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MAINTAINING THE WELL-BEING OF ELDERLY PEOPLE

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SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS MUST BE ASKED AND IMPORTANT ISSUES ADDRESSED NOW IN THE CONTEXT OF EXTENDING THE PRINCIPLES OF REHABILITATION TO ELDERLY PEOPLE AND TO ATTAIN THE GOAL OF MAINTAINING THEIR WELL-BEING, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING ON THE TOPIC OF "EXTENDING THE PRINCIPLES OF REHABILITATION IN SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE" AT A SECTORAL SESSION OF THE 16TH WORLD CONGRESS OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL IN TOKYO, JAPAN.

"GENERALLY, UNDER THE PRINCIPLES OF REHABILITATION, THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY PEOPLE HAVE REGARD TO THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH, TRAINING AND EDUCATION; ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PROVISION; SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY CARE TO ENABLE AN ELDERLY PERSON TO FEEL VALUED, SAFE AND WANTED," SHE SAID.

ON THE PROMOTION OF GERIATRIC HEALTH SERVICES, MRS WONG SAID THAT IT WAS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO INCLUDE EARLY STAGES OF DIAGNOSIS TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF PREVENTIVE, CURATIVE AND REHABILITATIVE CARE.

"IN THIS RESPECT, THE TRAINING OF MEDICAL, PARA-MEDICAL, VOLUNTEERS, AND THE ELDERLY THEMSELVES IS A VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT," SHE SAID.

"PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN ALL FORMS FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS INVOLVES THE PROMOTION OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ON HEALTH FOR THE ELDERLY.

"PROMOTION OF KNOWLEDGE CAN BE DONE THROUGH THE MOTIVATION OF THE MEDIA, THROUGH PUBLIC AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND SELF PREPARATION BY THE ELDERLY WHEN ENTERING OLD AGE," SHE ADDED.

ON TRAINING AND EDUCATION, SHE POINTED OUT THAT AN ELDERLY PERSON HAD TO BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING AND RE-TRAINING AND THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO RENDER ACCESS TO INFORMATION BOTH EASY AND UNDERSTANDABLE.

AT THE SAME TIME SHE BELIEVED THAT ELDERLY PEOPLE WILLING AND ABLE TO REMAIN ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE SHOULD BE ASSISTED IN TRAINING THE YOUNGER GENERATION, USING THE EXPERTISE GAINED BY THEM THROUGH THEIR YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

AS FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT, MRS WONG SAID THAT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM SHOULD ACCOMMODATE ELDERLY PEOPLE, HAVING REGARD TO THEIR DIFFERENT LEVELS OF ABILITY TO WORK.

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"IT RESTS WITH EACH SOCIETY TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO ENCOURAGE THE FAMILY UNIT TO EXTEND THEIR LOVING SUPPORT TO THE ELDERLY, AND TO PROVIDE THESE FAMILIES WITH ENHANCED SUPPORT SYSTEMS IN CARING FOR THE ELDERLY AND TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY TO RETAIN SELF RESPECT AND REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

"WHERE NECESSARY, RESIDENTIAL CARE SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO SUIT THE VARYING NEEDS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE," SHE ADDED.

SHE ALSO EMPHASISED THAT THE QUESTION OF OLD AGE MUST NEVER BE USED TO DISQUALIFY OLD PEOPLE ON THE BASIS OF AGE FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHTS.

"LAWS REGARDING CONSENT SHOULD BE JUDICIOUSLY CARRIED OUT, AND TESTS FOR COMPETENCY OF THE FRAIL AND VULNERABLE SHOULD GIVE THE ELDERLY THE MAXIMUM ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

"THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM-TO-CHOOSE AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION SHOULD BE GUARANTEED, SO THAT THE FRAIL AND THE VULNERABLE MAY ENJOY THE PROTECTION AS PROMULGATED IN THE LAW OF THE LAND," SHE SAID.

TURNING TO THE HONG KONG PERSPECTIVE, SHE NOTED THAT ITS SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE WERE EXPANDED ON A WIDE FRONT, WITH THE OBJECT OF PROVIDING THEIR WELFARE THROUGH CARE IN AND BY THE COMMUNITY.

"WE HAVE ACCEPTED THAT THERE IS A NEED, AS IN MANY COUNTRIES IN THE WEST, FOR THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY IN ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR LIVING TO ENABLE THEM TO RETAIN THEIR SELF-RESPECT AND TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

"WHERE NECESSARY, RESIDENTIAL CARE IS PROVIDED TO SUIT THE VARYING NEEDS OF THIS AGE GROUP," SHE SAID.

SHE NOTED THAT UNDER THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF CARE IN THE COMMUNITY, STRATEGY HAD BEEN THREE-FOLD:

- * TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND IMPROVED CASH BENEFITS THAT WILL ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO LOOK AFTER THEIR ELDERLY MEMBERS, OR WHICH WILL ENABLE OLD PEOPLE TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND IN DIGNITY IN THE COMMUNITY;
- * TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES FOR THOSE WHO, FOR HEALTH OR OTHER REASONS, CAN NO LONGER LIVE WITH THEIR FAMILIES OR ON THEIR OWN; AND
- * TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCESS OF AGING SO THAT OLD AGE CAN BECOME A MORE POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE PERIOD, NOT ONLY FOR THE ELDERLY THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO FOR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

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"WE ARE ALSO EXAMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE WATER SUPPLY AND THE SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN JUNK BAY TO ENABLE A NUMBER OF TEXTILE MILLS TO BE ESTABLISHED THERE," MR LEUNG SAID.

THE NEED FOR SUITABLE LAND AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THESE INDUSTRIES WAS FULLY RECOGNISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG ALSO SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS NOW FOLLOWING UP WITH RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANPOWER TRAINING MADE BY THE TEXTILES SUB-COMMITTEE.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED SEMINARS FOR SENIOR MANAGERS ON MODERN MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, PART-TIME SHORT COURSES FOR EXPERIENCED SHOP-FLOOR PERSONNEL BY THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND PROVISION OF MORE TRAINING PLACES BY THE RELEVANT BODIES.

WITH REGARD TO ENHANCING PRODUCTIVITY, MR LEUNG SAID MORE EFFORT WOULD BE MADE BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, THROUGH THE INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE EARLY NEXT YEAR, TO CONVINCE MANUFACTURERS OF THE VALUE OF THE RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND OTHER BODIES.

"UNDER THIS SCHEME, STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT MANUFACTURERS, DISCUSS PROBLEMS WITH THEM, AND ARRANGE WHERE THEY CAN FOR HELP TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY," HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG SAID THE EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION ON THE FINISHING INDUSTRY WOULD BE CONSIDERED FURTHER BY THE TEXTILES SUB-COMMITTEE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

"WHILE FULLY ACCEPTING THAT THE ENVIRONMENT MUST BE PROTECTED, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT RECOGNISES THE VITAL SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE FINISHING SECTOR TO THE TEXTILES AND GARMENT INDUSTRIES," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THE TECHNOLOGY LEVEL OF THE FINISHING INDUSTRY WAS QUITE HIGH. HOWEVER, SOME FINISHING TECHNOLOGIES, SUCH AS THE FINISHING OF SILK AND LINEN, WERE STILL ABSENT OR INSUFFICIENTLY REPRESENTED IN HONG KONG.

"EFFORTS WILL BE MADE BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF THESE TECHNOLOGIES COULD BE ACQUIRED THROUGH INWARD INVESTMENT BY OVERSEAS COMPANIES," HE SAID.

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CHANGES TO CONDITION FOR CABLE TV TENDER

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THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED TWO CHANGES TO THE CONDITION FOR TENDER FOR CABLE TELEVISION. THE TENDER WILL BE CALLED ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1988. THE CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FOREIGN OWNERSHIP

THE GOVERNMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD APPROACH FOREIGN OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS ON CABLE TELEVISION (I.E. ON THE BROADCASTER) IN THE SAME WAY AS THE WIRELESS TELEVISION BROADCASTERS.

"WE HAVE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED A LIMITATION AT 49 PER CENT ON AGGREGATE OWNERSHIP BY INDIVIDUALS OR COMPANIES NOT ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG OF THE CABLE TELEVISION BROADCASTER," MR TSAO SAID.

"TO APPLY THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE UNMODIFIED TO CABLE TELEVISION BROADCASTING WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT THAT NO INDIVIDUAL COMPANY COULD TAKE MORE THAN A 10 PER CENT EQUITY HOLDING IN THE CABLE TELEVISION BROADCASTER.

"CLEARLY, SUCH A RESTRICTION WILL BE A DISINCENTIVE TO FUTURE NETWORK OPERATORS BECAUSE SO MUCH OF THEIR PROFITS WOULD DEPEND ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CABLE TELEVISION BROADCASTER.

"GIVEN THAT WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT CABLE TELEVISION'S MARKET PENETRATION WILL REACH THE EXTREMELY HIGH LEVEL OF WIRELESS TELEVISION, AND THAT FURTHERMORE, THE AUDIENCE WILL BE FRAGMENTED OVER A NUMBER OF CHANNELS, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE VERY SEVERE RESTRICTION OF 10 PER CENT WILL DETER PARTICIPATION BY FOREIGN BIDDERS AND IS NOT APPROPRIATE," HE EXPLAINED.

HOWEVER, WE STILL HOLD A VIEW THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO ENSURE THAT NO LESS THAN 51 PER CENT OF EQUITY IS HELD BY LOCAL INTERESTS, SO THAT THE RULES ON CABLE TELEVISION REMAINS BROADLY IN LINE WITH THOSE APPLICABLE TO WIRELESS TELEVISION, HE SAID.

"WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS RESTRICTION WILL NOT DETER SERIOUS BIDDERS FOR THE CABLE TELEVISION LICENCES, WHILE REMAINING CONSISTENT WITH OUR GENERAL POLICY THAT LOCAL TELEVISION BROADCASTING SHOULD BE FIRMLY ROOTED IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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"WE HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT WE WOULD FIX A SCALE OF ROYALTY IN ADVANCE OF CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL BIDS.

"ON FURTHER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT AN INFLEXIBLE STAND ON ROYALTY PAYMENTS WOULD PREJUDICE THE TYPE OF OPERATION THAT RESPECTIVE BIDDERS COULD OFFER, AND THUS CONSTRAIN THE VARIETY AND INNOVATIVENESS OF THE SERVICES THEY OFFER," MR TSAO POINTED OUT.

IT HAS THEREFORE BEEN DECIDED TO LEAVE THE PERCENTAGE RATE OF ROYALTY TO BE PROPOSED BY THE BIDDERS.

HOWEVER, WE SHALL EXPECT PROPOSALS ON ROYALTY TO BE EXPRESSED AS PERCENTAGES OF GROSS RECEIPTS FROM CABLE TELEVISION SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ADVERTISING OVER THE 15-YEAR PERIOD OF THE LICENCE," HE SAID.

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MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988 WAS VALUED AT \$92,580 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT ABOVE THAT IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1987, AS INDICATED BY THE SUMMARY STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988, AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 14 PER CENT, 32 PER CENT AND 35 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

THEIR SHARES IN TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS WERE 27 PER CENT, 21 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, AS COMPARED TO THE CORRESPONDING SHARES OF 27 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 19 PER CENT IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, AIRBORNE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 139,424 TONNES OR 0.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORT TONNAGE, WHILE TOTAL AIRBORNE EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AMOUNTED TO 178,019 TONNES OR 1.2 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EXPORT TONNAGE.

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

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INCREASES IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, PARTICULARLY IN MARKETS SUCH AS SINGAPORE (+91 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+81 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+41 PER CENT), SWITZERLAND (+20 PER CENT) AND CANADA (+17 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, WHILE A DECLINE OF 2 PER CENT WAS RECORDED FOR AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1,558 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$963 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$591 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$518 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$849 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT); METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$124 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT); AND ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS, TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS (BY \$8 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT).

FURTHER ANALYSIS BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY REVEALED INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$602 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT) AND TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$141 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$357 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AND TO SINGAPORE (BY \$342 MILLION OR 154 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$173 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS TO JAPAN (BY \$255 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$624 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT) AND TO JAPAN (BY \$543 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT); METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP TO FRANCE (BY \$51 MILLION OR 100 PER CENT) AND ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS, TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS TO THE PHILIPPINES (BY \$7 MILLION OR 97 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

IMPORTS CARRIED BY AIR FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987. SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM WEST MALAYSIA (+82 PER CENT), SWITZERLAND (+44 PER CENT), JAPAN (+43 PER CENT), ISRAEL (+40 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+35 PER CENT).

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ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$3,747 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$2,512 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$1,260 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,132 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$495 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT); RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$341 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT); AND LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES AND DRESSED FURSKINS (BY \$158 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM JAPAN (BY \$1,092 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT) AND FROM THE U.S.A. (BY \$902 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS FROM JAPAN (BY \$1,110 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT) AND FROM SWITZERLAND (BY \$843 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES FROM ISRAEL (BY \$455 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FROM THE U.S.A. (BY \$499 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES FROM THE U.S.A. (BY \$635 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT) AND FROM BAHRAIN (BY \$10 MILLION OR 83 PER CENT); RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS FROM DENMARK (BY \$132 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); AND LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES AND DRESSED FURSKINS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$191 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO THE MAJOR MARKETS ARE DEPICTED IN TABLE 3.

HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

THE GROWTH WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG FOR THE NETHERLANDS (+390 PER CENT), BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (+105 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+57 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+54 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+52 PER CENT). AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, WHILE A DECLINE OF 3 PER CENT WAS RECORDED FOR AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2,546 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$954 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$391 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$347 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$383 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT); NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$26 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); AND ORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$14 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO TAIWAN (BY \$667 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT) AND TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$429 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES TO THE U.S. A. (BY \$264 MILLION OR 87 PER CENT) AND TO BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (BY \$244 MILLION OR 116 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO JAPAN (BY \$128 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT TO TAIWAN (BY \$111 MILLION OR 394 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$642 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT) AND TO LIBYA (BY \$17 MILLION OR 91 PER CENT); NON-FERROUS METALS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$9 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT); AND ORGANIC CHEMICALS TO JAPAN (BY \$6 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, JUNE 1988" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AT GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$17.50 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TEL. NO. : 5-8234915.

TABLE 1: AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-JUN 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 1987 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
U.S.A.	11,019	10,394	+ 625	+ 6
JAPAN	2,509	2,558	- 49	- 2
F.R. OF GERMANY	2,396	2,166	+ 230	+ 11
U.K.	1,595	1,134	+ 461	+ 41
SINGAPORE	1,086	569	+ 517	+ 91
SWITZERLAND	729	608	+ 122	+ 20
CANADA	714	610	+ 105	+ 17
NETHERLANDS	639	588	+ 51	+ 9
FRANCE	629	546	+ 83	+ 15
TAIWAN	602	333	+ 269	+ 81

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TABLE 2: AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-JUN 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 1987 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
JAPAN	10,543	7,356	+3,187	+ 43
U.S.A	7,953	6,393	+1,560	+ 24
SWITZERLAND	3,294	2,280	+1,014	+ 44
U.K	2,112	1,955	+ 157	+ 8
TAIWAN	2,021	1,503	+ 519	+ 35
SINGAPORE	1,966	1,539	+ 426	+ 28
ISRAEL	1,735	1,239	+ 496	+ 40
ITALY	1,675	1,279	+ 396	+ 31
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,665	1,384	+ 281	+ 20
MALAYSIA, WEST	1,652	910	+ 742	+ 82

TABLE 3: AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-JUN 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 1987 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
U.S.A.	3,961	3,521	+ 440	+ 13
TAIWAN	3,338	2,319	+1,019	+ 44
JAPAN	1,962	1,287	+ 675	+ 52
SINGAPORE	1,702	1,082	+ 620	+ 57
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,622	1,050	+ 572	+ 54
CHINA	1,316	1,357	- 41	- 3
F.R. OF GERMANY	704	524	+ 180	+ 34
U.K.	575	421	+ 154	+ 37
BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG	539	263	+ 276	+ 105
NETHERLANDS	488	100	+ 389	+ 390

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO UK AFFECTED

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THE POST OFFICE ADVISED THE PUBLIC TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT OWING TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION BEING TAKEN BY POSTAL STAFF IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, SPEEDPOST SERVICE FOR SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE TO THE UK HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SPEEDPOST SERVICE FOR DOCUMENTS AND BUSINESS PAPERS TO MAJOR CITIES IN THE UK ARE STILL ACCEPTED, AND THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE IS USING ALTERNATIVE MEANS TO DELIVER SUCH ITEMS IN THE UK, THOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME DELAY IN DELIVERY.

THE MAJOR CITIES ARE:

BIRMINGHAM	LONDON
BRISTOL	MANCHESTER
EDINBURGH	NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW	NOTTINGHAM
LEEDS	READING
LIVERPOOL	

SPEEDPOST ITEMS TO JERSEY ARE NOT AFFECTED AND ALL ITEMS, DOCUMENTS, BUSINESS PAPERS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE CAN BE ACCEPTED.

NORMAL LETTERS AND PARCELS ADDRESSED TO THE UK WILL BE SUBJECT TO SOME DELAY IN DELIVERY.

THE POST OFFICE WILL ADVISE THE PUBLIC OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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WAYS TO EASE NON-TUNNEL TRAFFIC IN WAN CHAI

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A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME AIMED AT EASING "NON-CROSS-HARBOUR-TUNNEL" TRAFFIC ON GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND AND ENHANCING THE OPERATION OF CROSS-HARBOUR BUSES IN WAN CHAI NORTH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, THE ACTING SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR TSANG KING-MAN, SAID IN A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR TSANG SAID THAT THE SCHEME INVOLVES THE DESIGNATION OF THREE SOLID-CUM-BROKEN WHITE LINES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND.

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THE SOLID-CUM-BROKEN WHITE LINE IN THE CENTRE OF GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE EXTENDED FROM MARSH ROAD TO O'BRIEN ROAD TO SEPARATE THE KOWLOON-BOUND TRAFFIC FROM THE TRAFFIC HEADING FOR NORTH POINT AND HAPPY VALLEY.

THIS WAY, THE KOWLOON-BOUND VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF THE NORTH POINT AND HAPPY VALLEY LANES TO JUMP THE TUNNEL QUEUE AND BLOCK THE NON-TUNNEL TRAFFIC.

A SECOND SOLID-CUM-BROKEN WHITE LINE WILL BE PLACED BETWEEN ARSENAL STREET FLYOVER AND O'BRIEN ROAD. VEHICLES COMING DOWN FROM THE FLYOVER WILL HAVE TO SELECT THE TUNNEL OR NON-TUNNEL LANE ON THE FLYOVER.

"THIS WILL EFFECTIVELY REDUCE SOME UNNECESSARY WEAVING MOVEMENTS ON GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND," MR TSANG SAID.

HE ADDED THAT EASTBOUND TRAFFIC HEADING FOR FLEMING ROAD WOULD ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME BECAUSE A SHORT SOLID-CUM-BROKEN WHITE LINE WOULD BE MARKED BETWEEN FLEMING ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES WEST OF FLEMING ROAD SO THAT THESE VEHICLES WOULD NOT BE BLOCKED BY THE TUNNEL QUEUE.

THE ROAD MARKINGS WILL BE IN PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 9 TO 11.

AS PART OF THE MEASURES TO IMPROVE BUS OPERATIONS, A BUS GATE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR CROSS-HARBOUR BUSES TO ENTER THE TUNNEL PORTAL DIRECTLY FROM HUNG HING ROAD.

"THIS BUS GATE, TOGETHER WITH ROUTE DIVERSION, WILL ALLOW ALL TUNNEL BUSES FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND TO BYPASS THE TUNNEL QUEUE AND MERGE INTO THE INNER TUNNEL LANE.

"ALL CROSS-HARBOUR BUSES, NAMELY ROUTES 104, 105 AND A2, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FLEMING ROAD, CONVENTION AVENUE, HUNG HING ROAD AND THE BUS GATE. THE EXISTING BUS STOP NEAR TONNOCHY ROAD WILL BE RELOCATED TO HARBOUR ROAD OUTSIDE HARBOUR CENTRE.

"IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE BUS JOURNEY TIME BETWEEN THE BUS STOP NEAR THE O'BRIEN ROAD FOOTBRIDGE AND THE TUNNEL PORTAL CAN BE REDUCED BY FIVE TO 10 MINUTES," MR TSANG SAID.

NON-TUNNEL BUS ROUTES 10A, 20, 21, 22, 80, 81M, 720, 721, 722, 780 AND 781 HEADING FOR NORTH POINT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CONVENTION AVENUE AND HUNG HING ROAD FLYOVER AND A NEW BUS STOP WILL BE DESIGNATED AT CONVENTION AVENUE OUTSIDE WAN CHAI FERRY PIER.

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DIVERSION OF THESE BUS ROUTES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING PEAK HOURS (7 - 10 AM AND 4 - 7 PM) SO THAT THESE BUSES CAN BYPASS THE VEHICLE QUEUES ON EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

MR TSANG NOTED THAT THIS MEASURE WOULD ALSO IMPROVE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF BUS PASSENGERS IN WAN CHAI NORTH AND ENHANCE THE INTERCHANGE ACTIVITIES BETWEEN FERRIES AND BUSES.

THE BUS DIVERSION SCHEME IS SCHEDULED TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SPORT CONSULTANCY REPORT

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 8) TO DISCUSS A CONSULTANCY REPORT ON SPORT IN HONG KONG.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY (RECREATION AND SPORTS) OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, MR NICHOLAS FRY, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE REPORT AT THE MEEING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS WHETHER THE COMMITTEE SHOULD ORGANISE ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY INITIATED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 8) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14/F, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS LOITERING OFFENCES

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MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROVISIONS ON LOITERING OFFENCES CONTAINED IN THE CRIME ORDINANCE AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 8) AFTERNOON.

A SUB-COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED UNDER THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE LAW ON LOITERING SHOULD BE AMENDED.

A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON THE PROPOSED SYSTEM OF PRUDENTIAL REGULATION OF RETIREMENT SCHEME WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL RAISE QUESTIONS ON GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE FISHING COMMUNITY AND RENTAL INCREASES FOR SHOPS AT HING WAH ESTATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 8) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS

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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO CONSIDER 35 APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS PROJECTS.

IN ADDITION, THE VETTING REPORT BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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NEW HOMES FOR ENDANGERED ANIMALS

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A TOTAL OF 30 ENDANGERED SPECIES BEING KEPT IN THE CUSTODY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL BE FLOWN TO THEIR NEW HOMES IN CHINA ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 8).

THEY INCLUDE TWO TIGER CUBS, TWO BEAR CUBS, SEVEN MONKEYS, ONE SLOW LORIS AND 18 PYTHONs.

THE TIGER AND BEAR CUBS WERE CONFISCATED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN JULY THIS YEAR AS A RESULT OF A COURT CASE IN WHICH A TAIWANESE SEAMAN WAS CHARGED WITH CRUELTY TO THESE HIGHLY ENDANGERED ANIMALS ON BOARD A FREIGHTER STOPPING IN HONG KONG ENROUTE FROM THAILAND TO TAIWAN.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PYTHONs WHICH ARE DESTINED TO THE HUA NAN ENDANGERED SPECIES RESEARCH CENTRE IN GUANGZHOU, THE ENDANGERED ANIMALS WILL JOIN THE BREEDING COLONIES IN THE BEIJING ENDANGERED ANIMALS BREEDING CENTRE.

THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR K.C. IU, WILL HAND OVER THE PROTECTED ANIMALS TO HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA IMPORT AND EXPORT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, DR EDGAR LIONG, AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE AFD AIRPORT ANIMAL HOSTEL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE HANDING OVER CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE AFD AIRPORT ANIMAL HOSTEL AT 61, CONCORD ROAD, KOWLOON (OPPOSITE HEACO BUILDING) AT 9.30 AM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 8).

AFD INFORMATION STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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UPGRADING COURSE FOR TOURISM EXECUTIVES

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THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL ORGANISE A COURSE ON "EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT SKILLS FOR TRAVEL AGENCY EXECUTIVES" IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HONG KONG.

THE SIX-EVENING AND TWO-DAY COURSE IS TAILOR-MADE FOR EXECUTIVES AND MANAGERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN TRAVEL AGENCIES.

IT WILL EXAMINE TOPICS ON THE CHANGING ROLE OF AN EXECUTIVE, STAFF RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING, SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS FOR MANAGERS, CREATIVE AND ANALYTICAL THINKING, PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS AS WELL AS AN EFFECTIVE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

THE COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM SEPTEMBER 20 TO OCTOBER 6 AT THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL TRAINING CENTRE, SIXTH FLOOR, CENTURY SQUARE, 1-3 D'AGUILAR STREET, CENTRAL.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED AN ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE BY VTC UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT IS SEPTEMBER 13. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341, EXT. 282.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR 21ST TOLO HARBOUR SWIM

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE 21ST CROSS TOLO HARBOUR RACE TO BE HELD IN TAI PO ON OCTOBER 16 (SUNDAY).

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND A BREWERY.

THE RACE, OPEN TO SWIMMERS AGED 12 OR ABOVE, WILL BE FROM SHUEN WAN TO TAI MEI TUK, A DISTANCE OF 2,400 METRES. IT WILL START AT 10 AM.

TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST 10 WINNERS IN THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS, WHILE THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE FULL COURSE WITHIN 90 MINUTES WILL RECEIVE COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES.

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APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, OFFICES OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH (RUTTONJEE HOUSE, 14TH FLOOR, 11 DUDELL STREET, CENTRAL), THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION (LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, ON CHEUNG ROAD, TAI PO AND TAI PO JOCKEY CLUB SWIMMING POOL, ON PONG ROAD, TAI PO).

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 27 (TUESDAY).

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6568661, 0-6587217 OR 0-6549141.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NORTH POINT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT VEHICLES ON TIN CHIU STREET IN NORTH POINT AT ITS JUNCTION WITH JAVA ROAD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEYS AHEAD ON TIN CHIU STREET FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 9).

THIS MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS AT THIS ROAD JUNCTION.

VEHICLES ON TIN CHIU STREET SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR KING'S ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JAVA ROAD AND MAN HONG STREET WHILE THOSE ON TIN CHIU STREET NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR NORTH POINT ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MARBLE ROAD, SHU KUK STREET, JAVA ROAD BEFORE REJOINING TIN CHIU STREET.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WONG TAI SIN

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TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN WONG TAI SIN, SECTIONS OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 8).

THE CLOSURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

AFFECTED ROAD SECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * THE OFF-SIDE LANE OF EASTBOUND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND LUEN YEE ROAD.
- * THE KERBSIDE LANE OF EASTBOUND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD.
- * THE OFF-SIDE LANE OF WESTBOUND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN LUEN YEE ROAD AND SHATIN PASS ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 6.5 METRES WILL BE MAINTAINED ON BOTH WESTBOUND AND EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN SHATIN PASS ROAD AND LUEN YEE ROAD.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE.

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16 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE AT SHAM TSENG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE SLIP ROAD LINKING SHAM TSENG AND THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD AT SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY ON SEPTEMBER 7 (WEDNESDAY), 8, 12 AND 13.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS FROM SHAM TSENG HEADING FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK.

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