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APRIL ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES

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THE ORDERS POSITION IN APRIL 1989 AS REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN MARCH 1989 BUT INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING APRIL 1989 WITH MARCH 1989, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY. ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS SHOWED SLIGHT DECREASES IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, AND WERE ALMOST UNCHANGED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988, THE ORDERS POSITION IN APRIL 1989 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. SLIGHT INCREASES IN ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. HOWEVER, ORDERS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE TEXTILES AND THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN APRIL 1989 WAS SMALLER BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989, AND BY 9 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988.

COMPARING APRIL 1989 WITH MARCH 1989, EMPLOYMENT SHOWED SMALL DECREASES IN THE WEARING APPAREL, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. EMPLOYMENT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND THE TEXTILES INDUSTRIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988, EMPLOYMENT IN APRIL 1989 DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. SIGNIFICANT DECLINES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY. THERE WERE SLIGHT DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE TEXTILES AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN APRIL 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED, IN MONEY TERMS, BY 3 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1989 AND BY 18 PER CENT OVER APRIL 1988.

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COMPARING APRIL 1989 WITH MARCH 1989, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS OCCURRED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, TEXTILES, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. HOWEVER, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, AND SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN APRIL 1989 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN ALMOST ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FOOD AND DRINKS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN APRIL 1989 INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989 AND MODERATELY OVER APRIL 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN APRIL 1989 SHOWED A MODERATE INCREASE WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989, BUT INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER APRIL 1988. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS SECTOR COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN APRIL 1989 WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN MARCH 1989, BUT INCREASED MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN APRIL 1989 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER MARCH 1989 AS WELL AS APRIL 1988. THIS WAS DUE MAINLY TO SPECIAL BONUSES BEING ISSUED BY SOME OF THE COMPANIES IN APRIL 1989.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR APRIL 1989 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234820.

/TABLE 1 .....

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	APRIL 1989	MAR. 89	APR. 88
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.45	*	+2
WEARING APPAREL	4.76	-1	+3
TEXTILES	2.59	+2	-5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.41	-3	-6
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.91	+5	+12
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.18	*	+2
OTHERS	4.24	*	+2

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF APRIL 1989	
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	MAR. 89	APR. 88
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-1	-9
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	-4
WEARING APPAREL	-2	-9
TEXTILES	*	-2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-2	-27
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-2	-1
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	-10
OTHERS	*	-4
CONSTRUCTION#	+1	+4
SERVICES	*	+4
BANKS	*	+3
HOTELS	*	+1
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-1
OTHERS	+1	+13

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5 PER CENT

# PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN APRIL 1989	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	(HK\$)	MAR. 89 (%)	APR. 88 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4,954	+3	+18
FOOD AND DRINKS	5,715	+8	+21
WEARING APPAREL	3,988	-1	+18
TEXTILES	4,785	+6	+8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4,698	-1	+25
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4,732	-12	+14
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	4,809	+7	+20
OTHERS	6,675	+4	+19
CONSTRUCTION#	7,113	+4	+20
SERVICES	10,605	+34*	+46*
BANKS	8,104	+8	+20
HOTELS	6,115	+9	+26
PUBLIC UTILITIES	7,914	+4	+13
OTHERS	18,107	+93*	+105*

# PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

\* THIS WAS DUE MAINLY TO SPECIAL BONUSES BEING ISSUED BY SOME OF THE COMPANIES.

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3 : UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE FIRMS SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS TO HK FUTURES EXCHANGE  
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THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD APPOINTED MR EOGHAN MCMILLAN, MR PHILIP WONG AND MR SYDNEY LEONG AS INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE (HKFE).

THE APPOINTMENTS WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JUNE 30, 1989, THE DATE ON WHICH THE EXCHANGE HOLDS ITS THIRD AND FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM'S).

THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE HKFE, ADOPTED ON MAY 9 THIS YEAR, PROVIDES THAT ITS BOARD SHOULD BE BROADLY-BASED AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARKETS, THEIR USERS AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

UNDER ARTICLE 73(B) OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE EXCHANGE, THE GOVERNOR HAS TO APPOINT THE FIRST FOUR INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OVER THE NEXT THREE AGM'S.

"HAVING BEEN FULLY RE-CONSTITUTED ALONG THE LINES OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE, THE EXCHANGE IS MUCH BETTER EQUIPPED TO PERFORM ITS ROLE AS A SELF-REGULATORY ORGANISATION AND TO DEVELOP NEW PRODUCTS TO MEET MARKET NEEDS," MR NENDICK SAID.

MR MCMILLAN IS THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE HKFE. HE HAS HELPED STEER THE EXCHANGE SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT PERIOD OF ITS RE-CONSTITUTION EXERCISE.

MR WONG IS A PRACTISING LAWYER AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE FORMER SECURITIES COMMISSION.

MR LEONG HAS SERVED AS A DIRECTOR TO THE EXCHANGE SINCE OCTOBER 1987. HE WAS A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY.

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STATEMENT ISSUED ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL

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MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AT A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS BY THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, DAME LYDIA DUNN AND MR ALLEN LEE, TO PRESS THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT FOR THE RIGHT OF ABODE FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE ENTITLED TO BRITISH PASSPORTS.

THE URBAN COUNCILLORS AGREED THAT MOST HONG KONG PEOPLE WOULD WANT TO STAY IN HONG KONG AND THAT THEY ARE ONLY SEEKING AN "INSURANCE POLICY" WHICH WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE.

THE COUNCIL WILL SEND A LETTER TO OMELCO EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SENIOR MEMBERS' MISSION BEFORE THE TWO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, NEXT FRIDAY.

THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO WRITE TO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS IN BRITAIN TO CANVASS SUPPORT AND TO EXPLAIN TO THEM HONG KONG PEOPLE'S ANXIETIES.

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MIXED RESPONSE TO EUROPEAN VIDEO TAPE DUTIES

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THE IMPOSITION OF DEFINITIVE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES BY THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ON HONG KONG VIDEO CASSETTE TAPE MANUFACTURERS RECEIVED A MIXED RESPONSE FROM THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY).

"WE ARE PLEASED FOR OUR COMPANIES THAT THE VERY HIGH PROVISIONAL DUTIES ANNOUNCED LAST DECEMBER HAVE BEEN VERY SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED," THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR STUART HARBINSON, SAID.

"THE COUNCIL HAS ALSO MADE SOME SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS," HE ADDED.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE SETTING OF THE DUTY FOR THREE FIRMS WHICH DID NOT PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION TO THE COUNCIL ON A WEIGHTED AVERAGE BASIS, RATHER THAN THE HIGHEST DUTY AS IN THE PROVISIONAL FINDINGS, IS A RARE CONCESSION.

"AND THE PROVISION FOR A QUICK REVIEW IN RESPECT OF NEW COMPANIES ENTERING THE MARKET IS, AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, UNIQUE."

/MR HARBINSON .....

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MR HARBINSON SAID SOME OF THE HONG KONG COMPANIES HAD DEFENDED THEMSELVES ROBUSTLY AND WERE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON ACHIEVING RESULTS.

"THERE CAN ALSO BE ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S INVOLVEMENT HAS HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE CASE." HE SAID.

"OUR REPEATED SUBMISSIONS HAVE RESULTED IN MAJOR CONCESSIONS SUCH AS THOSE I HAVE JUST MENTIONED. AND OUR EFFORTS AT THE GENERAL LEVEL HAVE ASSISTED INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES TO ACHIEVE LOWER RATES."

THE DEFINITIVE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES JUST ANNOUNCED BY THE COUNCIL RANGE FROM 0 PER CENT TO 21.9 PER CENT. THIS COMPARES WITH PROVISIONAL DUTIES ANNOUNCED LAST DECEMBER RANGING FROM 8.1 PER CENT TO 59.3 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT REMAINS UNHAPPY ABOUT SOME FEATURES OF THE CASE.

"THE COUNCIL SEEMS TO HAVE FAILED TO TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT CERTAIN KEY ELEMENTS OF SUBMISSIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT," MR HARBINSON SAID.

"TO GIVE TWO EXAMPLES, FIRST, THE COUNCIL SEEMS TO HAVE DISREGARDED REPRESENTATIONS WE HAVE MADE ABOUT THE UNSATISFACTORY WAY THE QUESTION OF ALLEGED INJURY TO EUROPEAN INDUSTRY WAS DEALT WITH IN THE INVESTIGATION.

"SECONDLY, WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, DESPITE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A QUICK REVIEW FOR NEWCOMERS, THEY WILL STILL HAVE TO PAY A VERY HIGH RESIDUAL DUTY OF 21.9 PER CENT TO START WITH. AND HOW QUICK WILL THE REVIEW BE?"

ACCORDING TO MR HARBINSON, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS STILL EXAMINING THESE AND SOME OTHER ASPECTS OF THE FINDINGS. THE DEPARTMENT HOPES TO COMPLETE THIS EXAMINATION VERY QUICKLY, WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

"DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS OF THIS EXAMINATION, WE MAY OR MAY NOT DECIDE TO TAKE THE MATTER FURTHER," HE SAID. "A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE FINDINGS AND THE OPTIONS OPEN TO US IS NECESSARY BEFORE WE CAN DECIDE ON ANY NEW STEP."

MR HARBINSON SAID THE VIDEO CASSETTE TAPE CASE HAD ONE VERY CLEAR MESSAGE FOR HONG KONG FIRMS CITED IN ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATIONS.

"THE MESSAGE IS THAT IF WE DON'T TAKE THE INVESTIGATIONS SERIOUSLY ENOUGH - AND SOME OF OUR FIRMS DIDN'T TO START WITH - WE ARE LIKELY TO END UP WITH VERY HIGH DUTIES." HE SAID.

"BUT WITH DETERMINED DEFENCE THE RESULTS SHOULD EXONERATE US COMPLETELY, OR AT WORST RESULT IN ONLY LOW LEVELS OF DUTY."

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17 QUESTIONS, 10 BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA  
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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 17 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER 10 BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

NINE OF THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THEY ARE THE CONSUMER COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1989, THE ELECTRICITY BILL 1989, THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) BILL 1989, THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION) BILL 1989, THE LAW REFORM (LEGAL EFFECTS OF AGE) BILL 1989, THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1989 AND THE GAMBLING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989.

THE SECOND READING DEBATE ON THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION BILL 1989 WILL RESUME, AND WHEN IT IS COMPLETED THE BILL IS DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE WILL MOVE MOTIONS UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AND THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WILL PRESENT A WHITE PAPER, "POLLUTION IN HONG KONG -- A TIME TO ACT".

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A MEETING AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

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STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS VISIT IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT  
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MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE VISITED THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

FIVE MEMBERS -- MR PAUL CHENG, MR ANTHONY CHEUNG, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, MRS NELLIE FONG AND MR BRIAN RENWICK -- TOOK PART IN THE VISIT.

MR PAUL CHENG IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S GENERAL DISCIPLINED SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE.

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THEY WERE RECEIVED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR H.C. YEUNG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONTROL AND INVESTIGATION), MR K.C. CHEUK, AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PARTY VISITED WESTERN ANCHORAGE AND SAW IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE OF INCOMING JUNKS AND VESSELS AND SEARCHING OF SUSPECT JUNKS.

THE PARTY ALSO SAW IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE OF LAND CROSSING PASSENGERS AT THE LO WU CONTROL POINT AND IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND CAR SEARCHING AT MAN KAM TO CONTROL POINT.

DURING THE VISIT, MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAD INFORMAL TALKS WITH STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES WHICH WERE OF CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS STAFF.

THE VISIT WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF FAMILIARISATION TOURS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR BY MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

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#### ADVICE FOR TRAVELLERS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HAS URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO DO NOT HAVE IMMEDIATE PLANS TO TRAVEL DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS TO REFRAIN FROM RUSHING FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS THERE WAS A GREATER DEMAND FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE SUMMER HOLIDAY SEASON.

"WE HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO MAINTAIN AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF SERVICE AND TO REDUCE ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

"FOR EXAMPLE, WE OFFER PROGRAMMED APPOINTMENTS TO APPLICANTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE TAG FOR SUBMISSION OF THEIR APPLICATIONS AT THE IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS TO CALL AGAIN ON ANOTHER DATE," HE SAID.

"APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE NOT URGENT WILL CERTAINLY CAUSE SOME INCONVENIENCE TO APPLICANTS WHO HAVE GENUINE NEEDS TO APPLY FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL CO-OPERATE AND EXERCISE PATIENCE." HE SAID.

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APPLICANTS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT SERVICES FOR HONG KONG TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT 10 IMMIGRATION BRANCH OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THE 10 BRANCH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT :

KOWLOON CITY OFFICE, HANG CHIEN COURT, 7-9 WAI KING STREET, GROUND FLOOR, WYLER GARDEN, TO KWA WAN;

KWUN TONG OFFICE, ROOMS 54-60, SECOND FLOOR, AMOY PLAZA, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD;

HONG KONG ISLAND OFFICE, HARBOUR BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;

ABERDEEN OFFICE, 12-16 NAM NING STREET, FIRST FLOOR, ABERDEEN CENTRE, BLOCK K-N, SHOP 4B;

SHA TIN OFFICE, KCR HOUSE, SECOND FLOOR, SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION;

SHEUNG SHUI OFFICE, 44, 44A AND B, SAN FUNG AVENUE, GROUND FLOOR AND COCKLOFT, SHEK WU HUI;

TAI PO OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR, 1 TING KOK ROAD;

TSUEN WAN OFFICE, LEVEL 3, TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER;

TUEN MUN OFFICE, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, FIRST FLOOR, 1 TUEN HI ROAD;

YUEN LONG OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, THIRD FLOOR, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ALL IMMIGRATION OFFICES OPERATE THE TAG SYSTEM.

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SAI KUNG PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS ON AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE 1988 ACTION PROGRAMME REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (JUNE 22).

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE REVISED SAI KUNG TOWN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME AND THE HANG HAU ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT A ZEBRA CROSSING AT HO CHUNG; DIFFICULTY IN GETTING PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLES AT HO CHUNG AND MARINA COVE DURING MORNING PEAK PERIODS; THE CLOSING DATE OF THE HANG HAU CONTROLLED TIP; AND THE PROPOSED CARPARK, ZEBRA CROSSING AND BUS STOP AT MAU WU TSAI VILLAGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (JUNE 22) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET. SAI KUNG TOWN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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COMMUNITY HALL CLOSURES ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA  
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (JUNE 22) THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SOME COMMUNITY HALLS IN THE DISTRICT.

IN VIEW OF THE CLOSURE OF SOME COMMUNITY HALLS FOR INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONERS BETWEEN MID-MARCH AND MID-AUGUST, A CO-OPTED MEMBER WILL ASK WHETHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF THE ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE.

HE WILL ALSO WANT TO KNOW IF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL IDENTIFY ANY REPLACEMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY HALLS WHICH ARE NOW OUT OF SERVICE.

MEANWHILE, THE WORKING GROUPS ON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION, PROMOTION OF CIVIC MINDEDNESS, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND PUBLISHING OF INFORMATION BOOKLETS WILL REPORT TO THE MEETING THEIR ANNUAL PLANS OF ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JUNE 22) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

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TIDE TABLES FOR 1990 ON SALE  
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THE "TIDE TABLES FOR HONG KONG 1990" IS NOW ON SALE AT \$5.50 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, MARINE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS.

THE TABLES CONTAIN THE PREDICTED HEIGHTS AND TIMES OF DAILY HIGH AND LOW WATER LEVELS AT QUARRY BAY AND TAI PO KAU FOR 1990.

TIDAL VALUES AT CHI MA WAN, KO LAU WAN, LOK ON PAI, TSIM BEI TSUI AND WAGLAN ISLAND MAY ALSO BE DERIVED FROM INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TABLES.

SHIPPING AND WHARFING COMPANIES, ENGINEERS, CONTAINER TERMINAL OPERATORS, DOCKYARDS, YACHTSMEN, FISHING AND WATER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS MAY FIND THE INFORMATION USEFUL.

THE PUBLICATION, PRINTED IN BILINGUAL FORM, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; MARINE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL; AND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS, 134A NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 54.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 318.068 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 149.935 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, OR 25.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER SUSPENSION IN TWO DISTRICTS  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 22) TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY TAI PO ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET AND KWEILIN STREET.

THE AREA INCLUDES SECTIONS OF UN CHAU STREET, FUK WING STREET, FUK WAH STREET AND PEI HO STREET.

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ALSO TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 22) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT HONG KIN ROAD, WA YUNG ROAD, WA FUK STREET, WA FUN STREET, THE TUI MIN HOI AREA, FISHERMAN HOUSING ESTATE, SAI KUNG TUI MIN HOI CHUEN AND SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JUNE 24) AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING.

THEY ARE:

EA708	EA128	DZ777	EA7889
EA8681	DA728	EA139	EA2516
DF25	7832	EA9809	AK357
EA6378	EA2318	BK136	EB823
EA911	DZ9283	1986	DZ8
BV892	DY2	EA6618	BB6662
535	EA143	AA337	EA1398
EB339	EA688	DC735	EA5292
AA350	389	CD9000	AK1631
DZ111	EA776	EA7741	EA9899

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 138TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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