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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR LONDON

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VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WOULD BE ON THE TOP OF THE LIST OF TOPICS THAT THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WOULD BE DISCUSSING WITH THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO LONDON.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS TONIGHT (SATURDAY) BEFORE LEAVING HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID WHILE IN LONDON HE WOULD BE SEEING THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AND LORD GLENARTHUR AS WELL AS SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

"AND AS USUAL ON THESE VISITS, I WILL BE COVERING ALL THE RANGE OF ISSUES THAT ARE OF IMPORTANCE TO US IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"AMONG THOSE TOPICS WILL BE OF COURSE THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHICH IS VERY MUCH ON THE TOP OF OUR LIST OF CONCERNS AND THE DISCUSSIONS OF OUR PROGRESS IN THE CONSULTATION OF THE DRAFT BASIC LAW TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE CURRENT BETWEEN US AND UK AT THE MOMENT," HE SAID.

ASKED ABOUT A MEETING HELD HERE EARLIER LAST WEEK BETWEEN HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNHCR IN GENEVA, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THEY DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND THE NEW SCREENING POLICY.

"WE ALSO TALKED TO THEM ABOUT THE QUESTION OF THE COSTS OF LOOKING AFTER THE PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE BEING TREATED AS REFUGEES," HE ADDED.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS' DEBATE ON THE DRAFT BASIC LAW, SIR DAVID SAID THAT IT WAS USEFUL WHEN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TOOK A CLOSE INTEREST IN WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG.

"I NOTICE THAT MANY OF THE POINTS MADE IN THAT DEBATE ON THE BASIC LAW WERE VERY SIMILAR TO THE POINTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE HERE IN THE VERY GOOD TWO DAYS' LEGCO DEBATE," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WILL VISIT LONDON FROM JULY 17 TO 20 DURING WHICH HE WILL ALSO GIVE A SPEECH ABOUT HONG KONG AND ITS FUTURE AS A LEADING FINANCIAL CENTRE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL COMMUNITY AT THE STATIONERS HALL IN THE CITY OF LONDON.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WILL THEN HAVE A HOLIDAY IN SCOTLAND BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON AUGUST 19.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG; AND SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

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MAY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED

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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN MAY 1988 REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN APRIL 1988, BUT SHOWED A DECREASE OF 3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1987, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THE MAY 1988 LEVEL WAS 1 PER CENT ABOVE THAT IN APRIL 1988, BUT WAS LOWER BY 4 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1987.

IN MAY 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING FIRMS SURVEYED INCREASED, IN CURRENT PRICE TERMS, BY 1 PER CENT OVER APRIL 1988, AND BY 14 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1987.

COMPARING MAY 1988 WITH APRIL 1988, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT DECREASED QUITE SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH MAY 1987, THE ORDERS POSITION IN MAY 1988 DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND MODERATELY IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

THE ORDERS POSITION IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN MAY 1988 OVER APRIL 1988, WHILE THAT IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY DECREASED SLIGHTLY.

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COMPARING MAY 1988 WITH MAY 1987, EMPLOYMENT IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY, WHILE THE TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DECREASED SLIGHTLY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN MAY 1988 AND MAY 1987 WAS RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN MAY 1988 INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, WEARING APPAREL AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARING MAY 1988 WITH MAY 1987, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY BUT SIGNIFICANTLY IN OTHER INDUSTRIES SURVEYED.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1988 INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER APRIL 1988 BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1987. ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988 BUT SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER MAY 1987.

IN THE SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1988 WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN APRIL 1988, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER MAY 1987.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN MAY 1988 DECREASED MODERATELY, PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES, WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988. COMPARED WITH MAY 1987, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN MOST OF THE SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE RECORDED IN HOTELS.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

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AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGES INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE. NEVERTHELESS, THESE ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR MAY 1988 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CENTRAL AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234820.

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF MAY 1988	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		(MONTH)	APRIL 88 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.34	*	-3
WEARING APPAREL	4.68	+1	- 5
TEXTILES	2.51	-8	-11
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.37	-7	- 5
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.47	+2	+ 1
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.05	*	*
OTHERS	4.15	*	- 5

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF MAY 1988	
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 88	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 87
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	+1	- 4
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	*
WEARING APPAREL	-1	- 7
TEXTILES	*	- 2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	+1	-14
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+3	+ 3
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	+3	- 1
OTHERS	+1	- 3
CONSTRUCTION [#]	+1	- 2
SERVICES	*	+ 2
BANKS	*	+ 2
HOTELS	*	- 1
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	- 1
OTHERS	+2	+10

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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TABLE 3: PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN MAY 1988	CHANGE WHEN APRIL 88	COMPARED WITH MAY 87
	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4,224	+1	+14
FOOD AND DRINKS	4,804	+2	+15
WEARING APPAREL	3,489	+3	+ 8
TEXTILES	4,742	+7	+15
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3,780	+1	+19
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4,085	-1	+15
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	3,989	*	+15
OTHERS	5,449	-3	+15
CONSTRUCTION	5,872	-1	+11
SERVICES	6,993	-4	+14
BANKS	6,834	+1	+16
HOTELS	4,838	-1	+24
PUBLIC UTILITIES	6,638	-6	+ 8
OTHERS	8,308	-6	+15

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE FIRMS SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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CUSTOMS ACTIONS AGAINST TEXTILE FRAUDS

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT PROSECUTED 101 PERSONS/FIRMS IN MARCH AND APRIL FOR FALSE REPRESENTATION OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN INVOLVING TEXTILE GOODS, RESULTING IN FINES TOTALLED ABOUT \$1.97 MILLION.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE TRADE CONTROLS GROUP OF THE DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT 9,480 FACTORY AND CONSIGNMENT INSPECTIONS INCLUDING 3,852 IMPORT/EXPORT TEXTILE LICENCE CHECKS.

AS A RESULT, 17 CASES OF FALSE ORIGIN REPRESENTATION WERE DETECTED DURING THE COURSE OF INSPECTIONS, INVOLVING \$2.9 MILLION WORTH OF KNITTED AND WOVEN GARMENTS INTENDED FOR EXPORT TO THE EEC, USA AND OTHER MARKETS AGAINST HONG KONG QUOTAS.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO CONCLUDED 48 FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATIONS DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH \$17.2 MILLION WORTH OF GARMENTS OF CHINESE ORIGIN WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN SHIPPED AGAINST HONG KONG QUOTAS.

IN AN OPERATION IN MARCH, OFFICERS SEIZED 10,279 PIECES OF CHINESE ORIGIN GARMENTS FALSELY-LABELLED "MADE IN HONG KONG" WHILE ANOTHER 15,950 PIECES WERE SEIZED IN FOUR OTHER OPERATIONS IN APRIL. PREVIOUS SHIPMENTS OF 65,546 PIECES CARRYING SIMILAR FALSE LABELS WERE ALSO ESTABLISHED.

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YOUTH AGAINST DRUGS SCHEME INVITES APPLICATIONS

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE URGED TO JOIN A SCHEME UNDER WHICH THEY CAN DESIGN, PLAN AND IMPLEMENT ANTI-NARCOTICS EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY PROJECTS.

THE YOUTH AGAINST DRUGS SCHEME (YADS) AIMS AT ENCOURAGING STUDENT AND YOUTH GROUPS TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT THEIR OWN ANTI-DRUG PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

IT IS OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12 AND ABOVE.

THE CALL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN WAS MADE TODAY (SATURDAY) BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

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"UNDER THE SCHEME SPONSORED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, STUDENT AND YOUTH GROUPS, CONSISTING OF NOT LESS THAN 10 MEMBERS, CAN PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION AND FUNDING," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"EACH SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION WILL RECEIVE A GRANT OF UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$3,000 TO COVER EXPENSES.

"THROUGH PLANNING, ORGANISING AND RUNNING THE PROJECTS, PARTICIPANTS CAN EXERCISE THEIR IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY TO PROMOTE THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE.

"MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, THEY CAN ALSO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND PROVIDE A VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY BY DISSEMINATING THE MESSAGE TO OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE," HE ADDED.

THE SCHEME HAS RECEIVED AN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM YOUNG PEOPLE SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN AUGUST 1981.

IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, A TOTAL OF 97 PROJECTS, SELECTED FROM HUNDREDS OF APPLICATIONS, WERE IMPLEMENTED.

ALL THE PROJECTS WERE INITIATED BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

THE IDEAS FOR ANTI-NARCOTICS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDED SEMINARS, EXHIBITIONS, GAMES DAY, TELEMATCHES, CONCERTS, DRAMAS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL-BASED ACTIVITIES.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, 23RD FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DIVISION ON 5-8622761/2.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION
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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$835,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER DT8888 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$95,000.

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ANOTHER NUMBER DT123 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$70,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$3,000 *EACH FOR DV6618 AND DU9707.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

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DT8888	95,000	DU2688	8,000	DU288	30,000	AC205	11,000
DU328	33,000	DV211	16,000	DT123	70,000	DU9707	3,000
DV381	5,000	AA8777	15,000	DV218	13,000	AU828	20,000
CH6686	6,000	DT7888	21,000	DW7	53,000	DV4882	4,000
DW40	7,000	DV248	7,000	DU8328	16,000	AA2688	15,000
HK2688	23,000	AD1881	22,000	DV6618	3,000	BB58	20,000
DT168	42,000	DU399	10,000	8777	36,000	DU6388	10,000
BB1686	20,000	DT6168	6,000	AD133	24,000	HK139	38,000
BS808	19,000	AC8768	7,000	DU369	17,000	DU3378	9,000
DV873	10,000	AA4455	30,000	DT8238	5,000	AL9292	36,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 127TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$62,045,832.

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LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN GROWTH OF POLICE FACILITIES

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THE OPENING OF THE NEW SIU LEK YUEN DIVISION OF SHA TIN DISTRICT AND THE COMPLETION OF NEW BORDER DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AT SHA LING ARE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ONGOING GROWTH OF POLICE FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

NEW TERRITORIES POPULATION, NOW TWO MILLION, IS EXPANDING AT THE RATE OF 100,000 PEOPLE A YEAR AND VAST BUILDING, TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENTS ALSO PRESENT GROWING NEEDS IN POLICING THE REGION.

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ADDED TO THE EXPANSION OF THE REGION ITSELF IS THE COMING TRANSFER OF ARMY DUTIES AT THE BORDER TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND THE BUILDING OF A NEW AND EXPANDED POLICE TACTICAL UNIT DEPOT AT FANLING.

MAJOR PLANS IN THE PIPELINE ALSO INCLUDE A NEW NTREGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT TAI PO AND THE FUTURE DIVISION OF THE REGION INTO SEPARATE NORTH AND SOUTH POLICE REGIONS.

THE NEW \$18 MILLION SIU LEK YUEN POLICE STATION, OPENED ON JULY 1 BY THE DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES, MR ROBERT BROWN, IS THE THIRD DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION IN SHA TIN DISTRICT.

A FOURTH IS SCHEDULED TO GO INTO OPERATION AT MA ON SHAN IN 1991.

BORDER DIVISION STAFF, UNDER DIVSIONAL COMMANDER MR FRANCIS CHAN, RECENTLY MOVED INTO THEIR NEW HEADQUARTERS AT SHA LING, WHICH WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED SOON BY THE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW.

SITUATED ON A HILLSIDE OVERLOOKING MAN KAM TO , THE NEW BORDER HEADQUARTERS REPLACES THE FORMER POLICE-POLMIL FACILITIES AT LO WU. WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARMY PERSONNEL, THE NEW BORDER STATION IS MANNED EXCLUSIVELY BY POLICE.

THERE IS ALSO PROGRESS ON TSING YI ISLAND, WITH THE NEW DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS CURRENTLY BECOMING OPERATIONAL AND AN OFFICIAL OPENING SCHEDULED POSSIBLY FOR SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE NEW REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT TAI PO, ADJACENT TO THE RECENTLY OPENED TAI PO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND DIVSIONAL POLICE STATION.

THE HEADQUARTERS WILL CONSIST OF TWO TOWER BLOCKS AND WORK ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE HAS REACHED THE SEVENTH FLOOR WITH COMPLETION EXPECTED TO BE ON SCHEDULE IN MID-1989.

SITE FORMATION WORK IS UNDER WAY ON THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND THE TSUEN WAN WEST DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION.

WORK CONTINUES ON THE TAI HING DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT, WHILE PILING IS EXPECTED TO START THIS YEAR ON THE MA ON SHAN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION, SHA TIN.

AT THE PLANNING STAGE ARE THE LAI KING DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION, THE TSUEN WAN CENTRAL POLICE STATION, THE SHAM TSING DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION AND THE SAM SHING DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION.

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POLICE ADVICE CONCERNING DAMAGE ONLY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
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DRIVERS INVOLVED IN NO INJURY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS SHOULD MOVE THEIR VEHICLES AWAY QUICKLY TO AVOID CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO OTHER ROAD USERS.

MAKING THIS APPEAL TODAY, A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WERE OVER 46,000 DAMAGE ONLY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR, NOT TO MENTION THOUSANDS OF UNREPORTED CASES.

"IF ONLY A FRACTION OF THESE CASES INVOLVED LENGTHY ARGUMENT ON THE ROADSIDE, IMAGINE HOW SERIOUS THE TRAFFIC FLOW WOULD BE DISRUPTED," HE SAID.

"IF NO ONE IS INJURED, DRIVERS SHOULD MOVE THEIR VEHICLES TO AN ADJACENT SAFE PLACE AT ONCE."

BOTH PARTIES CAN THEN EXCHANGE THEIR PARTICULARS, AND IF POSSIBLE, SETTLE THE MATTER, HE ADDED.

THEY CAN, IF THEY WISH, REPORT THE ACCIDENT TO THE POLICE AFTERWARDS FOR RECORD PURPOSES. LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 33,000 SUCH REPORTS WERE RECEIVED BY THE POLICE.

"SHOULD ANY ONE PARTY FEEL AGGRIEVED, THEY CAN MOVE THEIR VEHICLES FROM THE SCENE BEFORE LODGING A COMPLAINT WITH THE POLICE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"POLICE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION TEAMS WILL INVESTIGATE ALL SUCH COMPLAINTS AND CAN ESTABLISH THE CAUSE ACCORDING TO THE EVIDENCE GIVEN AND THE EXTENT AND POSITION OF THE DAMAGE.

"MOREOVER, THERE IS NOTHING TO STOP ANY PARTY FILING A CLAIM FOR DAMAGE THROUGH THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL."

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM HELPS RESIDENTS RENOVATE BUILDING
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A POST-WAR BUILDING IN MONG KOK, WHICH WAS ON THE VERGE OF BEING DECLARED DANGEROUS TWO YEARS AGO, HAS BECOME A SAFER AND MORE COMFORTABLE PLACE TO LIVE IN TO ITS 1,800 RESIDENTS.

THE 23-STOREY YUEN FAT BUILDING IN NELSON STREET, WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN 1964, HAS ALSO TAKEN ON A NEW LOOK FOLLOWING A \$2.8 MILLION RENOVATION PROJECT.

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THE RESIDENTS NOW TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR IMPROVED LIVING ENVIRONMENT, AND ARE THANKFUL TO THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM (BMCT) OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE FOR ITS ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING THE RENOVATION.

THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED FLAT OWNERS IN MID-1986 THAT THEIR BUILDING WAS ON THE VERGE OF BEING DECLARED DANGEROUS, AND THAT REPAIRS WERE REQUIRED.

REPAIR WORK WOULD INVOLVE CEMENT RENDERING AND PLASTERING, REPLACING SPALLING CONCRETE, REPAIRING DEFECTIVE WINDOW FRAMES AND GLASS PANES, AND RECTIFYING LEAKING PIPEWORK, DEFECTIVE SMOKE DOORS, BALUSTRADES AND CONCRETE CURBS.

UPON RECEIVING THE NOTICE, THE BUILDING'S OWNERS INCORPORATION WROTE TO OWNERS TO SEEK THEIR VIEWS ON THE REQUIRED REPAIR WORK. HOWEVER, ONLY ABOUT 90 OUT OF THE 350 OWNERS OF THE COMMERCIAL AND DOMESTIC UNITS RESPONDED.

THE OWNERS INCORPORATION THEN TURNED TO THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE FOR HELP - AND AT THE RIGHT TIME BECAUSE THE OFFICE HAD JUST SE UP THE BMCT.

THE TEAM, MADE UP OF ONE HOUSING MANAGER, ONE ASSISTANT MANAGER AND TWO HOUSING ASSISTANTS SECONDED FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, IS AIMED AT HELPING RESIDENTS WITH BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

"WE ORGANISED A MEETING FOR THE OWNERS OF THE BUILDING," THE HOUSING MANAGER, MR CHONG SZE-CHIU, SAID.

"A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT WAS INVITED TO EXPLAIN TO THEM WHAT SORT OF REPAIR WORK WAS REQUIRED, AND A SLIDE SHOW ON THE DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF THE BUILDING WAS PRESENTED.

"WE ALSO EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT THEY COULD TAKE THIS CHANCE TO CARRY OUT SOME OTHER NECESSARY MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS, SUCH AS INSTALLING PUBLIC ANTENNAE, FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATION AND REWIRING THE BUILDING."

THE OWNERS WERE APPALLED BY THE CONDITION OF THE BUILDING AND AGREED UNANIMOUSLY AT THE MEETING TO GO AHEAD WITH THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK.

A WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP. APART FROM MEMBERS OF THE OWNERS INCORPORATION, OTHER OWNERS WERE ALSO INVITED TO JOIN IN. MR CHONG AND A LIAISON OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WERE ALSO INCLUDED TO GIVE PROFESSIONAL ADVICE.

/THE GROUP

THE GROUP MET REGULARLY ALMOST EVERY MONTH TO COLLECT VIEWS FROM THE OWNERS AND TO SOLVE ANY PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT HAVE CROPPED UP.

"WE ADVISED THE OWNERS TO HANDLE ALL THE PROCEDURES IN AN OPEN AND FAIR MANNER, SUCH AS CONTRACTING OUT THE RENOVATION PROJECT THROUGH OPEN TENDER, SO THAT EVERYONE WOULD BE HAPPY WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS," MR CHONG SAID.

MR CHONG POINTED OUT THAT HIS TEAM HAD HANDLED EIGHT SUCH PROJECTS, COSTING BETWEEN \$200,000 AND \$600,000, IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. THREE OF THE PROJECTS HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THE OTHERS ARE IN PROGRESS.

"THE OWNERS INCORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES HAVE CONTRIBUTED A LOT TO THESE PROJECTS, AND WE HAVE OFFERED WHATEVER ASSISTANCE THAT WAS REQUIRED," MR CHONG SAID.

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SOUTHERN DB HELPS DISTANCE RUNNING TRAINING

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DISTANCE RUNNING ENTHUSIASTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PROPER AND COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING UNDER A PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT HARRIERS AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

"IN VIEW OF THE POPULARITY OF THE PROGRAMME ORGANISED LAST YEAR, WHICH ATTRACTED OVER 160 LOCAL AND FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS, THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS DECIDED TO SPONSOR ANOTHER PROGRAMME THIS YEAR," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD SAID.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT HARRIERS WAS FORMED IN 1987 AND SUBSIDISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL (SDRSC). IT IS ALSO AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

THE CLUB AIMS TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN RUNNING, AND TO GIVE MEMBERS TRAINING AS WELL AS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE.

ANY PERSONS AGED 12 OR ABOVE, WHO LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT, OR ARE AFFILIATED TO ANY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, CAN JOIN THE CLUB AND TAKE PART IN THE LONG DISTANCE RUNNING PROGRAMME.

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THE TRAINING PROGRAMME, STARTING FROM AUGUST, WILL LAST FOR ONE YEAR AND SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY EVENINGS AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND. THE COACH IS A TOP DISTANCE RUNNER, MR SZETO YAN.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE PROGRAMME ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES; THE RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS OFFICE (SOUTHERN) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT; AND THE SDRSC'S OFFICE IN AP LEI CHAU ESTATE. DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT IS JULY 27.

MEANWHILE, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT HARRIERS WILL HOLD A SEMINAR ON JULY 22 (FRIDAY) ON DISTANCE RUNNING AND ON PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN AGAINST INJURIES DURING RUNNING.

THE SEMINAR, AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, WILL START AT 7 PM. SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE MR RAYMOND LI, OF THE PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

ENQUIRIES, AND RESERVATIONS FOR THE SEMINAR, CAN BE MADE BY CALLING MISS WONG CHUN-YIN ON 5-550626, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, FROM 2 PM TO 5.30 PM.

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SWIMMING GALA FOR ISLANDERS

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THE 13TH ISLANDS DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

TWO GOVERNMENT VANS WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER IN CENTRAL AT 12.30 PM FOR SHA TIN. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE.

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PARKING SPACES FOR LARGE VEHICLES ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SUPPLY OF CARPARKS FOR LARGE VEHICLES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL BE A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY (JULY 18) MORNING.

A DB MEMBER, MR LI PO-MING, WILL ASK IF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES FOR LARGE VEHICLES AS SUPPLY NOW FALLS SHORT OF DEMAND. HE WILL ALSO WANT TO KNOW IF THE GOVERNMENT WILL PRIVATISE THE OPERATION OF ESTATE CARPARKS.

ANOTHER DB MEMBER, MR CHAN HON-YING, WILL ASK IF THE TURNING OF A CARPARK INTO A SHOPPING ARCADE IN SHA TIN GARDEN IS LAWFUL AND THE EFFECT OF THIS CHANGE ON THE RESIDENTS CONCERNED.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR KAN CHUNG-NIN, WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITIONAL STAIRCASE TO THE FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS MEI TIN ROAD, LINKING HOLFORD GARDEN TO GRANDEUR GARDENS IN TAI WAI.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS A \$90,000 PROJECT TO IMPROVE A FOOTPATH AND DRAINAGE BETWEEN HA WO CHE AND SUI WO COURT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING WORKING GROUPS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 18) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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TSUEN WAN DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WORKING GROUP REPORT

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THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT A MEETING ON MONDAY (JULY 18).

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LIAISON GROUP AND THE DISTRICT LIAISON GROUP FOR THE WORKING POPULATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 18) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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NORTH DB TO HOLD SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING ON MONDAY (JULY 18) TO DISCUSS MATTERS CARRIED OVER FROM ITS MEETING ON JUNE 16.

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE POLICY OF SCREENING VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG.

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A REPORT FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (JULY 18) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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FANLING SOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO START SOON
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ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS AND SITE FORMATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN WO HOP SHEK IN FANLING SOUTH FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$108 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE WORK COMPRISES IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE, CONSTRUCTION OF A 600-METRE LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR ROAD, A BUS TERMINUS, TWO CAR/LORRY PARKS, TWO PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST SUBWAYS AND TWO FOOTBRIDGES.

ASSOCIATED STORMWATER AND FOUL DRAINAGE WORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE FORMATION OF SITES FOR A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE AREA.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK AND TAKE ABOUT 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN KOWLOON

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CERTAIN ROAD SECTIONS IN SAN PO KONG AND SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 19) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

IN SAN PO KONG, THE SECTION OF HONG KEUNG STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TSEUK LUK STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BECOME A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON A 15-METRE STRETCH OF HONG KEUNG STREET WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TSEUK LUK STREET WILL BE LIFTED.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE EXISTING PEAK-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON A 12-METRE STRETCH OF THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI NAN WEST STREET WILL BE EXTENDED TO OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

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NEW OFFICES FOR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN TWO NEW OFFICES FROM MONDAY (JULY 18).

THE OFFICE WHICH WILL HANDLE MATTERS CONCERNING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUSES, PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES, HIRE CARS AND TAXIS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE OFFICE DEALING WITH MATTERS ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR, MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STORY CARPARK BUILDING, 2 MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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