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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS VALUABLE TO HK - GOVERNOR
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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN IMPORTANT PROJECTS SUCH AS THE SECOND CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND THE THIRD UNIVERSITY SHOWS THAT HONG KONG IS STILL DEVELOPING EXTREMELY QUICKLY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HOPED TO SEE MORE PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN SIMILAR PROJECTS IN FUTURE.

HE DESCRIBED THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AS A PROJECT OF VERY GREAT VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, ADDING THAT THE THIRD UNIVERSITY WAS ALSO A VERY IMPORTANT LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT FOR HONG KONG.

COMMENTING ON A REMARK BY THE VISITING BRITISH MINISTER OF STATE AT THE HOME OFFICE, MR DAVID WADDINGTON, THAT REPATRIATION WAS THE SOLUTION TO THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM, THE GOVERNOR SAID: +I THINK HE WAS TALKING GENERALLY AND IN THE LONG TERM.

+IN THE MEANWHILE, OF COURSE, WE ARE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING THE RATE OF SETTLEMENT OF THE EXISTING REFUGEE POPULATION AND THAT, AT THE MOMENT, IS SOMETHING ON WHICH WE ARE CONCENTRATING.

+BUT HE WAS SPEAKING ABOUT THE LONG TERM AND IN GENERAL TERMS RATHER THAN SPECIFICALLY.+

POINTING OUT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE FOR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO DIRECTLY OPEN UP THE CHANNEL OF DISCUSSION WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, HE STRESSED THAT HONG KONG'S MAIN CONCERN WAS THAT THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES SHOULD CONTINUE TO DECLINE.

IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, SIR EDWARD SAID THERE MUST BE CONTINUING RESETTLEMENT RATHER THAN WORKING TO THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION AS FAR AS OUR PRESENT PROBLEM WAS CONCERNED.

ASKED ABOUT SIR GEOFFREY HOWE'S COMING VISIT, THE GOVERNOR SAID SIR GEOFFREY WOULD BE IN HONG KONG ON HIS WAY TO CHINA TO ACCOMPANY THE QUEEN.

+WHENEVER HE IS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD HE LIKES TO COME IN AND SEE HOW THINGS ARE GETTING ON HIMSELF.

+IT'S QUITE A QUICK VISIT. IT WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO HIM DIRECTLY HERE BUT IT'S SIMPLY THAT HE'S ON HIS WAY TO CHINA RATHER THAN ANY SPECIFIC PURPOSE.+

ASKED ABOUT NUCLEAR ELECTRICITY, SIR EDWARD SAID THE ELECTRICITY OFFTAKE WAS BY THE COMPANIES HERE, NOT BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

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HE SAID THE ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH IT WOULD TAKE PLACE WERE APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SOME YEARS AGO.

HE ADDED THAT TARIFFS FOR ELECTRICITY IN HONG KONG WERE UNDER THE SCHEME OF CONTROL, +THAT'S THE STANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT.+

COMMENTING ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SIR EDWARD SAID IT WAS NOT A RESHUFFLE.

+IT'S SIMPLY THAT WE DISCOVERED FROM THE LAST SESSION, AND BY LOOKING AT THE PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT SESSION, THAT THE WEIGHT OF BUSINESS WOULD BE BETTER DEALT WITH BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY RATHER THAN THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING.

+THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AND THE NUMBER OF BILLS ARE MUCH LARGER ON THAT SIDE.

+WE'VE ALSO FELT THAT THE OFFICIALS TO BE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHOULD BE THOSE WHO ARE DEALING WITH THE BIGGEST AMOUNT OF BUSINESS,+ HE SAID.

NOTING THAT HE WOULD NOT EXPECT OTHER CHANGES IN THE NEAR FUTURE, HE SAID IT MIGHT BE ONE OF THOSE THINGS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE REVIEW IN 1987 WHEN WE WOULD HAVE EXPERIENCE OF THE WORKING OF THE COUNCIL.

+SO FAR, IT HAS WORKED QUITE WELL EXCEPT ON ONE OR TWO SUBJECTS WHERE PEOPLE HAVE FELT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE RESPONSIBLE SECRETARY PRESENT.+

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SIR EDWARD PRAISES TUNNEL PROJECT

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THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING PROJECT IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF WIDESPREAD CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG FOLLOWING THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN IMPLEMENTING IT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, AT CHA KWO LING, SIR EDWARD NOTED THAT THE \$3 400 MILLION PROJECT INVOLVED BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND IT WAS THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCING, BUILDING AND RUNNING THE TUNNEL.

+THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING IS A PROJECT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG,+ HE SAID. +IT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCE HONG KONG'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND BE A VALUABLE AID TO OUR LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT PLANS.+

/THE GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT NOW TO IMAGINE HONG KONG WITHOUT THE FIRST CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WHICH HAD REVOLUTIONISED TRAFFIC PATTERNS IN HONG KONG AND MADE A STRONG IMPACT ON COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CENTRAL AREA.

+I EXPECT THE SECOND HARBOUR CROSSING TO HAVE A SIMILAR EFFECT ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE EASTERN AREA OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND EAST KOWLOON,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

HE CONGRATULATED THE NEW HONG KONG TUNNEL COMPANY AND ITS ADVISERS IN HAVING PROMOTED THE PROJECT.

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SECRETARY FOR SECURITY APPOINTED TO LEGCO
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FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE 1985-86 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION, THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, TO BE AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 8 IN PLACE OF THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR JOHN TODD.

RECALLING THAT THE OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAD BEEN REDUCED TO 10 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 1985-86 SESSION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN THE INTENTION TO FILL THE OFFICIAL PLACES WITH THOSE OFFICIALS WHO DEALT WITH THE SUBJECTS OF MOST CONCERN TO THE COUNCIL AND THAT IF NECESSARY OFFICIAL MEMBERS WOULD SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THEIR COLLEAGUES OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL.

THE EXPERIENCE OF THE LAST SESSION HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG CASE FOR HAVING THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ON THE COUNCIL. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WERE 39 QUESTIONS (OR 13 PER CENT) OF ALL QUESTIONS TABLED) AND 101 SUPPLEMENTARIES (OR 19 PER CENT OF ALL SUPPLEMENTARIES) WHICH WERE DEALT WITH ON HIS BEHALF BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND NINE BILLS (OR 13 PER CENT OF BILLS INTRODUCED) IN WHICH THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY HAD A STRONG INTEREST.

MOREOVER, THERE WERE ADJOURNMENT DEBATES ON THE TRIAD PROBLEM AND NATIONALITY IN WHICH THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY WOULD HAVE BEEN WELCOME. AT THE SAME TIME, THE DUTIES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING HAD BEEN LESS ONEROUS THAN HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST IN SECURITY MATTERS IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE NEXT SESSION WITH RENEWED DISCUSSION OF THE TRIAD PROBLEM AND A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BILLS WHICH ARE DUE TO BE INTRODUCED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT GENERALLY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WOULD SPEAK IN THE COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, BUT THAT THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WOULD DEAL WITH QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

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LIAO: FAMILY UNITY IMPORTANT TO COMMUNITY
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ENCOURAGING FAMILIES TO APPRECIATE THE NEED TO NURTURE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS AND GENUINE CARE FOR EACH OTHER WAS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT IN DEVELOPING A CARING COMMUNITY, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY.

+CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY+ WAS A THEME WHICH RECURRED IN MANY CIVIC AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CHEUNG SHAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN, MR LIAO SAID A SENSE OF CARING SHOULD START AT HOME BEFORE IT COULD BE SPREAD TO NEIGHBOURS AND EVENTUALLY TO EVERY CORNER OF THE COMMUNITY.

MR LIAO PRAISED THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY, WHICH RUNS THE CENTRE, FOR ITS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, AND NOTED THAT ITS SERVICES HAD EXPANDED OVER THE YEARS TO COPE WITH SOCIETY'S CHANGING NEEDS.

+I AM PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE INTEGRATED APPROACH OF YOUR SOCIETY IN PROVIDING BOTH REMEDIAL AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

MR LIAO ALSO SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS FOLLOWING A TREND COMMON IN MANY LARGE CITIES WHERE THE +EXTENDED FAMILY+ WAS GRADUALLY GIVING WAY TO THE +NUCLEAR FAMILY+.

+THIS MAY IN SOME CASES HAVE ERODED THE TRADITIONAL BONDS WITHIN A FAMILY TO A CERTAIN EXTENT BUT THE TIES OF KINSHIP REMAIN STRONG IN MOST OF THE FAMILIES,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS THE FAMILY WHICH IS THE FUNDAMENTAL UNIT IN SOCIETY FOR PRODUCING HAPPY CHILDREN AND RESPONSIBLE YOUTH AS OUR FUTURE ASSET.+

/HE SAID

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HE SAID FAMILY SERVICE CENTRES PROVIDED AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO COULD NOT COPE WITH THE PRESSURES OF MODERN LIVING WHICH COULD, IN TURN, LEAD TO FAMILY DISRUPTION.

MR LIAO SAID HE AGREED WITH THE APPROACH THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN TACKLING SUCH PROBLEMS.

+ASSISTANCE FROM SOCIAL WORKERS AS WELL AS FROM PARENTS OR EVEN NEIGHBOURS AT THE RIGHT MOMENT MAY OFTEN HELP TO RESOLVE MANY OF THE PERSONAL OR FAMILY CRISES AND PREVENT FAMILY TRAGEDIES,+ HE SAID.

+WE THEREFORE NEED A COMMUNITY WHICH TRULY CARES SO THAT THE WELFARE AGENCIES DO NOT OPERATE ALONE BUT WITH THE SUPPORT OF THOSE WHO ARE ALSO IN A POSITION TO HELP OUT.+

MR LIAO SAID THE GOVERNMENT APPRECIATED THE SOCIETY'S WORK IN PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICES AS WELL AS IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC IN THE CONCEPTS OF FAMILY SELF-RELIANCE AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AMONG FAMILIES.

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SHARPEN YOUR SCALPELS CALL TO DOCTORS
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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, TODAY (THURSDAY) CALLED ON THE MEDICAL PROFESSION TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE.

MEDICAL SUCCESS, HE SAID, DEPENDED NOT ONLY ON THE EXPERTISE OF DOCTORS, BUT ALSO ON THE QUALITY OF EQUIPMENT USED.

AND TO ILLUSTRATE HIS POINT HE QUOTED THE CHINESE ADAGE: +A WORKMAN MUST SHARPEN HIS TOOLS IF HE IS TO DO HIS WORK WELL.+

MR CHAMBERS MADE THE COMMENTS WHEN OPENING A MEDICAL EQUIPMENT THE MEDEX 86/LABDEX 86 EXHIBITION HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIRST HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MEDICAL ADVANCES.

MR CHAMBERS POINTED OUT THAT WHILE HONG KONG'S HOSPITAL SYSTEM WAS UNDERGOING RAPID EXPANSION, THE SUCCESS OF ITS MEDICAL SERVICES DEPENDED NOT ONLY ON THE AVAILABILITY OF HOSPITAL BEDS, THE EXPERTISE OF DOCTORS AND THE PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL STAFF BUT ALSO ON THE QUALITY OF EQUIPMENT IN USE.

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+IN THESE DAYS OF RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE, IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS NO LIMIT TO IMPROVEMENTS THAT CAN BE MADE AND IT IS THEREFORE VITAL FOR DOCTORS AND OTHER ACTIVE IN THE MEDICAL FIELD TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

+FOR ALL THESE REASONS IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE THAT THIS EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIRST HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MEDICAL ADVANCES. THESE TWO EVENTS CLEARLY COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER.

+WHILE THE CONGRESS ACQUAINTS OUR PRACTITIONERS WITH THE LATEST CLINICAL DEVELOPMENTS, THIS EXHIBITION DISPLAYS THE ADVANCED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND PATIENT CARE SYSTEMS WHICH ARE NOW AVAILABLE,+ HE SAID.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR AUGUST
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THE GROWTH IN ALL THE TRADE AGGREGATES CONTINUED TO BE STRONG IN AUGUST 1986. THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1986, AT \$14 798 MILLION, GREW BY 23.5 PER CENT OR \$2 816 MILLION COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 20.7 PER CENT OR \$1 823 MILLION TO \$10 630 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, AT \$25 428 MILLION, WAS 22.3 PER CENT OR \$4 639 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN AUGUST 1985. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 22.9 PER CENT OR \$4 379 MILLION OVER AUGUST 1985 TO REACH \$23 495 MILLION.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS GREATER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT RECORDED A SURPLUS OF \$1 933 MILLION, WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT TO 8.2 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, AGAINST A SURPLUS OF 8.8 PER CENT IN AUGUST 1985.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1986 WAS \$168 668 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$94 442 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$74 226 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1985, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$14 340 MILLION OR 9.3 PER CENT, OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$10 476 MILLION OR 12.5 PER CENT, AND OF RE-EXPORTS BY \$3 864 MILLION OR 5.5 PER CENT.

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OVER THIS PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$20 240 MILLION OR 13.4 PER CENT, TO \$170 988 MILLION. AS THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW AT A FASTER RATE THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE GAP OF 1.4 PER CENT WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1986, COMPARED WITH A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS EQUIVALENT TO 2.4 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1985.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE RECOVERY IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS, WHICH BEGAN IN MARCH 1986, HAS GATHERED MOMENTUM IN RECENT MONTHS. THE DEPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR, IN LINE WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR UNDER THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM, AGAINST MOST MAJOR CURRENCIES HAS ENHANCED THE COMPETITIVENESS OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS HAS RESUMED POSITIVE GROWTH SINCE APRIL 1986, AFTER HAVING DECLINED ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR BASIS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR. THE RECOVERY IN RE-EXPORTS WAS PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO CHINA'S EFFORTS IN PROMOTING ITS EXPORTS, RESULTING IN MORE CHINA GOODS BEING CHANELLED THROUGH HONG KONG TO MARKETS OVERSEAS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR AUGUST 1986:

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$14 789 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$10 630 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$25 428 MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$23 495 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 1 933 MILLION (IN SURPLUS)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	JUN 86 TO AUG 86 HK\$ MN.	JUN 85 TO AUG 85 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
			HK\$ MN.	%
LATEST 3 MONTHS				
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	41 614	34 515	7 099	20.6
RE-EXPORTS	30 792	26 061	4 731	18.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	72 406	60 576	11 830	19.5

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IMPORTS	70 490	57 734	12 756	22.1
TRADE BALANCE	1 916	2 842	-926	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	AUGUST 1986	AUGUST 1985	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	14 798 (58.2%)	11 982 (57.6%)	2 816	23.5
RE-EXPORTS	10 630	8 807	1 823	20.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	25 428	20 789	4 639	22.3
IMPORTS	23 495	19 116	4 379	22.9
TRADE BALANCE	1 933	1 673	260	

LAST MONTH	AUGUST 1986	JULY 1986	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	14 798 (58.2%)	14 270 (57.5%)	528	3.7
RE-EXPORTS	10 630	10 564	66	0.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	25 428	24 834	594	2.4
IMPORTS	23 495	24 160	-665	-2.8
TRADE BALANCE	1 933	674	1 259	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-AUG 1986	JAN-AUG 1985	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	94 442 (56.0%)	83 966 (54.4%)	10 476	12.5
RE-EXPORTS	74 226	70 362	3 864	5.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	168 668	154 328	14 340	9.3
IMPORTS	170 988	150 748	20 240	13.4
TRADE BALANCE	-2 320	3 580	-5 900	

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	SEP 85 TO AUG 86 HK\$ MN.	SEP 84 TO AUG 85 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
			HK\$ MN.	%
LAST 12 MONTHS				
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	140 358	132 428	7 930	6.0
RE-EXPORTS	109 135	102 427	6 708	6.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	249 493	234 855	14 638	6.2
IMPORTS	251 660	229 634	22 026	9.6
TRADE BALANCE	-2 167	5 221	-7 388	
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REGISTRATION REVOKED

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

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR AUGUST

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR AUGUST 1986. THE NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) (OCTOBER 84/SEPTEMBER 85 = 100) FOR AUGUST 1986 WERE 103.9 AND 104.2 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1986, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CPI(A) DECREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT AND THE NEW CPI(B), BY 0.3 PER CENT.

THE 1979-80-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR AUGUST 1986 WERE 164.5 AND 165.7 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 2.8 PER CENT AND 3.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER AUGUST 1985. COMPARED WITH JULY 1986, CPI(A) DECREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 0.3 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 1986, AT 162.7 AND 163.6 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 2.9 PER CENT AND 3.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 1985.

/PRICE MOVEMENTS

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PRICE MOVEMENTS DESCRIBED BELOW ARE BASED ON THE NEW CPI SERIES.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 1986, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.3 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING AUGUST, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, LIVE POULTRY, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT AND JEWELLERY AND CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT INCREASED.

THE NEW CPI(A) AND THE NEW CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE NEW CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2 000 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6 500 AND \$9 999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR AUGUST 1986 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY-SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1986, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	NEW CPI(A)		NEW CPI(B)	
	INDEX FOR AUG. 86	% CHANGE OVER JUL. 86	INDEX FOR AUG. 86	% CHANGE OVER JUL. 86
FOODSTUFFS	102.3	-1.0	102.5	-0.8
HOUSING	104.8	+0.1	104.4	+0.1
FUEL AND LIGHT	88.9	-0.5	89.6	-0.3
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	110.2	-0.1	110.0	-0.1
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	106.1	-1.6	107.1	-1.6
DURABLE GOODS	105.9	+0.1	105.0	+0.0*

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MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	104.5	+0.7	105.1	+0.6
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	106.8	+0.0*	106.0	+0.0*
SERVICES	109.5	+0.7	109.0	+0.6
ALL ITEMS	103.9	-0.4	104.2	-0.3

* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

COMPARED WITH JULY 1986, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.8 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND LIVE POULTRY, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE INCREASE IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH FRUIT. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) DUE TO LOWER PRICES OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.6 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.6 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.)

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR AUGUST 1986, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1904, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDDLELL STREET, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

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CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION OPENS TOMORROW
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WAN CHAI RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CIVIC RIGHTS AND THEIR DUTIES DURING A CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION WHICH OPENS TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT THE GROUND FLOOR LOBBY OF HENNESSY CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WILL FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHS, CARTOONS, POSTERS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES ON CIVIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, DISTRICT BOARD, ELECTIONS AND CHANNELS OF EXPRESSING OPINIONS.

ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 30), THE EXHIBITION WILL MOVE TO THE HARBOUR ROAD GARDEN WHERE IT WILL BE STAGED FOR SIX DAYS.

THE EXHIBITION IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE THIS YEAR.

OTHER CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES ORGANISED SO FAR INCLUDE A CIVIC ORIENTEERING COMPETITION, THE YOUNG REPORTERS' SCHEME, THE PUBLICATION OF +YOUR RIGHTS AND DUTIES+ PAMPHLET, A CHILDREN CIVIC EDUCATION DAY, A SUMMER YOUTH CAMP AND THE HAPPY VALLEY DAY.

TO ATTRACT MORE RESIDENTS TO THE EXHIBITION THERE WILL BE FREE COMPUTER GAMES ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS FREE HANDOUTS WITH USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM TOMORROW WILL BE THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA; THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMAN CHIU; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION WORKING GROUP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR TANG CHUNG-TAI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AT 11 AM TOMORROW AT THE GROUND FLOOR LOBBY OF HENNESSY CENTRE, HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AIR POLLUTION CONTROL
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MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS AIR POLLUTION IN THE DISTRICT.

A SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR NG KWOK-YING, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING AIR POLLUTION CONTROL, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO FUEL RESTRICTIONS.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CONTROL OF ANIMAL WASTE DISPOSAL AND A PROPOSAL TO UTILISE VACANT LAND IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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DB MEMBERS TO WATCH FIRE DRILL

THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE JOINTLY ORGANISED A VISIT TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FOR BOARD MEMBERS TO OBSERVE A FIRE DRILL ON TSING YI ISLAND.

THE FIRE DRILL WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE CALTEX OIL DEPOT SITE ON THE ISLAND AT 11 AM. A BRIEFING ON THE OIL DEPOT OPERATION WILL BE ARRANGED AT THE TSING YI FIRE STATION PRIOR TO THE DRILL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, BY 9.15 AM.

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NOMINATION FOR DB BY-ELECTION RECEIVED

ANOTHER NOMINATION WAS RECEIVED TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTION NEXT MONTH IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

MR CHIANG SAI-CHEONG, A 30-YEAR-OLD TEACHER, WAS NOMINATED FOR THE VACANCY IN THE HO MAN TIN SOUTH CONSTITUENCY.

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THIS BRINGS TO TWO THE NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMING BY-ELECTION.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES STARTED ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND WILL LAST UNTIL TOMORROW (SEPTEMBER 26).

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+CHARITY RIDE+ FOR HOSPITAL PROJECT TOMORROW

ANYONE WHO BOARDS A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS, MAXICAB OR TAXI WITH +FUND RAISING CHARITY RIDE+ FLAGS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WILL BECOME DONORS OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT.

PROCEEDS FROM MORE THAN 1 000 VEHICLES TAKING PART IN THE CHARITY RIDE WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT.

CHAIRMAN OF THE FUND RAISING ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAM HANG-FAI, WHO IS ALSO THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, CALLED ON RESIDENTS TODAY (THURSDAY) TO SUPPORT THE CHARITY DRIVE.

HE THANKED DRIVERS FOR CONTRIBUTING THEIR TIME AND ENERGY AND FOR SHOWING THEIR REAL CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY.

THE CHARITY RIDE INVOLVING PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND MAXICABS WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM AND FOR TAXIS FROM 8 AM TO 9 PM.

COMMUTERS WILL BE REQUESTED TO PUT THE FARE INTO A SPECIALLY DESIGNED COLLECTION BOX AND CAN CONTRIBUTE MORE IF THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

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CAS RECRUITS COMPLETE BASIC TRAINING

MORE THAN 200 MEN AND WOMEN RECRUITED BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL TAKE PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND IN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, SHAM SHUI PO, AT 7.30 PM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

THE RECRUITS HAVE JUST COMPLETED BASIC TRAINING IN FOOTDRILL, DISCIPLINE, FIRST AID, LIGHT RESCUE, FOREST FIRE FIGHTING, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND TYPHOON DUTIES.

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THEY WILL BE POSTED TO VARIOUS CAS UNITS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE AND PRESENT SPECIAL CERTIFICATES TO THREE OUTSTANDING RECRUITS.

MR CHAN WILL ALSO PRESENT CIVIL DEFENCE LONG-SERVICE CLASPS TO 59 OTHER CAS MEMBERS AND THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES TO FOUR CAS VOLUNTEER OFFICERS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY

TEN FISHERMEN WILL LEAVE FOR JAPAN AT THE END OF THE MONTH FOR A STUDY TOUR ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, WILL PRESENT A BANNER TO THE DELEGATION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3 PM AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION.

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THREE LOTS OF LAND FOR AUCTION

THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE AUCTIONED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

TWO ARE IN KOWLOON AND THE OTHER IS ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

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THE KOWLOON SITES -- BOTH FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE -- ARE AT FORFAR ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET AND MEASURE 3 223 AND 1 532 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THE THIRD SITE OF 123 SQUARE METRES IS A NON-INDUSTRIAL LOT AT SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUCTION WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 2.30 PM.

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TSUEN WAN SUB-OFFICE TELEPHONE CHANGES

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PEOPLE TELEPHONING THE TSUEN WAN SUB-OFFICE OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT HAVE TO DIAL NEW NUMBERS FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ORIGINAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS UNDER THE RANGE OF 0-40..., 0-42... AND 0-46... WILL BE CHANGED TO 0-490..., 0-492..., AND 0-416... WITH EFFECT FROM 7 AM TOMORROW.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF JARDINE'S BAZAAR

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TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK, JARDINE'S BAZAAR IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON IRVING STREET HEADING FOR HENNESSY ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PENNINGTON STREET AND YEE WO STREET. IN ADDITION, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND IN JARDINE'S BAZAAR WILL BE SUSPENDED.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE AGAIN BETWEEN MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 29) AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

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TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHUNG YEUNG
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FROM SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 28), SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON OCTOBER 12.

ROAD CLOSURES:

- * BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON SEPTEMBER 28, OCTOBER 5, 11, 12, 13, 19 AND 26, THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD FROM WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO PRIVATE CARS (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES, HEARSEs, FRANCHISED BUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TAXIS AND COACHES CARRYING PASSENGERS.
- * BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD BEYOND ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs.
- * AT THE SAME TIME, THE EAST ACCESS ROAD TO WO HOP SHEK FROM KAU LUNG HANG WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs.
- * BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, THE SLIP ROAD AT WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION FROM NORTHBOUND NT TRUNK ROAD LEADING TO WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC (INCLUDING VEHICLE ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs.
- * ALSO BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT KMB BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND RESIDENTS REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FANLING KCR STATION FORECOURT WILL BE CLOSED AT ITS ACCESS FROM ROAD D5 TO ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT KMB BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.
- * LO WAI ROAD, SECTION BETWEEN LO WAI BUS TERMINUS AND YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN, WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 4 PM ON OCTOBER 5, 11, 12, 13 AND 19. DURING THE CLOSURE, THE LO WAI END TERMINATING POINT FOR NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 81 AND 81M WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE LO WAI BUS TERMINUS.
- * THE OLD ACCESS ROAD TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY FROM TEXACO ROAD IN TSEUN WAN IS NOW CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE. THE NEW ACCESS TO THE CEMETERY IS VIA WING SHUN STREET IN KWAI CHUNG.

WING SHUN STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI HEI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON OCTOBER 5, 11, 12, 13 AND 19.

MEANWHILE, ROAD CLOSURE MEASURE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE POLICE AT THE JUNCTION OF WING SHUN STREET, KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI YUE STREET.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE MTR AND GET OFF AT KWAI FONG STATION.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES:

- * FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM AND FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM ON SEPTEMBER 28, OCTOBER 5, 12, 13 AND 19, KCR TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND WILL OPERATE AT FANLING AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS. TRAIN SERVICES WILL OPERATE AT A 10-MINUTE FREQUENCY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THE SAME DAYS.
- * A SPECIAL SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70R, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN FANLING KCR STATION AND WO HOP SHEK AT ABOUT THREE-MINUTE INTERVALS ON OCTOBER 5, 12, 19 AND 26. THE FARE WILL BE \$1 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY.
- * ANOTHER SPECIAL BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70S, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD FERRY BUS TERMINUS AND WO HOP SHEK VIA TOLO HIGHWAY ON OCTOBER 5, 12 AND 19. THIS SPECIAL SERVICE WILL OPERATE AT ABOUT SIX-MINUTE INTERVALS AT A FARE OF \$4.
- * MEANWHILE, KMB ROUTES NO. 69, 70, 70X AND 73 WILL ALSO BE STRENGTHENED.
- * GRAVE-SWEEPERS INTENDING TO GO TO SANDY RIDGE CAN TAKE THE REGULAR BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 73K, PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SAN UK LING OR THE TRAIN SERVICE TO LO WU.
- * PLB'S, TAXIS AND COACHES CARRYING PASSENGERS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN PASSENGERS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AND WAITING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

CAR PARK FACILITIES AND PRIVATE TRANSPORT:

GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GO TO THE CEMETERIES AS THERE WILL BE NO PARKING FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE VICINITY OF WO HOP SHEK. PARKING SPACES IN SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING (IN ON LOK TSUEN) AND AROUND TSUEN WAN CEMETERY ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

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PRIVATE CARS, PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES AND PRIVATE COACHES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN OR PICK UP PASSENGERS WITHIN ONE KILOMETRE ON TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST) ON EITHER SIDE OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD. ALSO, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN 300 METRES ON TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST) ON EITHER SIDE OF THE EAST ACCESS ROAD TO WO HOP SHEK FROM KAU LUNG HANG.

ADVICE TO MOTORISTS AND GRAVE-SWEEPERS:

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM THE SOUTH AND INTENDING TO VISIT WO HOP SHEK ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST) AT HONG LOK YUEN.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE THE VILLAGE FOOTPATHS SOUTH OF THE FANLING STATION AS THESE NOW FORM PART OF A CONSTRUCTION SITE AND ARE NOT SAFE FOR PUBLIC USE. PASSENGERS WISHING TO GO TO THE CEMETERY ARE ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE PEDESTRIAN ROUTE FROM FANLING KCR STATION TO FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, TAI PO ROAD, WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD.

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ROYAL VISIT MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS

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A BRIEFING ON MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS FOR COVERING THE VISIT OF THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TO HONG KONG WILL BE HELD AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AT 4.30 PM NEXT MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 29).

THE BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR JOHN CHAN, WHO IS ALSO THE ROYAL VISIT PRESS OFFICER.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR LAPEL BADGES FOR VARIOUS PRESS POSITIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE BRIEFING, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL BE CO-ORDINATING COVERAGE OF THE ROYAL VISIT FOR YOUR ORGANISATION.

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