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FINANCIAL SECRETARY REAFFIRMS CONFIDENCE IN HK
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, TOLD A GATHERING OF PROMINENT BANKERS AND OTHER BUSINESSMEN TODAY THAT HE HAD NO DOUBT ABOUT THE FUTURE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

ADDRESSING THE VISITING CHAIRMAN OF CITIBANK AND CITICORP, MR WALTER B. WRISTON, AND GUESTS AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE OPENING OF CITICORP CENTRE ON WHITFIELD ROAD THIS EVENING, SIR JOHN RECALLED THAT THERE WAS A CELEBRATION LAST YEAR MARKING 80 YEARS OF CITICORP'S BANKING PRESENCE IN HONG KONG.

+THAT WAS AN OCCASION FOR BOTH REFLECTION ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST AND EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN, AND COMMITMENT TO, THE FUTURE. I HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT THE FUTURE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG,+ SIR JOHN SAID.

HE SAID THESE EXPRESSIONS OF CONFIDENCE AND COMMITMENT WERE MANIFEST IN +THIS SPLENDID NEW BUILDING, THE CITICORP CENTRE.+

THE BANK, SIR JOHN SAID, HAD TAKEN A NOTABLE STEP IN THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL SECTOR, WHICH OCCUPIED A SIGNIFICANT AND GROWING POSITION IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY.

IT HAD ALSO MADE A BOLD MOVE IN DECIDING TO SITE ITS HONG KONG HEADQUARTERS AWAY FROM CENTRAL, WHICH HAD TRADITIONALLY BEEN REGARDED AS THE FINANCIAL HEARTLAND.

HE CONGRATULATED THE BANK ON THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, AND WISHED IT EVERY SUCCESS IN THIS LOCATION OVER THE YEARS AHEAD.

SIR JOHN ADDED: +MR WRISTON, YOU ARE A WORLD RENOWNED CHAIRMAN OF A WORLD LEADING BANK. YOU CERTAINLY SHARE WITH ME A COMMITMENT TO STABILITY AND A BELIEF THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE IN WORLD ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BOTH BANKS AND BANKING AUTHORITIES NEED TO ACT CAREFULLY AND RESPONSIBLY.

+I PLEDGE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO THIS POLICY.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR, EXCO LEAVING FOR UK
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUBE, AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

THEY WILL BE LEAVING ON FLIGHT CX 201, ETD 10.50 PM.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO COVER THEIR DEPARTURE. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ASSIGNED TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 9.45 PM TOMORROW.

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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF JULY EXTERNAL TRADE
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THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY EIGHT PER CENT AND NINE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY SO THAT, FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES WERE UP BY EIGHT PER CENT IN JULY 1983 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1982, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MEANWHILE, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY FOUR PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 19 PER CENT AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 20 PER CENT SO THAT A 19 PER CENT INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY NINE PER CENT.

SINCE THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND OF RE-EXPORTS BOTH INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1983 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW BY 10 PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS BY EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. AS THE PRICES OF IMPORTS WERE EIGHT PER CENT HIGHER OVER THE SAME PERIOD, IMPORTS RECORDED A FIVE PER CENT GROWTH IN VOLUME TERMS.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JULY THIS YEAR WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1982, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY FOUR PER CENT, FIVE PER CENT AND SIX PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY THREE PER CENT, THUS GIVING A FOUR PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. MEANWHILE, A THREE PER CENT INCREASE WAS ALSO RECORDED IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE EXPORT PRICES OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM TWO PER CENT FOR FOOTWEAR TO 39 PER CENT FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-1 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-2 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+288 PER CENT), TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+60 PER CENT), ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+44 PER CENT), AND TEXTILE FABRICS (+43 PER CENT).

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THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED, RANGING FROM 10 PER CENT FOR BOTH CAPITAL GOODS AND FUELS TO 16 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD, TEA AND COFFEE, AND CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WHEAT AND FLOUR, AND VEGETABLES DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR WATCHES, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS AND CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AND PASSENGER MOTOR CARS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE, AMONG WHICH SILK FABRICS, YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES, YARN OF MAN-MADE FIBRES, THERMIONIC, CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS, CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS, COTTON YARN AND THREAD, AND WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC. EXCEPT GLASS, AND WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK DROPPED MODERATELY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY 29 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME OF OFFICE MACHINES AND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY WERE RECORDED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS SHOWN IN TABLE 3, THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORT VOLUME VARIED AMONG THE FIVE END-USE CATEGORIES, RANGING FROM A 17 PER CENT DECREASE FOR FUELS TO A 28 PER CENT INCREASE FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE JULY 1983 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES COMPARING JULY 1983 WITH JULY 1982

<u>COMMODITY GROUP</u>	<u>EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUME</u>
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+ 16%	+ 8%	+ 8%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 53%	+ 7%	+ 43%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+ 67%	+ 4%	+ 60%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+ 32%	+15%	+ 15%
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	- 1%	- 1%	INSIGNIFICANT
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+100%	+39%	+ 44%
FOOTWEAR	+ 4%	+ 2%	+ 2%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 23%	+ 5%	+ 17%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+404%	+30%	+288%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 33%	- 2%	+ 36%
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	+ 10%	+ 8%	+ 2%
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	+ 37%	+ 6%	+ 29%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 28%	+ 8%	+ 19%

TABLE 2 : CHANGES COMPARING JULY 1983 WITH JULY 1982

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 13%	+13%	INSIGNIFICANT
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 23%	+16%	+ 6%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 47%	+13%	+ 30%
FUELS	- 22%	+10%	- 29%
CAPITAL GOODS	- 5%	+10%	- 14%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 23%	+13%	+ 9%

TABLE 3 : CHANGES COMPARING JULY 1983 WITH JULY 1982

END-USE CATEGORY	RE-EXPORT VALUE	RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE	RE-EXPORT VOLUME
FOODSTUFFS	+ 28%	+ 9%	+ 17%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 28%	+10%	+ 16%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 39%	+ 9%	+ 28%
FUELS	- 4%	+15%	- 17%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 28%	+10%	+ 16%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 32%	+ 9%	+ 20%

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HK OFFICIALS ATTENDING FLIGHT SAFETY SEMINAR

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TWO SENIOR OFFICERS FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEND THE ORIENT AIRLINES ASSOCIATION'S 8TH FLIGHT SAFETY SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN MANILA ON OCTOBER 6 AND 7.

THEY ARE MR R.J. CAPERN, DEPUTY CONTROLLER (AVIATION SAFETY), AND MR J.HUI, SENIOR STANDARDS OFFICER OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

THE THEME OF THE SEMINAR IS +SAFETY IN THE ORIENT SKIES - CHANGING ATTITUDES IN THE FACE OF PROGRESS+.

FOUR WORKING SESSIONS - +PROFESSIONAL GROUPS ATTITUDE TOWARDS SAFETY+, +DEVELOPMENTS+, +AVIATION MEDICINE+ AND +OPERATIONAL SAFETY+ - WILL BE CONDUCTED.

PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE AIRLINE OPERATORS, AVIATION AUTHORITIES, FLIGHT CREW ASSOCIATION AND OTHER AVIATION ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES.

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MORE CLASSES ON PLANTING ARRANGED

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TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS WILL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT PLANTING AT A HORTICULTURAL COURSE NEXT MONTH.

THE SECOND TSUEN WAN HORTICULTURAL COURSE OF THIS YEAR, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT TSUEN WAN YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND ON SEVEN CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS BETWEEN 9 AM AND 11 AM FROM NOVEMBER 5.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE COURSE, WHICH WILL BE FREE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

THE SEVEN-SESSION COURSE WILL BASICALLY FOCUS ON MIXING OF COMPOST, DETECTION AND CONTROL OF PLANT PEST AND DISEASE, FERTILISING, PLANT PROPAGATION AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANT.

NTSD HORTICULTURALISTS WILL GIVE LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PRACTICAL PLANTING AND FIELD VISITS TO NTSD'S NURSERIES.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COURSE MAY BE OBTAINED AT TSUEN WAN YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND, SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND AND THE TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF FAR EAST BANK BUILDING, 135-143 CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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FUNDS OFFERED FOR YOUTH PROJECTS

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YOUNG PEOPLE WILL AGAIN BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND TO BROADEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE - WITH GOVERNMENT SUPPORT.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL HELP THEM FINANCIALLY TO REALISE THEIR INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS IN THE NEXT ROUND OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME.

+ANY YOUTH GROUP PLANNING FOR SUCH A PROJECT CAN APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A SUBSIDY OF UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$4 000,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

BUT THE GROUP SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25, AND BE SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, YOUTH AGENCY OR BUSINESS ORGANISATION.

+GROUPS WITHOUT ANY SPONSORS MAY ALSO APPLY IF THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL WORK OFFICERS (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY),+ HE SAID.

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APPLICATION FORMS AND EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THESE OFFICERS AND DETAILED PROJECT PROPOSALS SHOULD REACH THEM BY OCTOBER 15.

+EACH PROJECT WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ITS YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY BENEFITS, FEASIBILITY, OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES AND INNOVATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE YOUTH SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN 1974, IS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALS AND AWARENESS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

THE DEPARTMENT GRANTED \$145 000 TO 56 APPROVED PROJECTS IN THE LAST EXERCISE IN THE SUMMER, BRINGING THE TOTAL SUBSIDY GIVEN OUT TO OVER \$1.34 MILLION SINCE 1974.

PREVIOUS PROJECTS, INVOLVING MORE THAN 27 000 YOUNG PARTICIPANTS AND BENEFITING MORE THAN 1.4 MILLION PEOPLE, INCLUDED SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

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NEW SAI WAN HO FERRY PIERS OPENED

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THE NEW SAI WAN HO FERRY PIERS, WHICH REPLACE THE TAIKOO SHING AND SHAU KEI WAN PIERS, WERE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR CHAN NAI-KEONG, TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR CHAN SAID THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE PIERS AND ASSOCIATED CONCOURSE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE CONTINUOUS AND DETERMINED EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATEI FERRY COMPANY, TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE CROSS HARBOUR TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY.

HE SAID, +CONSTRUCTION OF A FERRY PIER OF THIS TYPE NORMALLY TAKES TWO AND A HALF YEARS BUT IN THIS CASE, NOT ONE BUT TWO PIERS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN ONLY 21 MONTHS.+

FOR MUCH OF THIS PERIOD, HE SAID, NO LAND ACCESS TO THE SITE HAD BEEN AVAILABLE AND ALL WORKS HAD TO BE UNDERTAKEN FROM MARINE FLOATING PLANT.

THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE PIER, CONSISTING OF CIRCULAR STEEL PILES FILLED WITH CONCRETE, ARE UP TO 47 METRES IN LENGTH, AND THE FIRST ONE WAS DRIVEN INTO THE SEABED JUST 18 MONTHS AGO.

+VERY CLOSE LIAISON AND CO-OPERATION HAVE BEEN NECESSARY, AND IT IS A CREDIT TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED THAT COMPLETION OF THESE PIERS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN SO SHORT A TIME,+ MR CHAN ADDED.

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TURNING TO THE FERRY CONCOURSE, MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT IT HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO MAKE THE FERRY PIERS AS ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE TO COMMUTERS.

+NEW BUS AND MAXIBUS ROUTES HAVE BEEN DEVISED AND THERE IS AMPLE PROVISION FOR TAXIS AND PRIVATE CARS TO DROP OFF OR PICK UP PASSENGERS USING THE FERRIES,+ HE SAID.

+A LARGE VEHICLES WAITING AREA IS AVAILABLE IN READINESS FOR THE PASSENGER - VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICES TO KWUN TONG WHEN IT IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE NEXT YEAR.

+THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THIS SERVICE TO ENABLE THE USE OF DOUBLE-DECK VEHICULAR FERRIES HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT SHOULD THE DEMAND WARRANT IT IN THE FUTURE.+

FOR THE COMFORT OF PEDESTRIANS, MR CHAN SAID, EXTENSIVE COVERED WALKWAYS LINKING THE TWO PIERS WITH THE POPULATION CENTRE OF SAI WAN HO HAD BEEN PROVIDED.

MR CHAN CONGRATULATED THE STAFF OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, THE CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND WISHED THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATEI FERRY COMPANY EVERY SUCCESS IN THE OPERATION OF THE SERVICES FROM THE NEW PIERS.

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CLOSURE OF BUILDING SOUGHT * * *

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED BUILDING NO. 198 CHA KWO LING ROAD, KOWLOON TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THIS TWO STOREY BUILDING, CONSTRUCTED PARTLY WITH A REINFORCED CONCRETE FRAME AND LOAD BEARING WALLS AND REINFORCED CONCRETE FLOOR AND ROOF, HAD BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION SINCE 1969.

A RECENT INSPECTION INDICATED THAT THE REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENTS HAD DETERIORATED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THE BUILDING TO OBTAIN THE RISK OF A COLLAPSE.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON NOVEMBER 1 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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BUILDING DECLARED IN DANGEROUS STATE
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED BUILDING NO.199 CHA KWO LING ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THIS TWO STOREY, PRE-WAR BUILDING, CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD BEARING WALLS AND TIMBER FLOOR AND ROOF, HAD BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION SINCE 1969.

THE FIRST FLOOR HAD ALREADY BEEN CLOSED BY AN EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED BY A DISTRICT JUDGE ON SEPTEMBER 16 DUE TO A PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF THE ROOF, HE SAID.

+A SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION HAS DISCLOSED FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE ROOF AND ENCLOSING WALLS TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE GROUND FLOOR AND DEMOLISH THE WHOLE BUILDING,+ HE ADDED.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON OCTOBER 13 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DEPUTY MARINE DIRECTOR RETIRING
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A PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 10), IN THE GENERAL REGISTRY OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, 7TH FLOOR, FAIRMONT HOUSE, TO MARK THE RETIREMENT OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR ALAN LACK.

MR LACK HAS COMPLETED OVER 30 YEARS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE, HAVING FIRST JOINED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IN 1953.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE
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FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 6) THE SECTION OF SHANTUNG STREET BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND PORTLAND STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SEVEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO FACILITATE PIPE-REPAIRING WORKS.

NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON NATHAN ROAD HEADING FOR PORTLAND STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO SOY STREET.

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FIRING PRACTICE DATES
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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES OF FIRING PRACTICE THAT WILL BE HELD DURING THE MONTH AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE IN OCTOBER.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
OCTOBER 5 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 6 (THURSDAY)	" "
OCTOBER 7 (FRIDAY)	" "
OCTOBER 11 (TUESDAY)	" "
OCTOBER 12 (WEDNESDAY)	" "
OCTOBER 18 (TUESDAY)	" "
OCTOBER 19 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
OCTOBER 20 (THURSDAY)	" "
OCTOBER 21 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 24 (MONDAY)	" "
OCTOBER 25 (TUESDAY)	" "
OCTOBER 26 (WEDNESDAY)	" "
OCTOBER 27 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 28 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
OCTOBER 31 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM

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