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GOVERNOR TO GIVE SUMMARY OF ADDRESS ON TV

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL APPEAR ON TELEVISION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING TO GIVE A SUMMARY OF HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS DELIVERED EARLIER IN THE DAY AT THE OPENING OF THE 1988-89 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE PROGRAMME, PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST BY THE RADIO SECTION OF RTHK AND COMMERCIAL RADIO ENGLISH CHANNEL.

ATV GOLD WILL BROADCAST THE PROGRAMME AT 6.55 PM, TVB JADE AT 7 PM, TVB PEARL AT 8 PM AND ATV DIAMOND AT 8.30 PM.

RTHK RADIO 1 (CHINESE), RADIO 3 (ENGLISH) AND COMMERCIAL RADIO ENGLISH CHANNEL WILL BROADCAST THE SUMMARY AFTER THEIR 5.30 PM NEWSCASTS.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 1988

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN AUGUST 1988, AT \$89,928 MILLION, GREW BY 35 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1987, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON VALUE OF TRADE IN AUGUST 1988 RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT TO \$20,669 MILLION IN AUGUST 1988, WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 57 PER CENT TO \$25,431 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1988 TO \$46,100 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 33 PER CENT OVER AUGUST 1987.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 37 PER CENT TO \$43,829 MILLION IN AUGUST 1988.

COMPARING AUGUST 1988 WITH AUGUST 1987, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA (+58 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+48 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+41 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ALSO WENT UP, BY 25 PER CENT, 18 PER CENT, 15 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., HONG KONG'S LARGEST DOMESTIC EXPORTS MARKET, DECREASED BY 8 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN AUGUST 1988 OVER AUGUST 1987, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+76 PER CENT), JAPAN (+40 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+38 PER CENT), CHINA (+35 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+31 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+31 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN, CHINA, THE U.S.A., AUSTRALIA, TAIWAN, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SINGAPORE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON BY 108 PER CENT, 71 PER CENT, 58 PER CENT, 57 PER CENT, 49 PER CENT, 49 PER CENT, 47 PER CENT AND 45 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALSO INCREASED, BY 34 PER CENT.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO AUGUST 1988, AT \$613,059 MILLION, INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT TO \$136,423 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 48 PER CENT TO \$166,725 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 29 PER CENT TO \$303,147 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT TO \$309,912 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS.

THE MARKETS WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED SINGAPORE (+38 PER CENT), CHINA (+34 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+23 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+22 PER CENT), FRANCE (+19 PER CENT), JAPAN (+14 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+13 PER CENT) AND AUSTRALIA (+12 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, THE U.S.A., DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO AUGUST 1988 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+52 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+35 PER CENT), SWITZERLAND (+33 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+31 PER CENT), CHINA (+29 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+28 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+27 PER CENT). THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ALSO INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT.

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DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CHINA, TAIWAN, AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE U.S.A. INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 91 PER CENT, 59 PER CENT, 53 PER CENT, 49 PER CENT, 48 PER CENT, 46 PER CENT AND 42 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALSO INCREASED, BY 35 PER CENT AND 33 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN AUGUST 1988 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1988.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN MOST MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$3,059 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$2,286 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2,062 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,340 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING DECREASED BY \$54 MILLION IN VALUE TERMS OR LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT. DECREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$265 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$260 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$10,477 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$7,133 MILLION OR 106 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$5,461 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$4,550 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$2,841 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$367 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); AND OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$78 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$7,681 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$6,160 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ETHERS AND ETHERS (BY \$4,270 MILLION OR 214 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$4,046 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$3,229 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$98 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); AND PROCESSED ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS, AND WAXES OF ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE ORIGIN (BY \$2 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE AVAILABLE IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE AUGUST 1988 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND OCTOBER 15, 1988, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1988 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN END-OCTOBER 1988 AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-8428802 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	AUG 88 OVER AUG 87 (%)	JAN-AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 88 OVER JAN-AUG 87 (%)
U.S.A.	6,601	- 8	45,135	- 4
CHINA	3,816	+ 58	23,151	+ 34
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,592	+ 9	10,672	+ 13
U.K.	1,506	+ 25	9,579	+ 22
JAPAN	1,114	+ 18	6,724	+ 14
CANADA	570	+ 1	3,856	+ 6
SINGAPORE	484	+ 41	3,228	+ 38
NETHERLANDS	553	+ 48	3,166	+ 23
FRANCE	381	+ 3	2,781	+ 19
AUSTRALIA	416	+ 15	2,571	+ 12

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TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	AUG 88 OVER AUG 87 (%)	JAN-AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 88 OVER JAN-AUG 87 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6,590	- 1	41,528	- *
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,015	- 1	19,043	- 1
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,712	+ 21	11,827	+ 24
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,597	+ 23	11,320	+ 22
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,673	+ 29	10,796	+ 14
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,275	- 5	9,890	- 3

\* LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

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TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	AUG 88 OVER AUG 87 (%)	JAN-AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 88 OVER JAN-AUG 87 (%)
CHINA	14,066	+ 35	94,221	+ 29
JAPAN	7,808	+ 40	57,355	+ 25
TAIWAN	3,959	+ 31	27,654	+ 31
U.S.A.	3,628	+ 38	26,646	+ 35
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,250	+ 76	16,147	+ 52
SINGAPORE	1,742	+ 29	11,525	+ 27
U.K.	1,111	+ 8	8,382	+ 11
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,144	+ 31	8,224	+ 28
SWITZERLAND	612	+ 22	5,899	+ 33
ITALY	775	+ 18	5,030	+ 25

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	AUG 88 OVER AUG 87 (%)	JAN-AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 88 OVER JAN-AUG 87 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5,315	+ 10	39,896	+ 8
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,808	+ 59	32,512	+ 48
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,002	+ 20	19,072	+ 14

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,066	+ 73	18,780	+ 41
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,863	+ 44	17,564	+ 35
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,145	+ 37	16,984	+ 32

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	AUG 88 OVER AUG 87 (%)	JAN-AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 88 OVER JAN-AUG 87 (%)
CHINA	8,767	+ 71	55,914	+ 53
U.S.A.	4,631	+ 58	29,530	+ 42
JAPAN	1,595	+108	10,462	+ 91
TAIWAN	1,250	+ 49	8,930	+ 49
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,012	+ 34	7,790	+ 33
SINGAPORE	813	+ 45	5,500	+ 35
F.R. OF GERMANY	841	+ 49	5,100	+ 59
U.K.	710	+ 47	3,905	+ 46
MACAU	338	+ 22	2,592	+ 19
AUSTRALIA	437	+ 57	2,552	+ 48

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TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	AUG 88 OVER AUG 87 (%)	JAN-AUG 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 88 OVER JAN-AUG 87 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,004	+ 23	21,421	+ 18
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,637	+ 88	17,307	+ 80
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,145	+ 65	16,801	+ 58
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2,287	+ 46	14,945	+ 23
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,912	+ 70	11,034	+ 58
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	961	+ 51	6,363	+ 21

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO HK ON RISE

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HONG KONG IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO AN OPEN MARKET POLICY AND IS A MAJOR EXPORT MARKET FOR U.S. GOODS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR PETER JOHNSON, TOLD A GROUP OF 50 SENIOR EXECUTIVES INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE AND ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES.

SPEAKING LAST WEEK IN MODESTO, LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL VALLEY AND A CENTRE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, MR JOHNSON SAID THAT WITH HONG KONG'S LACK OF TARIFF BARRIERS OR IMPORT DUTIES, ITS AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS HAD MORE THAN DOUBLED OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS.

"LAST YEAR U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO THE TERRITORY ROSE BY 35 PER CENT TO TOTAL US\$525 MILLION," HE SAID.

"IN FACT DESPITE ITS SMALL POPULATION HONG KONG NOW BUYS MORE THAN ONE-FIFTH OF TOTAL U.S. EXPORTS OF FRESH PRODUCE."

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING FRUIT, GRAPES, VEGETABLES AND NUTS WERE CALIFORNIA'S FIFTH MAJOR EXPORT TO HONG KONG IN 1987, VALUED AT US\$120 MILLION.

REFERRING TO THE FUTURE, MR JOHNSON SAID THAT ECONOMIC PROSPECTS WERE BRIGHT FOR THE RUN UP TO 1997 AND BEYOND, AND HE BELIEVED HONG KONG WOULD REMAIN AN ATTRACTIVE MARKET PLACE FOR QUALITY PRODUCTS.

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MORE SKILLED PRINTERS TO MATCH EXPORT-LED GROWTH

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THE PRINTING INDUSTRY IS EXPECTED TO GROW AND NEED MORE WELL-TRAINED WORKERS TO COPE WITH INCREASING SOPHISTICATION IN THE INDUSTRY, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY REPORT RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED BY THE PRINTING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE COUNCIL IN MARCH, SHOWED THAT MANPOWER IN THE INDUSTRY HAS INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF 3.6 PER CENT FROM 23,700 IN 1986 TO 25,500.

IT WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE RISE OF THE EXPORT OF PRINTED PRODUCTS TO WORLD MARKETS, THE UNITED STATES IN PARTICULAR.

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THE BOARD FORECAST THAT THE NUMBER OF WORKERS WOULD CONTINUE TO RISE IN COMING YEARS TO CORRESPOND WITH THE EXPORT-LED GROWTH, WHICH WOULD BE SUSTAINED IN THE YEARS AHEAD BY THE COMPETITIVE HONG KONG DOLLAR AND BY IMPROVEMENTS IN PRODUCT QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.

NEVERTHELESS, THE 2,100 VACANCIES RECORDED IN THE MARCH SURVEY SHOWED THAT THE INDUSTRY HAS EXPERIENCED A LABOUR SHORTAGE PROBLEM.

THE BOARD NOTED THE SHORTAGE WOULD REMAIN UNLESS LOCAL PRINTERS MAKE SERIOUS EFFORTS TO TRAIN FOR THEIR MANPOWER NEEDS.

IT ESTIMATED THAT PRINTERS SHOULD TRAIN AN ADDITIONAL 240 TECHNICIANS AND 830 CRAFTSMEN A YEAR IN ORDER TO MEET MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS.

THE REPORT CONTAINS FURTHER DETAILED MANPOWER STATISTICS ON THE PRINTING INDUSTRY AND IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$10.50 A COPY.

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#### SUBURBAN PLAN NEEDED FOR NORTH AND WEST NEW TERRITORIES

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY MADE A PLEA FOR PROPER SUBURBAN PLANNING FOR THE NORTH AND WEST PLAINS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TO PREVENT THOSE AREAS TURNING INTO IRREVERSIBLE SLUMS.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING DEPARTMENT ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION, HE SAID THAT SHA TIN ON THE EAST WAS NICELY SURROUNDED BY HILLS AND WATER AND AS A RESULT CONTAINS VERY FEW BLEMISHES.

BUT THE SAME COULD NOT BE SAID FOR THE NORTH AND WEST NEW TERRITORIES "WHERE THE OUTCOME OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FORCES OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS HAS MEANT THAT OUR BRAVE NEW TOWNS AND HOUSING ESTATES LOOK OUT OVER AGRICULTURAL WASTELAND AND A GROWING SPREAD OF USED CAR DUMPS.

"A LOOK AT AN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF ANY OF THESE AREAS, OR THE VIEW OF THE PAT HEUNG PLAIN FROM TWISK WILL SHOW YOU ONLY TOO CLEARLY WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST 30 YEARS AND IS NOW TAKING PLACE AT AN ACCELERATING RATE.

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"WE HAVE CLEARLY GOT TO THINK AGAIN AND MORE REALISTICALLY ABOUT THIS PROBLEM, OTHERWISE IN THE SPACE OF A FEW YEARS THE EDGE OF THE NEW TOWNS IN THE NORTH AND WEST WILL STAND CHEEK BY JOWL WITH SLUMS SIMILAR TO THOSE WE ARE CLEARING FROM THE URBAN AREA.

"MORE RADICAL SOLUTIONS ARE NEEDED. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD RECOGNISE WHAT IS ALREADY THERE AND WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. WE ARE NEVER GOING TO BE ABLE TO TURN THE CLOCK BACK TO AGRICULTURAL USE."

SIR DAVID SAID WHAT WAS NEEDED FOR THE WHOLE AREA WAS A FAIRLY DETAILED COMPLETE SUBURBAN PLAN INVOLVING A MIXTURE OF MEDIUM AND LOW DENSITY THAT WOULD GUIDE DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN. GRADUALLY OVER THE COURSE OF 10 OR 20 YEARS A SUBURBAN ROAD AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM COULD BE EXTENDED AND DEVELOPED.

TOUCHING ON THE TERRITORY'S HOUSING PROGRAMMES AND STRUCTURES, HE SAID OUR HOUSING FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS HAD BEEN BUILT IN RESPONSE TO SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FORCES.

HE SAID IT WAS OF INTEREST TO SPECULATE AND ANALYSE WHY IT WAS THAT THE NORTH POINT AND SO UK ESTATES - BUILT BY THE FORMER HOUSING AUTHORITY - HAVE STOOD THE TEST OF TIME SO MUCH BETTER THAN MANY OF THE ESTATES WHICH HAVE BEEN BUILT SINCE.

SIR DAVID SAID: "THESE ESTATES ARE, AFTER ALL, ABOUT 30 YEARS' OLD AND WILL PROBABLY LAST ANOTHER 30 YEARS. THEY WERE IN ADVANCE OF THEIR TIME, BUT NOW, WHEN FAR YOUNGER ESTATES ARE BEING PULLED DOWN AND REBUILT AT VAST EXPENSE AND CONSIDERABLE DISTURBANCE, SO UK AND NORTH POINT SEEM TO PROVE THE REAL VALUE IN BUILDING JUST A BIT IN ADVANCE OF THE MORE PRACTICAL RESOLUTION OF THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURES OF THE TIME.

"WE SHOULD BE CONSTANTLY EXAMINING WHAT WE ARE BUILDING NOW AND MAKING SURE IT, TOO, WILL STAND THE TEST OF TIME."

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#### NEW NURSING SCHOOL OPENS IN KOWLOON HOSPITAL

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A NEW NURSING SCHOOL WAS TODAY (TUESDAY) OFFICIALLY OPENED AT THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG.

THE NEW PREMISES, WHICH REPLACES THE OLD SCHOOL ESTABLISHED SINCE 1964 IN THE SINGLE IMPROVISED CLASSROOM AT M BLOCK OF THE HOSPITAL, IS ONE OF THE BEST EQUIPPED NURSING SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG.

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THE SCHOOL OF GENERAL NURSING IS HOUSED IN A SIX-STOREY BUILDING. FACILITIES INCLUDE A LECTURE THEATRE, TWO CLASSROOMS, A LIBRARY, TWO DEMONSTRATION ROOMS AND QUARTERS FOR THE TRAINEES.

THE SCHOOL PROVIDES TRAINING FOR GENERAL ENROLLED NURSES AND HAS A CAPACITY FOR THREE INTAKES OF PUPIL NURSES TOTALLY 180 EACH YEAR.

SINCE IT OPENED IN 1964, A TOTAL OF 1,492 ENROLLED NURSES GRADUATED FROM THE SCHOOL.

IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS, DR THONG SAID THAT IN LINE WITH THE RECENT RAPID EXPANSION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG, HIS DEPARTMENT HAS MADE TREMENDOUS STRIDES IN ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE HIGH QUALITY OF NURSING SERVICE THROUGH A SERIES OF IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ON NURSES' TRAINING.

IN THE PAST TEN YEARS, THREE NEW NURSING SCHOOLS WERE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION, HE SAID.

THESE SCHOOLS ARE AT KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL, PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AND PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL.

THE NUMBER OF TRAINEES HAS INCREASED STEADILY FROM 1,500 EACH YEAR TO 2,400 BY THE END OF 1987.

DR THONG WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE NEW SCHOOL, WITH ITS EXCELLENT FACILITIES, WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY "NOT ONLY IN PROVIDING THE MUCH-NEEDED SUPPLY OF NURSES BUT ALSO IN IMPROVING ULTIMATELY THE QUALITY OF PATIENT CARE."

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EMPLOY DISABLED TO FULFIL MANPOWER NEEDS

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, TOLD EMPLOYERS TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THEIR SUPPORT IN TAKING ON DISABLED PERSONS NOT ONLY GIVES THIS PARTICULAR GROUP THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CAPABILITIES AT WORK, BUT ALSO FULFILS THEIR OWN MANPOWER NEEDS IN TIMES OF LABOUR SHORTAGE.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIRS TO THE TOP EMPLOYERS WHO EMPLOY THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DISABLED PERSONS, MR HAMMOND NOTED THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN SEVERAL AREAS DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE THIS YEAR.

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"FIRST, OF THE TOP 11 EMPLOYERS, SEVEN DID NOT APPEAR ON LAST YEAR'S LIST WHICH INDICATES THAT A GROWING NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS ARE WILLING TO EMPLOY THE DISABLED IN SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS.

"SECONDLY, THE TOP 11 EMPLOYERS COME FROM A GOOD MIXTURE OF BACKGROUNDS, AND THE EMPLOYER WHO TOPS THE LIST THIS YEAR COMES FROM THE CATERING INDUSTRY.

"THIRDLY, THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE PLACEMENT FIGURE FOR THE EX-MENTALLY ILL. THIS SHOWS THAT EMPLOYERS ARE BECOMING MORE OPEN AND RECEPTIVE TOWARDS THE EMPLOYMENT OF THIS PARTICULAR GROUP," MR HAMMOND SAID.

HE SAID THAT DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, 493 EMPLOYERS TOOK ON DISABLED PERSONS, COMPARED TO 434 IN THE PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD.

THE 11 EMPLOYERS AWARDED SOUVENIR PLAQUES THIS YEAR HIRED AMONG THEMSELVES A TOTAL OF 190 DISABLED PERSONS. THEY INCLUDED 30 BY MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS (HK) LTD., 27 BY LO'S CLEANING SERVICES LTD. AND 20 BY WING HANG METAL AND WATCH DIAL FACTORY.

THE OTHERS WHICH EMPLOYED BETWEEN 12 AND 19 DISABLED PERSONS, ARE SECURITY ALLIANCE LTD., WONG'S INDUSTRIAL (HOLDINGS) LTD., MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, RELIANCE SERVICES CO. LTD., ORIENTAL PRINTED CIRCUITS LTD., EAST ASIA SECURITY LTD., PICOTRONICS INDUSTRIES LTD., AND TIM FUNG STEAM LAUNDRY CO. LTD.

ANOTHER EIGHT FIRMS WHICH HAD DONE MUCH TO RE-ARRANGE DUTIES AND RE-DEPLOY STAFF IN A BID TO ACCOMMODATE DISABLED EMPLOYEES, WERE ALSO PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION BY MR HAMMOND.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY TODAY WERE MR JAMES CHU, GENERAL MANAGER AND VICE PRESIDENT OF MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS (HK) LTD., WHO SPOKE ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE IN EMPLOYING DISABLED WORKERS, AND MISS WONG YUK-CHING, A BLIND TELEPHONE OPERATOR, WHO TALKED ABOUT OVERCOMING THE HANDICAPPING EFFECTS OF HER DISABILITY AND ESTABLISHING HERSELF AT WORK.

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT ESSENTIAL FOR YOUTH SERVICES

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SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION FROM THE COMMUNITY HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF YOUTH SERVICES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON "SERVICE POLICY FOR THE YOUTH" ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR KWOK NOTED THAT YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE ENABLED YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR ABILITIES AND POTENTIALS THROUGH SOCIAL WORK METHODS AND WELFARE SERVICES.

THIS ALSO GIVES RECOGNITION THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE RESOURCES OF OUR SOCIETY, HE SAID.

MR KWOK POINTED OUT THAT YOUTH SERVICES RENDERED IN SOCIAL WELFARE COULD BE CLASSIFIED INTO FOUR TYPES, NAMELY DEVELOPMENTAL, PREVENTIVE, PROTECTIVE AND REMEDIAL.

UNDER THE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WERE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE AND OTHER YOUTH GROUPS WHILE PREVENTIVE SERVICES COMPRISED OUTREACHING SCHOOL WORK AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK.

"THERE IS ONE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE FOR EVERY DISTRICT WITH 20,000 TO 30,000 POPULATION AND THERE ARE NOW 231 SUCH CENTRES WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF SOME 275,000," MR KWOK SAID.

"IN ADDITION, THERE ARE MORE THAN 70,000 MEMBERS IN THE UNIFORM GROUPS AND SOME 10,000 PEOPLE ARE BEING SERVED BY OUTREACHING SERVICE AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK," HE SAID.

"THESE FIGURES ALONE CAN TELL THE EXTENT AND INFLUENCE OF YOUTH WORK.

"MORE IMPORTANTLY, THERE ARE PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS TO GIVE INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS EVERY NECESSARY GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE.

"IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR THESE SERVICES EXCEEDS \$240 MILLION, REPRESENTING ABOUT 20 PER CENT OF WELFARE EXPENDITURE," HE ADDED.

STRESSING THAT DEVELOPMENTAL YOUTH WORK COULD NOT ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVE WITHOUT THE RESPONSE, SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE OF THE FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY, MR KWOK SAID THAT IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

ON PREVENTIVE SERVICES, HE SAID THAT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO EVERY SCHOOL WHILE OUTREACHING WORK WAS MAKING STEADY PROGRESS.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, MR KWOK NOTED THAT WHEN CHILDREN WERE IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION OF SOCIAL WORKERS EITHER BECAUSE OF THEIR BEHAVIOURAL OR FAMILY PROBLEMS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE THEM ASSISTANCE.

"VERY OFTEN, THESE CASES ARE ASSIGNED BY THE COURT TO BE PUT UNDER THE COUNSEL AND SUPERVISION OF SOCIAL WORKERS OF THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND SOME CASES MAY EVEN REQUIRE INSTITUTIONAL CARE AND TRAINING.

"AT PRESENT, THERE ARE SOME 2,000 YOUNGSTERS RECEIVING THE CARE AND PROTECTION RENDERED MOSTLY BY CASEWORKERS," HE SAID.

REMEDIAL SERVICES, COMPRISING PROBATION, INSTITUTIONAL TRAINING AND AFTER-CARE, WOULD BE NEEDED TO REHABILITATE YOUNG PEOPLE WHEN THEY BROKE THE LAW, HE SAID.

"THE PROBATION OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER SOCIAL WORKERS ARE NOW SERVING ABOUT 35,000 CLIENTS WITH LONGER TERM REMEDIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE," HE ADDED.

MR KWOK COMMENDED THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND AT THE SAME TIME TO DEVELOP THEIR SENSE OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

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BETTER POLICE SERVICE TO TSING YI RESIDENTS

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THE OPENING OF THE TSING YI POLICE STATION SHOWS THE DETERMINATION OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE TO PROVIDE A BETTER POLICE SERVICE TO PEOPLE LIVING ON THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING ISLAND.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (OPERATIONS), MR LI KWAN-HA, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW TSING YI POLICE STATION TODAY (TUESDAY).

WITH THE COMPLETION OF A NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND PRIVATE HOUSING PROJECTS AND THE OPENING OF TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, MR LI ANTICIPATED THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD MOVE TO THE ISLAND WHERE THE POPULATION WOULD REACH 164,000 BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, AND NEARLY 200,000 BY 1990.

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OBSERVING THAT THE CRIME RATE IN TSING YI WAS LOW BUT WAS NEVERTHELESS INCREASING, MR LI SAID IT WAS ALMOST INEVITABLE TO SEE AN UPSURGE IN CRIME FOLLOWING SUCH A SHARP RISE OF POPULATION.

HOWEVER, HE SAID: "IT IS THE AIM OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE TO CURB THIS AND KEEP THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL."

NOTING THAT THE POLICING OF THE ISLAND WAS PREVIOUSLY PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF KWAI CHUNG POLICE STATION, AND ONLY LIMITED REPORTING FACILITIES EXISTED ON THE ISLAND, MR LI STRESSED THAT TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN DEMAND, IT WAS NECESSARY TO EXPAND POLICE MANPOWER IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE POLICE COVERAGE.

HE SAID THAT THE OPENING OF THE POLICE STATION WOULD PROVIDE MODERN FACILITIES AND ACCOMMODATION TO THE OPERATIONAL OFFICERS SO THAT THEY COULD SERVE THE PEOPLE OF TSING YI ISLAND MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY.

"THE POLICE BUILDING HAS THE CAPACITY TO EXPAND FURTHER AS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE AND WILL, IN DUE COURSE, BE UPGRADED TO A DISTRICT," MR LI ADDED.

POINTING OUT THAT THE STATION SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED SIMPLY AS ANOTHER NEW POLICE STATION PROVIDED FOR THE TERRITORY, HE SAID IT WAS, IN FACT, A SYMBOL OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAINTAIN THE STABILITY OF HONG KONG IN THESE CHANGING TIMES.

IN CONCLUSION, MR LI URGED ALL OFFICERS WORKING IN THE NEW POLICE STATION TO DO THEIR BEST TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

MR LI LATER UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE NEW POLICE STATION. ALSO PRESENT WERE REGIONAL COMMANDER, NEW TERRITORIES, MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW; DISTRICT OFFICER, KWAI TSING, MR BRIAN COAK; CHAIRMAN, TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAN TIN-SUNG; CHAIRMAN, KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, MR LEE WING-TAT; AND CHAIRMAN, KWAI TSING DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHOI HING-SHUN.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS CONCERT IN WONG TAI SIN  
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WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO ATTEND A LUNCH HOUR ANTI-NARCOTICS CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE EAST KAI TAK PLAYGROUND, SAN PO KONG, ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 13).

THE CONCERT IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE.

THE FREE LUNCH HOUR CONCERT WILL FEATURE LIVE PERFORMANCE BY POPULAR SINGERS AND A QUIZ COMPETITION CARRYING THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE.

THE CEREMONY WILL START WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY A MEMBER OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, MRS PEGGY MIU LEE; WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH, AND WONG TAI SIN DEPUTY POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR P.J. THOMPSON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN ANTI-NARCOTICS LUNCH HOUR CONCERT TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 13) AT THE EAST KAI TAK PLAYGROUND. THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 12.30 PM.

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LOCAL AND VIETNAMESE CHILDREN SHARE TENNIS FUN  
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PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT AND CHILDREN OF THE KAI TAK TRANSIT CENTRE WILL TAKE PART IN A TENNIS AND MINI-TENNIS DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD AT KWAI CHUNG'S O.R. SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

AN INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TEAM, THE PETER BURWASH INTERNATIONAL TENNIS SPECIALISTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE KWAI TSING MINI-TENNIS CLUB WILL PERFORM AT THE DEMONSTRATION, WHICH IS ORGANISED BY KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE SPORT IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TENNIS AND MINI-TENNIS PLAYERS WILL ALSO TEACH CHILDREN TO PLAY DURING THE FREE PLAY SESSION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TENNIS AND MINI-TENNIS DEMONSTRATION ORGANISED BY KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT KWAI CHUNG'S O.R. SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL.

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"MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME" EXTENDED TO JUNK BAY RESIDENTS  
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RESIDENTS IN JUNK BAY NEW TOWN WILL BE ABLE TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS OR COMPLAINTS THROUGH THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S "MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME" STARTING FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE "MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME" HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TO THE NEW TOWN IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT.

EVERY WEDNESDAY, BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 4.30 PM, ONE OR TWO SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE STATIONED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL TO ANSWER RESIDENTS' QUERIES AND OFFER ASSISTANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT SAID THE SCHEME HELPS TO SERVE AS A CHANNEL FOR MUTUAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

"WITH A RAPID INTAKE OF POPULATION AND WITH CONSTRUCTION IN THE NEW TOWN STILL GOING ON, IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT MANY OF THE NEW RESIDENTS WILL FACE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DISRUPTION IN THEIR FIRST FEW MONTHS.

"IN VIEW OF THIS, ANY COMPLAINTS, COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS FROM RESIDENTS ARE WELCOMED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE ALWAYS READY TO OFFER THEIR ASSISTANCE AND HELP RESOLVE ANY DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY THE RESIDENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS FOR THE EXISTING "MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME" OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD IN THE SAI KUNG TOWN CENTRE, IT HAS BEEN VERY WELL-RECEIVED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS.

THE SCHEME OPERATES EVERY MONDAY, BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 4.30 PM, AND BETWEEN 6.30 PM AND 8.30 PM, AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING.

DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR, SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 43 CASES, OF WHICH 29 CASES WERE ACCEDED TO AND 14 CASES ARE STILL BEING HANDLED BY RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THESE CASES WERE MAINLY MATTERS RELATING TO LAND, HOUSING, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, LAW AND ORDER, HAWKERS AND MARKET, MARICULTURE ZONE, POSTAL SERVICES AND PERSONAL PROBLEMS.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THE TWO VENUES ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS RESPECTIVELY.

ANY PERSON WHO WANTS TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS OR MEET ANY PARTICULAR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER CAN PHONE MR ROBERT LAI ON 3-7923087 FOR APPOINTMENTS.

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LADY WILSON VISITS SCHOOLS FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

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LADY WILSON TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED TWO SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED TO LEARN ABOUT VARIOUS FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES PROVIDED FOR MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN.

SHE FIRST WENT TO THE JOCKEY CLUB SCHOOL AT WOOD ROAD, WHICH CATERS FOR 90 MODERATE DEGREE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, AND THEN TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND WEST MORNINGHOPE SCHOOL IN CHAI WAN, WHICH HAS A CAPACITY FOR 300 MILD AND MODERATE DEGREE STUDENTS.

THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WAS FORMED IN 1964 BY A FEW DEDICATED PARENTS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE ASSOCIATION OPERATES 12 SCHOOLS FOR STUDENTS OF VARYING GRADES OF MENTAL HANDICAP THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL AND QUARRY BAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT ALL VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND TO GILMAN STREET FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14).

THIS MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

AT THE SAME TIME, NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF THE TRAM TRACK ON KING'S ROAD IN QUARRY BAY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAIKOO SHING ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 110 METRES TO THE WEST OF THE JUNCTION.

THE NO-ENTRY MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORKS.

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NEW URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS DESIGNATED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ADVISED MOTORISTS TO WATCH OUT FOR NEW URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN YAU MA TEI, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14).

THE NEW RESTRICTIONS ARE BEING DESIGNATED IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

SECTIONS OF MAN SING STREET IN YAU MA TEI AND AN UNNAMED ROAD IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS OPERATING DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM.

THEY ARE THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF MAN SING STREET BETWEEN MAN CHEONG STREET AND MAN WUI STREET, AND THE UNNAMED ROAD OVER CHUNG HANG NULLAH BETWEEN SHA TSUI ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

IN TUEN MUN, A SECTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (LAM TEI SECTION) WILL ALSO BECOME AN URBAN CLEARWAY OPERATING ROUND THE CLOCK.

THE AFFECTED ROAD SECTION RANGES FROM A POINT OPPOSITE TO THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO SHUN FUNG WAI TO A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES SOUTHWEST OF THE SOUTHERN ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO YICK YUEN.

THE EXTENT AND OPERATING HOURS OF THESE URBAN CLEARWAYS WILL BE INDICATED BY APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTED HOURS.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN WESTERN WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14):

- \* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 160 AND 185 WILL BE MADE 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.
- \* THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST FROM A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WATER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT SIX METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, AND A 10-METRE STRETCH ALONG WATER STREET SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST WILL BECOME URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

THESE MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY TO BE LIFTED

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AN EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE RESTRICTION IS CURRENTLY IMPOSED ON THE NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF HAMMER HILL ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KING TUNG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 180 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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CSD CLUB, MESS SPONSOR KUK CHILDREN

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THE LADIES SECTION OF THE OFFICERS' CLUB AND THE SENIOR OFFICERS' MESS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PO LEUNG KUK'S CHILD SPONSORSHIP SCHEME.

A CHEQUE FOR \$13,200, PROVIDING FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR 22 CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE KUK, WAS PRESENTED TO THE KUK THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CHEQUE WAS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES SECTION, MRS FRANSCIA CHAN, TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KUK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1988-89, MR CHAO KING-LIN.

"THE DONATION FORMS PART OF THE SERVICES THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR OFFICERS' MESS AND OFFICERS' CLUB RENDER TO THE COMMUNITY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TWO BODIES SAID.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THIS DONATION WILL HELP AROUSE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE PO LEUNG KUK'S MEANINGFUL CHILD SPONSORSHIP SCHEME."

THE DONATION ALSO COMMEMORATED THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PO LEUNG KUK, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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