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U.S. TEXTILES BILL HAS 'SOME WAY TO GO'
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"THE TEXTILES BILL HAS SOME WAY TO GO BEFORE THERE IS A THREAT OF IT BEING PASSED INTO LAW," THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS COMMENTING ON THE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES' DECISION YESTERDAY BY 248 VOTES TO 150 TO ADOPT THE SENATE VERSION OF THE BILL, WITH 34 NOT VOTING.

THE BILL WOULD FREEZE TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS TO THE U.S. AT 1987 LEVELS WITH ONLY ONE PER CENT GROWTH THEREAFTER.

THE BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT WHO HAS SAID MANY TIMES THAT HE WILL VETO IT.

BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY TO OVER-RIDE THE VETO.

"PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT PROPONENTS OF THE BILL WILL BE UNABLE TO MUSTER THE NECESSARY TWO-THIRDS SUPPORT IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO OVER-RIDE A PRESIDENTIAL VETO," MR SZE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT PASSAGE OF THE TEXTILES BILL INTO U.S. LAW WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM AND A GREAT SETBACK TO HONG KONG'S TRADE.

MR SZE RETURNED ON THURSDAY FROM TALKS IN GENEVA WITH MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEXTILES AND CLOTHING BUREAU ON WAYS TO CONVEY ITS MEMBERS' STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE TEXTILES BILL TO MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS MOST EFFECTIVELY, AND TO PRESS FOR THE LIBERALISATION OF TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING IN THE URUGUAY ROUND.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, RETURNED YESTERDAY FROM A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE HE MET THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, MR CLAYTON YEUTTER.

MR MACLEOD THANKED THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS FIRM STAND AGAINST THE TEXTILES BILL AND HIGHLIGHTED THE DAMAGING EFFECT ITS PASSAGE INTO LAW COULD HAVE ON HONG KONG AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM.

IN A PARALLEL MOVE THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, PASSED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES IN HONG KONG, MR DONALD ANDERSON, RE-EMPHASISING HONG KONG'S CONCERN OVER THE TEXTILES BILL.

OTHER POWERFUL OPPONENTS OF THE BILL, INCLUDING THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES, ARE ALSO ACTIVELY LOBBYING AGAINST THE BILL.

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POSITIVE REPLY TO REQUEST FOR MORE WATER

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A POSITIVE REPLY TO HONG KONG'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL WATER WAS RECEIVED YESTERDAY FROM THE GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL BUREAU OF WATER CONSERVANCY AND ELECTRIC POWER, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR BARNES WAS RESPONDING TO PRESS ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE FORMAL REPLY FROM THE BUREAU.

THE LETTER, SIGNED BY THE BUREAU'S DIRECTOR, MR GUAN ZONGZHI, STATED IT WOULD DO ITS BEST TO MAINTAIN THE ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF 280,000 CUBIC METRES OF WATER PER DAY UNTIL THE END OF FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE BUREAU WOULD ALSO DEFER ITS MAINTENANCE PERIOD OF MARCH AND APRIL TO NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER NEXT YEAR.

MR BARNES SAID HE WAS VERY GRATEFUL TO THE GUANGDONG AUTHORITY FOR ITS EFFORTS TO HELP OUT HONG KONG IN ITS TIGHT WATER SITUATION THIS YEAR.

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PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE HELPS TO IMPROVE CSD IMAGE

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THE IMAGE OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS IMPROVED BY HAVING A MORE ENLIGHTENED PUBLIC, AND THIS ALSO HELPS TO FACILITATE THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK IN THE REHABILITATION AND CARE OF PEOPLE UNDER ITS CUSTODY.

MRS SELINA CHOW SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN LAUNCHING THE OPEN DAY BEING HELD AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

"THE OPEN DAY PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AND TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED. ON WHAT REALLY IS GOING ON 'INSIDE'.

"THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF THE MYSTIQUE WHICH PEOPLE HAVE TRADITIONALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK," MRS CHOW SAID.

MRS CHOW SAID THE OPEN DAY, WHICH FORMED PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT DRIVE, WAS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTRACT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN AS OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

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"THERE IS A SENSE OF URGENCY IN THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS CRITICALLY SHORT OF STAFF IN COPING WITH ITS EXPANDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOAT PEOPLE FROM VIETNAM," SHE SAID.

"THE UNSWERVING MANNER WITH WHICH THE DEPARTMENT BRACED FOR THE ENORMOUS STRAINS ON ITS TIGHTLY STRETCHED RESOURCES WAS RECENTLY VERY MUCH IN THE LIMELIGHT.

"THE EVENTS REALLY UNDERLINE THE CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD, AND I AM SURE THE PUBLIC IS INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS IN EVERY WAY PREPARED."

ON EXHIBITION TODAY ARE DISPLAYS BASED ON ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS AS WELL AS A DISPLAY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS.

VISITORS CAN ALSO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING FOR ITS STAFF THROUGH A VIDEO DISPLAY.

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME INCLUDES A DEMONSTRATION BY THE DEPARTMENT'S GUARD DOGS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF ANTI-RIOT CONTROL AND SELF-DEFENCE TECHNIQUES.

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HEAVY INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION TO COUNTER EMIGRATION

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HONG KONG IS DEALING WITH ITS PROBLEM OF EMIGRATION BY INVESTING HEAVILY IN EDUCATION, THE DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WESTERN UNITED STATES, MR PETER JOHNSON, SAID IN SAN FRANCISCO YESTERDAY.

MR JOHNSON WAS ONE OF THREE PANELLISTS ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF THE BRAIN DRAIN FROM HONG KONG AT A MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THIS INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION WOULD NOT HAVE ANY IMMEDIATE EFFECT, IT WOULD PAY OFF HANDSOMELY BY THE END OF THE 1990'S BY PRODUCING A FIVE-FOLD INCREASE IN THE NUMBERS OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES.

"THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES PRODUCED LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS PROBABLY ALREADY EXCEEDS THE LOSS BY AN ESTIMATED 3,000 PER ANNUM," MR JOHNSON SAID.

WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE SITUATION WAS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE GOVERNMENT, HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE 'UPWARDLY MOBILE' AND HAD A GREAT CAPACITY FOR SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

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HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE, COMPRISING SOME 100 FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, THAT HONG KONG WOULD NOT TAKE STEPS TO RESTRICT EMIGRATION, WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN A FACT OF LIFE SINCE SOME OF ITS CITIZENS LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA DURING THE 1849 GOLD RUSH.

"HONG KONG IS ALSO ENCOURAGING EMIGRES TO RETURN, AND THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT THE NUMBERS ARE INCREASING JUDGING BY FIGURES SUPPLIED BY THE CONSULATES AND THE TRICKLE OF LETTERS COMING INTO THE OFFICE FROM WOULD-BE JOB SEEKERS TO HONG KONG," MR JOHNSON SAID.

THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF AN ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURER, FLEXTRONICS CORPORATION, MR DENNIS STRADFORD, SAID THE BRAIN DRAIN DID NOT APPEAR AS SERIOUS IN THE HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES AS IN THE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANIES.

"ELECTRONICS PEOPLE FEEL THEIR POSITIONS ARE SECURE AFTER 1997 AND THERE WILL BE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM," HE SAID.

MR STRADFORD, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO HONG KONG, ADDED THAT HE FORESAW INCREASING INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG ELECTRONICS COMPANIES.

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR, THE THIRD PANELLIST, VICE PRESIDENT AND AREA PERSONNEL MANAGER OF THE BANK OF AMERICA, MS PATRICIA TABER, SAID THAT THE DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE NUMBER OF 'BETTER EDUCATED' RESIDENTS WHO WERE EMIGRATING WERE PUTTING A PARTICULAR STRAIN ON THE FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR, AND CITED A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS FACED BY THE BANKING INDUSTRY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, MS TABER SAID, A NUMBER OF THESE POSITIONS WOULD BE FILLED BY RETURNEES AND EMIGRATION WOULD PROVIDE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO STAYED TO MOVE AHEAD.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR AUGUST RELEASED

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IN AUGUST, THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES OF THE VARIOUS TRADE AGGREGATES WERE ALL HIGHER THAN IN JULY, WITH PARTICULARLY SHARP GROWTH BEING RECORDED FOR RE-EXPORTS.

THIS IS SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1988 WAS \$20,669 MILLION; \$2,112 MILLION OR 11.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN AUGUST 1987, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 57.5 PER CENT OR \$9,282 MILLION TO \$25,431 MILLION.

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$46,100 MILLION IN AUGUST 1988, WAS THUS \$11,394 MILLION OR 32.8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN AUGUST 1987.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 37.3 PER CENT OR \$11,896 MILLION OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$43,829 MILLION IN AUGUST 1988.

THE VISIBLE TRADE BALANCE IN AUGUST 1988 RECORDED A SURPLUS OF \$2,271 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 5.2 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS.

THIS COMPARES WITH A SURPLUS OF \$2,773 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 8.7 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN AUGUST 1987.

PUTTING THE TRADE FIGURES FOR AUGUST IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1988 WAS \$303,149 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$136,423 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$166,726 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1987, IN VALUE TERMS TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$67,278 MILLION OR 28.5 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$13,127 MILLION OR 10.6 PER CENT, AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$54,151 MILLION OR 48.1 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$72,529 MILLION OR 30.6 PER CENT, TO \$309,913 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$6,764 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 2.2 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1988.

THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$1,513 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO ONLY 0.6 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THE HIGHER GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS RECORDED IN AUGUST WAS IN LINE WITH A PICK-UP IN THE GROWTH RATE OF RETAINED IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

HOWEVER, THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST COMBINED, AT 8.8 PER CENT, WAS JUST ABOUT THE SAME AS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988, WHEN THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE WAS 8.9 PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE CONTINUED UPSURGE IN RE-EXPORTS REFLECTED THE RE-EMERGENCE OF HONG KONG AS A MAJOR ENTREPOT FOR CHINA AND FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AS A WHOLE.

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR AUGUST 1988.

MERCHANDISE: DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$20,669	MILLION
RE-EXPORTS	:	\$25,431	MILLION
TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$46,100	MILLION
IMPORTS	:	\$43,829	MILLION
TRADE BALANCE	:	\$2,271	MILLION (IN SURPLUS)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	JUN 88 TO AUG 88	JUN 87 TO AUG 87	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	58,924	53,793	5,131	9.5
RE-EXPORTS	71,770	47,145	24,625	52.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	130,694	100,938	29,756	29.5
IMPORTS	131,408	97,355	34,053	35.0
TRADE BALANCE	-714	3,583	-4,297	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	AUGUST 1988	AUGUST 1987	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	20,669	18,557	2,112	11.4
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(44.8 %)	(53.5%)		
RE-EXPORTS	25,431	16,149	9,282	57.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	46,100	34,706	11,394	32.8
IMPORTS	43,829	31,933	11,869	37.3
TRADE BALANCE	2,271	2,773	-502	

LAST MONTH	AUGUST 1988	JULY 1988	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	20,669	20,135	534	2.7
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(44.8 %)	(45.6 %)		
RE-EXPORTS	25,431	23,975	1,456	6.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	46,100	44,110	1,990	4.5
IMPORTS	43,829	44,394	-565	-1.3
TRADE BALANCE	2,271	-284	2,555	

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CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-AUG 1988	JAN-AUG 1987	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	136,423	123,296	13,127	10.6
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(45.0 %)	(52.3 %)		
RE-EXPORTS	166,726	112,575	54,151	48.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	303,149	235,871	67,278	28.5
IMPORTS	309,913	237,384	72,529	30.6
TRADE BALANCE	-6,764	-1,513	-5,251	

LAST 12 MONTHS	SEP 87 TO AUG 88	SEP 86 TO AUG 87	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	208,380	182,838	25,542	14.0
RE-EXPORTS	236,932	160,894	76,038	47.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	445,312	343,732	101,580	29.6
IMPORTS	450,477	342,350	108,127	31.6
TRADE BALANCE	-5,165	1,382	-6,547	

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SEMINAR ON NOISE POLLUTION IN MONG KOK

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A SEMINAR ON NOISE POLLUTION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WILL MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN 1988-89 IN THE MONG KOK DISTRICT.

ANTI-NOISE POLLUTION IS THE MAIN THEME OF THIS YEAR'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN AND THE SEMINAR, TO BE HELD AT GRAND TOWER HOTEL, HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEM. THE CAMPAIGN IS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

AN EXHIBITION, WHICH WAS SET UP TODAY ON THE CROSS BRIDGE BETWEEN PHASE I AND II OF THE ARGYLE CENTRE, FOCUSSES ON NOISE POLLUTION IN GENERAL AND THE PROBLEM IN MONG KOK IN PARTICULAR. IT IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING FROM 10.30 AM TO 10 PM DAILY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30.

SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE MR WAN SEK-LUEN, MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; DR IP PO-KEUNG, LECTURER OF LINGNAN COLLEGE; MR RAYMOND CHAN, PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT; AND MR NIP MAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE NOISE POLLUTION CONCERN WORKING GROUP OF THE CAMPAIGN'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE MR CLEMENT LEUNG, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MONG KOK; MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD; AND MR CHIU KWOK-HUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN 1988-89 AND THE SEMINAR ON NOISE POLLUTION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW ON THE 6TH FLOOR OF GRAND TOWER HOTEL, 627-641 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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POLICE ACTION AGAINST UNSCRUPULOUS TAXI DRIVERS

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TSIM SHA TSUI POLICE ARE STEPPING UP ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST MALPRACTICES BY UNSCRUPULOUS TAXI DRIVERS.

MR JIM ROBB, DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT PROSECUTION HAD BEEN TAKEN AGAINST THOSE DRIVERS FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT THE RECENT UPSURGE IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS CLEARLY INDICATED THAT STRONGER ACTION WAS REQUIRED.

IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, POLICE SUMMONSED OR CHARGED A TOTAL OF 264 TAXI DRIVERS WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENCES RELATING TO THE HIRING OF TAXI IN TSIM SHA TSUI, THE MAJORITY BEING DISPLAYING UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS (153) AND REFUSING HIRE (58).

THIS COMPARES WITH A TOTAL OF 145 IN 1987 AND 62 IN 1986.

DESCRIBING THE SITUATION AS 'UNACCEPTABLE', MR ROBB SAID: "FROM THE BEGINNING OF NEXT MONTH, MORE PLAIN CLOTHES OFFICERS WILL BE DEPLOYED TO CHECK ON SUCH ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

"THIS HAS BEEN PROVED TO BE QUITE SUCCESSFUL IN THE PAST."

OTHER THAN COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, POLICE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED 28 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO TAXIS AND 18 ASSAULTS OF TAXI DRIVERS BY DISGRUNTLED WOULD-BE PASSENGERS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR.

MR ROBB SAID: "THE FIGURES ARE TWO OTHER POINTERS OF THIS GROWING PROBLEM.

"WE MUST NOT ALLOW SOME UNSCRUPULOUS ELEMENTS TO TARNISH THE REPUTATION OF THE TRADE."

ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, OPERATIONS, CHIEF INSPECTOR WONG HUNG-TAK IS KEEPING AN EYE ON THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION AGAINST TAXI MALPRACTICES AND IS DETERMINED TO REDUCE THE PROBLEM TO A MINIMUM.

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ANTI-TRIAD VARIETY SHOW IN SHA TIN

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A COLOURFUL ANTI-TRIAD PUBLICITY VARIETY SHOW WILL BE STAGED AT THE AMPHITHEATRE IN SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 26) TO ALERT THE PUBLIC TO CHANGERS POSTED BY TRIAD SOCIETIES.

ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE SHOW WILL FEATURE A DRAMA BY THE FRINGE CLUB, SINGING BY THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION, AS WELL AS FOLK DANCE AND A DISPLAY OF MAGIC BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A QUIZ COMPETITION OFFERING HANDSOME PRIZES.

THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WILL BE THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; SHA TIN DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR PETER HALLIDAY; AND SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN SZE-BUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ANTI-TRIAD PUBLICITY VARIETY SHOW ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT THE AMPHITHEATRE IN SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 26), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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\$2.27 BILLION WORTH OF UC PROJECTS IN PIPELINE

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THE IMPORTANCE THE URBAN COUNCIL PLACES ON ITS ONGOING CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME IS EMPHASISED IN "SOARING CITY", ITS RECENTLY PUBLISHED ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1988.

"THE CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME IS REVIEWED ANNUALLY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT AVAILABLE FINANCIAL AND LAND RESOURCES AND PUBLIC NEEDS. THE CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD OF 1987-88 TO 1991-1992, COMPRISING 131 PROJECTS IS AT AN ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF \$2 267 MILLION," SAID THE REPORT.

THE PROGRAMME AIMS TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF MODERN MUNICIPAL FACILITIES, VENUES AND SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC IN AN EFFORT TO ENRICH THEIR CULTURAL AND DAILY LIVES.

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ON THE CULTURAL FRONT, PHASE II OF THE \$513 MILLION HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, LOCATED AT A PRIME SITE IN TSIM SHA TSUI, IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN NOVEMBER 1989. THE CENTRE HAS AN AUDITORIUM, AN ARTS LIBRARY, AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AND TWO RESTAURANTS. ITS MUCH-AWAITED OPENING IS EXPECTED TO GREATLY ENHANCE THE CULTURAL LIFE OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

ALSO SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION NEXT YEAR IS THE EXTENSION WORK NOW BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY IN KOWLOON PARK WHILE PILING WORK OF THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST HAS ALSO STARTED.

DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW, STEADY PROGRESS CONTINUED IN THE COUNCIL'S CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPING MULTI-FUNCTIONAL COMPLEXES. DUE TO THE SCARCITY OF AVAILABLE LAND AND IN ORDER TO MAXIMISE LAND RESOURCES AND TO CATER TO THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS BUILT SEVERAL MUNICIPAL FACILITIES ON ONE SITE.

THESE MULTI-STOREY COMPLEXES OFTEN HAVE A DISTRICT LIBRARY, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, A COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE, A MARKET, A COOKED-FOOD CENTRE, PUBLIC TOILETS AND A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT LOCATED ON VARIOUS FLOORS OF THE BUILDING.

IN 1987-88, THREE SUCH MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEXES IN KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG AND SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICTS WERE COMPLETED WHILE SEVEN OTHERS ARE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG. WORK ON TWO OTHERS ARE ALSO SCHEDULED TO START DURING THE YEAR.

IN ADDITION TO THESE MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEXES, A NUMBER OF INDOOR GAMES HALLS, MODERN REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AND RECREATIONAL PROJECTS INCLUDING THE RE-LAYING OF WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND, TO KWA WAN AND KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUNDS, IMPROVEMENT WORK AT VICTORIA PARK, SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS GROUND, AS WELL AS KUNG LOK ROAD AND CHOI HUNG ROAD PLAYGROUNDS WERE COMPLETED AND OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE.

PRICED AT \$20, THE BILINGUAL URBAN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1988, WITH OVER 100 PAGES OF COLOUR ILLUSTRATION, IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE URBAN COUNCIL BOOK SHOPS AT THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK AND KOWLOON CENTRAL LIBRARY AND ALL LEADING BOOK SHOPS.

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SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK DECLARED OPEN

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING DECLARED THE SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK OPEN SO THAT RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWN CAN HAVE AN IDEAL VENUE TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

LOCATED WITHIN A MAJOR RECREATIONAL BELT ALONGSIDE THE SHING MUN RIVER, THE EIGHT-HECTARE PARK STRETCHES FROM LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD IN THE WEST TO SAND MARTIN BRIDGE IN THE EAST.

BUILT AT A COST OF \$75 MILLION, THE PARK COMPRISES SIX AREAS, EACH WITH ITS OWN DISTINCTIVE FEATURES.

THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE PARK CONSISTS OF A LARGE OPEN SPACE LINKING IT WITH THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND THE NEWLY-OPENED LEK YUEN BRIDGE.

MAIN FEATURES OF THIS AREA ARE THE AMPHITHEATRE WITH ITS STRIKING YELLOW TENSIONED CANOPY AND THE CENTRAL CASCADE FOUNTAIN.

THE PARK ALSO CONSISTS OF SEVERAL GARDENS CONTAINING MORE THAN 110,000 PLANTS AND A RANGE OF 400 SPECIES AND VARIETIES, MANY OF WHICH ARE NOT COMMON TO HONG KONG.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE PARK INCLUDE A LARGE ARTIFICIAL HILL AND WATERFALL, A WESTERN-STYLE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND, A FLOWER DISPLAY GARDEN, A CHINESE-STYLE ADVENTURE PLAY AREA AND A CHINESE-STYLE WATER GARDEN.

ONE OF THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS FOR CHILDREN IS A 12-TON FISHING JUNK MOORED ON LAND.

IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL A NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES HAD RECENTLY BEEN BUILT IN SHA TIN.

THESE INCLUDED THE YUEN WO ROAD INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE NEXT TO THE PARK AND THE HENG ON INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE IN MA ON SHAN.

AS TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID THE COUNCIL PLANNED TO CONTRUCT A SECONDARY POOL AND A PADDLING POOL FOR THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

AND TO MEET THE DEMAND OF THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING MA ON SHAN AREA, A SWIMMING POOL WOULD ALSO BE BUILT FOR ITS 200,000 RESIDENTS.

MR CHEUNG SAID THE UNPREDICTABLY HEAVY RAINS IN AUGUST HAD RENDERED A SMALL SECTION OF THE PARK STILL INCOMPLETE, BUT IT WAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE OPENING SO THAT RESIDENTS COULD HAVE AN IDEAL VENUE TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL AND ALSO TO ENJOY THE PARK'S MAGNIFICENT FACILITIES.

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KOWLOON CITY LAUNCHES CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN ABOUT ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE PARTICIPATED AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE FIVE-MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS AIMED AT PROMOTING A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT AMONG RESIDENTS, WAS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD FOR YOUTHS, STUDENTS, WORKERS AND ELDERLY PEOPLE TO PROMOTE THEIR CIVIC AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, CONDUCTED AT A FLOOR DISCUSSION ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

TO WIDELY PUBLICISE THE CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE AND THE CAMPAIGN, FOUR PAIRS OF PUBLICITY SLOGANS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT BUSY LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, A PUBLICITY BUS TOURED THE DISTRICT AND DISTRIBUTED PUBLICITY MATERIALS, APPEALING TO THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMPAIGN'S VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE CIVIC EDUCATION FORERUNNERS SCHEME, CIVIC EDUCATION TRILOGY FOR THE ELDERLY, OUTSTANDING CITIZENS AWARD SCHEME AND CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS PARTICIPATION SCHEME.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT A SERIES OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA AND TO REDUCE CONFLICT BETWEEN PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLES, PARTICULARLY ALONG HOI YUEN ROAD.

THE MEASURES INCLUDE TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEING AND DIVERSIONS, BANNING OF TURNING MOVEMENTS, AND DESIGNATION OF A BUS-ONLY LANE AND URBAN CLEARWAYS.

IN ADDITION, ROUTEINGS OF A NUMBER OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES AND BUS ROUTES WILL BE DIVERTED, WHILE CERTAIN GREEN MINIBUS AND BUS STOPS WILL BE MOVED TO NEW LOCATIONS.

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DETAILS OF THE MEASURES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEING

- * THE SECTION OF HOI YUEN ROAD BETWEEN SHING YIP STREET AND WAI YIP STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND, WHILE THE SECTION OF HOI YUEN ROAD BETWEEN SHING YIP STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD WILL REMAIN TWO-WAY OPERATION.
- * KING YIP STREET BETWEEN HUNG TO ROAD AND HING YIP STREET, AND TSUN YIP STREET BETWEEN HUNG TO ROAD AND WAI YIP STREET WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * HUNG TO ROAD BETWEEN HOI YUEN ROAD AND KING YIP STREET WILL BE MADE ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

BUS-ONLY LANE

- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SHING YIP STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI YUEN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A BUS-ONLY LANE. NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS ROAD SECTION AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.

BANNING OF VEHICULAR TURNING MOVEMENTS

- * RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENTS FROM HUNG TO ROAD EASTBOUND ONTO TSUN YIP STREET SOUTHBOUND, FROM HING YIP STREET EASTBOUND ONTO KING YIP STREET SOUTHBOUND, FROM SHING YIP STREET WESTBOUND ONTO HOI YUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND, AND FROM CHA KWO LING ROAD NORTHBOUND ONTO LEI YUE MUN ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED.
- * LEFT-TURN MOVEMENTS FROM WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND ONTO HOI YUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND, FROM HUNG TO ROAD EASTBOUND ONTO HOI YUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND, AND FROM KING YIP STREET NORTHBOUND ONTO HUNG TO ROAD WESTBOUND WILL ALSO BE BANNED.

AS A RESULT, MOTORISTS ON HUNG TO ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR TSUN YIP STREET BETWEEN HUNG TO ROAD AND WAI YIP STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOI YUEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND, KEI YIP STREET SOUTHBOUND, HOI YUEN ROAD EASTBOUND AND TSUN YIP STREET NORTHBOUND.

AS FOR THOSE HEADING FOR HOI YUEN ROAD BETWEEN SHING YIP STREET AND HUNG TO ROAD, THEY WILL TRAVEL ALONG KING YIP STREET NORTHBOUND, SHING YIP STREET WESTBOUND AND HOI YUEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND HEADING FOR KWUN TONG ROAD WILL HAVE TO GO VIA KING YIP STREET NORTHBOUND, YAU SHING STREET, CHA KWO LING ROAD, LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND.

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THOSE ON HING YIP STREET EASTBOUND HEADING FOR KING YIP STREET BETWEEN HING YIP STREET AND HUNG TO ROAD WILL HAVE TO USE KING YIP STREET NORTHBOUND, SHING YIP STREET WESTBOUND, HOI YUEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, HUNG TO ROAD EASTBOUND AND KING YIP STREET NORTHBOUND.

NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON KING YIP STREET WILL TRAVEL ALONG SHING YIP STREET WESTBOUND, HOI YUEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND HUNG TO ROAD EASTBOUND ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO HUNG TO ROAD BETWEEN KING YIP STREET AND HOI YUEN ROAD. ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO KWUN TONG ROAD, THEY WILL USE YAU SHING STREET, CHA KWO LING ROAD, LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

VEHICLES ON CHA KWO LING ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR YAU TONG WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA CHA KWO LING ROAD EASTBOUND, YAU TONG ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT DIVERSIONS

- * GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 23, 23A AND 36 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWUN TONG FERRY TERMINUS, WAI YIP STREET, KING YIP STREET, SHING YIP STREET AND HOI YUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND. THE EXISTING GREEN MINIBUS STOPS AT HOI YUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE CANCELLED AND REPLACED BY A NEW ONE ON KING YIP STREET OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 55.
- * KMB ROUTES NO. 5K, 11D, 13B, 13C, 13E, 14B, 15A, 15B, 25, 28A, 40, 74A, 74X, 80, 89A, 93A AND 889 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA WAI YIP STREET, KING YIP STREET, SHING YIP STREET AND HOI YUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND. THE BUS STOPS ON HOI YUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 47, 55, 61 AND 79 WILL BE MOVED TO KING YIP STREET NORTHBOUND OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 41, 49, 57 AND 59 AND SHING YIP STREET WESTBOUND OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 10.

URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS

SECTIONS OF SHING YIP STREET, KING YIP STREET, HOI YUEN ROAD, WAI YIP STREET AND HUNG TO ROAD WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO INDICATE THE EXTENT OF SUCH RESTRICTIONS AND THEIR HOURS OF OPERATION. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR SUCH GUIDANCE AND NOT TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTED PERIOD.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES TO COINCIDE WITH OPENING OF BRIDGES

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TWO BRIDGES ACROSS THE NULLAH ON YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE BRIDGES, WHICH WERE CONSTRUCTED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN YUEN LONG TOWN, ARE LOCATED RESPECTIVELY AT THE JUNCTION OF YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS AND PING WUI STREET AND AT THE JUNCTION OF YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS AND MA MIU ROAD.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW BRIDGE AT PING WUI STREET, VEHICLES FROM TUEN MUN HEADING FOR YUEN LONG TOWN SOUTH WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD (PING SHAN SECTION), YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS (WANG TAT ROAD), PING WUI STREET, YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD, MA MIU ROAD AND TAI YUK ROAD.

AT PRESENT, OWING TO THE BANNING OF RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENTS FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD (PING SHAN SECTION) ONTO TAI YUK ROAD, THESE VEHICLES CAN ONLY USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD (PING SHAN SECTION), CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG SECTION), KIK YEUNG ROAD, YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD, MA MIU ROAD AND TAI YUK ROAD.

IN ADDITION, VEHICLES FROM AREAS NORTH OF YUEN LONG TOWN SUCH AS LONG PING ESTATE AND WANG CHAU CAN ALSO MAKE USE OF THIS NEW BRIDGE FOR ACCESS TO YUEN LONG TOWN.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE OPENING OF THE NEW BRIDGE AT MA MIU ROAD WILL ENABLE TRAFFIC FROM YUEN LONG TOWN HEADING FOR AREAS NORTH OF YUEN LONG TOWN TO TRAVEL ALONG MA MIU ROAD, YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS (WANG TAT ROAD) AND WANG LOK STREET.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE TWO BRIDGES, PING WUI STREET HAS BEEN RE-OPENED TO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27), SECTIONS OF PING WUI STREET AND MA MIU ROAD WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS OPERATING ROUND THE CLOCK.

THE AFFECTED ROAD SECTIONS ARE MA MIU ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WANG TAT ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MA WANG ROAD, AND PING WUI STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WANG TAT ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MA WANG ROAD.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THESE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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BEACH CLEANING DAY AT CHEUNG CHAU

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MORE THAN 120 STUDENTS FROM TEN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN CHEUNG CHAU WILL TAKE PART IN A BEACH CLEANING DAY TO BE HELD AT TUNG WAN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO LAUNCH THE ISLANDS DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

BEFORE BEACH CLEANING, AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT TUNG WAN PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG CHAU AT 10.30 AM.

THE ACTIVITY IS ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR WONG WAI-KWAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

DURING THE CEREMONY, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOUR MAIN ISLANDS OF THE DISTRICT, NAMELY LANTAU, PENG CHAU, CHEUNG CHAU AND LAMMA, WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PENNANTS TO SHOW THAT THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT TUNG WAN PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG CHAU AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE LAUNCH 'CLEMENTI' WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER, CENTRAL AT 9 AM FOR CHEUNG CHAU. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR RAYMOND TAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF INDOSUEZ NEW ZEALAND LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED WITH EFFECT FROM THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (SATURDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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WAN CHAI CELEBRATES FESTIVAL

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POP SONGS AND CANTONESE OPERA SONGS FILLED THE AIR AT SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND IN WAN CHAI THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING AS A CARNIVAL WAS HELD TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARTS, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, AND SPONSORED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD.

IT WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING FREE ENTERTAINMENT TO DISTRICT RESIDENTS DURING THE FESTIVAL.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALLAN CHOW, PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION FOR LAUNCHING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND PROVIDING TRAINING IN SINGING AND PERFORMING ARTS FOR YOUTH IN THE DISTRICT SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1983.

THE PROGRAMMES HAD GREATLY ENHANCED THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN WAN CHAI, HE SAID.

MR CHOW ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AS VOTERS DURING THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN SO THAT THEY COULD TAKE PART IN FUTURE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

TONIGHT'S CARNIVAL WAS ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS OF WAN CHAI RESIDENTS WHO WERE TREATED TO PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND TELEVISION STARS.

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WSD SUB-OFFICE TO BE BUILT IN NORTH POINT

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WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OPERATIONAL AND SERVICE CENTRE IN NORTH POINT FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT WORTH \$26.88 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT.

THE CENTRE, EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO BUILD, WILL OCCUPY AN AREA OF 1,310 SQUARE METRES WITHIN A SITE OF ABOUT 4,300 SQUARE METRES. IT IS BOUNDED BY KING'S ROAD, JAVA ROAD AND MAN HONG STREET.

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THE FIVE-STOREY BUILDING WILL HAVE OFFICES, WORKSHOPS, STORAGE AREA, BARRACKS, A CANTEEN AND A RECREATION ROOM.

ON COMPLETION, THE CENTRE WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AS A SUB-OFFICE FOR THE HONG KONG AND ISLANDS REGION. IT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE IN BULLOCK LANE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CANAL ROAD EAST

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT CANAL ROAD EAST BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON LOCKHART ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA STEWART ROAD.

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN LAYING WORK.

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