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ANTI-AIDS CAMPAIGN ON RIGHT TRACK
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL DEVOTE AS MUCH MONEY AS IS NEEDED TO FIGHT THE AIDS PROBLEM, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY FOR A NEW EXTENSION OF THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL, MR FORD SAID AIDS IS A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM WORLDWIDE AND THERE WILL BE NO LACK OF RESOURCES IN DEALING WITH IT.

+ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE IN HAVING VERY FEW CASES HERE IN HONG KONG, NEVERTHELESS THERE IS AN OBVIOUS NEED TO IMPROVE EDUCATION AMONG THE PUBLIC, TO WARN THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE DANGERS, TO EDUCATE THEM ABOUT THE PROBLEM IN GENERAL, AND THAT IS WHY THE CAMPAIGN WAS EMBARKED UPON,+ HE SAID.

MR FORD SAID THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES HAD ADOPTED A SENSIBLE APPROACH IN THAT THEY HAD TAKEN VERY GREAT CARE IN TRYING TO DECIDE UPON THE THEMES OF THE PROGRAMME.

+THEY ARE GOING TO REVIEW THOSE IN THE LIGHT OF PUBLIC OPINION AND PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE PROGRAMME. EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD THE GOVERNMENTS UNDERTAKE AIDS PROGRAMMES. YOU WILL FIND THAT THEY ARE HEAVILY CRITICISED BY PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO SAID THEY'VE GONE TOO FAR OR THEY HAVEN'T GONE FAR ENOUGH,+ HE SAID.

HE THOUGHT THAT IN HONG KONG THE PROCEDURE WHICH HAD BEEN FOLLOWED WAS BEING VERY CAREFUL AND WAS A WISE ONE.

HE ADDED THAT PHASE TWO OF THE PROGRAMME, DEALING WITH THE PREVENTIVE SIDE OF AIDS WAS BEING LOOKED AT. THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT YESTERDAY BETWEEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED THAT THE USE OF CONDOM CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROGRAMME.

+I'M TOLD BY GIS THAT THIS IS LIKELY TO BE THE CASE. SO THE PROGRAMME WILL PROGRESS AND IT WOULD BE MONITORED AS WE GO ALONG,+ HE SAID.

ASKED ABOUT PROGRESS ON THE INDEPENDENT MEDICAL AUTHORITY, MR FORD SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS STILL CONSIDERING ALL THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONSULTANTS REPORT WHICH RAISED VERY BIG QUESTIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND GOVERNMENT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

+MR CHAMBERS (SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE) IS WORKING HARD ON IT NOW AND I HOPE THAT WITHIN A FEW MONTHS WE WILL BE ABLE TO GO TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR A DECISION ON WHAT WE SHOULD DO ABOUT THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY,+ HE ADDED.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR MARCH RELEASED
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STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH SHOWED A CONTINUATION IN THE RAPID GROWTH OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS IN MARCH. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ALSO GREW FASTER IN MARCH THAN IN FEBRUARY.

HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 (THE NARROWEST DEFINITION OF MONEY SUPPLY) FELL SLIGHTLY IN MARCH, REFLECTING A DROP IN THE AMOUNT OF CASH HELD BY THE PUBLIC. HONG KONG DOLLAR M2 AND M3, HOWEVER, GREW FASTER THAN IN FEBRUARY.

GROWTH IN LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ACCELERATED IN MARCH. LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE INCREASED RAPIDLY AFTER THE SLIGHT FALL IN FEBRUARY. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ALSO INCREASED.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR MARCH 1987 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS. TABLE 2 SETS OUT FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR.

DEPOSITS

IN MARCH, HONG KONG DOLLAR TIME DEPOSITS INCREASED RAPIDLY, BY 4.5 PER CENT, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 0.5 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. DEMAND AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS ALSO INCREASED, BY 0.9 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 2.4 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 1.4 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND 2.3 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. OVER THE YEAR (I.E. THE 12 MONTHS TO THE END OF MARCH), THESE DEPOSITS GREW BY 20.4 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ALSO GREW FASTER IN MARCH, BY 2.8 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.6 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND 2.4 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE DEPOSITS GREW BY 37.7 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 8.1 PER CENT IN MARCH AFTER A FALL OF 6.9 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 2.9 PER CENT IN MARCH AND BY 18.7 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR; ADJUSTED FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 2.3 PER CENT IN MARCH AND BY 41.8 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 3.0 PER CENT IN MARCH WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, THE FORMER GREW BY 37.0 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER FELL BY 15.8 PER CENT.

/HONG KONG DOLLAR

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY M1 FELL BY 0.5 PER CENT IN MARCH AS CASH HELD BY THE PUBLIC DECREASED BY 2.8 PER CENT. HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 HOWEVER GREW MORE RAPIDLY THAN IN FEBRUARY, BY 2.3 PER CENT AND 2.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, HK\$M1 GREW BY 29.5 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 28.5 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 20.3 PER CENT.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY M1 FELL BY 0.2 PER CENT IN MARCH, AFTER HAVING DECREASED BY 5.3 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 GREW BY 2.8 PER CENT AND 2.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1 INCREASED BY 29.5 PER CENT WHILE TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 INCREASED BY 35.8 PER CENT AND 28.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED AT A FASTER PACE IN MARCH, BY 4.1 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.3 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. OVER THE YEAR, THEY GREW BY 18.7 PER CENT.

LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 1.9 PER CENT IN MARCH WHILE LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES BY 6.3 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, THE FORMER GREW BY 18.3 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER BY 19.2 PER CENT.

WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG INCREASED BY 8.6 PER CENT AFTER A FALL OF 1.3 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY; OVER THE YEAR THEY GREW BY 23.4 PER CENT. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG INCREASED BY 2.8 PER CENT IN MARCH AFTER AN INCREASE OF 2.4 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY; OVER THE YEAR, THEY GREW BY 21.8 PER CENT.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ROSE BY 4.3 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 5.8 PER CENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 23.8 PER CENT.

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LOANS TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES INCREASED 0.1 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A DECREASE OF 3.0 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 3.8 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR INCREASED BY 6.4 PER CENT AFTER A FALL OF 8.1 PER CENT IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 1986. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS FELL BY 3.0 PER CENT.

LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME) CONTINUED TO INCREASE RAPIDLY, BY 9.2 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 11.6 PER CENT AND 7.7 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWO QUARTERS, REFLECTING THE CONTINUED GROWTH IN ACTIVITY IN THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MARKET. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 42.5 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS IS 149. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY ONE TO 36 AND THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY ONE TO 250.

/MONETARY STATISTICS

	Mar 1987	Earlier months (% change to March 1987)			(HK\$mn)
	-----	Feb 1987	Dec 1986	Mar 1986	
Money Supply					

M1 - HK\$	54,193	54,473 (-0.5 %)	51,600 (5.0 %)	41,850 (29.5 %)	
Foreign currency	5,190	5,046 (2.9 %)	4,494 (15.5 %)	4,021 (29.1 %)	
Total	59,383	59,519 (-0.2 %)	56,094 (5.9 %)	45,871 (29.5 %)	
M2 - HK\$	257,310	251,490 (2.3 %)	237,776 (8.2 %)	200,196 (28.5 %)	
Foreign currency	303,553	294,225 (3.2 %)	280,355 (8.3 %)	212,897 (42.6 %)	
Total	560,863	545,714 (2.8 %)	518,131 (8.2 %)	413,093 (35.8 %)	
M3 - HK\$	287,802	282,105 (2.0 %)	270,517 (6.4 %)	239,171 (20.3 %)	
Foreign currency	331,799	323,041 (2.7 %)	311,691 (6.5 %)	242,937 (36.6 %)	
Total	619,601	605,145 (2.4 %)	582,208 (6.4 %)	482,108 (28.5 %)	
Notes and coins in circulation	23,411	23,914 (-2.1 %)	22,412 (4.5 %)	21,329 (9.8 %)	
of which held by public	20,410	20,998 (-2.8 %)	19,295 (5.8 %)	18,504 (10.3 %)	
Deposits					

Demand deposits	38,974	38,521 (1.2 %)	36,799 (5.9 %)	27,367 (42.4 %)	
Savings deposits	137,204	136,541 (0.5 %)	125,476 (9.3 %)	100,013 (37.2 %)	
Time deposits with banks	355,711	341,407 (4.2 %)	329,078 (8.1 %)	260,825 (36.4 %)	
Time deposits with dtcs	54,910	55,432 (-0.9 %)	59,298 (-7.4 %)	65,208 (-15.8 %)	
All HK\$ deposits	260,361	254,208 (2.4 %)	245,103 (6.2 %)	216,294 (20.4 %)	
All foreign currency deposits	326,438	317,693 (2.8 %)	305,549 (6.8 %)	237,119 (37.7 %)	
Total	586,798	571,901 (2.6 %)	550,651 (6.6 %)	453,413 (29.4 %)	
Loans and advances					

To finance H.K.'s visible trade	39,360	36,228 (8.6 %)	35,502 (10.9 %)	31,885 (23.4 %)	
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	4,482	4,558 (-1.7 %)	4,595 (-2.5 %)	5,657 (-20.8 %)	
Other loans for use in H.K.	293,151	285,110 (2.8 %)	270,729 (8.3 %)	240,655 (21.8 %)	
Other loans for use outside H.K.	172,400	165,597 (4.1 %)	160,694 (7.3 %)	155,372 (11.0 %)	
Other loans where the place of use is not known	35,908	32,250 (11.3 %)	29,077 (23.5 %)	25,672 (39.9 %)	
All loans in HK\$	268,729	263,659 (1.9 %)	250,226 (7.4 %)	227,254 (18.3 %)	
All loans in foreign currencies	276,572	260,084 (6.3 %)	250,371 (10.5 %)	231,987 (19.2 %)	
Total	545,300	523,743 (4.1 %)	500,596 (8.9 %)	459,241 (18.7 %)	

TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - MARCH 1987

	(HK\$mn)			
	Mar 1987 -----	Earlier quarters (% change to March 1987)		
		Dec 1986 -----	Sep 1986 -----	Mar 1986 -----
Manufacturing	26,227	25,140 (4.3 %)	23,773 (10.3 %)	21,191 (23.8 %)
Transport and transport equipment	18,583	18,060 (2.9 %)	19,428 (-4.3 %)	20,438 (-9.1 %)
Building, construction and property development	36,819	34,603 (6.4 %)	37,635 (-2.2 %)	37,944 (-3.0 %)
Wholesale and retail trade	33,688	33,650 (0.1 %)	34,708 (-2.9 %)	32,460 (3.8 %)
Financial concerns*	23,975	23,064 (3.9 %)	22,424 (6.9 %)	19,619 (22.2 %)
Individuals:				
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	6,435	6,260 (2.8 %)	6,309 (2.0 %)	5,959 (8.0 %)
to purchase other residential property	46,848	42,902 (9.2 %)	39,835 (17.6 %)	32,875 (42.5 %)
other purposes	34,791	29,410 (18.3 %)	26,194 (32.8 %)	23,373 (48.9 %)
Others	65,786	57,640 (14.1 %)	51,752 (27.1 %)	46,797 (40.6 %)
Total	293,151	270,729 (8.3 %)	262,058 (11.9 %)	240,655 (21.8 %)

* This excludes funds advanced to banks and deposit-taking companies

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QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL EXTENSION TOPPED OUT
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THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES TO MEET EXPECTED POPULATION GROWTH AND TO IMPROVING STANDARDS WHENEVER THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE TOPPING OUT OF A \$389 MILLION EXTENSION TO QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AT POKFULAM.

MR FORD SAID MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES MADE UP ABOUT SEVEN PER CENT OF TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE AND THE CURRENT YEAR PROVISION WAS SEVEN PER CENT ABOVE LAST YEAR'S ALLOCATION.

HE SAID THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY MARKED A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS COMPLETION OF THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROGRAMME WHICH BEGAN IN 1982.

TO DATE, STAGE I OF THE PROGRAMME HAD BEEN COMPLETED WITH A NEW COMPUTERISED SCANNING UNIT AND A NEW PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT ALREADY IN OPERATION.

ON COMPLETION OF STAGE II IN MID-1989, THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD ADD 844 BEDS TO THE HOSPITAL, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER TO OVER 2 100.

+THE EXPANSION IS NEEDED TO MEET AN INCREASING DEMAND ON THE HOSPITAL WHICH HAS A BED OCCUPANCY RATE CONSISTENTLY ABOVE 85 PER CENT, AND AT TIMES EXCEEDING 90 PER CENT,+ MR FORD SAID.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF EXPANSION WERE IN PAEDIATRICS AND PSYCHIATRY, BUT OTHER DEPARTMENTS WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN A SHARE OF THE ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION MADE AVAILABLE ON THE VACATION OF THE EXISTING PAEDIATRIC AND PSYCHIATRIC WARDS.

IN ADDITION TO BEING THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG ISLAND, QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL ALSO PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN TRAINING MEDICAL PERSONNEL, PROVIDING BACK UP TEACHING AND RESEARCH FACILITIES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG FOR BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL TRAINING.

FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONSULTANTS APPOINTED TO REVIEW THE RANGE OF TEACHING FACILITIES IN HONG KONG, THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENT ALSO SOUGHT TO IMPROVE THE HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT AND ENHANCE THE STANDARDS OF TEACHING FACILITIES THROUGH THE MODERNISATION OF DIAGNOSTIC, TREATMENT AND CLINICAL SUPPORT SERVICES, HE SAID.

/MR FORD

MR FORD SAID THE EXTENSION PROGRAMME WOULD MAKE ROOM AVAILABLE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW SPECIALIST SERVICES SUCH AS A BURNS UNIT AND A RECONSTRUCTIVE UNIT FOR ACCIDENT PATIENTS WHO AT PRESENT HAD TO BE ACCOMMODATED IN GENERAL WARDS.

BY 1992, TOO, CENTRAL AIR-CONDITIONING WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALL WARDS.

+AS HONG KONG BECOMES MORE SOPHISTICATED IN TERMS OF LIFESTYLE, PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT, OUR MEDICAL SERVICES MUST ALSO KEEP ABREAST OF MODERN SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES AND AIM FOR EFFICIENT AND HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES,+ MR FORD SAID.

COMPLETION OF THE MAIN STRUCTURAL WORK OF THE TWO NEW MULTI-STOREY BLOCKS -- ONE FIVE-STOREY PODIUM WITH A 23-STOREY TOWER, THE OTHER A 12-STOREY BLOCK -- AND THE MAIN HOSPITAL ENTRANCE ALTERATION PROVIDES AN APPROPRIATE MILESTONE FOR THE HOSPITAL'S HALF CENTURY OF EXISTENCE.

STAGE II SITE FORMATION WAS COMPLETED IN LATE 1984, WHILE THE MAIN BUILDING WORK STARTED IN MAY THE FOLLOWING YEAR. COMPLETION OF STAGE II WILL ADD 76 000 SQUARE METRES OF SPACE TO THE HOSPITAL.

THE FIVE-STAGE EXTENSION PROGRAMME WILL BE FULLY COMPLETED IN 1992.

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SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION ORGANISED
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CO-OPERATION FROM INDUSTRIALISTS IN PREVENTING THEIR TRADE EFFLUENTS AND WASTE WATERS FROM DISCHARGING INTO STORM WATER DRAINS IS ESSENTIAL IN THE COMBAT AGAINST INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION.

THE PLEA CAME FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS BEEN CHECKING UP ON ILLEGAL DISCHARGES OF DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS, AT TUEN MUN IN PARTICULAR.

WITH THE RECENT GAZETTING OF THE FIRST APPOINTED DAY FOR THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE, THE DEPARTMENT IS PLAYING AN ACTIVE AND IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

THE DECLARATION IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT BY BACKING THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO CONTROL INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGES OF POLLUTANTS AND EFFLUENTS FROM DOMESTIC TREATMENT WORKS.

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT THE TUEN MUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION FROM INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS IN TUEN MUN, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (LIQUID AND SOLID WASTES), DR ELLEN CHAN, POINTED OUT THAT IN TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE, BLEACHING AND DYEING FACTORIES AND ELECTROPLATING FACTORIES WERE FOUND TO BE THE WORST INDUSTRIAL POLLUTERS.

+TRADE EFFLUENTS PRODUCED BY THE BLEACHING AND DYEING FACTORIES ARE OFTEN HOT, CORROSIVE IN NATURE AND HIGHLY COLOURED,+ SHE SAID.

+TRADE WASTES PRODUCED BY THE ELECTROPLATERS ARE ALSO HIGHLY CORROSIVE AND CONTAIN HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES SUCH AS CYANIDE AND HEAVY METALS SUCH AS ZINC, COPPER AND CHROMIUM.+

DESPITE THE AVAILABILITY OF PROPER DRAINAGE FOR RECEIVING DISCHARGES, DOMESTIC SEWAGE, INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS AND POLLUTED WASTE WATERS OFTEN FIND THEIR WAY INTO STORM WATER DRAINS VIA UNAUTHORISED CONNECTIONS, SURFACE CHANNELS, KERB GULLY TRAPS AND GRATING OPENINGS.

SHE POINTED OUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE REQUIRED THAT THE QUALITY OF WASTE WATERS DISCHARGED INTO PUBLIC FOUL SEWERS SHOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE FABRIC OF SEWERS, THE SAFETY OF SEWER WORKERS AND THE OPERATION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROCESS DOWNSTREAM.

+THE QUALITY REQUIRED DEPENDS ON THE TYPE OF BUSINESS THE FACTORY IS ENGAGED IN, VOLUME OF WATER USED, TYPES OF WASTES GENERATED AND ITS LOCATION,+ SHE SAID.

+LIMITATIONS NEED TO BE PLACED,+ DR CHAN SAID, +ON POLLUTANTS SUCH AS COLOUR, HEAVY METALS, AND OTHER TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. WHERE THE QUALITY OF A TRADE EFFLUENT IS IN BREACH OF THESE REQUIREMENTS, PRE-TREATMENT WILL NEED TO BE PROVIDED AT THE FACTORY'S OWN EXPENSE. SUCH PRE-TREATMENT MAY BE INSTALLED IN AN INDIVIDUAL FACTORY OR AS A CENTRALISED SYSTEM IN THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING TO SERVE SOME OR ALL OF THE OCCUPIERS.+

DR CHAN STRESSED THAT FACTORY OWNERS MUST FIRST APPOINT AN AUTHORISED PERSON WHO SPECIALISED IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT, THEN APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT ON EFFLUENT QUALITY REQUIREMENTS. THE PROPOSED TREATMENT SYSTEM WOULD THEN BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL.

+ONCE THE TREATMENT PLANT IS APPROVED AND CONSTRUCTED, THE FACTORY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AND OUR DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT ROUTINE TESTS TO MONITOR THE QUALITY OF THE EFFLUENT DISCHARGED.

+WHERE FACTORIES WHICH ARE BREACHING DRAINAGE CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS, THEY ALSO NEED TO APPOINT AUTHORISED PERSONS AND OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR ANY ALTERATION OF DRAINAGE WORKS.

+CURRENT LEGISLATION EMBODIED IN THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE REQUIRES POLLUTED WASTE WATERS TO BE DISCHARGED INTO FOUL SEWERS AND PROHIBITS THE DISCHARGE OF TRADE EFFLUENTS INTO STORM WATER DRAINS,+ SHE ADDED. +TO MEET THIS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS, THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ALL DRAINAGE WORKS IN FACTORY ESTABLISHMENTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY.+

DR CHAN CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN TUEN MUN AND THESE INCLUDED BOTH CONTROLLING POLLUTION AT ITS SOURCE AND ABATEMENT MEASURES SUCH AS:

- * THE PROVISION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO SERVE THE ENTIRE DISTRICT;
- * THE INSTALLATION OF A DRY WEATHER FLOW INTERCEPTION SCHEME TO INTERCEPT AND DISCHARGE POLLUTED SURFACE WATERS FROM THE HEAD OF THE NULLAH TO THE FOUL SEWERAGE SYSTEM;
- * THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL PROGRAMME;
- * MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE WATER CIRCULATION IN THE TUEN MUN TYPHOON SHELTER; AND
- * ROUTINE DREDGING OF POLLUTED BOTTOM SEDIMENTS IN THE NULLAH.

DURING HER PRESENTATION, DR CHAN SHOWED SLIDES TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE SEMINAR AS WELL AS PROVIDING POSTERS ADVOCATING THE CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS.

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NON-SMOKERS URGED TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT
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IT IS UP TO NON-SMOKERS TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO HAVE A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR GOOD HEALTH AND IT IS ALSO THEIR DUTY TO ASSIST SMOKERS TO GIVE UP THE HABIT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, DR RONALD LEUNG, TOLD A ZONTA CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

AS THE LATEST COLLECTED EVIDENCE ON PASSIVE SMOKING SHOWED THAT NON-SMOKERS COULD ALSO BE LETHALLY AFFECTED BY TOBACCO SMOKE, DR LEUNG SAID THIS SHOULD PROVIDE A REASON FOR A NEW ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT BY NON-SMOKERS.

HE EMPHASISED THAT MOST SMOKERS AS WELL AS NON-SMOKERS HAD BEEN FOUND TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF A RECENT SURGE OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION IN THE U.S. ENSURING CLEAN INTERNAL AIR IN THE WORKPLACE AND PUBLIC PLACES.

HE SAID DIVERSIONARY CALLS FOR MORE RESEARCH OR ATTENTION TO OTHER INTERNAL AIR POLLUTANTS SHOULD BE VIEWED AGAINST THE SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR AVAILABLE KNOWLEDGE ON THE NATURE OF TOBACCO SMOKE, THE LACK OF A SAFE LOWER LIMIT OF EXPOSURE FOR CANCER, THE OBVIOUS IRRITATION TO THE MAJORITY, AND THE SPECIFIC SERIOUS EFFECTS ON ASTHMATICS AND OTHERS.

HE DISMISSED THE SUGGESTION THAT SMOKING IN PUBLIC WAS A NATURAL RIGHT WHICH SHOULD OVERRULE THE RIGHT OF EVERYONE ELSE TO BE PROTECTED FROM THE HEALTH DANGER OF AMBIENT SMOKE.

CITING THE LEGAL MAXIM, +YOUR RIGHT TO SWING YOUR FIST ENDS WHERE MY NOSE BEGINS+, DR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT SMOKERS WOULD NOT BE PREVENTED FROM SMOKING WHERE THIS DID NOT AFFECT OTHERS.

DR LEUNG ALSO SAID KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER OF PASSIVE SMOKING WAS NEW AND NEEDED TO BE PASSED ON TO THE HONG KONG PUBLIC RATHER THAN CLAIMING THEY TOLERATED IT.

+THEY SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THEY ARE UNNECESSARILY EXPOSING THEIR LUNGS TO AMBIENT SMOKE,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED CIGARETTE SMOKING WAS THE MOST SINGLE IMPORTANT FACTOR OF PREMATURE DEATHS AND DISABILITY.

HE SAID IN THE UK, OUT OF 1 000 SMOKING TEENAGERS AS MANY AS 250 WOULD DIE OF SMOKING-RELATED DISEASES AS AGAINST ONLY 26 OF CAR ACCIDENTS AND 6 OF HOMICIDE.

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+IN HONG KONG, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 3 000 DEATHS ARE CAUSED BY SMOKING RELATED DISEASES, I.E., EIGHT DEATHS PER DAY FROM SMOKING,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT IT WAS NOT JUST THE SCALE OF PREMATURE DEATH WHICH PUT SMOKING IN THIS SPECIAL SERIOUS CATEGORY, IT WAS REGRETTABLE ALSO THE MOST EASILY PREVENTABLE CAUSE OF BOTH ILL HEALTH AND PREMATURE DEATHS WORLDWIDE.

DR LEUNG ALSO SAID THERE WAS SUFFICIENT MEDICAL EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT IF TOBACCO WERE A NEW PRODUCT, THE APPLICATION OF MODERN CONSUMER PROTECTION STANDARDS WOULD HAVE MEANT ITS OUTRIGHT BAN EVERYWHERE.

IN THIS CONNECTION, HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S RECENT BAN ON SMOKELESS TOBACCO, A FORM OF TOBACCO WHICH HAD NOT ESTABLISHED ITSELF IN THE TERRITORY.

DR LEUNG QUESTIONED WHETHER THOSE WHO CONTINUED TO SMOKE REALLY KNEW THAT THE RISKS OF SMOKING WERE OF COMPARABLE DEGREE TO OTHER THINGS THEY SEEMED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT.

HE SUGGESTED IT MUST BE BOTH THE ADDICTIVE NATURE OF THE HABIT AND THE LONG LEADTIME FOR CANCER WHICH +MADE CAUSE AND EFFECT SEEM REMOTE TO THE SMOKER+.

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VIEWS INVITED ON B SHARES
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THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM TODAY (WEDNESDAY) INVITED INTERESTED PARTIES TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE ISSUE OF B SHARES BY LIMITED COMPANIES.

THE MOVE FOLLOWED A RECENT DECISION BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO ASK THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE +WHETHER OR NOT THE PRESENT ABILITY OF COMPANIES TO ISSUE SHARES WITH VOTING RIGHTS DISPROPORTIONATE TO THEIR NOMINAL VALUE IS IN THE GENERAL INTEREST OF SHAREHOLDERS AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND IF NOT, TO IDENTIFY WHETHER ANY CHANGES TO THE PRESENT LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK ARE DESIRABLE+.

COMMENTS ON THE ISSUE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING BEFORE MAY 29 TO THE SECRETARY, STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM, REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, COMMERCIAL DIVISION, 21ST FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HONG KONG.

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TREE PLANTING PERIOD TO BE EXTENDED
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) EXTENDED THE 1987 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME HELD THIS MONTH TO THE FIRST TWO SUNDAYS IN MAY TO MEET INCREASING PUBLIC REQUESTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO MISSED THE PREVIOUS TREE PLANTING DAYS SHOULD GO TO THE SEVEN DESIGNATED PLANTING SITES ON MAY 3 AND 10 BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM WHEN SEEDLINGS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FREE FOR PLANTING.

THE SEVEN COUNTRY PARK PLANTING SITES ARE AT TAI MO SHAN, BRIDE'S POOL, MUI WO, POKFULAM, QUARRY BAY, PAK TAM CHUNG AND CLEAR WATER BAY.

THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR K.C. IU, SAID THAT DESPITE INCLEMENT WEATHER ON THE FIRST TWO TREE PLANTING DAYS IN EARLY APRIL, THE MONTH-LONG SCHEME HAD MET WITH OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC.

+SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF THE PROJECT, MORE THAN 15 000 PEOPLE HAVE PLANTED SOME 18 600 TREES.

+THE RESPONSE FROM PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS IS PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING. WHILE SOME 9 000 PARTICIPANTS CAME FROM THESE ORGANISATIONS, ANOTHER 1 500 FROM 30 ORGANISED GROUPS ARE AWAITING THEIR TURNS TO PLANT TREES. AND YET REQUESTS ARE STILL POURING IN,+ HE ADDED.

THIS INTEREST, HE SAID, IS A VIVID REFLECTION OF THE GROWING PUBLIC CONCERN FOR CARING FOR TREES AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

MR IU SAID HE EXPECTED A NEW RECORD FOR THIS YEAR'S SCHEME. LAST YEAR'S TURNOUT WAS 17 000 PEOPLE PLANTING ABOUT 20 000 TREES.

HE SAID THAT THERE WAS A NEW ATTRACTION IN THE CURRENT SCHEME IN THAT AFTER PLANTING A TREE, EACH PARTICIPANT WOULD BE GIVEN A SEED PACKET AND A COLOURFUL LEAFLET FOR RAISING SEEDLINGS AT HOME, FOR PLANTING IN THE 1988 PLANTING SEASON.

+THOSE WHO SUCCEED IN DOING SO WILL BE AWARDED A HANDSOME SOUVENIR,+ HE ADDED.

MR IU URGED ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT IN GROUPS TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON 3-7332121 FOR EARLY REGISTRATION.

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DELEGATION LEAVING ON AUSTRALIA FAMILIARISATION VISIT
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A DELEGATION OF FOUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL GO ON A FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO AUSTRALIA EARLY NEXT MONTH IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSALS FOR THE MODIFIED HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER.

THE DELEGATION, LED BY MARINE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEYOR GENERAL OF SHIPS, MR ALLAN PYRKE, WILL DEPART HONG KONG FOR CANBERRA AND SYDNEY ON SATURDAY (MAY 2) AND RETURN ON MAY 13.

OTHER MEMBERS ARE PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR OF SHIPS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, DR ANTHONY Y.C. LEE, SENIOR SURVEYOR OF SHIPS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR RAYMOND C.K. TANG, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY (ECONOMIC SERVICES), MISS JANET WONG.

DURING THE VISIT, THE GROUP WILL MEET OFFICIALS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT IN CANBERRA AND FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE DAY-TO-DAY WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEYORS BY VISITING THEIR SYDNEY OFFICE.

THE DELEGATION WILL LOOK AT THE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE METHODS USED BY THE AUSTRALIAN MARINE ADMINISTRATION IN THE CONTROL OF SHIPS ON THEIR REGISTER AND IN THEIR PORTS. TOPICS WILL INCLUDE THEIR REGISTRY PROCEDURES, CONSULTATION PROCESSES, THE DRAFTING AND ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION, CERTIFICATION AND EXAMINATION SYSTEMS, CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS, FINANCING, STAFFING, CREWING, EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY STANDARDS AND PORT STATE CONTROL.

+WE NEED TO FAMILIARISE OURSELVES WITH THE PRACTICES OF OTHER MARINE ADMINISTRATIONS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSALS FOR A MODIFIED SHIPPING REGISTER,+ MR PYRKE SAID.

+KNOWLEDGE OF THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE PRACTICES OF VARIOUS MARINE ADMINISTRATIONS IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM WHICH IS TAILORED TO FIT THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

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CENTRAL REGISTER INFORMATION FOR PRIVATE SECTOR
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NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS RECORDED IN THE CENTRAL REGISTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF.

THE COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTER OF AROUND 300 000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG SERVES AS THE SAMPLING FRAME FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEYS ON BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS, WHILE OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO MAKE USE OF THE REGISTER FOR PUBLICITY, SURVEY AND RESEARCH WORK.

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THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN MAKE USE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE NAME, THE ADDRESS, THE MAJOR TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS FOR MARKET RESEARCH, STATISTICAL SURVEY, BUSINESS AND PRODUCT PROMOTION PURPOSES.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PHOTOCOPY OR A MAGNETIC TAPE OF THE LISTING OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS.

A CHARGE WILL BE LEVIED FOR THIS SERVICE. THE RATES ARE \$2.50 PER PHOTOCOPY CONTAINING ABOUT 10 ESTABLISHMENTS, AND \$330 PER STREAM HOUR OF COMPUTER TIME IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON A MAGNETIC TAPE WHICH IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234760.

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CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY
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HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO CONVERGE ON CHEUNG CHAU THIS SUNDAY (MAY 3) TO SEE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL BUN FESTIVAL PROCESSION.

THERE WILL BE 12 FLOATS, LION AND UNICORN DANCES, FLAG PARADES, CHINESE FOLK DANCES AND FESTIVE MUSIC FEATURING DRUMS AND GONGS.

ALSO FEATURED IN THE PROCESSION WILL BE SHRINES OF DEITIES AND THE CHERISHED SWORD OF THE GOD PAK TEI.

THE TWO-HOUR PROCESSION WHICH INVOLVES SOME 2 000 PEOPLE INCLUDING SEVERAL HUNDRED SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL START AT 2 PM FROM THE PAK TEI TEMPLE AND WILL PASS THROUGH VARIOUS STREETS TO THE RECLAMATION AREA AT PRAYA STREET ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST OF HONOUR.

THE BUN FESTIVAL WAS FIRST ORGANISED ABOUT 100 YEARS AGO TO APPEASE THE SPIRITS OF PEOPLE KILLED BY PIRATES ON THE ISLAND AND HAD SINCE BEEN HELD WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

FESTIVITIES IN THIS YEAR'S BUN FESTIVAL WILL START TOMORROW (THURSDAY) WITH WORSHIPPING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BUNS AND SUNDAY'S PROCESSION WILL BE THE HIGH POINT OF THE WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL.

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AS A MARK OF SINCERITY AND HUMBLENESS, THE ISLANDERS WILL ABSTAIN FROM MEAT FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS FROM FRIDAY AND NO ANIMALS WILL BE SLAUGHTERED DURING THE PERIOD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL PROCESSION AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE RECLAMATION AREA OF PRAYA STREET.

PRESS POSITIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TELEVISION CREWS WILL BE ARRANGED NEAR THE VIP STAND. YOU ARE REMINDED THAT MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MOVE ON TO THE PATH OF THE PROCESSION DURING THE PROCESSION.

PRESS BADGES WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE OCCASION BUT AS THE NUMBERS ARE LIMITED, EACH ORGANISATION WILL ONLY BE ENTITLED TO ONE BADGE.

THE BADGES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT THE NEWS AND PUBLICITY DIVISION OF CNTA, 12TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, HARBOUR CITY, 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

A FERRY WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER, CENTRAL, AT 12.30 PM ON SUNDAY FOR CHEUNG CHAU. PRESS MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENT. THE FERRY WILL TAKE PRESS MEMBERS BACK TO CENTRAL AFTERWARDS.

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TV PROGRAMME TO PORTRAY YAU MA TEI DISTRICT

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A +GOOD MORNING YAU MA TEI+ TV PROGRAMME JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON TVB JADE ON MAY 8 FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM.

THE PROGRAMME WILL FEATURE THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DISTRICT, AS WELL AS THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS THREE COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY BUILDING MATTERS.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (WEDNESDAY), YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, SAID THE PROGRAMME SHOULD ENABLE THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS, TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRANSPORT AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS WILL SPEAK ON TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE DISTRICT DURING THE PROGRAMME.

THE TWO-HOUR SHOW WILL ALSO INTRODUCE THE WORK OF THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP UNDER THE DISTRICT OFFICE SINCE 1985 TO DEAL WITH MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS.

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MONG KOK DB TO DISCUSS HOUSING STRATEGY
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS THE RECENTLY-ANNOUNCED LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY.

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DEREK GOULD, AND SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR T.C. YUEN, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE STRATEGY AND ANSWER QUERIES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ORGANISATION OF A MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF IDENTITY WITH THE DISTRICT.

THEY WILL ALSO BE CONSULTED ON THE NEW MEMBERSHIP OF SYCAMORE ART GALLERY DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP AND THE ARRANGEMENT OF A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS FOR THIS YEAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO MEET
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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS RAISED BY MEMBERS TO PROVIDE AN ELDERLY CENTRE AND A HOME FOR THE AGED IN THE DISTRICT.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL REVIEW A REVISED BUDGET FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN 1987-88. IT IS PROPOSED TO SET ASIDE \$180 000 TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AND \$120 000 TO PUBLISH A KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD THIRD TERM REPORT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THREE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS TO FORM THE KOWLOON CITY ORIENTAL DANCE GROUP, PURCHASE DANCING COSTUMES FOR THE DISTRICT'S WESTERN DANCE GROUP, AND TO ORGANISE FOLK MUSIC SINGING CONTEST AND THREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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ORIENTATION FOR AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE AN ORIENTATION GATHERING FOR THE DISTRICT'S 1987-88 AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 1).

MORE THAN 150 NEWLY-APPOINTED MEMBERS FROM EIGHT AREA COMMITTEES ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE GATHERING IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO MEET AND BE ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF AREA COMMITTEES.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING. THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE BRIEFINGS ON VARIOUS MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISTRICT AND AREA COMMITTEES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ORIENTATION GATHERING FOR KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BE HELD AT 7.30 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 1) AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, 89 CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS AT PAK SHA WAN.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS PROPOSALS TO BAN GOODS VEHICLE ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND FROM THE ROAD NETWORK AT HANG HAU.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 10 AM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONES IN WO YI HOP ROAD
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TWO SECTIONS OF WO YI HOP ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY STARTING 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 1).

THEY ARE:

- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO HO FUNG COLLEGE AND ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KWAI CHUNG FIRE STATION QUARTERS; AND
- * THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KWAI CHUNG FIRE STATION QUARTERS AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO HO FUNG COLLEGE.

NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUS WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS THERE.

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OPERATING HOURS OF PARKING METERS SHORTENED
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THE OPERATING HOURS FOR ALL GOODS VEHICLE PARKING METERS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE SHORTENED FROM THE EXISTING 16 HOURS TO 12 HOURS WITH EFFECT FROM FRIDAY (MAY 1).

THE NEW OPERATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM INSTEAD OF FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT.

AFFECTED METERS ARE LOCATED AT KING WAH ROAD AND PAK FUK ROAD IN NORTH POINT, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, THE CAR PARK NEAR THE TEMPORARY MACAU FERRY BUS TERMINUS, YUE KWONG ROAD IN ABERDEEN, THE CAR PARK ON AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD NEAR LEE CHI ROAD IN AP LEI CHAU, SAN HA STREET, CHEUNG LEE STREET, FUNG YIP STREET, SUN YIP STREET AND ON YIP STREET IN CHAI WAN, AND HAU WO STREET IN KENNEDY TOWN.

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TAI PO TAPS OFF TONIGHT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 AM TOMORROW FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY PO HEUNG STREET, KWONG FUK ROAD, PAK SHING STREET, SUI ON STREET, HEI YUEN STREET, YAN HING STREET, YAN WO LANE, SHUNG TAK STREET AND WAI YI STREET, INCLUDING NAM SHING STREET, WAI YAN STREET, ON FU ROAD, TSING YUEN STREET AND FU SHIN STREET.

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