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IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT FOR ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING STEPS TO IMPROVE THE INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT TO FACILITATE THE PROGRESS OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY FROM THE RELATIVELY LOW VALUE-ADDED, ASSEMBLY-INTENSIVE PHASE TO THE DESIGNING AND MANUFACTURING OF MORE SPECIALISED, DIFFERENTIATED AND MINIATURISED ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, MR HO SAID THE LOCAL ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY WAS NOW AT A THRESHOLD OF A NEW ERA.

+THERE ARE CHALLENGES, NO DOUBT, BUT THERE ARE ALSO TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION.+

MR HO SAID GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE EXISTING INDUSTRY, WITH ITS DEPENDENCE ON ASSEMBLY WORK AND THE APPARENT DIFFICULTY IT NOW HAD IN RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY ON THE ONE HAND, THE REALITIES OF OUR HEAVILY EXPORT-ORIENTED ECONOMY AND OUR EXPERIENCE AND SKILL IN DIVERSIFYING WITHIN THE RANGE OF CONSUMER-ORIENTED LIGHT INDUSTRIES ON THE OTHER, A REALISTIC AIM FOR THE LOCAL ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY MIGHT BE TO BREAK AWAY FROM ASSEMBLY-INTENSIVE WORK AND TO MOVE TOWARDS PRODUCT SPECIALISATION.

+THIS BREAK-THROUGH CALLS FOR FOUR BASIC ELEMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+FIRST, THE AVAILABILITY OF GOOD INDUSTRIAL AND MECHANICAL DESIGN SERVICES, WHICH ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDED, TO SOME EXTENT, BY THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY LTD. AND THE RANGE OF MECHANICAL DESIGN SERVICES OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL.

+SECOND, THE AVAILABILITY OF PRECISION-METAL AND PLASTICS PARTS. THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL IS BEING FUNDED TO PROVIDE AN IMPROVED METALS DEVELOPMENT SERVICE.

+THIS MEASURE, COUPLED WITH THE NEW COURSES RUN BY THE PRECISION TOOLING TRAINING CENTRE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WILL GO SOME WAY TOWARDS IMPROVING THE CAPABILITY OF OUR METALS FABRICATION AND LIGHT ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES IN THEIR SUPPORT OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

+THIRD, THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONALLY TRACEABLE PRIMARY PHYSICAL STANDARDS BY THE GOVERNMENT'S STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY.

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+FOURTH, ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE ADOPTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES RELEVANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY; NAMELY APPLICATION SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (ASIC) DESIGN AND SURFACE MOUNTING+.

MR HO SAID IN RECOGNITION OF THE EMERGENCE OF ASIC AND THE NEED FOR SKILLED ASIC DESIGN ENGINEERS, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE LAUNCHING A SCHEME FOR THE TRAINING OF ENGINEERS IN ASIC DESIGN.

+UNDER THIS SCHEME, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE, THROUGH THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, A TRAINING GRANT TO ASSIST WITH THE COST OF OVERSEAS TRAINING IN THIS FIELD.+

AS REGARDS SURFACE MOUNTING, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY AIMED AT ESTABLISHING THE COMMERCIAL VIABILITY OF SURFACE MOUNT TECHNOLOGY (SMT) FOR HONG KONG'S ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURERS AND THE MEASURES THEY WOULD NEED TO TAKE TO OVERCOME THE INEVITABLE INITIAL PROBLEMS OF APPLYING THIS TECHNOLOGY, MR HO SAID.

HE SAID THAT WHILE IT WAS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT MORE THAN TWO DOZEN COMPANIES HAD ACQUIRED EITHER A ASIC DESIGN CAPABILITY OR SURFACE MOUNTING TECHNIQUES, THE WHOLE INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND AND WORK TOGETHER TO BREAK THROUGH THE TECHNOLOGICAL BARRIERS BEFORE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT COULD BE ACHIEVED.

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DECEMBER, 1986 PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE
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STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW BY 16 PER CENT IN THE YEAR OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH 1985, WHILE THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT. THERE WAS THUS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 15 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN 1986.

IMPORTS ALSO INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, BOTH THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS PRICES ALSO INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS INCREASED 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) FOR 1986 AS A WHOLE DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT.

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COMPARING DECEMBER 1986 WITH DECEMBER 1985, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT AND 18 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. WITHIN TOTAL EXPORTS, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX FOR THE MONTH REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED, AS COMPARED WITH A DECREASE RECORDED FOR THE WHOLE YEAR. THIS WAS LARGELY DUE TO A PICK UP IN THE RATE OF INCREASE IN EXPORT PRICES TOWARDS THE END OF 1986.

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. THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM TRADE VALUES BY DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1 WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TOGETHER WITH OTHER STATISTICAL TABLES BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND ALSO BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS SHOWN THEREIN INCREASED IN 1986 AS COMPARED WITH 1985. THESE INCLUDED WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+7 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+7 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+4 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+2 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+1 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+1 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE REGISTERED FOR RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-8 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-6 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-4 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FABRICS (-1 PER CENT). PRICES OF METAL MANUFACTURES AS WELL AS TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH 1985, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING TEXTILE FABRICS (+47 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+27 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+26 PER CENT). NEVERTHELESS, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-26 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-6 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-4 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

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AS SHOWN IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN 1986 AS COMPARED WITH 1985, RANGING FROM 3 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 16 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS DROPPED BY 33 PER CENT, WHILE THE IMPORT PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

IMPORTS OF MANY MAJOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME IN 1986 COMPARED WITH 1985. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS; LIVE POULTRY AS WELL AS VEGETABLES. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR AS WELL AS SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MANY CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING WATCHES; CLOTHING AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AS WELL AS HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE IN 1986 COMPARED WITH 1985, INCLUDING DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS; COTTON YARN AND THREAD; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS; WATCH AND CLOCK MOVEMENTS, CASES AND PARTS AS WELL AS PAPER AND PAPERBOARD. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN BASE METALS, EXCLUDING IRON AND STEEL; FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES AS WELL AS WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT IN VOLUME IN 1986 AS COMPARED WITH 1985.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITIES DECREASED IN 1986 OVER 1985, THE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES. HOWEVER, INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR TEXTILE MACHINERY AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH 1985, RANGING FROM 17 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 176 PER CENT FOR FUELS. HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS DECREASED BY 20 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE DECEMBER 1986 ISSUE OF +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+ AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT HK\$2.50 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG, ON 5-214375 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234918.

Table 1: Increases in domestic exports by commodity group

Commodity group	Comparing Jan-Dec 1986 with Jan-Dec 1985			Comparing December 1986 with December 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Clothing	16	2	14	16	8	7
Textile fabrics	46	-1	47	44	3	39
Textile yarn and thread	26	*	26	22	5	16
Textile made-ups and related articles	12	4	8	14	10	4
Radios of all kinds	16	-8	27	46	-5	54
Electronic components	-3	1	-4	-17	-4	-13
Footwear	16	1	15	-5	1	-6
Metal manufactures	16	*	16	23	7	15
Metal ores and scrap	-30	-6	-26	-12	5	-16
Watches and clocks	25	7	17	19	5	13
Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	*	7	-6	-4	6	-10
Domestic electrical appliances	7	-4	12	34	*	34
ALL COMMODITIES	19	2	16	25	5	18

Notes: * Insignificant, i.e. less than 0.5%

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 from the published figures.

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Table 2: Increases in imports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing Jan-Dec 1986 with Jan-Dec 1985			Comparing December 1986 with December 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	13	*	13	7	3	4
Consumer goods	28	9	17	29	8	20
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	23	3	19	27	6	20
Fuels	-20	-33	20	-45	-37	-12
Capital goods	9	16	-6	35	10	23
ALL COMMODITIES	19	5	14	24	5	18

Table 3: Increases in re-exports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing Jan-Dec 1986 with Jan-Dec 1985			Comparing December 1986 with December 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	35	2	32	10	2	8
Consumer goods	29	4	24	50	4	44
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	15	-2	17	31	1	30
Fuels	86	-33	176	38	-35	112
Capital goods	-12	10	-20	13	7	6
ALL COMMODITIES	16	2	14	33	3	29

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OUTREACHING SERVICE PRIORITY AREAS TO BE REVIEWED
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A MONITORING GROUP WILL BE SET UP JOINTLY BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE TO REVIEW THE CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING PRIORITY AREAS FOR OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK SERVICE.

THIS WAS THE DECISION REACHED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) TO CONSIDER THE EVALUATION STUDY OF THE SERVICE CONDUCTED BY DR AGNES NG OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE MONITORING GROUP WILL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE WHICH WILL THEN DECIDE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE OUTREACHING TEAMS AND TO WHAT AREAS THE SERVICE SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

THE COMMITTEE, IN RECOGNISING THE USEFULNESS OF OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK SERVICE, SAW THE NEED TO EXAMINE ITS ROLE IN THE TOTAL PERSPECTIVE OF VARIOUS YOUTH SERVICES.

IT ALSO CONSIDERED THAT THERE SHOULD BE CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THIS SERVICE AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE.

REGARDING THE TARGET GROUP FOR THIS SERVICE, THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO CATER FOR YOUNG PERSONS IN THE 6-24 AGE GROUP, BUT WITH SPECIAL FOCUS FOR THOSE BETWEEN 8 AND 17.

TO IMPROVE THE SUPERVISION OF THE OUTREACHING TEAMS, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONE SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (SWO) SUPERVISING THREE TEAMS TOTALLING 30 WORKERS INSTEAD OF THE EXISTING RATIO OF ONE SWO TO FOUR TEAMS OF 40 WORKERS.

HOWEVER, IT ALSO DECIDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE FLEXIBILITY IN DEPLOYMENT OF THESE TEAMS, SUCH AS SPLITTING INTO SMALLER TEAMS, BY THE OPERATING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE COMMITTEE FURTHER ENDORSED THAT THE CASELOAD OF EACH WORKER SHOULD BE REVISED FROM 32 CASES TO 45 CASES AND THAT THE INTEGRATED WORK APPROACH SHOULD BE ADOPTED.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 18 OUTREACHING TEAMS OPERATED BY EIGHT SUBVENTED AGENCIES IN 18 PRIORITY AREAS.

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURE SOUGHT
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY IN THE DISTRICT COURT, HONG KONG, ON APRIL 2 FOR A CLOSURE ORDER ON AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ATTACHED TO THE NORTHERN EXTERNAL WALL OF FLAT F ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF 9-21 GILLIES AVENUE, KOWLOON.

THE OCCUPANTS OF THE STRUCTURE HAVE SO FAR IGNORED A DEMOLITION ORDER MADE UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THE CLOSURE ORDER WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURE TODAY (MONDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAID CLOSURE OF THE STRUCTURE WAS REQUIRED BEFORE DEMOLITION TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OCCUPANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

HE SAID DEMOLITION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER WAS MADE.

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CHEQUE PRESENTATION CEREMONY
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, WILL PRESENT A CHEQUE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE, MRS JUNE LI, AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

ABOUT \$5.2 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL EXTENSION FUND-RAISING ORGANISING COMMITTEE BETWEEN MAY 1986 AND MARCH THIS YEAR.

DURING THE PERIOD, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CHARITY WALK, FILM PREMIERE, SUPERSTAR BASKETBALL MATCH, TAXI AND MINIBUS CHARITY RIDE, AND A FUND-RAISING COMPETITION AMONG THE DISTRICT'S 14 AREAS WERE HELD TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE HOSPITAL.

THE CHEQUE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3.30 PM AT THE TELFORD CHINESE RESTAURANT, KOWLOON BAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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TOWN PARK, SITTING-OUT AREAS TO BE BUILT
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A CENTRAL TOWN PARK AND FIVE DISTRICT OPEN SPACES ARE TO BE BUILT IN TAI PO NEW TOWN TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE PARK, MEASURING 12 500 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE JUNCTION OF TING KOK AND TAI WO ROADS. FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE PLAY AND SITTING-OUT AREAS, GARDENS WITH ROCKS AND PALM TREES, A BASKETBALL COURT, A PAVILION AND A SUNDIAL.

IT WILL TAKE NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE FIVE OPEN SPACES, TOTALLING 29 750 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, WILL BE BUILT AT WAN TAU KOK LANE, WAN TAU STREET, WEST OF NAM WAN ROAD, NEAR PO HEUNG BRIDGE AND NEXT TO WONG SIU CHING CLINIC.

THE OPEN SPACE AT WAN TAU KOK LANE WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH THREE TENNIS COURTS, A FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER PITCH, PUBLIC TOILETS, CHANGING ROOMS AND GARDEN AREAS, WHILE THE OTHERS WILL HAVE GARDENS AND PLAY AND SITTING-OUT AREAS.

THEY WILL ALL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 15 MONTHS.

LANDSCAPING WORK WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL.

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LABOUR RELATIONS SYMPOSIUM ORGANISED
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOSTING A ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON LABOUR RELATIONS FOR EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND TRADE UNIONISTS IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY ON APRIL 8.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT, WILL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ENLIGHTENED MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE AND TO DISCUSS WAYS ON IMPROVING LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS.

IN THE MORNING SESSION, A NUMBER OF EXPERTS FROM THE TRADE WILL BE INVITED TO ADDRESS PARTICIPANTS ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS. THESE INCLUDE PROSPECTS OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY, WAYS TO TACKLE LABOUR SHORTAGE, NEW TREND IN PAYROLL SYSTEM, ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTION PROCESS AND ITS IMPACT ON WORKERS, AND DIFFICULTIES FACED BY EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

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THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE CURRENT LEGISLATION AND WAYS TO PREVENT LABOUR DISPUTES, WORKSHOPS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS.

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI. A FEE OF \$260 WILL BE CHARGED FOR EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT STAFF AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS, AND \$180 FOR OFFICIALS OF TRADE UNIONS, EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATIONS.

THOSE WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT SHOULD CONTACT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 5-8523505 BY MARCH 20.

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NEW SET OF POSTAGE DUE LABELS OUT MARCH 25
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OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WITH NEWLY-DESIGNED POSTAGE DUE LABELS WILL BE ON SALE ON MARCH 25, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

COMPRISING SIX DEMONINATIONS -- 10 CENTS, 20 CENTS, 50 CENTS, \$1, \$5 AND \$10 -- THE NEW SET OF LABELS DEPICTS A STYLISED CHINESE CHARACTER +HIM+ MEANING +DUE+.

+THE OLD DESIGN WHICH BEARS A PAIR OF WEIGHING SCALES HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE IT WAS FIRST ISSUED IN 1923,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO COMMEMORATE THE ISSUE OF THE NEW LABELS, OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS PRE-AFFIXED WITH A FULL SET OF LABELS AND CANCELLED WITH THE FIRST DAY CHOP WOULD BE ON SALE ON MARCH 25, HE ADDED.

THE FIRST DAY COVERS, COSTING \$17.30 EACH, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT PHILATELIC COUNTERS AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, TSIM SHA TSUI, GRANVILLE ROAD, THE PEAK AND AIRPORT POST OFFICES.

MINT LABELS IN SETS AT \$16.80 AND IN PRESENTATION PACKS AT \$18 WILL ALSO BE ON SALE AT THESE COUNTERS.

+ADVANCE ORDER FOR FIRST DAY COVERS IS ALSO AVAILABLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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UNDER THIS SERVICE, CUSTOMERS CAN HAND IN THEIR COVERS, BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS, TOGETHER WITH THE ORDER FORM AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POST OFFICES BETWEEN TODAY (MONDAY) AND MARCH 18+

HONG KONG

ABERDEEN
GENERAL POST OFFICE
SHAU KEI WAN
TSAT TSZ MUI
WAH FU

OUTLYING ISLANDS

CHEUNG CHAU
LAMMA ISLAND
MUI WO
PENG CHAU
TAI O

KOWLOON

CHEUNG SHA WAN
INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE
RENNIE'S MILL VILLAGE
KOWLOON CENTRAL
KOWLOON CITY
KOWLOON EAST

NEW TERRITORIES

SHA TAU KOK
SHA TIN CENTRAL
SHEK WU HUI
TAI PO
TSUEN WING STREET
TUEN MUN SAN HIU
YUEN LONG

+THE FIRST DAY COVERS WILL THEN BE AFFIXED WITH THE REQUESTED NUMBER OF LABELS, (MINIMUM \$1 IN FACE VALUE) AND CAN BE COLLECTED ON MARCH 26,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ADVANCE ORDER FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SAME POST OFFICES FROM TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED STAMP COLLECTORS THAT AS POSTAL DUE LABELS WERE NOT STAMPS, +HAND BACK+ SERVICE AVAILABLE ON THE NORMAL FIRST DAYS OF ISSUE WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME
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SCHOOLS AND LOCAL BODIES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER FOR YOUTHS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 25.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS +SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY+.

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LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION. APPLICATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS APRIL 3.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS IN MID-APRIL AND SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN MAY.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-540271.

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APPLICATION FOR DB FUNDS TO BE CONSIDERED
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 11) TO CONSIDER 37 APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF A JOINT PROJECT WITH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND VARIOUS ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES FOR MARCH AND APRIL.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL EXAMINE THE ADEQUATE PROVISION OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN SIU HONG COURT, PLANS AND PROGRAMMES OF THE TUEN MUN ARTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND THE TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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FORUM TO DISCUSS YOUTH PROBLEMS ORGANISED
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A FORUM TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATING TO UNRULY YOUTH IN KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI AND TSUEN WAN WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI WOR HAU COMMUNITY HALL IN KWAI CHUNG WEST TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

SPEAKERS AT THE FORUM INCLUDE A SENIOR LECTURER OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, DR NELSON CHOW, PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS GRACE YUNG, DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR ANTHONY CHAN, AND POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR LO TAT-FAI.

THE FORUM IS PART OF A SERIES OF FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES ARRANGED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON UNRULY YOUTH IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AND SPONSORED BY THE RESPECTIVE BOARDS.

THE WORKING GROUP HAD COMPLETED A 60-PAGE SURVEY ON UNRULY YOUTH IN THE DISTRICTS DEALING WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PARENTAL AND SCHOOL SUPERVISION ON DELINQUENT AND NON-DELINQUENT YOUTH.

THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE FREE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM STARTING AT 3 PM TOMORROW AT THE TAI WOR HAU COMMUNITY HALL IN WEST KWAI CHUNG.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN WAN CHAI
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MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEMS AT THE JUNCTION OF MORRISON HILL ROAD AND SUNG TAK STREET AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SERVICES OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 35M AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON TAXI FARE INCREASE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

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DINNER TREAT FOR 500 MONG KOK ELDERLY
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MORE THAN 500 MONG KOK SENIOR CITIZENS AGED OVER 70 WILL BE TREATED TO DINNER TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

SIX WOMEN AND MEN AGED 90 AND ABOVE WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIRS FOR BEING THE OLDEST AMONG THE GROUP.

THE ANNUAL FUNCTION IS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT COUNTRYMEN AND CLANSMEN ASSOCIATION.

MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE RECEPTION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DINNER RECEPTION TO BE HELD TOMMORROW AT 7 PM AT THE INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANT, 612 NATHAN ROAD.

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DISCUSSION ON PRESERVING SAI KUNG FOLK SONGS
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AT A MEETING OF THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (TUESDAY), MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON PROGRESS OF THE WORKING GROUP IN PRESERVING AND PROMOTING RURAL SAI KUNG FOLK SONGS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED WORK PLANS FOR 1987-88 FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HUNG HOM
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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HUNG HOM FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 12) FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF RECONSTRUCTION WORK ON GILLIES AVENUE.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

- * VEHICLES ON GILLIES AVENUE SOUTHBOUND AND BAKER STREET HEADING FOR ON CHING ROAD, THE KCRC DEPOT AND THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICES GODOWN SHOULD OPERATE VIA BAKER STREET, LO LUNG HANG STREET, CHEONG HANG ROAD AND THE NEW ACCESS ROAD.
- * VEHICLES ON HUNG HOM WAN STREET WESTBOUND HEADING FOR ON CHING ROAD, THE KCRC DEPOT AND THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICES GODOWN WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA THE U-TURN SLIP ROAD UNDERNEATH THE CHEONG WAN ROAD FLYOVER TO GILLIES AVENUE NORTHBOUND, WINSLOW STREET, CHEONG HANG ROAD AND THE NEW ACCESS ROAD.
- * VEHICLES DEPARTING THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICES GODOWN, THE KCRC DEPOT, ON CHING ROAD AND CHEONG WAN ROAD FOR WUHU STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO WINSLOW STREET, INNER CHATHAM ROAD, COOKE STREET AND GILLIES AVENUE.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 53.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 315.036 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 334.728 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 57.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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