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GOVERNOR WELCOMES CONSULTATION ON BASIC LAW

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) HE WELCOMED THE FACT THAT THERE WOULD BE AN EXTENSIVE EFFORT TO CONSULT AND GATHER OPINIONS FROM THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ON THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE BASIC LAW, WHICH HAD JUST BEEN RELEASED.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S TRAINING CENTRES IN KOWLOON BAY, SIR DAVID SAID:

"I HOPE THAT PEOPLE HERE WILL STUDY THE DOCUMENT VERY CAREFULLY BECAUSE IT AFFECTS VERY CLOSELY THEIR OWN LIVES AND THEIR OWN FUTURES, AND THAT THEY WILL PUT FORWARD THEIR IDEAS TO THE BASIC LAW CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL BE LOOKING AT THE BASIC LAW ITSELF."

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD EXPRESS OPINIONS ON THE DRAFT, SIR DAVID SAID THAT WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND ON ITS REVIEW OF THE BASIC LAW.

SIR DAVID ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ANY DEBATE ON THE DRAFT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO BE DECIDED AMONG MEMBERS THEMSELVES.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, WAS ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE BASIC LAW BY REPORTERS AFTER HE LAUNCHED THE 1988 GREAT INVESTMENT RACE, A FUND-RAISING COMPETITION FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

SIR DAVID WAS CONFIDENT THAT THERE WOULD BE A VERY WIDE-RANGING RESPONSE FROM HONG KONG PEOPLE.

ASKED WHETHER THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WOULD ADD ITS OPINION TO IT, HE SAID THE BASIC LAW WAS A MATTER OF CHINA.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY NOTED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT, OF COURSE, TO ENSURE THAT THE BASIC LAW WAS IN LINE WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION.

"IF THERE ARE POINTS WHICH WE WISH TO DRAW ATTENTION TO IN THE JOINT DECLARATION, WE'LL OBVIOUSLY DO SO." HE ADDED THAT THIS WOULD BE DONE THROUGH VARIOUS NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

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PUBLICATION OF DRAFT BASIC LAW WELCOMED

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT BASIC LAW BY THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE DRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

"THE JOINT DECLARATION PROVIDES THAT THE BASIC LAW SHOULD STIPULATE CHINA'S BASIC POLICIES REGARDING HONG KONG AS SET OUT IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND ELABORATED IN ITS ANNEX 1," HE SAID.

"BOTH THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS ARE COMMITTED TO THE FULL AND FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION. THE DRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW IS A CRUCIAL STEP IN THIS.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT PARTICULARLY WELCOMES THE OPPORTUNITY THAT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE TO STUDY THE DRAFT BASIC LAW AND PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS ON IT TO THE BASIC LAW CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

"FOR OUR PART, WE WILL STUDY THE DRAFT CLOSELY IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

"ANY COMMENTS WHICH THE BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS MAY HAVE WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES," HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR VISITS VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) SUGGESTED THAT SCHOOL LEAVERS ACQUIRE A SKILL IN ONE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S TRAINING CENTRES BEFORE TAKING UP EMPLOYMENT.

"YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THEIR CAREER PROSPECTS BY BEING TRAINED IN ONE OF THE MANY PRACTICAL COURSES OFFERED BY THE TRAINING CENTRES," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AFTER A VISIT TO FOUR OF THE COUNCIL'S TRAINING CENTRES IN KOWLOON BAY THIS AFTERNOON, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE FACT THAT THE SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYMENT RATE OF TRAINEES FROM SOME OF THE CENTRES WAS AS HIGH AS 100 PER CENT.

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HE WAS ALSO PLEASED TO NOTE THAT MANY TRAINEES, AFTER THEY FOUND JOBS, WENT ON TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS BY ATTENDING PART-TIME COURSES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR POLYTECHNICS.

HE ALSO URGED PARENTS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN TO BECOME SKILLED TECHNICIANS OR CRAFTSMEN BY JOINING AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING SCHEME.

"THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO BUILD A CAREER, BUT APPRENTICE TRAINING CAN PROVIDE A SOLID BASE FOR ACHIEVING THIS GOAL," THE GOVERNOR ADDED.

SIR DAVID VISITED THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND EXAMINED THE OPERATION OF THE TRAINING CENTRES OPERATED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

HE WAS FIRST BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MR HORACE KNIGHT, ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE VTC.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR KNIGHT AND VTC CHAIRMAN, MR K. C. CHAN, SIR DAVID TOURED THE TRAINING CENTRES FOR THE HOTEL, PRINTING, PRECISION TOOLING, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRIES.

HE SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN THE PRACTICAL TRAINING WHICH AIMS AT PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR JOBS IN INDUSTRY, AND WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE TRAINING OF SERVING CRAFTSMEN AT THE PRECISION TOOLING TRAINING CENTRE WHICH UPGRADES TOOLMAKING SKILLS.

THE TOUR WAS FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING. SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT GRADUATES OF THE CENTRES HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN FINDING JOBS IN INDUSTRY AND HAVE BEEN READILY ACCEPTED BY EMPLOYERS.

ABOUT 10,000 TRAINEES PASS THROUGH THE COUNCIL'S 11 INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES EACH YEAR. ALL THE TRAINEES ON COURSES WHICH LAST LONGER THAN SIX MONTHS ALSO ATTEND RELATED COURSES IN THE COUNCIL'S TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FOR ONE DAY A WEEK.

MOST OF THEM HAVE ENTERED RELEVANT TRADES OR BECOME APPRENTICES AND HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

MR KNIGHT ALSO TOLD THE GOVERNOR THAT MANY MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WERE TAKING UP APPRENTICESHIPS FOR TRAINING AS SKILLED CRAFTSMEN.

THE GOVERNOR LEARNT THAT A TOTAL OF 4,900 APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACTS, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF NINE PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH 1986, HAD BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

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THIS BROUGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPRENTICES REGISTERED IN HONG KONG UNDER TRAINING IN THE VARIOUS TRADES TO ABOUT 9,900.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE TRAINING CENTRES, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE MORE FUNDS, IF REQUIRED, TO OFFER MORE TRAINING FOR PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO LEARN A TRADE.

"THERE IS A CONSTANT RESEARCH EFFORT TO EXAMINE WHAT TRAINING IS REQUIRED IN THE DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO SAID CONTINUOUS EFFORTS WERE MADE TO FIND OUT IF THE FACILITIES WERE ADEQUATE TO MEET DEMAND.

"IF A NEW NEED IS REVEALED, THEN WE WILL MAKE THE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT NEED IS MET," HE SAID.

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LEGCO GROUP BRIEFED ON VR ISSUE

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, TODAY (THURSDAY) BRIEFED MEMBERS OF THE LEGCO AD HOC GROUP ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE AGREEMENT OF THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES TO ACCEPT THE RETURN OF NON-REFUGEE ECONOMIC MIGRANTS.

AT A MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP, MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE LEGAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO HONG KONG'S POLICY ON FIRST ASYLUM FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

MR BARNES SAID AFTER THE MEETING THAT EFFORTS TO PRODUCE A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT ON REPATRIATION HAD SO FAR MET WITH DISCOURAGING RESULTS.

ON FIRST ASYLUM FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, MR BARNES EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS BASED PRIMARILY ON THE 1979 GENEVA CONFERENCE.

AT THAT CONFERENCE IT WAS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF FIRST ASYLUM WOULD BE OBSERVED FOR ALL BOAT PEOPLE AND THAT THE REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COULD ASSIST THE FIRST ASYLUM COUNTRIES BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND RESETTLEMENT.

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"ALTHOUGH CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THEN AND IT IS WIDELY RECOGNISED THAT A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE BOAT PEOPLE ARE ECONOMIC MIGRANTS, TO TURN THEM AWAY FROM HONG KONG IN THEIR LEAKY BOATS WOULD SIMPLY BE UNACCEPTABLE," HE SAID.

MR BARNES INFORMED THE AD HOC GROUP THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CRITICALLY EXAMINING ITS POSITION AND HAD INITIATED DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING A COMMON REGIONAL APPROACH TO THE SITUATION.

REPORTS ON THE CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS IN THAILAND, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA WERE PRESENTED TO THE AD HOC GROUP.

THERE WAS A GENERAL FEELING IN THE COUNTRIES CONTACTED THAT TOUGHER MEASURES WERE CALLED FOR, BUT NOT WHAT THESE MEASURES SHOULD BE.

"WE HOPE TO PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNTRIES IN THE REGION AT A SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN THAILAND IN LATE MAY," HE SAID.

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NEW PARTNERS FOR TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE GAMMON NISHIMATSU CONSORTIUM FOR ITS PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING.

UNDER THE PROPOSAL, CHINA RESOURCES (HOLDINGS) CO. AND NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT CO. WILL JOIN THE CONSORTIUM, REPLACING STANDARD CHARTERED ASIA LIMITED.

THE GAMMON NISHIMATSU CONSORTIUM HAS BEEN GIVEN THE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THESE CHANGES HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY THE CONSORTIUM.

THE CONDITIONS OF THE FRANCHISE WHICH HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH THE CONSORTIUM TO ENSURE A LOW AND STABLE TOLL REGIME HAD NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE.

IN GIVING THE APPROVAL, THE GOVERNMENT HAD SATISFIED ITSELF THAT THE FINANCIAL STRENGTH OF THE CONSORTIUM AND ITS ABILITY TO PERFORM THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FRANCHISE REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE PROJECT WOULD BE KEEPING TO ITS 37-MONTH CONSTRUCTION PERIOD WITH THE OPENING OF THE TUNNEL EXPECTED IN MID-1991.

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TRADE BILL WATCHED

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THE PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN THE U.S. MIGHT BE REDUCED BY PASSAGE OF THE OMNIBUS TRADE BILL, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN COMMENTING ON THE SENATE VOTE ON THE BILL.

THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR CHRISTOPHER JACKSON, SAID: "THE BILL THAT HAS EMERGED FROM THE SENATE/HOUSE CONFERENCE IS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT ON EARLIER VERSIONS.

"MOST OF THE PROVISIONS OF CONCERN TO HONG KONG HAVE EITHER BEEN MODIFIED OR DROPPED COMPLETELY."

HE ADDED THAT THE BILL WOULD NO LONGER APPEAR TO THREATEN HONG KONG'S INTERESTS AND ITS PASSAGE MIGHT HELP MODERATE PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT.

"WE WILL BE WATCHING WITH INTEREST TO SEE WHETHER THE BILL IS VETOED, AND IF THIS HAPPENS WHETHER THE VETO WILL BE SUSTAINED," HE SAID.

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STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE RELEASED

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THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR IN 1987 WAS \$162,649 MILLION, 32 PER CENT ABOVE THAT IN 1986, AS INDICATED BY THE SUMMARY STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN 1987, AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 24 PER CENT, 35 PER CENT AND 41 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER 1986.

HOWEVER, THEIR SHARES IN TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS WERE 27 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 18 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHICH WERE SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THE CORRESPONDING SHARES OF 28 PER CENT, 21 PER CENT AND 19 PER CENT RECORDED IN 1986.

IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, AIRBORNE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 234,407 TONNES OR 0.4 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORT TONNAGE, WHILE TOTAL AIRBORNE EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AMOUNTED TO 376,158 TONNES OR 1.4 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EXPORT TONNAGE.

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

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INCREASES IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS BETWEEN 1986 AND 1987, PARTICULARLY FOR JAPAN (+58 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+52 PER CENT), SWITZERLAND (+47 PER CENT), ITALY (+40 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+31 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$4,227 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1,923 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$1,344 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,215 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN VALUE WERE RECORDED IN ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$2 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT); ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS, TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS (BY \$2 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT); AND CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS (BY \$2 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

FURTHER ANALYSIS BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY REVEALED INCREASES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$1,606 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (BY \$1,019 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$761 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (BY \$189 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS TO JAPAN (BY \$617 MILLION OR 104 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$608 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES TO NIGERIA (BY \$2 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT) AND CANADA (BY \$0.4 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT); ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS, TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$9 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT); AND CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS TO GREECE (BY \$6 MILLION OR 100 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

IMPORTS CARRIED BY AIR FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN 1987 OVER 1986. SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED FOR FRANCE (+57 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+43 PER CENT), ITALY (+42 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+37 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+35 PER CENT).

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ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$5,944 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$2,429 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$2,097 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,499 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS (BY \$89 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT); CRUDE FERTILISERS AND CRUDE MINERALS (BY \$10 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT); AND SUGAR, SUGAR PREPARATIONS AND HONEY (BY \$4 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM JAPAN (BY \$1,729 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT) AND MALAYSIA WEST (BY \$995 MILLION OR 103 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES FROM ISRAEL (BY \$758 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (BY \$454 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS FROM SWITZERLAND (BY \$1,032 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FROM THE U.S.A. (BY \$668 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$48 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (BY \$24 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT); CRUDE FERTILISERS AND CRUDE MINERALS FROM THE NETHERLANDS (BY \$9 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); AND SUGAR, SUGAR PREPARATIONS AND HONEY FROM CHINA (BY \$3 MILLION OR 87 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO MAJOR MARKETS ARE DEPICTED IN TABLE 3.

HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN 1987 OVER 1986. THE GROWTH WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG FOR BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (+87 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+75 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+63 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+63 PER CENT) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+50 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN VALUE OF AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$3,243 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$1,038 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$912 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$881 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$61 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); METALWORKING MACHINERY (BY \$9 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT); AND TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$3 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

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ANALYSED BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO TAIWAN (BY \$1,343 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (BY \$531 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT); CLOTHING TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$311 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$159 MILLION OR 108 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT TO CHINA (BY \$428 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$176 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$36 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT) AND IRAN (BY \$19 MILLION OR 99 PER CENT); METALWORKING MACHINERY TO MALAYSIA WEST (BY \$6 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT); AND TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES TO PHILIPPINES (BY \$3 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, DECEMBER 1987" WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$15 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234915.

TABLE 1: AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1986 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
U.S.A.	25,174	21,624	+3,550	+ 16
JAPAN	5,725	3,623	+2,101	+ 58
F.R. OF GERMANY	4,865	3,723	+1,142	+ 31
U.K.	2,783	2,148	+ 636	+ 30
CANADA	1,536	1,335	+ 202	+ 15
SINGAPORE	1,440	945	+ 495	+ 52
SWITZERLAND	1,388	946	+ 442	+ 47
NETHERLANDS	1,238	966	+ 272	+ 28
FRANCE	1,207	1,021	+ 186	+ 18
ITALY	795	569	+ 226	+ 40

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TABLE 2: AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1986 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
JAPAN	16,443	13,017	+3,426	+ 26
U.S.A.	14,274	10,447	+3,827	+ 37
SWITZERLAND	5,273	3,993	+1,280	+ 32
U.K.	4,049	3,079	+ 970	+ 31
SINGAPORE	3,300	2,302	+ 998	+ 43
TAIWAN	3,280	2,426	+ 854	+ 35
F.R. OF GERMANY	2,970	2,447	+ 523	+ 21
ITALY	2,888	2,031	+ 857	+ 42
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,660	2,139	+ 520	+ 24
FRANCE	2,585	1,644	+ 941	+ 57

TABLE 3: AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1986 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
U.S.A.	7,292	5,544	+1,748	+ 32
TAIWAN	5,068	3,113	+1,955	+ 63
CHINA	2,952	2,150	+ 802	+ 37
JAPAN	2,854	2,386	+ 468	+ 20
SINGAPORE	2,453	1,688	+ 765	+ 45
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,314	1,546	+ 769	+ 50
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,149	658	+ 491	+ 75
U.K.	904	675	+ 229	+ 34
AUSTRALIA	633	388	+ 245	+ 63
BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG	626	335	+ 291	+ 87

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HK'S GIFT AND HOUSEWARE INDUSTRIES SHOW STRONG PERFORMANCE

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GIFT AND HOUSEWARE PRODUCTS ACCOUNTED FOR 30 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS LAST YEAR, WHICH WAS VERY CLOSE TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GARMENTS SECTOR, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG GIFT AND HOUSEWARE FAIR TODAY (THURSDAY).

"ALTHOUGH TEXTILES AND GARMENTS ARE STILL HONG KONG'S LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY ACCOUNTING IN 1987 FOR \$81 BILLION OR 42 PER CENT BY VALUE OF OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, HONG KONG HAS BECOME THE WORLD'S LARGEST TOYS AND GAMES EXPORTER AND A LEADING SUPPLIER OF WATCHES, ELECTRICAL HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS AND TRAVEL GOODS," HE SAID.

MR SZE SAID THE RANGE OF PRODUCTS ON DISPLAY AT THE FAIR SHOWED WHAT HONG KONG HAD DONE IN DIVERSIFICATION.

HE NOTED THAT THE STRONG PERFORMANCE OF THE GIFT AND HOUSEWARE INDUSTRIES WAS A TRIBUTE TO THE EFFORTS OF ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH DESIGNING, MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING.

"LIKE ALL HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, THEY OPERATE UNSUBSIDISED AND UNPROTECTED BY TRADE BARRIERS. THEY SUCCEED BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO," HE ADDED.

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NORTH DB TO ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING FOR THE NEW TERM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO ELECT CHAIRMEN FOR ITS FIVE COMMITTEES.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO NOMINATE FOUR MEMBERS TO SIT ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S NORTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE AS CO-OPTED MEMBERS.

AT THE MEETING, CHIEF TOWN PLANNER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR RICHARD CHENG, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE NORTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL PROJECT WHICH IS PLANNED FOR COMPLETION IN 1996-97.

A DISCUSSION PAPER PREPARED BY TWO MEMBERS ON FARE INCREASES BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION WILL ALSO BE TABLED.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE BOARD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1988, AND A WORK PLAN FORWARDED BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION NEW TERRITORIES EAST REGIONAL OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL START AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1988-89 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME, CONSISTING 14 WORK PROJECTS, IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$1.03 MILLION, OR 55.7 PER CENT OF THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD FUND.

SOME OF THE PROJECTS ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PAVILIONS AND SITTING-OUT AREAS AT VARIOUS PLACES, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN NORTH LAMMA AND A FAMILY TRAIL ON PENG CHAU.

DURING THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL REVIEW THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY THE WORKS SECTION OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE IN 1987-88.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY SHRIMP SAUCE PREPARATION IN THE OPEN SPACE OF YUNG SHUE WAN IN NORTH LAMMA, AND OF REINSTATEMENT WORK BY PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2 PM.

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YAU TSIM DB COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETS
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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

AMONG MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL BE THE FORMATION OF A SUB-COMMITTEE TO VET APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS; THE 1988-89 WORK PLAN FOR THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION WEST KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE; AND A SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A REPORT OF A SEMINAR ON HANDLING BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS OF SCHOOL AGE TEENS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIRST MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND ALLOCATION
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS IN 1988-89.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO CONSIDER FIVE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR SUCH PROJECTS.

THE URBAN COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT IN 1988-89 WILL ALSO BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, 37-39 TONKIN STREET. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR JUNK BAY TUNNEL ASSOCIATED WORKS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SERVICES BUILDINGS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS AT BOTH ENDS OF THE JUNK BAY TUNNEL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S NT/SOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, WHICH MANAGES THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN, SAID THE CONTRACT WOULD INCLUDE TOLL PLAZA BOOTHS AND CANOPIES AND ASSOCIATED ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS AT THE WEST END OF THE TUNNEL.

"IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE CONTROL AND SERVICES BUILDINGS AT THE WEST PORTAL OF THE TUNNEL, TUNNEL LININGS, AND BUILDING SERVICES," HE ADDED.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN JULY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1990, THE JUNK BAY TUNNEL AND ASSOCIATED APPROACH ROADS WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON MAY 27.

LOCATED ON A QUIET COVE TO THE EAST OF THE KOWLOON PENINSULA, JUNK BAY NEW TOWN IS STEADILY BEING DEVELOPED AS THE HOME FOR MORE THAN 300,000 PEOPLE.

SEPARATED FROM KOWLOON PROPER BY HILLY TERRAIN, JUNK BAY WAS AT ONE TIME ACCESSIBLE ONLY BY SEA OR, FOR THE MORE ADVENTUROUS, BY AN ARDUOUS TREK THROUGH THE STEEP HILLS.

THE COMPLETION OF THE JUNK BAY TUNNEL WOULD MAKE TRAVEL BETWEEN JUNK BAY AND THE KOWLOON PENINSULA A MATTER OF MINUTES.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SHA TAU KOK ENGINEERING WORKS

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DREDGING, RECLAMATION AND ROAD WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN YIM LIU HA, SHA TAU KOK AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

THE WORKS COMPRISE THE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS, DREDGING OF THE SEABED AND FORESHORE AND THE RECLAMATION OF SITES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED SECTIONS OF SEA WALL, QUAYWALL AND BREAKWATER.

THE NEWLY-FORMED LAND WILL BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MARKET, PROMENADE, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND PRIVATE HOUSING.

THE WORKS ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, DRAINS, CARPARKS, A BUS TERMINUS AND A TIN HAU TEMPLE AS WELL AS VARIOUS ITEMS OF LANDSCAPING.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN JULY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED MAY 20.

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SEMINAR FOR CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT ORGANISERS

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A SEMINAR, ENTITLED "HOW TO PLAN AND EVALUATE A CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT", WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (APRIL 30) BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

THIS FOLLOWS THE LAUNCHING RECENTLY OF ITS COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SCHEME.

THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT GIVING POTENTIAL APPLICANTS IN THE SCHEME SOME BASIC KNOWLEDGE DURING THE PLANNING STAGE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS.

ABOUT 80 PEOPLE, WHO ARE INVOLVED IN ORGANISING CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS OR ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL INCLUDE GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND TALKS BY GUEST SPEAKERS.

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TOPICS INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF FUNDING PROPOSALS, PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN CARRYING OUT CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HOSTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE, MR MAK HOI-WAH, AND WILL BE HELD IN THE SHERATON HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON CIVIC EDUCATION TO BE HELD BETWEEN 9.15 AM AND 12.30 PM IN THE MING AND CHING ROOMS OF THE SHERATON HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI, ON SATURDAY (APRIL 30).

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SEMINARS ON THE USE OF TEACHING KIT ON 'ELECTION'

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A TEACHING KIT ON "ELECTION" FOR SCHOOLS AND TWO IDENTICAL HALF-DAY SEMINARS WILL BE ORGANISED FOR TEACHERS NEXT MONTH TO INTRODUCE THE KIT.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS TO BE HELD AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRES AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, IN TWO AFTERNOONS ON MAY 16 AND 17.

THE SEMINARS AIM TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS WITH THE USE OF THE KIT IN TEACHING THE SUBJECT OF "GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS" AS WELL AS IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

THERE WILL BE TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS ON THE ELECTORAL SYSTEMS, THE NEW SUBJECT "GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS" AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH CIVIC EDUCATION, AND THE USE OF THE TEACHING KIT.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS OF TEACHERS WISHING TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE MAY 5.

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CSD CENTRAL REGISTER CAN ASSIST PRIVATE SECTOR

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A COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTER OF AROUND 300,000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG MAINTAINED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CAN BE OF USE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE REGISTER SERVES MAINLY AS THE SAMPLING FRAME FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEYS ON BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS. MANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO MAKE USE OF THE REGISTER FOR PUBLICITY, SURVEY AND RESEARCH WORK.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN BENEFIT FROM IT BY MAKING USE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS RECORDED IN IT FOR MARKET RESEARCH, STATISTICAL SURVEY, AND BUSINESS AND PRODUCT PROMOTION PURPOSES.

PRIVATE FIRMS MAY APPLY TO THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PHOTOCOPY OR A MAGNETIC TAPE OF THE LISTING OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE NAME, THE ADDRESS, THE MAJOR TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE CHARGES FOR THIS SERVICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * \$2.50 PER PHOTOCOPY, AND
- * A MINIMUM CHARGE OF \$340 FOR A JOB REQUIRING UP TO 20 CRU'S (COMPUTER RESOURCES UNIT) PLUS \$17 FOR EACH CRU IN EXCESS OF 20 CRU'S IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON MAGNETIC TAPES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234760.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS AND ROAD CLOSURE

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FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN KOWLOON BAY WILL BE MADE 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THEY ARE:

- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KAI CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH WANG CHIU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 105 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WANG CHIU ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KAI CHEUNG ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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

MEANWHILE, TO FACILITATE THE DEMOLITION OF THE FALSEWORK OF LAM KAM FLYOVER IN TAI PO, TOLO HIGHWAY SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN LAM KAM INTERCHANGE AND TAI PO TAI WO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 3.30 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 30).

MOTORISTS ON TAI PO ROAD (TAI WO SECTION) HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD (TAI WO SECTION) NEAR SHUI WAI AND TAI PO TAI WO ROAD TO REJOIN TOLO HIGHWAY.

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WATER CUT IN MONG KOK, YAU MA TEI

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI WILL BE TURNED OFF ON SATURDAY (APRIL 30) FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY JORDAN ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, YIM PO FONG STREET, ARGYLE STREET, SAI YEE STREET, BOUNDARY STREET AND ALONG THE SEAFRONT.

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