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SEPTEMBER RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED
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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN SEPTEMBER 1985, ESTIMATED AT \$5 562 MILLION, WAS ONE PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 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 FELL BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1984.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, RETAIL SALES FOR SEPTEMBER 1985 INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO RECORDED INCREASES OF FOUR PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY THREE PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ FELL BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE BUT A DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY TWO PER CENT AND FUELS BY ONE PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES SHOWED NO CHANGE IN VALUE BUT A DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ DROPPED BY SIX PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO RECORDED INCREASES OF SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME WHILE +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ ROSE BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE FUELS SHOWED A DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

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ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1984. DEPARTMENT STORES AND SUPERMARKETS ALSO RECORDED INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES, HOWEVER, DROPPED SLIGHTLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. DEPARTMENT STORES RECORDED MODERATE INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME, 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 AUGUST 1985, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS AND MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES SHOWED SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, WHILE CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES RECORDED SLIGHT DECREASES.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL SALES FIGURE FOR AUGUST 1985 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER 1985 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF AUGUST 1985 AND SEPTEMBER 1984 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THOSE IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984 ARE ALSO GIVEN. GRAPHS 1 AND 2 DEPICT THE INDEX MOVEMENTS OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES FROM JANUARY 1983 TO AUGUST 1985.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 1985 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS 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 ON TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7216024.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for September 1985 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$ 562 million
for August 1985 (Revised Figure) = HK\$ 413 million

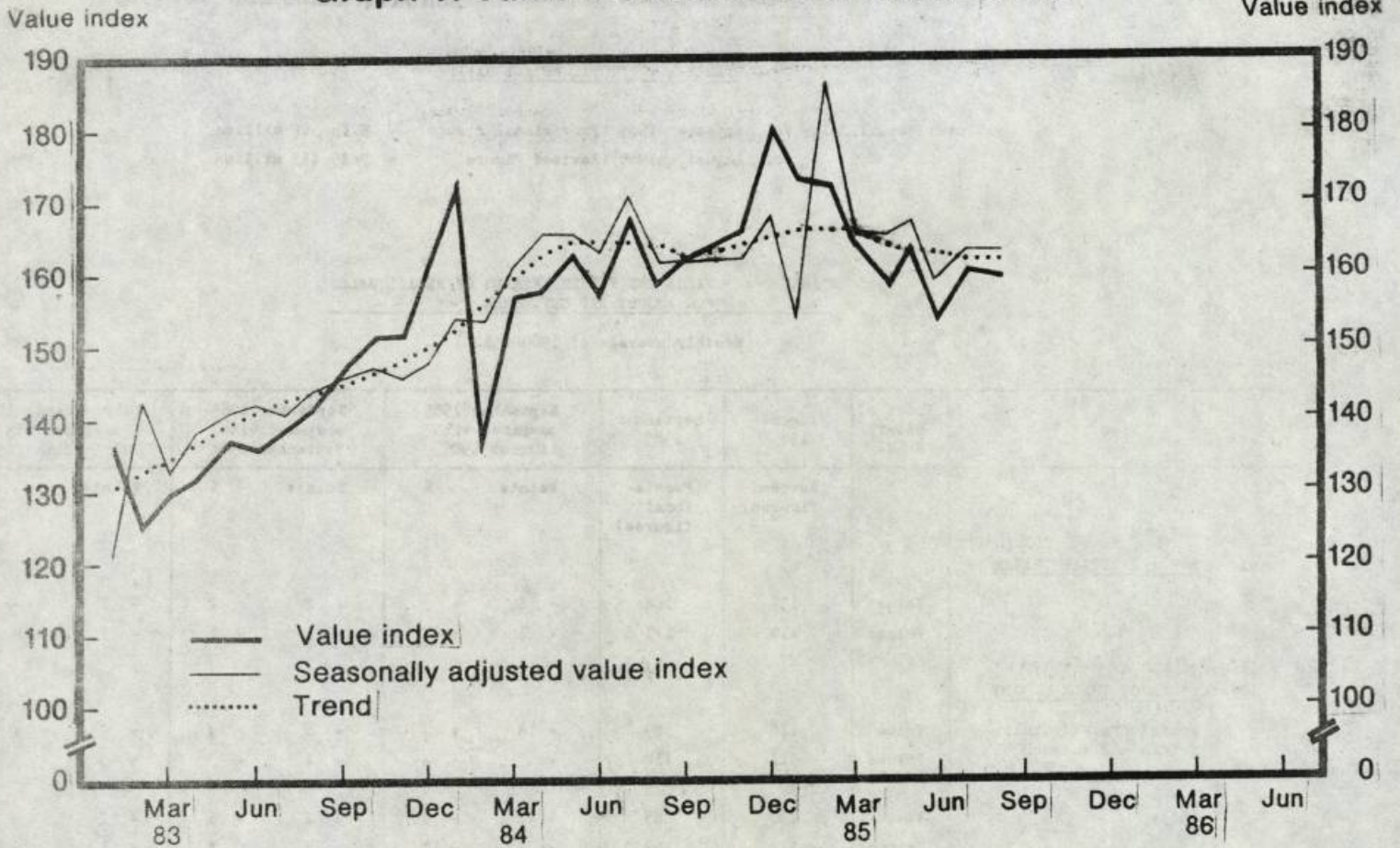
TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1985

(Monthly average of 1980 = 100)

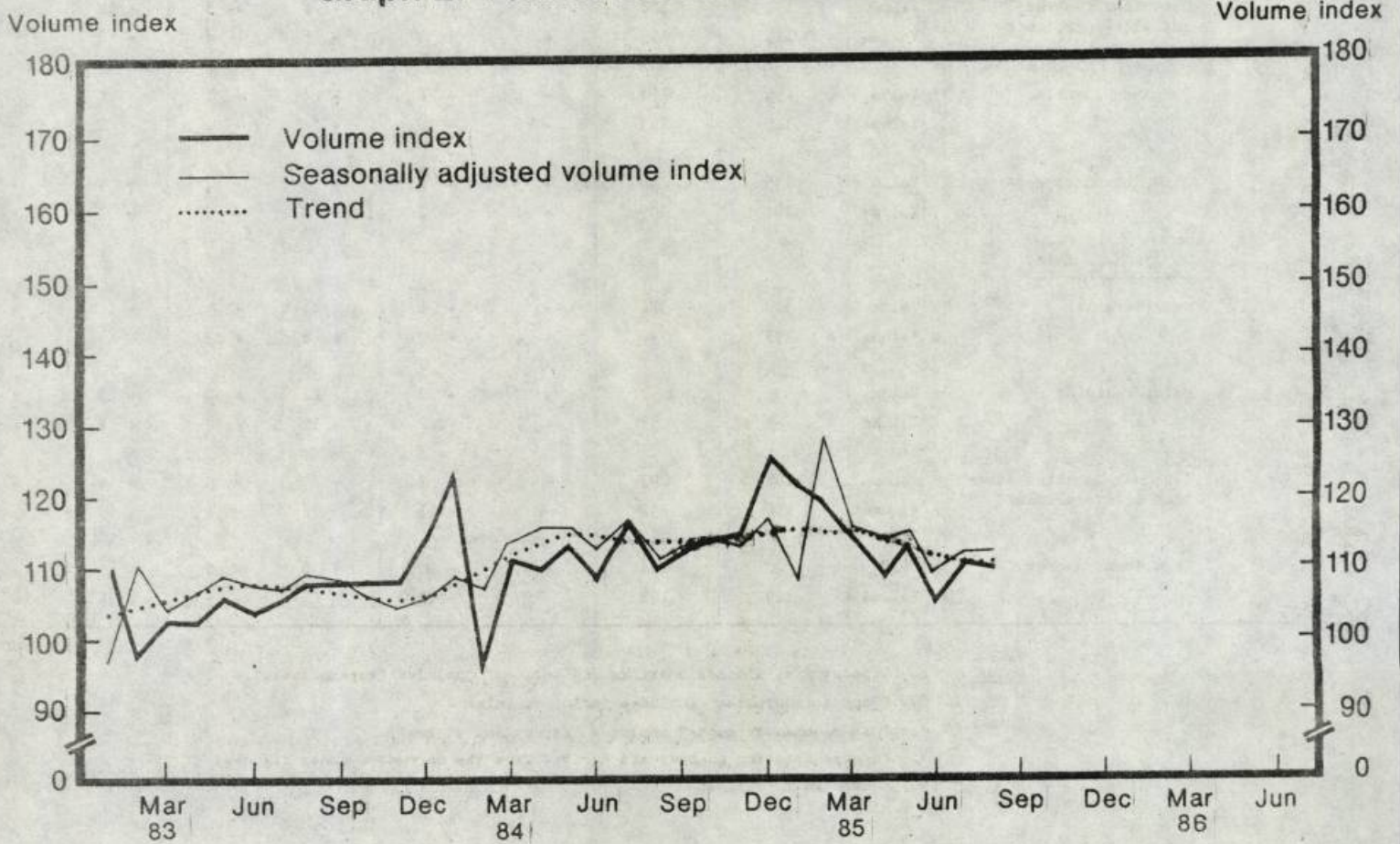
Item	Index of Retail Sales	August 1985	September 1985	September 1985 compared with August 1985		September 1985 compared with September 1984		July - Sept. 1985 compared with July - Sept. 1984	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	159	164	+ 4	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1	- 2	- 1
	Volume	110	111	+ 1	+ 1	- 1	- 1	- 3	- 2
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	176	189	+ 13	+ 7	+ 8	+ 4	+ 4	+ 2
	Volume	114	118	+ 5	+ 4	+ 4	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2
Fuels	Value	190	189	- 1	- 1	+ 2	+ 1	+ 2	+ 1
	Volume	123	122	- 1	- 1	*	*	+ 1	+ 1
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	177	188	+ 11	+ 6	+ 8	+ 5	+ 12	+ 7
	Volume	111	115	+ 3	+ 3	- 5	- 4	- 2	- 1
Consumer durables	Value	156	154	- 2	- 1	+ 4	+ 3	*	*
	Volume	115	113	- 2	- 2	+ 2	+ 1	- 1	- 1
Other consumer goods	Value	145	148	+ 3	+ 2	- 3	- 2	- 9	- 6
	Volume	104	105	+ 1	+ 1	- 4	- 3	- 7	- 6
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
Supermarkets	Value	319	326	+ 6	+ 2	+ 16	+ 5	+ 10	+ 3
	Volume	193	196	+ 4	+ 2	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3	+ 1
Motor vehicles	Value	95	97	+ 2	+ 2	+ 22	+ 30	+ 21	+ 29
	Volume	55	57	+ 1	+ 2	+ 12	+ 27	+ 11	+ 25
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles	Value	198	193	- 5	- 3	- 9	- 4	- 14	- 7
	Volume	156	152	- 5	- 3	- 6	- 4	- 9	- 6
Department stores	Value	180	144	- 37	- 20	+ 8	+ 6	+ 13	+ 9
	Volume	129	102	- 27	- 21	+ 5	+ 5	+ 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.

Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Graph 2: Volume Indexes of Total Retail Sales



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

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MORE LAND TO BE FORMED IN JUNK BAY
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR RECLAMATION AND SITE FORMATION WORK AT AP TSAI WAN AND HANG HAU IN JUNK BAY.

THE RECLAMATION, OF ABOUT 45 HECTARES WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME HOUSING, PUBLIC HOUSING, VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE 3.8 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF FILL MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR RECLAMATION WILL BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOUTHERN TIP OF AP TSAI PENINSULA, EXCAVATIONS FOR THE EXTENSION TO LAM TIN SOUTH ESTATE AND THE BORROW AREA AT PAK SHEK KOK, JUNK BAY.

ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 900 METRES OF STORMWATER CULVERT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 36 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TEACHING KIT ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION READY
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A TEACHING KIT ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN JANUARY TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG YOUTHS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, SOUTHERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANGELA TSE, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE TEACHING KIT, WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, CONSISTS OF A HANDBOOK FOR TEACHERS, FACT SHEETS, AND SETS OF SLIDES AND TRANSPARENCIES ON THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BADMINTON COMPETITION, MISS TSE SAID SHE HOPED TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS WOULD FIND THE KIT HELPFUL IN THEIR WORK IN ENHANCING CIVIC AWARENESS AND THE SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

+IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIETY LIKE HONG KONG, IMPORTANCE MUST BE ATTACHED TO CIVIC EDUCATION WHICH IS VITAL IN HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE WORLD AROUND THEM AND TO DEVELOP A CORRECT OUTLOOK ON LIFE SO THAT THEY CAN BECOME RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS,+ SHE SAID.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BADMINTON COMPETITION WAS SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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REMINDER TO APPLY FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS EARLY

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THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY ADVISED THAT THEY SHOULD APPLY FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENT NOW IF THEY INTENDED TO TRAVEL ABROAD DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

+THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAVELLING OUTSIDE HONG KONG WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED DURING THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. IN ORDER TO AVOID LAST MINUTE RUSH, PEOPLE ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR PASSPORT AND CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE ON WHICH THEY INTEND TO TRAVEL,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

+IT NORMALLY TAKES 10 WORKING DAYS TO ISSUE THESE DOCUMENTS IF APPLICATIONS ARE MADE IN THE HEADQUARTERS BUT LONGER IF MADE IN THE BRANCH OFFICES. RE-ENTRY PERMIT AND DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES ARE NORMALLY ISSUED ON THE SAME DAY BUT DELAY IS LIKELY IF THERE ARE MANY APPLICANTS COMING AT THE SAME TIME,+ HE SAID.

+CHRISTMAS IS ONE OF THE PEAK SEASONS. BY APPLYING EARLY, IT WILL NOT ONLY SPREAD THE WORKLOAD OF THE DEPARTMENT BUT WILL ALSO GIVE APPLICANTS EXTRA TIME TO MEET ANY FURTHER VISA REQUIREMENTS WHERE NECESSARY,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE REMINDED TO MAKE USE OF THE TUEN MUN OFFICE AT TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, FIRST FLOOR. BESIDES NORMAL IMMIGRATION SERVICES, BOTH BIRTH AND MARRIAGE REGISTRATIONS ARE ALSO PROVIDED IN THE OFFICE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY TELEPHONE 3-7333111.

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DISTRICT BOARD TAKES ON DISTRICT OFFICE

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IT WAS ALL TEAMWORK, CONCENTRATION AND SPORTSMANSHIP WHEN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF MET TODAY (SUNDAY) TO DO BATTLE IN THE BASKETBALL COURT.

THE MATCH WAS A FRIENDLY GAME TO LAUNCH THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CUP BASKETBALL COMPETITION HELD IN MORSE PARK.

THE COMPETITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL.

+THE DISTRICT BOARD CUP IS A SYMBOL OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION,+ WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COMPETITION.

HE CALLED ON YOUTHS TO BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND TO BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.

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ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG; PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, MISS CECILIA YEUNG; AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR AUGUSTINE CHUNG.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON THREE CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS WITH A TOTAL OF 32 TEAMS TAKING PART.

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FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS FOR ELDERLY
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SCORES OF ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF SHA TAU KOK TODAY (SUNDAY) RECEIVED FREE MEDICAL EXAMINATION AT A HEALTH DAY FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE ELDERLY ACTIVITIES AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORSHIP, WAS HELD AT THE OFFICE OF SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEE BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG KUEN, SAID THE EVENT WAS AIMED AT AROUSING AWARENESS AMONG OLD PEOPLE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH.

A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER AND MEMBERS OF THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE WERE ON HAND TO PROVIDE BLOOD PRESSURE TESTS AND WEIGHING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME WAS PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE ELDERLY BY THE COMMITTEE, AND DURING CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR SEASONS, LOCAL SENIOR RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A CANTONESE OPERA AND A BANQUET.

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+PLAY SAFE+ MESSAGE EMPHASISED
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THE IMPORTANCE TO PLAY SAFE IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS WAS FURTHER STRESSED ON THE 1985 LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID ALL SPORTING ACTIVITIES OFFERED THE RELAXATION OF THE MIND WHICH WAS SO IMPORTANT IN A CITY LIKE HONG KONG WHERE THE TEMPO OF LIFE WAS FAST.

+IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT, INHERENT WITH ANY OUTDOOR PURSUITS THERE IS A DEGREE OF CHALLENGE AND, LESS NOTICEABLY, AN ELEMENT OF RISK OR DANGER.

+IF ONE DOES NOT OBSERVE THE BASIC SAFETY RULES, A VENTURE INTENDED TO BRING JOY AND SATISFACTION TO THE PARTICIPANTS MAY END LESS HAPPILY.+

/MR BARNES

MR BARNES SAID THE SAFETY DAY WAS THEREFORE ORGANISED TO CONVEY THE +PLAY SAFE+ MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE YOUTH LEADERS AND INSTRUCTORS IN LAND SPORTS.

HE SAID THAT WITH PROPER PLANNING, PRECAUTIONS AND COMMON SENSE, IT WAS NOT DIFFICULT TO MINIMISE DANGER.

MR BARNES ASKED THE HUNDREDS OF YOUTH LEADERS AND INSTRUCTORS ATTENDING THE SEMINARS TO HELP SPREAD THE +PLAY SAFE+ MESSAGE AMONG THEIR FRIENDS AND ESPECIALLY AMONG THE GROUPS OF YOUTHS FOR WHOM THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE 1985 LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY, MR P.E. BIRNEY, SAID THE SAFETY MESSAGE HAD TO BE RE-EMPHASISED THIS YEAR IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS OCCURRING IN LAND SPORTS, NOTABLY IN HIKING AND HILL WALKING.

HE SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT BY PUTTING THE SAFETY MESSAGE ACROSS TO LEADERS AND INSTRUCTORS IN LAND SPORTS, IT WOULD EVENTUALLY REACH A MUCH WIDER AUDIENCE.

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MONTH-LONG ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED
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A MONTH-LONG WAN CHAI ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SUNDAY) TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS ROAD USERS AND TO ENCOURAGE DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS TO OBSERVE TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID: +THE FIRST TWO WEEKS WILL BE THE EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN, AND THE FOLLOWING TWO WEEKS WILL BE THE ENFORCEMENT PERIOD.+

THE POLICE WILL ALSO ORGANISE ROAD SAFETY TALKS IN SCHOOLS AND DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY LEAFLETS AT THE TRAFFIC BLACK SPOTS, MR GARCIA SAID.

THE CAMPAIGN WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED THE POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR G.N. FRITH; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR ARTHUR CHAM YAU-TONG.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED A MOTOR VEHICLE DISPLAY, AN EXHIBITION, A ROAD SAFETY TOWN, AND A TRAM AND CITY BUS PARADE.

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MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC APPRECIATION

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MUSIC, BOTH FOR APPRECIATION AND AS A PERFORMING ART, IS NO LONGER THE PRIVILEGE OF A FEW, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR MA NING-HEI, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR MA WAS SPEAKING AT THE NT REGION STUDENTS' CONCERT ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

+WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IN 1977, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE NUMBER OF ITS TRAINEES IS INCREASING ALL THE TIME TOGETHER WITH A COMMENDABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE,+ HE SAID.

EARLIER, THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO SAID IN HER WELCOME SPEECH THAT THE NUMBER OF TRAINEES LEARNING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE HAD INCREASED STEADILY TO ABOUT 4 000, WITH 1 500 IN THE NT REGION.

MRS HO ALSO THANKED SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, MUSIC TEACHERS AND PARENTS ATTENDING THE CONCERT FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT WHICH MADE THE MUSIC OFFICE'S INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME A SUCCESS.

THE CONCERT FEATURED PERFORMANCES BY THE TSUEN WAN CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA, BOTH OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, AS WELL AS THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOIR.

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VILLAGE VEHICLE OPERATORS GET LICENCE OPTION

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OPERATORS OF VILLAGE VEHICLES IN NORTH DISTRICT CAN NOW APPLY FOR LICENCES TO OPERATE MAXICAB SERVICES, FOLLOWING THE EFFORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

AT A RECENT MEETING, OWNERS OF EXCESS PASSENGER PERMIT (EPP) VEHICLES WERE TOLD BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT THAT THE AUTHORITIES ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE TO ALLOW THEM TO APPLY FOR THE OPERATION OF GREEN PUBLIC LIGHT BUS ROUTES ON CONDITION THAT THEY SET UP PROPERLY INCORPORATED COMPANIES.

SIX ROUTES HAVE BEEN EARMARKED FOR THE OPERATION OF GREEN PUBLIC LIGHT BUS SERVICES IN NORTH DISTRICT AND LOCAL EPP OPERATORS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE APPLICATION EXERCISE WHICH CLOSES ON DECEMBER 13.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE ABOUT 43 EPP VEHICLES OPERATING IN NORTH DISTRICT, SERVING REMOTE VILLAGES. THESE VEHICLES MAINLY CARRY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, BUT ARE LICENSED TO CARRY PASSENGERS AS WELL.

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MARATHON TO PROMOTE FIGHT CRIME
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ABOUT 150 YOUTHS TODAY (SUNDAY) TOOK PART IN A 12-KILOMETRE MARATHON IN YUEN LONG TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG SHUI-FAT SAID AT A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY THAT EDUCATION WAS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF PROMOTING THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE.

HE SAID: +GOOD PUBLICITY FOR THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN DOES NOT SIMPLY MEAN ASKING PEOPLE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE EDUCATED ON STAYING AWAY FROM CRIME THROUGH HEALTH AND ACTIVE PURSUITS.+

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO ORGANISED ESSAY, POSTER AND SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITIONS AS A PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT.

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SALE OF REFRESHMENT AT TRIO BEACH
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF A LIGHT REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT TRIO BEACH IN SAI KUNG.

THE KIOSK IS LOCATED ON THE UPPER LEVEL OF A NEW TWO-STOREY BEACH BUILDING WHICH WAS OPENED FOR USE IN OCTOBER, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

FREQUENTED BY ABOUT 170 000 SWIMMERS SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE BEACH IS A POPULAR SCENIC SPOT IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THE KIOSK WILL BE REQUIRED TO START OPERATION FROM FEBRUARY 1 NEXT YEAR UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 1988.

THOSE WISHING TO BID FOR THE CONTRACT CAN OBTAIN A TENDER FORM AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE PUT IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE RSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR, SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE 9 AM ON JANUARY 3.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE AT THE RSD'S SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE'S TELEPHONE 3-2813680.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN CAUSEWAY BAY
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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 3), THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUN PING ROAD BETWEEN LAN FONG ROAD AND KAI CHIU ROAD WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY DAILY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM.

VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE SECTION OF JARDINE'S CRESCENT BETWEEN KAI CHIU ROAD AND JARDINE'S BAZAAR WILL BE LIFTED WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME TIME.

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TAPS OFF IN SAI KUNG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 3) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND TAI O MUN INCLUDING MA YAU TONG, RENNIE'S MILL, PO LAM ROAD, HEAVEN OF HOPE SANITORIUM AND SHAW'S STUDIO.

ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE HIRAM'S HIGHWAY BETWEEN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND HO CHUNG, INCLUDING SILVER STRAND BEACH ROAD, SILVER STRAND ROAD, SILVER CREST ROAD, SILVER TERRACE ROAD, A KUNG WAN, HANG HAU AND YAU YUE WAN.

ON THE SAME DAY SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE STOPPED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM FOR REPAIR WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, CLOUD VIEW ROAD, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, YEE KING ROAD AND LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD, INCLUDING LAI TAK TSUEN.

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