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2ND QUARTER EXPORTS FIGURES BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN RELEASED

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THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 ARE TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SHOWED.

TOGETHER THEY ACCOUNTED FOR 84 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE EXPORTS DURING THE PERIOD.

THEY WERE ALSO INDUSTRIES THAT RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASES IN ABSOLUTE VALUE OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 - TEXTILES (+$3,043 MILLION), ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+$2,305 MILLION), WEARING APPAREL (+$2,156 MILLION), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (+$659 MILLION), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (+$592 MILLION) AND BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (+$455 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 WERE LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (+65 PER CENT), CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+50 PER CENT), NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (+48 PER CENT), TEXTILES (+42 PER CENT) AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+39 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, A DRASTIC DECREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VALUE COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 WAS RECORDED IN THE TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY (-$46 MILLION OR -61 PER CENT).

BESIDES THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ORIGINATING FROM AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 (+76 PER CENT), WHILE THOSE FROM OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING WENT UP BY 38 PER CENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VALUE OF MINING AND QUARRYING SECTOR DECLINED BY 35 PER CENT.

/THESE FIGURES .....

THESE FIGURES ARE SOME OF THE STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987. THIS SERIES IS DERIVED BY REGROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (I.S.I.C.), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (S.I.T.C.) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

WHEN REFERRING TO THESE RE-CLASSIFIED FIGURES, SOME CAUTION IS NECESSARY. CERTAIN MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES FOR THEIR PRODUCTION. IN SUCH CASES, THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH AN ITEM IS FINALLY PRODUCED IS NOT REALLY THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE VALUE. NEVERTHELESS, STATISTICALLY, THE OVERALL VALUE OF THE ITEM IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THAT INDUSTRY.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF A MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEM TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE VALUE OF THE ITEM IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES.

FURTHER DETAILS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234832.A TABLE ON THESE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, JUNE 1987".

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Value of domestic exports for merchandise, reclassified by industrial origin for the second quarter of 1987

(HK$ '000)

Industrial origin of the commodities exported	Merchandise domestic exports			
	2nd qtr. 1987	2nd qtr. 1986	Value change	% change
Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing				
Agricultural, livestock and poultry production	2,318	1,314	1,004	76
Ocean and coastal fishing	151,690	109,626	42,064	38
Mining and Quarrying	1,541	2,363	-822	-35
Manufacturing				
Food	331,984	320,078	11,906	4
Beverages	75,678	68,212	7,466	11
Tobacco	216,702	171,707	44,995	26
Textiles (including knitting)	10,300,731	7,258,138	3,042,593	42
Wearing apparel, except footwear and knitwear	9,633,829	7,477,749	2,156,080	29
Leather and leather products	168,884	102,500	66,384	65
Footwear	273,413	212,150	61,263	29
Wood and cork products, furniture and fixtures	216,012	190,596	25,416	13
Paper and paper products, printing and publishing	998,088	718,184	279,904	39
Chemicals and chemical products	580,177	385,888	194,289	50
Rubber products	43,843	33,588	10,255	31
Plastic products	3,554,396	2,962,206	592,190	20
Non-metallic mineral products	149,294	125,815	23,479	19
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	2,038,809	1,584,146	454,663	29
Machinery, except electrical	956,634	644,910	311,724	48
Electrical and electronic products	10,284,577	7,979,727	2,304,850	29
Transport equipment	30,215	76,618	-46,403	-61
Professional and optical equipment	3,878,138	3,218,720	659,418	20
Other manufacturing industries	3,234,317	2,462,014	772,303	31
Electricity	128,125	106,305	21,820	21
Miscellaneous items				
(e.g. developed photographic plates and film, antiques, and works of art)	14,988	15,187	-199	-1
Total	47,264,381	36,227,740	11,036,641	30

Individual entries of a column may not add up exactly to the corresponding total due to rounding.

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August 1987

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BILL TO PROVIDE TAXATION RELIEF TO BE PUBLISHED

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE NEW BILL ON TIME APPORTIONMENT TO BE GAZETTED THIS FRIDAY "HAD SUFFICIENTLY MET THE SPIRIT OF WHAT HE HAD IN MIND."

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE INLAND REVENUE BOARD OF REVIEW, MR JACOBS NOTED THAT HE HAD PUT FORWARD A PROPOSAL IN RELATION TO TIME APPORTIONMENT WHEN HE MADE THE BUDGET SPEECH LAST FEBRUARY.

"I HAVE TO SAY THAT THE AMENDMENT DOES NOT GO AS FAR AS MY ORIGINAL PROPOSAL. NEVERTHELESS, I THINK THAT WHAT WE HAVE DONE DOES SUFFICIENTLY MEET THE SPIRIT OF WHAT I HAD IN MIND," HE SAID.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY RECALLED THAT IN THE BUDGET SPEECH, HE INDICATED THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR SOME TIDYING UP OR CLARIFICATION IN RELATION TO TIME APPORTIONMENT CASES. THESE CASES HAD TAKEN UP A GREAT DEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE TIME, AND NO DOUBT TIME OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT AFTER HE MADE HIS BUDGET SPEECH, AN IMPORTANT HIGH COURT DECISION ON A SALARIES TAX CASE (KNOWN AS THE GOEPFERT CASE) CONCERNING TIME APPORTIONMENT WAS MADE.

"WE FELT AND STILL FEEL THAT THAT DECISION, COUPLED WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE WILL ISSUE SHORTLY, HAS SUFFICIENTLY CLARIFIED THE POSITION IN TIME APPORTIONMENT CASES, AND THAT IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES MY ORIGINAL PROPOSAL MIGHT WELL NOT BE NEEDED.

"FURTHERMORE, THE NEW AMENDMENT THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY WILL GIVE THAT MEASURE OF RELIEF AGAINST DOUBLE TAXATION WHICH I PROMISED," HE ADDED.

COMMENTING ON THE WORK OF THE INLAND REVENUE BOARD OF REVIEW, MR JACOBS SAID THAT THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS ESSENTIAL TO ITS SUCCESS.

"IT ENSURES THE BOARD'S IMPARTIALITY AND IT ENABLES APPEAL CASES, WHICH ARE OFTEN COMPLEX, TO BE HEARD BY MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHO HAVE A FAIR AND OPEN MIND, AND A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF HONG KONG TAX LAW, AS WELL AS AN UNDERSTANDING OF OUR SOCIETY," HE CONTINUED.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ALSO NOTED THAT HE WAS AWARE THAT THE NUMBER OF TAX APPEALS MIGHT INCREASE AND HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE BOARD WOULD BE FULLY STRETCHED.

/LAST YEAR .....

LAST YEAR THE BOARD DECIDED ON 148 APPEALS, THE MAJORITY BEING FOR SALARIES AND PROPERTY TAX CASES. THE BOARD WHICH HAS ABOUT 100 STATUTORY MEMBERS, HAS A CHAIRMAN AND SIX DEPUTY CHAIRMEN AND HAS AN AVERAGE OF ONE SITTING PER DAY TO HEAR APPEALS.

IN VIEW OF THIS, THE ADMINISTRATION WAS DISCUSSING WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE NEED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DEPUTY CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS SO THAT THE BOARD MIGHT CONTINUE TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY, HE SAID.

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FS VISITS ELECTRONICS COMPANY

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DESIGN CENTRE WHICH WAS SET UP IN AUGUST LAST YEAR BY AN ELECTRONICS COMPANY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, MR JACOBS VISITED THE MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTORS HONG KONG LTD. AS PART OF A FAMILIARISATION FACTORY VISIT PROGRAMME.

AFTER A DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OUTLOOK OF THE COMPANY WITH ITS VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER (ASIA PACIFIC),MR C.D. TAM, MR JACOBS TOURED THE PLANT TO SEE THE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DESIGN CENTRE; TESTING OPERATIONS; AND AUTO-ASSEMBLY PREPARING STAGE.

THE DESIGN CENTRE REPRESENTS A MAJOR EXPANSION PLAN OF THE COMPANY TO DESIGN NEW LEADING EDGE INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, USING ADVANCED CAD/CAM SYSTEMS, IN SERVING ITS ASIA PACIFIC REGION CUSTOMERS.

BEING A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF MOTOROLA INC. OF USA, THE COMPANY ACTS AS THE HEADQUARTERS FOR ITS ASIAN PACIFIC REGION. IT HAS A DUAL ROLE OF SALES, MARKETING AND ENGINEERING OPERATIONS AS WELL AS FINAL TESTING FOR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS AND SEMICONDUCTORS FROM MOTOROLA ASSEMBLY PLANTS IN THE REGION.

THE COMPANY'S MARKETS IN THE ASIAN PACIFIC REGION INCLUDE HONG KONG, SOUTH KOREA, CHINA, TAIWAN, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND JAPAN.

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ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, THERE ARE AT PRESENT OVER 115 ELECTRONICS FACTORIES WHICH ARE EITHER WHOLLY OR PARTLY OWNED BY OVERSEAS INTEREST IN 1986. THEY EMPLOY AROUND ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL WORKFORCE IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

IN MARCH THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 1,691 ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING A TOTAL OF 89,401 WORKERS - OR 10 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

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PRIVATE CAR INSPECTION SCHEME TO BE EXTENDED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S PRIVATE CAR INSPECTION SCHEME, CURRENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRES (DCTCS) IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER FIVE-YEAR-OLD CARS AND LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES NOT EXCEEDING 1.9 TONNES GROSS.

THIS WAS REVEALED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB KOWLOON WEST TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR SO SAID THAT THE PLANS TO EXTEND THE PRIVATE CAR INSPECTION SCHEME WOULD BE SPLIT INTO TWO PHASES.

THE SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN EARLY 1986, REQUIRES ALL PRIVATE CARS OVER SIX YEARS OLD TO BE INSPECTED BY DCTCS ANNUALLY. ABOUT 42,000 INSPECTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT LAST YEAR.

"IT IS COMMON PRACTICE IN MOST ADVANCED COUNTRIES TO ENSURE THAT CARS ARE EXAMINED ANNUALLY ONCE THEY ARE OVER THREE YEARS OLD. WHILST THIS MAY REMAIN THE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE FOR VEHICLE EXAMINATIONS IN HONG KONG, IT IS PROPOSED TO INTRODUCE THIS GRADUALLY.

"THE NEXT STEP WILL THEREFORE BE AN INCREASE BY ONE YEAR AND I ENVISAGE THAT THIS WILL START SOON," MR SO SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES WAS DEEMED NECESSARY BECAUSE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS HAD SHOWN THAT THESE VEHICLES WERE A HIGH RISK CATEGORY.

BY CONCENTRATING INITIALLY ON VANS OVER FIVE YEARS OLD WITH A GROSS VEHICLES WEIGHT OF UP TO 1.9 TONNES, IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 3,000 INSPECTIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE DCTCS IN 1988.

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REVIEWING THE PRIVATISATION OF THE PRIVATE CAR INSPECTION SCHEME, MR SO SAID IT HAD BEEN A SUCCESS AS IT HAD ENABLED THE GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE REGULAR INSPECTION OF PRIVATE CARS MUCH EARLIER THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IN THE FACE OF SCARCE RESOURCES.

THE VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED SOME 85,000 CHECKS YEARLY ON BUSES, LIGHT BUSES, TAXIS, DANGEROUS GOODS VEHICLES, TAXI METERS, DEFECTIVE VEHICLES AND GOODS VEHICLES OVER 10 YEARS OF AGE BUT STILL FELL SHORT OF ITS TARGETS.

"FOR EXAMPLE OUR POLICY IS TO EXAMINE ALL GOODS VEHICLES ANNUALLY BUT WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE THIS POLICY DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES," MR SO POINTED OUT.

NEVERTHELESS, HE ADDED THAT THIS GOAL COULD BE FULFILLED IN 1990 WHEN THE NEW COMPUTERISED VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE IN KOWLOON BAY, ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED OF ITS TYPE IN THE WORLD, BECAME OPERATIONAL.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLE EXAMINATION PROGRAMME WERE TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY, AND TO HELP THE SMOOTH FLOW OF TRAFFIC BY REDUCING THE LIKELIHOOD OF VEHICLES BREAKING DOWN.

THE PROGRAMME ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BY SEEING TO IT THAT VEHICLES DID NOT EMIT UNNECESSARY EXHAUST OR MAKE EXCESSIVE NOISE, MR SO NOTED.

HE ALSO STRESSED THAT GOOD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE WAS "A REASONABLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERY MOTORIST".

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COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE REVIEWED BY MDAC

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THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MDAC) MET TODAY (WEDNESDAY) FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS 1987/88 NEW SESSION TO REVIEW THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE AND COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSING SERVICE IN THE TERRITORY.

THE COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG IN 1977.

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THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SERVICE ARE TO "PROVIDE DOMICILIARY MEDICAL AND SURGICAL NURSING CARE AND TREATMENT TO PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND TO PROVIDE NURSING CARE IN THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF GERIATRIC AND HANDICAPPED PATIENTS IN HOME ENVIRONMENT.

THE SERVICE ALSO PROVIDES EDUCATION AND MOTIVATION FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN PARTICIPATING IN THE TREATMENT PROCESS OF THE PATIENTS.

IN 1986, 212,200 HOME VISITS WERE MADE TO MORE THAN 12,000 PATIENTS BY 205 COMMUNITY NURSES.

AT PRESENT, THE COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE IS RUN BY SEVEN SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT. IT HAS SIX HOSPITAL STATIONS AND 42 SATELLITE CENTRES - 14 RUN BY GOVERNMENT AND 28 BY SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT IN THE COMING DECADE, 11 NEW CENTRES WILL BE BUILT TO COPE WITH INCREASING DEMAND.

A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE PATTERN OF USAGE OF THE SERVICE IS THE RELATIVELY HIGH USE BY ELDERLY PATIENTS. THE PROPORTION OF PATIENTS AGED 65 AND OVER USING THE SERVICE HAS RISEN FROM 20.4 PER CENT IN 1977/78 TO 40.7 PER CENT IN 1985/86.

IN VIEW OF A SUBSTANTIAL DEMAND FOR THE COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE BY OUTPATIENT CLINICS, THE MDAC HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICE FROM REFERRAL BY PUBLIC HOSPITALS TO INCLUDE OUTPATIENT CLINICS.

DURING THE MEETING, THE COMMITTEE ALSO LOOKED INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSING SERVICE WHICH WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1982 TO PROVIDE AFTERCARE FOR MENTAL PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL AND TO READJUST THEM FOR HOME LIFE.

MENTAL PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL ARE REFERRED FOR COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSING CARE AND PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS PAID TO PATIENTS REQUIRING LONGER AND MORE INTENSIVE FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE SIX COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSING STATIONS EMPLOYING 43 NURSES.

IN 1986, THE COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSES PAID MORE THAN 10,000 HOME VISITS TO DISCHARGED PATIENTS.

IT IS PLANNED THAT IN THE NEXT DECADE FIVE MORE CENTRES WILL BE PROVIDED TO COPE WITH INCREASING DEMAND.

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THIS YEAR, THE MDAC HAS FOUR NEW APPOINTED MEMBERS. THEY ARE: PROFESSOR JOHN WONG, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; PROFESSOR JOSEPH LEE, HONG KONG CHINESE UNIVERSITY; DR MICHAEL MAK, PRIVATE PRACTITIONER AND SISTER M. GABRIEL, MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM.

DR CHIU HIN-KWONG, AN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MDAC.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOLLOWING IS A MEMBERSHIP LIST OF THE 1987/88 MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

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VICE-CHAIRMAN

DR K.L. THONG

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PROF W.I.R. DAVIES	DENTAL FACULTY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
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PROF JOHN WONG	UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

/PROF JOSEPH LEE .....

PROF JOSEPH LEE	HONG KONG CHINESE UNIVERSITY
DR MICHAEL H.H. MAK	PRIVATE PRACTITIONER
SISTER M. GABRIEL	.MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM

SECRETARY

MR WILFRED TSUI — HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH

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NEW TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT KEY TO ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY SUCCESS

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HONG KONG'S ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY IS AT PRESENT A SUCCESSFUL INDUSTRY, AND ITS SUCCESS IS TO A LARGE EXTENT DUE TO ITS READINESS TO ADAPT TO TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND TO INVEST IN NEW MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR A.G. EASON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONICS PRODUCTION AND PACKAGING EXHIBITION (INTERNEPCON) TODAY, MR EASON SAID AMONG THE MORE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INDUSTRY TODAY ARE THE EMERGENCE OF PROCESS TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS ASIC AND SMT, AND NEW PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING THE WIDER USE OF THESE TECHNOLOGIES HAS ALREADY BEEN RECOGNISED IN HONG KONG BY THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

"AS A RESULT, A SCHEME TO TRAIN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS IN ASIC DESIGN WAS INTRODUCED RECENTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE BOARD'S ENDORSEMENT.

"FURTHERMORE, THE BOARD HAS ALSO RECENTLY ENDORSED NEW PROPOSALS AIMED AT PROVIDING FURTHER SUPPORT TO OUR ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

"THE PROPOSALS ARE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SURFACE MOUNT TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY AND A RADIO FREQUENCY AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS LABORATORY, WHICH WOULD FORM PART OF A PACKAGE OF MEASURES TO EXPAND THE PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT SERVICES OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL," HE SAID.

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS COMPLETE SOCIAL WORK COURSE

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THIRTY CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES AFTER COMPLETING A 12-WEEK IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE ON SOCIAL WORK AND AFTER-CARE.

THE COURSE WAS ONE OF MANY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT REGULARLY PROVIDED TO PROMOTE STAFF'S KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN HANDLING AND REHABILITATING OFFENDERS.

THE PRESENT EXTENSION COURSE WAS ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, AND IS SPECIALLY TAILORED FOR THE CORRECTIONAL STAFF OF OFFICER RANK. THE AREAS IT COVERED INCLUDED SOCIAL WORK METHOD, SOCIAL GROUP WORK, COMMUNITY WORK, HUMAN BEHAVIOUR, CRIMINOLOGY AND PSYCHO-SOCIAL PATHOLOGY.

PRESENTING CERTIFICATES AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT), DR R.G. ANDRY, SAID, "THE COURSE HAS HELPED IMPROVE THE SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES OF THE STAFF IN INTERACTION WITH PRISONERS AND INMATES."

OVER 200 OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN TRAINED BY SIMILAR COURSES SINCE 1978.

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WONG TAI SIN POLICE STATION TO BE REFURBISHED

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SIX CONTRACTS, TOTALLING ABOUT $5.7 MILLION, HAVE BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF WONG TAI SIN POLICE STATION AT SHA TIN PASS ROAD.

REFURBISHMENT WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE OFFICES, BARRACKS, MESSES, CANTEENS AND THE WELFARE AND RECRUITMENT FACILITIES OF THE STATION WHICH WAS BUILT MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO.

THE REPLACEMENT OF ONE LIFT AND ONE EMERGENCY GENERATOR, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND THE UPGRADING OF THE AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM ALSO FORM PART OF THE PROJECT.

THIS PROJECT IS PART OF AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENT WORK TO OLDER POLICE STATIONS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF FITNESS TRAINING ROOMS IN EXISTING STATIONS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 15 AND TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW OFFICE FOR MEETING THE PUBLIC

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YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET THE PUBLIC AT A NEW OFFICE FROM SEPTEMBER 7 (MONDAY), A SPOKESMAN OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"THE NEW OFFICE IS LOCATED ON THE SAME FLOOR OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE.

"SCHEDULES OF THE SCHEME REMAIN UNCHANGED AT 7 PM EVERY MONDAY EXCEPT ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE PRIOR APPOINTMENTS WITH THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT BY CALLING 0-753831 EXT.331.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN OCTOBER 1982, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME WAS HELD ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING.

BETWEEN APRIL 1986 AND MARCH THIS YEAR, 49 SESSIONS WERE HELD AND 93 CASES PROCESSED. COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES RECEIVED WERE ON LAND MATTERS, HOUSING/CLEARANCE, WATER SUPPLIES, TRAFFIC, LAW AND ORDER, ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND OTHERS.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PRIORITY HOUSING SCHEME

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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 4) TO DISCUSS A PRIORITY HOUSING SCHEME FOR FAMILY WITH ELDERLY PERSONS, AND THE BEAUTIFICATION OF AN OPEN SPACE AT THE JUNCTION OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NORTH AND SAI YEUNG CHOI LANE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO THE CLEARANCE OF HING WAH STREET NULLAH DECKING; AND A REQUEST FOR PROMPT RE-PAVING OF PAVEMENTS AFTER EXCAVATION WORKS BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS FOR TREE PLANTING AT KAM MUN SUN CHUEN; ERECTION OF DB LANDMARK AT SHAM SHUI PO FERRY CONCOURSE AND REPAIRS TO SITTING-OUT AREAS AND NOTICE BOARD.

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OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE HOURLY PARKING CHARGES AT THE CHAK ON ESTATE CARPARK; DRAINAGE BLOCKAGES PROBLEM IN CHEUNG SHA WAN AREA; AND DEMOLITION OR REDEVELOPMENT PLAN OF 10-YEAR OLD TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN SHAM SHUI PO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, AT 39 TONKIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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KWAI TSING DB TO MEET TOMORROW

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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES INCLUDING THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND VARIOUS LOCAL MATTERS.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS WASTE TREATMENT AND WATER QUALITY, PRIVATISATION OF THE MANAGEMENT OF HOS FLATS, CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED'S PROPOSED OVERHEAD POWERLINES FROM YUEN LONG TO LAI CHI KOK, A PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE SHELL STORAGE FACILITIES ON TSING YI AND TSING YI SOUTH BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS.

THEY WILL ALSO RAISE QUESTIONS ON THE KWAI CHUNG PARK, WATER SEEPAGE IN HOUSING ESTATES, THE INCIDENT OF A BALLOON LANDING AT TSING YI ON JULY 8, THE NORTH BRIDGE, THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONTAINER PORT, AND OTHER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10/F, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS THE 1986 ACTION PROGRAMME REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT.

IN THE MEETING, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL RAISE QUESTIONS ON TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN TO KWA WAN AND MAKE SUGGESTION TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC SITUATIONS IN HO MAN TIN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROPOSAL TO BUILD MESHED RAILINGS ALONG THE PAVEMENTS AT THE JUNCTION OF MA TAU KOK ROAD AND PAU CHUNG STREET IN TO KWA WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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PUBLIC FORUM ON GREEN PAPER

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THE UPPER WONG TAI SIN AND FUNG WONG AREA COMMITTEE WILL ORGANISE A PUBLIC FORUM ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

THE FORUM AIMS AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE GREEN PAPER AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS, A VARIETY SHOW AND A FILM SHOW WILL ALSO BE HELD.

A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, MISS MARIA TAM, AND A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR MARTIN LEE, WILL BE INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE FORUM.

WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FORUM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PUBLIC FORUM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 8.15 PM AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRAFFIC DIRECTION OF THE U-SHAPED SECTION OF CHEUNG FAT STREET WILL BE REVERSED FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

TRAFFIC ON UN CHAU STREET HEADING FOR UN CHAU STREET ESTATE WILL HAVE TO TURN LEFT AT THE TEMPORARY ENTRANCE IN THE NORTHERN JUNCTION OF UN CHAU STREET AND CHEUNG FAT STREET.

MEANWHILE, THE U-SHAPED SECTION OF CHEUNG FAT STREET ABOUT 50 METRES FROM ITS NORTHERN JUNCTION WITH UN CHAU STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO PLB WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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NO LEFT TURN ON TAI YUK ROAD

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NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM TAI YUK ROAD NORTHBOUND ON TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD WESTBOUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

MOTORISTS FROM YUEN LONG TOWN SOUTH HEADING FOR CASTLE PEAK ROAD WESTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI YUK ROAD, MA MIU ROAD, MA WANG ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD/KAU YUK ROAD, FUNG NIN ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR ABOUT 20 DAYS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SHEUNG WAN

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TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK AT UPPER STATION STREET IN SHEUNG WAN, ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 4.6 METRES IN LENGTH WILL CONTINUE TO BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF TAI PING SHAN STREET BETWEEN TUNG STREET AND UPPER STATION STREET FOR ANOTHER THREE WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 5).

AT THE SAME TIME, SQUARE STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED INTO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

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