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COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO ESTABLISH A HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH (COSH) - A NON-GOVERNMENT ANTI-SMOKING BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPOSING AND UNDERTAKING MEASURES TO COUNTER THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TOBACCO USE IN HONG KONG.

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH BILL 1987 PROVIDING FOR STATUTORY INCORPORATION OF THE COUNCIL WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED COSH, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE FUNDED MAINLY BY GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION AND EMPOWERED TO EMPLOY ITS OWN STAFF. THE ANNUAL RECURRENT COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$1.1 MILLION PER ANNUM.

"ALTHOUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL WOULD RELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT OF SOME OF THE EXECUTIVE DUTIES CONNECTED WITH ANTI-SMOKING MEASURES, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE WOULD REMAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR FORMULATING GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO COMBAT SMOKING AND FOR ENSURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT POLICY WHEN APPROVED.

"IT IS ENVISAGED THAT CLOSE CO-OPERATION WILL BE ESSENTIAL BETWEEN THE COUNCIL, SECRETARIAT BRANCHES AND VARIOUS OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

THE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF THE PROPOSED COSH WOULD BE:

- (A) TO OBTAIN AND COLLATE THE LATEST DATA AND RESEARCH INFORMATION CONNECTED WITH SMOKING AND HEALTH;
- (B) TO SERVE AS AN INFORMATION BANK ON SMOKING AND HEALTH MATTERS FOR THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, INDUSTRY, THE PRESS, THE BROADCASTING SERVICES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC;
- (C) TO DEVELOP AND ORGANISE PUBLICITY, INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES;
- (D) TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN RESEARCH, INCLUDING THE EVALUATION OF THE EFFECT, OF ANTI-SMOKING ACTIVITIES ALREADY IN OPERATION;
- (E) TO SERVE AS CONSULTANT AND ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-SMOKING MEASURES, INCLUDING LEGISLATION;

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- (F) TO ACHIEVE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN ALL GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INVOLVED IN SMOKING-CONTROL ACTIVITIES; AND
- (G) TO PROVIDE LIAISON WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND WITH LOCAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES ON SMOKING AND HEALTH MATTERS.

MR CHAMBERS SAID GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING POLICY HAD BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF THE SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) ORDINANCE IN 1982.

"GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING MEASURES INVOLVE A LARGE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES, AS WELL AS CLOSE LIAISON WITH CONCERNED VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES.

"EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ELSEWHERE HAS SHOWN THAT SUCH MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PROGRAMMES ARE BEST HANDLED BY A COMPETENT CO-ORDINATING AGENCY SUPPORTED BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

IN MAY 1986, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) AFFIRMED THAT "THE CAUSAL LINK BETWEEN TOBACCO AND A RANGE OF FATAL AND DISABLING DISEASES HAS BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY PROVED" AND THAT "THIS PRODUCT IS ADDICTIVE AND DANGEROUS EVEN WHEN USED AS PROMOTED".

"WHO URGED MEMBER STATES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL FOCAL POINT TO STIMULATE, SUPPORT AND CO-ORDINATE ALL TOBACCO AND HEALTH ACTIVITIES. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS THUS MORE CONVINCED OF THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH IN HONG KONG ON A FIRM FOOTING WITH INDEPENDENT STATUS AND NECESSARY LEGAL POWERS," HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH (PCOSH) FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE FORMULATION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL.

PCOSH WAS APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE IN DECEMBER 1986 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR RONALD LEUNG TO STEER THE SETTING UP OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL.

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH BILL 1987 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 8.

VIEWS ON PROVISIONS OF THE BILL CAN BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, 7/F, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD OR TO OMELCO AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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BILL TO STREAMLINE BANKING LAW OPERATION GAZETTED

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A BILL SEEKING TO AMEND A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS IN THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986 TO STREAMLINE THEIR WORKING, CLARIFY THEIR MEANING OR REMOVE DOUBTS ON INTERPRETATION WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN SOME CASES, THE OPPORTUNITY WAS ALSO TAKEN TO CORRECT MINOR DRAFTING ERRORS IN THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE ENACTED LAST YEAR.

EXPLAINING THE MAIN LEGISLATIVE CHANGES CONTAINED IN THE BANKING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, HE SAID IT WAS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF DEPOSITS TO EXEMPT FROM THE SCOPE OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS' ISSUES OF DEBENTURES OR OTHER SECURITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH A PROSPECTUS HAS BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

"THIS WILL IN EFFECT TREAT AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS IN THE SAME WAY AS OTHER COMPANIES AND REVERT BACK TO THE POSITION UNDER THE PREVIOUS DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE," HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THE AMENDMENT WOULD REMOVE AN UNINTENDED IMPEDIMENT IN SOME REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES' ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL MARKETS WHERE BONDS WERE OFTEN ISSUED AT SMALL DENOMINATIONS TO ENSURE MARKETABILITY.

"IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO AMEND THE PROVISION FOR TRANSFER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING LICENCES. AT PRESENT A DEPOSIT-TAKING LICENCE CAN ONLY BE TRANSFERRED - SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS - TO A REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY.

"THERE MAY HOWEVER BE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE TRANSFER OF A LICENCE TO A COMPANY OTHER THAN A REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY WOULD BE DESIRABLE FROM THE SUPERVISORY POINT OF VIEW. CLAUSE 11 OF THE BILL WILL ALLOW FOR THIS, SUBJECT TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S APPROVAL," HE ADDED.

"CLAUSE 14 CONTAINS THREE AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 69(1) OF THE ORDINANCE ON THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF BUSINESS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL.

"FIRST, IN THE CASE OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING (INSTEAD OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AS AT PRESENT) WILL BE SUFFICIENT. THE COMMISSIONER IS THE REGISTRATION AUTHORITY FOR THESE INSTITUTIONS.

"SECOND, TO CLARIFY THE AMBIT OF THIS SUBSECTION, ONLY THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF THE INSTITUTION'S BANKING BUSINESS OR DEPOSIT-TAKING BUSINESS WILL REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL; THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF OTHER THAN THESE CORE BUSINESSES WILL ONLY NEED TO BE ADVISED TO THE COMMISSIONER.

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"THIRD, ONLY CAPITAL REDUCTION WILL REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL; OTHER CAPITAL RECONSTRUCTION WILL ONLY NEED TO BE ADVISED TO THE COMMISSIONER.

"THESE AMENDMENTS AIM TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY PROCEDURES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SECTION 83 AND 84 AT PRESENT RESTRICT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE GRANTING OF UNSECURED ADVANCES OR OTHER FACILITIES BY AN AUTHORISED INSTITUTION TO ANY NON-LISTED COMPANY WITH COMMON DIRECTORS WITH THE INSTITUTION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN CERTAIN CASES THIS PROVISION HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE UNDULY RESTRICTIVE AND COULD WORK AGAINST THE SUPERVISION OF AN INSTITUTION BY ITS OWN BOARD BY DEPRIVING IT OF THE SERVICE OF EXPERIENCED AND ABLE DIRECTORS.

CLAUSES 21 AND 22 WILL GIVE DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO THE COMMISSIONER TO EXEMPT FACILITIES BY SPECIFIC AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS TO SPECIFIC CONNECTED COMPANIES FROM THE LIMITS UNDER THESE SECTIONS; THE COMMISSIONER MAY ATTACH CONDITIONS TO THE EXEMPTION.

OTHER AMENDMENTS IN THE BILL WILL REQUIRE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF LOCALLY INCORPORATED INSTITUTIONS (IN ADDITION TO DIRECTORS AS AT PRESENT) TO BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER BEFORE THEY ARE APPOINTED; REMOVE DOUBTS THAT NORMAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OFFERED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS MIGHT TECHNICALLY CONTRAVENE THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE; AND CLARIFY THE DRAFTING IN A NUMBER OF SECTIONS.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 1. COMMENTS ON THE PROVISIONS CAN BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS AT ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER II, 24/F, HARCOURT ROAD OR TO OMELCO AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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HK-NETHERLANDS AIR PACT IN FORCE

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A HONG KONG/NETHERLANDS AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT (ASA) ENTERS INTO FORCE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ASA, WHICH WAS SIGNED IN THE HAGUE ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1986, IS THE FIRST SEPARATE AGREEMENT THAT HONG KONG HAS CONCLUDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARRANGEMENTS WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, AND WITH THE SPECIFIC AUTHORISATION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

THE ASA PROVIDES FOR SCHEDULED SERVICES BY THE DESIGNATED AIRLINES OF THE TWO SIDES. UP TO NOW, SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE NETHERLANDS BY THE AIRLINES OF EITHER SIDE HAVE BEEN OPERATED UNDER TEMPORARY INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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GREEN PAPER TO BE DISTRIBUTED OVER WEEKENDS
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TO ENABLE MORE PEOPLE TO OBTAIN THE GREEN PAPER, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL SET UP A COUNTER TO DISTRIBUTE THE DOCUMENT AT THE KCR SHA TIN STATION DURING WEEKENDS BEGINNING TOMORROW (JUNE 27).

THE DISTRIBUTION COUNTER WILL OPEN FROM 1 PM TO 6 PM ON SATURDAYS AND FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAYS. IT WILL BE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN THE LOBBY AREA BETWEEN THE KCR STATION AND THE NEW TOWN PLAZA.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID ABOUT 20 STAFF WOULD BE MOBILISED TO MAN THE COUNTER ON SHIFTS.

DURING WEEKDAYS, COPIES OF THE GREEN PAPER CAN BE OBTAINED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION AND ITS ENQUIRY CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR, KCR HOUSE.

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MAY CONSUMER PRICE INDICES RELEASED
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THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)(A) AND NEW CPI(B) FOR MAY 1987 WERE 108.4 AND 108.7 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 5.3 PER CENT AND 5.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER MAY 1986, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1987 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT AND THE NEW CPI(B), BY 0.5 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE NEW CPI(A) AND AVERAGE NEW CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MAY 1987 WERE 105.6 AND 105.9 RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 1987, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.7 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING MAY, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT, LIVE POULTRY, SALT-WATER FISH AND CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES INCREASED. RETAIL PRICES OF JEWELLERY, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND OUTERCLOTHING ALSO WENT UP. TRANSPORT CHARGES ALSO INCREASED AS A RESULT OF HIGHER FARES OF MTR AND KCR. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES DECREASED.

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THE NEW CPI(A) AND THE NEW CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE NEW CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDICES FOR MAY 1987 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1987 AND MAY 1986, ARE GIVEN BELOW:

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	NEW CPI(A)			NEW CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR MAY 87	% CHANGE OVER APR. 87	% CHANGE OVER MAY 86	INDEX FOR MAY 87	% CHANGE OVER APR. 87	% CHANGE OVER MAY 86
FOODSTUFFS	104.3	-0.4	+4.0	105.0	-0.1	+4.2
HOUSING	109.4	+0.3	+4.9	107.3	+0.4	+3.3
FUEL AND LIGHT	92.5	-0.2	-0.3	93.3	-0.2	-0.0*
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	116.6	+0.3	+7.5	116.6	+0.4	+7.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.4	+1.4	+6.4	117.2	+1.3	+7.0
DURABLE GOODS	111.3	+1.7	+5.5	110.4	+1.4	+5.4
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	115.6	+1.6	+12.0	115.2	+1.5	+10.9
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	115.2	+1.4	+8.6	113.9	+1.4	+8.2
SERVICES	115.1	+0.2	+6.0	114.4	+0.2	+5.7
ALL ITEMS	108.4	+0.3	+5.3	108.7	+0.5	+5.1

* LESS THAN 0.05%

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COMPARED WITH APRIL 1987, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.1 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT, LIVE POULTRY, SALT-WATER FISH AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.3 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.4 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICE OF JEWELLERY.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER MTR FARES AND TRAIN FARES.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDICES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR MAY 1987, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDELL STREET, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDICES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8235089.

MEANWHILE, THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 111.7 IN MAY 1987, UP BY 0.9 PER CENT OVER APRIL 1987 AND BY 6.6 PER CENT OVER MAY 1986. THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL UNDER WAY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED TO CONDUCT THE JUNE 1987 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY TO COLLECT INFORMATION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987.

THIS SURVEY IS CONDUCTED QUARTERLY AND THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 165,000 ESTABLISHMENTS. THEY ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THOSE IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE, AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES), AND THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS).

INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON JUNE 30, 1987 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH ESTABLISHMENT COVERED BY THE SURVEY.

SOME 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE 165,000 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF APRIL-JUNE 1987.

ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR WILL ALSO BE REQUESTED TO FURTHER PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAJOR KIND OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1987.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON 5-8235076.

AS FOR THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT DURING APRIL-JUNE 1987, THEY WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE.

FIELD OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THEM TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, EXISTING VACANCIES, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NATURE OF BUSINESS AND DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS COMMENCED.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE FIELD VISITS COULD BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234770.

SLUGGISH PERFORMANCE FOR MANUFACTURING SECTOR RECORDED IN 1985

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1985 WAS A YEAR OF SLUGGISH PERFORMANCE FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN 1985 RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE VALUE OF GROSS OUTPUT IN THE SECTOR WAS ESTIMATED AT \$177,006 MILLION, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 6.6 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1984, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SURVEY SHOWED. FIELD WORK FOR THE SURVEY WAS UNDERTAKEN BETWEEN MAY 1986 AND EARLY THIS YEAR.

THERE WERE 49,140 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS OPERATING DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1985, EMPLOYING A TOTAL OF 908,528 PERSONS.

THE EXPENSES OF MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN 1985 INCLUDED \$112,370 MILLION FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES; \$34,024 MILLION FOR COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES; AND \$16,512 MILLION FOR OTHER EXPENSES.

THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR STOOD AT \$50,287 MILLION IN 1985, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 4.7 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1984. VALUE ADDED IS A MEASURE OF THE NET OUTPUT OF THE SECTOR AND REFLECTS ITS CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

RANKED ACCORDING TO THEIR VALUE ADDED, THE TOP FIVE BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN HONG KONG WERE: WEARING APPAREL (\$12,416 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR); FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (\$8,558 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); TEXTILES (\$7,509 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (\$6,489 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT); AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS (\$4,769 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT).

AS REGARDS THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF INDUSTRIES, THE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS WERE THE "TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI" DISTRICT, AND THE "NGAU TAU KOK, KWUN TONG, LEI YUE MUN" DISTRICT. ESTABLISHMENTS IN THESE LOCATIONS ALTOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 45 PER CENT AND 44 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE GROSS OUTPUT AND VALUE ADDED OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

WHEN ANALYSED BY THE EMPLOYMENT SIZES OF ESTABLISHMENTS, THE STATISTICS SHOWED THAT SMALL ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING LESS THAN 10 PERSONS REPRESENTED ABOUT 67 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS, BUT ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 8 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT AND 13 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE GROSS OUTPUT, VALUE ADDED AND TOTAL WORKFORCE OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

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IN CONTRAST, ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING 100 OR MORE PERSONS CONTRIBUTED ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF THE SECTOR'S GROSS OUTPUT AND VALUE ADDED AND EMPLOYED ABOUT 42 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL WORKFORCE, THOUGH THEY REPRESENTED ONLY ABOUT 3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG.

THE 1985 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF ASCERTAINING THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RELEVANT SECTORS COVERED, AND ESTIMATING THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

APART FROM THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN MINING AND QUARRYING AND IN THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER.

SUMMARY STATISTICS FROM THE 1985 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JUNE 1987 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

MORE DETAILED RESULTS TOGETHER WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY WILL BE GIVEN IN THE SURVEY REPORT ENTITLED "1985 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION", WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN MID-JULY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE; AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234819.

/Summary results

Summary results of the 1985 Survey of Industrial ProductionAnalysis by manufacturing industry group

<u>Broad Industry Group</u>	<u>Number of establishments</u>	<u>Number of persons engaged</u>	<u>Compensation of employees (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Purchases of materials, supplies and industrial services (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Other expenses (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Gross output (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>National accounts value added (\$ Mn)</u>
Food, beverages & tobacco	877 (-8)	24 465. (-2)	1 126. (8)	4 793 (-6)	1,069 (11)	8 155 (2)	2 398 (10)
Textiles (including knitting)	4 799 (-2)	113 930. (*)	4 782. (14)	19 648 (-1)	2 272. (-7)	28 966 (*)	7 509 (3)
Wearing apparel, except knitwear & footwear	9 704 (-6)	276 342 (-7)	9 877. (*)	23 190 (-9)	3 506 (-9)	38 100 (-8)	12 416 (-6)
Leather, wood & cork products	3 372 (-5)	30 122. (-7)	1 046 (3)	2 788 (-3)	414 (-1)	4 509 (-2)	1 352 (*)
Paper products, printing & publishing	5 363 (3)	49 571. (-1)	2 001. (10)	5 271 (-9)	1 001 (3)	9 591 (-2)	3 435 (9)
Chemicals, rubber & non-metallic mineral products	1 501 (-3)	16 898 (-12)	725. (-3)	3 858 (-6)	630. (-18)	5 846 (-5)	1 392. (-9)
Plastic products	5 213 (5)	86 908 (-2)	2 962 (*)	9 624 (-12)	1 417. (*)	15 713 (-7)	4 769 (-1)
Basic metals, fabricated metal products, machinery & equipment	13 178 (2)	154 565 (1)	5 859 (9)	20 188 (*)	2 577. (12)	31 060 (3)	8 558 (3)
Electrical & electronic products	2 017. (-15)	121 690 (-15)	4 332 (-7)	18 587 (-26)	3 137. (-10)	28 291 (-21)	6 489 (-27)
Other manufacturing industries	3 115 (-5)	34 036. (1)	1 315 (6)	4 423 (-20)	488 (*)	6 774 (-14)	1 970 (-2)
Total	49 140 (-2)	908 528 (-5)	34 024 (3)	112 370 (-10)	16 512 (-3)	177 006 (-7)	50 287 (-5)

Notes : (1) Individual entries may not add up exactly to the respective totals due to rounding.

(2) Figures in brackets represent percentage changes of 1985 compared with 1984.

(3) '*' denotes a percentage change of less than 0.5%.

A YEAR OF CHALLENGES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS

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THE YEAR 1986 WITNESSED THE EMERGENCE OF SOME NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DRUG SCENE AND NEW INITIATIVES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT DRUG ACTIVITIES.

DESPITE THE SIXTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR OF BUMPER OPIUM CROP IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE, THERE WERE POSITIVE INDICATIONS THAT THE PROBLEM OF HEROIN ABUSE WAS BEING CONTAINED LAST YEAR.

THIS WAS WELL REFLECTED BY THE SIGNIFICANT DROP BY 22 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF NEWLY REPORTED DRUG ADDICTS WHEN COMPARED WITH 1985, REPRESENTING A CONTINUATION OF THE DOWNWARD TREND SINCE 1984.

THE ABOVE IS REVEALED IN THE HONG KONG NARCOTICS REPORT FOR 1986 PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACAN, PROFESSOR GERALD CHOA, HOWEVER, NOTED IN THE FOREWORD TO THE REPORT THAT A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MANDRAX (METHAQUALONE) ABUSERS WAS RECORDED IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSERS (CRDA) DURING 1986 TOGETHER WITH SOME INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED CANNABIS ABUSERS.

"ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF PERSONS REPORTED WAS SMALL COMPARED WITH THE NUMBER OF REPORTED HEROIN ABUSERS THE ACAN LAID PLANS DURING THE YEAR FOR INTENSIFYING ACTION AGAINST PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE," PROFESSOR CHOA SAID.

"ACAN ALSO HAD PLANS FOR TRYING TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON THE PATTERN OF SUCH DRUG ABUSE AND ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO MAY BE INVOLVED," HE CONTINUED.

IN FACT, THE INCREASING PROBLEM OF THE ABUSE OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, IN PARTICULAR MANDRAX, WAS BEING MONITORED CLOSELY AND TACKLED WITH CARE ON A SCALE COMMENSURATE WITH THE SIZE OF THE KNOWN PROBLEM.

THESE COUNTER-ACTIONS WERE FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY THE JUDICIARY WHO RECOGNISED THE MANDRAX PROBLEM BY EQUATING THE SENTENCING LEVEL OF MANDRAX CASES WITH THAT FOR OPIUM CASES.

THROUGHOUT 1986, PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES DISSEMINATING ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGES WERE UBIQUITOUS AS HIGH PRIORITY WAS ACCORDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

"IN SOME INSTANCES, THE DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGNS WERE ACTUALLY INITIATED BY THE PUBLIC WITH GOVERNMENT PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT," THE CHAIRMAN SAID.

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SCHOOL TALKS CONTINUED TO BE THE MAIN THRUST OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMME. DURING THE YEAR, THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SCHOOL TALKS TEAM DELIVERED 113 TALKS TO SOME 45,000 JUNIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS IN 85 SCHOOLS.

IN ADDITION, THE TRIAL SCHEME LAUNCHED IN 1985 ALERTING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MACs) OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND OF THE NEED FOR GREATER PARENTAL CARE OF CHILDREN WAS REINFORCED IN 1986.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN PROVIDING A DEFENCE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AGAINST THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE WAS EMPHASISED DURING THE YEAR IN VARIOUS ANTI-NARCOTICS FUNCTIONS," THE CHAIRMAN SAID.

DRUING 1986, A TOTAL OF 12,494 PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED FOR DANGEROUS DRUG OFFENCES, A SLIGHT 0.5 PER CENT INCREASE COMPARED WITH 1985, REFLECTING THE INTENSIVE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

OF THE PERSONS PROSECUTED, 1,035 PERSONS WERE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, COMPARED WITH 1,191 IN 1985.

THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT, DUE TO THE UNRELENTING VIGILANCE OF THE POLICE AND CUSTOMS, DRUG SEIZURE IN 1986 AMOUNTED TO 770 KILOGRAMS, MAINLY HEROIN. DURING THE YEAR, 22 MAJOR SMUGGLING RINGS AND NINE HEROIN MANUFACTURING CENTRES WERE NEUTRALISED.

IN 1986, A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS IN THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE WERE REVIEWED. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR "ATTACKING" THE ASSETS OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS WERE CONSIDERED DURING THAT YEAR.

ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, PROFESSOR CHOA SAID THAT CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND WITH THE SPECIALISED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION WAS SUCCESSFULLY MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

DURING 1986, A TOTAL OF 182 FOREIGN VISITORS CAME TO HONG KONG FOR TRAINING ATTACHMENT, FAMILIARISATION VISITS AND COURSES IN THE ANTI-NARCOTICS FIELD. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MADE ITS TWELFTH ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$100,000 TO THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL IN SUPPORT OF ITS WORLDWIDE CONTROL MEASURES.

THE 126-PAGE REPORT GIVES A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE CHANGING CHARACTERISTICS OF HONG KONG'S NARCOTICS SCENE DURING THE YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, SAID THE REPORT IS AN INFORMATIVE DOCUMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF NARCOTICS ADDICTION IN HONG KONG AND WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING TO COMBAT IT.

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THE REPORT IS PUBLISHED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE. THE ENGLISH EDITION IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, 23RD FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE CHINESE EDITION OF THE REPORT IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.

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DESIGN COMPANY EARNINGS SURPASS FORECAST

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THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY WHICH WAS LAUNCHED BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH PUBLIC FUNDS TO PROMOTE PRODUCT INNOVATION HAD EARNED OVER \$1.4 MILLION IN FEES LAST YEAR, AGAINST AN ORIGINAL FORECAST OF ONLY \$330,000, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD SAID, AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1987 HONG KONG NEW PRODUCTS COMPETITION TODAY (FRIDAY).

SAID MR MACLEOD: "THE COMPANY HAS NOW BEEN OPERATING FOR OVER A YEAR AND PROVIDING MEDIUM SIZED AND SMALL MANUFACTURING BUSINESS WITH A FULL RANGE OF DESIGN CONSULTANCY SERVICES."

MR MACLEOD MAINTAINED THAT WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR ORIGINALITY AND QUALITY IN HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS MARKETS, THE SHIFT TOWARDS PRODUCT DIVERSIFICATION THROUGH INNOVATION HAS BEEN NOTICEABLE IN ALL INDUSTRIES.

THE HONG KONG NEW PRODUCTS COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, IS IN ITS 17TH YEAR. THE WINNER OF THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY AWARD IS AKEI PLASTIC MACHINE MANUFACTURING LTD. THE PRODUCT IS AN AUTOMATIC BLOW MOULDING MACHINE, WITH WALL THICKNESS PROGRAMMING CONTROL.

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NEW TRADE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP

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THE TERMS OF TWELVE NONOFFICIAL MEMBERS CURRENTLY SERVING ON THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) HAVE BEEN EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1987.

IN ADDITION, ONE NEW MEMBER, MR PAUL CHENG, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD WHILE TWO INCUMBENT MEMBERS, MR ALEXANDER S. K. AU AND MR FRED K. T. CHIN WILL RETIRE FROM OFFICE.

THE NEW MEMBER, MR CHENG (50), IS CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INCHCAPE PACIFIC LIMITED.

THE NONOFFICIAL MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RE-APPOINTED ARE: MR WILLIAM TURNBULL, MR PAUL T. S. YIN, MR WARREN W. L. HUI, MR KENNETH TING, MR GARY N. HARILELA, MR RAY MAN LEUNG, MRS ELEANOR C. M. LING, THE HON. HO SAI-CHU, THE HON. THOMAS CLYDESDALE, MR T. H. BARMA, MR JACK SO AND DR KENNETH K. K. WANG.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF TAB, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE TWO OUTGOING MEMBERS FOR THE VALUABLE SERVICE THEY HAVE RENDERED.

TAB ADVISES THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY ON MATTERS AFFECTING HONG KONG'S TRADE - OTHER THAN IN TEXTILES AND GARMENTS WHERE ADVICE IS GIVEN BY THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

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FIRST MAC FORMED IN LONG PING ESTATE

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TO PROMOTE THE SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG NEW RESIDENTS OF LONG PING ESTATE, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE RECENTLY ASSISTED IN THE FORMATION OF THE FIRST MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE - THE KAM PING HOUSE MAC - IN THE ESTATE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE CHAIRMAN AND OFFICE BEARERS OF THE KAM PING HOUSE MAC WERE ELECTED IN EARLY JUNE, AND ONCE DOCUMENTARY PROCEDURES ARE COMPLETED, THE MAC WILL BE OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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IN MID JUNE, MORE THAN 2,800 HOUSEHOLDS COMPRISING 11,500 PEOPLE HAVE MOVED INTO THE NEW HOUSING ESTATE, OCCUPYING ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE FLATS IN PHASE I INCLUDING KAM PING, SAU PING, CHU PING, PO PING, YUK PING AND SHEK PING HOUSE.

WHEN ALL THREE PHASES ARE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR, THE TOTAL POPULATION OF LONG PING ESTATE WILL BE MORE THAN 35,000, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO FAMILIARISE NEW RESIDENTS WITH VARIOUS FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED IN YUEN LONG, THE DISTRICT OFFICE SENT COPIES OF "YUEN LONG RESIDENTS' HANDBOOK" TO THEM WHICH PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, HOME VISITS BY TEMPORARY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS AND LIAISON OFFICERS WILL BE ARRANGED TO FIND OUT THE NEEDS OF THE NEW RESIDENTS, AND TO HELP THEM WITH THE FORMATION OF MACs.

ADVANCE NOTICES OF HOME VISITS WILL BE ISSUED TO LONG PING RESIDENTS AND THEY WILL BE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE LIAISON OFFICERS AND TEMPORARY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS WHO WILL CARRY IDENTITY CARDS.

OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO BE ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT BOARD IN LONG PING ESTATE INCLUDE THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN CUM ANTI-FALLING OBJECT NIGHT IN JULY AND THE "KNOW YOUR YUEN LONG" BRIEFING IN AUGUST.

THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL WILL ORGANISE AN I.Q. GAME IN LONG PING ESTATE DURING THE SUMMER TO HELP RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN, IDENTIFY PLACES IN YUEN LONG.

TO PROVIDE A BETTER LINK BETWEEN LONG PING ESTATE AND YUEN LONG TOWN, A FOOTBRIDGE CONNECTING THE SOUTH PORTION OF THE ESTATE TO YUEN LONG TOWN NORTH HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED AT THE COST OF \$12 MILLION.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WITH LIGHTS WAS DESIGNED FOR THE USE BY BOTH PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.

A BUS TERMINUS WAS ALSO BUILT AT LONG PING ESTATE SERVICING ROUTE 68A RUNNING BETWEEN LONG PING AND SHAM SHUI PO PIER.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, A COMMUNITY HALL AND AN INDOOR GAMES HALL.

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KWAI TSING SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

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RESIDENTS OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN MORE THAN 480 ACTIVITIES OF THE 1987 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE INVITATION WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI TSING SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR CHAN SAID THE RESPONSE TO THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WAS VERY ENCOURAGING. THE NUMBER OF LOCAL BODIES APPLYING FUNDS FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES INCREASED BY 51 PER CENT FROM 35 LAST YEAR TO 53 THIS YEAR.

THE PROGRAMME WILL COVER NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING COMMUNITY SERVICE, RECREATIONAL, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND FACT-FINDING EVENTS.

AN ESSAY COMPETITION, CENTRING ON THE THEME OF "SHARE THE FUN AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY", HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR STUDENTS AND WORKING ADULTS.

MR CHAN SAID MORE THAN 100 SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED AND SIX WINNERS WOULD BE SELECTED TO JOIN A STUDY TOUR TO SINGAPORE IN AUGUST.

"THE RESULTS OF THE ESSAY COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON JULY 4 AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO BE LAUNCHED IN EARLY JULY," HE ADDED.

THE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WILL BENEFIT ABOUT 80,000 RESIDENTS.

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QUIZ TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION

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PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN OPEN QUIZ TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

"THE QUIZ IS TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN," A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"QUESTIONS WILL BE SET IN AN IMAGINATIVE MANNER TO STIMULATE THEIR INTEREST IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE ADDED THAT TEACHERS AND PARENTS SHOULD ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO TAKE PART.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE PRIMARY FIVE OR SIX STUDENTS LIVING OR STUDYING IN THE DISTRICT. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO FORM TEAMS OF THREE AND MAY REPRESENT THEIR SCHOOLS IN THE COMPETITION.

THE PROJECT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE MID-LEVELS (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE AND Y.W.C.A.

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS WILL BE HELD ON JULY 11 AND 18 AT THE HONG KONG TRUE LIGHT COLLEGE AT CAINE ROAD.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 6. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523499 OR 5-223101.

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

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SIX YOUNG PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG SET OFF FOR LONDON TODAY (FRIDAY) TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE WITH AND TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

THEY WILL TAKE PART IN A THREE-WEEK COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME HELD THIS YEAR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ORIGINATED FROM THE "COMMONWEALTH YOUTH ENTERPRISE 1977" TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE. HONG KONG FIRST PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAMME IN 1977 WHEN SIX YOUTH WORKERS TOOK PART IN ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF BRITAIN.

IN VIEW OF ITS SUCCESS, THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE COUNCIL PROPOSED IN 1978 TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH EXCHANGE PROJECT ON AN ON-GOING BASIS TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE IN BRITAIN AND OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE EXCHANGE VISITS ON A BILATERAL AND RECIPROCAL BASIS.

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THE AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME ARE TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND TO ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION AND SHARING OF IDEAS, EXPERIENCE AND CULTURE AND TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

BRITAIN PLAYS HOST TO SIX YOUNG PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG IN ONE YEAR AND RECIPROCATES A SIMILAR PROGRAMME FOR SIX YOUNG BRITONS THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

IN HONG KONG, THE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PROGRAMME AND THE SELECTION OF THE DELEGATES ARE HANDLED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE YOUTHS' ACTIVITIES IN UK INCLUDE VISITS TO MUSEUMS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENTS; SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES; BRIEFING BY MANAGING AUTHORITIES; DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; STUDY ON COMMUNITY WORK PROJECTS; AND CULTURAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS.

THE SIX HONG KONG DELEGATES, AGED FROM 18 TO 24, WERE NOMINATED BY VARIOUS COLLEGES AND ORGANISATIONS. THEY ARE MR DAVE CHAN KWOK-PUN, MR ERIC PANG YIU-HUNG, MR THOMAS CHENG TZE-YAU, MISS KATHERINE HO CHING-MAN, MISS ALICE CHEONG FUNG-YU, AND MISS IRENE MA YIM-KUEN.

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CHEUNG CHAU SITES FOR TENDER
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TWO SITES ON CHEUNG CHAU ARE BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

ONE OF THE LOTS IS AT TAI HING TAI ROAD AND MEASURES ABOUT 300 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 600 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY SEPTEMBER 1989.

THE OTHER, AT PAK SHE SECOND LANE, MEASURES ABOUT 435 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 325 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ALSO BY SEPTEMBER 1989.

TENDERS ARE TO BE IN BY NOON ON JULY 24.

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REFRESHMENT COUNTERS AT HK-MACAU FERRY PIER FOR RENT
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TENANCY OF PORTIONS OF DECK 1 ON THE INNER AND OUTER PIERS OF THE HONG KONG-MACAU FERRY TERMINAL IN CENTRAL.

THE PORTIONS, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 42.5 SQUARE METRES, ARE TO BE USED AS REFRESHMENT SALES COUNTERS.

THE TENANCY WILL BE FOR SIX YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 24.

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DTC LICENCE REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF FIRST CANADIAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986.

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CLOSURE OF SLIP ROADS TO AND FROM CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL
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TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS, THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM CANAL ROAD FLYOVER TO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FROM SUNDAY (JUNE 28) TO NEXT THURSDAY (JULY 2).

VEHICLES ON CANAL ROAD FLYOVER HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD, FLYOVER, WESTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD AND THE FLYOVER LEADING TO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

IN ADDITION, THE EXIT ROAD LEADING FROM CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO NORTH POINT WILL BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY ON JULY 5, 6 AND 7.

VEHICLES LEAVING THE TUNNEL WILL HAVE TO USE THE CAUSEWAY BAY EXIT ROAD AND PROCEED TO NORTH POINT VIA EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

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WESTBOUND TUBE OF AIRPORT TUNNEL CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 28) FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH TO TIE IN WITH THE CLOSURE OF THE WESTBOUND TUBE OF THE AIRPORT TUNNEL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS TODAY.

THE CLOSURE, TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THREE STAGES, IS TO FACILITATE THE RENEWAL OF FIRE MAINS AND OTHER MAINTENANCE WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE OF THE WESTBOUND TUBE OF THE TUNNEL, THE EASTBOUND TUBE WILL BE CONVERTED TO TWO WAY TRAFFIC. AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR ON THE APPROACH ROADS TO THE TUNNEL, MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO USE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM HUNG HOM TO KWUN TONG MAY USE CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, MA TAU WAI ROAD, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND KWUN TONG ROAD; OR VICE VERSA FROM KWUN TONG TO HUNG HOM.

MEANWHILE, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM HUNG HOM TO HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MAY USE CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, MA TAU WAI ROAD, CHE KIANG STREET, TO KWA WAN ROAD, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD AND OLYMPIC AVENUE.

DETAILS OF THE OTHER TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEARER THE DATES OF STAGES TWO AND THREE OF THE CLOSURE.

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KWAI CHUNG ROAD BEING IMPROVED

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A THREE-LEVEL INTERCHANGE IS BEING BUILT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CASTLE PEAK AND KWAI CHUNG ROADS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE EXCEPTIONALLY BUSY ROAD JUNCTION.

A \$95 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

TWO TWIN-LANE FLYOVERS WILL BE BUILT, ONE RUNNING NORTH-SOUTH FROM KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO CHEUNG WING ROAD, AND THE OTHER RUNNING ALONG THE LENGTH OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN AN EAST-WEST DIRECTION.

THE GROUND LEVEL OF THE JUNCTION WILL BE IMPROVED AS WELL.

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OTHER WORK INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM, AN ELEVATED WALKWAY ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND A SUBWAY EXTENSION UNDER CASTLE PEAK ROAD CONNECTING TO YIU WING LANE TO PROMOTE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE AREA.

LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE CONTRACT.

WORK STARTED LAST WEEK AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS.

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FIRING PRACTICE NOTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 25 DAYS IN JULY.

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

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE:

DATE ----	TIME ----
JULY 1 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 2 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 3 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 4 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 6 PM
JULY 6 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 7 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 8 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 9 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 10 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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JULY 11 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 6 PM
JULY 13 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 14 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 15 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 16 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JULY 17 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JULY 18 (SATURDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
JULY 21 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 22 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 23 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 24 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 27 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 28 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 29 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 30 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 31 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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