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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF AUGUST EXTERNAL TRADE.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 21 PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS BY 28 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN AUGUST 1984, COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1983, SO THAT TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 14 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES WERE UP BY 14 PER CENT IN AUGUST 1984 OVER AUGUST 1983. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY ONE PER CENT.

COMPARISON OF THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1984 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR SHOWS THAT DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 23 PER CENT AND 32 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME TERMS, WHILE IMPORTS GREW BY 17 PER CENT.

OVER THE PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 15 PER CENT WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BOTH ROSE BY 16 PER CENT.

COMPARISON OF THE 12 MONTHS TO AUGUST THIS YEAR WITH THE 12 MONTHS TO AUGUST 1983 SHOWS THAT THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS BOTH ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 16 PER CENT, AND THOSE OF IMPORTS BY 17 PER CENT.

OVER THIS PERIOD THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, THUS GIVING A 25 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 17 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS SEEN FROM THIS TABLE THE EXPORT PRICES OF NEARLY ALL COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM FOUR PER CENT FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS TO 24 PER CENT FOR TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN EXPORT PRICES WERE REGISTERED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-SEVEN PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-TWO PER CENT).

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST OF THE COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

/SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR: ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+104 PER CENT), TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+35 PER CENT), RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+31 PER CENT), DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+30 PER CENT), FOOTWEAR (+24 PER CENT), METAL MANUFACTURES (+20 PER CENT), CLOTHING (+17 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+17 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-28 PER CENT), METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-27 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-10 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN THIS TABLE, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES WERE UP OVER AUGUST 1983, WITH INCREASES RANGING FROM EIGHT PER CENT FOR FUELS TO 16 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEA AND COFFEE, SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD, VEGETABLES, SUGAR, FRUIT AND ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES. HOWEVER, INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR WHEAT AND FLOUR, MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS AND RICE.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MAJOR CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS, CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, PASSENGER MOTOR CARS, HOUSEHOLD-TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND CLOTHING. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND FOOTWEAR.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST OF THE RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR MAN-MADE FIBRES, WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR, THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS, PAPER AND PAPERBOARD, FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES, BASE METALS OTHER THAN IRON AND STEEL, LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS, YARN OF MAN-MADE FIBRES, CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS AS WELL AS WATCH AND CLOCK MOVEMENTS, CASES AND PARTS. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW COTTON, SILK FABRICS, CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS AS WELL AS DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ALL COMMODITIES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, THE MORE REMARKABLE ONES BEING OFFICE MACHINES AND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN THIS TABLE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR CAPITAL GOODS (+53 PER CENT), RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+38 PER CENT) AND CONSUMER GOODS (+22 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS AND FUELS BOTH DROPPED BY 23 PER CENT.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES COMPARING AUGUST 1984 WITH AUGUST 1983
OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

<u>COMMODITY GROUP</u>	<u>EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUME</u>
CLOTHING	+ 42%	+ 21%	+ 17%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 18%	+ 18%	INSIGNIFICANT
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	- 14%	+ 18%	- 28%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+ 63%	+ 20%	+ 35%
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	+ 50%	+ 14%	+ 31%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+111%	+ 4%	+104%
FOOTWEAR	+ 35%	+ 9%	+ 24%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 38%	+ 15%	+ 20%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	- 32%	- 7%	- 27%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 14%	- 2%	+ 17%
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	+ 11%	+ 24%	- 10%
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	+ 44%	+ 10%	+ 30%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 38%	+ 14%	+ 21%

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TABLE 2 : CHANGES COMPARING AUGUST 1984 WITH AUGUST 1983
OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 3%	+ 12%	- 8%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 26%	+ 11%	+ 14%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 30%	+ 16%	+ 12%
FUELS	+ 3%	+ 8%	- 4%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 50%	+ 9%	+ 37%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 26%	+ 13%	+ 12%

TABLE 3 : CHANGES COMPARING AUGUST 1984 WITH AUGUST 1983
OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	- 12%	+ 14%	- 23%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 40%	+ 15%	+ 22%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 59%	+ 15%	+ 38%
FUELS	- 17%	+ 8%	- 23%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 80%	+ 18%	+ 53%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 48%	+ 15%	+ 28%

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE AUGUST 1984 ISSUE OF THE
+HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT
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TUEN MUN TOWN PARK TAKES SHAPE
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CONSTRUCTION WORK ON PHASE ONE OF TUEN MUN TOWN PARK - THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES - IS NOW IN FULL SWING AND THE PARK SHOULD BE OPENED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

ON COMPLETION, THE TOWN PARK WILL BE A MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATION CENTRE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE PARK IS SITUATED ON A 12.5-HECTARE SITE ON THE SIDE OF TUEN MUN NULLAH AT THE JUNCTION OF TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, PUI TO ROAD AND THE NULLAH. IT IS AT THE CENTRE OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND IT IS SURROUNDED BY THE YAU OI, ON TING AND SAN FAT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

PHASE ONE OF THE TOWN PARK OCCUPIES A TOTAL AREA OF 6.8 HECTARES AT THE NORTHERN SECTION OF THE PARK. THE CONSTRUCTION COST IS ABOUT \$46.5 MILLION.

THE MAIN FEATURE AT THE PARK WILL BE AN ORNAMENTAL LAKE WITH FACILITIES FOR PLEASURE BOATS, WATER BICYCLES AND MODEL BOATING ON AN AREA OF ABOUT 1.1 HECTARE. AN ISLAND CAFE IS TO BE BUILT AT THE CENTRE OF THE LAKE.

THERE WILL BE AN OPEN-AIR PERFORMANCE AREA FOR THE STAGING OF THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL EVENTS. SEATING FOR 400 SPECTATORS WILL BE BUILT ON TERRACED STEPS FACING THE STAGE WHILE ANOTHER 1 000 PEOPLE CAN WATCH FROM GRASSED MOUNDS BEHIND.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, SITTING OUT AREAS, PAVILIONS, A LOOK OUT POINT, A RIVERSIDE PROMENADE AND EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPED AREAS.

PHASE TWO OF THE PROJECT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, WILL INCLUDE MORE WATER FEATURES CONSISTING OF WATER FALLS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF POOLS. THERE WILL ALSO BE LOOK OUT POINTS, A ROLLER SKATING RINK AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS. COSTING ANOTHER \$45 MILLION, PHASE TWO OF THE TOWN PARK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED TWO YEARS LATER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT IS CO-ORDINATED AND SUPERVISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. IT WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE NTSD FOR MANAGEMENT UPON COMPLETION.

THE NTSD IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROVISION AND OPERATION OF PLEASURE BOATS AND WATER BICYCLES AT THE PARK'S ORNAMENTAL LAKE. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER CAN START BUSINESS ON APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

TENDER FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, OR AT THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 'TOP COURT', 60-70 TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN. COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE PLACED INTO THE TENDER BOX AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS BEFORE 9 AM ON DECEMBER 7 (FRIDAY).

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CENTRES THAT SERVE AS 'WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIAS'
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ARMED WITH VOLUMES OF MANUALS ON ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, STAFF OF THE 63 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES (PESC'S) SPREAD THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ARE ABLE TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES ON A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY (SUNDAY) DESCRIBED THE STAFF AS +WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIAS+.

+SUBJECTS MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED ARE ABOUT JOB VACANCIES, APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING, FORMS ISSUED BY DEPARTMENTS AND PROBLEMS ON RATES AND MATTERS RELATED TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+THE FIRST PESC WAS SET UP IN 1961. SINCE THEN THIS SERVICE HAS EXPANDED STEADILY IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC DEMAND, PARTICULARLY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN RECENT YEARS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE CENTRES HANDLED MORE THAN 3.25 MILLION CASES AND ENQUIRIES AND DISTRIBUTED 4.81 MILLION FORMS.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 200 DIFFERENT TYPES OF GOVERNMENT FORMS AND PAMPHLETS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN THE CENTRES.

+THOSE IN GREAT DEMAND ARE APPLICATION FORMS FOR GOVERNMENT JOB VACANCIES, HOME OWNERSHIP, PUBLIC HOUSING, PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS, ENTRIES FOR THE WALK FOR A MILLION, AND RECENTLY, THE WHITE PAPER ON THE SINO-BRITISH DRAFT AGREEMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IN DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC, WE DO ALL WE CAN TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS PROMPTLY, BUT IN CASES WHERE THE INFORMATION IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE WE CALL UP THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED TO GET ALL THE DETAILS,+ HE ADDED.

+IN THEIR DAILY CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC, STAFF OF THE CENTRES HAVE TO BE PATIENT, POLITE, INFORMATIVE AND READY TO HELP,+ HE SAID.

+AS THEY DEAL WITH A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS, THE STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND PERIODICAL TRAINING AND ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES. WHEN NEW GOVERNMENT SERVICES OR NEW PROCEDURES ARE INTRODUCED, ALL CENTRES ARE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED TO ENSURE THAT REFERENCE MATERIALS ARE KEPT UP-TO-DATE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING TYPHOONS AND HEAVY RAINSTORMS, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SECTION OF THE CNTA OPERATES A 24-HOUR TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE (3-692255), ANSWERING AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 600 CALLS A DAY.

ANOTHER POPULAR SERVICE IS STATUTORY DECLARATION ADMINISTERED BY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS OF OATHS AT EACH CENTRE. IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 280 000 DECLARATIONS WERE MADE.

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OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE PESCS ARE THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE LAW SOCIETY AND CONSULTATIONS WITH RENT OFFICERS FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

+THOSE WHO WISH TO OBTAIN THESE SERVICES CAN APPROACH ANY OF THE CENTRES WHERE OUR COUNTER STAFF WILL IDENTIFY THE NEED AND ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A DUTY LAWYER OR A RENT OFFICER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES OF THE CENTRES MAY CONTACT THE PESCS OF THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR CITY, KOWLOON (TEL. 3-692255).

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100 000 EXPECTED AT CAREERS EXHIBITION
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THE 13TH ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION, CAREERS '85, WILL BE OPENED ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 9) AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITIONS, WHICH STARTED IN 1972, PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE WIDEST POSSIBLE RANGE OF CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG.

+THIS MAJOR EVENT IN THE LOCAL CAREERS EDUCATION SCENE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS AND IN RECENT YEARS THE NUMBER OF VISITORS HAS BEEN MORE THAN 100 000,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC, DR DAVID JOHNS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 3 PM THAT DAY AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

THE EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL THEN BE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM 9.30 AM TO 6.30 PM DAILY UNTIL NOVEMBER 19.

TWENTY-ONE EXHIBITORS FROM COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE PART IN THE EXHIBITION.

THIS YEAR, AS IN PREVIOUS EXHIBITIONS, EACH PARTICIPATING ORGANISATION WILL HAVE A DISPLAY STAND TO ILLUSTRATE, WITH GRAPHS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MODELS AND OTHER AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, THE NATURE OF JOBS ON OFFER ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION.

LEAFLETS AND PAMPHLETS PREPARED BY THE EXHIBITORS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS.

DURING THE EXHIBITION, FOUR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS -- ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT -- WILL STAGE LIVE SHOWS AT EDINBURGH PLACE TO ILLUSTRATE THEIR WORK WITH DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

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YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL STARTS

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THE SEVENTH HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL, ONE OF THE MAJOR MUSIC EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, STARTED THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE EIGHT-DAY FESTIVAL, A SCHOOL BANDS INVITATION CONCERT WAS HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL. THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WAS AMONG THE LARGE AUDIENCE.

IN A MESSAGE CONTAINED IN THE FESTIVAL'S SOUVENIR PROGRAMME, SIR DENYS SAID THE BAND FESTIVAL WAS NOW A MAJOR EVENT ON HONG KONG'S MUSIC CALENDAR.

+THE SUCCESS OF THIS ANNUAL FESTIVAL IS EVIDENCE OF THE GROWTH OF INTEREST OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PLAYING OF BAND MUSIC, AN ACTIVITY WHICH GIVES MUCH SATISFACTION TO THOSE WHO TAKE PART IN IT,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

THE SCHOOL BANDS INVITATION CONCERT TODAY FEATURED THE WINNER OF LAST YEAR'S SYMPHONIC BAND PERFORMANCE, THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, WHICH TREATED THE AUDIENCE WITH TWO PIECES -- 'INSTANT CONCERT' AND THE THEME FROM 'NEW YORK, NEW YORK'.

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL GUEST BAND IS THE JAPANESE TOYAMA TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND, WINNER OF THE GOLDEN PRIZE IN THE +ALL JAPAN BAND CONTEST+ FOR SEVEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS. THE 45-MEMBER BAND WILL ARRIVE HERE ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

ALTOGETHER 28 BANDS ARE TAKING PART IN THE FESTIVAL.

BESIDES CONCERTS, SEMINARS, COMPETITIONS AND WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL WOULD INCLUDE A 'FESTIVAL CONCERT' AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON NOVEMBER 8 AND A 'GALA FINALE' AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON NOVEMBER 11.

THE JAPANESE BAND, UNDER THE BATON OF ITS DIRECTOR, MR TOSHIO SATSUMA, WILL PERFORM JOINTLY WITH THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND AND AEROBIC DANCERS FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

THE CAPE COLLINSON BAND, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, WOULD GIVE A MARCHING DISPLAY WHILE THE CHEER-LEADERS FROM THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL LIM POR YEN SECONDARY SCHOOL WILL JOIN OTHER PARTICIPANTS TO ENTERTAIN THE AUDIENCE.

TICKETS FOR THESE TWO CONCERTS, AT \$5 EACH, ARE ON SALE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND COMPUTERISED BOX OFFICES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT 5-741622.

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30 AND 31-YEAR-OLD WOMEN CALLED FOR NEW I.D. CARDS
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WOMEN BORN IN 1953 AND 1954 MUST APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BETWEEN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND DECEMBER 1.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS WHEN THEY CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES.

+THOSE WHO WISH TO ALTER THEIR LAST NAMES AS A RESULT OF A CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS MUST PRODUCE MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE CERTIFICATES TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIMS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAY TO SATURDAY. TO AVOID THE EVENING RUSH, APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT HAVE TO WORK DURING THE DAY ARE ADVISED TO VISIT THE OFFICES BEFORE 5 PM.

A MAIL-IN APPOINTMENT SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO WISH TO GO TO A SPECIFIC ISSUE OFFICE AT A PRE-ARRANGED TIME.

+ALL ONE HAS TO DO IS TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FORM FROM ANY DISTRICT OFFICE OR IMMIGRATION OFFICE, AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF ONE'S CHOICE AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THE PHASE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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STUDENTS INVITED TO COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION
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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE 1984-85 ESSAY COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY.

AWARDS FOR THE WINNERS OF THIS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WILL INCLUDE TRAVEL, CASH AND BOOK PRIZES.

THE SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY HONG KONG STUDENTS IN THIS COMPETITION OVER THE YEARS REFLECTED THE HIGH ACADEMIC ABILITY OF LOCAL STUDENTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

TO GIVE STUDENTS ADDITIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT, THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS SPONSORING A LOCAL COMPETITION WITH BOOK PRIZES.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE CLASSES ACCORDING TO AGE, AND THERE WILL BE A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES FOR EACH CLASS. THE BOOK PRIZES WILL BE WORTH \$500 TO \$150.

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IN ADDITION, THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG WILL SPONSOR THE LOCAL COMPETITION BY OFFERING AN ADDITIONAL PRIZE IN THE FORM OF A ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE TO KUALA LUMPUR, ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO NIGHTS IN COMMONWEALTH HOUSE, KUALA LUMPUR, SIGHTSEEING EXPENDITURE AND \$500 SPENDING MONEY.

THIS ADDITIONAL PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO A STUDENT BASED ON THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN LONDON.

WINNING ENTRIES FOR THE LOCAL COMPETITION AS WELL AS OTHER SELECTED ESSAYS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN LONDON FOR THE MAIN COMPETITION.

THE ESSAYS FOR THE LOCAL COMPETITION MUST REACH THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG BY JANUARY 31, 1985 FOR THE PRELIMINARY ROUND OF JUDGING.

EACH ESSAY SHOULD BE CERTIFIED BY THE PRINCIPAL OR A SENIOR TEACHER AS BEING THE STUDENT'S OWN COMPOSITION.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION ON 5-8392274.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DEVELOP SENSE OF BELONGING
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TUEN MUN RESIDENTS' WILLINGNESS TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES HAD HELPED DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING AND NEIGHBOURLINESS IN THE DISTRICT, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+BECAUSE OF RESIDENTS' CONCERN FOR THEIR COMMUNITY, THE AIMS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION COULD BE REALISED,+ HE SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD GAMES SCHEME MINI-SOCCER TOURNAMENT AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND.

THE AIM OF THE SCHEME IS TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND TO PROMOTE NEIGHBOURLINESS THROUGH RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

MR FUNG SAID THERE WAS MUCH ENTHUSIASM IN THE MINI-SOCCER COMPETITION, AND THIS YEAR 21 LOCALLY-ORGANISED TEAMS FROM FIVE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WOULD BE TAKING PART.

ON THE RECENT VOTER-REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN, HE SAID COOPERATION BY LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES HAD HELPED BOOST THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT.

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DURING THE CAMPAIGN 46 000 NEW NAMES WERE ADDED TO THE VOTER REGISTRY, RAISING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN TUEN MUN TO MORE THAN 71 800.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD GAMES SCHEME MINI-SOCCER TOURNAMENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE TUEN MUN POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS WITH ALL MATCHES BEING PLAYED AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND.

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MORE MARRIAGE SERVICES INTRODUCED

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THE MARRIAGE RECORDS OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

BESIDES ITS REGULAR MARRIAGE SERVICES, IT WILL ALSO BE HANDLING APPLICATIONS FOR: SEARCH OF MARRIAGE RECORDS, CERTIFIED COPIES OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES AND CORRECTIONS OF CLERICAL ERRORS ON MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES.

THE OFFICE IS LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF LI PO CHUN CHAMBERS, 92-97 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

+THE SERVICE OF PROVIDING 'ABSENCE OF MARRIAGE RECORD CERTIFICATE' HAS BEEN AVAILABLE IN THIS OFFICE SINCE MAY THIS YEAR,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

+~~THE~~ ADDITIONAL MARRIAGE SERVICES ARE BEING INTRODUCED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR COPIES OF BIRTH AND MARRIAGE DOCUMENTS AT THE SAME TIME SINCE THIS MARRIAGE RECORDS OFFICE IS IN THE SAME LOCATION AS THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,+ SHE ADDED.

THE WORKING HOURS OF THIS OFFICE ARE FROM 8.45 AM TO 4.30 PM ON MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND 9 AM TO 11.45 AM ON SATURDAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY TELEPHONE 3-7333111.

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CHARITY WALK FOR THE ELDERLY
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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING A CHARITY WALK IN ORDER TO RAISE FUNDS IN AID OF THE ELDERLY LIVING IN HOSTELS AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE WALK, A MAJOR FUNCTION OF THE CURRENT +HOUSING FESTIVAL '84+, WILL START SIMULTANEOUSLY AT SEVEN ESTATES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25) -- ON TING, TUEN MUN; POK HONG, SHA TIN; KWAI SHING WEST, TSUEN WAN; OI MAN AND SHUN CHI COURT IN KOWLOON; WAN TSUI, CHAI WAN AND WAH FU, ABERDEEN.

THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE SHA TIN ROUTE, WHILE OTHER DIRECTORATE OFFICERS OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL OFFICIATE AT SIMILAR FUNCTIONS FOR THE REMAINING ROUTES.

SPONSORSHIP FORMS FOR THE WALK ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES. THE FORMS CONTAIN DETAILS OF THE WALK'S SEVEN ROUTES AND METHODS OF PAYING DONATIONS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WALK'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, CHIEF HOUSING MANAGER MOK YIU-KWONG, TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO THE WALK.

MR MOK POINTED OUT THAT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, IN PLANNING OVER 100 DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FESTIVAL, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A MEANS BY WHICH RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME COURTS, TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND COTTAGE AREAS ARE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE ELDERLY.

+THE SUCCESS OF THE WALK WILL LARGELY DEPEND ON SUPPORT BY THESE RESIDENTS, AND I STRONGLY URGE THEM TO TURN UP IN FORCE ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 25.

+I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO APPEAL TO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MUTUAL-AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT BY MOTIVATING RESIDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN THE WALK,+ MR MOK ADDED.

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COUNCIL SPARES NO EFFORTS IN ENSURING
WHOLESOME SUPPLY OF FOOD
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IT IS JOKINGLY SAID THAT THE CANTONESE WILL EAT ANYTHING THAT CRAWLS OR HAS FOUR LEGS EXCEPT A TABLE IN THEIR QUEST TO SATISFY THEIR EXOTIC TASTE BUDS. THIS STATEMENT DOES HOWEVER REFLECT THE IMMENSE RANGE OF FOODS AND THE DIVERSITY OF THEIR PREPARATION AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG.

IN FACT, WERE IT NOT FOR HONG KONG'S PHENOMENAL ECONOMIC SUCCESS, WHICH OFTEN OVERSHADOWS ITS MANY OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS, WE WOULD PROBABLY BECOME BETTER KNOWN AS THE GASTRONOMIC MECCA OF THE WORLD. FOR ONE WOULD BE HARD PUT TO FIND SUCH VARIED CUISINE IN ONE PLACE ANYWHERE ELSE.

VISITORS WATCH IN AMAZEMENT AT OUR EXOTIC EATING HABITS AND PROBABLY QUESTION THE WISDOM OF SUCH PRACTICE. BUT THEY WILL PROBABLY FEEL MUCH MORE AT EASE IF THEY ARE AWARE OF THE STRICT AND COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF LOCAL REGULATION IN FOOD PRODUCTION, IMPORTATION AND THEIR HYGIENIC PREPARATION.

THIS SYSTEM OF CONTROLS IS EMBODIED IN THE AUTHORITY OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE TO ISSUE LICENCES TO PUBLIC EATING PLACES AND PERMITS FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN FOODS, AND TO PROSECUTE THE LICENCE/PERMIT HOLDERS IF THEY DO NOT OPERATE UP TO THE REQUIRED HYGIENIC STANDARDS.

AT THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 6 998 LICENSED FOOD PREMISES, INCLUDING 3 665 GENERAL RESTAURANTS IN THE URBAN AREAS. IN ADDITION, 4 674 PERMITS FOR THE SALE OF RESTRICTED FOODS -- SUCH AS FROZEN CONFECTIONS, MILK, AND CHINESE HERB TEA -- WERE ISSUED.

THE COUNCIL, THROUGH THE HEALTH INSPECTORATE, FIRMLY APPROACHES ITS TASK OF ENSURING THAT ALL FOODS, WHETHER LOCALLY PROCESSED OR IMPORTED, ARE WHOLESOME, UP TO THE REQUIRED STANDARDS AND FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT LAST MONTH ALONE, TRAINED HEALTH INSPECTORS OF THE COUNCIL'S +EXECUTIVE ARM+, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CHECKED AND EXAMINED 465 CONSIGNMENTS OF MEAT AND POULTRY BEFORE THEY WERE RELEASED FOR THE MARKET. AS A RESULT, 22.5 TONNES OF FOOD WHICH WERE FOUND TO BE UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION WERE DESTROYED.

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AT THE SAME TIME, A TOTAL OF 228 902 PIGS, 11 828 CATTLE AND 227 GOATS WERE CHECKED BEFORE BEING SLAUGHTERED. OF THESE, 769 PIGS AND 25 CATTLE SUFFERING FROM VARIOUS DISEASES OR INFECTIONS WERE DESTROYED.

CONDEMNED MEATS ARE DISPATCHED TO THE BY-PRODUCTS PLANT AT KENNEDY TOWN ABATTOIR AND PROCESSED INTO SUCH BY-PRODUCTS AS MEAT AND BONE MEAL, ANIMAL GREASE AND DRIED BLOOD. THESE PRODUCTS ARE SOLD BY PUBLIC TENDER FOR AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL USE. PRODUCTION DURING 1983-84 AMOUNTED TO 2 500 TONNES, GIVING A RETURN OF \$5.6 MILLION.

FOOD SAMPLES ARE ALSO TAKEN ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL EXAMINATIONS WITH A VIEW TO DETECT THE PRESENCE OF HARMFUL ORGANISMS, BIOTOXINS, CHEMICALS, CONTAMINANTS AND TOXIC ELEMENTS INCLUDING RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND CARCINOGENS. OF THE 1 200 SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1983-84, 62 WERE FOUND TO BE UNSATISFACTORY.

AS PART OF ITS CONTINUED EFFORT TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF HEALTH EDUCATION IN GENERAL AND FOOD HYGIENE IN PARTICULAR, THE HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT HOLDS AN ANNUAL FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN IN SUMMER. REGULAR TALKS AND SEMINARS ARE ALSO ORGANISED FOR HOTEL EMPLOYEES AND FOOD CATERERS ON SUCH TOPICS AS +FOOD-BORNE DISEASES AND HYGIENIC FOOD HANDLING+, +FOOD HYGIENE AND SANITATION+, +FOOD POISONING+, AND +ENVIRONMENTAL, FOOD AND PERSONAL HYGIENE+.

THE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF STRINGENT REGULATIONS ON FOOD SAFETY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR FOOD-SERVICE PERSONNEL MUST UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE REMOTE CHANCE OF A PERSON BECOMING AFFECTED BY FOOD POISONING IN HONG KONG.

AND ACCORDING TO DR R.A. PERRY, THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HYGIENE), THE POSSIBILITY OF FOOD POISONING AT HOME COULD ALSO BE DIMINISHED BY FOLLOWING A FEW SIMPLE GUIDELINES:

- * CLEAN HANDS BEFORE PREPARING FOOD;
- * USE WHOLESOME FOOD AND WATER, AND CLEAN COOKING UTENSILS;
- * STORE ALL PERISHABLE FOOD NOT FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION IN REFRIGERATORS;
- * SEPARATE COOKED FOOD STORED IN REFRIGERATORS FROM RAW FOOD ITEMS;
- * DO NOT THAW FROZEN FOOD UNTIL IT IS NEEDED;

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- * NEVER USE A CHOPPING BLOCK AND KNIFE FOR CUTTING COOKED FOOD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN USED FOR CUTTING RAW FOOD, PARTICULARLY MEAT OR POULTRY;
- * DON'T LEAVE COOKED FOOD EXPOSED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND RE-COOK LEFTOVERS THOROUGHLY BEFORE EATING; AND
- * PUT ALL WASTE MATTERS IN A COVERED CONTAINER PENDING DISPOSAL.

+THE DANGER OF GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES CONTRACTED FROM IMPROPER FOOD HANDLING EXISTS NOT ONLY DURING SUMMER, ALTHOUGH PEOPLE TEND TO BE MORE AWARE OF IT AS A RESULT OF OUR ANNUAL FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN IN JULY AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES AT THE APPROACH OF SUMMER,+ DR PERRY SAID.

+REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND THE SEASON, UNSANITARY KITCHEN ENVIRONMENT AND UNHYGIENIC FOOD HANDLING CAN CAUSE CHOLERA, DYSENTERY, TYPHOID, VIRAL HEPATITIS, FOOD POISONING AND OTHER GASTRO-INTESTINAL INFECTIONS.

+IF FOOD OPERATORS OR THE PUBLIC ARE IN ANY DOUBT IN MAINTAINING A HYGIENIC ENVIRONMENT OR IN CARRYING OUT HYGIENIC PRACTICES IN THEIR PREMISES, THEY ARE WELCOME TO SEEK ADVICE FROM THE HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION (5-729361 EXT. 35) OF THE USD OR THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT (3-675203) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.+

DR PERRY SAID ANOTHER IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO FOOD SAFETY IS EXPECTED TO BE REALIZED IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH THE ENACTMENT OF THE MANDATORY LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-PACKAGED FOODS.

UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS (COMPOSITION AND LABELLING) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, THE NEW LABELLING REQUIREMENTS WILL PROVIDE CONSUMERS WITH THE DETAILS OF THE NATURE OF PRODUCTS, THEIR INGREDIENTS, THE DATE BY WHICH THE FOODS SHOULD BE CONSUMED, INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPER USE AND STORAGE, THE QUANTITY, AND THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE FOOD.

DR PERRY SAID: +DESPITE ALL THE PROTECTIVE MEASURES OF LEGISLATION ON FOOD SAFETY, AND REGULAR AND SURPRISE INSPECTIONS TO FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS BY THE HEALTH INSPECTORATE, THE PUBLIC COULD BEST PROTECT THEMSELVES BY FIRST OBSERVING THE BASIC HYGIENIC GUIDELINES ON FOOD HANDLING.

+THEY SHOULD ALSO BE READY TO COME FORWARD AND REPORT ANY SUSPECTED CASES OF UNWHOLESOME AND ADULTERATED FOOD BY CALLING DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS AND 5-717270 OR 3-946957 AFTER OFFICE HOURS.+

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TIME FOR TOILET TENDERS

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PUBLIC TOILETS IN KOWLOON IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

ONE INVOLVES THE REDEVELOPMENT OF AN OLD TOILET AND THE REPROVISIONING OF THE EXISTING ON-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IN SAI YEE STREET, MONGKOK. FOLLOWING THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD LAVATORY, A NEW TWO-STOREY STRUCTURE WILL BE ERECTED ON THE 160-SQUARE-METRE SITE. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DUAL PURPOSE BUILDING WILL BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER, NEXT YEAR.

THE SECOND TOILET, SITUATED AT KWUN TONG BUS TERMINUS, WILL INCLUDE A CUBICLE FOR THE HANDICAPPED. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

TENDERS FOR THE FORMER MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE ENVELOPE, ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX SITUATED IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD (AT ITS JUNCTION WITH GARDEN ROAD), HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1984. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

FOR THE LATTER, TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOX SITUATED IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1984. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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TAI KOK TSUI 'EYESORE' REMOVED

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AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT IN MONG KOK, INITIATED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED.

AN EARTH MOUND, 65 METRES IN LENGTH AND COVERING HALF OF FUK TSUN STREET, WAS REMOVED LAST MONTH AND THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE HAS SINCE PAVED THE ROAD AND PROVIDED A PEDESTRIAN PAVEMENT.

+THE EARTH MOUND HAD BEEN AN EYESORE TO RESIDENTS. IT HAD CAUSED TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND INCONVENIENCE TO PEDESTRIANS IN THE AREA FOR A LONG TIME,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID.

+IN APRIL THE BOARD APPROVED FUNDS TO REMOVE THE MOUND AND TO IMPROVE THE ROAD SURFACE AND PAVEMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT WAS \$350 000, WITH THE BOARD CONTRIBUTING \$150 000 AND THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, THE BALANCE.

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TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND AT THE JUNCTION OF SHATIN PASS ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE PLAYGROUND, TO BE BUILT ON A 990-SQUARE-METRE SITE, WILL HAVE A MINI-SOCCER PITCH AND A REST GARDEN WITH A STOREROOM, BENCHES AND ARBOURS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

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EASTERN CLEAN-UP STARTS

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EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD IS TO LAUNCH A MAJOR OPERATION TO CLEAN UP REAR LANES, STARTING WITH THE SAI WAN HO AREA ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

THIS CLEAN-UP IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF FIVE OPERATIONS INITIATED BY THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. SIMILAR OPERATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE-A-MONTH IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THEY INVOLVE GENERAL CLEANSING, THE REMOVING DISCARDED ARTICLES AND RUBBISH AND STREET WASHING.

THE OPERATIONS WILL BE CO-ORDINATED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND CARRIED OUT BY STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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PLB CLEARWAYS AT REPULSE BAY

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 6), BEACH ROAD -- EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND THERE -- AND THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN BEACH ROAD AND SOUTH BAY ROAD IN REPULSE BAY WILL BE MADE CLEARWAYS FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

WITHIN THESE SECTIONS, NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION

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FROM 12.30 AM TO 5 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 6), THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR KIU TAU (19-1/2 MILESTONE) WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ONE-LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED ON A TEMPORARY ROAD, RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE CLOSED ROAD.

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