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REDUCTION IN OVERALL CRIME IN 1988

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THE YEAR 1988 SAW SOME EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENTS BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WITH A REDUCTION IN OVERALL CRIME, A RECORD YEAR FOR DRUG SEIZURE AND NEUTRALISATION OF HEROIN MANUFACTURING PLANTS, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

REVIEWING THE WORK OF THE FORCE LAST YEAR AT A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION THIS AFTERNOON, MR ANNING NOTED THAT SIGNIFICANT STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN IN THE BUILDING PROGRAMME AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS WHICH WOULD ASSIST THE FORCE IN MEETING ITS COMMITMENTS UP TO THE YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND.

ON THE CRIME FRONT, MR ANNING SAID: "THE 2.5 PER CENT DROP IN REPORTED CRIME WAS A WELCOME REVERSAL, AND MEANS THAT OUR CRIME STATE RETURNED TO THE LEVEL AT WHICH IT STOOD AT THE END OF 1981, AND MEANS THAT HONG KONG CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE SAFEST CITIES IN THE WORLD."

THE COMMISSIONER REMARKED THAT THERE HAD BEEN REDUCTIONS IN THE QUICK CASH CRIME, HOMICIDE, SNATCHING, PICKPOCKETING AND SHOP THEFT DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW.

"SNATCHING RECORDED THE LOWEST FIGURE SINCE THE TURN OF THE DECADE, AND SHOP THEFT REDUCED TO 15.3 CASES A DAY.

"THE LATTER INDICATES THAT OUR TARGETTING OF THIS CRIME BOTH BY ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLICITY HAS PAID DIVIDENDS," HE ADDED.

MR ANNING WAS ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE OVERALL DETECTION RATE REMAINED HIGH AT 46.5 PER CENT.

HE NOTED THAT, HOWEVER, THERE WERE SOME WORRYING TRENDS.

"VIOLENT CRIME WAS UP A MARGINAL 1.6 PER CENT. ALL CATEGORIES OF ROBBERIES (OTHER THAN BANK ROBBERIES) SHOWED INCREASES. THE NUMBER OF GENUINE FIREARMS SEIZED ROSE FROM SEVEN IN 1987 TO 19 LAST YEAR. BURGLARIES ROSE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1985," HE SAID.

ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION MATTERS, MR ANNING NOTED THAT MARINE POLICE HAD BEEN KEPT BUSY IN 1988 WITH THE CONTINUED INFLUX OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN A DROP OF 21.4 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF IIS AND EVADERS ARRESTED AFTER THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED A CHANGE OF POLICE LAST YEAR AND SEVERAL MEASURES WERE INTRODUCED TO DETER ILLEGAL ENTRY.

TURNING TO THE TRAFFIC FRONT, MR ANNING DISCLOSED THAT FIGURES FOR ACCIDENTS CAUSING DEATH AND INJURY APPEARED TO BE LEVELLING OFF FOLLOWING THE SIGNIFICANT 8.8 PER CENT RISE IN 1987. HOWEVER, AN INCREASE IN FATALITIES WAS RECORDED.

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THE GROWING NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON THE ROADS AND THEIR INCREASING ROAD USE HAD CAUSED A NOTICEABLE CONGESTION INCREASED, HE ADDED.

"SUSTAINED TRAFFIC POLICE EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED IF RESULTANT ACCIDENTS ARE TO BE CONTAINED."

CONSIDERING THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY OFFICERS AT ALL LEVELS TO PREVENT CRIME AND CONTROL TRAFFIC, THE FORCE CHIEF NOTED IT WAS HEARTENING THAT DURING 1988 COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE DROPPED, THUS CONTINUING A TREND WHICH WAS FIRST NOTED IN 1987.

"SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1987, THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERALL DECREASE OF 28.7 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED."

ON THE FORCE BUILDING PROGRAMME, THE COMMISSIONER SAID THE COMPREHENSIVE BUILDING PROGRAMME WOULD ENABLE THE FORCE TO MEET THE GROWTH OF THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY.

HE NOTED THAT DURING THE YEAR SIX MAJOR PROJECTS, INCLUDING TWO DISTRICT POLICE STATIONS, TWO DIVISIONAL STATIONS, A POLICE POST AT THE BORDER AND A NEW TEACHING BLOCK AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, WERE COMPLETED AND BECAME OPERATIONAL.

FOUR MAJOR POLICE PROJECTS WOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN THIS YEAR, MR ANNING CONCLUDED.

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TWO NEW FLOATING CLINICS COMMISSIONED

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TWO NEW MEDICAL LAUNCHES, WHICH WILL PROVIDE OUT-PATIENT CLINIC SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IN REMOTE AREAS OF THE OUTLYING ISLANDS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, WERE COMMISSIONED TODAY.

THE TWO VESSELS, THE CHEE HONG AND THE CHEE WAN, WERE BUILT WITH A \$6.62 MILLION DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND WILL REPLACE THE TWO EXISTING VESSELS OF THE SAME NAMES.

OFFICIATING AT THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEWARDS OF THE JOCKEY CLUB, SIR OSWALD CHEUNG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.H. LEE.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

SIR OSWALD RECALLED THAT THE TWO EXISTING FLOATING CLINICS WERE AMONG THE FIRST FEW PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) LTD WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED 30 YEARS AGO.

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HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THAT THE TWO NEW FLOATING CLINICS WOULD, ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY THIS YEAR, CONTINUE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN PLACE OF THE OLD CLINICS AFTER THEIR 30 YEARS' OF FAITHFUL SERVICE.

"ALTHOUGH THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF EACH VESSEL IS MORE THAN EIGHT TIMES ITS ORIGINAL COST 30 YEARS AGO, THE CLUB CONSIDERS IT MONEY WELL SPENT," SIR OSWALD SAID.

DR LEE SAID THAT OWING TO THE GEOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE INACCESSIBILITY OF COASTAL DISTRICTS, HIS DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN OPERATING THE FLOATING CLINIC SERVICE TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS AND VILLAGERS LIVING IN OUTLYING ISLANDS AS EARLY AS 1958.

THE CHEE WAN VISITS VILLAGES IN TOLO HARBOUR WHILE THE CHEE HONG VISITS THE NORTHERN PART OF LANTAU, THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN COASTS OF PO TOI ISLAND AND THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA.

TOGETHER, THEY PROVIDED OUT-PATIENT SERVICES TO MORE THAN 12,700 RESIDENTS IN REMOTE AREAS LAST YEAR.

DR LEE SAID THE TWO FLOATING CLINICS WERE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO MEET THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN CLINIC SERVICES, HAVING MEDICAL CONSULTATION ROOMS, TREATMENT AREAS AND A DISPENSARY.

"EACH VESSEL IS ABOUT 23 METRES LONG, WITH A CRUISING SPEED OF 12 KNOTS, WHICH IS MUCH FASTER THAN THE EXISTING ONES.

"BESIDES BEING AIR-CONDITIONED, VHF RADIO IS ALSO PROVIDED IN THE FLOATING CLINICS FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE AMBULANCE COMMAND," HE ADDED.

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, DR LEE THANKED THE JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS GENEROUS DONATION.

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VITAL TO BRIDGE GAP BETWEEN ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS: SMA

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IT IS VITAL THAT THE GAP BETWEEN ACADEMIC LIFE AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS BRIDGED, FOR BOTH HAVE IMPORTANT ROLES TO PLAY IF HONG KONG IS TO CONTINUE TO THRIVE, SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK SAID THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BUSINESS INFORMATION DAY 89 HELD AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR NENDICK SAID SUCH AN EXHIBITION SERVED TO BRIDGE THIS GAP BY HELPING STUDENTS TO BE BETTER EQUIPPED FOR LIFE IN THE BUSINESS WORLD.

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"WE NEED TO MARRY TOGETHER SUCCESSFULLY THE KNOWLEDGE, INTELLECTUAL STIMULUS AND CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION WHICH OUR UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS INSTIL, AND THE INCENTIVE AND DISCIPLINE OF THE PROFIT MOTIVE PROVIDED BY THE BUSINESS WORLD," HE SAID.

"OTHERWISE WE WILL FALL BEHIND OUR COMPETITORS IN WORLD MARKETS," MR NENDICK ADDED.

HE URGED STUDENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND WHAT IT HAD TO OFFER.

HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PARTICIPATING COMPANIES WOULD BE ENCOURAGED BY THE OUTCOME AND CONTINUE THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT, AND THAT MORE COMPANIES WOULD SEE THE VALUE OF JOINING THIS IN FUTURE YEARS.

SOME 12 BUSINESS FIRMS TOOK PART IN THIS ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.

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TAC DISCUSSES ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY DISCUSSED THE FIVE-YEAR FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMMES (1989-93) SUBMITTED BY THE NORTH LANTAO BUS COMPANY (NLB) AND THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY (HYF).

IN ITS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR 1988-89 TO 1992-93, NLB PLANS TO INTRODUCE TWO NEW SERVICES IN APRIL 1990: A NO.9 SERVICE TO OPERATE BETWEEN MUI WO FERRY PIER AND MUI WO OLD TOWN AND NO.10 TO RUN FROM KEUNG SHAN INTERCHANGE TO SHA LO WAN.

THE COMPANY ALSO PROPOSES TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING SERVICE ON ITS ROUTE NO.2, BETWEEN MUI WO FERRY PIER AND NGONG PING, IN 1990, IN TIME TO MEET ADDITIONAL DEMAND ARISING FROM VISITORS TO THE GIANT BUDDHA STATUE AT NGONG PING.

TAC NOTED THAT NLB PROPOSES TO PURCHASE 27 SINGLE DECK BUSES, INCLUDING TWO AIR-CONDITIONED COACHES, OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. OF THESE, 22 WOULD BE USED TO REPLACE BUSES DUE FOR SCRAPPING, AND FIVE TO MEET NEW SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.

TO HELP IMPROVE ITS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES, THE COMPANY PLANS TO DEVELOP A SITE AT MUI WO INTO A CENTRAL BUS MAINTENANCE DEPOT AT A COST OF \$1.1 MILLION.

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THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, IN ITS PLANNING PROGRAMME, HAS PROPOSED TWO NEW PASSENGER SERVICES: ONE BETWEEN WAN CHAI AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND ANOTHER SERVICE BETWEEN TSING YI AND CENTRAL.

HYF ALSO PLANS TO IMPROVE ITS TUEN MUN - CENTRAL HOVERFERRY SERVICE, THE WAN CHAI - HUNG HOM PASSENGER SERVICE AND THE PASSENGER SERVICES BETWEEN CENTRAL AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

MEANWHILE, HYF WOULD CONTINUE THE WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY SERVICE BETWEEN KOWLOON POINT AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

IN VIEW OF THE LIKELY ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE OPENING OF THE CROSS-HARBOUR ROAD LINK IN THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, FREQUENCY REDUCTIONS ARE PROPOSED TO RATIONALISE ITS VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN SAI WAN HO AND KWUN TONG.

MEMBERS OF TAC NOTED THAT THE LONG-TERM POTENTIAL OF THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED NEW ROUTES AND ANY REQUIREMENT FOR FURTHER RATIONALISATION OF FERRY SERVICES WERE BEING CONSIDERED UNDER THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S CROSS HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT STUDY II, TO BE COMPLETED SOON.

TAC WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY.

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FC TO CONSIDER CREATION OF LAW TRANSLATION OFFICER GRADE
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A NEW GRADE OF LAW TRANSLATION OFFICER IN THE LAW DRAFTING DIVISION OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

ARISING FROM A RECOMMENDATION OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, THE PROPOSAL IS TO RECRUIT ONE SENIOR AND 18 LAW TRANSLATION OFFICERS TO REPLACE THE CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS NOW DEPLOYED IN THE DIVISION.

THE LAW TRANSLATION OFFICERS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCING AN AUTHENTIC CHINESE VERSION OF ALL EXISTING AND FUTURE LEGISLATION.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE A CONTRIBUTION OF \$1 MILLION TO THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES FOR ITS INITIAL VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

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"LAI-SEE" FOR 8,000 ELDERLY

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SOME 8,000 RESIDENTS FROM 74 HOSTELS AND HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TODAY (TUESDAY) RECEIVED NEW YEAR "LAI-SEE" OF \$100 EACH FROM THE SHANGHAI FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION.

MORE THAN \$800,000 HAD BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE ASSOCIATION'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR DISTRIBUTION.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, 63 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOSTELS AND HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY RECEIVED THE RED PACKETS ON BEHALF OF THEIR CLIENTS AT A CHEQUE PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN 1978 AND ITS CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY.

HE NOTED THAT IT HAD NOT ONLY SET AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE FOR OTHER INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL GROUPS BUT ALSO HELP PROMOTE THE CHINESE TRADITIONAL VIRTUE OF "HONOUR THE ELDERLY".

"OUR COMMUNITY ENCOURAGES INTEGRATING THE ELDERLY INTO THE FAMILY LEADING A HAPPY HOME," MR LAW SAID.

"OUR WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IS ALSO TAILORED TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES SO THAT THEY MAY PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

MR LAW SAID THE ASSOCIATION ALSO OPERATED THE SHANGHAI FRATERNITY HEALTH CENTRE AND RENDERED NON-PROFIT MEDICAL SERVICES TO ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

AS A REGULAR DONOR, THE ASSOCIATION ALSO PROMOTED WELFARE SERVICE THROUGH COMMUNITY CHEST AND SAINT MARY'S HOME FOR THE AGED RUN BY LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.

PARTICIPANTS AT THE "LAI-SEE" DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY INCLUDED THE WIFE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MRS CHARLES WONG CHI-WAI; VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR RICHARD SUNG; MR TOMMY ZAU, AND MR CHOW SING-PAI AND THEIR WIVES; AS WELL AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR FAN CHAI.

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12 QUESTIONS, THREE BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA
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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK 12 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER THREE BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MONEY CHANGERS (DISCLOSURE OF RATES, CHARGES AND COMMISSIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 AND THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

DEBATE IS TO RESUME ON THE SECOND READING OF REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 WHICH IS THEN DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

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TWO LOTS FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TWO PIECES OF GOVERNMENT LAND FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

ONE LOT IS LOCATED AT HARBOUR ROAD IN WAN CHAI WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 7,230 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, EXCLUDING GODOWN AND RESIDENTIAL BUT INCLUDING HOTEL AND/OR SERVICE APARTMENT.

THE OTHER LOT IS LOCATED AT THE TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA IN YUEN LONG.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,736 SQUARE METRES, THE LOT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE.

THE AUCTION WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE LAND AUCTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IN VIEW OF THE WIDE INTERESTS IN THE AUCTION AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPECTED TO ATTEND, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE MEDIA.

THE SPACE BETWEEN THE STAGE AND THE FIRST THREE ROWS OF SEATS IN THE THEATRE HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR THE PRESS. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAY MOVE FREELY WITHIN THIS AREA. THE AUCTIONEER HAS REQUESTED THAT NO TV SPOT LIGHTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT HIM DURING THE AUCTION TO ENABLE HIM TO HAVE A CLEAR VIEW OF BIDDERS.

THE AUCTIONEER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS AFTER THE AUCTION.

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DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN HONG KONG BETWEEN 1981 AND 1987

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A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED 'DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN HONG KONG: 1981-1987' APPEARS IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

THIS ARTICLE ANALYSES THE TRENDS IN THE POPULATION SIZE AND STRUCTURE, DEATHS, MARRIAGE AND BIRTHS IN HONG KONG SINCE 1981, USING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE VARIOUS VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEMS MAINTAINED BY THE CENSUS & STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE ARTICLE REVEALS THAT THE POPULATION GROWTH HAS SLOWED DOWN IN RECENT YEARS, MAINLY DUE TO THE FALLING NUMBER OF BIRTHS AND THE STABILIZED NET INWARD MIGRATION.

THE FERTILITY LEVEL HAD FALLEN FAR BELOW THE LEVEL REQUIRED EVENTUALLY FOR THE POPULATION TO REPLACE ITSELF.

MOREOVER, AS MORTALITY CONTINUED TO IMPROVE, PEOPLE WOULD LIVE LONGER THAN EVER BEFORE.

THESE CHANGES IN FERTILITY AND MORTALITY CONDITIONS HAVE RESULTED IN THE GRADUAL AGING OF THE POPULATION.

REGARDING THE TRENDS IN MARRIAGE, THERE HAS BEEN A GENERAL DECREASE IN MARRIAGE RATES FOR FIRST MARRIAGE. REMARRIAGE AT YOUNGER AGES WERE INCREASING AMONGST THE DIVORCED AND WIDOWED FEMALES.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$30 PER COPY. PURCHASES MAY BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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DB FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD HAS SET ASIDE \$60,000 FOR SUBSIDISING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN ORGANISING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE 1989-90 FINANCIAL YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE ALLOCATIONS WERE AIMED AT PROMOTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND ENHANCING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE FUNDS MAY BE MADE IN RELATION TO TWO PERIODS.

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THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS RELATING TO THE FIRST HALF OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR IS MARCH 15 AND THE SUBSIDISED PROJECTS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN MAY 1 AND OCTOBER 31.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1 AND FEBRUARY 15 NEXT YEAR IS SEPTEMBER 16.

EACH APPLICATION WILL BE ASSESSED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE IT IS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO INVITING LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING PICNICS, BARBECUES, HOLIDAY CAMPS AND VISITS IN THE 1989-90 FINANCIAL YEAR. APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON MARCH 15.

THE APPROVED FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED AS TRANSPORT FEES AND THE SUBSIDY TO EACH PARTICIPANT IS LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF \$7.

APPLICATIONS FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 3-7110171.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS RULES FOR FUNDS ALLOCATION
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALLOCATING DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR LOCAL PROJECTS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL OF SETTING UP A NEW COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND REVIEW THIS YEAR'S NOMINATIONS OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE WORKING GROUPS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT, THE REPORT ON THE VISIT BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO ENGLAND AND HOLLAND IN 1988 AND THE DISTRICT BOARD HALF-YEARLY NEWSPAPER, WILL REPORT THEIR WORK PROGRESS AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KWAI CHUNG.

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IMPROVEMENT OF SPORTS FACILITIES FOR TSUEN WAN TO BE DISCUSSED
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE PROGRAMMES AND BUDGET OF THE SPORTS NURTURE SCHEME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTEL PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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ISLANDS DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUNDING
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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND THE APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS FOR 1989-90 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE PROPOSED ESTIMATE, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT OVER THE ALLOCATION TO THE COMMITTEE IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, AMOUNTS TO \$510,000.

IT IS INTENDED TO BE DIVIDED AMONG FOUR TYPES OF ACTIVITIES -- LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS, DRAGON BOAT RACING, SPORTS, AND COMMUNITY BUILDING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CRITERIA FOR SETTING THE PRIORITY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SUBSIDIES IN 1989-90 AND THE REVISION OF GUIDELINES IN VETTING APPLICATIONS.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR HOLDING A LUNAR NEW YEAR CARNIVAL AT MUI WO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE VIEWS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON PANG SHUN-YEE ON JANUARY 29, 1987 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT. PANG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF NICOLA SHARON MYERS AND KENNETH MCBRIDE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL, WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 27), ALL VEHICLES OVER EIGHT METRES LONG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER DUDELL STREET IN CENTRAL.

IN ADDITION, THE CUL-DE-SAC END OF DUDELL STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 8-10 AND HOUSE NO. 11 WILL BECOME A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SLIP ROAD, EXCLUDING THE LAYBY, SOUTH OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BETWEEN MURRAY ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE WILL ALSO BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

COTTON TREE DRIVE NORTHBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LAMBETH WALK TO A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BECOME AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

IN ADDITION, THE LAYBY ON THE SLIP ROAD SOUTH OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BETWEEN MURRAY ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY GOODS VEHICLE RESTRICTED ZONE.

IN WESTERN, THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WESTERN STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR ROADWORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH IN CENTRAL BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY FROM FRIDAY (JANUARY 27) FOR TWO DAYS FOR THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL.

MEANWHILE, TAI HA STREET IN KWAI CHUNG BETWEEN THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE CARPARK AND BLOCK 12 OF TAI WO HAU ESTATE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 30 MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT AND 5.30 AM DAILY ON THESE TWO DAYS FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TAI HA STREET BETWEEN BLOCK 12 AND THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF TAI WO HAU ESTATE WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YAU MA TEI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN YAU MA TEI FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 27).

PUBLIC SQUARE STREET BETWEEN SHANGHAI STREET AND RECLAMATION STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NORTHBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF PUBLIC SQUARE STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A BUS LANE.

WING SING LANE AT ITS WESTERN JUNCTION WITH SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

KMB ROUTES 1, 1A, 3C, 3E, 9, 13, 81 AND CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTES 102, 104 AND 105 FROM NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET.

KMB ROUTES 2E, 4A, 12, 30, 36B, 68, 68X, AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 31M FROM CANTON ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED VIA PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN SHEUNG SHUI, TSUEN WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 27):

- * THE SECTION OF SAN FUNG AVENUE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SAN HONG STREET AND A POINT OF 140 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY; AND
- * THE LOOP ROAD NORTH OF NO. 24 SAN FUNG AVENUE ADJACENT TO THE PETROL STATION ADJOINING JOCKEY CLUB ROAD FOR 24 HOURS DAILY.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, IN TSUEN WAN, THE NEW ROAD CONNECTING CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST AND CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FOR ALL VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEINGS; URBAN CLEARWAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 27), SAN LIK STREET AND SAN PING CIRCUIT IN TUEN MUN AREA 12 WILL BOTH BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND AND ONE-WAY ANTI-CLOCKWISE RESPECTIVELY.

THE RE-ROUTEINGS ARE IMPLEMENTED TO FACILITATE THE PARKING OF GOODS VEHICLES DAILY BETWEEN 8 PM AND 8 AM THE NEXT DAY THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SALISBURY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD TO A POINT OF ABOUT 90 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 10 AM TO 9 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSUEN WAN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 5, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CHEUNG SHAN AREA IN TSUEN WAN FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 27) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST AND A POINT ABOUT 250 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NEW SHING MUN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST AND ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST WILL BE CLOSED TO WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

THE UNNAMED NEW ROAD LINKING CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST AND CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD HEADING FOR KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST AND THE NEW ROAD.

WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD HEADING FOR TSUEN WAN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE NEW ROAD AND CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST.

IN ADDITION, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST BETWEEN CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD AND CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST, AND CHEUNG SHAN ROAD WEST BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST AND A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BOTH BECOME PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

KMB BUS ROUTE 32 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE NEW ROAD AND CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST BEFORE REJOINING CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO SHEK WAI KOK, AND TO OPERATE VIA CHEUNG SHAN ROAD EAST AND THE NEW ROAD BEFORE REJOINING CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO TAI KOK TSUI FERRY.

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