



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL.: 5-8428777

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
GOVERNOR PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING	1
EXCO APPROVES RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING TV BROADCASTING LICENCES	3
SEVEN MORE AIDS CARRIERS FOUND IN FEBRUARY	6
SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY UNDER STUDY	9
GROWING ROLE FOR CHILD CARE CENTRES	10
MORE BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAMS PLANNED	11
MORE STAFF SOUGHT FOR LIAISON WITH MAC'S, OC'S	12
ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR DB SECRETARIATS SOUGHT	13
INCREASED FUNDING FOR CIVIC EDUCATION	13
CNTA ENQUIRY SERVICE MEETS REQUESTS	14
LIVESTOCK WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES IN MUI WO	15
SURVEY ON LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF YOUTHS	15
REPORT ON TSUEN WAN DB PUBLISHED	16
LAM TIN SUB-OFFICE ON THE MOVE	17
NEGLIGENCE CAUSES INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS	17
LABOUR HEAD VISITS SHOE FACTORY	18
GRAVE-WORSHIPPERS URGED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT	19
HILL FIRE WARNING FOR GRAVE WORSHIPPERS	20
ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE CLOSED	20
TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND	21
TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF IEC, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH	22
ACCESS TO JACKSON ROAD AFFECTED	22
CHANGE IN ROUTE 102 TUNNEL BUS SERVICE	23
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN SHAM SHUI PO	24
DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED	24

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 1 -

GOVERNOR PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING

* * * * *

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (TUESDAY) PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AND SAID EMPLOYERS MUST RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THE LEVEL OF SKILLS OF THEIR WORKERS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S NEWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, THE CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO BUILD UP TECHNICAL TRAINING CAPABILITIES AS EARLY AS 1979.

THIS WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE A LARGE NUMBER OF FIRMS IN HONG KONG LACKED IN-HOUSE TRAINING FACILITIES AND COMPETITORS IN THE REGION WERE FAST DEVELOPING THEIR ECONOMIES.

"THE WORLD IN WHICH WE COMPETE FOR A LIVING BECOMES EVER MORE COMPLEX AND TECHNICALLY SOPHISTICATED. CONSEQUENTLY INDUSTRY'S DEMAND FOR SKILLED TECHNICIANS AND CRAFTSMEN BECOMES EVER GREATER," HE SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT EMPLOYERS MUST RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THE LEVELS OF SKILL OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, AND EMPLOYEES MUST BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS TO THE FULLEST EXTENT.

"ALSO, THE NATURE OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL SECTOR HAS CHANGED GREATLY AND WE ARE CONSTANTLY MOVING UP-MARKET.

"IF HONG KONG IS TO CONTINUE TO SUCCEED, THIS UPGRADING PROCESS MUST CONTINUE," HE ADDED.

A SURVEY CONDUCTED LAST YEAR SHOWED THAT SOME 24 PER CENT OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GRADUATES WENT ON TO FURTHER FULL-TIME EDUCATION.

NO LESS THAN 62 PER CENT OF THOSE WHO FOUND JOBS CONTINUED WITH PART-TIME COURSES, EITHER IN THE EVENINGS OR ON DAY-RELEASE.

"THIS DEMONSTRATES THAT THESE IMPORTANT LESSONS ARE BEING LEARNT," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR PRAISED THE COUNCIL FOR ITS SUCCESS IN TARGETTING THE TRAINING COURSES TO THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

HE SAID THE CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE SUCCESS WAS THAT A VERY HIGH PROPORTION OF THE COUNCIL'S GRADUATES WERE FINDING JOBS AND PUTTING THEIR TRAINING TO GOOD USE.

/WITH THE

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 2 -

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, THE LARGEST OF EIGHT, THERE ARE NOW 10,500 FULL-TIME PLACES AT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS COMPARED WITH 4,000 IN 1982.

PART-TIME PLACES HAVE ALSO INCREASED BY MORE THAN HALF IN THE LAST SIX YEARS.

BY SEPTEMBER 1989, THE TOTAL STUDENT POPULATION IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL REACH 66,000.

"THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN GUIDING THIS REMARKABLE EXPANSION," SIR DAVID SAID.

IN HIS SPEECH AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, SAID THE COUNCIL WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROUS SUPPORT IT RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT.

"THE SUPPORT CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS THE DETERMINATION OF GOVERNMENT TO BRING ABOUT AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THE GROWTH OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY," HE SAID.

LIKE THE SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, THE CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WAS BUILT AND EQUIPPED ENTIRELY FROM FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE GOVERNMENT.

IT IS LOCATED ON A 1.9 HECTARE SITE AND HAS A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 21,000 SQUARE METRES. THE INSTITUTE CAN AT ANY ONE TIME ACCOMMODATE 2,700 STUDENTS.

IT OFFERS 73 COURSES IN SIX TEACHING DEPARTMENTS - APPLIED SCIENCE, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, COMPUTING STUDIES, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/3

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 3 -

EXCO APPROVES RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING
TV BROADCASTING LICENCES

* * * * *

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION OF TELEVISION BROADCASTING LICENCES, AND ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS OF LICENSEE COMPANIES.

THE DECISIONS WERE MADE FOLLOWING EARLIER APPROVAL BY EXCO ON OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF TELEVISION BROADCASTING LICENCES.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MISS ELAINE CHUNG.

SHE SAID THE EXCO HAD ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY THAT WHEN THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAD TAKEN A DECISION TO REVOKE THE LICENCE OF A LICENSEE COMPANY UNDER THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE, A PERIOD OF NOTICE OF NOT LESS THAN 60 DAYS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE LICENSEE COMPANY.

AT PRESENT THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE PROVIDES THAT WHERE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT THERE MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOKING A LICENCE, HE MAY ORDER THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE REVOCATION OF THE LICENCE.

AFTER CONSIDERING SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL MAY REVOKE THE LICENCE AND THE REVOCATION WILL TAKE EFFECT SUBJECT TO A PERIOD OF NOTICE OF 18 MONTHS.

"IN RECOMMENDING THE DELETION OF THE PROVISION OF 18 MONTHS' NOTICE FOR THE REVOCATION OF A LICENCE, THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WAS OF THE VIEW THAT THIS PROVISION ALLOWS TOO LONG A PERIOD FOR A LICENSEE TO CONTINUE TO BROADCAST AFTER THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT CAUSE TO REVOKE THE LICENCE.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE NOT TO GIVE ANY NOTICE AT ALL TO THE LICENSEE," MISS CHUNG EXPLAINED.

THE PROPOSAL TO EMPOWER THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND A LICENCE FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF ONE MONTH WAS ACCEPTED BY THE EXCO.

AT PRESENT, THE POWER TO SUSPEND A LICENCE IS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LEGAL REQUIREMENT BY A LICENSEE COMPANY MAY BE SANCTIONED BY FINANCIAL PENALTIES.

"BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF A DECISION TO SUSPEND, IT SHOULD ONLY BE MADE AFTER THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY HAS CONDUCTED A PROCEDURE SIMILAR TO THAT APPLICABLE TO REVOCATION.

/"THE PERIOD

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 4 -

"THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSION SHOULD HAVE REGARD TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE BREACH AS WELL AS THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF FAILURE TO FULFIL CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND DISRUPTION OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC," MISS CHUNG SAID.

ON ROYALTY PAYMENT, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT ROYALTY SHOULD BE CHARGED ON A SLIDING SCALE BASED ON GROSS RECEIPTS FROM TELEVISION ADVERTISING AND LICENSING OF PROGRAMME RIGHTS, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF 10 PER CENT ON THE TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM THESE TWO SOURCES OF REVENUE.

OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE FROM ACTIVITIES PERMITTED BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ROYALTY.

MISS CHUNG POINTED OUT THAT IN OCTOBER 1986, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAD CONSIDERED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD (BRB) RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY.

IT WAS DIRECTED THAT BRB'S RECOMMENDATION TO CALCULATE ROYALTY PAYABLE BY THE TELEVISION LICENSEE COMPANIES ON THE BASIS OF GROSS RECEIPTS SHOULD BE ADOPTED IN THE NEW LICENCE PERIOD AFTER DECEMBER 1, 1988, SUBJECT TO A REVIEW IN 1994.

SUBJECT TO A CEILING OF 10 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL TURNOVER PAYABLE AS ROYALTY, THE FOLLOWING SLIDING SCALE OF PERCENTAGES ON ANNUAL GROSS RECEIPTS AS PROPOSED BY BRB WILL BE ADOPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING ROYALTY PAYMENTS:

ON THE FIRST \$100 MILLION	1 PER CENT
ON THE NEXT \$100 MILLION	5 PER CENT
ON THE NEXT \$100 MILLION	10 PER CENT
ON THE NEXT \$100 MILLION	15 PER CENT
ON THE NEXT \$100 MILLION	20 PER CENT
ON THE NEXT \$100 MILLION	25 PER CENT

IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE TELEVISION STATIONS TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF PROGRAMMES, THE EXCO HAS ENDORSED A RECOMMENDATION BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY THAT AS A CONDITION FOR RENEWAL OF THE TWO LICENCES, THE LICENSEE COMPANIES SHOULD SUBMIT A PROGRAMME OF CAPITAL INVESTMENTS FOR THE NEXT SIX YEARS TO THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY TO ENSURE A STANDARD OF BROADCASTING ACCEPTABLE TO THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE BALANCE AND STANDARD OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMES BY SETTING DOWN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR BROADCASTING DOCUMENTARIES, CURRENT AFFAIRS, CHILDREN AND NEWS PROGRAMMES WERE ACCEPTED BY THE COUNCIL.

/IN RELATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 5 -

IN RELATION TO CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES THE LICENSEE COMPANIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO BROADCAST A BLOCK OF SUCH PROGRAMMES FOR AT LEAST ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS DAILY ON EACH LANGUAGE SERVICE BETWEEN 4 PM AND 7 PM. ON THE CHINESE SERVICE, AT LEAST 30 MINUTES DAILY SHOULD BE LOCALLY PRODUCED AND ON THE ENGLISH SERVICE, THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST TWO HALF-HOUR LOCALLY-PRODUCED PROGRAMMES PER WEEK.

A MINIMUM OF 60 MINUTES OF DOCUMENTARY PROGRAMMES - OF WHICH AT LEAST 30 MINUTES MUST BE MADE LOCALLY - TOGETHER WITH A MINIMUM OF TWO HALF-HOUR CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAMMES ARE TO BE BROADCAST ON EACH SERVICE WEEKLY.

THE NEW LICENCE CONDITIONS STIPULATE THAT THE STATIONS WOULD BROADCAST PROGRAMMES FOR SCHOOLS AS REQUIRED BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY, AND SUCH BROADCASTS SHOULD NOT EXCEED FOUR HOURS A DAY UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THE AUTHORITY.

THE BROADCAST MAY BE PART OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICE UNLESS DIRECTED BY THE AUTHORITY TO THE CONTRARY.

FAMILY VIEWING HOURS HAVE BEEN DECLARED BETWEEN 4 PM AND 8.30 PM DAILY DURING WHICH NO PROGRAMMES OR ADVERTISEMENTS UNSUITABLE FOR CHILDREN WILL BE BROADCAST.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ALSO ENDORSED RECOMMENDATIONS PROHIBITING LIQUOR ADVERTISING BETWEEN 4 PM AND 8.30 PM AND TOBACCO ADVERTISING BETWEEN 4 PM AND 10.30 PM.

THE TOBACCO ADVERTISING BAN HAS BEEN MOVED FORWARD HALF AN HOUR TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY VIEWING TIME STARTING AT 4 PM.

OTHER ADVERTISING RECOMMENDATIONS ENABLE A LICENSEE COMPANY TO BROADCAST CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS, TO INTRODUCE TELOPING (THE CARRIAGE OF WRITTEN MESSAGES SIMILAR TO SUBTITLES IN FILMS) AND TO ACCEPT SPONSORSHIP OF NEWS PROGRAMMES SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/6

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 6 -

SEVEN MORE AIDS CARRIERS FOUND IN FEBRUARY

* * * * *

ANOTHER SEVEN PERSONS IN HONG KONG WERE FOUND IN FEBRUARY TO HAVE BEEN INFECTED BY THE AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) VIRUS.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WHEN IT RELEASED THE LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS CASES REMAINS AT 12 WITH NO NEW CASES CONFIRMED.

THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME IS CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT TO MONITOR THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE IN HONG KONG. THE HIGH RISK GROUPS TESTED FOR THE HIV (HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS) ANTIBODY INCLUDE HAEMOPHILIACS, INTRAVENEOUS DRUG ABUSERS AND SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS PEOPLE.

THE LATEST FIGURE BRINGS TO 117 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS FOUND TO BE INFECTED BY THE HIV. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES THE 12 CONFIRMED AIDS CASES OF WHICH 10 OF THE PATIENTS HAD DIED.

SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE HIV SCREENING PROGRAMME IN APRIL 1985, A TOTAL OF 82,530 PERSONS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS ANTIBODY.

OF THE 117 PERSONS FOUND TO BE HIV POSITIVE, 52 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 28 WERE REFERRALS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, 28 WERE REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE AND SUBVENTED SECTORS AND NINE WERE PATIENTS OF THE SOCIAL HYGIENE (SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE) CLINICS.

LAST MONTH, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE SCREENED A TOTAL OF 10,614 UNITS OF BLOOD AND ONLY ONE OF THE DONOR UNITS WAS FOUND TO BE POSITIVE OF THE HIV ANTIBODY AND THIS WAS INCLUDED IN THE MHD'S FEBRUARY STATISTICS.

SINCE THE RED CROSS COMMENCED ITS SCREENING PROGRAMME OF DONATED BLOOD FOR THE PRESENCE OF AIDS VIRUS IN AUGUST 1985, A TOTAL OF 373,198 BLOOD UNITS HAVE BEEN SCREENED. SIX OF THESE WERE DETECTED TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY.

/BREAKDOWN OF

BREAKDOWN OF AIDS STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 1988

愛滋病抗體檢驗
 AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
 醫務衛生署
 Medical & Health Department
 病毒組
 Virus Unit

	April 85 - Dec 87		Feb 88		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
經由政府醫院及診所介紹 Referrals from Govt hospitals and clinics	4 526	25	274	3	4 800	28
經由私家醫生及輔助醫院介紹 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	1 485	24	35	4	1 520	28
到社會衛生科中心人數 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	71 261	9	2 233	0	73 494	9
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	297	52	4	0	301*	52
濫用注射毒品者 IV drug abusers	1 822	0	37	0	1 859	0
經由家庭計劃指導員介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association	123	0	0	0	123	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	414	0	11	0	433	0
Total 總數	79 936	110	2 594	7	82 530	117

* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.
 此乃數血樣本數並非人數，因某些個別人士之檢驗乃重複。

	August 85 - Jan 88		Feb 88		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	362 584	5	10 614	1	373 198	6

/Analysis of

香港愛滋病患者分析
Analysis of AIDS cases in Hong Kong

	as of <u>23.2.88</u>	as of <u>29.3.88</u>
1. Total no. of cases 個案總數	12	12
2. Total no. of deaths 總死亡人數	10	10
3. Risk factor 感染因素		
sexually acquired 性接觸	9	9
unknown 未知	3	3
	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
4. Sex 性別		
male 男	11	11
female 女	1	1
	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
5. Age 年齡		
Adult 成年人	12	12
6. Nationality 國籍		
Chinese 中國	5	5
Non-Chinese 非中國	7	7
	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 9 -

SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY UNDER STUDY

* * * *

THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD IS STUDYING AREAS ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD FOCUS ITS SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR YEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT A JOINT MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF SOUTH KOWLOON AND THE BEACON HILL LIONESSE CLUB.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL POLICIES ARE SUPPORTIVE, NOT INTERVENTIONIST, AND THEY ARE NOW MUCH MORE ACTIVE THAN IN RECENT YEARS," HE SAID.

THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD WAS NOW LOOKING AT GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, HE SAID.

SAYING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, AND NOT ON BEHALF OF BOARD MEMBERS, MR YEUNG SAID THERE WERE SEVERAL AREAS OF ACTIVITY REQUIRING PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.

"ONE OF THESE IS THE PROVISION OF AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL LAND.

"A SECOND IS MANPOWER TRAINING, PARTICULARLY WITH A VIEW TO CREATING A LARGER POOL OF PEOPLE WHO COULD HELP OVERCOME THE MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING UP-MARKET.

"A THIRD AREA SEEMS TO ME TO BE THE PROMOTION OF A MORE EXTENSIVE DEGREE OF INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION, AS A MEANS OF ACHIEVING HIGHER LEVELS OF PRODUCTIVITY AND OF MAXIMISING OUR LIMITED MANPOWER RESOURCES.

"FINALLY, IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS SCOPE FOR ENCOURAGING OUR MANUFACTURERS TO BECOME MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR ACHIEVING QUALITY, NOT JUST IN TESTING OF PRODUCTS BUT IN EVERY ASPECT OF THEIR ACTIVITY RANGING FROM DESIGN TO PRODUCTION AND TO MARKETING.

"THIS IS BECAUSE CONSUMERS AND GOVERNMENTS ALIKE IN OUR MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE INCREASINGLY BECOMING QUALITY-CONSCIOUS AND IT WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE THEY WILL BUY ONLY THOSE GOODS WHERE THE MANUFACTURER HAS BUILT QUALITY INTO THE DESIGN AND PRODUCTION."

MR YEUNG SAID MANUFACTURING WAS THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE COMMUNITY, ACCOUNTING FOR 920,000 JOBS OR ABOUT 34 PER CENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN 1987.

THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL POLICIES ARE NOT FOUNDED UPON ANY ESTABLISHED POLITICAL DOCTRINE AND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS ESSENTIALLY PRAGMATIC.

/A CONTINUOUS

- 10 -

A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME OF STUDIES KEEPS THE GOVERNMENT IN TOUCH WITH THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF INDUSTRY AND POINTS TO HOW THE LATTER MIGHT BE OVERCOME.

"IN THE LIGHT OF THESE FINDINGS, AND THE ADVICE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME MUCH MORE ACTIVE IN HELPING OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES TO THEIR GROWTH," MR YEUNG SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

GROWING ROLE FOR CHILD CARE CENTRES

* * * *

HONG KONG NOW HAS 275 REGISTERED CHILD CARE CENTRES, PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 29,100 PLACES, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

OF THEM, 146 ARE GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED AND 35 ARE GOVERNMENT-AIDED, MRS WONG SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS KWAN FONG CHILD CARE CENTRE AT KWONG WAH HOSPITAL.

SHE NOTED THAT THE DEMAND FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES HAD INCREASED GREATLY IN RECENT YEARS AS MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AROSE FOR WOMEN AND MORE MARRIED WOMEN BECAME INTERESTED IN WORKING.

AS THERE WERE MORE NUCLEAR FAMILIES, SHE SAID, YOUNG MOTHERS COULD NO LONGER RELY ON THEIR ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS FOR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN CARING FOR THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN SO THEY MIGHT HAVE TO LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME WHILE THEY WENT OUT TO WORK OR TO TEND TO OTHER BUSINESS.

"RECENT CASES OF INJURIES OR EVEN DEATHS OF SOME CHILDREN LEFT UNATTENDED AT HOME HAVE PROMPTED THE GOVERNMENT TO FACE THIS PROBLEM SQUARELY," MRS WONG SAID.

"APART FROM ORGANISING TERRITORY-WIDE HOME SAFETY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY EXPANDING CHILD CARE SERVICES.

"THE TARGET IS TO ASSIST VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO OPERATE 16 MORE CHILD CARE CENTRES EVERY YEAR, PROVIDING 1,600 PLACES FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN TWO AND SIX, THROUGH DIFFERENT FORMS OF SUBVENTION SUCH AS LAND GRANTS, AND FINANCING THE CENTRE'S RENT, RATES AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS."

SHE POINTED OUT THAT IN ORDER TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, A FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN 1982 TO LESSEN THE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON PARENTS IN SENDING THEIR CHILDREN TO THESE CENTRES.

THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS NOW OPERATES 10 CHILD CARE CENTRES, PROVIDING 1,120 PLACES.

THE KWAN FONG CHILD CARE CENTRE, AN EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT, WILL PROVIDE CHILD CARE AND BABY-SITTING SERVICES ON AN HOURLY BASIS AT KWONG WAH HOSPITAL SO THAT MOTHERS DO NOT HAVE TO MISS THEIR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO STAY HOME TO LOOK AFTER THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE GROUP FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS IN A WIDE RANGE OF SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MORE BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAMS PLANNED

* * * * *

THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO ESTABLISH SEVEN MORE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAMS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

THE PROPOSAL WAS EXAMINED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WAS TOLD THAT SEVEN SUCH CO-ORDINATION TEAMS ARE ALREADY IN OPERATION AND SIX OF THE ADDITIONAL TEAMS WILL BE DEPLOYED IN DISTRICTS WHILE THE REMAINING ONE WILL BE BASED IN CNTA HEADQUARTERS.

A TYPICAL DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM CONSISTS OF A HOUSING MANAGER, ASSISTANT HOUSING MANAGER AND TWO HOUSING ASSISTANTS.

THE MAIN TASK OF THE DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAMS IS TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO MANAGEMENT BODIES AND RESIDENTS IN DEALING WITH BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

THIS IS ACHIEVED THROUGH PUBLIC SEMINARS AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, REGULAR LIAISON WITH MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND CO-ORDINATION OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL EFFORTS FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST IRREGULARITIES.

THE EXISTING SEVEN TEAMS ARE DEPLOYED IN YAU MA TEI, EASTERN, MONG KOK, KWAI TSING, WAN CHAI, CENTRAL AND WESTERN AND KWUN TONG.

FOLLOWING THE FORMATION OF THE TEAMS, SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN MANAGEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE IN 180 BUILDINGS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

THE TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL STAFF COST OF 13 DISTRICT TEAMS AND ONE HEADQUARTERS TEAM IS \$15.2 MILLION.

THE COST OF OPERATING 19 DISTRICT TEAMS AND ONE HEADQUARTERS TEAM IS PUT AT \$21.8 MILLION.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MORE STAFF SOUGHT FOR LIAISON WITH MAC'S, OC'S

* * * * *

THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS PROPOSING TO CREATE 77 NEW POSTS TO STRENGTHEN LIAISON SERVICES TO AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS.

THIS IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORT IN PROVIDING BETTER SERVICES TO THESE ORGANISATIONS.

THERE WERE 4,296 MAC'S AND 3,117 OC'S LISTED BY THE END OF LAST YEAR.

AT A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY), MEMBERS LEARNT THAT MORE THAN 250 MAC'S AND OC'S WERE FORMED IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

APART FROM ASSISTING IN THEIR FORMATION, THE LIAISON STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES HAVE BEEN SERVICING THE MAC'S AND OC'S ON A REGULAR BASIS.

THESE INCLUDE VISITS TO EACH OF THE BODIES AT LEAST TWICE A MONTH, ASSISTANCE IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES OR SOLVING BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS AND IN ORGANISING THEIR BIENNIAL ELECTIONS.

IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED ANNUAL ASSISTANCE TO EACH MAC OF UP TO \$2,800 TO COVER NECESSARY EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUNNING OF ITS OFFICE AND THERE IS ALSO AN ANNUAL GRANT OF \$100,000 FROM THE GENERAL CHINESE CHARITIES FUND.

THIS WOULD BE USED BY MAC'S TO RENOVATE OR FURNISH THEIR OFFICE AND BY MAC'S AND OC'S TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS.

THE MAC'S AND OC'S MAY ALSO RECEIVE A SUBSIDY FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S SERVICES VOTE AND DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

ASSISTANCE MAY ALSO COME FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION TO PURCHASE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 13 -

ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR DB SECRETARIATS SOUGHT
* * * * *

AN ADDITION OF 19 POSTS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIATS IS REQUIRED TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING WORKLOAD, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS TOLD TODAY (TUESDAY).

THESE 19 POSTS ARE CLERICAL OFFICERS, ONE FOR EACH DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT.

THE INCREASED WORKLOAD IS EXPECTED WITH THE NUMBER OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO BE INCREASED FROM 426 IN THE 1985-88 TERM TO 456 IN THE COMING TERM.

THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THEIR SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS HAVE ALSO RISEN FROM 1,430 IN THE 1986-87 FINANCIAL YEAR TO 1,773 IN 1987-88.

FURTHERMORE, THE BOARDS HAVE HANDLED 2,780 MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME CASES IN 1987-88, AS COMPARED WITH 2,607 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

ALSO, THERE WILL BE MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITH THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE BOARDS IN THE COMING TERM.

- - - - 0 - - - -

INCREASED FUNDING FOR CIVIC EDUCATION
* * * * *

OVER \$1 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR FOR THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE FIGURE OF \$1,084,000 IS ALMOST DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S PROVISION OF \$584,000.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS BRIEFED TODAY (TUESDAY) ON EXPENDITURE PROPOSED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FOR ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

WITH EMPHASIS ON COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, \$600,000, OR 55 PER CENT, WOULD BE SPENT ON SPONSORING CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

THESE WOULD INCLUDE YOUTH GROUPS, SOCIAL SERVICE GROUPS AND OTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

/TO PROMOTE

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 14 -

TO PROMOTE PUBLIC CIVIC AWARENESS, \$300,000 (28 PER CENT) HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR ORGANISING LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS.

ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG AND TO FOSTER MUTUAL HELP AND RESPECT IN THE COMMUNITY, IN THE CONTEXT OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP, WOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO SET ASIDE \$53,000 TO ORGANISE CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND GATHERINGS.

THE AIM WOULD BE TO FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE IN PROMOTING THE CAMPAIGN.

A SUM OF \$67,000 WOULD GO TOWARDS THE PURCHASE AND PRODUCTION OF REFERENCE MATERIALS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S RESOURCE CENTRE.

IN ADDITION, \$64,000 WOULD BE SPENT ON FUNDING THE ANNUAL OUTSTANDING CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT AWARD SCHEME.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME IS TO ENCOURAGE, THROUGH CASH AWARDS, PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS TO PRODUCE PROJECTS OF HIGH QUALITY.

- - - - 0 - - - -

CNTA ENQUIRY SERVICE MEETS REQUESTS

* * * * *

THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS REVIEWED AND INCREASED FROM TIME TO TIME TO MEET THE DEMANDS ARISING FROM NEW POPULATION CENTRES AND TO MAKE THE SERVICE MORE CONVENIENT TO THE PUBLIC, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS TOLD TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE ALSO HEARD THAT BY AND LARGE THE CNTA HAD BEEN ABLE TO MEET ALL REQUESTS FOR ITS ENQUIRY SERVICE.

LAST YEAR, THE 67 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES HANDLED 16,226,227 CASES, OF WHICH ABOUT 60 PER CENT INVOLVED DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT FORMS, LEAFLETS AND CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENTS.

THIRTY-FIVE PER CENT INVOLVED ENQUIRIES ON TELEPHONE NUMBERS, ADDRESSES, OFFICE HOURS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, GOVERNMENT VACANCIES AND DISTRICT FUNCTIONS.

MEANWHILE, THE CENTRES HAD HANDLED 733,219 CASES OF ADMINISTERING DECLARATIONS AND OATHS, 17,152 CASES OF REFERRALS TO THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME, 6,463 CASES OF SIMPLE COMPLAINTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND 2,933 CASES OF REFERRALS TO THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/15

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 15 -

LIVESTOCK WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES IN MUI WO
* * * * *

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (SPECIAL DUTIES/NEW TERRITORIES) AND CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, MR LEO KWAN, VISITED MUI WO ON LANTAU THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PROGRESS OF LIVESTOCK WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES THERE.

TO COPE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME ON JUNE 24 THIS YEAR, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED COLLECTION SERVICES IN MUI WO WHERE THERE ARE MORE THAN 30 LIVESTOCK FARMS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, MR KWAN VISITED A NUMBER OF PIG AND POULTRY FARMS AND COLLECTION POINTS.

DURING THE VISIT, MR KWAN WAS INFORMED THAT THE COLLECTION SERVICES WERE WELL PATRONISED, WITH THE EPD CONTRACTORS COLLECTING SOME 0.8 TONNE OF DEHYDRATED LIVESTOCK WASTE EVERY DAY.

HE ALSO LEARNED THAT SINCE THE PROVISION OF THE COLLECTION SERVICES, THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT IN MUI WO HAS GREATLY IMPROVED.

SIMILAR SERVICES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED IN THE NORTH DISTRICT, WHERE THE EPD HAS IDENTIFIED OVER 280 SITES FOR THE SETTING UP OF COLLECTION POINTS BY THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR.

THE CONTROL IN THE NORTH DISTRICT WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SURVEY ON LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF YOUTHS
* * * * *

THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE PLANNING GROUP OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CENTRE FOR HONG KONG STUDIES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG HAVE COMPLETED A SURVEY ON THE LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF YOUTHS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE SURVEY IS AIMED AT FINDING OUT THE BASIC PATTERN OF THE LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF YOUTHS AS WELL AS THEIR EXPECTATION OF THESE ACTIVITIES AND RELATED FACILITIES.

DETAILED FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY (MARCH 31) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

/THE CHAIRMAN

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 16 -

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING GROUP, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG, AND THE SENIOR LECTURER OF THE UNIVERSITY'S SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, DR PEDRO NG, WILL SPEAK AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 31) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

- - - - 0 - - - -

REPORT ON TSUEN WAN DB PUBLISHED

* * * *

A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.

THE 64-PAGE REPORT IS ILLUSTRATED WITH COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND INCLUDES CHARTS AND TABLES.

IT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY A WORKING GROUP OF THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE.

IN A FOREWORD, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, OUTLINES THE WORK AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOARD SINCE 1985.

HE ALSO PAYS TRIBUTE TO RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN COMMUNITY BUILDING.

THE REPORT GIVES DETAILS OF THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD'S SIX COMMITTEES AND THERE IS A CHAPTER ON THE MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME.

THE BOARD'S STUDY TOUR TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA IN AUGUST LAST YEAR IS ALSO COVERED. DURING THE 12-DAY VISIT, MEMBERS PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND HOUSING MATTERS.

THE REPORT, IN CHINESE, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, ON REQUEST, AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/17

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 17 -

LAM TIN SUB-OFFICE ON THE MOVE

* * * *

THE LAM TIN SUB-OFFICE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL MOVE OUT OF ITS PREMISES AT BLOCK 17, LAM TIN ESTATE TOMORROW (MARCH 30).

AS THE SUB-OFFICE'S NEW PERMANENT PREMISES AT BLOCK 15 OF THE ESTATE ARE NOW BEING RENOVATED, THE OFFICE WILL BE TEMPORARILY ACCOMMODATED IN THE LAM TIN (EAST) ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE (OPPOSITE BLOCK 17) FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE (3-404855) AND MAIN EXCHANGE (3-400131) WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

NEGLIGENCE CAUSES INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

* * * *

EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ARE URGED TO BE MORE OBSERVANT IN PREVENTING INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK, TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 20TH INDUSTRIAL SAFETY STUDENT POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS HAD CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN THE PAST YEARS, IT WAS FOUND THAT MOST OF THE CASES WERE MINOR ONES AND CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE.

"THE NEED TO FURTHER AROUSE THE SAFETY AWARENESS OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IS OBVIOUS," HE SAID.

MR KWOK NOTED THAT BESIDES MAKING REGULAR INSPECTIONS ON FACTORIES, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ALSO PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, ONE OF THE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES, SERVED TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' CREATIVE TALENTS AND ENHANCE THEIR AWARENESS TOWARDS SAFETY, HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY WAS MRS SO CHOW YIM-PING, A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

/SHE PRAISED

SHE PRAISED THE PARTICIPATING STUDENTS FOR THEIR CREATIVITY AS WELL AS THEIR ENTHUSIASM IN PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

"AN ATTRACTIVE AND WELL-DESIGNED POSTER WHICH BRINGS OUT THE SAFETY MESSAGE CLEARLY IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS IN DRAWING ATTENTION TO SAFETY AT WORK," SHE SAID.

THE COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD AND SPONSORED BY THE NEW ISLAND PRINTING CO. LTD.

AT TODAY'S PRESENTATION, CHENG KIT-YEE OF THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, WHO WON THE GRAND PRIZE IN DIVISION A FOR POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS STUDENTS, WAS AWARDED \$3,000.

THE FIRST PRIZE OF \$1,500 IN DIVISION B FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WENT TO WONG KWOK-HUNG OF THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

IN ADDITION, THERE WERE 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$600 EACH FOR DIVISION A AND \$300 EACH FOR DIVISION B.

THE WINNING POSTERS WHICH WERE SELECTED FROM MORE THAN 500 ENTRIES WILL BE REPRODUCED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO FACTORIES AND OTHER CONCERNED ORGANISATIONS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

LABOUR HEAD VISITS SHOE FACTORY

* * * *

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, VISITED A SHOE MANUFACTURING FACTORY IN SHAM SHUI PO TODAY (TUESDAY).

ON ARRIVAL AT THE PO SHING CO. LTD., HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR LOK PING-CHEONG, AND THE MANAGER, MR LOK PING-CHO.

HE WAS LATER SHOWN AROUND VARIOUS PARTS OF THE FACTORY WHICH EMPLOYS ABOUT 110 WORKERS.

THE FACTORY MANUFACTURES LEATHER FOOTWEAR FOR MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL USE FOR EXPORT MAINLY TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA. IT IS ALSO THE MAJOR SUPPLIER OF BOOTS AND SHOES FOR VARIOUS DISCIPLINARY SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

MR HAMMOND CONCLUDED HIS VISIT WITH A DISCUSSION WITH THE MANAGEMENT ON A RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING LABOUR LEGISLATION, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND STAFF WELFARE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

GRAVE-WORSHIPPERS URGED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT
* * * * *

POLICE TODAY REMINDED GRAVE-WORSHIPPERS TO MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL PERIOD.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID PARKING FACILITIES IN THE VICINITY OF CEMETERIES WOULD BE EXTREMELY LIMITED AND ALL VEHICLES PARKED ILLEGALLY ON ROADS AND PAVEMENTS WOULD BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD FROM APRIL 1 TO 5 AND ON APRIL 10 AND 17, THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD FROM WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT TO THE JUNCTION OF ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM DAILY TO ALL PRIVATE VEHICLES INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs.

KIU TAU ROAD, THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD BEYOND ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 AND THE SLIP ROAD FROM NORTHBOUND NT CIRCULAR ROAD LEADING TO WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

IN FANLING, FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD AND THE FANLING KCR FORECOURT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

IN TSUEN WAN, LO WAI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM TO 4 PM ON APRIL 1 - 5 AND APRIL 10.

FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, WING SHUN STREET BETWEEN TSUEN WAN CEMETERY AND KWAI HEI STREET WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED GRAVE-SWEEPERS GOING TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY TO TAKE THE MTR AND ALIGHT AT KWAI FONG STATION BECAUSE ROAD CLOSURE MEASURES WOULD BE ENFORCED AT THE JUNCTION OF WING SHUN STREET, KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI YUE STREET.

IN KOWLOON, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN A NUMBER OF ROADS LEADING TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY ABOVE CHING CHEUNG ROAD IN CHEUNG SHA WAN AND HAMMER HILL CEMETERY IN WONG TAI SIN.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SOME ROADS IN THE VICINITY OF CEMETERIES IN ABERDEEN, POL FU LAM AND CHAI WAN WILL BE CLOSED OR RE-ROUTED TO ONE WAY ON APRIL 3 - 5.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND TO BE COURTEOUS TO THE ELDERLY AND CHILDREN IN CROWDED PLACES AND ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 20 -

HILL FIRE WARNING FOR GRAVE WORSHIPPERS

* * * *

PEOPLE VISITING ANCESTRAL GRAVES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL PERIOD WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CAUSING HILL FIRES.

THE COUNTRY PARKS PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR C.W. LAI, NOTED THAT 32 HILL FIRES WERE REPORTED OVER THE LAST CHING MING AND CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVALS, DAMAGING 1,000 TREES AND 62 HECTARES OF PLANTATION.

THESE FIRES WERE ALL CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE.

"ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER IS GETTING MORE HUMID NOW, THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE. THEY CAN DO SO JUST BY OBSERVING A FEW SIMPLE RULES," MR LAI SAID.

THESE RULES ARE:

- * BURN WORSHIPPING ITEMS IN METAL CONTAINERS;
- * DO NOT LEAVE LIGHTED CANDLES, JOSS STICKS AND PAPERS UNATTENDED; AND
- * MAKE SURE ALL BURNING ITEMS ARE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING THE GRAVE SITE.

MR LAI ALSO REMINDED PICNICKERS THAT THEY SHOULD LIGHT FIRES ONLY AT DESIGNATED BARBECUE AREAS.

"ILLEGAL LIGHTING OF FIRES INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT, AND A FINE UP TO \$2,000 MAY BE IMPOSED FOR CAUSING FIRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE," HE POINTED OUT.

- - - - 0 - - - -

ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE CLOSED

* * * *

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE FLAT ROOFS ADJACENT TO FLAT G, FIRST FLOOR, EVORA BUILDING, 3 UPPER LASCAR ROW AND 68 LOK KU ROAD, HONG KONG, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF THE EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON OCTOBER 31, 1984, REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THESE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

/NOTICE OF

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 21 -

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MAY 10 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

IT IS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND

* * * * *

TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 1).

THE TWO ROAD SECTIONS ARE:

- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PENNINGTON STREET BETWEEN JARDINE'S BAZAAR AND YEE WO STREET; AND
- * THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF YEE WO STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PENNINGTON STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

THE TEMPORARY RESTRICTION WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT FOUR DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

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

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, ICE HOUSE STREET IN CENTRAL BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATER ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FOR GOODS VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

ALL GOODS VEHICLES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO STOP WITHIN THE ZONE FOR GOODS OR PASSENGERS.

MEANWHILE, THE MACAU FERRY BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR PROHIBITED ZONE FOR ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/22

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 22 -

TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF IEC, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH
* * * * *

TWO SECTIONS OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 31) TO 9 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE. IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON:

- * THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN QUARRY BAY INTERCHANGE AND KORNHILL INTERCHANGE; AND
- * THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN CHAI WAN ROAD AND TAIKOO SHING INTERCHANGE.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON EASTBOUND ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR HEADING FOR TAIKOO SHING OR TRAVELLING FURTHER EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA QUARRY BAY INTERCHANGE SLIP ROAD, JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD.

VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND CHAI WAN ROAD HEADING FOR TAIKOO SHING WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND KING'S ROAD.

IN CENTRAL, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 9 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 1) TO 7 PM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 2) TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF THE ROUND TABLE EASTER FAIR.

- - - - 0 - - - -

ACCESS TO JACKSON ROAD AFFECTED
* * * * *

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS WILL CARRY OUT TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORK ON DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH JACKSON ROAD NEXT MONTH, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE RENEWAL WORK, TO BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND 24, WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT-TURNING MOVEMENTS OF VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL ON TO JACKSON ROAD. EASTBOUND VEHICLES HEADING FOR JACKSON ROAD WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

THE WORK WILL BEGIN WITH THE RENEWAL OF THE SECTION OF TRAM TRACK NEAR THE EASTBOUND TRAM SHELTER ISLAND. DURING THIS EARLY STAGE, ACCESS FROM DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND ON TO JACKSON ROAD WILL REMAIN AS NORMAL.

/HOWEVER, FROM

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 23 -

HOWEVER, FROM APRIL 6, THE WORK AREA WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARDS FOR ABOUT 23 METRES TO COVER THE JUNCTION WITH JACKSON ROAD.

IN ORDER TO ENTER JACKSON ROAD, WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL HAVE TO DRIVE THROUGH THE WORK AREA WHERE AN ACCESS ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC CONES AND TRAFFIC DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

CHANGE IN ROUTE 102 TUNNEL BUS SERVICE
* * * * *

FROM FRIDAY (APRIL 1), CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTE NO. 102 ON ITS HONG KONG-BOUND JOURNEYS WILL NOT OPERATE VIA TAI KOK TSUI AREA DURING MORNING PEAK HOURS.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID FIVE SPECIAL DESPATCHES OF ROUTE 102 HAVE BEEN OPERATING VIA TAI KOK TSUI AREA BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 8.30 AM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS SINCE NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

HOWEVER, OWING TO CONTINUOUS LOW PATRONAGE, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO CANCEL THE ARRANGEMENT.

FOUR BUS STOPS SERVING THESE SPECIAL DESPATCHES WILL BE CANCELLED.

THE STOPS ARE LOCATED AT LAI CHI KOK ROAD OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 338, BOUNDARY STREET WESTBOUND NEAR TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD SOUTHBOUND NEAR LARCH STREET AND CHERRY STREET EASTBOUND NEAR OAK STREET.

PASSENGERS IN TAI KOK TSUI AREA WHO WISH TO GO TO HONG KONG ISLAND CAN TAKE THE FERRY SERVICE PLYING BETWEEN TAI KOK TSUI AND CENTRAL.

ALTERNATIVELY, THEY CAN ALSO TAKE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 3 AND NO. 12 TO MONG KOK AND THEN CHANGE TO ROUTE 102 OR OTHER CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/24

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

- 24 -

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN SHAM SHUI PO

* * * *

TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS, THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM TAI PO ROAD EASTBOUND TO CHING CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON APRIL 1 (FRIDAY) TO 9 AM ON APRIL 6 (WEDNESDAY).

VEHICLES ON TAI PO ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR CHING CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND, INCLUDING KMB ROUTE 48A PLYING BETWEEN CHUN SHEK AND TSUEN WAN FERRY, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD/NAM CHEONG STREET UNDERPASS, NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHBOUND, NAM CHEONG STREET/CORNWALL STREET ROUNDABOUT, NAM CHEONG STREET NORTHBOUND, TAI WOH PING INTERCHANGE AND CHING CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND.

- - - - 0 - - - -

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

* * *

THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON CHAN CHI-ON ON FEBRUARY 4, 1987 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF 20 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

CHAN WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF MISS SEE MEI-HIN.

- - - - 0 - - - -