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GOVERNOR TO BRIEF UK OFFICIALS ON HK DEVELOPMENTS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID LAST (FRIDAY) NIGHT THAT WHILE IN LONDON HE WOULD BE BRIEFING SENIOR OFFICIALS ON THE RECENT DEBATE ON THE GREEN PAPER AND WOULD BE BRINGING THEM UP-TO-DATE ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, SIR DAVID SAID IT WOULD BE THE FIRST CHANCE FOR HIM TO PERSONALLY BRIEF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, SINCE HE HAD BEEN HERE.

"I WILL BE BRINGING SIR GEOFFREY UP-TO-DATE PERSONALLY ON ALL THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE HERE. I WOULDN'T SELECT ANY ONE PARTICULAR TOPIC OUT OF THAT."

SIR DAVID SAID IT WOULD ALSO BE A VERY GOOD CHANCE FOR HIM TO MEET AGAIN LORD GLENARTHUR, THE NEW MINISTER OF STATE RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS, AND TO BRIEF HIM ON WHAT HAD BEEN HAPPENING HERE RECENTLY.

"FOR THE REST OF THE TIME, I SHALL BE TALKING TO PEOPLE IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS OFFICE AND MEETING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO TAKE AN INTEREST IN HONG KONG AFFAIRS AND SEEING PEOPLE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE."

SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD ALSO BE TALKING TO MINISTERS ABOUT THE RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEBATE ON THE GREEN PAPER AND TELLING THEM ABOUT THE LEGCO DEBATE IN THE LAST TWO DAYS.

NOTING THAT IT WAS A VERY GOOD DEBATE WITH A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEWS PUT FORWARD WHICH HAD BEEN VERY WELL ARGUED, HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS.

"I HOPE NOW THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL PUT IN THEIR VIEWS AS SERIOUSLY AND AS CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT AS MEMBERS OF LEGCO DID OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS," HE SAID.

ON THE QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD BE MENTIONING THE SUBJECT WHILE MEETING THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.

"IT'S A VERY LARGE PROBLEM. IT'S A GROWING PROBLEM. THERE IS NO OBVIOUS SOLUTION IN SIGHT, BUT WE REALLY MUST WORK FOR A LONG-TERM AND DURABLE SOLUTION TO IT.

"IT IS A PROBLEM WHICH HAS BEEN WITH US FOR A LONG TIME, AND AT THE MOMENT, IT'S GETTING SLIGHTLY WORSE," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SEEN OFF BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, AND THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

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PRAGMATIC ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES KEY TO HK SUCCESS

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THE CREATIVE ENERGY OF HONG KONG PEOPLE, WHICH IS GIVEN FULL OPPORTUNITY TO FLOURISH BY PRAGMATIC ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES, IS THE KEY OF HONG KONG'S SUCCESS, THE SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AFTER A CEREMONY IN WHICH SIR DAVID WAS CONFERRED THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF CIVIL LAWS BY THE UNIVERSITY, HE SAID THE PRAGMATIC ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES DISCOURAGED UNNECESSARY INTRUSION AND INTERFERENCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN AFFAIRS.

"HONG KONG HAS ITS LAWS AND REGULATORY MECHANISMS BUT THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE IS NOT CRUSHED BY A BURDENSOME BUREAUCRACY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ADDED THAT HONG KONG HAD DEVELOPED ITS OWN STYLE OF GOVERNMENT BASED UPON BROAD AGREEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT EXCESSIVE CONFRONTATION AND ADVERSARIAL POLITICS.

HE SAID IN EACH DISTRICT, THERE WAS A LOCALLY BASED PUBLIC SERVANT - A DISTRICT OFFICER - WHO COULD LISTEN TO COMPLAINTS, FEEL THE PUBLIC PULSE, EXPLAIN POLICIES AND FORESTALL PROBLEMS.

SIR DAVID SAID LOCAL RESIDENTS HAD ALSO ELECTED THEIR OWN COMMITTEES TO MAINTAIN SECURITY AND IMPROVE MANAGEMENT. HE SAID THEY EXERTED A COHESIVE FORCE IN A "DISPARATE HIGH-RISE ENVIRONMENT".

"THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG IS NOW COVERED BY NINETEEN DISTRICT BOARDS, FORMED MAINLY BY DIRECT ELECTIONS, WHOSE DISCUSSIONS ARE NOT LIMITED BY CONFINING LEGISLATION," HE SAID.

"FINALLY OUR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONTAINS A MIXTURE OF APPOINTED AND INDIRECTLY ELECTED POPULIST MEMBERS AND MEMBERS REPRESENTING FUNCTIONAL GROUPS," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID IN THIS WAY THE POLITY OF HONG KONG WAS LINKED TOGETHER BY A COMPLEX WEB OF INTERLOCKING RELATIONSHIPS WHICH GAVE A RESILIENCE AND RESPONSIVENESS AND ENABLED IT TO FACE UP TO CHALLENGE AND CHANGE.

PRESENTING SIR DAVID TO THE CONGREGATION, THE READER IN MEDIEVAL HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT, DR A.P. SMYTH, SAID SIR DAVID WAS A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT WHO HAD SPENT HIS CAREER IN THE SERVICE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG.

DR SMYTH SAID SIR DAVID WAS THE ARCHITECT OF HONG KONG'S NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM IN 1981.

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"HE WAS INVOLVED, TOO, WITH THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG IN 1984, AND WITH ORGANISING THE FIRST ELECTIONS TO THAT COUNCIL IN 1985," HE SAID.

DR SMYTH DESCRIBED SIR DAVID AS A PUBLIC SERVANT WITH TENACITY AND RELIABILITY.

DR SMYTH SAID: "WHAT MORE NECESSARY VIRTUES COULD BE FOUND IN ONE CALLED TO SERVE HIS PEOPLE, IN THESE MOST CRUCIAL YEARS OF THEIR HISTORY, AS HONG KONG APPROACHES A NEW PHASE IN ITS POLITICAL LIFE?"

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RULES OF CONDUCT FOR INVESTMENT ADVISERS TO BE EXAMINED

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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING, MR DEREK MURPHY ANNOUNCED THAT A WORKING PARTY TO CONSIDER RULES OF CONDUCT FOR INVESTMENT ADVISERS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND HELD ITS FIRST MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY, COMPRISING INDIVIDUALS FROM THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY INDUSTRY, THE UNIT TRUST INDUSTRY, A STOCKBROKER AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIFE INSURANCE COUNCIL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR JOHN CHEUNG, WARDLEY INVESTMENT SERVICES LIMITED
MR RAYMOND CHEUNG, CONNAUGHT INVESTMENTS LIMITED
MR DAVID DUNKERLEY, FINEXCO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS
MR IAN GILL, MONITOR MONEY WORLDWIDE LIMITED
MR BILL GLOVER, PERSONAL FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS LIMITED
MR HOWARD GORGES, SUN HUNG KAI SECURITIES LIMITED
MR TERRY JENKINS, NATIONAL MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
MISS MARY RICHARDSON, PANURGY LIMITED
MR BOB SCRIVENER, MONEY PLAN (ASIA) LIMITED
MRS ANNE WEST, SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT ASIA LIMITED

THE WORKING PARTY WILL EXAMINE THE CURRENT STATE OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG, AND WILL CONSIDER WHETHER THERE ARE SUFFICIENT SAFEGUARDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF INVESTORS SEEKING INVESTMENT ADVICE.

IT WILL SUGGEST POSSIBLE GUIDELINES AND PROPOSE DRAFT RULES OF CONDUCT FOR INVESTMENT ADVISERS, AND ALSO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT TO THE LAW, IF NECESSARY, HAVING PARTICULAR REGARD TO THE DEFINITION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES AN INVESTMENT ADVISER.

AS A FIRST STEP, THE WORKING PARTY AGREED THAT A QUESTIONNAIRE BE DRAWN UP AND SENT TO ALL INVESTMENT ADVISERS IN ORDER TO GET A BETTER PROFILE OF THE WAY THE INDUSTRY PRESENTLY OPERATES.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WORKING PARTY WILL HOLD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS BEFORE REPORTING ITS VIEWS TO THE COMMISSIONER.

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BILL TO BAN USE OF CYANIDE FOR FISHING

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PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CYANIDE AND OTHER TOXIC SUBSTANCES FOR FISHING WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE FISHERIES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR USING EXPLOSIVES OR TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN FISHING.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS, THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR PHILIP CHEUNG, SAID THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BILL AND THE REGULATIONS MADE THEREUNDER SOUGHT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES TO A FINE OF \$10,000 AND AN IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS.

THE EXISTING FISHERIES PROTECTION REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF THREE MONTHS FOR CONTRAVENING THE PROHIBITION WHILE THE PENALTIES FOR ANY PERSON IN CHARGE OF A VESSEL INVOLVED IN SUCH A CONTRAVENTION ARE A FINE OF \$2,000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF TWO MONTHS.

MR CHEUNG SAID: "PRIOR TO 1983, THERE WERE VERY FEW PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES FOR FISHING PURPOSE. THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS HAS HOWEVER INCREASED IN RECENT YEARS BETWEEN 1983 AND 1986, A TOTAL OF 18 PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED.

"IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE MAXIMUM FINES, WHICH WERE SET IN 1962, NO LONGER SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE DETERRENT. IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES TO A REALISTIC LEVEL, HAVING REGARD TO OTHER COMPARABLE OFFENCES AND PENALTIES."

MR CHEUNG SAID THE SCHEDULE OF PROHIBITED TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTAINED IN THE EXISTING ORDINANCE WOULD ALSO BE AMENDED TO REPLACE THE REFERENCE TO "YU TANG" TO "ANY SUBSTANCE CONTAINING ANY PROPORTION OF ROTENONE" AND TO INCLUDE THREE OTHER TOXIC SUBSTANCES, NAMELY CYANIDE, PHENTHOATE AND PERMETHRIN.

THE OTHER TYPE OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE EXISTING SCHEDULE IS "CHA TSAI PENG".

CYANIDE IS INCLUDED AS PART 1A OF THE POISONS LIST OF THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE. PHENTHOATE AND PERMETHRIN ARE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS IN PESTICIDES KNOWN TO BE USED BY SOME PEOPLE TO CATCH FISH AND THESE ARE REGISTERED UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES ORDINANCE.

"AS THESE ARE HARMFUL TO FISH, IT IS NECESSARY TO ADD THEM TO THE SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT THEIR USE IN FISHING," HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG ADDED THAT THE MAJOR FISHERMEN ORGANISATIONS HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND THEY SUPPORTED THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN THAT GOVERNMENT IS TAKING ACTION TO SAFEGUARD TERRITORIAL FISHERIES RESOURCES AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH.

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POLICE HOTLINE USEFUL IN ANTI-II OPERATION

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THE RENOWNED POLICE HOTLINE 5-277177 HAS PROVED TO BE A USEFUL MEANS, NOT ONLY TO FIGHT CRIME, BUT ALSO TO COUNTER ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS, MORE THAN 60 REPORTS ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR THIS YEAR BY THE POLICE HOTLINE, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 93 PEOPLE.

COMMENTING ON THE SUCCESS OF THE HOTLINE IN COMBATING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH, (DESIGNATE) MR JOHN DUNN, SAID: WHILE THE MAJORITY OF THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE INTERCEPTED AT THE BORDER, MANY OF THOSE WHO MADE IT TO THE URBAN AREAS WERE CAUGHT DURING POLICE OPERATIONS.

"I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT SEVERAL OF THOSE SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS WERE THE RESULT OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE PPRB HOTLINE."

CITING AN EXAMPLE, MR DUNN SAID 23 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE NETTED SUBSEQUENT TO A REPORT TO THE HOTLINE EARLY THIS MONTH.

ON JULY 1, A CALLER TELEPHONED SAYING THAT A NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAD BEEN SEEN WORKING INSIDE A CONSTRUCTION SITE AT SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

ACTING ON THE INFORMATION, POLICE MOUNTED A SERIES OF RAIDS AT THE 18 BLOCKS AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE AND ARRESTED THE 23 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO WERE LATER REPATRIATED TO CHINA.

AMONG THOSE ARRESTED THROUGH HOTLINE REPORTS 35 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHARGED FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES INCLUDING USING OTHER PEOPLE'S IDENTITY CARDS.

MR DUNN ADDED: "THE ENCOURAGING TREND HAS SHOWN THAT THE PUBLIC ARE NOW MORE AWARE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PROBLEM AND THE THREAT IT POSES TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE."

HE BELIEVED THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD FOLLOW THE GOOD EXAMPLE SET BY THESE PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS BY REPORTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES RELEASED
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, ESTIMATED AT \$5,572 MILLION, WAS 14 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS 10 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 WAS \$2,454 MILLION, WHICH WAS 19 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, BARS RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE (19 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986, FOLLOWED BY FAST FOOD SHOPS (18 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (16 PER CENT), NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (6 PER CENT) AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY ETC.)(5 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT; THOSE OF BARS AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS BY 12 PER CENT; AND THOSE OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES BY 1 PER CENT.

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS; AND THE VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED ONLY FOR FAST FOOD SHOPS WHERE TOTAL RECEIPTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FOR CHINESE AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VALUE TERMS AND DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. TOTAL RECEIPTS OF OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THOSE OF BARS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

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TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE FIRST AND FOURTH QUARTERS OF 1986 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

CHART 1 DEPICTS THE MOVEMENTS OF THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT FROM THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983 TO THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234941.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

		4th qtr. 1986 (Revised figures)	1st qtr. 1987 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts	(in HK\$ million)	5 590	5 572
Total purchases by restaurants	(in HK\$ million)	2 424	2 454

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 4TH QUARTER 1986 AND 1ST QUARTER 1987

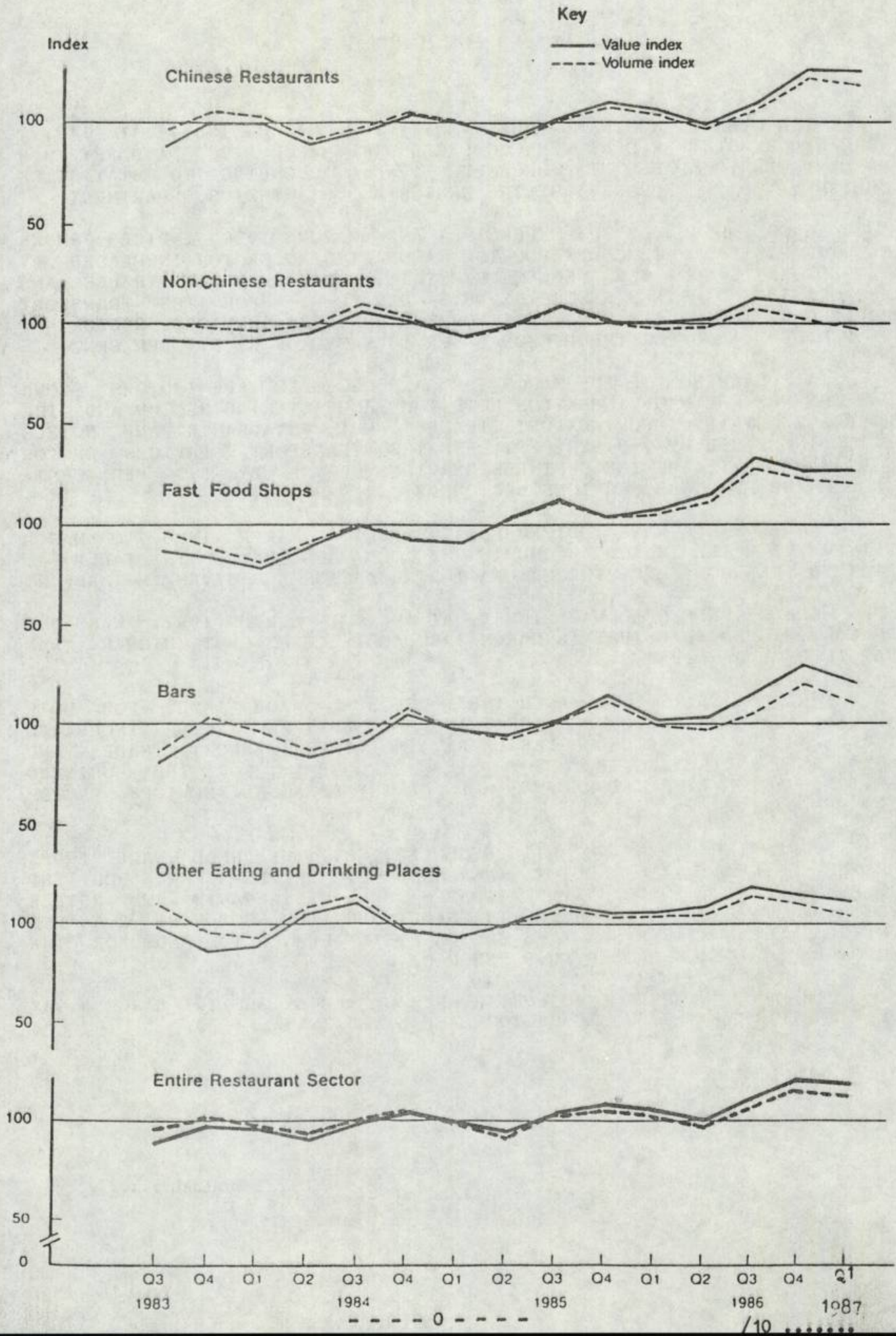
(Quarterly average of October 84 - September 85 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	4th quarter 1986	1st quarter 1987	1st qtr. 1987 compared with 4th qtr. 1986		1st qtr. 1987 compared with 1st qtr. 1986	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	124	123	†	†	17	16
	Volume	119	117	-2	-2	13	12
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	107	106	†	†	6	6
	Volume	100	98	-2	-2	1	1
Fast food shops	Value	124	126	2	2	19	18
	Volume	119	120	1	1	15	14
Bars	Value	129	122	-7	-5	20	19
	Volume	118	111	-7	-6	12	12
Other eating and drinking places	Value	114	112	-2	-2	6	5
	Volume	109	104	-5	-5	1	1
Entire restaurant sector	Value	120	120	†	†	15	14
	Volume	115	113	-2	-2	11	10

Notes: 1. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures, and positive figures denote increases whereas negative figures denote decreases.

2. † denotes change of less than 0.5.

Chart 1: Value and Volume Indexes of Restaurant Receipts
(Quarterly average of Oct. 1984 — Sept. 1985 = 100)



WAGE INDICES FOR MARCH 1987

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR MARCH 1987, AT 142.9, INCREASED BY 8.6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1986 AND BY 3.8 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1986. ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE MARCH 1987 AND MARCH 1986 INDICES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 8.3 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 8.9 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 8.1 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 9.7 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 8.7 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE MARCH 1987 AND DECEMBER 1986 INDICES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR BOTH THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR INCREASED BY 3.9 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 4.3 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 3.5 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.7 PER CENT.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDICES FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1986 TO MARCH 1987 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 106.6 IN MARCH 1987, WAS 3.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN MARCH 1986 AND 2 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN DECEMBER 1986.

FROM MARCH 1986 TO MARCH 1987, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR BOTH THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 3.6 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 4.3 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 5.1 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 4 PER CENT.

COMPARING MARCH 1987 WITH DECEMBER 1986, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 2.1 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.5 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.6 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 0.9 PER CENT.

THE REAL WAGE INDICES FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1986 TO MARCH 1987 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

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THESE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDICES 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 INDICES 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 INDICES.

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 INDICES AND THE INDICES 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 INDICES.

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, MARCH 1987 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 IN EARLY AUGUST 1987.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDICES CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NOS. 5-8234746 OR 5-8234747.

TABLE 1: NOMINAL WAGE INDICES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

INDICES (MARCH 1982 = 100)

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	MAR 1986	JUN 1986	SEPT 1986	DEC 1986	MAR 1987
MANUFACTURING	131.2	133.7	135.2	136.8	142.1
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	124.1	125.4	128.3	130.1	135.2
TRANSPORT SERVICES	151.7	154.4	156.4	157.3	164.0
BUSINESS SERVICES	135.4	139.8	143.7	143.6	148.6
PERSONAL SERVICES	125.8	130.2	130.0	133.1	136.7
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	131.6	134.0	136.2	137.7	142.9

TABLE 2: NOMINAL WAGE INDICES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDICES (MARCH 1982 = 100)

INDUSTRY	MAR 1986	JUN 1986	SEPT 1986	DEC 1986	MAR 1987
GARMENTS	122.9	125.7	126.1	127.0	128.3
GLOVES	140.8	142.0	144.4	145.7	149.1

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HANDBAGS	124.9	125.8	128.9	131.9	135.9
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	135.5	139.8	144.3	148.1	161.8
KNITTING	134.2	137.4	138.8	138.5	140.8
BLEACHING AND DYEING	139.1	144.9	148.4	150.0	160.3
PRINTING	135.7	139.9	141.5	142.6	145.2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	132.2	134.1	135.6	136.7	144.8
METAL PRODUCTS	135.3	137.2	139.3	140.8	145.6
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	143.3	145.7	148.2	151.5	159.2
ELECTRONICS	136.2	137.2	140.3	143.5	153.2
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	141.8	145.0	144.8	147.9	156.9
MANUFACTURING	131.2	133.7	135.2	136.8	142.1

TABLE 3: REAL WAGE INDICES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

INDICES (MARCH 1982 = 100)

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	MAR 1986	JUN 1986	SEPT 1986	DEC 1986	MAR 1987
MANUFACTURING	102.3	102.7	103.2	103.9	106.0
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	96.7	96.4	97.8	98.8	100.9
TRANSPORT SERVICES	118.2	118.7	119.3	119.4	122.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	105.5	107.5	109.6	109.1	110.9
PERSONAL SERVICES	98.1	100.1	99.2	101.1	102.0
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	102.6	103.0	103.9	104.5	106.6

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REVISED LEAVE AND PASSAGE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CIVIL SERVICE

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR CIVIL SERVICE LEAVE AND PASSAGES.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORATE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

THE FIRST PHASE WILL AFFECT MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF CIVIL SERVANTS AND WILL COME INTO FORCE ON AUGUST 1.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR DOMINIC WONG, SAID THE MAIN CHANGE INVOLVED WAS TO SIMPLIFY THE TWO TYPES OF LEAVE NOW AVAILABLE TO LOCAL CIVIL SERVANTS BY COMBINING THEM.

"THE NEW UNIFIED LEAVE WILL BE CALLED VACATION LEAVE AND STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO USE IT WITH MUCH GREATER FLEXIBILITY," MR WONG SAID.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THERE ARE NEW LIMITS TO THE NUMBER OF DAYS OF LEAVE WHICH THEY MAY ACCUMULATE. THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE POLICY THAT LEAVE EARNED IS MEANT TO BE TAKEN WHEN POSSIBLE AND NOT TO BE STORED UP," HE ADDED.

ANOTHER MAJOR CHANGE AFFECTS ABOUT 1,100 OVERSEAS OFFICERS EARNING SALARIES OF BETWEEN \$16,700 AND \$25,200 PER MONTH.

"UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE HOME LEAVE WITH PASSAGES EVERY YEAR, INSTEAD OF ONCE EVERY TWO AND A HALF YEARS. THIS IS IN LINE WITH PRESENT-DAY DEVELOPMENTS," MR WONG SAID.

"THE COST OF THE EXTRA PASSAGES WILL BE PARTIALLY MET BY A REDUCTION IN THE LEAVE EARNING RATES AND BY THE PROVISION OF EXCURSION FARE. THIS IS CONSIDERED A REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE," HE SAID.

THE SECOND PHASE, PERMITTING MORE FLEXIBLE LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL OFFICERS ON AGREEMENT TERMS AND OTHER NON-DIRECTORATE OVERSEAS OFFICERS, IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED IN EARLY 1988.

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EXPERT PARTICIPATION IN CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT INVITED

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO ESTABLISH A CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT CENTRE BY EARLY 1990 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROPER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF CHEMICAL WASTE.

TO ENSURE THE COMMISSIONING OF THE CENTRE ON SCHEDULE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLISHED A GAZETTE NOTICE TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITING BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES WITH SUITABLE AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE TO MAKE AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SUBMISSION.

THE CENTRE WILL BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED PARALLEL WITH THE ENACTMENT OF NECESSARY LEGISLATION FOR REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

THE TREATMENT CENTRE WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH AN AQUEOUS WASTE TREATMENT PLANT, AN OILY WASTE RECOVERY PLANT, A HIGH TEMPERATURE INCINERATOR; AND THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FACILITIES TO ENSURE PROPER PROCESS CONTROL, PLANT MAINTENANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING.

A DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY IS CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT BY CONSULTING ENGINEERS INTO THE TECHNICAL, ORGANISATIONAL AND ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROJECT.

THE TIMING OF THE PROJECT PROVIDES FOR AN 18 MONTH DESIGN-CONSTRUCT-COMMISSION PERIOD. THE CONTRACT WILL BE ON A DESIGN-CONSTRUCT-OPERATE BASIS AND EQUITY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT IS AN OPTION.

FIRMS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, RELATING TO THOSE PARTS OF THE OVERALL SCHEME THAT ARE FULLY WITHIN THEIR COMPETENCE.

IT IS NOT NECESSARY AT THIS STAGE TO FORM A CONSORTIUM FOR THE VENTURE. A LIST OF COMPANIES WILL LATER BE CIRCULATED TO ALL PARTIES TO ASSIST THE FORMATION OF CONSORTIA ABLE TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT.

THE SUBMISSION SHOULD INDICATE THE AREAS OF RELEVANT EXPERTISE OF THE COMPANY, THE PART OF THE PROJECT THE COMPANY WOULD WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN, ANY INTEREST IN EQUITY PARTICIPATION AND JOINT VENTURE WITH OTHER FIRMS; AND ENCLOSE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SUCH AS PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REFERENCES.

THE SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FOR THE ATTENTION OF OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY GROUP), 18/F., SINCERE BUILDING, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG, BY REGISTERED POST, BEFORE AUGUST 10, 1987 ENCLOSING THREE COPIES OF THEIR SUBMISSION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

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MRS RITA FAN APPOINTED EDUCATION BOARD CHAIRMAN

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MRS RITA FAN HSU LAI-TAI HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

MRS FAN HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD SINCE 1984. HER NEW APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN BRINGS WITH IT EX OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, MR PETER C. WONG WILL REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY.

MRS FAN IS AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, A MEMBER OF THE OMELCO EDUCATION PANEL, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

THREE NEW MEMBERS HAVE ALSO BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1. THEY ARE MRS TSO WONG CHIU-YOK, PRINCIPAL OF THE TRUE LIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL; PROFESSOR S.W. TAM, DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; AND MR ERIC LI KA-CHEUNG, A PARTNER IN THE ACCOUNTING FIRM, MESSRS LI TANG CHEN & CO.

APART FROM MR PETER C. WONG, FOUR OTHER FORMER MEMBERS HAVE NOW RETIRED FROM THE BOARD. THEY ARE MRS PEGGY LAM, MRS MABEL CHOW, MISS MARION FANG AND PROFESSOR TO CHO-YEE.

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FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM AT WAN CHAI JUNCTIONS OPENS

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A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM RUNNING ACROSS QUEENSWAY, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HENNESSY ROAD AND ARSENAL STREET IN WAN CHAI WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC TODAY (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, AND WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MRS PEGGY LAM AND MR ARTHUR CHAM.

MRS LAM SAID, DUE TO ITS PROXIMITY TO CENTRAL, "THIS PART OF WAN CHAI IS DEVELOPING INTO A THRIVING COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS AREA."

SHE SAID BUSINESSMEN WERE DRAWN TO THE AREA PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF ITS CONVENIENT LOCATION.

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ONE OF THEIR MAIN CONCERNS WAS THAT THEY COULD TRAVEL TO AND AROUND THE AREA WITHOUT DELAY AND IN SAFETY.

"WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD THEREFORE VERY MUCH WELCOMES THE OPENING OF THIS NEW FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM WHICH WILL ENSURE SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND THUS GREATLY FACILITATE BOTH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS.

"WE HOPE THAT IT WILL ALSO OPEN UP THE AREA, PARTICULARLY QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, FOR MORE DEVELOPMENT," SHE SAID.

MR BEATON SAID QUEENSWAY WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR TRAFFIC ROUTES ON THE ISLAND, LINKING CENTRAL AND EASTERN DISTRICTS AND PROVIDING ACCESS FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC TO GLOUCESTER ROAD BY WAY OF THE ARSENAL STREET FLYOVER.

"THIS ROUTE CARRIES SOME 80,000 VEHICLES PER DAY AND THIS FLOW MUST INCREASE IN THE FUTURE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VICTORIA BARRACKS AND THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION," HE SAID.

"THIS RATHER COMPLEX FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE PEDESTRIANS WITH A FREE PASSAGE OVER QUEENSWAY, ARSENAL STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, THUS PERMITTING UNINTERRUPTED VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FLOW, BUT AT THE SAME TIME PROMOTING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE WILL USE THE FOOTBRIDGES DURING PEAK PERIODS," MR BEATON SAID.

THE 250-METRE-LONG FOOTBRIDGE PROVIDES A CONTINUOUS ELEVATED FOOTWAY LINKING THE BUSY QUEENSWAY/QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND HENNESSY ROAD/ARSENAL STREET JUNCTIONS.

OTHER WORKS UNDER THE PROJECT INCLUDES PROVISION OF ASSOCIATED STAIRCASES AND LANDINGS, CONSTRUCTION OF A COVERED TRAM ISLAND ON QUEENSWAY, AND REPROVISIONING AND LANDSCAPING OF MONMOUTH PARK AT QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

WORK ON THE \$7.5 MILLION FOOTBRIDGE STARTED 23 MONTHS AGO.

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\$186 MILLION LAND WORKS CONTRACT IN JUNK BAY

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A \$186 MILLION CONTRACT FOR RECLAMATION AND LAND FORMATION WORK AT JUNK BAY NEW TOWN WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY) BETWEEN THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (TDD) AND AOKI CORPORATION.

THE PROJECT MANAGER OF THE TDD'S NEW TERRITORIES/SOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR Y.Y. NG, SAID THE WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AT THE NORTHWESTERN SIDE OF JUNK BAY TO PROVIDE 16 HECTARES OF LAND FOR ROADWORKS, RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES.

THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF THREE KILOMETRES OF ROADWORKS, PART OF WHICH WILL BE THE ELEVATED EASTERN APPROACHES TO JUNK BAY TUNNEL NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START NEXT WEEK AND TAKE 42 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. CIVIL WORKS ON JUNK BAY TUNNEL WILL BE COMPLETED BY EARLY 1990, WITH THE TUNNEL SCHEDULED TO OPEN TO TRAFFIC IN MID-1990.

SO FAR, ABOUT 100 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN FORMED AT JUNK BAY, WHICH WILL TAKE IN ITS FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS. THE NEW TOWN WILL HAVE A CAPACITY FOR 225,000 RESIDENTS BY THE MID-1990S UNDER ITS PHASE I DEVELOPMENT. PHASE II WILL PROVIDE FOR ANOTHER 100,000 RESIDENTS.

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42 PASS FINAL LICENTIATE EXAMINATION

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THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT 42 OUT OF 141 CANDIDATES HAD PASSED THE FINAL PART OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS.

THIS EXAMINATION, HELD FROM JULY 7 TO 9, WAS AN ORAL ONE TO TEST THE ABILITY OF CANDIDATES TO APPLY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO CLINICAL PROBLEMS.

CANDIDATES WERE EXAMINED BY TWO PANELS OF EXAMINERS IN EACH OF THE THREE DISCIPLINES - MEDICINE, SURGERY, AND OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO AN 18-MONTH PERIOD OF ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING IN HOSPITALS APPROVED BY THE MEDICAL COUNCIL STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

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VEHICLE LICENCE MUST BE VALID

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CAR OWNERS WILL HAVE TO ENSURE THAT VEHICLE LICENCES DISPLAYED ON THEIR MOTOR VEHICLES ARE VALID.

THE REQUIREMENT IS STIPULATED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) AMENDMENT (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 1987 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS STATE THAT NO MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL BE LEFT UPON OR USED ON ANY ROAD UNLESS A VALID VEHICLE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF THE VEHICLE IS DISPLAYED.

"THE ORIGINAL REGULATIONS MAKE IT COMPULSORY FOR CAR OWNERS TO DISPLAY VEHICLE LICENCES ON THEIR MOTOR VEHICLES BUT MAKE NO REFERENCE TO THE VALIDITY OF THE LICENCES," A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE SAID THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WOULD ENSURE THAT ALL VEHICLES ARE PROPERLY LICENSED AND THIS, IN TURN, WOULD HELP REMIND OWNERS OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO HAVE VALID THIRD PARTY INSURANCE.

FURTHERMORE, IT WOULD HELP RESOLVE ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS FACED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN CASES WHERE MOTOR VEHICLES ARE DUMPED ON PUBLIC ROADS WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE.

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GOVERNMENT VANS TO HELP DISTRIBUTE GREEN PAPER

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TWO GOVERNMENT VANS WILL TOUR BUSY AREAS OF THE TERRITORY THIS WEEKEND AND SUNDAY TO MAKE AVAILABLE COPIES OF THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE EXERCISE WHICH FOLLOWS A TWO-DAY DEBATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, IS AIMED AT INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE GREEN PAPER.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID COPIES OF THE GREEN PAPER ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FREE AT VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES AND SOME 300 GOVERNMENT OUTLETS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

HE SAID A TOTAL OF 1.9 MILLION COPIES OF THE GREEN PAPER HAVE BEEN PRINTED. OF THESE, AT LEAST, 1.4 MILLION COPIES ARE NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE PUBLIC.

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CALL TO GUARD DANGEROUS PARTS OF WOODWORKING MACHINERY

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THE PROPRIETOR OF A FACTORY WAS RECENTLY FINED \$10,000 BY A SOUTH KOWLOON MAGISTRATE FOR FAILING TO GUARD A WOODWORKING MACHINERY WITH PROTECTING RIVING KNIFE.

THE CASE SHOWED THAT A CARPENTER WHILE USING A CIRCULAR SAW TO CUT PIECES OF WOOD HAD HIS LEFT INDEX FINGER AMPUTATED AND LEFT THUMB LACERATED.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) EXPLAINED THAT MOST ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CIRCULAR SAWS WERE DUE TO THE TIMBER CLOSING-IN ON THE SAW AND BEING FLUNG BACK OR OFF WITH GREAT VIOLENCE. THE RIVING KNIFE IS THE MEANS OF PREVENTING THIS, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (WOODWORKING MACHINERY) REGULATIONS ALREADY LAID DOWN STANDARDS OF FENCING FOR MACHINERY AND IMPOSED DEFINITE DUTIES ON THE EMPLOYER TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THOSE OPERATING THEM.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE ADDED, THE REGULATIONS ALSO PLACED A LEGAL OBLIGATION ON EMPLOYEES TO USE THE GUARDS AND SAFETY DEVICES WHICH THE EMPLOYERS PROVIDED.

ANYONE WHO CONTRAVENES ANY OF THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE, UPON CONVICTION, TO A FINE OF \$30,000.

DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TOOK OUT SOME 300 PROSECUTIONS AGAINST FACTORY PROPRIETORS FOR FAILING TO GUARD THE DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY.

OF THE TOTAL, 276 CASES WERE TAKEN OUT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATING OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS, RESULTING IN A TOTAL FINE OF \$894,400.

THE REST WERE TAKEN OUT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (WOODWORKING MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (ABRASIVE WHEELS) REGULATIONS. FINES IMPOSED UNDER THESE TWO REGULATIONS AMOUNTED TO \$78,500.

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CHINESE MUSICIANS ARRIVE TO JOIN MUSIC CAMP

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THREE RENOWNED MUSICIANS FROM CHINA ARRIVED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO JOIN THE 1987 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP TO BE HELD AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP IN SAI KUNG FROM TOMORROW TO AUGUST 2.

THEY ARE MR MA SHENGLONG, RESIDENT CONDUCTOR OF THE SHANGHAI FOLK ORCHESTRA, MR YU LIANGMO OF THE CENTRAL BROADCASTING FOLK ORCHESTRA AND MR LI ZHENGUI OF THE CENTRAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC IN PEKING.

FIVE OTHER OVERSEAS MUSICIANS, MR RONALD SMART, MR ROBERT INGRAM AND MISS SUSAN BLAKE FROM AUSTRALIA, DR WILLIAM LAWING FROM THE UNITED STATES AND MR GORDON HEARD FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE TO BE THE CAMP'S GUEST CONDUCTORS AND INSTRUCTORS.

DURING THE CAMP PERIOD, THEY WILL CONDUCT MASTER CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS.

THE MUSIC CAMP IS ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE TO PROVIDE INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING TO YOUNG MUSICIANS AS WELL AS TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE THROUGH MUSIC.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, OVERSEAS CAMPERS INCLUDING TWO FROM AUSTRALIA AND THREE FROM MACAU WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S CAMP.

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ENROLMENT OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
FULL-TIME COURSES INVITED

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EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ARE NOW INVITING FORM 3 AND FORM 5 LEAVERS TO APPLY FOR ENTRY INTO FULL-TIME, PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE AND BLOCK-RELEASE COURSES COMMENCING SEPTEMBER.

ABOUT 200 COURSES WILL BE OFFERED AT THE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG, LEE WAI LEE, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN AND CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN THE 1987/88 ACADEMIC YEAR.

NEW COURSES WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED AT THE COUNCIL'S NEW CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO MEET DEMAND FOR SPECIALISED STAFF FROM THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY AND SERVICING SECTOR.

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NEW COURSES INCLUDE FOOD TECHNOLOGY, FOOD PROCESSING, SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT, IMPORT/EXPORT STUDIES, DISTRIBUTIVE STUDIES, CHILD CARE, BASIC RETAILING, STORES SUPERVISION, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (POLLUTION) AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS.

COURSES ARE GROUPED UNDER 15 DISCIPLINES: HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, MARINE ENGINEERING AND FABRICATION, DESIGN, MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING, APPLIED SCIENCE AND COMPUTING STUDIES.

THEY ARE OFFERED AT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS, FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMPLETED FORM 3 AND FORM 5, RESPECTIVELY. APPLICANTS FOR PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE AND BLOCK-RELEASE COURSE HAVE TO BE SPONSORED BY EMPLOYERS.

DETAILS OF THE COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN LOCAL PRESS TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS NOON, AUGUST 15 (SATURDAY).

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KOWLOON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED

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A NOTICE WAS POSTED ON ROOFTOP ILLEGAL STRUCTURES OF A KOWLOON BUILDING TODAY (FRIDAY) WARNING OCCUPANTS THAT THE BUILDING AUTHORITY INTENDS TO SEEK A COURT ORDER TO CLOSE THEM.

THE STRUCTURES ARE OVER THE FIFTH FLOOR OF 196 SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET.

MORE THAN 15 MONTHS AGO THE OCCUPIERS WERE TOLD TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES THEMSELVES, BUT THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY ACTION.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 17 FOR A CLOSURE ORDER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID IT WAS FIRST NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE STRUCTURES SO THAT THEY COULD BE DEMOLISHED AFTERWARDS WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE," HE SAID.

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CYCLE PARK REDEVELOPED AND BEAUTIFIED

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THE CYCLE PARK IN TAI WAI, SHA TIN HAS TAKEN ON A NEW LOOK AFTER THE COMPLETION OF A \$800,000 PROJECT TO REDEVELOP AND BEAUTIFY THE PARK IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

THE CYCLING AREA HAS BEEN ENLARGED, BICYCLE HIRING STALLS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY ORGANISED; SITTING-OUT AREAS IMPROVED, AND NEW FACILITIES WOULD BE PROVIDED.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THERE WILL BE A TREE PLANTING DAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CYCLE PARK AT 10 AM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; CHAIRMAN OF BOARD'S CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE, MR WONG PO-MING; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAU HON-KIT AND DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER, MR LAU TAK-SIU. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LEE KWONG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CYCLE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR WAI KWOK-HUNG WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CUM TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AT 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CYCLE PARK, WHICH IS AT AREA 17, CHE KUNG MIU ROAD, TAI WAI, OPPOSITE THE TAI WAI KCR STATION.

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SPEEDPOST TO PHILIPPINES EXTENDED

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE EXTENDED TO PARANAQUE AND PASIG WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (JULY 20), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLACES IN THE PHILIPPINES TO WHICH SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE ARE MANILA, QUEZON CITY, PASAY CITY, CALOOCAN CITY, MAKATI, SAN JUAN, MANDALUYONG, PARANAQUE AND PASIG.

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ON THE SAME DAY, THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR A SPEEDPOST ITEM TO MALAYSIA WILL BE INCREASED FROM 10 KILOGRAMS TO 15 KILOGRAMS.

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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PUBLICITY BUS TOURS TSUEN WAN

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ORGANISE A ROUND THE DISTRICT PUBLICITY BUS TOUR TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THE OPEN-DECK BUS WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON BOARD WILL FIRST CALL AT SHAM TSENG AT 10 AM AND ON ITS WAY BACK TO THE TOWN CENTRE THE BUS WILL STOP AT VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES.

PRE-RECORDED MESSAGES CALLING ON PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS WILL BE BROADCAST ALONG THE WAY.

AT EACH STOP COPIES OF THE GREEN PAPER WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON POLITICAL REVIEW IN RELATION TO THE PUBLISHING OF THE GREEN PAPER INCLUDE A SURVEY AND A SEMINAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PUBLICITY BUS TOUR.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND PARTY WILL BOARD THE BUS AT 9.45 AM AT PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 TAI HO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR PERFORMS

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A FREE CONCERT BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR ON SUNDAY (JULY 19).

THE CHOIR'S CHINESE CLASSICAL FOLK SONGS CONCERT, ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 PM AT THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF URBAN COUNCIL ABERDEEN CIVIC CENTRE.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING INCLUDE A VARIETY OF WELL-KNOWN CHINESE FOLK SONGS PERFORMED IN SOLO, DUET, GROUP OR MIXED CHORUS.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR WAS FORMED IN 1983 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD FOR YOUNG MUSIC LOVERS IN THE DISTRICT.

IT HAS HELD THREE CONCERTS AND MADE A NUMBER OF GUEST PERFORMANCES IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR, ALL OF WHICH HAVE RECEIVED WARM SUPPORT FROM THE AUDIENCE.

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SHAM SHUI PO SEMINAR ON GREEN PAPER

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A SEMINAR ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT ORGANISED BY THE SHEK KIP MEI AREA COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JULY 19) AFTERNOON AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, NAM CHEONG STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON.

THE TWO-HOUR SEMINAR WILL START AT 2.30 PM WITH LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MR ANDREW WONG AND MR CHUNG PUI-LAM; AND A SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG LUEN-KIN AS GUEST SPEAKERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

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EYE CARE CAMPAIGN FOR ELDERLY OPENS

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT EYE CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY OPENING CEREMONY, EYE CARE CHECK-UPS AND AN EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JULY 19) AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, HO MAN TIN.

THE CAMPAIGN, STARTING FROM JULY 19 TO AUGUST 2, WILL PROVIDE FREE EYE CARE CHECK-UPS, SPECTACLES AND MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR RESIDENTS AGED OVER 60.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU; CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MRS THERESA LAU; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR TANG PO-HONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY (JULY 19) AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, 89 CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN.

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SQUATTER CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL LAUNCH A CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN SQUATTER AREAS FROM SUNDAY (JULY 19).

THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE PUBLICITY, COMPETITIONS, AND CLEANSING EXERCISES IN THE SQUATTER AREAS.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY AT 10.30 AM AT THE OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO THE DIAMOND HILL MTR STATION.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S SQUATTER AREA COMMITTEE, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM; CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S WORKING GROUP, MRS PAULINE NG; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MISS FOK PUI-YEE; AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHESTER KWOK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY WILL BE A CLEANSING DEMONSTRATION BY URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF AND VOLUNTARY WORKERS.

A PUBLICITY VAN BROADCASTING THE 'CLEAN HONG KONG' THEME SONG WILL TOUR THE SQUATTER AREAS TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE.

HOUSEHOLD VISITS WILL BE MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE CAMPAIGN'S WORKING GROUP DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD. THEY WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY LEAFLETS AND GARBAGE BAGS TO RESIDENTS.

THE WORKING GROUP HAS ALSO ORGANISED A SLOGAN-WRITING COMPETITION AND A COLOUR-SHADING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, PRIVATE CONTRACTORS WILL BE EMPLOYED TO CLEAR DUMPING SITES AS WELL AS THE DRAINAGE. PEST-CONTROL EXERCISES WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE WORKING GROUP WILL ALSO PUT UP A NUMBER OF BANNERS AND POSTERS AT CONSPICUOUS LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT'S SQUATTER AREAS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JULY 19) AT 10.30 AM AT THE OPEN SPACE AT THE JUNCTION OF SOCIAL AVENUE AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN NGAU TSUEN AREA (NEAR DIAMOND HILL MTR STATION).

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REGISTRATION OF DTC REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF MULTILIGHT CREDIT LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHEUNG WAN

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NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING 4.6 METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF TAI PING SHAN STREET BETWEEN TUNG STREET AND UPPER STATION STREET IN SHEUNG WAN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 20).

AT THE SAME TIME, SQUARE STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

THESE MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS IN UPPER STATION STREET.

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