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BILL SEEKS TO FACILITATE PROSECUTION OF COMMERCIAL CRIME  
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A BILL DESIGNED TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING EVIDENCE FROM OVERSEAS JURISDICTIONS IN RESPECT OF FRAUDS PERPETRATED IN HONG KONG WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 WOULD SEEK TO REMOVE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN TWO AREAS, FACILITATING THE PROSECUTION OF COMMERCIAL CRIME.

+THE CURRENT WORDING OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE EVIDENCE ORDINANCE DOES NOT ALLOW THE ADMISSION INTO EVIDENCE OF THE RECORDS OF BANKS, BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS, WHICH ARE EITHER DEFUNCT OR IN THE PROCESS OF LIQUIDATION.

+BANKERS' RECORDS ARE CURRENTLY GOVERNED BY SECTIONS 19B AND 20 OF THE ORDINANCE, WHERE THOSE RECORDS ARE TO BE PROVED BY WAY OF AFFIDAVIT OR AFFIRMATION, AND BY SECTION 77F(2)(B), WHERE THOSE RECORDS ARE TO BE PROVED BY WAY OF DEPOSITION TAKEN OVERSEAS BEFORE A JUDICIAL OFFICER OR TRIBUNAL,+ HE SAID.

+THESE SECTIONS ARE WORDED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GIVE AN IMPRESSION THAT THEY APPLY ONLY TO OPERATING INSTITUTIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SECTION 19B REFERRED TO ANY BODY +.... WHICH CARRIES ON THE BUSINESS OF BANKING OUTSIDE HONG KONG+.

SECTION 20 ALLOWED THE PRODUCTION OF A BANKERS' RECORD WHICH +IS IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE BANK+.

SECTION 77F(2)(B) REQUIRED THAT THE PERSON MAKING AN AFFIDAVIT OR DEPOSITION TO PROVE SUCH RECORDS MUST BE AN OFFICER OF THE BANKING BODY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THE CASE OF A DEFUNCT BANK, THESE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS COULD NOT BE MET.

+THE BILL WILL ALLOW THOSE PROVISIONS TO OPERATE IN RESPECT OF DEFUNCT BANKS, THEREBY ALLOWING THE ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE LOST BECAUSE OF MERE TECHNICALITY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE SECOND AREA OF CONCERN RELATED TO CASES WHERE EVIDENCE WAS OBTAINED FROM OVERSEAS PURSUANT TO A LETTER OF REQUEST. +FOR DOCUMENTS TENDERED IN EVIDENCE PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 77F(1)(C) OR (D), ORIGINALS RATHER THAN COPIES MUST BE ATTACHED TO DEPOSITIONS ADMITTED IN EVIDENCE.+

THIS CAUSED PROBLEMS BECAUSE MANY DOCUMENTS SUCH AS CHEQUES AND CREDIT ADVICES WERE NOT RETAINED AS ORIGINALS BY MANY BANKS BUT WERE DESTROYED AFTER MICROFILMING. IN SOME CASES, THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT MIGHT BE IN THE HANDS OF A DEFENDANT AND THE INSTITUTION MIGHT ONLY HAVE A COPY.

+THE BILL WILL ALLOW THE PRODUCTION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES. RECENT COURT DECISIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM SUPPORT THE MODERN VIEW THAT THE FACT THAT A DOCUMENT IS A COPY GOES TO THE QUESTION OF CREDIBILITY NOT THE ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR ORIGINALS, BESIDES BEING SEVERELY RESTRICTIVE, DID NOT PROVIDE A SAFEGUARD THAT WAS LIKELY TO BE IMPAIRED OR ERODED BY THE USE OF COPIES.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 12.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE BILL'S PROVISIONS CAN WRITE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS IN QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR TO OMELCO AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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PROPOSED PENALTY HIKE FOR ILLEGAL MEDICAL PRACTICE

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR OFFENCES RELATING TO ILLEGAL PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY AND THE ILLEGAL SUPPLY OF ANTIBIOTICS.

THE PROPOSALS WERE COVERED IN THE PENALTIES FOR PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY BY UNREGISTERED PERSONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1986 AND ANTIBIOTICS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) AND WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 12.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SAID THAT THE NEED FOR THESE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS BECAME EVIDENT FROM A COURT CASE IN DECEMBER 1984 IN WHICH THE OPERATOR OF AN ILLEGAL CLINIC WAS PROSECUTED FOR A NUMBER OF OFFENCES UNDER THE MEDICAL, DENTISTRY AND ANTIBIOTIC ORDINANCES.

THE POLICE ENQUIRY LEADING TO THIS CASE WAS THE RESULT OF COMPLAINTS BY A NUMBER OF PATIENTS, SEVEN OF WHOM HAD SUFFERED SERIOUS PERMANENT DISABILITY AFTER RECEIVING TREATMENT AT THE ILLEGAL CLINIC.

HE SAID THE CASE HIGHLIGHTED A NUMBER OF DEFECTS IN THE EXISTING LAWS. FOR EXAMPLE, UNDER THE EXISTING LAW, OFFENCES ARE ONLY TRIABLE SUMMARILY IN A MAGISTRATE COURT AND, CONSEQUENTLY, SUCH PROSECUTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO A SIX MONTHS' TIME LIMIT FROM THE DATE OF THE OFFENCE.

IT WAS ALSO CONSIDERED THAT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF PENALTIES OF A \$50 000 FINE AND FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR OPERATING AN ILLEGAL CLINIC WAS INADEQUATE WHEN DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT RESULT IN INJURY TO A PERSON.

THE PENALTIES FOR PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY BY UNREGISTERED PERSONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL:

- \* AMENDS THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE SO THAT FRAUDULENT REGISTRATION AS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER BECOMES AN INDICTABLE OFFENCE AND CARRIES A HIGHER PENALTY OF THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.
- \* ALSO AMENDS THE SAME ORDINANCE SO THAT ILLEGAL PRACTICE IS MADE AN OFFENCE TRIABLE SUMMARILY OR ON INDICTMENT.
- \* AMENDS THE MEDICAL CLINICS ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFENCES OF MANAGING OR PRACTISING MEDICINE IN AN UNREGISTERED CLINIC TO PROCEED BY INDICTMENT. IT ALSO CREATES AN ADDITIONAL INDICTABLE OFFENCE WHERE THE TREATMENT GIVEN RESULTS IN INJURY.

IN BOTH CASES WHERE ILLEGAL PRACTICE OF MEDICINE RESULTS IN INJURY TO PERSONS TREATED, THE OFFENCE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF A FINE OF \$100 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE YEARS ON SUMMARY CONVICTION AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SEVEN YEARS ON CONVICTION UPON INDICTMENT.

THE BILL ALSO AMENDS THE DENTISTS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE ALONG SIMILAR LINES.

THE ANTIBIOTICS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 SEEKS TO AMEND THE ANTIBIOTICS ORDINANCE BY INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL SALE AND POSSESSION OF ANTIBIOTICS TO BRING IT IN LINE WITH THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE. IT ALSO EXTENDS THE TIME LIMIT FOR SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS TO BE COMMENCED FROM SIX TO 12 MONTHS, TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR INVESTIGATION AND TO INSTITUTE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE OFFENCE OF ILLEGAL PRACTICE OF MEDICINE WILL NOT APPLY TO THE PRACTICE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE NOR TO LEGITIMATE PRACTICES BY REGISTERED PHARMACISTS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, OPTOMETRISTS, MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS OR RADIOGRAPHERS, OR TO FIRST AID TREATMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE BILL WILL NEITHER AFFECT CHINESE DOCTORS TRAINED IN WESTERN MEDICINE AS THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY OPPORTUNITIES TO QUALIFY TO PRACTICE IN HONG KONG UNDER THE LICENTIATE SCHEME.

VIEWS ON PROVISIONS OF THE BILLS CAN BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, SEVENTH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, OR TO OMELCO AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

CHANGES TO DAMAGES CLAIM LAW IN EFFECT TOMORROW  
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CHANGES TO THE LAW OF DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURY AND DEATH WILL COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE CHANGES WERE INCORPORATED IN THE NEW FATAL ACCIDENTS ORDINANCE AND REVISED PROVISIONS IN THE LAW AMENDMENT AND REFORM (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE ON NOVEMBER 1.

THESE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATING TO DAMAGES RECOVERABLE BY AND ON BEHALF OF PERSONS INJURED OR KILLED THROUGH THE DELIBERATE OR NEGLIGENT ACTION OF OTHERS ARE THE RESULT OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT ON DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURY AND DEATH PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY 1985.

+THE NEW FATAL ACCIDENTS ORDINANCE COMPLETELY REPLACES THE EXISTING ORDINANCE OF THE SAME NAME. ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE LAW WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED, IT INTRODUCES SOME NEW PROVISIONS.

+THE MOST IMPORTANT NEW PROVISION IS ONE REQUIRING A PERSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF ANOTHER TO PAY \$40 000 AS DAMAGES FOR BEREAVEMENT TO THE DECEASED'S RELATIVES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE LIST OF RELATIVES WHO MAY BE ENTITLED TO SUCH COMPENSATION BEGINS WITH THE DECEASED'S HUSBAND OR WIFE, BUT ALSO INCLUDES CHILDREN, CONCUBINES, DE FACTO SPOUSES, PARENTS (BOTH NATURAL AND ADOPTIVE) AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS, HE SAID.

+A PERSON CAN ONLY CLAIM IF THERE IS NO ONE HIGHER ON THE LIST WHO HAS A CLAIM. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE DECEASED'S SPOUSE HAD ALREADY PASSED AWAY, THE CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO THE PAYMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE ADDED THAT THE LIST OF PEOPLE WHO COULD MAKE A CLAIM AGAINST THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF A PROVIDER HAS ALSO EXTENDED. +IT REFLECTS MORE CLOSELY THAN BEFORE THE CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN DEPENDENT ON THE DECEASED IN THE CONTEXT OF HONG KONG FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS,+ HE SAID.

THE LAW AMENDMENT AND REFORM (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE EFFECTS SOME RELATED REFORMS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +IT ABOLISHES SOME ANTIQUATED CLAIMS SUCH AS THOSE FOR LOSS OF SOCIETY, OF EXPECTATION OF LIFE, AND FOR THE LOSS OF THE SERVICES OF A MENIAL SERVANT.

+AT THE SAME TIME A NEW CLAIM IS INTRODUCED ALLOWING AN AWARD OF UP TO \$40 000 FOR LOSS OF THE SOCIETY OF A BADLY INJURED PERSON,+ HE SAID. THE LIST OF THOSE ENTITLED TO CLAIM IS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE BEREAVEMENT CLAIM UNDER THE FATAL ACCIDENTS ORDINANCE.

/ANOTHER MAJOR .....

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ANOTHER MAJOR REFORM IS INTENDED TO OVERCOME THE EXISTING ANOMALY UNDER WHICH DEFENDANTS CAN SOMETIMES FACE CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES FOR DEATH BY ACCIDENT UNDER BOTH ORDINANCES AND HAVE TO PAY OUT MORE THAN ONCE.

AFTER THE AMENDMENT HAS COME INTO EFFECT, ALTHOUGH IT WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE FOR CLAIMS TO BE MADE FOR DAMAGES UNDER BOTH ORDINANCES, THE DEFENDANT WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY MORE THAN ONCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE LAW AMENDMENT AND REFORM (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE ALSO APPLIES THE LAW RELATING TO CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE TO THE CLAIMS OF DEPENDANTS FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM ACCIDENTS, HE ADDED.

ONE PROVISION OF THE LAW AMENDMENT AND REFORM (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE IS NOT YET IN EFFECT, HE SAID. +THIS WILL ALLOW THE AWARD OF PROVISIONAL DAMAGES IN CASES WHERE THE FULL EXTENT OF THE DISABILITY CAUSED BY AN INJURY CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED AT THE TIME OF THE COURT HEARING. THE COURT WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A RULING ON WHETHER OR NOT THE DEFENDANT IS LIABLE TO PAY DAMAGES, BUT WILL BE ABLE TO DELAY MAKING A FINAL RULING ON THE AMOUNT OF THE DAMAGES UNTIL THE EXACT LEVEL OF DISABILITY IS KNOWN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE POWER TO AWARD PROVISIONAL DAMAGES WILL COME INTO EFFECT LATE THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR WHEN THE SUPREME COURT MAKES NEW RULES TO PRESCRIBE THE PROCEDURE.

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#### RETAIL SALE SURVEY RESULTS FOR AUGUST RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN AUGUST 1986, PROVISIONALLY ESTIMATED AT \$6 041 MILLION, WAS 12 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN AUGUST 1985 WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS SEVEN PER CENT, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 17 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES AND +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ WENT UP BY 16 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE, WHILE THEIR CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN SALES VOLUME WERE SIX PER CENT AND EIGHT PER CENT.

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RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE AND FIVE PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT DOWN BY 16 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT HAD A SLIGHT INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE BUT SLIGHTLY IN VOLUME.

SUPERMARKETS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME, WHILE CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE AND A MODERATE INCREASE IN SALES VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED MODERATELY IN SALES VALUE AND SLIGHTLY IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD JUNE TO AUGUST 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS SHOWED INCREASES OF 23 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 16 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES AND +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ ROSE BY 14 PER CENT AND SEVEN PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE AND BY FIVE PER CENT AND TWO PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

FUELS DECREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT INCREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE AND MODERATELY IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED MODERATELY IN SALES VALUE AND SLIGHTLY IN SALES VOLUME, WHILE SUPERMARKETS INCREASED MODERATELY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES REGISTERED A MODERATE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE BUT ALMOST NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1986, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR AUGUST 1986 ROSE BY THREE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY FIVE PER CENT AND FOUR PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND VOLUME RESPECTIVELY.

/FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC .....

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FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO AS WELL AS CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS RECORDED ALMOST NO CHANGE IN SALES VALUE BUT INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS WENT DOWN BY FOUR PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND BY THREE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. SUPERMARKETS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS, AND CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED SLIGHT INCREASE IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR JULY 1986 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR AUGUST 1986.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN JULY 1986 AND AUGUST 1986 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL SALES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF AUGUST 1986 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF JULY 1986 AND WITH THOSE OF AUGUST 1985 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD JUNE TO AUGUST 1986 WITH THOSE IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

GRAPHS 1 AND 2 DEPICT RESPECTIVELY THE MOVEMENTS OF THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES, INCLUDING THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEXES AND TRENDS, FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO JULY 1986.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE AUGUST 1986 SURVEY RESULTS IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION ON 3-7216024.

/TABLE 1 .....

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for August 1986 (Provisional Figure) - HK\$6 041 million  
for July 1986 (Revised Figure) - HK\$5 851 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES  
FOR JULY AND AUGUST 1986

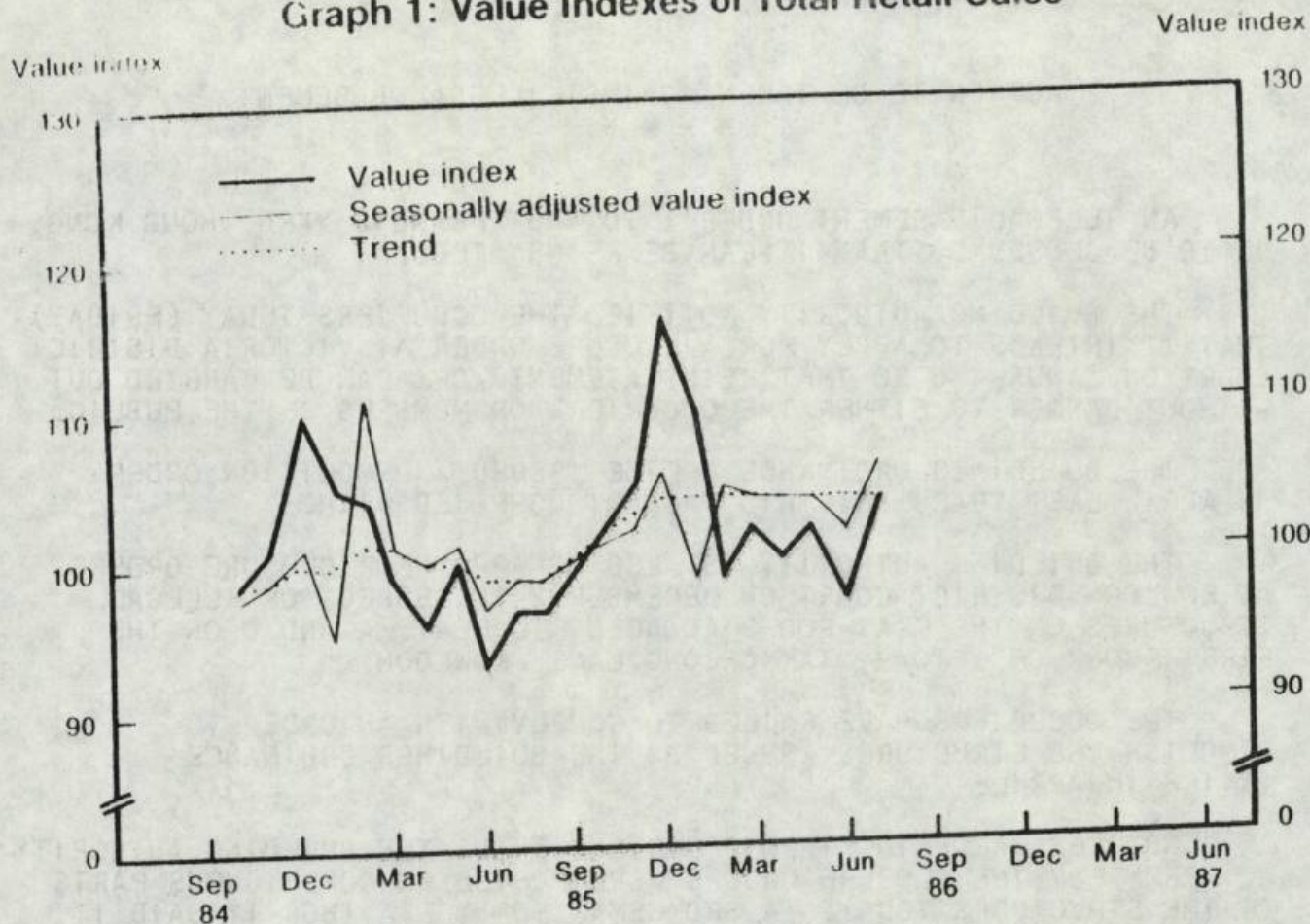
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Item	Index of Retail Sales	July 1986	August 1986	August 1986 compared with July 1986		August 1986 compared with August 1985		June - Aug. 86 compared with June - Aug. 85	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
<b>(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</b>									
	Value	104	108	+ 4	+ 3	+ 11	+ 12	+ 8	+ 8
	Volume	100	104	+ 4	+ 3	+ 7	+ 7	+ 4	+ 4
<b>(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</b>									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	106	107	+ 1	°	+ 7	+ 7	+ 5	+ 5
	Volume	103	105	+ 2	+ 2	+ 5	+ 5	+ 3	+ 3
Fuels	Value	88	84	- 4	- 4	- 16	- 16	- 15	- 15
	Volume	104	101	- 3	- 3	+ 1	+ 1	+ 1	+ 1
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	107	107	°	°	+ 20	+ 23	+ 20	+ 23
	Volume	100	102	+ 2	+ 2	+ 15	+ 17	+ 13	+ 16
Consumer durables	Value	115	120	+ 5	+ 5	+ 17	+ 16	+ 14	+ 14
	Volume	106	110	+ 4	+ 4	+ 7	+ 6	+ 5	+ 5
Other consumer goods	Value	100	106	+ 6	+ 6	+ 13	+ 14	+ 7	+ 7
	Volume	95	101	+ 6	+ 6	+ 8	+ 8	+ 2	+ 2
<b>(C) BY SELECTED TRADES</b>									
Supermarkets	Value	117	122	+ 5	+ 4	+ 18	+ 17	+ 9	+ 8
	Volume	114	118	+ 4	+ 4	+ 15	+ 15	+ 6	+ 6
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	128	134	+ 6	+ 4	+ 26	+ 24	+ 26	+ 26
	Volume	108	111	+ 3	+ 3	+ 4	+ 4	+ 7	+ 6
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	111	116	+ 5	+ 5	+ 14	+ 14	+ 10	+ 10
	Volume	106	110	+ 4	+ 4	+ 7	+ 7	+ 4	+ 4
Department stores	Value	93	118	+ 25	+ 27	+ 10	+ 10	+ 6	+ 6
	Volume	87	112	+ 25	+ 29	+ 5	+ 5	°	°

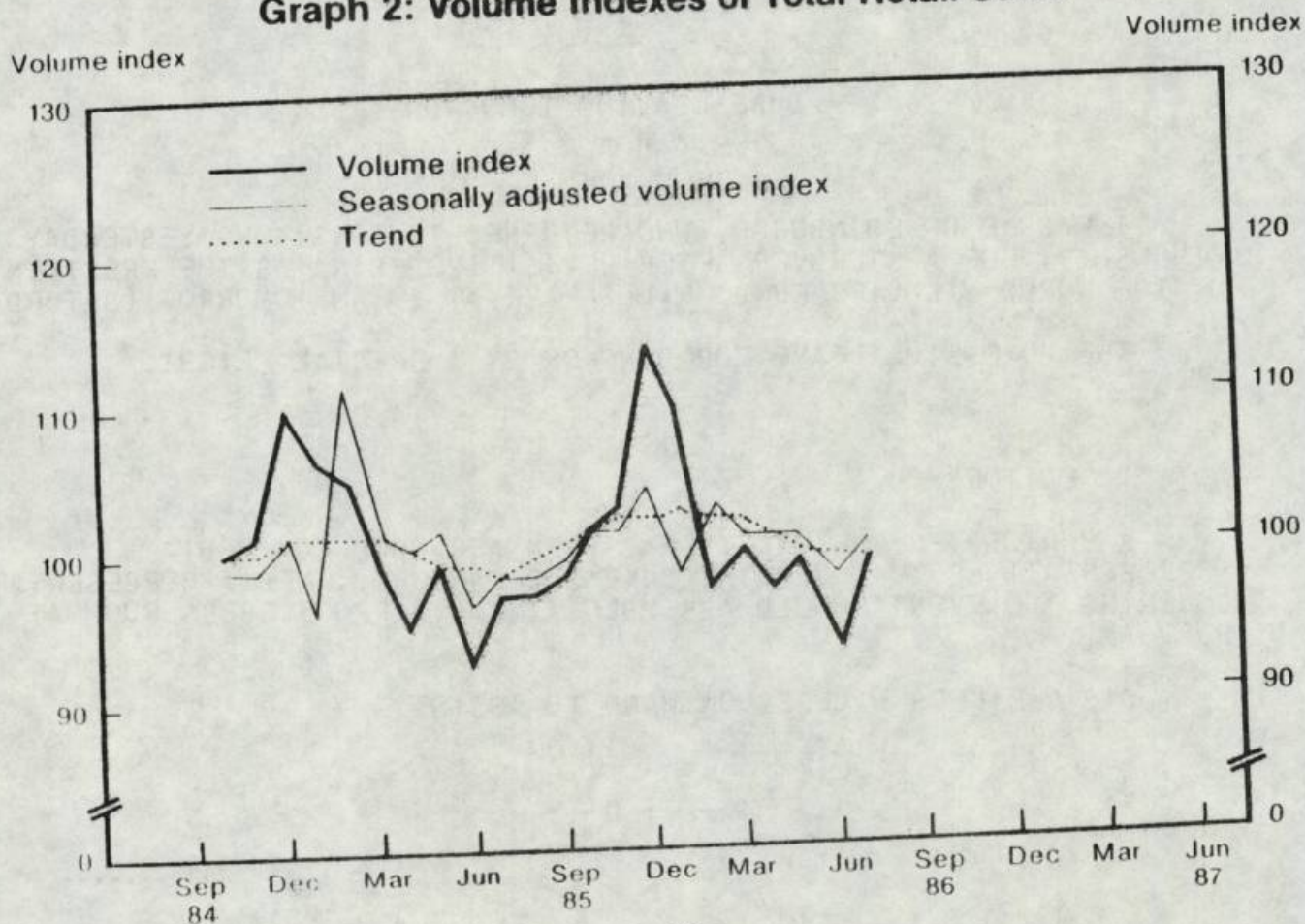
- Notes :
1. "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" includes "supermarkets".
  2. "Consumer durables" includes "motor vehicles and parts".
  3. "Other consumer goods" includes "department stores".
  4. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.
  5. ° denotes change of less than 0.5.

/Graph 1: .....

### Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



### Graph 2: Volume Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Notes: (1) Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100  
 (2) The seasonally adjusted value and volume indexes and Henderson trends are compiled using the X-11 variant seasonal adjustment program of the U.S. Bureau of the Census

ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST ILLEGAL BASEMENT  
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AN ILLEGAL BASEMENT UNDER 1 TO 4 ST FRANCIS YARD, HONG KONG, IS TO BE CLOSED SO THAT IT CAN BE REINSTATED.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY NOTIFIED THE OCCUPIERS TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IT INTENDS TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER AT VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT ON JANUARY 6 SO THAT REINSTATEMENT WORK CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DANGER TO EITHER THE OCCUPIERS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ISSUED A DEMOLITION ORDER IN APRIL LAST YEAR, BUT THIS WAS NOT COMPLIED WITH.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS ALSO TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS AT KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 2 IN RESPECT OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE FLAT ROOFS ADJACENT TO FLATS A AND C ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 1 TO 9, TAK CHEONG LANE, KOWLOON.

THE OCCUPIERS HAVE FAILED TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES ISSUED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN APRIL.

NOTICES INFORMING THEM OF INTENTION OF THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE CLOSURE ORDERS WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID IT WAS INTENDED TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE MADE.

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DUKE LEAVING TOMORROW  
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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, WHO RETURNED TO HONG KONG YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) FOR A STOPOVER AFTER REVISITING CHINA AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND, WILL LEAVE AT 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE DUKE WILL LEAVE FOR BANGKOK BY A SPECIAL FLIGHT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE DUKE'S DEPARTURE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT 8.30 AM.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SIR DAVID TO LAUNCH CONSERVATION DRIVE  
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL BE LAUNCHING THIS YEAR'S CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

AFTER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT 11 AM, SIR DAVID WILL LEAD A GUEST PARTY AND 300 COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS TO PICK LITTER IN THE NEARBY ROTARY PARK.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A CONTROLLED BURNING DEMONSTRATION IN WHICH OFFICIATING GUESTS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES WILL TAKE PART.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON BY 9.40 AM TOMORROW.

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LAU APPOINTED TO KCRC BOARD  
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION FOR TWO YEARS FROM NOVEMBER 1, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BOARD IS CHAIRED BY MR H.M.G. FORSGATE. THE OTHER EIGHT MEMBERS ARE MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, MR DAVID K.P. LI, MR J.A. RICHARDSON, MR SAMUEL P.W. WONG, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

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BRIDGE: DISABLED PEOPLE RELIABLE, PRODUCTIVE WORKERS  
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MOST DISABLED PERSONS ARE HIGHLY MOTIVATED, RELIABLE, STABLE AND ARE AS PRODUCTIVE AS ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THIS RELATIVELY UNTAPPED MANPOWER RESOURCE NEEDED TO BE BETTER UTILISED.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, MR BRIDGE SAID MOST DISABLED PERSONS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR TYPES OF DISABILITY, HAD THEIR OWN WORKING ABILITIES.

+THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, BY PLACING STRONG EMPHASIS ON FINDING A JOB BEST SUITED TO ONE'S ABILITY AND INTEREST, HAS ENABLED MANY DISABLED PERSONS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR ABILITIES,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE WORKING ABILITIES OF MANY DISABLED PERSONS WERE FURTHER ENHANCED BY THE USE OF SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT AIDS.

+MODERN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DESIGN HAVE LED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WIDE RANGE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE TOOLS WHICH HELP DISABLED PERSONS TO WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY AND FACILITATE THEIR MOVEMENT IN THEIR WORKING ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

+THE INVESTMENT IN THE INSTALLATION OF SUCH AIDS, MANY OF WHICH ARE INEXPENSIVE, HAS ALWAYS PROVED TO BE WORTHWHILE.+

MR BRIDGE URGED EMPLOYERS TO PUT INTO PRACTICE THE THEME OF THE EXHIBITION - EMPLOY ABILITY, EMPLOY THE DISABLED - BECAUSE +A DISABLED CAN HOLD JOBS WHICH EVEN AN ABLE-BODIED WILL MARVEL AT+.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, MR DAVID LI.

MR LI SAID THERE WERE ABOUT 90 DISABLED EMPLOYEES ON THE COMPANY'S ESTABLISHMENT, AND SOME HAVE SERVED FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS.

HE NOTED THAT THREE YEARS AGO HIS COMPANY BOUGHT THREE OPTACON MACHINES WHICH WERE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO ENABLE THE BLIND TO +READ+ A COMPUTER TERMINAL SCREEN.

+OUR PURCHASE OPENED UP NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLIND PEOPLE, AND TODAY, OUR BLIND OPERATORS ON THE '108' DIRECTORY ENQUIRY SERVICE WORK AS EFFICIENTLY AS OUR SIGHTED OPERATORS, THANKS TO OPTACON, WHICH WE HAVE INCLUDED IN OUR EXHIBITION,+ SAID MR LI.

HE ADDED THAT THE TELEPHONE COMPANY WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WITH THE HOPE OF EMPLOYING EVEN MORE DISABLED PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 11 AM AND 7 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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THERE ARE SIX BOOTHS IN THE EXHIBITION FEATURING THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, AND AREAS OF DISABILITY - PHYSICAL, VISUAL, HEARING, MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND EX-MENTALLY ILL.

THROUGH THE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS, STATIC DISPLAYS AND MODERN AIDS, THE EXHIBITION AIMS AT ENCOURAGING EMPLOYERS TO HELP RESETTLE DISABLED PERSONS INTO THE COMMUNITY BY OFFERING THEM JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

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#### LABOUR BOARD TO DISCUSS SAFETY COUNCIL FINANCING

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ONE OF THE ITEMS HIGH ON THE AGENDA OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD (LAB) AT ITS MEETING EARLY IN DECEMBER IS A DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL.

ACCORDING TO A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, THERE HAD BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT AT MEETINGS OF THE LAB AND ITS COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION (CISAP).

MEMBERS GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF SETTING UP SUCH A COUNCIL TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY. HOWEVER, NO CONSENSUS COULD BE REACHED ON A LEVY SYSTEM WHICH IS BOTH EQUITABLE AND SIMPLE TO ADMINISTER.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE CISAP WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1978 TO FOSTER A VOLUNTARY SAFETY MOVEMENT. IT WAS INTENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD IN TIME EVOLVE INTO A STATUTORY BODY WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROMOTING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH.

IN 1984, THE CISAP SET UP A WORKING PARTY TO LOOK INTO DETAILS AND TO RECOMMEND PROPOSALS FOR SETTING UP A SAFETY COUNCIL.

HAVING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE VIEWS OF THE ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED AND OTHER SUGGESTIONS, AND EXAMINED THE OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF SAFETY COUNCILS IN THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, THE WORKING PARTY PRODUCED A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN JULY LAST YEAR.

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- \* THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE NAMED THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL OF HONG KONG AND BE SET UP IN 1987 AS A STATUTORY BODY;
- \* IT SHOULD HAVE A GUARANTEED INCOME IN THE FORM OF A LEVY;
- \* IT SHOULD PROVIDE SERVICES AT A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL TO BOTH THE INDUSTRIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL SECTORS WITH AN OVERALL OBJECTIVE TO PROMOTE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, TRANSFER WESTERN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY INTO HONG KONG, AND DISSEMINATE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY TO BOTH MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS;
- \* IT SHOULD DEVELOP A FULL RANGE OF ACTIVITIES IN TRAINING AND EDUCATION; PROMOTION, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS; AND CONSULTANCY;
- \* IT SHOULD HAVE NOT MORE THAN 21 MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN, ALL OF WHOM SHOULD BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND
- \* IT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY AN EXECUTIVE ARM HEADED BY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

IN THE COURSE OF ITS DELIBERATIONS, THE WORKING PARTY SPENT A LARGE PROPORTION OF ITS TIME IN TRYING TO FIND A FEASIBLE WAY OF FINANCING THE COUNCIL.

THE DELIBERATIONS WERE BASED ON THE CONCEPT THAT SINCE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ARE EMPLOYMENT RELATED, THE COSTS OF OPERATING THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE BORNE BY EMPLOYERS, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT AS THE EMPLOYER OF CIVIL SERVANTS.

SEVERAL OPTIONS ON THE LEVY SYSTEM WERE PROPOSED AND WERE THE SUBJECT OF LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS BY LAB AND CISAP MEMBERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER, LAB MEMBERS WOULD BE REQUESTED TO REVIEW THE FINANCING ISSUE AGAIN AND TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION SO THAT THE PROPOSAL COULD BE FORWARDED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

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LAND OFFICE CARDS BEING COMPUTERISED

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THE COMPUTERISATION OF LAND OFFICE REGISTER CARDS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REGISTER CARDS RECORD PARTICULARS OF THE TITLE TO ALL LAND AND BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. IN THE LAND OFFICE (VICTORIA) AROUND 1.2 MILLION REGISTER CARDS WILL BE CONVERTED INTO COMPUTERISED DATA. THE CONVERSION, WHICH WILL REQUIRE A TEAM OF 67, WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

AS EACH REGISTER CARD IS COMPUTERISED THE INFORMATION RECORDED ON IT WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE COMPUTER TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED FEE, \$10 FOR CURRENT DATA ONLY, \$20 FOR CURRENT AND HISTORICAL.

THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$21.2 MILLION WHICH INCLUDES THE COST OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE (\$8.5 MILLION), COMPUTER SITE PREPARATION (\$1.4 MILLION), STAFF AND ACCOMMODATION.

MR GLEESON SAID THAT COMPUTERISATION OF LAND OFFICE REGISTER CARDS WOULD ENABLE THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

IT WOULD REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR MAKING A LAND SEARCH FROM ABOUT 30 MINUTES TO ABOUT 10 MINUTES, SIMPLIFY SEARCH PROCEDURES AND REDUCE THE TIME FOR REGISTRATION OF A DEED FROM FOUR WEEKS TO ABOUT 10 DAYS.

COMPUTERISATION, WHEN COMPLETED, WOULD ALSO RESULT IN ANNUAL SAVINGS OF ABOUT \$6 MILLION IN STAFF COSTS AND ABOUT \$1.3 MILLION IN ACCOMMODATION COSTS.

THERE ARE PLANS TO LINK THE LAND OFFICE COMPUTER SYSTEM TO COMPUTER TERMINALS AT THE OFFICES OF SOLICITORS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL FIRMS SO THAT SEARCHES OF THE COMPUTERISED REGISTER CAN BE MADE AT THE FIRMS' OFFICES.

FEEES FOR SUCH SEARCHES WILL BE PAID MONTHLY BY THE FIRMS.

THERE ARE ALSO PLANS FOR THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM TO BE EXTENDED TO THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES, MR GLEESON SAID.

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## REGISTER OF FIRMS USEFUL FOR SURVEYS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTER OF AROUND 300 000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG TO SERVE MAINLY AS THE SAMPLING FRAME FOR ITS SURVEYS ON BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

MANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO MAKE USE OF THE REGISTER FOR PUBLICITY, SURVEY AND RESEARCH WORK, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE REGISTER BY MAKING USE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS RECORDED IN IT FOR MARKET RESEARCH, STATISTICAL SURVEY, BUSINESS AND PRODUCT PROMOTION PURPOSES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PHOTOCOPY OR A MAGNETIC TAPE OF THE LISTING OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE NAME, THE ADDRESS, THE MAJOR TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

CHARGES LEVIED FOR THIS SERVICE ARE:

- (A) \$2.50 PER PHOTOCOPY CONTAINING ABOUT 10 ESTABLISHMENTS, AND
- (B) \$330 PER STREAM HOUR OF COMPUTER TIME IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON A MAGNETIC TAPE WHICH IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 5-446389.

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## MORE RESIDENTIAL, OPEN SPACES IN KENNEDY TOWN

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KENNEDY TOWN'S RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER WILL BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE ZONING OF MORE RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN THE DRAFT KENNEDY TOWN AND MOUNT DAVIS OUTLINE ZONING PLAN PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE DRAFT PLAN COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 160 HECTARES, TO THE WEST OF HILL ROAD AND NORTH OF POK FU LAM AND MOUNT DAVIS ROADS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD EXPLAINED THAT THE PLAN REFLECTED THE EXISTING PATTERN OF LAND USES AND WAS BASED LARGELY ON KNOWN DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS.

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THREE NEW RESIDENTIAL SITES, TOTALLING 5.46 HECTARES WERE PROPOSED, TWO ON THE SEAWARD SIDE OF VICTORIA ROAD AND ONE NEAR THE JUNCTION OF POK FU LAM AND MOUNT DAVIS ROADS.

THE ONLY SITES ZONED FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ARE IN SAI NING STREET.

TO HELP RECTIFY THE EXISTING SHORTAGE OF OPEN SPACES IN THE AREA, ABOUT 4.51 HECTARES OF LAND IS ZONED AS +OPEN SPACE+.

THIS INCLUDES MOST OF THE WHOLESALE MARKET AT CADOGAN STREET WHICH IS TO BE RELOCATED TO THE SAI YING PUN WESTERN RECLAMATION AREA AND TWO SITES AT SMITHFIELD, ONE OPPOSITE THE PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND EXTENDING ALONG FORBES STREET AND THE OTHER NEAR THE JUNCTION WITH LUNG WAH STREET.

SOME POSSIBLE MAJOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ARE ALSO INDICATED. THESE ARE THE GREEN ISLAND RECLAMATION, THE PROPOSED ROUTE 7 COASTAL TRUNK ROAD LINKING KENNEDY TOWN AND ABERDEEN AND THE ALIGNMENT OF THE POSSIBLE WESTWARD EXTENSION OF THE MASS TRANSIT ISLAND LINE.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THESE PROPOSALS WERE ONLY TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO FURTHER STUDY, ON THE BASIS OF WHICH FUTURE DECISIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE TAKEN.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BEFORE DECEMBER 30.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF HONGKEW CREDITS LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986.

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NEW MEMBER APPOINTED TO SAI KUNG BOARD  
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MR NG SZE-FUK HAS BEEN APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR NG'S APPOINTMENT WILL START FROM TOMORROW (NOVEMBER 1) UNTIL MARCH 31, 1988. HE FILLS THE SEAT LEFT VACANT FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF APPOINTED MEMBER, MR JOSEPH KONG HON-HING.

MR NG, 38, IS CHAIRMAN OF KAISER INTERNATIONAL SALES SERVICES LIMITED AND IS PRESENTLY A CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE, AND THE PRESIDENT OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF BOYS SCOUTS (1984-1986).

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APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE FOR VILLAGE VEHICLE PERMITS  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL START ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUE OF PERMITS FOR VILLAGE VEHICLES FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 3).

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE LICENSING OFFICES, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID WHEN ISSUING A REMINDER FOR OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF SUCH VEHICLES.

AN APPLICANT FOR A PERMIT SHOULD SUBMIT, IN PERSON OR BY POST, A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM, TOGETHER WITH RELEVANT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SPECIFIED IN IT, TO ANY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES. THE APPLICATION WILL BE VETTED BY THE POLICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE APPLICANT WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULT BY POST. IF APPROVAL IS GIVEN, THE APPLICANT SHOULD ARRANGE FOR THIRD PARTY INSURANCE POLICY TO COVER HIS VILLAGE VEHICLE BY USING THE PERMIT NUMBER ALLOCATED, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

SUBSEQUENTLY, HE SHOULD APPROACH THE RELEVANT LICENSING OFFICE FOR THE ISSUE OF THE PERMIT ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN THE APPROVAL LETTER.

THE FEE FOR A PERMIT IS \$50 FOR A PEDESTRIAN-CONTROLLED VILLAGE VEHICLE OR A DRIVER-OPERATED VILLAGE VEHICLE. THE PERMIT WILL BE VALID FOR 12 MONTHS.

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UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (VILLAGE VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1986, AN APPLICANT FOR A VILLAGE VEHICLE PERMIT MUST CERTIFY THAT THE VEHICLE IS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED LIMITS AS TO THE LENGTH AND WIDTH= IS EQUIPPED WITH ADEQUATE BRAKES, HORN AND ENGINE SILENCER, AND IS CONSTRUCTED SO THAT IT CAN CARRY SAFELY ANY REASONABLE LOAD.

A PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED SUBJECT TO VARIOUS CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE ROADS ON WHICH AND THE TIMES AND DAYS DURING WHICH A VEHICLE MAY BE DRIVEN, AND THE SIZE OF LOADS THAT MAY BE CARRIED.

THERE ARE ALSO PROVISIONS REQUIRING THE DRIVER OF A VILLAGE VEHICLE TO CARRY THE PERMIT WHILE THE VEHICLE IS BEING OPERATED, AND TO PRODUCE IT FOR INSPECTION. AN OWNER MUST PRODUCE THE PERMIT FOR THE VEHICLE FOR INSPECAUAGWITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO STIPULATE THAT NO PERSON MAY USE A VILLAGE VEHICLE ON A ROAD WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT OR IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE PERMIT CONDITIONS. NOR MAY A VEHICLE BE USED TO CARRY EXCESSIVE OR LONG LOADS, OR TO CARRY PASSENGERS.

MATERIAL ALTERNATION TO THE EQUIPMENT OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE VEHICLE MUST NOT BE MADE WITHOUT THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT'S PERMISSION ONCE A PERMIT IS ISSUED.

A VEHICLE MUST NOT BE DRIVEN BY A PERSON AGED UNDER 18, AND MUST CARRY LIGHTED LAMPS AT THE FRONT AND REAR IF IT IS DRIVEN DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1986 AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (VILLAGE VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1986 WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON FEBRUARY 2 NEXT YEAR.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR PERMITS CAN BE MADE ON 5-262982, 3-7717826, 3-7756835 OR 0-6061027.

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KWUN TONG DB'S WORK WINS PRAISE  
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION IN IMPROVING THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF RESIDENTS, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING ON +DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN KWUN TONG+ AT A DINNER PARTY GIVEN BY THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB, MR CHAN SAID THE BOARD HAD THROUGH ITS COMMITTEES INTRODUCED VARIOUS PROJECTS THAT BENEFITTED RESIDENTS.

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+TO KEEP IN LINE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE BOARD IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC AND FOSTERING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

OUTLINING THE WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE BOARD, MR CHAN SAID ITS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HAD TAKEN A KEEN CONCERN IN TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AND HAD SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS.

ISSUES THEY HAD TACKLED INCLUDED IMPROVEMENT OF THE MINI-ROUNDBOUT AT FOURTH AND FIFTH STREETS IN NGAU TAU KOK, ROAD WIDENING PROPOSALS IN CHOI HA ROAD, AND A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL FOR HIP WO STREET.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE CONDUCTING A SURVEY AT THE END OF THE YEAR TO ASSESS THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF RESIDENTS, HE ADDED.

MR CHAN SAID THAT IN IMPROVING THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HAD MADE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT ALLOCATING MORE THAN \$750 000 SINCE APRIL LAST YEAR TO CARRY OUT VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO KEPT A CLOSE WATCH ON THE OPERATION OF THE JORDAN VALLEY CONTROL TIP TO ENSURE THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE WOULD BE MINIMISED.

ON THE WORK OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR CHAN CITED THE PREFERENTIAL PRIVATE MEDICAL AND TRANSPORT SCHEMES FOR THE ELDERLY AS POSITIVE STEPS. THEY WERE INTRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON THE CONCERN FOR MEDICAL AND TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 7 388 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT HAD JOINED THE TWO SCHEMES, HE SAID.

TO STRENGTHEN RESIDENTS' SENSE OF IDENTIFYING WITH THE DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE CULTURAL AND RECREATION SERVICES, THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE HAD INTRODUCED MANY LARGE-SCALE ACTIVITIES. EXAMPLES WERE THE +ACTION CIVIC YOUTH+ PROGRAMMES AND THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL.

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TUEN MUN SITES UP FOR TENDER  
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TWO SITES IN TUEN MUN ARE BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST SITE, ABOUT 2 400 SQUARE METRES NEAR MELODY GARDEN, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT.

THE DEVELOPER SHOULD COMPLETE AT LEAST 4 320 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY DECEMBER 31, 1988.

ANOTHER REQUIREMENT IS THAT THE GROUND FLOOR MUST ACCOMMODATE NOT LESS THAN 24 MARINE WORKSHOP UNITS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 28.

THE SECOND SITE, NEAR TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, IS FOR A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT.

UNDER SALES CONDITIONS, THE 22 240-SQUARE-METRE SITE WILL BE USED FOR BUILDING ABOUT 2 200 - 2 400 RESIDENTIAL FLATS AND THE GROSS FLOOR AREA SHOULD NOT EXCEED 121 000 SQUARE METRES.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON DECEMBER 12.

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LIAO TO HELP LAUNCH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL JOIN TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY LEADERS IN A MARATHON RUN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 2) TO BEGIN THE EIGHTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL.

THE MARATHON RUNNERS WILL SET OUT FROM SHAM TSENG AT 10 AM ON A COURSE THAT WILL FINISH AT THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND, WHERE THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE MONTH-LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT 12.15 PM.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND CIVIC LEADERS WILL TAKE TURNS TO RUN SECTIONS IN THE MARATHON. MR LIAO WILL JOIN THE OTHERS FOR THE LAST SECTION BEFORE ENTERING THE SPORTS GROUND FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY, AT WHICH HE WILL OFFICIATE.

IN THE SPORTS GROUND, SIX TEAMS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A TELEMATCH AND VARIOUS GAMES.

EVENTS IN THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE BALL GAMES, A GO-KART RACE AND ARCHERY.

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DURING THE FESTIVAL, RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE TREATED TO FREE PERFORMANCES STAGED BY VISITING CHINESE SPORTS TEAMS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EIGHTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL.

TRANSPORT TO TAKE THE MEDIA TO THE STARTING POINT OF THE MARATHON AT SHAM TSENG WILL LEAVE THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUNG IN TSUEN WAN AT 9 AM.

MR LIAO WILL JOIN THE MARATHON AT THE JUNCTION OF SHA TSUI ROAD AND CHUNG ON STREET IN CENTRAL TSUEN WAN AT NOON.

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FULL PROGRAMME FOR CENTRAL, WESTERN FESTIVAL  
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ABOUT 40 RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE SECOND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH WILL RUN FOR THREE WEEKS FROM WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 5).

MORE THAN 50 DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL TAKE PART IN THESE EVENTS TO BE HELD AT OVER 40 VENUES BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE DISTRICT.

DETAILS OF THE SECOND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN YAU-HING.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT EDINBURGH PLACE IN CENTRAL AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 5), AND THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

TO MARK THE OPENING, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL DOT THE EYES OF A DRAGON AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, WILL DOT THE EYES OF TWO LIONS.

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL FEATURE A STRINGS ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE, BALLET, CHOIR SINGING, BAND MUSIC, ORIENTAL FOLK DANCE AND POPULAR SONGS.

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MR CHAN SAID THE OPENING NIGHT PROGRAMME WOULD GIVE A TASTE OF WHAT WAS TO COME, HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT THE ORGANISERS HAD DRAWN UP A PROGRAMME OF EVENTS THAT WOULD CATER TO THE INTERESTS OF ALL PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD.

+FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE, WE HAVE ARRANGED A BANQUET, CANTONESE OPERA, AND A COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY.

+FOR CHILDREN, THERE WILL BE DRAWING AND PAINTING COMPETITIONS, A CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT, TELEMATCH GAMES AND CARNIVALS,+ HE SAID.

BESIDES ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS ARRANGED CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC. THESE INCLUDE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OUTSTANDING STUDENTS COMPETITION, CIVIC EDUCATION GAMES DAY, CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL AND A SPEECH DAY COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

+WE HAVE ALSO ORGANISED A FAMILY COOKING COMPETITION FOR HOUSEWIVES,+ MR CHAN ADDED.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PROJECT ON HOW WHITE COLLAR WORKERS SPEND THEIR SPARE TIME AND AN OPEN DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

EXPENDITURE FOR THE FESTIVAL IS ABOUT \$750 000, WITH \$200 000 COMING FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DONATIONS MAKING UP THE REST.

ADMISSIONS TO MOST PROGRAMMES WILL BE FREE. LEAFLETS CONTAINING THE TIME AND DETAILS OF PROGRAMMES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS, AND MORE THAN 50 DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

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KEEN COMPETITION EXPECTED AT SPORTS MEET

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DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL COMPETE WITH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN A FRIENDLY RUN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 2) AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG.

THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN A FOUR-BY-100 METRE INVITATION RELAY AT THE 11TH SOUTHERN DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEET.

/+THE EVENT .....

+THE EVENT WAS INTRODUCED LAST YEAR WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING SPORTS ACTIVITIES AMONG PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ALL WALKS OF LIFE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD TEAM ARE MR PAUL YOUNG, MR RAYMOND KWOK, MR ALBERT POON AND MR CHAN YAU-YUE.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TEAM, LED BY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, INCLUDES MR M.W. HORNER OF THE POLICE FORCE, MR R.F. POLLARD OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND MR TSANG MAN-CHING OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

OTHER TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT ARE FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL AND THE ROTARY CLUB.

DURING THE SPORTS MEET, A SOUTHERN DISTRICT INTER-AREA INVITATION RELAY RUN WILL ALSO BE HELD AMONG TEAMS REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREAS.

THE SPORTS MEET IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE INVITATION RELAYS OF THE 11TH SOUTHERN DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEET ON SUNDAY AT 9.45 AM AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD.

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TAI PO CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED  
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ABOUT 500 YOUTHS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE LAUNCHING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THEY ARE STUDENTS OF NINE SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT OR REPRESENTATIVES FROM FIVE ORGANISATIONS IN TAI PO WHICH HAVE BEEN GRANTED SUBSIDIES FOR ORGANISING PROJECTS ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY IS AIMED AT AROUSING CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG TAI PO RESIDENTS.

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AFTER THE CEREMONY, A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE WILL GO TO TAI PO MARKET, TAI PO MARKET STATION, THE TAI PO CENTRE, TAI YUEN, KWONG FUK AND FU SHIN ESTATES TO DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS, BOOK-MARKS AND STICKERS TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

THE REST OF THE YOUNGSTERS WILL STAGE VARIETY SHOWS ON CIVIC EDUCATION AT THE PLAYGROUND, KWONG FUK ESTATE AND TAI YUEN ESTATE.

OFFICIATING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY WILL BE MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MRS RITA FAN.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDE A SINGING CONTEST, A TRAINING CAMP, AN EXHIBITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION, A COLOURING COMPETITION, A CARTOON DESIGN CONTEST, A CIVIC EDUCATION COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SCHEME AND A CIVIC EDUCATION GAMES DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET.

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SEMINAR TO ASSIST PARENTS  
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AN EDUCATION SEMINAR WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO ASSIST PARENTS IN BRINGING UP THEIR CHILDREN AND TO ENABLE THEM TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CHILD PSYCHOLOGY.

ABOUT 1 000 TEACHERS, PARENTS AND CHILDREN FROM WAN CHAI DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AT THE LING LIANG PRIMARY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN AT 6 LEIGHTON LANE IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

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DR LILLIAN KO OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL SPEAK ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN A FREE PAMPHLET ON THE TECHNIQUES OF TEACHING CHILDREN THROUGH GAMES.

THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM AT LING LIANG PRIMARY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN AT 6 LEIGHTON LANE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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DO TO OPEN ATHLETIC MEET, SAFETY DAY  
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LEO KWAN, WILL OPEN THE SHA TIN ATHLETIC MEET AND THE CYCLING SAFETY DAY ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 2). THE ATHLETIC MEET WILL OPEN AT 9.30 AM AND THE CYCLING SAFETY DAY AT 11 AM.

THE ATHLETIC MEET, TO BE HELD AT THE YUEN WO ROAD SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND, IS AN ANNUAL EVENT AND THIS YEAR MORE THAN 600 YOUNG ATHLETES ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN 18 EVENTS.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE MEET OPENING WILL BE THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S SHA TIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE, MR ROGER LAU; SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN LAM; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR ANDREW WONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURAL AND SPORTS COMMITTEE, MR WONG PO-MING; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LEE KWONG.

THE CYCLING SAFETY CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE CHE KUNG MIU ROAD SHA TIN CYCLE PARK. THE CAMPAIGN IS INTENDED TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF CYCLING SAFETY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN ATHLETIC MEET AND THE CYCLING SAFETY DAY OPENING CEREMONIES ON SUNDAY. THE ATHLETIC MEET WILL BEGIN AT THE YUEN WO ROAD SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND AT 9.30 AM. THE CYCLING SAFETY DAY WILL BEGIN AT THE CHE KUNG MIU ROAD SHA TIN CYCLE PARK AT 11 AM.

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GUEST MUSICIANS ARRIVE FOR FESTIVAL  
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TWO WELL-KNOWN MUSICIANS FROM CHINA, MR CAO JIAN-GUO AND MR LIU CHONG-ZENG, ARRIVED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO TAKE PART IN THE 1986 HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL WHICH STARTS TOMORROW.

MR CAO, WHO PLAYS THE SENG AND SUO-NA, AND MR LIU (ER-HU AND BAN-HU) WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES AT THE OPENING CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY, BEGINNING AT 3 PM.

THE TWO GUEST MUSICIANS WILL ALSO CONDUCT A SERIES OF MASTER CLASSES, LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS AT VARIOUS MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE DURING THE NINE-DAY FESTIVAL.

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DETAILS OF READING ENCOURAGEMENT PROJECT  
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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 4) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE SECOND STAGE OF A PROJECT AIMED AT PROMOTING THE READING HABIT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF KNOWLEDGE.

THE PROJECT, FIRST INTRODUCED IN JULY THIS YEAR, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS' ASSOCIATION (TOYPA).

PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING (RADIO), MR NG MING-LAM; HEAD OF CULTURAL PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT, RTHK, MR CHUNG WAI-MING; CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF TOYPA, DR K.C. LAM; AND HONORARY SECRETARY OF TOYPA, MRS ALICE CHEUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY AT 3 PM AT GLOUCESTER ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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YUEN LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL TO CLOSE

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A +DAY OF SPORTS FOR EVERYONE+ WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 2) AT FAIRVIEW PARK IN YUEN LONG TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS FESTIVAL.

APART FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF LAND SPORTS, THE FAIRVIEW PARK EVENT WILL FEATURE A WATER CARNIVAL IN THE ARTIFICIAL LAKE THAT WILL INCLUDE CANOEING, WATER BICYCLES AND YACHTING, ALL FREE OF CHARGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPORTS ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS THE CLOSING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 4.45 PM IN THE OPEN-AIR THEATRE OF FAIRVIEW PARK. ACTING YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER MR ALAN WONG WILL OFFICIATE.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION IN SHA TIN

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SHAN MEI STREET IN SHA TIN WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 3) TO NOVEMBER 17 TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK.

TRAFFIC FROM FO TAN ROAD HEADING FOR SHAN MEI STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO SUI WO ROAD. SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM SHAN MEI STREET TO FO TAN ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED.

DURING THE TRAFFIC DIVERSION, KMB ROUTE 70M (SUI WO COURT TO KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION) AND 81K (SUI WO COURT TO SUN TIN WAI) WILL BE DIVERTED TO FO TAN ROAD AND SUI WO ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO SUI WO COURT.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN CENTRAL

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IN CONNECTION WITH FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORK, HARBOUR VIEW STREET IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 3), TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED TO CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

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