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HONG KONG AND EEC REACH AGREEMENT
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A BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT WAS AGREED EARLY TODAY (THURSDAY) BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE AGREEMENT WILL RUN FOR FIVE YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 1987 TO DECEMBER 31, 1991.

THE NEW AGREEMENT CONTAINS IMPROVEMENTS OF VARYING DEGREES OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR ALL CATEGORIES IN GROUP ONE - THE GROUP REGARDED BY THE EEC AS CONTAINING THE MOST SENSITIVE CATEGORIES. THIS GROUP ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT HALF OF HONG KONG'S TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY. A NUMBER OF OTHER CATEGORIES, IN OTHER GROUPS, HAVE EITHER HAD RESTRAINTS LIFTED OR THEIR GROWTH RATES INCREASED.

THE AGREEMENT ALSO INCLUDES CHILDREN'S WEAR PROVISIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME. IN THE FOUR CATEGORIES CONCERNED THIS MEANS THAT MORE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING CAN BE SHIPPED FOR A GIVEN AMOUNT OF QUOTA, WITHIN TIGHT LIMITS.

ANOTHER USEFUL NEW FEATURE IS THE +INTER-REGIONAL TRANSFER+, WHICH PROVIDES LIMITED TRANSFER OF QUOTA FOR THE SAME PRODUCT BETWEEN MEMBERS STATES OF THE COMMUNITY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW PACKAGE ALSO INCLUDES SOME MODEST IMPROVEMENTS IN FLEXIBILITY FOR GROUP ONE CATEGORIES AND PROVIDES FOR SOME +CARRYOVER+ AND +CARRYFORWARD+ OF QUOTA BETWEEN 1986 AND 1987.

FULL DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE ISSUED TO THE TRADE SHORTLY, HE ADDED.

COMMENTING FROM BRUSSELS ON THE OUTCOME, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID: +IT HAS BEEN A MORE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATION THAN MOST HAD EXPECTED, GIVEN THE EEC WAS COMMITTED TO MOVING IN A LESS RESTRICTIVE DIRECTION.

+GENUINE PROBLEMS FOR BOTH SIDES WERE CAUSED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM. MOREOVER, INEVITABLY PERHAPS, WE DID NOT OBTAIN ALL THAT WE HAD HOPED FOR IN THE WAY OF IMPROVEMENTS.

+HOWEVER, ON BALANCE, IT IS A REASONABLE PACKAGE WE CAN LIVE WITH. ALTHOUGH GROWTH IS STILL VERY LOW IN THE LARGEST CATEGORIES, OUR ACCESS HAS AT LEAST BEEN IMPROVED SOMEWHAT BY VARIOUS MEANS AND ALTHOUGH THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE CERTAINLY NOT DRAMATIC, THEY ARE A USEFUL STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

+WHILE OUR OPEN MARKET SEEMS TO HAVE PLAYED A PART IN THE FINAL OUTCOME, IT IS ALSO UNFORTUNATELY TRUE THAT OUR SIZE AS ONE OF THE LARGEST EXPORTERS TO THE EEC HAS MEANT WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE LOWER GROWTH RATES AND THE LIKE THAN MOST OTHER EXPORTERS,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR AUGUST RELEASED
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BOTH HONG KONG DOLLAR AND FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW IN AUGUST, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH TODAY. THE GROWTH RATE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS REMAINED HIGHER THAN THAT OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 (THE NARROWEST DEFINITION OF MONEY SUPPLY) INCREASED RAPIDLY, AFTER A SLIGHT DECREASE IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. HONG KONG DOLLAR M2 AND M3 CONTINUED TO GROW.

GROWTH IN TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES SLOWED DOWN IN AUGUST. LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S TRADE DECREASED BUT LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG CONTINUED TO INCREASE.

A TABLE WHICH WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND ALSO BOXED FOR COLLECTION SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR AUGUST 1986 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS.

DEPOSITS

IN AUGUST, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS INCREASED AFTER THE DECREASE RECORDED IN JULY, BUT TIME DEPOSITS FELL BY 3.7 PER CENT. TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 1.0 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.1 PER CENT LAST MONTH. OVER THE YEAR, THEY GREW BY 9.4 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW FASTER IN AUGUST, BY 3.4 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 1.5 PER CENT AND 3.0 PER CENT IN JUNE AND JULY. OVER THE YEAR, THE GROWTH RATE WAS 35.0 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS DECREASED BY 5.1 PER CENT IN AUGUST. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 0.2 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND BY 11.0 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR; ADJUSTED FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 4.5 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND BY 36.3 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 2.7 PER CENT IN AUGUST WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, THE FORMER GREW BY 28.4 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER FELL BY 2.8 PER CENT.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

DUE TO THE INCREASE IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY M1 ROSE RAPIDLY IN AUGUST, BY 7.2 PER CENT, AFTER A DECREASE OF 0.9 PER CENT IN JULY. HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 CONTINUED TO GROW, BY 1.4 PER CENT AND 1.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, HK\$M1 GREW BY 13.1 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 14.1 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 10.5 PER CENT.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS ALSO ROSE IN AUGUST. TOTAL M1 GREW BY 6.8 PER CENT WHILE TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 GREW BY 2.7 PER CENT AND 2.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1 INCREASED BY 14.7 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 27.4 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 22.0 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW SLOWER IN AUGUST, BY 0.5 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.0 PER CENT IN JUNE AND 2.3 PER CENT IN JULY. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THEY GREW BY 11.4 PER CENT.

LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW FASTER AT 1.2 PER CENT WHILE LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES FELL BY 0.3 PER CENT IN AUGUST. OVER THE YEAR, THE FORMER GREW BY 8.6 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER GREW BY 14.2 PER CENT.

WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG FELL BY 3.3 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 2.3 PER CENT IN JUNE AND 3.3 PER CENT IN JULY. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG INCREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT; OVER THE YEAR, THEY GREW BY 10.4 PER CENT.

LIQUIDITY RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS ROSE TO 55.1 PER CENT IN AUGUST FROM 54.2 PER CENT IN JULY. THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) DECREASED TO 40.6 PER CENT IN AUGUST FROM 41.0 PER CENT IN JULY.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 149. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ALSO REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 37 AND 261 RESPECTIVELY.

MONETARY STATISTICS - AUGUST 1986

(HK\$mn)

	Aug 1986	Earlier months (% change to August 1986)		
		Jul 1986	May 1986	Aug 1985
<u>Money Supply</u>				
M1 - HK\$	45,521	42,474 (+7.2%)	42,341 (+ 7.5%)	40,257 (+13.1%)
Foreign currency	5,109	4,946 (+3.3%)	3,820 (+33.7%)	3,891 (+31.3%)
Total	50,630	47,420 (+6.8%)	46,161 (+ 9.7%)	44,147 (+14.7%)
M2 - HK\$	213,211	210,350 (+1.4%)	204,831 (+ 4.1%)	186,868 (+14.1%)
Foreign currency	248,122	238,903 (+3.9%)	226,471 (+ 9.6%)	175,164 (+41.7%)
Total	461,332	449,253 (+2.7%)	431,301 (+ 7.0%)	362,031 (+27.4%)
M3 - HK\$	248,329	245,513 (+1.1%)	240,273 (+ 3.4%)	224,802 (+10.5%)
Foreign currency	294,419	284,796 (+3.4%)	272,797 (+ 7.9%)	220,035 (+33.8%)
Total	542,747	530,308 (+2.3%)	513,069 (+ 5.8%)	444,837 (+22.0%)
<u>Deposits</u>				
Demand deposits	32,511	29,919 (+8.7%)	28,627 (+13.6%)	28,158 (+15.5%)
Savings deposits	110,225	105,460 (+4.5%)	103,156 (+ 6.9%)	96,760 (+13.9%)
Time deposits with banks	294,072	289,997 (+1.4%)	275,791 (+ 6.6%)	215,295 (+36.6%)
Time deposits with dtcs	77,511	77,180 (+0.4%)	78,078 (- 0.7%)	79,709 (- 2.8%)
All HK\$ deposits	225,035	222,886 (+1.0%)	218,168 (+ 3.1%)	205,693 (+ 9.4%)
All foreign currency deposits	289,285	279,670 (+3.4%)	267,484 (+ 8.2%)	214,229 (+35.0%)
Total	514,320	502,556 (+2.3%)	485,651 (+ 5.9%)	419,922 (+22.5%)
<u>Loans and advances</u>				
To finance Hong Kong's visible trade	33,871	35,014 (-3.3%)	33,107 (+ 2.3%)	31,079 (+ 9.0%)
To finance merchandising trade not touching Hong Kong	4,538	4,492 (+1.0%)	4,842 (- 6.3%)	4,353 (+ 4.2%)
Other loans for use in Hong Kong	255,391	251,309 (+1.6%)	244,021 (+ 4.7%)	231,333 (+10.4%)
Other loans for use outside Hong Kong	161,324	162,861 (-0.9%)	158,942 (+ 1.5%)	148,069 (+ 9.0%)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	28,523	27,735 (+2.8%)	25,049 (+13.9%)	19,390 (+47.1%)
All loans in HK\$	237,757	234,900 (+1.2%)	231,054 (+ 2.9%)	218,927 (+ 8.6%)
All loans in foreign currencies	245,890	246,510 (-0.3%)	234,908 (+ 4.7%)	215,297 (+14.2%)
Total	483,647	481,410 (+0.5%)	465,962 (+ 3.8%)	434,224 (+11.4%)

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SIR EDWARD VISITS DATA PROCESSING AGENCY
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WAS GIVEN AN INSIGHT INTO THE WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY (GDPA) WHEN HE VISITED THE AGENCY THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DATA PROCESSING MANAGER, MR COLIN GREENFIELD, AND SENIOR ASSISTANT DATA PROCESSING MANAGER, MR GORDON KONG, SIR EDWARD TOURED THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE AGENCY LOCATED ON DIFFERENT FLOORS OF NEW MERCURY HOUSE IN WAN CHAI.

AFTER A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE AGENCY AND A BRIEFING ON A SELECTED COMPUTER SYSTEM -- THE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU SYSTEM -- SIR EDWARD TOURED THE DATA ENTRY SITE AND SAW A DEMONSTRATION OF THE WANG DATA INPUT.

HE THEN PROCEEDED TO THE COMPUTER HALL WHERE HE SAW A WIDE RANGE OF COMPUTER FACILITIES AND WAS BRIEFED ON THEIR FUNCTIONS. THESE INCLUDE THE WANG MACHINE FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SYSTEM AND THE GENERAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM, THE GOVERNMENT BUREAU MACHINE, THE OPTICAL MARK READER FOR EXAMINATIONS SYSTEMS AND THE GRAPHIC PLOTTER.

SIR EDWARD ROUNDED OFF HIS VISIT WITH A DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTORATE STAFF.

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RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS FOR JULY RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JULY 1986, PROVISIONALLY ESTIMATED AT \$5 852 MILLION, WAS 7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JULY 1985 WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS 3 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1985, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 15 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES WENT UP BY 13 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME, WHILE +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND VOLUME RESPECTIVELY.

RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 4 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT DOWN BY 14 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT HAD A SLIGHT INCREASE OF 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

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ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE AND MODERATELY IN VOLUME.

BOTH CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS, AND SUPERMARKETS RECORDED MODERATE INCREASES IN SALES VALUE BUT SMALLER INCREASE IN SALES VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN SALES VALUE BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD MAY-JULY 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS SHOWED INCREASES OF 20 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO RECORDED INCREASES OF 5 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES AND +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ ROSE BY 7 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE, BUT BOTH DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

FUELS WENT DOWN BY 15 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT REGISTERED ALMOST NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN VALUE BUT A SLIGHT INCREASE IN VOLUME.

SUPERMARKETS HAD A SLIGHT INCREASE IN SALES VALUE BUT ALMOST NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS, AND DEPARTMENT STORES SHOWED SLIGHT INCREASES IN SALES VALUE BUT SLIGHT DROPS IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR JULY 1986 ROSE BY 8 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. RETAIL SALES OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT IN VALUE AND VOLUME RESPECTIVELY AND THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WERE 5 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT.

BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT, WHILE FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 3 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS HAD AN INCREASE OF 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND OF 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED MODERATELY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS AND MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS EXPERIENCED SLIGHT INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES SHOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE IN SALES VALUE AND A MODERATE INCREASE IN SALES VOLUME.

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TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR JUNE 1986 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JULY 1986.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN JUNE 1986 AND JULY 1986 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL SALES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF JULY 1986 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF JUNE 1986 AND WITH THOSE OF JULY 1985, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD MAY-JULY 1986 WITH THOSE IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

GRAPHS 1 AND 2 DEPICT RESPECTIVELY THE MOVEMENTS OF THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES, INCLUDING THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEXES AND TRENDS, FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO JUNE 1986.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JULY 1986 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, 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 3-7216024.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for July 1986 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$ 852 million
for June 1986 (Revised Figure) = HK\$ 427 million

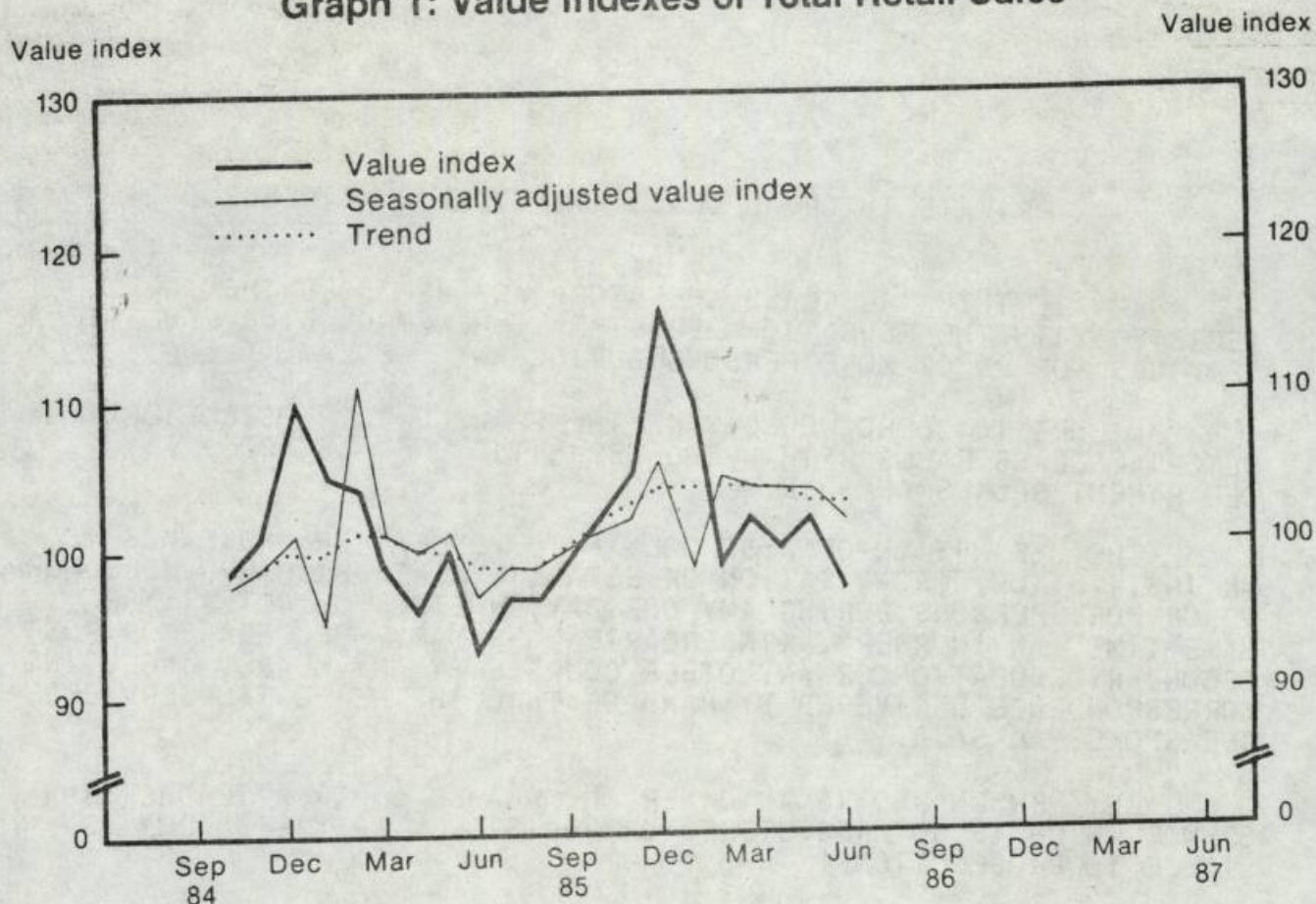
TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR JUNE AND JULY 1986

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

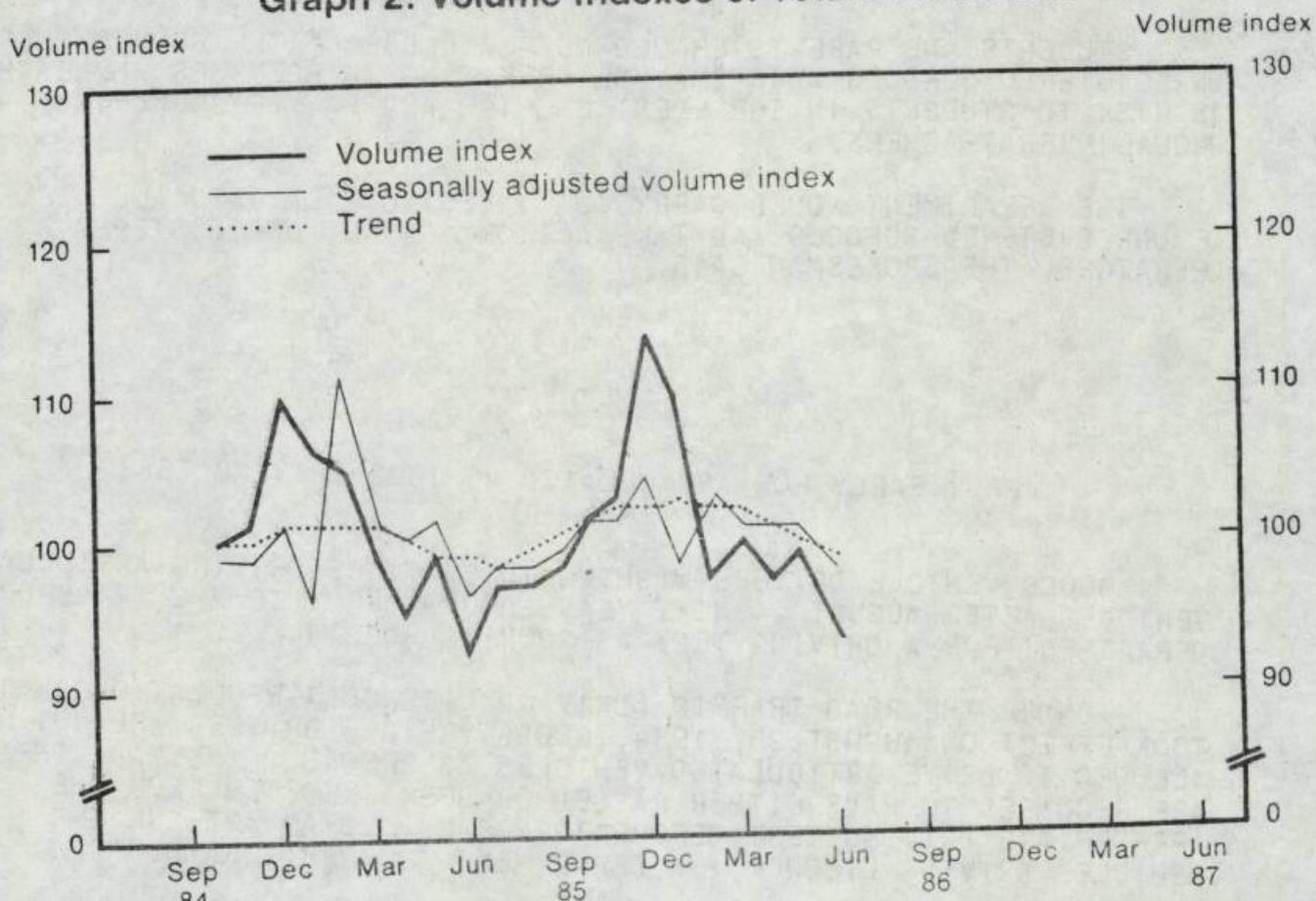
Item	Index of Retail Sales	June 1986	July 1986	July 1986 compared with June 1986		July 1986 compared with July 1985		May - July 86 compared with May - July 85	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	97	104	+ 8	+ 8	+ 7	+ 7	+ 5	+ 5
	Volume	93	100	+ 7	+ 8	+ 3	+ 3	+ 1	+ 1
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	103	106	+ 3	+ 3	+ 4	+ 4	+ 5	+ 5
	Volume	101	103	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1	+ 1	+ 3	+ 3
Fuels	Value	87	88	+ 1	+ 1	- 15	- 14	- 15	- 15
	Volume	102	104	+ 2	+ 2	+ 2	+ 2	*	*
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	103	108	+ 6	+ 5	+ 20	+ 22	+ 18	+ 20
	Volume	94	101	+ 7	+ 8	+ 14	+ 15	+ 12	+ 13
Consumer durables	Value	108	115	+ 7	+ 6	+ 13	+ 13	+ 8	+ 7
	Volume	100	106	+ 6	+ 6	+ 4	+ 4	- 1	- 1
Other consumer goods	Value	88	100	+ 12	+ 13	+ 6	+ 7	+ 3	+ 3
	Volume	84	95	+ 12	+ 14	+ 1	+ 1	- 1	- 1
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
Supermarkets	Value	112	117	+ 5	+ 4	+ 7	+ 6	+ 2	+ 2
	Volume	109	113	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4	*	*
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	123	129	+ 6	+ 5	+ 26	+ 25	+ 20	+ 19
	Volume	105	108	+ 3	+ 3	+ 6	+ 6	+ 1	+ 1
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	103	111	+ 7	+ 7	+ 9	+ 9	+ 4	+ 4
	Volume	98	106	+ 7	+ 7	+ 4	+ 4	- 1	- 1
Department stores	Value	89	93	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4	+ 3	+ 3
	Volume	82	87	+ 5	+ 6	- 2	- 2	- 3	- 4

- Notes :
- "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" includes "supermarkets".
 - "Consumer durables" includes "motor vehicles and parts".
 - "Other consumer goods" includes "department stores".
 - Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.
 - * denotes change of less than 0.5.

Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Graph 2: Volume Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Notes: (1) Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 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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PRIVATE TUTORIAL CLASS REGISTRATION STRESSED
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PRIVATE TUTORIAL CLASS OPERATORS ARE REMINDED THEY SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WHEN PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR 20 OR MORE PERSONS DURING ANY ONE DAY.

FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD MAKE THEM LIABLE TO PROSECUTION IF A TUTORIAL CLASS FALLS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF A SCHOOL, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE DEFINITION OF A SCHOOL IN THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE IS AN INSTITUTION, ORGANISATION OR ESTABLISHMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR 20 OR MORE PERSONS DURING ANY ONE DAY, WHETHER OR NOT AT THE SAME TIME, ANY NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY, SECONDARY OR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION OR ANY OTHER COURSES BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED BY HAND OR THROUGH THE POSTAL SERVICES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+ANY PERSON WHO IS AN OWNER OR MANAGER OF OR A TEACHER IN A SCHOOL WHICH IS NOT REGISTERED OR REGISTERED PROVISIONALLY IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.+

THE SPOKESMAN URGED STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO MAKE FULL ENQUIRY AS TO THE NATURE OF THE CLASS AND TO CHECK WHETHER IT WAS REGISTERED AS A SCHOOL.

STUDENTS AND PARENTS SHOULD NOT MAKE USE OF THE SERVICES OF UNREGISTERED SCHOOLS WHICH MAY BE OPERATING IN PREMISES WHERE THERE IS RISK TO STUDENTS IN THE EVENT OF FIRE AND MAY BE EMPLOYING UNQUALIFIED TEACHERS.

THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CARRY OUT INVESTIGATION INTO ALL REPORTS OF UNREGISTERED SCHOOLS AND TAKE ACTION AGAINST UNREGISTERED OPERATORS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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APPLY EARLY FOR ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING TEST
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GOODS VEHICLE DRIVERS WISHING TO CONTINUE DRIVING ARTICULATED VEHICLES AFTER AUGUST 24 NEXT YEAR SHOULD APPLY TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR A DRIVING TEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

+UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS WHICH TOOK EFFECT ON AUGUST 25, 1984, GOODS VEHICLE DRIVERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DRIVE ARTICULATED VEHICLES AS BEFORE. INSTEAD, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE EITHER PASSED OR BEEN EXEMPTED FROM THE APPROPRIATE DRIVING TEST BEFORE THEY CAN HOLD AN ARTICULATED VEHICLES DRIVING LICENCE,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

/+THE REGULATIONS,

+THE REGULATIONS, HOWEVER, STIPULATE A THREE-YEAR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, THUS PERMITTING HOLDERS OF GOODS VEHICLE DRIVING LICENCES ISSUED BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGULATIONS TO DRIVE ARTICULATED VEHICLES UP TO AUGUST 24, 1987,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT SINCE THE NEW RULE TOOK EFFECT, MORE THAN 6 000 PEOPLE HAVE APPLIED FOR THE ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING TEST AND SOME 3 700 OF THEM ARE WAITING FOR THEIR TURN TO BE TESTED.

AT PRESENT, WAITING TIME FOR THE TEST IS ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS AND TEST APPOINTMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR EARLY MAY NEXT YEAR.

+THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING WAYS TO REDUCE THE WAITING TIME FOR THE TEST,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT FOR DRIVERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO HAVE A BREAK IN THEIR ENTITLEMENT TO DRIVE ARTICULATED VEHICLES TO APPLY FOR A DRIVING TEST AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. OTHERWISE, THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE TEST BEFORE THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD EXPIRES,+ HE SAID.

APPLICANTS FOR THE ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING TEST MUST POSSESS A VALID LICENCE TO DRIVE MEDIUM AND HEAVY VEHICLES, AND APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SHA TIN DRIVING TEST OFFICE, FIFTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6061676.

+MEANWHILE, DRIVERS ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING TEST SHOULD ALSO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION WITHOUT DELAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DRIVERS APPLYING FOR TEST EXEMPTION SHOULD FULFIL THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- * THEY SHOULD BE FULL-TIME ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVERS WHEN THE NEW LEGISLATION CAME INTO EFFECT OR HAVE DRIVEN SUCH VEHICLES WITHIN THE 12 MONTHS BEFORE AUGUST 25, 1984.
- * THEY SHOULD HAVE A YEAR'S DRIVING EXPERIENCE ON ARTICULATED VEHICLES. IN THE CASE OF AN INTERRUPTED EXPERIENCE, NO BREAKS SHOULD EXCEED THREE MONTHS, AND THE EXPERIENCE MUST BE ACCUMULATED WITHIN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD.
- * THEY HAVE AT LEAST A YEAR'S EXPERIENCE DRIVING GOODS VEHICLES.
- * THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENCES DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS.

APPLICATIONS FOR TEST EXEMPTION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S DRIVING TEST SECTION AT 19 PUI CHING ROAD, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON, AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7144202 OR 3-7146164.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ABOUT 3 000 DRIVERS HAVE APPLIED FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING TEST AND 1 995 HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR APPLICATIONS SO FAR.

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GRAVE-SWEEPERS GET FIRE SAFETY ADVICE
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PEOPLE VISITING ANCESTRAL GRAVES FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL HAVE BEEN URGED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CAUSING HILL FIRES.

BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT FINE WEATHER AND THE DECLINING HUMIDITY, GRAVE-SWEEPERS SHOULD TAKE SPECIAL CARE IN THIS REGARD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THAT IN THE PREVAILING CONDITIONS CARELESS HANDLING OF ITEMS USED IN WORSHIPPING AT GRAVES COULD EASILY CAUSE FIRES.

+A TOTAL OF 41 HILL FIRES WERE REPORTED ON THE LAST CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL DAY, RESULTING IN SOME 49 HECTARES OF PLANTATION BEING DAMAGED,+ HE SAID.

+THESE FIRES WERE CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS. WE APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC TO HELP PREVENT ANY OUTBREAK OF FIRE IN THE HILLS BY OBSERVING SIMPLE RULES.+

THESE RULES ARE:

- * BURN WORSHIPPING ITEMS IN METAL CONTAINERS;
- * DO NOT LEAVE LIGHTED CANDLES, JOSS STICKS AND PAPERS UNATTENDED;
- * MAKE SURE ALL BURNING ITEMS ARE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING THE GRAVE SITE.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED PEOPLE THAT FIRES FOR PICNICS SHOULD BE LIT ONLY AT DESIGNATED BARBECUE AREAS.

+ILLEGAL LIGHTING OF FIRES INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE UP TO \$2 000 MAY BE IMPOSED FOR CAUSING FIRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

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CONTRACT AWARDED TO IMPROVE BORDER ROAD
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THE LINK WITH CHINA AT MAN KAM TO WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED WHEN THE SECOND STAGE OF A ROAD PROJECT IS COMPLETED IN 17 MONTHS.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$13 MILLION CONTRACT TO KO'S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL STAGE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO MAN KAM TO ROAD FROM JOCKEY CLUB ROAD TO LIN MA HANG ROAD.

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WORK WHICH STARTED LAST MONTH INVOLVES THE WIDENING OF ABOUT 500 METRES OF JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND MAN KAM TO ROAD FROM SIX METRES TO 10.3 METRES TO ACCOMMODATE THREE LANES OF TRAFFIC.

TWO SUB-STANDARD BRIDGES IN THE AREA ARE TO BE DEMOLISHED AND REBUILT INTO A FOUR-CELL BOX CULVERT AND A REINFORCED CONCRETE BRIDGE.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES LANDSCAPING, ROAD DRAINAGE WORKS AND PROVISION OF RETAINING WALLS.

THE DEPARTMENT AWARDED AN \$18 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME IN JUNE.

WORK IN THIS STAGE WHICH WILL TAKE 15 MONTHS INCLUDES WIDENING THREE KILOMETRES OF MAN KAM TO ROAD BETWEEN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND LIN MA HANG, CONSTRUCTION OF A 1.6-METRE-WIDE FOOTPATH ALONG THE CARRIAGEWAY, BUILDING RETAINING WALLS AND LAYING ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE.

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RECORD ENTRIES FOR STUDENT CAREERS QUIZ

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A RECORD NUMBER OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE FIFTH CAREERS QUIZ ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE SIX-DAY EVENT, WHICH STARTS ON MONDAY, ATTRACTED MORE THAN 100 000 FORM 3 TO FORM 5 STUDENTS FROM 214 SCHOOLS. THIS COMPARES WITH 90 000 STUDENTS FROM 204 SCHOOLS TAKING PART IN THE QUIZ LAST YEAR AND 80 000 STUDENTS FROM 175 SCHOOLS IN 1984.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE QUIZ WAS AIMED AT AROUSING THE AWARENESS OF STUDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOOSING CAREERS AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING THEM TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH INTO CAREERS AND FURTHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES.

+PARTICIPATING STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN A QUESTIONNAIRE CONTAINING 50 MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS WITHIN 30 MINUTES,+ HE SAID.

+ALL THESE QUESTIONS RELATE TO CAREERS INFORMATION, INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, FURTHER STUDIES AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG.+

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THE THREE SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE MARKS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH TROPHIES AND STUDENTS IN EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WHO SCORE THE HIGHEST MARKS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FORMS WILL BE AWARDED SOUVENIRS.

IN ADDITION, THE THREE STUDENTS SCORING THE HIGHEST MARKS DURING THE WHOLE CONTEST WILL EACH BE AWARDED A PORTABLE STEREO COMPONENT SYSTEM AND ANOTHER 100 STUDENTS WILL EACH RECEIVE A SOLAR-POWERED CALCULATOR.

ALL ANSWERS AND RESULTS WILL BE PROCESSED BY THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY AND PRIZES FOR THE QUIZ ARE BEING SPONSORED BY SHUN HING ELECTRONIC TRADING COMPANY.

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STUDENTS ATTEND SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
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ABOUT 100 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TODAY (THURSDAY) ATTENDED THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM IN HONG KONG.

THE VISIT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AS PART OF THEIR CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS.

THE DISTRICT BOARD MOVED THE VENUE OF ITS MEETING TO PUI TAK CANOSSIAN COLLEGE TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARGER NUMBER OF STUDENTS. ABOUT 16 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WERE INVITED TO THE MEETING.

BEFORE THE MEETING, STUDENTS ATTENDED A BRIEFING SESSION BY SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR JOSEPH CHAN, ON THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM AND THE SET UP AND OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD. THEY WERE ALSO GIVEN BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON AGENDA ITEMS.

FOLLOWING THE MEETING, STUDENTS EXCHANGED VIEWS IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS. TO STIMULATE MORE THOUGHT, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO WRITE ESSAYS AFTERWARDS TO DESCRIBE AND ASSESS THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

APART FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD VISIT, THE COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A JOINT SCHOOL EXHIBITION AND A LECTURE ON CIVIC EDUCATION LATER THIS MONTH.

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TAI PO DB VISITS GAS PLANT
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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE VISITED THE GAS PRODUCTION PLANT IN THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

THE VISIT WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING MEMBERS WITH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPERATION OF THE NEW PLANT WHICH WILL BE COMMISSIONED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

LED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN WONG, AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG, THE PARTY WAS MET BY THE COMMERCIAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY LIMITED, MR ROLAND YAO, AND THE PLANT MANAGER, MR PETER HANNAH.

THE VISITORS WERE BRIEFED ON THE PROCESS OF GAS PRODUCTION WITH A PLANT MODEL AND AN ELECTRONIC SIMULATOR.

THEY THEN TOURED THE PLANT WHERE THEY SAW TWO COMPLETED UNITS OF THE NEW PLANT AND TWO UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

STAFF OF THE PLANT ALSO EXPLAINED TO THE MEMBERS THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THE NEARBY COMMUNITY.

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FIGHT CRIME GROUP VISITS DETECTIVE TRAINING SCHOOL
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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE DETECTIVE TRAINING SCHOOL IN KOWLOON BAY TO LEARN ABOUT TRAINING AND FACILITIES AT THE SCHOOL.

THIS IS ONE OF VISITS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE TO ENABLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE FIGHT CRIME OPERATION AND WORK OF THE POLICE. MORE VISITS OF THIS KIND WILL BE ARRANGED.

LED BY ACTIVITY SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAM KIN-KWOK, THE GROUP WAS MET BY STAFF OFFICER OF THE DETECTIVE TRAINING WING, MR ALFRED MORRIS, WHO BRIEFED MEMBERS ON TRAINING, PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES OF THE SCHOOL.

MEMBERS LATER TOURED THE SCHOOL AND SAW HOW STUDENTS RECEIVED TRAINING. THEY ALSO WATCHED A DISPLAY AT THE DISASTER VICTIMS IDENTIFICATION UNIT, AND TOURED THE DEMONSTRATION BLOCK.

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FUNDS STILL AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS
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APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING INVITED FROM SHAM SHUI PO ORGANISATIONS THAT WOULD LIKE TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS WITH DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH NEXT YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 39 TONKIN STREET, AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR ITS SUB-OFFICES BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 20. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

THE VETTING SUB-COMMITTEE ON GRANTS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS THIRD MEETING ON DECEMBER 19 TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR ENDORSEMENT.

APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED THAT SEPARATE FORMS SHOULD BE USED FOR EACH ACTIVITY FOR WHICH SPONSORSHIP IS SOUGHT.

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SCHOOL QUIZ TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION

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SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN TUEN MUN ARE URGED TO ENCOURAGE THEIR STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN AN INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ ON CIVIC EDUCATION WHICH WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6.

THE QUIZ IS AIMED AT PROMOTING CIVIC MINDEDNESS AND SOCIAL AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS.

IT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION TUEN MUN BRANCH OFFICE, AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE.

EACH SCHOOL CAN ENTER ONE TEAM OF FOUR FORM FOUR STUDENTS IN THE CONTEST WHICH WILL FOCUS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE WORK OF THE ICAC.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS NOON ON OCTOBER 11.

A BRIEFING WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3 PM AT THE ICAC TUEN MUN OFFICE IN TING LUNG HOUSE, ON TING ESTATE, TO EXPLAIN TO SCHOOL TEACHERS DETAILS OF THE CONTEST. BRIEFING SESSIONS WILL BE ARRANGED AT A LATER DATE FOR THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE QUIZ CAN BE MADE TO MR DAVE KAM OF THE ICAC ON 0-4591100 OR TO MISS POLLY LEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE ON 0-824104.

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COOKED FOOD CENTRE TO BE AIR-CONDITIONED

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A COOKED FOOD CENTRE AND A NUMBER OF FACILITIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON TSING YI ARE TO BE AIR-CONDITIONED.

A \$250 000 CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THE AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEMS HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

FACILITIES INCLUDE A LOCAL OPEN SPACE, A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND A PUBLIC TOILET.

THERE WILL BE FOUR STALLS AND A STORE ROOM IN THE COOKED FOOD CENTRE.

COVERING MORE THAN 1 800 SQUARE METRES, THE OPEN SPACE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH BENCHES, ARBOURS AND PLANTERS.

THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL HAVE AN OFFICE, SHOWER FACILITY AND TWO EXTRACTION FANS ON THE ROOF.

A TOILET FOR THE HANDICAPPED WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC TOILET STRUCTURE.

CONSTRUCTION WORK STARTED LAST MAY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NEXT FEBRUARY.

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BY-ELECTION CANDIDATES TO MEET THE MEDIA

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THE TWO CANDIDATES STANDING FOR BY-ELECTION IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD HO MAN TIN SOUTH CONSTITUENCY WILL MEET THE MEDIA IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 11 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THEY WILL PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THE CANDIDATES, MR SO CHOI-HING (42) AND MR CHIANG SAI-CHEONG (30), ARE VYING FOR THE VACANCY IN THE CONSTITUENCY FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR LEE WAI-HAU, ON AUGUST 9.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION BY THE TWO CANDIDATES AT 11 AM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIR PLAQUES

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIR PLAQUES TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO TEN EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN ON THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DISABLED PERSONS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE IN THE PAST YEAR.

ANOTHER SIX EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE MADE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO FACILITATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISABLED, WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE CORAL ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, HOTEL FURAMA, CENTRAL, AT 3.45 PM TOMORROW.

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ROAD SAFETY SHOW IN WONG TAI SIN

AN EXHIBITION ON ROAD SAFETY WILL BE HELD IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE DAYS STARTING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ON DISPLAY WILL BE PICTURES AND CHARTS CONCERNING ACCIDENT BLACKSPOTS IN THE DISTRICT AND CASUALTY FIGURES. GUIDES ON PROPER ROAD USE, FOR DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS, WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE EXHIBITION CENTRE OF LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE FROM 2 PM TO 8 PM TOMORROW AND FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON SATURDAY.

AFTER THAT IT WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE CHOI WAN ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX FROM NOON TO 4 PM ON SUNDAY AND FROM 11 AM TO 3 PM ON MONDAY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A ROAD SAFETY TOWN FOR PARTICIPANTS TO TEST THEIR CYCLING SKILLS ON SATURDAY FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM AT THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE OPEN DECK, AND ON SUNDAY FROM NOON TO 4 PM AT THE PODIUM OF THE CHOI WAN ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

SOUVENIRS WILL BE GIVEN TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE ROAD SAFETY TOWN WHO OBSERVE ALL TRAFFIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS WHILE CYCLING.

THE ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE POLICE.

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LAUNCHING OF ROAD SAFETY IN TSUEN WAN
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THIS YEAR'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

APART FROM DRIVING HOME THE MESSAGE OF THE SAFE USE OF THE ROAD, VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE AIMED AT TWO GROUPS OF PEDESTRIANS - PEOPLE OVER 59 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGSTERS UNDER THE AGE OF 15.

ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING MONTHS INCLUDE LECTURES, EXHIBITIONS AND EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC ON OBSERVING ROAD SAFETY CODES AT THE TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER A CEREMONY TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE CAMPAIGN AT 10 AM AT THE PO LEUNG KUK YAO LING SUN COLLEGE IN SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE, TSUEN WAN.

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ELDERLY FESTIVAL IN SAI KUNG STARTS SUNDAY

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ABOUT 600 ELDERLY RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY 1986 IN SAI KUNG TOWN HALL THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 5).

GAMES AND A VARIETY SHOW FOR THE ELDERLY HAVE ALSO BEEN ARRANGED BEFORE AND AFTER THE CEREMONY.

THE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF FILIAL PIETY AND TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

SAI KUNG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND LI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WAN-HEI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY 1986 ON SUNDAY AT 2.30 PM AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL. FUN GAMES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL START AT 1 PM.

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TRAINING SESSION FOR TENNIS COACHES
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TWENTY-ONE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL UNDERGO COACHING COURSES IN MINI-TENNIS IN PREPARATION FOR TRAINING YOUNGSTERS IN THE SPORT.

THE THREE-SESSION COURSE IS ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING MINI-TENNIS CLUB IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THEY WILL BECOME COACHES FOR CHILDREN IN A SERIES OF MINI-TENNIS TRAINING PROGRAMMES TO BE LAUNCHED BY THE CLUB LATER THIS MONTH.

KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, IN ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING SPORT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT, WILL PROVIDE VENUES FREE FOR THE TRAINING AT SEVEN COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRES.

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NEW ANTI-DRUGS KIT FOR STUDENTS
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THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT HAS PRODUCED A NEW DRUG EDUCATION TEACHING KIT TO STRENGTHEN DRUG EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS. IT WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH ACCURATE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT DRUGS.

THE TEACHING KIT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A DISTRIBUTION LAUNCHING CEREMONY AND A SEMINAR FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 2.30 PM. MORE THAN 400 SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, PROFESSOR GERALD CHOA, AND THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY AND SEMINAR TO BE HELD TOMORROW.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR CORRIDOR CHARITY WALK
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN EFFECT IN EASTERN DISTRICT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR CHARITY WALK ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG.

THE MEASURES, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, WILL BE IN FORCE ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 5).

- * THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN 4 AM AND 6 PM:
 - THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND ALL ITS APPROACH ROADS;
 - THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF MONG LUNG STREET NORTH OF PO MAN STREET;
 - THE UNNAMED SLIP ROAD BETWEEN THE SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS EXIT AND NAM ON LANE; AND
 - NAM ON LANE.
- * THE SECTION OF NAM ON STREET BETWEEN ALDRICH STREET AND NAM ON LANE WILL BE DESIGNATED A BUS-ONLY LANE FROM 4 AM TO 6 PM.
- * THE OPEN-AIR CAR PARK ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF VICTORIA PARK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6 PM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 4) TO 2 PM ON SUNDAY.
- * CMB ROUTE 780 WILL BE SUSPENDED. BUSES LEAVING THE SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA PO MAN STREET, MONG LUNG STREET, FACTORY STREET AND ALDRICH STREET BEFORE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ROUTINGS BETWEEN 4 AM AND 6 PM.

IN ADDITION, THE BUS STOP ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 4 AM AND 1 PM.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH UTMOST CARE IN THE VICINITY OF THE SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE IN PLACE AND POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS. ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY BY THE POLICE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION.

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SPECIAL ACCESS TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL TO ENABLE GRAVE-SWEEPERS TO VISIT TSUEN WAN CEMETERY.

THE OLD ACCESS ROAD TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY FROM TEXACO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN IS NOW CLOSED AND THE NEW ACCESS ROAD RUNS VIA WING SHUN STREET IN KWAI CHUNG.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM KOWLOON ARE ADVISED TO USE KWAI CHUNG ROAD, TSUEN WAN ROAD, KWAI TSING ROAD, KWAI TAI ROAD, KWAI YUE STREET AND WING SHUN STREET TO GAIN ACCESS TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY.

FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON OCTOBER 5, 11, 12, 13 AND 19, WING SHUN STREET AT ITS JUNCTIONS WITH KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI YUE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT HEARSEs AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS INTENDING TO GO TO THE CEMETERY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE MTR AND ALIGHT AT KWAI FONG STATION.

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