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REPORT ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS RELEASED

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PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE BY A WORKING GROUP OF THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATIONS ADVISORY BOARD FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE EDUCATION THEY ARE PROVIDING.

THE PROPOSALS AIM TO HELP PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO INTRODUCE IMPROVEMENTS IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THEIR OPERATION, SUCH AS SCHOOL FACILITIES AND TEACHERS' SALARIES. THIS WILL BE DONE THROUGH THE SYSTEM OF ANNUAL FEE REVISION OPERATED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE AIM IS TO ALLOW THE SCHOOLS TO OBTAIN MORE INCOME THROUGH FEES WHICH WILL, IN TURN, PAY FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SCHOOLS.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL MONITOR EXPENDITURE TO ENSURE THAT THE INTENDED IMPROVEMENTS ARE ACHIEVED.

IN ITS REPORT, THE WORKING GROUP SET OUT IN DETAIL THE AREAS OF SCHOOL EXPENSES TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE DEPARTMENT IN PROCESSING SCHOOL FEE APPLICATIONS.

THESE INCLUDE INFLATION, SALARY INCREASES, EXPENDITURE ON IMPROVEMENTS, MAJOR AND MINOR REPAIRS, SEVERANCE PAY, LONG SERVICE GRATUITIES, RETIREMENT GRATUITIES AND PROVIDENT FUND CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE WORKING GROUP PROPOSED THE SETTING OF SCHOOL FEES IN THREE BROAD BANDS. FOR FORMS 1 TO 3, FEES WILL BE SET AT THE LEVEL CALCULATED FOR FORM 3. FOR FORMS 4 AND 5, THE FEE WILL BE SET AT A POINT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE FEE LEVELS OF THESE TWO FORMS.

IN DETERMINING THIS FEE LEVEL, THE PROJECTED ENROLMENT IN EACH FORM WILL BE USED TO CALCULATE A WEIGHTED AVERAGE. THIS FORMULA WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE CALCULATION OF THE FEE LEVELS FOR FORMS 6 AND 7.

THE WORKING GROUP ALSO CONSIDERED THAT IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO INCLUDE A 10 PER CENT PROFIT MARGIN IN THE DETERMINATION OF SCHOOL FEE LEVELS. IN ADDITION, SCHOOLS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BASE THEIR PROFIT CALCULATIONS ON CAPITAL INVESTMENT, GROSS INCOME OR TOTAL EXPENDITURE, WHICHEVER THEY CONSIDER THE MOST APPROPRIATE TO THEIR SITUATIONS.

THE WORKING GROUP'S REPORT HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATIONS ADVISORY BOARD AND IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION. IT IS HOPED THAT THESE IMPROVEMENTS CAN COME INTO EFFECT IN THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1986.

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NOVEMBER EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY-NOVEMBER 1985, VALUED AT \$422 602 MILLION, INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, ACCORDING TO TRADE VALUE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT TO \$117 556 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 29 PER CENT TO \$95 806 MILLION AND IMPORTS INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT TO \$209 240 MILLION. TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT.

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HEREIN ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS ON THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR NOVEMBER 1985 WILL BE RELEASED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. DECREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 511 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 309 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$938 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$481 MILLION OR TWO PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$192 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA INCREASED RAPIDLY IN VALUE, PARTICULARLY OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$638 MILLION OR 153 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF) (BY \$557 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$498 MILLION OR 126 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (NOT INCLUDING UNMILLED CEREALS) (BY \$35 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$31 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

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DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$651 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$546 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF) (BY \$173 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$4 MILLION OR TWO PER CENT) AS WELL AS SANITARY, PLUMBING, HEATING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES AND FITTINGS (BY \$4 MILLION OR SIX PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$989 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$194 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO JAPAN ALSO FELL (BY \$378 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT AND BY \$100 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$16 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT) AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$19 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT).

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

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM CHINA INCREASED IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$880 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS) (BY \$793 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$460 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$888 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT) AS WELL AS PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$373 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$883 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$680 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$603 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 179 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE (BY \$583 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 631 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$511 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$469 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR INORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$364 MILLION OR 264 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$197 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

MEANWHILE, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY \$1 326 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$474 MILLION OR 209 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS OF VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$23 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$833 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$352 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT). HOWEVER, AN INCREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$49 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

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

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 76 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$2 909 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 455 MILLION OR 111 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 184 MILLION OR 126 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN MANUFACTURED FERTILIZERS (BY \$111 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$100 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

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INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WERE MOSTLY OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF) (BY \$1 008 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$600 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$406 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$151 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$61 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE RECORDED IN NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$330 MILLION OR 331 PER CENT); TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$122 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$112 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$55 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT) AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$51 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$519 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$114 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FELL (BY \$267 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT), AS DID PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$58 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$183 MILLION OR 109 PER CENT) AND FOR RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$140 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT).

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

THE NOVEMBER 1985 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1985 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1986 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$13 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS AND ON TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL.: 5-214375) AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL.: 5-444436).

Table 1 : Domestic exports by ten major markets

<u>Major market</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
U.S.A.	52,566	56,933	-4,368	- 8
China	13,886	9,836	+4,050	+41
U.K.	7,550	9,480	-1,930	-20
F.R. of Germany	6,908	8,450	-1,542	-18
Japan	4,126	4,765	- 638	-13
Canada	3,938	4,103	- 165	- 4
Australia	3,065	3,522	- 457	-13
Singapore	2,046	2,419	- 373	-15
Netherlands	1,815	2,152	- 338	-16
France	1,609	1,787	- 179	-10

Table 2 : Domestic exports by major commodity division

<u>Commodity division</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	39,884	42,372	-2,488	- 6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	19,147	20,206	-1,059	- 5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,934	9,578	+ 355	+ 4
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	9,256	10,594	-1,338	-13
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	8,242	10,120	-1,878	-19
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,979	7,944	- 965	-12

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Table 3 : Imports from ten major sources

<u>Major source</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
China	52,271	50,636	+1,635	+ 3
Japan	48,847	47,386	+1,460	+ 3
U.S.A.	20,144	22,080	-1,936	- 9
Taiwan	19,050	15,562	+3,488	+22
Singapore	10,116	11,203	-1,087	-10
Republic of Korea	7,597	6,466	+1,131	+17
U.K.	7,586	7,991	- 406	- 5
F.R. of Germany	6,039	4,969	+1,070	+22
Switzerland	3,245	3,047	+ 198	+ 6
Italy	3,217	2,724	+ 493	+18

Table 4 : Imports by major commodity division

<u>Commodity division</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	29,889	29,875	+ 14	+ *
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	17,657	20,671	-3,014	-15
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	12,316	10,765	+1,551	+14
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	11,659	10,512	+1,147	+11
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	11,133	9,185	+1,948	+21
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	10,263	8,889	+1,374	+15

* Less than 0.5%

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Table 5 : Re-exports by ten major markets

<u>Major market</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
China	42,157	23,920	+18,237	+ 76
U.S.A.	13,305	11,044	+ 2,261	+ 20
Japan	4,973	4,136	+ 837	+ 20
Taiwan	3,980	4,477	- 497	- 11
Singapore	3,945	4,185	- 240	- 6
Republic of Korea	3,471	3,177	+ 294	+ 9
Macau	2,354	2,113	+ 241	+ 11
Indonesia	2,120	3,380	- 1,260	- 37
Philippines	1,374	1,336	+ 38	+ 3
F.R. of Germany	1,337	965	+ 372	+ 39

Table 6 : Re-exports by major commodity division

<u>Commodity division</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov. 1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	14,402	11,401	+3,001	+ 26
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	8,333	7,549	+ 784	+ 10
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,873	5,684	+1,189	+ 21
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	6,690	4,841	+1,849	+ 38
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	6,527	3,741	+2,786	+ 74
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,115	4,617	+ 497	+ 11

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SEPTEMBER NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES PUBLISHED
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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR SEPTEMBER 1985, AT 127.8, INCREASED BY 6.1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1984 AND BY 0.9 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1985, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE SEPTEMBER 1985 AND SEPTEMBER 1984 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 6.0 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 4.5 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 9.7 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 8.2 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 7.3 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE SEPTEMBER 1985 AND JUNE 1985 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 0.7 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.0 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 0.3 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.8 PER CENT.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1. DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 99.4 IN SEPTEMBER 1985, WAS 2.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1984 BUT 1.0 PER CENT LOWER THAN IN JUNE 1985.

FROM SEPTEMBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 2.1 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 0.6 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 5.7 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 4.3 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 3.4 PER CENT.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1985 WITH JUNE 1985, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR BOTH THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR DECREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.6 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 0.1 PER CENT WHILE THAT FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.2 PER CENT.

THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

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THESE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EACH QUARTER BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT COVERING BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING WORKERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR.

SUCH INDEXES MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES BY HOLDING THE STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE LABOUR FORCE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SEX AND MODE OF PAYMENT THE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 1982, WHICH IS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEXES.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF WAGES (ALTHOUGH THE SAME DEFLATOR IS USED FOR EACH INDUSTRY TO DERIVE THE REAL WAGE INDEX FROM ITS NOMINAL COUNTERPART, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOVEMENTS OF THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX AND THE REAL WAGE INDEX BETWEEN ANY TWO TIME PERIODS MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRY DUE TO ROUNDING).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE UNIT PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK, AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSION AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE.

IN ADDITION, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES THAT ARE PAID LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY, ARE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT MONTHLY RATE WHEN COMPILING THE WAGE RATE INDEXES.

TOTAL PAYROLL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FROM EMPLOYERS. APART FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASH RECEIPTS, IT ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

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AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGE RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOL. 1, SEPTEMBER 1985 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

VOLUME II ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NOS. 5-455774 OR 5-416062.

TABLE 1 : NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	SEPT 1984	DEC 1984	MAR 1985	JUN 1985	SEPT 1985
MANUFACTURING	120.3	120.8	124.6	126.7	127.5
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	115.6	117.1	120.2	120.0	120.8
TRANSPORT SERVICES	132.6	132.6	138.4	142.5	145.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	120.4	121.1	126.1	129.9	130.3
PERSONAL SERVICES	116.1	116.8	120.6	122.4	124.6
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	120.4	121.1	124.9	126.7	127.8

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TABLE 2 : NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDUSTRY	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	SEPT 1984	DEC 1984	MAR 1985	JUN 1985	SEPT 1985
GARMENTS	115.4	116.5	119.5	120.6	120.6
GLOVES	130.2	131.1	133.9	135.7	138.3
HANDBAGS	115.6	116.3	119.0	121.4	123.0
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	120.3	120.5	125.5	128.4	128.8
KNITTING	123.7	124.0	126.7	130.1	129.9
BLEACHING AND DYEING	121.2	121.8	126.3	132.0	133.1
PRINTING	123.4	123.5	126.1	132.0	133.4
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	123.3	122.9	125.6	128.0	127.7
METAL PRODUCTS	121.1	123.3	125.8	128.3	130.1
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	129.4	128.2	135.0	136.0	137.3
ELECTRONICS	123.9	124.1	127.7	130.0	132.1
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	124.6	124.6	130.3	132.6	134.6
MANUFACTURING	120.3	120.8	124.6	126.7	127.5

TABLE 3 : REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	SEPT 1984	DEC 1984	MAR 1985	JUN 1985	SEPT 1985
MANUFACTURING	97.1	97.7	99.1	100.4	99.1

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WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	93.3	94.6	95.5	95.1	93.9
TRANSPORT SERVICES	107.0	107.2	110.0	112.9	113.1
BUSINESS SERVICES	97.2	97.9	100.3	103.0	101.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	93.7	94.5	95.9	97.0	96.9

ALL SECTORS ABOVE	97.2	97.9	99.3	100.4	99.4

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FLAT SALES REACH ALL-TIME HIGH * * * * *

THE NUMBER OF SALE AGREEMENTS OF FLATS REGISTERED LAST YEAR ROSE TO AN ALL-TIME HIGH OF 54 405, AN INCREASE OF 81.6 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURE FOR 1984, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

DURING 1985, 73 791 ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS WERE REGISTERED, COMPARED WITH 52 358 IN 1984.

OF THESE, A TOTAL OF 8 398 ASSIGNMENTS WERE COMPLETED BY HIS DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, COMPARED WITH 9 932 IN 1984.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF CONSIDERATIONS IN ASSIGNMENT OF FLATS INCREASED BY 39.9 PER CENT FROM \$22.379 BILLION TO \$31.309 BILLION.

THERE WERE 594 ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS, 42.1 PER CENT MORE THAN IN 1984. THE TOTAL VALUE OF CONSIDERATIONS IN ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS INCREASED BY 218.3 PER CENT FROM \$2.174 BILLION IN 1984 TO \$6.920 BILLION LAST YEAR.

FIFTY-TWO BUILDING MORTGAGES AND 64 602 OTHER MORTGAGES WERE REGISTERED, UP FROM 46 AND 43 857 RESPECTIVELY IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER BUILDING MORTGAGES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR ROSE BY 240.6 PER CENT, FROM \$0.286 BILLION TO \$0.974 BILLION.

THE AMOUNT SECURED UNDER MORTGAGES OTHER THAN BUILDING MORTGAGES ALSO ROSE BY 63.7 PER CENT, FROM \$15.363 BILLION TO \$25.148 BILLION.

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REPAYMENTS UNDER MORTGAGES OF ALL KINDS, AS EVIDENCED BY REASSIGNMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION, WERE UP BY 55.9 PER CENT, FROM \$14.586 BILLION IN 1984 TO \$22.735 BILLION IN 1985.

SEARCHES IN THE LAND OFFICE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REACHED AN ALL-TIME HIGH OF 1 010 291 UP BY 41.4 PER CENT.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES MR GLEESON SAID THEY REFLECTED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF ACTIVITY IN THE PROPERTY MARKET.

HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE RETURN OF CONFIDENCE FOLLOWING UPON THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION IN DECEMBER 1984 WHICH HAD THE EFFECT OF RELEASING A PENT UP DEMAND FOR PROPERTY OF ALL TYPES PARTICULARLY RESIDENTIAL FLATS.

IN ADDITION, PROPERTY PRICES AND LENDING RATES WERE AT A LEVEL WHICH A MUCH GREATER NUMBER OF PEOPLE COULD AFFORD THAN PREVIOUSLY.

+THIS LEVEL OF ACTIVITY SHOWED NO DECREASE TOWARDS THE END OF 1985 AND WAS LIKELY TO CONTINUE INTO 1986,+ MR GLEESON SAID.

+HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SPECULATION FROM WHICH THE MARKET HAD SUFFERED IN THE PAST, PARTICULARLY IN RESIDENTIAL FLATS, WAS RETURNING,+ HE ADDED.

MR GLEESON SAID THAT AN INTERESTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INDICATOR WAS THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PROPERTY OWNERS IN HONG KONG NOW STOOD AT 827 077, AN INCREASE OF 74 062 OR 9.8 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURE AT THE END OF 1984 WHICH ITSELF WAS AN INCREASE OF 7.2 PER CENT OVER 1983.

THE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT LAND GRANTS AND MODIFICATIONS OF GOVERNMENT LEASE CONDITIONS COMPLETED LAST YEAR INCREASED FROM 226 IN 1984 TO 273, WHILE THE TOTAL PREMIUM INVOLVED ROSE BY 51.6 PER CENT FROM \$2.998 BILLION TO \$4.546 BILLION.

SIGNIFICANT GOVERNMENT LAND TRANSACTIONS COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR, INCLUDING THOSE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 50 HECTARE LIMIT BY ANNEX III TO THE JOINT DECLARATION ON THE 27TH MAY, INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) THE GRANT OF A 62.202-HECTARE SITE AT LAMMA ISLAND TO THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$66 130 000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF AN ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATION.
- (2) THE SALE BY PUBLIC TENDER OF A 2.443-HECTARE SITE AT CANTON ROAD TO MILLION SUCCESS LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$389 900 000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT TO CONSTRUCT A HONG KONG - CHINA FERRY TERMINAL TO BE HANDED OVER TO GOVERNMENT ON COMPLETION.

- (3) THE SALE BY PUBLIC TENDER OF A 7.292-HECTARE SITE IN AREA 75, SHA TIN TO WILLOWGARTH COMPANY LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$300 300 300 FOR DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE HOME OWNERSHIP (PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION) SCHEME.
- (4) THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF A 1.069-HECTARE SITE AT QUEENSWAY TO KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$703 000 000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.
- (5) THE GRANT OF A 11.448-HECTARE SITE AT YAU YAT CHUEN TO CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG AT NIL PREMIUM FOR THE PURPOSES OF A POLYTECHNIC.
- (6) THE GRANT OF A 6.663-HECTARE SITE AT TSING YI AT NIL PREMIUM TO THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.
- (7) THE GRANT OF A 69.391-HECTARE SITE AT TAP SHEK KOK, TUEN MUN, TO KOWLOON ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$89 552 000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF AN ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATION AND BULK OIL, COAL AND PULVERISED FLY ASH STORAGE.
- (8) THE GRANT OF A 2.434-HECTARE SITE AT CHEUNG SHA WAN TO CHINA RESOURCES (HOLDINGS) COMPANY LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$64 000 000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF A CARGO HANDLING PIER AND GODOWN FACILITIES.
- (9) THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF A 0.6449-HECTARE SITE AT CANTON ROAD TO SCILLA LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$636 000 000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, SURRENDERS AND RESUMPTIONS OF LAND DROPPED BY 30.3 PER CENT FROM 188 TO 131, WITH THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION DECREASING BY 66.1 PER CENT FROM \$148.5 MILLION TO \$50.3 MILLION.

MR GLEESON SAID THE LAND OFFICE IN CENTRAL WOULD MOVE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN QUEENSWAY IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1986.

+AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER COMPUTERISATION OF LAND OFFICE RECORDS WOULD COMMENCE AND FULL CONVERSION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED DURING THE SECOND HALF OF 1988,+ HE SAID.

OF THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES, FIVE HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE OVER THE REMAINDER BY STAGES, MR GLEESON SAID.

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INCREASE OF LEGAL AID LIMIT SOUGHT
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APPROVAL WILL BE SOUGHT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO ENABLE MORE PEOPLE TO BENEFIT FROM LEGAL AID.

FOR THIS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL MOVE A MOTION TO AMEND THE LEGAL AID ORDINANCE SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF DISPOSABLE INCOME FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL AID FROM \$1 500 TO \$2 200 PER MONTH.

OTHER MAIN BUSINESS AT THE MEETING TOMORROW WILL BE REPLIES TO 10 QUESTIONS BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, DEALING WITH SUCH MATTERS AS TRAFFIC FLOW CONDITIONS IN THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE HONG KONG STUDENTS CENTRE IN LONDON, THE EXCHANGE FUND AND ANNUAL INSPECTION OF GOODS VEHICLES.

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MORE TO BENEFIT FROM LEGAL AID
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN ITS APPROVAL FOR THE RAISING OF THE ELIGIBILITY LIMIT ON DISPOSABLE INCOME FROM \$1 500 PER MONTH TO \$2 200 PER MONTH.

THE CAPITAL LIMIT AND ALLOWANCES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE CONTRIBUTIONS BY AIDED PERSONS TOWARDS THE COST OF PROCEEDINGS WILL BE SIMPLIFIED AND PERSONS HAVING A DISPOSABLE INCOME OF \$1 100 OR LESS PER MONTH WILL RECEIVE FREE LEGAL AID.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE NEW LIMIT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM JANUARY 31, 1986 WHEN THE CHANGES WILL APPEAR IN THE GAZETTE.

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UC STAND ON HAWKER PROBLEM STRESSED
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THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WORKING PARTY ON HAWKERS, MRS ELSIE TU, TODAY DISMISSED AS +INCORRECT AND A MISUNDERSTANDING+ ANY IMPRESSION THAT THE WORKING PARTY WAS TRYING TO PUSH ON TO DISTRICT BOARDS THE MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF HAWKERS.

+I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES BELONG TO THE URBAN COUNCIL,+ SHE SAID. +HAWKERS ARE WITHIN THE COUNCIL'S JURISDICTION AND WE CANNOT ESCAPE FROM THIS, NOR CAN WE PUSH IT ON TO ANYBODY ELSE.+

/MRS TU

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MRS TU EMPHASISED THIS DURING A BRIEFING OF MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD ON VARIOUS PROPOSALS IN THE WORKING PARTY'S REPORT.

+THE REPORT IS A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEEK THE DISTRICT BOARDS' ADVICE ON THE HAWKER ISSUE IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS,+ SHE SAID.

+WE NEED THE CO-OPERATION OF DISTRICT BOARDS FOR EXAMPLE, SINCE HAWKERS CREATE ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER PROBLEMS WE WOULD LIKE DISTRICT BOARDS TO ADVISE US ON WHICH BLACK-SPOTS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH.+

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED SETTING UP OF ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEES, MRS TU SAID SUCH A PROPOSAL WAS ENTIRELY UP TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS THEMSELVES.

+WE ARE NOT SETTING DOWN ANY RULES ABOUT THIS,+ SHE SAID.

MRS TU SAID THAT ABOUT A YEAR AGO THE WORKING PARTY HAD CONDUCTED PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL DISTRICT BOARDS AND HAWKERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

+WE HAVE ALSO DONE THIS WITH MANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. THEY HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST, AND HAVE PROMISED TO GIVE CO-OPERATION WHEREVER POSSIBLE,+ SHE SAID.

+MOREOVER, INFORMAL CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE JUDICIARY ON THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE HAWKER ISSUE. I HAVE PERSONALLY TALKED TO SOME MAGISTRATES, AND I AM QUITE SURE THAT SHOULD THE WORKING PARTY'S PROPOSALS BE PUT INTO FORCE, THE JUDICIARY WILL GIVE ITS CO-OPERATION.+

ALSO TAKING PART IN TODAY'S BRIEFING WERE WORKING PARTY MEMBERS MESSRS LEE CHIK-YUET, WALTER SULKE AND STEPHEN LAU, AS WELL AS THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR A.K. CHUI, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HAWKERS), MR OWEN BROADLEY.

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LUNAR YEAR-END CLEAN-UP OPERATION PLANNED
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TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE OF REFUSE IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL STEP UP ITS REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FROM FEBRUARY 3.

DISCLOSING THIS AT A MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE), MR LI TIN-MING, SAID THAT BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AND JUNK WILL START TO RISE ABOUT SIX DAYS BEFORE LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY ON FEBRUARY 9.

/+IT WILL

+IT WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE UNTIL NEW YEAR'S EVE WHEN IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE YIELD WILL BE IN THE REGION OF 2 050 TONNES, ALMOST DOUBLE THE AVERAGE DAILY YIELD OF 1 050 TONNES,+ MR LI SAID.

THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ADDITIONAL YIELD WILL INCLUDE VISITS BY DISTRICT HEALTH INSPECTORS TO THE COMMON PARTS OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS TO CHECK ON THE ACCUMULATION OF REFUSE AND JUNK, EXTENDED WORKING HOURS FOR CLEANSING STAFF AND REFUSE REMOVAL VEHICLES TO PROVIDE MORE INTENSIVE REFUSE CLEARANCE SERVICE, SETTING UP OF TEMPORARY JUNK COLLECTION POINTS, PUBLICITY OF THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION AND OTHER MEASURES, MR LI SAID.

ON THE RSD PILOT SCHEME TO CUT DOWN THE COSTS OF ITS CLEANSING SERVICES AND TO CONTAIN THE GROWTH OF ITS CLEANSING STAFF, ESTIMATED TO REACH \$220 MILLION AND 3 610 STAFF IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1986-87, MR LI REPORTED THE ONE-YEAR CLEANSING CONTRACT FOR SHEK WU HUI AWARDED ON NOVEMBER 1, 1984 AT A COST OF \$583 200 HAS BROUGHT A SAVING OF SOME 40 PER CENT TO THE DEPARTMENT.

A NEW CLEANSING CONTRACT TO SERVICE SHEK WU HUI WAS AWARDED AT A COST OF \$691 800. IT CAME INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 1 TO SERVICE THE AREA BOUNDED BY LUNG SUM ROAD, JOCKEY CLUB AND SAN FUNG AVENUE.

+IN ADDITION, THE RSD IS CONSIDERING CONTRACTING OUT SIMILAR SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LUEN WO HUI AT FANLING AND THE CONTRACTING OUT OF DESLUDGING SERVICES IN THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT,+ HE ADDED.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE LATER SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE A PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER, IN FUTURE, THE CONTROL OF NOISE NUISANCE FROM VENTILATING SYSTEMS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, CAP. 132, TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

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BUS TOUR TO LAUNCH ROAD SAFETY FORTNIGHT

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TWO WEEKS OF INTENSE PUBLICITY ON ROAD SAFETY WILL BE LAUNCHED IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO ENHANCE AN AWARENESS AMONG PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORISTS ON SAFETY WHEN USING THE ROAD.

A PUBLICITY BUS, DECORATED WITH BANNERS AND EQUIPPED WITH LOUDSPEAKERS, WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TOMORROW TO LAUNCH THE ROAD SAFETY FORTNIGHT.

ROAD SAFETY AMBASSADORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY FORTNIGHT ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL BE ON HAND TO DISTRIBUTE SOUVENIRS TO PASSERS-BY.

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THE BUS WILL BE TOURING THE DISTRICT DAILY STOPPING AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF RESIDENTS TO ROAD SAFETY RULES.

TOMORROW'S TOUR WILL START AFTER AN OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY FORTNIGHT AT 8.20 AM IN THE TANG KING PO SCHOOL, TIN KWONG ROAD.

THE ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TOMMY YUEN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR MAK KING-LUN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ROAD SAFETY FORTNIGHT OPENING CEREMONY AT 8.20 AM. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD BY 11 AM IF THEY WISHED TO JOIN THE BUS TOUR.

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TAI PO ROAD SECTION TO BE IMPROVED
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A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN SHA TIN AND THE TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE IS TO BE IMPROVED TO ENHANCE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE SECTION OF SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY, TWO-LANE RURAL ROAD LINKS THE NORTHWEST URBAN AREAS OF KOWLOON AND SHA TIN.

IT HAS STEEP GRADIENTS AND MANY TIGHT CURVES.

THE ROAD IS FREQUENTLY CONGESTED DUE TO THE LARGE VOLUME OF VISITORS TO LION ROCK COUNTRY PARK IN WHICH IT IS PARTLY LOCATED.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES PROVIDING BETTER PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AND STABILISING SOME EXISTING CUT SLOPES.

THE SCHEME WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO STAGES. THE FIRST INVOLVES IMPROVING THREE SECTIONS OF ROAD ABOUT TWO KILOMETRES LONG BETWEEN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT EXPLOSIVES DEPOT AND LOWER SHING MUN ROAD. IT WILL ALSO BE WIDENED.

/OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS WILL INCLUDE PROVIDING A CLIMBING LANE OR PASSING BAYS ON STEEPER GRADES, REALIGNMENT OF SECTIONS OF ROAD ON SHARP CURVES, PROVISION OF FOOTPATHS, CAR PARKING AREAS, BUS LAYBYS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES, AND LANDSCAPING.

THESE IMPROVEMENTS WILL REQUIRE CUT SLOPE WORK AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION OF EARTH RETAINING STRUCTURES ALONG THE ROAD.

DUE TO THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE ROAD, WORK WILL BE PLANNED SO AS TO MAINTAIN TWO-WAY TRAFFIC DURING CONSTRUCTION, ALTHOUGH SOME ONE-WAY WORKING WILL BE NECESSARY AT NIGHT.

CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR STAGE ONE IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED ON BEHALF OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BY HARRIS AND SUTHERLAND (FAR EAST) CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

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TEMPORARY HK-CHINA FERRY TERMINAL SET UP
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THE FORMER MACAU FERRY TERMINAL IN CENTRAL WILL BE USED AS A TEMPORARY HONG KONG-CHINA FERRY TERMINAL FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO EASE THE PRESSURE AND HEAVY WORKLOAD ON THE EXISTING TAI KOK TSUI FERRY TERMINAL.

INITIALLY, 18 SMALL CRAFTS PLYING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JIANGMEN, SHEKOU, ZHONGSHAN AND ZHUHAI, WILL BE USING THE NEW FACILITY BETWEEN THE OPERATIONAL HOURS OF 7 AM AND 8 PM DAILY.

AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ONLY 10 OFFICERS, OPERATING ON TWO SHIFTS COULD BE PROVIDED TO WORK AT THE TERMINAL.

+THIS IS INSUFFICIENT FOR THE MAXIMUM DAILY PASSENGER CAPACITY IS ABOUT 7 200. PROBLEMS MAY ARISE FROM THE INEVITABLE CROWDING OF PASSENGERS DURING WEEKENDS AND LONG HOLIDAYS.

+THE SITUATION WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED AND THE STAFFING SITUATION KEPT UNDER REVIEW,+ HE SAID.

+HOPEFULLY, WE SHALL SEE AN IMPROVEMENT WHEN THE NEW CHINA FERRY TERMINAL IN CANTON ROAD IS COMPLETED IN 1987,+ HE ADDED.

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(13) AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN AUCTION OF 35 SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 18) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

THEY ARE:

DG388	HK2286	AC625	BB1689	DH22
DG822	DE6688	DG3088	1312	AW801
BK3	AT289	DH728	AA988	DH208
AB2923	DG8088	DE7788	AX289	DG27
AT625	DF2	AX786	AL36	DH103
CC6	DG3566	AL1689	DH286	DG8233
BL8317	AL138	2263	DH112	DH886

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 102ND ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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PROBLEMS OF TAI PO MARICULTURISTS STUDIED
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REFLECTING CONCERN ABOUT HARDSHIPS FACED BY MARICULTURISTS IN TAI PO, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN, TOGETHER WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND RURAL LEADERS, RECENTLY CONDUCTED SITE VISITS TO FISH-BREEDING AREAS TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES FISHERMEN FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION, MR SO MOON-CHEUNG, THE PARTY TOURED YUNG SHUE AU, YIM TIN TSAI AND SHAM WAN.

/THE PARTY

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THE PARTY LEARNED THAT MARICULTURISTS SUFFERED SERIOUS LOSSES WHEN HUNDREDS OF TONS OF FISH DIED IN YUNG SHUE AU AT THE END OF LAST MONTH, AND ABOUT 40 MARICULTURISTS MOVED TO YIM TIN TSAI WHERE IT WAS FOUND THAT FISH BREED WELL THERE.

AT SHAM WAN MARICULTURISTS BELIEVED THE AREA WAS THE BEST PLACE FOR FISH BREEDING AND HOPED THE AUTHORITIES WOULD EXTEND THE EXISTING BOUNDARY.

DURING THE VISIT, MR CHAN AFFIRMED THAT HE WOULD TRY HIS BEST TO ASSIST THEM SOLVE, THEIR PROBLEM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR HO YUNG-SANG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAM PAK-PING AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR TANG PUI-TAT, MR CHAN KOON-YAU AND MR CHEUNG HOK-MING ALSO TOOK PART IN THE VISIT.

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RENNIE'S MILL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN STARTS

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MAINTAINING A CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP FOR US IN CONTRIBUTING AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY, SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE RENNIE'S MILL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN.

RENNIE'S MILL HAD LONG BEEN AN ENVIRONMENTAL BLACKSPOT BECAUSE OF THE ACCUMULATED REFUSE CAUSED BY INDISCRIMINATE DUMPING, HE SAID.

+ALTHOUGH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE TRYING THEIR BEST TO CLEAR AWAY ACCUMULATED RUBBISH AND TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE DISTRICT, CO-OPERATION FROM RESIDENTS IS A MORE IMPORTANT FACTOR TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT THE MAIN THEME OF THE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN WAS TO MOTIVATE RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION AND TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT IN FUTURE.

+I BELIEVE THAT RESIDENTS COULD LEARN, THROUGH THIS TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN, THE ADVANTAGE OF A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND WOULD PUT HIGH VALUE ON A MORE PLEASANT LIVING CONDITION,+ HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY HELD IN RENNIE'S MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL, MR HO URGED RESIDENTS TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

+NOMINATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, AND I HOPE CAPABLE PERSONS WILL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY BY STANDING AS CANDIDATES,+ HE SAID.

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HE ALSO REMINDED VOTERS TO TURN UP AT THE POLLS DURING ELECTION DAY ON MARCH 6.

EXTRA WORKERS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED TO CLEAN UP RUBBISH ACCUMULATED AT THE SEA FRONT OF RENNIE'S MILL ALONG WITH REGULAR HOUSING DEPARTMENT CLEAN-UP TEAMS DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

STUDENT CLEAN-UP TEAMS HAVE ALSO BEEN ORGANISED TO CLEAN-UP THE DISTRICT.

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MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING FOR APPROACH BEACH
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A TWO-STOREY BUILDING IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT APPROACH BEACH, TSUEN WAN, TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES.

THESE WILL INCLUDE CHANGING, SHOWER AND TOILET FACILITIES, AN OFFICE, A STOREROOM AND A POLICE REPORTING CENTRE.

THE ROOFTOP OF THE BUILDING WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A REFRESHMENT KIOSK.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED NEXT JANUARY.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON JANUARY 31.

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STORAGE SITE FOR LEASE
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A 5 351-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT FO TAN, SHA TIN, IS BEING OFFERED ON SHORT TERM TENANCY BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

IT IS TO BE USED FOR THE OPEN STORAGE OF PLANT, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING CONTAINERS.

THE TENANCY OF THE SITE WILL BE FOR THREE YEARS INITIALLY, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 24.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN; THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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EXHIBITION ON LANGUAGE TEACHING

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION WILL HOLD AN END-OF-COURSE EXHIBITION OF WORK BY PARTICIPANTS OF THE REFRESHER COURSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH FROM THIS SATURDAY (JANUARY 18).

TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION WHICH WILL INCLUDE PROTOTYPE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, TEACHING AIDS AND PROJECTS DESIGNED AND PRODUCED BY THE COURSE PARTICIPANTS.

THE DISPLAY WILL BE HELD AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 21ST FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK, ON SATURDAY AND FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY NEXT WEEK DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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CLEAN HK COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR WALTER SULKE, WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING FOR 1986 TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER FOUR PAPERS, INCLUDING THE FUNDING FOR THE CAMPAIGN, THE 1986 CLEAN SCHOOL COMPETITION, THE SCOUT WALKATHON AND FUN FAIR DAY, AND THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CAMPAIGN'S ACTIVITIES.

THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL START AT 4.30 PM AT ROOM 2, FOURTH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT EDINBURGH PLACE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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LUNCHEON SPEECH
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THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR GORDON BLENKINSOP, WILL BE SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING ON GENERAL REVALUATION ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 16) AT THE FOUR SEASONS RESTAURANT OF THE NEW WORLD HOTEL IN SALISBURY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER MR BLENKINSOP'S SPEECH AT ABOUT 1.30 PM.

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NORTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET
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THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL BE MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE ORGANISATION OF CULTURAL, RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO RECENTLY-OPENED SPORTS FACILITIES - THE CHEUNG WAH SPORTS CENTRE IN FANLING AND THE KWU TUNG GRASS SOCCER PITCH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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FLYOVER CLOSED, RESTRICTED ZONES SET UP
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THE FLYOVER AT CHOI HUNG INTERCHANGE LEADING FROM KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7.30 PM TO 5.30 AM FROM FRIDAY (JANUARY 17) TO JANUARY 30 TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

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* VEHICLES ON KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE FLYOVER AT CHOI HUNG INTERCHANGE LEADING FROM KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND.

* VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WESTBOUND, SLIP ROAD, FLYOVER LINKING PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND CONCORDE ROAD, AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST EASTBOUND.

KMB ROUTES NO. 3D, 11C, 38, 74A, 74X, 80, 89, 89A AND 89B OPERATING ON KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WESTBOUND, SLIP ROAD, FLYOVER LINKING PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND CONCORDE ROAD, AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST EASTBOUND THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 17), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF HING FONG ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY:

* HING FONG ROAD SECTION FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI FUK ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WING FONG ROAD;

* HING FONG ROAD SECTION FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WO HAU ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 210 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;

* HING FONG ROAD SECTION FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI FUK ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;

* HING FONG ROAD SECTION FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WO HAU ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 110 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI FUK ROAD.

NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUS WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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CENTRAL, WAN CHAI TRAFFIC CHANGES

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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN EFFECT IN CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 17).

THESE ARE:

- * THE SERVICE ROAD OF MURRAY BUILDING WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY DAILY WITHIN WHICH NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.
- * PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ACCESS ROAD TO WAN CHAI FERRY PIER CONCOURSE WEST OF TONNOCHY ROAD 24 HOURS DAILY.
- * THE TEMPORARY WAN CHAI FERRY BUS TERMINUS WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR PROHIBITED ZONE DAILY. NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE TERMINUS.

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TSIM SHA TSUI TRAFFIC CHANGES

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THE AUSTIN AVENUE SECTION BETWEEN CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND KIMBERLEY ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE WAY WESTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 17) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON NORTHBOUND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH.

MOTORISTS WISHING TO GAIN ACCESS TO CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH FROM KIMBERLEY ROAD SHOULD DIVERT TO CHATHAM COURT.

FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON JANUARY 17, CHEUNG WONG ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE DELIVERY OF TRANSFORMER BY THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

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TSUEN WAN TRAFFIC CHANGES

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TAI CHUNG ROAD IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 16) TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS AT CHUNG HANG NULLAH.

PAK TIN PAR STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SHA TSUI ROAD AND ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED FROM ONE-WAY TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

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YAU MA TEI TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 9 AM AND 2 PM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 17) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY AUSTIN ROAD, BOWRING STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET, INCLUDING WOOSUNG STREET AND TEMPLE STREET.

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