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SAFEGUARDING MENTALLY HANDICAPPED FROM ABUSE

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED FOR GREATER ATTENTION TO BE GIVEN TO THE PROBLEM OF EXPLOITATION OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR ON SEXUAL ABUSE OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ORGANISED BY THE ZONTA CLUB OF HONG KONG.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT WHILE PLANS WERE UNDERWAY TO STEP UP THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IT WAS IMPORTANT NOT TO LOSE SIGHT OF ISSUES BEYOND THE ACTUAL PROVISION OF SERVICES.

THESE ISSUES NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED IF THE REHABILITATION PROCESS WAS TO BE EFFECTIVE.

"THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ARE A GROUP OF DISABLED PEOPLE WHO ARE PARTICULARLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO EXPLOITATION AND VULNERABLE TO A VARIETY OF DANGERS BECAUSE OF THEIR MENTAL CONDITION," HE SAID.

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PROBLEMS OF THIS NATURE SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AND SUITABLE PROTECTIVE MEASURES DISCUSSED AND EXPLORED."

MR CHAMBERS POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM BECAUSE SEXUAL ABUSE WAS A DIRECT VIOLATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S PERSONAL RIGHTS, CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE VICTIM'S DIGNITY, AND WAS INJURIOUS TO HIS OR HER PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING.

"IT IS ALSO A DIFFICULT AND ELUSIVE SUBJECT," HE SAID.

"MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE STRONG AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST SEXUAL ABUSE OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, INFORMATION AND RELIABLE STATISTICS ARE OFTEN LACKING, SO THAT THE REAL SIZE OF THE PROBLEM, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE OCCURRENCE OF SUCH ABUSE, ARE ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH AND ANALYSE.

"FOR THE SAME REASONS, FORMAL PREVENTIVE MEASURES OFTEN PROVE TO BE DIFFICULT TO DEVISE."

MR CHAMBERS CONGRATULATED THE ZONTA CLUB OF HONG KONG FOR ITS INITIATIVE IN ORGANISING THE SEMINAR, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG TO DEAL WITH THE SUBJECT OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE OBJECT OF THE SEMINAR IS TO ALERT THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, INCLUDING THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILIES, TO THE POTENTIAL DANGERS.

"WITH INCREASED AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES, THE RISK OF ABUSE CAN, I WOULD HOPE, BE MINIMISED, AND THE TREATMENT AND AFTERCARE OF THESE CASES HANDLED WITH MORE INSIGHT AND SENSITIVITY," MR CHAMBERS ADDED.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR MARCH PUBLISHED

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STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH SHOWED THAT HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS FELL IN MARCH THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, PARTLY REFLECTING THE CONTINUED OUTFLOW OF SPECULATIVE FUNDS.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASED IN MARCH.

CONSISTENT WITH THE DECLINE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS FELL IN MARCH COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS SHOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE IN MARCH.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG, WHICH HAD FALLEN FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, ROSE MODERATELY IN MARCH. LOANS FOR FINANCING VISIBLE TRADE AND OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ALSO SHOWED MODEST INCREASES.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR MARCH 1988 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS. TABLE 2 PRESENTS FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR.

DEPOSITS

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS FELL BY 1.5 PER CENT IN MARCH, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 2.9 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND A DECLINE OF 0.6 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY.

WITHIN THESE DEPOSITS, DEMAND DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS DECREASED BY 8.6 PER CENT AND 5.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE TIME DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 5.9 PER CENT.

DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1988, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 19.7 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 3.2 PER CENT IN MARCH, FOLLOWING A FALL OF 3.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND AN INCREASE OF 0.9 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. AMONG THESE DEPOSITS, U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 3 PER CENT WHILE NON-U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 3.5 PER CENT.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ROSE BY 21.8 PER CENT.

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FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS ROSE BY 27.2 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY, AFTER A DECLINE OF 25.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND AN INCREASE OF 13.8 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY.

ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 0.1 PER CENT IN MARCH AND BY 15.9 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

ON THE OTHER HAND, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS, INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN MARCH AND BY 25.7 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN MARCH WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 2.2 PER CENT. THEIR RESPECTIVE INCREASES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1988 WERE 22.8 PER CENT AND 1.9 PER CENT.

#### MONEY SUPPLY

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THE FALL IN CASH HOLDINGS AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, COUPLED WITH A DECLINE IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, RESULTED IN A DROP OF 5.5 PER CENT IN HK\$M1 IN MARCH. HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 FELL MORE MODERATELY, BY 1.5 PER CENT AND 1.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR THESE MONETARY AGGREGATES IN FEBRUARY WERE 1.4 PER CENT, 0.8 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT.

DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH, HK\$M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 34.7 PER CENT, 25.6 PER CENT AND 22.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SWAP DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 RECORDED ZERO GROWTH WHILE HK\$M3 GREW BY 0.1 PER CENT IN MARCH. OVER THE YEAR, THEY GREW BY 21.1 PER CENT AND 18.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL M1 FELL BY 7.2 PER CENT IN MARCH WHILE TOTAL M2 AND M3 GREW BY 1 PER CENT AND 1.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THESE COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING RATES OF 1.9 PER CENT, 0.9 PER CENT AND 0.7 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY.

DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 36 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 23.9 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 21.5 PER CENT.

#### LOANS AND ADVANCES

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TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW BY 0.4 PER CENT IN MARCH, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 0.3 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND A DECREASE OF 0.1 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY.

OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS, THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLAR EDGED UP BY 1.2 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES DROPPED BY 0.1 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG GREW BY 1.2 PER CENT IN MARCH AFTER A DROP OF 0.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND AN INCREASE OF 1.7 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY; OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 15.6 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 0.8 PER CENT IN MARCH, AFTER INCREASES OF 1.3 PER CENT AND 1.2 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RESPECTIVELY; OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 24.3 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG INCREASED BY 2.1 PER CENT IN MARCH AFTER DECREASES OF 0.6 PER CENT AND 2.4 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RESPECTIVELY; OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 79.6 PER CENT.

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

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IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988, LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ROSE BY 6.6 PER CENT, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 6.6 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 21.2 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES INCREASED BY 1.9 PER CENT THIS QUARTER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 10.5 PER CENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER LAST YEAR. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 31.2 PER CENT.

THE GROWTH IN LOANS TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR PICKED UP SLIGHTLY TO 4.2 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER, FROM 3.5 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS INCREASED BY 11.9 PER CENT.

LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME) GREW BY 6.7 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 5.7 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 31.9 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS AND TO STOCKBROKERS ROSE BY 6.1 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST QUARTER, COMPARED WITH RESPECTIVE DECLINES OF 3.3 PER CENT AND 51.9 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THE FORMER GREW BY 52.5 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER DROPPED BY 25.5 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

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THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS, LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 155, 35 AND 231 RESPECTIVELY.

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## MONETARY STATISTICS - MARCH 1988

	(HK\$mn)			
	Mar 1988	Earlier months (% change to March 1988)		
	Feb 1988	Dec 1987	Mar 1987	
<b>Money Supply</b>				
M1 - HK\$	73,024	77,288 (-5.5 %)	73,826 (-1.1 %)	54,193 (34.7 %)
Foreign currency	7,740	9,711 (-20.3 %)	8,076 (-4.2 %)	5,190 (49.1 %)
Total	80,764	86,999 (-7.2 %)	81,902 (-1.4 %)	59,383 (36.0 %)
M2 - HK\$	323,122	328,158 (-1.5 %)	310,910 (3.9 %)	257,310 (25.6 %)
Foreign currency	371,776	359,861 (3.3 %)	366,132 (1.5 %)	303,553 (22.5 %)
Total	694,899	688,019 (1.0 %)	677,042 (2.6 %)	560,863 (23.9 %)
M3 - HK\$	351,388	355,787 (-1.2 %)	342,847 (2.5 %)	287,802 (22.1 %)
Foreign currency	401,430	388,875 (3.2 %)	400,506 (0.2 %)	331,799 (21.0 %)
Total	752,818	744,662 (1.1 %)	743,353 (1.3 %)	619,601 (21.5 %)
Notes and coins in circulation	32,253	33,092 (-2.5 %)	28,766 (12.1 %)	23,411 (37.8 %)
of which held by public	28,642	28,716 (-0.3 %)	24,764 (15.7 %)	20,410 (40.3 %)
<b>Deposits</b>				
Demand deposits	52,122	58,284 (-10.6 %)	57,138 (-8.8 %)	38,974 (33.7 %)
Savings deposits	181,924	190,868 (-4.7 %)	181,109 (0.5 %)	137,204 (32.6 %)
Time deposits with banks	419,327	397,721 (5.4 %)	403,439 (3.9 %)	355,711 (17.9 %)
Time deposits with dtcs	55,950	54,731 (2.2 %)	61,924 (-9.6 %)	54,910 (1.9 %)
HK\$ deposits	311,697	316,336 (-1.5 %)	309,543 (0.7 %)	260,361 (19.7 %)
US\$ deposits	217,406	211,167 (3.0 %)	222,603 (-2.3 %)	205,524 (5.8 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	180,219	174,101 (3.5 %)	171,464 (5.1 %)	120,914 (49.0 %)
All deposits	709,322	701,604 (1.1 %)	703,609 (0.8 %)	586,798 (20.9 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	22,921	18,014 (27.2 %)	21,151 (8.4 %)	28,340 (-19.1 %)
<b>Loans and advances</b>				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	45,505	44,965 (1.2 %)	44,255 (2.8 %)	39,360 (15.6 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	5,210	7,847 (-33.6 %)	7,002 (-25.6 %)	4,482 (16.2 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	364,510	361,572 (0.8 %)	352,685 (3.4 %)	293,151 (24.3 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	309,568	303,234 (2.1 %)	312,530 (-0.9 %)	172,400 (79.6 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	58,729	62,515 (-6.1 %)	62,308 (-5.7 %)	35,908 (63.6 %)
Loans in HK\$	318,875	315,058 (1.2 %)	309,345 (3.1 %)	268,729 (18.7 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	464,648	465,074 (-0.1 %)	469,436 (-1.0 %)	276,572 (68.0 %)
Total loans and advances	783,523	780,133 (0.4 %)	778,781 (0.6 %)	545,300 (43.7 %)

TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - MARCH 1988

	(HK\$mn)			
	Mar 1988	Earlier quarters (% change to March 1988)		
	-----	Dec 1987	Sep 1987	Mar 1987
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Manufacturing	31,795	29,833 ( 6.6 %)	28,034 ( 13.4 %)	26,227 ( 21.2 %)
Transport and transport equipment	20,156	19,598 ( 2.8 %)	19,110 ( 5.5 %)	18,563 ( 8.5 %)
Building, construction and property development	41,187	39,512 ( 4.2 %)	38,185 ( 7.9 %)	36,819 ( 11.9 %)
Wholesale and retail trade	44,212	43,404 ( 1.9 %)	39,270 ( 12.6 %)	33,688 ( 31.2 %)
Financial concerns*	36,554	34,445 ( 6.1 %)	35,610 ( 2.7 %)	23,975 ( 52.5 %)
Individuals:				
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	7,498	7,497 ( 0.0 %)	7,335 ( 2.2 %)	6,435 ( 16.5 %)
to purchase other residential property	61,772	57,915 ( 6.7 %)	54,782 ( 12.8 %)	46,848 ( 31.9 %)
other purposes	45,263	44,019 ( 2.8 %)	42,599 ( 6.3 %)	34,791 ( 30.1 %)
Others	76,072	76,464 ( -0.5 %)	75,609 ( 0.6 %)	65,786 ( 15.6 %)
Total	364,510	352,685 ( 3.4 %)	340,534 ( 7.0 %)	293,151 ( 24.3 %)

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

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SUCCESS FOR POLICE DRUG FIGHTERS

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THE POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU WHICH HAS GAINED A WIDESPREAD REPUTATION FOR ITS INDEFATIGABLE WORK IN CLAMPING DOWN ON DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES, CONTINUED ITS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE TERRITORY'S ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS IN MARCH WHEN A TOTAL OF 223.7 KG OF HEROIN, CANNABIS AND OPIUM WAS SEIZED IN 51 OPERATIONS.

THE LARGEST OPERATION WAS MOUNTED ON MARCH 13 WHEN SOME 200 KG OF NO. 3 HEROIN, WORTH ABOUT \$10 MILLION, AND A QUANTITY OF DRUG MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT WERE FOUND IN A FLAT IN THE MID-LEVELS. TWO MEN WERE ARRESTED IN THE OPERATION.

DURING THE MONTH, THE NB AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN CHINA AND THE U.S. HAD ALSO JOINED HANDS IN SMASHING AN INTERNATIONAL DRUG SYNDICATE, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 13 PEOPLE IN VARIOUS CITIES AND THE SEIZURE OF 3.3 KG OF HEROIN AT SHANGHAI AIRPORT.

MEANWHILE, OFFICERS FROM THE THREE LAND REGIONS ALSO SEIZED 12.7 KG OF NO. 3 HEROIN AND THREE KG OF OPIUM AND ROUNDED UP 854 PEOPLE IN 1,299 ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS.

THERE WAS ALSO NO LET UP FOR THE POLICE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES. THE LAW-ENFORCERS CONDUCTED 3,892 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 250 PEOPLE IN MARCH. A TOTAL OF 300 COPIES OF OBJECTIONABLE MAGAZINES AND 155 OBSCENE VIDEO TAPES WAS SEIZED.

ON THE ANTI-ILLEGAL GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE CARRIED OUT 202 RAIDS DURING THE PERIOD. A TOTAL OF 784 PEOPLE, SUSPECTED OF BREACHING THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE, WAS ARRESTED. TOTAL SEIZURE INCLUDING TABLE MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS AMOUNTED TO \$1.7 MILLION.

ROUNDING UP THE FIGURES FOR MARCH, A TOTAL OF 5,444 RAIDS WERE CONDUCTED, WITH 1,917 PEOPLE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ILLICIT DRUGS, VICE AND ILLEGAL GAMBLING. OUT OF THESE OPERATIONS, 626 WERE CONDUCTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WITH 419 ARRESTS; 4,459 WERE CONDUCTED IN KOWLOON, WITH 1,101 ARRESTS; AND 308 WERE CONDUCTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WITH 368 ARRESTS.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE ONE OF THE FIRST ORGANISATIONS TO USE THE NEW HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE ON THE WAN CHAI WATERFRONT WHEN IT HOLDS AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS THERE IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE THEME OF THIS FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IS "TEACHING LEARNING STYLES WITHIN AND ACROSS CULTURES: IMPLICATIONS FOR LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY".

ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, A NUMBER OF LOCAL AND OVERSEAS EXPERTS ON LANGUAGE TEACHING WILL TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN DECEMBER 13 AND 15.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE ARE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CURRICULUM DEVELOPERS, TEACHER TRAINERS, LANGUAGE TEACHERS, APPLIED LINGUISTS AND EDUCATIONAL PLANNERS TO IDENTIFY THE CONCEPTS OF LANGUAGE AND LANGUAGE LEARNING IN DIFFERENT SOCIETIES AND CULTURES AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY.

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ADAPTING LANGUAGE TEACHING STYLES EMPLOYED IN ONE CULTURE FOR USE IN OTHER CULTURES AND EXPLORE THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN USING LANGUAGE TEACHING STYLES ACROSS CULTURES, AS WELL AS ASPECTS OF SCHOOL-FOCUSSED CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AND ACROSS CULTURES.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TO EXAMINE DIFFERENCES IN THE RECEPTION BY PUPILS, TEACHERS, EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE OF TEACHER-CENTRED AND PUPIL-CENTRED APPROACHES TO LANGUAGE TEACHING IN DIFFERENT CULTURAL CONTEXTS.

THE CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE A VENUE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TO COMPARE THESE APPROACHES TO LANGUAGE TEACHING IN DIFFERENT CULTURAL CONTEXTS, AND TO EXAMINE CURRENT ISSUES IN THE SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING STYLES.

APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE ARE NOW INVITED. DETAILS AND FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 21ST FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 30. POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS WISHING TO READ PAPERS AT THE CONFERENCE ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE JUNE 30.

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KWUN TONG DB COMMITTEE MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL IN FUTURE BE ABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

THE BOARD HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT ALL ITS COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

SIX COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED UNDER THE FOURTH TERM DISTRICT BOARD TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS DISTRICT MATTERS - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, AND CULTURE, RECREATION, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING.

THE FIRST TO MEET IN PUBLIC WILL BE THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, ON MONDAY (MAY 2).

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR 1988-89 AND THE SCHEDULE FOR ALLOCATION OF GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS ARRANGING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE CO-OPTING OF NON-DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS INTO THE COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR KWUN TONG IN 1988-89.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIRST MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (MAY 2) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR WED PHOTO CONTEST  
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ENTRIES FOR A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION ORGANISED TO CELEBRATE THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED) 1988 IN HONG KONG SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MAY 15.

THE REMINDER CAME TODAY (SATURDAY) FROM A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SET UP UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) TO CO-ORDINATE THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF WED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID CONTESTANTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ENTRIES IN PAIRS, ONE SHOWING "BEAUTIFUL HONG KONG" AND THE OTHER SHOWING "POLLUTED HONG KONG". ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED IN PAIRS.

THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN THE CONTEST, AND THEY WILL RECEIVE A FUJI PHOTOGRAPHIC COUPON OF \$5,000, \$3,000 AND \$1,000, RESPECTIVELY. THERE WILL ALSO BE 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF A FUJI GIFT SET.

THE BEST ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT AN ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION TO BE HELD BETWEEN JUNE 4 AND 13. IT WILL BE OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND AUTHORISED FUJI DEALERS.

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TSUEN WAN DB TO DISCUSS MTR SURCHARGE  
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PEAK HOUR SURCHARGE PROPOSED BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (MAY 3).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF WATER SUPPLY IN TSING LUNG TAU AND SHAM TSENG IN COPING WITH CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE AREAS.

VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN TSUEN WAN WILL SUBMIT ANNUAL PROGRAMMES OF WORK WITH INFORMATION ON LONG-TERM PLANNING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY (MAY 3) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY

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ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE BY MAY 6 (FRIDAY).

THE DRAGON BOAT RACES, TO BE HELD ON JUNE 18 AT ABERDEEN WATERFRONT IN CELEBRATION OF THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL, HAVE ALREADY ATTRACTED MORE THAN 20 TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE TERRITORY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID THAT MORE TEAMS ARE WELCOME TO ENTER THIS TRADITIONAL ANNUAL EVENT IN ABERDEEN.

THE RACES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S OPEN, WOMEN'S OPEN AND MEN'S AMATEUR SECTIONS. EACH PARTICIPATING TEAM SHOULD CONSIST OF 22 MEMBERS, INCLUDING COX AND DRUMMER.

THE ORGANISERS WILL PROVIDE THE DRAGON BOATS, OARS AND DRUMS.

IN ADDITION, PRACTISE SESSIONS WILL BE ARRANGED FOR TEAMS WHICH HAVE LIMITED EXPERIENCE IN DRAGON BOAT RACING.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, WAH FU ESTATE, LEI TUNG ESTATE AND STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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OPENING OF LONG PING COMMUNITY HALL

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THE LONG PING COMMUNITY HALL IN YUEN LONG, WHICH PROVIDES A VENUE FOR VARIOUS SPORTS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT, WILL BE OPENED FOR PUBLIC USE FROM MONDAY (MAY 2).

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE AIR-CONDITIONED COMMUNITY HALL IS EQUIPPED WITH FACILITIES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS INCLUDING BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS, GYMNASTICS AND JUDO.

THERE ARE ALSO FACILITIES FOR HOLDING EXHIBITIONS AND MUSICAL AND DANCING PERFORMANCES.

THE COMMUNITY HALL IS LOCATED ON THE PODIUM FLOOR BETWEEN HOR PING HOUSE AND YUET PING HOUSE IN LONG PING ESTATE.

IT WILL BE OPENED ON MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AND 2 PM TO 10 PM, AND WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4730670 OR 0-4730692.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KOWLOON

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO BE ON THE ALERT CONCERNING TRAFFIC CHANGES IN YAU MA TEI AND HUNG HOM FROM TUESDAY (MAY 3).

IN YAU MA TEI, FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE CONVERTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

THE NORTHERN TRAFFIC LANE WILL BE OCCUPIED BY A WESTBOUND BUS LANE WHILE EASTBOUND VEHICLES WILL USE THE SOUTHERN TRAFFIC LANE.

PEDESTRIANS ARE ADVISED TO "LOOK LEFT" WHEN THEY CROSS THIS SECTION OF PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM PUBLIC SQUARE STREET WESTBOUND INTO SHANGHAI STREET NORTHBOUND.

KMB ROUTES NO. 1, 1A, 3C, 3E, 9, 13, 81 AND CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES NO. 102, 104 AND 105 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, RECLAMATION STREET, WING SING LANE AND SHANGHAI STREET, WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

THE MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

IN HUNG HOM, THE WUHU VEHICULAR UNDERPASS LEADING FROM NORTHBOUND CHATHAM ROAD NORTH TO SOUTHBOUND GILLIES AVENUE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON BOTH TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (MAY 4).

THE MEASURE WILL FACILITATE SKID-RESISTANCE TESTING INSIDE THE UNDERPASS.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND HEADING FOR HUNG HOM, WILL HAVE TO USE EITHER CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHEONG WAN ROAD, ON WAN ROAD, CHEONG WAN ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE; OR GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, PAK KUNG STREET, SHUN YUNG STREET, FAT KWONG STREET AND MA TAU WAI ROAD.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY, TO FUK ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG, A NEW ROAD LINKING SUFFOLK ROAD AND NORFOLK ROAD, WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC.

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEING AND FLYOVER OPENING

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 2), TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE RE-ROUTED INTO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

THE TWO ROAD SECTIONS ARE NAM ON STREET BETWEEN ALDRICH BAY ROAD AND NAM HONG STREET, AND NAM HONG STREET BETWEEN NAM ON STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

IN CENTRAL, FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 3), THE HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER LINKING HARCOURT ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE WILL OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

VEHICLES ON HARCOURT ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE ABLE TO PROCEED DIRECT TO COTTON TREE DRIVE VIA THIS NEW FLYOVER.

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