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TUNNEL PROJECT REFLECTS CONFIDENCE IN HK'S FUTURE

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THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT DEMONSTRATED LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND THEIR READY PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AT THE SIU LEK YUEN SITE IN SHA TIN, MR LEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD A CONTINUED COMMITMENT TOWARDS AN EVER INCREASING EXPANSION OF THE TERRITORY'S TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE.

"OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, EXCLUDING INVESTMENT IN THE RAILWAYS, GOVERNMENT WILL BE SPENDING OVER \$6.5 BILLION ON OUR HIGHWAY NETWORK ALONE," HE SAID.

"FURTHER RAIL AND ROAD PROJECTS ARE BEING PLANNED AND EVALUATED UNDER THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY.

"THE RESULTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE EARLY NEXT YEAR AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY."

THE GOVERNMENT HAS AWARDED A 30-YEAR FRANCHISE TO THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL COMPANY WHICH IS FORMED BY THE GAMMON-NISHIMATSU CONSORTIUM TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE TUNNEL.

BY AUGUST 1991, THE TUNNEL IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED AND WILL RELIEVE THE CONGESTION OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

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PUBLIC URGED TO JOIN THE 'PITCHING-IN' GROUP

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, TODAY MADE AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC TO JOIN THE 'PITCHING-IN' GROUP IN KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA, HE SAID THAT KEEPING HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT CLEAN WAS A JOINT ENTERPRISE.

"EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS WILL BE FUTILE WITHOUT PUBLIC SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION," HE SAID.

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MR FORSGATE SAID THE PRIME OBJECTIVE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL WAS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE URBAN DWELLERS THROUGH A HOST OF DUTIES, AMONG WHICH KEEPING THE CITY CLEAN UNDER THE EUPHEMISTIC TITLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE WAS THE MOST BASIC.

"OUR CLEANSING SQUADS, NOW COMPRISING SOME 5,000 STAFF, TOGETHER WITH THE CLEANSING FLEET OF 400 VEHICLES EACH DAY TAKE AWAY AN AVERAGE OF 2,800 TONNES OF REFUSE FROM OUR HOMES AND ON THE STREET," HE SAID.

"LAST YEAR, THE URBCO SPENT \$310 MILLION IN HANDLING THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE, TAKING UP A SIZABLE PORTION OF OUR ANNUAL BUDGET".

MR FORSGATE SAID THE FIGHT AGAINST LITTERBUGS ENTERED A SIGNIFICANT NEW PHASE WHEN THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT INTRODUCED COMPUTERISATION FOR LITTER OFFENDERS IN SEPTEMBER 1982.

IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, HE SAID, THERE WERE MORE THAN 100,000 CASES OF LITTER PROSECUTION WITH FINES TOTTALLING \$37.12 MILLION.

"ALL THAT MONEY COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED HAD PEOPLE SIMPLY OBSERVED THE ANTI-LITTER LAWS," HE ADDED.

MR FORSGATE REMARKED THAT HOWEVER MUCH MONEY THE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT SPEND ON KEEPING THE CITY CLEAN, IT WOULD NOT REALLY BE CLEAN UNTIL THE YOUNGER GENERATION GOT THE MESSAGE ACROSS.

"SINCE 1979, THE URBCO HAS SET UP THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME INVITING STUDENTS TO HELP CLEAN UP OUR BEACHES DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS," HE SAID.

"SO FAR, MORE THAN 5,000 YOUNGSTERS HAVE BEEN MOBILISED AND THIS SUMMER MORE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COME FORWARD TO JOIN THIS MEANINGFUL ENDEAVOUR."

MR FORSGATE SAID THAT TO ENCOURAGE REAL PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY, THE URBCO INTRODUCED IN 1986 A SELF-HELP CLEANSING SCHEME FOR REMOTE VILLAGES SUCH AS MA HANG VILLAGE, MARY NEW VILLAGE AND SAI WAN CHAI SQUATTER AREA IN STANLEY WHICH RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENTS IN CLEANLINESS.

THE URBCO ALSO MAINTAINED A HOTLINE (5-8680000) AROUND THE CLOCK TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ON REFUSE DISPOSAL PROBLEMS, HE SAID.

MR FORSGATE SAID THAT WITH THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, THERE HAD BEEN SOME IMPROVEMENTS AS THE CITY BECAME CLEANER THAN THE PRE-1972 PERIOD.

"WHILE THIS IS TRUE, THERE ARE STILL MANY 'LAP SAP CHUNGS' AROUND TOWN. UNLESS WE JOIN HANDS TO GET RID OF THIS ANTI-SOCIAL CREATURE, RATEPAYERS, YOU AND I, WILL NOT ONLY PAY MORE BUT ALSO SUFFER FROM A LOWERING QUALITY OF LIFE," HE ADDED.

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LAB ENDORSES WIDE RANGE OF LEGISLATION IMPROVEMENTS

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THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD MET TODAY (MONDAY) TO CONSIDER A WIDE RANGE OF LABOUR MATTERS.

MEMBERS WERE FIRST BRIEFED ON THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENTS ON PRUDENTIAL REGULATION OF RETIREMENT SCHEMES BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR STEPHEN IP.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE PAPER WAS AIMED AT ENSURING THAT, IF EMPLOYERS SET UP RETIREMENT SCHEMES, THE SCHEMES SHOULD BE OPERATED ACCORDING TO CERTAIN STANDARDS OF PRUDENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BENEFICIARIES.

IN THE DISCUSSIONS THAT FOLLOWED, VIEWS ON THE DEFINITION OF RETIREMENT SCHEMES, DISCLOSURE OF PROVISIONS OF THE SCHEMES TO EMPLOYEE BENEFICIARIES, TRANSFERABILITY OF FUNDS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITH EMPLOYERS' AND EMPLOYEES' PARTICIPATION WERE EXPRESSED.

THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TONY HAMMOND, UNDERTOOK TO PASS MEMBERS' OPINIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE BOARD THEN SUPPORTED A PROPOSAL TO REMOVE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES UPON THE ABOLITION OF THE WAGE CEILING UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE DISTINCTION, ALL EMPLOYEES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND NATURE OF WORK, WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROTECTION UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING SEVERANCE PAYMENT AND LONG SERVICE PAYMENT, THE EXISTING WAGE LIMIT OF \$11,500 A MONTH WILL STILL APPLY TO ALL EMPLOYEES. THIS LIMIT WILL BE REVISED FROM TIME TO TIME TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OF WAGE MOVEMENTS.

MEMBERS NEXT STUDIED THREE MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

FIRST, ON THE PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE QUALIFYING PERIOD OF SERVICE A FEMALE EMPLOYEE MUST WORK BEFORE SHE CAN SERVE NOTICE FOR MATERNITY LEAVE, MEMBERS' VIEWS WERE DIVIDED.

EMPLOYEE MEMBERS WERE GENERALLY IN FAVOUR OF THE PROPOSAL WHILE SOME EMPLOYER MEMBERS CONSIDERED THE PRESENT REQUIREMENT OF 26 WEEKS REASONABLE. AFTER DISCUSSIONS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE ISSUE.

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AS REGARDS THE OTHER TWO AMENDMENTS, MEMBERS SUPPORTED THAT AN EMPLOYEE SHOULD RECEIVE A FULL DAY'S WAGES AS HOLIDAY PAY EVEN THOUGH THE HOLIDAY FALLS ON A DAY ON WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ONLY HALF-DAY; AND THAT PAYMENTS FROM ANY RETIREMENT SCHEME IN RESPECT OF THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE DEDUCTED FROM SEVERANCE PAYMENT AND LONG SERVICE PAYMENT.

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME WHICH WAS ENDORSED BY THE BOARD IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, MEMBERS GENERALLY AGREED TO BACK DATE THE PERIOD COVERING EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION TO JANUARY 1, 1984. VIEWS ON EXTENDING THE SCHEME TO COVER CLAIMS FOR COMMON LAW DAMAGES WERE DIVIDED.

TO AVOID A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, IT WAS AGREED THAT AN UNOFFICIAL BE APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME MANAGEMENT BOARD INSTEAD OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AS EARLIER PROPOSED.

THE BOARD ALSO SUPPORTED A PROPOSAL TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO APPROVE A CARTRIDGE-OPERATED FIXING TOOL BY NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE.

DURING THE MEETING, MEMBERS WERE INFORMED THAT APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE GOVERNOR TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD FROM JANUARY 1, 1989.

UNDER THE NEW COMPOSITION, THE BOARD WILL STILL CONSIST OF 12 MEMBERS. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF ELECTED EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT OF NOMINATED EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE INCREASED FROM FOUR TO FIVE RESPECTIVELY.

AS A RESULT OF THESE CHANGES, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE MEMBERS APPOINTED AD PERSONAM ON EACH SIDE WILL BE REDUCED FROM TWO TO ONE.

THE ADDITIONAL ELECTED SEAT ON THE EMPLOYEES' SIDE WILL BE FILLED BY ELECTION BY REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS ON THE BASIS OF ONE UNION ONE VOTE WHILE THE ADDITIONAL NOMINATED SEAT ON THE EMPLOYERS' SIDE WILL BE FILLED BY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

LASTLY, IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER CALL BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY FOR WIDER USE OF FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS, MR HAMMOND URGED EMPLOYERS TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SO AS TO HELP RELIEVE CONGESTION ON MAJOR ROADS AND TUNNELS DURING BOTH THE MORNING AND EVENING PEAK HOURS.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR MAY

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN MAY 1988, AT \$78,292 MILLION, GREW BY 26 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH MAY 1987, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON VALUE OF TRADE IN MAY 1988 RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT TO \$17,274 MILLION IN MAY 1988. WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 46 PER CENT TO \$21,460 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN MAY 1988 TO \$38,734 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT OVER MAY 1987.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT TO \$39,558 MILLION IN MAY 1988.

COMPARING MAY 1988 WITH MAY 1987, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA (+38 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+27 PER CENT) AND AUSTRALIA (+23 PER CENT). THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND JAPAN GREW LESS RAPIDLY BY 9 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. FURTHER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., THE LARGEST MARKET, DECREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 10 PER CENT.

IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN MAY 1988 OVER MAY 1987, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+47 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+45 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+41 PER CENT), ITALY (+33 PER CENT) AND CHINA (+26 PER CENT). IMPORTS FROM JAPAN INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN, CHINA, TAIWAN, AUSTRALIA, SINGAPORE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE U.S.A. INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS OVER THE SAME PERIOD, BY 87 PER CENT, 59 PER CENT, 46 PER CENT, 45 PER CENT, 42 PER CENT, 42 PER CENT AND 41 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO MAY 1988, AT \$350,961 MILLION, INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT TO \$77,499 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 45 PER CENT TO \$94,956 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT TO \$172,455 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT TO \$178,505 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS.

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THE MARKETS WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED SINGAPORE (+39 PER CENT), CHINA (+27 PER CENT), FRANCE (+21 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+19 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+15 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+14 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, THE U.S.A., DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO MAY 1988 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+43 PER CENT), SWITZERLAND (+36 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+30 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+29 PER CENT) AND CHINA (+27 PER CENT). IMPORTS FROM JAPAN INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, TAIWAN, CHINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 86 PER CENT, 67 PER CENT, 49 PER CENT, 48 PER CENT AND 47 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN MAY 1988 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY AUGUST.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN MOST MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,525 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1,471 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,231 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$673 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING INCREASED BY \$190 MILLION OR ONLY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$107 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT) AND ELECTRIC CURRENT (BY \$75 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$5,599 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$4,282 MILLION OR 116 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$2,343 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,304 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$1,550 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$195 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$141 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$4,247 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$3,057 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$2,519 MILLION OR 241 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,047 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$1,998 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$73 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PRODUCTS AND PREPARATIONS (BY \$5 MILLION OR 2 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE AVAILABLE IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE MAY 1988 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND JULY 15 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN MAY 1988 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN END-JULY AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	MAY 88 OVER MAY 87 (%)	JAN-MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 88 OVER JAN-MAY 87 (%)
U.S.A.	5,858	- 10	25,577	- 1
CHINA	3,106	+ 38	12,821	+ 27
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,181	+ 9	6,100	+ 15
U.K.	1,215	+ 8	5,201	+ 19
JAPAN	798	+ 2	3,774	+ 14
CANADA	450	+ 2	2,119	+ 9
SINGAPORE	405	+ 27	1,884	+ 39
NETHERLANDS	344	+ 13	1,706	+ 14
FRANCE	375	+ 12	1,630	+ 21
AUSTRALIA	346	+ 23	1,488	+ 12

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TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	MAY 88 OVER MAY 87 (%)	JAN-MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 88 OVER JAN-MAY 87 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,874	- 12	22,405	+ 1
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,417	- 5	10,706	- 1
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,527	+ 15	6,933	+ 27
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,567	+ 26	6,661	+ 23
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,459	+ 26	6,156	+ 12
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,366	- 5	6,155	+ 1

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TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	MAY 88 OVER MAY 87 (%)	JAN-MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 88 OVER JAN-MAY 87 (%)
CHINA	12,179	+ 26	53,666	+ 27
JAPAN	6,872	+ 12	32,965	+ 21
TAIWAN	3,908	+ 41	16,145	+ 29
U.S.A.	3,543	+ 45	15,260	+ 30
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,263	+ 47	9,375	+ 43
SINGAPORE	1,395	+ 25	6,543	+ 22
U.K.	1,024	+ 9	5,040	+ 13
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,089	+ 21	4,861	+ 26
SWITZERLAND	765	+ 6	3,633	+ 36
ITALY	615	+ 33	2,894	+ 23

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TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	MAY 88 OVER MAY 87 (%)	JAN-MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 88 OVER JAN-MAY 87 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5,713	+ 8	23,683	+ 7
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,169	+ 45	18,348	+ 44
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2,288	+ 8	10,899	+ 9
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,287	+ 30	10,028	+ 30
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,148	+ 24	10,021	+ 31
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,309	+ 36	9,596	+ 30

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TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	MAY 88 OVER MAY 87 (%)	JAN-MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 88 OVER JAN-MAY 87 (%)
CHINA	7,448	+ 59	31,299	+ 48
U.S.A.	3,704	+ 41	16,412	+ 32
JAPAN	1,303	+ 87	5,855	+ 86
TAIWAN	1,171	+ 46	5,361	+ 49
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,018	+ 24	4,686	+ 34
SINGAPORE	722	+ 42	3,274	+ 35
F.R. OF GERMANY	598	+ 42	2,830	+ 67
U.K.	505	+ 30	2,029	+ 47
MACAU	324	+ 11	1,569	+ 20
AUSTRALIA	304	+ 45	1,380	+ 46

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COMMODITY DIVISION	MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	MAY 88 OVER MAY 87 (%)	JAN-MAY 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 88 OVER JAN-MAY 87 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2,893	+ 16	12,646	+ 19
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,213	+ 70	9,798	+ 77
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	1,686	+ 12	8,687	+ 14
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,103	+ 57	8,567	+ 55
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,424	+ 46	5,956	+ 52
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	820	+ 16	3,681	+ 18

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PROPOSAL ON LENGTH OF FIRST DEGREE COURSES EXPLAINED

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THE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE LENGTH OF FIRST DEGREE COURSES CONTAINED IN ITS NO. 3 REPORT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN DEAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE SAID THAT LETTERS AND ARTICLES RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPERS SUGGESTED THAT SOME PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT THE COMMISSION PROPOSED CUTTING THE LENGTH OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST DEGREE COURSE BY A YEAR AND PREVENTING OTHER INSTITUTIONS FROM INCREASING THEIR DEGREE LENGTHS BEYOND THREE YEARS.

"THIS IS NOT THE COMMISSION'S INTENTION. WHAT IT PROPOSED, IN CHAPTER 3 OF THE REPORT NO. 3, WAS THAT THE LENGTH OF ANY INDIVIDUAL COURSE SHOULD BE DETERMINED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, BY THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS THEMSELVES, SUBJECT TO THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE'S (UPGC) APPROVAL OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS.

"THE EDUCATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT THE LENGTH OF FIRST DEGREE COURSES IN THE SAME SUBJECT AT ALL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD IN PRINCIPLE BE THE SAME.

"THE UPGC WOULD CONTINUE TO USE ITS OWN ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL CRITERIA TO JUDGE INDIVIDUAL CASES IN THE LIGHT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY PREVAILING AT THE TIME," MR DEAN EXPLAINED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IF AN INSTITUTION, FOR EXAMPLE, WISHED TO OPERATE A FIRST DEGREE COURSE LONGER THAN THREE YEARS, IT WOULD NEED TO SATISFY THE UPGC THAT THE ADDITIONAL TIME AND FUNDS WERE JUSTIFIED ON EDUCATIONAL GROUNDS.

"THE COMMISSION DID NOT PROPOSE SIMPLY TO CUT THE LENGTH OF ALL FIRST DEGREE COURSES TO THREE YEARS," MR DEAN STRESSED.

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STUDENT LOAN FUNDS OFFERED FOR 1988-89

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STUDENTS IN POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT THEIR STUDIES IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR (1988-89) MAY OBTAIN INTEREST-FREE LOANS FROM THE HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB STUDENTS' LOAN FUND AND THE STANDARD/SING TAO FAT CHOY DRIVE STUDENTS' LOAN FUND.

A SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A MAXIMUM LOAN OF \$2,250 AND A POST-SECONDARY STUDENT FOR \$3,170 PER ANNUM.

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APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE WILL BE CONSIDERED BY A JOINT COMMITTEE FOR BOTH LOAN FUNDS AND PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WHO ARE APPROACHING THE COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES.

LOANS ARE MADE AVAILABLE ON A YEARLY BASIS. NEW APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR LOANS AND PRESENT RECIPIENTS WISHING TO APPLY FOR FURTHER LOANS IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR MUST COMPLETE A PRESCRIBED FORM.

APPLICANTS WHO INTEND TO ENTER THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG SHOULD APPLY TO THE DEAN OF STUDENTS AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STUDENT AFFAIRS OF THE UNIVERSITIES RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ENTER THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG SHOULD APPLY TO THE STUDENT WELFARE UNIT AND STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICER OF THE POLYTECHNICS RESPECTIVELY.

STUDENTS WISHING TO ENTER THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE SHOULD APPLY TO THE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION TO ALL THESE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WILL BE OCTOBER 16.

APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO ENTER OTHER POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE ADVISED TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FORM FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 7.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR LOANS FROM EITHER LOAN FUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL UNDERTAKING TO REPAY THEIR LOANS BY INSTALMENTS OF AT LEAST 10 PER CENT OF THEIR MONTHLY SALARY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 26.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 153.667 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 372.315 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 63.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SPECIAL TV PROGRAMME ON KWAI TSING DISTRICT

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A SPECIAL TELEVISION PROGRAMME ON KWAI TSING DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAMME, ENTITLED "GOOD MORNING KWAI TSING", WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON JULY 15.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF "GOOD MORNING KWAI TSING", MR JOHNNY WONG HAU-LIM, WILL SPEAK AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BEGIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED, FIFTH FLOOR, 77 BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON, TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE TELEVISION PROGRAMME "GOOD MORNING KWAI TSING".

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NORTH DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AMENITY FACILITIES

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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO CONSIDER SEVERAL PROJECTS TO PROVIDE RECREATION AND AMENITY FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROJECTS INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS IN FANLING AND SHA TAU KOK, AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION OF CHESS TABLES IN SHEK WU HUI, SHEUNG SHUI.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER CONSTRUCTING A DRAINAGE CHANNEL AT LUNG YEUK TAU, FANLING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS ON LOCAL PUBLIC WORK, MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AS WELL AS ON THE VILLAGE LIGHTING PROGRAMME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AN INFORMATION PAPER PREPARED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON THE SETTLED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR 1988-89 IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL STUDY A PROPOSAL BY THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO USE PART OF THE PROMENADE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SEAFRONT ROAD AS A COACH PARKING AREA AND PRIVATE PIER.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC AT CANAL ROAD FLYOVER, AND A PROPOSAL TO REMOVE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM DRIVING LICENCES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD. THE MEETING WILL START AT 4 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SAFETY IN CHAI WAN ROAD

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MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS ROAD SAFETY IN CHAI WAN ROAD AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

A DISCUSSION PAPER PREPARED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LISTS THE ACCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED IN CHAI WAN ROAD FROM APRIL LAST YEAR TO MARCH, AND MAKES A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE 1988-89 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR EASTERN DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE EXPANSION OF THE GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE IN CHAI WAN, CONGESTION AT THE TAIKOO MTR STATION AND THE PROPOSED NO-STOPPING RESTRICTION IN CHUN YEUNG STREET.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WHICH WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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TAI PO DB'S PUBLICITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WORK TARGETS

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS ITS WORK TARGETS AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER ORGANISING A PROJECT ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGN/PACKAGING WITH THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIES DESIGN AND PACKAGING CENTRE, PLACING ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER AND PUBLISHING A BOOKLET ON THE TAI PO DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF A "WELCOME TO TAI PO" SIGN, SUPPORT TO RTHK'S TELEVISION PROGRAMME ON THE ENVIRONMENT "ALL ABOUT US", AND THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1988-89.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM THE THIRD FLOOR, TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO. THE MEETING WILL START AT 9.30 AM.

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TAI PO DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SPORTS CONSULTANCY REPORT

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 13) AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE SPORTS CONSULTANCY REPORT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS TOTALLING \$41,945 FOR SPONSORING ACTIVITIES OF THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, S.K.H. THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR MULTI SERVICES CENTRE AND 11 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE COMMITTEE'S WORK TARGETS, GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, REVIEW ON THE CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATING FUNDS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING SCHEDULE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 13) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON YOUTH ORCHESTRA TOUR

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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A TOUR OF AUSTRALIA BY THE MUSIC OFFICE'S HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL FIRST BE ENTERTAINED BY DEMONSTRATION PERFORMANCE BY THE ORCHESTRA.

ATTENDING THE SESSION WILL BE THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MS LOLLY CHIU, WHO WILL BE THE TOUR DIRECTOR; THE SENIOR MUSIC OFFICER (CHINESE), MR TONG LEUNG-TAK; AND MEMBERS OF THE 70-STRONG GROUP. ALL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS.

THE PARTY WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON MONDAY (JULY 18) TO BEGIN THEIR TOUR WHICH WILL END ON AUGUST 5.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, WAN CHAI. FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON 5-8235326.

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EXHIBITION ON MORAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

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THE RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION ON MORAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE IN PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 13).

THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH APPROACHES AND TEACHING MATERIAL FOR PROMOTING MORAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

TAKING PART IN THE EXHIBITION ON THE THEME OF "CARING AND SHARING" WILL BE SOME 17 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 10.30 AM TO 4.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 13) AND FROM 9 AM TO 4.30 PM ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (JULY 14 AND 15).

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND RESEARCH), MR ROBERT LO, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, NORTH POINT, THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 13).

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TWO SITES FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TWO PIECES OF GOVERNMENT LAND FOR SALE IN A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 13).

THE AUCTION OF THE SITES, ALL FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES BUT EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADES, WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

THE FIRST SITE IS IN AREA 25, ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING. IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,198 SQUARE METRES.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 3,594 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE JUNE 30, 1992.

THE OTHER SITE IS IN KA YIP STREET, CHAI WAN.

THE AREA OF THIS SITE IS ABOUT 4,687 SQUARE METRES AND THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 33,746 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1992.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAND AUCTION.

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LANDFILLING AT JORDAN VALLEY TO CONTINUE
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ANOTHER CONTRACT FOR LANDFILLING AT THE JORDAN VALLEY LANDFILL IN EAST KOWLOON.

WORKS UNDER THIS CONTRACT INCLUDE THE CONTINUATION OF LANDFILLING AND THE EXTRACTION OF EARTH MATERIAL FROM THE BORROW AREA WITHIN THE SITE FOR DAILY COVERING OF THE COMPACTED REFUSE.

LANDFILLING CONSISTS ESSENTIALLY OF SPREADING AND COMPACTING OF REFUSE IN LAYERS, AND THE COVERING OF EACH LAYER WITH EARTH AS THE DISPOSAL OPERATION PROCEEDS.

ALL WORKING FACES OF THE LANDFILL WILL BE SEALED OFF TWO TIMES DAILY, THEREBY ELIMINATING HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS 22 MONTHS AND WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR. THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE DRAINAGE (DESIGN) DIVISION AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DRAINAGE (CONSTRUCTION) DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 5.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KOWLOON CITY
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TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON CITY FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 14) IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD WORKS ON CARPENTER ROAD, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, CARPENTER ROAD BETWEEN TAK KU LING ROAD AND KAI TAK ROAD; AND THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND LOK SIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

THE SECTION OF SA PO ROAD BETWEEN LOK SIN ROAD AND CARPENTER ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED FROM TWO-WAY WORKING TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

IN ADDITION, THE SECTION OF CARPENTER ROAD BETWEEN SA PO ROAD AND KAI TAK ROAD WILL BE CHANGED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORKS, THE SECTION OF LOK SIN ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND TUNG TSING ROAD WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

AS A RESULT, KMB ROUTES NO. 2D AND 10, AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 33 ON TAK KU LING ROAD HEADING FOR LOK SIN ROAD WILL RESUME THEIR NORMAL ROUTINGS VIA LOK SIN ROAD DIRECT.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT DUE TO A WATER MAINS BURST HAPPENED LAST SATURDAY (JULY 9), THE SECTION OF WONG TAI SIN ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN SHATIN PASS ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO UPPER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE HAS BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

VEHICLES ON SHATIN PASS ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR WONG TAI SIN ROAD WESTBOUND HAVE TO PROCEED ALONG SHATIN PASS ROAD BEFORE TURNING LEFT ONTO NGA CHUK STREET AND THEN WONG TAI SIN ROAD.

THE MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WAN CHAI NORTH

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI NORTH FROM THURSDAY (JULY 14) EVENING TO SATURDAY MORNING FOR ROADWORKS.

FROM 9 PM ON THURSDAY TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY, THE EXIT LEADING FROM FLEMING ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. VEHICLES ON FLEMING ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND CAN TRAVEL VIA HARBOUR ROAD AND FENWICK STREET.

MOREOVER, TONNOCHY ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN HUNG HING ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY (JULY 15) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. VEHICLES ON HUNG HING ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CONVENTION AVENUE AND FLEMING ROAD.

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