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STATEMENT BY FOREIGN SECRETARY

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THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT MADE BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY GEOFFREY HOWE IN PARLIAMENT ON JUNE 6, 1989:

DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS, UNITS OF THE CHINESE ARMY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN THE VIOLENT SUPPRESSION OF PEACEFUL AND POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE STREETS OF PEKING. THE INDISCRIMINATE AND UNPROVOKED USE OF MILITARY FORCE HAS CAUSED THE DEATH OR INJURY OF THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS AND OTHER INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAD, SINCE RECENT DISTURBANCES BEGAN, URGED ON THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES A POLICY OF DIALOGUE AND NON-VIOLENCE. AFTER A PERIOD IN WHICH A PEACEFUL OUTCOME HAD LOOKED POSSIBLE, THE BRUTAL ACTIONS OF THE CHINESE ARMY HAVE SENT SHOCK WAVES ROUND THE WORLD.

I AM SURE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE WILL SHARE THAT SENSE OF HORROR AND JOIN IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION OF THE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT PEOPLE.

I SUMMONED THE CHINESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES YESTERDAY. I TOLD HIM THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WERE UNITED IN CONDEMNING THE MERCILESS TREATMENT OF PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS, AND DEEPLY DEPLORED THE USE OF FORCE TO SUPPRESS THE DEMOCRATIC ASPIRATIONS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE.

I TOLD THE CHARGE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT LOOKED TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO FULFIL THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO HONG KONG IN THE JOINT DECLARATION.

I REMINDED THE CHARGE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF BRITISH CITIZENS AND HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

I EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE MALTREATMENT OF BRITISH JOURNALISTS, PARTICULARLY MICHAEL FATHERS OF THE INDEPENDENT AND JOHNATHAN MIRKSY OF THE OBSERVER. WE HAVE SINCE SEEN DISTURBING REPORTS OF THE ILL TREATMENT OF KATE ADIE OF THE BBC.

OUR AMBASSADOR IN PEKING AND HIS STAFF HAVE BEEN WORKING ROUND THE CLOCK TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF BRITISH CITIZENS AND HONG KONG RESIDENTS IN PEKING AND, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, IN OTHER PARTS OF CHINA. THE EMBASSY HAVE ADVISED AGAINST TRAVEL TO ANY PART OF CHINA. THEY HAVE ALSO ADVISED THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY AND HAVE NO PRESSING NEED TO REMAIN IN CHINA TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS SOUGHT TO BROADEN ITS CONTACTS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND TO INTRODUCE ECONOMIC AND OTHER REFORMS.

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FRIENDS OF CHINA IN THIS HOUSE AND AROUND THE WORLD MUST SHARE THE HOPE THAT SANE AND BALANCED GOVERNMENT WILL BE SWIFTLY AND SECURELY RESTORED IN PEKING. IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF CONTINUING NORMAL BUSINESS WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED ON THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

- ALL SCHEDULED MINISTERIAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. THE VISIT OF THE CHINESE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, WHO WAS DUE TO ARRIVE HERE TOMORROW, HAS BEEN CANCELLED. MY RT HON FRIEND, THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD, HAS ALSO CANCELLED HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO CHINA;
- THE PROPOSED VISIT OF THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES TO CHINA IN NOVEMBER CLEARLY CANNOT TAKE PLACE SO LONG AS THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATROCITIES OVER THE PAST WEEKEND REMAIN IN CONTROL OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT;
- ALL HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY CONTACTS WITH CHINA HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED;
- ALL ARMS SALES TO CHINA HAVE BEEN BANNED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT ARE EXAMINING HOW WE CAN RESPOND TO ANY REQUESTS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE WHOLE HOUSE WILL SHARE THE GOVERNMENT'S SPECIAL CONCERN ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG OF WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN PEKING. THE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTAND THE GRAVE CONCERN FELT BY THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. WE HAVE ALL BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE STRENGTH AND RESTRAINT OF THEIR RESPONSE TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE UNIQUE CONTEXT OF THE GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE TERRITORY, AND BY THE TALENT AND ENTERPRISE OF ITS PEOPLE.

ALL THAT UNDERLINES THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE FUTURE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG MUST DEPEND UPON A SUCCESSFUL AND SECURE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF CHINA. THAT OBJECTIVE IS ENSHRINED IN THE COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION.

THOSE COMMITMENTS WERE REAFFIRMED BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES WHEN HE CALLED ON ME YESTERDAY. BUT IT IS SELF-EVIDENT THAT IF WE ARE TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE COMMITMENT OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO THEIR OBLIGATIONS, THERE MUST BE A STABLE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT IN PEKING.

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THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL STAND BY ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE HOUSE LOOK TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO LIVE UP TO THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT AS WELL.

THE EVENTS IN PEKING MUST AFFECT THE PROSPECTS AND PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION. CONSULTATIONS ABOUT THE SECOND DRAFT OF THE BASIC LAW FOR HONG KONG HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. IT IS ALSO DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW OUR OWN CONTACTS WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG CAN CONTINUE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

NO-ONE CAN DOUBT FROM THE PEACEFUL AND DIGNIFIED DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS THE DEGREE OF CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG THAT THEIR FUTURE SECURITY, STABILITY AND FREEDOM WILL BE GUARANTEED AFTER 1997. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FULLY SHARE THAT CONCERN. I CAN ASSURE THE HOUSE THAT WE SHALL BE CONDUCTING A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE PROGRAMME FOR ADVANCING AND CONSOLIDATING EFFECTIVE DEMOCRACY IN HONG KONG.

WE ARE CONSIDERING URGENTLY WHAT FURTHER STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO ENSHRINE AND PROTECT HONG KONG'S FREEDOMS AND WAY OF LIFE AFTER 1997.

ALL OF US IN THIS HOUSE ARE ACUTELY CONSCIOUS OF THE WISH OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO SECURE SOME FORM OF ASSURANCE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

I KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE ISSUES STUDIED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SOME COMMENTATORS HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT A RIGHT OF ABODE IN THIS COUNTRY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE 3.25 MILLION PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WHO HOLD BRITISH NATIONALITY.

WE SHARE THE DESIRE OF THE HOUSE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. ON THAT BASIS, THE GOVERNMENT ARE LOOKING URGENTLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY AT THE SCOPE FOR FLEXIBILITY.

BUT THE HOUSE WILL APPRECIATE THE REASON WHY WE COULD NOT EASILY CONTEMPLATE A MASSIVE NEW IMMIGRATION COMMITMENT WHICH WOULD MORE THAN DOUBLE THE ETHNIC MINORITY POPULATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

OUR OVERRIDING AIM MUST BE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SECURE THE CONTINUATION OF THOSE CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG THAT HAVE LED TO ITS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS OVER THE LAST CENTURY. I HOPE THE HOUSE WILL SEND A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, REAFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO THEIR SECURE, STABLE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS IN CHINA RUN DIRECTLY COUNTER TO THE RECENT TRENDS WITHIN CHINA ITSELF AND TO THE PRESSURE FOR LEGITIMATE DEMOCRATIC CHANGE WHICH IS BEING INCREASINGLY RECOGNISED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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THE CHINESE STUDENTS ARE DEMANDING FROM THEIR COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES WHICH ARE TAKEN FOR GRANTED IN THE FREE WORLD. THE SLAUGHTER IN PEKING IS A TRAGIC SETBACK TO THE CAMPAIGN FOR DEMOCRACY BUT I HOPE THIS HOUSE WILL SEND A UNITED MESSAGE: A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF CHINA; A MESSAGE OF WARNING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA. CHINA CANNOT IGNORE THE LESSONS WHICH ARE BEING LEARNED ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. THAT ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND PERSONAL LIBERTY GO HAND IN HAND. THAT PEOPLE WILL NOT FOREVER TOLERATE GOVERNMENT BY REPRESSION, HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE BEEN SAVAGELY SUPPRESSED IN CHINA.

IF CHINA IS TO RETAIN ANY RESPECT IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THOSE RIGHTS MUST BE URGENTLY RESTORED.

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GOVERNOR TO SEEK UK SUPPORT ON NATIONALITY AND VBP ISSUES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT HONG KONG WILL NEED THE SUPPORT OF BRITAIN ON NATIONALITY AND VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ISSUES ALTHOUGH HE IS CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG IS CAPABLE OF GETTING THROUGH THE DIFFICULT TIME IT IS EXPERIENCING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR LONDON THIS EVENING, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO DISCUSS VARIOUS MAJOR ISSUES AFFECTING HONG KONG.

SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS NOW A VERY WORRYING TIME FOR ALL OF US IN HONG KONG AND HE WOULD SEEK ASSURANCES FROM BRITAIN FOR ITS BACKING IN MAINTAINING ALL THE FREEDOMS AND WAYS OF LIFE THAT MEANT SO MUCH TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

COMMENTING ON THE DISTURBANCES IN KOWLOON EARLY THIS MORNING, SIR DAVID SAID: "I THINK IT WAS A PITY THAT A GROUP OF STREET GANGS AND HOOLIGANS MARRED WHAT HAS UP TO NOW BEEN A SUPERB RECORD IN HONG KONG: THE WAY PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR FEELINGS OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME WITH NOT THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF TROUBLE."

"I THINK IT'S A GREAT PITY THAT A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE MARRED THAT RECORD. BUT LET'S REMEMBER WHAT THE RECORD WAS, AND LET US ALSO REMEMBER THAT THE POLICE DEALT WITH IT VERY EFFICIENTLY, VERY QUICKLY.

"AND THAT'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THAT IF PEOPLE HERE BREAK THE LAW, THEY WILL BE DEALT WITH VERY QUICKLY, SO THAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS IN THE WAY THEY WANT TO WITHIN THE LAW," SIR DAVID SAID.

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THE GOVERNOR WILL GIVE EVIDENCE AT THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARING ON JUNE 12 BEFORE FLYING TO GENEVA TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES.

SIR DAVID IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON JUNE 16.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DAME LYDIA DUNN, AND THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE.

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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR LONDON TONIGHT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON BY FLIGHT BA 36 AT 8 PM THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

WHILE IN LONDON, SIR DAVID WILL ATTEND THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON JUNE 12. HE WILL LEAVE LONDON ON THE SAME DAY FOR GENEVA WHERE HE WILL ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES TO BE HELD ON JUNE 13 AND 14.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER SIR DAVID'S DEPARTURE SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT THE ARRIVAL HALL NOT LATER THAN 7 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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TWO SPECIAL FLIGHTS TO PEKING LATER TODAY

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TWO SPECIAL FLIGHTS WILL LEAVE FOR PEKING LATER TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO BRING HOME PEOPLE WAITING TO RETURN TO HONG KONG.

THESE ARE IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER NORMAL AND NON-SCHEDULED FLIGHTS BEING OPERATED BY VARIOUS AIRLINES.

A DRAGONAIR BOEING 737, CHARTERED BY THE GOVERNMENT, WILL DEPART AT 2 PM AND IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BACK IN HONG KONG THIS EVENING.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT, CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS WILL FLY AN EXTRA BOEING 747 FLIGHT TO PEKING AT 3 PM TODAY. THIS FLIGHT IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG LATER TONIGHT.

TWO GOVERNMENT-CHARTERED FLIGHTS, CX 2335 AND KA 1025, BROUGHT BACK A TOTAL OF 394 HONG KONG RESIDENTS YESTERDAY. ANOTHER 358 PEOPLE CAME BACK ON BOARD A BRITISH AIRWAYS NON-SCHEDULED FLIGHT, BA 28.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MORE FLIGHTS TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS IF NECESSARY.

THE GOVERNMENT-CHARTERED DRAGONAIR BOEING LEFT HONG KONG AT 3.11 PM AND IS DUE BACK AT APPROXIMATELY 10.30 PM.

AT THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST, CATHAY PACIFIC ARE FLYING TWO EXTRA SERVICES TO PEKING TODAY.

THE FIRST FLIGHT, A TRISTAR, DEPARTED KAI TAK AT 3.22 PM AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG AT ABOUT 8 PM.

THE SECOND FLIGHT, A BOEING 747, TOOK OFF AT 3.39 PM AND IS DUE BACK AT ABOUT 10 PM.

ALSO AT THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST, CATHAY PACIFIC WILL BE APPLYING FOR AN EXTRA SERVICE EVERY DAY UNTIL ALL HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO LEAVE PEKING ARE ABLE TO RETURN.

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ONLY REFUGEES ELIGIBLE FOR RESETTLEMENT: BARNES

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) REFUTED CLAIMS THAT VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ARRIVING IN HONG KONG BEFORE JUNE 15 THIS YEAR WOULD BE RESETTLED.

"I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG; NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH," HE SAID WITH REFERENCE TO LEAFLETS APPEARING IN DETENTION CENTRES.

"THE ONLY PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR RESETTLEMENT IN HONG KONG ARE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS REFUGEES," HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE.

"AND THAT MEANS THE 14,034 WHO ARE STILL HERE FROM THOSE REMAINING BEFORE JUNE 15 LAST YEAR, PLUS THE 162 WHO HAVE BEEN SCREENED IN AS REFUGEES."

MR BARNES SAID HONG KONG WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE POLITICAL ADVISER AND HIMSELF IN THE JOINT UK/HK DELEGATION AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK.

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"IT IS EXPECTED THAT A DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION (CPA) DESIGNED TO RESOLVE THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN THE REGION WILL BE ENDORSED AT THE CONFERENCE," HE SAID.

"I CANNOT PRETEND THAT THE CPA PROVIDES ALL WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE FOR HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF REPATRIATION.

"ON REPATRIATION, THE CPA PROVIDES IN PRINCIPLE THE REPATRIATION OF ALL NON-REFUGEES BACK TO VIETNAM. HOWEVER, OPERATIONALLY, IT WILL BE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AT LEAST INITIALLY, AND ONLY IF VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION IS FOUND TO BE INADEQUATE WOULD ALTERNATIVES BE CONSIDERED.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW ON REPATRIATION IS WELL KNOWN. WE BELIEVE AND HAVE PUBLICLY SAID THAT MANDATORY REPATRIATION OF NON-REFUGEES IS THE LOGICAL AND ESSENTIAL CONSEQUENCE OF SCREENING. THIS REMAINS OUR POSITION.

"GIVEN THAT MANDATORY REPATRIATION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONFERENCE, WE WOULD BE PRESSING FOR QUICK AND EFFECTIVE MONITORING ACTION ON VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION WITH A VIEW TO EXAMINING AND IMPLEMENTING ALTERNATIVES, I.E. MANDATORY REPATRIATION, AS SOON AS IT IS CONCLUDED THAT VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION IS NOT ADEQUATE TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM WE ARE FACED WITH IN HONG KONG."

MR BARNES SAID THAT HONG KONG WOULD BE PRESSING STRONGLY FOR THIS NOT ONLY AT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF BUT ALSO OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

"MOREOVER, WE SHALL TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION THE QUESTION OF FOLLOW-UP ACTION AFTER THE CONFERENCE, ON A BILATERAL BASIS IF NECESSARY, WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY WHATEVER ALTERNATIVES WHICH MIGHT BE ADOPTED IN PLACE OF VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION," HE SAID.

"IT WILL BE OUR INTENTION AT THE CONFERENCE TO MAKE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THE CRITICAL SITUATION NOW FACED IN HONG KONG AND THE INCREASINGLY HEAVY BURDEN WHICH WE ARE BEING FORCED TO ENDURE.

"WE SHALL ALSO EMPHASISE THAT ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR VIETNAM TO ACCEPT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS A COUNTRY OF ORIGIN TO TAKE BACK ALL THOSE VIETNAMESE WHO ARE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES.

"WE SHALL FINALLY POINT TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SETTING IN MOTION AN EFFECTIVE MACHINERY FOR IMPLEMENTING THESE MEASURES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONFERENCE, WHICH MUST ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE MATTER OF REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM OF PERSONS FOUND NOT BE REFUGEES.

"ALL THESE OBJECTIVES MUST BE ACHIEVED EFFECTIVELY IF THE CONFERENCE IS TO BE JUDGED A SUCCESS AND IF IT IS TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING DURABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF VIETNAMESE SEEKING RESETTLEMENT.

"IN SHORT, THE PRESSURE ON HONG KONG HAS GOT TO BE REMOVED AND REMOVED QUICKLY."

/WHEN ASKED .....

WHEN ASKED ABOUT FURTHER POSSIBLE MEASURES, MR BARNES SAID THE ACTION THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN REFERRED TO BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS IN THE DEBATE LAST MONTH WAS THE SUSPENSION OF THE FIRST ASYLUM POLICY.

"IF WE DON'T SEE WHAT WE HOPE TO GET FROM THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, THE QUESTION OF THE SUSPENSION OF THE FIRST ASYLUM POLICY WILL INEVITABLY ARISE AND WE WILL INEVITABLY HAVE TO CONSIDER IT," HE SAID.

"I AM NOT SAYING WE ARE MOVING TO THIS NOW. I AM TALKING SPECULATIVELY AND HYPOTHETICALLY ABOUT A SITUATION IN THE FUTURE IF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS NOT SATISFACTORY.

"BUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SUSPENDING FIRST ASYLUM, WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT PUSHING PEOPLE OFF, AND THAT MUST BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD. IT WOULD PRESUMABLY INVOLVE THE SUSPENSION OF SCREENING FOR THOSE ARRIVING, SO THAT ALL THOSE WHO ARRIVE WOULD BE REGARDED AS UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS INTO HONG KONG.

"BUT I MUST EMPHASISE THAT THIS IS VERY MUCH HYPOTHETICAL: I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO GET THE WRONG END OF THE STICK ON THIS AND START SAYING WE ARE CONSIDERING SUSPENDING FIRST ASYLUM BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT GOT TO THAT STAGE.

"I WAS SPECULATING AS TO WHAT SUSPENSION OF FIRST ASYLUM MIGHT BE; AND I WAS SPECULATING BECAUSE THIS HAD BEEN THE CALL FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS IN THE DEBATE LAST MONTH THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THEY WOULD WISH TO HAVE CONSIDERED IF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WAS SEEN TO BE INEFFECTUAL."

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STI TO VISIT UNITED STATES

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, WILL ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES ON SATURDAY (JUNE 10) FOR A FAMILIARISATION VISIT.

MR CHAN EXPLAINED THAT THE VISIT, WHICH HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR SOME TIME, WAS TO ENABLE HIM TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND TRADE ORGANISATIONS.

HE SAID THAT MANY OF HIS COUNTERPARTS WERE FAIRLY NEW TO THEIR JOBS AND IT WAS DESIRABLE THAT PERSONAL CONTACTS BE ESTABLISHED AT AN EARLY STAGE.

"OBVIOUSLY, RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA WILL BE RAISED," HE SAID. "BUT THE PRIME PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO DISCUSS TRADE MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO BOTH HONG KONG AND THE UNITED STATES."

AMONG THOSE WHOM MR CHAN WILL BE MEETING IN WASHINGTON IS THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, MRS CARLA HILLS.

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DURING MR CHAN'S 14-DAY PROGRAMME HE WILL MEET MANY KEY FIGURES IN U.S. TRADE POLICY.

HE WILL ALSO TALK TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16; AND TO A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE TOWN HALL OF CALIFORNIA, AN INFLUENTIAL CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP, ON JUNE 21.

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#### REVIEW ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

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A WORKING PARTY WILL SHORTLY BE ESTABLISHED TO CONDUCT A REVIEW ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (PHC) IN HONG KONG TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ASPIRATIONS OF SOCIETY AND ITS CHANGING NEEDS, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST, DR LEE SAID ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE REVIEW WAS TO EXAMINE THE INTERFACE BETWEEN GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND HOSPITAL SERVICE, TO FIND OUT HOW THE PHC SERVICES COULD BE BETTER CO-ORDINATED AND IN WHAT WAY THEY COULD HELP TO KEEP PATIENTS OUT OF HOSPITALS AND PROMOTE AMBULATORY CARE.

THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF THE UNIVERSITIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN PHC WOULD ALSO BE COVERED IN THE REVIEW.

DR LEE SAID THE REVIEW WOULD ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT TO FORMULATE NEW POLICY ON PHC AND PAVE THE WAY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PHC SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THE DIRECTOR SAID HONG KONG'S MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES HAD RECENTLY UNDERGONE CONSIDERABLE CHANGES.

FOLLOWING THE REORGANISATION OF THE FORMER MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, A NEW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WAS ESTABLISHED ON APRIL 1.

ON HOSPITAL SERVICE, THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED A CONSULTANCY TEAM'S RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH A HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (HA) TO PROVIDE A MORE FLEXIBLE STRUCTURE IN THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HA SHOWED GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO TACKLE PROBLEMS OF THE EXISTING HOSPITAL SYSTEM AND ITS DETERMINATION TO BRING IMPROVEMENT TO THE HOSPITAL SERVICE, DR LEE SAID. HOSPITAL SERVICE, HOWEVER, FORMED ONLY A PART OF THE TOTAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

/"THE WORLD .....

"THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) HAS STRESSED THAT THE MAIN THRUSTS OF A COUNTRY-WIDE STRATEGY IN HEALTH CARE SHOULD BEGIN WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAMMES THAT REACH THE WHOLE POPULATION," HE ADDED.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY IN DEVELOPING THE PHC SERVICES IN HONG KONG, AS BEING A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT IT WILL BE ABLE TO SET ITS OWN TARGETS AND PRIORITIES."

DR LEE EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES, DEFINED BY THE WHO AS THE PROVISION OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES MADE UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY AT COST THAT THE COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY CAN AFFORD.

THESE SERVICES INCLUDE HEALTH EDUCATION, FOOD AND NUTRITION, SAFE WATER AND BASIC SANITATION, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH/FAMILY PLANNING, IMMUNISATION, PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF LOCAL ENDEMIC DISEASES, TREATMENT OF COMMON DISEASES AND INJURIES AND THE PROVISION OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS.

IN EFFECT, PHC COVERS NOT ONLY PREVENTION AND PROMOTION BUT ALSO CURATIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES.

UNDER THE EXISTING SYSTEM IN HONG KONG, DR LEE SAID, ALL SUCH SERVICES WERE UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY AT CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THEIR HOMES AT AN AFFORDABLE COST, AND, FOR MOST OF THE ESSENTIAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES, AT NO CHARGE.

THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN MAINTAINING A HIGH LEVEL OF HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID, SHOWED THAT THE PHC SERVICES IN HONG KONG WERE PAYING DIVIDENDS:

- \* DESPITE HONG KONG'S DENSITY OF POPULATION, THE TERRITORY IS VIRTUALLY FREE FROM DANGEROUS COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND EPIDEMICS.
- \* THE LOW INFANT MORTALITY RATE AND THE LOW MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE ARE THE ENVY OF MANY OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.
- \* PEOPLE TODAY LIVE MUCH LONGER, ON AN AVERAGE, THAN THOSE TWO TO THREE DECADES AGO.
- \* THE LIFE EXPECTATION IS 74 FOR MALES AND 79 FOR FEMALES COMPARED WITH 67 AND 75 RESPECTIVELY 15 YEARS AGO.

"WITH THE RISING EXPECTATION OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE ADVANCEMENT IN MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE, THE DEPARTMENT IS DETERMINED TO MEET THESE NEW CHALLENGES AND TO TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN FURTHER IMPROVING AND EXPANDING THE HEALTH SERVICES IN TERMS OF QUALITY AND QUANTITY," DR LEE SAID.

"TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES, WE NEED THE SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL BODIES, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS."

MORE A-LEVEL CHINESE REFERENCE BOOKS TO COME ON STREAM

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THE CHINESE TEXTBOOKS COMMITTEE (CTC) HAS COMPLETED PHASE III OF ITS WORK AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF CHINESE REFERENCE BOOKS FOR ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION OF CHINESE TEXTBOOKS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ORGANISED BY THE CTC, MR LI SAID THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD APPROVED A TOTAL COMMITMENT OF \$10.8 MILLION TO BE PAID OUT AS AWARDS TO PUBLISHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE CTC'S INCENTIVE AWARD SCHEME TO PRODUCE GOOD QUALITY CHINESE TEXTBOOKS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE CTC, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR SZETO WAH, IN PHASE I OF ITS WORK DEALT WITH THE PRODUCTION OF CHINESE TEXTBOOKS FOR GENERAL SUBJECTS IN SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

IN PHASE II OF ITS WORK, THE COMMITTEE MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PRODUCTION OF CHINESE TEXTBOOKS FOR PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

MR LI PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF THE CTC FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN ENCOURAGING PUBLISHERS TO PRODUCE MORE GOOD QUALITY CHINESE TEXTBOOKS.

ALSO SPEAKING ON THE OCCASION, THE CTC VICE CHAIRMAN, MR. DAVID CHEUNG, THANKED THE PUBLISHERS AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE EFFORTS THEY MADE IN MEETING THE TARGET SET FOR THE PHASE I OF THE AWARD SCHEME AND LOOKED FORWARD TO THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

ON DISPLAY AT THE EXHIBITION AT THE HK TEACHERS' CENTRE AT PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT ARE 68 SETS OF CHINESE TEXTBOOKS PRODUCED BY 25 PUBLISHERS IN 14 SUBJECTS UNDER PHASE I OF THE INCENTIVE AWARD SCHEME, AND CHINESE TEXTBOOKS ALREADY ON THE RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS LISTS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN MARCH 1989

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 6 PER CENT AND 34 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 21 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES, HAVING DISCOUNTED THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY 1 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 AVAILABLE.

COMPARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 1989 WITH MARCH 1988, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT, AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 34 PER CENT. HENCE, TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 25 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME ALSO INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR MARCH 1989 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MANY COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN MARCH 1989 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988, INCLUDING TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+28 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+26 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+25 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+23 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+16 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+11 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+11 PER CENT); AND METAL MANUFACTURES (+7 PER CENT).

NEVERTHELESS, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-45 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (-16 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-12 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-7 PER CENT).

PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN MARCH 1989 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988.

THESE INCLUDED METAL MANUFACTURES (+12 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+6 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+6 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+5 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+4 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+2 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+1 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-4 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE FABRICS (-2 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF RADIOS OF ALL KINDS AND FOOTWEAR REMAINED UNCHANGED.

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THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR MARCH 1989 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN MARCH 1989 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SUGAR; CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR; SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; AND MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE; WHEAT AND FLOUR; AND LIVE POULTRY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT. THE COMMODITY ITEMS WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES INCLUDED TOBACCO MANUFACTURES; RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS; AND FOOTWEAR.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE BY 20 PER CENT IN MARCH 1989 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988.

THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; SILK FABRICS; WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; AND SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRICS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC., EXCEPT GLASS; AND PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 59 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN MARCH 1989 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT IN MARCH 1989 OVER MARCH 1988. THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AND TEXTILE MACHINERY.

COMPARING MARCH 1989 WITH MARCH 1988, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED. IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS AND CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES AND FOODSTUFFS BOTH INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT. IMPORT PRICES OF CAPITAL GOODS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR MARCH 1989 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN MARCH 1989 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988, WITH THE PERCENTAGE INCREASES RANGING FROM 19 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 50 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS.

PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT IN MARCH 1989 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988.

RE-EXPORT PRICES OF CAPITAL GOODS AND FOODSTUFFS BOTH ROSE BY 7 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE OF CONSUMER GOODS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MARCH 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND 10TH JUNE 1989 AT HK\$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-8234918).

TABLE 1: INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING MARCH 1989 WITH MARCH 1988			COMPARING JAN-MAR 1989 WITH JAN-MAR 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	25	1	23	4	1	4
TEXTILE FABRICS	9	-2	11	1	-2	3
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	30	1	28	22	1	20
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-2	6	-7	-11	5	-15
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-45	*	-45	-47	*	-47
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	20	-4	25	29	-3	33
FOOTWEAR	-15	*	-16	-13	1	-14
METAL MANUFACTURES	19	12	7	16	11	4
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	33	5	26	35	3	31
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	13	2	11	6	2	4
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	21	4	16	-7	3	-9

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DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-7	6	-12	-21	7	-26
ALL COMMODITIES	18	3	15	9	3	6

\* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING MARCH 1989 WITH MARCH 1988			COMPARING JAN-MAR 1989 WITH JAN-MAR 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	23	4	19	23	4	19
CONSUMER GOODS	38	5	31	36	5	30
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	25	4	20	27	4	22
FUELS	70	7	59	43	3	39
CAPITAL GOODS	28	3	24	36	4	31
ALL COMMODITIES	30	4	25	32	4	26

TABLE 3 : INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING MARCH 1989 WITH MARCH 1988			COMPARING JAN-MAR 1989 WITH JAN-MAR 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	46	7	35	33	6	25
CONSUMER GOODS	58	5	50	45	4	40
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	28	8	19	34	8	24
FUELS	18	-3	21	59	-5	68
CAPITAL GOODS	46	7	37	60	7	49
ALL COMMODITIES	42	7	34	42	6	34

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WORKING GROUP ON REDEVELOPMENT TO MEET ON FRIDAY

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A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S REDEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON CENTRAL ESTATES WILL TOP THE AGENDA AT THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON REDEVELOPMENT ON FRIDAY (JUNE 9).

A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE AUTHORITY'S EXTENDED REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN TSZ OI AND TSZ MAN ESTATES WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

IN ADDITION, THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME'S FIVE YEAR CLEARANCE PROGRAMME WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

A MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO THE DESIGN AND FACILITIES OF CHUK YUEN ESTATE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE LAYOUT PLAN FOR TSZ WAN SHAN REDEVELOPMENT AND THE METHODS OF DEMOLISHING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON REDEVELOPMENT, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 9) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REFUSE COLLECTION PROJECT

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING ON FRIDAY (JUNE 9) MORNING THE BUILDING OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT NEAR SPRINGFIELD GARDEN.

A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER WILL SUBMIT A PAPER URGING A REVIEW OF THE PROJECT WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

TWO OTHER MEMBERS WILL SUBMIT A PAPER CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO INITIATE A THOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR HEUNG FAN LIU, A 30-YEAR-OLD SQUATTER SETTLEMENT WITH A POPULATION OF ABOUT 800.

ANOTHER MEMBER WILL ASK IF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS ANY LONG-TERM PLANS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF UNATTENDED PLANTS WHICH ARE OBSTRUCTING ACCESS TO TIN SAM VILLAGE AND HAVE BECOME A BREEDING GROUND FOR MOSQUITOES.

/THE COMMITTEE .....

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE RESUMPTION OF LAND FOR VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS. THE SITES ARE AT TAI SHUI HANG VILLAGE NEAR MA ON SHAN, FO TAN VILLAGE AT THE FOOTHILL OF SUI WO COURT AND SHEUNG KENG HAU, HA KENG HAU AND HIN TIN VILLAGE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF SHA TIN VALLEY.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE NAMING OF A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME HOUSING ESTATE IN MA ON SHAN, REPORTS BY THE WORKING GROUPS, CRIME IN LIFTS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL STAIRCASE TO A FOOTBRIDGE NEAR HOLFORD GARDEN IN TAI WAI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

GOVERNMENT LAND TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TO LET BY TENDER A 2,825 SQUARE-METRE SITE NEAR SHING TAI ROAD, CHAI WAN RECLAMATION, HONG KONG.

IT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE (EXCLUDING DANGEROUS GOODS AND CONTAINERS), AND/OR SAND DEPOT FOR STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF NATURAL SAND.

THE LEASE IS FOR TWO YEARS CERTAIN AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JUNE 23, 1989.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG EAST, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL AND MID-LEVELS  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 9), THE EXISTING VEHICLE BAN ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN RUMSEY STREET AND MORRISON STREET WILL BE LIFTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONDUIT ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS BETWEEN HOUSE NUMBERS 2 AND 18 WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE MAINLAYING WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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LANE CLOSURE ON TOLO HIGHWAY  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, LANES OF TOLO HIGHWAY KOWLOON BOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY (JUNE 9) TO JUNE 18.

TWO LANES FOR A SECTION OF ABOUT 500 METRES NORTH OF ITS INTERCHANGE WITH TAI PO ROAD YUEN CHAU TSAI WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 PM EACH DAY TO 7 AM ON THE NEXT MORNING BETWEEN JUNE 9 AND 18.

WHILE ONE LANE AT THE SAME LOCATION WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 AM TO 8 PM EACH DAY BETWEEN JUNE 10 AND 18.

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REROUTEING OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN YUEN LONG  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE WHOLE SECTION OF ROAD SR-6 IN SAN TIN, KMB ROUTE NO.76K, N.T. GMB ROUTE NO.75 AND N.T. RESIDENTS' SERVICE ROUTE NO.69R WILL OPERATE VIA ROAD SR-6 AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD AS FROM FRIDAY (JUNE 9).

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YAU MA TEI AND TSUEN WAN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MAN WAI STREET, TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 9) FOR TWO MONTHS.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL INCLUDE MAN WAI STREET, WHICH FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MAN SING STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE CLOSED.

THE RIGHT TURN FROM MAN SING STREET ONTO MAN WAI STREET WILL BE BANNED; THE STRAIGHT-AHEAD ON MAN WAI STREET FROM THE EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MAN SING STREET TO THE WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL ALSO BE BANNED.

THE METERED PARKING SPACES AT MAN WAI STREET BETWEEN MAN SING STREET AND MAN CHEONG STREET WILL BE CANCELLED.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MAN WAI STREET, FROM A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MAN SING STREET TO ITS JUNCTION WITH MAN CHEONG STREET, WILL BE RE-ROUTED FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FOR LOCAL ACCESS.

MOTORISTS ON MAN SING STREET HEADING FOR MAN WAI STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA MAN SING STREET, MAN YUEN STREET, MAN CHEONG STREET AND MAN WAI STREET.

WESTBOUND MOTORISTS ON MAN WAI STREET EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MAN SING STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA MAN SING STREET, MAN YUEN STREET, MAN CHEONG STREET AND MAN WAI STREET INSTEAD.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC FLOW IN TEXACO ROAD, TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE: THE RIGHT TURN FROM TEXACO ROAD TO YEUNG UK ROAD WILL BE BANNED.

TSUEN WING STREET SECTION BETWEEN TEXACO ROAD AND TSUEN WAH STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND; AND TSUEN WAH STREET SECTION BETWEEN TSUEN FU STREET AND TSUEN WING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

TSUEN WING STREET SECTION BETWEEN TEXACO ROAD AND TSUEN WAH STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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