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GOVERNMENT IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH CHINESE OVER VIETNAMESE INFLUX

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RECENT INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE ARRIVALS FROM CHINA ARE REPATRIATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, MR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"WE ARE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, BOTH IN PEKING AND LOCALLY, AND THEY ARE VERY UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM, AND I'M SURE THAT TOGETHER WE WILL BE ABLE TO SOLVE IT.

"AS FAR AS WR'RE CONCERNED, THESE PEOPLE ARE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, AND MUST BE RETURNED TO CHINA. AND WE WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH CHINA TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE WHO COME ARE BROUGHT BACK AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE," HE SAID.

MR FORD WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING FOUR PIG FARMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. HE SAID THESE EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS DID CREATE A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR HONG KONG.

"WE HAD 2,000 LAST WEEK, AND SO FAR THIS WEEK WE HAD A THOUSAND, AND THAT OBVIOUSLY DOES PUT A GREAT STRAIN UPON OUR RESOURCES," HE SAID.

IN THE MEANTIME, HE ADDED, IN THE INTEREST OF HUMANITY HONG KONG HAD TO LOOK AFTER THEM BY PROVIDING THEM WITH SHELTERS. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE PEOPLE WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR STAY WOULD HAVE TO BE KEPT AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE.

"WE HAVE TO LOOK AFTER THEM BY PUTTING A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS, MAKING SURE THEY DO NOT SUFFER IN THE CASE OF A TYPHOON. THAT'S WHY WE HAD TO OPEN UP VARIOUS CAMPS WHERE THEY WILL BE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"THEY ARE NOT, AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, REFUGEES. THEY ARE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. THEY'RE HERE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AND WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT THEIR STAY IS KEPT AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE."

REGARDING HOW MUCH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THESE ARRANGEMENTS, MR FORD SAID THE ACTUAL COST WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO WORK OUT BECAUSE MANY DEPARTMENTS WERE INVLOVED, BUT HE ADDED THAT IT WAS A COST HONG KONG WOULD LIKE TO GET RID OF.

"IT IS A COST WHICH WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GO ON BEARING IN THE LONG TERM," HE SAID.

WHEN ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD REOPEN MORE CAMPS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, MR FORD SAID HONG KONG WOULD PROVIDE WHATEVER SHELTERS IT HAD TO PROVIDE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

"IT WILL BE A TEMPORARY SHELTER, AND NOTHING MORE," HE STRESSED.

"ALL WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS A TEMPORARY ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS UNTIL WE CAN RETURN THEM TO CHINA," HE SAID.

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TWO MORE CENTRES FOR EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ARRIVALS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO OPEN TWO ADDITIONAL CENTRES TO ACCOMMODATE THE INFLUX OF EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (ECVII'S), THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ROBERT UPTON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW CENTRES WILL BE IN THE FORMER ARMY WORKSHOP AT SHAM SHUI PO AND IN THE ARMY'S ERSKINE TRAINING CAMP AT TAI PO TSAI, SAI KUNG.

THE SHAM SHUI PO CENTRE WILL BE ABLE TO HOUSE UP TO 1,500 ECVII'S WHILE THE ERSKINE CENTRE WILL TAKE 1,000. IT IS PLANNED TO HAVE BOTH CAMPS OPEN WITHIN ONE WEEK.

MR UPTON INSPECTED THE GREEN ISLAND QUARANTINE AREA TODAY WHERE SEVERAL HUNDRED ECVII'S WERE AWAITING TRANSFER TO THE CENTRES. SOME ECVII'S HAVE ALREADY LEFT GREEN ISLAND FOR CENTRES, AND OTHERS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

HE SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS AT GREEN ISLAND WHICH TODAY IS HOLDING ABOUT 600 ECVII'S.

MR UPTON SAID THAT THE CONDITIONS WERE BASIC, BUT THE ECVII'S HAD ALL ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND AUXILIARY SERVICES WHO HAD MADE GREAT EFFORTS TO SET UP THE NEW QUARANTINE AREA.

MR UPTON CONFIRMED THAT EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WOULD BE RETURNED TO CHINA AS SOON AS ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE WITH THE APPROPRIATE CHINESE AUTHORITIES.

MR UPTON SAID THE MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN PEKING, WHO HAD EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG'S PROBLEM. BUT MR UPTON COULD NOT SAY WHEN REPATRIATION WOULD COMMENCE.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE ECVII'S WILL BE HELD IN CENTRES AT CAPE COLLINSON (600), LITTLE SAI WAN (2,400), SHAM SHUI PO (1,500) AND ERSKINE (1,000). THE ECVII'S WILL BE MOVED INTO THE CENTRES IN PHASES AS SPACE BECOMES AVAILABLE.

MEANWHILE, IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, MR UPTON SAID THERE WAS AN ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE FOR THE RETURN OF ECVII'S TO CHINA.

WHEN ASKED WHETHER A MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN CHINA IN THE NEAR FUTURE, MR UPTON SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS, BUT HE WOULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, MORE THAN 3,200 SUSPECTED EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG.

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PRIVATISATION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES THAT COULD BE DONE BETTER IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB KOWLOON NORTH ON THE SUBJECT OF PRIVATISATION, MR JACOBS SAID HE BELIEVED THAT AS MANY SERVICES AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE LEFT LARGELY IN THE HANDS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO QUESTIONS OF SECURITY AND VIABILITY.

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD A FIRM COMMITMENT IN DEVELOPING A COGENT POLICY IN PRIVATISATION.

"THIS IS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE IT SERVES TO IMPLEMENT OUR BROAD ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES OF ALLOWING THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO CARRY ON ITS ROLE, OF CONTAINING THE GROWTH OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND OF ENHANCING THE EXISTING LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES WITHIN THE USUAL CONSTRAINT OF LIMITED RESOURCES IN HONG KONG."

HOWEVER, MR JACOBS STRESSED THAT "THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS NOT RUSHING OFF TO SELL THE FAMILY JEWELS IN THE RUN UP TO 1997".

"WE ARE MOVING FORWARD CAUTIOUSLY AND SURELY, AS IN THE PAST, IN ACHIEVING GREATER EFFICIENCY IN THE SERVICES THAT WE RENDER," HE SAID.

OUTLINING THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF PRIVATISATION IN THREE BROAD CATEGORIES, NAMELY PRIVATISATION, CORPORATISATION AND COMMERCIALISATION, HE SAID "BY PRIVATISATION, WE MEAN THE TRANSFER OF A PUBLIC SECTOR OWNED ASSET TO TOTAL OR PARTIAL PRIVATE SECTOR OWNERSHIP".

"THE ADVANTAGES OF PRIVATISATION NORMALLY LIE IN THE SPEED IN WHICH DEVELOPMENTS CAN BE COMPLETED AND ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE INCREASE IN OVERALL OPERATING EFFICIENCY."

ON CORPORATISATION, MR JACOBS SAID IT WAS ONE STEP REMOVED FROM PRIVATISATION, WITH THE GOVERNMENT RETAINING THE FULL OWNERSHIP OF THE OPERATION.

"NEVERTHELESS, WE STILL ACHIEVE THE SAME ADVANTAGES OF PRIVATISATION THROUGH THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION TO TRANSFER ASSETS TO A SEPARATE PRIVATE ENTITY AND IN SO DOING, TO VEST THE DAY-TO-DAY FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DECISIONS OUTSIDE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT," HE SAID, QUOTING THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATIONS AS EXAMPLES.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT EACH POSSIBILITY NEEDED A GREAT DEAL OF CAREFUL THOUGHT. OFTEN THERE WERE SERIOUS STAFFING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

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NOTING THAT COMMERCIALISATION OR CONTRACTING OUT OFFERED THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, MR JACOBS SAID THE GOVERNMENT AIMED TO CONTRACT OUT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR VARIOUS TYPES OF SERVICES WHICH DID NOT REQUIRE THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS.

THESE SERVICES NORMALLY CONCERNED THOSE WHICH WERE LABOUR INTENSIVE, RANGING FROM A FULL SERVICE LIKE MANAGEMENT OF CARPARKS TO SUB-CONTRACTUAL SERVICES FOR MAINTENANCE OR CLEANING, HE SAID.

"GIVEN THE POTENTIAL ADVANTAGE OF INCREASING EFFICIENCY AS WELL AS QUALITY IN CONTRACTING OUT, WE ARE CONSTANTLY EXAMINING DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES TO IDENTIFY OPERATIONS WHICH COULD BE PERFORMED BETTER BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR."

"FURTHERMORE, COMMERCIALISATION OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT NECESSARY TASKS WITHOUT EMPLOYING MORE CIVIL SERVANTS."

"THIS SERVES TO ACHIEVE THE VERY IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE OF CONTAINING THE SIZE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE."

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ACTING GOVERNOR VISITS NT FARMS

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, MR DAVID FORD, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED A NUMBER OF PIG FARMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO GAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT LIVESTOCK BREEDING AND TO SEE HOW ANIMAL WASTES WERE DISPOSED.

MR FORD FLEW TO TUEN MUN BY HELICOPTER ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES; ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MR ROBERT LAW; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (WASTE AND WATER), ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, MR MIKE STOKOE, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

AT TUEN MUN, MR FORD WAS MET BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG; THE KUK'S VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR TSANG LIN; THE ADVISER TO THE KUK, MR TAI CHIN-WAH; CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK-KEEPING ASSOCIATIONS, MR LEUNG CHIK AND REPRESENTATIVES OF RELATED ORGANISATIONS.

THE PARTY FIRST VISITED A FAMILY-RUN FARM AT LAM TEI VILLAGE IN TUEN MUN WHICH KEEPS ABOUT 100 PIGS.

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MR FORD NEXT VISITED A FARM WITH 35 PIGS AT HUNG MO TAM NEAR PAT HEUNG, YUEN LONG, WHERE A FARMING COUPLE PRACTISES THE 'DRY MUCK-OUT' POLLUTION CONTROL METHOD.

AT SHA PO VILLAGE NEAR AU TAU, THE ACTING GOVERNOR TOURED A FARM MANAGING ABOUT 350 PIGS AND WATCHED HOW LIVESTOCK WASTES WERE DISPOSED OF WITHOUT TREATMENT. HE ALSO LEARNT WHAT MEASURES THE FARM HAD TO TAKE TO MEET PROPOSED POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS.

THE FINAL STOP WAS AT YAU TAM MEI WHERE MR FORD VISITED A LARGE FARM MANAGING SOME 2,000 PIGS. THE FARM OPERATORS PRACTISE THE 'WET MUCK-OUT' POLLUTION CONTROL METHOD IN THE DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE.

OVER TEA AFTER THE VISIT, THE ACTING GOVERNOR MET REPRESENTATIVES OF LIVESTOCK-BREEDING ASSOCIATIONS FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS.

MR FORD'S VISITS WERE IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION BY THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND LIVESTOCK-BREEDING ASSOCIATIONS FOR HIM TO LEARN ABOUT THE FARMING INDUSTRY, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S WASTE DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987. MR FORD ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE WORK OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE END OF THE VISIT, MR FORD SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD COME UP WITH A GOOD SOLUTION TO KEEP AGRICULTURAL WASTE POLLUTION UNDER CONTROL WITHOUT PUTTING FARMERS OUT OF BUSINESS.

"I THINK WE ALL LEARNED A LOT TODAY, AND WE WILL GO AWAY AND THINK ABOUT THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED, AND I HOPE WE WOULD BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH SOME GOOD SOLUTIONS," HE SAID.

MR FORD POINTED OUT THAT UNLESS SOMETHING WAS DONE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE AND HUMAN WASTE, HONG KONG WOULD END UP WITH A SITUATION WITH TOLO HARBOUR LOOKING LIKE THE KAI TAK NULLAH.

"THAT'S WHY THE GOVERNMENT MUST ATTACH VERY HIGH PRIORITY TO THIS PROBLEM OF POLLUTION CONTROL," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT FARMERS DID MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN HONG KONG AND MUST NOT BE PUT OUT OF BUSINESS, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT MUST FIND A WAY OF HELPING THEM TO BRING THEIR FARMING SYSTEMS UNDER CONTROL.

"WE MUST FIND A WAY OF HELPING THEM TO BRING THEIR FARMING SYSTEM UNDER CONTROL SO THAT THEY DON'T CAUSE POLLUTION TO THE WATERS OF HONG KONG, AND TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY LIFE OF HONG KONG."

FIRST QUARTER SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS RELEASED

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IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, 3,520 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 21.2 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS (NRT) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 312 (OR 10 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 11 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986, ACCORDING TO THE 'HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT' PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT.

WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+164) AND OIL TANKERS (+43), WHILE A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF VESSELS (-18).

INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE RECORDED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN PANAMA (+153) AND CHINA (+106), BUT DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE REGISTERED IN THE U.S.A. (-22) AND SOUTH KOREA (-18). THE NUMBER OF SHIPS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 10,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS INCREASED (+149).

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, THERE WERE 3,532 OUTGOING SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 21.3 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 308 (OR 10 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 11 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986. THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ON TO OUTGOING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) ROSE BY 30 PER CENT. ABOUT 66 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING SHIPS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, 83 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS IMPORTS AND 17 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO. OF THE CARGO LOADED ON TO OUTGOING SHIPS, 52 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AND 48 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TONNAGE TERMS WERE CHINA (16 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (15 PER CENT), JAPAN (13 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (10 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (10 PER CENT), WHILE THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S.A. (20 PER CENT), TAIWAN (12 PER CENT), CHINA (8 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (8 PER CENT).

TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN CHINA (29 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (16 PER CENT); AND WAS MAINLY DISCHARGED IN CHINA (20 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (14 PER CENT).

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COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1986, INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM CANADA (+390 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (+100 PER CENT), CHINA (+87 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+42 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+30 PER CENT); BUT DECREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. (-34 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (-11 PER CENT).

AS A WHOLE, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS ROSE BY 17 PER CENT. AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF CORK AND WOOD MANUFACTURES (+87 PER CENT), ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (+50 PER CENT) AND PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD (+44 PER CENT); BUT A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF IRON AND STEEL (-8 PER CENT).

DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) INCREASED BY 34 PER CENT. INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO THAILAND (+160 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (+127 PER CENT), WEST GERMANY (+53 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+52 PER CENT).

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (+331 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+156 PER CENT) AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS (+137 PER CENT), BUT A DECREASE IN TONNAGE WAS NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (-29 PER CENT).

STARTING FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO COMPILED STATISTICS FOR SEABORNE CARGO CARRIED IN CONTAINERS (OR CONTAINERISED CARGO).

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE IMPORTS AND INWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 31 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO. OF THOSE LOADED ON TO OUTGOING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE EXPORTS AND OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 74 PER CENT WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO.

IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 24 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS. IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR A LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. (94 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (87 PER CENT), WEST GERMANY (74 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (66 PER CENT). THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE IMPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 ROSE BY 30 PER CENT OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1986.

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AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 95 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, 90 PER CENT OF TEXTILES OF MAN-MADE FIBRES, 85 PER CENT OF PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD AND 82 PER CENT OF CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED.

FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 69 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE. IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR ALL OR ALMOST ALL OF THE SEABORNE EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE U.S.A. AND AUSTRALIA.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 ROSE BY 35 PER CENT OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1986.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, ALMOST ALL SEABORNE EXPORTS OF COTTON TEXTILES, PLASTIC MANUFACTURES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED, COTTON GARMENTS, GARMENTS OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED, MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED AND TOYS WERE CONTAINERISED.

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIPOWNERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT.

PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS IS USED FOR COMPILING THE STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 ARE CONTAINED IN THE 'HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT' FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 1987, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT CENTRE AT \$19.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234887.

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DB CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES REVISED

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DECLARATIONS OF CHANGES TO DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE BOUNDARIES OF 11 DISTRICTS, NAMELY CENTRAL AND WESTERN, EASTERN, WAN CHAI, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, ISLANDS, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, SHA TIN, TAI PO AND NORTH.

THE CHANGES ALSO INVOLVED REALIGNING SOME OF THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN 17 DISTRICTS. NO CHANGES WERE MADE TO MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI DISTRICTS.

"THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONSTITUENCIES WAS INCREASED BY 12 FROM 145 TO 157," A SPOKESMAN OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

FOUR URBAN DISTRICTS, NAMELY EASTERN, KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN AND SOUTHERN WILL EACH HAVE AN ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENCY.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN WILL EACH HAVE A NEW CONSTITUENCY, WHILE NORTH DISTRICT WILL HAVE THREE ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THESE CHANGES WERE MADE IN THE LIGHT OF POPULATION GROWTH AND MOVEMENTS, PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE NEED TO BRING THE BOUNDARIES OF SOME DISTRICTS IN LINE WITH LAND ADMINISTRATION BOUNDARIES.

THE CHANGES WERE BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE SET UP IN DECEMBER 1986 TO REVIEW THE DB CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC OPINION.

"THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE IN GENERAL SUPPORTED BY THE PUBLIC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER MINOR CHANGES WERE MADE. THE NAME OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT WAS CHANGED TO 'KWAI TSING' DISTRICT IN LINE WITH THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE. IN KOWLOON CITY, THE 'KOWLOON CITY AND SAI TAU' CONSTITUENCY WAS RENAMED AS 'LUNG SHING' CONSTITUENCY TO AVOID CONFUSING IT WITH THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE.

"CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES HAVE TO BE DECLARED NOW TO ENABLE THE ANNUAL VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE TO START ON AUGUST 15 THIS YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"DECISION ON THE NUMBERS OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE NEXT TERM OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS HAS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC OPINION EXPRESSED ON THE COMPOSITION OF DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GREEN PAPER: 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. THESE NUMBERS, THEREFORE, CAN ONLY BE DECIDED AFTER PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE GREEN PAPER IS COMPLETED," HE ADDED.

THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS HAVE ALSO BEEN REVISED IN LINE WITH CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES. DECLARATIONS OF THESE CHANGES WERE ALSO PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS BRIEFING ON REVISED DB CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES WILL BE HELD AT 4.30 PM TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, 12TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

PRESENT AT THE BRIEFING WILL BE A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR PETER TAM, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL AFFAIRS, MR G.F. WOODHEAD.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING.

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COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY AND HUMAN DIGNITY
ESSENTIAL IN WELFARE CHARITY

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THE RECOGNITION OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY IS ESSENTIAL IN THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN HONG KONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC), MR J.P. LEE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

WHILE GIVING A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE WORKS OF THE SWAC AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG, MR LEE SAID SOCIAL WELFARE IN HONG KONG HAD GROWN AND IMPROVED OVER THE PAST FEW DECADES.

"IT HAS DEVELOPED FROM CARE FOR THE DESTITUTE AND REFUGEES TO A SYSTEM CATERING FOR DIVERSE SITUATIONS AND NEEDS AS FAR AS RESOURCES ALLOW, AND BUILDING UPON CHARITY, THE RECOGNITION OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY.

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"IT IS ALSO BEING INCREASINGLY PREVENTION-ORIENTED IN ADDITION TO PROBLEM-SOLVING AND IT NOW ENCOMPASSES THE AREAS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING, FAMILY, OFFENDERS, ELDERLY, YOUNG PEOPLE, WELFARE SUPPORT, REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY," HE SAID.

THE PROVISION OF WELFARE WAS NOT ONLY HUMAN AND RESPONSIBLE BUT WAS ALSO NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN A STABLE SOCIETY, HE SAID.

WELFARE BASICALLY ASSISTED THE DISADVANTAGED THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SERVICE OR MONETARY SUPPORT AND THIS HELPED TO STABILISE LABOUR COST AND PROVIDED A SAFETY NET TO PEOPLE, HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT WELFARE SERVICE WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS WHICH MADE HONG KONG'S WORK AND INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT ATTRACTIVE AND THAT A GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN OUR WELFARE PROVISION IN LINE WITH THE ECONOMIC GROWTH WOULD HELP RISING ASPIRATIONS AND INCREASING SOPHISTICATION OF OUR COMMUNITY.

STRESSING THAT WELFARE EXPENDITURE IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN MODERATE AND HAD NOT OVERBURDENED OUR COMMUNITY, MR LEE NOTED THAT SOCIAL WELFARE HAD GROWN AND IMPROVED OVER THE PAST FEW DECADES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S WELFARE BUDGET TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN 1987/88 FINANCIAL YEAR WAS ABOUT \$2,798 MILLION.

THE GOVERNMENT'S WELFARE EXPENDITURE BETWEEN 1984 AND 1986 OCCUPIED SIX PER CENT OF THE TOTAL WHICH WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE COMPARED WITH FOUR PER CENT OF THE TOTAL SHARE IN 1977.

IN TERMS OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, WELFARE EXPENDITURE TOOK UP 0.9 PER CENT BETWEEN 1982 AND 1986 A MODERATE INCREASE OVER THE 0.6 PER CENT IN 1977.

RECAPITULATING SWAC'S WORK IN THE PAST YEAR, MR LEE NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE'S MAIN TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE TO KEEP SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW AND TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE ON ALL MATTERS OF SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY.

HE SAID THAT APART FROM PEOPLE WHO WERE CONVERSANT WITH WELFARE SERVICE DELIVERY, THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP ALSO INCLUDED CITIZENS FROM OTHER PROFESSIONS SUCH AS EDUCATION, PSYCHOLOGY, LAW, ACCOUNTANCY AND BUSINESS.

"THIS ALLOWS FOR A GOOD INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE ON SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION, AND DESPITE THE HETEROGENEITY IN THE BACKGROUND OF MEMBERS, A CONSENSUS OF VIEW IS USUALLY REACHED.

"THE VIEWS OF THE COMMITTEE THEREFORE REFLECT NOT JUST PURELY THE THINKING OF SOCIAL WELFARE PRACTITIONERS, BUT ARE THE CONSIDERED OPINION OF PEOPLE IN MANY WALKS OF LIFE," HE SAID.

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TURNING TO FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE SWAC, MR LEE SAID TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WOULD INCLUDE THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY, LAW REFORM COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT ON PROVISION FOR ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN, AND PROBABLY THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON HOMOSEXUALITY.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO REVIEW THE PLANNING RATIO FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, THE HOME HELP SERVICE AND OTHERS SUBJECTS WHICH WOULD COME UP BY SEPTEMBER.

OUTLINING THE WORKS OF THE SWAC, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD COMPLETED THE BIENNIAL FIVE-YEAR PLAN REVIEW; SET PRIORITY SERVICES AREAS; AND EXAMINED THE CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND ISSUE AND MADE PROPOSALS.

FURTHERMORE, THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED ON THE REPORT BY THE WORKING GROUP ON DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES; EXAMINED A REPORT ON SOCIAL WELFARE MANPOWER AND TRAINING BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WORK TRAINING; AND REVIEWED THE EXISTING METHODS OF SUBVENTION AND GAVE ADVICE ON SUCH CHANGES AS MIGHT BE REQUIRED.

IN ADDITION, THE SWAC ALSO LOOKED AT THE EFFECTS OF AGE IN CIVIL LAW AS RAISED BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION AS WELL AS TO RECOMMEND NEW SERVICES AS THE SITUATION DEMANDS, MR LEE SAID.

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SHW APPEALS FOR MORE ORGAN DONORS
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THE RATE OF INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL DONORS OF ORGANS FOR TRANSPLANTS WAS TODAY (FRIDAY) DESCRIBED AS "VERY DISAPPOINTING" BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MISS ELAINE CHUNG.

SPEAKING DURING AN OPENING CEREMONY OF AN EXHIBITION ON TISSUE AND ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION AT CITY HALL, MISS CHUNG SAID THAT DESPITE THE HIGH SUCCESS RATE IN ORGAN TRANSPLANTS IN HONG KONG AND THE UNCEASING PUBLICITY EFFORTS BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, "THE NUMBER OF ORGAN TRANSPLANTS IN HONG KONG REMAINED INSIGNIFICANT AS COMPARED WITH THE ESTIMATED DEMAND".

THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND THE LIONS' CLUB OF KOWLOON TONG.

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MISS CHUNG SAID THAT DUE TO THE SHORTAGE OF DONORS, ONLY 80 ACTUAL KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS WERE PERFORMED IN THE LAST TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS AS AGAINST A WAITING LIST OF ABOUT 500 RENAL PATIENTS.

AMONG THE VARIOUS REASONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH A LOW DONATION RATE, MISS CHUNG HIGHLIGHTED THE "LACK OF ENTHUSIASM ON THE PART OF INDIVIDUALS," WHICH STEMS FROM THEIR "INDIFFERENT, APATHETIC ATTITUDES AND PREJUDICES".

SHE RALLIED THE PUBLIC TO BREAK THROUGH THIS MENTAL BLOCK TO BECOME ORGAN DONORS.

"WHAT GREATER LOVE CAN AN INDIVIDUAL GIVE TO HIS FELLOW BRETHREN WHEN HE CAN OFFER THE CHANCE OF LIFE ITSELF TO OTHERS ESPECIALLY WHEN THAT ORGAN OR TISSUE IS NO LONGER OF USE TO HIM?" SHE ASKED.

SHE HOPED THE PUBLIC COULD ADOPT AN ATTITUDE WITH MORE COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING IN THIS RATHER MATERIALISTIC SOCIETY.

DONORS' CARDS WERE AVAILABLE IN ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, IDENTITY CARD CENTRES AS WELL AS THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION CENTRES OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MISS CHUNG ADDED.

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HONG KONG-NORWAY TEXTILES AGREEMENT SIGNED

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HONG KONG AND NORWAY TODAY (FRIDAY) SIGNED A THREE-YEAR TEXTILES AGREEMENT, TO RUN FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

SIGNING THE AGREEMENT WERE THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, AND THE NORWEGIAN CONSUL-GENERAL, MR LEIF HALVORSEN.

INITIALLING OF THE AGREEMENT TOOK PLACE IN OSLO EARLIER THIS YEAR AND THE AGREEMENT IS THEREFORE ALREADY IN OPERATION.

IN 1986 OVER 80 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING TO NORWAY WAS COVERED BY QUOTA AND OVER NINE PER CENT BY EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS.

THE NEW AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL JUNE 30, 1990, COVERS 15 TEXTILE AND CLOTHING CATEGORIES. ANNUAL GROWTH RANGES FROM 0.7 PER CENT TO FOUR PER CENT, BASED ON 1986/87 RESTRAINT LIMITS PLUS GROWTH.

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TRADE MARKS RULES UPDATE PROVISIONS

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THE TRADE MARKS (AMENDMENT) RULES 1987 WITH AN AIM TO BRING IT IN LINE WITH UP-TO-DATE INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS IN THE TRADE MARKS RULES MADE UNDER THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 43) ARE NOW OUT-OF-DATE.

"THIS HAS THE EFFECT OF CREATING DIFFICULTIES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PRACTITIONERS AND PREVENTING THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRY FROM OPERATING AT OPTIMUM EFFICIENCY."

THE AMENDED RULES MAKE THE FOLLOWING SALIENT CHANGES:

- * AGENTS ACTING IN TRADE MARK MATTERS WILL NOT, IN EVERY CASE, NEED TO BE FORMALLY AUTHORISED.
- * TRADE MARK APPLICATIONS WILL BE SIMPLIFIED BY AMALGAMATING TWO FORMS AND ENABLING AN AGENT TO SIGN THE NEW FORM.
- * THE TIME ALLOWED FOR TAKING CERTAIN PROCEDURAL STEPS WILL BE INCREASED.
- * A FEE WILL BE IMPOSED IN RESPECT OF THE "TAXATION" (I.E. AN ASSESSMENT OF THE AMOUNT OF COSTS PAYABLE) OF ANY COSTS AWARDED BY THE REGISTRAR UNDER THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE.
- * THE CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS WILL BE REVISED IN CONFORMITY WITH UP-TO-DATE INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES.

THE NEW RULES WILL BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE ON NOVEMBER 1, 1987.

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|| THREE MORE WEEKS TO GET NEW I.D. CARDS

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MEN BORN IN 1967 AND 1968 ARE REMINDED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO APPLY FOR THEIR NEW I.D. CARDS BEFORE AUGUST 29.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UP TO AUGUST 5, THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 49,999 APPLICATIONS.

"IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 44,473 MEN OF THIS AGE GROUP HAVE NOT YET APPLIED," HE SAID.

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HE ADVISED THEM TO COME FORWARD EARLY TO RENEW THEIR I.D. CARDS SO AS TO AVOID THE LAST MINUTE RUSH AT THE END OF THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

"FAILURE TO APPLY FOR NEW I.D. CARD WITHIN THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IS AN OFFENCE. THE DEFAULTERS WILL BE PROSECUTED AND LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$3,000," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. NO. 5-747070.

EAST KOWLOON: AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.
TEL. NO. 3-7553679.

WEST KOWLOON: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.
TEL. NO. 3-7232424.

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.
TEL. NO. 0-4981259.

SHA TIN : SHATIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.
TEL. NO. 0-6059108.

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.
TEL. NO. 0-793291.

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.
TEL. NO. 0-4580862.

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.
TEL. NO. 0-927155.

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"THE APPLICANTS NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING I.D. CARDS NORMALLY IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE *** SYMBOL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"HOWEVER, IF A PERSON'S I.D. CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE *** SYMBOL, HE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE PERSONAL PROOFS. IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING HIS EXISTING I.D. CARD, HE MUST PRODUCE HIS TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING (IF ANY) - HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE OR HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

"IN SOME CASES, APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIM TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WILL BE ADVISED INDIVIDUALLY."

HE REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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METERED PARKING CHARGES TO GO UP

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THE METERED PARKING CHARGES IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR WILL GO UP FROM SUNDAY (AUGUST 9), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REVISED METERED PARKING CHARGES WERE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

THE CHARGES WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING \$1 AND 50 CENTS FOR 30 MINUTES TO \$2 AND \$1 FOR 30 MINUTES RESPECTIVELY.

THE NEW RATES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN WAN CHAI AND CENTRAL ON HONG KONG ISLAND; YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK, KOWLOON CITY AND WONG TAI SIN IN KOWLOON; AND SHA TIN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE REVISED CHARGES WILL BE INTRODUCED PROGRESSIVELY, STARTING IN WAN CHAI. MOTORISTS SHOULD NOTE THE CHARGES WHILE FEEDING THE METERS. THE CONVERTED METER MAY BE DISTINGUISHED BY THE YELLOW INSTRUCTION PLATE ON THE METER INDICATING THE METER TYPE AND THE APPROPRIATE COIN TO BE USED.

CHARGES WILL ALSO BE INCREASED IN OTHER AREAS IF AND WHEN THE AVAILABILITY RATE FALLS BELOW 15 PER CENT AND SURVEYS ARE BEING CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THIS RESPECT.

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HOVERFERRY SERVICE TO BE WITHDRAWN

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THE PASSENGER HOVERFERRY SERVICE BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND NORTH POINT OPERATED BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM SUNDAY (AUGUST 9).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE HOVERFERRY SERVICE HAD BEEN OPERATING ON A TEMPORARY BASIS SINCE AUGUST 1985.

"THE DECISION NOT TO EXTEND IS MADE IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUOUS LOW PATRONAGE ON THE ROUTE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS NEGOTIATING WITH THE TWO BUS COMPANIES FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW CROSS-HARBOUR BUS SERVICE BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND TAIKOO SHING.

MEANWHILE, THE TIMETABLE OF THE HOVERFERRY SERVICE BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND CENTRAL WILL BE ADJUSTED TO OPERATE AT A 15 TO 25-MINUTE INTERVAL BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5.35 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

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SITE FOR OCEAN PARK DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED

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GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO ALLOW THE RECLAMATION OF 3,350 SQUARE METRES OF LAND AT TAI SHUE WAN, ABERDEEN, TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A CRAFT VILLAGE BY OCEAN PARK LIMITED.

THE RECLAMATION IS TO BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 8,500 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED SHOULD SEND IN WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE OCTOBER 6.

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SIX MORE BUILDINGS JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

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SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TERRITORY WIDE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME IN NOVEMBER 1985, THERE HAD BEEN GREAT SUCCESS IN CURBING CRIME, PARTICULARLY IN REDUCING BURGLARY IN THE BUILDINGS, EASTERN DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR R.M.A. HARPER, SAID TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE FOURTH PHASE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME AT THE CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING.

MR HARPER POINTED OUT THAT BURGLARIES IN EASTERN DISTRICT HAD DECREASED FROM 962 IN 1985 TO 824 IN 1986. IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THE FIGURE WAS 294.

"THIS ENCOURAGING TREND CAN IN PART BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT IN THE FIRST THREE COMPLETED PHASES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME, 4,248 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE FORMED 344 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNITS IN 18 DOMESTIC BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT," MR HARPER SAID.

THE FOURTH PHASE OF THE SCHEME INVOLVES SIX BUILDINGS, INCLUDING TWO BLOCKS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING WITH A TOTAL OF 114 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNITS COMPRISING 947 HOUSEHOLDS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, SAID THE BASIC SPIRIT OF THE SCHEME WAS TO MOBILISE THE PUBLIC TO ESTABLISH A CLOSE LINK AMONG NEIGHBOURS OF THE SAME BUILDING TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO GUARD THEIR HOMES AND PROPERTY.

"THOSE HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAD ALREADY JOINED THE SCHEME HAVE TAKEN A BIG STEP FORWARD IN HELPING THE POLICE FIGHT CRIME," MR YEUNG SAID.

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YOUNG MUSICIANS LEAVE FOR UK

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A GROUP OF TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS LEFT FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR A 17-DAY CONCERT TOUR.

LED BY TOUR DIRECTOR, MR THOMAS WANG, PRINCIPAL GUEST CONDUCTOR, MISS YIP WING-SIE, AND SEVEN OTHER OFFICIALS FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE DELEGATION COMPRISES 68 MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

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APART FROM GIVING TWO PUBLIC PERFORMANCES AT THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL OF BRITISH YOUTH ORCHESTRAS, THE ORCHESTRA WILL STAGE FIVE MORE CONCERTS AT MUSSELBURGH, STIRLING, LINCOLN AND LONDON.

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE AT THE AIRPORT, MR WANG SAID: "WE EXPECT ALL THE ORCHESTRAL MEMBERS TO PERFORM THEIR BEST AS THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL MISSION TO REPRESENT HONG KONG.

"WE ALSO HOPE THEY WILL BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS AND GAIN EXPERIENCE IN PERFORMING," HE ADDED.

THE DELEGATION WILL RETURN ON AUGUST 24.

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FULL DAY SYMPOSIUM ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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A DAY-LONG SYMPOSIUM FOR RESIDENTS, ACADEMICS AND PROFESSIONALS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE.

THE SYMPOSIUM, WHICH WILL MARK THE CLOSING OF THE YAU MA TEI PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT, WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN IN-DEPTH STUDY ON MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS, WITH A VIEW TO HELPING IMPROVE THE OVERALL STANDARD OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

SPEAKERS AT THE SYMPOSIUM ARE CNTA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FRANKIE LUI; LECTURER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MISS LEUNG WAI-TUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION, MR LEE ON; PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS, MR FRANCIS LAU; AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTITUTE OF HOUSING, MISS LORETTA HO.

THEY WILL SPEAK ON THE ROLES PLAYED BY THE GOVERNMENT, PROPERTY OWNERS AND MANAGERS IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

AFTER THE TALKS, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO RAISE QUESTIONS, FOLLOWED BY PANEL DISCUSSION.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SYMPOSIUM WHILE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR JACKIE CHAN, WILL SPEAK AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SYMPOSIUM. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL START AT 9.45 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CRYSTAL BALLROOM OF HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE AT 50 NATHAN ROAD AND THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3.30 PM AT THE SAME VENUE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CHINESE.

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YMT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN STARTS

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A HOST OF ACTIVITIES TO DRIVE HOME THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IN THE COMING MONTHS WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ACTIVITIES, DESIGNED TO PUBLICISE CRIME PREVENTION AND ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGES, INCLUDE PRINTING LEAFLETS, PUTTING UP ANTI-PICKPOCKETING SIGNBOARDS, PROMOTING THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME AND ORGANISING A SINGING CONTEST AND A MINI-OLYMPICS FOR YOUTH.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAMPAIGN AT THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, SAID THE ACTIVITIES LAID ON THIS YEAR WERE IN LINE WITH THE FUNCTION OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WHOSE MAIN TASK WAS TO CO-ORDINATE DISTRICT EFFORTS TO COMBAT CRIME.

"I AM SURE THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE WILL BE EFFECTIVELY CONVEYED TO RESIDENTS THROUGH THE WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR WU MAN-KEUNG, AND YAU MA TEI DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR J.H. WALKER.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, ABOUT 100 GOLDSMITH AND JEWELLERY SHOP OPERATORS ATTENDED A SEMINAR ON CRIME PREVENTION AND SECURITY MEASURES. SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR ALSO INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU, INSURANCE FIRMS AND THE JEWELLERY TRADE.

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DB MEMBERS RETURN FROM JAPAN

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AN 11-MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A WEEK-LONG TOUR OF JAPAN TO STUDY THE COUNTRY'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TRANSPORT AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

THE TWO MAIN STOPS WERE SAPPORO AND TOKYO, WHERE MEMBERS VISITED THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE DIET, THE METROPOLITAN EXPRESSWAY PUBLIC CORPORATION AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS BRIEFING WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 6/F., KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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DB MEMBERS TOUR IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS VISITED THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S PROCEDURES AND OPERATION.

THE VISIT WAS PART OF A PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE FOR BOARD MEMBERS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED BY SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE COMPUTERISATION OF IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS WHICH WOULD FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME.

THEY THEN TOURED THE DEPARTMENT'S ENTRY VISA, EXTENSION AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS SECTIONS AS WELL AS ITS INFORMATION OFFICE.

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NT TAXIS BOUNDARY REVISED

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THE PERMITTED OPERATING AREA FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS IN SAI KUNG WILL BE REVISED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S DECISION IN MAY THIS YEAR NOT TO ALLOW NT TAXIS TO OPERATE IN THE NEW TOWNS OF MA ON SHAN AND JUNK BAY.

NT TAXIS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN THE FOLLOWING ROADS:

- * ANDERSON ROAD AND ALL ROADS LEADING FROM ANDERSON ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD;
- * THE ROAD LEADING FROM CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD TO CLEAR WATER BAY FILM STUDIOS BEYOND A POINT 170 METRES FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD; AND
- * ALL NEW ROADS LEADING FROM HANG HAU ROAD INTO JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1987

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AIRPORT TUNNEL TRAFFIC LANES CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE

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THE RIGHT HAND TRAFFIC LANE ON BOTH THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND TUBES OF THE AIRPORT TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FOR RENEWAL OF FIRE MAINS AND OTHER MAINTENANCE WORK FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 9).

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE LEFT HAND TRAFFIC LANE ON BOTH TUBES OF THE TUNNEL WILL REMAIN OPEN TO ALLOW TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR ON THE TUNNEL APPROACH ROADS DURING PEAK PERIODS, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM HUNG HOM TO KWUN TONG MAY USE CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, MA TAU WAI ROAD, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND KWUN TONG ROAD OR VICE VERSA FROM KWUN TONG TO HUNG HOM.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM HUNG HOM TO THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MAY USE CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, MA TAU WAI ROAD, CHI KIANG STREET, TO KWA WAN ROAD, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD AND OLYMPIC AVENUE.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDED

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO INDONESIA WILL BE EXTENDED TO BALIKPAPAN, BATAM, DENPASAR, MEDAN, SEMARANG, SURABAYA AND UJUNG Pandang FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 10), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT PRESENT, SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO INDONAESIA IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO JAKARTA.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR A SPEEDPOST ITEM TO TURKEY WILL BE INCREASED TO 20 KILOGRAMS AND THE MAXIMUM SIZE EXPANDED TO 1.05 METRES IN LENGTH AND 2 METRES FOR THE LENGTH AND GIRTH COMBINED.

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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