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A MOVING FAREWELL TO SIR EDWARD  
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HONG KONG - THE PLACE HE HAD COME TO KNOW AND LOVE - TODAY (TUESDAY) MOURNED THE LOSS OF SIR EDWARD YOUDE, ITS 26TH GOVERNOR.

WITH MILITARY PRECISION BEFITTING THE SAD OCCASION, TEN GUARDSMEN OF THE FIRST BATTALION COLDSTREAM GUARDS BORE HIS BODY OUT OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT PRECISELY 10.30 AM FOR THE SOLEMN JOURNEY TO ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

MINUTES BEFORE, HELICOPTERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, ROYAL AIR FORCE AND THE ARMY AIR CORPS FLEW PAST IN FINAL TRIBUTE.

AS THE COFFIN DRAPED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S FLAG WAS LOWERED ONTO A CARRIAGE ON THE GROUNDS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE, THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT'S GUARD OF HONOUR PRESENTED ARMS AND THE REGIMENTAL BAND STRUCK THE FIRST SIX BARS OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

IN THE DISTANCE COULD BE HEARD THE FIRST SALVO OF A 17-GUN SALUTE FIRED AT HMS TAMAR AT ONE-MINUTE INTERVALS. AS THE CEREMONIAL FUNERAL PROCESSION BEGAN ITS SLOW MARCH DOWN UPPER ALBERT ROAD, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND STRUCK UP MOVING STRAINS FROM BEETHOVEN, HANDEL AND OTHER FUNERAL MARCHES.

MORE THAN A THOUSAND POLICE OFFICERS STOOD TO ATTENTION ALONG THE TREE-LINED, 600-METRE ROUTE, THAT LED FROM THE QUIET SOLITUDE OF UPPER ALBERT ROAD BEFORE TURNING AT LOWER ALBERT ROAD FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AND THE SLIP ROAD TO THE CATHEDRAL.

LEADING THE PROCESSION WAS A DETACHMENT OF ABOUT 500 MEN FROM THE ROYAL NAVY, THE ROYAL MARINES, THE 1ST BATTALION COLDSTREAM GUARDS, THE 1ST BATTALION 2ND KING EDWARD VII'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES, THE 10TH PRINCESS MARY'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES AND THE BAND OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE. COMMANDING THE MILITARY DETACHMENT WAS THE COMMANDER, GURKHA FIELD FORCE, BRIGADIER RAY PETT.

BEHIND THEM CAME THE CARRIAGE, FLANKED BY 16 PALL-BEARERS AND THE TEN COFFIN BEARERS.

THE 16 PALL-BEARERS WERE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS; THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCE, MAJOR GENERAL ANTHONY BOAM; THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS; SIR S.Y. CHUNG; MR OSWALD CHEUNG; SIR MICHAEL SANDBERG; MR Q.W. LEE; MR S.L. CHEN; THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR ERIC HO; THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO; MR ALLEN LEE; MR PETER C. WONG; DR CHIU HIN-KWONG; DR DANIEL TSE; AND SIR ROGER LOBO.

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SIR EDWARD'S GREAT COMMITMENT LAUDED

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NO MAN COULD HAVE COMMITTED HIMSELF WITH MORE SENSE OF PURPOSE THAN SIR EDWARD YOUDE TO THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG AND, IN PURSUING THAT COMMITMENT, NO MAN HAD MADE A GREATER SACRIFICE.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, REPRESENTING THE QUEEN, SAID THIS WHEN DELIVERING A EULOGY AT THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE GOVERNOR AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL TODAY (TUESDAY).

SIR DAVID SAID SIR EDWARD'S YEARS OF GOVERNORSHIP HAD BEEN MOMENTOUS, AND IT WAS IN NO SMALL MEASURE THROUGH HIS EFFORTS THAT HONG KONG HAD CAST OFF THE MANTLE OF A +BORROWED PLACE+ TO ACQUIRE A NEW DIGNITY WITH ITS FUTURE ASSURED.

A SEPARATE EULOGY WAS DELIVERED IN CANTONESE BY THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG.

IN ONE PART OF HIS EULOGY, SIR S.Y. SAID OF THE GOVERNOR:

+DURING HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, HE LIVED AND WORKED FOUR TIMES IN THE CAPITAL OF CHINA AND WAS HER MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR IN PEKING FOR FOUR YEARS. WHILE HE WAS AMBASSADOR, HE HAD VISITED HONG KONG SEVERAL TIMES AND HAD ONCE CALLED AT THE UMEICO OFFICE TO DISCUSS WITH ME AND A NUMBER OF COLLEAGUES MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. EVEN THEN HE HAD A DEEP CONCERN ABOUT HONG KONG AFFAIRS.+

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SIR DAVID'S EULOGY:

+I RECOGNISE THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GOOD GOVERNMENT AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WHICH THIS OFFICE BEARS AND I PLEDGE THAT I WILL DO MY UTMOST TO FULFIL IT'. THESE WORDS WERE SPOKEN BY SIR EDWARD YOUDE ON MAY 20TH 1982, THE DAY HE WAS SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG.

+TO-DAY, AS WE MOURN SIR EDWARD'S DEATH, REMEMBER AND PAY TRIBUTE TO HIS LIFE, WE, THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED WITH HIM AND HIS FRIENDS, LOOK BACK ON HIS YEARS AS GOVERNOR WITH UNDERSTANDING OF HOW FULLY HE KEPT HIS PLEDGE AND OF THE WEIGHT OF RESPONSIBILITY HE CARRIED DURING THESE YEARS. NO MAN COULD HAVE COMMITTED HIMSELF WITH MORE SENSE OF PURPOSE THAN SIR EDWARD TO THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG AND, IN PURSUING THAT COMMITMENT, NO MAN HAS MADE A GREATER SACRIFICE.

+BEGINNING AS A LANGUAGE STUDENT HE DEVELOPED A DEEP PROFESSIONAL AND EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT TO CHINA AND TO THE PEOPLE OF CHINA. FEW KNEW, AND HE TOOK A SECRET PLEASURE IN THE FACT, THAT HE PASSED THROUGH HONG KONG OVER 40 YEARS AGO, IN THE DARK DAYS OF 1945, AS A YOUNG NAVAL OFFICER ON HIS WAY TO CHUNGKING.

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FOLLOWING ON FOOT WERE THE INSIGNIA BEARERS, COMPRISING THE PRIVATE SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MR RICHARD HOARE THE GOVERNOR'S AIDE-DE-CAMP, SUPERINTENDENT PAUL COLLIER AND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROB BISHOP OF THE ROYAL NAVY.

THEN CAME THE ONLY CAR IN THE WHOLE PROCESSION CARRYING LADY YOUDE AND HER DAUGHTERS JENNIFER AND DEBORAH.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE QUEEN'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE FUNERAL, AND LADY AKERS-JONES FOLLOWED, ALSO ON FOOT.

A FEW PACES BEHIND CAME FAMILY FRIENDS OF SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE; PRIVATE OFFICE STAFF; MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FCO WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HONG KONG, MR TIMOTHY RENTON; THE PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE FCO, SIR PATRICK WRIGHT; LADY ROBERTS; MISS MARIA TAM; AND THE ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE (ASIA) AT THE FCO, DR DAVID WILSON.

THEN CAME OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; THE DIRECTOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY, MR XU JIATUN; THE DOYEN OF THE CONSULAR CORPS, MR HERMES DUARTE ARIAS; THE COMMONWEALTH COMMISSIONERS; JUDGES AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY INCLUDING CHAIRMEN OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS.

AT THE END OF THE PROCESSION WERE ANOTHER 500 SERVICEMEN DRAWN FROM THE 10TH PRINCESS MARY'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES, THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS, THE QUEEN'S GURKHA SIGNALS, THE GURKHA TRANSPORT REGIMENT, THE HONG KONG MILITARY SERVICE CORPS, THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

A LINING PARTY OF 24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG MILITARY SERVICE CORPS AWAITED THE FUNERAL PROCESSION AT THE CATHEDRAL.

THE PROCESSION WAS MET AT THE DOOR BY THE BISHOP OF HONG KONG, THE RT REV PETER KWONG KONG-KIT. GUESTS WERE TAKEN TO THEIR SEATS BY A GROUP OF 50 USHERS DRAWN FROM HONORARY ADC'S, THE ROYAL NAVY, THE HONG KONG MILITARY SERVICE CORPS, THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

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+DURING HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, HE LIVED AND WORKED FOUR TIMES IN THE CAPITAL OF CHINA AND WAS HER MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR IN PEKING FOR FOUR YEARS. I, PERSONALLY, REMEMBER HIS FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG, WHILE HE WAS AMBASSADOR, WHEN HE AND LADY YOUDE SPENT A HAPPY DAY WITH ME VISITING THE NEW TOWNS - THE DEVELOPING HONG KONG - AND THEN THE OLD TRADITIONAL WORLD OF VILLAGE CEREMONIAL AT KAT O IN THE NORTHEAST OF THE TERRITORY: A PART OF HONG KONG THAT HE LOVED SO MUCH.

+SIR EDWARD OFTEN SPOKE WITH PRIDE OF THIS LONG ASSOCIATION WITH HONG KONG AND HE MADE NO SECRET OF HIS GENUINE PLEASURE AT BEING APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF A PLACE HE HAD COME TO KNOW AND LOVE.

+HIS YEARS OF GOVERNORSHIP HAVE BEEN MOMENTOUS. THEY HAVE BEEN DOMINATED BY NEGOTIATIONS OVER OUR FUTURE, THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, AND THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THAT AGREEMENT, AND IT IS IN NO SMALL MEASURE OWED TO HIS EFFORTS THAT HONG KONG HAS CAST OFF THE MANTLE OF A +BORROWED PLACE+ TO ACQUIRE A NEW DIGNITY WITH ITS FUTURE ASSURED.

+THROUGHOUT THIS CRUCIAL PERIOD IN HONG KONG'S HISTORY SIR EDWARD WORKED UNTIRINGLY, WITH NO THOUGHT FOR HIMSELF, BRINGING HIS CAREFUL INTELLECT, HIS SUPREME ANALYTICAL SKILLS, AND HIS WISE JUDGEMENT TO BEAR ON THE MANY DIFFICULT ISSUES WHICH ALWAYS CONFRONTED HIM. THESE POWERS HE DEPLOYED TO THE LIMIT AND, BECAUSE OF HIS COMMITMENT, DETERMINATION AND CONCERN, STEADY AND CAREFUL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS BRINGING THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG MORE CLOSELY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR OWN AFFAIRS.

+CERTAINLY IN THE PAGES OF HISTORY SIR EDWARD WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION TO SETTLING THE COMING YEARS FOR HONG KONG, BUT, FOR THOSE WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH HIM AND KNEW HIM WELL, HIS CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF EVERYONE AND HIS DETERMINATION TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HONG KONG, WAS AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL, AND THE RESULTS OF HIS CAREFUL AND PATIENT STEWARDSHIP, HIS DETERMINATION AND SKILL IN LEADING THE GOVERNMENT IN DIFFICULT TIMES ARE REVEALED TODAY IN THE HEALTH OF OUR ECONOMY, THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE AND ARE MAKING AND THE GROWING PROSPERITY OF OUR PEOPLE.

+BEHIND THE PUBLIC PERSON, SIR EDWARD WAS A PRIVATE MAN. HE WAS KIND, THOUGHTFUL AND CARING; AND ABOVE ALL, HE NEVER LOST A QUIET BUT LIVELY SENSE OF HUMOUR EVEN IN THE MOST TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES. THE STRONG AND LOVING BOND BETWEEN HIM AND HIS FAMILY PROVIDED A ROCK-LIKE FOUNDATION FOR THE REST OF HIS BUSY LIFE. AT THE HEART OF THE ROCK WAS LADY YOUDE, WHO FOR LONG AND HAPPY YEARS SHARED HIS LIFE AND THE +GRAND PARTNERSHIP+ OF THEIR MARRIAGE. TO HER AND TO THEIR DAUGHTERS, DEBORAH AND JENNIFER, OUR HEARTS GO OUT TODAY.

/+SIR EDWARD'S .....

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+SIR EDWARD'S INTEREST IN CHINESE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE FILLED MANY OF HIS QUIETER MOMENTS. AGAIN FEW KNEW THAT BY BREAKFAST TIME HE HAD ALREADY READ THE CHINESE NEWSPAPERS BEFORE WE REACHED OUR OFFICES.

+HIS LOVE OF THE COUNTRY, WALKING IN THE HILLS, HIS LOVE OF BIRDS AND WILDLIFE ENABLED HIM TO MEET HIS NEED FOR PEACE AND QUIET AMIDST THE STRAINS AND STRESSES OF HIS WORKING LIFE.

+THE TRIBUTES TO SIR EDWARD FOLLOWING HIS DEATH HAVE INCLUDED ONE FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, AND MANY, MANY FROM THE ORDINARY PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. THESE ARE A MEASURE OF THE DIVERSE QUALITIES OF THE MAN AND THE ADMIRATION AND AFFECTION HE INSPIRED IN PEOPLE FROM EVERY WALK OF LIFE. WE MOURN HIS UNTIMELY DEATH BUT WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL HE SHARED WITH US - FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR US.

+WHAT WOULD HE WISH OF US TODAY BUT TO GO ON BUILDING WHERE HE HAD LEFT OFF, FOR +A MAN HE SEEM(ED) OF CHEERFUL YESTERDAYS AND CONFIDENT TOMORROWS+.

+HONG KONG HAS LOST AN OUTSTANDING GOVERNOR: WE HAVE ALL LOST A VERY DEAR FRIEND.+

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THOUSANDS WATCH SERVICE AT CATHEDRAL  
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HONG KONG PAID A FINAL TRIBUTE TO ITS LATE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (TUESDAY) WHEN A STIRRING FUNERAL SERVICE WAS HELD IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

THOUGH THE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL COULD ACCOMMODATE ONLY AROUND 750 LEADING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, COUNTLESS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE MOURNED SIR EDWARD'S DEATH WATCHED THE SOLEMN, DIGNIFIED SERVICE ON TELEVISION.

THE SERVICE BEGAN AT 11.30 AM, AFTER THE COFFIN WAS BORNE IN CEREMONIAL PROCESSION FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

LED BY THE BISHOP OF HONG KONG, THE RT. REV. PETER KWONG KONG-KIT, THE BEARERS CARRIED THE COFFIN UP THE AISLE AND PLACED IT BEFORE THE HIGH ALTAR.

LADY YOUDE AND HER DAUGHTERS JENNIFER AND DEBORAH SAT IN THE FRONT PEW ON ONE SIDE. THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AS THE QUEEN'S REPRESENTATIVE, LED THE MOURNERS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE WAS LARGELY CHOSEN BY LADY YOUDE, AND IT BEGAN WITH BISHOP KWONG READING FROM THE GOSPELS OF ST. JOHN, CORINTHIANS, ROMANS, AND ST. MATTHEW.

THEN FOLLOWED A PSALM, NO. 121, WHICH BEGAN WITH THE WORDS, +I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS+.

THE LESSON WAS TAKEN FROM ECCLESIASTICUS, A BOOK OF THE APOCRYPHA, AND SPOKE IN PRAISE OF MEN WHO +WERE THE GLORY OF THEIR TIME+. IT WAS READ BY THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR THEN SANG THE FAMOUS WELSH HYMN, CWM RHONDDA, BEGINNING +GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER+.

AFTER THE EULOGY, AN ANTHEM, +PANIS ANGELICUS+ (BREAD OF ANGELS) WAS SUNG BY A PRINCIPAL TEACHER FROM THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, MR MICHAEL RIPPON.

BISHOP KWONG THEN LED THE MOURNERS IN PRAYER, AND AFTER A FINAL HYMN A BLESSING WAS DELIVERED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF HONG KONG, THE MOST REV. JOHN BAPTIST CHENG-CHUNG WU.

TWO MINISTERS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS ALSO TOOK PART IN THE SERVICE, READING PRAYERS. THEY WERE THE REV. KENNETH P. ANDERSON, OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, AND THE REV. PHILIP TENG, OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION OF HONG KONG.

AFTER THE SERVICE, THE COFFIN WAS CARRIED FROM THE CATHEDRAL, AND PLACED ON THE CARRIAGE FOR THE JOURNEY TO THE CAPE COLLINSON CREMATORIUM, WHERE A PRIVATE FAMILY SERVICE WAS TO TAKE PLACE.

AS THE CORTEGE MOVED OFF, ESCORTED BY MILITARY LANDROVERS AND POLICE MOTORCYCLE OUTFRIDERS, A FURTHER 17-GUN SALUTE WAS FIRED FROM HMS TAMAR.

THE SERVICE WAS BROADCAST ON THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH CHANNELS OF BOTH COMMERCIAL TELEVISION STATIONS.

AT ST. JOHN'S, A FURTHER 300 PEOPLE GATHERED IN TWO HALLS ADJOINING THE CATHEDRAL TO WATCH THE TELEVISION BROADCAST.

MORE THAN 2 400 PEOPLE WATCHED THE SERVICE ON THE TELEVISION SCREENS AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM, WHICH WAS OPENED AS A SPECIAL VENUE FOR PEOPLE WISHING TO WATCH THE SERVICE.

ABOUT A THOUSAND OTHERS ALSO GATHERED IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL WHERE THERE WAS A VIDEO RELAY.

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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE BY DEFENCE COMMITTEE  
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THE DEFENCE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, IN A RESOLUTION, EXPRESSED ITS SORROW OVER THE DEATH OF THE LATE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

THE RESOLUTION READS: +THAT THIS COMMITTEE EXPRESSES ITS SORROW AND DEEP SYMPATHY AT THE DEATH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., M.B.E.+

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FITTING MEMORIAL TO 'A GREAT GOVERNOR'

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THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, MR TIMOTHY RENTON, SAID THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR SIR EDWARD YOUDE WAS A FITTING MEMORIAL TO +A GREAT GOVERNOR AND A GOOD FRIEND OF ALL OF US+.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG AFTER ATTENDING THE SERVICE AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

MR RENTON SAID HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF HIS SHORT STAY TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ACTING GOVERNOR AND ALSO WITH MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THIS MORNING.

+THEY BROUGHT ME UP-TO-DATE BRIEFLY ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG AND THEY ALSO REASSURED ME OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE ACTING GOVERNOR.

+I IN TURN REAFFIRMED TO THEM HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT'S DEEP COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE NEXT GOVERNOR WAS DISCUSSED, MR RENTON SAID MINISTERS WERE OBVIOUSLY GIVING THEIR FULL CONSIDERATION TO THE QUESTION OF SUCCESSION TO SIR EDWARD, WHO WILL BE A VERY HARD MAN TO REPLACE.

+WE WANT TO MAKE QUITE CERTAIN THAT WE GET THE RIGHT PERSON IN PLACE FOR THIS KEY JOB. ALL SORTS OF POSSIBILITIES WILL BE REVIEWED AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE DECISION WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS THE FULL PROCESS OF REVIEW HAS TAKEN PLACE,+ HE SAID.

THE MINISTER SAID HE WAS SORRY HE WAS NOT ABLE TO STAY LONGER ON THIS OCCASION. HE HAD TO GO BECAUSE OF HIS OTHER COMMITMENTS BUT HE HOPED TO BE BACK AGAIN SHORTLY.

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MINISTER MEETS EXCO MEMBERS  
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MR TIMOTHY RENTON, FCO MINISTER WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HONG KONG, HAD A SHORT INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING, MR RENTON SAID THAT THEY HAD HAD A VERY USEFUL MEETING.

+THIS OBVIOUSLY WAS A VERY USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR ME ON THIS VERY SAD DAY OF SIR EDWARD'S FUNERAL TO HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK WITH THE ACTING GOVERNOR AND WITH MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

+THAT IS ALWAYS SOMETHING THAT I GREATLY VALUE.+

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INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR EXPORTS TO CANADA  
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF INTERIM CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXPORT OF RESTRAINED TEXTILES TO CANADA.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR AND BE IN FORCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THEY ARE BEING INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY TO THE TRADE PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA.

THE EXISTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31 AND THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE ENTERED INTO CONSULTATIONS ON A NEW AGREEMENT.

FOUR ROUNDS OF TALKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA HAVE BEEN HELD SO FAR WITHOUT AGREEMENT AND A FURTHER ROUND WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG IN MID-JANUARY.

THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS COVER THREE GROUPS OF TEXTILES: TEXTILE ITEMS CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO QUOTA CONTROL; TEXTILE ITEMS CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO THE EXPORT AUTHORISATION (EA) SYSTEM; AND NEW-MFA FIBRE APPAREL CURRENTLY NOT SUBJECT TO RESTRAINT.

FOR TEXTILE ITEMS CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO QUOTA CONTROL, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A 1987 PRELIMINARY QUOTA ALLOCATION IN THE NORMAL MANNER IN MID-DECEMBER AS SCHEDULED. COMPANIES MAY CONTINUE TO LICENSE THEIR SHIPMENTS IN 1987 AGAINST THE 1987 PRELIMINARY QUOTAS AS IN 1986.

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ITEMS SUBJECT TO THE EXPORT AUTHORISATION SYSTEM IN 1986 OTHER THAN ITEMS 13 (OVERCOATS, TOPCOATS AND RAINWEAR), 15 (FINE SUITS) AND PART OF 17B (FABRICS OTHER THAN CORDUROY AND DENIM), WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO THE EXPORT AUTHORISATION SYSTEM IN 1987 UNDER THE INTERIM CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS.

IN RESPECT OF EXPORT AUTHORISATION ITEM 13 (OVERCOATS, TOPCOATS AND RAINWEAR), 15 (FINE SUITS) AND PART OF 17B (FABRICS OTHER THAN CORDUROY AND DENIM), APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS IN 1987 WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY IF THE EXPORTERS OR MANUFACTURERS CONCERNED CAN SUPPLY EA ENTITLEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THEIR APPLICATIONS.

EA ENTITLEMENT WILL BE ALLOCATED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IN EARLY JANUARY AND COMPANIES WHICH HAVE EFFECTED SHIPMENTS IN THESE ITEMS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 1985, AND AUGUST 31, 1986, ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATIONS.

EXPORTERS WHO HAVE SHIPMENT PERFORMANCE IN THESE ITEMS DURING THIS REFERENCE PERIOD ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT SHIPMENT RETURNS TO THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15.

IN RESPECT OF CHIEF WEIGHT SILK, LINEN OR RAMIE APPAREL PRODUCTS, APPLICATIONS FOR NON-RESTRAINED TEXTILE EXPORT LICENCES IN 1987 WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY IF EXPORT ENTITLEMENTS ARE SUPPLIED.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALLOCATE EXPORT ENTITLEMENTS IN EARLY JANUARY TO ELIGIBLE COMPANIES WHICH HAVE EFFECTED SHIPMENTS IN THESE PRODUCTS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 1985, AND AUGUST 31, 1986.

EXPORTERS WHO HAVE SHIPMENT PERFORMANCE IN THESE PRODUCTS DURING THIS REFERENCE PERIOD ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT SHIPMENT RETURNS TO THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15.

DETAILS OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE SET OUT IN THREE NOTICES TO EXPORTERS: SERIES 3 NOS. 117/86, 118/86 AND 120/86.

A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS ARE ONLY BEING IMPLEMENTED ON AN INTERIM BASIS PENDING CONCLUSION OF A NEW BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT WITH CANADA.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON ANY CHANGES TO THE CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS ON CONCLUSION OF A NEW AGREEMENT.

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## JUNE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX PUBLISHED

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A), MEASURING CHANGES IN AVERAGE SALARY LEVELS FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, INCREASED BY 9.0 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1985 TO 136.1 IN JUNE 1986, ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY OF SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES - EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT) RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE OVERALL NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B), WHICH MEASURES THE CHANGES IN AVERAGE SALARY LEVELS ONLY FOR THOSE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO REMAINED IN THE SAME JOB AND IN THE SAME COMPANY IN 1985 AND 1986 WAS 144.5 IN JUNE 1986, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 12.0 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1985.

THESE SALARY INDEXES USE JUNE 1983 AS THE BASE PERIOD.

COMPARING JUNE 1986 WITH JUNE 1985, THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR INCREASED BY 5.5 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR BY 10.6 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR BY 11.9 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR BY 7.1 PER CENT AND FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR BY 9.0 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR INCREASED BY 8.6 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR BY 12.8 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR BY 14.2 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR BY 10.2 PER CENT AND FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR BY 13.3 PER CENT.

BETWEEN JUNE 1985 AND JUNE 1986, THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR LARGE COMPANIES INCREASED BY 9.4 PER CENT AND THAT FOR MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES BY 8.9 PER CENT. AS REGARDS THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B), THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE 13.0 PER CENT AND 11.7 PER CENT.

DEFINITIONS OF LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES, ARE SHOWN IN THE FOOTNOTE TO TABLE 1.

THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) AND NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR JUNE 1986 FOR THE MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ANALYSED BY SIZE OF COMPANY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1 AND TABLE 2.

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MEANWHILE, THE OVERALL REAL SALARY INDEX (A) STOOD AT 113.9 IN JUNE 1986, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 3.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1985. THE OVERALL REAL SALARY INDEX (B), ON THE OTHER HAND, STOOD AT 120.9 IN JUNE 1986, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 6.6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1985.

COMPARING JUNE 1986 WITH JUNE 1985, THE REAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR BY 5.2 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR BY 6.5 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR BY 1.9 PER CENT AND FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR BY 3.7 PER CENT.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR INCREASED BY 3.4 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR BY 7.4 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR BY 8.7 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR BY 4.9 PER CENT AND FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR BY 7.9 PER CENT.

BETWEEN JUNE 1985 AND JUNE 1986, THE REAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR LARGE COMPANIES INCREASED BY 4.2 PER CENT AND THAT FOR MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES BY 3.6 PER CENT WHILE THE REAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES INCREASED BY 7.5 PER CENT AND 6.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE REAL SALARY INDEX (A) AND REAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR JUNE 1986 FOR THE MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ANALYSED BY SIZE OF COMPANY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3 AND TABLE 4.

AMONG THE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COVERED IN THE SURVEY, IT WAS FOUND THAT 56 PER CENT OF THEM WERE ENTITLED TO PROFIT-SHARING BONUS. MOREOVER, 34 PER CENT WERE ENTITLED TO HOUSING BENEFITS OF SOME KIND AND 67 PER CENT TO PROVIDENT-RETIREMENT FUND OR PENSION. IT WAS ALSO FOUND THAT 80 PER CENT OF THEM WERE ENTITLED TO GUARANTEED YEAR-END BONUS.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS SINCE MARCH 1982 CONDUCTED A QUARTERLY SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TO MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE AND SALARY RATES FOR MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS. EMPLOYEES AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS ARE HOWEVER EXCLUDED.

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IN ORDER TO COVER THESE TYPES OF EMPLOYEES, THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONDUCTED THE SURVEY OF SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES - EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT) SINCE 1984 TO MEASURE CHANGES IN SALARY RATES FOR THE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES. EMPLOYEES OCCUPYING TOP POSITIONS IN MANAGEMENT ARE STILL NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING DATA FOR THEM.

IN THE NEW SURVEY, ONLY EMPLOYEES WORKING IN COMMON OCCUPATIONS OF MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS IN THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR; BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR; WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR; TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR ARE COVERED.

BOTH LOCAL AND EXPATRIATE STAFF EMPLOYED IN LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES ARE COVERED IN THE SURVEY. A SAMPLE OF 200 COMPANIES WAS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY. ALL THE LARGE COMPANIES IN THE ABOVE FIVE ECONOMIC SECTORS WERE ENUMERATED IN FULL WHEREAS RANDOM SAMPLES OF MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES WERE SELECTED FROM EACH ECONOMIC SECTOR.

DATA WERE COLLECTED BY PERSONAL INTERVIEW. A LETTER TOGETHER WITH A SET OF EXPLANATORY NOTES AND JOB SPECIFICATIONS WERE SENT TO THE SAMPLED COMPANIES. AN APPOINTMENT WAS THEN MADE AFTER WHICH AN OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT CALLED ON THE COMPANY TO GIVE ASSISTANCE IN JOB MATCHING AND COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE NEW SURVEY, A NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) AND A NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) WERE COMPILED. THESE SALARY INDEXES ARE DESIGNED TO MEASURE CHANGES IN SALARY RATES BY HOLDING THE OCCUPATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES THE SAME AS THAT IN JUNE 1983, WHICH IS TAKEN AS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE INDEXES.

THE SALARY INDEX (A) IS COMPILED BY COMPARING THE AVERAGE OF THE SALARY LEVELS OF MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES IN JUNE 1983 AND JUNE 1986. IT IS A COMPREHENSIVE MEASURE OF CHANGES IN SALARY LEVELS AND IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN SALARY LEVEL RESULTING FROM MOVEMENTS ACROSS COMPANIES AND IN AND OUT OF OCCUPATIONS IN ADDITION TO CHANGE IN SALARIES FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN IN THE SAME OCCUPATION AND THE SAME COMPANY IN BOTH 1985 AND 1986.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SALARY INDEX (B) MEASURES THE CHANGES IN SALARY LEVELS ONLY FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN IN THE SAME OCCUPATION AND IN THE SAME COMPANY IN BOTH YEARS. IT THEREFORE ACCOUNTS ONLY FOR CHANGES DUE TO A GENERAL INCREMENT, MERITORIOUS INCREASE AND GAIN IN SENIORITY AND SHOULD BE USEFUL TO PERSONNEL MANAGERS IN MAKING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.

WHILE THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEXES MEASURE THE CHANGES IN SALARY RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL SALARY INDEXES, WHICH ARE OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEXES BY THE HANG SENG CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MEASURE THE CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED.

APART FROM BASIC SALARIES, THE SALARY RATE IS DEFINED TO INCLUDE ALSO COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, GUARANTEED YEAR-END BONUS, COMMISSION AND TIPS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE TOTAL PAY PACKAGE OF EMPLOYEES AT THIS LEVEL SUCH AS PROFIT-SHARING BONUS AND HOUSING ALLOWANCE ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF WAGE RATE. HOWEVER, STATISTICS ON FRINGE BENEFITS ARE SEPARATELY COMPILED. THEY ARE EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGES OF EMPLOYEES INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY ENTITLED TO THEM.

DETAILS OF THE SALARY MOVEMENT, AVERAGE SALARY RATE FOR MAJOR OCCUPATIONS AND STATISTICS ON EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENT TO VARIOUS FRINGE BENEFITS, TOGETHER WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY, ARE PUBLISHED IN A +REPORT OF SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES - EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT)+.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$15 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SALARY INDEXES CAN BY MADE AT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-455774 OR 5-416062.

/Table 1 : .....

Table 1 : Nominal Salary Index (A) analysed by major economic sector  
by size of company for June 1986

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	Indexes*		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	133.2 (+ 8.1)	134.8 (+ 4.8)	134.5 (+ 5.5)
Building & construction and related trades	115.3 (+ 9.0)	134.0 (+10.7)	131.8 (+10.6)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	130.7 (+ 9.6)	143.8 (+12.3)	141.5 (+11.9)
Transport, storage and communication	134.0 (+ 9.7)	127.9 (+ 4.5)	130.9 (+ 7.1)
Financial institutions and insurance	136.2 (+10.5)	142.3 (+ 8.4)	140.9 (+ 9.0)
All sectors above	131.0 (+9.4)	137.5 (+ 8.9)	136.1 (+ 9.0)

\* All indexes are rounded to one decimal place.

Figures in brackets are percentage changes for June 1986 over June 1985  
and are calculated from indexes rounded to one decimal place.

Table 1 (cont'd)

Note : Large and medium-sized companies are defined as below :

Selected major economic sectors	No. of persons engaged	
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	$\geq 2\ 000$	200 - 1 999
Building & construction and related trades	$\geq 500$	50 - 499
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	$\geq 500$	100 - 499
Transport, storage and communication	$\geq 500$	100 - 499
Financial institutions and insurance (excluding holding and investment companies)	$\geq 1\ 000$	100 - 999
Holding and investment companies	$\geq 500$	20 - 499

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Table 2 : Nominal Salary Index (B) analysed by major economic sector  
by size of company for June 1986

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	Indexes*		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	143.7 (+12.3)	140.0 (+ 7.7)	140.8 (+ 8.6)
Building & construction and related trades	140.4 (+14.4)	140.7 (+12.7)	140.7 (+12.8)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	142.6 (+12.4)	151.8 (+14.6)	150.2 (+14.2)
Transport, storage and communication	142.9 (+12.2)	137.1 (+ 8.1)	140.1 (+10.2)
Financial institutions and insurance	145.8 (+14.6)	151.5 (+13.0)	150.1 (+13.3)
All sectors above	143.3 (+13.0)	144.8 (+11.7)	144.5 (+12.0)

\* All indexes are rounded to one decimal place.

Figures in brackets are percentage changes for June 1986 over June 1985 and are calculated from indexes rounded to one decimal place.

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Table 3 : Real Salary Index (A) analysed by major economic sector  
by size of company for June 1986

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	Indexes*		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	111.4 (+2.9)	112.8 (-0.2)	112.5 (+0.4)
Building & construction and related trades	96.4 (+3.7)	112.2 (+5.6)	110.3 (+5.2)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	109.4 (+4.5)	120.4 (+6.9)	118.4 (+6.5)
Transport, storage and communication	112.1 (+4.5)	107.1 (-0.5)	109.5 (+1.9)
Financial institutions and insurance	114.0 (+5.2)	119.1 (+3.2)	117.9 (+3.7)
All sectors above	109.6 (+4.2)	115.0 (+3.6)	113.9 (+3.7)

\* All indexes are rounded to one decimal place.

Figures in brackets are percentage changes for June 1986 over June 1985 and are calculated from indexes rounded to one decimal place.

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Table 4 : Real Salary Index (B) analysed by major economic sector  
by size of company for June 1986

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	Indexes*		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	120.3 (+ 6.9)	117.2 (+ 2.5)	117.8 (+ 3.4)
Building & construction and related trades	117.5 (+ 8.9)	117.7 (+7.2)	117.7 (+ 7.4)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	119.3 (+ 6.9)	127.0 (+ 9.1)	125.7 (+ 8.7)
Transport, storage and communication	119.6 (+ 6.8)	114.8 (+ 3.0)	117.2 (+ 4.9)
Financial institutions and insurance	122.0 (+ 9.1)	126.8 (+ 7.5)	125.6 (+ 7.9)
All sectors above	119.9 (+ 7.5)	121.1 (+ 6.3)	120.9 (+ 6.6)

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WHILE HONG KONG HAS ACHIEVED MUCH IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IT STILL HAS GROUND TO MAKE UP IN TERMS OF PRODUCTIVITY ACHIEVED, SAID THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR A.G. EASON TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, MR EASON SAID PART OF THE ANSWER TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY LIES IN TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADING AS A MEANS OF IMPROVING PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND GENERALLY ASSISTING GROWTH IN PRODUCTIVITY.

HE SAID HONG KONG IS VERY INTERESTED IN SECURING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND IN REMOVING ANY BARRIERS WHICH IMPEDE THIS PROCESS.

+ONE SUCH BARRIER EXISTS WHERE DESIRABLE TECHNOLOGY CANNOT BE ABSORBED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES WITHOUT ADEQUATE SUPPORT, THROUGH MANPOWER TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, HAD WORKED DETERMINEDLY TO PROVIDE SUCH SUPPORT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

+IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND MANPOWER TRAINING, OUR INSTITUTIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRODUCE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS WHO, ON GRADUATION, CAN BECOME MORE IMMEDIATELY USEFUL TO MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS.

+WE ARE ALSO PLANNING A THIRD UNIVERSITY, WHERE THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS STUDIES AND THE APPLIED SCIENCES.

+IN ELECTRONICS WE ARE AIMING TO ABSORB NEW TECHNOLOGIES, NOT THROUGH ESTABLISHING LARGE AND EXPENSIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES, BUT THROUGH SCHEMES OF TRAINING FOR PRACTISING ENGINEERS, ENLISTING THE HELP OF MULTI-NATIONAL FIRMS WHO HAVE RELEVANT EXPERTISE.+

STRESSING THE NEED TO ABSORB NEW TECHNOLOGIES, MR EASON SAID WHAT HONG KONG WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN THROUGH FOREIGN MANUFACTURING INVESTMENTS IS THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR IMPROVED PRODUCTS, NEW DESIGNS AND PROCESSES, AND IMPROVED MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

+SUCH INVESTMENTS NOT ONLY ENRICH OUR MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES BUT ALSO STIMULATE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO UPGRADE THEIR OWN OPERATIONS. ALL THIS HELPS HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN ITS COMPETITIVENESS.+

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HE ALSO SAID HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE EASIEST PLACES IN THE WORLD TO SET UP AND RUN A BUSINESS, AND WILL REMAIN SO FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

+IT IS PROBABLY UNIQUE IN THE WORLD TODAY BECAUSE WE NOT ONLY TALK OF FREE TRADE, WE ALSO PRACTISE IT.

+THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE AS FAR AS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ARE CONCERNED IS TO ENSURE THAT THE BEST POSSIBLE PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, A FAVOURABLE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE AND RELEVANT SUPPORT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED, WHILST LEAVING BUSINESSMEN FREE TO MAKE UNTRAMMELED COMMERCIAL DECISIONS.

+WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT NETWORK OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION LINKS, A FULL RANGE OF BACK-UP SERVICES APPROPRIATE TO ONE OF THE LEADING BUSINESS CENTRES OF THE WORLD, A DILIGENT AND CAPABLE WORKFORCE AND AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THINGS - LIKE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SYSTEMS, TELEPHONES AND OTHER SERVICES - WORK.

+THE GOVERNMENT'S +HANDS-OFF+ POLICY HAS ALSO ATTRACTED OVER 500 OVERSEAS FIRMS WHO HAVE INVESTED US\$1 500 MILLION IN MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG,+ HE NOTED.

MR EASON ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT OVER HONG KONG'S FUTURE MEANS A CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND KEY INSTITUTIONS.

COMMENTING ON THE FUTURE, HE SAID MANUFACTURING IS CLEARLY GOING TO REMAIN ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTORS TO HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PROSPERITY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

+IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESSURES OF INCREASING COMPETITION FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND PROTECTIONISM IN OVERSEAS MARKETS, OUR MANUFACTURERS WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE UPMARKET AND INTO MORE SOPHISTICATED AND TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED OPERATIONS.+

HE CONCLUDED BY URGING HIGH QUALITY SWISS FIRMS IN ENGINEERING, IN ELECTRONICS, IN PRECISION METALS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO EXPAND TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL IN SWITZERLAND, TO CONSIDER EXPANDING INTO HONG KONG, WHERE THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THEIR COMPETITIVENESS.

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PUBLIC SUPPORT URGED TO HELP SUPPRESS COUNTERFEIT  
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A SENIOR CUSTOMS OFFICIAL THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING MADE AN APPEAL FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT TO HELP SUPPRESS THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS.

ADDRESSING A MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE HEAD OF CUSTOMS TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR JOHN HOWARD, SAID EFFORTS TO CONTAIN THE PROBLEM COULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL BY ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW ALONE.

+STRONG SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION FROM THE OWNERS OF INDUSTRIAL-INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND FURTHER POSITIVE SUPPORT FROM THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ARE NEEDED TO CONTAIN THE ATTACK ON LEGITIMATE INDUSTRY AND THE GENERAL AREA OF TRADING STANDARDS AS A WHOLE,+ HE ADDED..

MR HOWARD SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECOGNISED THAT THE INFRINGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS UNDERMINED INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION.

+HONG KONG'S EFFORTS TO FIGHT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY VIOLATORS ARE WELL RECOGNISED INTERNATIONALLY.

+IT HAS DEVELOPED COMPREHENSIVE LAWS COVERING TRADE MARKS, TRADE DESCRIPTIONS, COPYRIGHT, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND PATENTS AND COMMITTED SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO THE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THESE LAWS.+

MR HOWARD POINTED OUT A TOTAL OF 1 085 SEIZURES WERE MADE FROM JANUARY TO NOVEMBER THIS YEAR INVOLVING GOODS VALUED AT \$56 MILLION UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE AND RESULTED IN THE PROSECUTION OF 666 PERSONS OR FIRMS.

+IN THE SAME PERIOD THIS YEAR, OPERATIONS TAKEN UNDER THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE HAVE LED TO 102 SEIZURES WITH GOODS VALUED AT \$1.21 MILLION AND A TOTAL OF 130 PROSECUTIONS,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT THE STRATEGY TO ATTACK COUNTERFEITING AND COPYRIGHT PIRACY IN HONG KONG WAS DIRECTED AT ALL LEVELS FROM RETAILING AT STREET LEVEL, LARGE AND SMALL ESTABLISHED RETAIL PREMISES, MANUFACTURING OUTLETS AND ON IMPORT AND EXPORT.

+ACTION IS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED OR SELF INITIATED THROUGH SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE.

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+THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS A SPECIAL TASK FORCE COMPRISING 150 INVESTIGATORS WITH WIDE-RANGING POWERS TO ENFORCE THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS AND COPYRIGHT ORDINANCES.

+WHERE DEMAND ARISES, A FURTHER 450 INVESTIGATORS MAY BE CALLED OUT FROM OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BRANCH AT SHORT NOTICE.

+SPECIAL ATTENTION IS ALSO PAID TO THE IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF SUSPECTED COUNTERFEIT GOODS AT ALL ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS BY THE 3 000 STRONG CUSTOMS OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.+

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RESULTS OF P.1 DISCRETIONARY PLACES OUT ON FRIDAY  
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RESULTS OF ALLOCATION OF DISCRETIONARY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR (1987) UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM WILL BE RELEASED ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 12) BY ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

ABOUT 47 000 OF THE 82 000 APPLICANTS WILL BE OFFERED A DISCRETIONARY PLACE BY THE SCHOOLS UNDER THE SCHEME, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO WHICH THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR A PRIMARY ONE PLACE FOR THEIR CHILDREN ON FRIDAY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM OR ON SATURDAY BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON TO FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATIONS. THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL ALSO APPLY TO PARENTS WHO HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE SCHOOLS.

REGISTRATION OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

PARENTS OF THOSE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN OFFERED A PRIMARY ONE PLACE ARE ADVISED TO NOTE CAREFULLY THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND THE REQUIREMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS SUCH AS PARENT'S COPY OF THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION APPLICATION FORM AND THE NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS REQUIRED.

+REGISTRATION OF THE CHILD WITH THE SCHOOL WILL BE REGARDED AS BINDING ON BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE PARENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PARENTS WHO CANNOT REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN WITH THE SCHOOL WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TWO-DAY PERIOD BECAUSE OF PERSONAL REASONS ARE URGED TO NOTIFY EITHER THE SCHOOL CONCERNED OR THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE 5-724383 TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

+PARENTS WHO HAVE FAILED TO DO SO WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE PLACE OFFERED TO THEIR CHILD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM, A GOVERNMENT OR AN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL CAN ACCEPT CHILDREN AT ITS DISCRETION TO FILL UP 65 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL PRIMARY ONE PLACES.

THE REMAINING 35 PER CENT OF PRIMARY ONE PLACES WILL BE RESERVED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION AT A LATER STAGE.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING A DISCRETIONARY PLACE AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR ONE WILL BE SUBSEQUENTLY NOTIFIED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY LETTER IN MARCH TO GO TO A DISTRIBUTION OR COLLECTION CENTRE IN THEIR HOME DISTRICT TO OBTAIN A +CHOICE OF SCHOOLS+ FORM AND A LIST OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL THEN ALLOCATE A PRIMARY ONE PLACE TO THEIR CHILDREN WITHIN THEIR DISTRICT WITH PARENTAL CHOICE TAKEN. DETAIL PROCEDURES OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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POST CHRISTMAS CARDS BY DECEMBER 21  
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THE LATEST DATE FOR POSTING CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR LOCAL DELIVERY IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

+POSTING AFTER THIS DATE CANNOT BE GUARANTEED DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS,+ A SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO POST AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID A LAST-MINUTE RUSH.+

BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS USUAL ON CHRISTMAS EVE (DECEMBER 24) AND NEW YEAR'S EVE (DECEMBER 31).

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DURING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS EXCEPT ON DECEMBER 26, WHEN 42 POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

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THESE 42 POST OFFICES INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI IN KOWLOON AND TSUEN WING STREET AND TAI PO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THERE WILL BE SPECIAL DELIVERIES OF LETTERS AND PARCELS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 AND ALSO ON BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26.

+HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO DELIVERIES ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM INDIVIDUAL POST OFFICES OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT 5-231071.

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ADDITIONAL MEET PUBLIC SESSIONS BECOME PERMANENT  
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ADDITIONAL EVENING SESSIONS OF THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD HAVE BECOME A PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT AFTER A THREE-MONTH TRIAL PERIOD.

TWENTY-SEVEN CASES WERE HANDLED DURING THE EVENING SESSIONS DURING THE TRIAL PERIOD WHICH STARTED IN SEPTEMBER, WHILE 23 CASES WERE HANDLED DURING THE ORIGINAL DAY SESSIONS.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, SAID THE RESPONSE WAS ENCOURAGING AND THE BOARD WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO PEOPLE MAKING FULL USE OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT.

MORE THAN HALF THE PEOPLE WHO TURNED UP IN THE EVENING SESSIONS SAID THEY COULD NOT COME DURING THE DAY BECAUSE OF WORK OR BUSINESS.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE REVISED TIMETABLE, THERE ARE TWO SESSIONS EACH WEEK FOR MEETING THE PUBLIC IN THE DISTRICT. A DAY SESSION EVERY FRIDAY FROM 2.30 PM TO 5 PM AND AN EVENING SESSION ON TUESDAY FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM.

THE SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE INTERVIEW ROOM OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN TSUEN WAN.

ENQUIRIES AND ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE ON 0-445509.

A TOTAL OF 106 CASES WERE HANDLED UNDER THE SCHEME IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

APART FROM PERSONAL MATTERS, THE MAJORITY OF CASES HANDLED INVOLVED ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND TRANSPORT MATTERS.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO MAKE ENQUIRIES, SEEK ASSISTANCE AND PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS AND OPINIONS ON DISTRICT MATTERS.

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FOOTBRIDGE SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED IN EASTERN  
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEY WORKING GROUP OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONDUCT A MONTH-LONG SURVEY ON THE UTILISATION OF 17 FOOTBRIDGES IN THE DISTRICT STARTING FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO JANUARY 11, 1987.

MRS YUNG MA SHAN-YEE, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SURVEY, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE SURVEY WAS AIMED AT INVESTIGATING THE UTILISATION RATE OF THE FOOTBRIDGES IN THE DISTRICT AND AT GAUGING PEDESTRIANS' OPINIONS TOWARDS THE FOOTBRIDGES.

THE 17 FOOTBRIDGES INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE ONE IN CAUSEWAY BAY, FIVE IN NORTH POINT, THREE IN QUARRY BAY, THREE IN SAI WAN HO AND SHAU KEI WAN AND THE REST IN CHAI WAN.

ABOUT 100 PEOPLE FROM LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS, YOUTH CENTRES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL BE RECRUITED AS INVESTIGATORS. THEY WILL CARRY A WORK PERMIT ISSUED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, WHILE CARRYING OUT THE SURVEY FROM 5.30 PM TO 8.30 PM AT THE FOOTBRIDGES.

MRS YUNG POINTED OUT THAT RESULT OF THE SURVEY WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO SUGGEST IMPROVEMENT.

SHE ALSO URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE SURVEY WHEN THEY WERE APPROACHED.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON HONG KONG ISLAND  
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HEAVY VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO KEEP CLEAR OF LANDALE STREET IN WAN CHAI FOR THREE DAYS BECAUSE OF WATER MAINS LAYING.

FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 12) TO 10 AM NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 15), NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING FOUR TONNES GROSS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER LANDALE STREET.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE SECTION OF EASTBOUND KING'S ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT SIX METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN CHONG STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN CHIU STREET WILL BE EXTENDED WESTWARDS BY ABOUT FOUR METRES.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUS WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

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NEW SPEED LIMIT ON MAN KAM TO ROAD

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THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE SECTION OF MAN KAM TO ROAD BETWEEN LO WU STATION ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHA LING ROAD WILL BE REVISED FROM THE EXISTING 70 KM PER HOUR TO 50 KM PER HOUR FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 12).

THE NEW SPEED LIMIT IS INTRODUCED ON GROUNDS OF SAFETY.

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WEAK PRESSURE EXPECTED

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SHAM TSENG AND TSING LUNG TAU AREA MAY EXPERIENCE WEAK PRESSURE FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 11) AND FROM 2.30 PM TO 4.30 PM DAILY ON THE NEXT THREE DAYS (DECEMBER 12 TO 14) FOR OPERATIONAL WORK.

ALL PREMISES ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN SHAM TSENG SAN TSUEN IN THE EAST AND HONG KONG GARDEN AT TSING LUNG TAU IN THE WEST WILL BE AFFECTED, INCLUDING GARDEN BAKERY FACTORY AND SHAM TSENG KAU TSUEN.

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