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**JULY CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES UP ONE POINT**  
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR JULY WERE BOTH 131, EACH BEING ONE POINT OR 0.8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING MONTH, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH OF THE PRECEDING YEAR, C.P.I.(A) INCREASED BY 12 POINTS OR 10.1 PER CENT AND C.P.I.(B) BY 13 POINTS OR 11 PER CENT.

DURING THE MONTH, FOOD PRICES ESPECIALLY THOSE OF SALT-WATER FISH AND CHARGES FOR RESTAURANT MEALS ROSE, AND SO DID RENTS FOR PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

THE C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(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 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. AT THAT TIME, THE C.P.I.(A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I.(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

THE INDEXES FOR JULY 1982 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR JUNE 1982 AND JULY 1981.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)  
 C.P.I.(A) C.P.I.(B)

SECTION	JULY 81	JUNE 82	JULY 82	JULY 81	JUNE 82	JULY 82
FOODSTUFFS	122	135	136	122	135	136
HOUSING	116	124	126	116	124	126
FUEL AND LIGHT	136	133	134	138	134	135
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	112	124	124	112	123	123
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115	132	132	115	132	132
DURABLE GOODS	108	108	108	109	110	110
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	109	121	121	108	117	118
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	130	140	140	127	141	141
SERVICES	116	134	134	116	133	133
ALL ITEMS	119	130	131	118	130	131

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B). RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR RESTAURANT MEALS. THE EFFECT OF THE MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER RENTS FOR PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR JULY 1982, WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY HELD IN JULY 1982

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY CONDUCTED IN JULY 1982.

ABOUT 800 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1982, AND THEIR BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1982.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY INDICATE THAT FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR EXPERIENCED NO IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1982, CONTRARY TO THEIR EARLIER EXPECTATION OF A MILD UPTURN AS INDICATED IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND OF THE SURVEY.

FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR DID NOT EXPERIENCE IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER AS THEY HAD EXPECTED IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY.

FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR EXPERIENCED A MORE SUBSTANTIAL DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS DURING THE SECOND QUARTER THAN EXPECTED.

HOWEVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS EXPECTATIONS, FIRMS IN THE +OTHER SERVICES+ SECTOR SUSTAINED A SIMILAR LEVEL OF BUSINESS PERFORMANCE AS THAT IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

COMPARED WITH THE EXPECTATIONS OF FIRMS IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR, THE CURRENT STATE OF BUSINESS CONFIDENCE APPEARS TO BE RATHER WEAK ACROSS ALL ECONOMIC SECTORS.

ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY, MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION FIRMS DO NOT EXPECT ANY NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OVER THE LEVEL OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY PREVAILING IN THE PAST TWO QUARTERS. FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR ALSO ANTICIPATE VERY LITTLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

HOWEVER, SOME IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IS PREDICTED BY FIRMS IN THE +OTHER SERVICES+ SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

ACCORDING TO THE RESPONDENTS IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THE FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO INDUSTRY ACHIEVED SOME IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND ANTICIPATES FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY ALSO EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS AND EXPECTS A SIMILAR LEVEL OF BUSINESS TO BE SUSTAINED IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

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IN CONTRAST, THE TEXTILES, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRIES REPORTED A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS AND PREDICT A DOWNTREND FOR THE THIRD QUARTER.

RESPONDENTS OF THE WEARING APPAREL, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES ON BALANCE EXPERIENCED LITTLE IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND EXPECT LITTLE OR NO IMPROVEMENT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER.

RESPONDING FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR EXPERIENCED A SIMILAR BUSINESS SITUATION AS THAT IN THE FIRST QUARTER, AND EXPECT THE SITUATION TO REMAIN UNCHANGED IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE REPORTED A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS, AND EXPECT VERY LITTLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE THIRD QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE RESTAURANTS BUSINESS ALSO REPORTED A DECLINE IN THE SECOND QUARTER BUT LOOK FORWARD TO SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

AS FOR HOTELS, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE SECOND QUARTER WAS SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS IS EXPECTED FOR THE THIRD QUARTER DUE MAINLY TO SEASONAL FACTORS.

ON THE +OTHER SERVICES+ SECTOR, THE BALANCE OF VIEWS INDICATE AN UNCHANGED POSITION IN THE SECOND QUARTER BUT SOME IMPROVEMENT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER IS PREDICTED IN GENERAL.

HIGH INTEREST RATES AND INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS ORDERS OR CONTRACTS CONTINUED TO BE THE MAJOR PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN GENERAL DURING THE SECOND QUARTER, AND THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO PERSIST IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, ONLY FIRMS IN THE FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO, AND PRINTING INDUSTRIES INDICATED NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS.

FIRMS IN THE PLASTICS, ELECTRONICS, AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES INDICATED THAT HIGH WAGE RATES, SHORTAGE OF LABOUR AND HIGH LABOUR TURNOVER WERE THE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

HOWEVER, THE INTENSITY OF THESE PROBLEMS HAD SUBSIDED IN THE SECOND QUARTER, AND IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN AT THIS LOWER LEVEL IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES FACED THE PROBLEMS OF PRICE COMPETITION, HIGH WAGE RATES AND HIGH INTEREST RATES IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND EXPECT THESE PROBLEMS TO CONTINUE INTO THE THIRD QUARTER.

HOWEVER, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH PROBLEMS AS HIGH INTEREST RATES, HIGH LABOUR TURNOVER AND SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DECLINED IN THE SECOND QUARTER, AS COMPARED WITH THE SITUATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

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IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE BUSINESS, PARTICIPATING FIRMS CONSIDERED HIGH INTEREST RATES, PRICE COMPETITION AND INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS AS THE MAJOR PROBLEMS BOTH FOR THE SECOND AND THE THIRD QUARTERS.

AS FOR THE RESTAURANT BUSINESS, INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS, PRICE COMPETITION AND HIGH STAFF TURNOVER WERE THE PROBLEMS INDICATED BY A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF THE PARTICIPATING FIRMS.

THE HOTELS AND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES ALSO EXPERIENCED SIMILAR PROBLEMS OF INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS AND PRICE COMPETITION.

HIGH STAFF COSTS WAS CITED AS A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM IN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS FOR THE HOTELS BUSINESS.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE SURVEY RESULTS, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WERE BASICALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF HONG KONG.

PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER IN THEIR OPINIONS, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD +IMPROVED+, +REMAINED THE SAME+ OR +DETERIORATED+ IN THE IMMEDIATELY PAST QUARTER, AS COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER BEFORE.

FOR THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER, THEY WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION WOULD +IMPROVE+, +REMAIN THE SAME+, OR +DETERIORATE+.

THE BALANCE OF OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED.

THE SURVEY REPORT ALSO CONTAINS A SECTION ON BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS AND A BREAKDOWN OF VIEWS OF FIRMS BY SIZE GROUPS.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT FOR A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CARE AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND STATISTICAL TABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND TO OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3 PER COPY.

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PLANS FOR MORE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY  
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DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES WERE BEING IMPLEMENTED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 850 GERIATRIC BEDS, 1 600 INFIRMARY BEDS AND 220 DAY HOSPITAL PLACES FOR THE ELDERLY POPULATION DURING THE CURRENT DECADE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.H. LEE, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE +MEDICAL CARE FOR THE AGED+ EXHIBITION, HE SAID THAT THESE PROGRAMMES HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BUILDING PLANS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, EXPANSION PROGRAMMES NOW TAKING PLACE IN GENERAL HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AND FOR COMMUNITY NURSING WOULD ALSO BRING BENEFITS TO THE ELDERLY PATIENTS, HE ADDED.

DR LEE SAID THAT, HOWEVER, HEALTH CARE FOR THE ELDERLY SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED ONLY TO MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS.

+THE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION OF AGED INDIVIDUALS MUST AIM AT INTEGRATING THEM, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, INTO THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

+THE AGING INDIVIDUALS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY ALL HAVE TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADOPTING VARIOUS MEASURES AIMED AT PROMOTING THE WELL BEING OF THE ELDERLY AND ENABLING THEM TO REMAIN PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE,+ HE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE EAST KOWLOON JAYCEES, FEATURES VARIOUS DISPLAYS ON WAYS TO MAINTAIN ONE'S HEALTH IN OLD AGE AND ON MEDICAL SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR THE AGED.

DR LEE NOTED THAT TO DRAW WORLDWIDE ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE AGED, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION ADOPTED THE SLOGAN +ADD LIFE TO YEARS+ FOR THIS YEAR'S WORLD HEALTH DAY.

NOWADAYS, HE SAID, WITH THE GRADUAL INCREASE IN GENERAL LIFE EXPECTANCY AND FALLING FERTILITY RATES, THE NUMBER OF ELDERLY PEOPLE HAD INCREASED BOTH RELATIVELY AND IN ABSOLUTE TERMS.

IN HONG KONG, THE PROPORTION OF PEOPLE AGED 60 AND ABOVE HAD INCREASED STEADILY IN THE PAST DECADE, FROM 7.4 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION IN 1971 TO 10.2 PER CENT IN 1981.

DR LEE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A WIDE RANGE OF MEDICAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE ELDERLY THROUGH OUTPATIENT CLINICS, HOSPITALS FOR ACUTE CASES, MEDICAL INFIRMARIES AND OTHER SUPPORTING SERVICES.

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ON THE PREVENTIVE SIDE, HE SAID THAT HEALTH EDUCATION WAS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY TO THE ELDERLY BUT ALSO FOR ALL OTHER AGE GROUPS.

+THROUGH HEALTH EDUCATION, PEOPLE COULD BE EDUCATED ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AGING, THE GENERAL HEALTH PRINCIPLES WHICH AFFECT THE ELDERLY PEOPLE, SUCH AS THE IMPORTANCE OF NUTRITION, PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL EXERCISE,+ HE SAID.

IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR THE ELDERLY TO LEARN TO WATCH OUT FOR SYMPTOMS OF CERTAIN DISEASES, WHICH NORMALLY AFFECT ELDERLY PEOPLE, AND TO SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE, WHERE NECESSARY, AT THE FIRST SIGNS OF SUCH SYMPTOMS, HE ADDED.

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WATER FIGURES  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 79.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 459.924 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 252.452 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 43.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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K.C.R. TO RUN EXTRA TRAINS  
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL RUN SPECIAL SERVICES BETWEEN WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 25) AND TUESDAY (AUGUST 31) FOR PASSENGERS RETURNING FROM CHINA AFTER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

DURING THE SEVEN-DAY PERIOD, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL UP-TRAIN AND AN ADDITIONAL DOWN-TRAIN DAILY BETWEEN KOWLOON AND LO WU.

THE SPECIAL UP-TRAIN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 2.05 PM AND THE DOWN-TRAIN WILL LEAVE LO WU STATION AT 4.14 PM DAILY.

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JAPANESE MISSION VISITS HK  
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A TEN-MEMBER JAPANESE MISSION FROM THE SHIZUOKA PREFECTURE IS GAINING AN OVERALL VIEW OF THE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG DURING A THREE-DAY VISIT.

THE STUDY GROUP, CO-SPONSORED BY JAPAN EXTERNAL TRADE ORGANISATION (JETRO) IN SHIZUOKA, IS MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT AND TRADE ORGANISATIONS IN THE SHIZUOKA PREFECTURE.

THE ORGANISATIONS INCLUDE THE GOVERNMENT'S LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMISSION, THE SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE SECTION OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, THE SHIZUOKA SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE PROMOTION AGENCY, THE LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, CONSULTANT COMPANIES AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES.

THE INDUSTRIALISED CITIES OF HAMAMATSU, SHIMIZU, SHIZUOKA AND FUJI ARE IN THE SHIZUOKA PREFECTURE, WHICH IS INTERESTED IN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT OVERSEAS.

THE DELEGATES, LED BY MR T. SUGIYAMA, A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT FOR MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, THIS MORNING (MONDAY) ATTENDED A BRIEFING SESSION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE JETRO OFFICE IN HONG KONG AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

MR YOSHIAKI KUWAMURA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE LOCAL JETRO OFFICE, BRIEFED THE DELEGATES ON THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG AND THE POTENTIAL IT OFFERED AS A MANUFACTURING BASE FOR JAPANESE INVESTORS.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR PAUL WONG AND THE DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, MR C.L. CHU BRIEFED THE DELEGATES ON THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE MISSION VISITED CENTRAL TEXTILES (HK) LTD AND SUNPAK (HK) LTD IN SHA TSUI ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

CENTRAL TEXTILES, A LOCALLY OWNED COMPANY SET UP IN 1950, IS ONE OF THE OLDEST WEAVING AND SPINNING FACTORIES IN HONG KONG. ITS PRODUCTS ARE SOLD LOCALLY AND IN EUROPE.

ESTABLISHED IN 1979 BY JAPANESE INTEREST, SUNPAK (HK) LTD PRODUCES ELECTRONIC FLASH UNITS FOR EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE, AUSTRALIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE MISSION WILL RETURN TO JAPAN TOMORROW.

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ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS  
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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES WITH THEIR PAYMENT DATE FALLING ON AUGUST 30, A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, CAN GET THEIR PAYMENT EARLIER.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM TO CASH THEIR COUPONS AT POST OFFICES ON AUGUST 27 AND 28, OR, IF THEY PREFER, AFTER AUGUST 30. ON AUGUST 30, THESE COUPONS CANNOT BE CASHED AT POST OFFICES, WHICH WILL BE OPEN ONLY FOR THE SELLING OF NEW DEFINITIVE STAMPS AND DATE-STAMPING OF FIRST-DAY COVERS.

COUPONS DATED FOR PAYMENT ON AUGUST 30 CAN ALSO BE CASHED IN ADVANCE AT DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND AT TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

STAFF OF SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INFORM RECIPIENTS UNDER THEIR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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ENQUIRY FEE TO BE RAISED  
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FROM SEPTEMBER 1, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RAISE THE FEE FOR ENQUIRIES ON OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS OF RATES, PROPERTY TAX AND CROWN RENT TO COVER RISING COSTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE FEE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$25 TO \$45 PER ENQUIRY PER PROPERTY FOR EACH ACCOUNT.

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RIGHT TURN BAN IN SHAM SHUI PO  
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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN SHAM SHUI PO, SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ALONG CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO POPLAR STREET FROM 10 AM THIS WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 25).

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR POPLAR STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA BOUNDARY STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD NORTHBOUND.

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