



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1986

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
GOVERNOR TO HOST DINNER FOR JLG TEAMS	1
PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF 1985 EXTERNAL TRADE	1
PEKING MEETING OF TEXTILE EXPORTERS ENDS	6
MORE SERVICE CENTRES PLANNED FOR NT ELDERLY	7
RETRAINING COURSE FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS OFFERED	8
FLOWER SHOW DRAWS CROWDS	9
SHA TAU KOK ROAD SECTION TO BE WIDENED	10
WIDENING OF WAN CHAI FLYOVER PROPOSED	10
WOMEN URGED TO GET NEW I.D. CARDS	11
LOCAL PROMOTED TO CHIEF FIRE OFFICER	12
PUBLIC URGED TO PREVENT HILL FIRES	13
DISTRICT BOARD TO HOLD SPRING RECEPTION	13
SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETS MONDAY	14
FRESH WATER MAINS WORK	14
TRAFFIC CHANGES AND RESTRICTED ZONES	15

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1986

- 1 -

GOVERNOR TO HOST DINNER FOR JLG TEAMS
* * * * *

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL HOST A DINNER PARTY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON MONDAY (MARCH 10) FOR MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH AND CHINESE TEAMS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

THE THIRD JLG MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT THE FORMER INFANTS SCHOOL PREMISES AT VICTORIA BARRACKS FROM MARCH 11 TO 14.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

ARRANGEMENT WILL BE MADE FOR THE MEDIA TO COVER THE ARRIVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH AND CHINESE TEAMS. DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF 1985 EXTERNAL TRADE
* * * * *

STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 25 PER CENT IN 1985 AS COMPARED WITH 1984, WHILE THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT. THERE WAS THUS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 6 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN 1985.

IMPORTS ALSO INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS REMAINED UNCHANGED WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 1 PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS, HOWEVER, FELL BY 3 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY 3 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 COMPILED. THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM TRADE VALUES BY DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1985 WITH DECEMBER 1984, BOTH THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT. WITHIN TOTAL EXPORTS, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ALSO EACH INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT.

/OVER THE

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT. PRICES OF IMPORTS DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1984 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS SEEN FROM TABLE 1, DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES FOR ABOUT HALF OF THE COMMODITY GROUPS LISTED THEREIN DROPPED IN 1985 AS COMPARED WITH 1984. THESE INCLUDED METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-16 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-8 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-8 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (-5 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-5 PER CENT); AND FOOTWEAR (-5 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+5 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+5 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+3 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CLOTHING (+2 PER CENT).

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MANY COMMODITY GROUPS DROPPED IN 1985 WHEN COMPARED WITH 1984, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-25 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-25 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-25 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-18 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-11 PER CENT). NEVERTHELESS, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+14 PER CENT) AND FOOTWEAR (+3 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1984 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF SOME END-USE CATEGORIES DECREASED IN 1985 AS COMPARED WITH 1984, RANGING FROM 4 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 7 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS. THE IMPORT PRICES OF CAPITAL GOODS AND CONSUMER GOODS REMAINED UNCHANGED OVER THIS PERIOD.

IMPORTS OF MANY MAJOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS IN 1985 COMPARED WITH 1984. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED FOR LIVE POULTRY; TEA AND COFFEE; SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS; CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS, OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR; FRUIT AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR SUGAR AND LIVE PIGS.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MANY CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES; TOBACCO MANUFACTURES; CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY; PASSENGER MOTOR CARS; RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE IN 1985 COMPARED WITH 1984, INCLUDING WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; BASE METALS, EXCLUDING IRON AND STEEL; SILK FABRICS; WATCH AND CLOCK MOVEMENTS, CASES AND PARTS AS WELL AS SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRICS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR MAN-MADE FIBRES; RAW COTTON; LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS AS WELL AS THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS.

IMPORTS OF FUELS FELL BY 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN 1985 AS COMPARED WITH 1984.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITIES INCREASED IN 1985 OVER 1984, THE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY OTHER THAN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY; TEXTILE MACHINERY; TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY. HOWEVER, DECREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS NOTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1984 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN 1985 WHEN COMPARED WITH 1984, RANGING FROM 19 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 34 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 19 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE DECEMBER 1985 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON MARCH 10, 1986 AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING 1985 WITH 1984			COMPARING DECEMBER 1985 WITH DECEMBER 1984		
	VALUE	UNIT VALUE	VOLUME	VALUE	UNIT VALUE	VOLUME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
CLOTHING	- 4	+ 2	- 6	+16	- 5	+21
TEXTILE FABRICS	- 8	- 5	- 4	+27	- 8	+38
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-16	+ 2	-18	+20	- 4	+26
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	- 6	+ 5	-11	- 1	- 2	+ 1
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-29	- 5	-25	-20	-12	-10
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	-24	*	-25	-30	+ 7	-35
FOOTWEAR	- 1	- 5	+ 3	+16	- 1	+18
METAL MANUFACTURES	- 6	+ 3	- 9	+ 7	- 5	+12
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-21	-16	- 6	-30	-12	-21
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 4	- 8	+14	+18	- 6	+25
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-21	+ 5	-25	- 9	+ 1	-10
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-13	- 8	- 5	- 9	-11	+ 2
ALL COMMODITIES	- 6	*	- 5	+ 4	- 3	+ 7

/TABLE 2 :

TABLE 2 : CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING 1985 WITH 1984			COMPARING DECEMBER 1985 WITH DECEMBER 1984		
	VALUE	UNIT VALUE	VOLUME	VALUE	UNIT VALUE	VOLUME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
FOODSTUFFS	*	- 7	+ 8	+ 8	- 7	+16
CONSUMER GOODS	+14	*	+14	+14	+ 3	+11
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	- 2	- 4	+ 2	+11	- 5	+16
FUELS	-12	- 6	- 6	- 8	- 8	*
CAPITAL GOODS	+11	*	+11	-17	+ 7	-22
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 4	- 3	+ 6	+ 6	- 1	+ 7

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

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING 1985 WITH 1984			COMPARING DECEMBER 1985 WITH DECEMBER 1984		
	VALUE	UNIT VALUE	VOLUME	VALUE	UNIT VALUE	VOLUME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
FOODSTUFFS	+19	*	+19	+36	*	+36
CONSUMER GOODS	+25	+ 1	+24	+ 8	+ 1	+ 7
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+23	*	+23	+12	- 5	+18
FUELS	-15	+ 5	-19	+10	+ 1	+ 9
CAPITAL GOODS	+38	+ 3	+34	-19	+ 2	-21
ALL COMMODITIES	+26	+ 1	+25	+ 5	- 2	+ 7

* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5%

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1986

- 6 -

PEKING MEETING OF TEXTILE EXPORTERS ENDS
* * * *

THE FIVE-DAY MEETING OF 23 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, EXPORTERS OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING IN PEKING ENDED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE MEETING STARTING MARCH 4 WAS TO ASSESS THE DEVELOPMENT IN WORLD TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING AND THE PERSPECTIVES AND PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE MFA.

THE MEETING WAS INAUGURATED BY MR ZHENG TUOBIN, MINISTER OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TRADE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

AT THE MEETING, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EMPHASISED THAT THE MULTILATERAL COMMITMENTS BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES INCLUDING THOSE UNDERTAKEN BY GATT MINISTERS IN 1982, REQUIRED SUBSTANTIAL LIBERALISATION OF RESTRAINT ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING AND THE PHASING OUT OF THE RESTRICTIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY REGIME GOVERNING THEIR EXPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS TO THE DEVELOPED MARKETS.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES WERE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN PREPARING FOR A NEW PROGRAMME OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO LIBERALISING ALL SECTORS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND STRENGTHENING THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM. IN THIS CONTEXT THEY EMPHASISED THAT THE PRESENT TRADE REGIME IN TEXTILES HAD TO BE LIBERALISED BOTH IN THE REMOVAL OF RESTRAINTS AND BE PHASED OUT OVER AN AGREED TIME FRAME UNDER STRENGTHENED GATT DISCIPLINE.

IT WAS AGREED THAT MODALITIES FOR THESE OBJECTIVES WILL CONSIST OF PROGRESSIVELY HIGHER GROWTH RATES, NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, REDUCTION OF RESTRAINTS AND COVERAGE, REMOVAL OF AMBIGUITIES, EFFECTIVE SURVEILLANCE, PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR SMALL SUPPLIERS, NEW ENTRANTS, COTTON AND WOOL BASED EXPORTERS, AND MOST FAVOURABLE TREATMENT FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE TRADE INTEREST OF ESTABLISHED DEVELOPING SUPPLIERS AND A PHASE OUT SYSTEM.

IT WAS NOTED THAT DESPITE POSITIVE TRENDS IN KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS, SOME IMPORTING COUNTRIES WERE BOTH AT MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL LEVELS PRESSING THROUGH NUMEROUS DEVICES FOR A CONTINUATION OF RESTRICTIVE RATHER THAN A LIBERALISED REGIME FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING. IT WAS AGREED THAT SUCH ATTEMPTS BE UNITEDLY RESISTED. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT ANY MODALITIES FOR LIBERALISATION AND PHASE OUT SYSTEM SHOULD ENSURE EQUITY, NON-DISCRIMINATION, NON-RECIPROCITY AND OTHER CLEARLY LIBERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

/THE DEVELOPING

THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REACHED UNDERSTANDING ON THE MAIN ELEMENTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE PROCESS TAKING PLACE IN GENEVA BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF JULY. THEY RESOLVED TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT PROCESS ON A UNIFIED BASIS.

MR SHEN JUEREN, HEAD OF THE CHINESE DELEGATION AND ASSISTANT MINISTER, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TRADE, WAS ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING AND AMBASSADOR F. JARAMILLO, AMBASSADOR OF COLOMBIA AND HEAD OF THE DELEGATION FROM COLOMBIA, WAS ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, EXPORTERS OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY TO HOST THE NEXT MEETING IN ISTANBUL.

COMMENTING FROM PEKING AS THE MEETING OF 23 DEVELOPING TEXTILE EXPORTERS DREW TO A CLOSE, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS +A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN UNITING DEVELOPING TEXTILE EXPORTERS ON A RANGE OF SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE ISSUES DISCUSSED IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT, MORE INTENSIVE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA ON THE FUTURE OF THE MFA+.

MR MACLEOD EXPLAINED THAT THE TIME FOR GENERAL STATEMENTS OF AIMS WAS NOW PAST AND THAT THE AIM OF THE MEETING HAD PRIMARILY BEEN TO ARRIVE AT A CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS ON ABOUT A DOZEN OF THE KEY ISSUES WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED IN STRIVING TO ACHIEVE A BETTER AND FAIRER REGIME FOR THE TEXTILES TRADE. THESE ISSUES INCLUDED BETTER GROWTH AND FLEXIBILITY, EFFECTIVE SURVEILLANCE, REMOVAL OF AMBIGUITIES AND BETTER TREATMENT FOR SMALL SUPPLIERS AND NEW ENTRANTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MORE SERVICE CENTRES PLANNED FOR NT ELDERLY
* * * * *

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO SET UP MORE MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS TO COPE WITH DEMAND, MR ALFRED CHUI, REGIONAL OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES) OF THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SALVATION ARMY'S TAI PO MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, MR CHUI POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW CENTRES WOULD BE LOCATED IN TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN AND THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

THE TAI PO MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, SUBVENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, CAME INTO SERVICE IN JULY LAST YEAR, AND HAS OVER 600 MEMBERS.

/MR CHUI

MR CHUI EXPECTED THAT DEMAND FOR MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES WOULD BE MET BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 90'S.

THE ESTIMATED POPULATION OF THE ELDERLY AGED OVER 60 IS EXPECTED TO REACH 740 000 BY 1990 AS AGAINST 610 000 IN 1985 AND 480 000 IN 1980.

MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES PROVIDE A VENUE FOR THE ELDERLY AND OFFER A COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE TO THE AGED INCLUDING HOME HELP, INDIVIDUAL COUNSELLING, LAUNDRY, GROUP ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 10 MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES TERRITORY-WIDE, FOUR OF THEM IN THE NT - YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, KWAI CHUNG AND TAI PO. MR CHUI SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S LONG-TERM TARGET WAS TO PROVIDE ONE MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN EACH ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT, AND IN THE CASE OF DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICTS, ONE CENTRE FOR EVERY 250 000 POPULATION.

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY AND THAT IT WAS EXISTING GOVERNMENT POLICY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THOSE AGED 60 AND ABOVE TO ENSURE THAT THEIR DAILY NECESSITIES ARE MET. TURNING TO THE OVERALL SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY, MR CHUI SAID, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES PROVIDE VARIOUS TYPES OF SERVICES ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES, RECREATION AND LEISURE, AND HOME HELP.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

RETRAINING COURSE FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS OFFERED * * *

PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS ARE ASKED TO NOMINATE STAFF TO ATTEND RETRAINING COURSES FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS TO BE RUN BY THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE FOR EDUCATION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

THE FOUR IDENTICAL, EIGHT-WEEK COURSES AIM TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH MODERN METHODS AND APPROACHES IN PRIMARY TEACHING, NEW CONCEPTS IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, AND TO PROMOTE FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THE USE OF RESOURCES.

THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF EACH COURSE IS ON PRACTICAL ASPECTS, DESIGNED TO HELP TEACHERS IMPLEMENT THE ACTIVITY APPROACH AND DEVELOP MODERN METHODS IN PROGRAMMED LEARNING, TEAM TEACHING, REMEDIAL TEACHING AND MIXED ABILITY GROUPING.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1986

- 9 -

THE PROGRAMME WILL LARGELY CONSIST OF WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND TUTORIALS. THERE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN CLASSROOM SITUATION, SESSIONS TO CONSTRUCT AND DESIGN TEACHING AIDS AND VISITS TO VARIOUS TEACHING CENTRES AND SCHOOLS WHICH PRACTISE THE ACTIVITY APPROACH.

THE FREE COURSE, WHICH KEEPS IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE 1981 WHITE PAPER ON PRIMARY EDUCATION AND PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES, WILL BE OFFERED TO TEACHERS WITH AT LEAST FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE RELEASED FROM NORMAL SCHOOL DUTIES TO ATTEND THE COURSE ON A FULL-TIME BASIS.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (FURTHER EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS SECOND FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE APRIL 6.

- - - - 0 - - - -

FLOWER SHOW DRAWS CROWDS
* * * *

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TURNED OUT TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE FANLING PLAYGROUND TO SEE THE 10TH NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW, WHICH HAD JUST BEEN OPENED BY LADY YOUDE.

ATTRACTIONS IN THE SHOW INCLUDE SOME NEW SPECIES OF ROSES FROM SHEKOU CULTIVATED BY DESCENDENTS OF A ROYAL GARDENER IN THE CHING DYNASTY, FRESH FLOWERS FLOWN IN FROM HOLLAND, AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED STATES, SINGAPORE AND THE PHILIPPINES, JAPANESE GARDENING SCULPTURES, AND A GIANT CHINESE BONSAI, +SHEUNG-SEE+.

FLOWERS AND PLANTS ON DISPLAY WERE DIVIDED INTO SEVEN CATEGORIES; CUT FLOWERS, SCENTED CUT FLOWERS, POT PLANTS, MINIATURE POT PLANTS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, ORCHIDS AND BONSAI-TYPE PLANTS.

INDIVIDUAL FLOWER EXPERTS AND FLORAL ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE KADOORIE EXPERIMENTAL AND EXTENSION FARM AND THE IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL HONG KONG CHAPTER PROVIDED SOME NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS.

THE SHOW IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM UNTIL MONDAY (MARCH 10). ADMISSION IS \$2 PER PERSON.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1986

- 10 -

SHA TAU KOK ROAD SECTION TO BE WIDENED
* * * *

ROADWORKS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN SHA TAU KOK TOWN TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE WORKS, WHICH ARE PART OF IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES FOR THE BORDER TOWNSHIP, INVOLVES WIDENING A SECTION OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD.

THE PROPOSED SCHEME AFFECTS THE SHEK CHUNG AU SECTION OF THE ROAD WHICH IS 500 METRES LONG. IT WILL BE WIDENED TO 7.3 METRES FROM ITS PRESENT SIX METRES.

OTHER WORKS INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 700 METRES OF NEW DISTRIBUTOR ROADS, PERMANENT PARKING FACILITIES IN THE RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WEST OF LIN MA HANG, AND FOOTPATHS ALONGSIDE THE NEW ROADS TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

DURING CONSTRUCTION, STARTING IN AUGUST, TEMPORARY FOOTPATHS AND ROADS WILL BE MAINTAINED TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY MAY 6.

- - - - 0 - - - -

WIDENING OF WAN CHAI FLYOVER PROPOSED
* * * *

THE SOUTHERN END OF FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER, BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD, IS TO BE WIDENED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL SOUTHBOUND EXIT LANE AND TO ALLOW A GREATER VOLUME OF TRAFFIC TO FLOW THROUGH THE JUNCTION OF FLEMING ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF FLEMING ROAD SOUTHBOUND, BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND THE SOUTHERN END OF THE FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANISED.

THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE WAN CHAI SHORT-TERM TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION.

THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD HAS BEEN CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSAL.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY MAY 6.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1986

- 11 -

WOMEN URGED TO GET NEW I. D. CARDS

* * * * *

WOMEN BORN IN 1935, 1936, 1937 AND 1938 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW I. D. CARDS BETWEEN MARCH 10 AND APRIL 12.

DURING THE FIVE-WEEK PERIOD, APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR OLD CARDS AND CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW I. D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES.

THEY CAN ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON ON SATURDAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID, +TO COMPLETE THE BOOKING PROCEDURE, ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS TO PROVIDE PERSONAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS NAME, I. D. CARD NUMBER AND YEAR OF BIRTH.+

THE ADDRESSES OF THE ISSUE OFFICES AND THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR BOOKING APPOINTMENTS ARE:

HONG KONG	: BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.	5-747070
EAST KOWLOON	: AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.	3-7553679
WEST KOWLOON	: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.	3-7232442
TSUEN WAN	: EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.	0-4981259
SHA TIN	: SHA TIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.	0-6059108
YUEN LONG	: HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.	0-793291
TUEN MUN	: CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.	0-862562
SHEUNG SHUI	: TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.	0-927155

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND THE EASTER AND CHING MING HOLIDAYS.

+THOSE WHO WANT TO ALTER THEIR LAST NAMES AS A RESULT OF A CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS SHOULD BRING ALONG RELEVANT DOCUMENTS SUCH AS MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE CERTIFICATES TO SUPPORT THEIR CASES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO FACILITATE THOSE WHO LIVE OR WORK IN OUTLYING DISTRICTS, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL OPERATE AN I. D. CARD REPLACEMENT VISITING SERVICE ON CHEUNG CHAU AND LAMMA ISLANDS, AND IN MUI WO, TAI O AND SAI KUNG FROM MARCH 24 TO APRIL 12.

+THE SERVICE WILL HANDLE APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1935 AND 1938, AND ANY LATE COMERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE VISITING SERVICE WILL OPERATE FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM AND 2 PM TO 4 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

MARCH 24 - APRIL 4	MUI WO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE
MARCH 24 - APRIL 12	SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE
APRIL 7 - APRIL 12	NORTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE

- - - - 0 - - - -

LOCAL PROMOTED TO CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
* * * * *

THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT A THIRD LOCAL OFFICER HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO CHIEF FIRE OFFICER.

HE IS MR LAM CHEK-YUEN, WHO HAS TAKEN OVER AS HEAD OF THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS COMMAND FROM MR JOHN BREDBURY, WHO WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND.

MR LAM, 48, HAS WORKED IN DIFFERENT UNITS DURING HIS LONG CAREER. HE JOINED THE FIRE SERVICES AS A SUB-OFFICER IN 1958 AND WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN 1983.

ONE OF MR LAM'S UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES WAS THE RESCUE OF 18 MEN TRAPPED IN THE BURNING ENGINE ROOM ON BOARD M.V. HONG KONG FIR IN AUGUST 1960. HE WAS AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR HIS COURAGE AND SELFLESS SERVICE.

MR HOLMES ALSO ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTION OF MR RAYMOND BRIAN JOHNSTON TO DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER.

MR JOHNSTON IS THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES FIRE COMMAND.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1986

- 13 -

PUBLIC URGED TO PREVENT HILL FIRES
* * * * *

THE PUBLIC IS REMINDED TO EXERCISE EXTRA CARE WHEN VISITING THE COUNTRYSIDE SO AS TO PREVENT HILL FIRES.

THE FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THE DEPARTMENT DEALT WITH 1 286 HILL FIRES OUTSIDE PLANTATION AREAS COMPARED TO 417 OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

AND DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH ALREADY SOME 200 HILL FIRES HAD OCCURRED, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE EXCEPTIONAL DRY WEATHER THIS SPRING WAS THE MAIN REASON FOR THE BIG INCREASE AND THE PUBLIC SHOULD ADOPT EVERY POSSIBLE PREVENTION MEASURE TO STOP THE UPWARD TREND.

+THEY SHOULD NOT BURN RUBBISH IN OPEN SPACES OR LEAVE ANY FIRE UNATTENDED, BE IT IN A STOVE OR CONTAINER.

+THEY SHOULD AS A HABIT EXTINGUISH ALL FIRES AND MAKE A REPORT WHEN THEY SEE ONE,+ HE SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

DISTRICT BOARD TO HOLD SPRING RECEPTION
* * * * *

THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION FOR ABOUT 500 GUESTS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

DURING THE OCCASION, TEN MEMBERS OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND SERVICE TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN WONG TAI SIN.

WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM AT TIN FOOK CHINESE RESTAURANT AT LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION ON SUNDAY AT 2.30 PM AT TIN FOOK CHINESE RESTAURANT AT LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, JUNCTION ROAD.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1986

- 14 -

SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETS MONDAY

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (MARCH 10) TO REVIEW THE +MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME+ AND TO DISCUSS THE NAMING OF THREE ROADS IN HANG HAU.

PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

----- 0 -----

FRESH WATER MAINS WORK

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 11) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY NAM CHEONG STREET, TAI PO ROAD, POPLAR STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, INCLUDING UN CHAU STREET, FUK WING STREET, FUK WA STREET, SHEK KIP MEI STREET, WONG CHUK STREET AND MAPLE STREET.

EARLIER ON TUESDAY, BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO 31-91 TAK KU LING ROAD, 22-80 SOUTH WALL ROAD AND 40-50 NGA TSIN WAI ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR REPAIR WORK.

PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL EXPERIENCE WEAK WATER PRESSURE DURING THE SUSPENSION PERIOD.

----- 0 -----

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1986

- 15 -

TRAFFIC CHANGES AND RESTRICTED ZONES

* * * *

A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 11) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

THE DETAILS ARE:

- * YU CHAU WEST STREET BETWEEN WING HONG STREET AND KING LAM STREET WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;
- * KING LAM STREET BETWEEN YU CHAU WEST STREET AND TAI NAN WEST STREET WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND;
- * CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD AND TUNG CHAU WEST STREET WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND;
- * YEE KUK STREET BETWEEN WING HONG STREET AND KING LAM STREET WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;
- * THE LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD SOUTHBOUND ONTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND; AND FROM TUNG CHAU WEST STREET SOUTHBOUND ONTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED;
- * VEHICLES, INCLUDING KMB ROUTE NO. 31B, FROM BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, TUNG CHAU WEST STREET AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND; AND
- * TUNG CHAU WEST STREET FROM CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD; AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG CHAU WEST STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY. NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS IN THE AREA.

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME TIME, TWO OTHER TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TAI WAN ROAD, HUNG HOM, TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH - SOUTH DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AND DYER AVENUE OVERBRIDGE:

- * TAI WAN ROAD BETWEEN POWER STATION AND BLOCK 1, HUNG HOM ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC; AND
- * TAI WAN ROAD BETWEEN MA TAU WAI ROAD AND BLOCK 1 WILL BE CONVERTED TO A TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SAC.

/TO FACILITATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1986

- 16 -

TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN CHAU TAU AND PAK SHEK AU WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO A NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD PARALLEL TO THE CLOSED SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

ALSO, FROM 10 AM ON MARCH 11 TO MARCH 21, THE EXISTING TWO-WAY TRAFFIC IN TSING HOI CIRCUIT, TUEN MUN, WILL BE CONVERTED INTO ONE-WAY ANTI-CLOCKWISE TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATERMAINS AT THE NORTHERN JUNCTION OF TSING HOI CIRCUIT WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

MEANWHILE, THE UNNAMED ROAD WEST OF KO SHAN ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A LEARNER DRIVER PROHIBITED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON MARCH 11.

- - - 0 - - -