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EXPORTERS WARNED AGAINST U.S. PROTECTIONISM

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THE FIGHT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES TEXTILES BILL AND RELATED MOVES TOWARDS GREATER PROTECTIONISM SHOULD NOT BE RELAXED, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE HONG KONG EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION, MR CHAN SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE U.S. TEXTILE LOBBY WOULD BE MOVING TOWARDS A MORE DIVERSIFIED APPROACH, WHEREBY BARRIERS AGAINST IMPORTS WOULD BE ERECTED BIT BY BIT THROUGH A SERIES OF MEASURES IN A NUMBER OF AREAS.

HE SAID THIS WOULD BE AN INTERIM CHANGE OF TACK PENDING A DECISION AS TO WHEN TO REVIVE ITS ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE COMPREHENSIVE AND HIGHLY RESTRICTIVE TEXTILES LEGISLATION.

ELABORATING ON THIS THREAT, MR CHAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE SO-CALLED "SUPER 301" PROVISIONS OF THE 1988 OMNIBUS TRADE ACT, THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WAS REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY AS PRIORITY PRACTICES THOSE TRADE BARRIERS THE ELIMINATION OF WHICH WAS LIKELY TO INCREASE U.S. EXPORTS, AND TO DESIGNATE PRIORITY COUNTRIES TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THOSE WITH NUMEROUS AND PERVASIVE BARRIERS.

BY JUNE 20, HE SAID, THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, MRS CARLA HILLS, MUST INITIATE 301 INVESTIGATIONS OF ALL PRIORITY PRACTICES OF PRIORITY COUNTRIES, AND TO SEEK TO ELIMINATE THEM THROUGH NEGOTIATION OVER THE NEXT 12 TO 18 MONTHS.

ACCORDING TO MR CHAN, SURPRISINGLY HONG KONG HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN ONE COMPLAINT LODGED BY THE WINE INSTITUTE AND THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN VINTNERS REGARDING HONG KONG'S DUTIES ON LIQUOR.

"NATURALLY, WE HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED TO THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS TO THE COMPLAINANT, THAT OUR DUTIES ARE LEVIED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE AND ARE NOT MEANT AS A BARRIER TO TRADE," MR CHAN SAID.

HE SAID HONG KONG'S REAL CONCERN WAS THAT "SUPER 301" BEING A VERY POTENT WEAPON WHICH ENABLED THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE UNILITERAL ACTION AGAINST IMPORTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, ITS USE WOULD JEOPARDISE THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

"THERE IS A CLEAR POSSIBILITY THAT 'SUPER 301' ACTION WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS A LOSS OF FAITH ON THE PART OF THE USA IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM WHICH IT HAD DONE SO MUCH IN THE PAST TO CREATE.

"GIVEN THAT THE U.S. IS THE BIGGEST AND MOST INFLUENTIAL PLAYER IN THE URUGUAY RORND, SUCH AN INTERPRETATION WOULD SERIOUSLY WEAKEN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE WHICH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM," MR CHAN SAID.

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TURNING TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, MR CHAN NOTED THAT HONG KONG WAS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN SEVEN ANTI-DUMPING CASES WHICH HAD BEEN INITIATED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION SINCE DECEMBER 1987.

HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT LOCAL INDUSTRIES WERE PICKING UP THE GAUNTLET.

"THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY HAS COME TOGETHER TO SPONSOR AN INJURY STUDY, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, ON DENIM CLOTH WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THE MOST RECENT ANTI-DUMPING ACTION.

"NO DOUBT THESE EFFORTS WILL COMPLEMENT THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION," HE SAID.

MR CHAN ASSURED LOCAL EXPORTERS THAT HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OVERSEAS OFFICES WOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS VERY CLOSELY AND CHANNEL INFORMATION BACK AS THEY RECEIVED IT WHILE THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WAS LIAISING CLOSELY WITH AFFECTED COMPANIES AND OFFERING ADVICE WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

HE REMINDED EXPORTERS THAT TWO CONSULTANTS HAD BEEN EMPLOYED TO GIVE ADVICE AND THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE NUMEROUS DIRECT REPRESENTATIONS TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION.

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HK WELL PLACED TO BENEFIT IN TRADE

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STRATEGICALLY LOCATED AT THE WESTERN RIM OF THE FAST DEVELOPING ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, HONG KONG IS WELL PLACED TO BENEFIT FROM THE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE REGION, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID IN AN ADDRESS TO THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

MR SZE SAID THAT HONG KONG'S TRADING LINK WITH ECONOMIES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION HAD BEEN STEADILY EXPANDING.

TAKING 1970 AS THE BASE YEAR AND COMPARING IN WITH 1988, HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE WORLD HAD INCREASED BY 16.6 TIMES AND IMPORTS FROM THE WORLD ROSE BY 27 TIMES, HE SAID.

IN THE SAME PERIOD, HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA AND TAIWAN WAS EVEN MORE SPECTACULAR THAN THAT WITH JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA AND ASEAN COUNTRIES: HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA AND TAIWAN WERE UP BY WELL OVER 1,200 TIMES AND 240 TIMES RESPECTIVELY, AND IMPORTS ROSE BY 57 AND 53 TIMES RESPECTIVELY.

MR SZE SAID THAT THIS HIGHLIGHTED THE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG.

"THE MOST CONSPICUOUS DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN THE RISING IMPORTANCE OF CHINA AS HONG KONG'S NUMBER ONE TRADING PARTNER.

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"CHINA IS NOW THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND THE LARGEST SUPPLIER OF OUR IMPORTS," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT SIMILARLY HONG KONG OVERTOOK JAPAN TO BECOME CHINA'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER IN 1987 AND 1988, ACCOUNTING FOR ROUGHLY ONE QUARTER OF CHINA'S EXTERNAL TRADE LAST YEAR.

"IN ENTREPOT TRADE, CHINA HAS BEEN HONG KONG'S LARGEST RE-EXPORT MARKET AS WELL AS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF GOODS RE-EXPORTED SINCE 1979," HE ADDED.

WITH REGARD TO INVESTMENT, HE SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE ACCOUNTING FOR OVER 50 PER CENT OF EXTERNAL INVESTMENT IN CHINA.

THE INVESTMENT WAS CONCENTRATED IN LIGHT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SUCH AS ELECTRONICS, PLASTICS, TEXTILES AND GARMENTS.

"THIS GROWING ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION HAS BROUGHT GREAT BENEFITS TO BOTH ECONOMIES AND INTRODUCED A NEW DIMENSION TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH," HE SAID.

MR SZE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE MISGIVINGS IN SOME QUARTERS THAT THE CLOSE AND SYMBIOTIC ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WOULD LEAD TO A "VANISHING BORDER" BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA, WHICH IN TURN WOULD UNDERMINE HONG KONG'S IMAGE AND CREDIBILITY AS AN INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC ENTITY WITH ITS OWN ESTABLISHED RULES AND CONTROLS.

HE ASSURED HIS AUDIENCE THAT THIS HAD NEVER BEEN, AND WOULD NOT BE, A PROBLEM.

"HONG KONG MAINTAINS ITS OWN WELL ESTABLISHED AND PROPERLY ENFORCED SET OF RULES AND PRACTICES GOVERNING RULES OF ORIGIN, TEXTILE QUOTAS, TRADE STANDARDS, LABELLING AND ORIGIN MARKING, ETC," HE SAID.

BESIDES THIS, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERED A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS.

"THIS SPECIFIES CLEARLY THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND EXTENT WHEREBY LOCAL MANUFACTURERS CAN SUB-CONTRACT SUBSIDIARY MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

"IF A COMPANY WISHES TO USE A HONG KONG ORIGIN LABEL OR TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF HONG KONG ORIGIN, IT MUST BE ABLE TO MEET OUR ORIGIN CONFERRING CRITERIA," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THESE WERE SUBJECT TO THE CLOSE SURVEILLANCE OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

"THE GROWING ECONOMIC INTEGRATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG WILL NOT THEREFORE GENERATE MORE MALPRACTICES," MR SZE CONCLUDED.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR APRIL 1989

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ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN APRIL WAS SIMILAR TO THAT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER AS A WHOLE. WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DECELERATED.

THESE ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN APRIL 1989 WAS \$17,480 MILLION, \$1,425 MILLION OR 8.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN APRIL 1988, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY \$7,439 MILLION OR 36.0 PER CENT TO \$28,075 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$45,555 MILLION IN APRIL 1989, WAS THUS \$8,864 MILLION OR 24.2 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN APRIL 1988.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 19.6 PER CENT OR \$7,838 MILLION OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$47,919 MILLION IN APRIL 1989.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$2,364 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.9 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN APRIL 1989.

THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$3,390 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 8.5 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN APRIL 1988.

PUTTING THESE TRADE FIGURES IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1989 WAS \$168,604 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$65,407 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$103,197 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1988, IN VALUE TERMS TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$34,875 MILLION OR 26.1 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$5,182 MILLION OR 8.6 PER CENT, AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$29,693 MILLION OR 40.4 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$39,003 MILLION OR 28.1 PER CENT, TO \$177,950 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$9,346 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 5.3 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1989.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF RE-EXPORTS WAS STILL SUBSTANTIAL, THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS HAD BECOME RELATIVELY MODERATE.

RETAINED IMPORTS SHOWED EVEN SLOWER GROWTH, SUGGESTING THAT THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY MIGHT SLOW DOWN FURTHER IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT, AS RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO INCREASE FASTER THAN DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 61.2 PER CENT BY VALUE OF THE TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1989 WERE RE-EXPORTS, COMPARED WITH 55.0 PER CENT IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR APRIL 1989.

TRADE FIGURES FOR APRIL, 1989

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS RELEASED THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR APRIL:-

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$17,480	MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$28,075	MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$45,555	MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$47,919	MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$2,364	MILLION [IN DEFICIT]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	FEB 89 TO	FEB 88 TO	INCREASE	
	APR 89	APR 88	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	48,145	43,748	4,397	10.1
RE-EXPORTS	76,943	55,140	21,803	39.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	125,088	98,888	26,200	26.5
IMPORTS	134,816	105,797	29,019	27.4
TRADE BALANCE	-9,728	-6,909	-2,819	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	APRIL	APRIL	INCREASE	
	1989	1988	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	17,480	16,055	1,425	8.9
(%OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(38.4%)	(43.8%)		
RE-EXPORTS	28,075	20,636	7,439	36.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	45,555	36,691	8,864	24.2
IMPORTS	47,919	40,081	7,838	19.6
TRADE BALANCE	-2,364	-3,390	1,026	

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LAST MONTH -----	APRIL 1989	MARCH 1989	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	17,480 (38.4%)	16,623 (38.6%)	857	5.2
RE-EXPORTS	28,075	26,483	1,592	6.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	45,555	43,106	2,449	5.7
IMPORTS	47,919	48,424	-505	-1.0
TRADE BALANCE	-2,364	-5,318	2,954	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE -----	JAN - APR 1989	JAN - APR 1988	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	65,407 (38.8%)	60,225 (45.0%)	5,182	8.6
RE-EXPORTS	103,197	73,504	29,693	40.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	168,604	133,729	34,875	26.1
IMPORTS	177,950	138,947	39,003	28.1
TRADE BALANCE	-9,346	-5,218	-4,128	

LATEST 12 MONTHS -----	MAY 88 TO APR 89	MAY 87 TO APR 88	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	222,846	202,412	20,434	10.1
RE-EXPORTS	305,098	205,545	99,553	48.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	527,944	407,957	119,987	29.4
IMPORTS	537,801	408,041	129,760	31.8
TRADE BALANCE	-9,857	-84	-9,773	

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GOVERNOR VISITS VOLUNTEERS AT THE BORDER

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SPENT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITING MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT ON THEIR ANNUAL BORDER PATROL EXERCISE.

THE VOLUNTEERS, A PART-TIME SECURITY FORCE MADE UP OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS, HAVE TAKEN OVER FROM THE REGULAR ARMY THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GUARDING THE BORDER THIS WEEK.

MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT, WHO COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, HAVE BEEN PERFORMING BORDER DUTY SINCE 1980.

THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED ON THE VOLUNTEERS' BORDER OPERATION BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER, LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHRISTOPHER PATEY, AT THE SHA TAU KOK MILITARY OPERATIONS ROOM.

SIR DAVID ALSO VISITED THE VOLUNTEERS' OBSERVATION POSTS ALONG THE BORDER AND SAW THEIR BOAT TROOP IN ACTION AT TSIM BEI TSUI IN YUEN LONG.

THE VISIT TOOK THE GOVERNOR ACROSS THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE BORDER WHERE HE MET AND SPOKE TO SOME OF THE 500 PART-TIME SOLDIERS WHO INCLUDE BANKERS, LAWYERS, ARCHITECTS, OFFICE WORKERS AND DRIVERS.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAPTURED HAD BEEN DECREASING SINCE LAST YEAR. NEVERTHELESS THE BORDER SECURITY FORCES, INCLUDING THE VOLUNTEERS, REMAINED FULLY ALERT TO A RESURGENCE OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AT ANY TIME.

IN 1988, THE VOLUNTEERS CAPTURED 55 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS DURING THEIR WEEK ON THE BORDER. THE CAPTURE RATE WAS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THAT OF THE REGULAR BATTALIONS.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO THEIR BORDER DUTIES, THE VOLUNTEERS HAD HELPED IN THE RECEPTION AND CARE OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, AND ALSO TOOK PART IN A WIDE VARIETY OF CHARITABLE AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

HE SAID THAT THE VOLUNTEERS MADE A VERY IMPORTANT AND HIGHLY COMMENDABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR UNSELFISH SACRIFICE ON THEIR OWN TIME AND COMFORT TO UNDERTAKE THE DEMANDING TASK OF MANNING THE BORDER.

"HONG KONG CAN BE PROUD OF ITS VOLUNTEERS," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID WAS ALSO VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR EMPLOYERS' GENEROSITY IN ALLOWING TIME OFF FROM WORK FOR THE VOLUNTEERS TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES.

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THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT THE VOLUNTEERS TRAIN TWO EVENINGS AND ONE WEEKEND A MONTH AND ATTEND TWO WEEK-LONG ANNUAL CAMPS EACH YEAR TO MAINTAIN THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AS AN AUXILIARY FORCE FOR INTERNAL SECURITY IN HONG KONG.

THE VOLUNTEERS ALSO TRAIN REGULARLY WITH THE BRITISH FORCES LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS AND HAVE BEEN COMPLIMENTED ON THE HIGH MILITARY STANDARDS ACHIEVED.

DESPITE THE RECENT LABOUR SHORTAGE, VOLUNTEER MEMBERS HAVE KEPT UP A VERY SATISFACTORY LEVEL OF ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING SESSIONS.

THE VOLUNTEERS' BORDER TOUR THIS YEAR IS FROM MAY 21 TO 28.

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LADY WILSON VISITS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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LADY WILSON VISITED THE 30-YEAR-OLD VICTORIA PARK SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN CAUSEWAY BAY TODAY (THURSDAY).

ACCOMPANIED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF SCHOOL COUNCIL, DR K.E. BAKER; SUPERVISOR OF THE SCHOOL, MRS INGER TONG; AND EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; LADY WILSON VISITED THE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED SCHOOL AND WAS SHOWN THE VARIOUS SPECIAL TEACHING FACILITIES.

SHE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE NEW AUDIOLOGICALLY TREATED SPEECH ROOM, IN WHICH STUDENTS WERE TRAINED TO IMPROVE THEIR ARTICULATION, SPEECH RHYTHM AND VOICE QUALITY WITH THE AID OF ADVANCED SPEECH TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

LADY WILSON WAS TOLD THAT AT PRESENT, THE SCHOOL PROVIDES AN ORDINARY PRIMARY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR 80 HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN AND HANDICAPPED DEAF CHILDREN.

SPECIAL CLASSES ARE DESIGNED FOR DEAF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL HANDICAPS TO SUIT THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHILD.

AS THE AIM OF THE SCHOOL IS TO PREPARE THE PUPILS TO BECOME INDEPENDENT AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SPORTS DAYS, CUB SCOUTS AND BROWNIES, IN ORDER TO HELP THEM TO INTEGRATE WITH OTHER CHILDREN.

LADY WILSON WAS INVITED TO WATCH A MUSICAL AND DANCING PERFORMANCE BY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN BEFORE THE END OF HER AFTERNOON VISIT.

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BOE MEMBERS VISIT SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL

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THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE PELLETIER SCHOOL AT CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW SPECIAL EDUCATION IS PROVIDED TO MALADJUSTED AND SOCIALLY DEPRIVED GIRLS.

THEY WERE MISS BOW SUI-MAY, MISS SO YAN-LAP AND MR TAM MAN-KWAN.

ACCOMPANYING THE BOE MEMBERS ON THE VISIT WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES) MRS GRACE YUNG, AND THE BOE SECRETARY, MR P.K. CHIU.

THE VISITORS WERE TOLD THAT THE SCHOOL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1955 BY THE GOOD SHEPHERD SISTERS TO LOOK AFTER PROBLEMATIC GIRLS.

THE SCHOOL BECAME AN AIDED WHOLE-DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 1970 WITH BOARDING FACILITIES. IT CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 90 GIRLS, MOST OF WHOM ARE REFERRED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE SCHOOL FOLLOWS THE CURRICULUM OF AN ORDINARY SCHOOL ENRICHED WITH PRACTICAL ELEMENTS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE GIRLS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES CONFIDENTLY, TO EXPERIENCE SUCCESS AND TO CULTIVATE GOOD WORKING HABITS.

EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON MORAL EDUCATION, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND SEX EDUCATION. SPECIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMMES ARE OPERATED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELLING IS PROVIDED TO THE GIRLS TO HELP THEM ESTABLISH SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOURS AND MORAL CONCEPTS.

ON COMPLETION OF SECONDARY 3, MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF THE GIRLS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN EITHER GETTING A SENIOR SECONDARY 4 PLACE IN AN AIDED SCHOOL OR IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT, THE VISITORS WERE TOLD.

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WIDE APPLICATION OF COMMUNITY WORK EXPERIENCE

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S COMMUNITY SERVICES IS LEADING TO WIDE APPLICATION OF COMMUNITY WORK EXPERIENCE AND TECHNIQUES IN VARIOUS WELFARE SERVICES.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

MR LAW POINTED OUT THAT THE SERVICES INCLUDED AMONG OTHER THINGS, YOUNG SERVICES, FAMILY SERVICES, REHABILITATION SERVICES, PROBATION SERVICES AND SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WERE INTER-RELATED.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION GIVEN BY THE VARIOUS PARTIES CONCERNED, WITH THE EMPHASIS BEING ON "COMMUNITY CONCERN", MR LAW NOTED THAT COMMUNITY WORK TENDED TO DIVERSIFY INTO VARIOUS WELFARE SERVICES.

"THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND INITIATIVE IS VITAL IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

MR LAW NOTED THAT FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) IN COMMUNITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES, THE MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY CENTRE FACILITIES HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO THE CNTA IN 1985.

"THE DEPARTMENT CONCENTRATES ITS RESOURCES ON PROMOTING AND STRENGTHENING GROUP WORK ACTIVITIES AND ITS SERVICES HAVE DEVELOPED TOWARDS SUPPORTIVE GROUP WORK," HE SAID.

"COMMUNITY CENTRES ARE ALSO USED IN PROMOTING FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES AND BECOME NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES FOR THE RESIDENTS."

MR LAW SAID THE CENTRES PROVIDED RESIDENTS WITH A VENUE FOR COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS AND A WIDE RANGE OF EFFECTIVE WELFARE SERVICES COULD BE OPERATED THERE.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVEL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROVIDED SERVICES FOR TARGET GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, ADDING TO THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY CENTRES.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT BACTERIA DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG DURING RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

BATHING WATERS COMMONLY BECOME WORSE DUE TO HEAVY USAGE DURING THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 100 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN SEVEN CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 1,000 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN 18 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS 18 OR MORE CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

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NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO RE-OPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, SIX BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSE, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA, ROCKY BAY AND TING KAU. THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WHO AND HONG KONG STANDARDS.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE SIX BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW :

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 11.5.89)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 25.5.89)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	A	B
CHUNG HOM KOK	B	A
DEEP WATER BAY	A	A
HAIRPIN	A	B
MIDDLE BAY	B	A
REPULSE BAY	B	B
SHEK O	A	B
SOUTH BAY	A	A
ST. STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	A
STANLEY MAIN	B	B
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A

ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	A	A
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	A	A
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	B	B
TUNG O*	A	A

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	A	B
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	A	A
HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	B	B
TRIO (HEBEHAVEN)	A	B

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	B	B
CASAM	B	B
GEMINI	A	B
HOI MEI WAN	A	B
LIDO	B	B
TING KAU	X	X
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	B	B
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	B	B
BUTTERFLY	B	B

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING.
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:
CHUNG HOM KOK, AND MIDDLE BAY, FROM "B" TO "A"; BIG WAVE BAY,
HAIRPIN, SHEK O, CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST, TRIO, GEMINI AND HOI MEI
WAN, FROM "A" TO "B".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE
BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR PAUL R. HOLMES,
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF EPD,
AT 5-8351234.

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IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR SWIMMERS AT STANLEY BEACH
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WORK WILL START LATER THIS MONTH ON A PROJECT TO PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES FOR SWIMMERS AT STANLEY BEACH.

THE PROJECT, SUBJECT OF A \$10.57 MILLION CONTRACT RECENTLY AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO BUILDINGS TO SERVE SWIMMERS AT THE BEACH.

THE TWO-STOREY BUILDINGS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE MAIN BEACH, ADJACENT TO STANLEY BEACH ROAD.

THE LARGER OF THE TWO BUILDINGS WILL CONTAIN CHANGING AND SHOWER FACILITIES, AN OPEN DECK LINKED TO THE EXISTING CARPARK AND A REFRESHMENT KIOSK.

THE SECOND BUILDING WILL INCLUDE A STAFF ROOM, LOOKOUT ROOM, CHANGING FACILITIES, AND STORAGE FOR RESCUE CRAFT.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IN 10 MONTHS, IT WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT.

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253 PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS TO BE REDEVELOPED IN NEXT FIVE YEARS
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A TOTAL OF 253 OLDER PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS WILL BE REDEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID TODAY.

THE PROGRAMME IS THE SECOND FIVE-YEAR PLAN UNDER THE AUTHORITY'S COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, 47 BLOCKS WILL BE EVACUATED DURING 1989/90. THEY ARE IN TSZ OI, TSZ MAN, KWAI FONG, KWAI HING, SHEK LEI, TUNG TAU, WANG TAU HOM, PAK TIN, KWAI SHING EAST, LEI CHENG UK, TAI WO HAU, LOWER WONG TAI SIN AND SAU MAU PING ESTATES.

AS A RESULT, SOME 20 000 FAMILIES LIVING IN THESE BLOCKS WILL HAVE THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT IMPROVED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS WHOSE BLOCKS ARE DUE FOR REDEVELOPMENT WILL BE GIVEN 18 TO 24 MONTHS' NOTICE.

"OF THE 253 BLOCKS TO BE CLEARED IN THE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE TENANTS OF SOME 70 BLOCKS HAVE ALREADY BEEN FORMALLY NOTIFIED OF THE DETAILS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT," HE NOTED.

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"THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, IN IMPLEMENTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WILL KEEP IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH TENANTS AND A BOOKLET ON REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THEM," HE ADDED.

THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR, WAS AIMED AT REDEVELOPING MORE THAN 500 OLDER PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS BY THE YEAR 2001.

IT WAS ALSO STATED THEN THAT A FIVE-YEAR ROLLING PROGRAMME WOULD BE ANNOUNCED EACH YEAR SO AS TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF THE PLANNED REDEVELOPMENT WITHIN THAT PERIOD.

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NT TAXI BOUNDARY IN TSUEN WAN TO BE REVISED

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A REVISION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TAXI BOUNDARY IN TSUEN WAN TO TIE IN WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME THERE.

AT PRESENT, NT TAXIS ARE PERMITTED TO CARRY PASSENGERS FROM ROUTE TWISK VIA WAI TSUEN ROAD AND SAI LAU KOK TO TSUEN WAN MTR STATION FOR INTERCHANGE BUT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS ALONG THE ROADS.

A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED LATER THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND TO ELIMINATE CONFLICTING TURNING MOVEMENTS IN WAI TSUEN ROAD AREA.

UNDER THE SCHEME, MIU KONG STREET AND SECTIONS OF WAI TSUEN ROAD, SHING MUN ROAD AND SAI LAU KOK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY TRAFFIC TO FORM A CLOCKWISE GYRATORY SYSTEM.

AS A RESULT, NT TAXIS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION.

THUS, AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR NT TAXIS TO TRAVEL FROM ROUTE TWISK VIA WAI TSUEN ROAD, MIU KONG STREET, SHING MUN ROAD AND SAI LAU KOK ROAD TO TSUEN WAN MTR STATION BUT THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS ALONG THESE ROADS.

ACCORDINGLY, THE SEVENTH SCHEDULE TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS WILL BE REVISED TO INCLUDE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE IN THE PERMITTED AREA OF NT TAXIS WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

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REMINDER FOR SALARIES TAX RETURNS

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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED SALARIED TAXPAYERS TO SUBMIT THE COMPLETED SALARIES TAX RETURNS TO THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE MAY 31, 1989.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT MORE THAN 750,000 RETURNS FOR FINAL ASSESSMENT 1988/89 AND PROVISIONAL PAYMENT 1989/90 HAD BEEN ISSUED ON MAY 1, 1989.

"FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE COMPLETED RETURNS BEFORE MAY 31 IS AN OFFENCE AND MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES," HE SAID.

"MAKING AN INCORRECT OR FALSE RETURN WITH A FRAUDULENT INTENT TO EVADE TAX, OR TO ASSIST ANY OTHER PERSON TO DO SO, IS ALSO AN OFFENCE.

"ON CONVICTION, AN OFFENDER SHALL BE LIABLE TO HEAVY PENALTY, THE MAXIMUM BEING IMPRISONMENT FOR 3 YEARS AND A FURTHER FINE OF TREBLE THE AMOUNT OF TAX UNDERCHARGED.

"THE COURT OF APPEAL OF HIGH COURT HAS RECENTLY WARNED THAT, ON CONVICTION, THE DEFENDANT SHALL BE LIABLE TO IMMEDIATE CUSTODIAL SENTENCE," HE SAID.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO MAKE ENQUIRY ON SALARIES TAX RETURNS IS ADVISED TO TELEPHONE 5-8942020 DURING OFFICE HOURS (8.15 AM - 12.15 PM AND 1.15 PM - 4.45 PM ON WEEKDAYS; 9.00 AM - 12.00 NOON ON SATURDAYS), OR WRITE TO G.P.O. BOX 132, HONG KONG.

CURRENT SALARIED TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE RETURN FORMS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE RELEVANT ASSESSING SECTIONS, THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF WHICH ARE SHOWN IN THE TAX DEMANDS, OR ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY.

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JOB BAZAAR OPENS SATURDAY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A JOB BAZAAR FOR JOB-SEEKERS FROM SATURDAY (MAY 27) AT THE CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING.

THIS FOLLOWS THE SUCCESS OF THREE SIMILAR EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN SHA TIN, TAIKOO SHING AND TSIM SHA TSUI LAST YEAR.

THE JOB BAZAAR IS A COLLECTIVE RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN INTENDED TO HELP EMPLOYERS PUBLICISE THEIR JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND FACILITATE JOB-SEEKERS TO ACQUIRE FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS TRADES, SAID A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN.

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"IT ALSO ENABLES EMPLOYERS TO REACH OUT TO BOTH ACTIVE JOB-SEEKERS AND THE POTENTIAL LABOUR FORCE, PARTICULARLY IN TIMES OF THE PREVAILING TIGHT LABOUR MARKET," HE SAID.

"THE PAST THREE JOB BAZAARS ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF VISITORS AND SUCCEEDED IN FILLING MANY OF THE VACANCIES OF THE PARTICIPATING COMPANIES.

"BECAUSE OF THE ENCOURAGING RESULTS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH THIS EFFECTIVE METHOD OF RECRUITMENT THIS YEAR."

TO FURTHER ENHANCE ITS EFFECTIVENESS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE BAZAAR IS SCHEDULED THIS YEAR TO COINCIDE WITH THE COMPLETION OF PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS SO THAT FRESH SCHOOL-LEAVERS MAY ALSO ATTEND THE FUNCTION.

THIS YEAR, 20 FIRMS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF TRADES AND INDUSTRIES INCLUDING BANKING, COMMUNICATIONS, HOTELS, MANUFACTURING, RETAILING, INSURANCE AND RECREATION WILL TAKE PART IN THE EVENT.

A LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, MR HENRY TANG, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SATURDAY.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AFTERWARDS UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY (MAY 30).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CENTRE BRIDGE, SECOND FLOOR, CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING, BEGINNING FROM 11 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 27).

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NEW SITTING-OUT AREA FOR CHAI WAN

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RESIDENTS IN CHAI WAN WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL VENUE FOR LEISURE ACTIVITIES WHEN THE WING TAI ROAD SITTING-OUT AREA, LOCATED NEXT TO YUE WAN ESTATE, OPENS ON SATURDAY (MAY 27).

THE SITTING-OUT AREA IS ONE OF THE MANY MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS INITIATED AND FUNDED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE AREA.

CONSTRUCTED AT A COST OF \$125,000, THE AREA PROVIDES SUCH AMENITIES AS FOUR RAIN SHELTERS, 26 FLOWER BEDS, AND A NUMBER OF CHESS TABLES AND BENCHES.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE HAVE JOINTLY ORGNISED A CEREMONY, TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY, TO MARK THE OPENING.

PLANTING ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE SITTING-OUT AREA TO SUPPORT THE 1989 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, A MEMBER OF THE WED WORKING GROUP, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG; DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT (EASTERN) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR R.M. DINGA; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MRS BETTY YUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SITTING-OUT AREA AND WED 89 PLANTING ACTIVITIES ON SATURDAY (MAY 27) AT WING TAI ROAD NEXT TO YUE WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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LORRY PARKING PROBLEM IN TSING YI ON AGENDA

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS MEASURES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE LORRY PARKING SPACES ON TSING YI AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS A REPORT ON BUS SERVICES IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT WHICH HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE COMMITTEE IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ON THE REVIEW OF LOCAL CRAFT LEGISLATION.

OTHER TOPICS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE, AND TRAFFIC LIGHT AND ROAD CROSSING FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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

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TSUEN WAN DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ANNUAL PROGRAMMES
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE GOVERNMENT'S ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMMES ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE BUS AND FERRY ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR 1989-90.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTING PAVILIONS IN LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE AND PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF RIVIERA GARDENS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

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

SWD FIELD OFFICES MOVE
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THE CHAI WAN FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE AND SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO THEIR NEW OFFICES AT LEVEL 3, NEW JADE GARDENS, 233 CHAI WAN ROAD, TODAY (THURSDAY).

RESIDENTS IN CHAI WAN DISTRICT IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE CAN CALL THE NEW OFFICES AT 5-587664 STARTING TOMORROW (MAY 26).

CLOSURE OF JAT'S INCLINE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY ROAD WORKS, JAT'S INCLINE IN TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 27) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, FEI NGO SHAN ROAD BETWEEN SHATIN PASS ROAD AND CUSTOMS PASS WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY DOWNHILL.

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SUSPENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO TWO AREAS

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SOUTHEAST KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY (MAY 27) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON CITY, KOWLOON TONG, SAN PO KONG AND WONG TAI SIN.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM TSENG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 29) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN CONNECTION.

THE AREA AFFECTED INCLUDES ALL PREMISES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM SHAM TSZ STREET AT SHAM TSENG TO KA LOONG TSUEN AT TSING LUNG TAU, INCLUDING GARDEN BAKERY, SAN MIGUEL BREWERY, LIDO GARDEN, SHAM TSENG TSUEN, PAI MIN KOK TSUEN, TSING LUNG TAU TSUEN, HONG KONG GARDEN, CHOI YUEN TSUEN AND KA LOONG TSUEN.

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