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ECONOMIC GROWTH A KEY FACTOR: SES

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THE BEST GUARANTEE FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE LIES IN OUR ABILITY TO GENERATE WEALTH, NOT ONLY FOR OURSELVES BUT FOR CHINA, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID.

WHILE THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO DOING JUST THIS, HONG KONG WOULD ALSO NEED THE HELP OF ITS TRADING PARTNERS TO MAINTAIN A FREE FLOW OF TRADE AND TO SUPPORT IT BOTH AT THE PRIVATE LEVEL AND AT THE GOVERNMENT LEVEL IN THE EXERCISE OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AUTONOMY PROMISED TO HONG KONG AND ENSHRINED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION, SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN WAS SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG CANADA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IN VANCOUVER YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) ON HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A REGIONAL CENTRE FOR TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

"HONG KONG'S STRATEGIC LOCATION ON THE FAR EAST TRADE ROUTES CONTINUES TO BE OF GROWING IMPORTANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FAST DEVELOPING ASIAN PACIFIC BASIN.

"LET US NOT FORGET: THIS IS WHERE THE COMMERCIAL ACTION IS. HONG KONG'S POSITION ON THE MAP ENABLES US TO PLAY AN EVER INCREASING ROLE BOTH IN DEVELOPING ACCESS TO CHINA AND AS A FOCAL POINT FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA," SHE SAID.

BRIEFING THE GATHERING ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SITUATION AFTER THE JUNE 4 EVENTS IN CHINA, MRS CHAN SAID THAT CONFIDENCE WAS RETURNING IN HONG KONG AND WE HAD COME OUT OF THE CRISIS BETTER THAN MANY EXPECTED.

"FEEDBACK FROM VARIOUS SOURCES INDICATES THAT MOST OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVING CHINA, HAVE NOW RETURNED TO NORMAL.

"IT WOULD THEREFORE APPEAR THAT WE HAVE EMERGED FROM THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD RELATIVELY UNSCATHED ALTHOUGH IN SOME QUARTERS CONFIDENCE REMAINS SHAKEN," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN NOTED THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR HONG KONG'S RESILIENCE HAD UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN THE UNDERLYING STRENGTH OF THE ECONOMY.

"OUR ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS REMAIN STRONG AND OUR PROSPECTS THEREFORE REMAIN GOOD," SHE ADDED.

"ECONOMIC GROWTH IS THE KEY TO OUR FUTURE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY.

"TO ACHIEVE THIS, IT IS VITAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO ENSURE THAT AN ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE IS PROVIDED.

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"PORT, AIRPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL LINKS FOR OUR TRADE, COMMERCE AND TOURISM AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO THEIR CONTINUOUS UPGRADING AND IMPROVEMENT," SHE SAID.

SPEAKING ABOUT THE PORT FACILITIES. MRS CHAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SHORTLY BE IN A POSITION TO ANNOUNCE A MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

WHILE DETAILS COULD NOT BE RELEASED YET, MRS CHAN ENVISAGED THAT BY 2006 ALONE. IT WAS LIKELY THAT AN ADDITIONAL 420 HECTARES OF LAND WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR CONTAINER TERMINALS AND 370 HECTARES FOR GENERAL CARGO BERTHS.

"CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OF THE ORDER OF US\$5 BILLION ON PORT INFRASTRUCTURE ALONE WILL BE REQUIRED, MUCH OF IT IN TERMS OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT," SHE SAID.

TURNING TO AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS, MRS CHAN SAID A FINAL DECISION ON THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT SITE WOULD BE MADE SHORTLY.

"THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT PROJECT WOULD BE THE SINGLE LARGEST INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECT EVER UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG, COSTING SOME US\$4 BILLION IN 1988 DOLLAR TERMS," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT CONSULTANTS' FINDINGS ON FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE TWO ALTERNATIVES AND THE APPROPRIATE FINANCING PACKAGE AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING EACH ALTERNATIVE HAD SO FAR BEEN ENCOURAGING.

"WE EXPECT CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION," SHE ADDED.

"WE HOPED THAT THIS DECISION WILL BE A CONFIDENCE BOOSTER SINCE IT IS A VERY CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO MEETING THE LONG TERM ECONOMIC AND AIR TRAFFIC NEEDS FOR HONG KONG," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN ALSO DWELT AT LENGTH ON HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENTS IN TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES.

ON CANADA, SHE SAID "CANADA HAS BEEN A GOOD FRIEND OF HONG KONG'S". THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO SIGN A SEPARATE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG, THUS ENSURING THAT THESE AIR SERVICES WOULD CONTINUE UNINTERRUPTED BEYOND 1997.

SHE ALSO NOTED THAT TRADE BETWEEN CANADA AND HONG KONG HAD GROWN STEADILY IN RECENT YEARS AND IT WAS NOW HONG KONG'S 13TH LARGEST TRADING PARTNER.

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NEW MARKETING SERVICE FOR SMALL BOAT FISHERMEN

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THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO) WILL INTRODUCE A NEW SERVICE OF NEGOTIATED SALE FOR FISH IN BOXES IN ITS ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET ON SEPTEMBER 25.

THE NEW SERVICE WILL CATER FOR SMALL BOAT FISHERMEN AND PROVIDE THEM WITH AN EFFICIENT AND CONVENIENT WAY TO WHOLESALE THEIR CATCHES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MARINE FISH (MARKETING) ORDINANCE WHICH REQUIRES ALL MARINE FISH TO BE LANDED AND SOLD WHOLESALE AT A FMO MARKET.

A FMO SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE NEW SERVICE WOULD SERVE AS A COMPLEMENTARY MEASURE TO THE AUCTION SYSTEM FOR THE SALE OF BOXED FISH WHICH HAD BEEN IN FORCE SINCE AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR.

THE AUCTION SYSTEM, WHICH IS IN LINE WITH THE PRACTICE OF FISH SALE AT THE AUCTION FLOOR IN ALL FMO MARKETS, IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE FAIR MARKETING AND TO PREVENT MONOPOLISTIC MANIPULATION OF FISH CATCHES BY TRIAD ELEMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "TO QUALIFY FOR THE NEW SERVICE, SMALL BOAT FISHERMEN SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE FMO ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 18 AND 23.

"THEY SHOULD BRING ALONG WITH THEM THE ORIGINALS AND THREE PHOTOCOPIES EACH OF THEIR FISHING VESSEL LICENCES AND CREW BOOKS.

"THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO AVAIL THEMSELVES DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIOD MAY MAKE ALTERNATIVE REGISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE MARKET MANAGER OF THE ABERDEEN FISH MARKET."

HE SAID THE NEW SERVICE WAS DECIDED UPON FOLLOWING THREE MEETINGS HELD LAST MONTH AND EARLIER THIS MONTH WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SMALL BOAT FISHERMEN IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY UNHAPPY WITH THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE SALE OF BOXED FISH BY AUCTION.

THESE MEETINGS WERE ALSO ATTENDED BY SENIOR STAFF OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WHO WERE ALL IN FAVOUR OF THE NEW SERVICE.

THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE NEW SERVICE WILL BE FROM 4 AM TO 8 AM AND FROM 11 AM TO 3 PM DAILY. THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL BE SUBJECT TO REGULAR REVIEW.

EXPLAINING THE OPERATION OF THE NEW SERVICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WOULD TAKE PLACE AT A DESIGNATED AREA INSIDE THE ABERDEEN FISH MARKET ENVIRONS WHICH HAD BEEN EARMARKED FOR USE OF SMALL BOAT FISHERMEN.

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"THE SALE BY NEGOTIATION WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF FMO STAFF AND THE PRICES AGREED BETWEEN THE FISHERMEN AND THE BUYERS SHOULD BE IN LINE WITH THE AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES ANNOUNCED BY THE FMO TWICE MONTHLY," HE ADDED.

THE FISH MARKETING ADVISORY BOARD HAS ALSO GIVEN ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THE NEW SERVICE.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT CONSERVATION STUDY CENTRE

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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (SATURDAY) VISITED THE HONG KONG WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE'S CONSERVATION STUDY CENTRE AT YUEN CHAU TSAI TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF NATURAL LIFE ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE CENTRE, THE MEMBERS WERE SHOWN A SLIDE SHOW DESCRIBING THE WORLD-WIDE PROBLEMS IN NATURE'S CONSERVATION. THEY THEN TOURED THE CENTRE AND WALKED ALONG THE EDUCATIONAL TRAIL.

THEY ALSO VISITED THE EXHIBITION HALL WHERE PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS FACING HONG KONG WERE DISPLAYED.

THE CONVENOR OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED) 1989, MR HO TAI-WAI, SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY WHAT HE SAW.

TODAY'S VISIT CONCLUDED THE FOUR-MONTH WED CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE. THE CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT DRAWING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO CONSERVATION.

THE CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME INCLUDED TREE PLANTING, AS WELL AS CLEAN UP AND BEAUTIFICATION ACTIVITIES FOR HOI HA BEACH AND TAI MEI TUK PICNIC CENTRE HELD DURING THE SUMMER VACATION.

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ANTI-BURGLARY VARIETY SHOW IN MONG KOK

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EVERY HOUSEHOLD SHOULD DEVELOP A NEIGHBOURLY SPIRIT TO HELP SAFEGUARD HOMES AGAINST BURGLARY. A MEMBER OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE SAID TONIGHT (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A VARIETY SHOW, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTI-BURGLARY WORKING GROUP, MR CHIU WING-YEE, URGED MONG KOK RESIDENTS TO REPORT TO THE POLICE PEOPLE SEEN ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY AND TO TAKE BASIC ANTI-BURGLARY PRECAUTIONS.

THE VARIETY SHOW, HELD AT THE ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND, AIMED AT SPREADING AN ANTI-BURGLARY MESSAGE.

MR CHIU BELIEVED THAT THE NUMBER OF BURGLARY CASES WOULD DROP IF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE PREPARED TO CO-OPERATE.

"IT IS THE DUTY OF THE POLICE TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER AND TO PROTECT OUR LIVES AND PROPERTIES. BUT WE SHOULD ALSO ASSIST IN FIGHTING CRIME," HE SAID.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT BURGLARIES OFTEN TOOK PLACE DURING THE DAYTIME WHEN HOUSES WERE LEFT UNGUARDED AND DOORS AND WINDOWS WERE NOT LOCKED PROPERLY.

THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BORAD, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, ALSO OFFICIATED AT THE VARIETY SHOW.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CONTESTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IS ORGANISING TWO COMPETITIONS TO ENHANCE LOCAL PEOPLE'S CIVIC AWARENESS.

ONE IS A DISTRICT AFFAIRS STUDY CONTEST AIMED AT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO GET TO KNOW THEIR OWN COMMUNITY AND THE OTHER IS A CARTOON CONTEST WITH GENERAL CIVIC EDUCATION AS THE THEME.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT IN PERSPECTIVE" CASE STUDY CONTEST ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT IN-DEPTH RESEARCH ON A LOCAL ISSUE AND THEN PRESENT THEIR FINDINGS WITH A SLIDE SHOW AT A SYMPOSIUM FOR RESIDENTS IN NOVEMBER.

ALL THOSE LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN THE DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO FORM FIVE-PERSON TEAMS TO ENTER THE CONTEST.

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AFTER PRELIMINARY SCREENING OF ENTRIES BY AN ADJUDICATING PANEL OF THE COMMITTEE, A TOTAL OF 10 TEAMS WILL BE SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST, AND EACH WILL BE GIVEN A GRANT OF \$500 TO CARRY OUT THEIR PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 30.

FOR THE CARTOON CONTEST, ENTRANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT A CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE, FOR EXAMPLE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SOCIAL VIRTUES OR CIVIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, WITH A DRAWING ON THE BACK OF THE ENTRY FORM.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS -- PRIMARY STUDENTS, SECONDARY STUDENTS AND OPEN. THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES FROM EACH CONTESTANT.

SCHOOLS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR STUDENTS TO DRAW THE CARTOON DURING CLASSES AS A CIVIC EDUCATION LESSON.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE CARTOON ENTRIES HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 30.

ENTRY FORMS AND DETAILS OF THE TWO CONTESTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONING MISS TERESA LEUNG ON 5-521006.

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SITTING-OUT AREA IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTING A SITTING-OUT AREA AT THE WHITTY STREET COMPOUND IN WESTERN DISTRICT.

COMPRISING ABOUT 436 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL HAVE A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND A SINGLE-STOREY STORE ROOM.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS ARE ALSO BEING INVITED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT AT THE ALDRICH BAY PLAYGROUND IN SHAU KEI WAN.

WORK WILL START AROUND NOVEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR THE TWO PROJECTS ARE OCTOBER 6 AND SEPTEMBER 22 RESPECTIVELY.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN SHA TAU KOK
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS, SHUN HING STREET IN SHA TAU KOK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) FOR SIX MONTHS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC HEADING FOR CHE PING STREET AND LIN MA HANG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE NEW SECTION OF ROAD L1 EAST OF ROAD L4 INSTEAD OF VIA ROAD L4, SHUN LUNG STREET AND SHUN HING STREET.

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FARE INCREASES ON NT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 18), FARES OF NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 31 (YUEN LONG TO TONG YAN SAN TSUEN) AND ROUTE NO. 32 (YUEN LONG TO TAN KWEI TSUEN) WILL BE REVISED.

THE FULL FARE OF ROUTE NO. 31 WILL BE INCREASED TO \$1.60 PER SINGLE JOURNEY, WHILE THE FULL FARE OF ROUTE NO. 32 WILL BE INCREASED TO \$2 PER SINGLE JOURNEY AND ITS SECTION FARE TO \$1.30.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KENNEDY TOWN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORKS, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KENNEDY TOWN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

DAVIS STREET BETWEEN HAU WO STREET AND BELCHER'S STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

VEHICLES ON CATCHICK STREET WESTBOUND HEADING FOR BELCHER'S STREET WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SANDS STREET.

DAVIS STREET BETWEEN BELCHER'S STREET AND FORBES STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER BELCHER'S STREET EASTBOUND BETWEEN CADOGAN STREET AND DAVIS STREET.

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VEHICLES OVER 3.5 METRES HIGH OR OVER 10 METRES LONG WILL BE BANNED FROM THE SECTION OF HAU WO STREET BETWEEN SMITHFIELD AND DAVIS STREET.

THE SIGNAL-CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON VICTORIA ROAD WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CADOGAN STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING LEFT-TURN BAN ON VEHICLES EXITING FROM CADOGAN STREET NORTHBOUND ONTO VICTORIA ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE LIFTED.

ALL METERED PARKING SPACES ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE OF HAU WO STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS :

- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SMITHFIELD BETWEEN CATCHICK STREET AND BELCHER'S STREET:
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DAVIS STREET BETWEEN HAU WO STREET AND CATCHICK STREET:
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HAU WO STREET BETWEEN SMITHFIELD AND DAVIS STREET: AND
- * FORBES STREET BETWEEN SMITHFIELD AND CADOGAN STREET.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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