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\$56.6 MILLION PAID OUT IN LAST TWO MONTHS AS
SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PAID OUT A TOTAL OF \$56.6 MILLION IN JULY AND AUGUST AS NON-CONTRIBUTORY SOCIAL SECURITY CASH BENEFITS TO NEEDY FAMILIES, THE DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY.

THIS BRINGS TO A STAGGERING \$135 MILLION THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID OUT IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR -- \$36.5 MILLION MORE THAN IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE MONEY WENT TO MORE THAN 133,000 NEEDY FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS AS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, DISABILITY ALLOWANCE AND OLD AGE ALLOWANCE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY DIVISION.

MR. CHENG KWAN-KUEN, HEAD OF THE DIVISION, SAID TODAY THAT OF THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS, \$35.8 MILLION WERE PAID OUT AS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, \$12.9 MILLION AS OLD AGE ALLOWANCE AND \$7.9 MILLION AS DISABILITY ALLOWANCE.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, HE SAID, IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A GUARANTEED INCOME TO NEEDY HOUSEHOLDS ENABLING THEM TO MEET THE COST OF ESSENTIALS SUCH AS FOOD AND CLOTHING WITHOUT SUFFERING HARDSHIP.

DISABILITY AND OLD AGE ALLOWANCES PROVIDE CASH ASSISTANCE ON TOP OF ANY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENT TO ENCOURAGE THE SEVERELY DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY TO REMAIN WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND AMONG THEIR FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS, HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, THE DEPARTMENT'S 26 SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS ARE HANDLING AROUND 48,000 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 66,000 OLD AGE ALLOWANCE CASES AND 19,000 DISABILITY ALLOWANCE CASES, HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, MR. CHENG SAID THAT SINCE THE LOWERING OF THE QUALIFYING AGE FOR OLD AGE ALLOWANCE FROM 75 TO 70 AS FROM NEXT MONTH WAS ANNOUNCED, MORE THAN 26,700 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM APPLICANTS IN THE 70-74 AGE GROUP UP TO LAST THURSDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, THE RECENTLY INTRODUCED +HOT LINE+ AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN KEPT BUSY AND FLOODED WITH ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE EXTENDED PROVISION.

SOME 2,000 ENQUIRIES WERE MADE AND 120 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THIS +HOT LINE+, HE SAID.

HE SAID PEOPLE MIGHT APPLY THROUGH THE +HOT LINE+ -- 5-794673 -- BY GIVING THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS, AND A BRIEF INTERVIEW WOULD BE ARRANGED LATER TO VERIFY THEIR CLAIMS TO THE ALLOWANCE.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QUALIFYING AGE REDUCTION WOULD COST AN EXTRA \$28.5 MILLION IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, WHICH WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE \$78.1 MILLION ALREADY PROVIDED FOR PAYMENT OF THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE TO EXISTING CLIENTS, HE SAID.

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EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY-JULY 1978

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS THIS YEAR INCREASED BY NINE PER CENT TO \$20,992 MILLION COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE FIGURES ALSO SHOWED THAT THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT TO \$33,306 MILLION AND THE RE-EXPORTS WERE WORTH \$6,915 MILLION, REGISTERING A 27 PER CENT INCREASE.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

	JAN.-JULY 77 (HK\$ MN)	JAN.-JULY 78 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	7,413	8,142	+ 729	+ 10%
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,986	2,175	+ 188	+ 9%
UNITED KINGDOM	1,619	1,888	+ 269	+ 17%
JAPAN	728	822	+ 94	+ 13%
AUSTRALIA	710	744	+ 34	+ 5%
CANADA	661	682	+ 22	+ 3%
SINGAPORE	481	542	+ 61	+ 13%
THE NETHERLANDS	422	464	+ 42	+ 10%
SWITZERLAND	334	385	+ 51	+ 15%
NIGERIA	222	336	+ 114	+ 51%

THE RISE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO U.S.A. WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASED SHIPMENTS OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$3,379 MILLION, +12%) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$367 MILLION, +47%). HOWEVER, THIS WAS SOMEWHAT OFFSET BY DECREASES OF 37 PER CENT IN RADIO RECEIVERS AND 19 PER CENT IN TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES TO F.R. OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT, TO \$1,281 MILLION AND THE INCREASE IN EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS WAS 122 PER CENT.

FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM, EXPORTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS ROSE BY 12 PER CENT TO \$169 MILLION. INCREASE IN SALES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$986 MILLION, +24%) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$99 MILLION, +77%) WERE ALSO RECORDED.

EXPORT SALES TO JAPAN WERE ALSO BOOSTED BY INCREASED DELIVERIES OF CLOTHING (\$204 MILLION, +9%) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$58 MILLION, +82%).

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AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

	JAN.-JULY 77 (HK\$ MN)	JAN.-JULY 78 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
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ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,697	8,204	+ 507	+ 7%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	3,132	3,397	+ 265	+ 8%
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,020	1,509	+ 489	+ 48%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,556	1,476	- 80	- 5%
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,493	1,455	- 38	- 3%
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE EQUIPMENT)	941	1,102	+ 161	+ 17%

BY COMMODITY, THE INCREASE IN VALUE WAS HIGHEST FOR APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES WHEREAS THAT IN PERCENTAGE TERMS WAS HIGHEST FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$1,234 MILLION, +56%). ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL HOUSEHOLD TYPE EQUIPMENT (\$397 MILLION, +33%) AS WELL AS PLASTIC ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS (\$242 MILLION, +26%) ALSO SHOWED PROMINENT ADVANCES.

HOWEVER, THE EXPORTS OF RADIO RECEIVERS (\$818 MILLION, -31%) AND TEXTILE YARN (\$196 MILLION, -16%) REGISTERED SIGNIFICANT DECLINES.

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THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:-

	JAN.-JULY 77 (HK\$ MN)	JAN.-JULY 78 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
JAPAN	6,484	7,646	+1,161	+ 18%
CHINA	4,329	5,370	+1,041	+ 24%
U.S.A.	3,541	4,173	+ 632	+ 18%
TAIWAN	1,930	2,173	+ 245	+ 13%
SINGAPORE	1,692	1,760	+ 69	+ 4%
U.K.	1,216	1,507	+ 291	+ 24%
F.R. OF GERMANY	806	1,102	+ 296	+ 37%
SWITZERLAND	728	1,052	+ 324	+ 45%
SOUTH KOREA	955	955	*	*
AUSTRALIA	560	677	+ 117	+ 21%

(* NEGLIGIBLE CHANGE)

INCREASED IMPORTS FROM JAPAN OF FABRICS (\$1,043 MILLION, +17%), TEXTILE YARN (\$293 MILLION, +18%), TEXTILE MADE-UP ARTICLES (\$7 MILLION, +16%), ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$633 MILLION, +27%), TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (\$536 MILLION, +22%) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$659 MILLION, +31%) BOOSTED THE IMPORT VALUE BY 18 PER CENT. INCREASED IMPORTS FROM CHINA INCLUDED FABRICS (\$559 MILLION, + 69%), TEXTILE YARN (\$134 MILLION, +17%), TEXTILE MADE-UP ARTICLES (\$299 MILLION, +18%), LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (\$644 MILLION, +5%), PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (\$384 MILLION, +87%), VEGETABLES AND FRUITS (\$367 MILLION, +16%).

THE LARGEST INCREASE IN IMPORTS FROM U.S.A. WAS DIAMONDS (\$376 MILLION, +71%). OTHER ITEMS WHICH ALSO SHOWED A RISE INCLUDED ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (\$340 MILLION, +10%), DATA PROCESSING AND OFFICE MACHINES (\$342 MILLION, +13%), VEGETABLES AND FRUITS (\$280 MILLION, +24%) AND TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (\$183 MILLION, +33%).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS:

	JAN.-JULY 77 (HK\$ MN)	JAN.-JULY 78 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND DIAMONDS)	8,350	10,615	+2,265	+ 27%

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MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	5,454	6,490	+1,036	+ 19%
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	4,076	4,489	+ 413	+ 10%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	3,340	4,448	+1,108	+ 33%
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2,094	2,448	+ 354	+ 17%

BIGGER INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$1,578 MILLION, +35%), ROAD VEHICLES (\$776 MILLION, +44%) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$665 MILLION, +42%). IN ADDITION, TEXTILE FABRICS (\$2,835 MILLION), IRON AND STEEL (\$1,020 MILLION) ALSO REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 27 PER CENT.

RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW DUE TO INCREASED DEMANDS FROM JAPAN (\$1,176 MILLION, +47%), INDONESIA (\$706 MILLION, +45%), TAIWAN (\$628 MILLION, +35%), U.S.A. (\$643 MILLION, +36%) AND SINGAPORE (\$748 MILLION, +27%).

A RISE OF \$286 MILLION (+72%) WAS REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS OF DIAMONDS. FURTHERMORE, RE-EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS ALSO SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT REACHING \$474 MILLION AND TEXTILE AND RELATED PRODUCTS 17 PER CENT REACHING \$824 MILLION. ROAD VEHICLES ROSE SHARPLY TO \$159 MILLION (+107%) WHILE POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ROSE TO \$103 MILLION (+89%).

THE TRADE INDEXES FOR MAY 1978 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	VALUE INDEX	UNIT VALUE INDEX	QUANTUM (1973=100) INDEX
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	208	136	153
IMPORTS	209	141	148

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX FOR MAY WAS 96.

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MORE SMALL DENOMINATION COINS ARRIVE

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A CONSIGNMENT OF 2.25 MILLION 10 CENT COINS HAS ARRIVED TOGETHER WITH 2.4 MILLION 20 CENT COINS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THIS BRINGS THE NUMBER OF 10 CENT COINS IN CIRCULATION TO ABOUT 466.5 MILLION AND THE NUMBER OF 20 CENT COINS TO ABOUT 171.5 MILLION.

THE FIGURES INCLUDED A CONSIGNMENT OF 10 AND 20 CENT COINS WHICH ARRIVED EARLY LAST WEEK.

ANOTHER 44 MILLION 10 CENT COINS AND 55 MILLION 20 CENT COINS ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

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EXHIBITION ON RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING AN EXHIBITION WHICH WILL THROW LIGHT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTAL INFLUENCE ON THE PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN.

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION, PART OF THE CURRENT COMMUNITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, WILL OPEN THIS SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL.

WITH THE THEME ON +RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD+, THE EXHIBITION AIMS AT DRIVING HOME THE MESSAGE THAT ATTITUDES, HABITS AND EXPERIENCE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CAN HAVE STRONG BEARING ON THE CHILD'S FUTURE PERSONALITY.

MATERIALS ON DISPLAY WILL INCLUDE EXHIBITS CONTRIBUTED BY THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION AND THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

MR. LAWRENCE IU, PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR AND A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT MANY FORMATIVE FACTORS OF ADULT AND JUVENILE BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS COULD BE TRACED BACK TO THE DEVIANCE OR LACK OF CARE AND GUIDANCE IN THE EARLY YEARS. THUS, PARENTS SHOULD SHOULD THE GREATEST SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

+TO HELP THEM ACQUIRE THE PROPER WAY IN CHILD-REARING, AND TO FOSTER CLOSER PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, WE ATTEMPT TO PRESENT, THROUGH AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE INTER-RELATED ELEMENTS VITAL FOR THE HEALTHY AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN,+ HE SAID.

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ALTHOUGH PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN ARE THE BASIC TARGET AUDIENCE OF THIS EXHIBITION, MR. IU POINTED OUT, +NEWLY-WEDS+ AND YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT TO GET MARRIED WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE SHOW AS A SECTION ON THE RELEVANCE AND MEANS OF FAMILY PLANNING SITS ON THE THRESHOLD TO THIS +PARENTAL WORLD ON DISPLAY+.

+FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE HAVING THEIR FIRST-BORN, WE HAVE PREPARED A DETAILED RUN-DOWN OF KNOWLEDGE ON PREGNANCY, PRE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CARE,+ HE ADDED.

TURNING TO BEHAVIORAL GUIDANCE, THE TOPIC WHICH MOST PARENTS FIND DIFFICULT TO MASTER, MR. IU SAID THAT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATORS HAVE CONDENSED 13 KEY CHILD-REARING PRINCIPLES INTO A RHYMING LIMERICK TO SERVE AS A CONSTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS.

+FLEXIBLE APPLICATION OF THESE RULES WOULD HELP CREATE A FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POTENTIAL OF INDIVIDUAL CHILD AS WELL AS FACILITATE THE EARLY DETECTION AND CORRECTION OF BAD HABITS,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, CHARACTERISTICS OF DIFFERENT STAGES OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT, GENERALLY CLASSIFIED AS INFANCY, PLAY AGE, SCHOOL AGE, ADOLESCENCE AND YOUNG ADULthood ARE HIGHLIGHTED SO THAT PARENTS ARE BETTER EQUIPPED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A DEVELOPING CHILD.

+OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN, SUCH AS NUTRITION, RECREATIONAL PURSUITS, AND HOME SAFETY ARE ALSO BROUGHT OUT,+ HE ADDED.

APART FROM THESE EXHIBITS, EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE MATERIALS LIKE TOYS AND BOOKS WILL BE ON DISPLAY. FILM SHOWS, SLIDE SHOWS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATION SESSIONS ON BABY CARE WILL ALSO BE HELD AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 21) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE IMPOSED ON A SECTION OF WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF GLOUCESTER ROAD, THAT IS, THE SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN CANNON STREET AND THE NORTH-SOUTH SECTION OF GLOUCESTER ROAD ADJACENT TO VICTORIA PARK.

A 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF KING'S ROAD AND CAUSEWAY ROAD NEAR 31 KING'S ROAD= A SECTION OF TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD NEAR CAUSEWAY ROAD= AND ALONG THE EASTERN SECTION OF TUNG LO WAN ROAD NEAR CAUSEWAY ROAD.

PEAK HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS, THAT IS, FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND FROM 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M., FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS:

- * THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF CAUSEWAY ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN MORETON TERRACE AND CAROLINE HILL ROAD=
- * PENNINGTON STREET=
- * IRVING STREET=
- * THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF YEE WO STREET AND HENNESSY ROAD BETWEEN PENNINGTON STREET AND 540 HENNESSY ROAD=
- * THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF YEE WO STREET (SOUTHERN CARRIAGEWAY) BETWEEN PENNINGTON STREET AND CAUSEWAY ROAD= AND
- * THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF YEE WO STREET (NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY) AND CAUSEWAY ROAD BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND A POINT OPPOSITE MORETON TERRACE.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP ON THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF YEE WO STREET AND CAUSEWAY ROAD BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND A POINT OPPOSITE MORETON TERRACE BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT.

PLB'S WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF PENNINGTON STREET BETWEEN IRVING STREET AND YEE WO STREET= THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF YEE WO STREET BETWEEN PENNINGTON STREET AND HENNESSY ROAD= AND THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF YEE WO STREET BETWEEN PENNINGTON STREET AND CAUSEWAY ROAD.

IN ADDITION THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF YEE WO STREET INTO TUNG LO WAN ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD.

PLB STANDS WILL BE SET UP IN THE SECTION OF TUNG LO WAN ROAD OPPOSITE THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE AND IN JARDINE'S BAZAAR.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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EXCURSIONS FOR WORKERS
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THE GOVERNMENT IS ORGANISING A NUMBER OF THRILLING +AWAY FROM IT ALL+ EXCURSIONS FOR WORKING PEOPLE AS PART OF A PROJECT SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO GIVE WORKERS A BREAK FROM THE PRESSURES OF THEIR WORK.

THERE ARE SIX EXCURSIONS LINED UP BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, EACH LASTING FOUR DAYS. THEY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AND VARIOUS OUTLYING ISLANDS.

THE FIRST TWO EXCURSIONS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 16 AND 17 AND THE REST IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

THE EXCURSION PROGRAMME WILL START IN THE AFTERNOON AT SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE WHERE PARTICIPANTS CAN TAKE PART IN SWIMMING, ARCHERY, CANOEING, ROPE COURSES, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

ON THE SECOND DAY, PARTICIPANTS WILL GO ON A STUDY TOUR OF THE SCENIC ISLANDS IN SAI KUNG AREA NOTING THEIR SPECIAL FEATURES AND CHARACTERISTICS. A BARBECUE PARTY WILL BE HELD IN THE EVENING AT THE RECREATION CENTRE.

PROGRAMME FOR THE THIRD DAY WILL START WITH A TRIP TO LANTAU ISLAND WHERE THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY HORSE-RIDING, ROLLER-SKATING, CYCLING AND HIKING. ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED AT A GUEST HOUSE ON NGONG PING.

ON THE LAST DAY, A MORE RELAXED PROGRAMME HAS BEEN LAID OUT, BEGINNING WITH WATCHING A SUNRISE AND ENDING IN THE AFTERNOON AFTER A COACH TOUR OF THE ISLAND.

COMMENTING ON THE +AWAY FROM IT ALL+ PROJECT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE SAID THE AIM WAS TO ENABLE PEOPLE-IN-EMPLOYMENT TO FORGET ABOUT WORK FOR A FEW DAYS AND GO BACK TO NATURE TO UNWIND THEMSELVES.

IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNISED THAT TENSION AND FATIGUE FOR THOSE EMPLOYED IN MODERN HIGH PRESSURE INDUSTRIAL PROCESS CAN BE RELIEVED BY PROGRAMMES OF RECREATION, HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE ROYAL NAVY ARE ALSO JOINTLY ORGANISING A SIMILAR FOUR-DAY EXCURSION ON OCTOBER 15.

APPLICATIONS FOR JOINING ANY OF THESE EXCURSIONS ARE BEING INVITED. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS SEPTEMBER 23. FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAMME, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CONTACT THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HEADQUARTERS AT WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL (TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-458511) OR ITS BRANCH OFFICES.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAU KEI WAN AND WONG TAI SIN WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR A FEW HOURS ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) TO FACILITATE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN SHAU KEI WAN, WATER SUPPLY WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY. THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SUN SING STREET AND SHING ON STREET INCLUDING SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND SAI WAN HO STREET.

IN WONG TAI SIN, THE SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY. PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BLOCKS 16, 17, 26 AND 27, LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE, KAI MING LAU AND TAK MING LAU.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN HUNG HOM
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE +NO LEFT TURN+ BAN AT THE JUNCTION OF GILLIES AVENUE AND BAKER STREET IN HUNG HOM WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 21) TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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