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DROP IN DELINQUENT INCIDENTS IN SCHOOLS

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THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR REPORTED BY SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE SCHOOL YEAR 1986-87 DROPPED BY 11.3 PER CENT FROM 14,866 TO 13,186 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE FIGURES ARE RESULTS OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNRULY AND DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOLS.

OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR REPORTED, POSSESSION OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS REGISTERED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DROP OF 18.7 PER CENT FROM 817 TO 664 INCIDENTS.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY INVOLVEMENT IN GAMBLING (-16.2 PER CENT) FROM 2,637 TO 2,209, INTIMIDATION (-11.5 PER CENT) FROM 835 TO 739, AND ACTS OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE FROM 5,677 TO 5,050 (-11 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT THERE WAS A 32 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF LESS SERIOUS INCIDENTS OF UNRULY BEHAVIOUR.

THE RISE IS DUE LARGELY TO A THREE-FOLD INCREASE FROM 13,701 TO 54,591 INCIDENTS OF HABITUAL FAILURE TO HAND IN ASSIGNMENTS AND TO BRING TEXTBOOKS OR STATIONERY TO SCHOOL.

THESE INCIDENTS WHICH WERE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY UNDER THE CATEGORY OF "OTHER INCIDENTS", WERE TREATED FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SEPARATE CATEGORY IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE OF THE 1986-87 SURVEY.

IN ACCOUNTING FOR THE THREE-FOLD RISE IN THIS CATEGORY OF INCIDENTS OF UNRULY BEHAVIOUR, THE REPORT STATED: "THIS CHANGE IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE APPEARS TO HAVE CAUSED SOME OVER-REACTION FROM SCHOOLS AND SHARP INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF SUCH INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED FOR EACH OF THE THREE ROUNDS OF THE 1986-87 SURVEY OVER THE CORRESPONDING ROUNDS OF THE 1985-86 SURVEY."

IF THIS CATEGORY OF UNRULY BEHAVIOUR WAS EXCLUDED, THE OVERALL FIGURE IN INCIDENTS FOR UNRULY AND DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR IN 1986-87 (AT 127,934) WOULD SHOW A DECREASE OF ABOUT ONE PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH 1985-86 (AT 129,110).

THE CHANGE IN PERCENTAGE OF OTHER MORE COMMON TYPES OF UNRULY BEHAVIOUR WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING SURVEY ARE HABITUAL LATENESS (+20.4 PER CENT), INSOLENT OR REBELLIOUS BEHAVIOUR (-7.1 PER CENT) AND OFFENCES TO ATTRACT DISCIPLINE (-21.9 PER CENT).

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THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT STUDENTS IN SECONDARY 1 TO 3, IN PARTICULAR THOSE IN SECONDARY 2, REMAINED MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO COMMITTING UNRULY AND DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE CONTINUED TO BE A NEED FOR MORE INDIVIDUAL CARE AND GUIDANCE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS AND FOR MORE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO TRY TO PREVENT THE MISBEHAVIOUR FROM DEVELOPING.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON TEACHERS TO REFER TO THE GENERAL GUIDELINES ON MORAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND THE MORAL EDUCATION REFERENCE MATERIALS ISSUED TO SCHOOLS.

TO ASSIST SCHOOLS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN GIVING ADVICE TO SCHOOLS ON WAYS OF ORGANISING GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING SYSTEMS WITHIN SCHOOLS.

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DIRECT RADIO BROADCAST TO VIETNAM

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HONG KONG TODAY (SATURDAY) STARTS DIRECT RADIO BROADCASTS TO VIETNAM.

THE PROGRAMME, PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG ON 7290 KHZ, WILL BE BROADCAST ON A DAILY BASIS FROM 6 AM TO 8 AM VIETNAM TIME (7 AM TO 9 AM HONG KONG TIME) AND WILL BE REPEATED FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM VIETNAM TIME IN THE EVENING.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INITIALLY CONSIST OF MUSIC INTERSPERSED WITH MESSAGES IN VIETNAMESE EXPLAINING HONG KONG'S NEW SCREENING POLICY FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL HAS APPLIED TO THE INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY REGISTRATION BOARD FOR THE USE OF THE FREQUENCY AND THE CURRENT BROADCASTS ARE BEING DONE ON A TRIAL BASIS.

THE NEED FOR THE PROGRAMME WILL BE REVIEWED NEXT SUMMER.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 1988

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ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS FELL IN AUGUST COMPARED WITH JULY.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONTINUED TO GROW DURING THE MONTH.

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IN LINE WITH THE DECLINE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 FELL MODERATELY IN AUGUST, AND HK\$M1 GREW ONLY MODERATELY.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS GREW MORE RAPIDLY IN AUGUST THAN IN THE PRECEDING MONTH, MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE PICKING UP IN THE GROWTH RATES OF OFFSHORE LOANS AND LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG IN AUGUST COMPARED WITH JULY.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE SHOWED SOME MODERATION IN GROWTH RATE, HOWEVER.

THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR AUGUST 1988 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS.

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS FELL BY 0.4 PER CENT IN AUGUST FOLLOWING DECLINES OF 0.3 PER CENT IN JUNE AND 0.1 PER CENT IN JULY.

OF THESE DEPOSITS, SAVINGS DEPOSITS DECREASED BY 4.7 PER CENT, WHILE DEMAND AND TIME DEPOSITS GREW BY 2.0 PER CENT AND 2.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1988, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 12.7 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS GREW BY 1.1 PER CENT IN AUGUST FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 1.3 PER CENT AND 3.5 PER CENT IN JUNE AND JULY RESPECTIVELY.

OF THESE DEPOSITS, US DOLLAR DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 1.1 PER CENT WHILE NON-US DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW SLIGHTLY FASTER BY 1.2 PER CENT.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ROSE BY 26.4 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS CONTINUED TO INCREASE BY 7.3 PER CENT IN AUGUST, AFTER INCREASES OF 10.6 PER CENT AND 6.3 PER CENT IN JUNE AND JULY RESPECTIVELY.

ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 0.4 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND BY 12.2 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

ON THE OTHER HAND, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS, INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND BY 28.5 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

DEPOSITS OF ALL CURRENCIES WITH BANKS AND WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BOTH INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN AUGUST.

HOWEVER, DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1988, THE GROWTH RATE OF DEPOSITS WITH BANKS, AT 21.7 PER CENT, WAS FASTER THAN THAT WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, AT 7.9 PER CENT.

MONEY SUPPLY

HK\$M1 GREW BY 0.9 PER CENT WHILE HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 BOTH DROPPED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN AUGUST.

THEIR RESPECTIVE GROWTH RATES IN JULY WERE -1.0 PER CENT, -0.3 PER CENT AND 0.0 PER CENT. DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST, HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 GREW BY 28.1 PER CENT, 16.6 PER CENT AND 14.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SWAP DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 GREW BY 0.4 PER CENT WHILE HK\$M3 ROSE BY 0.3 PER CENT IN AUGUST. OVER THE YEAR, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 15.6 PER CENT AND 13.7 PER CENT.

TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 1.3 PER CENT, 0.5 PER CENT AND 0.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN AUGUST.

IN JULY, THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE -0.8 PER CENT, 1.6 PER CENT AND 1.9 PER CENT. DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 27.8 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 22.0 PER CENT AND M3 BY 20.3 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW BY 3.5 PER CENT IN AUGUST, COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 0.8 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT IN JUNE AND JULY RESPECTIVELY.

OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS, THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 2.4 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES GREW BY 4.3 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG INCREASED BY 6.2 PER CENT IN AUGUST, AFTER A FALL OF 0.5 PER CENT IN JUNE AND AN INCREASE OF 0.3 PER CENT IN JULY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 39.5 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 1.8 PER CENT IN AUGUST FOLLOWING GROWTH RATES OF 1.9 PER CENT AND 1.3 PER CENT IN JUNE AND JULY RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 24.5 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG GREW BY 1.4 PER CENT IN AUGUST, COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 6.8 PER CENT AND 2.5 PER CENT IN JUNE AND JULY RESPECTIVELY; OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 23.7 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS AND LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 158 AND 35 RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THAT OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED FURTHER BY TWO TO 222.

MONETARY STATISTICS - AUGUST 1988

(HK\$mn.)

	Aug 1988	Earlier months (% change to August 1988)		
	-----	Jul 1988	May 1988	Aug 1987
Money Supply				
M1 - HK\$	73,834	73,188 (0.9 %)	71,539 (3.2 %)	57,619 (28.1 %)
Foreign currency	9,298	8,863 (4.9 %)	8,282 (12.3 %)	7,415 (25.4 %)
Total	83,132	82,051 (1.3 %)	79,822 (4.1 %)	65,033 (27.8 %)
M2 - HK\$	322,016	323,217 (-0.4 %)	325,720 (-1.1 %)	276,144 (16.6 %)
Foreign currency	422,576	418,010 (1.1 %)	399,001 (5.9 %)	334,270 (26.4 %)
Total	744,591	741,227 (0.5 %)	724,721 (2.7 %)	610,415 (22.0 %)
M3 - HK\$	355,204	356,457 (-0.4 %)	357,020 (-0.5 %)	310,387 (14.4 %)
Foreign currency	455,163	450,064 (1.1 %)	429,682 (5.9 %)	363,351 (25.5 %)
Total	810,367	806,521 (0.5 %)	786,702 (3.0 %)	673,737 (20.3 %)
Notes and coins in circulation	30,899	30,977 (-0.3 %)	30,241 (2.2 %)	25,381 (21.7 %)
of which held by public	26,930	27,213 (-1.0 %)	26,489 (1.7 %)	22,158 (21.5 %)
Total Deposits				
Total Demand deposits	56,202	54,838 (2.5 %)	53,333 (5.4 %)	42,875 (31.1 %)
Total Savings deposits	164,770	168,740 (-2.4 %)	176,199 (-6.5 %)	142,313 (15.8 %)
Total Time deposits with banks	483,227	477,123 (1.3 %)	455,027 (6.2 %)	393,612 (22.8 %)
Total Time deposits with dtcs	63,701	63,402 (0.5 %)	59,955 (6.2 %)	59,029 (7.9 %)
HK\$ deposits	316,687	317,819 (-0.4 %)	319,066 (-0.7 %)	280,927 (12.7 %)
US\$ deposits	240,324	237,791 (1.1 %)	227,991 (5.4 %)	222,099 (8.2 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	210,890	208,492 (1.2 %)	197,455 (6.8 %)	134,804 (56.4 %)
All deposits	767,900	764,102 (0.5 %)	744,513 (3.1 %)	637,830 (20.4 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	38,267	35,662 (7.3 %)	30,324 (26.2 %)	35,546 (7.7 %)
Total Loans and advances				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	52,694	51,959 (1.4 %)	47,451 (11.0 %)	42,584 (23.7 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	6,352	5,464 (16.3 %)	5,180 (22.6 %)	5,564 (14.2 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	409,458	402,034 (1.8 %)	389,431 (5.1 %)	328,855 (24.5 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	346,210	325,953 (6.2 %)	326,624 (6.0 %)	248,258 (39.5 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	54,736	54,616 (0.2 %)	60,081 (-8.9 %)	43,588 (25.6 %)
Loans in HK\$	365,012	356,373 (2.4 %)	340,919 (7.1 %)	299,173 (22.0 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	504,438	483,653 (4.3 %)	487,848 (3.4 %)	369,677 (36.5 %)
Total loans and advances	869,450	840,026 (3.5 %)	828,767 (4.9 %)	668,849 (30.0 %)

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR JULY

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JULY 1988, ESTIMATED AT \$8,451 MILLION, WAS 24 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JULY 1987 WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS 14 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING JULY 1988 WITH JULY 1987, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS WENT UP BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" AND "CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS" ROSE BY 41 PER CENT AND 27 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND 31 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT ONLY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES AND "MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS" ROSE BY 45 PER CENT AND 34 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND BY 33 PER CENT AND 23 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME.

SUPERMARKETS SALES ROSE BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS, HOWEVER, FELL BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JULY 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME. ANALYSED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, FUELS WENT UP BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" ROSE BY 38 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 28 PER CENT IN VOLUME. "CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS" AND CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE AND 14 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES WENT UP BY 54 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 40 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WERE 40 PER CENT AND 27 PER CENT.

/SUPERMARKETS SALES

SUPERMARKETS SALES ROSE BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR JULY 1988 INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FUELS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN SALES VALUE AND ROSE BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED INCREASES OF 4 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS SALES ROSE BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES WENT UP BY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND HAD A NEGLIGIBLE CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR JUNE 1988 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JULY 1988.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN JUNE AND JULY 1988 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISON OF JULY 1988 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR JUNE 1988 AND WITH THOSE FOR JULY 1987 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JULY 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JULY 1988 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234941.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for July 1988 (Provisional Figure)	= HK\$8,451 million
for June 1988 (Revised Figure)	= HK\$8,292 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR JUNE 1988 AND JULY 1988

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	June 1988	July 1988	July 1988 compared with June 1988		July 1988 compared with July 1987		Jan. - Jul. 1988 compared with Jan. - Jul. 1987	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	148	151	3	2	29	24	29	24
	Volume	122	125	3	3	16	14	15	14
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	120	128	7	6	12	11	7	6
	Volume	105	110	5	5	8	8	-3	-2
Fuels	Value	101	110	9	9	13	13	5	6
	Volume	108	117	10	9	11	10	1	1
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	156	158	2	1	34	27	33	25
	Volume	121	126	4	4	16	15	16	14
Consumer durables	Value	156	160	3	2	14	10	27	21
	Volume	124	126	2	2	1	1	13	12
Other consumer goods	Value	165	165	-1	0	48	41	44	38
	Volume	133	135	1	1	32	31	29	28
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
(see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	166	169	3	2	25	17	20	15
	Volume	143	145	2	1	11	8	9	7
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	247	258	11	4	65	34	64	40
	Volume	175	182	7	4	34	23	34	27
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	128	129	1	1	-2	-1	15	13
	Volume	108	109	8	8	-9	-7	7	7
Department stores	Value	178	179	1	1	56	45	63	54
	Volume	140	144	5	3	35	33	42	40

NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :

- "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.
- "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

3. "8" denotes a figure within ± 0.5 .

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LARGE-SCALE ANTI-NARCOTICS FESTIVAL IN SHA TIN
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A LARGE-SCALE ANTI-NARCOTICS FESTIVAL, FEATURING MORE THAN 20 EVENTS, WILL BE HELD IN SHA TIN BETWEEN OCTOBER 8 AND 21.

THE FESTIVAL IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY OF ITS KIND EVER ORGANISED AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL. IT IS CHIEFLY AIMED AT PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS AGAINST THE ABUSE OF "SOFT" DRUGS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE \$240,000 CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE, ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), RTHK, SHA TIN ARTS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, EIGHT AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SCHOOLS AS WELL AS OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS, A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 3).

SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LEE KWONG; DB CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; REPRESENTATIVE OF ACAN, MR AUGUSTINE POON WILL BE PRESENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 3) AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F., KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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FUNDS FOR CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS
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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND AREA COMMITTEES IN KWUN TONG WISHING TO ORGANISE CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS CAN NOW APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS UNDER THE 'KWUN TONG CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS SCHEME'.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN INITIATED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON CIVIC EDUCATION, WHICH WAS FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION IN KWUN TONG.

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"A TOTAL OF \$45,000 IS AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHEME TO SUBSIDISE INNOVATIVE CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS WHICH AIM AT SERVING PEOPLE WHO EITHER LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN KWUN TONG," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY.

"ORGANISATIONS APPLYING FOR FUNDS CAN RECEIVE UP TO \$4,500 FOR A SINGLE PROJECT. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THEIR PROJECTS BEFORE JANUARY 15 NEXT YEAR AND SUBMIT A DETAILED RECORD TO THE WORKING GROUP BY JANUARY 23 FOR DISPLAY LATER AT AN EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP," HE ADDED.

LOCAL BODIES SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED APPLICATION FORMS SENT OUT BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WORKING GROUP, BUT MORE FORMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 24 AND APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS BY EARLY NOVEMBER.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-416315 EXT. 451.

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ANTI-NOISE POLLUTION POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

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A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION WHICH AIMS AT DRAWING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE NOISE POLLUTION PROBLEM IS NOW OPEN IN MONG KOK DISTRICT.

THE THEME OF THE DESIGN SHOULD FOCUS ON THE NUISANCES CAUSED BY NOISE POLLUTION AND PROMOTE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE NEED TO REDUCE THE PROBLEM.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS: THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION FOR STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT AND THE OPEN SECTION FOR PEOPLE AGED 18 AND ABOVE.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE HANDED IN AT THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AT GROUND FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15.

THE FUNCTION IS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS YEAR'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN, THE MAIN THEME OF WHICH IS NOISE POLLUTION. THE CAMPAIGN IS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONTINUES

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IN OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1988.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED MONTHLY SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

IN ADDITION, QUESTIONS ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS' EXPENDITURE ABROAD; VISITS TO COUNTRY PARKS; HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON RENT; HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WORKING IN CHINA AND EMPLOYMENT OF DOMESTIC HELPERS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE QUARTER OF OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1988.

SOME 5,000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR CO-OPERATION.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS, EACH CARRYING AN IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT.

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CANTONESE OPERATIC SONG CONCERT AT TIN WAN ESTATE

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RESIDENTS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO JOIN A SHOW OF CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 8 PM AT THE BASKETBALL COURT IN BLOCK 10 OF TIN WAN ESTATE.

SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE PERFORMANCE IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CULTURE AND RECREATION CLUB OF THE TIN WAN ESTATE.

PERFORMING AT THE CONCERT WILL BE THE RENOWNED SIN WAN CANTONESE OPERATIC SONG TROUPE WHICH IS INVITED FREQUENTLY TO STAGE OPEN PERFORMANCES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND RTHK.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PERFORMANCE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

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STUDENTS BEING RECRUITED FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME

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PRIMARY ONE TO FORM THREE STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO PLAY WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE CURRENT RECRUITMENT EXERCISE, WHICH IS THE SECOND SO FAR THIS YEAR, WILL BE RESTRICTED TO STUDENTS LIVING OR STUDYING ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CITY, YAU MA TEI, HO MAN TIN AND SHA TIN.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL ATTEND TRAINING SESSIONS FOR VIOLIN, VIOLA, ERHU, PIPA AND SHENG.

THE SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR AN HOUR PER WEEK AT THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. MONTHLY TUITION FEES FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE \$20 AND \$40 RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUESTED TO GO THROUGH A HANDS AND MOUTH INSPECTION TO ASSESS SUITABLE FOR INSTRUMENTS AND A SIMPLE VOICE TEST LATER THIS MONTH. THE FIRST TRAINING LESSON WILL START IN NOVEMBER.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 14 AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8235326.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 5 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 4) TO FACILITATE THE ERECTION OF A GANTRY SIGN ON WESTBOUND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WEST OF CHEUNG LAI STREET.

THE TWO ROAD SECTIONS ARE THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WEST OF TAI NAN WEST STREET, AND THE SECTION OF CHEUNG LAI STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG SHUN STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD HEADING FOR MEI FOO OR KWAI CHUNG ROAD WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, TAI NAN WEST STREET AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

AS FOR THOSE ON CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD HEADING FOR CASTLE PEAK ROAD, THEY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, TAI NAN WEST STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, U-TURN AT MEI FOO, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND THE SLIP ROAD TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT LAI CHI KOK INTERCHANGE.

IN ADDITION, MOTORISTS ON CHEUNG SHUN STREET HEADING FOR MEI FOO OR KWAI CHUNG ROAD VIA CHEUNG LAI STREET WILL HAVE TO USE CHEUNG SHUN STREET, TAI NAN WEST STREET AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON TOLO HIGHWAY

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TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND NEAR MA WO (SECTION BETWEEN ISLAND HOUSE INTERCHANGE AND SHUI WAI INTERCHANGE) BETWEEN OCTOBER 3 (MONDAY) AND 7 (FRIDAY).

THE OUTER-MOST LANE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 AM ON OCTOBER 3 TO 5 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

FROM 7 PM ON OCTOBER 5 (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING, THE INNER-MOST LANE AND CENTRE LANE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

THE INNER-MOST LANE WILL AGAIN BE CLOSED FROM 6 AM ON OCTOBER 6 (THURSDAY) TO 5 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH CARE.

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