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NEW TECHNOLOGY PLAYS VITAL ROLE IN INDUSTRY
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THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY AND TO ITS WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION AMONG THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

THIS WAS STATED THIS EVENING (MONDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, IN A SPEECH TO THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

SAID MR YEUNG: +TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT STRENGTHENS THE EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS OF OUR MANUFACTURING OUTPUT, AND COMPETITIVENESS IN TURN FOSTERS GROWTH.

+THE IMPORTANCE OF MANUFACTURING MAINTAINING ITS GROWTH MOMENTUM IS EVEN MORE APPARENT WHEN WE BEAR IN MIND THAT THIS SECTOR ACCOUNTS FOR MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND 22 PER CENT OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.+

MR YEUNG SAID THE THRUST OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES IS DIRECTED TOWARDS REMOVING OBSTACLES TO THE ACQUISITION OF USEFUL TECHNOLOGIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE TECHNOLOGIES ASSOCIATED WITH PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT. SUCH SERVICES INCLUDE MANPOWER TRAINING, THE PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT AND QUALITY PROMOTION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND THE FUNDING OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

HOWEVER TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION IS ONLY ONE FACET OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

+THE OTHER HAS TO BE ITS EXTENSIVE ABSORPTION AND APPLICATION BY THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, AND THAT IS BY NO MEANS AN EASY OBJECTIVE TO ACHIEVE.

+THIS IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A PREPONDERANCE OF SMALL BUSINESSES COUPLED WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF CONCENTRATION IN LIGHT, RELATIVELY LABOUR-INTENSIVE MANUFACTURING.

+BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT, OVER TIME AND WITH SOME ENCOURAGEMENT, OUR MANUFACTURING COMMUNITY WILL RESPOND TO THE NEED TO BECOME MORE EFFICIENT, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR OUTPUT AND TO INNOVATE, IF IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED CONVINCINGLY THAT FAILURE TO DO SO MEANS INCREASING THE RISK OF GOING OUT OF BUSINESS,+ MR YEUNG SAID.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY RELEASED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) RELEASED TRADE VALUE STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 1987. COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1986, TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN FEBRUARY 1987, VALUED AT \$44 726 MILLION, GREW BY 39 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT TO \$9 992 MILLION IN FEBRUARY 1987 WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 54 PER CENT TO \$10 616 MILLION, BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY 1987 TO \$20 608 MILLION, WHICH WAS 35 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN FEBRUARY 1986.

COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 42 PER CENT TO \$24 118 MILLION IN FEBRUARY 1987.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1986 AND FEBRUARY 1987. THE GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA (+97 PER CENT) WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG. SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS ALSO RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE NETHERLANDS (+54 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+44 PER CENT), JAPAN (+37 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+33 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CANADA AND AUSTRALIA DECREASED BY 16 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+91 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+70 PER CENT), CHINA (+63 PER CENT), FRANCE (+46 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (+40 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE (-4 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, TAIWAN, THE UNITED STATES, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND CHINA INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY BY 90 PER CENT, 80 PER CENT, 77 PER CENT, 75 PER CENT AND 55 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1987, VALUED AT \$94 300 MILLION, INCREASED BY 35 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME TWO MONTHS IN 1986. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT TO \$24 045 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 47 PER CENT TO \$22 620 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 36 PER CENT. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 33 PER CENT TO \$47 634 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1987 WITH THE SAME TWO MONTHS IN 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS. THE MARKETS WITH THE FASTEST GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED THE NETHERLANDS (+76 PER CENT), CHINA (+68 PER CENT), JAPAN (+60 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+46 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+32 PER CENT).

/DOMESTIC EXPORTS

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S., HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, GREW BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1987 FROM MAJOR SUPPLIERS GENERALLY INCREASED WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+78 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+55 PER CENT), FRANCE (+45 PER CENT), CHINA (+45 PER CENT), AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+25 PER CENT). A DECREASE WAS, HOWEVER, RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE (-6 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE U.S., THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TAIWAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY BY 83 PER CENT, 73 PER CENT, 67 PER CENT, 53 PER CENT AND 47 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1987, WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT TO \$159 152 MILLION. THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS, AT \$129 727 MILLION, ALSO ROSE BY 24 PER CENT. THUS, TOTAL EXPORTS ROSE BY 24 PER CENT. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT TO \$287 800 MILLION. TAKEN AS A WHOLE, TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR FEBRUARY 1987 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY MAY 1987.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT. FURTHER ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$295 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$266 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$173 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$23 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT); AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$16 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 68 PER CENT IN VALUE. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$339 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$257 MILLION OR 119 PER CENT); AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$229 MILLION OR 84 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$8 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT); AS WELL AS FURNITURE AND PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 46 PER CENT IN VALUE. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$393 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$64 MILLION OR 95 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR FOOTWEAR (BY \$3 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE UP BY 18 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN CLOTHING (BY \$135 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$37 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED BY 60 PER CENT, WITH GROWTH IN CLOTHING (BY \$202 MILLION OR 110 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$46 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$41 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

IMPORTS FROM CHINA INCREASED BY 45 PER CENT IN VALUE IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1987 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$1 108 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$908 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$469 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$79 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); AS WELL AS METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$58 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT).

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ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM JAPAN INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$471 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$210 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT); AS WELL AS IRON AND STEEL (BY \$161 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$62 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT); AS WELL AS FURNITURE AND PARTS THEREOF (BY \$18 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE UP BY 20 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$135 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$117 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$83 MILLION OR 93 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WERE UP BY 55 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$558 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$254 MILLION OR 94 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ROSE BY 78 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN TEXTILES (BY \$233 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$202 MILLION OR 137 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF IRON AND STEEL (BY \$64 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMUNITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 45 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$563 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$358 MILLION OR 318 PER CENT); AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$189 MILLION OR 116 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN INORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$62 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT); AS WELL AS IRON AND STEEL (BY \$46 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

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ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 73 PER CENT IN VALUE. COMMODITIES WITH INCREASES INCLUDED CLOTHING (BY \$763 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$413 MILLION OR 93 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$140 MILLION OR 212 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$12 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS, TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS (BY \$8 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN WAS UP BY 53 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$183 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$45 MILLION OR 119 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS, TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS (BY \$7 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ROSE BY 67 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN TEXTILES (BY \$199 MILLION OR 93 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$89 MILLION OR 91 PER CENT).

THE INCREASE TO JAPAN WAS 23 PER CENT, WITH GROWTH IN CLOTHING (BY \$80 MILLION OR 134 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$41 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OF COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$3 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE FEBRUARY 1987 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND APRIL 20 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5.50 PER COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY 1987 WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY MAY 1987 AT \$15 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG, ON 5-214375 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234915.

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-FEB 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-FEB 87 OVER JAN-FEB 86 (%)	FEBRUARY 1987 (HKD MN.)	FEB 87 OVER FEB 86 (%)
U.S.A.	8 951	11	3 639	3
CHINA	3 319	68	1 593	97
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 062	46	860	33
U.K.	1 426	18	535	2
JAPAN	1 049	60	400	37
CANADA	748	7	291	-16
NETHERLANDS	576	76	234	54
AUSTRALIA	488	-5	223	-3
SINGAPORE	445	32	198	44
FRANCE	411	29	154	10

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-FEB 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-FEB 87 OVER JAN-FEB 86 (%)	FEBRUARY 1987 (HKD MN.)	FEB 87 OVER FEB 86 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	8 052	15	3 083	-4
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3 531	31	1 449	32
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2 005	74	863	78

TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1 944	61	895	56
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1 831	18	757	3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1 814	37	858	48

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-FEB 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-FEB 87 OVER JAN-FEB 86 (%)	FEBRUARY 1987 (HKD MN.)	FEB 87 OVER FEB 86 (%)
CHINA	14 312	45	6 444	63
JAPAN	9 063	23	4 831	33
U.S.A.	4 393	20	2 626	24
TAIWAN	4 243	55	2 040	70
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2 129	78	1 076	91
SINGAPORE	1 907	-6	1 078	-4
U.K.	1 532	25	787	22
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 326	24	669	39
SWITZERLAND	839	16	534	40
FRANCE	755	45	385	46

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-FEB 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-FEB 87 OVER JAN-FEB 86 (%)	FEBRUARY 1987 (HKD MN.)	FEB 87 OVER FEB 86 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6 932	36	3 490	56
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4 296	67	2 260	80
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3 455	53	1 546	61
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2 602	71	1 309	69
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2 583	17	1 410	28
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2 364	46	1 142	48

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-FEB 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-FEB 87 OVER JAN-FEB 86 (%)	FEBRUARY 1987 (HKD MN.)	FEB 87 OVER FEB 86 (%)
CHINA	7 254	45	3 465	55
U.S.A.	4 545	73	1 999	77
TAIWAN	1 206	53	604	80
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1 196	67	612	75
JAPAN	1 091	23	516	34
SINGAPORE	861	10	408	18
F.R. OF GERMANY	567	83	256	90
MACAU	441	25	226	50
U.K.	375	47	155	35
PHILIPPINES	369	12	200	51

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-FEB 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-FEB 87 OVER JAN-FEB 86 (%)	FEBRUARY 1987 (HKD MN.)	FEB 87 OVER FEB 86 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 414	41	1 664	57
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2 988	81	1 381	83
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1 825	60	908	79

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MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	1 767	78	792	85
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1 243	75	566	66
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1 072	46	498	40

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HONG KONG LAUDED FOR YOUDE FUND DONATIONS
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND, MR LEE QUO-WEI, TODAY (MONDAY) PRAISED INDIVIDUALS, COMPANIES, ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT TO THE FUND OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

MR LEE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH \$80 MILLION HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE FUND, THE APPLICATION OF THE FUND'S INCOME WOULD BE DETERMINED BY A COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

EXPLAINING THE COMPLEXITY OF ADMINISTERING THE FUND, HE SAID DUE TO LOW LOCAL INTEREST RATE AND HIGH EXCHANGE RATE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES, THE ANNUAL INCOME OF THE FUND MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH TO SETTLE OVERSEAS EDUCATION EXPENDITURES AT PRESENT BECAUSE PAYMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES.

MR LEE WAS SPEAKING AT A CHEQUE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY THIS MORNING AT THE DINING HALL OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, WHERE HE RECEIVED A DONATION OF \$100 000 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, MR LAWRENCE CHU.

/THE DONATION

THE DONATION WAS THE FIRST SINCE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS SET UP UNDER THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND ORDINANCE.

MR LEE SAID THAT THE MAJOR TASK OF THE BOARD WAS TO ADMINISTER THE FUND AND ANY INCOME ACCUMULATED WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE APPLICATION OF THE FUND.

MR LEE SAID HE HOPED THE PUBLIC WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FUND AND DONATIONS COULD BE SENT TO VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES AND THEIR SUB-OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY; THE TREASURY AND ITS SUB-TREASURIES; THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, THE HANG SENG BANK AND THE HANG LUNG BANK AND THEIR BRANCHES.

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STAFF POSTINGS AT CNTA
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THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON) OF CNTA, MR GREGORY LEUNG, WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW POST AS SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER ON APRIL 21.

HIS POST WILL BE FILLED BY MR FRANKIE LUI, FORMERLY AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH.

MEANWHILE, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW POST AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY FROM WEDNESDAY (APRIL 15).

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH, WILL ASSUME MR YEK'S DUTIES AS DISTRICT OFFICER, WONG TAI SIN.

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FARE RISE FOR TWO GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES
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APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR TWO GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES PLYING TAI PO TO INCREASE THEIR FARES FROM THURSDAY (APRIL 16), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE TWO SERVICES ARE ROUTES 21K AND 22K OPERATING FROM TAI PO KCR STATION TO WAI TAU AND FROM TAI PO KCR STATION TO KAM SHAN RESPECTIVELY.

FOR ROUTE 21K, THE SECTION FARE FOR THE JOURNEY BETWEEN TAI PO KCR STATION AND TAI PO TAU WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING \$1 TO \$1.50, WHILE THE FULL FARE FROM TAI PO KCR STATION TO WAI TAU WILL REMAIN AT \$2.

MEANWHILE, THE FULL FARE OF ROUTE 22K FROM TAI PO KCR STATION TO KAM SHAN WILL BE REVISED FROM \$1 TO \$1.30. A SECTION FARE OF \$1 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THE JOURNEY FROM TAI PO KCR STATION TO TAI PO MARKET AND FROM TAI PO MARKET TO KAM SHAN.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD SUPPORTS SPORTS EVENTS

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TWENTY-TWO SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS AND THE FORMATION OF AN ATHLETICS CLUB WITH A SPONSORSHIP OF \$107 000 FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD ARE BEING PLANNED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL THIS YEAR, A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE SAID THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE INITIALLY ENDORSED \$41 435 TO SPONSOR 11 PROJECTS TO BE HELD BETWEEN MAY AND SEPTEMBER.

THE COUNCIL'S 1987-88 PROGRAMME CONTAINS A GREAT VARIETY OF HEALTHY AND ENJOYABLE ACTIVITIES TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT AGES AND OCCUPATIONS.

THE EVENTS RANGE FROM SOCCER, BASKETBALL, BADMINTON, VOLLEYBALL, TABLE-TENNIS COMPETITIONS TO SWIMMING GALA AND ATHLETIC MEET.

THERE ARE ALSO EVENTS FOR DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY SUCH AS BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL MATCHES FOR WOMEN, BASKETBALL COMPETITION FOR WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES, MINI-SOCCER COMPETITION FOR FISHERMEN AND A POTTED SPORTS DAY FOR THE ELDERLY.

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME FEATURES TWO NEW EVENTS, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RUN AND A BOWLING NEW STARS TOURNAMENT. POPULAR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE COLOURED BOAT AND THE SANDSCAPING COMPETITIONS WILL AGAIN BE HELD AND THERE ARE ALSO INTER-CONSTITUENCY EVENTS TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING.

THE COUNCIL ALSO PLANS TO FORM AN ATHLETICS CLUB, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT HARRIERS, TO ORGANISE TRAINING FOR SPORTSMEN IN THE DISTRICT.

ALL THESE PROJECTS WILL BE ORGANISED JOINTLY WITH THE RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS OFFICE (SOUTHERN) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. SIMILAR JOINT PROGRAMMES ORGANISED LAST YEAR HAD ATTRACTED THE PARTICIPATION OF MORE THAN 4 800 PEOPLE.

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DETAILS OF NT LEASE BILL
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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES LEASES (EXTENSION) BILL 1987, WHICH WILL BE GAZETTED ON THURSDAY.

IT WILL BE JOINTLY CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR JOHN TODD, THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, MR CHAU CHAM-SON= AND THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT 3.30 PM FOR ADVANCE READING OF A PAMPHLET CONCERNING THE BILL.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEMES
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THE APPRENTICE PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR APPRENTICES TRAINING PLACES AVAILABLE IN INDUSTRIES.

THE UNIT HAS A NUMBER OF CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES IN THE JEWELLERY, ELECTRICAL, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS, TEXTILE AND PRINTING INDUSTRIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED FORM 3 MAY JOIN CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME WHICH INCLUDES THREE TO FOUR YEARS ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND COMPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

SOME TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. APPLICANTS SHOULD BE FORM 5 GRADUATES WITH GRADE E OR ABOVE IN FOUR RELEVANT SUBJECTS IN THE HKCE EXAMINATION.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON VACANCIES AVAILABLE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE UNIT AT THE 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, OR ON 5-8932341 EXT. 298.

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SHAM SHUI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR INVITES NEW MEMBERS
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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FROM SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS AGED SIX TO TWELVE TO JOIN THE SHAM SHUI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR, ESTABLISHED IN 1982 UNDER THE SHAM SHUI PO ART ASSOCIATION, IS FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

IT HAS BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM IN THE +YOUTH SPECTACULAR+ DURING THE QUEEN'S VISIT LAST YEAR AND IN MANY OTHER DISTRICT EVENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET; SHAM SHUI PO ART ASSOCIATION AT ROOM S14, LAI FU HOUSE, LAI KOK ESTATE.

APPLICANTS WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN ADMISSION TEST IN EARLY MAY. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL MUSICAL TRAINING EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR WILL PAY ADMISSION FEE OF \$100 AND AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF \$150.

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WAN CHAI COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 4 PM TO DISCUSS THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING A LAY-BY OUTSIDE THE YMCA HARBOUR VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOUSE AT HARBOUR ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

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MONG KOK COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO MEET
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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE ALLOCATIONS OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW ITS EXISTING PRACTICES IN ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

A VOTING TEAM WILL BE FORMED TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND THE APPLICATION OF FUNDS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

MEMBERS' VIEW WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON THIS YEAR'S DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, HONG KONG.

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SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING COMMITTEE TO MEET
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THE CONTROL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO RESUME DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AT MA ON SHAN, IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JUNCTION NEAR CHUN SHEK BUS TERMINUS AND THE RENTAL POLICY OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 9.30 AM AT THE SIXTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, KCR HOUSE.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR NEW ROAD IN MA ON SHAN
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TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY IN MA ON SHAN AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE 1.2-KILOMETRE CARRIAGEWAY WILL CONNECT THE FUTURE MA ON SHAN TOWN CENTRE WITH THE PROPOSED NAI CHUNG LINK ROAD.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT ARE SITE FORMATION OF ABOUT FIVE HECTARES OF LAND NEAR THE YOUTH CAMP IN WU KAI SHA FOR PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND PROVISION OF ASSOCIATED ACCESS ROADS SEWERS, DRAINS, EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE 12 MONTHS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CARRIAGEWAY AND 18 MONTHS FOR THE REMAINING WORK.

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WIDENING OF TAI PO ROAD PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO WIDEN A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD FROM HO TUNG LAU TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY FROM TWO LANES TO THREE LANES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

WORKS INCLUDE THE WIDENING OF 840 METRES OF CARRIAGEWAYS FROM 7.3 METRES TO 10.3 METRES, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1.6-METRE-WIDE FOOTPATH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CARRIAGEWAY AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPING WORKS.

THE PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL CLIMBING LANE ALONG THIS SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD WOULD ALSO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY JUNE 9.

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NEW ROAD IN TIN WAN TO OPEN
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A NEW ROAD IN TIN WAN, ABERDEEN, WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 16).

THE ROAD, LINKING YUE WOK STREET AND YUE LEI STREET, HAS YET TO BE NAMED. TOGETHER WITH YUE KO STREET AND YUE LEI STREET, IT WILL BECOME ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE.

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CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND CLOSED
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CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN MAPLE STREET AND POPLAR STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO APRIL 27 FOR FLYOVER CONSTRUCTION.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR NATHAN ROAD ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA NAM CHEONG STREET NORTHBOUND AND TAI PO ROAD; OR VIA NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHBOUND AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

MEANWHILE, VEHICLES ON CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR BOUNDARY STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NAM CHEONG STREET NORTHBOUND AND TAI PO ROAD.

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KWUN TONG WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 15) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY SAU LAI STREET AND TAK WO STREET, INCLUDING BLOCK NOS 1-17, SAU MAU PING ESTATE.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 53.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 310.516 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 270.858 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 46.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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