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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR APRIL RELEASED

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HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW RAPIDLY IN APRIL 1988.

FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, WHILE THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE IN APRIL PICKED UP SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THAT IN MARCH, THE FIGURE STILL REPRESENTED A SLOW-DOWN COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988 AS A WHOLE.

THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN APRIL 1988 WAS \$16,055 MILLION, \$1,516 MILLION OR 10.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN APRIL 1987, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 44.8 PER CENT OR \$6,381 MILLION TO \$20,636 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$36,691 MILLION IN APRIL 1988, WAS, THUS, 27.4 PER CENT OR \$7,897 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN APRIL 1987.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 31.5 PER CENT OR \$9,592 MILLION OVER THE YEAR, TO \$40,081 MILLION IN APRIL 1988.

AS THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN APRIL 1988 GREW FASTER THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT WAS LARGER IN APRIL 1988 THAN IN THE SAME MONTH IN 1987.

IN APRIL 1988, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT STOOD AT \$3,390 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 8.5 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS.

THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$1,695 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 5.6 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN APRIL 1987.

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN INTERPRETING THE TRADE FIGURES FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL MONTH IN ISOLATION, IN VIEW OF THE FLUCTUATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR FROM MONTH TO MONTH.

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PUTTING THE TRADE FIGURES FOR APRIL IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1988 WAS \$133,729 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$60,225 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$73,504 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1987, IN VALUE TERMS TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$29,923 MILLION OR 28.8 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$7,159 MILLION OR 13.5 PER CENT, AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$22,764 MILLION OR 44.9 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$30,093 MILLION OR 27.6 PER CENT, TO \$138,947 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$5,218 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3.8 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1988.

THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$5,048 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.6 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SLOW-DOWN IN THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN APRIL, COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATE RECORDED IN THE FIRST QUARTER, WAS NOT UNEXPECTED, GIVEN THE RATHER SLOW GROWTH IN RETAINED IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RE-EXPORT TRADE WITH CHINA HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE RAPID GROWTH IN OVERALL RE-EXPORTS IN APRIL.

MORE OBSERVATIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE, HOWEVER, REQUIRED BEFORE ANY FIRM TREND REGARDING THE SLOW-DOWN IN THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS CAN BE SAID TO HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR APRIL 1988.

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$16,055 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$20,636 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$36,691 MILLION	
	IMPORTS	:	\$40,081 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 3,390 MILLION	[IN DEFICIT]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	FEB 88	FEB 87	INCREASE	
	TO APR 88 HK\$ MN.	TO APR 87 HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	43,748	39,014	4,734	12.1
RE-EXPORTS	55,140	38,735	16,405	42.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	98,888	77,749	21,139	27.2
IMPORTS	105,797	85,338	20,459	24.0
TRADE BALANCE	-6,909	-7,589	680	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	APRIL	APRIL	INCREASE	
	1988 HK\$ MN.	1987 HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	16,055 (43.8%)	14,539 (50.5%)	1,516	10.4
RE-EXPORTS	20,636	14,255	6,381	44.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	36,691	28,794	7,897	27.4
IMPORTS	40,081	30,489	9,592	31.5
TRADE BALANCE	-3,390	-1,695	-1,695	

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LAST MONTH	APRIL	MARCH	INCREASE	
	1988	1988	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	16,055 (43.8%)	14,052 (43.0%)	2,003	14.3
RE-EXPORTS	20,636	18,590	2,046	11.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	36,691	32,642	4,049	12.4
IMPORTS	40,081	37,246	2,835	7.6
TRADE BALANCE	-5,390	-4,604	1,214	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-APR	JAN-APR	INCREASE	
	1988	1987	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	60,225 (45.0%)	53,066 (51.1%)	7,159	13.5
RE-EXPORTS	73,504	50,740	22,764	44.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	133,729	103,806	29,923	28.8
IMPORTS	138,947	108,854	30,093	27.6
TRADE BALANCE	-5,218	-5,048	-170	

LAST 12 MONTHS	MAY 87	MAY 86	INCREASE	
	TO	TO	HK\$ MN.	%
	APR 88	APR 87		
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	202,412	166,556	35,856	21.5
RE-EXPORTS	205,545	139,721	65,824	47.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	407,957	306,277	101,680	33.2
IMPORTS	408,041	306,660	101,381	33.1
TRADE BALANCE	-84	383	299	

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR APRIL PUBLISHED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR APRIL 1988.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCTOBER 84/SEPTEMBER 85 = 100) FOR APRIL 1988 WERE 116.1 AND 116.2 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 7.4 PER CENT AND 7.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER APRIL 1987.

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED APRIL 1988, AT 111.8 AND 111.9 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 6.3 PER CENT AND 6.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED APRIL 1987.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED APRIL 1988, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.8 PER CENT PER MONTH.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

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CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR APRIL 1988 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988 AND APRIL 1987, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR APR.88	% CHANGE OVER MAR.88	% CHANGE OVER APR.87	INDEX FOR APR.88	% CHANGE OVER MAR.88	% CHANGE OVER APR.87
FOODSTUFFS	114.8	+1.7	+9.7	115.4	+1.5	+9.8
HOUSING	112.7	+0.9	+3.3	110.1	+0.9	+3.0
FUEL AND LIGHT	93.0	-0.3	+0.3	93.4	-0.3	-0.1
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	123.7	+0.6	+6.4	124.2	+0.7	+6.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	123.3	+4.9	+8.4	125.8	+5.9	+8.8
DURABLE GOODS	116.4	+0.7	+6.4	115.8	+0.8	+6.4
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	121.2	+1.3	+6.6	121.3	+1.4	+6.9
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	119.0	+0.8	+4.7	118.2	+0.8	+5.2
SERVICES	124.8	+0.6	+8.6	124.5	+0.6	+9.1
ALL ITEMS	116.1	+1.4	+7.4	116.2	+1.4	+7.3

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B).

THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND SALT-WATER FISH AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF LIVE POULTRY.

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THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER RENTS AND RATES FOR SOME PRIVATE DWELLINGS AND FOR SOME FLATS IN HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 4.9 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 5.9 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.8 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF FURNITURE, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, VIDEO AND SOUND EQUIPMENT.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.4 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY, MEDICINES, BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BECAUSE OF INCREASED FARES FOR THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY TRAIN, THE STAR FERRY AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND HIGHER DRIVING INSTRUCTION FEES.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR APRIL 1988, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

IT CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 120.1 IN APRIL 1988, UP BY 1.5 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1988 AND UP BY 8.4 PER CENT OVER APRIL 1987.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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JLG SUB-GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS TO MEET IN HK
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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP SUB-GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WILL BE HELD ON MAY 31 TO JUNE 2 IN HONG KONG.

THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE LED BY MR FRED BURROWS WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY TWO OTHER MEMBERS, MR NORMAN CHAN AND MISS SHELAGH BROOKS.

OTHER EXPERTS FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL ATTEND AS NECESSARY.

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HIGH SERVICE STANDARDS HELP ATTRACT TOURISTS
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THE ABILITY OF HONG KONG TO ATTRACT FIRST TIME VISITORS AND THOSE MAKING A RETURN TRIP, IS DUE IN NO SMALL MEASURE TO THE RANGE AND QUALITY OF THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE TOURIST INDUSTRY.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, WHEN SHE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF HOTEL AND CATERING SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT, FOOD AND DRINK.

MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG IN MANY WAYS HAD BECOME A GREAT METROPOLIS OF THE EAST. IN 1987, THE TERRITORY ATTRACTED A RECORD NUMBER OF 4.5 MILLION VISITORS - SOME 20 PER CENT MORE THAN THAT IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

"THE WORLD COMMUNITY IS BECOMING PROGRESSIVELY MORE MOBILE, AND AN INCREASING NUMBER OF DISCERNING TRAVELLERS WILL FIND THEIR WAY TO HONG KONG.

"HONG KONG HAS A PROVEN TRACK RECORD AND IS NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AS A PREMIER DESTINATION FOR BOTH VISITORS AND BUSINESS TRAVELLERS," SHE SAID.

NOTING THAT PRESENT FORECASTS INDICATED THAT THE LOCAL TOURIST INDUSTRY WOULD CONTINUE TO FLOURISH, MRS CHAN SAID IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS, HONG KONG WAS EXPECTED TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL 10,000 HOTEL ROOMS TO THE EXISTING STOCK OF 21,000 ROOMS.

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"IT IS IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN ITS HIGH SERVICE STANDARDS," SHE SAID.

THE FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION BEING HELD AT OCEAN TERMINAL HAS PARTICIPANTS FROM 17 COUNTRIES COMPRISING MORE THAN 300 EXHIBITORS.

"THE LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE EXHIBITION REFLECTS THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION THEY HAVE EARNED FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN ESTABLISHING HONG KONG AS A MAJOR ATTRACTION FOR TRAVELLERS," MRS CHAN SAID.

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LEGCO MEMBERS TO ASK 10 QUESTIONS

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MEMBERS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 10 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER SEVEN BILLS AT A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

TWO OF THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988.

THE REMAINING FIVE BILLS ARE DUE TO BE GIVEN A SECOND READING, AND THEN GO FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

THESE ARE THE BANKING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES REGULATIONS AND REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES REGULATIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 AND THE SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988.

THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER WILL MOVE A RESOLUTION UNDER THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

DR THE HON DANIEL TSE WILL ALSO PRESENT THE REPORT FOR 1987 OF THE POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE AT THE MEETING.

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HONG KONG/KOREA CUSTOMS CONFERENCE

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THE NINTH CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION CONFERENCE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OPENED IN HONG KONG TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD BETWEEN THE TWO CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS IS AIMED AT HARMONISING THEIR LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS AND PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

THE KOREAN DELEGATES WILL STAY IN HONG KONG FOR FIVE DAYS AND WILL VISIT VARIOUS CUSTOMS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE IS THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON. THE KOREAN DELEGATION IS LED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MR LEE TONG-HO.

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OLD BUILDINGS' RESIDENTS HAPPY WITH LIVING CONDITIONS: SURVEY

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ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE RESIDENTS LIVING IN OLD BUILDINGS IN MONG KOK ARE SATISFIED WITH THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY COMMISSIONED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

THE SURVEY, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY TWO CITY POLYTECHNIC LECTURERS, ALSO DISCOVERED THAT THE AVERAGE INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS IN BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN 1941 AND 1965 IN MONG KOK IS LOWER THAN THAT OF HOUSEHOLDS TERRITORY-WIDE.

IN ADDITION, IT WAS FOUND THAT THE PROPORTIONS OF ONE TO THREE-PERSON FAMILIES AND OF THE ELDERLY POPULATION IN THE TWO TARGETTED AREAS COVERED BY THE STUDY ARE HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE TERRITORY.

THE STUDY WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE COMMITTEE'S "WORKING GROUP ON THE PROBLEMS OF AGEING BUILDINGS IN MONG KOK DISTRICT" IN A BID TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN OLD BUILDINGS AND THE EFFECTS OF THESE BUILDINGS ON THE COMMUNITY.

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MRS AGNES YEUNG AND MR LAU KWOK-YU, OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC'S DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION, CONDUCTED THE STUDY FROM JANUARY TO MARCH THIS YEAR BY OBSERVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONDITIONS OF THE TARGET BUILDINGS, AND INTERVIEWING RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS IN THE TWO TARGETTED AREAS.

A REPORT, ENTITLED "EXPLORATORY STUDY ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES OF THE AGEING BUILDINGS IN MONG KOK DISTRICT", WAS SUBMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY).

BESIDES THE OCCUPANTS' SURPRISINGLY HIGH LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE OLD BUILDINGS THEY ARE LIVING IN, THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND THAT HOUSEHOLD INCOME WERE COMPARATIVELY LOWER--AVERAGING \$4,000 A MONTH COMPARED WITH \$5,160 A MONTH IN THE TERRITORY GENERALLY.

THE PROPORTION OF AGED RESIDENTS WAS HIGHER, AT 20 PER CENT COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE OF 11.6 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLE POPULATION.

THE REPORT RECOMMENDED FURTHER RESEARCH TO BE CONDUCTED TO FIND OUT WHY THESE BUILDINGS ARE SO POPULAR WITH THEIR OCCUPANTS, DESPITE THEIR UNDERSIRABLE LIVING CONDITIONS.

THE REPORT POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THE FINDINGS COULD WELL REPRESENT THE CONDITIONS OF OLD BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN 1941 AND 1965 WITHIN THE TARGETTED AREAS, THEY MIGHT NOT REPRESENT THOSE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THAT PERIOD IN THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

AMONG ITS OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS, THE REPORT SUGGESTED A STEERING GROUP BE SET UP TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE PROBLEM.

A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SHOULD BE FORMED TO GIVE ADVICE TO THE STEERING GROUP SO THAT THE SECOND STUDY COULD BE CONDUCTED MORE SMOOTHLY AND MORE COMPREHENSIVELY.

THE "WORKING GROUP ON THE PROBLEMS OF AGEING BUILDINGS IN MONG KOK DISTRICT" WAS SET UP LAST YEAR IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF EARLY POST-WAR BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

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ROAD LINKS ON DB AGENDA
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING THE CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE AND EFFECTS OF THE \$167 MILLION TRUNK ROAD NETWORK THAT WILL LINK SHA TIN WITH URBAN KOWLOON AND OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND TRUNK ROAD T6 HAS COMMENCED, TO LINK KOWLOON EAST TO SHA TIN AND MA ON SHAN TO MA LIU SHUI RESPECTIVELY, WITH COMPLETION DUE BY THE END OF 1991.

THE MERITS OF AN EARLIER COMPLETION DATE FOR THE ROAD T5 PROJECT WILL ALSO BE EXAMINED.

ALSO AT THE MEETING, THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WILL EXPLAIN THE DEPARTMENT'S CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT AND COMPARISON IN THE REVALUATION OF SOME 2,000 SHA TIN PREMISES.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 18.35 HECTARES OF LAND IN WO LIU HANG, WHICH WOULD ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 4,000 PEOPLE.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE FORMATION OF WORKING GROUPS ON PRIVATE HOUSING, PUBLIC HOUSING, AS WELL AS INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

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 TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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DB CONCERN ABOUT TUEN MUN ROAD SAFETY

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SAFETY ON TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

LAST YEAR, SEVERAL CONTAINER TRUCK ACCIDENTS OCCURRED ON THE ROAD, SOME RESULTING IN DEATH, AND CAUSING SERIOUS TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

A PAPER WAS PREPARED TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED TO THE SAFETY PROBLEM POSED BY HEAVY VEHICLES USING TUEN MUN ROAD.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE MTR CONGESTION FARE; PROVISION OF COVERS TO FOOTBRIDGES IN THE DISTRICT; RE-NAMING OF LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT STOP 340 AS FUNG TEI STOP; SAFETY OF THE ROAD LEADING TO TSING SHAN MONASTERY; TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT YICK YUEN TSUEN AND YICK YUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA; AND PROVISION OF MORE LORRY PARKING SPACES IN BUTTERFLY BAY AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DEADLINE FOR CIVIC EDUCATION SUBSIDY APPLICATIONS

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REGISTERED COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS ARE TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED THAT MAY 31 IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR A SUBSIDY TO ORGANISE CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION SAID A TOTAL OF \$600,000 HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SCHEME THIS YEAR TO SUBSIDISE CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS ORGANISED BY LOCAL BODIES.

"A MAXIMUM SUBSIDY OF \$50,000 MAY BE GRANTED TO EACH PROJECT WHICH CAN TAKE THE FORM OF EXHIBITION, DRAMA, PRODUCTION, TRAINING COURSE, AND SO ON," HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION ON APPLICATION PROCEDURES ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE SUBSIDY SCHEME MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON 3-693950 OR 3-669074.

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EASTERN TO START CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

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A PROGRAMME OF CONTINUING CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES WILL BEGIN IN EASTERN DISTRICT ON SATURDAY (MAY 28).

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL JOIN IN THE OPENING CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CLEAN HONG KONG ACTIVITIES.

ON MONDAY (MAY 30), STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN CARRYING OUT BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS, STREETS, HAWKER AREAS AND RECREATIONAL VENUES. THESE OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JULY 6.

THE WORKING GROUP WILL ALSO ORGANISE A CLEAN WATER CAMPAIGN IN THE TYPHOON SHELTERS AND A CLEAN BUILDING COMPETITION IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

IN SUPPORT OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, THE WORKING GROUP WILL ORGANISE A SPECIAL FILM SHOW IN JULY WHICH WILL AIM AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

OFFICIATING AT SATURDAY'S CEREMONY WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; URBAN COUNCIL ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE (HK), MR CHAN CHI-SUM; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DB ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MRS BETTY YUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DB WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CLEAN HONG KONG ACTIVITIES, MR TO BOON-MAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD ON MAY 28 (SATURDAY) AT THE JUNCTION OF KING'S ROAD AND LAU SIN STREET (NEXT TO TIN HAU MTR STATION). THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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C & W COMMUNITY BUILDING PLAN TO BE DISCUSSED

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MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE YEAR'S WORK PLAN AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 26).

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF A DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER A SCHEDULE OF LIAISON ACTIVITIES THAT THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION PLANS TO HOLD IN THE DISTRICT.

A RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME DRAWN UP BY THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (MAY 26) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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ISLANDS DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

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MEMBERS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A TOTAL OF 135 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS PLANNING TO HOLD CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS A SCHEDULE OF VISITS BY MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT'S CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, AND APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S DISTRICT FESTIVALS SUBSIDY SCHEME.

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A REPORT ON CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD IN 1987-88 WILL BE TABLED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO STUDY PHASE I OF THE ENGINEERING WORKS IN HUNG SHUI KIU AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS FOR TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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HIGH STANDARD OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES

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HONG KONG IS PROUD TO SAY THAT ITS STANDARD OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES IS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND IT IS TAKING THE LEAD AMONG ASIAN COUNTRIES IN MANY ASPECTS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXTENSION OF POKFULAM TRAINING CENTRE, MR LI SAID THERE WERE NOW 70 SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG. BUT IN THE EARLY 1960'S ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS PROVIDED EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

AMONG THE SPECIAL SCHOOLS, TWO OF THEM ARE FOR THE BLIND, FOUR FOR THE DEAF, EIGHT FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, 36 FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, EIGHT FOR THE MALADUSTED, ONE FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND 11 HOSPITAL SCHOOLS.

"THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE ALSO BUILT UP A NETWORK OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, FOR THEIR PARENTS AND FOR THEIR SCHOOLS," MR LI SAID.

COMMENTING ON THESE ACHIEVEMENTS, MR LI SAID THEY HAD BEEN MADE POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH THE UNFAILING SUPPORT OF THE SPONSORING BODIES, DONORS, TEACHERS AND STAFF CONCERNED.

CITING THE HILDESHEIM MISSION AS AN EXAMPLE, MR LI SAID THE MISSION HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION OVER THE YEARS.

"THE EBENEZER SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND WAS FOUNDED BY THE MISSION IN 1897 AND THE POKFULAM TRAINING CENTRE, WHICH IS A SISTER SCHOOL TO EBENEZER, IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND BOARDING CARE TO CHILDREN WHO ARE BOTH BLIND AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED," MR LI SAID.

"THE CENTRE WAS FIRST SUBVENTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN 1978. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THIS NEW WING, THERE WILL BE IMPROVEMENTS BOTH IN THE CENTRE'S CAPACITY AND FACILITIES," HE ADDED.

A TOTAL OF \$4 MILLION HAD BEEN SPENT ON THE PROJECT, MR LI SAID, ADDING THAT ADDITIONAL ROOMS HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF THE CENTRE'S DIVERSIFIED PROGRAMMES, ESPECIALLY IN THE TRAINING OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY, PRACTICAL SKILLS, SPEECH, MUSIC, ART AND CRAFT AND HOME ECONOMICS.

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BOE MEMBERS VISIT POLICE CADET SCHOOL

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FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL AT FAN GARDENS IN FANLING.

THE SCHOOL PROVIDES QUALIFIED RECRUITS FOR THE POLICE AND OTHER DISCIPLINARY SERVICES OF THE GOVERNMENT BY OFFERING EDUCATION TO STUDENTS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN SECONDARY FOUR PLACES IN GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

THE MEMBERS MAKING THE VISIT WERE MR DAVID CHEUNG, PROFESSOR BRIAN COOKE, MR TIMOTHY HA, MR ERIC LI AND MR TAM MAN-KWAN.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE BOE SECRETARY, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER MISS ROSE LAU.

THE PARTY WAS WELCOMED BY THE POLICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR FORCE TRAINING, MR G.W. ROPER, AND THE SCHOOL COMMANDANT, MR P.E. BIRNEY.

THE MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE SCHOOL HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE A SOURCE OF REASONABLY WELL-EDUCATED AND PHYSICALLY FIT YOUNG MEN FOR RECRUITMENT INTO THE POLICE FORCE, FIRE SERVICES, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT A POINT APPROPRIATE TO THEIR EDUCATIONAL LEVEL.

THE SCHOOL AT PRESENT OFFERS CADETS A TWO-TIER COURSE CONSISTING OF A COMMON FIRST YEAR WITH A SYLLABUS COMPRISING ACADEMIC STUDIES (40 PER CENT), PHYSICAL STUDIES (40 PER CENT) AND VOCATIONAL STUDIES (20 PER CENT).

THE SECOND YEAR OFFERS THE CADETS A "GENERAL" OPTION, WHICH IS A CONTINUATION OF THE FIRST YEAR TRAINING WITH NO CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF STUDIES, AND AN "ACADEMIC" OPTION, INTENDED TO TAKE CADETS TO HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION LEVEL.

THE CADETS TAKING THE "ACADEMIC" OPTION SPEND UP TO 70 PER CENT OF THEIR TIME ON ACADEMIC STUDIES.

THE CADETS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN NUMEROUS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CULTURE, MUSIC, PHOTOGRAPHY, ARTS AND CRAFT, AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES.

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KEEP HK CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW

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THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL TALK ABOUT FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS THE TELEVISION SHOW TO LAUNCH THE CAMPAIGN AND THE TERRITORY-WIDE "BLOCK TO BLOCK" CLEAN UP OPERATIONS.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 2, FOURTH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE, HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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LAND IN YUEN LONG TO BE RESUMED

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TWELVE LOTS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN AU TAU, YUEN LONG DISTRICT, WILL BE RESUMED SO THAT WATER IMPROVEMENTS WORKS CAN BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE LAND TOTALS 2,612.6 SQUARE METRES, AND ITS LOCATION CAN BE SEEN IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

THE LAND WILL FORM A PIPELINE RESERVE ALONG WHICH TRANSFER MAINS WILL BE LAID ADJACENT TO THE ACCESS ROAD FROM THE AU TAU TREATMENT WORKS TERMINATING AT KAM TIN ROAD IN YUEN LONG.

THIS WILL IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY IN THE AREA TO CATER FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN TIN SHUI WAI AND IN THE YUEN LONG/TUEN MUN CORRIDOR.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR FOR EAST KOWLOON

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO BUILD A NEW FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AND ASSOCIATED INLET AND OUTLET MAINS AT HAMMER HILL TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING WATER DEMAND IN KOWLOON EAST HIGH LEVEL AREAS.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REINFORCED CONCRETE SERVICE RESERVOIR WITH A CAPACITY OF 11,000 CUBIC METRES AND LAYING 500 METRES OF WATER MAINS OF 600 MM IN DIAMETER.

WORKS ON THIS NGAU CHI WAN HIGH LEVEL FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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WATER CUT IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 27) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY POK FU LAM ROAD, BONHAM ROAD, EASTERN STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, MORRISON STREET, WATERFRONT, KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, BELCHER'S STREET AND BELCHER GARDENS.

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TRAFFIC LANES ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY

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MOTORISTS SHOULD BE ON THE ALERT FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC LANES ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD IN SHA TIN TO BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN END OF THIS MONTH AND MID-JUNE.

THE CLOSURES ARE TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK AND WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY IN LATE EVENINGS AND EARLY MORNINGS.

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A 130-METRE LONG SECTION OF THE SLOW LANE NEAR SAN TIN WAI ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 PM ON MAY 26 (THURSDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY AND FROM 11 PM ON MAY 27 TO 6 AM ON MAY 28.

BETWEEN 10 PM ON JUNE 2 AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND BETWEEN 11 PM ON JUNE 3 AND 6 AM ON JUNE 4, A 100-METRE LONG SECTION OF THE SLOW LANE NEAR KAK TIN WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

THE SLOW LANE NORTH OF HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE, A SECTION OF ABOUT 120 METRES IN LENGTH, WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 PM ON JUNE 6 TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND FROM 11 PM ON JUNE 7 TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

A 220-METRE LONG SECTION OF THE SLOW LANE NEAR HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 10 PM ON JUNE 9 AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND BETWEEN 11 PM ON JUNE 10 AND 6 AM ON JUNE 11.

FROM 10 PM ON JUNE 14 TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY AND FROM 11 PM ON JUNE 15 TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY, THE SLOW LANE NORTH OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD, A SECTION OF ABOUT 90 METRES IN LENGTH, WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

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TAI PO ROAD CLOSURE FOR ROUTE 5 WORK

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHA TIN SECTION OF ROUTE 5, THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI PO ROAD, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SHING CHUEN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 160 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 26).

THE CLOSURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT 12 MONTHS.

ALL VEHICLES ON TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, INCLUDING KMB ROUTES NO. 48A, 72, 72A, 80K, 81, 85, 86, 87, 88K AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 61M, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TEMPORARY ROAD AND THE UNNAMED ROAD EAST OF TUNG LO WAN PLAYGROUND BEFORE RE-JOINING TAI PO ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SHING CHUEN ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING BUS STOP USED BY NORTHBOUND BUSES ON THAT SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED. A TEMPORARY BUS STOP WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ROAD, BESIDE A PETROL STATION.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN WAN CHAI

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SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN WAN CHAI WILL BE DESIGNATED AS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 27).

THE TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER AND TONNOCHY ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 13 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HUNG HING ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES ROUND THE CLOCK.

IN ADDITION, TONNOCHY ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN HUNG HING ROAD AND HARBOUR ROAD, AND HARBOUR ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TONNOCHY ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF THAT JUNCTION, WILL BECOME 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TUEN MUN

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS IN TUEN MUN FROM 10.30 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR EMERGENCY WATERWORKS.

THE WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF ROAD D7, BETWEEN THE JUNCTION OF MING KUM ROAD WITH SHEK PAI TAU ROAD AND THE SOUTHERN JUNCTION OF ROAD D7 WITH ROAD LD6, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

DURING THE CLOSURE, NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON THIS ROAD SECTION WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE EASTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF ROAD D7 WHICH WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

IN ADDITION, NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM ROAD D7 SOUTHBOUND ON TO SHEK PAI TAU ROAD WESTBOUND.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KOWLOON CITY

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OWING TO A WATER MAINS BURST AT THE JUNCTION OF GRAMPIAN ROAD AND DUMBARTON ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT:

- * GRAMPIAN ROAD IS CONVERTED INTO A CUL-DE-SAC AT ITS JUNCTION WITH DUMBARTON ROAD.
- * VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON JUNCTION ROAD ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TURN INTO DUMBARTON ROAD.

THE MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR TUEN MUN CEREMONY

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A SECTION OF SAM SHING STREET IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 27) IN CONNECTION WITH A FISHERMEN'S CELEBRATION INVOLVING THE SAM CHAU TIN HAU GODDESS.

THE SECTION RUNS FROM THE NORTHERN JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD (CASTLE PEAK BAY SECTION) TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT RESTRICTED ROAD LEADING INTO THE SAM SHING ESTATE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF SAM SHING STREET BETWEEN ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD (CASTLE PEAK BAY SECTION) AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT RESTRICTED ROAD LEADING INTO THE SAM SHING ESTATE WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN WAN CHAI

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THE EXIT FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD TO WESTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD NEAR STEWART ROAD IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 10.30 PM AND 5.30 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING TO FRIDAY (MAY 27) MORNING.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD HEADING FOR CENTRAL CAN JOIN GLOUCESTER ROAD VIA THE EXIT NEAR FENWICK STREET.

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