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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR PAUL HOLMES, SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM THE INTENDING SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC REGULARLY ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

STARTING FROM THIS WEEK, THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT BIWEEKLY INTERVALS DURING THE BATHING SEASON TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY EPD IN ITS ROUTINE BEACH WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THE E. COLI DATA USED FOR GRADING ARE THE AVERAGE (OR MORE EXACTLY, MEDIAN) VALUES OF THE MOST RECENT FIVE RESULTS, OBTAINED OVER A TWO-AND-A-HALF MONTH PERIOD ACCORDING TO THE USUAL SAMPLING FREQUENCY. ALTHOUGH THE GRADES FOR SOME BEACHES MAY FLUCTUATE, THEY GIVE A GENERAL PICTURE OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THE BEACHES AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST OF THE BEACH WATER QUALITY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS BELOW:

A GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN ZERO AND 99 PER 100 MILLILITRES AND THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD.

B GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN 100-999 PER 100 MILLILITRES AND THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE.

C GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES AND THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY :

BEACH -----	GRADE -----
HONG KONG SOUTH -----	
BIG WAVE BAY	A
CHUNG HOM KOK	B

DEEP WATER BAY	B
HAIRPIN	A
MIDDLE BAY	B
REPULSE BAY	B
SHEK O	A
SOUTH BAY	B
ST. STEPHEN'S	B
TURTLE COVE	A
STANLEY MAIN	B
ROCKY BAY, SHEK O	B
TO TEI WAN *	A
ISLANDS DISTRICT	

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A
TONG FUK	B
LO SO SHING	A
PUI O	B
SILVERMINE BAY	C
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	A
TUNG O*	A

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	B
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	A
HAP MUN BAY	A
KIU TSUI	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A
SILVERSTRAND	A
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	A

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	B
APPROACH	B
CASAM	B
GEMINI	B
HOI MEI WAN	B
LIDO	B
TING KAU	B
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

OLD CAFETERIA	B
NEW CAFETERIA	B

/CASTLE PEAK

CASTLE PEAK	C
KADOORIE BEACH	B
BUTTERFLY	B

* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES

MR HOLMES SAID THE PROPOSAL FOR THE GRADING SYSTEM AND FOR PUBLISHING SUCH GRADES REGULARLY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION WAS FIRST PUT FORWARD BY THE BEACH WATER POLLUTION GROUP (CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT) IN JUNE. THIS WAS RECENTLY ENDORSED BY THE RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

IN ADDITION TO THIS REGULAR REPORTING SYSTEM, AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY OF ALL THE BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO BE PREPARED BY EPD AFTER EACH BATHING SEASON. THIS WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BEACH MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES ON THE SUITABILITY OF INDIVIDUAL BEACHES FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE GRADING SYSTEM CAN BE DIRECTED TO MR HOLMES 3-7211044.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR JUNE PUBLISHED

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THERE WAS A FASTER INCREASE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS IN JUNE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS, STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH SHOWED.

THIS WAS PARTLY A REFLECTION OF THE RAPID INCREASE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS CAUSED BY A NEW SHARE FLOTATION ON THE STOCK MARKET IN LATE JUNE. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS FELL SLIGHTLY DURING THE MONTH.

REFLECTING THE FASTER RATES OF GROWTH IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS INCREASED FASTER IN JUNE AFTER THE SLOW GROWTH RATES RECORDED IN APRIL AND MAY.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES CONTINUED TO INCREASE. GROWTH IN OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG WAS SLOWER IN JUNE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTHS. LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE, ON THE OTHER HAND, GREW FASTER IN JUNE WHILE LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG ALSO GREW RAPIDLY.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR JUNE 1987 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS. A BREAKDOWN OF FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INTO THOSE DENOMINATED IN US DOLLAR AND THOSE DENOMINATED IN OTHER FOREIGN CURRENCIES, AS WELL AS FIGURES FOR SWAP DEPOSITS, ARE ALSO GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

TABLE 2 SETS OUT FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR.

DEPOSITS

IN JUNE, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS INCREASED RAPIDLY, BY 8.9 PER CENT AS SUBSCRIPTION MONIES TO A NEW SHARE ISSUE WERE LOCKED UP IN THE BANKING SYSTEM. SAVINGS DEPOSITS INCREASED ONLY marginally BUT TIME DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.8 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 2.4 PER CENT IN JUNE AFTER INCREASES OF 0.7 PER CENT IN APRIL AND 0.2 PER CENT IN MAY. OVER THE YEAR (I.E. FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE), TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 22 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS FELL BY 0.4 PER CENT IN JUNE AFTER INCREASES OF 3.7 PER CENT IN APRIL AND 1.8 PER CENT IN MAY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE DEPOSITS GREW BY 36 PER CENT. OF THE TOTAL, DEPOSITS IN US DOLLAR ROSE BY 0.2 PER CENT IN JUNE AFTER INCREASES OF 1.7 PER CENT IN APRIL AND 2 PER CENT IN MAY.

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AT THE END OF JUNE, US DOLLAR DEPOSITS ACCOUNTED FOR 62.2 PER CENT OF ALL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS. DEPOSITS IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES OTHER THAN US DOLLARS DECREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN JUNE AFTER INCREASES OF 7.2 PER CENT IN APRIL AND 1.5 PER CENT IN MAY.

THE REBOUND OF THE US DOLLAR IN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET DURING MAY AND JUNE WAS PROBABLY THE MAIN FACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECREASE IN GROWTH RATE OF NON-US DOLLAR FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, GIVEN THAT THE HONG KONG DOLLAR WAS STABLE AGAINST THE US DOLLAR UNDER THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 7.9 PER CENT IN JUNE TO SLIGHTLY OVER \$33 BILLION. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 3 PER CENT IN JUNE WHILE ADJUSTED FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS DECREASED BY 1.2 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT IN JUNE WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY 0.2 PER CENT. FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE, THE FORMER GREW BY 4.6 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER BY 2.2 PER CENT.

MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 GREW BY 4.3 PER CENT IN JUNE, BEING INFLUENCED BY THE RAPID INCREASE IN DEMAND DEPOSITS. HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 RECORDED INCREASES OF 2.1 PER CENT AND 2.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THESE GROWTH RATES WERE HIGHER THAN THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES OF 0.9 PER CENT AND 0.8 PER CENT IN APRIL, AND THE 0.6 PER CENT AND 0.5 PER CENT IN MAY. OVER THE YEAR, HK\$M2 GREW BY 28.8 PER CENT WHILE HK\$M3 GREW BY 22.9 PER CENT.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY M1 ROSE BY 7.4 PER CENT IN JUNE AFTER A DECREASE OF 0.8 PER CENT IN MAY. GROWTH IN TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3, ON THE OTHER HAND, SLOWED DOWN IN JUNE. TOTAL M2 GREW BY 0.9 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 2.4 PER CENT IN APRIL AND 1.3 PER CENT IN MAY, WHILE TOTAL M3 GREW BY 0.8 PER CENT IN JUNE AFTER INCREASES OF 2.3 PER CENT IN APRIL AND 1.3 PER CENT IN MAY. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 39.5 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 34.7 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 29.5 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW FASTER IN JUNE, BY 5.1 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 2.3 PER CENT IN APRIL AND 2.8 PER CENT IN MAY.

THE MORE RAPID INCREASE IN TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS IN JUNE WAS DUE TO A SUDDEN INCREASE IN LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG OF 13.8 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES, LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 1 PER CENT IN JUNE WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES INCREASED BY 9.1 PER CENT.

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WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG ROSE BY 5.7 PER CENT AFTER THE SLOW INCREASES OF 0.4 PER CENT IN APRIL AND 1.7 PER CENT IN MAY; OVER THE YEAR THESE LOANS GREW BY 25.3 PER CENT. GROWTH IN OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG SLOWED DOWN IN JUNE, INCREASING BY 0.6 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 3.2 PER CENT IN APRIL AND 1.8 PER CENT IN MAY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 25.5 PER CENT.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY

SECTOR

IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987, LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ROSE BY 2 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 5.8 PER CENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986 AND 4.3 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 20 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES INCREASED BY 5.7 PER CENT FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 0.1 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 12.7 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR FELL BY 2.7 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 6.4 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS FELL BY 1.8 PER CENT.

LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME) CONTINUED TO INCREASE RAPIDLY, BY 10.5 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 7.7 PER CENT AND 9.2 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWO QUARTERS, REFLECTING THE CONTINUED GROWTH IN ACTIVITY IN THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MARKET. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 44.9 PER CENT.

LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN HOME PURCHASING ALSO GREW RAPIDLY, BY 10.4 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 56.8 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS AND REPORTING LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 151 AND 35 RESPECTIVELY WHILE THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY THREE TO 245.

/TABLE 1 :

TABLE 1 : MONETARY STATISTICS - JUNE 1987

	Jun 1987	Earlier months (% change to Jun 1987)			(HK\$mn)
		May 1987	Mar 1987	Jun 1986	
Money Supply					
M1 - HK\$	57,157	54,813 (4.3 %)	54,193 (5.5 %)	42,854 (33.4 %)	
Foreign currency	8,437	6,282 (34.3 %)	5,190 (62.6 %)	4,167 (102.5 %)	
Total	65,594	61,094 (7.4 %)	59,383 (10.5 %)	47,021 (39.5 %)	
M2 - HK\$	266,480	261,080 (2.1 %)	257,310 (3.6 %)	206,836 (28.8 %)	
Foreign currency	321,060	320,953 (0.0 %)	303,553 (5.8 %)	229,438 (39.9 %)	
Total	587,541	582,033 (0.9 %)	560,863 (4.8 %)	436,274 (34.7 %)	
M3 - HK\$	298,050	291,736 (2.2 %)	287,802 (3.6 %)	242,432 (22.9 %)	
Foreign currency	349,550	350,407 (-0.2 %)	331,799 (5.3 %)	257,674 (35.7 %)	
Total	647,601	642,143 (0.8 %)	619,601 (4.5 %)	500,107 (29.5 %)	
Notes and coins in circulation	24,185	24,514 (-1.3 %)	23,411 (3.3 %)	20,080 (20.4 %)	
of which held by public	21,126	21,720 (-2.7 %)	20,410 (3.5 %)	17,248 (22.5 %)	
Deposits					
Demand deposits	44,468	39,374 (12.9 %)	38,974 (14.1 %)	29,772 (49.4 %)	
Savings deposits	141,408	141,199 (0.1 %)	137,204 (3.1 %)	104,471 (35.4 %)	
Time deposits with banks	370,350	370,553 (-0.1 %)	355,711 (4.1 %)	278,543 (33.0 %)	
Time deposits with dtcs	56,139	56,239 (-0.2 %)	54,910 (2.2 %)	60,108 (-6.6 %)	
HK\$ deposits	268,996	262,569 (2.4 %)	260,361 (3.3 %)	220,409 (22.0 %)	
US\$ deposits	213,562	213,202 (0.2 %)	205,524 (3.9 %)	182,662 (16.9 %)	
Other foreign currency deposits	129,807	131,593 (-1.4 %)	120,914 (7.4 %)	69,823 (85.9 %)	
All deposits	612,364	607,365 (0.8 %)	586,798 (4.4 %)	472,894 (29.5 %)	
Foreign currency swap deposits	33,058	30,650 (7.9 %)	28,340 (16.6 %)	30,303 (9.1 %)	
Loans and advances					
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	42,447	40,176 (5.7 %)	39,360 (7.6 %)	33,882 (25.3 %)	
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	5,497	5,634 (-2.4 %)	4,482 (22.6 %)	4,961 (10.8 %)	
Other loans for use in H.K.	310,044	308,186 (0.6 %)	293,151 (5.6 %)	247,037 (25.5 %)	
Other loans for use outside H.K.	207,446	182,363 (13.8 %)	172,400 (20.3 %)	159,185 (30.3 %)	
Other loans where the place of use is not known	37,076	37,101 (-0.1 %)	35,908 (3.3 %)	25,467 (45.6 %)	
Loans in HK\$	286,934	284,174 (1.0 %)	268,729 (6.6 %)	233,975 (22.6 %)	
Loans in foreign currencies	315,576	289,285 (9.1 %)	276,572 (14.1 %)	236,556 (33.4 %)	
Total loans and advances	602,510	573,460 (5.1 %)	545,300 (10.5 %)	470,531 (28.0 %)	

/TABLE 2 :

TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - JUNE 1987

	(HK\$mn)			
	Jun 1987	Earlier quarters (% change to June 1987)		
	-----	Mar 1987	Dec 1986	Jun 1986
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Manufacturing	26,762	26,227 (2.0 %)	25,140 (6.5 %)	22,294 (20.0 %)
Transport and transport equipment	18,208	18,583 (-2.0 %)	18,060 (0.8 %)	19,988 (-8.9 %)
Building, construction and property development	35,822	36,819 (-2.7 %)	34,603 (3.5 %)	36,466 (-1.8 %)
Wholesale and retail trade	35,593	33,688 (5.7 %)	33,650 (5.8 %)	31,577 (12.7 %)
Financial concerns*	24,621	23,975 (2.7 %)	23,064 (6.8 %)	21,113 (16.6 %)
Individuals:				
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	7,260	6,435 (12.8 %)	6,260 (16.0 %)	6,030 (20.4 %)
to purchase other residential property	51,744	46,848 (10.5 %)	42,902 (20.6 %)	35,699 (44.9 %)
other purposes	38,408	34,791 (10.4 %)	29,410 (30.6 %)	24,489 (56.8 %)
Others	71,626	65,786 (8.9 %)	57,640 (24.3 %)	49,380 (45.1 %)
Total	310,044	293,151 (5.8 %)	270,729 (14.5 %)	247,037 (25.5 %)

* This excludes funds advanced to banks and deposit-taking companies

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LESS COMPLAINTS ON BUS SERVICE RECEIVED

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REMAINED THE MAIN SUBJECTS OF PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS, ACCORDING TO THE 1986/87 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY).

DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM APRIL 1986 TO MARCH 1987 COVERED BY THE REPORT, TCU, A STANDING BODY UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RECORDED 6,813 COMPLAINTS, COMPARED WITH 5,719 REGISTERED IN 1985/86, AN INCREASE OF 19 PER CENT.

OUT OF THESE 6,813 COMPLAINTS RECORDED, 41 PER CENT WERE ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES. APPROXIMATELY ONE-FIFTH STEMMED FROM ROAD CONGESTION. OTHER MAJOR COMPLAINT AREAS WERE ENFORCEMENT AND ROAD MAINTENANCE.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF TCU, MR MOHAMMED RUMJAHN, SAID THAT COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUS SERVICES ACCOUNTED FOR 23 PER CENT OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED. THE ACTUAL NUMBER HOWEVER, WENT DOWN BY 5 PER CENT FROM 1,642 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO 1,562 IN 1986/87. THE MAIN AREAS OF CONCERN WERE INADEQUATE SERVICE AND STANDARD OF SERVICE.

ALTOGETHER 685 COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES WERE RECEIVED. BUS SERVICES FOR HONG KONG ISLAND DREW 17 PER CENT FEWER COMPLAINTS THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, HOWEVER SIMILAR COMPLAINTS CONCERNING KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ROSED BY 15 PER CENT.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES FOR HONG KONG ISLAND DROPPED FROM 169 IN 1985/86 TO 141 IN 1986/87. THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WAS MET BY THE INTRODUCTION OF THREE NEW ROUTES SERVING CHUNG HOM KOK, STANLEY AND AP LEI CHAU.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES FOR KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES TOTALLED 490, AN INCREASE OF 64 CASES OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE NEW TERRITORIES BUS SERVICES ACCOUNTED FOR 80 PER CENT OF THESE COMPLAINTS, OR 398 CASES RECEIVED. IN ACTUAL NUMBERS, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 96 CASES WHEN COMPARED WITH 302 RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS.

"THERE WERE STILL COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE EXTERNAL BUS ROUTES FROM THE RESIDENTS OF NEW TOWNS AND THEY WERE OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY REQUESTS FOR DIRECT BUS SERVICES TO URBAN KOWLOON WHICH WERE ALL REFERRED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION", MR RUMJAHN SAID.

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AFTER THE MTR ISLAND LINE HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO SHEUNG WAN IN MAY 1986, TCU RECORDED FEWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT CROSS HARBOUR BUSES. HOWEVER, THERE WERE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO INTRODUCE NEW CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES. TWO WERE INTRODUCED DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW - ROUTE 107 BETWEEN ABERDEEN AND KAI YIP IN KWUN TONG AND ROUTE 109 BETWEEN CENTRAL AND HO MAN TIN.

THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF THE FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES WAS THE SUBJECT OF 769 COMPLAINTS, 133 CASES FEWER THAN IN 1985/86.

COMPLAINTS INVOLVING CMB TOTALLED 325. THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY WITH ALMOST THRICE THE FLEET SIZE OF CMB'S, ATTRACTED 406 COMPLAINTS. WHEN COMPARED WITH THE 468 COMPLAINTS RECORDED IN 1985/86 ABOUT CMB'S STANDARD OF SERVICE, THERE WAS A DROP OF 30 PER CENT. THERE WERE FEWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT CMB BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULES - FROM 155 IN 1985/86 TO 121 IN 1986/87. COMPLAINTS ABOUT CMB BUS DRIVERS DROPPED BY 17 PER CENT FROM 161 IN 1985/86 TO 133 IN 1986/87.

THERE WAS, HOWEVER, A GENERAL INCREASE IN COMPLAINTS ABOUT KMB'S STANDARD OF SERVICE. THE FIGURE CLIMBED FROM 330 IN 1985/86 TO 406 IN 1986/87, AN INCREASE OF 23 PER CENT. COMPLAINTS ABOUT NON-ADHERENCE TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY ROSE FROM 117 IN 1985/86 TO 203 IN 1986/87. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A 10 PER CENT INCREASE IN KMB'S FLEET SIZE FROM 2,554 TO 2,810 DURING THE YEAR, COMPLAINTS ABOUT KMB BUS CAPTAINS ALSO ROSE BY 16 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

"A TOTAL OF 3,050 COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WERE RECEIVED IN THE YEAR AND OF THESE, 1,305 WERE RELATED TO ROAD CONGESTION. OTHER COMPLAINTS WERE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS, VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION AND ILLEGAL PARKING", SAID MR RUMJAHN.

OVER HALF (56 PER CENT) OF THE 1,305 COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION WERE GENERATED FROM SIX DISTRICTS : KWUN TONG (160), CENTRAL AND WESTERN (133), KOWLOON CITY (120), SHAM SHUI PO (112), KWAI TSING (110) AND WAN CHAI (100). COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES MADE UP ONLY 24 PER CENT, AND ONE-THIRD OF THESE CASES WERE RELATED TO CONGESTION IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT.

DURING THE YEAR, MR RUMJAHN SAID, SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT TO ROAD CONGESTION WERE IMPLEMENTED IN 70 LOCATIONS INCLUDING 14 IN HONG KONG, 32 IN KOWLOON AND 24 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE TAXI SERVICE TOTALLED 536 IN 1986/87, WHICH WAS 294 PER CENT, OR 400 COMPLAINTS, OVER THAT REGISTERED IN 1985/86. OF THE 536 COMPLAINTS, OVER 85 PER CENT, OR 459 CASES, WERE DIRECTED AGAINST MALPRACTICES OF TAXI DRIVERS.

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WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TCU HOTLINE SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 1986 ON THE NEW TAXI FARE PLATE MORE COMPLAINTS WERE REGISTERED. FOR THE 5-MONTH PERIOD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1, 1986 AND MARCH 31, 1987, THERE WERE 364 TAXI COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, OR APPROXIMATELY 70 PER CENT OF SUCH COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN 1986/87. OF THESE 364 COMPLAINTS, 325, OR 90 PER CENT, OF WHICH WERE DIRECTED AGAINST THE MALPRACTICES OF TAXI DRIVERS.

THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT WAS SET UP UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AND MONITOR COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS. COMPLAINTS CAN BE MADE TO THE UNIT BY TELEPHONING THE 24-HOUR HOTLINE 5-776866.

AFTER INVESTIGATING THE COMPLAINTS, THE UNIT WILL GIVE ITS CLIENTS AN ANSWER EITHER VERBALLY OR IN WRITING, AS APPROPRIATE.

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GATHERING VIEWS ON GREEN PAPER

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD IS TO HOLD A SEMINAR AND A SPECIAL MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSION THIS WEEKEND FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED FOR THE DISTRICT'S SIX CONSTITUENCIES UNDER THE BOARD'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, WILL FIRST BE HELD ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 1) AT THE PUI TAK PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR THE ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU AREA.

STARTING AT 2.30 PM, THE SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE A VIDEO PRESENTATION ON THE GREEN PAPER AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTS BY PARTICIPANTS.

RESIDENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS OF THE CONSTITUENCY ARE BEING INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO HOLD A SPECIAL OPEN-AIR MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSION AT ABERDEEN SQUARE ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 2).

A COUNTER WILL BE SET UP FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON AT THE SQUARE AND BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE PRESENT TO LISTEN TO RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER.

/STAFF FROM

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STAFF FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE ON HAND TO RECORD THE VIEWS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SURVEY OFFICE.

A ROUND-UP SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN MID-SEPTEMBER TO CONSOLIDATE THE VIEWS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SURVEY OFFICE.

SEMINARS ORGANISED FOR OTHER CONSTITUENCIES IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE/TIME	CONSTITUENCY	VENUE
AUG. 8/2.30 PM	POK FU LAM	YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL SCHOOL
AUG. 22/2.30 PM	TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN	SHEK PAI WAN ST. PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
AUG. 23/2.30 PM	WAH FU	WAH FU COMMUNITY HALL
AUG. 27/8 PM	WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS	WONG CHUK HANG CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEPT. 3/7.30 PM	STANLEY AND SHEK O	ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE

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FINAL REGISTER OF LEGCO ELECTORS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION
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THE FINAL REGISTER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1987 WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THE FINAL REGISTER WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. "DURING THIS PERIOD, ONLY AMENDMENTS AND NO ADDITIONS WILL BE MADE TO THE REGISTER," HE SAID.

HE URGED ELECTORS TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER AT HARBOUR CENTRE, 10/F, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

CORPORATE ELECTORS ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF THEIR AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER.

/THE SPOKESMAN

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THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT 736 NEW ELECTORS WERE ADDED TO THE REGISTER THIS YEAR WHILE 581 NAMES WERE OMITTED FROM THE 1986 REGISTER.

"THE 1987 FINAL REGISTER CONTAINS THE PARTICULARS OF 43,019 ELECTORS, REPRESENTING A NET INCREASE OF 155 FROM THE 1986 REGISTRATION FIGURE," HE SAID.

FIGURES SHOWING VARIOUS TYPES OF ELECTORS LISTED IN THE 1986 AND 1987 FINAL REGISTERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	FINAL REGISTER 1987	FINAL REGISTER 1986
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NO. OF ELECTORS IN ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES	438	436
NO. OF CORPORATE ELECTORS IN FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES	5,215	5,137
NO. OF INDIVIDUAL ELECTORS IN FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES	37,366	37,291
TOTAL NO. OF ELECTORS	43,019	42,864

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CALL FOR MORE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN CONSTRUCTION SITES
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BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS ARE URGED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO ADOPT EXTRA PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN CONSTRUCTION SITES DURING RAINY SEASON.

THE PLEA WAS MADE BY CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE (CISS), MR PETER NIE.

"PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT ADVERSE WEATHER COULD AGGRAVATE WORKING CONDITIONS IN CONSTRUCTION SITES, THUS AFFECT THE SAFETY OF WORKERS," HE SAID.

/MR NIE

MR NIE SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY:

- * ALL ELECTRIC SWITCHBOARDS, WIRING, APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT AFFECTED BY RAIN SHOULD BE INSPECTED BY A COMPETENT PERSON BEFORE THEY ARE USED AGAIN.
- * EXCAVATION, EARTHWORK AND TIMBERING ERECTED SHOULD BE INSPECTED BY A COMPETENT PERSON BEFORE FURTHER WORK IS CARRIED ON.
- * EMERGENCY ESCAPE SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR PERSONS WORKING INSIDE EXCAVATIONS, SHAFTS, TUNNELS, PITS OR OPENINGS IN THE GROUND IN CASE OF RISING WATER OR IRRUPTION OF WATER OR MATERIAL.
- * PARTICULAR CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN WHILE USING WET AND SLIPPERY WORKING PLATFORMS, GANGWAYS, LADDERS AND SCAFFOLDS.
- * SCAFFOLDS MUST BE INSPECTED BY A COMPETENT PERSON SINCE EXPOSURE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY AFFECT THEIR STRENGTH OR STABILITY.
- * THE ANCHORAGE OR BALLASTING ARRANGEMENT FOR LIFTING APPLIANCES SHOULD BE EXAMINED BY A COMPETENT EXAMINER AFTER EXPOSURE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO HAVE AFFECTED THE STABILITY OF THE APPLIANCES AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AND BEFORE THE APPLIANCES ARE USED AGAIN.
- * LIFTING APPLIANCES SHOULD NOT BE USED UNDER WEATHER CONDITIONS LIKELY TO ENDANGER THEIR STABILITY.

THE CISS IS ONE OF THE SIX INDUSTRY-BASED SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEES FORMED UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN HONG KONG.

IT COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND WORKERS' UNIONS FROM THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

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VACANCIES IN MANUFACTURING
INDUSTRIES FEATURED IN MONTHLY DIGEST

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THE MAY ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "VACANCIES IN THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES."

FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN COMPILING REGULARLY STATISTICS ON NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES AND NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS.

VACANCY STATISTICS PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE SIZE OF THE UNSATISFIED DEMAND FOR WORKERS. TOGETHER WITH STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, THESE STATISTICS PROVIDE A READY REFERENCE ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL FOR UNDERSTANDING THE BEHAVIOUR AND OPERATION OF THE LABOUR MARKETS.

THE ARTICLE IN THE CURRENT ISSUE PRESENTS A BROAD SUMMARY OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF MANUFACTURING VACANCIES BY MAJOR INDUSTRIES, BY SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND BY LOCATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS. A SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES AND VACANCY RATES DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS, AND A BRIEF COMPARISON WITH OTHER NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$28 PER COPY. PURCHASES CAN BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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SAMPLING FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR USE

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THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL REGISTER WHICH KEEPS PARTICULARS OF AROUND 300,000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG.

THE COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTER SERVES MAINLY AS THE SAMPLING FRAME FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEYS ON BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

MANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO MAKE USE OF THE REGISTER FOR PUBLICITY, SURVEY AND RESEARCH WORK.

/THE PRIVATE

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THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN ALSO MAKE USE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS RECORDED IN IF FOR MARKET RESEARCH, STATISTICAL SURVEY, BUSINESS AND PRODUCT PROMOTION PURPOSES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PHOTOCOPY OR A MAGNETIC TAPE OF THE LISTING OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE NAME, THE ADDRESS, THE MAJOR TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

A CHARGE WILL BE LEVIED FOR THIS SERVICE, AND THE RATES ARE:

- * \$2.50 PER PHOTOCOPY CONTAINING ABOUT 10 ESTABLISHMENTS; AND
- * \$330 PER STREAM HOUR OF COMPUTER TIME IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON A MAGNETIC TAPE WHICH IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 5-8234760.

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SURVEY ON EFFECTS OF RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENTS
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD HAS ENDORSED A SURVEY PROJECT TO FIND OUT THE EFFECTS OF CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS ON FAMILY LIFE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

THE 'COMMUNITY-IN-PERSPECTIVE' PROJECT IS A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME AIMED AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL AFFAIRS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES.

"WE WILL LOOK INTO HOW SOME OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS SUCH AS ONE-WOMAN BROTHELS, RECREATION CENTRES, BALLROOMS, GUEST HOUSES, UNLICENSED MASSAGE PARLOURS, NIGHTCLUBS AND ESCORT COMPANIES, WHICH TOTALLED MORE THAN 400, AFFECT RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECT ORGANISING COMMITTEE, DR KWAN YUI-HUEN, SAID.

"ABOUT 1,000 FAMILIES WILL BE INTERVIEWED TO FIND OUT THE EXTENT AND SERIOUSNESS OF THE EFFECTS SUCH AS INCONVENIENCE, CRIME SITUATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES CAUSED.

/"THEY WILL

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"THEY WILL ALSO BE ASKED ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE IN TAKING ACTION TO COMBAT PORNOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES." DR KWAN SAID.

THE ENTIRE PROJECT WILL COVER A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM AUGUST TO FEBRUARY.

THIRTY VOLUNTARY WORKERS WILL BE RECRUITED IN THE DISTRICT TO ASSIST IN THE INTERVIEWS AND SURVEYS.

THEY WILL BE GIVEN TRAINING COURSES ON SURVEY METHODS AND PROCEDURES, THE MECHANISM FOR CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS AND KNOWLEDGE OF INTERPRETING STATISTICS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE REGULATIONS RELATING TO VICE ESTABLISHMENTS AND PORNOGRAPHY BEFORE EMBARKING ON THEIR ASSIGNMENTS TO GATHER DATA ON THEIR TYPE, NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION.

AN OPEN FORUM WILL BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR TO ANNOUNCE THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE TOPIC.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT RESIDENTS' VIEWS, A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE COMPILED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

"PREVIOUS STUDIES IN THE 'COMMUNITY-IN-PERSPECTIVE' PROJECT HAVE INCLUDED SIGNBOARDS, VIDEO GAMES CENTRES, BILLIARD SALOONS, THE EFFECTS OF NOISE POLLUTION ON SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS YOUTHS' PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT MATTERS," DR KWAN SAID.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS EARMARKED \$27,000 FOR THE PROJECT.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN RESUMED PRIVATE STREETS CLEARED * * * *

MORE THAN 50 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE CLEARED TODAY (THURSDAY) AT FOUR RESUMED PRIVATE STREETS IN TO KWA WAN UNDER A SCHEME TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.

THE FOUR STREETS -- MING LAN STREET, CHUNG SUN STREET, HING YIN STREET AND HING YAN STREET -- WERE RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN APRIL UNDER A PRIVATE STREET RESUMPTION PROGRAMME.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SPEND ABOUT \$1.65 MILLION TO REPAIR ROAD SURFACES AND OTHER UTILITIES THERE.

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE SAID AFTER THE COMPLETION OF ALL NECESSARY REPAIR WORKS, SOME OF THE ROADS WOULD BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC.

TWENTY-SIX OUT OF 30 FAMILIES COMPRISING 73 PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE OPERATION WERE REHOUSED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

THIRTEEN BUSINESS OPERATORS ELIGIBLE FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE WERE GRANTED PAYMENT AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$150,000.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS RESUMED FOUR OTHER PRIVATE STREETS IN TO KWA WAN UNDER A PILOT SCHEME LAUNCHED IN 1983. ABOUT \$1 MILLION WAS SPENT TO IMPROVE THE ROAD SURFACES, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE STREETS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID COMMON PROBLEMS IN PRIVATE STREETS WERE OBSTRUCTIONS BY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, UNCONTROLLED PARKING OF VEHICLES, DAMAGE TO ROAD SURFACE, CHOKED OR BROKEN DRAINS AND FIRE HAZARDS.

HE SAID THERE WERE 37 PRIVATE STREETS YET TO BE RESUMED IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT, MOST OF WHICH WERE IN TO KWA WAN AND HUNG HOM.

THE PRIVATE STREET CLEARANCE OPERATION WAS CO-ORDINATED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE. THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAIRING ROAD SURFACES AND OTHER UTILITIES.

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KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE MEETS

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MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE WERE TOLD TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE USERS OF THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS WOULD BE URGED TO PITCH IN AT THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN BY KEEPING THEIR AREAS CLEAN.

SPECIALY-DESIGNED POSTERS WOULD BE PUT UP IN PROMINENT LOCATIONS AT PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS TO PUBLICISE THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE. MOREOVER, MEMBERS OF THE CARGO WORKERS' ASSOCIATION AND OTHER ASSOCIATED GROUPS WOULD BE INVOLVED TO CONDUCT SPECIAL CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

/THE COMMITTEE

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THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALSO HEARD THAT FAVOURABLE RESPONSES HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM A NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS LARGE SUPERMARKETS, OIL COMPANIES, MTRC, KCRC, HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY CO., ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

THEIR SUPPORT IS IN VARIOUS FORMS, FOR INSTANCE, BROADCASTING THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN JINGLE, PRINTING THE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN AND LOGO ON RELEVANT MATERIALS, SPONSORING LITTER BINS, DISPLAYING CAMPAIGN POSTERS AND PHYSICALLY CLEANING-UP BEACHES AND LITTER BLACK SPOTS.

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YEAR-LONG EFFORT TO BOOST CIVIC AWARENESS

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THE NORTH DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORT TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL AS TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS THIS YEAR.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC AWARENESS WAS AN ON-GOING PROCESS AND HAD AN IMPORTANT BEARING THIS YEAR WITH THE CONSULTATION ON THE GREEN PAPER AND THE CAMPAIGN ON VOTER REGISTRATION TO BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH.

FOCUSED ON THE THEME 'DEVELOP YOUR POTENTIAL, PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES', A SERIES OF RECREATIONAL AND WHOLESOME ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED FOR CHILDREN, YOUTHS AND ELDERLIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITIONS, ATTENDANCE OF DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS BY STUDENTS, ANTI-FALLING OBJECT CAMPAIGN, AN EXHIBITION ON THE HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT, COURTESY CAMPAIGN AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF WOOLLEN HATS FOR THE ELDERLIES.

IN ADDITION, TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER, A MOBILE EXHIBITION WILL BE MOUNTED AT THE FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATIONS NEXT MONTH.

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SUMMER VACATION STARTS AT BOY'S HOME

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME TODAY (THURSDAY) HELD A CEREMONY TO MARK THE END OF THE SCHOOL TERM AS WELL AS THE BEGINNING OF ITS SUMMER PROGRAMME.

THE HOME IS A REFORMATORY SCHOOL FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS UNDER 14 YEARS-AND-A-HALF CONVICTED BY THE COURT AND IT PROVIDES PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING AS WELL AS FORMAL SCHOOLING FOR THE BOYS.

APART FROM EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BOY'S SCOUTS, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME AND INTEREST GROUPS LIKE THE BUGLE BAND AND JUDO GROUPS, THE HOME ALSO RUNS EDUCATIONAL TALKS AND THERAPEUTIC GROUPS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE STUDENTS.

ACTIVITIES IN THE HOME'S SUMMER PROGRAMME, STARTING FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), INCLUDE SUMMER CAMPS, OUTINGS, OBSERVATIONAL VISITS AND EDUCATIONAL TALKS.

MAGISTRATE OF THE TSUEN WAN JUVENILE COURT, MR L.C. STRETTON, WHO OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, PRESENTED ACADEMIC AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AS WELL AS BRONZE AND SILVER AWARDS UNDER THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME TO THE BOYS WHO HAD COMPLETED THE SCHEME.

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COMMITTEE TO VISIT RSD FACILITIES

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MEMBERS OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL VISIT AN ABATTOIR AND THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY IN TSUEN WAN, AND THE INCINERATOR AND CREMATORIUM IN KWAI CHUNG TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR LEE SHEUNG-YEE, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE OPERATION OF THE FACILITIES.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW SUM AND MEMBERS, MR LEE SHUNG-SHIN, MR LUK KING-SHING, MR SIN CHUNG-KAI, MR SIU KONG-YU, MR WONG YIU-CHUNG AND REPRESENTATIVES OF AREA COMMITTEES WILL JOIN THE VISIT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10/F, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG AT 8.40 AM. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED.

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TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH CEREMONY ON SATURDAY

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THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE ROUTE 5 TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH CEREMONY AT TSUEN WAN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 1).

TWO SECTIONS OF TUNNEL TOTALLING 2.5 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH ARE BEING BUILT UNDER SMUGGLERS' RIDGE AND NEEDLE HILL AT SHING MUN AS PART OF ROUTE 5 WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY LINK SHA TIN TO TSUEN WAN WHEN IT IS COMPLETED AT THE END OF 1989.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH CEREMONY. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE FROM MURRAY BUILDING CARPARK, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AT 8.30 AM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONTRACTOR, ONLY MALE REPORTERS WILL BE INVITED TO ENTER THE TUNNEL FOR THE CEREMONY.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTERWARDS.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONES IN KWAI CHUNG

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A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A SECTION OF LAI KING HILL ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH KWAI FUK ROAD FLYOVER AND THE ACCESS ROAD ADJACENT TO LOK KING HOUSE WILL BE MADE PLB RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

MEANWHILE, THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HING FONG ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WO HAU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI HING ROAD; AND ITS SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KWAI HING MTR STATION AND A POINT ABOUT 300 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI HING ROAD; WILL BE DESIGNATED PLB RESTRICTED ZONES DURING PEAK HOURS.

NO PLB WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN CENTRAL

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TO FACILITATE THE HOISTING OF MACHINE FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS, HARBOUR VIEW STREET IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 PM FROM SATURDAY (AUGUST 1) TO MONDAY (AUGUST 3).

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY, THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF POTTINGER STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

THE MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS.

WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY, NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON A 40-METRE STRETCH OF THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF POTTINGER STREET SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE LIFTED.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SHEUNG WAN

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON HILLIER STREET IN SHEUNG WAN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO COME INTO EFFECT ON TUESDAY (JULY 28) FOR ROAD WORKS, HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AS A RESULT OF REVISIONS TO THE WORKS PROGRAMME.

THESE MEASURES INCLUDE TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEING AND SUSPENSION OF PARKING SPACES ALONG THE SECTION OF HILLIER STREET BETWEEN BONHAM STRAND AND JERVOIS STREET.

HOWEVER, THE SECTION OF HILLIER STREET BETWEEN BONHAM STRAND AND WING LOK STREET WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MERCER STREET, JERVOIS STREET AND MORRISON STREET.

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