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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR JUNE RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JUNE 1990 STOOD AT \$105,061 MILLION, REPRESENTING A GROWTH OF 6 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1989, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN JUNE 1990 RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT TO \$18,845 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 14 PER CENT TO \$34,195 MILLION. THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT TO \$53,041 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT TO \$52,021 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 STOOD AT \$575,467 MILLION, INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT TO \$100,538 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT TO \$183,096 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT TO \$283,635 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT TO \$291,833 MILLION.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JUNE 1990 WITH JUNE 1989, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE, TAIWAN, CHINA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT, 15 PER CENT, 13 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, THE USA, FRANCE AND JAPAN DECREASED BY 22 PER CENT, 13 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA DECREASED BY 20 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, FRANCE, THE USA AND THE NETHERLANDS ALSO DECREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 8 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE, BY 51 PER CENT AND 22 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

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COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$585 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$309 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$246 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$173 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$923 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$556 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JUNE 1990 WITH JUNE 1989, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM SWITZERLAND AND CHINA INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THOSE FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, TAIWAN, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND JAPAN INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE USA, SINGAPORE, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND ITALY DECREASED BY 14 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA, THE USA AND SWITZERLAND INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT, 13 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THOSE FROM ITALY, TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DECREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 5 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 4 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$4,281 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$3,434 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,536 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$907 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR IRON AND STEEL (BY \$1,466 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1,211 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN JUNE 1990 OVER JUNE 1989.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE USA, CANADA, SINGAPORE AND TAIWAN, BY 46 PER CENT, 24 PER CENT, 22 PER CENT, 21 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE TO FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA ALSO INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS, BY 15 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND JAPAN DECREASED BY 14 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, CANADA, THE USA, TAIWAN, SINGAPORE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS, BY 51 PER CENT, 32 PER CENT, 28 PER CENT, 28 PER CENT, 24 PER CENT, 24 PER CENT AND 20 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE TO JAPAN INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA BOTH DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT.

TABLE 6 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$5,940 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$4,622 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$3,157 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,160 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1,299 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT) AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$898 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS DESCRIBED 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 JUNE 1990 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1990.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE JUNE 1990 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN JUNE 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SALE AROUND AUGUST 16 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$27 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 823 4915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUN 90 OVER JUN 89 ( % )	JAN-JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 90 OVER JAN-JUN 89 ( % )
U.S.A.	5,714	- 9	29,750	- 5
CHINA	4,131	+ 13	21,328	+ 4
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,439	+ 12	7,324	+ 3
U.K.	1,009	- 22	5,523	- 20
JAPAN	951	- 5	5,276	- 8
SINGAPORE	597	+ 25	3,244	+ 22
TAIWAN	418	+ 15	2,782	+ 51
CANADA	491	- 13	2,505	- 14
NETHERLANDS	400	*	2,214	- 2
FRANCE	300	- 8	1,688	- 6

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUN 90 OVER JUN 89 ( % )	JAN-JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 90 OVER JAN-JUN 89 ( % )
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6,291	- 1	30,209	+ 1

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MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	2,012	- 16	12,080	- 7
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,879	+ 23	9,111	+ 2
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,424	+ 4	8,101	+ 3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,358	- 4	8,048	- 6
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,424	+ 1	7,541	- 3

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUN 90 OVER JUN 89 ( % )	JAN-JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 90 OVER JAN-JUN 89 ( % )
CHINA	19,219	+ 11	103,424	+ 16
JAPAN	8,778	+ 1	46,045	- 5
U.S.A.	4,055	- 14	26,218	+ 13
TAIWAN	4,508	+ 3	26,158	+ 3
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,390	- 2	13,269	- 5
SINGAPORE	1,748	- 9	11,250	+ 3
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,220	+ 5	6,607	- 5
U.K.	1,116	+ 2	6,499	- 3
SWITZERLAND	979	+ 28	5,303	+ 12
ITALY	830	- 1	5,184	+ 5

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TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUN 90 OVER JUN 89 ( % )	JAN-JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 90 OVER JAN-JUN 89 ( % )
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,503	- 4	36,903	+ 3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	5,220	+ 4	29,296	+ 3
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,529	+ 25	23,154	+ 23
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,963	+ 13	21,675	+ 13
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,864	+ 16	19,918	+ 21
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,927	+ 22	15,033	+ 3

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUN 90 OVER JUN 89 ( % )	JAN-JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 90 OVER JAN-JUN 89 ( % )
CHINA	9,487	+ 8	50,212	- 4
U.S.A.	7,799	+ 24	38,029	+ 28

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JAPAN	1,753	- 8	10,509	+ 3
TAIWAN	1,707	+ 21	10,121	+ 24
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,615	+ 46	8,661	+ 51
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,028	- 14	6,493	- 4
SINGAPORE	1,082	+ 21	6,230	+ 24
U.K.	928	+ 11	4,672	+ 20
CANADA	594	+ 22	2,969	+ 28
FRANCE	475	+ 15	2,820	+ 32

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TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

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COMMODITY DIVISION	JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUN 90 OVER JUN 89 ( % )	JAN-JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 90 OVER JAN-JUN 89 ( % )
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	4,545	+ 22	22,287	+ 36
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,887	+ 1	21,410	+ 6
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,139	+ 34	20,309	+ 29
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	3,142	+ 20	17,957	+ 10
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,868	+ 25	15,268	+ 26
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS	1,311	+ 20	7,132	+ 30

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ENCOURAGING RESPONSE TO 1989/90 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY

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THE 1989/90 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY HAS BEEN MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. THE SURVEY WHICH STARTED IN LAST OCTOBER WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE YEAR-LONG SURVEY IS JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE HANG SENG BANK LIMITED.

UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG IS COLLECTED BY INTERVIEWERS DURING THE SURVEY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID: "THE RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY HAS SO FAR BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING. BY THE END OF JULY, SOME 3,900 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY."

THE SPOKESMAN WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS FOR THEIR COOPERATION IN PROVIDING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE SURVEY. HE ALSO APPEALS TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS TO COOPERATE FULLY IF THEY WERE SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE SURVEY IN THE COMING TWO MONTHS.

FOR HOUSEHOLDS WHICH ARE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PURPOSES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE SURVEY, COPIES OF A FEATURE ARTICLE ON THE SURVEY WOULD BE SENT TO THE HOUSEHOLDS TOGETHER WITH THE NOTIFICATION LETTERS.

"IN ORDER TO ATTAIN A HIGHER RESPONSE RATE, INTERVIEWERS WOULD NEED TO VISIT SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS OUTSIDE NORMAL WORKING HOURS. MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLDS ARE ADVISED TO CHECK CAREFULLY THE IDENTITY CARDS, ISSUED EITHER BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT OR THE HANG SENG BANK LIMITED, OF THE INTERVIEWERS BEFORE ADMITTING THEM INTO THEIR HOUSES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"DATA SUPPLIED BY INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS WOULD BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WOULD ONLY BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A NEW SERIES OF CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES BASED ON THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE COMPILED AND IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TEL. 823 4968 OR 823 5065 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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NEW ELECTRICITY LEGISLATION OUTLINED

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REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS WILL COMMENCE FROM NOVEMBER 2 FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF THE ELECTRICITY (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS 1990 EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS BY NOVEMBER 1991.

ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND APPLIANCES TRADE WORKERS UNION THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR KWOK PING-KI, OUTLINED THE FEATURES OF THE NEW ELECTRICITY LEGISLATION.

"IN THE PAST, THERE WAS NO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTRICAL WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER PROPER SUPERVISION.

"THIS HAS RESULTED IN SUBSTANDARD ELECTRICAL WORK AND A LACK OF PROTECTION FOR CONSUMERS," MR KWOK SAID.

TO ENSURE ELECTRICAL WORK WOULD ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN BY QUALIFIED PEOPLE, ALL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AFTER MEETING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, HE SAID.

UNDER THIS REGISTRATION SYSTEM, ONLY REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS MAY BE EMPLOYED TO UNDERTAKE ELECTRICAL WORK.

IN TURN, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENGAGE REGISTERED ELECTRICAL WORKERS WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO CARRY OUT THE WORK.

"IN AROUND MID 1992, THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTRICAL WORK ON FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS CAN ONLY BE CARRIED OUT OR SUPERVISED BY REGISTERED CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS WILL BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT," MR KWOK SAID.

TO MAKE THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY AND THE PUBLIC FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, A SERIES OF PUBLICITY PROGRAMME WILL BE LAUNCHED SHORTLY, HE ADDED.

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YOUNGSTERS URGED TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTEER SERVICES  
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THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR LOK MAN-PAN, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON YOUNGSTERS TO ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN VOLUNTEER SERVICES.

HE MADE THE APPEAL WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON VOLUNTEER SERVICES ORGANISED BY THE SWD'S WORKING GROUP ON EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

"YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE FACING MORE CHALLENGES AS HONG KONG UNDERGOES RAPID CHANGES IN THE 90'S," HE SAID.

"THEREFORE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISING VARIOUS TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNGSTERS IN AN EFFORT TO ENHANCE THEIR SOCIAL AWARENESS AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY."

MR LOK NOTED THAT MORE AND MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES IN RECENT YEARS, ADDING THAT THIS SHOULD BE COMMENDED.

HE URGED THE PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME BY TAKING PART IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

MORE THAN 170 YOUNGSTERS FROM THE EAST KOWLOON REGION, COMPRISING VOLUNTEERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND WORKERS, ATTENDED TODAY'S SEMINAR, WHICH INCLUDED GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND TALKS BY A PRINCIPAL LECTURER OF HONG KONG CITY POLYTECHNIC, MRS AGNES YEUNG, AND A VOLUNTEER OF THE GROUP WORK UNIT OF KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, MR MAN KA-WING.

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SPECIALLY-DESIGNED TEXTBOOKS FOR YOUNG INMATES  
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT IN ITS EDUCATION SERVICE TO YOUNG INMATES BY PRODUCING A SET OF INNOVATIVE TEXTBOOKS FOR THEM.

THIS, IN RETURN, HAS RAISED THE INMATES' LEARNING ATTITUDE AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCES.

THE SET OF TEXTBOOKS, WHICH CONSISTS OF 108 BOOKLETS ON THREE SUBJECTS - CHINESE LANGUAGE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS, WAS TAILOR-MADE FOR INMATES WITH AN EDUCATION LEVEL RANGING FROM PRIMARY 3 TO FORM 3.

ACCORDING TO SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (YOUNG OFFENDERS), MR PANG SUNG-YUEN, THE LACK OF SUITABLE TEACHING MATERIALS HAD BEEN ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE PROBLEMS IN PROVIDING EDUCATION SERVICE TO THE INMATES.

/"THE TEXTBOOKS .....

"THE TEXTBOOKS YOU FIND IN BOOKSHOPS ARE ONLY CATERED FOR ORDINARY STUDENTS, THEIR CONTENTS ARE NOT THAT RELATED TO THE LIFE OF THE INMATES WHO ARE COMPARATIVELY OLDER AND HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE IN LIFE," MR PANG SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT DECIDED IN 1986 TO PRODUCE ITS OWN TEXTBOOKS WITH CONTENTS RELEVANT TO THE PRACTICAL LIFE.

MR PANG BELIEVED THE INMATES WOULD FIND THESE TEXTBOOKS MORE INTERESTING AND STIMULATING THAN THE OTHER ORDINARY TEXTBOOKS.

"THE INMATES WERE ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OF THESE BOOKS SUCH AS TYPESETTING AND PRINTING AND THE WORK GIVES THEM A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT," HE SAID.

MR PANG ALSO SAID A SURVEY BY THE DEPARTMENT HAD REVEALED THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE LEARNING ATTITUDE AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCES OF THE INMATES SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CSD TEXTBOOKS.

ON FUTURE PRODUCTION PLANS, HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD SET UP A CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT TEAM IN MAY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OTHER TEACHING MATERIALS AND UPDATING THE CURRENT TEXTBOOKS.

THE TEAM HAD RECENTLY STARTED PRODUCING A SET OF BASIC ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOKS FOR THE INMATES WHO WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA AND THESE BOOKS WOULD BE PRINTED IN SIMPLIFIED CHINESE CHARACTERS FOR EASY READING, HE ADDED.

A CSD SENIOR MASTER RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE PRODUCTION OF THE TEXTBOOKS, MR CHEUNG KAI-KWONG, DESCRIBED THE PROJECT AS "INNOVATIVE".

MR CHEUNG SAID ONE PROMINENT FEATURE OF THE TEXTBOOKS WAS THAT THEY WERE BASED ON "ACADEMIC MONTHS", RATHER THAN "ACADEMIC YEARS" AS ADOPTED BY ORDINARY TEXTBOOKS.

"THE PURPOSE IS TO SUIT THE VARYING EDUCATION LEVELS AND PRISON TERMS OF THE INMATES," HE EXPLAINED.

THE TEXTBOOKS ARE TO SERVE SIX DIFFERENT EDUCATION LEVELS. AN INMATE STUDYING FOR A PARTICULAR LEVEL WOULD NEED TO FINISH SIX BOOKS, ONE IN EVERY MONTH.

THAT IS TO SAY, AN INMATE MAY NEED UP TO THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE 36 TEXTBOOKS OF A PARTICULAR SUBJECT AND REACH FORM 3 STANDARD IF HE /SHE STARTED FROM THE LOWEST LEVEL OF PRIMARY 3.

MR CHEUNG SAID IT TOOK THEM THREE YEARS TO PRODUCE THE TEXTBOOKS.

"WE HAVE A VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE TO MEET. WE HAVE TO PRODUCE ONE BOOK EACH FOR THE THREE SUBJECTS A MONTH," HE SAID.

AT ONE POINT, HE SAID, HE HIMSELF HAD CONSIDERED GIVING UP BECAUSE OF THE ENORMOUS WORK PRESSURE.

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"BUT MY DETERMINATION RETURNS AFTER I THOUGHT OF THESE YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS WHO MAY HAVE NO BOOK TO STUDY FOR THE NEXT MONTH," HE RECALLED.

MR CHEUNG SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO SEE THE PRODUCTION TEAM MANAGED TO COMPLETE THE FULL SET OF 108 BOOKS ON THREE SUBJECTS ON SCHEDULE.

"IT'S REALLY A MIRACLE FOR US TO HAVE MET THE PRODUCTION SCHEDULE," HE SAID, "BECAUSE MOST OF US DID NOT HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE IN PUBLICATION WORK."

CURRENTLY, THE CSD'S EDUCATION SECTION HAS SOME 30 MASTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TEACHING YOUNG INMATES AT 10 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

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SURVEY TO ASSESS RESIDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS  
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A SURVEY ON "CIVIC EDUCATION AND DISTRICT BOARDS" WILL BE HELD IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BETWEEN MID-AUGUST AND OCTOBER TO ASSESS RESIDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS.

ORGANISED BY THE CIVIC EDUCATION WORKING GROUP OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE, IT IS ONE OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES BEING ORGANISED FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID THAT ABOUT 1,000 RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTERVIEWED AND THE SURVEY FINDINGS WILL BE RELEASED LATER IN THE YEAR.

HE SAID OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION, SEMINARS, TRAINING CAMPS, QUIZ AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS, ALL ARE AIMED AT BOOSTING RESIDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS.

THE WORKING GROUP, CHAIRED BY MR LEE SHUNG-TAK, WAS FORMED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR TO ENHANCE A SENSE OF BELONGING AND A SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS.

FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN ALLOCATED \$225,000 FROM DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO JOINTLY ORGANISE ACTIVITIES WITH LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED 1991 DIARY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY CENTRES AND SCHOOLS NEXT MONTH.

ENQUIRIES ON THE FORTHCOMING CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 852 3478.

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BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION IN MONG KOK

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A BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION WHICH AIMS AT DRAWING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS IS NOW OPEN TO RESIDENTS IN MONG KOK DISTRICT.

THE COMPETITION IS PART OF THE DISTRICT BOARD-SPONSORED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN. ITS THEMES ARE KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN, HOUSEHOLD CLEANLINESS, YEAR-END CLEAN-UP AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS, FOR CHILDREN AGED UNDER 12 AND FOR PEOPLE AGED 18 AND ABOVE.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE'S TAI KOK TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT GROUND FLOOR, 45 TIT SHU STREET BY SEPTEMBER 10.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 787 0775.

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DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CLOSURES ON A HIGH NOTE

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ABOUT 1,000 CHILDREN AND YOUNGSTERS ATTENDED A VARIETY SHOW MARKING THE FINALE OF THIS YEAR'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL TODAY (SUNDAY).

THEY WERE TREATED TO MORE THAN TWO HOURS' OF ENTERTAINMENT BY POPULAR SINGERS, TELEVISION ARTISTES AND PERFORMING GROUPS, INCLUDING THE TOM LEE POP MUSIC CENTRE STUDENT BAND AND THE ST. MARGARET'S GIRLS' COLLEGE DANCE TROUPE.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR OR SHING-MUK, SAID MORE THAN 40,000 YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE 750 CULTURAL, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

"THESE ACTIVITIES NOT ONLY BROUGHT THEM LOTS OF FUN, BUT ALSO HELPED STRENGTHEN THEIR SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY," MR OR SAID.

HE ALSO THANKED VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE SYP.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MONICA CHEN, AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN TAK-CHOR, AND A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MISS ESTHER CHAN.

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NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR EASTERN DISTRICT

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THE NEWLY-COMPLETED CAUSEWAY BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (SUNDAY) PROVIDES FUNCTIONAL SETTINGS FOR DISTRICT BODIES TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

IT HAS A 500-SEAT MULTI-PURPOSE ASSEMBLY HALL WHICH IS WELL EQUIPPED WITH SOUND AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS, IN ADDITION TO A CONFERENCE ROOM WHICH CAN BE USED FOR MEETINGS AND GROUP ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRE, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, CALLED ON RESIDENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE FACILITIES.

HE SAID THAT RENT FOR THE HALL COULD BE WAIVED IF THE EVENT WERE FOR NON-PROFIT MAKING AND THE GENERAL GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE FOUR-STOREY BUILDING IS SITUATED AT 7 FOOK YUM ROAD, NEXT TO HARBOUR HEIGHTS, A RESIDENTIAL ESTATE.

THE CENTRE ALSO HOUSES AN EASTERN DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE, A DAY NURSERY, AN ELDERLY CENTRE, AN EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE AND A GROUP WORK UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

IT IS THE FOURTH COMMUNITY CENTRE SERVING EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS. THE OTHERS ARE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL AND YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, RESIDENTS WERE TREATED TO A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING POP SONGS, CHOIR SINGING AND BALLET.

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DB COMMITTEE TO STUDY MARK SIX SCHEME

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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PILOT SCHEME TO SELL MARK SIX TICKETS IN SUPERMARKETS AND CHAIN-STORES TOMORROW (MONDAY).

AT THE SAME TIME, A REPRESENTATIVE FOR TUEN MUN HOSPITAL WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE REFERRAL PRACTICE CURRENTLY IN USE.

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OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE POSTAL SERVICES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES IN TUEN MUN, CLOTHES-HANGING FACILITIES IN LEUNG KING ESTATE AND DB FUND APPLICATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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POLYTECHNIC DEVELOPMENT ON COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 14).

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, PROFESSOR JOHN HEARN, WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER MEMBERS' QUESTIONS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FUNDING OF THE 1990 YAU TSIM DISTRICT MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO AREA COMMITTEES, LOCAL CULTURAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 14) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, 15 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 14) APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO CARRY OUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

THESE PROJECTS INCLUDE A VOTER REGISTRATION FUN FAIR, A CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION, A FIGHT-CRIME CARNIVAL, AN INTER-SCHOOL DANCING GALA, A SINGING CONTEST, A VOLLEY-BALL COMPETITION AND DAY CAMPS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROGRESS REPORT BY THE WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT AND THE LATEST FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 14) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S CONFERENCE ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET, KOWLOON.

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FISHING SEASON TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH IN RESERVOIRS

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ANGLERS WHO WANT TO INDULGE IN THEIR PASTIME IN LOCAL RESERVOIRS COULD DO SO FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

BUT FIRST THEY HAVE TO GET A FISHING LICENCE FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN FROM AUGUST 20.

THOSE WHO WISH TO APPLY CAN CALL AT THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF LEIGHTON CENTRE, LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE AT THE GROUND FLOOR OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MAINLAND DEPOT AT THE JUNCTION OF SAI YEE STREET AND ARGYLE STREET IN MONG KOK, NGAU TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN ON WAH STREET, AND THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF PERFECT MOUNT GARDENS IN PO MAN STREET, SHAU KEI WAN.

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APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND PAY A LICENCE FEE OF \$20. A LICENCE WOULD NORMALLY BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY UPON SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION.

APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE BY POST TO THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT LEIGHTON CENTRE, GIVING THE APPLICANT'S NAME, ADDRESS, PHOTOCOPY OF HIS IDENTITY CARD, TOGETHER WITH A CROSSED CHEQUE OF \$20 MADE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

A LICENCE WILL THEN BE SENT TO THE APPLICANT BY ORDINARY MAIL. A LICENCE WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 13.

A TOTAL OF 10,917 LICENCES WERE ISSUED IN LAST FISHING SEASON.

ANGLERS HAVE TO OBSERVE CERTAIN RULES WHILE FISHING IN RESERVOIRS. THEY SHOULD NOT USE A NET OR OTHER EQUIPMENT AS ONLY ROD AND LINE IS ALLOWED. EXPLOSIVES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES ARE PROHIBITED. THE USE OF A BOAT, DINGHY OR RAFT FOR FISHING IS ALSO BANNED.

AN ANGLER'S DAILY CATCH SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN TWO BLACK BASS (360MM OR OVER IN LENGTH), TWO SNAKEHEAD (300MM OR OVER) AND TWO TILAPIA (180MM OR OVER).

THESE AND OTHER RULES ARE PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THE LICENCE.

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1,280 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN JULY

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A TOTAL OF 1,741 CASUALTIES WAS REPORTED IN 1,280 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY LAST MONTH.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT 303 OF THESE ACCIDENTS OCCURED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 647 IN KOWLOON AND 330 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR JULY SHOWED THAT 22 PERSONS WERE KILLED, 341 PEOPLE WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 1,378 SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THESE ACCIDENTS.

THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS REPRESENTED A DECREASE OF 12.3 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR WHILE THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES DECREASED BY 11.8 PER CENT.

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MORE FINES FOR LABOUR OFFENCES

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LABOUR LAW OFFENDERS HAD DUG DEEPER IN THEIR POCKETS FOR THEIR OFFENCES AS FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS CONTINUED TO GO UP IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT 1,752 CASES TO THE COURTS, RESULTING IN FINES AMOUNTING TO \$7.14 MILLION, COMPARED TO 2,226 CONVICTIONS AND TOTAL FINES OF \$7.43 MILLION IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

"THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 21.6 PER CENT IN THE AVERAGE FINE, WHICH STANDS AT \$4,078," SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTION) MR TSANG KIN-WOO, SAID.

MR TSANG SAID THE TREND OF IMPOSING HEAVIER FINES FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LEGISLATION SHOULD MAKE EMPLOYERS TAKE WORKERS' SAFETY AND WELFARE MORE SERIOUSLY.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT MORE THAN 61 PER CENT OF ALL CONVICTED CASES RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY OFFENCES.

"THEY INCLUDED 564 CASES OF BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, WHILE 513 RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, WITH FINES AMOUNTING TO \$1.98 MILLION AND \$3.96 MILLION RESPECTIVELY," HE SAID.

OF THE REMAINING CASES, 602 INVOLVED VIOLATION OF WELFARE PROVISIONS UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS AS WELL AS THE EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR RELATIONS, AND EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCES. THE FINES TOTALLED \$1.04 MILLION.

OTHER CASES INCLUDED 66 PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS ORDINANCE, EIGHT CASES OF FAILURE TO KEEP OR PRODUCE FOR INSPECTION EMPLOYEES RECORDS UNDER PART IVB OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE AND ONE OF OBSTRUCTING A LABOUR OFFICER UNDER THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE. FINES TALLING \$146,650 WERE IMPOSED.

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NEW I.D. CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1947-50

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WOMEN BORN IN 1947, 1948, 1949 AND 1950 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO OCTOBER 20.

WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP SHOULD CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

ALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI  
TEL. 574 7070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD,  
NGAU TAU KOK  
TEL. 755 3669

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI  
TEL. 723 2424

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET  
TEL. 498 0117

SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,  
11-17 SHATIN CENTRE STREET  
TEL. 605 9108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD  
TEL. 477 1543

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
CHI LOK FA YUEN  
TEL. 458 0646

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,  
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI  
TEL. 672 7191.

"APPLICANTS NORMALLY NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING I.D. CARDS IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE \*\*\* SYMBOL," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

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"HOWEVER, IF THE APPLICANT'S I.D. CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE \*\*\* SYMBOL, SHE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE PERSONAL PROOFS.

"IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING HER EXISTING I.D. CARD, SHE MUST PRODUCE HER TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING (IF ANY) - HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE OR HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

"IN SOME CASES, APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIM TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WILL BE ADVISED INDIVIDUALLY."

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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#### WATER CUT IN SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 14) DUE TO ELECTRICITY SUSPENSION IN HA LO WAI SALT WATER PUMPING STATION.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, SHEK YAM ESTATE, SHEK LEI ESTATE AND WO YI HOP ROAD.

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#### CROSS HARBOUR BUS USERS URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN SURVEY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A SURVEY ON THE TRAVELLING CHARACTERISTICS OF CROSS HARBOUR BUS PASSENGERS BETWEEN TUESDAY (AUGUST 14) AND THURSDAY (AUGUST 16) AT BUS STOPS ALONG VARIOUS CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE USED AS A BASIS FOR STUDIES IN DEVELOPING FUTURE CROSS HARBOUR TRANSPORT NETWORK SERVICES.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, TRANSPORT INSPECTORS WILL INTERVIEW BUS USERS ON INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THEIR TRAVELLING PATTERN.

THE INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED WILL INCLUDE THE ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF PASSENGERS, TRIP PURPOSES, ACCESS AND EGRESS TRANSPORT MODES AND THE REASONS FOR CHOICE OF CROSS HARBOUR BUS SERVICES.

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ALL DATA COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE USED FOR REFERENCE ONLY, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE URGED BUS PASSENGERS TO COOPERATE WITH INSPECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO WILL CARRY WITH THEM GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION.

THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 1 PM DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD AT BUS STOPS AND TERMINI IN NORTH POINT, QUARRY BAY, CHAI WAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AND IN MA TAU WAI, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON CITY, TSZ WAN SHAN, WONG TAI SIN, NGAU TAU KOK AND KWUN TONG IN KOWLOON.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 4 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 14), RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND INTO RUMSEY STREET NORTH WILL BE OPENED.

VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL CAN MAKE USE OF THIS TO GAIN ACCESS TO PIER ROAD AND OUTLYING ISLAND FERRY PIER.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A SECTION OF ABOUT 500 METRES OF SHA TIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, NEAR PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ONE LANE AT A TIME BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM TUESDAY (AUGUST 14) TO AUGUST 20.

THE TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE IS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE RESURFACING WORKS.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE THEM.

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