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SENATE SETBACK FOR AMENDED JENKINS BILL
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AN ATTEMPT TO PUSH AN AMENDED VERSION OF THE THURMOND/ JENKINS BILL THROUGH THE SENATE ON WEDNESDAY (U.S. TIME) HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, DIRECTOR OF TRADE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT SENATOR STROM THURMOND ATTEMPTED TO ATTACH AN AMENDED VERSION OF THE TEXTILES BILL ONTO THE MICRONESIA BILL WHICH CAME BEFORE THE SENATE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

THE AMENDED VERSION OF THE TEXTILES BILL PROVIDES FOR HARSH CUTBACKS AGAINST THREE SUPPLIERS - HONG KONG, KOREA AND TAIWAN. OTHER SUPPLIERS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CUTBACKS BASED ON 1984 TRADE, WHICH WOULD STILL BE SERIOUS IN MANY CASES. THE REVISED BILL ALSO EXTENDS PROTECTION TO THE U.S. FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY.

+WE UNDERSTAND THAT SENATOR MCCLURE, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MICRONESIA BILL IN THE SENATE, THEN PROPOSED THAT THE TEXTILES BILL BE DROPPED FROM THE MICRONESIA BILL. ALTHOUGH SENATOR MCCLURE'S PROPOSAL WAS DEFEATED BY 53 VOTES TO 42, THE VOTING MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION IN THE SENATE TO SENATOR THURMOND'S MOVE AND, SPECIFICALLY, THAT HE PROBABLY LACKED THE 60 VOTES NEEDED TO STOP A THREATENED FILIBUSTER WHICH WOULD HAVE DELAYED VOTING ON THE BILL INDEFINITELY.

+ACCORDINGLY, SENATOR THURMOND DID NOT PRESS MATTERS TO A VOTE, AND AT THIS POINT THE MICRONESIA BILL WAS WITHDRAWN FROM DEBATE. IT MAY BE RESCHEDULED FOR FURTHER DEBATE NEXT WEEK WHEN NO DOUBT HE WILL RENEW HIS EFFORTS.+

COMMENTING ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS, MR MACLEOD SAID: +WE TAKE SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE FACT THAT SENATOR THURMOND'S ATTEMPT HAS, ON THIS OCCASION, FAILED AND FROM THE SIZE OF THE OPPOSITION VOTE.

+THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR TEST IN THE SENATE AND THE RESULT SUGGESTS THAT EARLIER REPORTS THAT SUPPORT FOR THE BILL WAS WEAKENING SOMEWHAT ARE CORRECT.

+THIS DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWS THE VERY CLOSE VOTE IN THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE LAST WEEK, WHEN A SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY CONGRESSMAN GEPHARDT WAS DEFEATED BY ONLY 18 VOTES TO 17.

+THUS, WHILE THE BILL REMAINS AS DANGEROUS AS EVER, AND STILL COMMANDS SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT IN BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE, WE CAN TAKE SOME ENCOURAGEMENT THAT A SUBSTANTIAL AND GROWING PORTION OF THE U.S. CONGRESS IS GIVING DUE WEIGHT TO THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE BILL.+

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U.S. SEEKS TALKS ON MAN-MADE-FIBRE LUGGAGE

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS ON EXPORTS OF MAN-MADE-FIBRE LUGGAGE.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SAID THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF IMPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS FROM HONG KONG HAD CAUSED DISRUPTION TO ITS MARKET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID HONG KONG HAD ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS AND EXPECTED THE U.S. TO SUGGEST A DATE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN DUE COURSE.

MAN-MADE-FIBRE LUGGAGE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT HONG KONG-U.S. TEXTILES AGREEMENT. THE U.S. REQUEST WAS MADE UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF THE MULTIFIBRE ARRANGEMENT, WHICH APPLIES TO TEXTILE PRODUCTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT.

SINCE THE RELEVANT PRODUCTS ARE NOT IN THE AGREEMENT, THE STANDARD PROCEDURE OF SUSPENDING EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS FOLLOWING A CALL DOES NOT APPLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES UPON APPLICATION BUT EACH APPLICATION WILL NOW NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY EVIDENCE OF AN ORDER RECEIVED.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS, SERIES 1 (USA) NO. 49/85 OF OCTOBER 3, 1985. COPIES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST AT COUNTER 42, OCEAN CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR.

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JULY RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN JULY 1985, ESTIMATED AT $5 460 MILLION, WAS 4 PER CENT LOWER THAN IN JULY 1984, WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS 5 PER CENT LOWER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RETAIL SALES FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD MAY-JULY 1985, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, FELL BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1985, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, RETAIL SALES FOR JULY 1985 INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME. BOTH FUELS AND FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO RECORDED SLIGHT INCREASES, OF 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES DROPPED BY 5 PER CENT AND +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ BY 10 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

/RETAIL SALES .....

RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD MAY-JULY 1985, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 6 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT A DECREASE OF 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 1 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO SHOWED NO CHANGE IN SALES VALUE, AND RECORDED A SLIGHT INCREASE OF 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME, AND OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ BY 6 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1985, RETAIL SALES OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 7 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY 5 PER CENT, OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO BY 4 PER CENT, AND OF FUELS BY 1 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1984. MODERATE INCREASES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WERE RECORDED FOR RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES AND OF SUPERMARKETS. HOWEVER, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES DECREASED IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD MAY-JULY 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES RECORDED MODERATE INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES DECREASED MODERATELY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1985, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS SHOWED NO CHANGE IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, WHILE THOSE OF ALL OTHER SELECTED TRADES RECORDED MODERATE INCREASES.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL SALES FIGURE FOR JUNE 1985 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JULY 1985.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF JULY 1985 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF JUNE 1985 AND JULY 1984 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD MAY-JULY 1985 WITH THOSE IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984 ARE ALSO GIVEN. GRAPHS 1 AND 2 DEPICT THE INDEX MOVEMENTS OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES FROM JANUARY 1983 TO JUNE 1985.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JULY 1985 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT $1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 3-7216024).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for July 1985 (Provisional Figure) = HK$5 460 million
for June 1985 (Revised Figure) = HK$5 186 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR JUNE AND JULY 1985

(Monthly average of 1980 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	June 1985 (Revised figures)	July 1985 (Provisional figures)	July 1985 compared with June 1985 Points	%	July 1985 compared with July 1984 Points	%	May - July 1985 compared with May - July 1984 Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	153	161	+ 8	+ 5	- 7	- 4	- 4	- 2
	Volume	105	111	+ 6	+ 6	- 6	- 5	- 4	- 3
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	174	181	+ 6	+ 4	+ 2	+ 1	•	•
	Volume	112	117	+ 5	+ 4	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	+ 2
Fuels	Value	192	194	+ 2	+ 1	+ 3	+ 1	+ 2	+ 1
	Volume	124	125	+ 1	+ 1	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	+ 2
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	170	180	+ 10	+ 6	+ 10	+ 6	+ 11	+ 6
	Volume	104	112	+ 8	+ 8	- 2	- 2	- 2	- 2
Consumer durables	Value	147	155	+ 8	+ 5	- 8	- 5	- 5	- 3
	Volume	108	114	+ 6	+ 5	- 6	- 5	- 5	- 4
Other consumer goods	Value	136	146	+ 10	+ 7	- 16	- 10	- 9	- 6
	Volume	97	104	+ 7	+ 8	- 11	- 10	- 6	- 6
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
Supermarkets	Value	339	339	•	•	+ 9	+ 3	+ 18	+ 6
	Volume	205	204	•	•	+ 3	+ 1	+ 8	+ 4
Motor vehicles	Value	84	89	+ 6	+ 7	+ 13	+ 17	+ 21	+ 29
	Volume	49	53	+ 3	+ 7	+ 7	+ 14	+ 11	+ 25
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles	Value	190	199	+ 9	+ 5	- 22	- 10	- 22	- 10
	Volume	149	156	+ 7	+ 5	- 15	- 9	- 16	- 9
Department stores	Value	143	147	+ 4	+ 3	+ 11	+ 8	+ 7	+ 5
	Volume	102	105	+ 3	+ 3	+ 8	+ 8	+ 4	+ 4

Notes : 1. "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" includes "supermarkets".
2. "Consumer durables" includes "motor vehicles".
3. "Other consumer goods" includes "department stores".
4. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.
5. • denotes no change.

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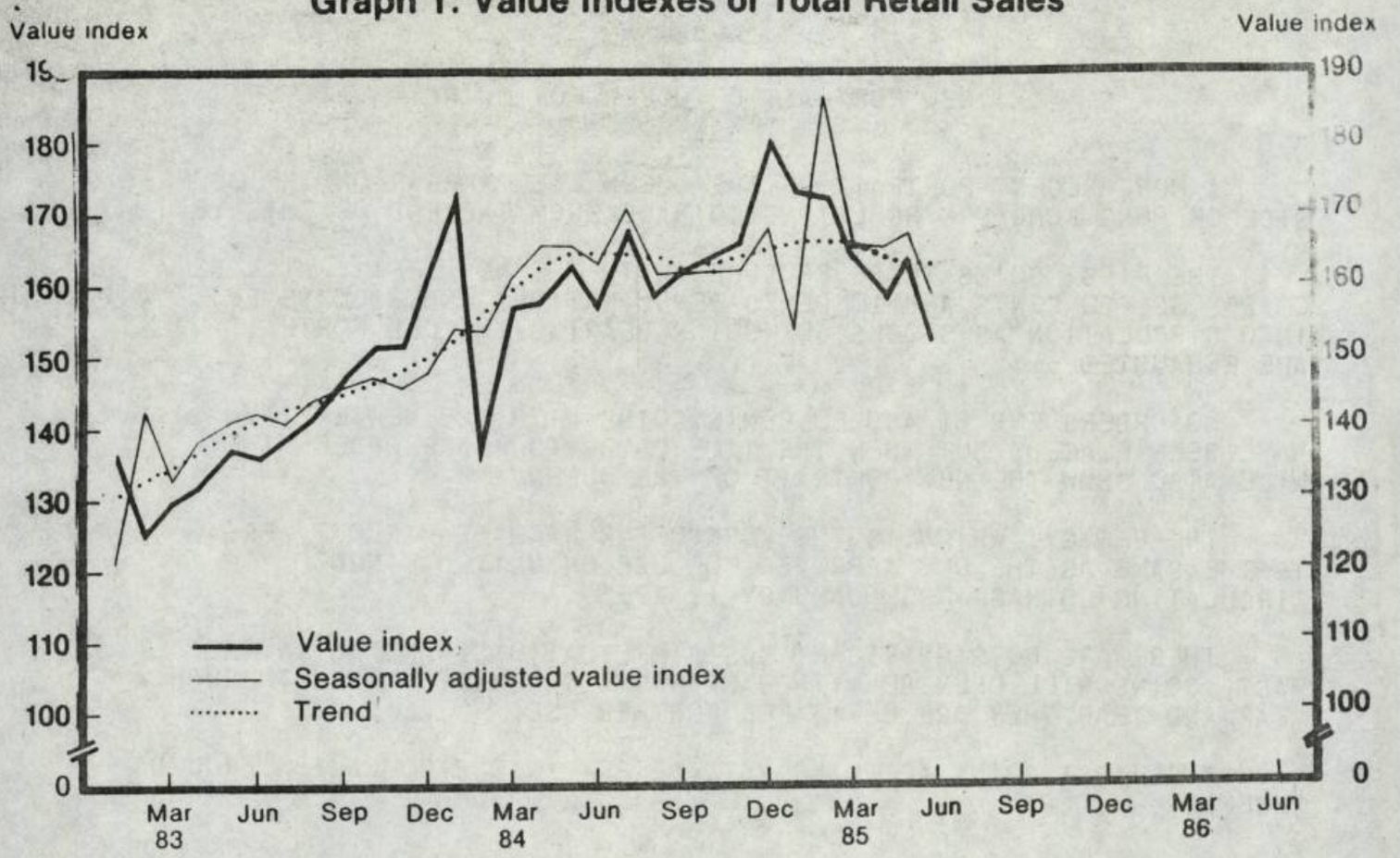
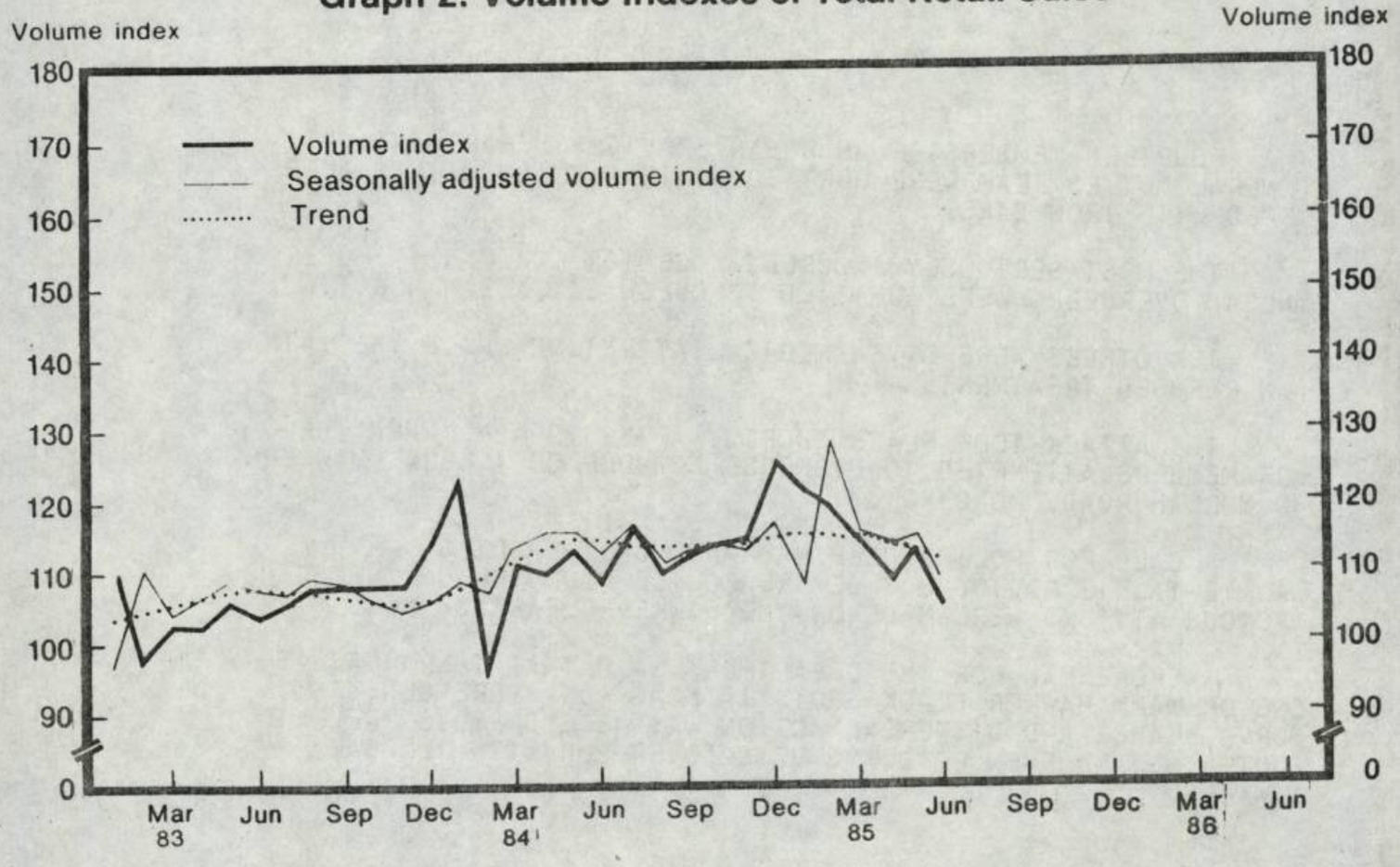
Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Graph 2: Volume Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Notes (1) Monthy average of 1980 = 100.
(2) The seasonally adjusted value and volume indexes and Henderson trends are compiled using theX-11 variant seasonal adjustment program of the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

NEW PORTRAIT OF QUEEN FOR COINS

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A MORE RECENT PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN WILL APPEAR ON THE OBVERSE SIDE OF HONG KONG'S CIRCULATING COINAGE FROM THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE FIRST COINS TO BE PRODUCED WITH THE NEW EFFIGY WILL BE OF $5, $2, 20 CENTS AND 10 CENTS DENOMINATIONS AND WILL BE PUT INTO CIRCULATION AS STOCKS OF COINS BEARING THE OLD PORTRAIT ARE EXHAUSTED.

NO ORDERS FOR $1 AND 50 CENTS COINS WITH THE NEW EFFIGY HAVE BEEN PLACED, BUT WHEN THE TIME COMES TO PLACE ORDER, THEY WILL ALSO SHOW THE NEW PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN.

THE EFFIGY, WHICH IS THE WORK OF MR RAPHAEL MAKLOUF, FRSA, IS THE SAME AS THE ONE APPROVED FOR USE ON UNITED KINGDOM CIRCULATING COINAGE FROM JANUARY 1, 1985.

THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT COST IMPLICATIONS, AND AS IN THE PAST, COINS WILL ONLY BE WITHDRAWN FROM CIRCULATION WHEN THROUGH WEAR AND TEAR THEY ARE UNFIT FOR FURTHER USE.

THE FIRST COINS ARE LIKELY TO BE PUT INTO CIRCULATION AROUND DECEMBER.

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USD MEN HURT IN ATTACK BY HAWKERS

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FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF AN URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT GENERAL DUTIES TEAM WERE HURT TODAY IN A CLASH WITH HAWKERS ARMED WITH IRON BARS.

THE MOST SERIOUSLY INJURED, A SENIOR FOREMAN, A FOREMAN AND AN OVERSEER, WERE ADMITTED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

TEN OTHERS WERE GIVEN MEDICAL ATTENTION WHILE THE 14TH MAN REFUSED TREATMENT.

THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE SHORTLY AFTER 10 A.M. WHEN THE GDT MEMBERS ATTEMPTED TO DISPERSE A GROUP OF ILLEGAL HAWKERS IN NULLAH ROAD, MONG KOK.

A CALL FOR POLICE HELP WAS MADE ON THE GDT'S WALKIE-TALKIE RADIO, BUT BEFORE POLICE COULD REACH THE SCENE VICIOUS ATTACKS WERE MADE ON THE HAWKER-CLEARANCE MEN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE AREA WAS ONE OF MANY HAWKER BLACK-SPOTS IN MONG KOK WHERE CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE AND DISPERSAL ACTION WAS NECESSARY TO PREVENT FOOTPATHS AND EVEN ROADWAYS BEING OVER-RUN WITH ILLEGAL HAWKERS.

/THE DIRECTOR .....

THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, THIS AFTERNOON WENT TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL TO TALK WITH THE THREE MOST SERIOUSLY INJURED MEN AND GET AT FIRST HAND FULL DETAILS OF THE ATTACK AS WELL AS EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENTAL WELFARE OFFICER WAS WITH THE MEN TO MAKE ANY EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE FOUND NECESSARY.

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ISRAEL JOINS SPEEDPOST NETWORK

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO ISRAEL FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 7), BRINGING TO 37 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG.

SPEEDPOST ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV-YAFO AND HAIFA, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

BOTH +CONTRACT+ AND +ON DEMAND+ SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT PER ITEM IS 15 KILOGRAMMES AND THE POSTAL RATES ARE:

* ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250G $70;
* ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250G AND 500G $80; AND
* EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500G $20

SPEEDPOST IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE SHOULD CALL THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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SIR DAVID LOOKS AT FIRE SERVICES WORK

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, SIR DAVID BOARDED FIREBOAT NO. 6 FOR THE TRIP FROM HONG KONG TO TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION COMPLEX.

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AT THE FIRE STATION, HE VISITED THE FIRE SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE, THE KOWLOON COMMAND BREATHING APPARATUS ROOM, THE FIRE SERVICES KOWLOON WORKSHOP AND THE FIRE SERVICES RECRUITMENT CENTRE.

SIR DAVID ALSO TALKED TO A GROUP OF APPLICANTS AT THE RECRUITMENT CENTRE WHO WERE UNDERGOING STRENGTH TESTS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY MET SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE FIRE SERVICES SENIOR OFFICERS MESS BEFORE ENDING HIS VISIT BY TOURING CHEUNG SHA WAN AMBULANCE DEPOT.

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AMS ANNUAL MESS DINNER

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE ANNUAL AMS OFFICERS' MESS DINNER TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE CLUB, CAUSEWAY BAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE GLOUCESTER ROAD MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE BY 7.30 PM.

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FRESH WARNING AGAINST BUYING ILLEGAL FOOD

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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY ISSUED A FRESH WARNING TO SCHOOL STUDENTS AGAINST PATRONISING ANY ILLEGAL FOOD HAWKERS WHO MIGHT GATHER OUTSIDE THEIR SCHOOLS AT LUNCH TIME OR DURING PLAY PERIODS.

THIS FOLLOWS A RECENT CASE IN WHICH A PARENT COMPLAINED THAT HIS DAUGHTER HAD SUFFERED SERIOUS VOMITING AND DIARRHOEA AFTER FINISHING A LUNCH BOX BOUGHT FROM AN UNLICENSED MOBILE FOOD STALL OUTSIDE HER SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 17.

A SPOKESMAN SAID: +ON SEPTEMBER 4, WHEN SCHOOLS REOPENED AFTER THE SUMMER VACATION, THIS DEPARTMENT ISSUED A SPECIALLY-TIMED WARNING ASKING PARENTS TO WARN THEIR CHILDREN VERY SERIOUSLY ABOUT THE DANGERS OF PATRONISING ON-STREET ILLEGAL FOOD HAWKERS.

+ALL MOBILE HAWKERS SELLING COOKED FOOD FROM BARROWS ARE ILLEGAL, AND PARENTS HAVE A DUTY TO WARN THEIR CHILDREN AGAINST PATRONISING SUCH HAWKERS.+

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MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION
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A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION ON THE 1986 HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, TOMORROW (FRIDAY) , AT 3 PM.

MRS DORIS HO, MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE; MR WILLY YEUNG, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE COMPOSERS AND AUTHORS SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, AND MR JOSEPH KOO OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, WILL SPEAK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SESSION.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED
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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS TODAY (THURSDAY) REVOKED THE REGISTRATION OF PRODUCERS FINANCE AND INVESTMENT, LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY IS LESS THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE AND THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY IS BEING CARRIED ON IN A MANNER DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF ITS DEPOSITORS.

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TWO MORE EVENING CLINICS OPEN
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TWO MORE CLINICS, WU YORK YU CLINIC IN WONG TAI SIN AND LEK YUEN HEALTH CENTRE IN SHA TIN, HAVE STARTED EVENING SERVICE.

EACH CLINIC IS PROVIDING TWO DOCTOR-SESSIONS BETWEEN 6 PM AND 10 PM ON MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS. THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICES ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

A MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE OPENING OF THE TWO CLINICS BRINGS TO 17 THE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT CLINICS PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC IN THE EVENING.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE FIVE EVENING CLINICS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SEVEN IN KOWLOON AND FIVE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE AIM OF THE EVENING CLINICS IS TO RELIEVE EXCESSIVE PRESSURE ON DAY CLINICS AND ON THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MEDICAL TALKS FOR KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS

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KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THREE MEDICAL TALKS TO BE HELD ON THREE CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS, STARTING OCTOBER 5.

THE TALKS, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DOCTORS ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD AT THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 2 PM.

THE TALKS ARE AIMED AT PROMOTING PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF GENERAL HEALTH CARE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RSD SAID.

THE FIRST TWO TALKS WILL DEAL WITH DISEASES OF YOUNG AND OLD AND THE OTHER ONE WILL DEAL WITH THE TREATMENT AND IDENTIFICATION OF ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES.

THE TALKS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, AND WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY SLIDE SHOWS.

ADMISSION IS FREE. FURTHER ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY ON TELEPHONE 0-296623.

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OFFICES RELOCATED

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A NEW CO-LOCATED OFFICE WILL COME IN OPERATION FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 7) FOR THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICES AS WELL AS THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTIONS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW OFFICE IS AT ROOMS 6-11 ON THE TOP FLOOR OF CENTRAL MARKET AT 80 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

WITH THE RELOCATION OF OFFICES, PUBLIC ENQUIRIES RELATING TO AMENITIES SHOULD BE MADE ON 5-417721 FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT AND 5-417902 FOR WESTERN DISTRICT.

ENQUIRIES ON SPORTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR BOTH DISTRICTS SHOULD BE MADE ON 5-416405.

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CIVIC EDUCATION
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THE OPENING OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION MOVEMENT ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT 10.30 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 5) AT THE PODIUM OF THE HAKING WONG BUILDING, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR KIM SALKELD= THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR VINCENT KO= THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION WORKING GROUP, MR LAI KWOK-HUNG= AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION MOVEMENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR HUNG WING-TAT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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MUSIC OFFICE PRESENTS PIANO MASTER CLASS
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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL PRESENT A PIANO MASTER CLASS BY INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED PROFESSOR KLAUS BORNER, ON OCTOBER 12 (SATURDAY) AT THE TSUEN WAN MUSIC CENTRE.

PROF. BORNER STUDIED MUSIC BETWEEN 1946 AND 1950 AT THE STATE ACADEMY OF MUSIC IN WEIMAR, GERMANY, AND AT THE CONSERVATOIRE OF MUSIC IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND (1950-52). HE GRADUATED WITH A DIPLOMA IN PIANO TEACHING IN 1949 AND WAS AWARDED THE +EXAMEN DE VIRTHOSITE+ IN PIANO IN 1952.

THROUGHOUT HIS MUSIC CAREER, PROF. BORNER HAS WON PRIZES AT A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITIONS. HE HAS ALSO GIVEN WIDELY ACCLAIMED CONCERTS IN ALL WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA, AFRICA AND ASIA.

THE PIANO MASTER CLASS, FROM 6.30 PM TO 8.30 PM, IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN TSUEN WAN AND SEATING IS LIMITED TO 100.

FOR RESERVATION AND ENQUIRIES, CALL O-428127.

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CIVIC DAY FOR YOUTH SET FOR SUNDAY

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THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (CCCIYY) HAS DESIGNATED OCTOBER 6 AS CIVIC DAY FOR YOUTH AND THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE EDINBURGH PLACE AT 10 AM ON THAT DAY.

DELEGATIONS FROM ALL 19 DISTRICTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE HOUR-LONG CEREMONY WHICH WILL LAUNCH A VARIETY OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS A MARATHON RACE, +WARMTH KNIT-IN+ CAMPAIGN, BLOOD DONATION, EXHIBITION, SEMINAR AND A CARAVAN PARADE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CCCIYY, MRS SELINA CHOW, AND THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL BE OFFICIATING.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, MRS CHOW AND MR LIAO WILL LEAD A TOUR TO SEVERAL DISTRICTS, INCLUDING WAN CHAI, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TSUEN WAN, SOUTHERN, KWUN TONG AND SHA TIN TO JOIN IN SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AND SUBSEQUENT TOURS WHICH WILL END AT ABOUT 1 PM.

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE DISTRICT TOURS.

A PROGRAMME OF THE OPENING CEREMONY AND A DETAILED SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES WILL BE BOXED LATER TODAY.

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EDINBURGH PLACE EAST CLOSURE

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EDINBURGH PLACE EAST BETWEEN THE EASTERN END OF URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND QUEEN'S PIER WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8.30 AM TO 11 AM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 6) TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE WITH SPECIAL LABELS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH THE INITIATION CEREMONY FOR THE CIVIC DAY FOR YOUTH.

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