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ACTING GOVERNOR HELPS CLEAN BEACH IN NEW TERRITORIES
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, TODAY (SUNDAY) JOINED 80 STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE OUTWARD BOUND (ALUMNI) ASSOCIATION IN CLEANING UP NAI CHUNG BEACH IN SAI KUNG (NORTH).

SIR DENYS ARRIVED AT THE UNGAZETTED BEACH AT 8.30 A.M. AND WAS MET BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TAI PO, MR. CLIVE OXLEY AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (NEW TERRITORIES) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR. HARNAM GREWAL.

THE STUDENTS WERE FROM KOON HANG PUBLIC SCHOOL, KWOK WAH SCHOOL AND YAT SUN SCHOOL IN NORTH SAI KUNG.

AFTER A BRIEF CHAT WITH THE WELCOMING PARTY, WHO INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG (NORTH) RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. WONG CHUN-WAI AND OTHER LOCAL RURAL LEADERS AND VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES, SIR DENYS GOT DOWN TO WORK. HE WAS JOINED BY THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND RURAL LEADERS.

THE CLEANING UP OPERATION, ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, LASTED FIVE HOURS. A LARGE NUMBER OF BASKETS OF LITTER WERE BURNT AT SELECTED POINTS ON THE BEACH.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE ENTHUSIASM AND CIVIC MINDEDNESS OF THE STUDENTS, THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS AND RURAL LEADERS, THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE LATER TREATED THEM TO A PICNIC LUNCH IN THE PLAYGROUND OF ONE OF THE LOCAL SCHOOLS.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH
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THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR LAST MONTH (MARCH) WAS \$2,860 MILLION, IMPORTS WERE WORTH \$4,882 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS \$987 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT'S PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE FIGURES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO MARCH 1978 SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF SIX PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 17.4 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 16.9 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977.

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COMPARED WITH MARCH LAST YEAR, EXPORTS INCREASED, BY VALUE, OF \$533 MILLION OR 22.9 PER CENT, IMPORTS BY \$950 MILLION OR 24.2 PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$224 MILLION OR 29.3 PER CENT.

THE SHORT TERM CHANGES, MARCH 1978 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1978, SHOWED INCREASES OF \$734 MILLION OR 34.5 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, \$972 MILLION OR 24.9 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND \$209 MILLION OR 26.9 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THE REMARKABLE INCREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS APPEARS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE INFLUENCE OF SEASONALITY.

THE FIGURES FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM APRIL 1977 TO MARCH 1978 COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS CORRESPONDING 12 MONTHS SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF 7.2 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 13.2 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 12.5 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

FOLLOWING ARE COMPARATIVE TRADE FIGURES :-

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	JAN. - MAR. 1978	JAN. - MAR. 1977	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	7,706 (74.4%)	7,271 (76.3%)	+ 435	+ 6.0
IMPORTS	13,079	11,142	+1,937	+17.4
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	2,647 (25.6%)	2,263 (23.7%)	+ 383	+16.9
<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	MARCH 1978	MARCH 1977	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	2,860 (74.3%)	2,327 (75.3%)	+ 533	+22.9
IMPORTS	4,882	3,932	+ 950	+24.2
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	987 (25.7%)	763 (24.7%)	+ 224	+29.3

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<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>MARCH</u> 1978	<u>FEBRUARY</u> 1978	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	2,860 (74.3%)	2,125 (73.2%)	+ 734	+34.5
IMPORTS	4,882	3,910	+ 972	+24.9
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	987 (25.7%)	778 (26.8%)	+ 209	+26.9

<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	<u>APRIL 1977</u> TO <u>MARCH 1978</u>	<u>APRIL 1976</u> TO <u>MARCH 1977</u>	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	35,439	33,056	+2,383	+ 7.2
IMPORTS	50,638	44,717	+5,921	+13.2
RE-EXPORTS	10,213	9,079	+1,134	+12.5

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MARCH
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (A) AND (B) FOR LAST MONTH (MARCH) WERE BOTH 122, EACH DOWN BY ONE POINT COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECLINED BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I. (A) AND WAS UNCHANGED IN C.P.I. (B).

THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUITS FELL AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES FOR MOST VARIETIES OF LEAF VEGETABLES AND FOR APPLES, ORANGES AND BANANAS.

THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF PORK DROPPED DUE TO LOWER WHOLESALE PRICES FOR LIVE SWINE, AND THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF LIVE POULTRY ALSO FELL BECAUSE OF REDUCED DEMAND AFTER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

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HOWEVER, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH-WATER FISH ROSE DUE TO REDUCED SUPPLIES. THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF RICE ALSO ADVANCED FOLLOWING AN INCREASE IN ITS WHOLESALE PRICE.

PRICE OF MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME ALSO ROSE AFTER SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING-PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES. MOVEMENTS IN RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES FELL BY TWO POINTS IN C.P.I. (A) AND BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I. (B) AS FARES CHARGED BY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

LOWER PRICES FOR SOME ITEMS OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING CAUSED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR TO FALL BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B).

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES ALSO DECLINED BY ONE POINT EACH IN C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) FOLLOWING REDUCED CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING AFTER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ADVANCED BY THREE POINTS AND THAT FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR AMERICAN AND BRITISH CIGARETTES, CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINES AND JEWELLERY.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING ROSE BY ONE POINT EACH IN C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) OWING TO AN INCREASE IN THE RENT OF SOME PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

HIGHER PRICES FOR SUITCASE AND UMBRELLAS PUSHED THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS UP BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I. (B).

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE C.P.I. (A) IS BASED ON THE WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 - \$1,499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I. (B), BETWEEN \$1,500 - \$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973/74.

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THE SECTION INDEXES FOR MARCH 1978 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1977 ARE INDICATED BELOW :-

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>C.P.I. (A)</u>			<u>C.P.I. (B)</u>		
	<u>MAR. 78</u>	<u>FEB. 78</u>	<u>MAR. 77</u>	<u>MAR. 78</u>	<u>FEB. 78</u>	<u>MAR. 77</u>
FOODSTUFFS	119	120	113	120	120	114
HOUSING	128	127	123	127	126	121
FUEL AND LIGHT	135	135	135	134	134	134
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	140	137	131	136	133	128
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	101	102	99	100	101	99
DURABLE GOODS	112	112	108	110	109	106
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	130	128	124	127	125	121
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	119	121	114	123	124	119
SERVICES	135	136	128	136	137	128
ALL ITEMS	122	123	117	122	123	117

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI KOK TSUI, SAI YING PUN AND TIN WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED SEVERAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR TAI KOK TSUI, SAI YING PUN AND TIN WAN, WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON TUESDAY (APRIL 25).

FROM 10 A.M. ON THAT DAY, THE SOUTH BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI KOK TSUI ROAD BETWEEN ANCHOR STREET AND POK MAN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC ALONG THIS SECTION OF TAI KOK TSUI ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ANCHOR STREET, BEECH STREET AND CHERRY STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF BEECH STREET BETWEEN ANCHOR STREET AND CHERRY STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE WAY NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC TO TWO WAY, AND A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED AT THIS SECTION OF BEECH STREET.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS AT ANY TIME ON THIS ROAD.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING ARRANGEMENTS, KMB ROUTES 10, 12, 13D, 16, 18, 37, 44A AND 51 WILL BE TEMPORARILY DIVERTED TO OPERATE FROM TAI KOK TSUI BUS TERMINUS VIA POK MAN STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, CHERRY STREET, BEECH STREET AND ANCHOR STREET ON OUTWARD JOURNEYS.

KMB ROUTE 2E WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA ANCHOR STREET, BEECH STREET AND CHERRY STREET ON JOURNEYS TO KOWLOON CITY FERRY.

IN SAI YING PUN, CHUNG CHING STREET AND SAI YUEN LANE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON APRIL 25 FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIRS.

ON THE SAME DAY, IN TIN WAN, THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES FROM 10 A.M. TO FACILITATE WORK ON A NEW ROAD. IT WILL BE READY IN ABOUT MID-JUNE.

IN THE MEANTIME, VISITORS TO THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY ARE ASKED TO USE THE NEW STAIRCASE EAST OF THE CLOSED ACCESS ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN ALL THESE PLACES TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN TIN WAN ESTATE OFFICE
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THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS IN TIN WAN ESTATE OFFICE FOR RESIDENTS AND PERSONS LIVING NEARBY ON MAY 1 AND 2.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AND WARDS BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON THE TWO DAYS.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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