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STRONG UPSURGE OF EXPORTS
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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR ROSE BY 50 PER CENT OR \$20 814 MILLION OVER THE SIMILAR PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE EXPANSION COMPRISED A 47 PER CENT INCREASE OR \$12 324 MILLION FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND A 55 PER CENT INCREASE OR \$8 490 MILLION FOR RE-EXPORTS.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS 41 PER CENT OR \$19 645 MILLION HIGHER, NARROWING THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1984 TO SEVEN PER CENT, FROM 13 PER CENT IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1983.

COMPARING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD TO APRIL 1984 WITH THE 12 MONTH-PERIOD TO APRIL 1983, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE INCREASES IN VALUE WERE 37 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND 43 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, MAKING AN INCREASE OF 39 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS.

IMPORTS FOR THE PERIOD WERE UP 35 PER CENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS LAST MONTH TOTALLED \$10 449 MILLION, UP 37 PER CENT OR \$2 837 MILLION OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES SHOW.

RE-EXPORTS ALSO INCREASED, BY 46 PER CENT OR \$1 919 MILLION, TO \$6 090 MILLION.

THESE RAISED TOTAL EXPORTS TO \$16 539 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 40 PER CENT OR \$4 756 MILLION OVER THE YEAR-EARLIER LEVEL.

IMPORTS REACHED \$18 529 MILLION LAST MONTH, UP 37 PER CENT OR \$4 996 MILLION OVER APRIL 1983, GIVING A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$1 990 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$1 750 MILLION A YEAR EARLIER.

BUT THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED AT A FASTER RATE THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP WAS 11 PER CENT IN APRIL 1984, DOWN FROM 13 PER CENT IN APRIL 1983.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR APRIL 1984:

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TRADE FIGURES FOR APRIL, 1984

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS RELEASED THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR APRIL :-

<u>MERCHANDISE :</u>	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$10 449 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$ 6 090 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$16 539 MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$18 529 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 1 990 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	<u>FEBRUARY-APRIL 1984</u>	<u>FEBRUARY-APRIL 1983</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	27 774	19 802	+ 7 972	+ 40.3
RE-EXPORTS	17 836	11 604	+ 6 232	+ 53.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	45 610	31 406	+14 204	+ 45.2
IMPORTS	51 414	36 131	+15 283	+ 42.3
TRADE BALANCE	- 5 804	- 4 725	- 1 079	
<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	<u>APRIL 1984</u>	<u>APRIL 1983</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	10 449 (63.2%)	7 612 (64.6%)	+ 2 837	+ 37.3
RE-EXPORTS	6 090	4 171	+ 1 919	+ 46.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	16 539	11 783	+ 4 756	+ 40.4
IMPORTS	18 529	13 533	+ 4 996	+ 36.9
TRADE BALANCE	- 1 990	- 1 750	- 240	

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LAST MONTH	APRIL 1984	MARCH 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC- EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	10 449 (63.2%)	10 503 (61.2%)	- 54	- 0.5
RE-EXPORTS	6 090	6 653	- 563	- 8.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	16 539	17 156	- 617	- 3.6
IMPORTS	18 529	18 144	+ 385	+ 2.1
TRADE BALANCE	-1 990	- 988	-1 002	
CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JANUARY-APRIL 1984	JANUARY-APRIL 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	38 565 (61.8%)	26 241 (63.1%)	+ 12 324	+ 47.0
RE-EXPORTS	23 812	15 322	+ 8 490	+ 55.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	62 377	41 563	+ 20 814	+ 50.1
IMPORTS	67 313	47 668	+ 19 645	+ 41.2
TRADE BALANCE	- 4 936	- 6 105	+ 1 169	
LAST 12 MONTHS	MAY 1983 TO APRIL 1984	MAY 1982 TO APRIL 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	116 729	85 232	+ 31 497	+ 37.0
RE-EXPORTS	64 784	45 461	+ 19 323	+42.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	181 513	130 693	+ 50 820	+ 38.9
IMPORTS	195 087	144 850	+ 50 237	+ 34.7
TRADE BALANCE	- 13 574	- 14 157	+ 583	

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR LEAVING FOR PEKING
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE WILL LEAVE FOR PEKING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO TAKE PART IN ANOTHER ROUND OF SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SIR EDWARD WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT CA 106, ETD 1.50 PM.

A FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE. THOSE ASSIGNED TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM BY 12.30 PM.

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SHIPPING AND PORT STATISTICS FOR FOURTH QUARTER
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IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1983, 2 922 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 17 534 THOUSAND NRT (NET REGISTERED TONNAGE) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PREPARED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OF THESE, 21 PER CENT SET OUT FROM CHINA, AND 32 PER CENT WERE OF PANAMANIAN FLAG AND 70 PER CENT WERE LINERS.

ABOUT HALF OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG WAS CARRIED BY SHIPS COMING FROM JAPAN, CHINA AND SINGAPORE. SOME 39 PER CENT OF THE CARGO WAS DISCHARGED FROM TRAMPS AND 26 PER CENT FROM CONFERENCE LINERS. DRY BULK CARRIERS CARRIED 27 PER CENT OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG, AND CONTAINER VESSELS CARRIED 25 PER CENT.

IN THE SAME PERIOD, 2 922 SHIPS DEPARTED WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 17 641 THOUSAND NRT. OF THESE, 20 PER CENT LEFT FOR CHINA AND 19 PER CENT LEFT FOR TAIWAN.

SOME 17 PER CENT OF THE CARGO LOADED IN HONG KONG WAS CARRIED BY SHIPS DEPARTING FOR TAIWAN, AND A SIMILAR PERCENTAGE FOR THE UNITED STATES.

AS REGARDS TYPE OF SHIPPING SERVICE, ABOUT 92 PER CENT OF THE CARGO LOADED IN HONG KONG WAS CARRIED BY LINERS, WHILE BY TYPE OF SHIP, 67 PER CENT WAS CARRIED BY CONTAINER SHIPS. ABOUT 54 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING VESSELS HAD STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN 36 HOURS.

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IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT, 91 PER CENT OF THE INWARD SEABORNE CARGO WAS SEABORNE IMPORTS, AND 9 PER CENT WAS FOR TRANSHIPMENT. FOR OUTWARD SHIPMENTS, THE PERCENTAGES WERE 65 PER CENT AND 35 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS WERE JAPAN (23 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (18 PER CENT) AND CHINA (15 PER CENT), AND THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE U.S.A. (20 PER CENT), TAIWAN (14 PER CENT) AND CHINA (9 PER CENT). TRANSHIPMENT CARGOES WERE MAINLY LOADED FROM CHINA (36 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (23 PER CENT), FOR TRANSHIPMENT TO THE U.S.A. (16 PER CENT), PHILIPPINES (8 PER CENT) AND OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES.

THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG BY SEA WERE PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (24 PER CENT IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT), COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES (16 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS (INCLUDING CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER) (14 PER CENT).

SEABORNE EXPORTS OF HONG KONG WERE MORE DIVERSIFIED, THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES BEING CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (15 PER CENT), METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (7 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (7 PER CENT).

THESE STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIP MASTERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS, AND FROM CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SHIPPING STATISTICS COVER OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT, ON A FULL ENUMERATION BASIS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A 20 PER CENT SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS WAS USED FOR COMPILING PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS IN 1983.

MORE DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+ QUARTERLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1983, ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$12 PER COPY.

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STRAY DOG WAS RABID
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A STRAY DOG WHICH WAS KILLED BY VILLAGERS AFTER A FIGHT WITH FOUR OTHER DOGS LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN TONG FONG TSUEN HAU, NEAR THE BORDER FENCE AT TA KWU LING, HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO BE RABID.

NO PERSON IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BITTEN BY THE RABID DOG.

THE FOUR OTHER DOGS WERE LATER SURRENDERED BY THEIR OWNERS TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR OBSERVATION.

ALL OTHER DOGS IN THE AREA HAVE BEEN CHECKED FOR ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION RECORDS, AND GIVEN BOOSTER SHOTS WHERE NEEDED.

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HOW TO APPLY TO UK UNIVERSITIES

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APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SHOULD BE MADE ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY CENTRAL COUNCIL ON ADMISSION (UCCA), THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REMINDED STUDENTS TODAY (MONDAY).

BUT IN THE CASE OF OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE, APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ONE YEAR AND THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE, AND STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY APPLICATION DIRECT TO THE UNIVERSITY, IN ADDITION TO SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION THROUGH UCCA BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND OCTOBER 15 FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

UCCA APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, FROM MID-AUGUST EACH YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST REACH THE SECRETARY, UNIVERSITIES CENTRAL COUNCIL ON ADMISSION, P.O. BOX 28, CHELTENHAM GLOS., G.L. 50 1HY, U.K., BEFORE DECEMBER 15 FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

A STUDENT MAY APPLY TO BOTH OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE ON THE UCCA FORM. THOSE WISHING TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO OXFORD SHOULD OBTAIN AN OXFORD ENTRANCE FORM FROM THE OXFORD COLLEGES ADMISSIONS OFFICE, UNIVERSITY OFFICES, WELLINGTON SQUARE, OXFORD OX1 2JD.

STUDENTS SEEKING ENTRY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE SHOULD OBTAIN A CAMBRIDGE PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORM FROM THE ADMISSION SECRETARY OF ANY COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY, OR FROM THE CAMBRIDGE INTER-COLLEGIATE APPLICATIONS OFFICE, AT KELLET LODGE, TENNIS COURT ROAD, CAMBRIDGE CB2 1QJ.

COMPLETED PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORMS TO OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY CONCERNED BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST.

THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY TO A BRITISH UNIVERSITY ARE FIVE PASSES, INCLUDING TWO AT G.C.E. 'A' LEVEL AND THREE AT G.C.E. 'O' LEVEL, OR THE EQUIVALENT, AND SHOULD NORMALLY INCLUDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, AND IN CERTAIN CASES A SECOND LANGUAGE AND MATHEMATICS OR A SCIENCE.

+STUDENTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE GENERAL AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS MAY VARY FROM COURSE TO COURSE AND FROM UNIVERSITY TO UNIVERSITY.

+BEFORE COMPLETING THE UCCA FORM, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR STUDENTS TO CONSULT THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE COMPENDIUM OF UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS WHICH GIVES DETAILS OF THE GENERAL AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH UNIVERSITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON SCHOLARSHIPS, THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED STUDENTS TO REFER TO UNIVERSITY PROSPECTUSES, AND IF NECESSARY, TO WRITE TO INDIVIDUAL UNIVERSITIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR RECREATION FUNDS
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FORTY-SEVEN CHARITABLE AND NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATIONS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

THEY WILL RECEIVE A TOTAL OF MORE THAN \$1 MILLION.

A SUM OF \$2.5 MILLION HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR ALLOCATION IN 1984-85 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, IS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPORTS OR RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT RANGING FROM CANOES AND CHINESE BILLIARD TABLES TO CAMPING GEAR.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN REMINDED ORGANISATIONS WHICH WISH TO APPLY TO THE FUND TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS EARLY.

HE SAID THAT PREFERENCE WOULD BE GIVEN TO NEW PROJECTS AND TO NEW AGENCIES WHICH HAVE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOVERNMENT SUBVENTIONS OR ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SOURCES.

APPLICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICES, RURAL COMMITTEES, RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS INCORPORATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS OF SIMILAR NATURE SHOULD BE SENT TO THEIR DISTRICT OFFICES.

ALL OTHER APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT AT 10TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE AND THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

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MORE NEW BLOCKS FOR TWO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES
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REDEVELOPMENT OF TWO OLDER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN CENTRAL KOWLOON IS TO ADVANCE FURTHER UNDER TWO NEWLY-APPROVED TENDERS TOTALLING \$22.3 MILLION.

PILING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL SOON BEGIN ON MORE NEW BLOCKS AND FACILITIES AT TUNG TAU AND TAI HANG TUNG ESTATES, TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND RELIEVE OVERCROWDING.

THE FIRST TENDER, WORTH \$18.9 MILLION, IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE 26-STORY SINGLE-BLOCK AND A TEMPORARY MARKET AT TUNG TAU ESTATE.

WHEN COMPLETED IN EARLY 1986, THE BLOCK WILL PROVIDE 366 FLATS FOR 1 680 PEOPLE, AS WELL AS SOCIAL AND WELFARE FACILITIES ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS.

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ALREADY TWO NEW BLOCKS HAVE BEEN BUILT AND ANOTHER TWO ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE PREVIOUS PHASES OF REDEVELOPMENT FOR THE ESTATE.

AT TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE, PILING WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER A \$3.4 MILLION TENDER FOR THREE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS OF THE NEWLY-DESIGNED LINEAR TYPE, PLUS ASSOCIATED FOOTBRIDGES.

THE THREE BLOCKS WILL HOUSE SOME 2 100 PEOPLE IN 420 FLATS ON COMPLETION BY EARLY 1986.

IN TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE, ONE NEW BLOCK HAS ALREADY BEEN BUILT AND THREE OLD BLOCKS HAVE BEEN CONVERTED INTO LARGER LIVING UNITS WITH SELF-CONTAINED FACILITIES.

THE TENDERS WERE APPROVED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S BUILDING COMMITTEE AT ITS LAST MEETING.

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SEMINAR FOR DB MEMBERS

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A SEMINAR IS BEING ORGANISED TO GIVE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AN INSIGHT INTO THEIR ROLE AS COMMUNITY LEADERS AS WELL AS INTO THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE, THE SEMINAR ON +GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY LEADER+ WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOONS ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 30) AND THURSDAY (MAY 31) AT THE HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB IN TSUEN WAN.

THE SEMINAR, TO BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, ALSO AIMS AT SHOWING THE DB MEMBERS HOW TO MAKE BETTER USE OF VARIOUS COMMUNICATION CHANNELS.

IT WILL FEATURE A FILM SHOW ON HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL MEETING, TALKS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL SPEAK AT THE OPENING CEREMONY ON WEDNESDAY, AND THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL SPEAK AT THE END OF THE SEMINAR ON THURSDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SEMINAR AT 2 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 30) AND THE CLOSING CEREMONY AT 5 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 31) AT THE HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB, HILLTOP ROAD, LO WAI, TSUEN WAN.

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SALT WATER MAIN TO SERVE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL
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WORK ON LAYING A SALT WATER MAIN BETWEEN PUI TO ROAD AND TUEN MUN HOSPITAL WILL START IN JULY.

THE 600 MILLIMETRE DIAMETER MAIN WILL BE ABOUT ONE-AND-A-HALF KILOMETRES LONG. IT WILL COMPLETE THE 4.5 KILOMETRE LONG MAINS SYSTEM TAKING SEA WATER FROM THE PUMPING STATION ON THE FACE OF THE NEW TYPHOON SHELTER BREAKWATER TO THE HOSPITAL, FOR AIR CONDITIONING PURPOSES.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH WILL TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE 1 600-BED TUEN MUN HOSPITAL WILL BE SITUATED NEAR CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL.

WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL BECOME A REGIONAL HOSPITAL, SERVING THE GROWING POPULATION OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, AS WELL AS THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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NEW GPO ENQUIRY NUMBERS
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM FRIDAY (JUNE 1), THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES ABOUT POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WILL BE CHANGED TO:

NEW NUMBERS FROM JUNE 1

POSTAL (GENERAL)	5-231071-2
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (GENERAL)	5-225021
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (LICENSING)	5-236093

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VEHICLE SERVICING FACILITIES FOR UC DEPOT
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THE URBAN COUNCIL DEPOT AT SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK, IS TO BE PROVIDED WITH ITS OWN VEHICLE SERVICING FACILITIES.

THIS WOULD INVOLVE CONSTRUCTING A SINGLE-STOREY EXTENSION TO THE COMPOUND OF THE EXISTING DEPOT BUILDING TO PROVIDE TWO REPAIR BAYS, THREE SERVICING PITS, BATTERY ROOM, TYRE REPAIR WORKSHOP AND OFFICE.

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THE DEPOT WILL THEN BE CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FLEET OF SERVICE VEHICLES OPERATING IN KOWLOON, THEREBY REDUCING THE TIME TAKEN ON MINOR SERVICING.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK, WHICH WILL START IN JULY AND TAKE ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE, ARE BEING CALLED BY ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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COOKED FOOD MARKET CONTRACT AWARDED

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WORK WILL START SHORTLY ON BUILDING A PERMANENT COOKED FOOD MARKET AT KIN YIP STREET, YUEN LONG, WHICH WILL BE READY BY NEXT FEBRUARY.

A CONTRACT FOR THAT, VALUED AT JUST UNDER \$1.72 MILLION, HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUI CHONG CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE 12 COOKED FOOD STALLS, TWO FRUIT STALLS, AN OFFICE, TOILET AND STOREROOMS.

THE MARKET WILL ACCOMMODATE COOKED FOOD HAWKERS NOW TRADING AT THE SIDE OF HOP YICK PRIVATE MARKET IN YAU SAN STREET AND AT THE HONG CHONG TEMPORARY BAZAAR.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS

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PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH FUNG TAK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 30), VEHICLES ON TIN CHIU STREET SOUTHBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND.

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KING'S ROAD RESURFACING WORK

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE IN FORCE IN NORTH POINT FROM WEDNESDAY (MAY 30) TO SATURDAY (JUNE 2) FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK AT KING'S ROAD.

THE MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10.30 PM UNTIL 6 AM EACH DAY AS FOLLOWS:

/* THE EASTBOUND

- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN SHU KUK STREET AND TIN CHIU STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON KING'S ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHU KUK STREET AND JAVA ROAD.
- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TIN CHIU STREET BETWEEN MARBLE ROAD AND KING'S ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 68.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 401.561 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 477.472 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 81.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR SEVEN DAYS NEXT MONTH (JUNE).

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JUNE 5 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 7 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 8 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 12 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 20 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 26 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 29 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM

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URBAN COUNCILLORS SPEAK WITH HAWKERS
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MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S WORKING PARTY ON HAWKING TODAY SPOKE TO BOTH LICENSED AND UNLICENSED HAWKERS WHEN THEY CONDUCTED THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SITE VISITS TO MARKETS AND BAZAARS TO UPDATE THEMSELVES ON THE HAWKING SITUATION.

THE WORKING PARTY WAS RECENTLY SET UP TO LOOK INTO AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S POLICY ON THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF HAWKERS.

THE PARTY IS CHAIRED BY MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT, WHO LED TODAY'S INSPECTION. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARKETS AND STREET TRADERS SELECT COMMITTEE, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, AND COUNCILLORS MISS CECILIA YEUNG, MR STEPHEN LAU, MR TONG KAM-BIU AND MR WALTER SULKE. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PARTY FIRST WENT TO SHAM SHUI PO MARKET AND THE NEARBY HAWKER AREAS WHERE THEY TALKED WITH STALL LESSEES AND LICENSED AND UNLICENSED HAWKERS IN A BID TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THEIR OPERATIONS, THE DIFFICULTIES THEY ENCOUNTER AND THE PROBLEMS THEY CREATE CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND TRAFFIC FLOW. HAWKERS WERE ALSO ASKED HOW MUCH THEY MADE PER DAY, BUT MAINLY GAVE ONLY THEIR TURNOVER FIGURES, NOT THEIR PROFIT.

FROM THERE THE PARTY WENT TO TAI SHING STREET TEMPORARY MARKET AND THE WONG TAI SIN MARKET WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE OVERALL SITUATION AND THE PARTICULAR PROBLEMS INVOLVED. AGAIN, MEMBERS SPOKE FREELY TO HAWKERS TO FIND OUT THEIR VIEWS.

LAST MONTH, THE WORKING PARTY HELD ITS FIRST MEETING AND DECIDED THAT URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS SHOULD BE CONSULTED ON THE HAWKER PROBLEM.

A PAPER OUTLINING THE CURRENT HAWKER POLICY HAS BEEN SENT TO ALL URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS FOR ANY COMMENTS AND OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE WORKING PARTY.

THE WORKING PARTY WILL MAKE PERIODIC REPORTS ON ITS PROGRESS TO THE MARKETS AND STREET TRADERS SELECT COMMITTEE.

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