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BRIEF STOP-OVER FOR SIR GEOFFREY HOME

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, THE RT HON SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR A BRIEF STOP-OVER BEFORE LEAVING FOR PEKING TOMORROW TO ACCOMPANY THE QUEEN ON A STATE VISIT TO CHINA.

HE TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THAT HE WOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION IN HONG KONG WITH THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

SIR GEOFFREY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LADY HOWE; ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, DR DAVID WILSON; AND PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR ANTHONY GALSWORTHY.

THEY WERE MET BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE; LADY YOUDE; THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES; THE ACTING SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR OSWALD CHEUNG; SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN; AND THE ACTING SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR CHRISTOPHER HAYWARD.

THE FOLLOWING IS SIR GEOFFREY'S TALK TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT:

+I'M DELIGHTED TO BE BACK IN HONG KONG AGAIN AFTER AN ABSENCE OF ALMOST TWO YEARS, DURING WHICH I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING VERY CLOSELY THE MANY IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT HAVE HAPPENED.

+ON THIS OCCASION, MY PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO ACCOMPANY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ON HER STATE VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THAT WOULD BE A HISTORIC AND MOMENTOUS EVENT.

+BUT OBVIOUSLY, I'VE TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF STOPPING OFF IN HONG KONG IN ORDER TO MEET AND DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH THE GOVERNOR, MEMBERS OF EXCO AND LEGCO.

+AND TOMORROW MORNING, I SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING, ONCE AGAIN, THE HONG KONG PRESS CORPS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THEN. THANK YOU FOR GREETING ME HERE TONIGHT.+

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JLG EXPERT TALKS TO TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG

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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JLG SUB-GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WILL BE HELD FROM OCTOBER 15 TO 17 IN HONG KONG. THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE LED BY MR F. BURROWS WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY TWO OTHER MEMBERS, NORMAN CHAN AND ANTHONY TO. OTHER EXPERTS FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL ATTEND AS NECESSARY.

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DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEK BETWEEN OCTOBER 20 AND 22 THE OPPORTUNITY WILL ALSO BE TAKEN TO HOLD TWO OTHER SETS OF EXPERT TALKS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

MR E.P. HO WILL LEAD A BRITISH TEAM OF EXPERTS TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO TRADE MATTERS.

MR A.J. CARTER WILL LEAD A TEAM TO DISCUSS THE LEGISLATIVE ASPECTS OF THE RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENT.

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COMPOSITION OF BRITISH TEAMS FOR EXPERT TALKS
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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE FULL LINE UP FOR THE BRITISH TEAMS INVOLVED IN THE COMING JOINT LIAISON SUB-GROUP MEETINGS WAS:

INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

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| MR F. BURROWS | - LAW OFFICER, SPECIAL DUTIES
(LEADER) |
| MR NORMAN T.L. CHAN | - PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY
(GENERAL DUTIES) |
| MR ANTHONY TO | - SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL
(SPECIAL DUTIES) |
| MR P. SHAM | - DIRECTOR OF ROYAL OBSERVATORY |
| MR P.Y.Y. CHAN | - DIRECTOR OF MARINE |
| MR H.G. ARDLEY | - POSTMASTER GENERAL |
| MR F.H. WISE | - ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL |
| MR C.T. WOOD | - ASSISTANT POLITICAL ADVISER |

TRADE RELATED INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

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| MR E.P. HO | - SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY
(LEADER) |
| MR P.J. WILLIAMSON | - COMMISSIONER, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE |

/MR F. BURROWS

- MR F. BURROWS - LAW OFFICER, SPECIAL DUTIES
- MR P.L. WONG - ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, OPERATIONS,
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT
- MRS L.K.Y. WEI - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE,
MULTILATERAL
- MR K.C. LO - PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
TRADE AND INDUSTRY

RIGHT OF ABODE LEGISLATION

- MR A.J. CARTER - DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION
(LEADER)
- MR J.F. MATHEWS - CROWN SOLICITOR
- MR K.C. KUO - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, IMMIGRATION
DEPARTMENT.
- MR L.S. LEE - PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
SECURITY BRANCH

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FIGHT AGAINST CRIME A STEADY PROCESS

THE WAR AGAINST CRIMINALS IN SOCIETY MUST GO ON, ALTHOUGH THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME IS A SLOW, STEADY PROCESS INVOLVING A LOT OF DISCUSSION, PROPOSALS AND LEGISLATION, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A CEREMONY FOR THE PRESENTATION OF GOOD CITIZENS OF THE YEAR AWARDS, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT WORKING OUT AND DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF CRIME WAS NOT SOMETHING THAT COULD BE DONE OVERNIGHT.

IT INVOLVED A LOT OF DISCUSSION WITH MANY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICTS, WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND WITH THE LAW OFFICERS THEMSELVES= AND PUTTING FORWARD PROPOSALS AND LEGISLATION, FIRSTLY TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND LATER TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HE SAID.

+SO IT'S A SLOW AND STEADY PROCESS, THIS FIGHT AGAINST CRIME. WE MUSTN'T EXPECT DRAMATIC SOLUTIONS, BUT JUST KEEP ON WITH THIS FIGHT AND WAR AGAINST THE CRIMINALS IN OUR SOCIETY.+

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ASKED ABOUT THE SETTING UP OF A YOUNG OFFENDERS AUTHORITY, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS BEING LOOKED AT BY A GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE AGENDA OF THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING'S MEETING OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY HIM, SIR DAVID SAID: +WE HAD QUITE A BUSY MORNING OF DISCUSSION.+

HE ADDED THAT THE TOPICS INCLUDED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON GANGS, THE LICENSING OF BILLIARD SALOONS, SHOP THEFTS, THE USE AND MISUSE OF BURGLAR ALARMS IN BUILDINGS, AND NUISANCES CREATED BY +ONE-GIRL BROTHELS+ IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

ON THE SUBJECT OF RETIREMENT, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD BEEN IN HONG KONG FOR 30 YEARS.

+OUR FAMILY HAVE MADE OUR HOME HERE FOR 30 YEARS AND WE WILL GO ON LIVING IN HONG KONG. AND I HOPE, IN SOME WAY OR ANOTHER, I WILL FIND WORK SOMEWHERE AND GO ON SERVING THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, BUT I DON'T KNOW YET.+

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PRICE, VOLUME CHANGES IN JULY EXTERNAL TRADE
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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW BY 10 PER CENT IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT. HENCE, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 6 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS BOTH ROSE BY 1 PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS PRICES ALSO INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 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) DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT.

COMPARING JULY 1986 WITH JULY 1985, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HENCE, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 19 PER CENT IN VOLUME. IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS REMAINED UNCHANGED WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT. IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 7 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.

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EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JULY 1986 WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JULY 1985, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT, THUS GIVING AN INCREASE OF 5 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS REMAINED UNCHANGED. IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 1 PER CENT.

(THREE STATISTICAL TABLES WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND ALSO BOXED FOR COLLECTION.)

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR JULY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF SOME COMMODITY GROUPS FELL IN JULY 1986 COMPARED WITH JULY 1985. THESE INCLUDED METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-10 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-9 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-4 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-4 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (-2 PER CENT) AS WELL AS METAL MANUFACTURES (-2 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+12 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+7 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+2 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+2 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+1 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FOOTWEAR (+1 PER CENT).

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN JULY 1986 COMPARED WITH JULY 1985, INCLUDING TEXTILE FABRICS (+63 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+29 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+24 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+24 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+21 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+20 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+18 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+17 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+14 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-26 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-1 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JULY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS SHOWN IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES ROSE IN JULY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1985, RANGING FROM 4 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 19 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS DROPPED BY 42 PER CENT WHILE THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME IN JULY 1986 COMPARED WITH JULY 1985. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN SUGAR; SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS; LIVE POULTRY; MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS; VEGETABLES AS WELL AS FRUIT. HOWEVER, NOTABLE DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TEA AND COFFEE; WHEAT AND FLOUR; RICE AS WELL AS CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MANY CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING WATCHES, CLOTHING, RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AS WELL AS HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE IN JULY 1986 COMPARED WITH JULY 1985. THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS; DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS; WOVEN COTTON FABRICS; LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS; YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES AS WELL AS PAPER AND PAPERBOARD. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE MAINLY NOTED FOR SILK FABRICS; IRON AND STEEL AS WELL AS WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME IN JULY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1985.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITIES DECREASED IN JULY 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1985, THE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES. INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE MAINLY RECORDED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND TEXTILE MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JULY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN JULY 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1985, RANGING FROM 16 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 181 PER CENT FOR FUELS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS DECREASED BY 22 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE JULY 1986 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+ AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL: 5-214375) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL: 5-444584).

Table 1: Increases in domestic exports by commodity group

Commodity group	Comparing Jan-July 1986 with Jan-July 1985			Comparing July 1986 with July 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Clothing	12	-1	13	21	1	20
Textile fabrics	32	-3	37	59	-2	63
Textile yarn and thread	21	-2	23	23	2	21
Textile made-ups and related articles	7	*	7	1	2	-1
Radios of all kinds	*	-10	12	13	-9	24
Electronic components	*	4	-3	12	-4	17
Footwear	16	1	15	30	1	29
Metal manufactures	9	-1	10	22	-2	24
Metal ores and scrap	-36	-6	-32	-33	-10	-26
Watches and clocks	27	5	20	32	12	18
Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	-6	7	-12	8	7	1
Domestic electrical appliances	-11	-7	-4	9	-4	14
ALL COMMODITIES	11	1	10	23	*	23

Note: * Insignificant, i.e. less than 0.5%

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Table 2: Increases in imports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing Jan-July 1986 with Jan-July 1985			Comparing July 1986 with July 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	14	-2	16	15	*	15
Consumer goods	19	9	9	42	12	27
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	16	2	14	32	4	27
Fuels	-16	-27	15	-44	-42	-5
Capital goods	-4	15	-17	18	19	-1
ALL COMMODITIES	12	4	8	28	7	20

Table 3: Increases in re-exports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing Jan-July 1986 with Jan-July 1985			Comparing July 1986 with July 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	34	1	32	31	2	28
Consumer goods	11	3	7	36	4	30
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	6	-3	10	15	-1	16
Fuels	77	-29	149	71	-39	181
Capital goods	-25	10	-31	-12	12	-22
ALL COMMODITIES	3	1	2	18	3	15

Note: * Insignificant, i.e. less than 0.5%

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EXACT PAYMENT RULE APPLIES AT TUNNELS FROM MONDAY
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MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED THAT FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 13), THEY WILL HAVE TO TENDER THE EXACT TOLL PAYABLE WHEN USING +EXACT PAYMENT+ LANES AT GOVERNMENT ROAD TUNNELS.

+THE NEW REQUIREMENT IS STIPULATED IN THE ROAD TUNNELS (GOVERNMENT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986 AND IS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE TRAFFIC FLOW AT THESE TUNNELS, + THE ACTING CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER (TUNNEL ADMINISTRATION) OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR SAM CHAN, EXPLAINED.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT AN +EXACT TOLL+ BOOTH CAN HANDLE 115 MORE VEHICLES PER HOUR THAN AN ORDINARY BOOTH.

MR CHAN NOTED THAT MONDAY IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOLLOWING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, AND MANY PEOPLE WILL BE VISITING GRAVES THAT DAY IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

+WE THEREFORE EXPECT HEAVIER TRAFFIC THAN USUAL AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL ON MONDAY AND IT IS IMPORTANT FOR MOTORISTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE GOING TO AND FROM CEMETERIES VIA THE TUNNELS, TO COMPLY WITH THE 'EXACT PAYMENT' RULE, + MR CHAN EMPHASISED.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, A DRIVER WHO TENDERS MORE THAN THE TOLL AMOUNT AND REQUIRES CHANGE AT AN +EXACT PAYMENT+ BOOTH COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$1 000. IT WILL NOT, HOWEVER, BE AN OFFENCE IF THE DRIVER DOES NOT DEMAND CHANGE.

OF THE THREE GOVERNMENT ROAD TUNNELS, A TOLL OF \$3 IS LEVIED FOR BOTH THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL. THE AIRPORT TUNNEL IS TOLL-FREE.

MR CHAN ADDED THAT BY MONDAY, BOTH THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL HAVE FOUR +EXACT PAYMENT+ LANES -- TWO EACH FOR SOUTHBOUND AND NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

+MOTORISTS SHOULD WATCH FOR BLUE SIGNS MARKING THE +EXACT PAYMENT+ BOOTHS AND SELECT THE APPROPRIATE LANE, DEPENDING ON WHETHER THEY REQUIRE CHANGE, + HE SAID.

DRIVERS TENDERING PRE-PAID TICKETS FOR GOVERNMENT TUNNELS CAN ALSO USE THE +EXACT PAYMENT+ LANES.

+WE ENCOURAGE THE USE OF PRE-PAID TICKETS AT THE TUNNELS BECAUSE THEY WILL INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE BOOTHS AND HENCE FACILITATE TRAFFIC FLOW, + MR CHAN ADDED.

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EXPO STAFF PREPARE TO RETURN HOME
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STAFF AT THE HONG KONG PAVILION AT EXPO '86 ARE BUSY MAKING PREPARATIONS TO DISMANTLE THE EXHIBIT AS SOON AS THE EXPOSITION CLOSES ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 13).

MANY STAFF MEMBERS, INCLUDING OFFICIALS, HOSTS AND HOSTESSES, WILL BE FLYING TO HONG KONG ONCE THIS TASK IS COMPLETED IN ORDER TO ATTEND A PARTY CELEBRATING HONG KONG'S SUCCESS AT EXPO '86.

A LARGE GROUP, INCLUDING THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MR EDWARD HUNG, WILL LEAVE VANCOUVER ON OCTOBER 28 AND WILL BE GUESTS AT A RECEPTION TO BE GIVEN ON OCTOBER 31 BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG PAVILION, MR JAMES SO, AND THE HONG KONG EXPO '86 CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION, AND PRESENT LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO THE SPONSORS OF THE HONG KONG PAVILION.

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BOAT DWELLERS TO HEAR ABOUT CIVIC EDUCATION

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BOAT DWELLERS IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER HAVE NOT BEEN OVERLOOKED IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S WIDE-RANGING EFFORTS TO MAKE RESIDENTS AWARE OF THE VALUE OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

A CIVIC EDUCATION TEAM FORMED UNDER THE ABERDEEN AP LEI CHAU AREA COMMITTEE WILL VISIT BOAT DWELLERS FROM OCTOBER 18 TO 24.

THE TEAM WILL DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS EXPLAINING THE OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS OF CIVIC EDUCATION, AND HOW CIVIC-MINDEDNESS WORKS TO THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY.

THEY WILL ALSO HAND OUT RUBBISH BAGS TO ENCOURAGE BOAT DWELLERS TO DISPOSE OF RUBBISH PROPERLY.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE DISTRICT AS PART OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

TO EXPAND RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF AP LEI CHAU, AN +I LIVE IN AP LEI CHAU+ PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION AND QUIZ ARE BEING HELD AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL FROM TODAY (SATURDAY) TO OCTOBER 15 AND AT THE AP LEI CHAU KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION FROM OCTOBER 16 TO 24.

AP LEI CHAU RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE QUIZ BY IDENTIFYING WHERE THE FIVE SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD SEND IN THEIR ANSWERS TO THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL OR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE BY OCTOBER 26. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED.

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A QUIZ ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30 FOR RESIDENTS' ORGANISATION IN AP LEI CHAU. RESIDENTS CAN FORM TEAMS OF THREE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE. ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

MEANWHILE, A BOOK REPORT COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS IS STILL OPEN TO COINCIDE WITH A CIVIC EDUCATION BOOK EXHIBITION. THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS OCTOBER 22.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THESE ACTIVITIES CAN BE MADE TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-540271.

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ENQUIRY CENTRE FOR CLEARANCE OPERATION

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AN ENQUIRY CENTRE FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY A CLEARANCE OPERATION IN TAI PO WILL OPEN ON OCTOBER 15 (WEDNESDAY).

AREA 6, NEAR THE RAILWAY STATION, IS BEING CLEARED FOR A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE ENQUIRY CENTRE WILL BE LOCATED AT THE EXHIBITION HALL ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE IN HEUNG SZE WUI STREET.

IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON THURSDAYS. THE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

STAFF FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON DUTY AT THE CENTRE TO RECEIVE ENQUIRIES FROM RESIDENTS AND FACTORY OR SHOP OPERATORS.

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE ON HAND BY APPOINTMENT.

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SOUTH LANTAU TO GET TREATED WATER

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RESIDENTS IN SOUTH LANTAU WILL RECEIVE FULLY TREATED CHLORINATED WATER WHEN A SUPPLY SCHEME FOR THE AREA IS COMPLETED.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SERVICE RESERVOIR AND TREATMENT WORKS AT CHEUNG SHA.

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THIS WORK, THE THIRD AND FINAL STAGE OF THE SCHEME, WILL ENABLE WATER FROM SHEK PIK RESERVOIR TO BE STORED AND TREATED BEFORE IT IS DISTRIBUTED TO COASTAL VILLAGES BETWEEN PUI O AND SHUI HAU.

BEFORE THE TREATMENT WORKS ARE COMPLETED, RESIDENTS IN THE AREA WILL RECEIVE CHLORINATED RAW WATER THROUGH THE USE OF PUMPS AND A DISTRIBUTION MAIN INSTALLED IN THE SECOND STAGE.

WORK ON THE FINAL STAGE IS DUE TO START IN JANUARY AND TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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YAU MA TEI SPORTS FESTIVAL STARTS TOMORROW
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TWELVE COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE COMPETING TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN A TELEMATCH TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS FESTIVAL FOR PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE EXCURSION, CAMPING, DISCO NIGHT AND VARIOUS BALL GAMES AND COMPETITIONS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW WILL BE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR KEVIN MAK, THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR KWAN LIM-HO.

THE TWO-WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUN AND RECREATION FOR WORKERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAU MA TEI SPORTS FESTIVAL FOR PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW AT THE SOCCER PITCH OF KOWLOON PARK, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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TEACHING MATERIALS ON DISPLAY

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TEACHING MATERIALS ON CHINESE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE ON DISPLAY AT THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON UNITS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE.

AT THE KOWLOON UNIT CHINESE SPEECH TRAINING AND CHINESE LITERATURE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THE TEACHING OF VOCABULARY FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

LOCATED ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR, TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES 165, MA TAU WAI ROAD, THE UNIT IS OPEN TO TEACHERS BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON, AND BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4.30 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND 11.45 AM EVERY SATURDAY. THE EXHIBITION WILL END IN MARCH 1987.

THE HONG KONG UNIT, AT 9A, BONHAM ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, IS A PERMANENT DISPLAY OF MATERIALS ON SUPPLEMENTARY READING AND PUTONGHUA TEACHING. OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO NOON AND FROM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO ARRANGE GROUP VISITS TO THE TWO UNITS OUTSIDE THE SPECIFIED TIMES AND TO HOLD ON-THE-SPOT DISCUSSIONS WITH PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE CENTRE SHOULD MAKE APPOINTMENTS IN ADVANCE BY TELEPHONE 3-7128404 (KOWLOON UNIT) AND 5-485348 (HONG KONG UNIT).

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ID CARD REMINDER FOR ELDERLY WOMEN

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1915 AND BEFORE TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE OCTOBER 25.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UP TO OCTOBER 9 THE EIGHT NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 116 668 APPLICATIONS.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 31 132 MORE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE REMAINING 11 WORKING DAYS.

+TO AVOID A LAST MINUTE RUSH, WOMEN IN THIS TARGET GROUP ARE ADVISED TO COME EARLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE 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.

/+APPLICANTS HAVE

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+APPLICANTS HAVE TO PROVIDE PERSONAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS NAME, ID CARD NUMBER AND YEAR OF BIRTH TO COMPLETE THE BOOKING PROCEDURE,+ HE ADDED.

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.	0-6059103
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.	0-4580862
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 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY ARE IN POOR HEALTH AND FIND IT DIFFICULT TO VISIT THE ISSUE OFFICES, THEY CAN APPLY IN WRITING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION.

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333111.

AGED APPLICANTS LIVING ON HONG KONG SIDE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN USING STAIRCASES AT THE GLOUCESTER ROAD ISSUE OFFICE MAY TELEPHONE 5-747070 TO ARRANGE TO ATTEND AN OFFICE WITH LIFT SERVICE.

+TO MAKE THIS ARRANGEMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, +THEY NEED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES, ID CARD NUMBERS, AND YEARS OF BIRTH TO IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT STAFF.+

+THEY MAY ALSO ASK THEIR RELATIVES OR FRIENDS TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENT ON THEIR BEHALF BY CALLING AT THE GLOUCESTER ROAD OFFICE WITH THEIR ID CARDS+, HE ADDED.

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THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED APPLICANTS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR YEAR OF BIRTH BEFORE VISITING AN ISSUE OFFICE.

+IF IN DOUBT, THEY ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS SUCH AS PASSPORTS OR CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY,+ HE SAID.

+THOSE WHO MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN GIVING THEIR EXACT ADDRESSES VERBALLY SHOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE THEM WRITTEN OUT BEFOREHAND,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REITERATED THAT NO AMNESTY WOULD BE GRANTED TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. +ONCE DETECTED, THEY WILL BE REPATRIATED.+

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KWAI TSING TO HOLD SWIMMING GALA
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ABOUT 250 SWIMMERS WILL COMPETE IN THE FIRST KWAI TSING DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG SWIMMING POOL.

EVENTS INCLUDE FREESTYLE, BUTTERFLY, BREAST-STROKE AND BACKSTROKE. THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES COUNCIL.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, MS HO ON-NEI AND THE ACTING KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER LEUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY IN THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG SWIMMING POOL (NEAR KWAI FONG MTR STATION).

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY
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THE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD TO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 6 AM FROM OCTOBER 14 (TUESDAY) TO OCTOBER 17 FOR THE REMOVAL OF FALSEWORK FOR A FLYOVER.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO CANAL ROAD FLYOVER INTERCHANGE, CANAL ROAD EAST, CANAL ROAD WEST AND CANAL ROAD FLYOVER TO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLOSURE, TWO BUS-ONLY LANES IN THE AREA WILL BE LIFTED TEMPORARILY DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

THEY ARE:

- * THE BUS-ONLY LANE ON THE MIDDLE LANE OF THE SOUTHERN APPROACH ROAD OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL INTERCHANGE FROM THE JUNCTION OF THE ROAD LEADING TO NORTH POINT AND THE ROAD LEADING TO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * THE BUS-ONLY LANE ON CANAL ROAD EAST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CANAL ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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