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USD CONTINUES CRACKDOWN ON UNHYGIENIC FOOD OUTLETS

THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY CONTINUED ITS CRACKDOWN ON UNHYGIENIC FOOD OUTLETS IN AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE POTENTIAL SOURCES OF CHOLERA.

+SURPRISE RAIDS AGAINST ILLEGAL COOKED-FOOD STALLS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S THREE GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS AT THE JUNCTION OF TSUN YIP STREET AND HUNG TO ROAD AND AT THE ADJACENT AREAS IN KWUN TONG,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

HE SAID THE GD TEAMS WERE HEADED BY ONE CHIEF HEALTH INSPECTOR AND COMPRISED SOME 60 MEMBERS.

+AS A RESULT OF THE RAIDS, SUMMONSES WERE SERVED TO TWO HAWKERS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO BE CHARGED WITH HAWKING WITHOUT A LICENCE AND SELLING RESTRICTED FOOD,+ HE SAID.

+DURING TODAY'S RAIDS, MORE THAN 100 KILOGRAMMES COMPRISING 40 ITEMS OF COOKED FOOD WERE CONFISCATED AND THEY WOULD BE SENT TO THE PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE FOR ANALYSIS.

+IN ADDITION, TWO COOKED-FOOD HANDCARTS WERE SEIZED.+

+SPECIAL GENERAL DUTIES TEAM SQUADS HAVE ALSO BEEN FORMED WITH THE PRIME TASK OF STAMPING OUT ILLEGAL HAWKERS SELLING COOKED FOOD AND NON-BOTTLED DRINKS.+

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH INSPECTORS WERE ALSO STEPPING UP CHECKS ON FOOD-SELLING OUTLETS AND PLACES WHERE FOOD WAS PREPARED SO AS TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA.

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PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF MAY EXTERNAL TRADE

STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 6 PER CENT IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS, HOWEVER, DECLINED BY 3 PER CENT. THERE WAS THEREFORE AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 2 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS REMAINED UNCHANGED WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 1 PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS PRICES REMAINED UNCHANGED.

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PRICES OF IMPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, ROSE BY 3 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT.

COMPARING MAY 1986 WITH MAY 1985, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HENCE, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

IMPORT VOLUME ALSO INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 1 PER CENT, RE-EXPORT PRICES INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT WHILE IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 5 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 COMPILED. THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM TRADE VALUES BY DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MAY 1986 WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MAY 1985, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT, GIVING AN INCREASE OF 2 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS REMAINED UNCHANGED WHILE THOSE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BOTH DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR MAY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF SOME COMMODITY GROUPS FELL IN MAY 1986 COMPARED WITH MAY 1985. THESE INCLUDED RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-11 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-5 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-4 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (-2 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-1 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+7 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+7 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+4 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+3 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+1 PER CENT) AS WELL AS METAL MANUFACTURES (+1 PER CENT).

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THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN MAY 1986 COMPARED WITH MAY 1985, INCLUDING TEXTILE FABRICS (+40 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+31 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+28 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+21 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+21 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+21 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+14 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+10 PER CENT) AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+6 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-29 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-14 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-4 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR MAY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF SOME END-USE CATEGORIES ROSE IN MAY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1985, RANGING FROM 3 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 17 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS AND FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 36 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS IN MAY 1986 COMPARED WITH MAY 1985. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN VEGETABLES; WHEAT AND FLOUR; LIVE POULTRY; TEA AND COFFEE; FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS; MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS; SUGAR AS WELL AS FRUIT.

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS, OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR; ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES AS WELL AS SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MANY CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING TOBACCO MANUFACTURES; ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; WATCHES; CLOTHING AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AS WELL AS CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE IN MAY 1986 COMPARED WITH MAY 1985. THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN COTTON YARN AND THREAD; WOVEN COTTON FABRICS; DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS; YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES AS WELL AS SILK FABRICS.

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DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE MAINLY NOTED FOR WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; BASE METALS, EXCLUDING IRON AND STEEL AS WELL AS WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN MAY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1985.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SOME COMMODITIES DECREASED IN MAY 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1985, THE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT= CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AND OFFICE MACHINES. INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TEXTILE MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR MAY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN MAY 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1985, RANGING FROM 7 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 198 PER CENT FOR FUELS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS DECREASED BY 36 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MAY 1986 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+ AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE NEXT WEEK AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL: 5-214375) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL: 5-444584).

TABLE 1: INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING JAN-MAY 1986 WITH JAN-MAY 1985			COMPARING MAY 1986 WITH MAY 1985		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	10	-1	11	14	*	14
TEXTILE FABRICS	25	-4	30	37	-2	40
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	17	-3	21	27	-1	28

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TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	11	-1	12	36	4	31
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-5	-10	6	8	-11	21
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	1	6	-5	7	1	6
FOOTWEAR	14	1	13	24	3	21
METAL MANUFACTURES	5	*	5	12	1	10
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-35	-5	-32	-32	-4	-29
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	27	3	23	30	7	21
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-9	6	-14	2	7	-4
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-19	-8	-12	-18	-5	-14
ALL COMMODITIES	7	*	6	14	1	13

NOTE: * INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT.

TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-MAY 1986 WITH JAN-MAY 1985			COMPARING MAY 1986 WITH MAY 1985		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	14	-3	17	15	-1	17
CONSUMER GOODS	12	8	3	28	11	16

/RAW MATERIALS

RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	11	1	11	21	3	18
FUELS	-8	-22	19	-39	-36	-3
CAPITAL GOODS	-5	14	-17	2	17	-13
ALL COMMODITIES	8	3	5	16	5	10

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

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-MAY 1986 WITH JAN-MAY 1985			COMPARING MAY 1986 WITH MAY 1985		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	33	1	32	45	1	43
CONSUMER GOODS	2	3	-1	20	3	17
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	3	-4	7	5	-1	7
FUELS	74	-23	127	96	-34	198
CAPITAL GOODS	-28	9	-34	-29	10	-36
ALL COMMODITIES	-2	1	-3	6	2	4

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CIVIC EDUCATION OBJECTIVES OUTLINED
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THE INITIAL OBJECTIVES IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN HONG KONG SHOULD FOCUS ON ENHANCING THE PUBLIC'S CONCERN, AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MRS RITA FAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+THE OBJECTIVES SHOULD ALSO BE MAINLY CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPING THE PUBLIC'S ABILITY TO THINK INDEPENDENTLY, PROMOTING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR TRADITION AND CULTURE, AND HELPING THEM TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING TO HONG KONG SO THAT THEY WILL WANT TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIETY,+ SHE SAID.

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SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MRS FAN SAID THAT THE OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE FORMULATED BY THE COMMITTEE WERE MEANT FOR THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, AND WERE BY NO MEANS HARD AND FAST RULES BINDING ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

+THE SPIRIT OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO STIMULATE AND TO ENCOURAGE, RATHER THAN TO DIRECT OR TO INSTRUCT INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANISATIONS IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION,+ SHE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WHICH WAS SET UP IN MAY THIS YEAR WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE ISSUE THROUGH REGULAR REVIEWS SO THAT IT WOULD KEEP UP WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION, THE COMMITTEE WAS PROVIDED WITH FUNDS TOTALLING \$750 000 OF WHICH \$250 000 WILL BE USED TO SUBSIDISE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES PROJECTS ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

FUTURE PLANS ALSO INCLUDE A MAJOR CONFERENCE ON CIVIC EDUCATION TO BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR, A TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FEATURING ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DAILY LIFE, A SURVEY OF PUBLIC VIEWS ON CIVIC EDUCATION BY AN INDEPENDENT RESEARCH COMPANY AND THE COMPILATION OF A SET OF REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC.

AS THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC EDUCATION LIES IN ITS PRACTICAL APPLICATION, MRS FAN HOPED THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN ORGANISING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

SHE ALSO CALLED ON ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION TO HELP PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR ORGANISING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE CONVENORS OF THE FOUR WORKING GROUPS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

ELABORATING ON THE OBJECTIVES OF CIVIC EDUCATION, THE CONVENOR OF THE STUDY GROUP ON GUIDELINES FOR CIVIC EDUCATION, MR CHENG KAI-NAM, SAID THE BASIC CONTENT AND SCOPE OF CIVIC EDUCATION SHOULD ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND AND PRACTISE +RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP+; TO UNDERSTAND THE MAJOR ELEMENTS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN MAKING HONG KONG AN OPEN, COSMOPOLITAN AND MODERN SOCIETY, SUCH AS THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND LEGAL SYSTEMS.

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IT SHOULD ALSO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICS THUS ENHANCING THE IDEA OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, THE RULE OF LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE; TO UNDERSTAND THE DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG IN THE FUTURE, AND THE ASSOCIATED CHANGES AND CHALLENGES AND TO UNDERSTAND CHINA'S PAST AND PRESENT, TO COMPREHEND HER TRADITION AND CULTURE AND TO BE CONCERNED FOR HER FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

HE REITERATED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO INSIST ON A UNIFORM STARTING POINT AND DEPTH OF THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION. HE BELIEVED THAT WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, THE PUBLIC WOULD EVENTUALLY REACH A COMMON CONSENSUS.

HE SAID THE STUDY GROUP WAS PLANNING A TERRITORY-WIDE SURVEY OF PUBLIC VIEWS WHICH WOULD BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE CONDUCTED AMONG ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE AIM OF THE SURVEY WAS TO ASCERTAIN THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC AWARENESS ON CIVIC EDUCATION OF 1 000 RESPONDENTS SELECTED FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE.

ON THE PUBLICITY SIDE, CONVENOR OF THE PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP, MR GEORGE YUEN, SAID THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WAS ONE OF GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR CAMPAIGNS THIS YEAR.

THE WORKING GROUP PLANS TO INCULCATE THE CORRECT CONCEPT OF CIVIC AWARENESS VIA PUBLICITY THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA AND DEVISE A COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

SOME CIVIC-ORIENTED ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST (API'S) WOULD BE PRODUCED BY INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT INCLUDING FOUR 60-SECOND API'S AND A 90-SECOND MUSIC VIDEO FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

THE FOUR API'S WOULD INFORM THE PUBLIC HOW A CITIZEN COULD, THROUGH EXISTING CHANNELS SUCH AS OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND REFLECT HIS VIEWS ON LIVING CONDITIONS AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO DISTRICT BOARDS, URBAN COUNCIL, REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND UMEICO.

THE MUSIC VIDEO WOULD FEATURE THE THEME SONG OF THE CAMPAIGN SUNG BY WELL-KNOWN SINGERS MICHAEL KWAN, ALBERT AU AND LOWELL LO.

EXPLAINING THE SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS, CONVENOR OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GROUP, MR MAK HOI-WAH, SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD SET ASIDE A TOTAL OF \$250 000 FOR THE SCHEME.

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THE MAXIMUM GRANT PER PROJECT WAS \$10 000 AND THE PROJECT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR. DUE TO LIMITED RESOURCES, THE SUBSIDY SCHEME WILL NOT BE APPLIED TO SCHOOL PROJECTS HELD SOLELY FOR STUDENTS NOR PROJECTS ALREADY SPONSORED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARDS OR URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL, HE SAID.

IN DECIDING THE SUBSIDY, EACH APPLICATION WILL BE ASSESSED ACCORDING TO THE CONTENT OF THE PROJECT, TARGET GROUP, NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT, THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED AND THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAMME, HE ADDED.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 30 AND SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WOULD RECEIVE AN ADVANCE PAYMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF THE SUBSIDY. APPLICATION FORMS TOGETHER WITH DETAILS OF APPLICATION PROCEDURES ARE OBTAINABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS THE CONVENOR OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE ON CIVIC EDUCATION, MR ALLAN CHOW. HE SAID THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD IN FEBRUARY WITH THE THEME OF +CIVIC EDUCATION - ITS DIRECTION AND SIGNIFICANCE+.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE WAS TO IMPROVE PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDING OF CIVIC EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND MOST IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR DISCUSSING AND FORMULATING FUTURE STRATEGIES FOR PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION, MR CHOW SAID.

+PARTICIPANTS WILL COME FROM A WIDE RANGE OF BACKGROUNDS INCLUDING EDUCATIONALISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS, URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS AND DISTRICT BOARDS,+ HE ADDED.

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SEMINAR TO PROMOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

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A SEMINAR ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 6) EVENING IN THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, NAM CHEONG STREET, KOWLOON.

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE SCHEME AMONG RESIDENTS.

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SHAM SHUI PO POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PAANG KUI-SAN, WILL SPEAK ON THE AIMS AND CONTENT OF THE SCHEME, AND THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VIDEO PRESENTATION AND A DEMONSTRATION OF AN ELECTRONIC ALARM SYSTEM.

RESIDENTS WHO ATTEND THE SEMINAR ARE WELCOME TO RAISE QUESTIONS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME IN SHAM SHUI PO STARTED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, WITH FOUR HOUSING ESTATE BLOCKS AND ONE PRIVATE BUILDING BEING INVOLVED IN PHASE ONE.

ANOTHER FIVE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR PHASE TWO, WHICH IS NOW BEING LAUNCHED. THE BUILDING ARE BLOCK 42 OF SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, BLOCK 6 OF UN CHAU STREET ESTATE, YAN OI HOUSE OF LI CHENG UK ESTATE, AMPLE BUILDING, AND LEUNG CHAU BUILDING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY IN SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, NAM CHEONG STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON. IT WILL START AT 8.30 PM.

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RESITE AREA BEING BUILT FOR HOI PA VILLAGERS
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CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FOOTBRIDGES AND SITES FORMATION WORK WILL SOON BE CARRIED OUT IN TSUEN WAN.

THE FOOTBRIDGES WILL BE ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT ITS JUNCTIONS WITH SAI LAU KOK ROAD AND KIN MING STREET TO PROVIDE DIRECT AND SAFE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS BETWEEN FUK LOI ESTATE AND NEARBY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THE MTR STATION.

ABOUT 1.3 HECTARES OF RESITE AREA WILL BE FORMED AT SAN TSUEN PAI NEAR SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE PREVIOUSLY LIVING AT CHUNG ON STREET, AND WHOSE HOMES WERE CLEARED BY GOVERNMENT AS PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE PROVISION OF ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND MINOR SLOPE WORK.

TENDERS FOR THE 12-MONTH PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER.

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PHILATELIC EXHIBITION FOR NORTH DISTRICT

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A NORTH DISTRICT PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, HIGHLIGHTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF POSTAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG, WILL BE STAGED AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL STARTING ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 6).

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SHA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT SCHOOL AND SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

+ITS AIM IS TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE'S, IN PHILATELY AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO ENGAGE IN A HEALTHY PURSUIT DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXHIBITS INCLUDE FIRST-DAY COVERS, COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS, POSTCARDS AS WELL AS PICTURES SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL POSTAL SERVICES. OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG HON-CHUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NORTH DISTRICT PHILATELIC EXHIBITION ON WEDNESDAY AT 3 PM AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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INVITATION FOR ANNUAL TOLO HARBOUR SWIM

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE ANNUAL CROSS-HARBOUR SWIM IN TAI PO TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 5.

THE 19TH CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND A COMMERCIAL FIRM.

THE RACE, OPEN TO SWIMMERS AGED 12 OR ABOVE, WILL START AT 10.30 AM FROM SHA LAN TO TAI MEI TUK, COVERING A DISTANCE OF 2 400 METRES.

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TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST 10 WINNERS IN THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS, WHILE THOSE COMPLETE THE FULL COURSE IN 90 MINUTES WILL RECEIVE COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES= OFFICES OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT= THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE DIVISION OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH= THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 20.

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DETAILS OF TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF STAGES TWO AND THREE OF THE TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 7) AT 3 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON AND NT REGIONAL OFFICES, 25TH FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON.

THE RECONSTRUCTION, EXPECTED TO TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE, WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LANE TO THE FLYOVER WHICH IS REACHING SATURATION LEVEL. TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION TO TRAFFIC, A TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THREE STAGES TO TIE IN WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION.

ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR ENGINEERS, MR LAM HON-KIT AND MR WAN MAN-LEUNG, SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER, MR LOUIS HUNG, AND HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT'S ENGINEER, MR EDWARD J. ROBLIN.

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SPORTS NURTURE SCHEME OPENING
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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SPORTS NURTURE SCHEME OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 6) AT 6 PM IN THE HALL OF THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

DEMONSTRATIVE GAMES WILL BE HELD AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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MEDIA BRIEFING
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL GIVE A BRIEFING TO THE MEDIA AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 15TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 63.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 369.729 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 351.745 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 60 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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