN, AND BEYOND THAT TO THE REST OF THE TERRITORY.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE BRIDGE OWED MUCH TO THE SKILL AND HARD WORK OF THE ENGINEERS WHO CONCEIVED AND DESIGNED IT, AND OF THE CONTRACTOR WHO BUILT IT AND PAID TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE CONCERNED ON THE JOB.

SIR DAVID SAID: "A BRIDGE IS THERE TO BE USED, THIS ONE WILL SURELY BE WELL USED.

"A GOOD BRIDGE IS ALSO AN OBJECT OF BEAUTY, THIS ONE WILL SURELY BE ADMIRERD."

WELCOMING THE GOVERNOR TO THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR KENNETH KWOK, SAID A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR TSING YI WAS CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

HE SAID THE REVIEW WAS TO RECTIFY AND REGULARISE THE EXISTING AND FUTURE LAND USE BY FORMING ADEQUATE SEPARATIONS AND BUFFERS BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL AS BY RELOCATING SOME MAJOR INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME UTILISING TO THE FULL THE UNIQUE DEEP-SEA FRONTAGE AT WESTERN TSING YI FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG.

"THE OPENING OF THE BRIDGE WILL GIVE ADDED OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT TO BE REALISED," HE ADDED.

MR KWOK SAID DEVELOPMENT AT NORTHEAST TSING YI WAS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY WITH THE PROVISION OF MORE AMENITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO SERVE THE INCREASING POPULATION IN BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING.

HAVING A CLEAR SPAN OF 160 METRES OVER THE BUSY RAMBLER CHANNEL, THE TSING TSUEN BRIDGE CARRIES A TWO-LANE DUAL-CARRIAGEWAY HIGHWAY TOGETHER WITH FOOTWAYS AND SERVICE DUCTS. ITS CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING WORKS, TAKEN THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE, COST A TOTAL OF \$200 MILLION.

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\$2.76 BILLION FOR KOWLOON WALLED CITY CLEARANCE
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED MORE THAN \$2.76 BILLION FOR THE CLEARANCE OF THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY CLEARANCE, MR F.K. HU, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE REHOUSING AND COMPENSATION PACKAGE, MR HU SAID THAT THIS MARKED THE CULMINATION OF 11 MONTHS OF WORK BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE BEGINNING OF THE IMPENDING CLEARANCE.

"WE CONSIDERED THAT IN VIEW OF THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE WALLED CITY, SOMETHING AKIN TO THE POLICY APPLIED TO REDEVELOPMENT CLEARANCES SHOULD BE USED." MR HU SAID.

OWNER-OCCUPIERS

MR HU SAID OWNER-OCCUPIERS SHOULD BE ASSISTED, WHERE POSSIBLE, TO RE-ESTABLISH THEIR HOME OWNERSHIP STATUS AFTER THE CLEARANCE.

"HOWEVER, GIVEN THE LOW VALUES OF WALLED CITY PROPERTIES, ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THEM ON THAT BASIS TO ACQUIRE PROPERTIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL INEVITABLY INVOLVE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED OVER-GENEROUS AND THEREFORE NOT APPROPRIATE." HE SAID.

INSTEAD, HE SAID, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THAT IT WOULD BE A REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT IF ASSISTANCE WAS BASED ON THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME (HOS) PRICES WITH PRIORITY RIGHTS TO PURCHASE AN HOS FLAT TO BE GIVEN TO THOSE OWNERS WHO WERE ELIGIBLE.

MR HU SAID THAT THE RATES OF PAYMENT WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE ASSISTANCE TO ALLOW MOST ELIGIBLE WALLED CITY RESIDENTS TO PURCHASE AN HOS FLAT, THE CALCULATIONS ARE:

QUALIFIED FLOOR AREA	\$ PER SQUARE METRE
UP TO 23.44 SQUARE METRES	9,670
BETWEEN 23.45 - 60 SQUARE METRES	6,930
OVER 60 SQUARE METRES	5,000

OWNERSHIP STATUS

MR HU POINTED OUT THAT THE ABSENCE OF LEASE DOCUMENTS HAD RESULTED IN PROBLEMS WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND VERIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP CLAIMS. OWNERSHIP STATUS COULD ONLY BE ESTABLISHED AND VERIFIED BY USING GUIDELINES PREPARED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL AND APPROVED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

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OWNER-OCCUPIERS AND ABSENTEE OWNERS WOULD RECEIVE THE SAME LEVEL OF CASH COMPENSATION. THE RATES OF PAYMENT, BASED ON HOS PRICES, WOULD ALSO BE APPLIED TO ALL PREMISES, BE THEY USED AS SHOPS, FACTORIES OR HOMES.

ELIGIBILITY FOR REHOUSING

MR HU SAID THAT THOSE WHO HAD BEEN GENUINELY RESIDENTS IN THE WALLED CITY ON AND SINCE JANUARY 14, 1987, WOULD QUALIFY FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC HOUSING IF BY THE END OF MARCH 1990 THEY HAD LIVED IN HONG KONG CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN YEARS.

HE ADDED THAT AN ELIGIBLE TENANT MAY OPT FOR A PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING (PRH) FLAT OR OBTAIN PRIORITY STATUS TO PURCHASE AN HOS FLAT WITH HIS OWN MONEY, OR APPLY FOR AN INTEREST FREE LOAN TO PURCHASE A PRIVATE SECTOR FLAT UNDER THE HOME PURCHASE LOAN SCHEME (HPLS) TO BE INTRODUCED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

AN ELIGIBLE OWNER-OCCUPIER MAY OPT FOR A PRH FLAT AND RECEIVE CASH COMPENSATION EQUAL TO THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF HIS WALLED CITY FLAT, OR CASH COMPENSATION BASED ON THE HOS LINKED RATES PLUS PRIORITY STATUS IN PURCHASING AN HOS FLAT, OR CASH COMPENSATION BASED ON THE HOS LINKED RATES AND APPLY FOR AN INTEREST FREE LOAN TO PURCHASE A PRIVATE SECTOR FLAT UNDER THE HPLS ONCE THIS SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS

HE SAID THAT FOR COMPENSATION PURPOSES A DISTINCTION SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN BUSINESSES SUCH AS FOOD FACTORIES WHICH SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION, FROM THOSE ILLEGAL BUSINESSES SUCH AS VICE ESTABLISHMENT AND GAMBLING DENS WHICH WOULD NOT.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT ANY NEW OCCUPATION OF PREMISES, SUB-DIVISION OF EXISTING PREMISES; CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS OR EXTENSIONS; TARTING OF NEW BUSINESSES AFTER JANUARY 14, 1987, WOULD NOT ATTRACT ANY COMPENSATION.

PREMISES BOUGHT AFTER JANUARY 14, 1987 WOULD ALSO BE INELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION GREATER THAN THE FAIR MARKET VALUE.

REMOVAL ALLOWANCES WOULD BE CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD RATES AND WOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE OCCUPIERS AND BUSINESS OPERATORS TO COMPENSATE THEM FOR ANY COST OR LOSS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THEIR REMOVAL AND ASSOCIATED COSTS.

THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHER SPECIAL GROUPS THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAD ALSO DEVOTED MUCH ATTENTION INCLUDED:

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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

OF THE FIVE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, REPLACEMENT CENTRES HAD BEEN OFFERED TO THOSE WHICH HAD BEEN RECEIVING GOVERNMENT SUBVENTIONS OVER THE YEARS BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) TO CONTINUE OPERATION. THOSE WHICH WERE SELF-FINANCING WOULD NOT BE OFFERED REPLACEMENT CENTRES BUT SWD WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST THEM IN OTHER WAYS.

UNREGISTERED MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

A WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY MR PAO PING-WING IS WORKING UNDER TIGHT SCHEDULE TO EXAMINE POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE PEOPLE AND IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED BEFORE THE GROUP CAN FINALISE CONSIDERATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

COMMERCIAL WELL WATER SUPPLIERS

THE SUPPLIERS WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE WATER SUPPLY UNTIL ALL RESIDENTS IN THE WALLED CITY HAVE MOVED OUT. MEANWHILE, BOTH CNTA AND BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT HAD HELD USEFUL MEETINGS WITH THEM TO LISTEN TO THEIR VIEWS ON COMPENSATION.

SOCIAL CASES

BOTH CNTA AND SWD HAD VISITED ELDERLY PEOPLE AND OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS OF RESIDENTS IN THE WALLED CITY TO OFFER HELP.

APPEALS

TWO SEPARATE FORUMS FOR APPEAL HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED. PERSONS DISSATISFIED WITH REHOUSING OR COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS MAY APPEAL TO:

- * THE APPEALS TRIBUNAL WHICH WILL DEAL WITH ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE CLEARANCE EXCEPT MATTERS OF ASSESSMENT AND CIVIL SERVICE DISCIPLINE, OR
- * THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD WHICH WILL DEAL WITH MATTERS OF COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT.

MR HU SAID THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO CARRY OUT THE CLEARANCE IN THREE PHASES UP TO 1990/91. OFFER LETTERS FOR PHASE I OF THE CLEARANCE WOULD BE ISSUED LATE THIS MONTH.

HE SAID THAT AS OVER 3 000 LETTERS WERE INVOLVED, THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE ISSUED IN BATCHES FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS AND INEVITABLY SOME MIGHT THEREFORE RECEIVE THEM EARLIER THAN OTHERS.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FIRST RESIDENT IN PHASE I WILL BEGIN TO MOVE TO NEW HOMES AROUND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IN 1988," MR HU ADDED.

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MORE PARKING SPACES FOR CONTAINER TRUCKS

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE WILL ARRANGE FOR THE EARLY TENDERING OF A ONE-HECTARE SITE TO MEET THE NEED FOR CONTAINER VEHICLE PARKING.

THIS WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING CONTAINER VEHICLE PARK NEXT TO THE KWAI CHUNG ROAD WHICH WILL BE RE-LET BY TENDER FOR THE SAME PURPOSE WHEN ITS PRESENT LEASE EXPIRES IN FEBRUARY, 1988.

THIS OFFER WAS MADE BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR LYALL ALEXANDER WEBBER, TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE CONTAINER TRACTOR OWNERS ASSOCIATION AT A MEETING THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

HE EXPLAINED THAT FINDINGS OF A RECENT SURVEY REVEALED THERE WAS A NEED FOR THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL CONTAINER VEHICLE PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA.

AS TO THE ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST THAT THE TWO LOTS IN TSUEN WAN, CURRENTLY USED FOR CONTAINER VEHICLE PARKING, BE FURTHER EXTENDED WHEN THEIR TENANCY AGREEMENTS EXPIRE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, MR ALEXANDER WEBBER SAID THEY WERE REQUIRED FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAD TO BE CONSULTED BEFORE HE COULD GIVE A REPLY.

THE ASSOCIATION ALSO PRESSED FOR LANDS TO BE PROVIDED UNDER A DIRECT GRANT.

MR ALEXANDER WEBBER EXPLAINED THAT FOR LANDS TO BE GIVEN UNDER A DIRECT GRANT, THE ASSOCIATION WOULD NEED TO FULFIL CERTAIN CRITERIA. HE WOULD SUPPLY THEM WITH THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO FORMULATE A SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING WERE ALSO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRANSPORT BRANCH AND THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

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POLICE TO RECRUIT 2,000 MORE

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THE POLICE WOULD RECRUIT ABOUT 2000 EXTRA OFFICERS TO EXPAND THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME MR RAYMON ANNING, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE SAID YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ADDRESSING THE KWUN TONG KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, MR ANNING SAID: DETAILS WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT, AND OF COURSE IT WILL BE A PHASED RECRUITMENT.

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"WE HAVE ALREADY DONE SOME WORK ON IT, AND THERE IS MORE TO BE DONE. BUT WE HAVE AN OUTLINE OF HOW WE SHALL RECRUIT THE EXTRA PEOPLE.

IN VIEW OF THE TRAINING CAPABILITY OF THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, HE SAID, THE FORCE COULD NOT HAVE A HUGE INFLUX OF PEOPLE IN ANY ONE YEAR.

"SO WE SHALL PHASE THIS OVER ABOUT THREE YEARS OR SO FOR RECRUITING. OF COURSE, ONCE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RECRUITED, THEY HAVE TO BE TAUGHT TO BE PROPER ORDINARY POLICEMEN BEFORE WE TRANSFER THEM IN OUR NORMAL WAY INTO POLICE TACTICAL UNIT DUTIES," HE SAID.

"THIS IS NORMALLY ABOUT TWO YEARS. SO THEN YOU CAN WORK ON SOMETHING LIKE A THREE YEAR PHASED PROGRAMME AFTER THAT.

"BUT WHATEVER PROGRAMME IS DECIDED FINALLY, IT WILL BE A FLEXIBLE PROGRAMME GEARED TO BE ADAPTABLE AS CHANGES OCCUR.

"THEY WILL BE RECRUITED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. SO THEY WON'T BE RECRUITED IN FIVE YEARS TIME. IT MAY BE THAT WE SHALL START RECRUITING PERHAPS NEXT YEAR. BUT THEN WE SHALL RECRUIT GRADUALLY OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS.

"WE COULD PROBABLY RECRUIT SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO FULFIL THE MAIN REQUIREMENT OVER ABOUT THREE YEARS.

"IT WILL PROBABLY BE A SLIGHTLY LESSER NUMBER THAN THAT, BECAUSE THERE WILL BE SOME OTHER MORE PERIPHERAL PARTS TO BE RECRUITED LATER ON. BUT THE MAIN BODY WOULD BE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN 2000, I WOULD IMAGINE .AND THAT WOULD CERTAINLY BE OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS OR SO.

ASKED IF THE POLICE WOULD GET A BIGGER BUDGET IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR, MR ANNING SAID: " WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE TO HAVE IS MORE MONEY TO CATER FOR THAT EXTRA AMOUNT OF MANPOWER OF COURSE, BECAUSE THAT HAS NOT BEEN IN OUR ESTIMATE FOR THIS YEAR.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RECRUITMENT PROGRAMME FOR THIS PARTICULAR PURPOSE HAD NOT STARTED.

TURNING TO NATURAL WASTAGE OF MANPOWER, THE COMMISSIONER SAID IT VARIED YEAR BY YEAR.

"JUST ABOUT THIS TIME, WE HAVE BROUGHT IN A RETIREMENT AGE OF 55 WHICH WILL AFFECT THE WASTAGE RATE. BUT IN ADDITION TO THAT, THERE IS THE NORMAL EXPANSION OF THE FORCE TO CATER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY.

"SO WE WILL HAVE A GOOD NUMBER OF POSTS TO RECRUIT EVERY YEAR, AND CERTAIN A GOOD NUMBER FOR NEXT YEAR TO CATER FOR NORMAL EXPANSION.

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"SO YOU HAVE THREE ELEMENTS WHICH WILL INVOLVE EXTRA MANPOWER. YOU FIRSTLY HAVE THE WASTAGE REPLACEMENT, THEN YOU HAVE EXTRA NUMBER FOR EXPANSION, AND THEN IF IT IS AGREED WITH FINANCE BRANCH WE'LL HAVE EXTRA NUMBERS TO COMMENCE THE EXTRA RECRUITMENT FOR THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT."

"THE EXTRA NUMBER WOULD EVENTUALLY FIND THEIR WAY INTO AN EXPANSION OF THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT."

MR ANNING SAID AT THE MOMENT THE FORCE WAS LOOKING AHEAD TO AN EXPANSION OF SOME FOUR OR FIVE COMPANIES.

"BUT WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE HOW THE PLAN WORK OUT," HE ADDED.

"WHEN YOU PLAN FOR A PERIOD OF YEARS SUCH AS THIS, YOU HAVE TO BEAR IN MIND THERE MIGHT BE NEW DEMANDS OF SOME SORT PLACED ON THE FORCE.

"WE NEVER KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN OVER THE NEXT YEAR, TWO YEARS. THE FORCE MUST ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO RESPOND. THEREFORE IT IS VERY SENSIBLE FOR US TO KEEP PLANS OF THIS SORT FLEXIBLE AND BE PREPARED TO REACT TO SOME FRESH DEVELOPMENTS."

ASKED IF THE RECRUITMENT OF THE 2000 EXTRA OFFICERS WAS MEANT TO REPLACE THE GARRISON, MR ANNING SAID: "WHEN I TALKED OF THIS NUMBER OF UP TO 2000, OR UNDER 2000, THAT WAS WHAT I WAS REFERRING TO.

"THERE WILL BE NORMAL WASTAGE AND THERE WILL BE NORMAL EXPANSION ON TOP OF THAT NUMBER.

"THE NORMAL WASTAGE AND EXPANSION COULD AMOUNT UP TO SAY 1500 IN A YEAR, OR 1400 IN A YEAR. THAT COULD WELL BE THE NORMAL WITHOUT ANY EXTRA NUMBERS TO CATER FOR THE PHASED AND GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE GARRISON."

ASKED IF THE POLICE WOULD RECRUIT EQUAL SIZE OF MANPOWER AS THE PRESENT GARRISON, MR ANNING SAID: "CERTAINLY NOT. THERE IS NOT A QUESTION OF AN EQUAL SIZE OF MANPOWER BECAUSE THE BRITISH GARRISON HAS MANY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES WHICH WON'T AFFECT US.

"IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF SAYING WHATEVER THE NUMBER THE BRITISH GARRISON IS NOW THE POLICE FORCE WILL EXPAND BY. IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY AT ALL."

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CMB FRANCHISE EXTENDED, TOUR TRAM SERVICE REGULARISED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE OF THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY LIMITED (CMB), WHICH IS DUE TO EXPIRE ON AUGUST 31, 1989, TO AUGUST 31, 1991.

THE DECISION WAS MADE IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMPANY'S OPERATIONS AND SERVICES IN RECENT YEARS AND ITS PRESENT SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE OVERALL.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED THE TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 WHICH PROPOSES TO PROVIDE THAT AUTHORISED FARES FOR THE TRAMWAY SERVICE DO NOT APPLY TO HIRE AND TOUR SERVICES.

ONE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS REQUIRES THE NUMBER OF TOUR CARS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, AND TOUR CARS SHOULD BE CLEARLY DESIGNATED WITH THE FARES BEING CHARGED DISPLAYED CONSPICUOUSLY.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE INTENDED TO REGULARISE THE HIRE AND TOUR SERVICES WHICH HAVE BEEN OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

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CS SHOWS KEEN INTEREST IN BLD'S
USE OF COMPUTERS

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THE WIDE USE OF COMPUTERS BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT WAS ONE OF THE MANY FEATURES WHICH ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, DURING HIS VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

MR FORD SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE PROGRESS OF PLANNING FOR THE SETTING UP OF THE COMPUTERISED LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM WHERE VOLUMINOUS TERRITORY-WIDE INFORMATION ON MAPS, LAND BOUNDARIES RECORDS AND LAND USE DATA WOULD EVENTUALLY BE ASSIMILATED.

HE WAS ALSO UPDATED ON THE WIDER EMPLOYMENT OF COMPUTERS IN LAND SURVEYING, BASIC MAPPING AND CARTOGRAPHIC WORK.

EARLIER, ON ARRIVAL AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT MURRAY BUILDING, MR FORD WAS MET BY THE DIRECTOR, MR CHAMSON CHAU, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ADMINISTRATION), MR P. C. LEUNG.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS INVITED TO THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY MR CHAU AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF ON THE ORGANISATION AND OVERALL OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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HE WAS THEN ESCORTED TO THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE WAS SHOWN THE PHASED PROGRAMMING OF TOWN PLANNING FUNCTIONS FROM THE INITIAL CONCEPT OF REAL OR IMAGINARY AREAS, THROUGH THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO FINAL FRUITION IN DEVELOPMENT.

MODELS OF URBAN RENEWAL AND THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT VIS-A-VIS LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WERE ALSO DISPLAYED IN THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE TOWN PLANNING PROCESS.

MR FORD WAS LATER ACCORDED A FULL APPRAISAL ON MATTERS EMANATING FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE AND ON ISSUES GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF BUILDINGS, INCLUDING DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS, ENFORCEMENT AND CONTROL OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS AND DANGEROUS SIGNS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A BRIEFING BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT LAND AGENTS ON THE MULTI-FACET ASPECTS OF LAND ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWED WITH FURTHER ADVICE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SOLICITORS ON THE VARIED NATURE OF LEGAL IMPLICATIONS.

MR FORD CONCLUDED HIS VISIT WITH A FINAL DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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MORE GRADUATES IN ACCOUNTANCY NEEDED

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THE OUTPUT OF ACCOUNTING GRADUATES FROM LOCAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE INADEQUATE TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR TRAINED STAFF IN THE FIELD IN 1987 AND 1988, ACCORDING TO A VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SURVEY.

INFORMATION COLLECTED IN SEPTEMBER 1986 REVEALED THAT EMPLOYERS OF FOUR SURVEYED SECTORS - ACCOUNTANCY FIRMS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND SERVICES - EXPECTED THEY WOULD NEED ABOUT 760 FRESH GRADUATES WITH ACCOUNTANCY TRAINING IN 1987.

THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTANCY TRAINING BOARD WHICH CONDUCTED THE SURVEY, HOWEVER, QUANTIFIED THAT THE CURRENT NUMBER OF FULL-TIME ACCOUNTING GRADUATES COMING OUT OF VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE LESS THAN 700.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE UNDERESTIMATION OF STAFF TURNOVER AND GROWTH RATE BY EMPLOYERS IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY IN 1984, THE BOARD CONSIDERED THE MANPOWER DEMAND FORECAST IN 1986 TOO CONSERVATIVE AND THUS DEDUCED THAT THE CURRENT SUPPLY OF MANPOWER WOULD NOT MEET THE MINIMUM DEMAND FOR NEW RECRUITS FOR THE ACCOUNTANCY SECTOR.

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THE BOARD, THEREFORE, RECOMMENDED THAT TERTIARY EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS PRODUCE MORE GRADUATES IN ACCOUNTANCY.

A CHANGE OF RECRUITMENT PATTERN ALSO REFLECTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN INSUFFICIENT LOCAL TRAINED ACCOUNTING MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS.

WITHIN A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE SURVEY, ABOUT 190 PROFESSIONALS HAD BEEN RECRUITED FROM OVERSEAS TO FILL POSTS AT THESE LEVELS.

NEVERTHELESS, AN EXPLANATION GIVEN FOR THE CHANGE WAS THAT THESE OVERSEAS RECRUITS MIGHT WELL BE HONG KONG EMIGRANTS RETURNING FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT HERE.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1986, THERE WERE ABOUT 51,000 ACCOUNTING EMPLOYEES IN THE FOUR SURVEYED SECTORS.

EMPLOYERS FORECAST THAT THE NUMBER WOULD INCREASE TO 54,000 IN 1987 AND THEN TO 55,800 IN 1988, A GROWTH OF SIX PER CENT AND THREE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE 1986 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON ACCOUNTANCY, CONTAINING UP-TO-DATE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS OF THE ACCOUNTING WORKFORCE, IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$15.50 A COPY.

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CUSTOMS CRACKDOWN ON FAKE GOODS IMPORT INCREASED

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THE NUMBER OF TRAVELLERS ARRESTED BY CUSTOMS AT THE AIRPORT FOR IMPORT OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS HAS ALMOST TREBLED SO FAR THIS YEAR AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WARNED THAT TRAVELLERS WHO BRING IN COUNTERFEIT GOODS MAY BE PROSECUTED AND ARE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$500,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS.

COMMENTING ON THE MARKED INCREASE IN COUNTERFEIT GOODS IMPORTS BY BOTH TOURISTS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS, HE SAID UP TO THE END OF NOVEMBER, 233 INCOMING PASSENGERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY AIRPORT CUSTOMS THIS YEAR, WHILE ONLY 85 ARRESTS WERE MADE IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

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"THE VALUE AND QUANTITY OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS SEIZED HAVE RESPECTIVELY INCREASED FROM \$1.51 MILLION TO \$5.49 MILLION AND FROM ABOUT 43,000 PIECES TO MORE THAN 174,000 PIECES. MOST OF THE SEIZURES WERE LEATHER GOODS, WEARING APPARELS AND WATCHES.

"IN NOVEMBER ALONE, AIRPORT CUSTOMS ARRESTED A TOTAL OF 33 INCOMING PASSENGERS, INCLUDING 14 LOCAL RESIDENTS, AND SEIZED 1,375 PIECES OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$71,330.

"ANOTHER \$602,300 WORTH OF IMPORTED COUNTERFEIT GOODS, INCLUDING WATCHES, WATCH MOVEMENTS AND PENS, WERE ALSO SEIZED BY CUSTOMS AT THE AIR CARGO TERMINAL DURING THE MONTH. TWO PERSONS WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEIZURES."

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STUDENT READING AWARD SCHEME FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR SO FAI-CHO, TODAY (THURSDAY) CALLED ON ALL SECONDARY 1 TO 3 STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE STUDENT READING AWARD SCHEME TO BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MR SO SAID THE AWARD SCHEME AIMED TO DEVELOP READING HABITS, PROMOTE THE USE OF SCHOOL LIBRARY RESOURCES AND IMPROVE LANGUAGE SKILLS.

THE SCHEME WAS ORGANISED BY THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG TAI PING SHAN LIONS CLUB.

STUDENTS JOINING THE SCHEME SHOULD READ NO LESS THAN 10 LIBRARY BOOKS INCLUDING AT LEAST THREE ENGLISH AND THREE CHINESE BOOKS BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL 1988 AND COMPLETE A BOOK RECORD AFTER READING EACH BOOK BEFORE WRITING AN ESSAY TYPE REPORT ON ONE OF THE BOOKS EITHER IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE NOT EXCEEDING 600 WORDS.

BOOK COUPONS RANGING FROM \$1,000 TO \$3,000 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WRITERS OF THE FIRST THREE OUTSTANDING BOOK REPORTS OF BOTH LANGUAGES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS. THE SIX TOP STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED WITH TROPHIES.

OTHER PRIZES WILL INCLUDE BOOK COUPONS OF \$400 EACH AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT FOR 10 HIGHLY COMMENDED ENTRIES. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO ENTRANTS WHOSE BOOK REPORTS ARE OF GOOD QUALITY.

STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRIES TO THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE MAY 16 NEXT YEAR. ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ASSESSED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES AND AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN JUNE OR JULY.

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SEASONAL ILLUMINATIONS LIGHT UP DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE FIRST MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL, A SECTION OF NATHAN ROAD IN THE DISTRICT BEGAN TO GLITTER WHEN THOUSANDS OF LIGHT BULBS WERE TURNED ON TONIGHT (THURSDAY) BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR T.H. CHAU.

THIS WAS THE FIRST-EVER LIGHTING DISPLAY PUT UP IN MONG KOK TO CELEBRATE THE LAUNCHING OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

SPEAKING AT THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY AT THE JUNCTION OF ARGYLE STREET AND NATHAN ROAD, MR CHAU COMMENDED THE DISTRICT BOARD, LOCAL BODIES, COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO DISTRICT ACTIVITIES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE MAIN PURPOSES FOR INTRODUCING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME WAS TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT AND PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

"THE GOVERNMENT HOPED THAT THROUGH DIFFERENT KINDS OF ACTIVITIES, RESIDENTS WOULD DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

"THE THEME OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL, 'HOME IN MONG KOK', FALLS IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPING CLOSER RELATIONSHIP AND A HARMONIOUS COMMUNITY IN THE DISTRICT," HE SAID.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, COMMERCIAL CONCERNS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, THE SIX-WEEK MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL LAST UNTIL JANUARY 17.

A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN LINED UP TO PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION FOR RESIDENTS DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD.

A LARGE-SCALE EXHIBITION ON FISHES, BIRDS AND FLORAL PLANTS, WHICH ARE THE WELL-KNOWN TRADES OF THE DISTRICT, WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (DECEMBER 12 AND 13) IN THE GARDENS OF THE BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL.

A TRADE FAIR WILL BE HELD AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND FROM DECEMBER 20 TO 26 TO DISPLAY GOODS AND SERVICES, AND TO DEMONSTRATE THE SKILLS OF VARIOUS TRADES.

ALSO, SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS WILL BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS IN A MARATHON RACE AND A TELEMATCH TO BE HELD ON NEXT SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) IN MONG KOK STADIUM.

IN ADDITION, CONSUMERS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY DISCOUNTS AND RECEIVE FREE GIFTS WHEN THEY PURCHASE IN SHOPS, DEPARTMENT STORES AND RESTAURANTS THAT HAVE JOINED A PRICE CONCESSION SCHEME TO COINCIDE WITH THE FESTIVAL.

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THE FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE WITH A CONCERT FEATURING POPULAR SINGERS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES ON JANUARY 17 AT MONG KOK STADIUM.

TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PARTICIPATION FROM THE PUBLIC, A PUBLICITY VAN WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TO DISTRIBUTE PROGRAMME LEAFLETS TO RESIDENTS.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG; THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE PRESIDENT, MR HO KWONG-HUNG AND HONORARY ADVISOR, MR KONG WING-ON.

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MORE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN SHAM SHUI PO
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BUILD ONE MORE MULTI-SERVICES CENTRE AND ANOTHER SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN SHAM SHUI PO IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE ELDERLY POPULATION THERE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SIK SIK YUEN HO CHAK SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE ELDERLY AT CHAK ON ESTATE IN SHAM SHUI PO, MR CHUI NOTED THAT THERE WERE ALREADY ONE MULTI-SERVICES CENTRE, EIGHT SOCIAL CENTRES, THREE SOCIAL CLUBS, THREE HOMES AND HOSTELS AND ONE DAY CARE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, ONE HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND AND ONE TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR ELDERLY WOMEN IN THE DISTRICT.

MR CHUI SAID THAT ELDERLY PEOPLE, WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROGRESS OF THE COMMUNITY, DESERVED OUR CARE AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SERVICES FOR THEM WITHIN THE LIMITED RESOURCES.

"NEVERTHELESS, CARE FOR THE ELDERLY THROUGH JOINT EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE COMMUNITY AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IS INADEQUATE AND IT CALLS FOR THE CHILDREN TO SHOULDER THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AND CARE FOR AND RESPECT THEIR PARENTS," HE SAID.

"THUS, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PROMOTING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION TOGETHER WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN PAST YEARS TO PROMPT FAMILY MEMBERS TO TAKE UP THEIR RESPONSIBILITY OF CARING FOR THE ELDERLY," HE ADDED.

MR CHUI STRESSED THAT THE CO-OPERATION OF RESIDENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE OPERATION OF THE HO CHAK SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE ELDERLY BY SIK SIK YUEN, WAS ALSO NECESSARY IN HELPING THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

HE COMMENDED SIK SIK YUEN FOR ITS WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES IN THE MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND WELFARE FIELDS, ESPECIALLY IN SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

RAIDAS SINGS NEW ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME SONG

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POPULAR LOCAL GROUP, RAIDAS, HAS PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT IN DISSEMINATING THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE THROUGH THEIR LATEST CANTONESE SONG "A DANGEROUS GAME" RECORDED IN THE NEWLY RELEASED ALBUM UNDER THE SAME TITLE.

CHOSEN AS THE 1987/88 ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME SONG, IT ATTEMPTS TO DESCRIBE THE DANGERS IN ABUSING PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES WHICH CAN BE AS LETHAL AS HEROIN.

THE MESSAGE OF THE SONG IS TO ASK YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS.

"THE LYRICS CLEARLY STATED THAT ABUSING PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS IS A DANGEROUS GAME," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID.

"PEOPLE THEREFORE SHOULD NOT TRY DRUGS IN ANY FORM, NOT EVEN ONCE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF SANCITY RECORDS LIMITED AND RECORDED IN RAIDAS'S LATEST ALBUM, "A DANGEROUS GAME" IS COMPOSED BY MR KENNETH WONG WITH LYRICS WRITTEN BY MR LIN XI.

COMPRISING MR KENNETH WONG AND MR THOMAS CHAN, RAIDAS WAS ASKED TO SING THE THEME SONG BECAUSE OF THEIR APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

THEIR SINGING CAREER STARTED AFTER THEY SNATCHED THE FIRST RUNNER-UP TITLE IN THE 1986 ABU POPULAR SINGING CONTEST.

THE SONG HAS ALSO BEEN CHOSEN AS THE THEME SONG FOR THE ANTI-NARCOTICS STAGE PLAY "A DANGEROUS GAME" PERFORMED BY THE CHUNG YING THEATRE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT GETS LOGO

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ADOPTED A LOGO FOR USE IN ITS DEPARTMENTAL LETTERHEADS, ENVELOPES AND INVITATION CARDS AS WELL AS IN NAME PLATES OF OFFICES, SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS AND SERVICE CENTRES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE LOGO, IN LIGHT GREEN COLOUR, HAS A COMBINED DESIGN OF A BOOK AND A LEAF REPRESENTING LEARNING AND THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE. IT WAS DESIGNED BY THE CREATIVE SUB-DIVISION OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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'KITE-FLYING JOY' PROGRAMME FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN RESIDENTS

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RESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A "KITE-FLYING JOY" PROGRAMME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE MID-LEVELS (WESTERN) AREA COMMITTEE.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE FUN OF DESIGNING AND MAKING THEIR OWN KITES.

CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (DECEMBER 14 AND 15) EVENING IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE IN SAI YING PUN. INSTRUCTORS FROM THE HONG KONG KITE-FLYING ASSOCIATION WILL TEACH THE BASIC TECHNIQUES AND MATERIAL WILL BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE.

TO ENCOURAGE MORE RESIDENTS TO TAKE UP KITE-FLYING AS RECREATION, A KITE-FLYING FUN DAY AND A COMPETITION WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AT THE PINWOOD PICNIC AREA.

YOUTHS UNDER THE AGE OF 15 SHOULD JOIN THE JUNIOR SECTION AND THOSE ABOVE 15 THE OPEN SECTION.

ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL; ITS SUB-OFFICES IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND KENNEDY TOWN; AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523499 OR 5-8523486.

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DB COMMITTEE MEETS TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATION

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR FUND FOR HOLDING THE 10TH YUEN LONG DISTRICT DANCING COMPETITION AND WINNERS' PERFORMANCE CONCERT IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORED RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL START AT 3 PM.

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HE SAID THAT AS IN THE PREVIOUS TEST RUN, ALTHOUGH THE BILL WAS DRAFTED AND GAZETTED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE AND THE LEGCO AD HOC GROUP IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BILINGUAL LEGISLATION AD HOC GROUP HAD SCRUTINISED BOTH VERSIONS OF THE BILL, ONLY THE ENGLISH TEXT WAS TO BE PASSED INTO LAW AT THE MEETING.

HOWEVER, AFTER A FEW MORE TEST RUNS AND WHEN MORE EXPERIENCE IN BILINGUAL LEGISLATION WAS GAINED, IT WAS HOPED THAT A BILL IN BILINGUAL FORM COULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

COMMENTING ON THE LINGUISTIC ASPECTS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL, MR WONG SAID THAT THE CHINESE TEXT WAS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL, AS THE VOCABULARY, USE OF TECHNICAL EXPRESSIONS AND SENTENCE STRUCTURE WERE MORE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE DAILY CHINESE USAGE.

MR WONG THANKED ALL CONCERNED FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTION, ADDING THAT THE CHINESE TEXT OF THIS BILL WOULD SHORTLY BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION.

STRESSING THAT LEGAL BILINGUALISM WAS NEW BUT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, MR WONG URGED THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED TO PLACE GREATER EMPHASIS ON ATTRACTING AND KEEPING SUITABLY QUALIFIED STAFF IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE JUDICIARY TO CARRY OUT NECESSARY RELATED PROJECTS.

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RHKJC TO RECEIVE FIXED PERCENTAGE RATE
FOR LOTTERY OPERATIONS

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UNDER THE PROPOSED BETTING DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, A FIXED 7.5 PER CENT OF THE PROCEEDS AFTER EACH LOTTERY WOULD BE PAYABLE TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TO COVER ITS OPERATING EXPENSES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE FIXED PERCENTAGE RATES, IF APPROVED, SHOULD HAVE RETROSPECTIVE EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1986, AND THE LOTTERIES BOARD HAD ESTIMATED THAT THE LOTTERIES FUND WOULD BENEFIT FROM AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF \$27 MILLION IN RESPECT OF THE CLUB'S 1986/87 FINANCIAL YEAR, HE ADDED.

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL, MR FORD SAID THAT UNDER THE EXISTING BETTING DUTY ORDINANCE, THE HONG KONG LOTTERIES BOARD MIGHT USE THE FACILITIES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR CONDUCTING PERMITTED LOTTERIES AND REIMBURSE THE CLUB FOR THE ACTUAL OPERATING COSTS.

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COOKING CONTEST FOR THE ELDERLY

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THIRTEEN ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR COOKING SKILL IN A CHINESE FOOD COOKING CONTEST ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 12) AT THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB, SHING TAK STREET, TO KWA WAN.

THE EVENT, HELD FOR THE THIRD YEAR, IS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY, KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

APART FROM GIVING ELDERLY PEOPLE A CHANCE TO EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN COOKING, THE CONTEST IS ALSO AIMED AT IMPROVING COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

EACH PARTICIPANT, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ASSISTANT, WILL BE REQUIRED TO COOK A POPULAR CHINESE DISH WITHIN 25 MINUTES AT A COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$40.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE JUDGED BY THEIR COOKING SKILL, RECIPE DESIGN, THE TASTE OF THE FOOD, TIDINESS AND TEAM WORK.

GIFT COUPONS RANGING FROM \$700 TO \$250 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNING TEAMS AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE PRESENTED TO FIVE OTHER OUTSTANDING TEAMS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COOKING CONTEST TO BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 12) AT THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB AT 42 SHING TAK STREET, TO KWA WAN.

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CAS RECRUITS IN PASSING OUT PARADE

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MORE THAN 140 MEN AND WOMEN RECRUITED BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL TAKE PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND IN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT 7.30 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 12).

THE RECRUITS HAVE COMPLETED A FULL BASIC TRAINING IN FOOTDRILL, DISCIPLINE, FIRST AID, LIGHT RESCUE, FOREST FIRE-FIGHTING, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND TYPHOON DUTIES.

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THEY HAVE SATISFIED EXAMINERS OF THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PERFORM DUTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND WILL BE POSTED TO VARIOUS CAS UNITS IN THE TERRITORY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR JOHN TODD, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE AND PRESENT SPECIAL CERTIFICATES TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING RECRUITS.

MR TODD WILL ALSO PRESENT CIVIL DEFENCE LONG-SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS TO CAS MEMBERS AND THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATIONS TO SEVEN CAS VOLUNTEER OFFICERS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ON GUIDANCE

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THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS WILL HOLD ITS THIRD CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ON GUIDANCE TOMORROW AND SATURDAY (DECEMBER 11 AND 12) AT THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE THEME OF THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE WILL BE "USING TESTS IN GUIDANCE: PRINCIPLES AND APPROACHES".

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY. THE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION AT THE TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER.

THE CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ON GUIDANCE IS AN ANNUAL FUNCTION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS TO PROMOTE GUIDANCE WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP WILL INTRODUCE TO PARTICIPANTS THE PRINCIPLES AND APPROACHES OF USING TESTS IN GUIDANCE AND THE METHOD OF INTERPRETING AND COMMUNICATING TEST RESULTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ON GUIDANCE AT MARINA ROOMS, SECOND FLOOR, THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 9.15 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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SPEEDPOST TO ISRAEL EXTENDED

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO ISRAEL WHICH IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO THREE CITIES WILL BE EXTENDED TO 17 MORE CITIES WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT TUESDAY (DECEMBER 15), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE 20 CITIES IN ISRAEL TO WHICH SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE ARE: AFULA, AKKO, ASHDOD, ASHQELON, BEER SHEVA, BENE BERAQ, HADERA, HAIFA, HERZLIYYA, JERUSALEM, NAHARIYYA, NETANYA, PETAH-TIQWA, QIRYAT MOTZKIN, RAMAT GAN, RAMAT HASHARON, REHOVOT, RISHON/LEZIYYON, TEL AVIV-YAFO AND TIBERIAS.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE FROM THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN CAUSEWAY BAY, NORTH POINT

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TWO URBAN CLEARWAYS WILL BE DESIGNATED IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND NORTH POINT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 12).

THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF YEE WO STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH JARDINE'S BAZAAR TO A POINT ABOUT 53 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

MEANWHILE, A SIX-METRE SECTION ON TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD IN NORTH POINT EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN CHIU STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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