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GOVERNOR TO VISIT U.S. AND U.K.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL VISIT THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM LATER THIS MONTH.

SIR EDWARD WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON JANUARY 15 (TUESDAY) FOR NEW YORK, WHERE HE WILL OPEN THE NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR THE AMERICAS OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION ON JANUARY 17 (THURSDAY). HE WILL ADDRESS LEADING AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE BANK ON THAT DAY.

SIR EDWARD WILL FLY TO WASHINGTON THE FOLLOWING DAY. HE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND U.S. OFFICIALS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR WILLIAM DORWARD, COMMISSIONER FOR HONG KONG COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK.

THE GOVERNOR WILL TRAVEL TO LONDON OVER THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 19-20. HE WILL GIVE A LECTURE ON THE POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS OF HONG KONG TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE ON JANUARY 22 (TUESDAY).

WHILE IN LONDON, SIR EDWARD WILL ALSO HAVE CONSULTATIONS AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE.

HE WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON JANUARY 26 (SATURDAY).

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GUANGDONG NUCLEAR POWER STATION PROJECT

THE GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE HONG KONG NUCLEAR INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED THAT IT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THAT COMPANY PARTICIPATING WITH THE GUANGDONG NUCLEAR INVESTMENT COMPANY IN THE JOINT VENTURE TO BUILD, COMMISSION AND OPERATE A NUCLEAR POWER STATION IN GUANGDONG PROVINCE.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ADVISED THAT IT HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE HONG KONG NUCLEAR INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED PURCHASING POWER FROM THE PLANNED DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER STATION, FOR ONSALE TO THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE PARTIES INVOLVED.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED TO THIS EFFECT.

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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DB ELECTIONS

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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR HONG KONG'S FIRST TERRITORY-WIDE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7 WILL BE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO JANUARY 31.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY URGED PEOPLE WHO HAVE HONG KONG'S INTEREST AT HEART AND WHO ARE KEEN TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY TO COME FORWARD AS CANDIDATES.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, HE DESCRIBED THE COMING DB ELECTIONS AS A SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG.

+DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR VALUE IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE DISTRICTS AND IN TAKING INITIATIVE TO DISCUSS MAJOR POLICY ISSUES OF TERRITORY-WIDE IMPLICATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+MOREOVER, PROPOSALS IN THE WHITE PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT HAVE OUTLINED THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT THE BOARDS WILL PLAY IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

+FOR INSTANCE, LATER THIS YEAR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+AND EACH OF THE NEW DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE CHAIRED BY AN UNOFFICIAL BOARD MEMBER.+

MR AKERS-JONES BELIEVED THAT THE 237 ELECTED SEATS IN THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD BE KEENLY CONTESTED BY CANDIDATES REPRESENTING MANY SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE ELECTED SEATS WILL BE SPREAD IN THE 145 CONSTITUENCIES — 92 WITH TWO VACANCIES EACH AND THE REMAINING 53 BEING SINGLE-MEMBER ONES.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF EACH DISTRICT HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO ACT AS THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR HIS DISTRICT, AND NOMINATION MAY BE MADE DURING OFFICE HOURS ON WEEK DAYS TO THE RETURNING OFFICER CONCERNED.

ANY REGISTERED ELECTOR WHO HAS BEEN A RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE NOMINATION DATE CAN QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE ELECTIONS.

WHILE A PERSON CAN BE NOMINATED FOR ANY CONSTITUENCY, HE CANNOT BE NOMINATED TO STAND FOR MORE THAN ONE CONSTITUENCY.

A CANDIDATE WILL NEED TO BE NOMINATED BY 10 ELECTORS, INCLUDING A PROPOSER AND A SECONDER, IN THE CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH HE SEEKS ELECTION.

/BEFORE SUBMITTING

BEFORE SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION PAPER, A CANDIDATE IS ALSO REQUIRED TO PLACE A \$1 000 DEPOSIT WITH THE TREASURY, WHICH WILL BE RETURNED TO THE CANDIDATE IF HE POLLS MORE THAN ONE-EIGHTH OF THE VOTES CAST, EVEN IF HE IS NOT ELECTED.

IF A CANDIDATE STANDS UNOPPOSED FOR A CONSTITUENCY IN THE ELECTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DECLARED AS HAVING BEEN ELECTED AND NO VOTING WILL BE REQUIRED.

TO FAMILIARISE THE CANDIDATES WITH ELECTION PROCEDURES AND THE CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH HE OR SHE IS RUNNING, A SET OF PAPERS ON ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AND RELEVANT PART OF THE FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS CONTAINED IN THE FINAL REGISTER TO BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) STANDS AT 1 421 391, OF WHOM 426 070 ARE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND 995 321 IN THE URBAN AREAS.

COMPARED WITH THE 899 440 ELECTORS (198 272 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND 701 168 IN THE URBAN AREAS) AT THE START OF THE 1984 REGISTRATION EXERCISE, THE NEW TOTAL REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 58 PER CENT.

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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF
OCTOBER EXTERNAL TRADE RELEASED
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DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT AND 24 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME TERMS IN OCTOBER 1984, COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1983, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TOTAL EXPORTS - DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS - INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT. IMPORTS INCREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY NINE PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES WERE UP BY 10 PER CENT IN OCTOBER 1984, COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1983. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY THREE PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY SIX PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1984 WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1983 SHOWS THAT DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 21 PER CENT AND 31 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME TERMS, WHILE IMPORTS GREW BY 16 PER CENT. OVER THE PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ROSE BY 14 PER CENT, 15 PER CENT AND 13 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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A COMPARISON OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING IN OCTOBER 1983, SHOWS THAT THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, THUS GIVING A 23 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 16 PER CENT. PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 15 PER CENT WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 14 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS SEEN FROM THIS TABLE, THE EXPORT PRICES OF NEARLY ALL COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN OCTOBER 1984, COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1983, WITH THE INCREASES RANGING FROM THREE PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES TO 24 PER CENT FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN EXPORT PRICES WERE REGISTERED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-19%), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-10%), AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-3%).

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST OF THE COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+45%), DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+17%), ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+15%), TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+14%), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+13%) AND FOOTWEAR (+11%). HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-31%), TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-15%), TEXTILE FABRICS (-5%) AS WELL AS METAL MANUFACTURES (-4%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN THIS TABLE, IMPORT PRICES OF MOST OF THE END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED OVER OCTOBER 1983, WITH THE INCREASES RANGING FROM TWO PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO SIX PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR FUELS (-7%) AND CAPITAL GOODS (-1%).

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; VEGETABLES; RICE; CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS, OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR; AS WELL AS FRUIT. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR LIVE POULTRY, SUGAR, WHEAT AND FLOUR, TEA AND COFFEE AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MAJOR CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS, CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, PASSENGER MOTOR CARS, TOBACCO MANUFACTURES, CLOTHING AS WELL AS HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR WATCHES, MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND FOOTWEAR.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST OF THE RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE. AMONG THEM WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; RAW COTTON; THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS; FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES; FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; MAN-MADE FIBRES AS WELL AS CLAY, AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING MATERIALS, EXCEPT GLASS, INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF IRON AND STEEL, SILK FABRIC, COTTON YARN AND THREAD, BASE METALS EXCLUDING IRON AND STEEL, CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS, YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES AS WELL AS LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY 35 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF NEARLY ALL COMMODITIES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING OFFICE MACHINES, CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEXTILE MACHINERY WAS RECORDED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN THIS TABLE, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST OF THE END-USE CATEGORIES EXPANDED SUBSTANTIALLY, WITH INCREASES RANGING FROM 21 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 48 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. HOWEVER, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF FUELS AND FOODSTUFFS DROPPED BY 47 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE OCTOBER 1984 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE FROM JANUARY 12 AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES COMPARING OCTOBER 1984 WITH OCTOBER 1983 OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	EXPORT VALUE	EXPORT UNIT VALUE	EXPORT VOLUME
CLOTHING	+24%	+18%	+ 6%

/TEXTILE FABRICS

TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 9%	+15%	- 5%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-27%	+ 6%	-31%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+41%	+24%	+14%
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	+15%	+ 7%	+ 7%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+11%	- 3%	+15%
FOOTWEAR	+19%	+ 8%	+11%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+10%	+15%	- 4%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+17%	-19%	+45%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 2%	-10%	+13%
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	+ 3%	+21%	-15%
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	+21%	+ 3%	+17%
ALL COMMODITIES	+19%	+ 9%	+10%

TABLE 2 : CHANGES COMPARING OCTOBER 1984 WITH OCTOBER 1983
OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 1%	+ 3%	- 2%
CONSUMER GOODS	+22%	+ 2%	+20%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+11%	+ 6%	+ 4%
FUELS	-40%	- 7%	-35%
CAPITAL GOODS	+32%	- 1%	+32%
ALL COMMODITIES	+11%	+ 3%	+ 8%

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TABLE 3 : CHANGES COMPARING OCTOBER 1984 WITH OCTOBER 1983
OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	RE-EXPORT VALUE	RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE	RE-EXPORT VOLUME
FOODSTUFFS	- 6%	+ 7%	-12%
CONSUMER GOODS	+32%	+10%	+21%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+42%	+12%	+27%
FUELS	-45%	+ 5%	-47%
CAPITAL GOODS	+70%	+15%	+48%
ALL COMMODITIES	+38%	+11%	+24%

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PEOPLE MUST GET INVOLVED IN POLITICS - BRAY
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IF HONG KONG WAS TO PROSPER, POLITICS MUST BECOME AS SERIOUS A MATTER AS BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND FINANCE, MR DENIS BRAY, WHO HAS JUST RETIRED AS SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A FAREWELL LUNCH GIVEN FOR HIM BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND THE PO LEUNG KUK, MR BRAY SAID GOOD MEN MUST STAND FOR ELECTION.

+IF THOSE WHO HAVE BUILT HONG KONG INTO THE PROSPEROUS PLACE IT IS TODAY MAKE NO EFFORT TO PRESERVE THIS PROSPERITY, THEN THERE IS A REAL DANGER THAT THIS PROSPERITY WILL BE DESTROYED BY THOSE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE UNDERLYING REALITIES OF LIFE IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

HE RECALLED THAT IN 1951, THE UNITED NATIONS IMPOSED AN EMBARGO ON HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA, DESTROYING A WAY OF LIFE HERE ALMOST OVERNIGHT.

BUT HONG KONG CONVERTED FROM TRADE TO INDUSTRY TO STAY ALIVE AND ITS ENTREPRENEURS LEARNED THE SECRETS OF THIS NEW BUSINESS AND EXCELLED IN THEM.

+TODAY WE FACE THE POLITICAL EQUIVALENT OF THE 1951 TRADE EMBARGO. THE TIME SPAN IS LONGER BUT THE CHANGE IS NO LESS PROFOUND.

/+THE DAYS

+THE DAYS OF BENEVOLENT APPOINTMENT TO POWER IN GOVERNMENT ARE DRAWING TO A CLOSE. THE DAYS OF CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THOSE WHO TAKE POLITICS SERIOUSLY ARE AT HAND.

+I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE HONG KONG PROSPEROUS WILL STAND BY AND LET THIS PROSPERITY BE PUT AT RISK THROUGH INDOLENCE,+ MR BRAY SAID.

AS TIME WENT BY, THOSE IN POWER IN HONG KONG WOULD INCREASINGLY DERIVE THEIR AUTHORITY NOT FROM APPOINTMENT BUT FROM ELECTION, HE NOTED.

THEY WOULD BE THE MEN WHO WOULD DECIDE WHETHER TO CONTINUE WITH POLICIES THAT LEAVE PEOPLE TO GO ABOUT THEIR OWN AFFAIRS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE, DETERMINE THE RESOURCES TO BE DEVOTED TO SOCIAL SERVICES AND SET THE LEVEL OF TAXATION.

MR BRAY STATED THAT DESPITE THE IMPENDING CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, THE UNDERLYING REALITIES OF THE HONG KONG SITUATION WOULD NOT CHANGE.

IF HONG KONG PEOPLE WANTED TO CONSERVE THE BEST OF THOSE GOVERNMENT POLICIES WHICH HAD CREATED THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE TERRITORY HAD PROSPERED, THEY WOULD HAVE TO WORK VERY HARD AT POLITICS TO DO IT, HE SAID.

+NOBODY ELSE WILL DO IT FOR YOU,+ HE STRESSED.

HONG KONG, MR BRAY SAID, WAS UNIQUE IN LIVING WITH A GOVERNMENT WHICH IS NOT ELECTED BUT WHICH PRESERVES SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE ARRAY OF CIVIL LIBERTIES.

+GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE NOT ELECTED ARE FOUND IN PLENTY OF PLACES. GOVERNMENTS WHICH MAINTAIN CIVIL LIBERTIES ARE ALSO TO BE FOUND ELSEWHERE.

+THE HONG KONG COMBINATION OF BOTH IN THE SAME PLACE IS NOT FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE. STABILITY IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES CAN ONLY BE MAINTAINED BY NURTURING THE SORT OF SENSITIVITY TO PUBLIC FEELINGS AND ASPIRATIONS THAT WE HAVE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT,+ MR BRAY SAID.

+TODAY WE ARE ON THE THRESHOLD OF A TRANSFORMATION OF OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. NEXT OCTOBER THE MAJORITY OF THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE MEN AND WOMEN ELECTED BY HONG KONG PEOPLE NOT APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

+THE TIME HAS NOW COME FOR EVERYONE IN HONG KONG TO TAKE POLITICS SERIOUSLY,+ HE STATED.

HE REMINISCED ABOUT HONG KONG'S ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS ON MANY FRONTS, RANGING FROM ECONOMIC GROWTH, PUBLIC HOUSING AND EDUCATION TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES.

/MR BRAY

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MR BRAY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND THE PO LEUNG KUK.

+YOUR TWO ORGANISATIONS WERE, LIKE SO MANY SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATIONS, STARTED BY MEN WHO FELT A NEED TO GIVE SOME FORM OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVED.

+ORIGINALLY, BOTH WERE FINANCED ENTIRELY BY PRIVATE DONATIONS. TODAY MANY OF THE SERVICES YOU PROVIDE ARE RECOGNISED AS BEING AMONG THOSE THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD FINANCE,+ HE SAID.

SERVICE ON THE BOARDS OF THE TWO ORGANISATIONS HAD OFTEN MARKED THE START OF LONG CAREERS OF PUBLIC SERVICE BY DIRECTORS.

MANY WHO HAD SERVED ON THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS THAT TOOK PART IN THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG, HAD COME FROM THE TWO ORGANISATIONS, MR BRAY SAID.

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CEREMONIAL OPENING OF LEGAL YEAR
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THE CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE 1985 LEGAL YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY (JANUARY 7).

THE CEREMONY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS.

IT WILL BEGIN WITH A CHURCH SERVICE AT 3.30 PM IN THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, CAINE ROAD.

IN THE SECOND PART OF THE CEREMONY, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL INSPECT A MILITARY GUARD OF HONOUR AT THE EDINBURGH PLACE AT 5 PM.

FOLLOWING THIS, THERE WILL BE ADDRESSES IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL, STARTING AT 5.15 PM. THE FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE THE CHIEF JUSTICE; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION, MR HENRY LITTON; AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, MR TIMOTHY FRESHWATER.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CITY HALL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JUDICIARY REMINDED GUESTS ATTENDING THE CHURCH SERVICE THAT PARKING FACILITIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

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HE URGED THEM TO MAKE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TRY TO ARRIVE THERE BEFORE 3 PM IN VIEW OF THE RESTRICTED VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE CATHEDRAL.

+IF GUESTS COME IN CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN CARS, THEY SHOULD INSTRUCT THEIR DRIVERS TO RETURN AFTER 4.20 PM,+ HE SAID.

HE ALSO REMINDED THOSE GUESTS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL THAT THE JUDICIARY WILL NOT PROVIDE PARKING FACILITIES, AND GUESTS WILL HAVE TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS.

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EXPERT TO EXAMINE RESERVOIRS
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY SIGNED A \$6.1 MILLION AGREEMENT WITH A JOINT VENTURE OF TWO CONSULTANT FIRMS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF 46 RESERVOIRS AND LARGE SERVICE RESERVOIRS.

THESE RESERVOIRS ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTIONS AT INTERVALS OF FOUR TO FIVE YEARS TO ENSURE THEY ARE MAINTAINED IN A SAFE AND EFFICIENT STATE.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, AND THE RESIDENT PRINCIPAL OF THE JOINT VENTURE OF JOHN TAYLOR AND SONS (INTERNATIONAL) AND FREEMAN FOX AND PARTNERS (FAR EAST), MR JOHN WEBB.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE AGREEMENT INVOLVED THE EXAMINATION OF THE RESERVOIRS AND SERVICE RESERVOIRS BY AN ENGINEER FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

+BEING A QUALIFIED EXPERT ON DAMS AND RESERVOIRS, THE ENGINEER WILL BE SUPPORTED BY A TEAM OF SPECIALISTS,+ HE SAID.

+HE WILL MAKE REFERENCE TO UP-TO-DATE RECORDS OF THE CONDITIONS OF THE DAMS AND RESERVOIRS, CARRY OUT DETAILED SITE INSPECTIONS ON THE DAMS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS, CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AND ANALYSES ON THE GEOLOGICAL, HYDROLOGICAL AND STRUCTURAL ASPECTS AND PRODUCE REPORTS ON THE SAFETY SITUATION UNDER THE WORST PROBABLE CONDITIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE REPORTS WILL ALSO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY MEASURES OR REMEDIAL WORKS NECESSARY TO ENSURE SAFETY.

THE WHOLE EXERCISE IS EXPECTED TO TAKE FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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EXHIBITIONS ON LABOUR LAW
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD THREE EXHIBITIONS ON LABOUR LEGISLATION THIS MONTH AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

THE EXHIBITIONS, ORGANISED FOR THE SECOND YEAR BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT, WILL CONSIST MAINLY OF DISPLAYS OF PICTURES AND GRAPHICS EXPLAINING THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, AS WELL AS SOME GENERAL CONCEPTS OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

EACH EXHIBITION WILL LAST FOR THREE DAYS AND THE FIRST ONE WILL START TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE SECOND EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 18 TO 20 AT THE WO CHE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IN SHA TIN AND THE THIRD, FROM JANUARY 25 TO 27 AT HENNESSY CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID SIMILAR EXHIBITIONS HELD LAST YEAR ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF VISITORS AND HAD BEEN WELL-RECEIVED BY WORKERS, EMPLOYERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MANY UNNECESSARY DISPUTES COULD BE AVOIDED IF BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES HAD A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF LABOUR LEGISLATION AND REALISED THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ATTACHED MUCH IMPORTANCE TO PROMOTING HARMONIOUS LABOUR RELATIONS.

TALKS AND SEMINARS ON LABOUR LEGISLATION AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS HAD BEEN ORGANISED EACH YEAR TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE, HE SAID.

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FIRST-TIME ENTRIES TO EXAM NEED APPROVAL
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SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER FORM-MIDDLE 5 CANDIDATES AND +ENGLISH ONLY+ CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION REQUIRES APPROVAL FROM THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY.

FOR THE 1986 EXAMINATION, THEY MUST APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

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THE SAME PROCEDURE APPLIES TO SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR CERTAIN PRACTICAL SUBJECTS.

THESE SUBJECTS INCLUDE ART - PAPER 9 (COURSE WORK), BIOLOGY, HUMAN BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, COMPUTER STUDIES, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, DRESS-MAKING, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, ENGINEERING SCIENCE, HOME ECONOMICS, METALWORK, NEEDLEWORK-DRESS, PHYSICS, POTTERY, PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY, SHORT-HAND, TECHNICAL DRAWING, TYPEWRITING AND WOODWORK.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11/F, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON. APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SAME OFFICE.

HANDBOOKS OF REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUSES FOR THE 1986 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS) ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY'S PUBLICATIONS UNIT AT 17 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALE CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL SURVEY SET FOR THIS MONTH
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING THIS MONTH A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THIS IS A QUARTERLY SURVEY AND ITS RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 34 000 ESTABLISHMENTS, DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS. THEY INCLUDE THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES) AND THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS).

INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND THE EXISTING VACANCIES ON DECEMBER 28, 1984 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH ESTABLISHMENT.

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SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE SELECTED FROM THE SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1984.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS MAY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT 5-436551, 5-444301, 5-455661 OR 5-455668.

THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT DURING OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1984 WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE.

FIELD OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, EXISTING VACANCIES, THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, THE NATURE OF BUSINESS AND THE DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS COMMENCED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THESE FIELD VISITS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT AT 5-444364.

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ADVANCED LAW COURSE FOR JOURNALISTS
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JOURNALISTS ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR AN ADVANCED LAW COURSE TO BE OFFERED THIS YEAR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

THE COURSE IS ORGANISED AT THE REQUEST OF THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TO GIVE JOURNALISTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF LAW.

THE COURSE COMPRISES 16 LECTURES OF TWO HOURS EACH AND WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAYS BETWEEN MARCH 6 AND JUNE 19.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE COURT PROCEDURE AND REPORTING, LAW OF PRIVACY, CENSORSHIP, DEFAMATION, MEANING OF COPYRIGHT AND CONTEMPT OF COURT.

THE FEE FOR THE COURSE IS \$320 PER PERSON. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL PAY \$100 ONLY, WITH THE BALANCE TO BE BORNE BY THE COUNCIL.

ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 45 AND THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS FEBRUARY 15 (FRIDAY).

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR FRANK NG, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, ON 5-8932341, EXT. 283 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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PROMOTIONS AT URBAN SERVICES DEPT

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THREE CHIEF HEALTH INSPECTORS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SUPERINTENDENT. THEY ARE MESSRS LEE SHEUNG-YEE, WONG SHIU-KWONG AND HA KAM-KAYE.

MR LEE IS AT PRESENT THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF KWAI CHUNG AND MR WONG, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF KWUN TONG. MR HA IS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING A TRAINING COURSE IN BRITAIN.

AT A CEREMONY TODAY (THURSDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, PRESENTED THE PROMOTION LETTERS TO MESSRS LEE AND WONG.

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CYCLING PROHIBITED ZONE

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 4), CYCLING WILL BE PROHIBITED ON THE HILL SIDE OF TING KOK ROAD BETWEEN TAI MEI TUK VILLAGE AND THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

WITHIN THIS PROHIBITED ZONE, NO RIDING OF BICYCLES WILL BE ALLOWED. HOWEVER, PUSHING OR OTHERWISE TRANSPORTING BICYCLES THROUGH THE ZONE WILL BE PERMITTED.

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