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BOAT PEOPLE: FIRM BASIS FOR HK TO GO FORWARD

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A DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION JUST AGREED IN KUALA LUMPUR HAS PROVIDED HONG KONG WITH A FIRM BASIS TO GO FORWARD WITH ITS POLICY ON VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) ON HIS RETURN FROM A THREE-DAY PREPARATORY CONFERENCE THERE ON INDOCHINESE ASYLUM SEEKERS.

MR BARNES SAID THE DRAFT DOCUMENT COVERED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE PRINCIPLE THAT ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO WERE DETERMINED TO BE NON-REFUGEES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.

"AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM IN THIS REGION ARE EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE A SCREENING PROCESS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS SIMILAR TO THE ONE ALREADY INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG FROM JUNE LAST YEAR," HE SAID.

"THIS GIVES HONG KONG A FIRM BASIS TO GO AHEAD WITH ITS POLICY OF RETURNING NON-REFUGEES TO THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

"WHEN THERE ARE NO MORE VOLUNTEERS, WE WILL THEN ADDRESS OURSELVES TO THE PROBLEM OF THOSE WHO ARE SCREENED OUT AS NON-REFUGEES AND WHO ARE NOT WILLING TO GO BACK.

"OUR ULTIMATE AIM IS TO RETURN THEM TO THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN -- THE PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE."

MR BARNES DESCRIBED THE CONFERENCE AS "VERY USEFUL" AND "SATISFACTORY IN EVERY RESPECT".

"THERE WAS A GREAT SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AMONG THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WHICH AGREED THAT THE DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION WOULD GO FORWARD TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN GENEVA FOR FORMAL ENDORSEMENT," HE SAID.

"THE DOCUMENT COVERS SCREENING, CLANDESTINE AND ORDERLY DEPARTURES OF ASYLUM SEEKERS, REPATRIATION AND RESETTLEMENT.

"THE CONFERENCE HAS ALSO AGREED TO SETTING UP A CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, OF WHICH THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG WILL BE A MEMBER. IT WILL HAVE THREE SUB-COMMITTEES, ONE EACH ON RECEPTION AND SCREENING, RESETTLEMENT AS WELL AS DEPARTURE AND REPATRIATION.

"THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SCREENING IS EXPECTED TO HOLD ITS MEETING IN HONG KONG IN EARLY APRIL. I OFFERED SERVICES BECAUSE WE ARE THE ONLY TERRITORY WITH EXPERIENCE IN THE SCREENING OF ASYLUM SEEKERS."

/ON VOLUNTARY

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ON VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION, MR BARNES SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH THE LEADER OF THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION THE SECOND BATCH TO BE SENT BACK TO VIETNAM.

"HE SAID HE WAS KEEN TO SEE THIS CONDUCTED FAST, AND HE ALSO EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LARGER GROUP GOING BACK THIS TIME," MR BARNES SAID.

"WE HAVE 150 NAMES ON THE LIST FOR THE SECOND BATCH; IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE TRYING TO ENCOURAGE MORE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TO GO BACK."

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REGULAR REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS: SCA

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A REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE COMING MONTHS, THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT WAS NORMAL PRACTICE TO MAKE SUCH A REVIEW FOLLOWING AN ELECTION, MR SUEN SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE CONCERNING THE ELECTIONS HELD YESTERDAY.

"THE REPORT OF THIS REVIEW WILL BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THOSE OF THE REVIEWS CARRIED OUT AFTER THE 1988 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND THE 1988 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS," HE SAID.

"ANY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES CONSIDERED NECESSARY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE NEXT CYCLE OF ELECTIONS STARTING IN 1991."

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHED TO OFFER THEIR VIEWS WERE REQUESTED TO SEND THEM TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH, HE SAID.

MR SUEN NOTED THAT 14 OUT OF THE 27 SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 40, AND THE REMAINING 13 WERE AGED BETWEEN 41 AND 75.

THEY COMPRISED ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTIVES, TEACHERS, LAWYERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, RESEARCH STUDENTS, AND PEOPLE IN OTHER FIELDS.

THE ELECTIONS HAD ATTRACTED A TOTAL OF 53 CANDIDATES.

SEVEN CANDIDATES WERE ELECTED UNOPPOSED -- FOUR TO THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THREE TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

OF THE REMAINING 46 CANDIDATES, 20 WERE ELECTED TO FILL THE OTHER 11 SEATS IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND NINE SEATS IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

/NINETEEN INCUMBENT

NINETEEN INCUMBENT URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILLORS HAD SOUGHT RE-ELECTION, MR SUEN SAID, AND, "WITH ONE EXCEPTION ALL WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR BID".

SIX HAD BEEN RE-ELECTED UNOPPOSED, AND 12 HAD WON SEATS IN THE POLLS. SEVEN OF THE NINE NEW MEMBERS WERE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

THREE OF THE ELECTION CANDIDATES HAD FAILED TO SECURE MORE THAN ONE-EIGHTH OF THE VALID VOTES CAST, AND HAD FORFEITED THEIR ELECTION DEPOSITS, MR SUEN ADDED.

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FLYOVER RECONSTRUCTION AN IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT

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A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, DR DANIEL TSE, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRAISED THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT FOR ITS FORESIGHT, CAREFUL PLANNING AND DESIGN IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE RECONSTRUCTED FLYOVER, DR TSE SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS REBUILT.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY SIMPLY TO DEMOLISH THE OLD FLYOVER COMPLETELY AND THEN BUILD THE NEW ONE, HE SAID, BUT THIS WOULD HAVE CAUSED SERIOUS TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEMS.

HE ADDED THAT THE FORESIGHT, CAREFUL PLANNING AND DESIGN BY THE ENGINEERS HAD ENABLED SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC TO BE MAINTAINED ON THE OLD FLYOVER THROUGHOUT THE RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

DR TSE NOTED THAT DURING THE ENTIRE RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD ONLY TWO DAYTIME CLOSURES, ON SUNDAYS, HAD BEEN NECESSARY FOR TECHNICAL REASONS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, SAID THAT MAINTAINING TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC WHILST CARRYING OUT FULL RECONSTRUCTION WAS AN ACHIEVEMENT RARELY ATTEMPTED ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

THIS RATHER UNIQUE PROJECT WOULD BE FEATURED IN A PAPER TO BE PRESENTED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL ROAD FEDERATION CONFERENCE IN KOREA IN APRIL, HE SAID.

THE OLD PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER, BUILT IN 1966, ACCOMMODATED ONLY THREE TRAFFIC LANES AND WAS TOO NARROW TO MEET INCREASING TRAFFIC DEMAND.

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THE NEW ONE WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL LANE FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC WITH A CONCRETE CENTRAL BARRIER TO SEPARATE OPPOSING TRAFFIC FLOWS.

MR BEATON SAID THAT THE FLYOVER WOULD ENABLE TRAFFIC TO MOVE MORE SMOOTHLY TO NORTHERN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND PROVIDE AN ENHANCED LEVEL OF SAFETY.

UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE REMAINING GROUND LEVEL WORKS, TRAFFIC MOVEMENT IN ARGYLE STREET AND WATERLOO ROAD WOULD ALSO BE IMPROVED.

SOME CRITICAL SECTIONS OF THE GROUND LEVEL WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, ARGYLE STREET AND WATERLOO ROAD COULD NOT BE COMMENCED UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE FLYOVER IN ORDER TO MINIMISE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

THE WORKS WOULD BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS, MR BEATON SAID.

DR TSE, MR BEATON, THE REGIONAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER (KOWLOON), MR YEUNG KIM-CHOY, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, MR WONG SIK-KONG, CUT A RIBBON TO DECLARE THE FLYOVER OPEN.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGNING AND SUPERVISING THE RECONSTRUCTION WORKS AND THE ADJACENT GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

THE \$60 MILLION PROJECT WAS AWARDED TO NISHIMATSU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN JUNE 1986, AND THE FLYOVER WAS COMPLETED IN 33 MONTHS.

THE FLYOVER WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 3.30 PM TODAY.

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CONTRACT FOR TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL CONNECTION SIGNED

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A \$232 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL SHA TIN SOUTHERN CONNECTION WAS AWARDED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT WAS SIGNED BY THE PROJECT MANAGER/SHA TIN, MR K.T. KUO, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTRACTOR.

THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRUNK ROAD T5 IN AREA 14 OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN. IT WILL CONNECT THE EXISTING ROAD SYSTEM IN SHA TIN TO THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

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THE ROAD WILL START FROM SHA TIN ROAD NEAR POK HONG ESTATE AND WILL RUN ALONG SHA TIN WAI ROAD TO JOIN THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL SHA TIN APPROACHES AT SIU LEK YUEN.

IT WILL BE A 1.4-KILOMETRE DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, MOSTLY ELEVATED.

THE WORK WILL ALSO INCLUDE LANDSCAPING ALONG THE ROAD, CONSTRUCTION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS AT SELECTED LOCATIONS, AND SPECIAL FEATURES SUCH AS NOISE BARRIERS NEAR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SITE AT POK HONG ESTATE AND EMERGENCY TELEPHONES.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT WILL TIE IN WITH THE OPENING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AROUND AUGUST 1991.

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SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURERS IN UPGRADING OPERATIONS

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THE GOVERNMENT AND VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS STAND TO HELP MANUFACTURERS IN TAKING STEPS TOWARDS UPGRADING THEIR OPERATIONS, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY 1989, MR JACOBS SAID THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL HAD DEVELOPED A RANGE OF LOW-COST AUTOMATION SYSTEMS WHICH COULD BE USED BY SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED MANUFACTURERS.

"THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TRAINS WORKERS TO OPERATE THE NEW GENERATION OF COMPUTER-CONTROLLED MACHINES.

"AND THE UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS ARE EDUCATING TOMORROW'S MANAGERS AND ENGINEERS, WHO WILL BE TOTALLY CONVERSANT IN A TECHNOLOGICALLY-ADVANCED MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENT," HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WERE DOING VERY WELL AT PRESENT. FROM 1983 TO 1987, THE AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS PER HEAD AND OF OUTPUT PER EMPLOYEE, AT 12.2 PER CENT AND 11.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WERE THE HIGHEST ON RECORD.

HE SAID CONFIDENCE IN THE CONTINUED VIABILITY OF THE ROLE OF MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG WAS ALSO HIGH.

"THIS IS REFLECTED IN THE GROWTH IN THE LEVEL OF RETAINED IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR. THE LEVEL IN 1987 WAS 116 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN 1982," HE SAID.

/MR JACOBS

MR JACOBS SAID THAT IN SPITE OF THESE ENCOURAGING INDICATORS, THERE WERE CHALLENGES AHEAD AND MOST APPARENT OF ALL WAS THE RAPIDLY CHANGING NATURE OF OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

"WE ARE FACING STIFF COMPETITION FROM NEWLY INDUSTRIALISING ECONOMIES IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION. THEY ARE MAINTAINING HIGH PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH RATES, AND ACHIEVING SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF THEIR PRODUCTS.

"FURTHERMORE, OUR MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS ARE DEMANDING HIGHER STANDARDS OF QUALITY IN THE GOODS THEY IMPORT FROM US," HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS WERE RESPONDING SWIFTLY TO THESE CHALLENGES AND WITH MUCH SUCCESS.

"MANY HAVE INVESTED IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES TO IMPROVE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY AND THE QUALITY OF THEIR PRODUCTS.

"OTHERS HAVE TRANSFERRED THEIR LABOUR-INTENSIVE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OUTSIDE HONG KONG," HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT THE DECISION TO UPGRADE A MANUFACTURING PROCESS BY INSTALLING ADVANCED EQUIPMENT WAS A DIFFICULT ONE AND THE INITIAL COSTS MIGHT BE DAUNTING.

"BUT IN THE LONG RUN, AN INVESTMENT OF THIS NATURE SHOULD GENERATE BETTER RETURN WITH THE PRODUCTION OF HIGHER QUALITY AND HIGHER-VALUE-ADDED GOODS AT LOWER LABOUR COST," HE SAID.

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GROUP EFFORT CALLED FOR IN TREE PLANTING

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS IN HONG KONG FOR THEIR FULL SUPPORT IN BUILDING A BETTER COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT BY TAKING PART IN THE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME DUE TO START LATER THIS MONTH.

DR LEE SAID: "WE TREASURE THE SUPPORT OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY BUT WE VALUE GROUP PARTICIPATION EVEN MORE.

"APART FROM THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF GROUP MEMBERS WHICH ENABLE US TO ACHIEVE A BETTER RESULT, GROUP PARTICIPATION PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE GOOD HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE."

/DR LEE

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DR LEE SAID THIS WHEN HE ANNOUNCED THE THEME OF "GROUP PARTICIPATION" FOR THE 1989 SCHEME WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19, AT PAK TAM AU IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

HE SAID THAT TO COINCIDE WITH THIS YEAR'S THEME, THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG AND MACAU, HAD TAKEN THE LEAD BY CO-ORGANISING THE LAUNCHING EVENT AND MOBILISING ITS MEMBERS TO TAKE PART IN TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES.

THE DIRECTOR STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF TREE PLANTING AND THE PUBLIC'S ROLE IN COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION.

"TREES HELP TO BEAUTIFY OUR ENVIRONMENT, TO STOP SOIL EROSION AND SILTING OF STREAMS AND RESERVOIRS AND TO REHABILITATE AREAS DAMAGED BY FIRE OR DISTURBED BY DEVELOPMENT.

"THEY ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT IN PROVIDING THE VERY MUCH NEEDED HABITAT FOR THE WIDE VARIETY OF WILDLIFE IN THE TERRITORY.

"THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT REALISES THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES TO OUR COMMUNITY AND HAS SINCE 1957 CARRIED OUT AN ANNUAL COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME TO INVOLVE THE PUBLIC IN THE PLANTING AND CARE OF TREES.

"OUR TREE NURSERY IS PRODUCING 800,000 TREE SEEDLINGS THIS YEAR. SOME 400,000 OF THEM WILL BE PLANTED IN COUNTRY PARKS BY OUR STAFF AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME," HE SAID.

DR LEE POINTED OUT THAT SUCH EFFORT IN AFFORESTATION WOULD BE RENDERED INEFFECTIVE IF COUNTRY PARK VISITORS WERE NOT MINDFUL OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP KEEP THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT SAFE.

HE SAID: "NEGLIGENCE HAS CAUSED 195 HILL FIRES SO FAR THIS FIRE SEASON, RESULTING IN 1,420 HECTARES OF GRASSLAND AND 86,000 TREES BEING DAMAGED."

DR LEE NOTED THAT JUST 10 DAYS AGO, A THIRD-STRIKE FIRE OCCURRED IN THE TAI MO SHAN COUNTRY PARK AND THIS FIRE ALONE RAVAGED 320 HECTARES OF PLEASANT COUNTRYSIDE.

"IT HAS THEREFORE BEEN OUR POLICY TO ENCOURAGE ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER GENERATION, TO BECOME INVOLVED IN PLANTING TREES IN OUR COUNTRY PARKS AND IN CARING FOR THEM.

"PHYSICALLY INVOLVING THE PUBLIC IN TREE PLANTING PROJECTS HELPS THEM UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AND REMINDS THEM OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO KEEP THE COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND GREEN," HE ADDED.

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THE 1989 SCHEME WILL START WITH A LAUNCHING EVENT JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG AND MACAU, IN CONJUNCTION WITH TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED, ON MARCH 19 BEGINNING AT 10.30 AM AT A SCENIC PLANTING SITE AT PAK TAM AU, SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

OFFICIATING WILL BE SENIOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR ALLEN LEE, WITH ABOUT 1,000 LIONS LEADERS AND MEMBERS AS WELL AS 500 SCHOOL CHILDREN TAKING PART. THEY WILL PLANT THE FIRST TREES OF THE YEAR.

DR LEE SAID THAT FOLLOWING THE LAUNCHING EVENT, EIGHT PLANTING SITES IN SELECTED COUNTRY PARKS WOULD BE OPENED FOR THE PUBLIC TO PLANT TREES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 24 TO APRIL 30.

THE EIGHT PLANTING SITES ARE TAI MO SHAN, TAI MEI TUK, MUI WO, POK FU LAM, QUARRY BAY, PAK TAM CHUNG, CLEAR WATER BAY AND TAI TONG WHERE COUNTRY PARK STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY TO PROVIDE FREE TREE SEEDLINGS, TOOLS AND ANY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FOR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO TAKE PART IN THE PLANTING PROGRAMME. INTERESTED SCHOOLS OR ORGANISATIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON 3-7332121 FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

DR LEE SAID THE INCREASING POPULARITY OF THE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME WAS A GOOD INDICATION OF THE GROWING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE 1988 SCHEME REACHED A NEW RECORD OF 19,300 WHICH WAS 12 TIMES THE 1982 FIGURE OF 1,700.

"I HOPE MORE PEOPLE WILL COME FORWARD IN GROUPS IN THE TREE PLANTING DAYS AHEAD TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT," HE ADDED.

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APPOINTMENTS TO ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR EDWARD HO SING-TIN TO SUCCEED MR JASON YUEN KING-YUK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD (AAB), IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR YUEN, WHO SERVED THE BOARD FOR MORE THAN 12 YEARS, JOINED AS A MEMBER IN 1977 AND BECAME CHAIRMAN IN AUGUST 1986.

THE TERM OF THE NEW BOARD WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 1990.

MR HO, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, IS AN ARCHITECT, AND IS A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

/THE GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO RE-APPOINTED FIVE MEMBERS AND APPOINTED SEVEN NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD AS WELL AS RE-APPOINTING ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL AND ONE FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, WHO IS THE ANTIQUITIES AUTHORITY UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE, WELCOMED THE APPOINTMENTS.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICE RENDERED BY THE RETIRING MEMBERS, MANY OF WHOM HAD SERVED THE BOARD FOR ALMOST A DECADE.

"DURING THEIR TERM OF OFFICE, THEIR EXPERIENCE AND VALUABLE SERVICE HAVE BEEN DEEPLY APPRECIATED," MR CHUI SAID.

HE SAID THE BOARD CONSISTED OF A PANEL OF EXPERTS WHOSE ADVICE WOULD BE HIGHLY RESPECTED.

THE BOARD WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1976 UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE TO ADVISE THE ANTIQUITIES AUTHORITY ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PRESERVATION OF HONG KONG'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE.

ACTING ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD, THE AUTHORITY HAD SUCCEEDED IN FORMALLY DECLARING 35 MONUMENTS BY THE END OF 1988.

THESE RANGED FROM ROCK CARVINGS, A QING DYNASTY FORTIFICATION, TRADITIONAL DWELLING HOUSES AND ANCESTRAL HALLS TO HISTORICAL BUILDINGS OF THE EARLY BRITISH PERIOD.

THE FOLLOWING IS A FULL LIST OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS, AS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE:

MR EDWARD HO SING-TIN, AN ARCHITECT AND MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (CHAIRMAN);

DR DAVID FAURE, LECTURER IN HISTORY, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG;

MRS SALLY RODWELL, AN ARCHAEOLOGIST;

DR JANET LEE SCOTT, HEAD OF THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, BAPTIST COLLEGE;

REV. CARL SMITH, A LOCAL HISTORIAN AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY;

DR DAVID WORKMAN, LECTURER IN GEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG;

DR SOLOMON BARD, A WELL-KNOWN LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGIST WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE FIELD SINCE THE LATE 1950'S;

MISS CHENG CHEE-HING, SENIOR INSPECTOR IN HISTORY, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT;

MR JAMES

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MR JAMES CRAWFORD, A LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AND MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY;

DR JAMES HAYES, A RETIRED CIVIL SERVANT AND A WELL-KNOWN LOCAL HISTORIAN;

PROF JAO CHUNG-I, PROFESSOR EMERITUS IN CHINESE, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AND AN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED SCHOLAR.

MR KEITH LAM HON-KEUNG, A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND A MEMBER OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD;

MR DAVID LUNG, LECTURER IN ARCHITECTURE, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY; AND

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

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DAME LYDIA TO OPEN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DAY

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A FUN-PACKED INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DAY '89 WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (MARCH 12) AT VICTORIA PARK IN CAUSEWAY BAY TO DRIVE HOME THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THREE SOCCER PITCHES IN THE PARK WILL BE TURNED INTO A FAIRGROUND OF GAMES STALLS AND EXHIBITION BOOTHS BETWEEN 11 AM AND 4.30 PM.

IN ADDITION, A WIDE VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES INCLUDING SONGS BY POPULAR SINGERS, MAGIC SHOWS, SKETCHES BY DISC JOCKEYS AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES, AND A BAND DISPLAY WILL BE STAGED.

AN OPEN FORUM WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE AUDIENCE WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO AIR THEIR VIEWS ON SAFETY AND HEALTH AT THE WORKPLACE.

THE EVENT WILL BE OPENED BY THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DAME LYDIA DUNN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL, MR HO SAI-CHU, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND.

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DAY '89 IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE AND THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF VARIOUS EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND WORKERS' UNIONS.

PART OF THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY COMMERCIAL RADIO 1 BETWEEN NOON AND 1 PM.

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SAFETY AND HEALTH QUIZZES WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE EVENT AND ATTRACTIVE PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNERS.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE FIRE SERVICES AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES WILL ALSO PUT UP DISPLAY UNITS ON SITE WHILE THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE BAND WILL GIVE A PERFORMANCE.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND WORKERS WILL JOIN IN THIS COLOURFUL EVENT WHICH MARKS THE FINALE OF THE 1988-89 INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DAY '89 TO BE HELD AT THE SOCCER PITCHES NEXT TO THE VICTORIA STATUE, VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 11.30 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 12). INFORMATION OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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HIGH COURT JUDGE APPOINTED

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MR KEMAL BOKHARY QC JP HAS BEEN APPOINTED A JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT.

MR BOKHARY FILLS THE VACANCY WHICH AROSE UPON THE RETIREMENT OF THE HON MR JUSTICE GARCIA LAST JANUARY.

MR BOKHARY WAS BORN IN HONG KONG IN 1947. HE ATTENDED KING GEORGE V SCHOOL IN HONG KONG FROM 1964 TO 1967. MR BOKHARY RECEIVED HIS LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND WAS CALLED TO THE BAR OF ENGLAND AND WALES BY THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF THE MIDDLE TEMPLE IN 1970.

IN 1971, HE WAS ADMITTED TO PRACTISE AS A BARRISTER IN HONG KONG AND WAS APPOINTED QUEEN'S COUNSEL IN 1983. HE WAS THE HON SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE BAR FROM 1977 TO 1979 AND A MEMBER OF THE BAR COMMITTEE IN 1976 AND FROM 1980 TO 1984.

HE DEALS PREDOMINANTLY WITH COMMERCIAL, COMPANY, PLANNING AND BUILDING CASES.

MR BOKHARY HAS BEEN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PHARMACY AND POISONS APPEAL TRIBUNAL SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 1987 AND HE IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG KENNEL CLUB.

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HE HAD SPENT A PERIOD OF TIME AS A GUEST LECTURER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, LECTURING ON FUNDAMENTAL BREACH OF CONTRACT.

APART FROM HAVING ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE HONG KONG LAW JOURNAL ON JUDICIAL NOTICE, INSIDER DEALING AND CERTAIN REVIEWS IN THE SAME PUBLICATION, HE HAS ALSO DELIVERED TALKS ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS EQUITABLE ASSIGNMENT AND CERTAIN LEGAL ASPECTS OF INSOLVENCY.

MR BOKHARY IS MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN.

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(C) SPECIAL STAMP ISSUES ANNOUNCED
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THE POST OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE PROGRAMME FOR 1989:

MAY 4 - CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL COMPRISE DENOMINATIONS OF 60 CENTS, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5 DEPICTING ONE OF THE MAJOR CHINESE FESTIVALS IN CHEUNG CHAU. A SET OF POSTCARDS WILL ALSO BE ISSUED.

JULY 19 - MODERN PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES OF HONG KONG

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL COMPRISE DENOMINATIONS OF 60 CENTS, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5 FEATURING TWO MODERN PAINTINGS AND TWO SCULPTURES BY ARTISTS OF HONG KONG.

SEPTEMBER 6 - HONG KONG PEOPLE

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL COMPRISE DENOMINATIONS OF 60 CENTS, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5 DEPICTING THE LIVES OF HONG KONG PEOPLE.

OCTOBER 5 - HONG KONG BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL COMPRISE DENOMINATIONS OF 60 CENTS, 70 CENTS, \$1.30, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5 FEATURING THE MAJOR PROJECTS NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED OR ALREADY COMPLETED IN HONG KONG.

THEY INCLUDE THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE NEW BANK OF CHINA BUILDING IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT, THE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI, THE CULTURAL CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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NOVEMBER 8 - ROYAL VISIT 1989

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL COMPRISE DENOMINATIONS OF 60 CENTS, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5 COMMEMORATING THE VISIT TO HONG KONG BY HRH THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

FURTHER DETAILS OF EACH SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THE DATE OF ISSUE.

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TEMPORARY EPD FIELD OFFICE IN SHEUNG SHUI

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP A TEMPORARY FIELD OFFICE IN SHEUNG SHUI TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM FARMERS CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS IS PART OF A CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION WITH LIVESTOCK FARMERS.

THE TEMPORARY OFFICE IS LOCATED AT THE CHOI YUEN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE, CHOI YUK HOUSE, CHOI YUEN ESTATE.

THE OFFICE IS OPEN FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND 9 AM TO NOON ON ALTERNATE SATURDAYS.

FARMERS WHO WISH TO ENQUIRE ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME CAN VISIT THE OFFICE, OR CALL IT BY TELEPHONE ON 0-6727090.

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ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE FEES REVISED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS REVISED THE FEES FOR A NUMBER OF LICENCES ISSUED BY THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY TO REFLECT THE RISE IN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE OLD FEES FOR THESE LICENCES WERE SET IN 1965 AND 1977. "THEY HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO REFLECT MORE ACCURATELY THE ACTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED IN THE ISSUE OF SUCH LICENCES," HE SAID.

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THE FEE ADJUSTMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE GAMBLING (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989 AND THE MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ADJUSTMENTS TAKE EFFECT TODAY.

THE OLD AND ADJUSTED FEES FOR THE LICENCES CONCERNED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	OLD FEE -----	ADJUSTED FEE -----
LOTTERY LICENCE	\$200	\$1,000
TOMBOLA LICENCE	\$500	\$3,200
AMUSEMENTS WITH PRIZES LICENCE	\$200	\$750
PUBLIC DANCE HALL LICENCE	\$1,500	\$4,300

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PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION

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NOMINATIONS WILL BE CALLED FOR ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17 TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

THE VACANCY IS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM LASTING UP TO MARCH 31, 1991.

INTENDING CANDIDATES MUST BE REGISTERED ELECTORS ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL AND HAVE BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING NOMINATION.

A CANDIDATE CAN BE A RESIDENT ANYWHERE IN HONG KONG; BUT THE NOMINATION MAY ONLY BE MADE BY REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY.

EACH NOMINATION REQUIRES 10 SUBSCRIBERS AND EACH SUBSCRIBER MAY GIVE SUPPORT TO ONE CANDIDATE ONLY.

THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY COVERS MAINLY THE PAK TIN ESTATE AND THE TAI WO PING AREA AND HAS A REGISTERED ELECTORATE OF 13,811.

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NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY (MARCH 13) AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 37-39 TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON AND AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE ON MARCH 31. UNLESS THE VACANCY IS UNCONTESTED, A BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 20.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE (3-7204251) OR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION (5-8934796).

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LADY WILSON PRESENTS FLAG TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM

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MEDALS OR NOT, THE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE, AND THE COMRADESHIP THAT DEVELOPS ON OCCASIONS SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES WILL BENEFIT ALL PARTICIPANTS IN MANY WAYS, LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

LADY WILSON WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY AT WHICH SHE PRESENTED THE HONG KONG FLAG TO THE TEAM WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 1989 INTERNATIONAL WINTER SPECIAL OLYMPICS GAMES TO BE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES.

SAYING THAT WINTER SPORTS WERE JUST ONE AMONG THE MANY SPORTS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS FOR MENTALLY RETARDED ATHLETES, LADY WILSON SAID SHE WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT OVER 22,000 PEOPLE REGULARLY ENJOYED THE MANY SPORTS PROGRAMMES WHICH BENEFITTED THEM PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY AND SOCIALLY.

"I UNDERSTAND THAT THE HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPIANS, IN PREPARATION FOR THE GAMES, HAVE BEEN UNDER REGULAR AND VIGOROUS TRAINING OVER THE PAST 40 MONTHS," LADY WILSON SAID.

SHE NOTED THAT THIS WAS THE SECOND TIME HONG KONG WAS TAKING PART IN A WINTER SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES.

"THE LAST TIME WAS IN 1985, IN PARK CITY, UTAH, WHEN OUR HONG KONG ATHLETES WON ONE GOLD, TWO SILVER AND TWO BRONZE MEDALS," SHE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE HONG KONG TEAM HAD WON A TOTAL OF 78 MEDALS IN THE 1987 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES.

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"WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON CONGRATULATED THE ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS FOR ORGANISING THE HONG KONG CONTINGENT THAT WILL ATTEND THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL WINTER SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES.

THE GAMES WILL BE HELD AT RENO, NEVADA, FROM APRIL 1 TO 8.

THE HONG KONG CONTINGENT COMPRISES 12 ATHLETES AND SIX OFFICIALS.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR JANUARY RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY 1989, AT \$86,650 MILLION, GREW BY 27 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1988, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN JANUARY 1989 RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT TO \$17,262 MILLION IN JANUARY 1989, WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 43 PER CENT TO \$26,254 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1989 TO \$43,515 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT OVER JANUARY 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT TO \$43,134 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY 1989 WITH JANUARY 1988, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE (+33 PER CENT), CHINA (+29 PER CENT), JAPAN (+29 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+16 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+14 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE USA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECREASED, BY 7 PER CENT AND 13 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN JANUARY 1989 OVER JANUARY 1988, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM ITALY (+43 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+38 PER CENT), CHINA (+37 PER CENT), JAPAN (+28 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+28 PER CENT). IMPORTS FROM THE USA INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT.

RE-EXPORTS TO ITALY, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALY IN VALUE TERMS OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, BY 83 PER CENT, 71 PER CENT, 56 PER CENT, 55 PER CENT AND 55 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE USA, JAPAN AND TAIWAN INCREASED, BY 31 PER CENT, 44 PER CENT AND 36 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN INTERPRETING THE TRADE FIGURES FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL MONTH IN ISOLATION, IN VIEW OF THE FLUCTUATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR FROM MONTH TO MONTH. IN PARTICULAR, THE TRADE FIGURES IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR ARE LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1989 WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1988, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT TO \$218,449 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS AT \$283,294 MILLION WERE UP BY 50 PER CENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, TOTAL EXPORTS ROSE BY 30 PER CENT. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT TO \$508,782 MILLION. TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE, AS A WHOLE, INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN JANUARY 1989 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY APRIL.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY 1989 WITH JANUARY 1988, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN MOST MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$187 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$150 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$100 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT); AND MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$96 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING DECREASED BY \$77 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. A DECREASE WAS ALSO RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$79 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JANUARY 1989 WITH JANUARY 1988, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,121 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,100 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$743 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$1,105 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$142 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT); AND FIXED VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS (BY \$70 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY 1989 WITH JANUARY 1988, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$996 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$932 MILLION OR 85 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$771 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$741 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTS (BY \$39 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); AND DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS (BY \$8 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE JANUARY 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND MARCH 15 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1989, WILL BE AVAILABLE IN END-MARCH AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JANUARY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JANUARY 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
U.S.A.	5,184	5,595	- 412	- 7
CHINA	3,205	2,479	+ 726	+ 29

F.R. OF GERMANY	1,356	1,554	- 198	- 13
U.K.	1,208	1,057	+ 150	+ 14
JAPAN	966	749	+ 216	+ 29
CANADA	577	513	+ 63	+ 12
SINGAPORE	479	360	+ 119	+ 33
NETHERLANDS	408	376	+ 32	+ 9
AUSTRALIA	354	305	+ 49	+ 16
FRANCE	306	339	- 33	- 10

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY	JANUARY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JANUARY 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5,486	5,564	- 77	- 1
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,091	2,170	- 79	- 4
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,439	1,289	+ 150	+ 12
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,438	1,422	+ 16	+ 1
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,313	1,213	+ 100	+ 8
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,191	1,137	+ 55	+ 5

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TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JANUARY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JANUARY 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
CHINA	14,948	10,933	+ 4,015	+ 37
JAPAN	7,006	5,476	+ 1,530	+ 28
TAIWAN	4,032	2,924	+ 1,108	+ 38
U.S.A.	3,164	2,655	+ 509	+ 19
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,036	1,648	+ 387	+ 24
SINGAPORE	1,919	1,501	+ 418	+ 28
F.R. OR GERMANY	1,078	869	+ 209	+ 24
U.K.	1,076	1,038	+ 38	+ 4
ITALY	686	481	+ 205	+ 43
FRANCE	663	536	+ 127	+ 24

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY	JANUARY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JANUARY 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5,056	3,951	+ 1,105	+ 28
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,256	3,134	+ 1,121	+ 36
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,194	2,451	+ 743	+ 30
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,961	1,861	+ 1,100	+ 59

MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,545	1,822	+ 723	+ 40
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,246	1,834	+ 412	+ 22

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JANUARY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JANUARY 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
CHINA	8,969	5,782	+ 3,187	+ 55
U.S.A.	4,645	3,549	+ 1,096	+ 31
JAPAN	1,583	1,095	+ 487	+ 44
TAIWAN	1,333	983	+ 350	+ 36
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,010	590	+ 420	+ 71
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,003	789	+ 218	+ 28
SINGAPORE	906	648	+ 258	+ 40
U.K.	568	365	+ 203	+ 56
AUSTRALIA	450	291	+ 160	+ 55
ITALY	433	237	+ 196	+ 83

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY	JANUARY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JANUARY 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2,998	2,257	+ 741	+ 33
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,706	1,710	+ 996	+ 58

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ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2,671	2,183	+ 488	+ 22
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,426	1,655	+ 771	+ 47
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,035	1,103	+ 932	+ 85
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,002	739	+ 263	+ 36

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EXTERNAL TRADE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS FOR DECEMBER AND 1988
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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 9 PER CENT AND 46 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE YEAR OF 1988 AS COMPARED WITH 1987, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 26 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES, HAVING DISCOUNTED THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE AVAILABLE.

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COMPARING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1988 WITH DECEMBER 1987, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT AND 42 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HENCE, TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 26 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1988 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1987 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF A NUMBER OF COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED IN 1988 COMPARED WITH 1987, INCLUDING RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-35 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-12 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-7 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-5 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (-4 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-2 PER CENT); AND FOOTWEAR (-1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, THESE DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE MORE THAN OFFSET BY INCREASES RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+44 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+20 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+19 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+18 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (+2 PER CENT).

PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED OVER THE SAME PERIOD. THESE INCLUDED METAL MANUFACTURES (+7 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+5 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+4 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+3 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+3 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+3 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+2 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+1 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+1 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+1 PER CENT); AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WAS RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-2 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1988 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1987 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN 1988 COMPARED WITH 1987.

SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SUGAR; TEA AND COFFEE; AND VEGETABLES. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR LIVE POULTRY; AND SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD.

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DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT. THE COMMODITY ITEMS WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES INCLUDED PASSENGER MOTOR CARS; RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS; AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE BY 25 PER CENT IN 1988 COMPARED WITH 1987.

THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS; THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS; SILK FABRICS; AND BASE METALS, OTHER THAN IRON AND STEEL. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR RAW COTTON, AND COTTON YARN AND THREAD.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN 1988 AS COMPARED WITH 1987.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 29 PER CENT IN 1988 OVER 1987.

THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; OFFICE MACHINES; AND SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS. A DECREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.

COMPARING 1988 WITH 1987, IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED. WHILE IMPORT PRICES OF CAPITAL GOODS AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES BOTH ROSE BY 5 PER CENT, THOSE OF CONSUMER GOODS AND FOODSTUFFS BOTH INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT. HOWEVER, IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS DROPPED BY 4 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1988 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1987 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN 1988 WHEN COMPARED WITH 1987, WITH THE PERCENTAGE INCREASES RANGING FROM 40 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 58 PER CENT FOR FUELS.

PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES BOTH INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN 1988 WHEN COMPARED WITH 1987. RE-EXPORT PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS AND CONSUMER GOODS BOTH ROSE BY 2 PER CENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THOSE OF FUELS DROPPED BY 11 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE DECEMBER 1988 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AROUND MARCH 13 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

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ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-8234918).

TABLE 1: INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING DECEMBER 1988 WITH DECEMBER 1987			COMPARING JAN-DEC 1988 WITH JAN-DEC 1987		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	16	-2	18	3	1	2
TEXTILE FABRICS	-6	-3	-3	-3	1	-4
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-7	-1	-6	-4	1	-5
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	15	7	7	3	5	-2
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-39	1	-40	-34	2	-35
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	61	-3	66	40	-2	44
FOOTWEAR	-3	*	-3	2	3	-1
METAL MANUFACTURES	16	13	3	28	7	19
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	23	1	23	22	3	18
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	21	4	17	24	3	20
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-14	*	-14	-11	1	-12
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-20	10	-27	-3	4	-7
ALL COMMODITIES	12	2	10	11	2	9

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TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING DECEMBER 1988 WITH DECEMBER 1987			COMPARING JAN-DEC 1988 WITH JAN-DEC 1987		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	17	3	13	20	4	16
CONSUMER GOODS	35	4	29	37	4	32
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	28	4	24	31	5	25
FUELS	12	-9	23	*	-4	4
CAPITAL GOODS	27	3	23	36	5	29
ALL COMMODITIES	29	4	25	32	4	27

TABLE 3: INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING DECEMBER 1988 WITH DECEMBER 1987			COMPARING JAN-DEC 1988 WITH JAN-DEC 1987		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	40	5	34	43	2	40
CONSUMER GOODS	57	1	55	51	2	48
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	40	5	32	49	5	42
FUELS	30	-19	60	41	-11	58
CAPITAL GOODS	47	7	38	56	5	49
ALL COMMODITIES	48	4	42	51	3	46

NOTES FOR TABLES 1 TO 3:

* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE CALCULATED FROM TRADE INDEXES WITH DECIMAL PLACES. THEY MAY DIFFER FROM THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES COMPUTED DIRECTLY FROM THE ROUNDED FIGURES IN THE PUBLICATION "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS".

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CARNIVAL TO SPREAD ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGES IN TSUEN WAN

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL HOLD AN ANTI-TRIAD CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY (MARCH 12) AFTERNOON AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND TO PUBLICISE ANTI-CRIME MESSAGES.

THE CARNIVAL, BEGINNING AT 2 PM, WILL FEATURE GAME STALLS, DRAGON AND LION DANCES, A VARIETY SHOW, DEMONSTRATIONS BY POLICE DOGS AND AN EXHIBITION ON THE THEME OF YOUTH CRIME AND CRIME PREVENTION.

POLICE VEHICLES AND POLICE INFLATABLE RUBBER BOATS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE VENUE.

RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CARNIVAL.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE FIGHT CRIME AWARD SCHEME WHICH WAS HELD RECENTLY WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO ASSIST THE POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY IN PREVENTING AND FIGHTING CRIME.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHOW KWAN-SING; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU; AND THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ANTI-TRIAD CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 12) AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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SPECIAL PAVILION TO OPEN IN NORTH DISTRICT

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A CHINESE-STYLE PAVILION ERECTED BY A MEMBER OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AS A COMMUNITY PROJECT WILL BE OPEN TO MORNING WALKERS AND PICNICKERS IN NORTH DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

BUILT WITH GREEN TILES AND GRANOLITHIC COLUMNS, THE HEXAGONAL PAVILION IS SITUATED AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TRAIL IN WAH MEI SHAN, FANLING.

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE \$180,000 PAVILION, WHICH IS NAMED "CHUN FAI PAVILION", WAS INITIATED AND FINANCED BY A NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR KO KIM-CHING, TO MARK THE 70TH BIRTHDAY OF HIS MOTHER. THE NAME OF THE PAVILION MEANS MATERNAL LOVE.

THE PROJECT WAS SUPERVISED BY THE WORKS SECTION OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER (NORTH), MR VICTOR CHAN; AND THE DONOR OF THE PAVILION, MR KO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PAVILION IN WAH MEI SHAN, FANLING TOMORROW (SATURDAY). IT WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM. A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING AT 9 AM.

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VARIETY SHOW FOR SAI KUNG RESIDENTS

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ABOUT 1,100 SAI KUNG RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT AT A VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, THE SHOW HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE SINGING, A MAGIC SHOW, ACROBATICS AND CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS.

IN ADDITION, RESIDENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE ROLE OF THE SAI KUNG CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE SO AS TO INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

THIS COMMITTEE WAS FORMED IN MAY LAST YEAR TO SERVE AS A COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS. IT COMPRISES 21 MEMBERS WHO COME FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION IN TUEN MUN

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THE SEVENTH IN A SERIES OF EIGHT FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS, ORGANISED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP, WILL BE HELD AT THE YAN OI TOWN SQUARE IN TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY (MARCH 12).

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 3 PM.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE EXHIBITIONS IS TO AROUSE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND HOW TO REACT IF A FIRE OCCURS.

"IN ORDER TO MAKE THE MESSAGE TO REACH MORE PEOPLE, THE EXHIBITIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE STAGED IN ROTATION ON ALTERNATE SUNDAYS IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID.

EXHIBITION PANELS PROVIDED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CENTRE ON THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN, "IF THERE IS A FIRE, SOUND THE ALARM".

TO ENHANCE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT, OFFICERS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE NEW FIRE PREVENTION LEAFLETS AND SOUVENIRS SPONSORED BY THE KWONG ON BANK LTD.

THE LAST IN THE PRESENT SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 26 AT WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN.

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FREE CANTONESE OPERA SHOW FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS

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SENIOR RESIDENTS FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A FREE CANTONESE OPERA SHOW AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 15).

THE SHOW, TO BE STAGED BY THE HON FUNG CANTONESE OPERA TROUPE, WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE KENNEDY TOWN KAIFONG ASSOCIATION TAM PAK HUNG SOCIAL CENTRE, THE SHOW IS TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AGED OVER 60.

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THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR AMBROSE LAU; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER; AND DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (CENTRAL, WESTERN AND ISLANDS), MRS KATHERINE SIN.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS FROM THE TAM PAK HUNG SOCIAL CENTRE, BELCHER'S STREET, KENNEDY TOWN.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8170196.

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STUDENTS INVITED TO JOIN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME
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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS INVITING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO JOIN ITS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY 1 TO FORM 3 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO PLAY WESTERN AND CHINESE INSTRUMENTS ARE WELCOME TO APPLY FOR ENROLMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE RECRUITMENT EXERCISE WILL BE RESTRICTED TO STUDENTS LIVING OR STUDYING IN KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN, SAI KUNG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, YAU MA TEI, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, YUEN LONG AND TAI PO.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING IN PLAYING INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS THE VIOLIN, FRENCH HORN, FLUTE AND ERHU.

TRAINING SESSIONS OF ONE HOUR EACH WILL BE CONDUCTED WEEKLY AT THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. MONTHLY TUITION FEES FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE \$20 AND \$40 RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO THE MUSIC CENTRES FOR A HAND AND MOUTH INSPECTION AND A SIMPLE VOICE TEST ON APRIL 1. THE FIRST TRAINING SESSION WILL START IN MAY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MUSIC CENTRES IN KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, TSUEN WAN AND YUEN LONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 18. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7962893, 3-7149255 OR 0-4750465.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR BUILDING LUNG CHEUNG RD FOOTBRIDGE

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, KOWLOON, NEAR THE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD LOOKOUT AREA.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE WIDENING OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO PROVIDE A DECELERATION LANE ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY AND THE PROVISION OF ONE BUS BAY ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD CLOSE TO THE FOOTBRIDGE.

THE WORKS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUILDING OF A WORKSHOP BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

UPON COMPLETION, THE FOOTBRIDGE AND BUS BAYS WILL PROVIDE A CONVENIENT GRADE-SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR THE WATERWORKS STAFF.

THEY WILL ALSO PROVIDES EASY ACCESS TO THE LOOKOUT AREA FOR THE PUBLIC AND BENEFIT THE POPULATION ARISING FROM THE DEVELOPMENT ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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LONG VEHICLE BAN ON WONG CHUK HANG PATH

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 13), VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE BANNED FROM WONG CHUK HANG PATH WEST OF ABERDEEN TUNNEL.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HK ISLAND, LANTAU

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND ON LANTAU ISLAND FROM MONDAY (MARCH 13).

TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROCK FALL PROTECTIVE FENCES, VICTORIA ROAD IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT BETWEEN SASSOON ROAD AND BAGUIO VILLA WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM DAILY FROM MARCH 13 TO 20.

DURING THIS PERIOD, ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS WILL BE DIVERTED TO POK FU LAM ROAD.

IN WAN CHAI, CONVENTION AVENUE EASTBOUND BETWEEN FENWICK PIER STREET AND FLEMING ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM DAILY FROM MARCH 13 TO 31 FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON FENWICK PIER STREET HEADING FOR WAN CHAI FERRY PIER AND HUNG HING ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HARBOUR ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD.

FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY (MONDAY), ALL LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED FROM VENTRIS ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS FOR CABLE LAYING WORK.

ON LANTAU ISLAND, NGONG PING ROAD NEAR SZ TSZ TAU SHAN WILL BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY DAILY ON MARCH 13, 17, 20 AND 27 FOR ROAD WORKS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS, A 120-METRES STRETCH ALONG THE NORTHBOUND SLOW LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 13) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS ON NAM LONG SHAN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 13), TWO SECTIONS OF NAM LONG SHAN ROAD IN WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE DESIGNATED 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS.

THEY ARE THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM A POINT ABOUT 123 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HEUNG YIP ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH POLICE SCHOOL ROAD; AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH POLICE SCHOOL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS ON THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF NAM LONG SHAN ROAD FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY:

- * THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM THE ENTRANCE TO WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE TO A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH POLICE SCHOOL ROAD; AND
- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH POLICE SCHOOL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON TAI PO ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD IN FANLING WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MONDAY (MARCH 13).

THE SOUTHBOUND INNER-MOST LANE BETWEEN KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT AND SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED ON MARCH 13.

IN ADDITION, THE SOUTHBOUND INNER-MOST LANE BETWEEN WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE AND KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED ON MARCH 14 AND 15.

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