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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR APRIL 1989

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN APRIL 1989, AT \$93,475 MILLION, GREW BY 22 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN APRIL 1989 RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT TO \$17,480 MILLION IN APRIL 1989, WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 36 PER CENT TO \$28,075 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN APRIL 1989 TO \$45,555 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT OVER APRIL 1988. OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT TO \$47,919 MILLION.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO APRIL 1989, AT \$346,554 MILLION, INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT TO \$65,407 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 40 PER CENT TO \$103,197 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT TO \$168,604 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT TO \$177,950 MILLION.

COMPARING APRIL 1989 WITH APRIL 1988, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA (+32 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+22 PER CENT). THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, AND CANADA ALSO INCREASED, BY 17 PER CENT, 15 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE THIRD LARGEST MARKET FOLLOWING THE U.S.A. AND CHINA, INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. AND THE NETHERLANDS DECREASED, BOTH BY 1 PER CENT.

IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN APRIL 1989 OVER APRIL 1988, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM ITALY (+41 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+28 PER CENT), CHINA (+27 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+27 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+26 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+25 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (+19 PER CENT). IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, THE SECOND LARGEST SUPPLIER FOLLOWING CHINA, INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT.

RE-EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE U.S.A., ITALY, JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, BY 74 PER CENT, 55 PER CENT, 50 PER CENT, 45 PER CENT, 39 PER CENT, 38 PER CENT AND 37 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE (+31 PER CENT), CHINA (+30 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+23 PER CENT).

COMPARING JANUARY TO APRIL 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS.

THE MARKETS WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED CHINA (+34 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+30 PER CENT).

THERE WERE ALSO INCREASES IN VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN (+20 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+18 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+15 PER CENT), CANADA (+12 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+12 PER CENT). HOWEVER, THOSE TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE U.S.A. DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO APRIL 1989 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM ITALY (+44 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+36 PER CENT), CHINA (+35 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+33 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+27 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+27 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+21 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+20 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO ITALY, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, JAPAN, CHINA AND THE U.S.A. INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS, BY 63 PER CENT, 62 PER CENT, 57 PER CENT, 56 PER CENT, 48 PER CENT, 44 PER CENT AND 43 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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 IN APRIL 1989 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY JULY 1989.

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

COMPARING JANUARY TO APRIL 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, INCREASES IN VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$744 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$656 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT); AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$462 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING INCREASED BY \$1,181 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR FOOTWEAR (BY \$72 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AND SANITARY, PLUMBING, HEATING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES AND FITTINGS (BY \$57 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

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

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

COMPARING JANUARY TO APRIL 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$4,483 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$4,299 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$3,260 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$4,342 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$81 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT); AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$65 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT).

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

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

COMPARING JANUARY TO APRIL 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$3,368 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY 3,138 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY 3,135 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$2,988 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$2,787 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$73 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT); AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$46 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

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

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE APRIL 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND JUNE 15, 1989, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN APRIL 1989 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN END-JUNE 1989 AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	APR 1989 (HKD MN.)	APR 89 OVER APR 88 (%)	JAN-APR 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-APR 89 OVER JAN-APR 88 (%)
U.S.A.	5,243	- 1	19,375	- 2
CHINA	3,784	+ 32	13,010	+ 34
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,098	+ 4	4,786	- 3
U.K.	1,177	+ 7	4,451	+ 12
JAPAN	941	+ 17	3,882	+ 30
CANADA	425	+ 11	1,867	+ 12
SINGAPORE	476	+ 10	1,739	+ 18
NETHERLANDS	363	- 1	1,493	+ 10
AUSTRALIA	338	+ 15	1,318	+ 15
TAIWAN	357	+ 22	1,155	+ 20

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	APR 1989 (HKD MN.)	APR 89 OVER APR 88 (%)	JAN-APR 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-APR 89 OVER JAN-APR 88 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,677	+ 14	18,712	+ 7
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	2,272	- 1	8,327	*
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,576	+ 7	5,840	+ 8
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,556	+ 6	5,749	+ 13

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,414	+ 6	4,994	+ 6
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,461	+ 10	4,988	+ 4

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT.

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	APR 1989 (HKD MN.)	APR 89 OVER APR 88 (%)	JAN-APR 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-APR 89 OVER JAN-APR 88 (%)
CHINA	15,356	+ 27	55,941	+ 35
JAPAN	8,070	+ 5	31,423	+ 20
TAIWAN	4,537	+ 28	16,277	+ 33
U.S.A.	4,088	+ 19	14,853	+ 27
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,595	+ 26	9,045	+ 27
SINGAPORE	1,617	+ 25	6,979	+ 36
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,217	+ 27	4,559	+ 21
U.K.	1,139	+ 5	4,432	+ 10
ITALY	949	+ 41	3,273	+ 44
SWITZERLAND	822	+ 6	3,087	+ 8

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	APR 1989 (HKD MN.)	APR 89 OVER APR 88 (%)	JAN-APR 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-APR 89 OVER JAN-APR 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,627	+ 15	22,312	+ 24

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	5,015	+ 23	18,478	+ 30
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,303	+ 43	12,225	+ 58
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,227	+ 39	11,872	+ 38
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,926	+ 41	10,122	+ 39
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,586	+ 19	9,760	+ 24

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	APR 1989 (HKD MN.)	APR 89 OVER APR 88 (%)	JAN-APR 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-APR 89 OVER JAN-APR 88 (%)
CHINA	9,186	+ 30	34,431	+ 44
U.S.A.	5,017	+ 45	18,118	+ 43
JAPAN	1,813	+ 38	6,715	+ 48
TAIWAN	1,422	+ 23	5,367	+ 28
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,304	+ 37	4,454	+ 21
F.R. OF GERMANY	912	+ 50	3,617	+ 62
SINGAPORE	888	+ 31	3,334	+ 31
U.K.	683	+ 55	2,371	+ 56
AUSTRALIA	412	+ 74	1,692	+ 57
ITALY	424	+ 39	1,550	+ 63

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TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	APR	APR 89	JAN-APR	JAN-APR 89
	1989	OVER APR 88	1989	OVER JAN-APR 88
	(HKD MN.)	(%)	(HKD MN.)	(%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,722	+ 28	12,548	+ 29
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	3,052	+ 43	10,953	+ 44
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2,475	+ 48	9,990	+ 43
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,912	+ 50	9,601	+ 49
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,163	+ 64	7,667	+ 69
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,132	+ 51	4,003	+ 40

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SEA PARADE PROMOTES WATER SPORTS SAFETY

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BOATS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES TOOK PART IN A SPECTACULAR SEA PARADE OFF THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE COLOURFUL PAGEANT OF FIRE BOATS, RESCUE AND PATROL CRAFT, SAILING AND SPEED BOATS, CANOES, LAUNCHES, CRUISERS AND WINDSURFERS WAS ONE OF THE MANY ATTRACTIONS OF THE WATER SPORTS SAFETY DAY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS TO PROMOTE THE "PLAY SAFE" MESSAGE.

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THE EVENT ALSO INCLUDED AIR-SEA RESCUE DEMONSTRATIONS INVOLVING HELICOPTERS, SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS, AN EXHIBITION AND A VIDEO SHOW.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, SAID THAT EACH YEAR WATER SPORT ACTIVITIES INCREASED THREEFOLD, AND ACCIDENTS ALSO INCREASED PROPORTIONATELY.

MR HALL SAID MANY OF THESE ACCIDENTS COULD BE AVOIDED IF PEOPLE PAID ATTENTION TO SOME SIMPLE SAFETY RULES.

THESE RULES INCLUDED LEARNING THE PROPER SKILLS FROM A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR; GOING BOATING, SWIMMING OR DIVING WITH AT LEAST ONE EXPERIENCED PERSON; AND LISTENING CAREFULLY TO THE WEATHER FORECAST.

IN ADDITION, PEOPLE SHOULD CHECK ALL ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT SUCH AS BUOYANCY BAGS, LIFE JACKETS AND SO ON, STAY OUT OF BUSY SHIPPING LANES, AND COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NAVIGATION.

MR HALL APPEALED TO THOSE PRESENT TO "TREAT THE SEA WITH RESPECT AND EXERCISE VIGILANCE AT ALL TIMES" - BECAUSE PEOPLE MIGHT NOT GET A SECOND CHANCE.

EARLIER, IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS, MR ROBERT WILSON, RENEWED HIS APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE THE BASIC SAFETY RULES WHEN TAKING PART IN ANY FORM OF WATER ACTIVITIES.

HE ALSO URGED THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT EVERY HONG KONG CHILD WAS TAUGHT TO SWIM COMPETENTLY, NOT JUST ABLE TO SWIM A SHORT DISTANCE IN A POOL, BUT ABLE TO SWIM STRONGLY ENOUGH TO GET OUT OF AN UNEXPECTED SITUATION, OR TO ASSIST IN THE RESCUE OF SOMEONE IN DIFFICULTY.

VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WERE AMONG THE BODIES THAT TOOK PART IN THE EVENT.

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MORE ACCESS TO SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER AND HIS STAFF

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RESIDENTS OF TSEUNG KWAN O WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK DIRECT ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER AND HIS STAFF EVERY TUESDAY EVENING STARTING FROM THIS WEEK.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER MUNN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE EVENING SESSIONS WERE DESIGNED TO INCREASE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF AND TSEUNG KWAN O RESIDENTS AND TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THEM.

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RESIDENTS WHO WORK DURING THE DAY OR FIND THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN SAI KUNG TOWN TOO FAR FROM THEIR HOMES IN TSEUNG KWAN O CAN NOW MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ENQUIRIES OR LODGE COMPLAINTS WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT ANY PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT THE LIVELIHOOD OF RESIDENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WHICH CAN HELP TO IMPROVE SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN THE NEW TOWN.

COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WOULD BE EXAMINED AND REFERRED TO THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, MR MUNN SAID.

MR MUNN AND THE TWO ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICERS, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER, WILL TAKE SHIFTS TO ATTEND THE EVENING SESSIONS FROM 6.30 PM TO 8.30 PM EVERY TUESDAY, EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, AT THE TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL IN THE TSUI LAM ESTATE.

RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO MEET THE DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF MAY GO TO THE TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL AT THE SPECIFIED TIME, OR THEY MAY CONTACT MISS ANNA KWONG ON 3-7023701 FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

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LEAFLET WARNS AGAINST VEHICLE SMOKE

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS PUBLISHED A LEAFLET THAT URGES MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS AND DRIVERS TO TAKE CARE TO ENSURE THEIR VEHICLES DO NOT EMIT SMOKE.

THE LEAFLET ADVISES THAT VEHICLES SHOULD BE REGULARLY MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE, AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE DRIVEN PROPERLY IN THE CORRECT GEAR TO AVOID SMOKE EMISSIONS.

VEHICLE SMOKE CAN BE A CAUSE OF CANCER AND AGGRAVATE LUNG DISEASES, THE LEAFLET ADDS.

A COPY OF THE LEAFLET CAN BE OBTAINED FROM EPD'S VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL SECTION, THIRD FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68, MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, OR FROM THE EPD HEADQUARTERS, AT 28TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ON VEHICLE EMISSIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO 3-667471.

ANNOUNCEMENTS URGING CAR OWNERS AND DRIVERS TO ENSURE THEIR VEHICLES DO NOT EMIT SMOKE WILL APPEAR ON TELEVISION AND RADIO STARTING FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

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SOUTHERN DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DISTRICT'S COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER GRANTING DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR INSTALLING LETTER BOXES IN TWO SQUATTER VILLAGES, LAN NAI WAN AND TUNG AH, TO IMPROVE THE MAIL SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS THERE.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER ALLOCATING FUNDS TO ERECT A DISTRICT BOARD NOTICE-BOARD IN TIN WAN ESTATE AND TO REPAIR SEVERAL PASSAGEWAYS IN MA HANG VILLAGE IN STANLEY.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA WILL BE PROGRESS REPORTS ON ISSUES RAISED IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS, A REGISTER OF MINOR ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1989-90, AND THE COMMITTEE'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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VISIT SCHEME ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER INTRODUCING A VISITATION SCHEME TO PROMOTE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AMONG LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (JUNE 13).

UNDER THE PROPOSED SCHEME, TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH A LIAISON OFFICER OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL VISIT A LOCAL ORGANISATION OR ATTEND ITS REGULAR MEETING TO PROMOTE THE WORK OF THE BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE.

THE SCHEME IS ALSO AIMED AT COLLECTING OPINIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS REGARDING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT, AND ENABLING MEMBERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THESE ORGANISATIONS.

DURING THE MEETING, CHAIRMEN OF THE FIVE WORKING GROUPS FORMED UNDER THE COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT WORK REPORTS FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

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ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE A DESIGN AWARD SCHEME FOR THE MOST ACCESSIBLE BUILDINGS FOR THE DISABLED AND THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR EASTERN DISTRICT IN 1989-90.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 13) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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VETERINARY EXAMINATION FEES TO RISE
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED FEE INCREASES FOR VETERINARY EXAMINATION SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC OR PEOPLE IN THE CONCERNED TRADE WITH EFFECT FROM THURSDAY (JUNE 15).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE FEES INCLUDED THOSE CHARGED FOR VETERINARY EXAMINATION (INCLUDING ISSUE OF A HEALTH CERTIFICATE) OF MAMMALS, BIRDS, REPTILES, AMPHIBIANS, FISH, INVERTEBRATES, ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS AND ANIMAL FEEDING STUFF AS WELL AS BEES FOR EXPORT FROM HONG KONG.

THE FEES FOR EXAMINING MAMMALS WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$70 TO \$78 FOR A SINGLE MAMMAL, FROM \$160 TO \$180 FOR A CONSIGNMENT OF UP TO 50 HEAD OF MAMMALS, AND FROM \$250 TO \$280 FOR A CONSIGNMENT EXCEEDING 50 HEAD OF MAMMALS.

CHARGES FOR EXAMINING BIRDS, REPTILES, AMPHIBIANS, FISH AND INVERTEBRATES WILL BE INCREASED TO \$78 PER SINGLE ANIMAL, TO \$180 FOR A CONSIGNMENT OF UP TO 100 HEAD OF ANIMALS, AND TO \$280 FOR A CONSIGNMENT OF MORE THAN 100 HEAD OF ANIMALS.

THE FEE CHARGED FOR VISITING AN APPLICANT'S PREMISES FOR SUCH AN EXAMINATION WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$300 TO \$335.

FOR EXAMINATION OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS AND ANIMAL FEEDING STUFF, THE FEES WILL BE REVISED FROM THE EXISTING LEVEL OF \$80 TO \$600 FOR EACH CONSIGNMENT TO THE NEW RANGE OF \$100 TO \$700.

A VISITING CHARGE OF \$190 WILL BE ADDED TO THE EXAMINATION FEES FOR THESE PRODUCTS.

THE FEES CHARGED FOR EXAMINING EACH HIVE OF BEES WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$100 TO \$124, PLUS A VISITING CHARGE OF \$335. A SUM OF \$55 WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE EXAMINATION FOR EACH ADDITIONAL HIVE.

"THESE FEES ARE REVISED TO COVER COSTS OF THE SERVICES." THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT THE LAST REVISION WAS MADE IN APRIL, 1987.

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SECOND PIPED WATER SOURCE FOR CHAI WAN

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RESIDENTS IN CHAI WAN WILL HAVE A SECOND SOURCE OF PIPED WATER NEXT YEAR, WHICH WILL ALSO HELP TO MEET THE DISTRICT'S EXPANDING NEEDS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

UNDER THIS SCHEME, FRESH WATER WILL BE DELIVERED FROM THE PAK KONG TREATMENT WORKS IN SAI KUNG VIA THE EASTERN CROSS HARBOUR MAIN, NOW BEING LAID SEPARATELY.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO LAY APPROXIMATELY 2,000 METRES OF MAINS ALONG CHAI WAN ROAD LINK IT TO THE EASTERN CROSS HARBOUR MAIN. WORK ON THIS CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THIS ADDITIONAL WATER SOURCE WILL GIVE CHAI WAN RESIDENTS A MORE SECURE SUPPLY. AT PRESENT, THE DISTRICT IS SERVED ONLY BY THE SAI WAN TREATMENT WORKS.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON JUNE 30.

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MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR'S ANNUAL CONCERT

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THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR WILL PRESENT ITS ANNUAL CONCERT ON JULY 8 AT THE CONCERT HALL OF THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS. THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

UNDER ITS GUEST CONDUCTOR, MICHAEL RIPPON, THE 90-STRONG CHOIR WILL PERFORM SUCH PIECES AS WILLIAM BYRD'S "JUSTORUM ANIMAE" AND FELIX MENDELSSOHN'S "GREETING".

THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1980 AND MADE ITS DEBUT IN DECEMBER OF THE SAME YEAR AT A CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

SINCE THEN, THE CHOIR HAS PERFORMED REGULARLY, AND THE PROGRAMMES HAVE INCLUDED MASSES BY MOZART, BEETHOVEN, AND OTHER CHORAL MASTERPIECES BY VIVALDI AND HAYDN, AS WELL AS CHINESE CHORAL COMPOSITION.

MICHAEL RIPPON, HEAD OF VOCAL STUDIES AT THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, IS A WORLD RENOWNED BARITONE. HE HAS SUNG AT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE AND THE ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. HE HAS ALSO A CONSIDERABLE REPUTATION FOR HIS ORATORIO AND CONCERT WORK.

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TO ADD COLOUR TO THE CONCERT, THE ACADEMIC CHAMBER CHOIR WILL BE INVITED TO PRESENT THOMAS TALLIS'S "IF YE LOVE ME".

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE CONCERT WILL BE JOHANNES BRAHMS'S "SELECTION FROM LIEBESLIEDER WALZER" AND BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S "BALLAD OF GREEN BROOM", JOINTLY PERFORMED BY THE YOUTH CHOIR AND THE CHAMBER CHOIR.

TICKETS AT \$10 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4928127.

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FIRST FLOATING HOLIDAY REMINDER

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE FIRST FLOATING HOLIDAY FOR THIS YEAR FALLS ON JUNE 19, THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF EMPLOYERS HAVE NOT ALREADY FIXED THE DATES FOR THE FLOATING HOLIDAYS FOR THIS YEAR AND THEIR EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT REQUESTED THE HOLIDAYS BE ADDED TO THEIR PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, EMPLOYEES SHALL BE GRANTED THE FIRST FLOATING HOLIDAY ON THE ABOVE DATE AND THE SECOND FLOATING HOLIDAY ON AUGUST 28, THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL WORKERS AND THOSE NON-MANUAL WORKERS EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$11,500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FOR THAT HOLIDAY IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, THE HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YAU MA TEI, SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 13) TO 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY IN CONNECTION WITH MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONES INSTALLED ALONG THE FLYOVER.

MOTORISTS ON FERRY STREET SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR GASCOIGNE ROAD EASTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA FERRY STREET SOUTHBOUND, JORDAN ROAD EASTBOUND AND GASCOIGNE ROAD EASTBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON GASCOIGNE ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR FERRY STREET NORTHBOUND ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA GASCOIGNE ROAD WESTBOUND, JORDAN ROAD WESTBOUND AND FERRY STREET NORTHBOUND.

IN SHA TIN, TO FACILITATE THE MAINTENANCE OF A WEIGHBRIDGE ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR TOLO HIGHWAY, ABOUT 300 METRES OF THE SLOW AND MIDDLE LANES OF THE CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 PM TO 8 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY EACH DAY BETWEEN TUESDAY AND THURSDAY (JUNE 13 AND 15).

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SUSPENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO THREE AREAS

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY ON CHEUNG ROAD, ON CHEE ROAD, ON TAI ROAD, ON PONG ROAD, AND INCLUDING TAI PO CENTRE AND TAI YUEN ESTATE.

ALSO FOR LEAKAGE TESTS, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME SHEUNG SHUI PREMISES WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 13) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED TAKES IN NGAU TEI, TSUNG PAK LONG, YIN KONG AND KAM TSIN.

IN YUEN LONG, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 13) TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY BECAUSE OF WATER WORKS.

THE AREA AFFECTED COVERS FUNG KONG TSUEN, SHA KONG MIU, SHA KONG WAI, HANG HAU TSUEN, FUK LO TSUEN, TUNG TAU TSUEN, SHA KONG WAI TSAI, NGAU HOM., SAN WAI AND SAN HING TSUEN.

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