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ABOLITION OF RATES RELIEF SCHEME PROPOSED

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A BILL WHICH PROPOSES TO ABOLISH THE RATES RELIEF SCHEME FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 ALSO INCLUDES A NUMBER OF OTHER, MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE RATING ORDINANCE.

COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSALS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT RATES ARE CALCULATED BY APPLYING THE RATES PERCENTAGE CHARGE, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, TO THE RATEABLE VALUE WHICH IS THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL RENTAL VALUE OF EACH PROPERTY ASSESSED TO RATES.

AS THE PRESCRIBED PERCENTAGE IS CURRENTLY ONLY SIX PER CENT, RATES GENERALLY CONSTITUTE A VERY SMALL ELEMENT IN MOST TENANTS' OVERALL RENTALS.

FURTHERMORE, AS THE CURRENT RATES RELIEF SCHEME GENERALLY RESTRICTS INCREASES IN RATES TO 20 PER CENT OVER THE AMOUNT PAYABLE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THE RATES FOR ANY PROPERTY SUBJECT TO RELIEF WILL BE LESS THAN SIX PER CENT OF THE RATEABLE VALUE.

THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY STARTED WORK ON A GENERAL REVALUATION TO TAKE EFFECT ON APRIL 1, 1988.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING REVALUATIONS IS TO RE-DISTRIBUTE THE RATES BURDEN ACCORDING TO UP-TO-DATE RENTAL VALUES.

THE CURRENT RATES RELIEF SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1984 IN ORDER TO PHASE IN CHANGES IN THE RATES BURDEN FOR RATEPAYERS WHO EXPERIENCED ABOVE AVERAGE INCREASES IN THE RATEABLE VALUES OF THEIR PROPERTIES AS A RESULT OF THE GENERAL REVALUATION IN THAT YEAR.

THE PURPOSE OF THE RATES RELIEF SCHEME HAS NOW BEEN LARGELY ACHIEVED BECAUSE ONLY 7.3 PER CENT OF ALL RATED PROPERTIES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO RELIEF IN 1987-88 IF THE SCHEME WERE TO CONTINUE.

HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF THESE PROPERTIES WILL CONTINUE TO DECLINE, SEVERAL WILL CONTINUE TO OBTAIN RATE RELIEF FOR MANY YEARS UNLESS THE SCHEME IS ABOLISHED.

AS THE RATEPAYERS OF THESE REMAINING PROPERTIES WILL BE BEARING LESS THAN THEIR FAIR SHARE OF THE RATES BURDEN, THE OBJECT OF CARRYING OUT THE REVALUATION WILL TO SOME EXTENT BE DEFEATED.

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THE PROPOSED ABOLITION WILL SLIGHTLY AFFECT THE RATES PAYABLE BY A NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSING DOMESTIC TENANTS WHOSE MONTHLY RATES IN 1987-88 WILL ON AVERAGE INCREASE BY \$1.97 MORE THAN IF THE SCHEME HAD CONTINUED UNCHANGED.

HOWEVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING POLICY, PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THESE INCREASES UNTIL THEIR RENTS ARE NEXT REVIEWED.

ONLY ABOUT SIX PER CENT OF PRIVATE DOMESTIC PREMISES WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE CHANGE AND THE AVERAGE EXTRA RATES PAYABLE FOR THESE PREMISES WILL BE ONLY \$22.64 PER MONTH.

THE OTHER CHANGES PROPOSED ARE MAINLY DESIGNED TO CLARIFY CERTAIN TECHNICAL POINTS AND TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES ARE FIRSTLY TO ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION TO AGREE TO MAKE ALTERNATIONS TO RATEABLE VALUES WHEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS ARE RECEIVED FROM RATEPAYERS, AND SECONDLY TO SIMPLIFY THE CALCULATION OF REFUND OF RATES ON ACCOUNT OF VACANCY.

THE ABOLITION OF THE RATES RELIEF SCHEME WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF \$76 MILLION IN ESTIMATED RATES REVENUE IN 1987-88.

IT IS EXPECTED THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 21.

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SIR DAVID OPENS SHA TIN TOWN HALL
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THE OPENING OF SHA TIN TOWN HALL MARKS ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP IN THE FULFILMENT OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO ENSURE THAT CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SHOULD BE IN EASY REACH OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AND PARTICULARLY IN THE NEW TOWNS, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TOWN HALL, SIR DAVID SAID, +THE FIRST, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, WAS BUILT IN 1980, AND ALREADY MAKES A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CULTURAL LIFE.

+LATER THIS YEAR, TUEN MUN TOWN HALL - A REPLICA OF THIS FINE FACILITY - WILL BE OPENED. THERE WILL THEN BE A RING OF FACILITIES BOTH LARGE AND SMALL AROUND THE NEW TERRITORIES.+

/SIR DAVID

SIR DAVID SAID THE PRESENCE OF THESE HALLS ACTED AS A STIMULUS TO ARTISTIC ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY, OPENED EYES TO A NEW WORLD OF MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA, RELEASED CREATIVE TALENT AND BROUGHT UNTOLD INDIRECT BENEFIT TO HONG KONG AS A WHOLE.

+THEY ARE A VITAL FACTOR IN FULFILLING OUR NEED TO KEEP HONG KONG NOT ONLY MOVING AHEAD WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD BUT TAKING A LEAD IN THE REGION AND DEVELOPING ITS ROLE AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST,+ HE SAID.

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SEPTEMBER NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES PUBLISHED
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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR SEPTEMBER 1986, AT 136.2, INCREASED BY 6.6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1985 AND BY 1.6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE SEPTEMBER 1986 AND SEPTEMBER 1985 INDEXES UHOMS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 6.0 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 6.2 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 7.6 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 10.3 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 4.3 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE SEPTEMBER 1986 AND JUNE 1986 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.1 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 2.3 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.3 PER CENT AND FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.8 PER CENT WHILE THAT FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR DECREASED BY 0.2 PER CENT.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1985 TO SEPTEMBER 1986 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1. DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 103.9 IN SEPTEMBER 1986, WAS 4.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1985 AND 0.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN JUNE 1986.

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FROM SEPTEMBER 1985 TO SEPTEMBER 1986, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 4.1 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 4.2 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 5.5 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 8.1 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.4 PER CENT.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1986 WITH JUNE 1986, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 1.5 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 0.5 PER CENT; AND FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.0 PER CENT; WHILE THAT FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR DECREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT.

THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1985 TO SEPTEMBER 1986 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

THESE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EACH QUARTER BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, COVERING BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING WORKERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR.

SUCH INDEXES MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES BY HOLDING THE STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE LABOUR FORCE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SEX AND MODE OF PAYMENT THE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 1982, WHICH IS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEXES.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE WAGES RECEIVED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE UNIT PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSION AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE.

IN ADDITION, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES THAT ARE PAID LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY, ARE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT MONTHLY RATE WHEN COMPILING THE WAGE RATE INDEXES.

TOTAL PAYROLL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FROM EMPLOYERS. APART FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASH RECEIPTS, IT ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGE RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN A REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOL. I, SEPTEMBER 1986 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE VOL. II ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE EARLY NEXT MONTH.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES, CONTACT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-455774 OR 5-416062.

/Table 1 : Nominal

Table 1 : Nominal Wage Indexes by Selected Major Economic Sectors

Selected Major Economic Sectors	Indexes (March 1982 = 100)				
	Sept.	Dec.	Mar.	Jun.	Sept.
	1985	1985	1986	1986	1986
Manufacturing	127.5	128.1	131.2	133.7	135.2
Wholesale/Retail, Import/Export trades and Restaurants and Hotels	120.8	122.6	124.1	125.4	128.3
Transport Services	145.4	145.6	151.7	154.4	156.4
Business Services	130.3	131.0	135.4	139.8	143.7
Personal Services	124.6	124.5	125.8	130.2	130.0
All Sectors Above	127.8	128.6	131.6	134.0	136.2

/Table 2 : Nominal

Table 2 : Nominal Wage Indexes for Major Industries in the Manufacturing Sector

Industry	Indexes (March 1982 = 100)				
	Sept. 1985	Dec. 1985	Mar. 1986	Jun. 1986	Sept. 1986
Garments	120.6	121.0	122.9	125.7	126.1
Gloves	138.3	138.9	140.8	142.0	144.4
Handbags	123.0	124.2	124.9	125.8	128.9
Cotton Spinning/Weaving	128.8	129.6	135.5	139.8	144.3
Knitting	129.9	130.8	134.2	137.4	138.8
Bleaching and Dyeing	133.1	134.0	139.1	144.9	148.4
Printing	133.4	133.3	135.7	139.9	141.5
Plastic Products	127.7	127.9	132.2	134.1	135.6
Metal Products	130.1	130.5	135.3	137.2	139.3
Electrical Appliances	137.3	136.5	143.3	145.7	148.2
Electronics	132.1	132.8	136.2	137.2	140.3
Watches and Clocks	134.6	134.7	141.8	145.0	144.8
Manufacturing	127.5	128.1	131.2	133.7	135.2

/Table 3 : Real

Table 3 : Real Wage Indexes by Selected Major Economic Sectors

Selected Major Economic Sectors	Indexes (March 1982 = 100)				
	Sept.	Dec.	Mar.	Jun.	Sept.
	1985	1985	1986	1986	1986
Manufacturing	99.1	100.8	102.3	102.7	103.2
Wholesale/Retail, Import/Export trades and Restaurants and Hotels	93.9	96.5	96.7	96.4	97.8
Transport Services	113.1	114.6	118.2	118.7	119.3
Business Services	101.4	103.1	105.5	107.5	109.6
Personal Services	96.9	98.1	98.1	100.1	99.2
All Sectors Above	99.4	101.3	102.6	103.0	103.9

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CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES +HUMANE, FIRM AND EFFICIENT+
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (FRIDAY) DESCRIBED HONG KONG'S CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES TOWARD OFFENDERS AS +HUMANE YET FIRM AND EFFICIENT+.

SPEAKING AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL INSPECTION AT STANLEY, SIR DAVID SAID GOOD CORRECTIONAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES HELP OFFENDERS LEAD A LAW-ABIDING AND USEFUL LIFE ON THEIR RELEASE.

+THE DEPARTMENT HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNISED AS FORWARD LOOKING IN ITS HUMANE YET FIRM AND EFFICIENT TREATMENT TOWARDS OFFENDERS AND HAS CONTINUED TO ATTRACT INTERNATIONAL INTEREST BOTH IN THE METHODS IT USES AND IN THE RESULTS IT ACHIEVES,+ HE SAID.

+THE SUCCESS OF YOUR EFFORTS CLEARLY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.+

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT MUCH EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE GENERAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION OF OFFENDERS, PARTICULARLY YOUNG INMATES. LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 153 INMATES TOOK PART IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS AND THE AVERAGE PASS RATE WAS OVER 90 PER CENT.

+THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCOUTING AND GUIDING ACTIVITIES WITHIN YOUNG OFFENDER INSTITUTIONS IS ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD AND WILL ASSIST THEM IN BECOMING LAW-ABIDING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE REHABILITATION OF YOUNG OFFENDERS. A YOUNG OFFENDER PANEL, RECOMMENDED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO ADVISE COURTS ON THE MOST APPROPRIATE SENTENCES FOR CONVICTED YOUNG OFFENDERS, WAS BEING SET UP AND PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE THE PRE-RELEASE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME AND THE RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION SCHEME WERE ALSO BEING CONSIDERED.

+THESE SCHEMES SEEK TO HELP OFFENDERS FROM REVERTING TO CRIME AFTER THEY LEAVE PRISON, AND PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO TAKE UP OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT DURING THEIR SENTENCES UNDER CLOSE SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE.+

SIR DAVID THEN PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS EFFORTS IN MANAGING CLOSED CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS IN THEM.

+WE RECOGNISE THAT LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS ARE REQUIRED TO RESOLVE THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG,+ SIR DAVID SAID. +BUT WHILE THE REFUGEES ARE IN OUR CARE, WE MUST LOOK AFTER THEM.+

SIR DAVID ALSO PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL TO 25 OFFICERS AND STAFF WHO HAD SERVED THE DEPARTMENT WELL IN THE LAST 18 YEARS.

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FIREMEN PRAISED FOR DEVOTION TO DUTY

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HONG KONG'S FIRE SERVICES HAS ATTAINED ITS HIGH REPUTATION THROUGH THE UNSELFISH DEVOTION TO DUTY BY LONG SERVING PERSONNEL, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR LAM CHEK-YUEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION OF FIRE BRIGADES LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO 14 MEMBERS OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMAND, MR LAM SAID THE AWARDS REPRESENTED ALMOST THREE CENTURIES OF GOOD CONDUCT AND LOYAL SERVICE OF THE RECIPIENTS.

+EACH OF YOU, THROUGH YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION, HAS CONTRIBUTED IN MANY WAYS YOUR SHARE IN BUILDING UP THIS ELITE BRIGADE.

+THE LONG SERVICE AWARDS YOU ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE ARE DUE RECOGNITION OF YOUR MANY YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, A WELL DESERVED AWARD TO REMIND YOU CONSTANTLY OF THE APPRECIATION THAT IS DUE TO YOU,+ MR LAM SAID.

THE CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE NEW FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST. AMONG THE RECIPIENTS WERE DIVISIONAL OFFICERS MR YEUNG WAN-PUI AND MR LAM CHUN-MAN.

THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 64 FIRE AND AMBULANCE OFFICERS AND MEN WHO HAVE SERVED THE DEPARTMENT FOR 18 OR UP TO 30 YEARS HAVE BEEN AWARDED FIRE BRIGADES LONG SERVICE MEDALS.

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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS COSTLY TO ALL PARTIES

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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ARE SO COSTLY THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO WORK TOWARDS IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF SAFETY AT WORK, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, MR YIP SAID INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS RESULTAD IN HEAVY LOSS ON THE PART OF EMPLOYERS AS WELL AS THE EMPLOYEES.

+THE LOSS CAN BE DIVIDED INTO DIRECT COSTS AND INDIRECT COSTS,+ HE SAID.

ON THE PART OF THE EMPLOYER, THERE WERE THREE MAIN ELEMENTS CONSTITUTING THE DIRECT COSTS OF AN ACCIDENT. THEY INCLUDED:

- * STATUTORY COMPENSATION PAID UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE TO THE INJURED EMPLOYEE AND COURT AWARDS TO THE DEPENDANTS OF THE DECEASED EMPLOYEES;
- * COURT FINES BECAUSE OF PROSECUTIONS AGAINST BREACHES OF THE SAFETY REGULATIONS RESULTING FROM THE ACCIDENTS; AND
- * COMMON LAW CLAIMS BY EMPLOYEE AGAINST THE EMPLOYER FOR NEGLIGENCE WHICH HAD BEEN SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR OR CONTRIBUTORY TO THE OCCURRENCE OF THE ACCIDENT.

IN ADDITION TO THE DIRECT COSTS, HE SAID, THERE WERE NUMEROUS INDIRECT COSTS WHICH HAD TO BE BORNE BY EMPLOYERS AS A RESULT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

THESE INCLUDED THE WORKING TIME LOST ON THE PART OF THE INJURED WORKER, HIS FELLOW WORKERS AND THE SUPERVISORY STAFF, INDIRECT PECUNIARY LOSS SUCH AS COST OF TRAINING REPLACEMENTS AND INCREASES IN INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

IN GENERAL, THE INDIRECT COSTS THAT RESULTED FROM AN ACCIDENT WERE FAR MORE DAMAGING AND EXPENSIVE THAN DIRECT COSTS AND HAD FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES.

MR YIP POINTED OUT THAT THE HARDEST HIT IN AN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT WAS THE INJURED WORKER HIMSELF.

IN ADDITION TO THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL SUFFERING CAUSED TO WORKER, HE SAID, INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS USUALLY HAD SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE LIVELIHOOD AND WELL-BEING OF HIS FAMILY.

+ALL THESE ALARMING COSTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS CLEARLY POINT TO THE NEED FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION IN SAFETY, AT WORK BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED,+ HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO MR YIP, THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN ENSURING A HIGH STANDARD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND A LOW ACCIDENT RATE, LAY IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYERS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID THAT THE BASIC APPROACH ADOPTED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WAS A COMBINATION OF ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY.

ON THE ENFORCEMENT FRONT, THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE IN 1986 CARRIED OUT 75 180 INSPECTIONS AT INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND INVESTIGATIONS INTO INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES.

/AS A RESULT,

AS A RESULT, THE DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN OUT 1 677 PROSECUTIONS AGAINST INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS FOR BREACHES OF VARIOUS SAFETY REGULATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT, IT WAS WELL RECOGNISED THAT ENFORCEMENT ALONE WAS FAR FROM ADEQUATE TO PRODUCE LASTING EFFECTS IN IMPROVING STANDARDS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK.

+THE DEPARTMENT IS, THEREFORE, CONSTANTLY AWARE OF THE NEED TO PROVIDE EDUCATION PROGRAMME ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY FOR THOSE IN THE INDUSTRY,+ MR YIP SAID.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OF THE DEPARTMENT ORGANISED A WIDE VARIETY OF FREE TRAINING COURSES FOR EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND WORKERS.

+ANOTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMME OF PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IS PUBLICITY.+

+INCREASING EMPHASIS IS NOW BEING PLACED ON MAKING USE OF THE MEDIA SUCH AS TELEVISION AND RADIO SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS AND SEMINARS TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR YIP STRESSED THAT ALL THESE MEASURES BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WERE STILL NOT SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE A HIGH STANDARD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND A LOW ACCIDENT RATE.

+IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ANY SUBSTANTIAL AND LASTING IMPROVEMENT IN THIS IMPORTANT FIELD, BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES MUST BE COMMITTED TO FULFILLING THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES.+

+IN SHORT, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IS A TRIPARTITE MATTER,+ HE SAID.

IN ORDER TO INCULCATE IN INDUSTRY THIS TRIPARTITE RESPONSIBILITY, HE SAID, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN PROMOTING IN THE PAST YEARS A VOLUNTARY SAFETY MOVEMENT THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE AND ITS SIX INDUSTRY-BASED SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEES UNDER THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

+WE HAVE SINCE SUCCESSFULLY LAID DOWN THE FOUNDATION WORK AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THE MOMENTUM WE HAVE GAINED SO FAR.+

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH OUR CONTINUED CO-OPERATION AND COMMITMENT, WE SHALL BE ABLE TO MAKE STEADY PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY,+ MR YIP ADDED.

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NORWEGIAN BANK GRANTED LICENCE
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THE DEN NORSKE CREDITBANK (DNC) HAS BEEN GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THE DNC WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1857 AND IS NORWAY'S LARGEST BANK. ONE OF ITS WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES IS A HONG KONG LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORWEGIAN BANKING PRESENCE IN HONG KONG REFLECTS HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT AS A BROAD-BASED FINANCIAL CENTRE,+ HE ADDED.

THIS IS THE FIRST BANKING LICENCE TO BE GRANTED IN 1987, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG TO 152, OF WHICH 117 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

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ISLANDS 'WALK FOR MILLIONS' ON SUNDAY
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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT'S +WALK FOR MILLIONS+ WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SUNDAY (JANUARY 18) IN THE NAN SHAN COUNTRY PARK ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING CEREMONY AT 10.30 AM IN THE N.T. HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, MUI WO FERRY PIER, LANTAU ISLAND.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. THE GOVERNMENT LAUNCH +CLEMENTI+ WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 8.30 AM AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER IN CENTRAL AT 8.45 AM FOR MUI WO.

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GRANTS AWARDED TO ARTISTE, PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS
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THERE HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO THE GRANT APPLICATION SCHEME (GAS) 1986-87 PROJECT (AND OTHER) GRANTS - THE SECOND ROUND EXERCISE OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) - WITH 34 PERFORMING ARTISTES AND ARTS ORGANISATIONS SUBMITTING A TOTAL OF 43 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS.

APPLICANTS REPRESENT A BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF THE LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS MILIEU, WITH A FAIR SPREAD OF APPLICATIONS FROM EXPONENTS OF BOTH WESTERN AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE ART FORMS.

FIFTEEN LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS AND A PERFORMING ARTISTE HAVE RECEIVED GRANTS TOTALLING \$466 000 THIS TIME. THE MAJORITY OF THE GRANTS WILL HELP COVER COSTS OF PERFORMANCES, MOST OF WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE LATER THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

RECIPIENTS INCLUDE THE HAN HSIAO DANCE COMPANY, THE GAYSTEPPERS DANCE TROUPE AND HONG KONG DANCE FEDERATION AND FOUR DRAMA ORGANISATIONS -- SHA TIN THEATRE COMPANY, AMITY DRAMA CLUB, THE MUSICAL COMPANY AND BESTREBEN DRAMA ASSOCIATION.

RECEIVING PROJECT GRANTS IN THE MUSIC FIELD ARE THE HONG KONG SILVER JUBILEE SINGERS, PAN ASIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE LEARNERS' CHORUS, DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, HONG KONG CAMERATA AND HONG KONG ORATORIO SOCIETY.

AN INDIVIDUAL GRANT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO WILLY TSAO TO ENABLE HIM TO PRESENT THREE DANCE PRODUCTIONS OF AN EXPERIMENTAL NATURE. A CAPITAL GRANT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY CONTEMPORARY THEATRE, WHILE THE HONG KONG FESTIVAL FRINGE LIMITED HAS RECEIVED ANOTHER GRANT TO ASSIST IT IN MOUNTING THE FESTIVAL FRINGE '87.

FURTHER APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECT GRANTS, INDIVIDUAL GRANTS AND CAPITAL GRANTS (THE LATTER INTENDED TO ASSIST IN THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT ESSENTIAL TO PERFORMANCE) UNDER THE GAS 1986-87 ARE STILL BEING INVITED BY THE CFPA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1987.

FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE GAS, AS WELL AS GRANT APPLICATION FORMS, MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CFPA SECRETARIAT ON 5-735878 AND 5-735425 OR FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 10TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

AS REGARDS RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION FOR GENERAL SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE COUNCIL'S GAS 1987-88 FOR WHICH THE CLOSING DATE WAS SEPTEMBER 30, 1986, A TOTAL OF EIGHT APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING SCRUTINISED BY THE CFPA. RESULTS OF THESE APPLICATIONS WILL BE KNOWN EARLY IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

BAN ON SMOKELESS TOBACCO TAKES EFFECT
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REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, POSSESSION FOR SALE, OFFERING OR EXPOSING FOR SALE, CONSIGNING OR DELIVERING OF SMOKELESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS WERE GAZETTED AND CAME INTO EFFECT TODAY (FRIDAY) FOLLOWING THEIR APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL LAST WEEK.

THE REGULATIONS WERE MADE UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE, FOR HEALTH REASONS, CONSEQUENT TO THE LATEST INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL EXPERT ADVICE ON THE DANGERS OF SMOKELESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT SHOWS CONFIDENCE IN HK'S FUTURE
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FOREIGN INVESTMENT, BE IT IN THE SERVICE INDUSTRIES, MANUFACTURING, REAL ESTATE OR THE MONEY AND CAPITAL MARKET, HAS CONTINUED TO FLOW INTO HONG KONG IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT, DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR BILLY LAM, SAID TODAY (HONG KONG TIME).

ADDRESSING SOME 80 MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAN CREDIT MANAGERS ASSOCIATION IN LOS ANGELES, MR LAM SAID THAT DESPITE SOME UNCERTAINTIES WHICH SURFACED DURING THE PERIOD OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE, ITS HIGHLY EXTERNALLY ORIENTED MARKET ECONOMY CONTINUED TO PERFORM WELL, WITH INCREASING FOREIGN INVESTMENT EVIDENCE OF THE CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

POINTING OUT THAT IN ADDITION TO INVESTMENT FROM THE TRADITIONAL SOURCES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, INVESTMENT FROM JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES AND, MOST RECENTLY AUSTRALIA, HAD INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

MR LAM CITED TWO MAJOR PROJECTS IN WHICH FOREIGN INVESTMENT IS CURRENTLY PLAYING A KEY ROLE: THE U.S.\$128 MILLION SIX-STORY CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION EXTENSION, A JOINT PROJECT OF SEALAND ORIENT, NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT AND R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY, AND THE U.S.\$436 MILLION SECOND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL PROJECT, A JOINT VENTURE OF JAPANESE, BRITISH AND CHINESE INVESTMENT.

+AT THE END OF 1985, FACTORIES WHOLLY OR PARTLY OWNED BY OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACCOUNTED FOR 11 PER CENT OF TOTAL INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT,+ MR LAM NOTED. HE SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS OF GROWING IMPORTANCE TO CHINA TOO, WITH CHINESE INVESTMENT IN THE TERRITORY ESTIMATED AT FOUR TO SIX BILLION U.S. DOLLARS.

+THE NEW BANK OF CHINA BUILDING CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS AMPLE EVIDENCE OF THE IMPORTANCE CHINA ATTACHES TO HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL AND TRADING CENTRE. HONG KONG HAS RESUMED ITS ROLE AS AN IMPORTANT ENTREPOT FOR CHINA'S EXPORTS, OFFERING EXCELLENT DEEP WATER PORT FACILITIES AND UNIQUE EXPERTISE OF MIDDLEMEN INVOLVED IN FINAL PACKAGING AND HANDLING,+ MR LAM SAID.

WHILE CHINA SURPASSED THE UNITED STATES IN 1986 AS HONG KONG'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AND EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA FROM HONG KONG HAD EXPERIENCED A HIGH GROWTH RATE, MR LAM NOTED IT IS NOT JUST A ONE-WAY RELATIONSHIP.

+HONG KONG'S POSITION AS THE DOORWAY TO THE WEST AND ITS WESTERN SYSTEMS OF MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS ARE BEING UTILISED IN HELPING CHINA'S MODERNISATION PROGRAMME.+

HE NOTED TOO THAT DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THE OPENING OF THE UNIFIED STOCK EXCHANGE HAD FURTHER ENHANCED HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL ROLE.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, MR LAM SAID THAT THE PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT, HONG KONG'S CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ITS ON-GOING GROWTH AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE SERVE TO ENHANCE HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY.

+TOGETHER WITH THE UNIQUE ABILITY OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO ADJUST AND ADAPT TO A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS, I AM CONFIDENT THAT DURING THE NEXT TEN YEARS, AND WELL AFTER 1997, HONG KONG WILL REMAIN A PROSPEROUS AND DYNAMIC INTERNATIONAL TRADING AND FINANCIAL CENTRE.+

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GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

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A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 18) IN VICTORIA PARK TO AWARD 12 WINNERS OF THE 1986 EASTERN DISTRICT GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS.

THEY ARE BEING AWARDED FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND OUTSTANDING BEHAVIOUR IN HELPING THE POLICE TO FIGHT CRIME.

AN EXHIBITION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND AN EXHIBITION ON THE +1986 FIGHT CRIME AND CARE FOR SOCIETY SCHEME+ WHICH WAS HELD LAST JUNE WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED DURING THE EVENT.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY THE AUXILIARY POLICE PIPE BAND, TAEKWONDO BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, EASTERN POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR G.W. REPER, CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG SAU-CHI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW FUNG-CHEUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY AT VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCHES NO. 1, 2 AND 3.

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NORTH DB MEMBERS VISIT MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SERVICES PROVIDED.

LED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, THE PARTY FIRST VISITED THE FANLING HOSPITAL. THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT BY HOSPITAL SUPERINTENDENT, DR LI WOOD-NG.

THEY THEN TOURED THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY, X-RAY, PHYSIOTHERAPY AND GENERAL OUT-PATIENTS DEPARTMENTS, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE AND THE LABORATORY.

BUILT IN 1960, THE HOSPITAL HAS 98 BEDS FOR PATIENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PARTY NEXT WENT TO SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN SHEUNG SHUI AND SAW THE OPERATION OF ITS METHADONE CLINIC AND TRAVELLING DISPENSARY.

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NEW OUT-PATIENT CLINIC FOR KWUN TONG

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KWUN TONG IS TO HAVE ANOTHER OUT-PATIENT CLINIC TO SERVE ITS DENSE POPULATION FROM NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 19).

THE NEW GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC IS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE RECENTLY COMPLETED LAM TIN POLYCLINIC AT KAI TIN ROAD.

IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AND 2 PM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS. IT WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

A MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SEVEN-STOREY LAM TIN POLYCLINIC WAS COMPLETED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR. WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, IT WILL ACCOMMODATE A SCHOOL CHILDREN DENTAL CLINIC, A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC, A MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE, A GERIATRIC DAY CENTRE, A PSYCHIATRIC DAY CENTRE AND A COMMUNITY NURSING CENTRE.

THE DENTAL CLINIC ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE POLYCLINIC WAS THE FIRST TO OPEN LAST NOVEMBER, WHILE THE OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES WILL START OPERATION IN PHASES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LAM TIN POLYCLINIC WILL BE THE FOURTH GOVERNMENT CLINIC PROVIDING OUT-PATIENT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IN KWUN TONG.

THE THREE OUT-PATIENT CLINICS IN THE DISTRICT ARE THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE WHICH ALSO PROVIDES SERVICES IN THE EVENINGS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, THE NGAU TAU KOK JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND SHUN LEE GOVERNMENT CLINIC.

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MONG KOK TO LAUNCH YEAR-END CLEAN-UP

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A CLEAN-UP WILL BE LAUNCHED IN MONG KOK TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO HELP RESIDENTS DISPOSE OF BULKY JUNKS AND REFUSE BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP IS AN ANNUAL OPERATION ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND IS TIED IN WITH THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN TO FOSTER A CLEAN AND HYGIENIC LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

URBAN COUNCIL MEMBERS, DR RONALD LEUNG AND MR CHAN KWOK-MING, WILL HELP REMOVE RUBBISH FROM NEARBY BUILDINGS AFTER A LAUNCHING CEREMONY.

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PRIZES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO 12 BUILDINGS WHICH HAVE WON A BUILDING CLEAN-UP COMPETITION HELD EARLIER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP TOMORROW AT 10 AM AT THE SITTING-OUT AREA AT THE JUNCTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND NULLAH STREET.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES REVISED

THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES WILL NOW BE 2.52 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 3.36 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

NOTICE OF THIS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.21 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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 ON OR AFTER JANUARY 19, 1987.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE JANUARY 19, 1987 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

7.08%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 28, 1984 AND BEFORE JANUARY 16, 1985
6.60%	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

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- 5.04% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 24, 1985;
- 4.56% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 24, 1985 AND BEFORE MAY 22, 1985;
- 4.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 22, 1985 AND BEFORE JUNE 27, 1985;
- 3.60% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 27, 1985 AND BEFORE JULY 17, 1985;
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 17, 1985 AND BEFORE JULY 23, 1985;
- 2.76% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 23, 1985 AND BEFORE SEPTEMBER 4, 1985;
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 4, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 3, 1986;
- 4.32% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 1986 AND BEFORE MAY 14, 1986;
- 4.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 14, 1986 AND BEFORE AUGUST 19, 1986; AND
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 19, 1986 AND BEFORE JANUARY 19, 1987,

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

EXAMPLE: \$1 000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON JANUARY 23, 1987, FEBRUARY 23, 1987 AND MARCH 23, 1987 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDERED IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON APRIL 22, 1987 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:-

ON \$1 000, JANUARY 23, 1987 TO APRIL 22, 1987 3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$2.10 PER MONTH	= 6.30
ON \$1 000, FEBRUARY 23, 1987 TO APRIL 22, 1987 2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$2.10 PER MONTH	= 4.20
ON \$1 000, MARCH 23, 1987 TO APRIL 22, 1987 1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$2.10 PAR MONTH	= 2.10
	\$12.60

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BY-CENSUS DATA DESTROYED

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QUESTIONNAIRES CONTAINING DATA ON INDIVIDUALS, LIVING QUARTERS AND HOUSEHOLDS COVERED BY THE 1986 BY-CENSUS WERE BURNT THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR UNDER THE CLOSE SUPERVISION OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT STAFF.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE, DATA ON INDIVIDUALS, LIVING QUARTERS AND HOUSEHOLDS OBTAINED FROM THE 1986 BY-CENSUS MUST BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND ALL QUESTIONNAIRES WITH SUCH INFORMATION MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN A YEAR AFTER THE BY-CENSUS.

HE STRESSED THAT AT ALL STAGES OF THE BY-CENSUS OPERATIONS, STEPS WERE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA WAS STRICTLY MAINTAINED.

+OTHER THAN THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE BY-CENSUS OPERATIONS, NO ONE WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT CAN HAVE ACCESS TO THE INDIVIDUAL DATA OF THE BY-CENSUS. CENSUS OFFICERS ARE ALL UNDER OATH OF SECRECY NOT TO DISCLOSE SUCH INFORMATION.

+QUESTIONNAIRES FROM THE BY-CENSUS WERE DESTROYED TO DISPEL ANY POSSIBLE ANXIETY WHICH THE PUBLIC MIGHT HAVE OVER THEIR FUTURE USE,+ HE SAID.

DATA COLLECTED FROM THE BY-CENSUS ARE STILL BEING PROCESSED BY COMPUTER. DETAILS OF INDIVIDUALS, LIVING QUARTERS OR HOUSEHOLDS ARE NOT KEPT ON COMPUTER NOR IN ANY OTHER FORM OF RECORDS IN THE DEPARTMENT. CENSUS RESULTS WILL BE RELEASED ONLY IN THE FORM OF AGGREGATED STATISTICAL TABLES.

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CAD HEADQUARTERS ON THE MOVE

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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE ITS HEADQUARTERS FROM THE UNITED CENTRE TO THE 46TH FLOOR OF QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 66 QUEENSWAY OVER THE WEEKEND.

THE DEPARTMENT'S ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING SECTION WILL ALSO MOVE FROM ADMIRALTY CENTRE TO THE SAME ADDRESS.

THE DEPARTMENTAL HEADQUARTERS WILL RESUME BUSINESS ON MONDAY (JANUARY 19) AT 8.45 AM. THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ENQUIRIES IS 5-8624332.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL TELEMATCH FOR SUNDAY
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DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL COMPETE AGAINST GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN AN INVITATION MATCH DURING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT TELEMATCH ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 18) AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG.

THE INVITATION GAME IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE TELEMATCH WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

STARTING AT 10 AM, THE TELEMATCH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY COMPETITIONS AMONG AREA COMMITTEES, LOCAL FIRMS AND FACTORIES. ALL GAMES CARRY A CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIM OF THE TELEMATCH IS TO PROMOTE SPORTS, PARTICIPATION AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREAS, LOCAL FACTORIES AND FIRMS.

THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TEAM, LED BY SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, INCLUDES MRS MABEL TONG OF THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, CHAN MING-KWONG OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND MR WONG WING-CHUNG OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD TEAM ARE MR CHAN YAU-YUE, MR KAN MAN-LEE, MR RAYMOND KWOK AND MR MAN HON-MING.

THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL AND THE ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION WILL ALSO SEND A TEAM EACH TO TAKE PART IN THE INVITATION MATCH.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE MR LORD, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, MR HO CHUN-TUNG AND MR YUNG CHEK-CHOW, URBAN COUNCIL MEMBER, MR JOSEPH CHAN, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TELEMATCH AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY.

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FUN FAIR FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS TOMORROW
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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A FUN FAIR AND EXHIBITIONS WHICH INTRODUCE HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES OF ANCIENT CHINA AT YWCA ANNE BLACK CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE FUN FAIR WILL FEATURE LION DANCE, CHINESE DANCE AND MUSIC, EXHIBITIONS ON HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES OF ANCIENT CHINA AND HISTORY BOOKS, GAME STALLS ON RIDDLES, QUIZ, TALKS, FILM SHOW, CROSSWORD PUZZLE AND PICTURE COLOURING COMPETITIONS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN TRADITIONAL CHINESE COOKING AND CALLIGRAPHY.

THE EXHIBITIONS ON HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY AGAIN ON SUNDAY FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

THE AIM OF THE EVENT IS TO REMIND THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER GENERATION, OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LEADING HISTORICAL PEOPLE AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO LEARN FROM THEIR VIRTUES AND SUCCESS.

IT IS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, URBAN COUNCIL, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE YWCA ANNE BLACK CENTRE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FUN FAIR AT 3 PM TOMORROW AT THE YWCA ANNE BLACK CENTRE, 5 MAN FUK ROAD, HO MAN TIN.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION MOVES TO TAI PO
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A MINI FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION, FEATURING GENERAL AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRES, WILL BE HELD AT TAI PO PLAYGROUND THIS SUNDAY (JANUARY 18).

SO FAR FOUR SUCH EXHIBITIONS HAVE BEEN HELD IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE NEED TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL IN PREVENTING FIRE IN THE PREVAILING DRY SEASON.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 3 PM WITH PANEL DISPLAYS AND DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS, 1987 CALENDAR CARDS, AND GIVEAWAYS SPONSORED BY KWONG ON BANK.

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FIRE PREVENTION DAY FOR KWAI TSING RESIDENTS
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MORE THAN 500 KWAI TSING RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE FIRE PREVENTION DAY TO BE HELD AT KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT IS ONE OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AS PART OF THE KWAI TSING FESTIVAL.

THERE WILL BE LION DANCING, BRASS BAND PERFORMANCES, FIRE PREVENTION, FIGHTING AND RESCUE DEMONSTRATIONS.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE A MOBIL COMMAND UNIT ALONG WITH FIRE APPLIANCES AT THE VENUE. AN INFORMATION COUNTER WILL ALSO BE MANNED BY OFFICERS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC ENQUIRIES.

OFFICIATING AT THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY WILL BE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR CHEUNG SHU-SHING, AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRAIN COAK.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND (NEXT TO KWAI FONG MTR STATION). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE ALSO INVITED TO JOIN OFFICIATING GUESTS TO TOUR THE MOBIL COMMAND UNIT ON DISPLAY.

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FIRST KWAI TSING ATHLETICS MEET SET FOR SUNDAY
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ABOUT 650 ATHLETICS WILL COMPETE IN MORE THAN 60 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS IN THE FIRST KWAI TSING DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 18) AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND.

THERE WILL BE A 4 X 100-METRE INVITATION RELAY RACE WITH KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TAKING PART. OTHER TEAMS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE FORCE, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE ATHLETIC MEET IS ORGANISED AS PART OF THE FIVE-WEEK-LONG KWAI TSINGQK FESTIVAL '86 WHICH WILL COME TO AN END ON JANUARY 24.

THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, SET UP LAST JULY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PREPARING THE ATHLETIC MEET.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TUNG-CHING, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN, REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER, MR WONG MAN-TAI, AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ATHLETIC MEET AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND (NEXT TO THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION).

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SHEUNG SHUI WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME VILLAGES IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 8 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 19) TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

ALL PREMISES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM TSUNG PAK LONG TO LOK MA CHAU AND ALONG FAN KAM ROAD FROM PING KONG TO YING PUN WILL BE AFFECTED.

THE VILLAGES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED INCLUDE: TSUNG PAK LONG TSUEN, YIN KONG TSUEN, KAM TSIN TSUEN, HANG TAU TSUEN, KWU TUNG TSUEN, KI LUN TSUEN, HO SHEUNG HEUNG TSUEN, TUNG FONG AREA, LUEN SAN AREA, MA TSO LUNG TSUEN, CHAU TAU TSUEN, PUN UK TSUEN, PAK SEK AU, TAI TAU LENG TSUEN AND KWU TUNG TIN SAM TSUEN.

THOSE ALONG FAN KAM ROAD INCLUDE: PING KONG TSUEN, ON PO TSUEN, TONG KUNG LENG TSUEN, CHEUNG LEK TSUEN, YEE ON SAN TSUEN, TSIU KENG TSUEN AND YING PUN TSUEN.

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NEW ROADS IN SHEUNG SHUI TO OPEN

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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHEUNG SHUI FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 19) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OPENING OF TWO NEW ROADS THERE.

THESE ARE THE SECTION OF ROAD SR7 AT HANG TAU AND ROAD SR8 BETWEEN HANG TAU AND KAM TSIN.

THE EXISTING ACCESS FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO HANG TAU VILLAGE WILL BE CLOSED AND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO ROAD SR7.

MEANWHILE, NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 50 PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND HANG TAU WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED TO ROAD SR7.

THE NEW ROADS WILL PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO KAM TSIN VILLAGE.

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SIR DAVID WILSON

APPOINTED

GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG

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SIR DAVID WILSON APPOINTED GOVERNOR
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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HAS BEEN PLEASED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DR D.C. WILSON CMG TO BE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF HONG KONG IN SUCCESSION TO THE LATE SIR EDWARD YOUDE GCMG GCVO MBE.

THE QUEEN HAS ALSO BEEN PLEASED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DR WILSON AS A KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE.

SIR DAVID WILSON KCMG

DAVID CLIVE WILSON WAS BORN AT ALLOA IN SCOTLAND ON FEBRUARY 14, 1935. HE WAS EDUCATED AT TRINITY COLLEGE, GLENALMOND, AND KEBLE COLLEGE, OXFORD, WHERE HE WAS A SCHOLAR, GRADUATING IN MODERN HISTORY IN 1958. BETWEEN SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY HE DID NATIONAL SERVICE IN THE ARMY FROM 1953 TO 1955, WAS COMMISSIONED IN THE BLACK WATCH (RHR), AND SERVED SOME OF THAT TIME IN BRITISH GUIANA.

HE ENTERED THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1958 AND WORKED FIRST IN THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND THEN AS THIRD SECRETARY IN VIENTIANE. IN 1960 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO FULL-TIME CHINESE LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY FOR TWO YEARS AND AT THE BEGINNING OF 1963 WAS POSTED TO PEKING AS THIRD, LATER SECOND, SECRETARY.

IN 1965 HE RETURNED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, ON PROMOTION TO FIRST SECRETARY, TO WORK IN THE FAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT. THREE YEARS LATER HE RESIGNED FROM THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE TO TAKE UP THE APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF +THE CHINA QUARTERLY+ AT THE CONTEMPORARY CHINA INSTITUTE OF THE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES, LONDON UNIVERSITY.

DURING THAT PERIOD HE TOOK A SABBATICAL AS A VISITING SCHOLAR AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, IN 1972 AND GAINED A PHD FROM LONDON UNIVERSITY IN 1973.

IN 1974 SIR DAVID REJOINED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND WORKED FOR THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS IN THE CABINET OFFICE. FROM 1977 TO 1981, FOLLOWING PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF COUNSELLOR, HE SERVED AS POLITICAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, RETURNING TO LONDON AT THE END OF 1981 TO BECOME HEAD OF SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

SINCE FEBRUARY 1984, WITH A FURTHER PROMOTION, HE HAS HELD HIS CURRENT APPOINTMENT IN THE FCO AS ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.

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SIR DAVID WAS MADE A KCMG ON THE OCCASION OF HIS APPOINTMENT IN JANUARY 1987 AS GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF HONG KONG.

IN 1967 HE MARRIED NATASHA (HELEN MARY) ALEXANDER, WHO WAS BORN IN OXFORD IN 1943. THEY HAVE TWO SONS, PETER AND ANDREW, BORN IN 1968 AND 1969 RESPECTIVELY. LADY WILSON OWNS AND RUNS A NURSERY SCHOOL IN LONDON. SIR DAVID'S MAIN OUTSIDE INTERESTS ARE MOUNTAINEERING AND READING. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE 1981 BRITISH EXPEDITION TO MOUNT KONGUR IN CHINA.

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STATEMENT BY THE HON SIR S. Y. CHUNG,
SENIOR MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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AS SENIOR MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, I WARMLY WELCOME THE APPOINTMENT OF SIR DAVID WILSON AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED BY HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TODAY.

LIKE MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, I REMEMBER HIS WORK AS POLITICAL ADVISER BETWEEN 1977 AND 1981, AND ADMIRE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF CHINA AND HIS POLITICAL SENSITIVITY. DURING THE SINO-BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, MY COLLEAGUES IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING WITH HIM CLOSELY IN OUR FREQUENT VISITS TO LONDON. WE WERE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE IMPORTANT WORK HE WAS DOING FOR HONG KONG AS THE LEADER OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION IN THE WORKING GROUP AT THE LATER STAGES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND, AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, AS THE LEADER OF THE BRITISH SIDE IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP. THE SWIFT AND SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF THE MANY PROBLEMS FACING THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WAS DUE IN NO SMALL MEASURE TO HIS SKILL AND TACT IN THE DISCUSSIONS. I DO NOT THINK WE CAN FIND ANY OTHER MAN TO BE THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG WHO HAS SUCH A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE NOT ONLY OF HONG KONG AFFAIRS BUT ALSO OF THE PROCESSES OF THE SINO-BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS.

SIR DAVID WILSON HAS A LONG AND PRODUCTIVE ASSOCIATION WITH CHINA, AND HIS WORK THERE AS A DIPLOMAT HAS MADE HIM MANY FRIENDS. HIS EXPERT KNOWLEDGE OF CHINESE AFFAIRS AND HIS EXPERIENCE IN BEIJING WILL BE INVALUABLE TO HIM DURING HIS RESIDENCE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, PARTICULARLY IN THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD TOWARDS 1997.

I BELIEVE THAT SIR DAVID WILSON'S APPOINTMENT WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN CONFIDENCE IN OUR FUTURE BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE HONG KONG. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM FOR THE GOOD OF HONG KONG AND I SHALL NO DOUBT GIVE HIM MY FULL SUPPORT.

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STATEMENT BY THE HON LYDIA DUNN,
SENIOR MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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I AM DELIGHTED THAT SIR DAVID WILSON HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE NEW GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG. SIR DAVID WILSON'S DEEP KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG AND CHINA, HIS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE, HIS ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING UP TO THE JOINT DECLARATION AND HIS WORK ON THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP MAKE HIM UNIQUELY QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION. HE HAS SOUND JUDGMENT AND HIGH INTELLECT.

THE SPONTANEOUS REACTION OF THE PUBLIC TO THE DEATH OF THE LATE GOVERNOR SHOWED NOT ONLY THEIR AFFECTION FOR THE MAN BUT ALSO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG AT THIS TIME. I AM SURE THE COMMUNITY WILL REMEMBER THAT AS THEY WELCOME HIS SUCCESSOR AND GIVE SIR DAVID WILSON THEIR SUPPORT AS HE TAKES UP HIS HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES. HE WILL HAVE MY FULLEST SUPPORT.

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NEW GOVERNOR EXPECTED IN EARLY APRIL
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THE NEW GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG IN EARLY APRIL, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PARADE, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED THAT SUCH A CLOSE, PERSONAL FRIEND WOULD BE THE NEXT GOVERNOR. +I AM SURE THAT WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO HIS ARRIVAL,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DELIGHTED THAT SUCH A GOOD FRIEND AND AN OLD FRIEND OF CHINA, AND SOMEONE WITH A DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF CHINESE HISTORY AND OF THE LANGUAGE HAD BEEN APPOINTED, AND THAT IT WOULD BE EASY TO FIND A GOOD RAPPORT WITH HIM.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR DESCRIBED THE NEW GOVERNOR AS A MAN OF GREAT INTELLECTUAL ABILITY WHO KNEW HONG KONG WELL.

+SO I AM QUITE SURE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO BECOME FAMILIAR VERY QUICKLY AND COME UP TO DATE WITH HONG KONG'S PROBLEMS AND ADMINISTRATION,+ HE SAID.

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ASKED WHAT +HARDSHIPS+ THE NEW GOVERNOR WOULD HAVE TO FACE, SIR DAVID SAID THAT BEING GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG WAS A TOUGH JOB AT ANY TIME.

BUT HE STRESSED THAT SIR DAVID WILSON WOULD BE +SUPPORTED BY A VERY STRONG ADMINISTRATION+.

+I AM SURE THAT THE POSTINGS AND APPOINTMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS WILL GET HIS TEAM INTO POSITION TO ENABLE HIM TO CARRY ON WITH THE GOOD GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG.+

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PARLIAMENTARY GROUP HEAD WELCOMES APPOINTMENT

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IN A PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED TO THE MEDIA IN LONDON, SIR PETER BLAKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, SAID: +I AM DELIGHTED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF SIR DAVID WILSON AS GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HONG KONG. THERE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A MORE SUITABLE CHOICE. SIR DAVID HAS KNOWN BOTH HONG KONG AND CHINA WELL FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE WORK LEADING UP TO THE JOINT DECLARATION AND AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY. HE NOW HOLDS A VERY SENIOR POSITION IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE DEALING WITH HONG KONG AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH SIDE OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, IS INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN ALL THE MATTERS WHICH THE GROUP IS SUCCESSFULLY TACKLING.

+HE IS A CHINESE SCHOLAR AND RESPECTED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION HIS THREE YEARS IN THE CABINET OFFICE IN LONDON WILL HAVE GIVEN HIM AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LEVERS OF POWER IN WESTMINSTER AND WHITEHALL. I AM SURE HE WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE DEFENDER OF THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG AND ITS PEOPLE AND THAT UNDER HIM HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY WILL CONTINUE AND DEVELOP. THE OFFICES OF THE BRITISH-HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP WILL BE TABLING A MOTION IN PARLIAMENT CONGRATULATING SIR DAVID ON HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AND WISHING HIM SUCCESS.+

AN EXCELLENT CHOICE - LORD MACLEHOSE

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IN WELCOMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SIR DAVID WILSON, FORMER GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, LORD MACLEHOSE SAID: +SIR DAVID WILSON SEEMS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE. HE HAS THE RIGHT PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND HONG KONG EXPERIENCE AND THE RIGHT COMBINATION OF BRAINS, ENERGY AND PERSONALITY TO MAKE THE GOVERNOR HONG KONG NEEDS AFTER THE SAD DEATH OF SIR EDWARD YOUDE.+

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TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS CONFERENCE
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FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE SATELLITE-LINK PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE NEW GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID WILSON TODAY:

JOHN CHAN, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES:

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THIS SATELLITE PRESS CONFERENCE. IN OUR STUDIO HERE ON BROADCAST DRIVE, REPRESENTATIVES OF HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS NEWS MEDIA ARE WAITING TO TALK TO OUR NEXT GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WHO IS AT PRESENT IN THE BRITISH TELECOM STUDIO IN LONDON. SIR DAVID IS OF COURSE NO STRANGER TO HONG KONG. HE WAS POLITICAL ADVISER HERE FROM 1977 TO 81; HE WAS CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE SINO-BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE; AND HE HAS BEEN SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BRITISH SIDE OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP SINCE ITS INCEPTION. WELL, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, LET'S CROSS OVER TO LONDON.

JOHN CHAN: GOOD MORNING SIR DAVID, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AND ON YOUR KNIGHTHOOD. MAY I INVITE YOU TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO OUR FRIENDS FROM THE MEDIA TO START WITH?

SIR DAVID:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOOD EVENING TO ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD MORNING TO ME IN LONDON, BUT I KNOW IT'S EVENING FOR YOU. PERHAPS I COULD START BY SAYING A FEW WORDS. AS YOU KNOW THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS JUST BEEN MADE TWO HOURS AGO THAT HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HAS APPROVED MY APPOINTMENT AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE AND ALSO A GREAT CHALLENGE TO BE GIVEN THIS RESPONSIBILITY. MUCH OF MY OWN WORKING LIFE HAS BEEN SPENT EITHER IN OR INVOLVED WITH HONG KONG AND I DEVELOPED GREAT ADMIRATION AND GREAT AFFECTION FOR THE TERRITORY AND ITS PEOPLE. I AM DELIGHTED AND I AM HONOURED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE HONG KONG AS GOVERNOR. AT THE SAME TIME I HAVE TO SAY THAT I TAKE UP THIS TASK WITH A CERTAIN SENSE OF SADNESS, WITH SADNESS BECAUSE I SHALL BE TAKING THE PLACE OF SIR EDWARD YOUDE, A VERY DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HONG KONG. HIS DEATH WAS A GREAT LOSS TO US ALL. BUT DURING HIS PERIOD OF OFFICE HE LAID A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. I SHALL STRIVE TO BUILD ON THAT FOUNDATION. DURING MY DIPLOMATIC SERVICE CAREER, I HAVE SEEN HONG KONG GROW AND PROSPER OVER A PERIOD

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OF SOME 25 YEARS OR MORE. I WAS IN HONG KONG AS A STUDENT AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY AND I SPENT FOUR VERY HAPPY YEARS AS POLITICAL ADVISER TO AN EARLIER DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR, LORD MACLEHOSE. I HAVE THE GREATEST ADMIRATION FOR THE THRIVING SOCIETY AND ECONOMY THAT HAS BEEN BUILT UP IN HONG KONG. I HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TO HAVE THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE IN THOSE WHO ARE NOW GOING TO BE ADVISING ME, BOTH COUNCILLORS AND OFFICIALS. I PLAN TO TAKE UP MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES IN EARLY APRIL AND BEFORE THEN I SHALL BE STARTING TO BRIEF MYSELF AS FULLY AS I POSSIBLY CAN ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE TERRITORY AND ITS ADMINISTRATION AND I SHALL BE TAKING TIME TO MEET KEY PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH HONG KONG AFFAIRS. I KNOW THAT I HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO LEARN BOTH IN THE WEEKS AHEAD AND AFTER I HAVE TAKEN UP MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. MEANWHILE UNTIL I TAKE UP MY APPOINTMENT, THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN THE VERY CAPABLE HANDS OF SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE WAY IN WHICH SIR DAVID AND THE CIVIL SERVICE HAVE MANAGED SMOOTHLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO MAINTAIN THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG DESPITE THE SUDDEN AND TRAGIC DEATH OF SIR EDWARD YOUDE. I THINK THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT FOR HONG KONG THERE ARE CHALLENGING YEARS OF CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH LIE AHEAD. BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT THE PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT. I HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE. I HAVE CONFIDENCE, TOO, IN THE FULL COMMITMENT OF BOTH THE BRITISH AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENTS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION. BOTH CLEARLY WISH TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO HELP MAINTAIN PROSPERITY AND STABILITY IN HONG KONG. AS FOR MYSELF, I AM DETERMINED TO SERVE HONG KONG AND ITS INTERESTS TO THE UTMOST OF MY ABILITY. AND NOW IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS I WILL DO MY BEST TO TRY TO ANSWER THEM.

JOHN CHAN: THANK YOU SIR DAVID, FIRST QUESTION.

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HONGKONG STANDARD: SIR DAVID, A LOT OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE CONCERNED NOW ABOUT THE PURGE OF INTELLECTUALS AND OF LIBERAL PARTY MEMBERS THAT SEEMS TO BE GOING ON IN CHINA AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. IN FACT, WE JUST HEARD A REPORT THAT COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF HU YAO-BANG HAS RESIGNED. WE KNOW YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING CHINA FOR A LONG TIME AND WE'D LIKE TO KNOW YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION THERE. WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO ASSURE THE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG THAT WHAT'S GOING ON IN CHINA NOW, WON'T BE HAPPENING HERE AFTER ANOTHER TEN YEARS?

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SIR DAVID: THANK YOU. AS YOU KNOW, AND AS MANY OF YOU IN HONG KONG DO, I FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA WITH GREAT INTEREST. BUT THESE ARE OF COURSE THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CHINA, AND I THINK IT WOULD BE WRONG OF ME AT THIS STAGE TO COMMENT PUBLICLY ON THEM, OR TO DO AS YOU SUGGEST, GIVE MY OWN ANALYSIS OF THEM. AS FOR HONG KONG, I THINK THE ASSURANCES FOR HONG KONG ARE CONTAINED VERY CLEARLY IN THE JOINT DECLARATION WHICH GIVES CLEAR CUT ASSURANCES ABOUT THE CONTINUITY OF THE WAY OF LIFE AND THE SYSTEMS OF HONG KONG FOR THE 50 YEARS AFTER 1997. AND, AS I SAID EARLIER, I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE WAY IN WHICH THAT JOINT DECLARATION IS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

NICK BEACROFT

RTHK: SIR DAVID, THERE'S BEEN MUCH TALK OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS NOT STANDING UP TO THE CHINESE LEADERS, AND AT TIMES BEING STEAMROLLED BY THEM OVER VARIOUS ISSUES. WHAT WILL YOUR GENERAL ATTITUDE AND APPROACH BE TO THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP ONCE YOU TAKE OFFICE?

SIR DAVID: PERSONALLY, I'VE ALWAYS FOUND HONG KONG EXTREMELY CAPABLE OF STANDING UP FOR WHAT IT CONCEIVES TO BE ITS OWN INTERESTS AND ITS OWN DESIRES. I THINK THAT'S BEEN A VERY MARKED FEATURE OF HONG KONG'S WAY OF LIFE. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD ALL OF US MAKE CLEAR PUBLICLY WHAT THOSE INTERESTS AND THOSE PERCEPTIONS ARE. AND THOSE POINTS HAVE TO BE MADE CLEAR SOMETIMES IN LONDON, AND I THINK THEY HAVE TO BE MADE CLEAR SOMETIMES IN PEKING. EQUALLY, THERE HAS TO BE UNDERSTANDING OF POINTS OF VIEW ON THE OTHER SIDE AS WELL. THERE HAS TO BE AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THINGS LOOK FROM LONDON SOMETIMES AND HOW THINGS LOOK FROM PEKING SOMETIMES. AND IN THAT WAY, I BELIEVE, THE INTEREST OF HONG KONG AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG CAN BEST BE PRESERVED.

CLAUDIA MO, AFP: SIR, DO YOU THINK AN EMERGENCE OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN HONG KONG COULD ENDANGER THE TERRITORY'S POLITICAL STABILITY?

SIR DAVID: I THINK HONG KONG HAS ALWAYS MANAGED TO DEVELOP ITS OWN SYSTEMS AND ITS OWN WAY OF GOVERNMENT IN A STEADY AND GRADUAL WAY TO MEET CHANGING NEEDS AND I'M SURE THAT THAT SORT OF PROCESS WILL CONTINUE. HONG KONG -- ANY POLITICAL SOCIETY -- IS A LIVING ORGANISM AND NEEDS CHANGE AND WITH THOSE NEEDS CHANGING SO THE STRUCTURE SOMETIMES HAS TO CHANGE. I DON'T THINK THAT I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON ANY PARTICULAR FORM OF POLITICAL ORGANISATION, LIKE PARTIES OR OTHERWISE. THE POINT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IS THAT, AS I SEE IT, HONG KONG HAS ALWAYS HAD A STEADY PROCESS OF CHANGE AND THAT HAS BEEN MARKED BY COMMON SENSE AND BY CAUTION. AND THAT SORT OF APPROACH HAS SERVED HONG KONG VERY WELL IN THE PAST AND WELL, I'M SURE, IN THE FUTURE.

/JAMES TAM

JAMES TAM

(SING PAO DAILY NEWS): SIR DAVID, IF THE OPINION OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL PUBLIC ON IMPORTANT ISSUES SUCH AS THE POLITICAL REVIEW IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH THOSE OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, HOW WILL YOU DO TO RESOLVE THE CONTRADICTION?

SIR DAVID: I THINK ONE SHOULDN'T ALWAYS LOOK FOR CONTRADICTIONS BEFORE THEY OCCUR. THERE'S GOING TO BE AS YOU ALL KNOW A REVIEW DURING THIS YEAR, DURING 1987, AND THAT REVIEW AS HAS BEEN SAID MANY TIMES WILL BE A GENUINE AND A FAIR REVIEW, AND IT WILL ENDEAVOUR TO DISCOVER THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES. THE FIRST THING, I THINK, IS TO CARRY OUT THAT REVIEW AND SEE WHAT THOSE VIEWS ARE, AND THE VIEWS WILL BE TAKEN VERY FULLY INTO ACCOUNT IN THE DECISIONS THAT WILL FOLLOW THE GREEN PAPER EXERCISE.

NANCY LI (TVB): AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, WILL YOU PUT HONG KONG PEOPLE'S INTERESTS OR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT INTERESTS AS TOP PRIORITY IN CASE THERE IS CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES? IS IT NATURAL THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT INTERESTS SHOULD RUN FIRST BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO SWEAR ALLEGIANCE AND LOYALTY TO THE QUEEN?

✓ SIR DAVID: I HAVE JUST BEEN APPOINTED AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG; I HOPE THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY THAT THE QUEEN IS NOT JUST QUEEN OF UNITED KINGDOM BUT QUEEN OF HONG KONG AS WELL.

MICHAEL WONG

(MING PAO DAILY NEWS): SIR, WE ARE TOLD THAT YOU DID FAVOUR THE MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. WOULD YOU NOW FAVOUR THAT IN 1988 THE MAJORITY OF THE HONG KONG LEGISLATURE SHOULD BE ELECTED EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SO THAT THE LEGCO DOES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG?

SIR DAVID: I HOPE I ANSWERED OR AT LEAST PARTLY ANSWERED THAT QUESTION A MOMENT AGO WHEN I SAID THAT THERE WILL BE A REVIEW CARRIED OUT IN 1987. THAT REVIEW WILL BE GOING AHEAD. IT WILL BE A GENUINE REVIEW AND IT WILL SEEK TO GET THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. BEFORE THE REVIEW IS COMPLETED I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE RIGHT TO TRY TO PRODUCE HYPOTHETICAL ANSWERS BASED ON WHAT COULD ONLY BE GUESSWORK AT WHAT THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL BE SHOWN TO BE DURING THE REVIEW PROCESS.

TSUI MING-YUEN

(WEN WEI PO): LOCAL LEGISLATORS ARE ASKING THE UK GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND SET AN EXAMPLE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN TAKING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG. SO, WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON THIS ISSUE AND WILL YOU LOBBY THE UK GOVERNMENT FOR AN EARLY SOLUTION TO TAKE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG?

SIR DAVID: I'M PERSONALLY VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE ENORMOUS BURDEN WHICH HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON HONG KONG BY THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM. I HAVE ACTUALLY VERY CLOSE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF IT FROM THE TIME THAT I WAS POLITICAL ADVISER UNDER LORD MACLEHOSE WHEN THE MASSIVE FLOOD OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES STARTED ARRIVING IN HONG KONG IN 1979. IT IS AN ENORMOUS PROBLEM STILL. I KNOW ALSO FROM MY PREVIOUS JOB, THAT'S MY JOB UP UNTIL YESTERDAY, THAT IT IS MATTER WHICH CAUSES GREAT CONCERN TO BRITISH MINISTERS, AND IS MATTER WHICH THEY ARE LOOKING VERY CLOSELY AT THE MOMENT. IT'S ONE WHICH NEEDS A SOLUTION WHICH HAS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION AS WELL. I WILL FOR MY PART MAKE SURE THAT HONG KONG'S VIEWS ON IT ARE HEARD IN LONDON LOUDLY AND CLEARLY.

TAM MEI-FUNG

(TA KUNG PAO): IT WAS MENTIONED BY OUR LATE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD, THAT THE FIRST AND FOREMOST WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONTINUING TO FOSTER AN ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ENTERPRISE CAN FLOURISH AND THERE WAS SUFFICIENT EMPLOYMENT. SO, WHEN YOU COME TO THE POST, WHICH AREA OF WORK WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY?

SIR DAVID: WHAT I'VE GOT TO DO NOW IS START FOR ME A LEARNING PROCESS ABOUT MANY ASPECTS OF HONG KONG. OF COURSE, I'VE BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH HONG KONG OVER THE YEARS BUT THERE IS A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ABOUT INTERNAL POLICIES WHICH I WANT TO BRIEF MYSELF ON. I WANT TO TALK TO PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG, OFFICIALS AND UNOFFICIALS, AND ONLY WHEN I'VE DONE THAT DO I THINK IT WOULD BE RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT I FEEL MY OWN PRIORITIES SHOULD BE. FIRST OF ALL, I THINK, THE LEARNING PROCESS, AND ONLY AFTER THAT GIVING MY VIEWS ON PRIORITIES.

JANE HUTCHEON (ATV): SIR DAVID, HOW LONG DO YOU FEEL YOU'LL BE GOVERNOR FOR AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE LEADERSHIP WITH THE JLG?

/SIR DAVID:

SIR DAVID: THE APPOINTMENT OF A GOVERNOR IS AT THE QUEEN'S PLEASURE. THAT'S NORMAL FOR ALL GOVERNORS. AT THE MOMENT, QUITE FRANKLY, I'M THINKING NOT SO MUCH ABOUT HOW LONG I MAY BE GOVERNOR BUT THE FACT THAT I'VE NOW GOT TO START THE PROCESS. SO I'M THINKING OF THE BEGINNING OF IT, NOT OF THE ENDING OF IT. SO FAR AS THE JLG IS CONCERNED, OF COURSE, I HAVE TO NOW GIVE UP MY POST AS SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BRITISH SIDE. NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE ABOUT WHO SHOULD REPLACE ME IN THAT JOB. I HOPE A DECISION WILL BE TAKEN SOON AND WHEN THAT DECISION IS TAKEN THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT IT.

LAI TING-YIU (HKEJ): SIR DAVID, SIR EDWARD YOUDE ONCE SAID YEARS AGO THAT HE WAS REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE CHINESE. WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOU WILL REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN THE BARGAINING WITH THE CHINESE IN THE FUTURE, OR WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOU ONLY REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE UK GOVERNMENT?

SIR DAVID: I THINK I WOULD AVOID USING EITHER OF THOSE PHRASES. I SAID EARLIER THAT BEING APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, I HOPE, SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, SO THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO TRY TO REPRESENT TO LONDON THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. AS FAR AS PEKING IS CONCERNED, THERE ARE OF COURSE MANY CHANNELS IN WHICH A DIALOGUE GOES ON WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, MOST NOTABLY OF COURSE THROUGH THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING. BUT THERE IS A DIALOGUE ON VERY MANY CHANNELS, AND THOSE INCLUDED, RECENTLY, A NUMBER OF VISITS TO PEKING WHICH SIR EDWARD YOUDE MADE. I WOULD HOPE IN DUE COURSE TO BE ABLE TO CARRY ON THE PROCESS THAT HE ESTABLISHED AND TO CONTINUE THE SORT OF CONTACTS WHICH HE HAD.

SIMON FUNG (RTHK): SIR DAVID, THERE ARE CONCERNS IN HONG KONG SAYING THAT YOUR RANK IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE MAY NOT BE HIGH ENOUGH TO FACILITATE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH TOP CHINESE OFFICIALS. HOW WILL YOU REACT TO THAT?

SIR DAVID: IT'S A SLIGHTLY ODD PROBLEM, IF IT IS A PROBLEM. I THINK MY RANK, I HOPE MY RANK NOW IS THE RANK OF THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG. AND I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THE RANK OF GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG OPENS ONE OR TWO DOORS IN VARIOUS PLACES IN THE WORLD.

LEE YUK-LIN (ATV): IN 1981, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD PASSED A NEW NATIONALITY ACT SO AS TO STOP THE INFLUX OF HONG KONG PEOPLE TO BRITAIN. WELL, AT THAT TIME YOU WERE THE POLITICAL ADVISER OF HONG KONG. MY QUESTION IS, WAS THIS YOUR ADVICE TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, AND DO YOU THINK BY THIS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DIDN'T TAKE ITS FULL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE HONG KONG PEOPLE?

SIR DAVID: I KNOW THAT THERE ARE VERY STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT THE 1981 ACT. ODDLY ENOUGH AS POLITICAL ADVISER, MY JOB, AS THE PRESENT POLITICAL ADVISER'S JOB, WAS ESSENTIALLY DEALING WITH THE EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIP OF HONG KONG, AND IN PARTICULAR WITH CHINA. SO IT WAS THAT SIDE OF THINGS RATHER THAN THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, FOR HISTORICAL RECORD, I WAS NOT ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DISCUSSIONS OF THAT. I THINK, ON NATIONALITY, THE VARIOUS ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE, BOTH IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND THEN LATER IN THE ORDER IN COUNCIL WHICH WAS PASSED IN THE UK PARLIAMENT LAST YEAR, THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE MADE IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT WERE, I THINK, VERY GOOD ARRANGEMENTS IN TERMS OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR PASSPORT, RIGHT OF ABODE ETC. AND I THINK THE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE NATIONALITY ORDER IN COUNCIL AND THE ASSURANCES WHICH WERE GIVEN BY BRITISH MINISTERS AT THAT TIME CONSTITUTE A BROADLY ACCEPTABLE PACKAGE.

TSUI PUI-YING

(COMMERCIAL RADIO): SIR DAVID, CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR PHILOSOPHY ON THE FORTHCOMING REVIEW OF OUR FUTURE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT? DO YOU THINK IT IS RIGHT TIME FOR US TO HAVE DIRECT ELECTION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION IN 1988?

SIR DAVID: I AM SORRY TO SAY, BUT I THINK ACTUALLY I WAS ASKED THAT QUESTION IN ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME WORDS BEFORE, SO FORGIVE ME IF I REPEAT, BUT RATHER SHORTER, THE ANSWER, THAT THERE WILL BE A REVIEW THIS YEAR AND THAT WILL BE A GENUINE REVIEW AND THE OBJECT IS TO ASCERTAIN THE OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. BEFORE THAT IS DONE, I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE SENSIBLE FOR ME TO TRY TO PRODUCE HYPOTHETICAL ANSWERS FROM WHAT MIGHT EMERGE FROM THE REVIEW. THE ONLY POINT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IS THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE REVIEW WILL BE TAKEN VERY FULLY INTO ACCOUNT IN THE DECISIONS THAT WILL FOLLOW FROM IT.

C.T. HUNG (ASIAWEEK): SIR, IS THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE WALLED CITY, WHICH YOU ARE REPORTED TO HAVE, HAVING ARRANGED WITH CHINA AND IN WHICH HONG KONG PEOPLE PAY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR A PARK, A GOOD DEAL FOR HONG KONG?

SIR DAVID: I THINK THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG MUST JUDGE WHETHER IT'S A GOOD DEAL FOR HONG KONG. PERSONALLY, I'M DELIGHTED THAT A PROBLEM, AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM, A HEALTH PROBLEM, ALL SORTS OF OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN THERE FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND WHICH UP TO NOW IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH, IS NOW BEING DEALT WITH. PERSONALLY I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WHICH WE SHOULD ALL BE VERY PLEASED ABOUT, BUT FROM THE TENOR OF YOUR QUESTION YOU SUGGEST THAT SOME PEOPLE MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT VIEW. I'M SURE, IF THEY HAVE, THAT THEY WILL EXPRESS IT. PERSONALLY I THINK IT'S AN EXTREMELY GOOD SIGN THAT IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM AND THAT IT'S GOING TO BE DEALT WITH.

CHAN SIU-KUEN

(PAI SHING MAGAZINE): SIR DAVID, DO YOU THINK THAT A DEPUTY GOVERNOR WOULD BE NEEDED TO ASSIST YOU IN DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION? IF SO, WHEN AND WHO WILL IT BE?

SIR DAVID: ALL THESE QUESTIONS, LIKE THE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIORITIES, ARE SOMETHING WHICH I WANT TO BRIEF MYSELF ON BEFORE I COME TO ANY DECISIONS AND CERTAINLY BEFORE I SAY ANYTHING IN PUBLIC. MY GENERAL APPROACH AS I THINK I SAID EARLIER IS THAT FIRST OF ALL THERE ARE A GREAT MANY THINGS THAT I HAVE GOT TO LEARN BEFORE I MAKE ANY DECISIONS ABOUT MY OWN PRIORITIES, AND THE OTHER GENERAL PRINCIPLE I HAVE IS THAT GOVERNMENT AND THE WAY IN WHICH GOVERNMENT IS ADMINISTERED SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHANGING NEEDS OF SOCIETY.

WILSON WONG (TVB): SIR DAVID, SINCE YOU ARE A SINOLOGIST DO YOU THINK THAT KNOWLEDGE WILL ENABLE YOUR GOVERNORSHIP IN HONG KONG OR IT MAY MEAN A KIND OF DEFICIENCY ON YOUR NEW CAREER?

SIR DAVID: I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WOULD BE A DEFICIENCY, I WOULDN'T WANT TO PRETEND THAT THE FACT THAT I HAVE SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF MY LIFE INVOLVED WITH CHINESE AFFAIRS AND INDEED WITH HONG KONG AFFAIRS GIVES ME ANY PARTICULAR BRILLIANT INSIGHT WHICH OTHER PEOPLE DON'T HAVE. BUT I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT IT WON'T BE CONSIDERED BY ANYBODY TO BE A DEFICIENCY.

FANNY FUNG

(COMMERCIAL RADIO): SIR DAVID, WERE YOU EVER UPSET OR WORRIED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, HAD RESERVATIONS WHEN APPOINTING YOU AS THE GOVERNOR?

SIR DAVID: I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS IN THE MIND OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND I AM NOT SURE IF ANYBODY ELSE ACTUALLY DOES. THE ONE THING THAT I DO KNOW WITH ABSOLUTE CLARITY IS THAT THE RECOMMENDATION WHICH WAS MADE TO THE QUEEN ABOUT THE GOVERNORSHIP HAD THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

SPENCER CHAN

(ORIENTAL DAILY): IN VIEW OF YOUR AGE POSSIBLY YOU WOULD BE THE LAST BRITISH GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, WHAT SORT OF BRITISH HERITAGE AND LINKS YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRESERVE IN HONG KONG AFTER 1997?

SIR DAVID: OBVIOUSLY AFTER 1997 HONG KONG CHANGES AND BECOMES A SAR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. IN TERMS OF HERITAGE, I THINK THERE IS A SORT OF HERITAGE ROUND YOU, BUT THE HERITAGE OF HONG KONG IS VERY MUCH A HERITAGE WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG THEMSELVES. THAT'S THE SORT OF HERITAGE THAT I THINK WILL GO ON, AND THAT'S THE IMPORTANT POINT.

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CANDY TONG

(SING TAO JIH PAO): SIR DAVID, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE NEW AIRPORT PROPOSALS MADE RECENTLY BY LOCAL BUSINESSMEN.

SIR DAVID: I AM OF COURSE AWARE OF THE PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD ON AN AIRPORT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANTAU ISLAND. I THINK THAT THEY ARE AT PRESENT BEING STUDIED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, AND BEFORE THAT STUDY IS COMPLETED THERE IS NOT ANYTHING THAT I MYSELF WOULD WANT TO SAY ABOUT THEM.

IRENE SUNG

(SING TAO): SIR DAVID, DO YOU HAVE ANY PRECONCEIVED IDEA ABOUT HOW HONG KONG IS TO BE RUN DURING THIS TRANSITIONAL PERIOD?

SIR DAVID: I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE ANY PRECONCEIVED IDEAS THAT I COULD PUT INTO ONE SENTENCE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A HONG KONG CONTINUING WHICH IS DYNAMIC AND PROSPEROUS AND ALSO A HUMANE SOCIETY, AND ONE WHICH HAS CONFIDENCE IN ITSELF AND IN ITS OWN FUTURE.

TSANG TO-WAH

(HK TIMES): SIR DAVID, IN THE FIELD OF HONG KONG DOMESTIC AFFAIR, WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

SIR DAVID: SORRY TO REPEAT AN ANSWER WHICH I GAVE BEFORE, BUT THE POINT I MADE BEFORE WAS THAT WHAT I NOW HAVE TO DO IS START A PROCESS OF STUDYING IN GREAT DEPTH THE VARIOUS PLANS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, TALK TO PEOPLE, BOTH OFFICIALS AND UNOFFICIALS, AND ONLY THEN WILL I ESTABLISH MY OWN IDEAS ABOUT WHAT PRIORITIES SHOULD BE.

JOHN CHAN: WELL, THANK YOU SIR DAVID. I THINK WE ALL WOULD HAVE WISHED FOR MORE TIME, BUT WE MUST NOW DRAW THIS PRESS CONFERENCE TO A CLOSE. BUT BEFORE SIGNING OFF, MAY I ASK YOU SIR DAVID IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY.

SIR DAVID: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PERHAPS THERE IS ONE THING I MIGHT SAY, AND THAT IS THAT IT'S SOON GOING TO BE LUNAR NEW YEAR= I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL OF YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG A HAPPY AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

(IN PUTONGHUA) I WISH TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF THIS PRESS CONFERENCE TO WISH YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

(IN CANTONESE) I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOOD NIGHT.

JOHN CHAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR DAVID, WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN HONG KONG IN APRIL.

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