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PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN JULY

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 3 PER CENT AND 28 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1989 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988. ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 17 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES, HAVING DISCOUNTED THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY 1 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE AVAILABLE.

COMPARING THE MONTH OF JULY 1989 WITH JULY 1988, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT, AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT. HENCE, TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 13 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME ALSO INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR JULY 1989 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF SOME COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED IN JULY 1989 COMPARED WITH JULY 1988.

THESE INCLUDED RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-35 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-26 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (-25 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-22 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-16 PER CENT); AND METAL MANUFACTURES (-12 PER CENT).

NEVERTHELESS, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+26 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+20 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+18 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+11 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+8 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (+5 PER CENT).

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PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN JULY 1989 COMPARED WITH JULY 1988.

THESE INCLUDED METAL MANUFACTURES (+12 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+9 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+7 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+3 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+3 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+2 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+1 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE FABRICS (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-3 PER CENT); AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-2 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF FOOTWEAR AND METAL ORES AND SCRAP REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JULY 1989 COMPARED WITH JULY 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN JULY 1989 COMPARED WITH JULY 1988. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WHEAT AND FLOUR; RICE AND OTHER CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE; SUGAR AND FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT. THE COMMODITY ITEMS WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES INCLUDED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AND CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE BY 1 PER CENT IN JULY 1989 COMPARED WITH JULY 1988. THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WOVEN COTTON FABRICS; LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS; AND SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRICS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS; AND IRON AND STEEL.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN JULY 1989 COMPARED WITH JULY 1988.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN JULY 1989 COMPARED WITH JULY 1988. THERE WERE DECREASES IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY, OTHER THAN TEXTILE MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF OFFICE MACHINES; ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY.

COMPARING JULY 1989 WITH JULY 1988, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED: FUELS (+9 PER CENT); CONSUMER GOODS (+6 PER CENT); CAPITAL GOODS (+4 PER CENT); FOODSTUFFS (+3 PER CENT); AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+2 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JULY 1989 COMPARED WITH JULY 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF FUELS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 406 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE OF CONSUMER GOODS, CAPITAL GOODS AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ALSO INCREASED, BY 42 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 15 PER CENT.

PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES AND FUELS BOTH INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT IN JULY 1989 COMPARED WITH JULY 1988, WHILE THOSE OF CONSUMER GOODS, FOODSTUFFS AND CAPITAL GOODS ALL ROSE BY 6 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE JULY 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND OCTOBER 12 AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, HONG KONG (TEL. 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-8234918).

TABLE 1: INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING JUL 1989 WITH JUL 1988			COMPARING JAN-JUL 1989 WITH JAN-JUL 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	9	3	5	7	2	5
TEXTILE FABRICS	12	1	11	8	-1	9
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	21	2	18	15	2	13
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-9	9	-16	-11	6	-17
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-34	1	-35	-43	*	-43
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	22	-3	26	21	-6	29
FOOTWEAR	-25	*	-25	-15	1	-16
METAL MANUFACTURES	-1	12	-12	8	12	-3

/METAL ORES

METAL ORES AND SCRAP	20	*	20	24	3	21
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	6	-2	8	3	*	3
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-17	7	-22	-12	4	-15
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-24	3	-26	-23	6	-28
ALL COMMODITIES	5	3	2	6	3	3

TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JUL 1989 WITH JUL 1988			COMPARING JAN-JUL 1989 WITH JAN-JUL 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	5	3	1	11	3	8
CONSUMER GOODS	21	6	14	31	5	25
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	4	2	1	17	3	13
FUELS	41	9	30	42	7	33
CAPITAL GOODS	2	4	-2	22	3	18
ALL COMMODITIES	10	4	6	22	4	18

TABLE 3: INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JUL 1989 WITH JUL 1988			COMPARING JAN-JUL 1989 WITH JAN-JUL 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	-9	6	-15	7	7	*
CONSUMER GOODS	51	6	42	48	5	41

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RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	12	7	5	24	8	15
FUELS	442	7	406	119	1	117
CAPITAL GOODS	26	6	20	44	7	35
ALL COMMODITIES	31	7	23	36	6	28

* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

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WARM WEATHER IN SEPTEMBER
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SEPTEMBER ON THE WHOLE WAS RATHER WARM WITH THE MONTH'S MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 28.1 DEGREES CELSIUS BEING THE FOURTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER AND THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE, 26 DEGREES, BEING THE FIFTH HIGHEST.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL IN SEPTEMBER AMOUNTED TO 228.1 MILLIMETRES, 71 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 320.4 MILLIMETRES, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID IN ITS REPORT ON THE MONTH'S WEATHER TODAY (SUNDAY).

SINCE JANUARY 1, THE TOTAL RAINFALL WAS 1,868.9 MILLIMETRES, NINE PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 2,043.5 MILLIMETRES FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

APART FROM A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS, THE WEATHER WAS FINE ON THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF SEPTEMBER. THE APPROACH OF A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FROM THE NORTH RESULTED IN SOME SHOWERS ON SEPTEMBER 4. CLOUD AMOUNTS ALSO INCREASED THE NEXT DAY.

RAIN BECAME MORE FREQUENT ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 6 AS THE TROUGH MOVED CLOSER TO THE SOUTH CHINA COAST. THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED THAT NIGHT AND THE NEXT MORNING.

THE WEATHER GRADUALLY IMPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND FINE CONDITIONS PREVAILED FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS. HIGH CLOUDS ASSOCIATED WITH TYPHOON SARAH BEGAN TO AFFECT THE TERRITORY EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 12. THE WEATHER REMAINED GENERALLY CLOUDY FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS AND SOME LIGHT RAIN PATCHES ALSO OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15.

BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 16 AND 22, PRESSURE OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA WAS PERSISTENTLY LOW. RAIN AND OCCASIONAL THUNDERSTORMS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BROAD REGION OF LOW PRESSURE AFFECTED HONG KONG THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PERIOD.

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WEATHER BEGAN TO IMPROVE ON SEPTEMBER 23 AS A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE FROM THE PACIFIC EDGED WESTWARDS. FINE CONDITIONS THEN PREVAILED FOR THE NEXT FOUR DAYS. THE WEATHER BECAME GENERALLY CLOUDY ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND REMAINED SO THE NEXT DAY. DURING THESE TWO DAYS SOME SCATTERED SHOWERS WERE REPORTED.

MEANWHILE, AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE OVER THE PHILIPPINES ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON SEPTEMBER 29.

IT DEVELOPED INTO A TROPICAL DEPRESSION THE NEXT DAY. ITS WESTWARD MOVEMENT TOWARDS THE SOUTH CHINA COAST NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STAND BY SIGNAL NO. 1 IN HONG KONG AT 5.10 PM ON SEPTEMBER 30. THE WEATHER IN THE TERRITORY DETERIORATED AND OCCASIONAL RAIN AFFECTED THE TERRITORY THROUGHOUT THAT DAY.

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, TWO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 8, 17, 19-24 AND 28-30. A FLOOD WARNING WAS ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 7. THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 14.

A TOTAL OF SIX TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED DURING THE MONTH.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
TYPHOON BRIAN	1 3	SEPTEMBER 30 5.10 PM OCTOBER 1 3.45 PM	OCTOBER 1 3.45 PM OCTOBER 2 12 NOON
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	OCTOBER 2 12 NOON	OCTOBER 4 9.45 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	175.9 HOURS :	12.6 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	14.85 MJ/SQ. METRE :	1.88 MJ/SQ. METRE BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	228.1 MM :	92.3 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	65 PER CENT :	3 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	77 PER CENT :	2 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	30.6 DEGREES CELSIUS :	0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL

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MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	28.1 DEGREES : CELSIUS	0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	26.0 DEGREES : CELSIUS	0.8 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	23.6 DEGREES : CELSIUS	0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	125.6 MM :	30.3 MM BELOW NORMAL

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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION IS BEING HELD IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT AS A PRELUDE TO THE MONTH-LONG DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND KONICA HONG KONG LIMITED, THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL PHOTO CONTEST" AIMS TO ENHANCE LOCAL RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF, AND THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO, THEIR COMMUNITY.

IT IS OPEN TO ALL THOSE WHO STUDY, LIVE OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

WITH "SOUTHERN DISTRICT TODAY" AS ITS THEME, ENTRIES IN THE COMPETITION CAN DEPICT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE DISTRICT'S SCENERY, DEVELOPMENTS, WAYS OF LIFE OR FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN COLOUR. THOSE IN THE STUDENTS SECTION SHOULD BE IN EITHER 3R OR 5R SIZE. WHILE THOSE IN THE OPEN SECTION SHOULD BE NOT SMALLER THAN 20 CM BY 25 CM.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES BY EACH CONTESTANT.

THE TOP THREE WINNERS IN EACH SECTION WILL EACH BE AWARDED. IN ADDITION TO A TROPHY, A HANDSOME PRIZE COMPRISING A GIFT COUPON, A CAMERA AND FIVE ROLLS OF FILM WORTH A TOTAL OF \$3,500, \$2,200 AND \$1,100 RESPECTIVELY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES FOR EACH SECTION. EACH COMPRISING A GIFT COUPON AND 10 ROLLS OF FILM WORTH A TOTAL OF \$350.

/ALL PRIZE-WINNING

ALL PRIZE-WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AS PART OF A ROVING EXHIBITION, ENTITLED "SOUTHERN DISTRICT HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL PHOTO CONTEST WINNING ENTRIES EXHIBITION". TO BE STAGED DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD.

DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION AND ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, AND AT ITS SUB-OFFICES IN STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, WAH FU ESTATE AND LEI TUNG ESTATE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 25.

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DRAWING COMPETITION FOR WONG TAI SIN STUDENTS

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KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS IN WONG TAI SIN ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH.

THE COMPETITION IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, AS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMING DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION IS TO ENHANCE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN DRAWING AND AT THE SAME TIME TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG THEM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID.

WITH THE THEME OF "WONG TAI SIN IN MY EYES", THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 19 (SUNDAY) AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD PLAYGROUND IN SAN PO KONG.

IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS -- ELEMENTARY (FOR KINDERGARTEN PUPILS), INTERMEDIATE (FOR PRIMARY ONE TO THREE PUPILS) AND ADVANCE (FOR PRIMARY FOUR TO SIX PUPILS).

THERE WILL BE THREE WINNERS AND FIVE OUTSTANDING AWARDS IN EACH SECTION.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 31.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-222261, EXT. 361.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REVISED LAYOUT PLANS
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS MAJOR AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED LAND USE IN TWO LAYOUT PLANS AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 10).

THE PLANS COVER SHEUNG KENG HAU, HA KENG HAU, HIN TIN, YUEN CHAU KOK INDUSTRIAL AREA AND YUEN CHAU KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS CLAIMS THAT THE DESIGN OF TWIN-TOWER PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS IS VULNERABLE TO BURGLARIES AND THE PROBLEM OF KEEPING PETS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

A MOTION WILL BE MOVED REQUESTING THE REPEAL OF A HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULATION WHICH STIPULATES THAT APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENCE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES BY SINGLE PERSONS AND TWO-PERSON FAMILIES IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS (THA'S) ON THE GROUNDS OF RESITE AND CLEARANCE BE CONFINED TO THOSE WHO MOVED INTO THA'S BEFORE 1985.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COSTING A TOTAL OF \$406,000 AT KAU TO VILLAGE, TAI WAI KCR STATION AND WONG NAI TAU.

THE NAMING OF THE ROUTE 5 ROAD SYSTEM LINKING SHA TIN WITH TSUEN WAN WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE LANDSCAPING WORKS IN TIN SUM VILLAGE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STAIRCASE AT A FOOTBRIDGE BETWEEN HOLFORD GARDEN AND GRANDEUR GARDEN, TAI WAI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 10) ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY PROJECTS AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 10).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY REPORTS BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS ON ACTIVITIES HELD EARLIER UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 10) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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STUDENTS' PAINTING COMPETITION FOR POSTAGE STAMP DESIGN

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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE BEING INVITED TO SUBMIT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PAINTINGS ON THE THEME OF CHRISTMAS ON WHICH A SET OF SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS ON CHRISTMAS IN 1990 MAY BE BASED.

A PAINTING COMPETITION FOR POSTAGE STAMP DESIGN IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE POST OFFICE, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE CULTURAL CRAFT CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

A PRELIMINARY SELECTION OF ENTRIES WILL BE MADE BY A VETTING COMMITTEE COMPRISING OFFICERS OF THE POST OFFICE AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE FINAL SELECTION WILL BE MADE BY THE STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE DECISIONS OF THE VETTING COMMITTEE AND THE STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE FINAL.

THE POST OFFICE WILL AWARD CERTIFICATES AND CASH PRIZES TO THE TOP 20 ENTRIES IN BOTH THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL DIVISIONS.

THE FIRST PRIZE WILL BE \$2,000 IN THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DIVISIONS AND THE SECOND PRIZE WILL BE \$1,000. THE THIRD TO THE 10TH PRIZES WILL BE \$500 IN BOTH DIVISIONS.

PARTICIPATING STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT A MAXIMUM OF THREE PAINTINGS WHICH MUST BE THE WORK OF INDIVIDUALS.

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PAINTING IN ANY MEDIUM IS ACCEPTABLE BUT FINE DETAILS ARE NOT ENCOURAGED AS THE PAINTINGS WILL BE REDUCED BY FOUR TIMES WHEN THEY ARE PRINTED ON STAMPS.

STUDENTS ARE ALSO ADVISED NOT TO INCLUDE DETAILS SUCH AS LETTERING, PERFORATIONS, DENOMINATIONS AND ROYAL SYMBOLS IN THE DETAILS OF THE PAINTING.

EACH PAINTING SHOULD BE OF THE SIZE 100 MM X 160 MM AND SHOULD BE MOUNTED ON A PIECE OF BLACK ART PAPER MEASURING 220 MM X 300 MM. THE FORMAT OF THE DESIGN MAY BE HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE STUDENTS' SCHOOLS BEFORE NOVEMBER 30. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL WILL ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS DIRECT TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS TOWARDS THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR.

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ENROLMENT FOR LABOUR RELATIONS CONFERENCE STILL OPEN

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MORE THAN 1,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN A LARGE-SCALE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE ON OCTOBER 31.

THE ONE-DAY CONFERENCE, WHICH FOCUSSES ON "BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND LABOUR RELATIONS IN THE 1990'S - NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES". IS BEING ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

"IT IS DESIGNED MAINLY FOR EMPLOYERS, PROPRIETORS, BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, PERSONNEL AND HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGERS, EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES, TRADE UNIONISTS, ACADEMICS AND OTHER INTERESTED PROFESSIONALS," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"SINCE ENROLMENT STARTED IN MID-SEPTEMBER, VERY ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

"THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD ENROL IMMEDIATELY AS APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS."

THE CONFERENCE WILL TAKE THE FORM OF KEYNOTE SPEECHES IN THE MORNING, FOLLOWED BY A NUMBER OF WORKSHOPS IN THE AFTERNOON.

LEADING INDUSTRIALISTS, ENTREPRENEURS, TRADE UNION LEADERS AND SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELD WILL BE INVITED TO TALK RESPECTIVELY ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION - ITS IMPACT ON MANPOWER; CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLANNING IN THE 1990'S; AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY IN 1992 AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG.

/OTHER TOPICS

OTHER TOPICS INCLUDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN THE 1990'S - TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT AND STAFF RELATIONS; EMPLOYEES' ASPIRATIONS AND NEEDS IN HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENTS IN THE 1990'S; BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND STAFF RELATIONS IN A MULTI-NATIONAL CONCERN; AND MEETING FUTURE NEEDS IN HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT.

"IN ADDITION, PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS AND THE FACTORS LIKELY TO AFFECT THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SCENES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THEY CAN EXPLORE THE SUBJECT MATTER FROM THE ECONOMIC, SOCIO-POLITICAL, LEGISLATIVE AND TECHNOLOGICAL ANGLES."

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE CONFERENCE CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-8523509 OR 5-8523553.

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WORKS TO IMPROVE NORTHWEST KOWLOON SEWERAGE SYSTEM

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PLANS ARE IN HAND TO IMPROVE THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM AND CONTROL OF POLLUTANTS CURRENTLY DISCHARGED INTO THE COASTAL WATERS OF NORTHWEST KOWLOON AND VICTORIA HARBOUR.

THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL WORKS FOR THE NORTHWEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SCHEME.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FOR TWO SCREENING PLANTS AT CHEUNG SHA WAN AND SHAM SHUI PO.

MECHANICALLY RAKED SCREENS, CONVEYORS, DEWATERING EQUIPMENT, SWITCH GEAR AND ANCILLARY WORKS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE TWO PLANTS.

THE PLANTS WILL COARSE-SCREEN THE SEWAGE FROM YAU MA TEI, TAI KOK TSUI AND LAI CHI KOK, WHICH IS CURRENTLY DISCHARGED AT THE SHORELINE OF NORTHWEST KOWLOON.

AFTER SCREENING, THE SEWAGE WILL BE PUMPED WITH OTHER FLOWS TO TREATMENT FACILITIES AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR FURTHER TREATMENT PRIOR TO DISPOSAL BY MARINE OUTFALL INTO VICTORIA HARBOUR.

INSTALLATION OF THE WORKS IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY 1991 AND COMMISSIONING TO TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER THAT YEAR.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON NOVEMBER 24.

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SEAT BELTS REQUIRED FOR GOODS VEHICLES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED THE MOTOR TRADE THAT ALL GOODS VEHICLES MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR AND REGISTERED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR MUST BE FITTED WITH FRONT SEAT BELTS.

THE REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO ALL TYPES OF GOODS VEHICLES, INCLUDING LIGHT, MEDIUM AND HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, AND ARTICULATED GOODS VEHICLES.

UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (SAFETY EQUIPMENT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989, THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF FRONT SEAT BELTS IN GOODS VEHICLES WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1.

THESE REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO GOODS VEHICLES WHICH ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO BE FITTED WITH SEAT BELTS AND DO NOT APPLY TO GOODS VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BEFORE JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR OR REGISTERED BEFORE JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

NEVERTHELESS, IF SEAT BELTS ARE FITTED, DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS OF THESE OLDER VEHICLES ARE ADVISED TO WEAR THEM FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KENNEDY TOWN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 10), TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KENNEDY TOWN FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORKS.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER BELCHER'S STREET WESTBOUND BETWEEN CADOGAN STREET AND DAVIS STREET FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, FORBES STREET BETWEEN DAVIS STREET AND CADOGAN STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

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

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 10), THE SECTION OF WESTERN STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE WESTERN DISTRICT POLICE STATION WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND AS PART OF THE POK FU LAM ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE RIGHT TURN FROM QUEEN'S ROAD WEST INTO WESTERN STREET WILL BE BANNED.

VEHICLES ON QUEEN'S ROAD WEST HEADING FOR SHEUNG WAN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WATER STREET TO JOIN EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

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LANE CLOSURES ON TAI PO ROAD (FANLING)

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT BECAUSE OF ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, THE INNER-MOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) SOUTHBOUND, SOUTH OF WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE FOR A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.4 KILOMETRES, WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 10 AND 11).

ALSO, THE INNER-MOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NORTHBOUND, SOUTH OF WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE FOR A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRES, WILL BE CLOSED FROM OCTOBER 16 TO 18.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE RIGHT-TURN FROM PUI TO ROAD EASTBOUND ONTO TIN HAU ROAD IN TUEN MUN WILL BE BANNED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 10).

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON PUI TO ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR TIN HAU ROAD ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE VIA KIN TAT STREET, KIN WING STREET AND TSUN WEN ROAD.

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