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FUNDS SOUGHT FOR NEW VBP DETENTION CENTRE

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR THE PHASED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A DETENTION CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AT WHITEHEAD, WU KAI SHA, AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE NEW CENTRE IS NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONTINUING INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, AND TO REPLACE EXISTING TEMPORARY HOLDING CENTRES AT ERSKINE CAMP AND ARGYLE STREET WHICH MUST BE VACATED EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS.

THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE WILL BE DEVELOPED IN STAGES, WITH EACH STAGE COMPRISING TWO MODULES PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION FOR 4,800 PEOPLE. CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST TWO STAGES IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$175.6 MILLION.

AT THE SAME MEETING, MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION TOTALLING \$10.5 MILLION FOR THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND THE POLICE TO COVER STAFF COSTS AND THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE AND OTHER SERVICES IN THE NEW DETENTION CENTRE IN THE 1988-89 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE CREATION OF 184 NEW POSTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MANAGE STAGE I OF THE DETENTION CENTRE.

APPROVAL WILL BE SOUGHT FOR INCREASES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT CEILINGS FOR THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THIS.

OF THE 184 POSTS, 178 WILL BE NEEDED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CENTRE AS WELL AS FOR PROVIDING OTHER SERVICES SUCH AS FOOD CATERING, WELFARE AND COUNSELLING, AND EDUCATION.

THREE NEW POSTS WILL BE NEEDED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES EACH TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE ANNUAL RECURRENT COSTS FOR OPERATING STAGES I AND II OF THE NEW CENTRE FOR 9,600 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WILL BE IN THE REGION OF \$168 MILLION.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO ACCEPT THESE RECURRENT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

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OUTSIDE EDUCATION FOR CLOSED CENTRE VR CHILDREN

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ALLOW SCHOOL-AGE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CHILDREN AT THE SHAM SHUI PO AND SAN YICK CLOSED CENTRES TO RECEIVE EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLOSED CENTRES.

IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THIS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE KAI TAK OPEN CENTRE.

"UNDER THE SCHEME, THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES WILL SET UP A BUS SERVICE BETWEEN THE CLOSED CENTRES AND THE NEW HORIZON SCHOOL AT THE KAI TAK OPEN CENTRE," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE NEW HORIZON SCHOOL IS RUN UNDER UNHCR AUSPICES SPECIFICALLY FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CHILDREN.

"THE UNHCR WILL ALSO BEAR ALL COSTS, INCLUDING THE EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS AT THE SCHOOL AND THE PROVISION OF AND SECURITY ON THE BUS SERVICES BETWEEN THE CENTRES. THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED TO ENSURE THEY ARE NOT ABUSED.

"IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT A LIMITED NUMBER OF ADULT REFUGEES FROM SHAM SHUI PO AND SAN YICK SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TEACH AT THE NEW HORIZON SCHOOL IN THE KAI TAK OPEN CENTRE."

THE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN POLICY REGARDING EDUCATION FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CHILDREN IN OPEN AND CLOSED CENTRES.

"SINCE 1979, EDUCATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR VIETNAMESE CHILDREN IN BOTH OPEN AND CLOSED CENTRES," HE SAID.

"THE PROPOSED SCHEME IS NECESSARY BECAUSE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THESE CHILDREN IN THE SAN YICK AND SHAM SHUI PO CLOSED CENTRES.

"ALL THE CHILDREN INVOLVED ARE CLASSIFIED AS GENUINE REFUGEES BECAUSE THEY ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BEFORE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SCREENING POLICY."

AT PRESENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THERE ARE ABOUT 860 CHILDREN AT THE CLOSED CENTRE IN SHAM SHUI PO AND ABOUT 820 AT SAN YICK WHO ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 15 AND WHO SHOULD HAVE ACCESS UNDER THE EXISTING POLICY TO EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND UNHCR.

UNDER THE PROPOSED SCHEME, THE SCHOOL CAN ACCOMMODATE A MAXIMUM OF 1,600 CHILDREN IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS AS AT OTHER PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG, BUT OTHER FACILITIES WILL HAVE TO BE IDENTIFIED FOR THE REMAINING SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE UNHCR, WITH GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, WAS LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL SITE NEARER TO SAN YICK.

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GOVT RECEIVED OMELCO REPORT ON EXPO PROPOSAL  
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THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, TODAY (TUESDAY) CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE OMELCO PANEL STUDYING THE PROPOSAL FOR HONG KONG TO HOST A MAJOR EXPOSITION IN 1997.

THE REPORT GAVE SUPPORT TO THE IDEA OF HONG KONG HOSTING SUCH AN EVENT. IT ALSO IDENTIFIED THE ABSENCE OF A NEW AIRPORT AS A MAJOR DEFICIENCY.

MOREOVER IT IS NOTED THAT THE CONSULTANTS' FEASIBILITY STUDY IS STILL UNDER PREPARATION AND THAT THEIR REPORT IS EXPECTED IN SEPTEMBER.

MR TSAO SAID HE HAD SOUGHT OPINIONS FROM TWO EXPERTS ON THE SUBJECT.

THESE OPINIONS CENTRED ON WHAT BASIC REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET BEFORE ANY ADMINISTRATION COULD CONSIDER HOSTING AN EXPOSITION OF THIS KIND.

THESE OPINIONS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IN ORDER TO DRAW LARGE NUMBER OF OVERSEAS VISITORS TO SUCH AN EVENT, MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO HONG KONG WAS AN IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT.

THE ADMINISTRATION SOUGHT THESE OPINIONS WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING AT A PRELIMINARY VIEW ON WHETHER OR NOT TO SEEK TO REGISTER AN INTEREST WITH THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL EXPO IN PARIS IN HOSTING WORLD EXPO IN 1997.

HOWEVER, IN THE LIGHT OF THE STUDY WHICH HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY MR STEPHEN CHEONG, IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO AWAIT COMPLETION OF THE STUDY BEFORE REACHING A VIEW.

MR TSAO EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS EXPECTED THAT A FURTHER MEETING WOULD BE HELD WITH MR CHEONG AND HIS LEGCO COLLEAGUES WHEN THE PANEL RE-CONVENED IN THE NEXT LEGCO SESSION.

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PUBLIC URGED TO GUARD AGAINST 'RED EYE' DISEASE

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF "RED EYE" DISEASE WHICH IS CLINICALLY KNOWN AS ACUTE HAEMORRHAGIC CONJUNCTIVITIS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT RISE IN THE NUMBER OF "RED EYE" CASES IN HONG KONG, PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE EARLY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CONTRACTING THE DISEASE WHICH IS USUALLY PREVALENT IN THE HOT, HUMID SEASON.

"THE DISEASE CAN BE PREVENTED BY OBSERVING THE SIMPLE RULES OF PERSONAL HYGIENE," HE SAID.

THE MOST COMMON MODE OF SPREADING THE DISEASE IS THROUGH CONTACT WITH INFECTED PERSONS IN PUBLIC PLACES OR WITHIN FAMILIES.

IF A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY HAS CONTRACTED THE DISEASE, HE/SHE SHOULD AVOID SHARING THE SAME TOWEL, HANDKERCHIEF AND WASHING BASIN WITH OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DISEASE IS A VIRAL INFECTION WITH A SHORT INCUBATION PERIOD.

IT HAS AN ACUTE ONSET, CAUSING EYE DISCOMFORT WITH RED AND SWOLLEN EYE LIDS.

THERE IS NO DISTURBANCE OF VISION. THE DISEASE IS USUALLY BENIGN AND SELF-LIMITING, LASTING SEVEN TO 10 DAYS.

"PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONTRACTED THE DISEASE SHOULD SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY CAN GET TREATMENT AT ANY OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND THERE IS NO NEED TO ATTEND THE EYE CLINICS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"INFECTED PERSONS SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM PUBLIC PLACES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, THEATRES AND SWIMMING POOLS TO AVOID SPREADING THE DISEASE."

SINCE RED EYE DISEASE IS NOT A NOTIFIABLE DISEASE, THERE ARE NO STATISTICS KEPT BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THE NUMBER OF RED EYE CASES.

HOWEVER, THE SITUATION IS BEING CLOSELY MONITORED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEKING TREATMENT.

TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE DISEASE, THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT HAS SET UP A 24-HOUR HOTLINE (CHINESE ONLY), 5-8330111, WHICH WILL OPERATE FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

CALLERS TO THE HOTLINE WILL HEAR A TAPED MESSAGE ON THE SYMPTOMS OF THE DISEASE, ITS MODE OF TRANSMISSION, PREVENTION, AND CURE.

THE LAST OUTBREAK OF THE DISEASE OCCURRED BETWEEN AUGUST AND OCTOBER IN 1975.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SERVICES FOR ELDERLY

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 25).

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE VARIOUS SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR THE ELDERLY IN HONG KONG AND THE EXISTING AND FUTURE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

REPORTS BY FOUR WORKING GROUPS' CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 25) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER TUEN MUN-MACAU ROUTE PROPOSAL

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) A MEMBER'S PAPER THAT PROPOSES THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD AUTHORISE A SEA ROUTE FROM TUEN MUN FERRY PIER TO MACAU AND TO CHINA.

THE PAPER STATES THAT PROVISION OF SERVICES ON SUCH A ROUTE WOULD CLEARLY BENEFIT RESIDENTS OF TUEN MUN AND NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE 1987 ACTION PROGRAMME REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS; PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE BETWEEN WALDORF GARDEN AND TUEN MUN TOWN HALL; AND THE DESIGN OF ROADS AND TRAFFIC FACILITIES IN YICK YUEN.

THE PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL BUS STOP FOR URBAN-BOUND BUSES ON THE MELODY GARDEN ACCESS ROAD AND PROVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT FROM BUTTERFLY BAY AREA TO THE SWIMMING POOL AREA WILL BE CONSIDERED.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS WHETHER THE PRESENT CITYBUS SERVICES IN CHI LOK FA YUEN SHOULD BE MAINTAINED, AND CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUS STOP SHELTERS, AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES AT VARIOUS PLACES.

THE DRAFT 1989-90 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TUEN MUN DISTRICT, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REPORT, AND THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PROVISION OF LORRY PARKING SPACE IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR MEMBERS' COMMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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TSUEN WAN - TSING YI FERRY ROUTE TO BE WITHDRAWN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND TSING YI OPERATED BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED (HYF) WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM SATURDAY, AUGUST 27.

AFFECTED PASSENGERS CAN MAKE USE OF BUS ROUTE NO. 43B PLYING BETWEEN CHEUNG CHING AND TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER.

FROM AUGUST 15, THE FREQUENCY OF THE BUS SERVICE WAS INCREASED TO EIGHT/NINE MINUTES DURING PEAK HOURS. THE FARE IS \$1.2 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE FERRY SERVICE WAS MADE IN VIEW OF THE DRASTIC DECLINE IN ITS PATRONAGE FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE TSING TSUEN BRIDGE IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR AND THE AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE LAND TRANSPORT SERVICE.

THE CANCELLATION OF THE FERRY ROUTE IS ONE OF THE HYF'S PROPOSALS TO RATIONALISE ITS CROSS HARBOUR FERRY NETWORK SO AS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE FERRY SERVICE AT REASONABLE FARE LEVELS.

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AWARDS FOR STUDENTS IN SUMMER SPORTS SCHEME

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MORE THAN 190 BOYS AND GIRLS WHO EXCELLED IN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER SPORTS SCHEME FOR SCHOOLS WERE PRESENTED AWARDS TODAY (TUESDAY) FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.

PRESENTING THE PRIZES TO THE STUDENTS AT A CEREMONY AT THE SCHOOL HALL OF CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL, THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR JOHN WINFIELD, PRAISED THEIR ENDEAVOURS IN VARIOUS SPORTS TRAINING COURSES.

THE SUMMER SPORTS SCHEME WAS HELD BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL AND WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE SWIRE BOTTLERS LIMITED.

MORE THAN 2,500 STUDENTS WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN 73 TRAINING COURSES IN 11 SPORTS.

THESE INCLUDED DIVING, CANOEING, ROWING, SAILING AND LIFESAVING IN AQUATIC SPORTS AS WELL AS HANDBALL, RUGBY, ARCHERY, FENCING, GYMNASTICS AND VOLLEYBALL IN LAND SPORTS.

THE PROGRAMMES WERE ORGANISED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF VARIOUS SPORTS GOVERNING BODIES.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JULY PUBLISHED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JULY 1988.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR JULY 1988 WERE 118.0 AND 118.1 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 8.0 PER CENT AND 7.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER JULY 1987.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JULY 1988, AT 113.8 AND 113.9 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 6.8 PER CENT AND 6.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JULY 1987.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR JULY 1988 INCREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT AND 0.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JULY 1988, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.5 PER CENT PER MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), AT 0.6 PER CENT PER MONTH.

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

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR JULY 1988 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988 AND JULY 1987, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR JUL.88	% CHANGE OVER JUN.88	% CHANGE OVER JUL.87	INDEX FOR JUL.88	% CHANGE OVER JUN.88	% CHANGE OVER JUL.87
FOODSTUFFS	117.3	+1.9	+11.1	117.9	+1.7	+10.9
HOUSING	113.3	+0.2	+3.2	110.8	+0.2	+2.9
FUEL AND LIGHT	93.9	-0.3	+1.5	94.6	-0.4	+1.4
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	124.2	-0.0*	+6.2	124.9	-0.1	+6.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	125.4	-0.2	+9.6	127.8	-0.2	+10.0
DURABLE GOODS	118.9	+0.3	+5.6	118.0	+0.2	+5.7
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	123.0	-0.5	+5.7	123.2	-0.5	+6.0
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	120.8	+0.3	+4.4	120.0	+0.2	+4.9
SERVICES	126.3	+0.4	+9.1	126.4	+0.5	+9.6
ALL ITEMS	118.0	+0.9	+8.0	118.1	+0.7	+7.8

\* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

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COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1.9 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.7 PER CENT IN CPI(B).

THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND PORK AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT, SALT-WATER FISH, SHRIMPS AND CRABS.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS DECREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES FOR JEWELLERY AND SOFT FURNISHINGS.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR PACKAGE TOURS AND MEDICAL TREATMENT.

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

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR JULY 1988, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.50 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

THE REPORT CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL, FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 122.4 IN JULY 1988, UP BY 0.1 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1988 AND UP BY 8.9 PER CENT OVER JULY 1987.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN WAN CHAI NORTH

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN WAN CHAI NORTH WILL BE MADE RESTRICTED ZONES ROUND-THE-CLOCK FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 26):

- \* TONNOCHY ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND HARBOUR ROAD.
- \* HARBOUR ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TONNOCHY ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES WEST OF THAT JUNCTION.

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

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RIGHT-TURN BAN AND 'NO-ENTRY' FOR PLB'S

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IN TSIM SHA TSUI, NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM SALISBURY ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 25).

THE RIGHT-TURN BAN IS TO REDUCE CONFLICTS BETWEEN VEHICLES AND TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT THE JUNCTION OF SALISBURY ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH.

AFFECTED MOTORISTS WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA NEW WORLD CENTRE SERVICE ROAD TO PROCEED TOWARDS CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH NORTHBOUND.

MEANWHILE, IN TAI PO, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF KIU TAU ROAD WEST OF TAI WO SERVICE ROAD WEST FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 26).

THE PROHIBITION WILL BE IN FORCE 24 HOURS DAILY.

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RESTRICTED ZONE IN MUI WO, LANTAU  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT MUI WO FERRY PIER ROAD LEADING TO THE TAXI STAND ADJACENT TO MUI WO BUS TERMINUS ON LANTAU WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 26) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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DISRUPTIONS TO WATER SUPPLY IN SAI KUNG, FANLING  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN TWO NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS WILL BE DISRUPTED LATER THIS WEEK BECAUSE OF WATER WORKS.

IN SAI KUNG, SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES AND VILLAGES ALONG HIRAM'S HIGHWAY BETWEEN PAK SHA TERRACE AND TSIU HANG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 25) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

IN FANLING, WATER PRESSURE WILL BE WEAK FOR VILLAGES AND PREMISES ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD, PING CHE ROAD AND LIN MA HANG ROAD BETWEEN 7 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 25) AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

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