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FEBRUARY PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE RELEASED

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 1 PER CENT AND 34 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1989 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 18 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 3 PER CENT AND 6 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) REMAINED UNCHANGED.

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.

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

COMPARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1989 WITH FEBRUARY 1988, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS REMAINED UNCHANGED, AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 33 PER CENT. HENCE, TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 17 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME ALSO INCREASED BY 29 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR FEBRUARY 1989 AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MANY COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED IN FEBRUARY 1989 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988, INCLUDING RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-51 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-36 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-24 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-23 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (-22 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (-11 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (-5 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (-4 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, THESE DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE OFFSET BY INCREASES RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+40 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+16 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+13 PER CENT); AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+4 PER CENT).

PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN FEBRUARY 1989 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988. THESE INCLUDED METAL MANUFACTURES (+11 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+7 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+6 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+5 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+3 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+3 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+3 PER CENT); AND METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+2 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-3 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (-1 PER CENT); AND RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-1 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR FEBRUARY 1989 AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN FEBRUARY 1989 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WHEAT AND FLOUR; SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; SUGAR AND VEGETABLES.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS; AND TEA AND COFFEE.

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

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE BY 26 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1989 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988.

THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRICS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE; WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; AND COTTON YARN AND THREAD. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS; AND FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 50 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN FEBRUARY 1989 AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 36 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1989 OVER FEBRUARY 1988. THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS; TEXTILE MACHINERY; AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT. A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY.

COMPARING FEBRUARY 1989 WITH FEBRUARY 1988, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED: THOSE OF CONSUMER GOODS AND CAPITAL GOODS BOTH ROSE BY 5 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; FOODSTUFFS AND FUELS ALL INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR FEBRUARY 1989 AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN FEBRUARY 1989 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988, WITH THE PERCENTAGE INCREASES RANGING FROM 1 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 179 PER CENT FOR FUELS.

PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1989 AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988. RE-EXPORT PRICES OF CAPITAL GOODS AND FOODSTUFFS BOTH ROSE BY 7 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE OF CONSUMER GOODS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY 7 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE FEBRUARY 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND MAY 10 AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

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 FEBRUARY 1989 WITH FEBRUARY 1988			COMPARING JAN-FEB 1989 WITH JAN-FEB 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	-3	1	-4	-2	*	-2
TEXTILE FABRICS	-12	-1	-11	-3	-2	-1
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	16	3	13	16	1	15
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-18	6	-23	-15	5	-20

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RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-52	-1	-51	-48	*	-48
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	36	-3	40	35	-3	39
FOOTWEAR	-20	3	-22	-12	1	-13
METAL MANUFACTURES	5	11	-5	14	11	3
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	18	2	16	36	2	34
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	7	3	4	3	2	*
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-20	5	-24	-17	3	-19
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-32	7	-36	-28	8	-33
ALL COMMODITIES	3	3	*	4	3	1

\* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING FEBRUARY 1989 WITH FEBRUARY 1988			COMPARING JAN-FEB 1989 WITH JAN-FEB 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	19	4	15	23	4	19
CONSUMER GOODS	39	5	32	35	5	29
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	31	4	26	29	4	24
FUELS	56	4	50	30	1	29
CAPITAL GOODS	43	5	36	41	5	35
ALL COMMODITIES	35	5	29	32	4	27

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

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING FEBRUARY 1989 WITH FEBRUARY 1988			COMPARING JAN-FEB 1989 WITH JAN-FEB 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	8	7	1	27	6	20
CONSUMER GOODS	41	4	35	40	4	35
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	33	8	24	37	8	27
FUELS	159	-7	179	86	-7	100
CAPITAL GOODS	70	7	59	68	7	57
ALL COMMODITIES	41	6	33	42	6	34

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## RAINFALL ABOVE NORMAL IN APRIL

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THE TOTAL RAINFALL IN APRIL WAS 201.1 MILLIMETRES COMPARED WITH THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 139.4 MILLIMETRES, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID IN ITS MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT TODAY (MONDAY).

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH WAS ABOVE NORMAL.

THE AMOUNT OF RAINFALL IN APRIL BRINGS THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR TO 275.5 MILLIMETRES WHICH IS FIVE PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL OF 263.0 MILLIMETRES.

THE MONTHLY AVERAGE ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OF 1011.1 HPA IS THE THIRD LOWEST ON RECORD FOR APRIL.

WITH ONLY SEVEN DAYS IN THE MONTH WITHOUT RAIN, THE TOTAL DURATION OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE IN APRIL WAS ONLY 71.1 HOURS WHICH IS THE NINTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR APRIL.

WEATHER ON APRIL 1 WAS GENERALLY CLOUDY WITH COASTAL FOG. VISIBILITIES AT WAGLAN ISLAND WERE REDUCED TO 100 METRES AT TIMES. SOME LIGHT RAIN ALSO OCCURRED THAT EVENING. THESE DULL CONDITIONS CONTINUED INTO THE NEXT DAY.

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WINDS TURNED SOUTHWESTERLY ON APRIL 3 AS A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE OVER CENTRAL CHINA BEGAN TO EDGE SOUTHWARDS AND RAIN BECAME MORE FREQUENT.

THE WEATHER WAS OVERCAST THE NEXT DAY AND BY THE MORNING OF APRIL 5, THE TROUGH WAS OVER THE SOUTH CHINA COAST, BRINGING WITH IT SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

THE OVERCAST AND RAINY CONDITIONS PREVAILED DURING THE NEXT FOUR DAYS AS THE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE REMAINED ALMOST STATIONARY OVER THE COASTAL WATERS OF SOUTH CHINA.

A WEAK SURGE OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON REACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON APRIL 10 AND THE WEATHER GRADUALLY IMPROVED DURING THE DAY.

OVERCAST CONDITIONS RETURNED AS EASTERLY WINDS FURTHER STRENGTHENED EARLY ON APRIL 12. A 14-METRE TREE IN NORTH POINT WAS UPROOTED IN STRONG WINDS.

WINDS THEN GRADUALLY WEAKENED AND BECAME SOUTHEASTERLY BY APRIL 14. WARM AND MOIST AIR BROUGHT MISTY AND FOGGY CONDITIONS TO THE TERRITORY.

THE WEATHER BECAME OVERCAST WITH RAIN ON APRIL 15. THESE CONDITIONS PREVAILED FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS AS A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE STAYED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL WATERS.

WITH THIS TROUGH DISSIPATING ON APRIL 18, FOG RETURNED. VISIBILITIES WITHIN THE HARBOUR AND AT WAGLAN ISLAND WERE REDUCED TO 700 AND 100 METRES RESPECTIVELY.

FOG WITHIN THE HARBOUR CLEARED BRIEFLY DURING THE DAY ON APRIL 19 BUT RETURNED AGAIN IN THE EVENING. OVER 30 INCOMING AND OUTGOING FLIGHTS WERE EITHER DIVERTED OR DELAYED ON APRIL 18 AND 19.

THE FOGGY AND MISTY WEATHER PREVAILED UNTIL APRIL 21 WHEN THE WINDS TURNED SOUTHWESTERLY AND A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE WAS APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH.

THIS TROUGH REACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST DURING THE EVENING OF APRIL 22, BRINGING SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS TO THE TERRITORY. RAINFALL WAS ESPECIALLY HEAVY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHERE 25 CASES OF FLOODING WERE REPORTED.

THE OVERCAST AND SHOWERY CONDITIONS CONTINUED UNTIL THE EVENING OF APRIL 23 WHEN AN ANTICYCLONE EXTENDED SOUTHWARDS AND BROUGHT MUCH DRIER AIR TO THE COASTAL AREAS. THE WEATHER THEN TURNED MAINLY FINE AND REMAINED SO THE NEXT DAY.

HOWEVER, CLOUDY AND RAINY WEATHER RETURNED ON APRIL 25 AS WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST. THE TEMPERATURE ALSO DROPPED TO A MINIMUM OF 18.3 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH.

EASTERLY WINDS MAINTAINED THE CLOUDY AND RAINY CONDITIONS FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS. FOG ALSO OCCURRED OFFSHORE ON APRIL 28.

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THE SKY FINALLY CLEARED ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 29 AS EASTERLY WINDS WEAKENED.

BY APRIL 30 THE WEATHER HAD BECOME MAINLY FINE. LONG PERIODS OF SUNSHINE DURING THE DAY BROUGHT THE TEMPERATURE TO A MAXIMUM OF 29.0 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 30 AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON APRIL 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 AND 26. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON APRIL 22 AND 23. THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON APRIL 11.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	APRIL 3 5.30 PM	APRIL 4 8 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	APRIL 10 11 PM	APRIL 11 10 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	APRIL 11 10 PM	APRIL 12 9.30 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	71.1 HOURS ;	49.1 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	9.12 MJ/SQ.M ;	4.57 MJ/SQ.M BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	201.1 MM ;	61.7 MM ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	84 PER CENT ;	8 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	86 PER CENT ;	3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	24.0 DEGREES ;	1.0 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	22.0 DEGREES ;	0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	20.5 DEGREES ;	0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	19.5 DEGREES ;	0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	63.3 MM ;	49.2 MM BELOW NORMAL

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CHINESE CUSTOMS DELEGATION VISITS HONG KONG  
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A DELEGATION LED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE GUANGDONG BRANCH OF THE CUSTOMS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA, MR QIAN GUANLIN, MET SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK DURING A VISIT TO HONG KONG.

THIS WAS THE 7TH ANNUAL MEETING TO REVIEW ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE AREAS OF INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE AND ANTI-SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES BETWEEN THE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE PRECEDING YEAR.

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED PRATICAL WAYS TO ENCHANCE CO-OPERATION TO CURB SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

THE GUANGDONG DELEGATION ALSO VISITED THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL, THE HONG KONG CHINA FERRY TERMINAL AND SOON-TO-BE-OPENED LOK MA CHAU TERMINAL, AND OBSERVED THE OPERATION OF THE NEWLY ACQUIRED X-RAY VAN.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, WHO CHAIRED THE MEETING, SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN REGULAR CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS SINCE 1981 TO REVIEW SMUGGLING AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING TRENDS.

THIS CO-OPERATION HAD HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ANTI-SMUGGLING EFFORTS OF BOTH ADMINISTRATIONS, HE NOTED.

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TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW  
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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS AN APPLICATION FROM THE LANTAU TAXI ASSOCIATION FOR A FARE INCREASE AND A REQUEST FOR LANTAU TAXIS TO OPERATE ON NGONG PING ROAD.

APPLICATIONS FOR FARE INCREASES FROM THE STAR FERRY AND THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE.

THE TAC WILL BE BRIEFED ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH ROAD OPENINGS IN HONG KONG.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 2.30 PM.

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RIVER TRAINING PROJECT IN NORTH DISTRICT

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED RIVER TRAINING AND FLOOD PREVENTION PROGRAMME IN FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI.

IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED IN A CONSULTANCY STUDY ON THE RIVER INDUS THAT A \$950 MILLION PROGRAMME BE IMPLEMENTED IN STAGES INVOLVING THE MAIN DRAINAGE CHANNELS IN THE AREA.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE CONSULTANT WILL BRIEF COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE SUBJECT.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PAPER SUBMITTED BY A MEMBER URGING GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE VARIOUS PRECAUTIONARY AND CONTINGENCY MEASURES BEFORE THE ADVENT OF THE RAINY SEASON TO PREVENT FLOODINGS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS ON VILLAGE LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS, LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS, MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FUND ALLOCATION FOR CULTURAL PROJECTS

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL PROJECTS IN 1989-90 AT ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 10).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT IN MAY AND JUNE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 10) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR 1989-90.

A TOTAL OF 20 PROJECTS, ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$1.33 MILLION, INCLUDE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, SITTING OUT AREAS, PAVILIONS AND INSTALLATION OF WELCOME SIGNS ON THE ISLANDS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS LAST YEAR'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE SUPPLY OF MECHANICAL GRASS CUTTERS TO THE EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A REPORT ON ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS PREPARED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH WILL BE PRESENT TO EXPLAIN THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT AND COLLECT MEMBERS' VIEWS.

ALSO, A MEMBER WILL ASK WHAT MEASURES WILL THE GOVERNMENT TAKE TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DECIDE WHETHER TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO PUBLICISE A PREFERENTIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REVIEW OF LOCAL CRAFT  
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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT PREPARED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ON THE REVIEW OF THE USE OF LOCAL CRAFT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, AND CONSIDER THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS.

A WORKING GROUP ON THIS YEAR'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE FORMED DURING THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATER WORKS PROJECT  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE JUNK BAY WEST HIGH LEVEL FRESH WATER PUMPING STATION WHICH FORMS PART OF STAGE II OF THE WATER SUPPLY TO JUNK BAY PROJECT.

THE PUMPING STATION IS REQUIRED TO COPE WITH THE JUNK BAY NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN JULY THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON MAY 26 THIS YEAR.

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CSD RECRUITS OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS RECRUITING SUITABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN AS OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS FOR WORKING IN VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND REFUGEE CENTRES MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

APPLICANTS FOR OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS SHOULD BE AGED BETWEEN 18 TO 35. THEY SHOULD AT LEAST BE 162 CENTIMETRES TALL AND WEIGH 50 KILOGRAMS FOR MALE, AND 152 CENTIMETRES TALL AND WEIGH 42 KILOGRAMS FOR FEMALE.

THE TERMS OF APPOINTMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE ON A TEMPORARY MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS.

THE ENTRY SALARY FOR OFFICERS IS \$9,275 PER MONTH AND FOR ASSISTANT OFFICERS \$4,495 PER MONTH.

APPLICANTS SHOULD APPLY IN PERSON TO ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING RECRUITMENT OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT:-

- \* CENTRAL RECRUITMENT CENTRE AT 23RD FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI;
- \* STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY;
- \* LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE AT 5 BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD, LAI CHI KOK;
- \* TSUEN WAN RECRUITMENT CENTRE AT PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND
- \* LOK FU RECRUITMENT CENTRE AT LOK FU SHOPPING ARCADE, LOK FU ESTATE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-275951.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 38.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 226.728 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 174.571 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 29.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SCHOOLS SUMMER OLYMPIAD FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A SCHOOLS SUMMER OLYMPIAD IN JULY TO FURTHER PROMOTE SPORTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO SHARE THEIR ATHLETIC SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES.

THE SCHOOLS SUMMER OLYMPIAD WILL FEATURE COMPETITIONS IN FIVE SPORTS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS AT VARIOUS VENUES BETWEEN JULY 8 AND 23.

THESE INCLUDE ATHLETICS, BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, SWIMMING AND VOLLEYBALL.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT MORE THAN 3,000 STUDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE EVENTS.

THE BEST THREE SCHOOLS IN THE BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES IN EACH COMPETITION WILL BE HONOURED.

THE ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS WILL CONTRIBUTE CASH AWARDS OF \$5,000, \$3,000 AND \$2,000 RESPECTIVELY TO THE FIRST THREE WINNING SCHOOLS. THEY COULD USE THE PRIZE MONEY TO IMPROVE THEIR PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES.

THE BEST ATHLETES WILL BE CHOSEN FROM AMONG THE OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANTS IN EACH GRADE.

THE FINALS FOR BADMINTON, BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS AS WELL AS THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI, ON JULY 23.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CHEUNG SHA WAN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 10), CHEUNG LAI STREET BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND CHEUNG YEE STREET WILL BE REVERTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC INSTEAD OF ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE LEFT-TURN FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND ONTO CHEUNG LAI STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE RE-OPENED.

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LANE CLOSURE ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DUCT-LAYING WORKS ACROSS LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, THE KERBSIDE TRAFFIC LANES ON WESTBOUND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BELOW THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED ALTERNATELY FOR 20 DAYS FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 10).

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