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Experts to meet on transfer of archives

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Experts from the two sides of the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group will meet in Hong Kong on Monday (February 3) to discuss the transfer of Hong Kong's archives.

The British side will be led by British Representative, Mr Alan Paul. The Chinese side will be led by Chinese Representative, Mr Wang Weiyang. They will be assisted by experts from the two sides.

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Appointments to JSC announced

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The Government today (Friday) announced that the Hon Mr Justice Gerald Paul Nazareth; the Hon Mr Justice Patrick Chan; Miss Gladys Li, QC; Mr Roderick Woo; Dr Victor Fung Kwok-king; Mrs Eleanor Ling Ching-man; and Sir Joseph E Hotung have been reappointed as members of the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) up till June 30, 1997.

The functions of the JSC are to advise the Governor regarding:

- (a) the filling of vacancies in judicial offices;
- (b) such representations from a judicial officer concerning conditions of service as may be referred to it by the Governor; and
- (c) any matter affecting judicial officers which may be prescribed or which the Governor may refer to the Commission.

The Chief Justice is the ex officio Chairman of the JSC and the Attorney General is an ex officio member. The seven other members are appointed by the Governor. They comprise two judges, one barrister, one solicitor and three lay members.

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Transport permit and certificate fee revision tomorrow

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Fees for a number of transport related permits and certificates under various Road Traffic Regulations will be revised from tomorrow (Saturday).

A spokesman for the Transport Department said today (Friday): "It is the Government's policy that fees should in general be set at cost recovery levels.

"The revision would have minimal effect on the public."

Details of the fee revision published in the Government Gazette on December 13, 1996 for implementation from tomorrow are as follows:

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Existing Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Revised Fee (\$)</u>
* Fee for designation or renewal of designation of a place as a car testing centre	10,000	12,100
* Fee for supply of a form of a certificate of roadworthiness for private car	48.5	58
* Fee for a cleaner's permit	33	45
* Certificate of particulars in the vehicle register fee	38	45
* Vehicle Registration Fee	76	100
* Duplicate trade licence or permit	60	65
* Permit and Certificate Fees		
(i) International fiscal permit	120	145
(ii) International certificate	120	160
(iii) Certificate of maximum load and maximum permissible weight	120	145
(iv) Closed road permit		
- for a private car	516	540
- for a goods vehicle	432	456
- for a bus	432	456
(v) Goods permit	165	260
(vi) Excess passengers permit	170	175
(vii) Movement permit	470	560

* Duplicate permit for village vehicle	55	70
* Fee for licence for ferry services	160	175
* Permit for exceeding vehicle length and width, and in need of escort when passing Government tunnels	79	82
* Permit for		
(i) Left hand drive permit	100	110
(ii) Exceeding vehicle length, width and weight	100	110
(iii) Advertisement on public vehicles	100	110
* Fee for a school hire car service permit	500	565
* Duplicate hire car permit	110	130
* Passenger Service Licence Fees		
(i) Public bus service	350	396
(ii) Public light bus service	350	396
(iii) Private bus service	350	396
* Passenger Service Licence Certificate Fees		
(i) Public bus service	145	160
(ii) Public light bus service	145	160
(iii) Private bus service	145	160
(iv) Any duplicate certificate	82	100

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New bilingual forms for supplying information to registry

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The Registrar of Companies, Mr Gordon Jones, announced today (Friday) that, as from February 10, presentors may submit documents to the Companies Registry in either English or Chinese.

To assist presentors, the registry has designed 11 new bilingual forms which may be used for supplying the most frequently used information to the Registry.

"With the Companies Ordinance and the relevant subsidiary legislation duly translated into Chinese and authenticated by the Legislative Council, the Companies Registry is now in a position to accept documents in either English or Chinese," Mr Jones said.

"Having been authorised under the Companies (Amendment) Ordinance 1997, which was enacted on January 8, 1997, to specify forms under the Companies Ordinance, we have re-designed all the important forms, to make them bilingual and more user-friendly."

The new forms, 11 in number, include annual returns, forms for notification of appointment of directors and secretaries and changes in their particulars, notification of address of registered office, notification of mortgage or charges details, registration of an overseas company and so forth.

Initially these new forms are acceptable for filing concurrently with the existing forms. However, after August 10 this year, only the new bilingual forms will be acceptable. The remainder of some of the old forms will be converted into bilingual ones later on.

"In order to help presentors to use the new bilingual forms, free sample copies of the new bilingual forms will be available from the Companies Registry for an initial period of three months," Mr Jones added.

Thereafter, presentors will be able to purchase them from the Government Publications Centre. If, however, presentors wish to prepare their own forms, they may do so, provided that the forms comply with the requirements of the Companies Registry.

For more details, presentors may contact the registry's Customer Services Manager on 2867 4570 or the Assistant Registry Manager (Administration) on 2867 2593.

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HK needs skilled craftsmen

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Hong Kong still requires a continual supply of technically skilled manpower although many manufacturing industrial firms have relocated their production lines to China.

This was stated by the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, Mr Hugh Phillipson, at the department's 46th Craft Apprentices Graduation Ceremony today (Friday).

"The present boom of infrastructural capital projects and building works in the territory will create a demand in skilled craftsmen in electrical and mechanical engineering services industry.

"This includes the new airport and its associated infrastructure which will be in operation next year.

"The need for skilled mechanical staff is not just for construction but for long-term operation and maintenance," Mr Phillipson said.

While congratulating the graduates on their successful completion of the apprenticeship, Mr Phillipson urged them to keep abreast of new knowledge and techniques to meet rapid changes in technology.

At today's ceremony, 14 craft apprentices were presented with graduation certificates and trophies for completion of their four-year training.

Among them were winner of the Laishley Cup for Best Craft Apprentice, Mr Law Wing-hon; and Mr Lie Yin-fung, who was awarded the Howes Plaque for his good performance during basic training.

The Government Apprentice Training Scheme was introduced in 1969 with an aim to provide training craftsmen and technicians for both the Government and the community.

The scheme is being run by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and jointly sponsored by the Water Supplies and Fire Services departments.

Apprentices are required to complete a four-year training, which includes both theoretical learning and practical work through studying at technical institutes and attachments to the various workshops of the participating government departments.

So far, more than 2,000 craftsmen and 700 technicians have successfully completed their training and are making valuable contributions to various industries in Hong Kong.

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Amendments proposed to Nurses Registration Ordinance

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The Nurses Registration Ordinance will be amended to meet current needs of the profession.

Under the proposed Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill 1997 which is gazetted today (Friday), the Nursing Board will be renamed as the "Nursing Council" and the composition expanded to broaden its representation.

"We propose to increase the number of lay members from one to two, to provide for six members who shall be elected from all registered and enrolled nurses, and to reduce the number of appointed registered nurses from 10 to six," a spokesman for the Health and Welfare Branch said.

"Two members will also be selected from a pool of persons nominated by the tertiary institutions which have a nursing programme."

The spokesman explained that the introduction of an elected element into the Council was in line with Government policy of encouraging a greater involvement of the profession in its own affairs.

The Bill further proposes to empower the Council to remove the name of a nurse from the register/roll if he/she no longer practises nursing in Hong Kong. The requirement that nurses should be 21 years old and enrolled nurses 20 years old in order to become eligible for registration or enrolment will be deleted.

Limited registration will be provided to enable nurses trained outside Hong Kong to practise nursing while undertaking short term post-registration training courses in the territory.

The spokesman noted that the level of fines and imprisonment for offences under the Ordinance would be increased to maintain their deterrent effect and reflect better the seriousness of the offences.

The Bill which is supported by the Nursing Board will be introduced into the Legislative Council on February 19.

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Proposed amendments to Midwives Registration Ordinance

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The Midwives Registration (Amendment) Bill 1997 which seeks to broaden the representation of the Midwives Board and to amend the principle Ordinance to meet current needs is published in the gazette today (Friday).

The Bill proposes to increase the number of lay members and representatives from hospitals which train midwives and to rename the Board as the "Midwives Council". Subsequent to the increase, the Council will have 19 members as compared with 14 as at present.

The Midwives Council will be empowered to remove the name of a midwife from the register if she no longer practises midwifery in Hong Kong or if she has practised midwifery for a period exceeding six months without having obtained a practising certificate, a spokesman for the Health and Welfare Branch said.

Provisions relating to the prohibition of persons from attending a woman in childbirth will be amended to make clear that only registered medical practitioners or registered midwives can attend a woman in childbirth except in the case of an emergency or when the person attending the woman in childbirth is undergoing training, he added.

To maintain an up-to-date record, it is proposed that a system be introduced to require registered midwives to obtain practising certificates before they can practise midwifery in Hong Kong. This is in line with the practice of other medical and related professionals.

The level of fines and length of imprisonment for offences under the Ordinance will also be raised. In addition, the requirement that a person be 21 years old for registration will be removed.

The Bill has the support of the Midwives Board. It will be introduced into the Legislative Council on February 19.

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Monetary statistics for December 1996 released

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According to statistics published today (Friday) by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, both deposits and loans and advances decreased slightly during December 1996.

Figures for December 1996 and comparisons with earlier months are summarised in Table 1.

Deposits

Total deposits fell by 1.1% in December 1996, reversing the rise of 3.6% in November. This resulted from decreases in both HK\$ deposits and foreign currency deposits of 1% and 1.1% respectively.

The decrease in HK\$ deposits was led by the decline in time deposits, which outweighed rises in both demand and savings deposits.

Having surged by 6.6% in November due to placements of new share subscription money, time deposits fell by 3.5% in December. On the other hand, savings deposits grew further by 2.5% in December, following a rise of 4.1% in November, while demand deposits reversed the 2.2% drop in November and registered an increase of 8.6% in December.

The growth pattern of deposits in recent months had been affected by the active asset market activities.

The 1.1% fall in foreign currency deposits was due to a decrease of 2.7% in US\$ deposits, which more than offset an increase of 0.5% in non-US\$ foreign currency deposits. The latter edged up in December after falling for four months in a row.

Loans and Advances

Total loans and advances fell slightly by 0.2% in December, following a rise of 2.5% in November. Domestic credit decreased by 0.5% in December, as a 1.2% increase in loans for trade financing was outweighed by a 0.7% fall in other loans for use in Hong Kong. The fall in the latter was, however, largely the result of the high base of comparison at end-November, which was boosted by loans for share subscription.

Offshore loans rose slightly by 0.1% in December.

Analysed by currency, HK\$ loans fell by 1% while foreign currency loans grew by 0.3% during the month. As the decline in HK\$ loans was more moderate than that of HK\$ deposits, the HK\$ loan-to-deposit ratio edged up to 103.3% at end-December, from 103.2% at end-November.

Quarterly Analysis of Loans for Use in Hong Kong by Major Economic Sector

Loans for use in Hong Kong grew faster by 4.5% in the December quarter, compared with the 2.0% increase in the September quarter.

Loans for trade financing rebounded by 1.4% in the December quarter and registered a 6.7% growth for 1996 as a whole.

Loans for building, construction and property development and investment and for residential mortgages grew further strongly, by 7.5% and 5.8% respectively, along with the buoyant property market.

Loans to financial concerns and stock-brokers also recorded notable growths of 6.7% and 25.5% respectively. Nevertheless, loans to the manufacturing sector were virtually unchanged, having slowed to an increase of 2.1% in the September quarter.

Loans for wholesale and retail trade also fell by 1.5%, after rising by a cumulative 7.9% in the preceding three quarters.

Money Supply

HK\$M1 surged by 6.1% in December, led by an increase of 8.6% in HK\$ demand deposits and a rise of 2.3% in currency held by the public. On the other hand, HK\$M2 and HK\$M3 both decreased by 0.7% in December, having risen by 14.9% and 14.8% in the preceding six months respectively.

During 1996, HK\$M1 rose by 15.8%, HK\$M2 increased by 19.3% while HK\$M3 grew by 19%.

TABLE 1 : MONETARY STATISTICS - DEC 1996

	(HK\$mn)			
	Dec 1996	Earlier months (% change to Dec 1996)		
		Nov 1996	Sep 1996	Dec 1995
Money Supply				
M1 - HK\$	198,690	187,289 (6.1)	186,849 (6.3)	171,642 (15.8)
Foreign currency	19,149	19,945 (-4.0)	19,519 (-1.9)	18,830 (1.7)
Total	217,840	207,235 (5.1)	206,368 (5.6)	190,471 (14.4)
M2 - HK\$@	1,503,728	1,514,450 (-0.7)	1,405,397 (7.0)	1,260,427 (19.3)
Foreign currency*	1,003,564	1,015,240 (-1.2)	994,893 (0.9)	1,005,674 (-0.2)
Total	2,507,292	2,529,690 (-0.9)	2,400,290 (4.5)	2,266,101 (10.6)
M3 - HK\$@	1,520,586	1,531,238 (-0.7)	1,421,602 (7.0)	1,278,288 (19.0)
Foreign currency*	1,066,107	1,079,444 (-1.2)	1,059,913 (0.6)	1,068,927 (-0.3)
Total	2,586,692	2,610,683 (-0.9)	2,481,516 (4.2)	2,347,215 (10.2)
Notes and coins in circulation	87,113	84,176 (3.5)	84,139 (3.5)	81,667 (6.7)
of which held by public	76,516	74,816 (2.3)	74,416 (2.8)	71,335 (7.3)
Total Deposits				
Total Demand deposits	141,323	132,419 (6.7)	131,952 (7.1)	119,136 (18.6)
Total Savings deposits	520,575	505,110 (3.1)	478,066 (8.9)	439,397 (18.5)
Total Time deposits	1,771,433	1,822,139 (-2.8)	1,724,327 (2.7)	1,650,957 (7.3)
With licensed banks	1,712,989	1,763,464 (-2.9)	1,663,867 (3.0)	1,594,476 (7.4)
With restricted licence banks	42,897	42,888 (0.0)	44,950 (-4.6)	38,125 (12.5)
With deposit-taking companies	15,547	15,787 (-1.5)	15,509 (0.2)	18,356 (-15.3)
HK\$ deposits@	1,400,202	1,414,677 (-1.0)	1,304,136 (7.4)	1,171,627 (19.5)
Demand deposits	122,174	112,473 (8.6)	112,433 (8.7)	100,307 (21.8)
Savings deposits	366,109	357,293 (2.5)	335,475 (9.1)	300,697 (21.8)
Time deposits@	911,918	944,911 (-3.5)	856,229 (6.5)	770,622 (18.3)
US\$ deposits*	517,126	531,373 (-2.7)	510,272 (1.3)	524,335 (-1.4)
Other foreign currency deposits*	516,004	513,617 (0.5)	519,937 (-0.8)	513,529 (0.5)
Foreign currency deposits*	1,033,130	1,044,990 (-1.1)	1,030,208 (0.3)	1,037,864 (-0.5)
All deposits	2,433,332	2,459,667 (-1.1)	2,334,345 (4.2)	2,209,490 (10.1)
Foreign currency swap deposits	38,502	39,043 (-1.4)	39,266 (-1.9)	49,808 (-22.7)
Total Loans and advances				
Loans for use in H.K.	1,820,627	1,829,423 (-0.5)	1,742,326 (4.5)	1,571,808 (15.8)
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	165,314	164,088 (0.7)	163,403 (1.2)	155,884 (6.0)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	19,979	19,017 (5.1)	19,372 (3.1)	17,732 (12.7)
Other loans for use in H.K.	1,635,335	1,646,318 (-0.7)	1,559,551 (4.9)	1,398,193 (17.0)
Loans for use outside H.K.#	2,092,631	2,090,142 (0.1)	2,077,899 (0.7)	2,166,750 (-3.4)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	2,052,056	2,049,288 (0.1)	2,037,606 (0.7)	2,128,640 (-3.6)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	40,575	40,854 (-0.7)	40,292 (0.7)	38,110 (6.5)
Loans in HK\$	1,446,238	1,460,511 (-1.0)	1,385,226 (4.4)	1,237,330 (16.9)
Loans in foreign currencies	2,467,020	2,459,054 (0.3)	2,434,999 (1.3)	2,501,228 (-1.4)
Total loans and advances	3,913,258	3,919,565 (-0.2)	3,820,224 (2.4)	3,738,558 (4.7)

* Adjusted to exclude foreign currency swap deposits.

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Including those where place of usage is unknown.

Note : Data may not add up to total due to rounding.

TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - DEC 1996

<u>Sectors</u>	<u>Dec 1996</u>	<u>Adjusted# % change from earlier quarters to Dec 1996</u>		
	<u>(HK\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Sep 1996</u>	<u>Jun 1996</u>	<u>Dec 1995</u>
Trade Financing	185,293	1.4	-2.4	6.7
Manufacturing	107,768	0.0	2.0	7.6
Transport and transport equipment	83,195	6.2	6.9	20.0
Building, construction, property development and investment	330,157	7.5	12.7	26.0
Wholesale and retail trade	176,691	-1.5	1.8	6.3
Financial concerns *	205,792	6.7	8.4	13.9
Individuals:				
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	50,623	0.8	0.8	6.6
to purchase other residential property	370,122	6.5	11.1	22.7
other purposes	129,322	3.4	7.1	15.5
Others	181,664	6.0	4.2	14.5
Total	1,820,627	4.5	6.6	15.8

With the introduction of the new Return on Loans and Advances and Provisions (as revised from the Return on Loans and Advances for Use in Hong Kong) as from December 1994, a number of AIs have reclassified certain components. As a result, the figures are not strictly comparable with those of previous quarters. The percentage changes given above have been adjusted, so far as possible, to remove the reclassification effect and therefore cannot be calculated directly from the published figures.

* This excludes funds advanced to authorized institutions.

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HWB moves to new office

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The Health and Welfare Branch of the Government Secretariat will operate in its new office on the 19th and 20th floors of Murray Building, Garden Road, on Monday (February 3).

The Rehabilitation Division of the Branch which is currently located in Harbour Building will also move to the new office.

The new telephone enquiry and fax numbers are :

For enquiries: 2973 8168 and 2973 8171
Fax: 2840 0467 and 2541 3352

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Clinic service during Lunar New Year holidays

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The Department of Health announced today (Friday) that eight general out-patient clinics will be open from 9 am to 1 pm on February 6 (Thursday), the Lunar New Year's Eve and February 9 (Sunday), the third day of the Lunar New Year.

The eight clinics are Violet Peel Health Centre and Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club Clinic on Hong Kong Island; Kwun Tong Jockey Club Health Centre, Robert Black Health Centre, and Yau Ma Tei Jockey Club Clinic in Kowloon; and Lady Trench Polyclinic, Shek Wu Hui Jockey Club Clinic and Yuen Long Jockey Club Health Centre in the New Territories.

No clinic service will be provided on February 7 (Friday) and 8 (Saturday), the first and second days of the Lunar New Year.

Further details are available by calling the Department of Health's Central Health Education Unit hotline 2833 0111 and the Hong Kong Medical Association hotline (MediLink) 90000-22-2322.

Information on which private clinics and out-patient departments of private hospitals are open during the holidays can also be obtained from the MediLink.

Maps indicating the locations and ways of getting to the eight government clinics will be widely displayed at all of the Department of Health's general out-patient clinics and public hospitals with Accident and Emergency Unit to facilitate members of the public to visit the clinics. Posters are also put up at District Offices and Housing Department offices.

Meanwhile, the Department of Health has made arrangements with four paging companies to display messages on the opening of government holiday clinics on pagers during the Lunar New Year holidays. This is a new attempt to boost publicity for government holiday clinics.

The four paging companies are ABC Communication Limited, Hong Kong Telecom CSL, Hutchison Telecom Limited and Stars Telecom Limited.

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Students compete for CAL Design Modules Award

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The final of the Computer-Assisted Learning (CAL) Modules Design Contest, CAL'97, will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 9.30 am at Chiang Chen Studio Theatre, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPU).

Jointly organised by the Curriculum Development Institute (CDI) of the Education Department and the Hong Kong Association for Computer Education, the contest is open to all full-time secondary students in Hong Kong.

Thirteen finalist projects will compete for the three Grand Prizes and the Most Creative Award.

Prizes for the Outstanding Civic Education Project and Outstanding Teaching Tools will also be awarded.

A Grand School Prize will also be awarded to the school with most credit points.

"The objectives of the contest are to promote computer education among our secondary students and to develop CAL programs for Hong Kong schools by tapping the talents of our own students," Project Director of CAL'97, Dr Miranda Tse, said.

"Overall standard of the entries are very high and there are some very outstanding projects.

"Among the 43 projects which were screened into the semi-final contest, the youngest contestants were only studying in Secondary 2 and Secondary 3."

The Chief Executive of CDI, Dr Leung Yat-ming; and the Head of Department of Computing, HKPU, Professor Daniel Yeung, will officiate at the prize-presentation ceremony at 3.30 pm.

A live demonstration of the three Grand Prizes winning projects will be held at the ceremony.

After the contest, suitable programs will be fine-tuned and put on the same user platform. The tailored projects will be put on CD-ROM (Fun With Learning Series 2) which will then be used as share-ware in schools in Hong Kong.

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Kindergarten Subsidy Scheme invites applications

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The Education Department is inviting non-profit-making kindergartens to apply for Government subsidy under the Kindergarten Subsidy Scheme for the 1997/98 school year.

The rate of subsidy under the scheme is \$880 per pupil per annum. Enrolment figures for the months of September 1997 and March 1998 will be used in calculating the amount of subsidy.

The subsidy to kindergartens will be made by two payments, in November 1997 and April 1998.

Small kindergartens with fewer than 80 pupils will be given a subsidy equivalent to that of a kindergarten with 80 pupils.

A Senior Education Officer, Ms Leung Hoi-yee, said setting the threshold at 80 pupils is to assist small kindergartens in employing at least one qualified kindergarten teacher, with the rest of the teacher salaries being borne by income from school fees.

To be eligible for application, a kindergarten must not be charging a school fee of more than \$13,200 per pupil per annum for a half-day session in the 1996/97 school year. New kindergartens commencing operation in the 1997/98 school year may also apply for subsidy under the scheme.

Profit-making kindergartens which will convert into non-profit-making within the 1997/98 school year can also apply for subsidy under the scheme.

A school circular on the scheme has been sent to kindergartens. Applications should reach the respective District Education Officer not later than Tuesday, March 25, 1997.

The Kindergarten Subsidy Scheme, introduced in 1995, is to improve the quality of kindergarten education and to minimise the impact of fee increases on parents as a result of Government's requirements on teacher qualifications and minimum percentage of trained teachers.

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List of environmental reports released

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The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (Friday) released a list of environmental impact assessment (EIA) reports of major development projects completed between October and December 1996 as well as those which will be completed in 1997.

A complete list of all ongoing EIAs is available for public inspection at the Environmental Resource Centre at 221, Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Following is a list of major EIA reports completed between October and December 1996:

1. Wan Chai East and North Point Sewerage
(Drainage Services Department)
2. Improvement to Kam Tin Road, Stage I
(Highways Department)
3. Rural Drainage Rehabilitation Scheme
(Drainage Services Department)

The final reports and executive summaries of completed EIAs are available for inspection at the EPD Library, 40th floor, Revenue Tower, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Others that are likely to be completed in the next 12 months include:

1. Main Drainage Channel for Fanling, Sheung Shui and Hinterland
(Civil Engineering Department)
2. Route 16: From West Kowloon to Sha Tin
(Highways Department)
3. Sham Tseng Link Feasibility Study
(Highways Department)
4. Sand Extraction and Backfilling of Eastern Waters Marine Borrow Areas
(Civil Engineering Department)
5. Central Reclamation, Phase III
(Territory Development Department)
6. MTR Tseung Kwan O and Quarry Bay Extensions
(Mass Transit Railway Corporation)
7. KCR Hung Hom Extension cum Ma On Shan Rail Link
(Highways Department)
8. Aviation Fuel Pipeline
(Airport Authority)
9. Central/Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link
(Highways Department)
10. Backfilling of Marine Borrow Area at East Tung Lung Chau
(Civil Engineering Department)
11. Tsuen Wan Bay Further Reclamation
(Territory Development Department)
12. Feasibility Study for Castle Peak Road Improvement between Ka Loon Tsuen and Tsuen Wan
(Highways Department)

13. Road D15 Linking Lok Shun Path and Tai Po Road
(Territory Development Department)
14. Kowloon Point Development Feasibility Study
(Territory Development Department)
15. Hiram's Highway - Improvement between Nam Wai and Ho Chung and
Upgrading Local Access Road
(Highways Department)
16. Engineering Works (Roads & Drains) - Aldrich Bay Reclamation
(Highways Department)
17. Kennedy Road Improvement and Queen's Lines Link
(Highways Department)
18. South East Kowloon Development Feasibility Study
(Territory Development Department)
19. Disposal of Contaminated Mud in the East Sha Chau Marine Borrow
Pits
(Civil Engineering Department)
20. Trunk Road T7 in Ma On Shan
(Territory Development Department)
21. Feasibility Study for Tseung Kwan O Port Development at Area 131
(Territory Development Department)
22. Feasibility Study on the Alternative Alignment for the Western Coast
Road, Tseung Kwan O
(Territory Development Department)
23. Yuen Long Bypass Floodway
(Territory Development Department)
24. Feasibility Study for Development of Pak Shek Kok Area
(Territory Development Department)

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Tai Po District Board by-election forum tomorrow

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Residents in Tai Po are invited to attend a district board by-election forum for the Shuen Wan constituency tomorrow (Saturday).

The forum, organised by the Tai Po District Office, will allow candidates to elaborate on their platforms and give residents an opportunity to engage in a floor discussion with them.

Three candidates competing for the seat, vacated by former district board member Mr Chan Koon-yau, are Mr Chan Mei-tak, Mr Man Chen-fai and Mr Roger Li Kwok-keung.

The Shuen Wan constituency covering Hong Lok Yuen and nearby villages and all villages along Ting Kok Road, Tai Po, has an electorate of 4,857.

The forum will be held at Tai Wo Neighbourhood Community Centre, Tai Wo Estate, Tai Po at 2.30 pm.

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Proposed road works in Tung Chung

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The Territory Development Department has proposed infrastructure works in Tung Chung to serve the proposed residential and community facilities development in areas 13, 22, 25, 39, 40 and 41.

The proposed works are part of the North Lantau Phase IIB Development Project in Tung Chung and include the construction of roads, a vehicular turning head, footpaths, a cycle track, a cycle park, an amenity area, drainage system and other ancillary works.

A section of Tung Chung Road and footpaths will be closed. During the construction, appropriate traffic and pedestrian access will be maintained to minimise inconvenience to the public.

Works will begin in May for completion in 26 months.

A notice on the proposed works is published in the Government Gazette today (Friday).

Any objection to the proposed works should be submitted in writing to the Secretary for Transport, Central Government Offices, East Wing, second floor, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong, before April 1.

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Tenders for project at Stanley Prison invited

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The Architectural Services Department is undertaking a construction project at Stanley Prison in Southern District.

The project will comprise construction of four quarter blocks to provide 480 units of married quarters for the Correctional Services Department, a four-storey barrack block and associated external and drainage works.

Works will start in April for completion in October this year.

Tenders for the project are being invited. Tender offer will close at noon on March 7 (Friday).

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Board amends Tsing Yi Outline Zoning Plan

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The Town Planning Board announced today (Friday) amendments to the draft Tsing Yi Outline Zoning Plan.

The amendments mainly involve the rezoning of two sites to facilitate the development of Container Terminal No 9 in the area.

About 5.9 hectares of an industrial site in Area 29 located to the immediate west of the cargo handling area has been rezoned to "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Container Related Uses".

The remaining part of the industrial site, with an area of about 0.6 hectare, has been rezoned to "Government/Institution/Community" to meet the long-term government, institution and community requirements.

A 3.4-hectares site located to the south of the sewage treatment plant in Area 6 has been rezoned from "Industrial" to "Commercial".

A corresponding technical amendment to the plan is to incorporate a set of notes for the new "Commercial" zone.

The amendment plan (No S/TY/12) is available for public inspection until February 21 during office hours at:

- * Planning Department,
16th floor, Murray Building,
Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- * Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing and Sham Shui Po District Planning Office,
27th floor, Tsuen Wan Government Offices Building,
38 Sai Lau Kok Road, Tsuen Wan,
New Territories; and
- * Kwai Tsing District Office,
10th floor, Kwai Hing Government Offices Building,
166 - 174 Hing Fong Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories.

Any person affected by the amendments may submit written objections to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board, c/o Planning Department, 13th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong before February 21.

Copies of the draft plan are available for sale at the Survey and Mapping Office, Lands Department, 14th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Hong Kong and the Kowloon Map Sales Office, ground floor, 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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Road connection works in Yuen Long proposed

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The Government today (Friday) proposed to build a road to connect Sai Yu Street and Ma Tong Road in Yuen Long.

Aimed at relieving traffic burden at the junction of Kau Yuk Road and Sai Yu Street, the proposed works will include:

- (i) construction of a 30-metre road linking Sai Yu Street and Ma Tong Road;
- (ii) reconstruction of a 125-metre section of the existing road;
- (iii) reconstruction of a 140-metre section of the existing footpath;
- (iv) construction of a footpath following the realignment of Sai Ching Street and Sai Yu Street; and
- (v) ancillary drainage works and street lighting.

The plan and scheme may be inspected during office hours at:

- * Public Enquiry Services Centre,
Central and Western District Office,
ground floor, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- * Yuen Long District Lands Office,
ninth floor, Yuen Long Government Offices,
2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, New Territories; and
- * Yuen Long District Office,
Yuen Long District Office Building,
269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories.

Details of the proposal were published in Government Gazette today.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address his objection in writing to the Secretary for Transport, second floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong not later than April 1, 1997.

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