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BUS SERVICES STILL MAIN COMPLAINT

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND ROAD CONGESTION REMAINED THE MAIN SUBJECTS OF PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRANSPORT MATTERS, ACCORDING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE REPORT COVERS THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985. IN THE 12 MONTHS, THE TCU, A STANDING BODY UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RECORDED 4 992 COMPLAINTS.

ALMOST HALF OF THE COMPLAINTS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES. ANOTHER ONE-FIFTH STEMMED FROM ROAD CONGESTION. OTHER MAJOR COMPLAINT AREAS WERE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ENFORCEMENT AND ROAD MAINTENANCE.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF TCU, MR STEPHEN PANG, SAID COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUS SERVICES WERE STILL THE MOST NUMEROUS. AS IN THE YEAR BEFORE, THEY ACCOUNTED FOR ONE-THIRD OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED. THE ACTUAL NUMBER, HOWEVER, WENT DOWN BY 12 PER CENT FROM 1 734 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO 1 530. THE MAIN AREAS OF CONCERN WERE INADEQUATE SERVICE AND STANDARD OF SERVICE.

ALTOGETHER 646 COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES WERE RECEIVED. BUS SERVICES FOR HONG KONG ISLAND DREW MORE COMPLAINTS THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. BUT SIMILAR COMPLAINTS CONCERNING KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES FOR HONG KONG ISLAND ROSE FROM 94 IN 1983 - 84 TO 149. THERE WAS AN INCREASED DEMAND FOR BETTER SERVICE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT. COMPLAINTS FROM THIS DISTRICT ACCOUNTED FOR 81 CASES AND TWO-THIRDS OF THEM WERE MADE BY RESIDENTS OF ABERDEEN, AP LEI CHAU AND WAH FU. THESE COMPLAINTS GENERALLY REFLECTED THE VIEW THAT AS THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WAS NOT SERVED BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (MTR), BUS SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED TO MEET GROWING DEMAND.

+THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE ON OTHER MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT. TCU WAS ADVISED THAT THE ISLAND LINE WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON MAY 31 LAST YEAR HAD INCREASED PUBLIC TRANSPORT CAPACITY ALONG THE NORTHERN SHORE OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

+THE POSSIBILITY OF RE-ALLOCATING EXISTING RESOURCES TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF BUS SERVICES IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WOULD BE THOROUGHLY ASSESSED IN CONSULTATION WITH DISTRICT BOARDS CONCERNED,+ MR PANG SAID.

THERE WERE 431 COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES FOR KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, A DROP OF 180 CASES OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURE. ALTHOUGH ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF THE COMPLAINTS (305 CASES) WERE CONCERNED WITH BUS SERVICES FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE ACTUAL FIGURE WAS LOWER BY MORE THAN ONE-THIRD THAN THE 478 RECORDED IN 1983-84.

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MR PANG EXPLAINED THAT THE REDUCTION WAS DUE TO FEWER COMPLAINTS FROM THE RESIDENTS OF SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN WHERE BUS SERVICES HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED DURING THE YEAR.

+COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE EXTERNAL BUS ROUTES FROM NEW TOWN RESIDENTS WERE OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY REQUESTS FOR DIRECT BUS SERVICES TO URBAN KOWLOON,+ MR PANG SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT HAD ADVISED TCU THAT CONSIDERATION OF SUCH REQUESTS WAS LIMITED BY THE LACK OF OFF-STREET TERMINAL SPACES, ESPECIALLY IN URBAN KOWLOON. ALL PROPOSED NEW ROUTES OR EXTENSION OF CURRENT ROUTES FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES TO URBAN KOWLOON WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN TERMS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PRIORITIES AND JUSTIFICATIONS. EXISTING PARALLEL TRANSPORT SERVICES INCLUDING THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY AND WHETHER OTHER AREAS HAVE A MORE URGENT NEED FOR EXTRA BUS SERVICES WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

AFTER THE OPENING OF THE ISLAND LINE IN MAY, TCU RECORDED FEWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT DIFFICULTY IN BOARDING CROSS HARBOUR BUSES. HOWEVER, THERE WERE MORE SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW ROUTES.

MR PANG SAID THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAD AGREED TO THE STARTING OF TWO NEW CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTES - ROUTE 107 BETWEEN ABERDEEN AND SAN PO KONG AND ROUTE 109 BETWEEN CENTRAL AND HO MAN TIN.

+ACCORDING TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, OTHER PROPOSALS TO EXTEND THE CROSS HARBOUR BUS NETWORK WOULD BE CONSIDERED LATER BECAUSE A FULL TRANSPORT REVIEW IS UNDERWAY. THE REVIEW CONCERNS THE GENERAL QUESTION OF INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND THE RELATED ISSUES OF FREEDOM OF COMPETITION, THE CO-ORDINATION OF FARES AND THE LEVEL OF REGULATION TO BE APPLIED BY GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF THE FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES WAS THE SUBJECT OF 753 COMPLAINTS, 31 CASES FEWER THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

COMPLAINTS INVOLVING THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY TOTALLED 393. THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY, WITH MORE THAN TWICE THE FLEET SIZE AND RIDERSHIP OF CMB'S, ATTRACTED A LOWER NUMBER OF 272.

+A TOTAL OF 2 068 COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WERE RECEIVED IN THE YEAR. OF THESE COMPLAINTS, 1 019 WERE RELATED TO ROAD CONGESTION. THEY WERE MAINLY RELATED TO TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION,+ SAID MR PANG.

MORE THAN HALF OF THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION WERE GENERATED FROM FIVE DISTRICTS: KWUN TONG, WAN CHAI, EASTERN, KOWLOON CITY AND YAU MA TEI. COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES MADE UP ONLY 22 PER CENT AND ONE-QUARTER OF THESE CASES WERE ABOUT CONGESTION AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND TSING YI BRIDGE.

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AFTER THE OPENING OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE AT THE END OF MAY, TCU RECORDED FEWER CONGESTION-RELATED COMPLAINTS IN JUNE 1985. THE DOWNWARD TREND, HOWEVER, WAS REVERSED IN THE THREE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED AS A RESULT OF INCREASED COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES CONGREGATING ALONG BUSY ROADS.

DURING THE YEAR, MR PANG SAID, SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT TO ROAD CONGESTION MADE THROUGH SOME 256 COMPLAINTS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND IMPLEMENTED AT 81 LOCATIONS COMPRISING 32 IN KOWLOON, 28 IN HONG KONG AND B21 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT WAS SET UP UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AND MONITOR COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS.

COMPLAINTS MAY BE MADE TO THE UNIT BY CALLING THE 24-HOUR HOTLINE 5-776866. AFTER INVESTIGATION, THE UNIT WILL REPLY VERBALLY, OR IN WRITING, DEPENDING ON THE PREFERENCE OF THE CALLER.

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OCTOBER RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN OCTOBER 1985, ESTIMATED AT $5 700 MILLION, WAS THREE PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN OCTOBER 1984, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS ONE PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RETAIL SALES FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD AUGUST-OCTOBER 1985, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, INCREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE, BUT THEIR VOLUME REMAINED UNCHANGED.

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

WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY FOUR PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF FUELS WENT UP BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. BOTH FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO AND +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE, BUT NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD AUGUST-OCTOBER 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY NINE PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT AND FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO BY TWO PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. RETAIL SALES OF FUELS ROSE BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ FELL BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

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WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1985, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS RECORDED INCREASES OF 20 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 18 PER CENT IN VOLUME. +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCREASED BY NINE PER CENT AND FUELS BY TWO PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES FELL BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE WHILE THEIR VOLUME REMAINED UNCHANGED. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO DROPPED BY 11 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND EIGHT PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS, DEPARTMENT STORES AND MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE MODERATELY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1984. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES RECORDED SLIGHT INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

COMPARING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD AUGUST-OCTOBER 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. MODERATE INCREASES, IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME, WERE RECORDED FOR RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES AND SUPERMARKETS. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES RECORDED SLIGHT DECREASES.

WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1985, RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES RECORDED SLIGHT INCREASES. RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS AND MOTOR VEHICLES, HOWEVER, DROPPED MODERATELY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL SALES FIGURE FOR SEPTEMBER 1985 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR OCTOBER 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 OCTOBER 1985 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF SEPTEMBER 1985 AND OCTOBER 1984 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD AUGUST-OCTOBER 1985 WITH THOSE IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

GRAPHS 1 AND 2 DEPICT THE INDEX MOVEMENTS OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES FROM JANUARY 1983 TO SEPTEMBER 1985.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE OCTOBER 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 October 1985 (Provisional Figure) = $K5 700 million
for September 1985 (Revised Figure) = $K5 571 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1985

(Monthly average of 1980 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	September 1985 (Revised figures)	October 1985 (Provisional figures)	October 1985 compared with September 1985 Points	%	October 1985 compared with October 1984 Points	%	Aug. - Oct. 1985 compared with Aug. - Oct. 1984 Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	164	168	+ 4	+ 2	+ 4	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1
	Volume	111	115	+ 4	+ 3	+ 1	+ 1	*	*
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	189	167	- 22	- 11	+ 1	+ 1	+ 4	+ 2
	Volume	118	108	- 10	- 8	*	*	+ 2	+ 2
Fuels	Value	189	194	+ 4	+ 2	+ 4	+ 2	+ 3	+ 2
	Volume	122	125	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1	+ 1	+ 1	+ 1
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	189	227	+ 38	+ 20	+ 25	+ 12	+ 17	+ 9
	Volume	115	136	+ 21	+ 18	+ 5	+ 4	+ 1	+ 1
Consumer durables	Value	154	153	- 1	- 1	+ 5	+ 4	+ 5	+ 3
	Volume	113	113	*	*	+ 4	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3
Other consumer goods	Value	148	161	+ 13	+ 9	+ 2	+ 1	- 3	- 2
	Volume	105	114	+ 9	+ 9	*	*	- 3	- 3
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
Supermarkets	Value	327	305	- 22	- 7	+ 29	+ 10	+ 17	+ 6
	Volume	197	183	- 14	- 7	+ 13	+ 8	+ 7	+ 4
Motor vehicles	Value	96	87	- 9	- 9	+ 8	+ 9	+ 19	+ 25
	Volume	56	51	- 5	- 9	+ 3	+ 7	+ 10	+ 22
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles	Value	194	198	+ 4	+ 2	+ 4	+ 2	- 4	- 2
	Volume	152	155	+ 3	+ 2	+ 4	+ 3	- 2	- 1
Department stores	Value	144	177	+ 33	+ 23	+ 16	+ 10	+ 14	+ 9
	Volume	102	125	+ 24	+ 23	+ 10	+ 8	+ 9	+ 8

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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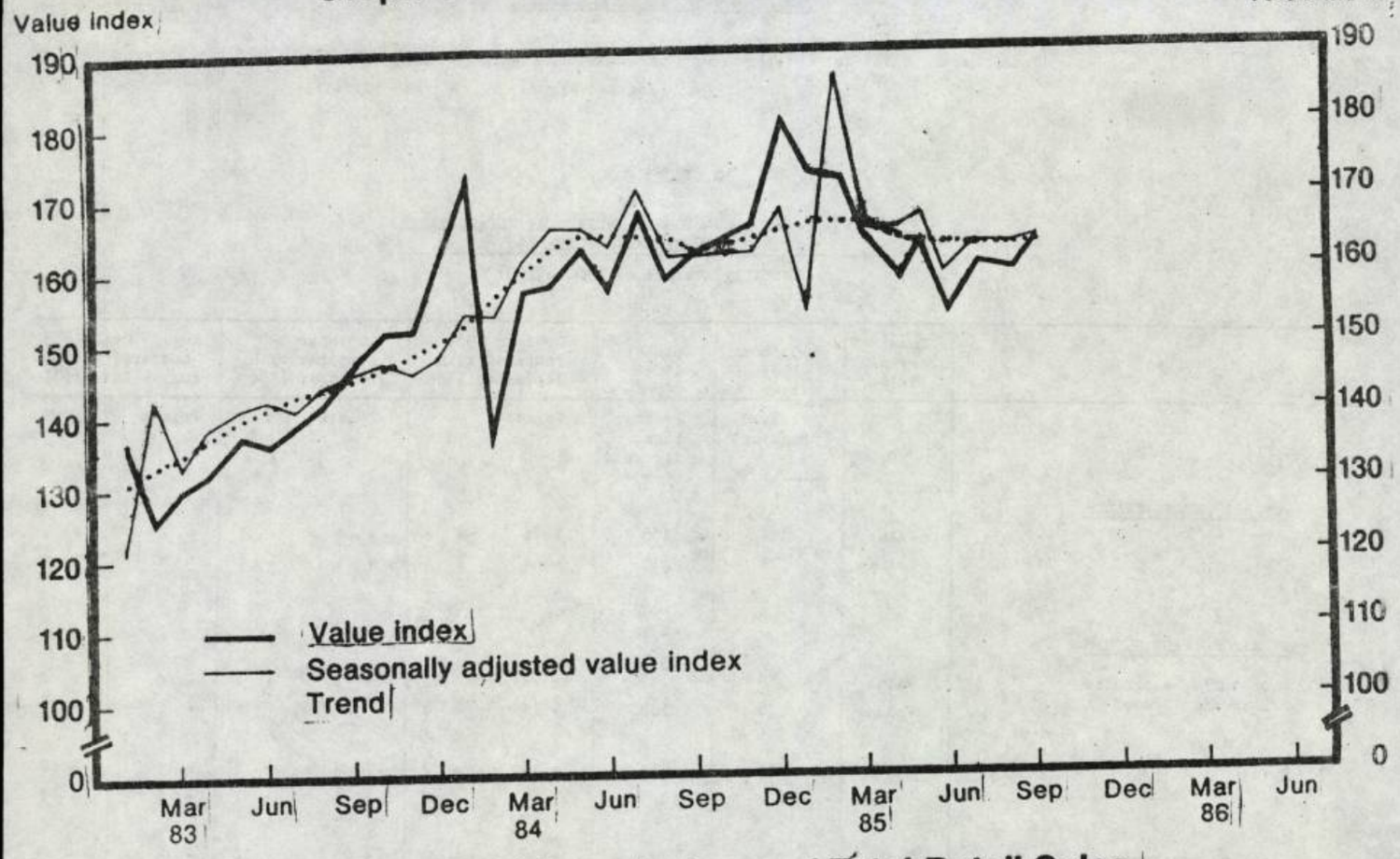
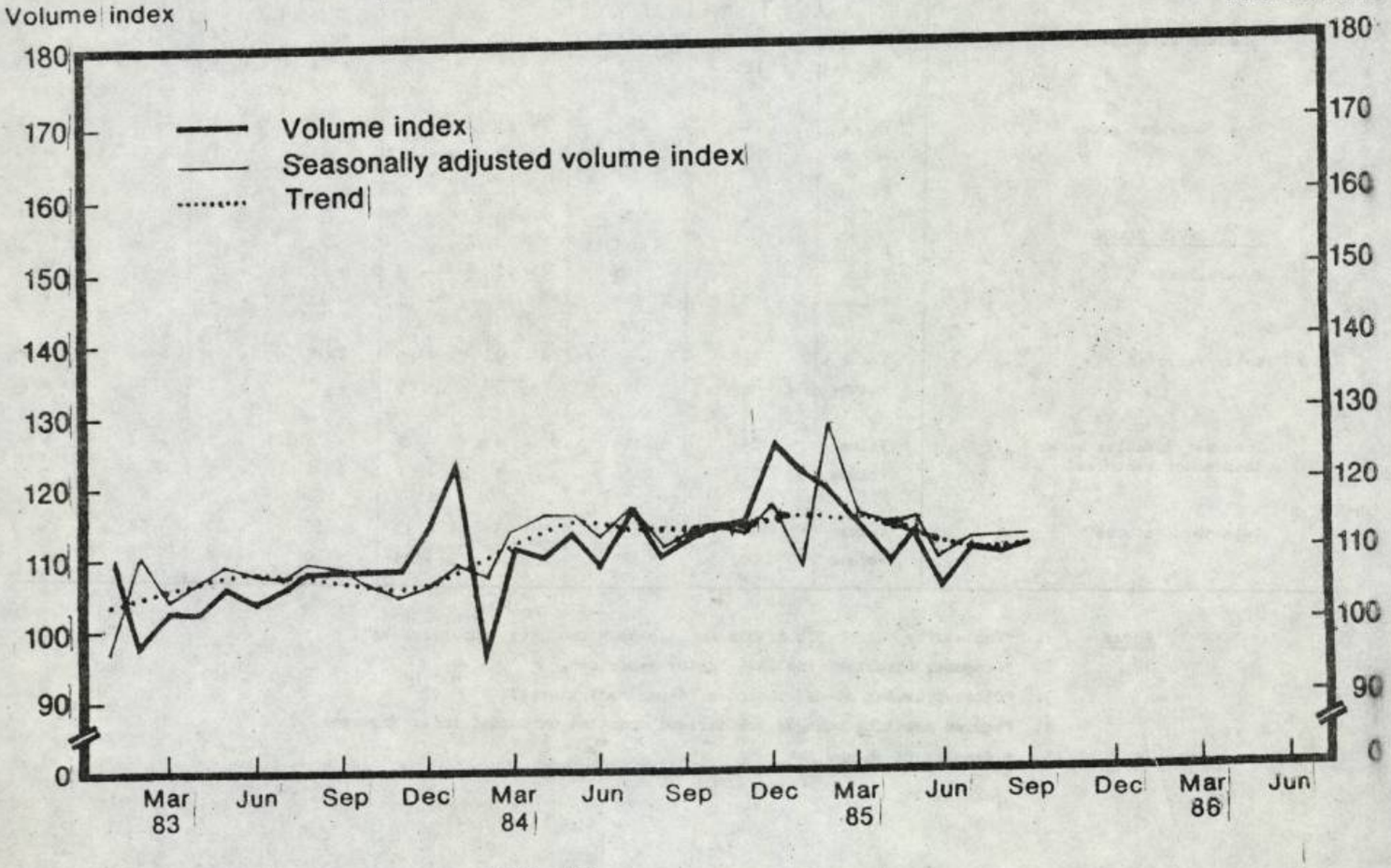
Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



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.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND GROUP MEETS

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND, CHAIRED BY UNOFFICIAL COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, HELD ITS FIRST MEETING AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE INVITES ALL INTERESTED PERSONS OR ORGANISATIONS WHO MIGHT WISH TO SEE OR MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE TO WRITE TO THE CLERK, NOTIFYING HIM OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES BY MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1986, TO ROOM 112 OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SELECT COMMITTEE SAID THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE ITS TIMETABLE AND PROCEDURES, THE NUMBER OF PERSONS OR GROUPS AFFECTED AND WHETHER THE MEETING SHOULD BE IN OPEN OR CLOSED SESSIONS.

THERE WAS NO NECESSITY FOR SUBMISSIONS TO BE MADE BY THIS DATE, HE ADDED.

THE COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO CONSIDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ITS FUTURE ADMINISTRATION SO THAT IT WOULD BE FAIR TO THE FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR, OTHER BENEFICIARIES AND TO THE PUBLIC.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE UNOFFICIAL COUNCILLORS MR JOHN SWAINE, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, MR HUI YIN-FAT, MR LAU WONG-FAT AND MR MARTIN LEE, AND THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR IAN MACPHERSON.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL SEEKS LOGO

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THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL IS ORGANISING A DESIGN COMPETITION TO ACQUIRE A LOGO FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WHICH WILL COME INTO BEING ON APRIL 1.

DISCLOSING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, SAID THAT THE COMPETITION, KNOWN AS THE +REGIONAL COUNCIL LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION+, IS A TERRITORY-WIDE EVENT.

THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, WORKING THROUGH ITS EXECUTIVE ARM - THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT - WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A WIDE RANGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, RECREATION AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN NINE DISTRICTS OF THE NON-URBAN AREA, HE SAID.

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+AS THE NEW COUNCIL IS TO SERVE SOME 1.8 MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS WHICH CONSTITUTE 88 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL LAND AREA, IT SHOULD HAVE A SYMBOL THAT COULD INSTANTLY ESTABLISH ITS IDENTITY,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG SAID IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THROUGH THE COMPETITION, THE PUBLIC WILL BE MADE MORE AWARE OF THE FUNCTIONS, STRUCTURE AND JURISDICTION OF THE NEW FINANCIALLY-AUTONOMOUS CORPORATE BODY.

HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE CHINESE NAME OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL BE CHANGED TO REFLECT THE SIMILARITY IN TERMS OF THE NATURE AND THE SCOPE OF WORK BETWEEN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

ALSO, THE EXISTING CHINESE NAME IS TOO SIMILAR TO THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CHINESE NAME. THE RESULT IS THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FIND IT DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TWO.

TO EFFECT THE CHANGE, MR CHEUNG SAID, STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO AMEND THE RELEVANT PROVISION OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE WHICH DEFINES THE CHINESE TITLE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

TO AVOID CONFUSION AT A LATER DATE, HE SAID THE PROPOSED NEW CHINESE TITLE OF THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN USED IN ALL PUBLICITY MATERIALS FOR THE LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION AD HOC COMMITTEE, MR RICHARD HO, TOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT IN ORDER TO ATTRACT MORE AND BETTER ENTRIES, A CASH PRIZE OF $30 000 IS OFFERED TO THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION.

TROPHIES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER AND THE TWO RUNNERS-UP.

MR HO SAID THE PANEL OF JUDGES WILL INCLUDE THREE HONG KONG LEADING PROFESSIONAL DESIGNERS, MR ALAN CHAN, MR CHEUNG SHU-SUN AND MR BASIL PAO.

+THE BEST 10 ENTRIES SELECTED WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR FINAL DECISION ON THE WINNER AND TWO RUNNERS-UP,+ HE ADDED.

ENTRY FORMS CONTAINING BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 6) AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION UNTIL JANUARY 31.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS MARCH 1, 1986.

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DISTRICT PRAISED FOR FIGHT CRIME SUCCESS

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EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, TONIGHT (SATURDAY) URGED THE PUBLIC TO BE MORE ALERT IN PREVENTING CRIME AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE IN FIGHTING CRIME.

SPEAKING AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME NIGHT AT VICTORIA PARK, MR LEUNG SAID: +THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE HAD MADE MANY VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS ON CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES AND HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN REPORTING ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AND CRIME BLACKSPOTS IN THE DISTRICT SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT NINE YEARS AGO.

+WITH THE ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC'S) AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS (OC'S), THE NUMEROUS CAMPAIGNS CARRIED OUT BY THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE ARE DIRECTED AT RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.+

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE RECENTLY-LAUNCHED NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME HAD RECEIVED TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS AND THE SCHEME HAD BEEN HIGHLY EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING CRIME WITH THE MINIMUM USE OF RESOURCES.

MR LEUNG ALSO PRAISED THE MAC'S AND OC'S OF THE SIX SELECTED BUILDINGS WHICH JOINED THE SCHEME AND REMINDED THEM TO MAINTAIN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE POLICE TO CURB CRIME IN THESE BUILDINGS.

HE SAID THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE HAD JOINTLY ORGANISED MANY CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES WITH THE DB AND THE POLICE IN 1985-86.

THESE INCLUDE SELECTING THE BUILDING WITH THE BEST SECURITY AND CRIME PREVENTION SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS THE CRIME PREVENTION SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION, ALL OF WHICH ARE AIMED AT ALERTING THE COMMUNITY OF THE NEED TO PREVENT AND COMBAT CRIME.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME NIGHT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND EASTERN DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

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PAMPHLET DEALS WITH PUPILS PROBLEMS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A PAMPHLET ON THE EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS AND LEARNING DIFFICULTIES.

THE PAMPHLET, ENTITLED +HELPING PUPILS WITH BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS+, IS AVAILABLE AT THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AND THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE AT 6 PERTH STREET, HO MAN TIN.

IT IS AIMED AT ASSISTING TEACHERS AND PARENTS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EXISTING SERVICES AND TO MAKE AS MUCH USE OF THEM AS NECESSARY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE NOTED THAT SOME SCHOOL CHILDREN EXPERIENCED ADJUSTMENT DIFFICULTIES AND MANIFEST BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS AT SOME TIME DURING THEIR SCHOOL LIFE AND MOST OF THESE PROBLEMS WERE NEITHER SERIOUS NOR PERMANENT AND COULD BE OVERCOME IF APPROPRIATE HELP WAS GIVEN IN TIME.

+THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT A MORE POSITIVE APPROACH TOWARDS THIS PROBLEM IS TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS AND PARENTS WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, SO THAT SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS CAN BE HELPED AS ADEQUATELY AND AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE SERVICES WHICH ARE PROVIDED INSIDE A SCHOOL INCLUDE STUDENT GUIDANCE SCHEME, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SCHEME, CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICE, REVISED RESOURCE CLASSES, PERIPATETIC TEACHING SERVICE AND ADVISORY SERVICE UNDER THE ON-SITE SUPPORT.

OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL, OFF-SITE SUPPORT IS PROVIDED MAINLY THROUGH THE RESOURCE TEACHING CENTRES, ADJUSTMENT UNITS, SPECIAL SCHOOLS FOR MALADJUSTED AND SOCIALLY DEPRIVED CHILDREN, AND JUVENILE PROTECTION SCHEME TO HELP SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS.

IN ADDITION, A WIDE-RANGE OF SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND SCHOOL CHILDREN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRES.

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GUANGDONG VISITORS SEE VOCATIONAL CENTRES

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AN 18-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM GUANGDONG PROVINCE VISITED THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S TRAINING CENTRES AT KOWLOON BAY THIS MORNING (SATURDAY).

HEADED BY THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF GUANGDONG, MR YU FEI, THE DELEGATION TOURED THE TRAINING CENTRES FOR THE ELECTRONICS, HOTEL, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL-WORKING, PLASTICS AND PRINTING INDUSTRIES AND SAW FACILITIES FOR TRAINING IN AN INDUSTRY-SIMULATED ENVIRONMENT.

THE DELEGATION WAS MET BY OFFICIALS FROM THE COUNCIL AND ITS TRAINING BOARDS, INCLUDING THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR ALEX WU.

MR WU SAID THE VISIT PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES ON MANPOWER TRAINING.

THE VISITORS SAID THET WERE IMPRESSED BY THE HIGH STANDARD OF TRAINING PROVIDED AT THE CENTRES AND BY THE RESOURCES INVESTED THERE TO IMPROVE HONG KONG'S TRAINED MANPOWER.

THEY COMPRISED KEY MEMBERS FROM THE GUNAGDONG PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, PLANNING COMMITTEE, BANKING, TRADING AND OTHER MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS.

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CARE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN WAN CHAI

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A MONTH-LONG CARE CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS BEGAN TODAY (SATURDAY) AS MORE THAN 1 000 SENIOR RESIDENTS WERE ENTERTAINED TO AN AFTERNOON OF CANTONESE OPERATIC SINGING.

WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY: +AS THERE ARE MANY SENIOR RESIDENTS IN WAN CHAI, THIS ANNUAL CAMPAIGN OF ORGANISING CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THEM HAS BECOME A TRADITION AND IS WIDELY SUPPORTED BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS.+

MR GARCIA EMPHASISED THAT RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY WAS A CHINESE VIRTUE THAT SHOULD BE PRESERVED AND HE CALLED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF MORE AND BETTER SERVICES FOR THEM.

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DURING THE CAMPAIGN, SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE INVITED TO A TEA PARTY, A DINNER AND SEVERAL OTHER CANTONESE OPERATIC PERFORMANCES.

THOSE WHO ATTENDED TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY EACH RECEIVED A +LAI-SEE+ PACKET FROM THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

OTHER GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR HO FAI; VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW YUM-WAH; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DONNA WONG.

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VALUE OF FAMILY HARMONY TO COMMUNITY STRESSED

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HARMONIOUS FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF A CARING COMMUNITY, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85, HE SAID: +MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND CONCERN FOR THE FAMILY UNIT WILL HELP INSTIL CIVIC VALUES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN INDIVIDUAL PERSONS.+

HE CALLED ON KWUN TONG RESIDENTS TO WORK FOR THE HARMONY OF FAMILY UNITY AND THE COHESION OF THE COMMUNITY.

TONIGHT'S VARIETY SHOW FEATURED PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN SINGERS, CALLISTHENICS DEMONSTRATION, LION DANCE AND A SINGING DRAMA SHOWING THE LIVES OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE SHOW WILL BE BROADCAST ON TVB-JADE AT 10.30 PM NEXT SATURDAY (JANUARY 11).

THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85, STARTED IN MID-DECEMBER, PROVIDED 21 EVENTS IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS.

IT WAS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85 ORGANISING COMMITTEE, CO-ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AT $650 000.

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DISTANT RUN SERIES CONCLUDES ON CHEUNG CHAU

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MICHAEL WU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING CEREMONY OF THE FINAL RACE OF THE ISLANDS DISTANT RUN SERIES ON CHEUNG CHAU TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE CHEUNG CHAU RACE WILL ROUND UP THE RESULTS OF THREE PREVIOUS RACES AT MUI WO, PENG CHAU AND LAMMA, AND THE OVERALL WINNER WILL BECOME CHAMPION OF THE SERIES.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE ISLANDS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID THE RACES, HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME ON SUCH A LARGE SCALE, WERE AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN RUNNING AS WELL AS PROMOTING THE NATURAL BEAUTIES OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE STARTING CEREMONY OF THE CHEUNG CHAU DISTANT RUN TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MICHAEL WU AT 11 AM AT THE CHEUNG CHAU SPORTSGROUND ON PEAK ROAD TOMORROW (SUNDAY). A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE EVENT.

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YOUTH CAMP ON CIVIC EDUCATION

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A ONE-DAY ORIENTATION CAMP FOR YOUTHS PARTICIPATING IN THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION WILL BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE CAMP IS THE FIRST EVENT IN THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH SOCIAL SERVICES GROUPS IN THE DISTRICT.

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IT WILL BE HELD IN THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE AT LO WAI ROAD IN TSUEN WAN.

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UC TRACTOR HELPS KEEP KAI TAK SAFE AND TIDY

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ONE OF THE LEAST KNOWN TASKS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS THE CUTTING OF THE LARGE ACREAGE OF GRASS ADJOINING THE AIRPORT RUNWAY AT KAI TAK. A SPECIAL TRACTOR, TO WHICH A MECHANICAL MOWER IS ATTACHED, PERFORMS THIS TASK, WHICH IS AN ONGOING ONE.

GRASS-CUTTING HAS A VITAL BEARING ON AVIATION SAFETY. UNCUT GRASS, APART FROM ITS UNSIGHTLY APPEARANCE, CAN HARBOUR BIRDS WHICH MIGHT GET SUCKED INTO THE JET ENGINES OF AIRLINERS.

AT THE SAME TIME CUT GRASS MUST BE PROMPTLY AND EFFICIENTLY CLEARED, SINCE IT TOO COULD BE BLOWN INTO THE AIR AND AFFECT ENGINE PERFORMANCE.

THE SPECIAL TRACTOR, ACQUIRED LAST SUMMER, HAS AN ENCLOSED AND AIR-CONDITIONED CABIN, REDUCING THE IMPACT OF AIRCRAFT NOISE ON THE DRIVER, WHO KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH THE AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER BY RADIO.

HEADLIGHTS ENABLE THE TRACTOR TO BE USED AT NIGHT IF NECESSARY.

SMALLER LAWN-MOWERS ARE USED TO TRIM THE MORE REMOTE CORNERS OF GRASS.

THE COUNCIL HAS A 15-STRONG HORTICULTURAL TEAM AT THE AIRPORT, WHO ALSO TEND THE TREES, SHRUBS, FLOWERBEDS AND LANDSCAPED PRECINCTS AND ROADWAYS -- MAKING HONG KONG A MORE PLEASANT AND WELCOMING PLACE FOR THE ARRIVING TRAVELLER.

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BIG INCREASE IN SQUASH COURTS TO MEET DEMAND

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THIS YEAR THE URBAN COUNCIL IS ALMOST TREBLING THE NUMBER OF SQUASH COURTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THERE ARE NOW 17 URBAN COUNCIL COURTS BY THE END OF THE YEAR THERE SHOULD BE 52. FURTHER, THE COUNCIL WILL STEP UP ITS TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THOSE WANTING TO TAKE UP THE SPORT.

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO GROWING PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE GAME. SQUASH RACKETS MAY STILL BE A MINORITY SPORT COMPARED WITH, SAY, SOCCER, BASKETBALL OR COMPETITIVE SWIMMING, BUT THE GROWING DEMAND IS MADE CLEAR BY THE USAGE RATES OF COURTS NOW IN OPERATION.

FOR THE FOUR COURTS IN VICTORIA PARK THE RATE LAST YEAR WAS 98 PER CENT. THE THREE COURTS AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM WERE IN SIMILAR HEAVY DEMAND (99 PER CENT).

INTENSE INTEREST IN THE SPORT IS ALSO REFLECTED BY THE DEMAND FOR BASIC INSTRUCTION. IN THE 1985/86 SEASON THE URBAN COUNCIL IS PROVIDING BEGINNERS' COURSES FOR 739 YOUNG PLAYERS, BUT FOR EVERY APPLICANT WHO WAS SUCCESSFUL ABOUT SIX HAD TO BE REGRETFULLY TOLD TO TRY AGAIN LATER, FOR LACK OF COURTS.

BECAUSE OF THIS SHORTAGE, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS BEEN MAKING HEAVY USE OF COURTS OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH IT MANAGES ITSELF, FOR LEARN-TO-PLAY COURSES, EXAMPLES BEING THE SIX COURTS OF THE ISLAND SQUASH RACKETS CLUB IN BORRETT ROAD AND THE LIM POR YAN CENTRE COURTS IN KOWLOON. THIS PRACTICE WILL CONTINUE, BUT THE SHORTAGE WILL BE EASED BY THE COMPLETION LATER THIS YEAR OF COURTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

NOTABLE AMONG THESE NEW COURTS WILL BE THE 18 AT THE URBAN COUNCIL HONG KONG SQUASH CENTRE IN VICTORIA BARRACKS, WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR USE FROM AUGUST.

THE OTHERS ARE TWO COURTS AT THE LOCKHART ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL IN WAN CHAI THREE AT THE HIU KONG STREET IGH IN KWUN TONG THREE AT THE CHUK YUEN IGH IN WONG TAI SIN FOUR AT THE NEW BOUNDARY STREET IGH FOUR AT THE PO ON ROAD MARKET COMPLEX IGH IN SHAM SHUI PO AND ONE AT THE NGAU CHI WAN COMPLEX IGH.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SWIMMING POOL RESTAURANT

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF A GENERAL RESTAURANT AT THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE TENDER WOULD BE FOR THREE YEARS FROM APRIL 1, 1986.

LOCATED NEXT TO THE MAIN POOL, THE RESTAURANT WILL HAVE ONE ENTRANCE FOR SWIMMERS AND ANOTHER AT THE WO YI HOP ROAD, FOR NON-SWIMMING CUSTOMERS. THE POOL IS NEXT TO THE SHEK YAM ESTATE.

OPENED SINCE JULY 1984, IT HAS ATTRACTED MORE THAN 210 000 SWIMMERS DURING THE LAST SWIMMING SEASON.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE TO THE CHAIRMAN, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TENDER BOARD IN A PLAIN AND SEALED ENVELOPE WITH A SPECIALLY DESIGNED TENDER LABEL.

THEY SHOULD BE PUT IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE, AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON, BY 9 AM ON JANUARY 10, 1986.

TENDERERS MUST ATTACH TO EACH TENDER A RECEIPT SHOWING THAT THEY HAVE DEPOSITED $5 000 AT THE TREASURY REVENUE BRANCH, FIRST FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG OR AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY SUB-TREASURY, CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 20 ELECTRIC ROAD, HONG KONG.

DEPOSITS CAN ALSO BE MADE AT THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, FOURTH FLOOR, KOWLOON OR AT THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, ON THE NINTH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE ON TEL. 0-209204 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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COLOURFUL STAMP PACK OUT MONDAY

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A BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED STAMP PACK, CONTAINING TWO SETS OF PREVIOUSLY ISSUED STAMPS, WILL BE PUT OUT BY THE POST OFFICE ON MONDAY (JANUARY 6).

THE TWO SETS WILL FEATURE COLOURFUL LANTERNS OF THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL AND THE TRADITIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACE.

+THE PACK IS IDEAL AS A GIFT AS WELL AS FOR PERSONAL COLLECTION,+ A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT WILL BE ON SALE AT $18 EACH AT THE PHILATELIC COUNTERS LOCATED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, TSIM SHA TSUI, GRANVILLE ROAD, PEAK AND AIRPORT OFFICES.

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FIRE PREVENTION VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW

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A FIRE PREVENTION VARIETY SHOW AND AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR 20 FIRE WATCH TEAMS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE WONG TAI SIN FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

THE FUNCTION, TO BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN FIRE STATION AT 2 PM, IS PART OF THE DISTRICT-WIDE DRIVE ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS OF FIRE HAZARDS.

A THREE-HOUR PROGRAMME INCLUDING FIRE-FIGHTING AND SELF-RESCUE DEMONSTRATIONS, SINGING, MAGIC SHOW AND ACROBATIC DISPLAYS WILL BE STAGED FOR THE PUBLIC.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY ON FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES WILL ALSO BE LAID OUT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FUNCTION AT WONG TAI SIN FIRE STATION IN FUNG TAK STREET.

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FAMILY FUN DAY TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS

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A FAMILY FUN DAY AIMED AT PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION AND CONCERN FOR SOCIETY WILL BE HELD IN MONG KOK TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE EVENT IS PART OF A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE MONTH-LONG CIVIC EDUCATION 30 CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN THE DISTRICT LAST MONTH.

ACTIVITIES WILL CENTRE ON ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. THERE WILL BE A QUIZ COMPETITION, GAMES AND MATCHES, A SLIDE SHOW, A DRAMA, AND DANCING AND SINGING PERFORMANCES.

AN EXHIBITION WILL ALSO BE HELD TO ILLUSTRATE THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CITIZEN AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FUN DAY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT SHARON LUTHERAN SCHOOL, CHERRY STREET, TAI KOK TSUI, FROM 2 PM.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK BRANCH OF THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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ROAD SAFETY DAY FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS

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THE MONTH-LONG TUEN MUN ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, WHICH STARTED IN DECEMBER , WILL COME TO A CLOSE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WITH A ROAD SAFETY DAY AT TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND IN HEUNG SZE HUI ROAD.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN POLICE STATION, THE EVENT IS AIMED AT ALERTING RESIDENTS TO BE MORE AWARE OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS IN CAUSING ROAD ACCIDENTS, THE PROPER USE AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES, AND TO REMIND CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING ROAD SAFETY RULES.

THERE WILL BE GAMES STALLS, COMPUTER GAMES AND AN EXHIBITION ON ROAD TRAFFIC RULES, WHILE A MINI ROAD SAFETY TOWN WILL ALSO BE PUT UP.

WINNERS OF A DRAWING COMPETITION TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY, AS WELL AS MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS CHOSEN AT TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES DURING THE EVENT.

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR MARTIN BROWN; DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR TRAFFIC, MR J.C. CLEMENCE; AND SENIOR STAFF OFFICER, MR D.G. ROBINSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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DANCE COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN MONG KOK

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AN OPEN DANCE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE TO PROMOTE DANCING AMONG AMATEURS.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A LARGE-SCALE DANCE COMPETITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT.

A TOTAL OF 44 TEAMS FROM SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS WILL COMPETE FOR SPECIAL HONOURS IN THE THREE SECTIONS - CREATIVE, ORIENTAL, AND WESTERN DANCES.

THE COMPETITION IS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LAM KIN-MING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 4.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE, FUK TSUN STREET, TAI KOK TSUI.

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REST GARDENS FOR KWAI CHUNG

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TWO AREAS AT KWAI CHUNG ARE TO BE CONVERTED INTO REST GARDENS AND SITTING OUT AREAS.

ONE, WITH AN AREA OF 864 SQUARE METRES, IS BETWEEN WO YIP HOP ROAD AND SHEK YAM ROAD, WHILE THE OTHER, WITH AN AREA OF 966 SQUARE METRES, IS AT THE JUNCTION OF WO YIP HOP ROAD AND TAI LOONG STREET.

THEY WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A FOUNTAIN, ARBOURS, BENCHES, PLANTERS, FLOWER BEDS AND FOOTPATHS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

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KWAI CHUNG TRAFFIC CHANGES

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TO FACILITATE SLOPE REPAIR WORKS IN LAI YIU ESTATE, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CONVERTED TO ONE LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 7) FOR ABOUT NINE MONTHS:

* A SECTION OF ABOUT 120 METRES OF WAH YIU ROAD OUTSIDE KWAI CHUNG METHODIST COLLEGE; AND

* A SECTION OF LAI CHI LING ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WAH YIU ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES TO THE WEST.

IN ADDITION, THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM SOUTHBOUND WAH YIU ROAD TO WESTBOUND LAI CHI LING ROAD WILL BE BANNED. VEHICLES INCLUDING GREEN MINIBUSES SHOULD PROCEED ALONG SOUTHBOUND WAH YIU ROAD, TAI WO INTERCHANGE, NORTHBOUND WAH YIU ROAD AND TURN LEFT INTO WESTBOUND LAI CHI LING ROAD.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRAFFIC DIVERSION, THE EXISTING STOPS OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 46M, 47M, 90M AND 91M ON BOTH SIDES OF WAH YIU ROAD OUTSIDE KWAI CHUNG METHODIST COLLEGE WILL BE CANCELLED. GREEN MINIBUSES ON THESE ROUTES CAN PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS OUTSIDE LOK YIU HOUSE.

FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 7), THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF AUSTIN ROAD BETWEEN KWUN CHUNG STREET AND PILKEM STREET IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE MADE A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY, THE EXISTING PROHIBITED ZONE AT THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINUS ADJACENT TO MAN WUI STREET BETWEEN MAN SING STREET AND FERRY STREET IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE LIFTED FOR TWO DAYS.

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TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN SALT WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN AND ALL PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS BETWEEN TUESDAY (JANUARY 7) AND WEDNESDAY FOR MAINS WORK.

IN TUEN MUN, SUPPLY WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM ON TUESDAY TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

IN TSUEN WAN, SUPPLY TO PREMISES BOUNDED BY TAI HO ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CHAI WAN KOK STREET, INCLUDING YUEN TUN CIRCUIT, SHA TSUI ROAD, TSO KUNG STREET, HOI PA STREET, HEUNG CHE STREET AND TSUEN KING CIRCUIT WILL BE STOPPED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY TO 10 AM THE NEXT DAY.

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