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OVERHAUL OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES ANNOUNCED

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THAT GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO SET UP A HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WAS AIMED AT MAXIMISING DEVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY, INCREASING FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE OF HOSPITAL RESOURCES, AND ENHANCING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE DELIVERY OF HOSPITAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL BE SET UP TO HANDLE ALL ASPECTS OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH WHICH NOW FALL WITHIN THE AMBIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MR CHAMBERS TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH A HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WAS MADE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CONSULTANTS COMMISSIONED TO REVIEW THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

"THE LONG TERM OBJECTIVE OF SETTING UP A HOSPITAL AUTHORITY IS TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENTLY ADMINISTERED HOSPITAL SYSTEM. IT WILL OVERSEE THE MEDICAL SERVICES IN GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

"THE AUTHORITY, BEING A STATUTORY BODY, WILL HAVE ITS MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND STATUS DEFINED BY LEGISLATION. IT WILL BE SERVICED BY A HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

A PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WILL BE SET UP ON APRIL 1, 1988 TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE FORMATION OF A STATUTORY AUTHORITY.

HE NOTED THAT THE PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY WILL BE CHAIRED BY A NON-CIVIL SERVANT TO ENHANCE ITS INDEPENDENT STATUS. "ABOUT 20 MEMBERS FROM THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, THE BUSINESS SECTOR, THE UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, SUBVENTED HOSPITALS AND OTHER RELATED ORGANISATIONS WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

"THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WILL DIRECT AND OVERSEE THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS THROUGH A SYSTEM OF REGIONAL COMMITTEES WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS IN THEIR REGIONS," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

THE TERRITORY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FIVE HOSPITAL REGIONS, NAMELY HONG KONG, KOWLOON EAST, KOWLOON WEST, NEW TERRITORIES EAST AND NEW TERRITORIES WEST. EACH REGION WILL BE SERVED BY A REGIONAL COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED UNDER THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY LEGISLATION.

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MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY; THEY WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AUTHORITY, HOSPITALS IN THE REGION, THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. EACH COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY A NON-CIVIL SERVANT APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

"THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES WILL ACT AS CO-ORDINATING AND SUPERVISORY BODIES AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL AND A LINK BETWEEN THE HOSPITAL MANagements AND THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY. IN EACH REGION, A LARGE ACUTE GENERAL HOSPITAL WOULD BE MADE THE BASE OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE.

"ONE SIGNIFICANT POINT IS THAT SUBVENTED HOSPITALS WILL HAVE DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS," MR CHAMBERS REMARKED.

HE STATED THAT COMPARABLE GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS WILL BE EQUAL IN STATUS AND FUNDED IN THE SAME WAY. "DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF SUBVENTED HOSPITALS DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS," HE SAID.

ON FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT THE AUTHORITY WOULD BE FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE AMOUNT WOULD BE DECIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE AUTHORITY'S PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR, ITS PAST PERFORMANCE, THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES, ITS OTHER INCOME, THE PREVAILING ECONOMIC SITUATION AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.

"DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN A MEMORANDUM OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE DRAWN UP AND AGREED BETWEEN THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND GOVERNMENT. THEY WILL INCLUDE MEASURES TO PROVIDE THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WITH INCENTIVES TO BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE IN THE PROVISION OF HOSPITAL SERVICES," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS THE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE FOR THE AUTHORITY TO BE INDEPENDENT OF GOVERNMENT AND TO EMPLOY ITS OWN STAFF ON ITS OWN TERMS OF SERVICE.

"INITIALLY HOWEVER THE STAFF OF THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS WILL REMAIN CIVIL SERVANTS. DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST FOR THE TIME BEING FOR STAFF WORKING IN GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS," HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS ADDED THAT THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WOULD BE CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF DEVISING NEW TERMS OF SERVICE, AS WELL AS CONSIDERING THE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM A MIXED STAFF SITUATION. "THE STAFF WILL CERTAINLY BE CONSULTED," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

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TO CONCLUDE, MR CHAMBERS REITERATED THREE POINTS: FIRST, THE REORGANISATION AIMS TO MAXIMISE DEVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY; SECOND, UNDER THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, SUBVENTED HOSPITALS WOULD HAVE DIRECT PARTICIPATION AND; LASTLY, SO FAR AS THE STAFF IS CONCERNED THERE WILL BE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION BEFORE ANY CHANGES IN CONDITIONS OF SERVICE ARE INTRODUCED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

ANNEX A - OVERALL ORGANISATION STRUCTURE FOR HOSPITAL SERVICES

ANNEX B - MAJOR TASKS OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

ANNEX C - MAIN FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ANNEX A WILL BE SENT BY THE FACSIMILE NETWORK LATER.

ANNEX B

MAJOR TASKS OF HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

- (A) TO DETERMINE, IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVES SET BY GOVERNMENT, THE RANGE OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED IN HOSPITALS;
- (B) TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF HOSPITAL SERVICES AND TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON THEIR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT;
- (C) TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS IN THE SYSTEM, TO ANALYSE THE CAUSES AND CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS AND THE EFFECT OF SUCH PROBLEMS, AND TO PRODUCE SOLUTIONS;
- (D) TO DETERMINE OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SETTING QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE TARGETS, AND ESTABLISHING PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO MONITOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVALUATE PERFORMANCE;
- (E) TO CO-ORDINATE THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL PLANS AND FORECASTS FOR HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNMENT;

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- (F) TO CO-ORDINATE, THROUGH REGIONAL COMMITTEES, THE ALLOCATION TO INDIVIDUAL HOSPITALS OF FUNDS VOTED BY THE LEGISLATURE;
- (G) TO SET THE LEVEL OF FEES AND CHARGES IN HOSPITALS; AND
- (H) TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON MEDICAL AND HEALTH MATTERS GENERALLY.

ANNEX C  
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MAIN FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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- (A) TO ACT AS THE HEALTH AUTHORITY IN HONG KONG; ITS FUNCTIONS WOULD INCLUDE PREVENTIVE HEALTH & OTHER HEALTH RELATED ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HEALTH EDUCATION, THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND THE PROVISION OF A SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM THROUGH THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES, ETC;
- (B) TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON ALL HEALTH RELATED MATTERS;
- (C) TO LIAISE ON HEALTH MATTERS WITH THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES;
- (D) TO ACT AS THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN IMPLEMENTING HEALTH LEGISLATION;
- (E) TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING AND PLANNING HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS TRAINING HEALTH PERSONNEL; AND
- (F) TO MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH INTERNATIONAL HEALTH BODIES SUCH AS THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

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DURABLE SOLUTION ON BOAT PEOPLE REQUIRED

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THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST NOW LOOK URGENTLY FOR AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OF TACKLING THE CONTINUING ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG OF ECONOMIC MIGRANTS FROM VIETNAM, MANY OF WHOM ARE NOT CONSIDERED BY RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES AS GENUINE REFUGEES.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR NIGEL FRENCH, AT THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES ANNUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN GENEVA.

MR FRENCH SAID HONG KONG STRONGLY FAVOURED ORDERLY DEPARTURES FROM VIETNAM UNDER THE EXISTING SCHEME.

"FOR AS LONG AS THE RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES ARE UNWILLING TO RESETTLE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ARRIVING IN PLACES OF FIRST ASYLUM, IT BECOMES EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK FOR OTHER DURABLE SOLUTIONS," HE SAID.

MR FRENCH POINTED OUT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS YEAR A FURTHER PROGRAMME FOR RESETTLING SOME 470 MORE REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG ON THE BASIS OF RELAXED FAMILY REUNION CRITERIA.

HE SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THIS FURTHER INITIATIVE COMBINED WITH HONG KONG'S OFFER OF FURTHER LOCAL RESETTLEMENT PLUS ITS PROVISION OF A RESCUE AT SEA RESETTLEMENT OFFER TRANSIT CENTRE IN HONG KONG WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHER COUNTRIES TO MAINTAIN OR EVEN INCREASE THEIR RESETTLEMENT OFFTAKE FROM HONG KONG.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THE RESPONSES SO FAR HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING AND, INDEED, THE GENERAL TREND OF DWINDLING RESETTLEMENT PLACES CONTINUED.

"WE CONTINUE TO FIND THAT MANY WE HAVE WILLINGLY ACCEPTED AS REFUGEES ARE LATER DETERMINED BY MOST RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES NOT TO BE RESETTLEABLE BECAUSE THEY DO NOT MEET THESE COUNTRIES' CRITERIA," HE ADDED.

MR FRENCH SAID THAT SO FAR IN 1987, MORE THAN 2,800 NEW ARRIVALS IN HONG KONG CAME FROM VIETNAM, REPRESENTING A 48 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, OF EVEN GREATER CONCERN WAS THE RATE OF RESETTLEMENT OFFTAKE WHICH HAD DECLINED DRAMATICALLY IN 1987.

"UP TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER ONLY SOME 1,756 REFUGEES HAD BEEN PERMANENTLY RESETTLED OVERSEAS OR IN HONG KONG AS COMPARED WITH 3,258 IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR; THAT IS A DROP OF NEARLY 50 PER CENT," HE SAID.

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NOTING THAT THERE WERE NO PROSPECTS OF A REDUCTION IN HONG KONG'S REFUGEE POPULATION EITHER THROUGH A SLOW-DOWN IN ARRIVALS OR IN ANY INCREASE IN RESETTLEMENT OFFTAKE, MR FRENCH SAID THIS SITUATION WAS GIVING RISE TO CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC DISQUIET AND A GROWING SENSE OF FRUSTRATION IN HONG KONG.

MR FRENCH SAID HONG KONG HAD ADHERED, AND CONTINUED TO ADHERE SCRUPULOUSLY, TO THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE 1979 GENEVA CONFERENCE AND HAD NEVER TURNED A VIETNAMESE BOAT AWAY FROM HONG KONG.

"WE HAVE OFFERED AID TO ALL THOSE WHO WANTED TO LAND IN HONG KONG AND HAVE RESETTLED IN HONG KONG MORE THAN 14,500 INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SINCE 1975, INCLUDING NEARLY 100 MORE THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

MR FRENCH SAID IT WAS AN HONOURABLE RECORD AND HONG KONG WAS JUSTLY PROUD OF IT. "BUT IF WE ARE TO CONVINCING PUBLIC OPINION IN HONG KONG THAT THIS CONTINUES TO BE THE RIGHT COURSE FOR US TO FOLLOW, WE NEED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY A CONCRETE DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THIS PROBLEM," HE SAID.

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AUGUST EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS PUBLISHED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN AUGUST 1987, AT \$66,639 MILLION, GREW BY 36 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986, ACCORDING TO THE AUGUST TRADE VALUE STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 25 PER CENT TO \$18,556 MILLION IN AUGUST 1987 WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 52 PER CENT TO \$16,149 MILLION, BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1987 TO \$34,706 MILLION, WHICH WAS 36 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN AUGUST 1986.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 36 PER CENT TO \$31,933 MILLION IN AUGUST 1987.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BETWEEN AUGUST 1986 AND AUGUST 1987. SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO FRANCE (+58 PER CENT), JAPAN (+55 PER CENT), CHINA (+50 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+33 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+30 PER CENT).

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ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM SINGAPORE (+59 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+49 PER CENT), CHINA (+43 PER CENT), ITALY (+40 PER CENT) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+38 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 139 PER CENT, 92 PER CENT, 79 PER CENT, 71 PER CENT AND 67 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO AUGUST 1987, AT \$473,255 MILLION, INCREASED BY 39 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT TO \$123,296 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 52 PER CENT TO \$112,574 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 40 PER CENT TO \$235,871 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 39 PER CENT TO \$237,384 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST OF 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS. THE MARKETS WITH THE FASTEST GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED JAPAN (+68 PER CENT), CHINA (+64 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+53 PER CENT), FRANCE (+46 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+40 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, THE U.S.A., GREW BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO AUGUST 1987 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+61 PER CENT), CHINA (+48 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+46 PER CENT), ITALY (+43 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (+36 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TAIWAN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 107 PER CENT, 102 PER CENT, 61 PER CENT, 60 PER CENT AND 60 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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 AUGUST 1987 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1987.

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

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COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS. THE MORE NOTABLE ONES INCLUDE CLOTHING (BY \$9,352 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$3,757 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$3,661 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,792 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$53 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$30 MILLION OR 29 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 AUGUST 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$10,445 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$7,487 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$5,347 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$4,906 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$83 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT); AS WELL AS CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS (BY \$78 MILLION OR SIX 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 AUGUST 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$6,084 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$4,618 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$4,030 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$3,724 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$332 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT); AS WELL AS COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$139 MILLION OR 24 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 AUGUST 1987 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND OCTOBER 20, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1987 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1987 AT \$15 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 TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 87 OVER JAN-AUG 86 (%)	AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	AUG 87 OVER AUG 86 (%)
U.S.A.	46,798	+ 17	7,160	+ 15
CHINA	17,284	+ 64	2,413	+ 50
F.R. OF GERMANY	9,477	+ 40	1,458	+ 33
U.K.	7,883	+ 28	1,207	+ 23
JAPAN	5,882	+ 68	948	+ 55
CANADA	3,649	+ 14	566	+ 12
NETHERLANDS	2,572	+ 53	375	+ 25
SINGAPORE	2,339	+ 34	344	+ 30
FRANCE	2,332	+ 46	372	+ 58
AUSTRALIA	2,287	+ 9	363	+ 10

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 87 OVER JAN-AUG 86 (%)	AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	AUG 87 OVER AUG 86 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	41,581	+ 29	6,654	+ 30
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	19,303	+ 23	3,033	+ 14
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	10,155	+ 59	1,348	+ 39
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	9,541	+ 19	1,419	+ 19
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	9,457	+ 42	1,299	+ 12
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	9,257	+ 33	1,298	+ 21

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 87 OVER JAN-AUG 86 (%)	AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	AUG 87 OVER AUG 86 (%)
CHINA	72,766	+ 48	10,381	+ 43
JAPAN	45,912	+ 29	5,586	+ 22
TAIWAN	21,154	+ 46	3,032	+ 49
U.S.A.	19,804	+ 36	2,629	+ 32

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REPUBLIC OF KOREA	10,607	+ 61	1,279	+ 38
SINGAPORE	9,102	+ 31	1,354	+ 59
U.K.	7,541	+ 26	1,032	+ 27
F.R. OF GERMANY	6,427	+ 26	871	+ 19
SWITZERLAND	4,436	+ 32	503	+ 22
ITALY	4,024	+ 43	659	+ 40

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 87 OVER JAN-AUG 86 (%)	AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	AUG 87 OVER AUG 86 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	37,055	+ 39	4,812	+ 40
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	22,035	+ 51	3,023	+ 40
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	16,761	+ 41	2,502	+ 28
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	13,319	+ 67	1,775	+ 45
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	13,014	+ 47	1,986	+ 46
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	12,843	+ 25	1,564	+ 20

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TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 87 OVER JAN-AUG 86 (%)	AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	AUG 87 OVER AUG 86 (%)
CHINA	36,500	+ 49	5,139	+ 54
U.S.A.	20,858	+ 55	2,930	+ 28
TAIWAN	6,010	+ 60	837	+ 71
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	5,836	+ 60	755	+ 67
JAPAN	5,467	+ 43	766	+ 53
SINGAPORE	4,080	+ 20	559	+ 16
F.R. OF GERMANY	3,206	+107	565	+139
U.K.	2,678	+102	483	+ 79
MACAU	2,179	+ 29	278	+ 45
AUSTRALIA	1,722	+ 61	279	+ 92

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TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 87 OVER JAN-AUG 86 (%)	AUG 1987 (HKD MN.)	AUG 87 OVER AUG 86 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	18,192	+ 50	2,447	+ 51
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	12,147	+ 50	1,566	+ 5
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	10,641	+ 77	1,908	+ 69
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	9,626	+ 63	1,400	+ 71
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	6,988	+ 93	1,128	+ 98
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	5,263	+ 50	637	+ 27

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DECISION NEXT YEAR ON NEW SHAM SHUI PO MARKET

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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS LIKELY TO DECIDE EARLY NEXT YEAR ON THE TYPE OF MARKET BUILDING WHICH WILL REPLACE THE 81-YEAR-OLD ONE AT PEI HO STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE END OF A VISIT TO THE DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSIONS IN THE COUNCIL ON THE TYPE OF FACILITIES WHICH THE NEW MARKET BUILDING WOULD PROVIDE.

THE PROBLEM INVOLVED WAS WHETHER IT SHOULD JUST BE A MARKET, OR WHETHER IT SHOULD HAVE SOME OTHER FACILITIES, AND THAT WAS CONNECTED WITH THE QUESTION OF THE SIZE OF THE MARKETING AREA, HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THERE WERE SUGGESTIONS THAT THERE SHOULD BE A LARGER AREA FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL STALL TO MAKE IT MORE ATTRACTIVE TO HAWKERS.

"I HOPE THE URBAN COUNCIL WOULD MAKE A DECISION EARLY NEXT YEAR AND THEN IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GET ON WITH BUILDING A NEW MARKET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE POLICE SHOULD STEP UP THEIR SUPPORT TO THE URBAN COUNCIL IN DEALING WITH THE HAWKING PROBLEM, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WERE TWO ELEMENTS IN TACKLING THE PROBLEM.

"ONE IS THE GENERAL POLICY WHICH THE URBAN COUNCIL HAD JUST HAD A WORKING GROUP ON, AND THAT HAS REPORTED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT OF HAWKING POLICY.

"THE SECOND SIDE IS ENFORCEMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS A WORKING GROUP ON THAT TO SAY HOW ENFORCEMENT COULD BE IMPROVED."

NOTING THAT THE TWO REALLY HAD TO GO HAND-IN-HAND, SIR DAVID SAID "YOU COULD ONLY HAVE EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT IF YOU HAVE ALSO GOT A POLICY WHICH DEALS WITH THE QUESTION OF PROVIDING NEW MARKETS AND PROVIDING A VIABLE SORT OF MARKET IN WHICH THE HAWKERS CAN OPERATE."

SIR DAVID ADDED HOWEVER THAT THERE WAS ALSO THE PROBLEM FOR THE POLICE ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES THEY SHOULD PUT INTO THE PROBLEM.

"AND WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU TAKE POLICE RESOURCES AWAY FROM OTHER ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF CRIME. SO THIS IS A QUESTION FOR THE POLICE OF WHERE SHOULD THEY BEST DEPLOY THEIR RESOURCES.

"THAT'S WHY THERE IS A WORKING PARTY LOOKING PRECISELY AT THAT QUESTION," HE NOTED.

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REFERRING TO HIS VISIT TO SMALL FACTORIES AT THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL CENTRE, SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG DEPENDED VERY LARGELY ON SMALL FACTORIES, AS ABOUT HALF OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WORKED IN FACTORIES OF LESS THAN 50 PEOPLE.

"AND THIS PROVIDES HONG KONG WITH THE FLEXIBILITY WHICH MAKES US SO SUCCESSFUL IN OUR EXPORT.

"AS I SAID IN MY LEGCO SPEECH, IT IS SUCCESS IN EXPORT AND SUCCESS IN THE ECONOMY WHICH ENABLES US TO DO OTHER THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO DO TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR TOURS BUSTLING SHAM SHUI PO  
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THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON SPENT AN AFTERNOON IN SHAM SHUI PO TODAY (FRIDAY ) TO SEE VARIOUS TRADING AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GREGORY LEUNG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN CHENG PO-HONG, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WALKED ALONG PEI HO STREET TO HAVE A LOOK AT SHAM SHUI PO MARKET AND THE HAWKER SITUATION IN THE AREA.

THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR T.K. CHOY, ON THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF SHAM SHUI PO MARKET, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE HAWKERS WITH A PERMANENT TRADING PLACE.

THE PARTY THEN WALKED ACROSS THE NAM CHEONG STREET AMENITY AREA, WHICH WAS REDEVELOPED AFTER CLEARANCE OF THE NULLAH DECKING.

THE NULLAH DECKING, OCCUPIED BY 221 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES FOR ABOUT 25 YEARS, WAS CLEARED IN JULY LAST YEAR FOR REDEVELOPMENT.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED ALONG KI LUNG STREET WHERE PIECEGOODS SHOPS ARE CONCENTRATED. SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON VISITED ONE OF THE SHOPS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRADE BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL CENTRE IN LAI CHI KOK.

AT THE CENTRE, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY OF THE BUILDING, MR KWONG CHUN, BRIEFED THE GOVERNOR ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CENTRE. THE PARTY LATER VISITED A PORCELAIN FACTORY AND AN ELECTRONIC WATCH FACTORY IN THE BUILDING.

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SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON THEN VISITED CHEUNG SHA WAN VEGETABLE WHOLESALE MARKET AT LAI CHI KOK ROAD. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR K.S. YIP, BRIEFED THEM ON MARKET OPERATIONS.

AT THE END OF THE TOUR, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON ATTENDED A TEA PARTY IN CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE AND MET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, AND OTHER LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

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#### ZONING PLAN BOUNDARIES AMENDED

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AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS FOR SHEK KIP MEI, YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK AND CHEUNG SHA WAN WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

A BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID A MAJOR AMENDMENT COMMON TO ALL FOUR PLANS WAS THE ADJUSTMENT OF PLAN BOUNDARIES TO ACCORD WITH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BOUNDARIES.

ONE AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT SHEK KIP MEI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS THE REZONING OF YAU YAT TSUEN AREA FROM 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)' TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)'.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HEIGHT OF ANY NEW BUILDING(S), AND ANY ADDITION, ALTERATION AND/OR MODIFICATION TO EXISTING BUILDING(S) IN THE AREA SHOULD NOT EXCEED 10.67 METRES AND THERE WAS A MAXIMUM SITE COVERAGE OF 55 PER CENT.

MINOR RELAXATION OF THE RESTRICTIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON INDIVIDUAL MERITS OF THE DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

"THESE CONTROLS ARE INTENDED TO MAINTAIN THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA AS A LOW RISE 'GARDEN SUBURB' WHERE FEW NON-RESIDENTIAL USES WILL BE ALLOWED," HE SAID.

THE NEXT MAJOR AMENDMENT INVOLVES REZONING OF TWO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)' SITES AT TAT CHEE AVENUE ALONG THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY LINE TO 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' USES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE SPECIAL PURPOSE BUILDING.

IN EXCHANGE, TWO 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' SITES IMMEDIATELY TO THE NORTH OF YAU YAT TSUEN HAVE BEEN REZONED TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)'.

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THE MAJOR AMENDMENT TO THE OTHER THREE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS IS REZONING OF SITES WEST OF NATHAN ROAD FROM 'COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL' AND 'RESIDENTIAL' TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)'. .

ALSO, SITES ALONG JORDAN ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD ARE EITHER REZONED OR RETAINED AS 'COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL'.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT A WIDE VARIETY OF COMMERCIAL USES ARE PERMITTED AS OF RIGHT IN THE LOWER THREE FLOORS, INCLUDING THE BASEMENT OF BUILDINGS ZONED 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)'.

HE SAID COMMERCIAL USES ON ANY OTHER FLOORS IN THESE BUILDINGS WOULD REQUIRE PLANNING PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

A NUMBER OF MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE FOUR DRAFT PLANS WERE ALSO ANNOUNCED, DETAILS OF WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT HIS WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BY OCTOBER 30 FOR SHEK KIP MEI AND CHEUNG SHA WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLANS, AND DECEMBER 9 FOR THE YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLANS.

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INCREASED GOVT HOUSING COMMITMENT IN LONG TERM  
HOUSING STRATEGY AND HOUSING AUTHORITY RE-ORGANISATION

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THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY AND THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY NOT ONLY AFFIRM THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TOWARDS HOUSING BUT ALSO SHOW ITS INTENTION TO INCREASE THIS COMMITMENT, THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR THOMAS CHAN, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT A LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND LUNCHEON MEETING, MR CHAN SAID THE NEW HOUSING STRATEGY WOULD PROVIDE MORE OPTIONS FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HOUSING IN THE FORM OF THE HOME PURCHASE LOAN SCHEME (HPLS) AND THE PRODUCTION OF MORE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME (HOS) AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME (PSPS) FLATS.

IN ADDITION TO THIS, HE SAID, THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF MORE THAN 100 000 FAMILIES WOULD BE IMPROVED BY EXTENDING THE EXISTING REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

"FURTHERMORE, UNDER THE NEW STRATEGY, THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO SATISFY ALL HOUSING DEMANDS BY THE YEAR 2001," HE ADDED.

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MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WAS TO MORE EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT THE NEW HOUSING STRATEGY.

"SPEAKING FROM THIS POINT ALONE, THE RE-ORGANISATION IS ALREADY A CONFIRMATION OF THE INCREASED COMMITMENT, " HE ADDED.

THE REVAMPED HOUSING AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD HAVE GREATER INDEPENDENCE, HE SAID, WOULD NOT BE COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

CHANGES IN MAJOR POLICIES WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL BEFORE THEY COULD BE IMPLEMENTED, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LAND TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND SUBSIDISE THE AUTHORITY FINANCIALLY UNTIL IT WAS ABLE TO BECOME SELF-INDEPENDENT.

"IN FUTURE, IF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FACED ANY FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, THE GOVERNMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIES SO THAT THE TARGET OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL FAMILIES CAN BE ACHIEVED," MR CHAN ADDED.

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#### AIDS VIDEOS SCREENED AT PROMENADE

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AN OPENING CEREMONY FOR A VIDEO RELAY OF THREE RECENTLY PRODUCED TELEVISION PROGRAMMES ON THE DISEASE AIDS WAS HELD AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING. THE THREE SEGMENTS WERE THEN SHOWN CONTINUOUSLY TO THE PUBLIC.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE SCREENING SESSION LASTED TWO AND A HALF HOURS.

A VIDEO WALL WAS ASSEMBLED ON THE ISD MOBILE STREET THEATRE, AND THE THREE EPISODES WERE PLAYED VIRTUALLY NON-STOP TO VIEWERS ON THE PROMENADE.

THE FIVE-MINUTE PROGRAMMES WERE PRODUCED BY RTHK, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ISD, TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME).

THE EPISODES CENTRED ON MAJOR AREAS OF PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT AIDS, INCLUDING THE VIRUS ITSELF, MODES OF TRANSMISSION AND PREVENTION.

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THE FIRST EPISODE HAD ALREADY APPEARED ON TELEVISION, BUT THE OTHER TWO WERE BEING SCREENED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, ISD CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, MR GEORGE YUEN, SAID, "THE PURPOSE OF FILMING THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES IS TO STIMULATE CONCERN AND AWARENESS ABOUT THE DISEASE."

AIDS HAD EMERGED AS A WORLD-WIDE MENACE, AND IT WOULD BE HERE TO STAY UNTIL A MEDICALLY PROVEN VACCINE COULD BE FOUND. MR YUEN COMMENTED THAT TO DATE THE BEST WAY TO COMBAT THE PROBLEM WOULD BE THROUGH THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.

"THOUGH HONG KONG HAS BEEN FORTUNATE SO FAR IN THAT THE NUMBER OF INFECTED PERSONS IS STILL INSIGNIFICANT WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTRIES, THERE IS, NEVERTHELESS, AN URGENT NEED TO SPREAD EDUCATIONAL MESSAGES, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISEASE AND BE LESS VULNERABLE. IGNORANCE CAN KILL," HE SAID.

ON THE PUBLICITY FRONT, THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO PRODUCED VARIOUS KINDS OF SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS, SUCH AS POSTERS, INFORMATION LEAFLETS, CINEMA AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS, AND TV ANNOUNCEMENTS IN PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PART OF AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO COMBAT AIDS.

OPEN-AIR SCREENINGS WILL BE HELD AT SHATIN CITY PLAZA AND AT EDINBURGH PLACE ON OCTOBER 10 AND 12 RESPECTIVELY.

GUESTS ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, MR WILFRED TSUI; SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR PATRICK LI; AND SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER, DR NGAN CHUNG MING.

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#### TRADE ORDER ON MOBILE RADIO PHONES

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A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (STRATEGIC COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER 1987, WHICH WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), WOULD COME INTO OPERATION ON OCTOBER 19, 1987.

THE EFFECT OF THE ORDER IS TO REMOVE MOBILE RADIO TELEPHONES WITH SPECIFIED TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS FROM IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENT UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (STRATEGIC COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 60, OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG.

THE DEPARTMENT IS INFORMING THE TRADE, BY CIRCULAR LETTER, OF DETAILS OF THE ORDER. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE TRADE LICENSING (NON-TEXTILES) SECTION, TRADE DEPARTMENT, OCEAN CENTRE, 13TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON (TELEPHONE NUMBERS 3-7222437, 3-7222520 OR 3-7222521).

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SITES MUST HAVE SAFETY OFFICERS

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THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE COMPULSORY EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION ON DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS) REGULATIONS 1986, A PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR OR A SPECIALIST CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO EMPLOY ONE REGISTERED SAFETY OFFICER FULL-TIME IF HE EMPLOYS 200 OR MORE PEOPLE ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE OR SITES, AND TO EMPLOY ONE SAFETY SUPERVISOR ON EACH CONSTRUCTION SITE ON WHICH HE EMPLOYS 20 OR MORE WORKERS.

A PROPRIETOR WHO FAILS TO EMPLOY A SAFETY OFFICER IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$20,000.

MEANWHILE, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN 290 APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS SAFETY OFFICERS IN THE PAST 10 MONTHS.

OF THE TOTAL, 192 APPLICATIONS WERE APPROVED AND 12 WERE REFUSED. THE REST ARE BEING PROCESSED.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CALLED ON THOSE WHO INTEND TO REGISTER WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AS SAFETY OFFICERS TO OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OR TO TELEPHONE 5-8524064 FOR ENQUIRIES.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES INVITE APPLICATION FOR SHORT COURSES

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THE EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ARE NOW INVITING WORKING PEOPLE WHO INTEND TO UPDATE THEIR SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE TO APPLY FOR ENTRY INTO 117 SHORT COURSES.

THESE SHORT COURSES SCHEDULED IN THE 1987/88 ACADEMIC YEAR COVER A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS IN THE AREAS OF HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, MARINE ENGINEERING AND FABRICATION, DESIGN, COMPUTING STUDIES AND MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING.

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THE COURSES WILL BE OFFERED AT THE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG, LEE WAI LEE, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN AND THE NEWLY OPENED CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

MOST OF THE COURSES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR TO MARCH NEXT YEAR AND THE DURATION OF THE COURSES VARIES FROM EIGHT TO 60 HOURS.

CLASSES WILL NORMALLY BE HELD IN THE EVENING FROM 7 P.M. TO 9 P.M. WITH A FEW CONDUCTED DURING DAYTIME.

DETAILS OF THESE COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN TOMORROW'S (SATURDAY) NEWSPAPERS. APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDE TO APPLICANTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY OF THE EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 24 (SATURDAY), 1987.

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STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S EFFORT IN ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO CARE FOR SOCIETY AND TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HAS LED TO A GREAT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS TAKING PART IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF "RED CROSS SPIRIT" TEACHING KITS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS, MR LI SAID PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WERE ALSO PAYING MUCH ATTENTION TO MORAL AND CIVIC EDUCATION.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE HONG KONG RED CROSS HAD SPARED NO EFFORT IN FOSTERING CIVIC AWARENESS AND THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, WITH THE RESULT THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CADET UNITS AND JUNIOR LINKS HAD CONTINUED TO GROW.

"YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING IN FIRST-AID, NURSING, PARADE AND LEADERSHIP CAN PUT WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT INTO PRACTICE AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY," MR LI SAID.

"THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES THEY CAN ALSO BUILD UP THEIR OWN SENSE OF VALUES, LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE AND LIVE WITH OTHERS, AND OBTAIN SOCIAL EXPERIENCES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. THIS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE LARGELY AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS."

PRAISING THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS FOR ITS WORK IN PROMOTING THE CONCEPTS OF MUTUAL RESPECT, EQUALITY, SOLIDARITY, SERVICE AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION, MR LI SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE SUCCESS OF OUR SOCIETY WOULD DEPEND VERY MUCH ON GOOD HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS, MUTUAL RESPECT AND CO-OPERATION.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAD ALREADY RECEIVED TEACHING KITS TWO YEARS AGO AND THEY HAD PROVED TO BE POPULAR AMONG ALL SCHOOLS.

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NT FENCING COMPETITION ON SUNDAY

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THE SECOND NEW TERRITORIES FENCING COMPETITION, WHICH HAS ATTRACTED MORE THAN 30 COMPETITORS, WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 11) IN THE TUEN MUN YAN OI TONG SPORTS CENTRE.

THERE WILL BE A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING, AS WELL AS A PRESENTATION OF PENNANTS.

ATTENDING THE OPENING WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU WONG-FAT; ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDWARD YAU; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR G. H. COX; DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER, MR JIMMY CHOW; CHAIRMAN OF YAN OI TONG, MR WONG SHUE; PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION, MR POON YIP-KIU; AND SOCIAL WORK OFFICER OF THE CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE TUEN MUN GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE, MR YAU CHUN-SHAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SECOND NEW TERRITORIES FENCING COMPETITION IN THE TUEN MUN YAN OI TONG SPORTS CENTRE AT 10 A.M. ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 11).

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ABERDEEN, HUNG HOM TRAFFIC CHANGES

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 12), VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT FROM TUNG SING ROAD INTO LOK YEUNG STREET IN ABERDEEN, WHILE WESTBOUND VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD INTO CHENGTU ROAD.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING TO ABERDEEN CENTRE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND CHENGTU ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, LOK YEUNG STREET BETWEEN TUNG SING ROAD AND CHENGTU ROAD, AND TUNG SING ROAD BETWEEN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND LOK YEUNG STREET, WILL BE DESIGNATED DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES, ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

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

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THESE MEASURES WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

MEANWHILE, IN KOWLOON, THE LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM ON WAN ROAD IN HUNG HOM TO CHEONG WAN ROAD FLYOVER NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 12) TO THURSDAY (OCTOBER 15) FOR FLYOVER CONSTRUCTION.

MOTORISTS ON CHEONG WAN ROAD EASTBOUND OUTSIDE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC HEADING FOR GILLIES AVENUE ARE ADVISED TO USE CHEONG WAN ROAD, HONG TAI PATH, HONG CHONG ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, WUHU UNDERPASS AND GILLIES AVENUE.

VEHICLES AT THE KOWLOON KCR STATION PODIUM LEVEL HEADING FOR GILLIES AVENUE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEONG WAN ROAD WESTBOUND, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, WUHU UNDERPASS AND GILLIES AVENUE.

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#### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS TO PERFORM

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CHILDREN'S CHOIRS FROM THREE DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL GIVE A JOINT CONCERT IN ABERDEEN SQUARE ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 11) AS ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHILDREN ARTS CARNIVAL.

THE THREE CHOIRS - FROM SOUTHERN, EASTERN, AND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS - WILL EACH PERFORM A SELECTION OF SONGS OF THEIR OWN CHOICE.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL PERFORM POPULAR FOLK MUSIC NUMBERS AND JEWISH FOLK SONGS. THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL ENTERTAIN THE AUDIENCE WITH A SELECTION OF CHILDREN'S SONGS WHILE THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL SING CHINESE AND EUROPEAN FOLK SONGS.

THE JOINT CONCERT WILL START AT 2.30 PM AT THE OPEN SPACE IN ABERDEEN SQUARE. ADMISSION IS FREE.

BEFORE THE CONCERT BEGINS, A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TO AWARD PRIZES TO WINNERS OF A RECENT DRAWING COMPETITION HELD AT LAST SUNDAY'S CHILDREN CARNIVAL - ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE CHILDREN ARTS CARNIVAL WHICH ATTRACTED MORE THAN 2,000 CHILDREN.

FROM A TOTAL OF OVER 300 ENTRIES, THREE WINNING AND 10 OUTSTANDING ENTRIES HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR SECTIONS.

THE WINNING ENTRIES, WHICH DEPICT THE YOUNG ARTISTS' IMPRESSIONS OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT, WILL BE EXHIBITED IN THE SQUARE.

THE WEEK-LONG SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHILDREN ARTS CARNIVAL HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE MUSIC OFFICE TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN ART. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

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INVITATION FOR SEMINAR ON ELDERLY WELFARE

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COMMUNITY-MINDED RESIDENTS OF 16 YEARS OLD OR ABOVE ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR ON ELDERLY WELFARE TO BE HELD IN THE LECTURE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL AT 2 PM ON OCTOBER 18 (SUNDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY UNDER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE SEMINAR WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR SESSIONS: THREE-GENERATION RELATIONSHIPS; DIET FOR THE ELDERLY; MEDICAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY; AND RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE ELDERLY.

A TOTAL OF 150 APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST SERVE BASIS. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES AFTER ATTENDING THE SEMINAR.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SHA TIN. ENTRIES ARE FREE.

SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM AND DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MRS LESLIE HUNG; WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FUNCTION.

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HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION IN WONG TAI SIN

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RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN ARE INVITED TO VISIT A HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 11) IT WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHUK YUEN SHOPPING ARCADE.

THE EXHIBITION, STAGED BY THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AS PART OF A SERIES OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS AT A DIFFERENT HOUSING ESTATE EVERY SUNDAY, WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

THE EXHIBITION ILLUSTRATES POTENTIAL DANGERS IN THE HOME ENVIRONMENT AND SHOWS HOW CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, DRUGS, SHARP OBJECTS, WINDOWS AND BALCONIES.

THE SIMPLE ADVICE IS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE SAFETY MEASURES, SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN AT HOME AND PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE ELDERLY WHO ARE EQUALLY ACCIDENT-PRONE.

HOME SAFETY BOOKLETS CONTAINING USEFUL HINTS ON HOME SAFETY AND ADVICE ON FIRST-AID WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE.

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EASTERN COMMUNITY SURVEY COMPLETED

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AN INDEPENDENT RESEARCH COMPANY, COMMISSIONED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO STUDY THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, HAS COMPLETED ITS SURVEY.

DETAILS AND FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 12) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR ERIC LI, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING (SURVEY) WORKING GROUP, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES (HK) LTD, MR RAYMOND LIANG, WILL SPEAK AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT 3.30 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 12) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SHELLEY STREET

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SHELLEY STREET IN CENTRAL, BETWEEN ELGIN STREET AND STAUNTON STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 12) FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS FOR TRENCH WORK.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA OLD BAILEY STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PARKING METERS ON THAT SECTION OF SHELLEY STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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