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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN MAY

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 9 PER CENT IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1990 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 4 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

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

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE AVAILABLE.

COMPARING THE MONTH OF MAY 1990 WITH MAY 1989, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED ALSO BY 14 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 1 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. IMPORT PRICES INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP FOR MAY 1990 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1989 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED IN MAY 1990 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1989, INCLUDING RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-41 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (-28 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-23 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-13 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (-11 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-10 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-10 PER CENT); AND DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-9 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+32 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+9 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+8 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE FABRICS (+1 PER CENT).

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THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN MAY 1990 COMPARED WITH MAY 1989. THESE INCLUDED METAL MANUFACTURES (+7 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+5 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+3 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+3 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+2 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+2 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+2 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED IN METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-7 PER CENT) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-2 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR MAY 1990 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1989 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN MAY 1990 COMPARED WITH MAY 1989. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; TEA AND COFFEE; AND CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR. A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT. COMMODITY ITEMS WITH CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME INCLUDED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; TOBACCO MANUFACTURES; AND FOOTWEAR. A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF PASSENGER MOTOR CARS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN MAY 1990 COMPARED WITH MAY 1989. THE MAJOR INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC., EXCEPT GLASS; AND THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS. DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW COTTON; WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; AND YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN MAY 1990 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1989.

AS REGARDS CAPITAL GOODS, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT IN MAY 1990 OVER MAY 1989. INCREASES IN THE IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; OFFICE MACHINES AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY. ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILE MACHINERY; OTHER INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY (OTHER THAN TEXTILE MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY); AND CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY.

COMPARING MAY 1990 WITH MAY 1989, THE IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED : CONSUMER GOODS (+4 PER CENT); FUELS (+4 PER CENT); FOODSTUFFS (+4 PER CENT); AND CAPITAL GOODS (+2 PER CENT). THE IMPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

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THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR MAY 1990 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1989 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 49 PER CENT. RE-EXPORTS OF ALL OTHER END-USE CATEGORIES ALSO INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS IN MAY 1990 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1989 : CONSUMER GOODS (+38 PER CENT); CAPITAL GOODS (+13 PER CENT); FOODSTUFFS (+6 PER CENT); AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+5 PER CENT).

PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN MAY 1990 COMPARED WITH MAY 1989: FUELS (+8 PER CENT); CONSUMER GOODS (+3 PER CENT); RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+3 PER CENT); CAPITAL GOODS (+1 PER CENT) AND FOODSTUFFS (+1 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE MAY 1990 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND AUGUST 14 AT $3 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 823 4918).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING MAY 1990 WITH MAY 1989			COMPARING JAN-MAY 1990 WITH JAN-MAY 1989		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	10	2	8	1	2	-1
TEXTILE FABRICS	4	3	1	5	4	2
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-8	2	-10	-10	4	-13
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-23	1	-23	-8	3	-10
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-41	*	-41	-35	*	-35
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	39	5	32	18	3	15

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FOOTWEAR	-27	2	-28	-23	1	-24
METAL MANUFACTURES	-5	7	-11	-16	6	-21
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-16	-7	-10	-24	-6	-19
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	7	-2	9	-1	-2	*
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-10	3	-13	-16	4	-19
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-9	*	-9	-30	2	-31
ALL COMMODITIES	6	1	5	-2	2	-3

* LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 2: CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING MAY 1990 WITH MAY 1989			COMPARING JAN-MAY 1990 WITH JAN-MAY 1989		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	20	4	16	4	3	1
CONSUMER GOODS	26	4	21	17	5	12
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	5	-1	6	-3	-1	-3
FUELS	30	4	25	15	9	5
CAPITAL GOODS	22	2	20	6	1	4
ALL COMMODITIES	16	2	14	6	2	4

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

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING MAY 1990 WITH MAY 1989			COMPARING JAN-MAY 1990 WITH JAN-MAY 1989		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	7	1	6	-10	1	-11
CONSUMER GOODS	43	3	38	31	5	26
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	8	3	5	-3	4	-6
FUELS	61	8	49	85	13	64
CAPITAL GOODS	14	1	13	5	3	2
ALL COMMODITIES	25	3	21	13	4	9

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REVISED ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FOR 1988, 1989

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THE REVISED ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) FOR 1988 AND 1989 WERE RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REVISED FIGURES ARE PRESENTED IN TABLES 1 AND 2.

REVISED EXPENDITURE-BASED GDP ESTIMATES FOR 1988 AND 1989 (TABLE 1)

THE REVISED PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF THE EXPENDITURE-BASED GDP AT CONSTANT (1980) MARKET PRICES FOR 1989 IS $253,136 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN UPWARD REVISION OF $1,037 MILLION OR 0.4 PER CENT FROM THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES RELEASED IN MARCH.

HOWEVER, THE GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF THE EXPENDITURE-BASED GDP FOR 1989 HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY REVISED DOWNWARDS TO 2.3 PER CENT FROM 2.5 PER CENT, MAINLY DUE TO A RELATIVELY LARGER UPWARD REVISION IN THE GDP ESTIMATE FOR 1988 THAN FOR 1989.

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ESTIMATES FOR 1989 OF THE GROWTH RATES IN REAL TERMS FOR GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION, CHANGE IN STOCKS, IMPORTS OF SERVICES, AND EXPORTS OF SERVICES HAVE BEEN REVISED UPWARDS, WHILE THOSE FOR THE OTHER GDP COMPONENTS REMAIN THE SAME AS PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED.

THE REVISED PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF THE GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF THE EXPENDITURE-BASED GDP FOR 1988 HAS BEEN REVISED UPWARDS TO 7.9 PER CENT, AS AGAINST THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF 7.2 PER CENT PUBLISHED IN MARCH, MAINLY DUE TO UPWARD REVISIONS IN THE ESTIMATES FOR CHANGE IN STOCKS AND GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION AFTER INCORPORATING NEWLY AVAILABLE RESULTS FROM THE ANNUAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GROWTH RATES IN REAL TERMS OF PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE AND EXPORTS OF SERVICES FOR 1988 HAVE BEEN REVISED DOWNWARDS TO 8.4 PER CENT AND 12.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, AS AGAINST THE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED FIGURES OF 9.0 PER CENT AND 13.1 PER CENT.

REVISED PRODUCTION-BASED GDP ESTIMATES FOR 1988 (TABLE 2)

THE REVISED PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF THE PRODUCTION-BASED GDP AT CURRENT PRICES FOR 1988 IS $413,349 MILLION (AT FACTOR COST), REPRESENTING A DOWNWARD REVISION OF $240 MILLION OR 0.1 PER CENT FROM THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE PUBLISHED IN MARCH.

THIS REVISION IS BASED ON THE NEWLY AVAILABLE RESULTS FROM THE ANNUAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS.

A RELATIVELY SIGNIFICANT DOWNWARD REVISION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE ESTIMATE FOR THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF "WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/ EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS".

THE ESTIMATE IS REVISED DOWNWARDS BY $3,339 MILLION TO $98,518 MILLION. AS A RESULT, ITS CONTRIBUTION TO GDP IS ALSO ADJUSTED DOWNWARDS BY 0.8 PERCENTAGE POINT TO 23.8 PER CENT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSIDERABLE UPWARD REVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE ESTIMATES FOR THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF "FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES "(UP BY $2,445 MILLION TO 79,416 MILLION) AND "OWNERSHIP OF PREMISES" (UP BY $1,906 MILLION TO 43,525 MILLION).

THEIR SHARES IN GDP ARE ACCORDINGLY ADJUSTED UPWARDS BY 0.6 AND 0.4 PERCENTAGE POINT TO 19.2 PER CENT AND 10.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

REVISIONS MADE TO THE OTHER ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES ARE RELATIVELY LESS SIGNIFICANT.

THE SCHEDULE FOR PUBLISHING GDP ESTIMATES

REVISIONS OF THIS NATURE ARE PART OF THE ROUTINE PROCESS OF PRODUCING ESTIMATES OF THE GDP. THEY ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE THE DATA USED IN COMPILING THE GDP ESTIMATES ARE AVAILABLE IN STAGES AND OFTEN WITH SIGNIFICANT TIME LAGS.

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THE PRELIMINARY GDP ESTIMATES ARE PUBLISHED AT AROUND FEBRUARY/MARCH OF EACH YEAR AT THE TIME WHEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY PRESENTS HIS ANNUAL BUDGET.

THESE ESTIMATES ARE COMPILED BASED ON PARTIAL DATA FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR, WITH THE DATA GAPS BEING BRIDGED UP BY EXTRAPOLATION AND OTHER STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES. THEY ARE THEN REVISED AT HALF-YEARLY INTERVALS OVER THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARS AS INCREASINGLY COMPLETE DATA BECOME AVAILABLE.

THESE SUCCESSIVE ESTIMATES ARE RESPECTIVELY LABELLED AS "REVISED PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES", "PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES", "REVISED PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES" AND "FINAL ESTIMATES".

FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE REVISED GDP ESTIMATES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 823 5077.

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TABLE 1 : REVISED EXPENDITURE-BASED
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) ESTIMATES FOR 1988 AND 1989

	REVISED PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1988				REVISED PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR 1989			
	AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES		AT CONSTANT (1980) MARKET PRICES		AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES		AT CONSTANT (1980) MARKET PRICES	
I. EXPENDITURE COMPONENTS	HK$MN	% CHANGE OVER 1987	HK$MN	% CHANGE OVER 1987	HK$MN	% CHANGE OVER 1988	HK$MN	% CHANGE OVER 1988
1. PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	255,745	+15.3	150,075	+8.4	284,241	+11.1	154,645	+3.0
2. GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	30,008	+16.4	14,600	+5.1	36,334	+21.1	15,445	+5.8
3. GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION	112,051	+25.5	60,874	+6.5	128,388	+14.6	61,697	+1.4

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4. CHANGE IN STOCKS	14,179	+45.5	8,195	+29.6	2,512	-82.3	2,275	-72.2
5. EXPORTS OF GOODS	493,069	+30.4	312,379	+26.4	570,509	+15.7	344,150	+10.2
6. LESS ---- IMPORTS OF GOODS	501,174	+31.9	309,691	+26.6	565,219	+12.8	337,134	+8.9
7. EXPORTS OF SERVICES	85,407	+20.6	49,809	+12.3	96,320	+12.8	53,352	+7.1
8. LESS ---- IMPORTS OF SERVICES	55,204	+19.6	38,696	+16.0	62,535	+13.3	41,294	+6.7
GDP	434,081	+17.5	247,545	+7.9	490,550	+13.0	253,136	+2.3
PER CAPITA GDP ($)	76,405	+16.1	43,572	+6.6	85,144	+11.4	43,937	+0.8

	REVISED PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1988		REVISED PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR 1989	
II. DEFLATORS	INDEX (1980=100)	% CHANGE OVER 1987	INDEX (1980=100)	% CHANGE OVER 1988
1. GDP DEFLATOR	175.4	+8.9	193.8	+10.5
2. DOMESTIC DEMAND DEFLATOR*	176.3	+9.8	192.9	+9.4

* THE DOMESTIC DEMAND DEFLATOR PROVIDES A GENERAL MEASURE OF DOMESTIC INFLATION. DOMESTIC DEMAND IS DEFINED AS THE SUM OF PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE, GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE, GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION AND CHANGE IN STOCKS.

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TABLE 2 : REVISED PRODUCTION-BASED GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) ESTIMATES FOR 1988

	ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	REVISED PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1988 AT CURRENT PRICES HK$MN	% CHANGE OVER 1987	% CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL GDP (AT FACTOR COST)
1.	AGRICULTURE AND FISHING	1,437	+5.8	0.3
2.	MINING AND QUARRYING	229	-10.9	0.1
3.	MANUFACTURING	83,182	+9.8	20.1
4.	ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	10,200	+5.3	2.5
5.	CONSTRUCTION	19,900	+21.3	4.8
6.	WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	98,518	+22.0	23.8
7.	TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION	38,029	+25.5	9.2
8.	FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	79,416	+25.3	19.2
9.	COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES	60,195	+15.1	14.6
10.	OWNERSHIP OF PREMISES	43,525	+21.2	10.5
	LESS IMPUTED BANK SERVICE CHARGE	21,282	+19.9	5.1
	GDP AT FACTOR COST (PRODUCTION-BASED ESTIMATE)	413,349	+18.7	100.0
	INDIRECT TAXES LESS SUBSIDIES	21,451	+15.0	-
	GDP AT MARKET PRICES (PRODUCTION-BASED ESTIMATE)	434,800	+18.5	-

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON CAAC ACCIDENT PUBLISHED

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THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACCIDENT TO THE CAAC TRIDENT AIRCRAFT AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS NOW COMPLETE AND THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACCIDENT IS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN HIS REPORT THE INSPECTOR CONCLUDES THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DETERMINE THE PRECISE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT AND CITES WINDSHEAR AND LOSS OF VISUAL REFERENCE IN HEAVY RAIN AS PROBABLY CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS.

DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION THE INSPECTOR MADE SEVERAL SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS THE MAJORITY OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED. THIS IS NOTED IN A POSTSCRIPT TO THE REPORT.

THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING ACCIDENTS IS TO DETERMINE THE CIRCUMSIANCES AND CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT WITH A VIEW TO THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND THE AVOIDENCE OF ACCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE.

IT IS NOT THE PURPOSE TO ASCRIBE BLAME FOR AN ACCIDENT TO ANY PERSON OR BODY AND THEREFORE THE REPORT DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO DO SO.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT $111 EACH.

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CATERING INDUSTRY TO COME UNDER SAFETY LAW

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO EXTEND THE COVERAGE OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS TO BETTER PROTECT THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF WORKERS.

UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE CATERING TRADE WILL BE BROUGHT WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

THIS IS AIMED AT REDUCING WORK ACCIDENTS IN THE CATERING TRADE WHICH REGISTERED 14,800 ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR AND WHICH HAD THE HIGHEST ACCIDENT RATE IN THE NON-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, WITH 91 ACCIDENTS PER 1,000 WORKERS.

IN ADDITION, ACCIDENTS IN THE TRADE WERE SIMILAR IN NATURE TO THOSE IN INDUSTRY AND WERE MOSTLY CAUSED BY ELECTROCUTION, MACHINERY CUTS, BURNS, FALLS, CHEMICAL POISONING, FIRE AND EXPLOSIONS.

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THE EXTENSION OF THE ORDINANCE WILL OFFER PROTECTION TO ANOTHER 162,000 EMPLOYEES, OR A FURTHER SIX PER CENT OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN OCTOBER.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE CHANGE, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL MOUNT A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AMONG CATERING PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND HEALTH PRECAUTIONS.

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REGISTRATION OF SMATV SYSTEMS INVITED

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THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY IS INVITING OWNERS OF SATELLITE MASTER ANTENNA TELEVISION (SMATV) SYSTEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN INSTALLED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1990 TO REGISTER THEIR SYSTEMS.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

SMATV SYSTEMS WHICH ARE IN EXISTENCE ON AUGUST 1, 1990 WILL BE TOLERATED PENDING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE APPROPRIATE LICENCES WHICH WILL BE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

OWNERS OF SUCH SMATV SYSTEMS SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY BEFORE AUGUST 31, 1990.

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR ERIC LAM, TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, POST OFFICE, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, SINCERE BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, CENTRAL. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 852 9678 AND THE FAX NUMBER IS 541 9058.

HOWEVER, SATELLITE TELEVISION RECEIVE-ONLY AERIALS FOR CONNECTION TO A SINGLE TELEVISION SET (THAT IS TVRO) ARE PERMITTED WITHOUT LICENCES.

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ISLANDS VISITORS URGED TO MAINTAIN TRANQUILITY

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VISITORS TO THE OUTLYING ISLANDS SHOULD HELP MAINTAIN THE DISTRICT'S TRANQUILITY AND AVOID CAUSING ANY DISTURBANCE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS, THE ASSISTANT ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MIMI LEE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS PRINTED A NEW POSTER URGING PEOPLE USING HOLIDAY FLATS NOT TO CAUSE NOISE NUISANCE DURING THEIR STAY.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS WORKING TOWARDS A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. BUT FOR ANY MEASURE TO BE EFFECTIVE, THE CO-OPERATION OF THE VISITORS IS CRUCIAL," MISS LEE SAID.

"I HOPE VISITORS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS MAINTAINING THE ISLANDS DISTRICT AS A NICE AND QUIET HOLIDAY RESORT," SHE ADDED.

MISS LEE SAID A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON CHEUNG CHAU IN JUNE SHOWED THAT THE BIGGEST NUISANCE WAS CAUSED BY PEOPLE CHATTING LOUDLY AND PLAYING MAHJONG.

SOME HOLIDAY-MAKERS ALSO CREATED HYGIENE AND SECURITY PROBLEMS, SHE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO PUBLICITY THROUGH POSTERS, THE POLICE WOULD ALSO STEP UP PROSECUTION AGAINST THOSE CREATING NOISE NUISANCE, MISS LEE SAID.

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ON SITE DISCUSSIONS ON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNIQUES

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MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE DISCUSSED VARIOUS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNIQUES ON SITE WHEN THEY VISITED FOUR FACTORIES IN KWAI CHUNG, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE COMMITTEE, COMPRISING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDUSTRY, WAS SET UP TO CONSIDER THE STANDARDS IN THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM WHICH WAS INTRODUCED UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 ON JULY 25.

THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM WILL BE USED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AS A GUIDELINE TO THE EFFLUENT STANDARDS TO BE SET DOWN IN LICENCES ISSUED TO INDUSTRIALISTS DISCHARGING EFFLUENTS IN WATER CONTROL ZONES.

THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN AND THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY (ENVIRONMENT) OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH, MR TONY COOPER, SAID: "THE COMMITTEE HAS MET TWICE SINCE IT WAS FORMED ON JULY 27.

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"ITS WORK IS PROGRESSING WELL AND MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND CO-OPERATIVE ATMOSPHERE.

"THE COMMITTEE IS DUE TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AD HOC GROUP EARLY IN THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION," HE ADDED.

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PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS FOR RECLAMATION PROJECT

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SUBMISSIONS FOR THE PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF YAU MA TEI REPLACEMENT TYPHOON SHELTER PHASE II AND JORDAN ROAD RECLAMATION PHASE I.

THE WORKS WILL COMPRISE MAINLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 4,000 METRES OF VERTICAL SEAWALL/REVETMENT AND AN ACCESS ROAD, THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 69 HECTARES OF LAND AND THE REPROVISIONING OF A PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT FOR THE SOUTHERN AREA OF THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION, THESE WORKS ARE VITAL AND URGENT IN PROVIDING REQUISITE LANDFALL FOR KEY TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, SUCH AS THE AIRPORT RAILWAY, WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY AND WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED NEW AIRPORT.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT ARE SCHEDULED TO BE INVITED IN DECEMBER FROM A SELECTED LIST OF CONTRACTORS ESTABLISHED BY THIS PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE. WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 26 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST I IN GROUP C FOR PORT WORKS (CONFIRMED) OR ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST II FOR PORT WORKS (CONFIRMED) MAY APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM:

CHIEF ENGINEER/WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION
CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE
CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
EIGHTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE,
68 MODY ROAD,
TSIM SHA TSUI EAST,
KOWLOON

COMPLETED PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT IN NOT LATER THAN NOON ON SEPTEMBER 7.

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AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS URGED TO HELP PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON SHAM SHUI PO AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PEERS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

SPEAKING AT THE DISTRICT'S JOINT AREA COMMITTEE RECEPTION, MR LAN SAID IN DOING SO, AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD BE SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE AND WOULD HELP TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO SUPPORT NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND DISTRICT BOARDS.

"THE SUCCESS OF THESE ELECTIONS WOULD DEPEND ON THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE AT PRESENT 1.6 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE TERRITORY, WHICH WAS ABOUT 44 PER CENT OF THE ELIGIBLE POPULATION. THE RATIO FOR THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT WAS ABOUT THE SAME.

"IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO VOTE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL THREE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAYS AND POLLING STATIONS WILL BE SET UP AT CONVENIENT LOCATIONS TO FACILITATE VOTERS," MR LAN SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN ON AUGUST 15 TO PUBLICISE THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS, AND A GALA SHOW WILL BE STAGED AT THE CULTURAL CENTRE ON AUGUST 25.

"DISTRICT OFFICES WILL ORGANISE ACTIVITIES RANGING FROM TRAM AND BUS PARADES, EXHIBITIONS, VIDEO BROADCASTS AT CINEMAS AND MTR STATIONS, VISITS TO FACTORIES, COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, MARKETS AND SHOPS TO LARGE SCALE VOTER REGISTRATION DAYS," HE ADDED.

MR LAN NOTED THAT LIKEWISE, THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD BE STAGING A SERIES OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HOME VISITS AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

"IN ADDITION, MEMBERS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL VISIT 11 CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY AND FOR THE YOUTH IN THE DISTRICT TO EXPLAIN THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELECTIONS.

"THEY WILL PROVIDE ON THE SPOT REGISTRATION FOR THOSE INTERESTED," HE SAID.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO AREA COMMITTEES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO DISTRICT AFFAIRS. AREA COMMITTEES, HE STRESSED, WERE AN IMPORTANT CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

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"THE AREA COMMITTEES HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS TO DISCUSS LOCAL ISSUES, PROVIDING AN IMPORTANT LINK AND HELP ENHANCE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC," MR LAN SAID.

TONIGHT'S JOINT RECEPTION WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 150 AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO MADE USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

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NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENS IN CAUSEWAY BAY

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A NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY IS NOW OPEN TO RESIDENTS AND LOCAL GROUPS FOR HOLDING COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

LOCATED AT 7 FOOK YUM ROAD, THE CENTRE HAS A 500-SEAT MULTI-PURPOSE HALL FITTED WITH A STAGE, PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AND LIGHTING.

THE HALL CAN BE CONVERTED INTO THREE STANDARD BADMINTON COURTS.

THE CENTRE ALSO HOUSES A CONFERENCE ROOM WHICH CAN BE USED FOR SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES.

THE FACILITIES ARE OPEN BETWEEN 10 AM TO 10 PM DAILY, EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS. BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 566 2011.

THE FOUR-STOREY BUILDING IS ALSO HOME TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE, A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, A DAY NURSERY, AN EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OFFICES.

TH COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 12) BY EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR, BALLET AND POP SONGS. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 12) AT 7 FOOK YUM ROAD, ADJOINING HARBOUR HEIGHTS. THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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SEMINAR ON VOLUNTEER SERVICES FOR YOUNGSTERS
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MORE THAN 170 YOUNGSTERS FROM EAST KOWLOON REGION, INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND WORKERS, WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR ON VOLUNTEER SERVICES ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 12).

ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT INCREASING YOUNG PEOPLE'S KNOWLEDGE OF AND ENCOURAGING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN VOLUNTEER SERVICES.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR LOK MAN-PAN.

THERE WILL BE TALKS BY A PRINCIPAL LECTURER OF THE HONG KONG CITY POLYTECHNIC, MRS AGNES YEUNG, AND A VOLUNTEER OF THE GROUP WORK UNIT OF KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, MR MAN KA-WING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 12), BEGINNING AT 9 AM AT THE FOUR SEASONS ROOM, NEW WORLD HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR LAI WAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAI WAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN LAI CHI KOK WHICH INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 230-METRE LONG CARRIAGEWAY AND ANCILLARY LANDSCAPING, DRAINAGE AND JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROJECT WILL IMPROVE BOTH THE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AT LAI WAN ROAD TO COINCIDE WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE LAI CHI KOK PARK SPORTS COMPLEX, LAI CHI KOK PARK STAGE 1 AND THE KAU WAH KENG APPROACH ROAD.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TSING YI BRIDGE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 12) FROM 12.01 AM TO 2 AM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM FOR CARRYING OUT STRUCTURAL MONITORING WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURES, THE BRIDGE WILL BE RE-OPENED TO GENERAL TRAFFIC AT 10-MINUTE INTERVALS AND IMMEDIATELY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED AND POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON SITE TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE IN TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE MIDDLE AND OUTERMOST LANES OF NORTHBOUND TSING WUN ROAD NEAR PUI TO ROAD, IN TUEN MUN, HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR WORKS AS NECESSITATED BY A WATERMAIN BURST.

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES FROM TSING WUN ROAD ONTO PUI TO ROAD IS BANNED. VEHICLES ON NORTHBOUND TSING WUN ROAD HEADING FOR PUI TO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MING KUM ROAD, SHEK PAI TAU ROAD AND TSUN WEN ROAD.

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PROPOSED EXTENSION OF TAM KON SHAN ROAD

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO EXTEND TAM KON SHAN ROAD IN NORTH TSING YI FOR THE RELOCATION OF EXISTING BOATYARDS IN THE AREA.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSAL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE EXTENSION OF TAM KON SHAN ROAD BY ABOUT 100 METRES WESTWARDS, AND ASSOCIATED LAND FORMATION, REPROVISIONING OF STAIRCASE, SLOPE AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

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THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START LATER THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;

* KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH-11TH FLOORS, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN;

* KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 2 THIS YEAR.

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