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GOVT SECRETARIAT UNDERGOES MAJOR ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES

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A NUMBER OF MAJOR ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES TO THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

"THE PURPOSE OF THE REORGANISATION IS TO RATIONALISE AND REDISTRIBUTE THE PORTFOLIOS OF POLICY SECRETARIES SO AS TO ACHIEVE A REASONABLE BALANCE BETWEEN THEIR WORKLOADS, REFLECT MORE CLOSELY THE MAIN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND IMPROVE POLICY FORMULATION AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT GENERALLY," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH IS TO BE REPLACED BY TWO NEW BRANCHES: THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH AND THE WORKS BRANCH.

"THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH WILL ENSURE THAT DUE ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE PLANNING SYSTEM.

"IN ADDITION, THIS BRANCH WILL ENSURE THAT LAND RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THAT LAND POLICIES ARE FORMULATED TO ACHIEVE OPTIMAL USE OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR RESOURCES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE CREATION OF A WORKS BRANCH WILL ENSURE THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AND THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO WORKS STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES ARE GIVEN THE FULL ATTENTION OF AN OFFICER AT THE SECRETARY LEVEL," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

"ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO FACILITATE CLOSE LIAISON AND CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO NEW BRANCHES AND BETWEEN THEIR STAFF AT ALL LEVELS," HE SAID.

OTHER ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES INCLUDE:

- (A) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH TO TAKE OVER FROM THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH (MSB) POLICY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS, MUSIC AND COUNTRY PARKS MANAGEMENT, AND FROM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH (ASIB) POLICY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ENTERTAINMENT, BROADCASTING AND CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES;
- (B) THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ASIB;
- (C) THE RETITLING OF THE POST OF SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TO SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS;
- (D) THE TRANSFER OF POLICY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DATA PROTECTION AND GAMBLING AND THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CENTRALISED DATA ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FROM ASIB TO THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION;

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- (E) THE RETENTION OF THE MSB PRO TEM TO ATTEND TO ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND FOOD HYGIENE MATTERS UNTIL MARCH 1990 WHEN THESE FUNCTIONS ARE TRANSFERRED TO AN APPROPRIATE AGENCY;
- (F) THE TAKING OVER BY THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARCHIVES, GOVERNMENT RECORDS, AND THE PROTOCOL DIVISION; AND
- (G) THE TAKING OVER OF OVERSEAS PUBLIC RELATIONS BY THE INFORMATION CO-ORDINATOR.

MR GRAHAM BARNES, MR A.K. CHUI, AND MR KENNETH WAI-KAI KWOK BECOME THE NEW SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE AND SECRETARY FOR WORKS, RESPECTIVELY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW BRANCHES. MR CHUI WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO BE THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN ORDER TO TAKE CHARGE OF HYGIENE MATTERS.

AT THE DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL, THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO COME INTO OPERATION TOMORROW. THE NEW DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWERS, DRAINS AND SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES. A PLANNING DEPARTMENT WILL BE SET UP IN JANUARY 1990.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BRING TOGETHER FUNCTIONS AT PRESENT CARRIED OUT BY A NUMBER OF EXISTING DEPARTMENTS, ALLOWING FOR BETTER CO-ORDINATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FORMATION OF NEW RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH

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SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE IN RECENT YEARS OVER THE EXPANSION OF SERVICES IN RECREATION, CULTURE, SPORT, ENTERTAINMENT AND BROADCASTING WHICH ARE ALL OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE (DESIGNATE), MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

EXPLAINING THE ORGANISATION AND ROLE OF HIS NEW BRANCH, MR CHUI SAID IT WAS LOGICAL AND MORE EFFECTIVE FOR ALL THESE SUBJECTS TO BE INCORPORATED UNDER ONE POLICY UMBRELLA IN THE FORM OF THE NEW RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH (RCB).

"EACH AND EVERY SUBJECT SCORES ITS OWN ACHIEVEMENTS AND POSES ITS OWN PROBLEMS; AND YET THEY ALL INTER-RELATE IN A NUMBER OF WAYS AND POSSESS VAST POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

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"INTELLIGENT INTERFACING IS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT WELL CO-ORDINATED STRATEGIES ARE EVOLVED FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT AND THE USE OF RESOURCES ARE MAXIMISED BY COST-EFFECTIVE CO-OPERATION ACROSS SUBJECT BOUNDARIES.

"THESE COMPONENTS COULD ALL HELP ONE ANOTHER IF PROPERLY GUIDED AND PROGRAMMED TO DOVETAIL," MR CHUI POINTED OUT.

HE NOTED THAT THE NEW BRANCH WOULD NOT ONLY SERVE TO UPGRADE THE INDIVIDUAL STATURE AND IMPORTANCE OF EACH COMPONENT, BUT ALSO ENHANCE THE INFLUENCE, EFFECTIVENESS AND VISION OF THE POLICY PERSPECTIVES AS A WHOLE.

HE EXPECTED THE YEARS AHEAD TO BE EXCITING AND CHALLENGING, AND ASSERTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS DETERMINED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE BY SETTING RIGHT THE TOP STRUCTURE RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY FORMULATION.

"THAT IS THE REAL PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH," MR CHUI SAID.

HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS TWO DEPUTY SECRETARIES, MR CLIVE OXLEY AND MRS RACHEL CARTLAND, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE RESPECTIVELY FOR THE RECREATION AND CULTURE WING AND THE BROADCASTING AND ENTERTAINMENT WING OF THE BRANCH.

"THE NEW BRANCH WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORTS, THE FUTURE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY, AND ALL THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND ORGANISATIONS WORKING IN THE SPHERE.

"THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE WILL OVERSEE POLICY MATTERS CONCERNING THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA). HE WILL BE THE POLICY SECRETARY FOR LIAISING WITH RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG."

THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE, AND THE BOOK REGISTRATION OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION UNDER THE NEW RCB.

MR CHUI POINTED OUT THAT CONCURRENT WITH THE FORMATION OF THE RCB WAS THE REDISTRIBUTION OF DUTIES CURRENTLY HANDLED BY THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH (MSB).

"WHILE POLICY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RECREATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE RCB, THE OTHER FUNCTIONS OF MSB WILL BE ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS POLICY BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS.

"LIAISON WITH THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS WILL COME UNDER THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, BUT THE RCB WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE TWO COUNCILS ON SUBJECTS CONCERNING CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS.

/"THE RESPONSIBILITY

"THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES GENERAL GRADES HAS BEEN DEVOLVED TO THE TWO MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS IN THE FORM OF A JOINT MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT," MR CHUI SAID.

WITH REGARD TO OTHER RESIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MSB, MR CHUI SAID A NUMBER OF ONGOING ISSUES WERE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION AND FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS WAS NECESSARY. ONE EXAMPLE WAS THE FUTURE LOCATION OF THE HYGIENE DIVISION.

"PENDING A DECISION, THE MSB WILL CONTINUE FOR A FURTHER SIX MONTHS TO CARRY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIVISION UNDER THE EXISTING AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES (SMS)."

MR CHUI WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE TITLE OF SMS DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

HOWEVER, MR CHUI SAID THAT, WHATEVER THE FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS, THE EFFICIENCY OF THE HYGIENE DIVISION WOULD BE SUSTAINED.

HE ADDED THAT THE REVIEW MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP ON HAWKER CONTROL CHAIRED BY SMS WOULD BE FINALISED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE OVERALL HAWKER SITUATION HAS BEEN IMPROVING, THROUGH THE PHASED IMPLEMENTATION BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (USD) OF RECOMMENDATIONS FORMULATED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL'S WORKING THAT REVIEWED TO REVIEW HAWKER AND RELATED POLICIES.

"THE USD HAS BEEN KEEPING UP ENFORCEMENT PRESSURE TO REDUCE UNLICENSED HAWKING AND TO ENHANCE TRAINING FOR GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS STAFF.

"A SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN SECONDED FROM THE POLICE TO USD TO ADVISE ON TRAINING AND TACTICS," HE ADDED.

TURNING TO THE PROGRESS OF THE ABATTOIR PRIVATISATION PROGRAMME, MR CHUI SAID THE PROGRAMME WAS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS AND CONSULTATION WITH STAFF ON REDUNDANCY TERMS HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

THE HANDING OVER OF THE KENNEDY TOWN ABATTOIR WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT YEAR, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THE TENANCY BEING AGREED BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE PROSPECTIVE OPERATOR.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALSO PROCEEDING WITH THE PRIVATE OPERATOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SLAUGHTERHOUSE AT SHEUNG SHUI.

THE RCB HEADQUARTERS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. THE BROADCASTING AND ENTERTAINMENT DIVISION WILL BE RELOCATED FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO HARBOUR CENTRE IN OCTOBER.

THE HYGIENE DIVISION WILL MOVE ITS OFFICES TO THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE URBAN COUNCIL FA YUEN STREET COMPLEXES LATER THIS YEAR.

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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING (DESIGNATE) ANNOUNCED
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT MR ROBERT UPTON, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, WILL ASSUME THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING (DESIGNATE) TOMORROW WITH A VIEW TO BECOMING THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING SUBJECT TO CREATION OF THE POST EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MR UPTON:

MR ROBERT UPTON, JP

AGED 38. MR UPTON JOINED THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1972. HE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES.

MORE RECENTLY HE HAS SERVED AS ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY (1979-82), CLERK OF COUNCILS (1982-84), PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER (1985-86), DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (1986-89), AND BECAME DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS IN MARCH 1989.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

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2ND QUARTER EXPORTS STATISTICS RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN
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ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WERE : ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS; TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING; WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND KNITWEAR; PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT; PLASTIC PRODUCTS; AND BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS.

THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 81.0 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE ABSOLUTE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 WERE : TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING (+\$978 MILLION); WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND KNITWEAR (+\$755 MILLION); MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (+\$448 MILLION); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+\$294 MILLION); AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+\$192 MILLION).

/IN PERCENTAGE

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 WERE : PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL (+170.7 PER CENT); TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (+57.8 PER CENT); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+32.2 PER CENT); MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (+27.3 PER CENT); AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+16.3 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, A FEW INDUSTRIES RECORDED DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1988.

THEY WERE : PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-\$460 MILLION OR -14.7 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (-\$67 MILLION OR -0.5 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (-\$32 MILLION OR -10.9 PER CENT); WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (-\$32 MILLION OR -14.8 PER CENT); AND RUBBER PRODUCTS (-\$10 MILLION OR -26.1 PER CENT).

OUTSIDE THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ORIGINATING FROM OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING DECREASED BY \$37 MILLION OR 17.6 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988, WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICITY INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY \$88 MILLION OR 108.3 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ORIGINATING FROM AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION DECREASED BY \$2 MILLION OR 70.0 PER CENT.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN ARE DERIVED BY REGROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (I.S.I.C.), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (S.I.T.C.) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN REFERRING TO THESE RECLASSIFIED STATISTICS. CERTAIN MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IN THEIR PRODUCTION. IN SUCH CASES, THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH AN ITEM IS FINALLY PRODUCED IS NOT THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE EXPORT VALUE OF THAT ITEM. HOWEVER, THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE ITEM HAS WHOLLY BEEN ALLOCATED TO THAT INDUSTRY IN THIS RECLASSIFICATION.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF A MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEM TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE EXPORT VALUE OF THE ITEM IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE PART OF THE VALUE MAY BE DUE TO PRODUCTION BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES AS SECONDARY PRODUCTS.

FURTHER DETAILS OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-8234832).

A TABLE SHOWING MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF SIMILAR STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, JUNE 1989".

VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS
RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989

INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN OF THE COMMODITIES EXPORTED	MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS			
	1989 2ND QTR.	1988 2ND QTR.	VALUE CHANGE	% CHANGE
(HK\$'000)				

AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHING				

AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION	830	2,765	-1,935	-70.0
OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING	172,584	209,559	-36,975	-17.6
MINING AND QUARRYING	1,389	1,539	-150	-9.7

MANUFACTURING				

FOOD	372,056	371,113	+943	+0.3
BEVERAGES	96,837	94,319	+2,518	+2.7
TOBACCO	433,519	408,479	+25,040	+6.1
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING)	10,518,383	9,540,601	+977,782	+10.2
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND KNITWEAR	9,994,052	9,238,857	+755,194	+8.2
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	261,188	229,868	+31,321	+13.6
FOOTWEAR	263,019	295,155	-32,136	-10.9

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WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	183,522	215,347	-31,825	-14.8
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	1,369,519	1,177,251	+192,268	+16.3
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	1,206,121	912,020	+294,101	+32.2
PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL	1,908	705	+1,203	+170.7
RUBBER PRODUCTS	27,526	37,269	-9,743	-26.1
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2,668,090	3,128,419	-460,329	-14.7
NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	192,154	174,377	+17,777	+10.2
BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	2,586,391	2,530,924	+55,467	+2.2
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	2,088,158	1,640,246	+447,912	+27.3
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	13,125,206	13,192,361	-67,155	-0.5
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	61,454	38,956	+22,498	+57.8
PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT	4,941,017	4,845,248	+95,769	+2.0
OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3,358,717	3,065,066	+293,652	+9.6
ELECTRICITY	169,693	81,480	+88,214	+108.3
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS	37,059	17,275	+19,784	+114.5
(E.G. DEVELOPED PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATES AND FILM, ANTIQUES, AND WORKS OF ART)				
TOTAL	54,130,393	51,449,198	+2,681,195	+5.2

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES OF A COLUMN MAY NOT ADD UP EXACTLY TO THE
CORRESPONDING TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

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DB TO DISCUSS PROBATION HOME IN FANLING
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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A PLAN TO CONVERT THE FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE AND HOSTEL INTO A PROBATION HOME FOR GIRLS AT A SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSED GIRLS' HOME, TO BE RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WILL ACCOMMODATE 40 GIRLS AGED BETWEEN SEVEN AND 16.

THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES EAST), MR CARLOS LEUNG, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE SUBJECT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LAYOUT PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TAU KOK.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER, AT ITS MEETING TOMMORROW (FRIDAY), 16 APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR HOLDING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

NINE OF THE APPLICATIONS, AMOUNTING TO \$120,000, ARE FOR HOLDING CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES IN THE SEVEN AREAS OF THE DISTRICT DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

SIX APPLICATIONS FOR A TOTAL OF \$40,000 ARE FOR ORGANISING A SOCCER COMPETITION, AN ANTI-DRUG-ADDICTION PROJECT, A PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING, AND THREE FUNCTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY.

ANOTHER APPLICATION, FOR \$28,000, IS FROM THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE FOR HOLDING A VARIETY SHOW AND CARNIVAL TO MARK THE CONCLUSION OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

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MEANWHILE, A SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, MR CHARLES CHU, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO INTRODUCE AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF MEI FUNG COURT, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LATTER HALF OF THE MEETING, IN WHICH APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS ARE TO BE PROCESSED, WILL BE HELD IN PRIVATE.

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CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN YAU TSIM
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THE 1989 YAU TSIM DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROMOTION CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 2) WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AND A SEMINAR.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH.

A SEMINAR WILL FOLLOW AT WHICH MR CHUNG WILL SPEAK ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

ALSO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION AND THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEE ON, WILL SPEAK ON THE PARTICIPATION OF OWNERS AND RESIDENTS IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT; AND A BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMPANY DIRECTOR WILL SPEAK ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FLAT OWNERS AND A MANAGEMENT COMPANY.

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RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY OFFICE BEARERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS, ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1989 YAU TSIM DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROMOTION CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 2) IN THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AFTER THE CEREMONY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AND THE SEMINAR.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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

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COMPETITION IN CHRISTMAS STAMP DESIGN

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THE POST OFFICE IS INVITING THE PUBLIC TO ENTER A STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION ON THE THEME OF "CHRISTMAS".

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED MAY SUBMIT DRAWINGS ON WHICH THE FINAL DESIGN FOR A SET OF SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMPS ON THE THEME OF "CHRISTMAS" TO BE ISSUED IN 1990 MAY BE BASED.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO CLASSES, NAMELY, STUDENT CLASS AND ADULT CLASS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE ADULT CLASS IS OPEN TO RESIDENTS AGED 18 OR ABOVE.

"CONDITIONS OF ENTRY HAVE BEEN PRINTED ON APPLICATION FORMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL POST OFFICES.

/"DESIGNS, TOGETHER

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"DESIGNS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPLETED ENTRY FORM, SHOULD BE SENT TO THE HARBOUR BUILDING POST OFFICE, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 30," HE ADDED.

FOR THE STUDENT CLASS, PARTICIPANTS ARE LIMITED TO RESIDENTS BELOW THE AGE OF 18. DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT A LATER DATE.

"ALL ENTRANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION IN MARCH NEXT YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CERTIFICATES AND CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP 10 ENTRANTS. THE WINNER AND THE FIRST RUNNER-UP WILL BE AWARDED \$3,000 AND \$1,500 RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THE TOP THIRD TO 10TH ENTRANTS WILL EACH RECEIVE \$750.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE COMPETITION MAY BE MADE TO THE PHILATELIC BUREAU MANAGER, MRS THERESA TSE, ON TEL. 5-8157959 OR THE CONTROLLER (PHILATELIC SERVICES), MR VINCI WONG, ON TEL. 5-233330.

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NO POSTAL SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 15

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THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY AND ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

SEPTEMBER 15, BEING THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

/THE GRADING

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT BACTERIA DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG DURING RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

BATHING WATERS COMMONLY BECOME WORSE DUE TO HEAVY USAGE DURING THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE MEAN E. COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 100 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN SEVEN CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE MEAN E. COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 1,000 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN 18 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE MEAN E. COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS 18 OR MORE CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO RE-OPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, SIX BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSE, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

/THESE BEACHES

THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA, ROCKY BAY AND TING KAU. THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE SIX BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 17.8.89)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 31.8.89)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	A	A
CHUNG HOM KOK	A	A
DEEP WATER BAY	A	A
HAIRPIN	A	A
MIDDLE BAY	A	A
REPULSE BAY	B	A
SHEK O	A	B
SOUTH BAY	A	A
ST STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	A
STANLEY MAIN	B	A
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A
ISLANDS DISTRICT -----		
CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A

KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	A	A
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	A	A
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	A	A
TUNG O*	A	A

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	B	B
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	A	A
HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	B	B
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	A	A

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	A	A
CASAM	A	A
GEMINI	A	A
HOI MEI WAN	B	A
LIDO	A	A
TING KAU	X	X
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	A	B
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	B	B
BUTTERFLY	B	B

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

REPULSE BAY, STANLEY MAIN, AND HOI MEI WAN, FROM "B" TO "A";
NEW CAFETERIA, AND SHEK O, FROM "A" TO "B".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE
BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR WALLACE CHEUNG, ACTING
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF THE EPD,
ON TEL. 5-8351234.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN SHAM SHUI PO TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE CERTAIN ILLEGAL
STRUCTURES IN SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED
WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

THESE STRUCTURES ARE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF NO. 54 AND ON THE
ROOF OVER THE EIGHTH FLOOR NOS. 54 AND 56 FUK WING STREET.

THE CLOSURES FORM PARTS OF THE EXERCISES TO ENFORCE ORDERS
ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE REQUIRING DEMOLITION OF THE
STRUCTURES.

/THE ORDERS

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THE ORDERS WERE ISSUED IN RESPECT OF THE ROOF OVER THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF NOS. 54 AND 56 AND THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF NO. 54 FUK WING STREET IN JUNE THIS YEAR, AND IN JANUARY AND JUNE LAST YEAR RESPECTIVELY.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 31 THIS YEAR WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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EXHIBITIONS ON EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL STAGE A MOBILE EXHIBITION FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THREE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO PROMOTE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE EMPLOYMENT LAWS.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH AIMS AT INTRODUCING TO THE PUBLIC THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE STATUTORY ENTITLEMENTS OF WORKERS, WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES OF LEI TUNG ESTATE, LAI KOK ESTATE AND WAN TSUI ESTATE.

APART FROM STATIC DISPLAYS, THE EXHIBITION ALSO FEATURES A QUIZ ON EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION, WITH A LUCKY DRAW FOR SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPANTS.

LABOUR STAFF WILL BE ON THE SPOT TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES ON EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR RELATIONS MATTERS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9.30 AM TO 5.30 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

SEPTEMBER 1 - 3	LEI TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU
SEPTEMBER 8 - 11	LAI KOK ESTATE, CHEUNG SHA WAN
SEPTEMBER 22 - 24	WAN TSUI ESTATE, CHAI WAN

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CENTRAL ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3) FOR THE HOLDING OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL LAN KWAI FONG STREET FESTIVAL AND THE HONG KONG FOOD FESTIVAL 1989.

LAN KWAI FONG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM ON SATURDAY TO 7 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

ALSO, D'AGUILAR STREET BETWEEN WYNDHAM STREET AND WING WAH LANE WILL BE CLOSED FROM NOON TO 7 PM ON SATURDAY AND FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM ON SUNDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, D'AGUILAR STREET BETWEEN WING WAH LANE AND WELLINGTON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO BECOME A TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SAC WITH ACCESS FROM WELLINGTON STREET.

VEHICLES ON WYNDHAM STREET HEADING FOR WO ON LANE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WELLINGTON STREET AND D'AGUILAR STREET TO JOIN WO ON LANE.

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