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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN FEBRUARY

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 21 PER CENT AND 46 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY).

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 33 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM TRADE VALUES BY DISCOUNTING 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 4 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, ROSE BY 5 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE 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 COMPILED.

COMPARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1988 WITH FEBRUARY 1987, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT AND 45 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HENCE, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 39 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, BOTH THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT.

CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN INTERPRETING THE CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF BILATERAL TRADE IN ANY SINGLE MONTH, AS THE RESPECTIVE GROWTH RATES FOR INDIVIDUAL MONTH MAY BE SUBJECT TO CONSIDERABLE FLUCTUATIONS.

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IN PARTICULAR, THE TRADE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR ARE USUALLY AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, WHICH OCCURRED IN LATE JANUARY LAST YEAR, WHILE IN THIS YEAR THEY OCCURRED IN MID-FEBRUARY.

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

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN FEBRUARY 1988 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987.

THESE INCLUDED METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+75 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+59 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+50 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+43 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+37 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+37 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+32 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+24 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+19 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE FABRICS (+17 PER CENT).

NEVERTHELESS, DECREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-9 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-3 PER CENT).

PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN FEBRUARY 1988 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987.

THESE INCLUDED METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+11 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+8 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+7 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+6 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+5 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+5 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+5 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+4 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+4 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+2 PER CENT); AND DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+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 FEBRUARY 1988 AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN FEBRUARY 1988 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN TEA AND COFFEE; VEGETABLES; AND RICE.

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR WHEAT AND FLOUR; AND ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES.

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OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT. THE COMMODITY ITEMS WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES INCLUDED FOOTWEAR; WATCHES; RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS; AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE BY 11 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1988 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987.

THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS; FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES; BASE METALS, EXCLUDING IRON AND STEEL; AND PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR COTTON YARN AND THREAD; MAN-MADE FIBRES; AND WOVEN COTTON FABRICS.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 40 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN FEBRUARY 1988 AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1988 OVER FEBRUARY 1987. THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN OFFICE MACHINES; AND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY OTHER THAN TEXTILE AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; AND TEXTILE MACHINERY.

IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES ROSE IN FEBRUARY 1988 AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987, RANGING FROM 3 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 7 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS.

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

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN FEBRUARY 1988 WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987, RANGING FROM 37 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 56 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS.

HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 35 PER CENT.

PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1988 WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987.

/RE-EXPORT PRICES

RE-EXPORT PRICES OF BOTH CONSUMER GOODS AND CAPITAL GOODS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT WHILE THOSE OF FUELS ROSE BY 1 PER CENT.

THE PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE FEBRUARY 1988 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$2.50 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND MAY 14.

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 JAN-FEB 1988 WITH JAN-FEB 1987			COMPARING FEB 1988 WITH FEB 1987		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	26	5	20	50	5	43
TEXTILE FABRICS	16	5	10	23	5	17
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	5	7	-2	5	8	-3
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	16	6	10	33	7	24
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-17	5	-21	-5	4	-9
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	36	-1	38	34	-2	37
FOOTWEAR	19	5	13	43	5	37
METAL MANUFACTURES	42	6	34	68	6	59
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	61	10	46	95	11	75
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	43	3	39	53	2	50
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	7	5	2	38	4	32
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	19	2	17	20	1	19
ALL COMMODITIES	25	4	21	37	3	32

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TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-FEB 1988 WITH JAN-FEB 1987			COMPARING FEB 1988 WITH FEB 1987		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	17	3	13	21	3	17
CONSUMER GOODS	39	3	35	25	3	21
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	26	6	19	17	6	11
FUELS	15	6	9	-38	4	-40
CAPITAL GOODS	28	7	19	18	7	11
ALL COMMODITIES	29	5	23	18	5	13

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

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-FEB 1988 WITH JAN-FEB 1987			COMPARING FEB 1988 WITH FEB 1987		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	37	1	36	46	*	46
CONSUMER GOODS	56	2	53	59	2	56
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	52	5	44	44	5	37
FUELS	-10	4	-14	-35	1	-35
CAPITAL GOODS	43	2	41	43	2	41
ALL COMMODITIES	52	3	46	50	3	45

NOTES FOR TABLES 1 TO 3:

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

PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE CALCULATED FROM TRADE INDEXES TAKEN TO MORE DECIMAL PLACES THAN THOSE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS". THEY MAY THEREFORE DIFFER FROM THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES TO BE COMPUTED DIRECTLY FROM THE FIGURES TO BE PUBLISHED.

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DB TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL ON BOAT PEOPLE

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A PROPOSAL THAT HONG KONG SHOULD CEASE TO BE A PORT OF FIRST ASYLUM FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WILL BE DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, MR MICHAEL CHENG.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT ON A SITE NORTH OF TIN MA COURT. THE PROJECT IS AIMED AT FACILITATING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF OLDER ESTATES.

THE CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD'S SIX COMMITTEES AND TWO WORKING GROUPS WILL BE ELECTED AND MEMBERSHIP OF THESE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS DECIDED ON.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE ADOPTION OF A REVISED PROCEDURE FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS, THE BOARD'S MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME, AND A SCHEDULE FOR BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

INFORMATION PAPERS TO BE TABLED AT THE MEETING WILL RELATE TO DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, THE PROPOSED LOK FU COMMERCIAL CENTRE PHASE II, AND A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AT MA CHAI HANG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE FUNG MING HALL IN WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO HOLD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE SETTING UP OF AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

THE AIM OF THE CAMPAIGN IS TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS AND RESTAURANT WORKERS ON THE CORRECT WAY OF DISPOSING GREASE AND FOOD RESIDUE WITHOUT CAUSING DRAIN BLOCKAGE.

PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A SLOGAN COMPETITION, TREE PLANTING, SEMINARS, A MARKET-STALLS AND A MULTI-STOREY BUILDING CLEANLINESS COMPETITION, AND DEMOLITION OF ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS.

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AT THE MEETING, APPROVAL WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT FOR ORGANISING AN EDUCATION PROGRAMME ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT WHICH WILL INCLUDE A FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN AND A SERIES OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINARS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE ORGANISING OF A TREE PLANTING DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1988; DISCUSSION ON THE LOCATIONS, DESIGN AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PUTTING UP DISTRICT SIGNBOARDS; AND AN ALLOCATION OF \$35,000 FOR REPLENISHING PLANTS IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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WAN CHAI DB COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHAIRMAN

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL ELECT ITS CHAIRMAN AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW TERM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE, MEMBERSHIP AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, AND THE FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP FOR THIS YEAR'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THEY WILL CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES AT THE JUNCTION OF O'BRIEN ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD, AND THE DESIGNATION OF LEE TUNG STREET AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS
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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS TO BE HELD IN 1988-89 AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO REVIEW THE PROCEDURES FOR ALLOCATING FUNDS. MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER FORMING A VETTING TEAM TO EXAMINE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER ALLOCATING FUNDS TO SPONSOR THE 1988 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND FOR PRINTING A SURVEY REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY-IN-PERSPECTIVE PROJECT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR KWAI TSING SYP
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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANISING ACTIVITIES DURING SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BETWEEN TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND MAY 25.

ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH FUNDS MAY BE GRANTED INCLUDE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, SEMINARS AND FORUMS, AND CIVIC PROMOTIONAL AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES.

THE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, BASED ON THE THEME OF "SHARE THE FUN AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY", HAS BEEN ALLOCATED ABOUT \$400,000 FROM FUNDS DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SEVEN SUB-OFFICES OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE KWAI TSING SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

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INTER-SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT COMPETITIONS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE TWO INTER-SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT COMPETITIONS TO FURTHER PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG PUPILS IN SCHOOLS AND DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS IN ORGANISED PRESENTATION OF FACTS AND IDEAS.

THE COMPETITIONS ARE OPEN TO BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS. THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHOOSE AND TO DETERMINE ON THEIR OWN THE TITLE AND THE CONTENT OF THEIR PROJECT ON ANY TOPIC RELATED TO CIVIC EDUCATION.

EACH SCHOOL COULD SUBMIT ONLY ONE ENTRY WHICH SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE NOVEMBER 1.

THE PROJECTS MAY BE PRESENTED IN EITHER ENGLISH OR CHINESE. PRIMARY SCHOOL ENTRIES MAY BE IN A COMBINATION OF FOLIO AND CASSETTE TAPE, OR GAME BOARD, OR POSTER AND CHART WHILE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRIES MAY BE IN A COMBINATION OF FOLIO AND SLIDES, OR VIDEO TAPES, OR COMPUTER PROGRAMME ON FLOPPY DISK.

THERE WILL BE THREE WINNING PRIZES, FIVE MERIT PRIZES AND 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES FOR BOTH THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL GROUPS. THE VALUES OF THE PRIZES RANGE FROM \$5,000 TO \$200 WORTH OF BOOK COUPONS.

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JOURNALISM COURSES ENROLMENT BEGINS

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WORKING JOURNALISTS ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR TWO COURSES ON ENGLISH ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO BE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG.

THE "ENGLISH ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR JOURNALISTS" COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM JUNE 15 TO JULY 11 THIS YEAR ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS.

THE COURSES, TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF JOURNALISTS, WILL BE OFFERED AT THE LEVELS OF INTERMEDIATE AND ELEMENTARY.

AS THE TWO COURSES WILL BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY, AN APPLICANT CAN APPLY FOR ONLY ONE OF THEM.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT IS MAY 31. ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 283.

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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR GIFTED STUDENT

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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR A SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND A TWO-YEAR MUSIC COURSE AT THE WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL COVER COSTS OF TUITION, BOARD AND LODGING, AND AIR FARES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. PARENTS, HOWEVER, WILL ALSO BE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS PART OF THE EXPENSES DEPENDING ON THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION.

IN ADDITION TO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING, THE COURSE ALSO PAYS ATTENTION TO NORMAL ACADEMIC WORK, WHICH LEADS TO ENTRY TO THE G.C.E. ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION IN AT LEAST TWO SUBJECTS, ONE OF THEM BEING MUSIC.

THE SCHOLARSHIP, FOR THE SCHOOL TERM COMMENCING SEPTEMBER, IS SPONSORED BY THE ARTHUR SAMY MEMORIAL FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE HONGKONG BANK TRUSTEE LIMITED.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE BETWEEN 16 AND 18 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

HE SHOULD PREFERABLY HAVE ATTAINED AT LEAST GRADE VIII IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC PRACTICAL EXAMINATION OR EQUIVALENT IN PIANO, VIOLIN OR CELLO AND SIX PASSES AT GRADE C OR ABOVE IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) OR EQUIVALENT.

STUDENTS SITTING FOR THE HKCEE THIS YEAR MAY ALSO APPLY AND QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION IN JUNE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MUSIC OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, 25TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI AND ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 2 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI NOT LATER THAN MAY 31.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED ON 5-8235314 OR 5-283257.

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IDENTITY CARD REMINDER FOR MEN BORN IN 1955-56

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1955 AND 1956 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE JUNE 5.

"TO AVOID THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH, MEN OF THIS AGE GROUP WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD SHOULD COME FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000."

APPLICANTS CAN GO TO ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO RENEW THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"AS THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO THERE IN THE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS TO AVOID THE QUEUES OR HAVING TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEY MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. NO. 5-747070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU
KOK ROAD.
TEL. NO. 3-7553679

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.
TEL. NO. 3-7232424

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.
TEL. NO. 0-4981259

SHA TIN : SHA TIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK
STREET.
TEL. NO. 0-6059108

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YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK
ROAD.
TEL. NO. 0-793291

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
CHI LOK FA YUEN.
TEL. NO. 0-4580862

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN
FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.
TEL. NO. 0-927155

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD
AT 29.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 173.807 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 290.167 MILLION
CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 49.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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