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QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED
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FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR REPORTED AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 AS COMPARED WITH THE YEAR'S FIRST QUARTER, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT FOR THE SECTOR AS A WHOLE, THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE.

THESE COMPARISONS ARE, HOWEVER, AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS. THE FIRST QUARTER IN EACH YEAR IS USUALLY A SEASONAL LOW PERIOD WHILE THE THIRD QUARTER IS NORMALLY A MORE ACTIVE SEASON THAN THE SECOND QUARTER AS FAR AS MANUFACTURING BUSINESS IS CONCERNED.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, FIRMS IN ALL INDUSTRIES EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE SECOND QUARTER. THE EXTENT OF IMPROVEMENT WAS PARTICULARLY NOTABLE IN THE CASE OF THE PLASTICS AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES. IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS WAS ALSO REPORTED BY FIRMS IN THE OTHER INDUSTRIES.

IN REGARD TO THE BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, FIRMS ACROSS ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES GENERALLY EXPECT A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER.

THIS IS EXPRESSED BY THE MAJORITY OF RESPONDING FIRMS IN THE FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO, ELECTRONICS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, PLASTICS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRIES.

FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR REPORTED A CONTINUED UPTREND IN BUSINESS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER AND THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE FURTHER IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

AS FOR FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, EXPERIENCES OF FIRMS IN DIFFERENT TRADES VARIED IN THE SECOND QUARTER, DUE LARGELY TO SEASONAL FACTORS. WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT FIRMS REPORTED A MODERATE IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS.

WHILE FIRMS IN THE RESTAURANTS TRADE EXPERIENCED A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS, A SEASONAL UPTREND IN BUSINESS WAS REPORTED BY RESPONDING HOTELS IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IS EXPECTED AMONG WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT FIRMS AND RESTAURANTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER. AS FOR THE HOTELS, A MILD DECLINE IN BUSINESS IS EXPECTED FOR THE THIRD QUARTER DUE MAINLY TO THE SEASONAL FACTORS.

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IN THE OTHER SERVICES SECTOR, FIRMS IN DIFFERENT TRADE CATEGORIES (I.E. TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES, BANKS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS SERVICES) REPORTED A FAVOURABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND THEY EXPECT A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER.

ABOUT 1,000 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY AND WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCES AND EXPECTATIONS. THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED BUSINESS PROBLEMS FACED BY FIRMS.

REGARDING THE PROBLEMS FACED BY FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, FIRMS REPORTED THAT THEY CONTINUED TO BE AFFECTED BY THE PROBLEM OF LABOUR SHORTAGE, INCLUDING BOTH SKILLED AND UNSKILLED. THIS PROBLEM IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN PROMINENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

IN ADDITION, HIGH MATERIAL PRICES WERE ALSO REPORTED BY FIRMS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AS A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR BOTH THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS.

THESE INCLUDE FIRMS IN THE FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, PRINTING, PLASTICS AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES INDUSTRIES.

AS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS REGARDING THE SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR AS A PROBLEM HAD INCREASED. THE PROBLEM IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN PROMINENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

WHILE A SIZEABLE PROPORTION OF FIRMS QUOTED HIGH WAGE RATES AND SHORTAGE OF LABOUR GENERALLY AS THE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS FOR BOTH THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS, THE PROBLEMS OF PRICE COMPETITION FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG AND HIGH MATERIAL PRICES HAD BECOME LESS WIDELY REPORTED AMONG CONSTRUCTION FIRMS.

FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS AND OTHER SERVICES SECTORS WERE COMMONLY AFFECTED BY THE PROBLEMS OF SHORTAGE OF STAFF GENERALLY AND HIGH STAFF TURNOVER.

IN ADDITION, SHORTAGE OF EXPERIENCED STAFF WAS A PROMINENT PROBLEM REPORTED BY HOTELS AND BANKS IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND THIS SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

THE PROBLEM OF PRICE COMPETITION ALSO AFFECTED FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, HOTELS AND BANKS SECTORS EXTENSIVELY IN THE SECOND QUARTER. THE PROBLEM IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN SIGNIFICANT IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

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

IN THE SURVEY, PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD "IMPROVED", "REMAINED THE SAME" OR "DETERIORATED" IN THE QUARTER JUST ENDED AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER.

FOR THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER, THEY WERE ALSO ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION WAS EXPECTED TO "IMPROVE", "REMAIN THE SAME" OR "DETERIORATE". THE OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED.

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

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT, IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CARE AS IT IS 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 CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CENTRAL AT \$4.50 PER COPY.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234779.

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GOVT WELCOMES FORMATION OF NUCLEAR SAFETY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUCLEAR SAFETY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE GUANGDONG DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER STATION, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 12 HONG KONG MEMBERS INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, PROFESSIONALS, ACADEMICS, AND ENVIRONMENTALISTS.

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WITH MEMBERSHIP DRAWN FROM VARIED BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERTISE, MRS CHAN BELIEVED THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WOULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE CHINESE NUCLEAR AUTHORITIES AND THE OPERATOR OF THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY.

"IT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE OPERATION AND SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT AND TO KEEP ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS FRONT," SHE SAID.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS WELL-ESTABLISHED CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE JOINT VENTURE COMPANY AND THE RELEVANT CHINESE NUCLEAR AUTHORITIES. BUT THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THESE CHANNELS," MRS CHAN ADDED.

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STATEMENT ON COST ESTIMATES OF DEGREE SYSTEM CHANGE

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ISSUED A STATEMENT EXPLAINING HOW THE COSTS OF CHANGING TO A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE SYSTEM WERE ESTIMATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 3.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID PARAGRAPH 3.53 OF THE REPORT GAVE AN INDICATION OF THE COST IF MOST FIRST DEGREE COURSES WERE TO LAST FOR THREE OR FOUR YEARS.

"THE PARAGRAPH STATED THAT THIS COULD NOT BE CALCULATED WITH CERTAINTY AS THE FIGURE WOULD DEPEND ON HOW MANY COURSES WERE LONGER THAN THREE YEARS, AND THIS COULD NOT BE PREDICTED.

"IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SAY ONLY THAT THE COST WOULD LIE BETWEEN THE MOST EXPENSIVE APPROACH (I.E. ALL FIRST DEGREES TO TAKE FOUR YEARS FOLLOWING TWO YEARS OF SIXTH FORM STUDY) AND THE CHEAPEST (I.E. ALL FIRST DEGREES TO TAKE THREE YEARS FOLLOWING TWO YEARS OF SIXTH FORM STUDY).

"THE COSTS OF THESE EXTREMES WERE STATED TO BE RESPECTIVELY \$700 MILLION MORE AND \$140 MILLION LESS PER YEAR THAN THE EXISTING SYSTEM," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SOME CRITICS FELT THAT THE ESTIMATE OF \$700 MILLION WAS TOO HIGH AND HE HOPED THAT THIS STATEMENT WOULD SERVE TO EXPLAIN HOW THIS FIGURE WAS ESTIMATED.

THE STATEMENT ALSO EXAMINED THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE ADDITIONAL COSTS OF CHANGING TO A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE SYSTEM COULD BE REDUCED BY CHANGING TO A SIX-YEAR SECONDARY SYSTEM.

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INITIAL INVESTIGATION INTO MIRADOR MANSIONS FIRE COMPLETED

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD COMPLETED THEIR INITIAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE CAUSES OF LAST WEEKEND'S FIRE AT MIRADOR MANSIONS, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THEY HAD DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE NO SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE BLAZE, WHICH STARTED IN A GROUND-FLOOR SHOP, AND HAVE RULED OUT ARSON AS A POSSIBLE CAUSE.

INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE FIRE WILL CONTINUE.

THERE WAS NO APPARENT LINK BETWEEN THE FIRE AND GUESTHOUSES IN MIRADOR MANSIONS. THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES IS SATISFIED THAT GUESTHOUSE RESIDENTS WERE ABLE TO LEAVE THE PREMISES QUICKLY AND SAFELY TO ESCAPE THE SMOKE WHICH ROSE TO UPPER FLOORS DURING THE FIRE.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE REGISTRATION OF BOI ASIA LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31 (2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE STARTS IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT

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A MASSIVE PICTURE WILL BE PIECED TOGETHER AND PUT UP BY YOUTHS IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 14) MORNING TO START OFF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE FOR NEXT YEAR'S URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS.

THE 160 SQUARE FEET MOSAIC WILL PORTRAY THE DISTRICT'S LANDMARKS AND A SLOGAN URGING RESIDENTS TO REGISTER.

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YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL BE PRESENT AT THE VENUE TO DISTRIBUTE REGISTRATION FORMS AND HELP THOSE ELIGIBLE TO FILL IN THE FORMS.

DURING THE REGISTRATION DRIVE WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL END OF NEXT MONTH, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL CARRY OUT A SERIES OF DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO ASSIST RESIDENTS TO REGISTER.

POSTERS, BANNERS AND LEAFLETS CARRYING THE "SIGN UP" SLOGAN HAVE ALSO BEEN PRINTED FOR DISPLAY AND DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A GROUP OF YOUTHS WILL PUT TOGETHER A MOSAIC IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 10.50 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 14) TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE FOR NEXT YEAR'S URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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TWO MONTEREY PARK POLICE OFFICERS ON STUDY VISIT

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FACED WITH A GROWING PROBLEM OF ORGANISED CRIME IN AN INCREASINGLY ASIAN COMMUNITY, MONTEREY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, SENT TWO OF ITS OFFICERS TO HONG KONG TO STUDY THE ACTIVITIES AND METHODS OF TRIADS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

PATROLMEN BILL YEUNG AND KEITH BACON SPENT A WEEK MEETING POLICE OFFICERS AND EXCHANGING VIEWS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN ORGANISED CRIME.

HONG KONG-BORN MR YEUNG IS THE SON OF RETIRED HONG KONG INSPECTOR HARRY YEUNG, AND HAS BEEN A POLICE OFFICER IN MONTEREY PARK FOR SEVEN YEARS.

MR BACON EXPLAINED: "IN THE PAST 10 YEARS MONTEREY PARK, WHICH IS A SUBURB OF LOS ANGELES, HAS SEEN A BIG DEVELOPMENT IN ITS ASIAN COMMUNITY.

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"TEN YEARS AGO THE POPULATION WAS NEARLY EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN CAUCASIANS AND LATINS WITH A SMALL ORIENTAL POPULATION, MOSTLY JAPANESE.

"TODAY AROUND 65 PER CENT OF OUR POPULATION OF NEARLY 70,000 IS CHINESE, PRIMARILY FROM TAIWAN, AND THERE HAS BEEN A LARGE INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE CHINESE.

"IT IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATIONS OF CHINESE IN THE UNITED STATES AND IS DEVELOPING ITS OWN UNIQUE POLICE PROBLEMS."

MR YEUNG ADDED: "ORGANISED CRIME IS A NEW SUBJECT TO US IN MONTEREY PARK. WE'VE HAD OUR LOCAL GANG PROBLEMS WITH LOCAL KIDS AND OTHERS BUT NO ORGANISED CRIME AS YOU KNOW IT IN HONG KONG.

"WE WANT TO LEARN OF THE STRUCTURES, THE NAMES OF GROUPS AND THE WAYS THEY OPERATE. IT'S A TOTALLY NEW FIELD TO US."

ALTHOUGH MR YEUNG IS CURRENTLY ATTACHED TO HIS FORCE'S MOBILE PATROL BUREAU AND MR BACON TO THE TRAFFIC DIVISION, THEY ROTATE REGULARLY ON OTHER SPECIALIST DUTIES.

"WE'VE LEARNED A LOT IN A SHORT TIME," SAID MR BACON. "WE HAVE EXCHANGED A LOT OF INTERESTING VIEWS WHICH WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO US IN OUR OPERATIONS AT HOME IN DEALING WITH ASIAN PROBLEMS."

THE TWO VISITING OFFICERS WERE BRIEFED BY MR PETER LEE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CRIME, AND VISITED THE ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIME GROUP, CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, NARCOTICS BUREAU AND OTHER FORMATIONS.

MR YEUNG SAID: "WE APPRECIATE THE HOSPITALITY WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE AND THE INFORMATION AND HELP WE HAVE HAD. I ONLY WISH WE COULD COME HERE MORE OFTEN."

MR BACON ADDED: "IT HAS BEEN AN ENJOYABLE AND VERY INFORMATIVE VISIT. ALTHOUGH WE ARE SEPARATED BY 6,000 MILES OF PACIFIC OCEAN THERE IS A SIMILARITY IN OUR ATTITUDES AND FEELINGS AND IT WAS A GOOD EXPERIENCE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND PHILOSOPHIES."

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RECLAMATION WORK FOR KWUN TONG BYPASS INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORISED
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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION WORK NEAR THE KWUN TONG TYPHOON SHELTER TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF KWUN TONG BYPASS PHASE II INFRASTRUCTURE.

THE WORK INCLUDES:

- * RECLAMATION OF A STRIP OF LAND ALONGSIDE THE EXISTING SEAWALL ADJACENT TO HOI BUN ROAD FOR CARGO WORKING AREA;
- * DEMOLITION OF THE KWUN TONG PASSENGER FERRY PIER AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PASSENGER FERRY PIER ABOUT 85 METRES SOUTHEAST OF THE EXISTING ONE; AND
- * EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING VEHICULAR RAMPS AT THE KWUN TONG VEHICULAR FERRY PIER.

WORK WILL COMMENCE IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 11, 1989.

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NEW ROADS IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT TWO KILOMETRES OF NEW ROADS IN NEWLY RECLAIMED AREAS BETWEEN YAU OI AND ON TING HOUSING ESTATES AND THE TYPHOON SHELTER IN TUEN MUN.

SHORT SECTIONS OF A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ROADS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AND THESE ROADS, TOGETHER WITH OTHER ROADWORKS ALREADY IN PROGRESS, WILL PROVIDE MOST OF THE ROAD NETWORK IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN.

THE PROPOSED WORKS ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FOOTBRIDGES OVER THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) RESERVE, AND THE FORMATION OF A LENGTH OF THE RESERVE FOR THE LRT REGIONAL LINKS.

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THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND A NOTICE, BOTH IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, CAN BE SEEN POSTED NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

A COPY OF THE PLANS OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICES, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.

THEY CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, SECOND FLOOR, EAST WING, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BY OCTOBER 11 THIS YEAR.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO INDONESIA EXTENDED

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO INDONESIA WILL BE EXTENDED TO BANDUNG, PALEMBANG AND YOGYAKARTA FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 15), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY WHICH IS AT PRESENT AVAILABLE TO EIGHT CITIES WILL THEN COVER BALIKPAPAN, BANDUNG, BATAM, DENPASAR, JAKARTA, MEDAN, PALEMBANG, SEMARANG, SURABAYA, UJUNG Pandang, AND YOGYAKARTA.

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS. A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8683868.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD PAVEMENT IN ARGYLE STREET

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WORKS TO RECONSTRUCT THE ROAD PAVEMENT IN ARGYLE STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH LOMOND ROAD WILL START ON MONDAY (AUGUST 15), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE ROADWORKS, WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY, WILL INVOLVE THE DIGGING UP OF THE EXISTING DEFECTIVE ROAD PAVEMENT, THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD PAVEMENT IN CONCRETE AND ANCILLARY ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN TRAFFIC FLOW AT THIS BUSY TRAFFIC JUNCTION, THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN EIGHT STAGES AND WILL TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP ON SITE TO GUIDE ROAD USERS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED AT THIS JUNCTION DURING PEAK HOURS.

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NO-STOPPING RESTRICTION IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 189 AND 211 WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 15).

THIS MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR ROADWORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY ON QUEEN'S ROAD WEST

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 150 AND 180 WILL BE MADE A DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 15).

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS FOR ROADWORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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