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INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION TO BE EXCHANGED  
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THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN LONDON AND BEIJING AT 5 PM, HONG KONG TIME, TODAY (TUESDAY):

+IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG, SIGNED BY PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER AND PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG IN BEIJING ON 19 DECEMBER 1984, THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE DECIDED THAT INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION WILL BE EXCHANGED IN BEIJING ON 27 MAY 1985.+

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COMPOSITION OF JOINT LIAISON GROUP  
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THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN LONDON AT 5 PM, HONG KONG TIME, TODAY (TUESDAY):

+ANNEX II OF THE JOINT DECLARATION STATES THAT EACH SIDE SHALL DESIGNATE A SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, WHO SHALL BE OF AMBASSADORIAL RANK, AND FOUR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP TO BE ESTABLISHED UPON THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE JOINT DECLARATION. THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY HAS NOW DECIDED TO DESIGNATE THE FOLLOWING AS BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE GROUP TO BE SHORTLY ESTABLISHED -

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE: DR D.C. WILSON, CMG

MEMBERS : MR E.P. HO, CBE  
MR J.D.I. BOYD, CMG  
MR A.C. GALSWORTHY, CMG  
MR P.A.B. THOMSON+

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HO SPEAKS ON MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION RIGHTS FOR HK UNDER GATT  
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT HONG KONG'S TRADING PARTNERS MUST OBSERVE +OUR MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION RIGHTS UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT)+ SO THAT THE TERRITORY COULD CONTINUE TO PROSPER AND PROVIDE THEM WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND SERVICES.

MR HO WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT SHORTLY AFTER HIS TOUR OF SIX EUROPEAN CAPITALS WHERE HE MET MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) AND TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

DURING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN OFFICIALS, MR HO STRESSED THE FAVOURABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE LAST YEAR.

+I DREW ATTENTION TO THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT EXIST IN HONG KONG'S INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED MARKET FOR THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF HIGH QUALITY PRODUCTS FROM EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE, MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR RISING STANDARD OF LIVING AND OUR OPEN ECONOMY WHICH HAS NO TARIFFS OR OTHER BARRIERS TO TRADE.

+OUR EXCELLENT LOCATION, TOGETHER WITH MODERN COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES, IS ALSO LEADING TO THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG AS AN ENTREPOT FOR CHINA AND OUR PART OF THE PACIFIC RIM,+ HE SAID.

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT THE MFA AND ITS PRECURSORS HAD EXISTED FOR SOME 25 YEARS.

+NOW THAT INDEPENDENT STUDIES LIKE THAT OF PROFESSOR SILBERSTON IN BRITAIN HAVE SHOWN THAT IT IS TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS RATHER THAN IMPORTS WHICH ARE THE MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO DECLINE IN TEXTILE EMPLOYMENT, AND AS SUCH EMPLOYMENT NOW COMPRISES LESS THAN THREE PER CENT OF THE WORK FORCE IN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES, IT WAS TIME THAT INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES SHOULD COME BACK WITHIN THE RULES OF THE GATT — WHICH ALREADY GOVERN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN OTHER PRODUCTS,+ HE SAID.

MR HO ADDED THAT WHILE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT OBSERVERS SHARED HONG KONG'S AIM OF AN ULTIMATE RETURN TO GATT RULES FOR THE TEXTILES TRADE, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT IN EVERY COUNTRY HE VISITED, THAT, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT TERM, THE MFA SHOULD BE RENEWED ON MORE LIBERAL LINES.

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REFERRING TO THE JENKINS BILL IN THE UNITED STATES, MR HO DESCRIBED IT AS +HIGHLY PROTECTIONIST IN CHARACTER+.

HE STATED THAT THE BILL WOULD OFFEND AGAINST THE UNITED STATES' BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL OBLIGATIONS.

+UNDER THE EXCUSE OF ENFORCING THE MFA, THE BILL PROPOSES TO ROLL BACK DRAMATICALLY TEXTILE IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

+IT ALSO PROPOSES RESTRAINT ON NON-MFA IMPORTS AND SOME OTHER DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES.+

THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY SECRETARY SAID THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK AND TWO LEGAL FIRMS EMPLOYED TO FURTHER THE TERRITORY'S TRADE INTERESTS HAD BEEN CARRYING OUT AN INTENSIVE LOBBYING CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BILL.

+MOREOVER OTHER U.S. GROUPS PROMOTING FREE TRADE, INCLUDING IMPORTERS, RETAILERS AND FARMERS, HAVE SENT LETTERS AND EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS TO U.S. CONGRESSMEN, SENATORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED. MR DORWARD (HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER IN NEW YORK) HAS JUST COMPLETED A SERIES OF CALLS IN WASHINGTON ON CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS SYMPATHETIC TO OUR CAUSE.+

MR HO SAID THAT CLEARLY THIS WAS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO MANY TRADING NATIONS NOT JUST HONG KONG.

URGENT CO-ORDINATION MEETINGS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE TAKING PLACE IN GENEVA.

MR HO SAID THAT IF THE BILL LOOKED LIKE BEING IMPLEMENTED THEN HE WOULD EXPECT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO BE CONCERNED TOO AS ANY NEW PROTECTIONIST MEASURE WOULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE GATT.

THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD IN HONG KONG WAS MONITORING EVENTS CLOSELY AND WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE SITUATION AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

+CLEARLY THIS ISSUE WILL BE ONE OF THE MAIN PROBLEMS TO WHICH I SHALL BE DEVOTING MUCH PERSONAL ATTENTION IN THE MONTHS AHEAD,+ MR HO SAID.

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NEED FOR FAMILY LAW GROUP RAISED BY AG

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THE LACK OF AN ADEQUATE CONSULTATIVE BODY IN HONG KONG WHICH COULD PROVIDE INFORMED VIEWS TO GOVERNMENT WAS ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE LAW REFORMER ON FAMILY LAW MATTERS FACED, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

IN ENGLAND, HE SAID, THERE WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL FAMILY LAW BAR ASSOCIATION WHICH WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH THE LORD CHANCELLOR'S ORGANISATION, THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND THE JUDICIARY COULD TURN TO FOR VIEWS AND ADVICE.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, MR THOMAS SAID THAT THE BRITISH BODY STRETCHED ITS INFLUENCE OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH WORKING GROUPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES.

HE SAID THAT THIS STIMULATED A GOOD DEAL OF THOUGHT OF PROBLEMS OF CHILD CARE AND MATTERS OF MATRIMONIAL REFORM.

BUT WHAT WAS NEEDED FOR HONG KONG WAS A MUCH WIDER COMMITTEE INVOLVING BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, FAMILY JUDGES, THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, PROBATION OFFICERS, MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS, LEGAL AID AND OTHER INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THOSE CONCERNED WITH WOMEN'S AFFAIRS GENERALLY.

MR THOMAS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A STANDING COMMITTEE OR A STANDING LAW REFORM COMMITTEE THAT SPECIALISED IN THE WHOLE RANGE OF FAMILY LAW MATTERS, AND WHICH WOULD INVOLVE PEOPLE IN THE TASK OF KEEPING THE LAW UNDER REVIEW AND WHICH WOULD ALSO LIAISE WITH GOVERNMENT OVER WHAT CHANGES THOUGHT NECESSARY TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE CHANGING NEEDS OF SOCIETY.

IN HIS SPEECH MR THOMAS ALSO TOUCHED ON LEGISLATION DEALING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SAID THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WOULD BE ASKED NEXT WEEK TO ADVISE WHETHER IT SUPPORTED THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION SIMILAR TO TWO STATUTES THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM HAD SINCE 1967 AND 1976.

HE SAID THAT REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY WOMEN'S GROUPS, THE PRESS, THE JUDICIARY AND THE ACADEMIC, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE PROFESSIONS AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO BE CONSIDERED BEFORE A FINAL DRAFT OF THE PROPOSALS WAS READY TO BE PUT BEFORE EXCO.

ON ANOTHER PROPOSED REFORM, THAT OF RAISING THE PRESENT LIMITS ON MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN, MR THOMAS SAID THAT ORDERS FOR MAINTENANCE COULD BE MADE BY THE COURT FOLLOWING SEPARATION, IN THE CASE OF DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS, AND IN PATERNITY CASES.

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VALUE OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY RECOGNISED HERE  
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HONG KONG RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY IN MAINTAINING THE BUOYANCY OF ITS ECONOMY AND WISHES TO CULTIVATE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO THIS TECHNOLOGY.

THIS WAS THE MESSAGE GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, AT THE OPENING OF THE HK COMPUTER EXPO '85 TODAY.

MR TSAO SAID IT WAS NOT BY CHANCE THAT THE PRODIGIOUS ECONOMIC GROWTH OF OUR REGION IN THE LAST 10 YEARS HAD BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY WHAT ONE COULD ONLY CALL AN EXPLOSION IN THE USE OF COMPUTERS.

+IN HONG KONG ALONE, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVESTED IN COMPUTER EQUIPMENT HAS INCREASED TENFOLD OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, TO REACH THE STAGGERING SUM OF \$2.1 BILLION IN 1984,+ HE SAID.

AMONG RECENT COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN HONG KONG CITED BY MR TSAO WERE THE NUMEROUS AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES, ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, A VERSATILE SYSTEM FOR STOCK TRANSACTIONS WHEN THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE OPENS, AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS IN THE GOVERNMENT TO BACK UP THE RENEWAL OF IDENTITY CARDS AND THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

+BUT IN HONG KONG, WE NOT ONLY USE COMPUTERS, WE MAKE THEM TOO,+ MR TSAO SAID, POINTING OUT THAT IN 1984, THE COMPUTER INDUSTRY EXPORTED OVER \$7.5 BILLION WORTH OF PRODUCTS, AND EMPLOYED ONE OUT OF EVERY FIVE PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

HE NOTED THAT MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN TO FURTHER HARNESS COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE THAT IT HAS TO PLAY IN THE ECONOMY.

+A COMMITTEE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IS WORKING TOWARDS ENHANCING BOTH THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF DATA PROCESSING PERSONNEL IN ANTICIPATION OF OUR FUTURE NEEDS.

+THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE IS RESEARCHING INTO COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES FOR OUR FACTORIES, AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING THE EXPANSION OF OUR MANUFACTURING BASE IN ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTERS,+ MR TSAO SAID.

MR TSAO ADDED THAT HONG KONG WAS TACKLING SOME OF THE POSSIBLY NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF A COMPUTERISED SOCIETY.

+A WORKING PARTY IS EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF COMPUTERS ON PRIVACY AND THE NEED FOR PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION. OUR YOUNG GENERATION IS ALSO BEING PREPARED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF A COMPUTERISED SOCIETY WITH A SCHEME, NOW WELL UNDERWAY, TO PUT MICRO-COMPUTERS INTO EVERY PUBLIC SECTOR SECONDARY SCHOOL. THIS YEAR, A HUNDRED SCHOOLS WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS SCHEME,+ HE SAID.

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LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD MEETS  
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MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD MET TODAY (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES RELATING TO LABOUR MATTERS AND LEGISLATION.

THE MEETING FOLLOWED WEEKS OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH THE EMPLOYERS' AND THE EMPLOYEES' SIDE HAD FRANKLY AND THOROUGHLY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE ISSUE RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LONG SERVICE GRATUITY SCHEME.

AT TODAY'S MEETING, MEMBERS ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE LEGISLATION ON THE SCHEME WOULD BE ENACTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE BOARD ALSO ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONTRACTS FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR MINOR TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR EMPLOYERS AND THEIR AGENTS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE CONTRACT-ATTESTATION REQUIREMENTS.

MEMBERS CONSIDERED THE BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE LEVELS OF COMPENSATION UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, AND ADVISED THAT SUITABLE ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO KEEP IN LINE WITH THE GENERAL WAGE MOVEMENT.

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE SCHEME PERMITTING WOMEN WORKERS TO BE EMPLOYED AT NIGHT FROM 11 PM TO 7 AM SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN STRINGENT CONDITIONS, AND ADVISED THAT THE SCHEME SHOULD BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR FROM JULY.

THE BOARD ALSO ADVISED THAT A LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE BOARD SHOULD BE SET UP TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON PROMOTING AMICABLE RELATIONS BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANISATIONS, AND ALSO ON THE GENERAL POLICY RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MACHINERY OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE.

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SDA MEETS DB CHAIRMEN

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING HOSTED A DINNER RECEPTION FOR THE CHAIRMEN OF THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS TO WELCOME THEM AND EXCHANGE VIEWS.

ALSO ATTENDING THE RECEPTION WERE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES.

DURING THE INFORMAL GATHERING, MR LIAO SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE BOARDS WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK EFFECTIVELY TO IMPROVE THEIR DISTRICTS AND REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

MR LIAO ASSURED THE CHAIRMEN THAT THE GOVERNMENT VALUED THE BOARDS' ADVICE ON DISTRICT MATTERS, AND WOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO CONSULT THEM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ON MATTERS OF TERRITORY-WIDE INTEREST.

HE ALSO TOLD THE CHAIRMEN THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICER, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THEM AND MAKE REGULAR REPORTS ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE FULL BOARD.

WHERE THE CHAIRMEN SO REQUESTED, HE ADDED, SPECIAL MEETINGS COULD BE ARRANGED BETWEEN THEM AND DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL ANY DISTRICT ISSUE OF CONCERN TO THE BOARDS.

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ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO GROW AND DIVERSIFY

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THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG WILL LARGELY DEPEND ON INVESTMENT AND RE-INVESTMENT IN MODERN ELECTRONIC MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE COHNERS EXPOSITION GROUP, HE SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT THE INDUSTRY'S INVESTMENT AND RE-INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY HAD INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

TAKING THE OVERSEAS SECTOR OF THE INDUSTRY AS AN EXAMPLE, MR YAXLEY SAID, OVERSEAS INVESTMENT INCREASED FROM \$2 BILLION TO \$4 BILLION IN THE PERIOD 1981 TO 1984.

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+OF THE 50 OR SO NEW MANUFACTURING PROJECTS WHICH HAVE SET UP IN HONG KONG FROM OVERSEAS SINCE 1983 THE MOST NUMEROUS HAVE BEEN IN ELECTRONICS - AND WE HAVE QUITE A FEW MORE IN THE PIPELINE,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, MR YAXLEY POINTED OUT, THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY HAD GROWN AND DIVERSIFIED IN BOTH PRODUCT RANGE AND MARKET.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS LAST YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$12 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF 73 PER CENT OVER 1983. ITS SHARE IN THE TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND COMPONENTS WAS 39 PER CENT COMPARED TO 29 PER CENT IN 1983, HE SAID.

+THE MANUFACTURE OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS SUCH AS LARGE-SCALE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT CHIPS, MULTI-LAYER PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS, COMPUTER SUB-ASSEMBLIES, MEMORY SYSTEMS, SWITCH-MODE POWER SUPPLIES, READ/WRITE MAGNETIC HEADS AND HIGH QUALITY SWITCHES, REFLECTS AN UPLIFTING OF THE INDUSTRY'S TECHNOLOGICAL LEVEL AND SKILLS TO A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE.

+THIS, IN TURN, ENABLES THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN THE PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES OF THE INDUSTRY TO PRODUCE HIGHER QUALITY AND SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS,+ HE ADDED.

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#### SCHEME TO ACCREDIT LABS STARTS \* \* \* \* \*

THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW STARTING A HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) TO ASSESS AND MONITOR THE COMPETENCE OF LABORATORIES IN UNDERTAKING VARIOUS TYPES OF TESTS AND TO ENHANCE THE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF TEST CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THESE LABORATORIES.

THE HOKLAS SCHEME WILL BE ADMINISTERED AND RUN BY STAFF OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT. MR ERNIE EVANS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, WILL SERVE AS EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SCHEME TO PROVIDE THE FOCAL POINT IN THE CO-ORDINATION OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES.

THE SCHEME WILL INITIALLY PROVIDE FOR THE EXPORT SECTOR OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY. IT WILL BE TARGETED AT FIVE MAIN COMMODITY GROUPS - ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS, TEXTILES AND GARMENTS, TOYS, FOOD PRODUCTS AND CALIBRATION SERVICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID: +LABORATORIES INVOLVED IN THE TESTING OF THESE COMMODITIES CAN NOW APPLY FOR ACCREDITATION UNDER THE SCHEME.+

/+ENQUIRIES CAN .....

+ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WITH REGARD TO THE ASSESSMENT DETAILS. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT FORMAL ASSESSMENTS OF THE FIRST BATCH OF LABORATORIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN EARLY 1986,+ HE SAID.

TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HOKLAS, A \$1.6 MILLION CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TESTING AUTHORITIES (NATA) WHICH WILL BE ENGAGED AS CONSULTANTS FOR THE SCHEME.

NATA WILL ASSUME THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROFESSIONAL ASPECTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME. TWO OF NATA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVES, MR JOHN GILMOUR AND MR TONY RUSSELL, ARE NOW IN HONG KONG TO ASSIST IN THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE WORK.

THE TWO COMMITTEES OF HOKLAS, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LABORATORY ACCREDITATION (ACLA) AND THE INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT BOARD (ITAB), HELD THEIR RESPECTIVE INAUGURAL MEETINGS YESTERDAY AND TODAY (TUESDAY), TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF POLICY MATTERS AND THE FUTURE OPERATIONS OF THE SCHEME.

ACLA ADVISES GOVERNMENT ON GENERAL POLICY MATTERS RELATING TO THE SCHEME. ITAB IS THE INDEPENDENT BODY WHICH WILL DIRECT AND REVIEW TECHNICAL EVALUATIONS OF LABORATORIES SEEKING ACCREDITATION UNDER HOKLAS.

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109 PASS MEDICAL LICENTATE EXAM  
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ONE-HUNDRED-AND-NINE CANDIDATES PASSED THE PART II (ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONAL USE PAPER) OF THE LICENTATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS, THE LICENTATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THIS YEAR THE PART II EXAMINATION WAS HELD TWICE, IN MARCH AND MAY, GIVING SOME CANDIDATES A CHOICE OF EXAMINATION DATES, AND SOME OTHERS WHO HAD FAILED IN THE FIRST EXAMINATION THE CHANCE TO TAKE THIS PART OF THE EXAMINATION AGAIN.

SEVENTY-FIVE OUT OF 98 CANDIDATES PASSED THE EXAMINATION IN MARCH, AND 34 OUT OF 47 CANDIDATES (INCLUDING 22 WHO HAD FAILED IN MARCH) PASSED IT IN MAY, GIVING A PASS RATE OF 89 PER CENT.

THOSE WHO PASSED THE PART II EXAMINATION THIS YEAR MAY NOW TAKE THE PART III EXAMINATION IN JULY.

PART III IS AN ORAL EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES' ABILITY TO APPLY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO CLINICAL PROBLEMS. EACH CANDIDATE WILL BE GIVEN A 30-MINUTE TEST IN MEDICINE, SURGERY AND OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

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SPECIAL CLEAN-UP OPERATION ON APLEICHAU  
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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO LAUNCH A SPECIAL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN ON APLEICHAU NEXT WEEK TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION THERE.

THE CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL COVER ALL PARTS OF THE ISLAND, WILL BE HELD FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID LOCAL RESIDENTS COULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET RID OF UNWANTED ARTICLES AND DISPOSE OF THEM AT THE APLEICHAU MAIN STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY JUNK AND REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS WILL ALSO BE SET UP.

DURING THE WEEK-LONG CLEAN-UP, A SPECIAL CLEANSING SQUAD COMPRISING AN OVERSEER, A FOREMAN AND 11 WORKMEN WILL BE DEPLOYED TO REMOVE ALL UNSIGHTLY POSTERS, REFUSE AND JUNK FROM BLACK SPOTS.

A STREET WASHING GANG MADE UP OF A GANGER AND THREE WORKMEN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING REFUSE IN ACCESSIBLE SURFACE CHANNELS, NULLAHS AND STREAMS.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT'S PEST CONTROL SECTION WILL ELIMINATE POTENTIAL RODENT HARBOURAGES AND MOSQUITO BREEDING GROUNDS IN PUBLIC PLACES.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST LITTER OFFENDERS ON THE ISLAND.

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TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATE INTEREST RATE DOWN  
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FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES WILL BE 4.08 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 4.56 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

NOTICE OF THIS WAS PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE YESTERDAY.

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.34 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETED MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

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INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED TOMORROW (MAY 22) OR AFTER.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED BEFORE MAY 22 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:-

- 8.4% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 18, 1984 AND BEFORE JULY 6, 1984;
- 10.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 6, 1984 AND BEFORE JULY 13, 1984;
- 12.84% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 13, 1984 AND BEFORE AUGUST 10, 1984;
- 10.8% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 10, 1984 AND BEFORE AUGUST 31, 1984;
- 9.6% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 31, 1984 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 5, 1984;
- 8.52% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 5, 1984 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 1984;
- 8.04% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 31, 1984 AND BEFORE NOVEMBER 28, 1984;
- 7.56% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 28, 1984 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 28, 1984;
- 7.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 28, 1984 AND BEFORE JANUARY 16, 1985;
- 6.6% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 16, 1985 AND BEFORE JANUARY 30, 1985;
- 5.52% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 30, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 3, 1985;
- 5.04% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 24, 1985; AND
- 4.56% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 24, 1985 AND BEFORE MAY 22, 1985

BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETED MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

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EXAMPLE: \$1 000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON MAY 24, 1985,  
JUNE 24, 1985 AND JULY 24, 1985 RESPECTIVELY,  
SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON AUGUST 23,  
1985 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:-

ON \$1 000, MAY 24, 1985 TO AUGUST 23, 1985 3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$3.40 PER MONTH	=	\$10.20
ON \$1 000, JUNE 24, 1985 TO AUGUST 23, 1985 2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$3.40 PER MONTH	=	\$ 6.80
ON \$1 000, JULY 24, 1985 TO AUGUST 23, 1985 1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$3.40 PER MONTH	=	<u>\$ 3.40</u>
		<u>\$20.40</u> =====

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TOUR OF KWUN TONG COMMUNITY FACILITIES  
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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, TODAY (TUESDAY) INSPECTED FACILITIES AT THE KAI YIP COMMUNITY HALL IN KWUN TONG, ONE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRES AND HALLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TAKEN OVER BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FROM SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE HALL AT KAI YIP ESTATE CONSISTS OF A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, A CONFERENCE ROOM, A GENERAL OFFICE AND TWO DRESSING ROOMS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS GENERAL CLEANLINESS AND ORDERLINESS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, BOOKINGS AND HIRING CHARGES.

EARLIER, MR WIGGHAM ALSO VISITED THE NEWLY-OPENED TSUN YIP STREET COOKED-FOOD MARKET AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND MET STAFF OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS UP FOR AUCTION

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ANOTHER BATCH OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WILL BE OFFERED IN AN AUCTION BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON SATURDAY (MAY 25) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

THIRTY-FIVE SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

DE2628	DE 190	CN 669	DE2699	BW 238
DE 981	CC 14	1945	833	DE 551
DC 38	DD9996	DE8133	DE3088	CT 38
DE8803	DD 111	CJ 223	DF 663	DE 861
DE8832	DD9998	DD 8	AB3838	DE 908
DA 8	CL3382	DE3201	DF 564	AD1835
DE 891	BG2033	CS2000	DF 157	BL1238

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION, AND THAT PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY CASH OR CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE AUCTION WILL BE THE 97TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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ROAD WORK CONTRACT AWARDED

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$7.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINAGE IN THE SAI KUNG TOWN RECLAMATION AREA.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD BETWEEN THE NEW SAI KUNG MARKET/BAZAAR AND 94 TO 120 MAN NIN STREET.

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A NEW BUS, MAXICAB AND PLB TERMINUS WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED TO REPLACE EXISTING FACILITIES, TOGETHER WITH THE EXTENSION OF A NEW ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF THE SAI KUNG SPORTS GROUND.

IN ADDITION, IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO EXISTING ROADS, PARTICULARLY AT THE JUNCTION OF PO TUNG ROAD AND THE NEW ROAD.

WORK HAS STARTED AND WILL TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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COURSES FOR HANDBALL, FOOTBALL REFEREES  
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THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE DIVISION OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS INVITING PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN TWO COURSES ORGANISED TO TRAIN REFEREES IN HANDBALL AND FOOTBALL.

AN ELEMENTARY HANDBALL REFEREE TRAINING COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE ON JUNE 29 AND 30 AND JULY 6 AND 7.

INTENSIVE TRAINING WILL BE OFFERED TO 40 HANDBALL ENTHUSIASTS AGED 18 AND ABOVE.

THOSE WHO ATTEND ALL CLASSES AND PASS AN EXAMINATION WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES BY THE HONG KONG AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION.

A FOOTBALL REFEREE TRAINING COURSE, JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD FROM JUNE 24 UNTIL JULY 20, 1985.

THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY IN THE ASSOCIATION'S BUILDING AND AT THE BOUNDARY STREET ARTIFICIAL TURF.

THE COURSE IS OPEN TO MALES AGED 18 AND ABOVE AND ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 60 PERSONS.

THOSE WHO ATTEND ALL LESSONS AND PASS AN EXAMINATION WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO REFEREE FOOTBALL MATCHES LATER.

THE FEE FOR THE HANDBALL OR FOOTBALL REFEREE COURSE IS \$30.

APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE DIVISION, MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, 14TH FLOOR, RUTTONJEE HOUSE, 11 DUDDLELL STREET, CENTRAL OR BY CALLING 5-224415.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON CHAN WING-SIU, WONG KIN-SHING AND TSE WAI-MING ON JUNE 9, 1981 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

CHAN, WONG AND TSE WERE FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF CHEUNG MAN-KAN ON MAY 31, 1980.

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NEW ENQUIRY CENTRE OPENING

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A NEW PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE IN FANLING WILL BE OPENED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR IAN WOTHERSPOON, TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

LOCATED AT CHEUNG CHUNG HOUSE IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, THE CENTRE IS TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING POPULATION IN THE AREA AND TO ENHANCE THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE.

THE CENTRE OPENS BETWEEN 8.45 AM AND 5.15 PM DURING WEEKDAYS AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON ON SATURDAYS. STAFF OF THE CENTRE CAN ALSO BE REACHED AT 0-909547.

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STREET BAN IN ABERDEEN

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ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING TIN WAN NEW STREET IN ABERDEEN FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 24) FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUS TERMINUS.

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ABERDEEN WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN ABERDEEN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 24) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY NO. 2-108, ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

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