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MOTOR INSURERS SET UP INSOLVENCY FUND

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MOTOR INSURERS' BUREAU OF HONG KONG (MIB) FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND TO MEET THE CLAIMS OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURY AND DEATH WHICH REMAIN UNPAID AS A RESULT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE COMPANY BECOMING INSOLVENT IN THE FUTURE.

THE AGREEMENT, SIGNED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MIB, MR KO YING, PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECOND FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MIB.

THE FIRST FUND WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER AN EARLIER AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN 1981 TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS WHO SUFFERED BODILY INJURY, OR TO DEPENDANTS OF PEOPLE WHO DIED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, AND WHO WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN REDRESS BECAUSE NO EFFECTIVE INSURANCE WAS IN FORCE.

MR KO EXPLAINED THAT THE EXISTING FUND, CURRENTLY TOTALLING ABOUT $25 MILLION, IS BEING FINANCED BY A ONE PER CENT SURCHARGE ON MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

THE CURRENT SIZE OF THE FUND WAS CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT TO MEET CURRENT NEEDS AND THE SURCHARGE WILL BE REDUCED TO 0.5 PER CENT FROM DECEMBER 1.

THE SECOND FUND WILL BE QUICKLY ESTABLISHED BY A SURCHARGE OF 2.5 PER CENT ON MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE PREMIUMS TO BE COLLECTED BY MOTOR VEHICLE INSURERS FROM THEIR POLICY HOLDERS. THIS SURCHARGE WILL BE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC REVIEW AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MIB AND GOVERNMENT.

THE SECOND FUND WILL BE USED SOLELY TO MEET THIRD PARTY CLAIMS FOR BODILY INJURY AND DEATH ARISING FROM TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING MOTOR VEHICLE INSURERS WHO BECOME INSOLVENT AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 1985.

MR KO SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURERS WILL NOT BE GUARANTEEING THE SOLVENCY OF THE SECOND FUND, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE LEVEL OF SURCHARGE WILL PROVE ADEQUATE TO MEET ITS POSSIBLE FUTURE LIABILITIES.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR THE MIB TO ENTER INTO THIS FURTHER AGREEMENT AT THIS STAGE BECAUSE A REASONABLE DEGREE OF PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1983.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH THE MIB TODAY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD APPROVED A SEPARATE SCHEME TO USE SURPLUS FUNDS IN THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME FUND TO MAKE EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS TO THIRD PARTIES IN RESPECT OF DEATH OR BODILY INJURY ARISING FROM TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING MOTOR VEHICLES INSURED WITH FIVE INSOLVENT INSURANCE COMPANIES NOW IN LIQUIDATION.

DETAILS OF THIS SCHEME WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

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REGISTRY ON CHILD ABUSE TO BE SET UP

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INTEND TO SET UP A CENTRAL REGISTRY OF CHILD ABUSE AT THE END OF THE YEAR, REGIONAL OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR KWOK KA-CHI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING ON CHILD ABUSE AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG EAST, MR KWOK SAID THE CENTRAL REGISTRY WOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT.

+THE REGISTRY WILL BE FOR THE REFERENCE OF ALL CONCERNED ORGANISATIONS, AND WILL HELP TO AROUSE AWARENESS OF CHILD ABUSE AS WELL AS STEP UP EFFICIENCY IN HANDLING SUCH CASES,+ HE SAID.

THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT WAS SET UP IN JUNE 1983 TO HANDLE CHILD ABUSE CASES, AND TO TAKE OVER THE MORE DIFFICULT CASES FROM THE 22 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT LOCATED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

AS OF SEPTEMBER 1985, THE UNIT HANDLED 173 CHILD ABUSE CASES INVOLVING 327 CHILDREN, REPRESENTING HALF OF THE TOTAL CASES IN HONG KONG.

STATISTICS SHOWED THAT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TOGETHER WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HANDLED 349 CHILD ABUSE CASES INVOLVING 461 CHILDREN. THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR WERE 338 CASES INVOLVING 455 CHILDREN.

IN 50 PER CENT OF THE CASES, THE ABUSER WAS THE MOTHER, WHILE 30 PER CENT OF THE CASES INVOLVED THE FATHER, MR KWOK SAID.

OF THE CHILDREN INVOLVED, 90 PER CENT WERE BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWO AND 14, HE SAID.

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THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILD ABUSE INCLUDED HOSPITALS, POLICE, SCHOOLS, CHILD CARE CENTRES, NEIGHBOURS, RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND EVEN PARENTS THEMSELVES.

ON RECEIVING THE INFORMATION, THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE STAFF WOULD TAKE ACTION TO STOP THE ABUSE AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN. IF THE CASE WAS SERIOUS, EMERGENCY MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO REMOVE THE CHILD AND THE POLICE WOULD BE INFORMED.

THE STAFF WOULD ALSO PROVIDE COUNSELLING SERVICE TO THE PARENTS TO HELP THEM SOLVE THEIR PERSONAL PROBLEMS WHICH WERE OFTEN THE CAUSE OF CHILD ABUSE, MR KWOK SAID, ADDING THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO KEEP THE CHILD WITHIN THE FAMILY HOME.

IF NO OTHER ALTERNATIVES WERE AVAILABLE, THE CHILD WOULD BE PLACED IN A CHILDREN'S HOME, A SMALL GROUP HOME OR A FOSTER HOME, HE SAID. WHERE NECESSARY, A CARE AND PROTECTION ORDER WOULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE COURT TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PROTECTION FOR THE CHILD.

MR KWOK ALSO CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO USE THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HOTLINE 3-432255 TO REPORT CASES OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE.

LAST YEAR, 540 CALLS INVOLVING CHILD ABUSE WERE RECEIVED ON THE HOTLINE SERVICE. OF THESE, 134 SUSPECTED CASES WERE INVESTIGATED BY FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE STAFF WHO UNCOVERED 28 GENUINE CASES.

+IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THERE WERE 95 REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE ON THE HOTLINE, AND 10 OF THESE HAVE PROVED TO BE GENUINE CASES,+ MR KWOK SAID.

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DUCHESS OF KENT TO VISIT HK

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF KENT WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM JANUARY 30 TO FEBRUARY 4, 1986.

DURING HER VISIT HRH WILL BE THE GUEST OF THE ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AND OF THE JOCKEY CLUB FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE THEATRE BLOCK OF THE NEW ACADEMY.

HER PROGRAMME WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE OPENING OF A MAJOR RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION ENTITLED 'THE ART OF HENRY MOORE'.

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AUGUST RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUGUST 1985, ESTIMATED AT $5 411 MILLION, SHOWED NO CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984, WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS ONE PER CENT LOWER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RETAIL SALES FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD JUNE - AUGUST 1985, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, FELL BY THREE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1985, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, RETAIL SALES FOR AUGUST 1985 DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES SHOWED AN INCREASE OF THREE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF FUELS ROSE BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ DROPPED BY FOUR PER CENT IN VALUE AND FIVE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD JUNE-AUGUST 1985, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE BUT A DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS RECORDED AN INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO SHOWED NO CHANGE IN SALES VALUE, AND RECORDED A SLIGHT INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES DECREASED BY THREE PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME, AND OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ BY SIX PER CENT IN VALUE AND SEVEN PER CENT IN VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1985, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS RECORDED A DECREASE OF TWO PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

+OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ SHOWED NO CHANGE IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF FUELS FELL BY TWO PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHILST THOSE OF FOODSFUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO DROPPED BY THREE PER CENT IN VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

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ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984. DEPARTMENT STORES RECORDED MODERATE INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS RECORDED A SLIGHT INCREASE IN SALES VALUE BUT A SMALL DECREASE IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES DROPPED IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD JUNE - AUGUST 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. DEPARTMENT STORES RECORDED MODERATE INCREASES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, WHILE SUPERMARKETS SHOWED SLIGHT INCREASES. ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES DECREASED MODERATELY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1985, RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. MOTOR VEHICLES SHOWED MODERATE INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES DROPPED SLIGHTLY IN VALUE BUT REMAINED UNCHANGED IN VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS, HOWEVER, RECORDED DECREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL SALES FIGURE FOR JULY 1985 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR AUGUST 1985.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF AUGUST 1985 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF JULY 1985 AND AUGUST 1984 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THREE-MONTH PERIOD JUNE - AUGUST 1985 WITH THOSE IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984 ARE ALSO GIVEN. GRAPHS 1 AND 2 DEPICT THE INDEX MOVEMENTS OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES FROM JANUARY 1983 TO JULY 1985.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE AUGUST 1985 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, 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 (TEL. NO. : 3-7216024).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for August 1985 (Provisional Figure) = HK$5 411 million
for July 1985 (Revised Figure) = HK$5 452 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR JULY AND AUGUST 1985

(Monthly average of 1980 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	July 1985 (Revised figures)	August 1985 (Provisional figures)	August 1985 compared with July 1985 Points	%	August 1985 compared with August 1984 Points	%	June - August 1985 compared with June - August 1984 Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	160	159	- 1	- 1	*	*	- 4	- 3
	Volume	111	110	- 1	- 1	- 1	- 1	- 4	- 3
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	180	174	- 6	- 3	+ 1	+ 1	*	*
	Volume	117	113	- 4	- 3	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1	+ 1
Fuels	Value	193	190	- 3	- 2	+ 4	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1
	Volume	125	123	- 2	- 2	+ 1	+ 1	+ 2	+ 2
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	180	177	- 3	- 2	+17	+11	+12	+ 7
	Volume	112	111	*	*	+ 3	+ 2	- 1	- 1
Consumer durables	Value	154	155	+ 1	+ 1	+ 5	+ 3	- 5	- 3
	Volume	113	114	+ 1	+ 1	+ 2	+ 2	- 5	- 4
Other consumer goods	Value	146	146	*	*	- 7	- 4	-10	- 6
	Volume	105	105	*	*	- 5	- 5	- 7	- 7
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
Supermarkets	Value	338	317	-21	- 6	+ 4	+ 1	+ 9	+ 3
	Volume	204	192	-13	- 6	- 1	- 1	+ 2	+ 1
Motor vehicles	Value	90	95	+ 5	+ 6	+27	+39	+19	+27
	Volume	53	55	+ 3	+ 5	+16	+36	+10	+23
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles	Value	198	196	- 1	- 1	-11	- 5	-21	-10
	Volume	155	155	*	*	- 6	- 4	-15	- 9
Department stores	Value	149	180	+31	+21	+18	+11	+13	+ 9
	Volume	107	129	+22	+21	+12	+10	+ 9	+ 9

Notes : 1. "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" includes "supermarkets".
2. "Consumer durables" includes "motor vehicles".
3. "Other consumer goods" includes "department stores".
4. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.
5. * denotes no change.

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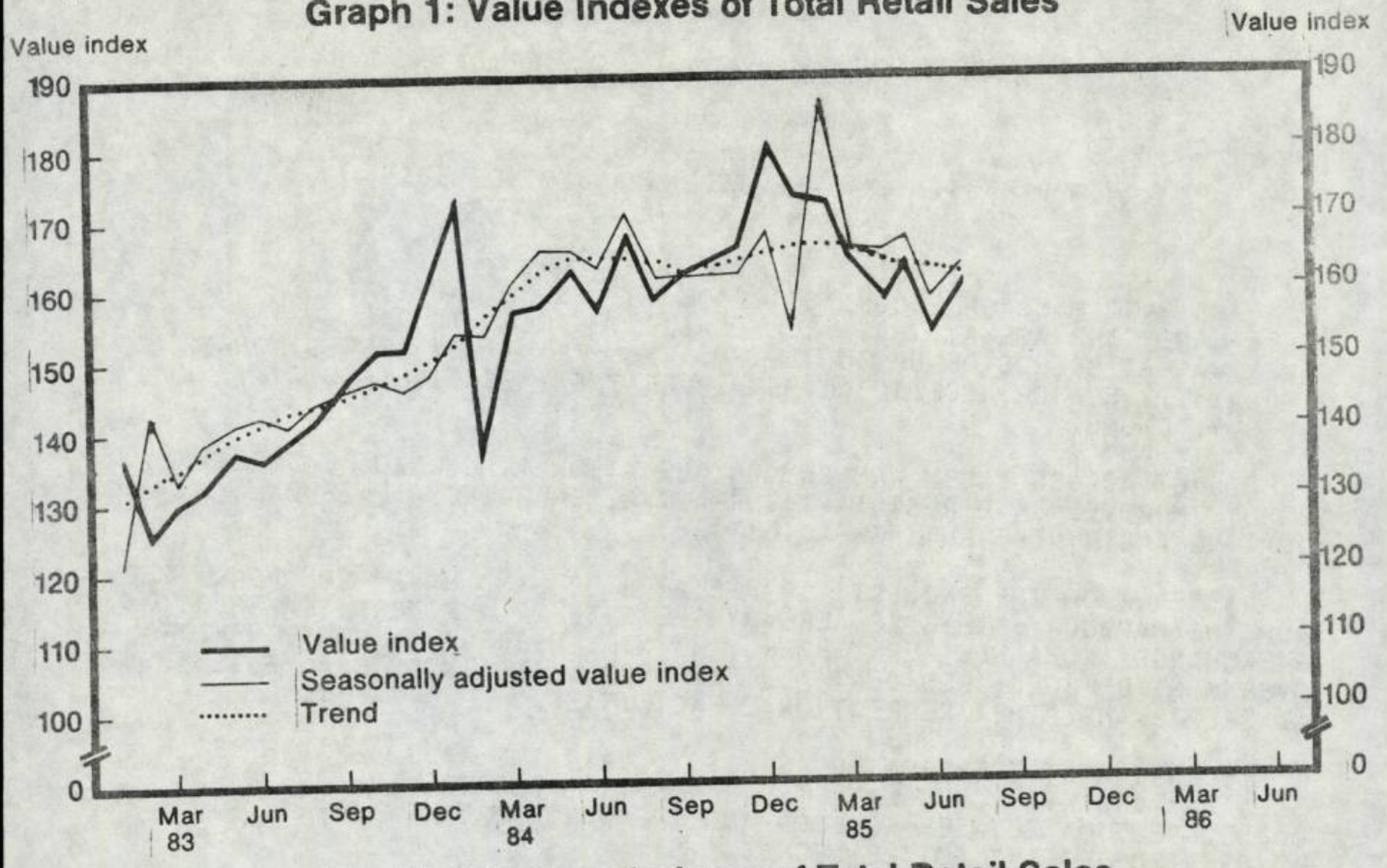
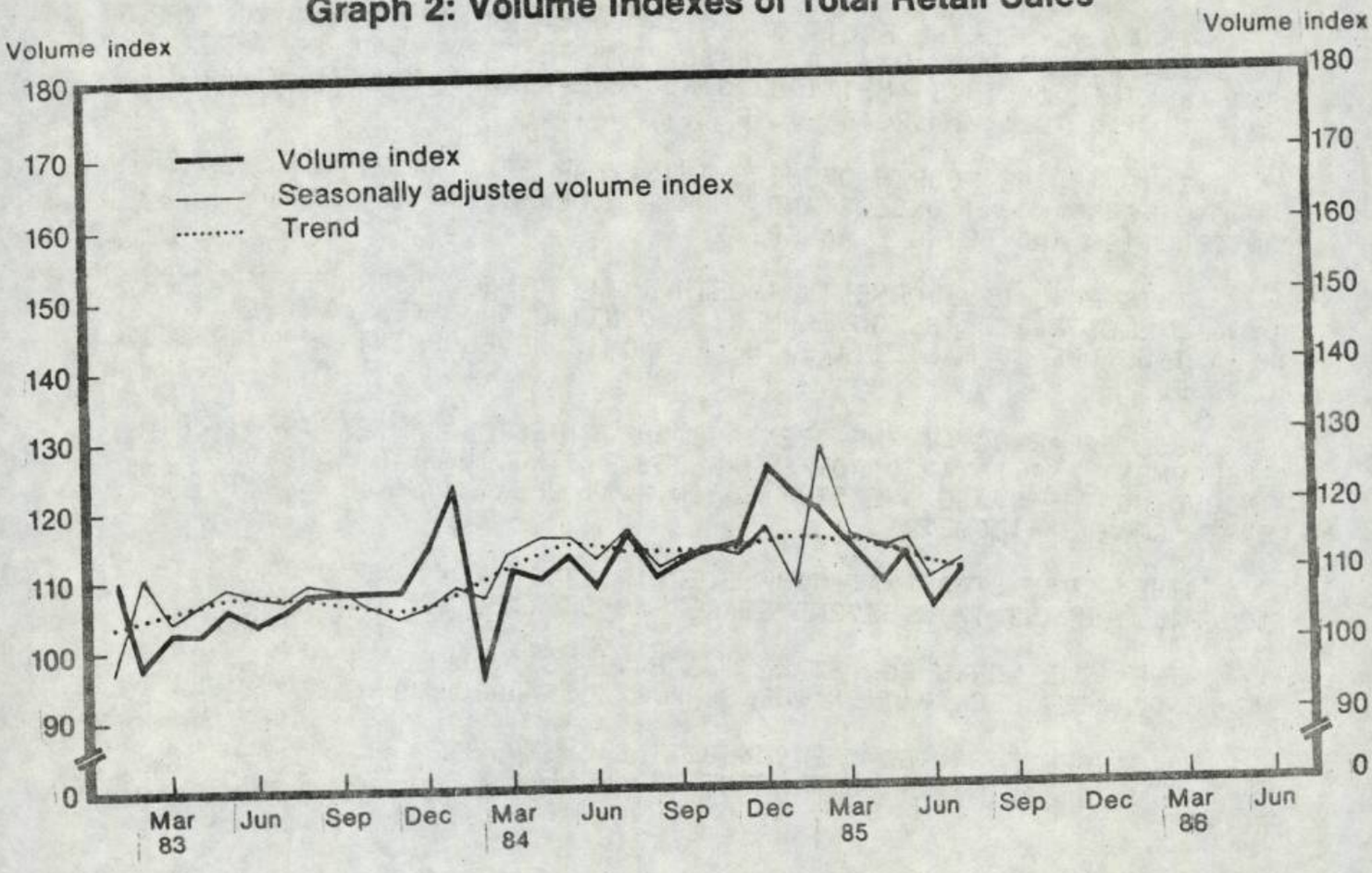
Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Graph 2: Volume Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Notes: (1) Monthy average of 1980 = 100.
(2) The seasonally adjusted value and volume indexes and Henderson trends are compiled using theX-11 variant seasonal adjustment program of the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

NEW BYPASS WILL EASE TSUEN WAN BOTTLENECK

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THE $400 MILLION SECOND STAGE OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS, A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY THAT WILL ENABLE VEHICLES TO PASS THROUGH TSUEN WAN AT SPEEDS OF UP TO 70 KPH, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG.

BUILT ACROSS TSUEN WAN BAY ON ELEVATION, THE ROAD FEATURES HIGHLY IMPROVED SKID-RESISTANT SURFACING, EMERGENCY TELEPHONES, LIGHTING AND FIRE-FIGHTING FACILITIES.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT, 19 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN RECLAIMED FROM THE HARBOUR. THIS IS ALREADY THE SITE OF A MODERN TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AND A NEW FERRY PIER. IT WILL EVENTUALLY HOUSE NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICES, RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND SPORTS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, SIR S.Y. SAID THE RAPID GROWTH OF TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AND THEIR POSITION ASTRIDE THE PRINCIPAL ROAD CONNECTION BETWEEN KOWLOON AND THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES HAD CREATED TRAFFIC BOTTLE-NECKS.

+TODAY WE SEE THE FRUITION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION BY PROVIDING A BYPASS FROM THE CONTAINER PORT TEXACO ROAD AND THEN ON THIS AMBITIOUS STRUCTURE ACROSS TSUEN WAN BAY TO CONNECT WITH TUEN MUN ROAD,+ SIR S.Y. SAID.

+THIS IS THE FOURTH OPENING THIS YEAR OF A MAJOR ROAD PROJECT IN HONG KONG AND, I UNDERSTAND, MORE MAJOR ROUTES ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND BEING PLANNED.

+THIS ROAD DEVELOPMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TOWNS, ILLUSTRATES THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE TO FACILITATE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR BRYAN O'RORKE, IN DESCRIBING THE BYPASS SAID: +INCLUDING THE STAGE ONE SECTION IN KWAI CHUNG IT COVERS A TOTAL LENGTH OF 3.6 KILOMETRES.

+THE FIRST STAGE WAS COMPLETED IN 1981 AT A COST OF MORE THAN $100 MILLION AND THIS SECOND STAGE WAS STARTED SOON AFTERWARDS.

+THE ROAD WORKS FOR STAGE TWO HAVE COST ABOUT $300 MILLION WHILE THE ASSOCIATED RECLAMATION WORKS HAVE COST A FURTHER $100 MILLION.+

MR O'RORKE THANKED THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, THE MAIN CONTRACTORS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT.

/+THE GOVERNMENT .....

+THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROVISION OF HIGH-CAPACITY HIGHWAYS - SUCH AS THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS FOR THE SAFE AND RAPID MOVEMENT OF LARGE VOLUMES OF TRAFFIC GENERATED BY HOUSING PROJECTS, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUCH IMPORTANT FACILITIES AS THE CONTAINER PORT.

+THIS PROJECT IS THUS PART OF A LARGER SCALE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WHICH IS CONTINUING WITH SUBSTANTIAL FORWARD MOMENTUM,+ HE SAID.

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EXEMPTION ORDER PUBLISHED

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THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER 1985.

THE ORDER EXEMPTS THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE BASIC LAW OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 151).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE EXEMPTION ORDER WAS TO FACILITATE THE SETTING UP OF THE BASIC LAW CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

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HK, U.S. AGREE TO LIFT CALL

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CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS ON EXPORT OF MAN-MADE FIBRE LUGGAGE AND THREE EXPORT AUTHORISATION (EA) CALLS HAVE RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON THE LIFTING OF A CALL FOR CATEGORY 440 (WOOL SHIRTS AND BLOUSES).

THE TALKS, WHICH STARTED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY, ENDED THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID CONSULTATIONS ON CATEGORY 361 (COTTON SHEETS) AND MAN-MADE-FIBRE LUGGAGE HAD NOT RESULTED IN ANY AGREEMENT. FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD ON THESE TWO ITEMS, BUT NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET.

/THE SPOKESMAN .....

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AFTER HONG KONG REJECTED THE U.S. CALL FOR RESTRAINT ON CATEGORY 360 (COTTON PILLOWCASES), THE U.S. IMPOSED A LIMIT FOR 1985 EXPORTS OF 1 000 636 PIECES. HONG KONG HAS RESERVED ITS RIGHTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT AND THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT ON THIS CASE.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WAS LED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR DONALD TSANG, FOR THE MAN-MADE-FIBRE CONSULTATIONS AND BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR ROBERT FOOTMAN, FOR THE THREE EA CALLS.

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OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR HO MAN TIN
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR HO MAN TIN.

THE PLAN COVERS AN AREA OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT AND IS BOUNDED BY BOUNDARY STREET, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH AND THE HILLY AREA TO THE EAST OF HO MAN TIN ESTATE.

OF THE 216 HECTARES OF LAND COVERED BY THE PLAN, 26.38 HECTARES IN THE SOUTHERN PART HAVE BEEN ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ALLOWING FOR COMMERCIAL USE ON THE LOWER THREE FLOORS OF BUILDINGS AND 47.31 HECTARES BOUNDED BY PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD, AND TO THE NORTH OF PERTH STREET BEING ZONED SOLELY FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.

ANOTHER 36.1 HECTARES OF LAND ARE FOR OPEN SPACE AND 62.84 HECTARES FOR GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY USES.

+IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE POPULATION OF THE HO MAN TIN AREA WILL REACH 139 000 ON FULL DEVELOPMENT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

RESTRICTION IS IMPOSED ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE KADOORIE HILL AREA TO RETAIN ITS LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER, HE ADDED.

THE NEW PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, KOWLOON, AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE AT WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

/ANY PERSON .....

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE PLANS MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY DECEMBER 31.

COPIES OF THE PLAN ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT $10 FOR UNCOLOURED COPIES AND $120 FOR COLOURED ONES.

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FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN TO START

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THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 3) TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE HIGH FIRE RISK IN THE PREVAILING DRY WEATHER.

FIREMEN WILL PERFORM A SERIES OF FIRE FIGHTING AND SPECTACULAR SELF-RESCUE DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOWING AN OPENING CEREMONY AT MORSE PARK'S FOOTBALL PITCHES STARTING AT 2 PM. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS WILL INCLUDE A PERFORMANCE OF THE CAPE COLLINSON MARCHING BAND, A VARIETY SHOW WITH SINGING, A MAGICIAN AND AN ACROBATIC DISPLAY, TOGETHER WITH A DANCE DISPLAY BY THE MODERN DANCE TROUPE +SWING+.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THE CAMPAIGN COULD HELP PUT ACROSS THE FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGE AMONG RESIDENTS.

+SPECIAL EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON CARELESSNESS AS STATISTICS SHOW THAT THIS IS ALWAYS THE MAJOR CAUSE OF FIRE,+ HE SAID.

A MEDIA PUBLICITY PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTING THIS ASPECT HAS BEEN PRODUCED AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS WILL BE RELEASED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE NEED TO BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE.

THE PUBLICITY ITEMS INCLUDE A 30-SECOND TELEVISION PUBLICITY FILM SHOWING HOW A HOUSEHOLD FIRE CAN BE STARTED AS A RESULT OF CARELESSNESS.

A POSTER, CALENDAR CARDS, BOOKMARKS AND AN MTR-POSTER CARRYING THE CAMPAIGN MESSAGE THAT CARELESSNESS CAUSES FIRE HAVE ALSO BEEN PRODUCED.

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+AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN, A SERIES OF FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD ON ALTERNATE SUNDAYS AT DENSELY POPULATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FIRST OF THESE WILL BE HELD AT OI MAN ESTATE ON NOVEMBER 17.

THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE INFORMATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON GENERAL AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION. FIRE ENGINES WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

VISITORS TO THESE EXHIBITIONS WILL RECEIVE CALENDAR CARDS AND BOOKMARKS AS WELL AS A BOOKLET ON FIRE PREVENTION AT HOME.

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CHEAPER FARES FOR KWUN TONG ELDERLY ON THE WAY

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ELDERLY RESIDENTS OR WORKERS IN KWUN TONG WILL SOON BE ABLE TO TRAVEL CHEAPLY ON MINIBUSES AND MAXICABS WITHIN THE DISTRICT IF THEY JOIN A SCHEME INITIATED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

+ALL THREE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS ASSOCIATIONS AND A MAXICAB COMPANY IN THE DISTRICT HAVE AGREED TO JOIN THE SCHEME TO PROVIDE REDUCED FARES FOR THE ELDERLY,+ THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE CONCERN OF MEDICAL AND TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, MISS MONA LO, SAID.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON, MISS LO SAID: +THE OPERATORS OF THE 12 ROUTES PLYING WITHIN KWUN TONG, CONSISTING OF 188 PLB'S AND 16 MAXICABS WILL OFFER REDUCED OR HALF FARES TO THE ELDERLY EITHER AT ANY TIME OR ONLY ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.+

+ANYONE AGED 65 OR ABOVE, WHO IS A HONG KONG RESIDENT LIVING OR WORKING IN KWUN TONG IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE SCHEME,+ SHE SAID.

+THERE ARE ABOUT 40 000 ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE SCHEME,+ SHE ADDED.

+THOSE WHO JOIN WILL BE PROVIDED WITH SPECIAL CARDS WHICH THEY CAN USE WHEN TRAVELLING ON MINIBUSES AND MAXICABS,+ MISS LO SAID.

+THE SCHEME WILL TAKE EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 17, WHICH IS ALSO THE DATE OF THE ELDERLY FESTIVAL DESIGNATED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE,+ MISS LO SAID.

KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD IS THE FIRST TO ORGANISE SUCH A TRANSPORT SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, ITS SUB-OFFICES, AND LOCAL HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315.

/SPEAKING ABOUT .....

SPEAKING ABOUT THE SPECIAL MEDICAL SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY INTRODUCED BY THE BOARD IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STANLEY YING, SAID: +SO FAR, MORE THAN 5 000 ELDERLY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE SCHEME.

+FROM THE FEEDBACK WE GATHERED FROM PARTICIPATING DOCTORS AND DENTISTS, SOME 5 000 CASES HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH UNDER THE SCHEME BETWEEN JANUARY AND AUGUST.+

ALSO ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY WERE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE, MR LI WAH-MING.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE PLB ASSOCIATIONS AND THE MAXICAB COMPANY WERE PRESENTED SOUVENIRS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE ELDERLY AT TODAY'S CEREMONY.

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TWO-MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL FOR TAI PO

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A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR THE FIRST-EVER TAI PO FESTIVAL, A MAJOR DISTRICT EVENT THAT WILL LAST FOR TWO MONTHS BEGINNING MID-DECEMBER.

TO PUBLICISE THE EVENT A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE FIRST TAI PO FESTIVAL CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THESE INCLUDE THE TAI PO FESTIVAL THEME SONG LYRIC WRITING COMPETITION, THE POSTER DESIGN CONTEST AND THE DISPLAY BOARD DESIGN COMPETITION.

TWO OF THE COMPETITIONS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WHILE THE DISPLAY BOARD DESIGN COMPETITION IS LIMITED TO SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ADOPT THE THEME OF PUBLICISING THE FESTIVAL IN THEIR ENTRIES, AND ALSO TRY TO ILLUSTRATE THE ATTRACTIVENESS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF TAI PO.

NUMEROUS EVENTS HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR THE FESTIVAL WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING THE DISTRICT'S IDENTITY, INCLUDING ELABORATE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES INCLUDING TROPHIES, CASH AWARDS AND BOOKSHOP COUPONS WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS OF THE COMPETITIONS. DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 15.

INFORMATION PAMPHLETS AND ENTRY FORMS ABOUT THE COMPETITIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6586520.

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YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL LAUNCHED

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FOUR WELL-KNOWN MUSICIANS FROM CHINA AND NINE LOCAL AMATEUR CHINESE ORCHESTRAS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE NINE-DAY FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL END ON NOVEMBER 10, IS ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL TODAY, MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO SAID THE AIM OF THE FESTIVAL WAS TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AND TO STIMULATE GREATER PUBLIC INTEREST IN CHINESE MUSIC.

+THE MUSIC OFFICE ALSO HOPES TO ENCOURAGE MORE SCHOOLS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO FORM CHINESE ORCHESTRAS,+ SHE SAID.

THE GUEST MUSICIANS FROM CHINA EXPECTED LATER TODAY ARE MR DING YU-FENG (ER-HU), MR LI GUANG-CAI (SUO-NA), MISS PAN O-JING (PI-PA) AND MR CHI XIANG-SHENG (SAN XIAN).

THE CHINESE MUSICIANS WILL CONDUCT LECTURE DEMONSTRATIONS AND MASTER CLASSES ON SAN-XIAN, SUO-NA, RE-HU AND PI-PA AT THE MUSIC CENTRES AT YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, TSUEN WAN AND THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL, THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL CO-PRESENT WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE A STUDENT CONCERT AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON NOVEMBER 10.

IN ADDITION, THREE DISTRICT CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL, THE LANDMARK AND THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE NINE AMATEUR CHINESE ORCHESTRAS WILL BE PERFORMING IN THE OPENING CONCERT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3 AND THE FINALE CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 10, BOTH TO START AT 8 PM AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

FOUR OF THE ORCHESTRAS WILL PERFORM AT THE OPENING CONCERT. THEY ARE THE YAU YUEH CHINESE MUSIC ASSOCIATION, TSUEN WAN YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, MUSIC LOVERS CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

THE REMAINING FIVE -- THE CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL GROUP, H.K. POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS' UNION; YWCA CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL ORCHESTRA; WANG KWONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA; PUI SING MUSIC ASSOCIATION CHINESE ORCHESTRA, AND HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC SOCIETY CHINESE ORCHESTRA -- WILL PERFORM AT THE FINALE CONCERT.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CONCERT, AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, WILL BE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE FINALE CONCERT.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS FOR THE OPENING CONCERT AND THE FINALE CONCERT AT $5 EACH ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-458791 AND 0-428127.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCES THAT THE REGISTRATION OF COMERICA ASIA LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14 (2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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15 RECEIVE CERTIFICATES FOR EXAM SUCCESSES

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FIFTEEN INMATES OF PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION WHO ATTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE YOUNG RECIPIENTS, WHO ATTENDED THE ELEMENTARY BOOK-KEEPING COURSE AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTION, ACHIEVED 10 DISTINCTIONS AND FIVE PASSES IN THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY EXAMINATION HELD LAST NOVEMBER.

THREE HAVE SINCE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE INSTITUTION WHILE THE OTHERS ARE ATTENDING THE SAME COURSE AT THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL.

THREE RECIPIENTS ALSO TOOK PART IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION LAST MAY, WITH ONE STUDENT ATTAINING FIVE DISTINCTIONS AND THREE CREDITS. ANOTHER WHO ALSO TOOK EIGHT SUBJECTS GOT TWO DISTINCTIONS, FOUR CREDITS AND TWO PASSES. THE THIRD RECEIVED TWO CREDITS AND FOUR PASSES FROM SEVEN SUBJECTS.

SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT MR N.V. NILSSON, WHO PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATES, SAID THAT HALF-DAY EDUCATION CLASSES AND HALF-DAY VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES WERE PROVIDED FOR INMATES AT THE INSTITUTION. THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ALSO PROVIDED STUDY ROOM FACILITIES DURING THE EVENING FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

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MAJOR CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN FOR RENNIE'S MILL

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A MAJOR CLEAN-UP OPERATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN RENNIE'S MILL COTTAGE AREA FROM JANUARY 14 TO 28 NEXT YEAR.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS - THE CLEAN-UP AND PUBLICITY, WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY.

VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE DISTRICT OFFICE, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MARINE DEPARTMENT AND NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN.

EXPLAINING THE PLAN TO MEMBERS OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AT A MEETING YESTERDAY (THURSDAY), THE SAI KUNG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND LI, SAID 50 WORKERS WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO CLEAN UP THE REFUSE ACCUMULATED AT THE SEA FRONT OF RENNIE'S MILL.

+WE ARE USING MANPOWER INSTEAD OF MACHINERY BECAUSE THE SEA BED IS TOO SHALLOW FOR DREDGERS,+ HE SAID.

THROUGH THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, MR LI SAID, RESIDENTS WOULD BE EDUCATED TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN KEEPING THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT CLEAN AND HEALTHY.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED WERE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A BOOM TO PREVENT RUBBISH FROM DRIFTING INTO THE BAY AFTER THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION.

THE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED $12 000 FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

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AUDIO-VISUAL PROGRAMME IN YAU MA TEI

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+VISION OF THE FUTURE+, A MULTI-VISUAL SLIDE SHOW, AND A SEMINAR ON THE 'REPORT OF BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD' WILL LAUNCH THE YAU MA TEI AUDIO-VISUAL QUARTET AT THE PUBLIC SQUARE STREET HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE QUARTET, A FOUR-DAY PROGRAMME, IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURAL AND ART SOCIETY, AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE TSIM SHA TSUI CENTRE, HONG KONG AUDIO VISUAL AND ANIMATION SOCIETY AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

/GUEST SPEAKERS .....

GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD, MRS PAMELA CHAN WONG-SHUI, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY OF TELEVISION AWARENESS TRAINING, MRS ESTHER HO, LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR, MR TO YIU-MING, AND A DISTRICT YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SALE OF REFRESHMENT AT SAI KUNG SPORTS GROUND

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENT AT THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

OCCUPYING 2.4 HECTARES IN THE TOWN CENTRE, THE SPORTS GROUND IS A MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS VENUE FOR THE 40 000 RESIDENTS OF SAI KUNG, AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

FACILITIES INCLUDE A STANDARD SIZE TURFED SOCCER PITCH, A BASKETBALL-CUM-VOLLEYBALL COURT, A 400-METRE ALL-WEATHER RUNNING TRACK AND EQUIPMENT FOR TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THE KIOSK CAN START OPERATION FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SAI KUNG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE PUT IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE RSD HEADQUARTERS, THIRD FLOOR, SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE 9 AM ON DECEMBER 6. LATE SUBMISSION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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NOISY FIRM ORDERED TO PAY MAXIMUM FINE AGAIN

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A PRIVATE FIRM HAS BEEN FINED THE MAXIMUM OF $2 000 FOR CAUSING NOISE NUISANCE -- THE SECOND TIME THAT THE FIRM HAS BEEN GIVEN THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR SUCH OFFENCE IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS.

GIVING EVIDENCE IN SOUTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, PROSECUTION OFFICER OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR, CHAN WAI-YEUNG, SAID THAT PRUDENTIAL ENTERPRISES LTD., OWNERS OF PRUDENTIAL CENTRE, NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI, HAD BEEN CHARGED AND FINED FOR SIMILAR OFFENCES ON FOUR PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

HE TOLD THE COURT THAT THE FIRM WAS THE OWNER OF A VENTILATING PLANT INSTALLED IN THE BUILDING. TWO OF THE SIX COOLING CONDENSERS OF THE PLANT HAD NOT YET BEEN TREATED WITH ACOUSTIC EQUIPMENT AND THEY WERE PROHIBITED FROM OPERATION BY AN EARLIER COURT ORDER, HE SAID.

IN JULY THIS YEAR, HE CONTINUED, STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A NOISE SURVEY ON THE PREMISES, AND DISCOVERED THAT BOTH THE BANNED COOLING CONDENSERS WERE IN OPERATION AND THAT THE NOISE LEVEL WAS ABOVE THE LIMIT.

COMMENTING ON THE CASE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT OWNERS OF VENTILATING PLANTS MUST MAKE SURE NO NOISE NUISANCE WAS CAUSED BY THEIR MACHINES.

+TO ACHIEVE THIS, OWNERS ARE ADVISED TO CARRY OUT REGULAR CHECKS OF THE PLANTS AND TO REPAIR THEM IF AND WHEN NECESSARY,+ HE ADDED.

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SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROJECT ORGANISED

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TO PROMOTE AN INTEREST IN LITERATURE AND BOOK-READING, A CHILDREN LITERATURE PROMOTION PROJECT WILL BE HELD FOR CHILDREN LIVING IN NEW TERRITORIES WEST STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE PROJECT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S ARTS SOCIETY, YAN OI TONG CENTRE, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD.

/THE WEEK-LONG .....

THE WEEK-LONG PROJECT WILL INCLUDE PICTURE-COLOURING COMPETITION, WRITING COMPETITION, BOOK EXHIBITION, STORY-TELLING COMPETITION AND A CHILDREN LITERATURE FORUM.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR PETER NG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU WONG-FAT, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE YAN OI TONG CENTRE, YAN CHING CIRCUIT, TUEN MUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR 1985 FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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FENCERS ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG OPEN FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS WHICH WILL BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 16 AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION.

+IT HAS PROVED TO BE A SUCCESS SINCE 1980, WITH A RECORD ENTRY OF 112 MEN AND 15 WOMEN LAST YEAR,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL TODAY.

HE SAID THERE WOULD BE FOUR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS - MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FOIL, EPEE AND SABRE.

+THERE WILL BE NO AGE LIMIT AND PARTICIPANTS ARE FREE TO TAKE PART IN MORE THAN ONE EVENT.

+THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 5. ENTRY FEES ARE $10 FOR ADULTS AND $5 FOR STUDENTS.+

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNCIL'S SPORTS PROMOTION OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, AS WELL AS FROM THE BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED ON 5-8914448.

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PRESENTATION CEREMONY
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A PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST CERTIFICATE COURSE IN ENGLISH FOR BUSINESS, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRAMURAL STUDIES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

NINETY-SIX RECIPIENTS WILL BE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES FOR THE COURSE +STATE YOUR CASE+ WHICH RECEIVED GOOD RESPONSE WHEN BROADCAST.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR CLIVE OXLEY, THE DIRECTOR OF EXTRAMURAL STUDIES, DR HO KAM-FAI, AND THE HEAD OF CHINESE PROGRAMME SERVICE, RTHK, MR CHU PUI-HING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE PARK HOTEL, 11TH FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON, AT 2 PM TOMORROW.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF UNDERPASS
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THE WUHU VEHICULAR UNDERPASS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 4-6) TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK.

MOTORISTS FROM TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL HEADING FOR HUNG HOM SHOULD USE CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH OR GASCOIGNE ROAD.

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FERRY STREET TRAFFIC CHANGES
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT FERRY STREET BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 4-8), TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

THESE ARE:

* TRAFFIC ON FERRY STREET NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR WATERLOO ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE CHERRY STREET.

* TRAFFIC ON WATERLOO ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR FERRY STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE RECLAMATION STREET OR SHANGHAI STREET.

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