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GOVT WORKS TO MAINTAIN COMPETITIVE EDGE OF TRADE, INDUSTRY
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HONG KONG HAS SEEN TREMENDOUS PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE OVER THE PAST YEARS AND THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE COMPETITIVE EDGE OF OUR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THE ARGUMENT FOR INVESTING HEAVILY IN OUR BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE IS SIMPLE: COMMUNICATION IN ALL ITS FORMS IS THE LIFEblood OF OUR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING," SAID MR JACOBS WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HAD COME A LONG WAY, AT NOT INCONSIDERABLE EXPENSES, IN DEVELOPING BETTER INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES TO LINK UP HONG KONG'S AIRPORT, THE CONTAINER TERMINAL AND VARIOUS OTHER CARGO HANDLING AREAS, WITH MANUFACTURING CENTRES BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE URBAN AREA.

OUTLINING WHAT GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DO TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG HAS AN ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE TO MEET ANTICIPATED DEMAND, MR JACOBS NOTED THAT CONTAINERISATION HAD BROUGHT WITH IT STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO THE SEA FREIGHT BUSINESS.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT MASSIVE CAPITAL INVESTMENT WAS REQUIRED FOR BUILDING NEW TERMINALS, AND MANY COMPLEX ISSUES HAD TO BE RESOLVED.

"WE HAVE ACCORDINGLY COMMISSIONED A PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STUDY WHICH WILL TELL US THE BEST WAY TO DEVELOP OUR FACILITIES TO MEET ANTICIPATED DEMAND IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS, AND HOW THIS CAN BE DONE IN A COST EFFECTIVE MANNER.

"WE MUST TAKE THIS LONG TERM VIEW IF WE ARE NOT TO MAKE SERIOUS MISTAKES IN OUR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT, MR JACOBS SAID THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO TAKE A COLD HARD LOOK AT THE VARIOUS OPTIONS OPEN TO US FOR AIRPORT EXPANSION AND UPGRADING.

"THIS PROCESS OF EVALUATION HAS ALREADY BEGUN, THROUGH A SERIES OF CONSULTANCY STUDIES, WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO REACH A VIEW ON THE ULTIMATE CAPACITY AND DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE EXISTING AIRPORT AT KAI TAK.

"THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, WILL ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCESS TO THE CRITICAL INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR A DECISION TO BE MADE, PROBABLY SOMETIME LATER IN 1989, AS REGARDS OUR FUTURE AIRPORT NEEDS," MR JACOBS SAID.

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ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S ROAD SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY FOR CROSS BORDER TRAFFIC, MR JACOBS SAID THAT HONG KONG, AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA PARTICULARLY SOUTHERN CHINA, WOULD NEED TO BE FULLY PREPARED FOR THESE CHANGES AND MUST PLAN AHEAD IN ORDER TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE ANTICIPATED INCREASES IN TRADE FLOWS.

"MAN KAM TO ROAD IS BEING WIDENED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL NORTHBOUND LANE, SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

"WORKS TO WIDEN SHA TAU KOK ROAD TO A STANDARD DUAL TWO-WAY CARRIAGEWAY WILL HOPEFULLY COMMENCE THIS FINANCIAL YEAR WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETION IN TWO YEARS' TIME."

IN ADDITION TO IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK, THE LONGER TERM SOLUTION IS TO OPEN UP A THIRD CROSSING POINT AT LOK MA CHAU.

THIS NEW BORDER LINK WILL HAVE TWO ADJACENT BRIDGES ACROSS THE SHENZHEN RIVER, WITH THE NORTHERN SECTION TO BE BUILT BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND THE SOUTHERN SECTION BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY 1990, HAS A PLANNED CAPACITY FOR 40,000 VEHICLES A DAY. THIS WILL INCREASE THE TOTAL CROSS BORDER DAILY CAPACITY FROM THE EXISTING 12,000 VEHICLES TO OVER 50,000.

"ON PRESENT PROJECTIONS, THIS SHOULD TAKE US TO THE END OF THE CENTURY," MR JACOBS SAID.

ON RAIL LINKS WITH CHINA, MR JACOBS SAID THAT WITH THE IMMINENT COMPLETION OF DOUBLE TRACKING BETWEEN PEKING AND CANTON, HONG KONG COULD EXPECT FURTHER INCREASES IN FREIGHT TRAFFIC FROM CHINA.

"OUR ABILITY TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL RAIL CARGO IS CONSTRAINED BY THE AVAILABILITY OF FREIGHT HANDLING FACILITIES AT HUNG HOM.

"WORKS ARE IN HAND BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING FREIGHT YARD AND STUDIES ARE BEING CARRIED OUT TO LOOK INTO LONGER TERM POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANSION.

"WE HAVE ALSO STARTED A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY SPUR TO SERVE THE CONTAINER PORT IN KWAI CHUNG TO LINK UP THE CONTAINER AND RAIL TERMINALS," HE SAID.

MR JACOBS BELIEVED THAT WITH THE BLUEPRINTS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS SOON TO BE AVAILABLE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE BETTER PLACED TO ENSURE HONG KONG'S COMPETITIVENESS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD AND SO KEEP HONG KONG MOVING.

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INVITATION FOR CTV SYSTEM PROPOSALS ON SEPTEMBER 1

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PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CABLE TELEVISION (CTV) SYSTEM IN HONG KONG WILL BE INVITED FROM LOCAL AND OVERSEAS PARTIES ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR. INTERESTED PARTIES WILL HAVE SIX MONTHS TO SUBMIT THEIR PLANS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT PROPOSALS MUST COVER BOTH THE PROVISION OF A CABLE TELEVISION NETWORK AND THE BROADCASTING SERVICE TO BE CARRIED OVER THE NETWORK. SEPARATE LICENCES WOULD BE ISSUED TO COVER THESE TWO ACTIVITIES.

"THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECIDED TODAY THAT IN ORDER TO ANCHOR CTV BROADCASTING FIRMLY IN HONG KONG, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PLACE LIMITATIONS ON THE DEGREE OF FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF THE CABLE BROADCASTER SIMILAR TO THOSE IMPOSED ON THE WIRELESS TV LICENSEES AT PRESENT," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RESTRICTION ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF THE NETWORK PROVIDER.

"SINGLE COMPANIES WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR BOTH LICENCES, WHILE TWO COMPANIES WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO OPERATE CTV CAN APPLY IN TANDEM FOR THE NETWORK AND THE BROADCASTING LICENCES.

"IF A SINGLE COMPANY BIDS FOR BOTH LICENCES, IT WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP IN THE SAME WAY AS IF IT WERE APPLYING FOR JUST THE BROADCASTING LICENCE," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

HE SAID THE LICENCES WOULD BE VALID FOR 15 YEARS AND WOULD BE EXCLUSIVE FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS. "THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER THEREAFTER WHETHER TO LICENSE A SECOND CTV SYSTEM."

ANY FEES OR ROYALTIES PAYABLE BY THE LICENSEES WILL BE SPECIFIED IN ADVANCE OF CALLING FOR PROPOSALS. A DECISION ON THE LEVEL OF LICENCE FEES AND ROYALTIES HAS YET TO BE FINALISED.

"UNDER SECTION 9 (1)(D) OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ORDINANCE, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS REFERRED TO THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (BA) THE TASK OF ASSESSING PROPOSALS, RECOMMENDING THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AND RECOMMENDING DRAFT LEGISLATION AND LICENCE CONDITIONS.

"THE BA WILL REPORT ITS FINDINGS BACK TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN ABOUT JUNE 1989, AFTER WHICH THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL MAKE THE FINAL CHOICE," HE ADDED.

THE DETAILED REGULATORY FRAMEWORK GOVERNING CTV WILL BE FINALISED AFTER THE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE BUT THE BASIC REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MADE KNOWN TO INTERESTED COMPANIES IN ADVANCE.

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"THIS WILL ENSURE THAT DRAFT LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TAKES ACCOUNT OF ALL PRACTICAL FACTORS BROUGHT OUT IN THE SUCCESSFUL CTV PROPOSAL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, STRESSING THAT BIDDERS WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT THE FINAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY OPERATE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE PASSING OF THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"THE BASIC CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND WHICH WILL BE MADE KNOWN TO INTERESTED COMPANIES IN ADVANCE, INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE NOT MORE THAN 15 PER CENT CROSS-OWNERSHIP BETWEEN A CTV BROADCASTING LICENSEE AND ANY WIRELESS TV OR RADIO LICENSEES IN HONG KONG," HE EXPLAINED.

"FURTHERMORE, ANY PERSON OR COMPANY HOLDING OVER 15 PER CENT OF THE SHARES OF A WIRELESS TV OPERATION IN HONG KONG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HOLD MORE THAN 15 PER CENT OF SHARES IN A CTV BROADCASTING LICENSEE.

"THE CTV BROADCASTING LICENCE WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME LIMITATIONS IN RESPECT OF HOLDING COMPANIES, NOMINEES AND SUBSIDIARIES AS ARE IMPOSED ON WIRELESS TV LICENSEES UNDER THE TELEVISION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1988 EXCEPT THAT THE CABLE NETWORK LICENSEE WILL BE ALLOWED TO UNDERTAKE NON-FRANCHISED TELECOMMUNICATION BUSINESS, SUBJECT TO ISSUE OF THE NECESSARY LICENCES BY THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ON THE PROGRAMMING ASPECTS OF CTV, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE HOLDER OF THE BROADCASTING LICENCE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CARRY THE EXISTING FOUR OFF-AIR TV CHANNELS, IN ADDITION TO MAKING AVAILABLE FOR GOVERNMENT USE FREE OF CHARGE ABOUT ONE CHANNEL IN EVERY 10 OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

THESE GOVERNMENT CHANNELS MAY BE USED TO TRANSMIT GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES.

"PROGRAMMING STANDARDS WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY. MATERIAL FOR GENERAL VIEWING AS WELL AS SOME MATERIAL NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN MAY BE BROADCAST IN THE BASIC PACKAGE MARKETED TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS," HE SAID.

RESTRICTIONS ON THE TIME OF BROADCASTING AND THE STANDARDS TO BE ADOPTED IN THE BASIC PACKAGE WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE IMPOSED ON THE EXISTING WIRELESS TV LICENSEES.

"THE BA WILL CONSIDER PROPOSALS TO BROADCAST 'ADULT PROGRAMMES' AS PART OF A SEPARATE PACKAGE OF CHANNELS. THE BA MAY RULE THAT CERTAIN TYPES OF ADULT MATERIAL MUST BE BROADCAST ONLY BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5 AM TO REDUCE THE CHANCES OF CHILDREN WATCHING 'ADULT PROGRAMMES'," HE ADDED.

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ADVERTISING WILL BE ALLOWED ON CTV. THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED PER CHANNEL WILL BE FIVE MINUTES PER HOUR AND FIVE PER CENT OF TOTAL BROADCASTING TIME ON THAT CHANNEL.

"HOWEVER, WE SHALL FAVOUR PROPOSALS WHICH OFFER LESS ADVERTISING THAN THIS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, POINTING OUT THAT EXISTING ADVERTISING STANDARDS WOULD APPLY TO CTV.

AS FOR THE NETWORKING SIDE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE NETWORK MUST PRIMARILY SERVE THE CTV BROADCASTER.

"THE CTV LICENSEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THE SERVICE AVAILABLE TO A SPECIFIED MINIMUM NUMBER OF HOMES EACH YEAR THE NETWORK IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, BUT WE SHALL FAVOUR BIDS WHICH BETTER THIS MINIMUM AND PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MORE QUICKLY,"

"WE SHALL ALSO ENSURE THAT THE NETWORK IS DEVELOPED SO AS TO SERVE DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE TERRITORY AND WILL NOT BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE PARTS OF HONG KONG WHICH ARE THE EASIEST TO SERVE OR OFFER THE GREATEST PROFITS FROM NON-FRANCHISED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES."

ALTHOUGH THESE BASIC CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED, THERE REMAIN MANY OTHER ASPECTS OF CTV PROVISION WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SPECIFIED, AND FOR WHICH THE INTERESTED COMPANIES MAY MAKE THEIR PROPOSALS.

"WE SHALL BE LOOKING FOR BIDS OFFERING QUICK ESTABLISHMENT OF A FULL SERVICE, LOWER INSTALLATION AND SUBSCRIPTION RATES, GREATER VARIETY OF PROGRAMMING AND A COMMITMENT TO QUALITY PROGRAMMING FOR LOCAL AUDIENCES.

"THE INTENTION IS TO GIVE THE COMPANIES A FREE HAND TO MAKE PROPOSALS SO THAT THE BA WOULD HAVE A WIDE CHOICE FROM WHICH IT CAN MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION FOR A CTV SYSTEM THAT BEST SUITS LOCAL NEEDS," HE ADDED.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JUNE RELEASED

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ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW FASTER IN JUNE THAN IN EACH OF THE PRECEDING THREE MONTHS, WHILE RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO SHOW SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH.

THESE DETAILS ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JUNE 1988 WAS \$18,126 MILLION, \$1,837 MILLION OR 11.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1987, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 52.1 PER CENT OR \$7,661 MILLION TO \$22,359 MILLION.

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$40,485 MILLION IN JUNE 1988, WAS THUS \$9,498 MILLION OR 30.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1987.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 34.4 PER CENT OR \$11,062 MILLION OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$43,186 MILLION IN JUNE 1988.

AS THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW FASTER THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, A LARGER VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT WAS RECORDED IN JUNE 1988 THAN IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

IN JUNE 1988, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT AMOUNTED TO \$2,701 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 6.3 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS.

THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$1,137 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3.5 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN JUNE 1987.

PUTTING THE TRADE FIGURES FOR JUNE IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988 WAS \$212,940 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$95,625 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$117,315 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1987, IN VALUE TERMS TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$47,020 MILLION OR 28.3 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$9,833 MILLION OR 11.5 PER CENT, AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$37,187 MILLION OR 46.4 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$49,538 MILLION OR 28.8 PER CENT, TO \$221,691 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$8,751 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3.9 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988.

THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$6,233 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3.6 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1987.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER, AT 8.9 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, REPRESENTED A SLOW-DOWN FROM THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATE OF 14.6 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

IN VIEW OF A REBOUND IN THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JUNE, MORE OBSERVATIONS WERE NEEDED TO SEE WHETHER THIS TREND OF SLOW-DOWN WAS CONTINUING.

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THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE VERY RAPID GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS REFLECTED THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG AS AN ENTREPOT FOR CHINA AND FOR THE EAST ASIAN REGION GENERALLY.

DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1988, IN GROSS VALUE TERMS, RE-EXPORTS ACCOUNTED FOR 55.1 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS, COMPARED WITH 48.3 PER CENT RECORDED DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR JUNE 1988.

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$18,126 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$22,359 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$40,485 MILLION	
	IMPORTS	:	\$43,186 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 2,701 MILLION	[IN DEFICIT]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	APR 88	APR 87	INCREASE	
	TO JUN 88 HK\$ MN.	TO JUN 87 HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	51,455	47,264	4,191	8.9
RE-EXPORTS	64,448	43,643	20,805	47.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	115,903	90,907	24,996	27.5
IMPORTS	122,825	93,787	29,038	31.0
TRADE BALANCE	-6,922	-2,880	-4,042	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

	JUNE 1988	JUNE 1987	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	18,126 (44.8%)	16,289 (52.6%)	1,837	11.3
RE-EXPORTS	22,359	14,698	7,661	52.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	40,485	30,987	9,498	30.7
IMPORTS	43,186	32,124	11,062	34.4
TRADE BALANCE	-2,701	-1,137	-1,564	

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LAST MONTH	JUNE 1988	MAY 1988	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	18,126 (44.8%)	17,274 (44.6%)	852	4.9
RE-EXPORTS	22,359	21,453	906	4.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	40,485	38,727	1,758	4.5
IMPORTS	43,186	39,558	3,628	9.2
TRADE BALANCE	-2,701	-831	-1,870	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-JUN 1988	JAN-JUN 1987	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	95,625 (44.9%)	85,792 (51.7%)	9,833	11.5
RE-EXPORTS	117,315	80,128	37,187	46.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	212,940	165,920	47,020	28.3
IMPORTS	221,691	172,153	49,538	28.8
TRADE BALANCE	-8,751	-6,233	-2,518	

LAST 12 MONTHS	JUL 87 TO JUN 88	JUL 86 TO JUN 87	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	205,086	174,402	30,684	17.6
RE-EXPORTS	219,969	149,641	70,328	47.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	425,055	324,043	101,012	31.2
IMPORTS	427,486	324,774	102,712	31.6
TRADE BALANCE	-2,431	-731	-1,700	

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INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO LRT ACCIDENT

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED MR ALAN COOKSEY, THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTING OFFICER OF THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, TO HEAD AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO YESTERDAY'S FATAL ACCIDENT INVOLVING A LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE AND A VAN.

MR COOKSEY WILL BE ASSISTED BY MR CHENG HON KWAN, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, AND BY MR BRIAN HARBORD, AN EXPERT IN TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

THE INVESTIGATION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN A FEW DAYS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

PENDING THE REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION, THE LRT WILL NOT RESUME THEIR SCHEDULED PRACTICE RUNS OF THEIR VEHICLES.

THE REPORT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC.

THE KCRC HAS DECIDED TO DELAY THE COMMERCIAL OPENING OF THE LRT TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR PRACTICE RUNNING OF THE SYSTEM. A NEW DATE FOR THE OPENING WILL BE DECIDED AFTER THE FULL SAFETY REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.

UNDER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION ORDINANCE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY MAY DIRECT AN INSPECTOR TO INVESTIGATE INTO AN NOTIFIABLE ACCIDENT OR OCCURRENCE.

THE PARAMOUNT PURPOSE OF SUCH AN INVESTIGATION IS TO DETERMINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND CAUSES OF THE ACCIDENT OR OCCURRENCE WITH A VIEW TO AVOIDING SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN FUTURE.

MR COOKSEY IS CURRENTLY IN HONG KONG AFTER BEING COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO EXAMINE THE OVERALL OPERATION AND SAFETY OF THE LRT SYSTEM BEFORE ITS OPENING.

HIS REPORT ON THE SAFETY OF THE SYSTEM WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CAUSES OF THE RECENT INCIDENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THE PRACTICE RUNNING OF THE RAILWAY.

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COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE PC

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POLICE CONSTABLE WONG TIN-LUN'S BRAVERY IN COMBAHING AN ARMED ROBBERY IN JANUARY THIS YEAR HAS WON HIM A COMMENDATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, PRAISED PC WONG FOR HIS COURAGE, INITIATIVE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY OF AN EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH ORDER, DISPLAYED AFTER COMING UNDER FIRE DURING THE PURSUIT OF AN ARMED GANG WHO HAD ROBBED A JEWELLERY SHOP IN HILTON HOTEL, CENTRAL.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, MR LI ALSO PRESENTED A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO SUPERINTENDENT TREVOR COLLINS AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PC LAM WAI-MING, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE SAME INCIDENT.

THE CASE OCCURRED ON JANUARY 28 THIS YEAR WHEN FOUR ROBBERS, ARMED WITH HEAVY CALIBRE REVOLVERS, SNATCHED \$3 MILLION WORTH OF WATCHES AND JEWELLERY FROM A SHOP IN THE SHOPPING ARCADE OF THE HILTON HOTEL.

SUPERINTENDENT COLLINS, WHO WAS OFF DUTY AT THAT TIME, WITNESSED THE ROBBERY AND IMMEDIATELY CLEARED THE ARCADE OF BYSTANDERS AND STOPPED TAXIS FROM DISCHARGING PASSENGERS OUTSIDE THE HOTEL.

THE SUPERINTENDENT LATER FOLLOWED THE FLEEING ROBBERS WHO SPOTTED HIM AND FIRED A TOTAL OF THREE SHOTS.

THE ROBBERS THEN HIJACKED A PASSING TAXI AT GUN POINT AND FLED INTO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

PC WONG TIN-LUN, WHO WAS MADE AWARE OF THE ROBBERY THROUGH HIS BEAT RADIO, RUSHED TO THE SCENE AND SAW THE ROBBERS HIJACKING THE TAXI. AT THE SAME TIME, THE ROBBERS SAW HIM AND OPENED FIRE.

DESPITE THIS, PC WONG REMAINED CALM, NOTED THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE TAXI AND ITS ESCAPING DIRECTION, AND ALERTED THE REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE VIA HIS BEAT RADIO.

ON RECEIVING THE MESSAGE, A NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS CAME TO HIS ASSISTANCE. AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE FOLLOWED, BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED.

WHILE ESCAPING, THE ROBBERS WERE HELD UP IN TRAFFIC JAM, AND THEY ALIGHTED FROM THE TAXI AND FLED ON FOOT.

PC LAM WAI-MING WHO WAS IN THE VICINITY ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT THE ROBBERS BUT WAS SHOT AT THREE TIMES. HOWEVER, HE WAS ABLE TO RETURN FIRE, HAVING NOTED A CLEAR FIELD OF FIRE.

ONE OF THE SUSPECTS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED BY A POLICE CONSTABLE AND LATER SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT. ALL STOLEN PROPERTY HAS BEEN RECOVERED.

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NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE ASSISTS FLOOD VICTIMS

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STAFF OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE ARE WORKING TO GIVE ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE WHO WERE AFFECTED BY LAST WEDNESDAY'S FLOODINGS IN THE DISTRICT, A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"SO FAR THE OFFICE HAS PROCESSED FIVE APPLICATIONS FOR THE GENERAL CHINESE CHARITIES FUND WHICH OFFERS A MAXIMUM GRANT OF \$1,500 PER PERSON FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES," HE SAID.

ONE FAMILY FROM WO HOP SHEK, FANLING WHOSE DWELLING WAS RENDERED UNINHABITABLE AS A RESULT OF FLOODING, WAS REFERRED TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION IN THE SHEUNG SHUI TRANSIT CENTRE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF ALSO ADVISED NEEDY FARMERS TO APPLY FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO HELP RESTORE THEIR DAMAGED FARMS, AND FOR GRANTS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO TIDE OVER THEIR DIFFICULTIES.

A LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANISATION, FUNG YING SIN KOON, HAD DISBURSED \$1,000 THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO AN AFFECTED FAMILY AS LIVING EXPENSES, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF HAD ALREADY OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS DURING THE FLOOD PERIOD. THEY HAD ALSO TOURED THE AFFECTED AREAS FOR NECESSARY ACTION.

"THEY LIAISED WITH LOCAL PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS -- SUCH AS THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT -- FOR REMEDIAL MEASURES ON RECEIPT OF REPORTS OF BLOCKED DRAINAGE CHANNELS IN LOW-LYING AREAS," HE SAID.

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KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR, ABATTOIR IDENTIFIED AS BLACK SPOTS

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RESIDENTS TAKING PART IN A CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CAMPAIGN HAVE IDENTIFIED THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR AND ABATTOIR AS THE MOST NOTORIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE CALLED UPON TO IDENTIFY FIVE ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK SPOTS AND FIVE MODEL PLACES OF GOOD ENVIRONMENT.

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RESULTS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE THREE OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES THAT MOST PEOPLE DISLIKE ARE THE CENTRAL MARKET, THE WESTERN MARKET AND THE MARKET IN CENTRE STREET, SAI YING PUN.

MEANWHILE, THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDEN TOPPED THE LIST OF MODEL PLACES FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT. THE OTHER FOUR SELECTED FACILITIES WITH EXCELLENT ENVIRONMENT ARE THE CHATER GARDEN, THE CENTRAL PROMENADE, THE CITY HALL AND THE POK FU LAM PLAYGROUND.

AFTER ANNOUCING THE RESULTS AT THE CAMPAIGN'S CLOSING CEREMONY THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON, THE WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN, MR YUEN BUN-KEUNG, SAID THE BLACK SPOTS WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED FOR IMPROVEMENT.

DURING THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE, MISS ESTHER CHAN, PRESENTED MEMORIAL PLAQUES TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE MODEL PLACES, WHILE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, PRESENTED PRIZES AND TROPHIES TO WINNERS OF ANOTHER CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY, THE "ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME DESIGN COMPETITION".

MR CHUNG WAI-CHEUNG WON THE COMPETITION WITH HIS CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION OF SETTING UP SITTING-OUT FACILITIES IN THE DENSELY BUILT-UP AREA OF ON WO LANE.

THE FIRST RUNNER-UP, MR EDMOND LI, PROPOSED A PLAN TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE PINWOOD PICNIC AREA AT THE MID-LEVELS AND DEVELOP THE OLD FORTS THERE INTO RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE SECOND RUNNER-UP, MR CHOW PO-WAH, PROPOSED TO RE-DEVELOP THE TWO REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

MR FISHER SAID THE COMPETITION HAD HELPED TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' CONCERN OF THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND MADE THEM RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THE CAMPAIGN WAS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1988.

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DB COMMITTEE MEMBERS INSPECT LAMMA ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

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MEMBERS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, VISITED LAMMA ISLAND THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING TO SEE SOME OF THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT (MEI) PROJECTS THERE.

THE SITE VISIT WAS ORGANISED TO FAMILIARISE MEMBERS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEI PROJECTS SO THAT THEY COULD ASSUME A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE PROJECTS ARE FINANCED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD AND THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WORK IS ADMINISTERED BY THE WORKS SECTION OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE.

IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, ABOUT \$1.03 MILLION, WHICH AMOUNTED TO 55 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL DISTRICT BOARD FUND, WAS ALLOCATED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR MEI PROJECTS.

DURING TODAY'S TRIP, MEMBERS FIRST VISITED YUNG SHUE WAN, NORTH LAMMA TO SEE TWO SITTING-OUT AREAS, A BASKETBALL COURT AND A SOCCER PITCH WHICH WERE COMPLETED IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

THEY THEN TOOK A WALK TO TAI PENG TO INSPECT A SITTING-OUT AREA AND A RAINSHELTER THERE.

THE PARTY THEN TOOK A LAUNCH TO SOK KWU WAN AT SOUTH LAMMA TO SEE THREE SITTING-OUT AREAS AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON THE MAIN STREET.

FINALLY, MEMBERS VISITED A BARBEQUE SITE NEAR THE LO SO SHING BEACH WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR FONG LOI, SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE SITE VISIT AND THAT SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS TO VISIT OTHER AREAS IN THE DISTRICT WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE.

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KWAI TSING DB TO PUBLICISE REHABILITATION SERVICES

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF REHABILITATION SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITIES, TO BE HELD FROM THIS MONTH TO DECEMBER, WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

ATTENDING WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT REHABILITATIVE SERVICES PROMOTING COMMITTEE, DR LAI MING-WAH; CHAIRMAN OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR LI CHI-FAI; ASSISTANT DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MRS KATHERINE SHIN; AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), KWAI CHUNG.

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CUSTOMS WARNING TO TRAVELLERS

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) WARNED TRAVELLERS AGAINST BRINGING COUNTERFEIT GOODS INTO HONG KONG, OR ELSE THEY MAY BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

QUOTING A COURT CASE TODAY, A SPOKESMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT SAID A FOREIGN TRAVELLER WAS FINED \$15,000 IN SAN PO KONG MAGISTRACY FOR IMPORTING COUNTERFEIT GOODS INTO HONG KONG.

HE SAID A MACAU RESIDENT ARRIVING FROM KOREA IN APRIL WAS FOUND BY HONG KONG CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT THE AIRPORT TO BE IN POSSESSION OF 166 PIECES OF GOODS BEARING FORGED TRADEMARKS. THE GOODS INCLUDED HANDBAGS, TRAVELLING BAGS, BRIEF-CASES, WALLETS, KEY-CHAINS, BELTS AND HATS, WITH A DECLARED VALUE OF \$11,000.

THE TRAVELLER WAS CHARGED WITH IMPORTING GOODS TO WHICH FORGED TRADEMARKS WERE APPLIED, CONTRARY TO THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE. HE WAS FINED \$15,000 TODAY AND WAS REQUIRED TO PAY \$2,000 FOR THE COURT COSTS.

UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON IMPORTING COUNTERFEIT GOODS SHALL BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$500,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES

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THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) JULY 25 CONTAINS A LEGAL NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES.

AS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 5.76 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 5.28 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.48 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 27, 1988.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE JULY 27, 1988 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS-

3.36%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 9, 1987 AND BEFORE JUNE 4, 1987;
3.84%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 4, 1987 AND BEFORE JUNE 24, 1987;
4.32%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 24, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 14, 1987;
5.28%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 14, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 28, 1987;
4.32%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 28, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 30, 1987;
3.24%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 30, 1987 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 2, 1987;
3.00%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 2, 1987 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 9, 1987;
2.04%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 9, 1987 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 20, 1988;

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- 2.76% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 20, 1988 AND BEFORE APRIL 13, 1988;
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 13, 1988 AND BEFORE MAY 11, 1988;
- 4.32% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 11, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 16, 1988;
- 4.8% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 16, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 29, 1988; AND
- 5.28% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 29, 1988 AND BEFORE JULY 27, 1988.

BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE:

\$1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON JULY 30, 1988, AUGUST 30, 1988 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1988 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON OCTOBER 29, 1988 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS -

ON \$1,000, JULY 30, 1988 TO OCTOBER 29, 1988	
3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$4.80 PER MONTH	= \$14.40
ON \$1,000, AUGUST 30, 1988 TO OCTOBER 29, 1988	
2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$4.80 PER MONTH	= \$ 9.60
ON \$1,000, SEPTEMBER 30, 1988 TO OCTOBER 29, 1988	
1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$4.80 PER MONTH	= \$ 4.80

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WAN CHAI, SHAU KEI WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN WAN CHAI AND SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE DESIGNATED AS 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 29).

IN WAN CHAI, FLEMING ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND THOMSON ROAD WILL BECOME AN URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS FOR WATERWORKS.

IN SHAU KEI WAN, ALDRICH BAY ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 110 METRES NORTH OF THAT JUNCTION WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH FOR TRAM TRACK LAYING WORK.

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

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KOWLOON

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE U-SHAPED SECTION OF KAM SHING ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG BETWEEN ITS TWO JUNCTIONS WITH JUNCTION ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 28).

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

IN KWUN TONG, YAU SHING STREET WILL BE EXTENDED TO LINK UP WITH KING YIP STREET FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 29).

AT THE SAME TIME, YAU SHING STREET WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC. MOTORISTS FROM KING YIP STREET HEADING FOR CHA KWO LING ROAD CAN CHOOSE TO USE YAU SHING STREET.

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ROADS IN SHA TIN DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS
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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, TWO SECTIONS OF LOK KING STREET IN SHA TIN WILL BE DESIGNATED 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 29), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THEY ARE:

- * THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM A POINT ABOUT 400 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LOK SHUN PATH TO A POINT ABOUT 630 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, EXCLUDING THE LAYBY ALONG THIS ROAD SECTION; AND
- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LOK SHUN PATH TO A POINT ABOUT 660 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, EXCLUDING THE TWO LAYBYS ALONG THIS ROAD SECTION.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THESE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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SUSPENSION OF SUPPLY FOR WATER WORKS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSZ WAN SHAN AND SAN PO KONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM LATE THURSDAY (JULY 28) TO EARLY FRIDAY (JULY 29) FOR WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION IN TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE FROM 9 PM ON THURSDAY TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

IT WILL AFFECT THE AREA BOUNDED BY PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, PO MING LANE, YUK WAH CRESCENT, AND YUK WAH STREET, INCLUDING TIN LIU VILLAGE.

THE SUSPENSION IN SAN PO KONG WILL BE FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY KING FUK STREET, SAM CHUK STREET, TSAT PO STREET, LUK HOP STREET, SZE MEI STREET, AND BLOCK NOS. 1 TO 6 OF SAN PO KONG FACTORY ESTATE.

MEANWHILE, THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE OF HO MAN TIN HILL AND HO MAN TIN STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON CITY, KOWLOON TONG, LOK FU AND WANG TAU HOM WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY (JULY 28).

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