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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JUNE RELEASED

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IN JUNE, THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS MODERATE, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS REMAINED SUBSTANTIAL. HOWEVER, THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS SLOWED DOWN FURTHER.

THESE ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JUNE 1989 WAS \$18.956 MILLION, \$836 MILLION OR 4.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1988, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY \$7.522 MILLION OR 33.6 PER CENT TO \$29,886 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$48,842 MILLION IN JUNE 1989, WAS THUS \$8.358 MILLION OR 20.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1988.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 15.9 PER CENT OR \$6,868 MILLION OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$50,054 MILLION IN JUNE 1989.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$1.212 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 2.4 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN JUNE 1989. THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$2,702 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 6.3 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN JUNE 1988.

PUTTING THESE TRADE FIGURES IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WAS \$263,154 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$102,058 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$161,096 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1988, IN VALUE TERMS TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$50,214 MILLION OR 23.6 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$6,439 MILLION OR 6.7 PER CENT, AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$43,775 MILLION OR 37.3 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$54,932 MILLION OR 24.8 PER CENT, TO \$276,623 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$13,469 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.9 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989. THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$8,751 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3.9 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JUNE VARIED AMONG MAJOR MARKETS. PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS SHOWED THAT, IN VALUE TERMS, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN AND CHINA GREW SIGNIFICANTLY, WHILE THOSE TO THE UNITED STATES RECORDED A MODEST INCREASE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DECLINED MARGINALLY. IT APPEARED THAT ANY DISRUPTIONS TO HONG KONG'S EXPORT TRADE THAT COULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA HAD NOT BEEN SIGNIFICANT.

AS REGARDS RETAINED IMPORTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER AS A WHOLE WAS ONLY MODERATE. THIS MIGHT REFLECT SIMILARLY ON DOMESTIC DEMAND GROWTH IN THAT QUARTER.

TRADE FIGURES FOR JUNE, 1989

The Census and Statistics Department has released the following provisional merchandise trade figures for June:-

MERCHANDISE:	Domestic Exports :	\$18,956 million	
	Re-exports :	\$29,886 million	
	Total Exports :	\$48,842 million	
	Imports :	\$50,054 million	
	Trade balance :	\$1,212 million	[in deficit]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Latest 3 months	Apr 89 to	Apr 88 to	Increase	
	Jun 89	Jun 88	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	54,130	51,449	2,681	5.2
Re-exports	85,975	54,453	21,522	33.4
Total Exports	140,105	115,902	24,203	20.9
Imports	146,593	122,325	23,768	19.4
Trade balance	-6,488	-6,923	435	

Same month last year	June	June	Increase	
	1989	1988	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	18,956	18,120	836	4.6
(% of Total Exports)	(38.3%)	(44.3%)		
Re-exports	29,886	22,364	7,522	33.6
Total Exports	48,842	40,484	8,358	20.6
Imports	50,054	43,186	6,868	15.9
Trade balance	-1,212	-2,702	1,490	

Last month	June	May	Increase	
	1989	1989	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	18,956	17,595	1,261	7.1
(% of Total Exports)	(38.3%)	(38.7%)		
Re-exports	29,886	28,013	1,873	6.7
Total Exports	48,842	45,708	3,134	6.9
Imports	50,054	48,519	1,435	3.0
Trade balance	-1,212	-2,311	1,099	

Calendar year to-date	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Increase	
	1989	1988	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	102,058	95,519	6,439	6.7
(% of Total Exports)	(38.3%)	(44.9%)		
Re-exports	161,096	117,321	43,775	37.3
Total Exports	263,154	212,840	50,214	23.6
Imports	275,623	221,591	54,932	24.8
Trade balance	-13,469	-8,751	-4,718	

Last 12 months	Jul 88 to	Jul 87 to	Increase	
	Jun 89	Jun 88	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	224,103	205,080	19,023	9.3
Re-exports	319,190	219,974	99,206	45.1
Total Exports	543,293	425,054	118,229	27.9
Imports	553,730	427,486	126,244	29.5
Trade balance	-10,447	-2,432	-8,015	

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GARDEN ROAD PRIME SITE SOLD FOR \$2.7 BILLION

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, MR BOB POPE, ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE TENDER FOR IL8888 HAD BEEN AWARDED TO SHINE HILL DEVELOPMENT LTD., A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF GREAT EAGLE COMPANY LIMITED, AT A PRICE OF \$2.7 BILLION.

MR POPE SAID ALTHOUGH THE PRICE WAS BELOW HIS ORIGINAL ESTIMATE IN APRIL, HE WAS, IN VIEW OF RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA, SATISFIED WITH THE PRICE TENDERED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FIVE TENDERS FROM MAJOR PROPERTY DEVELOPERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND THE TOTAL INVESTMENT REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT WAS IN EXCESS OF \$5 BILLION WHICH INDICATED A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE.

MR POPE SAID IT HAD TAKEN UNTIL NOW TO AWARD THE TENDER AS CONSIDERATION HAD TO BE GIVEN TO THE PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE TENDERERS UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF TENDER.

"I AM WELL PLEASED WITH THE PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT AND AM SURE THAT THE BUILDING DESIGN WILL BLEND IN WELL WITH OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE AREA," HE ADDED.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT MONG KOK TOMORROW

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FUTURE REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR MONG KOK DURING A VISIT TO THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER, DR PETER PUN, WILL BRIEF THEM ON THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S PROPOSED PROJECT AT NELSON STREET.

BEFORE THE BRIEFING, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WILL VISIT JUNE GARDEN, A RESIDENTIAL HOUSING PROJECT IN TAI KOK TSUI, WHERE SIR DAVID WILL CALL ON A FAMILY.

THE PARTY WILL THEN PROCEED TO THE SYCAMORE ART GALLERY, ALSO IN TAI KOK TSUI. ORIGINALLY AN ACCESS LANE NEAR SYCAMORE STREET, THE PLACE HAS BEEN TURNED INTO AN OPEN AIR GALLERY BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

THE COUPLE WILL THEN TAKE A WALK ALONG A SECTION OF HONG LOK STREET, COMMONLY KNOWN AS BIRD STREET, TO SEE THE BIRD STALLS IN BUSINESS.

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THEY WILL ALSO LOOK AT THE FACILITIES OF THE NEWLY COMPLETED URBAN COUNCIL MARKET COMPLEX AT FA YUEN STREET.

BEFORE CONCLUDING THE VISIT, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WILL MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AT A TEA RECEPTION IN THE UC MARKET COMPLEX.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON'S VISIT TO MONG KOK TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE TAI KOK TSUI SUB-OFFICE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AT SHOP NO. 4, GROUND FLOOR, JUNE GARDEN, 28 TUNG CHAU STREET, AT 2.15 PM.

THOSE WHO WISH TO USE CNTA TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE SOUTHERN CENTRE ENTRANCE IN HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 1.30 PM.

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18 RESIDENTS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION

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A TOTAL OF 18 RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN COMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR THIS YEAR FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY.

AT A CEREMONY AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES TO THE 18 RESIDENTS.

THEY ARE MR CHU CHUNG-SHING, MR FAN SAI-CHUNG, MR HO CHI-KEUNG, MR HUI WAN-TIEN, MR LAI CHI-TONG, MR LAU YUM-MAN, MR LEE CHI-FUNG, MR LEE KON-WING, MRS MARIEN C.LEE, MRS LEUNG HO CHUN-TIM, MR LOO CHING-HO, MADAM ELLA MILLAR, MR NG HO-LEUNG, MR HUBERT NG, MR NGAI KWOK-WAH, MR WONG CHONG-WAH, MR WONG KAM-CHI AND MR YIM PUI-LEUNG.

AMONG THE AWARDEES, FIVE WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF ARTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES.

MR CHU CHUNG-SHING WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS DEMONSTRATED IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY PROGRAMME WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE GREAT SUCCESS OF THE TSUEN WAN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

MR FAN SAI-CHUNG'S EFFORTS IN THE PAST 10 YEARS TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WERE COMMENDED.

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THE CONTRIBUTION OF MR HO CHI-KEUNG IN ORGANISING THE TUEN MUN DRAGON FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES SINCE 1981 AND HIS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF FISHERMEN IN TUEN MUN, AND THAT OF MR HUI WAN-TIEN IN THE PROMOTION OF FINE ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE PAST 15 YEARS IN YUEN LONG WERE COMMENDED.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF MR WONG CHONG-WAH TOWARDS CULTURAL AND ARTS ACTIVITIES IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT IN THE PAST 10 YEARS AND IN PARTICULAR HIS INNOVATIVE IDEA OF ORGANISING THE FIRST ARTS FESTIVAL FOR THE DISTRICT IN 1988 WON THE PRAISE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

ANOTHER THREE RECIPIENTS WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR SERVICES TO VILLAGERS IN RURAL AREAS.

MR LAU YUM-MAN WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEE IN THE PAST 20 YEARS AND FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN THE NEW SHA TAU KOK CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MR LEE CHI-FUNG WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS LONG AND CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN TAI O SINCE 1960, PARTICULARLY FOR THE ROLE HE HAS PLAYED IN SECURING GREATER GRASSROOT INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

MR LEE KON-WING WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMUNITY FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THE TIME AND EFFORTS HE HAS TAKEN TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF LOCAL VILLAGERS.

FOUR OTHERS WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS.

MRS MARION C. LEE WAS COMMENDED FOR HER VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA COMMITTEE SINCE 1972 AND IN PARTICULAR FOR HER INITIATIVE IN FOUNDING THE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE.

MADAM ELLA MILLAR'S VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE HAPPY VALLEY AREA COMMITTEE SINCE 1976 AND HER ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN PROMOTING WOMEN'S WELFARE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS WERE COMMENDED.

MR YIM PUI-LEUNG WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE IN CHAI WAN, IN PARTICULAR FOR HIS INITIATIVE IN PROVIDING NON-PROFIT MAKING EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

MR HUBERT NG'S OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE KOWLOON KITCHEN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT DURING THE HARD-PRESSED PERIOD IN THE MONTHS OF MAY TO AUGUST LAST YEAR IN THE PREPARATION OF MEALS FOR THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WAS COMMENDED.

THE REMAINING AWARDEES WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

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MR LAI CHI-TONG WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND IN PARTICULAR FOR HIS EFFORTS IN CARRYING OUT A SERIES OF PROJECTS FOR AROUSING LOCAL RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE "GREEN PAPER: 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT".

THE DEVOTED SERVICE OF MRS LEUNG HO CHUN-TIM SINCE 1979 IN MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND AREA COMMITTEES AND HER DEMONSTRATION OF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR HOUSEWIVES IN SHA TIN THROUGH THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY WERE COMMENDED.

MR LOO CHING-HO WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN KWUN TONG BY ORGANISING FIRST-AID TRAINING COURSES FOR BOTH INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND EXECUTIVES IN THE DISTRICT.

MR NG HO-LEUNG WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE MID-LEVELS (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE SINCE 1972 AND IN PARTICULAR FOR HIS EFFORTS IN CONDUCTING A SURVEY ON NOISE POLLUTION ALONG CAINE ROAD IN AN ATTEMPT TO DRAW THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTENTION TO THIS DISTRICT PROBLEM.

MR WONG KAM-CHI WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF JUNIOR POLICE CALL ACTIVITIES IN WONG TAI SIN.

MR NGAI KWOK-WAH WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT AND IN PARTICULAR FOR HIS INITIATIVE IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT OF KIM SHIN LANE AREA.

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1982 TO RECOGNISE CITIZENS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR PHYSICAL EFFORTS OR INNOVATIVE IDEAS.

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LION ROCK TUNNEL TRIAL SCHEME TO BE EXTENDED

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THE EXTENDED TIDAL FLOW TRIAL SCHEME AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL REMAIN IN FORCE AFTER THIS FRIDAY (JULY 28) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE SO THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE A FULL ASSESSMENT AFTER OBSERVING ITS IMPACT ON THE TRAFFIC PATTERN OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

THIS MEANS THAT ALL GOODS VEHICLES - LIGHT, MEDIUM, AND HEAVY - WILL CONTINUE TO BE BANNED FROM THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM WESTBOUND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO NORTHBOUND WATERLOO ROAD ONWARD TO THE LION ROCK TUNNEL BETWEEN 7 AM AND 8 AM, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS.

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PRIOR TO THE TRIAL SCHEME, A TIDAL FLOW ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN OPERATING DAILY ON WEEKDAYS FROM 6 AM TO 7.30 AM DURING WHICH ONE OF THE TWO NORTHBOUND LANES IS CONVERTED FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC SO THAT THREE LANES ARE AVAILABLE FOR VEHICLES GOING TO KOWLOON, LEAVING ONLY ONE LANE FOR VEHICLES TRAVELLING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TRIAL SCHEME AIMS AT DIVERTING SOME OF THE TRAFFIC TO TAI PO ROAD BY BANNING GOODS VEHICLES FROM THE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD SLIP ROAD FOR AN HOUR IN THE MORNING SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIDAL FLOW ARRANGEMENT BY 10 MINUTES TO 7.40 AM.

THE TRIAL BEGAN ON JULY 10 AND WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO LAST UNTIL THE END OF THIS WEEK. HOWEVER, THE THREE-WEEK DURATION IS CONSIDERED TOO SHORT FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO MAKE A FULL ASSESSMENT AS THE TRAFFIC PATTERN TAKES A LONGER TIME TO SETTLE.

WITH THE EXTENSION OF THIS TRIAL SCHEME, GOODS VEHICLES TRAVELLING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN 7 AM AND 8 AM ON WEEKDAYS ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI PO ROAD INSTEAD OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ALTHOUGH THEY CAN STILL USE THE TUNNEL VIA ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS ARE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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HOSPITAL AND CLINIC FEES TO BE REVISED ON AUGUST 1

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FEES AND CHARGES AT GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS WILL BE REVISED WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 1. THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID MEDICAL FEES ARE ANNUALLY REVISED IN THE LIGHT OF COST INFLATION. BUT PATIENTS WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY A HEAVILY SUBSIDISED SERVICE.

FOR PATIENTS IN PUBLIC WARDS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, THE DAILY CHARGE WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING \$26 TO \$29. THE DAILY COST FOR AN OCCUPIED BED IN A REGIONAL HOSPITAL IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$1,233 ON AVERAGE.

THE DAILY CHARGE OF \$29 WILL COVER FOOD, DRUGS, LABORATORY TESTS, SURGERY AND ALL MEDICAL TREATMENT.

REMISSION OF CHARGES, IN FULL OR IN PART, WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS WITH GENUINE HARDSHIP.

"FOR FIRST AND SECOND CLASS WARD PATIENTS AT GENERAL HOSPITALS, THE NEW MAINTENANCE FEES WILL BE \$1,230 AND \$820 RESPECTIVELY. THE EXISTING FEES ARE \$1,060 AND \$705.

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"FOR PRIVATE WARDS IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS, THE DAILY CHARGE FOR A SECOND-CLASS BED WILL BE RAISED FROM \$175 TO \$195. WHILE A FIRST-CLASS BED WILL BE CHARGED \$290 A DAY, COMPARED WITH THE EXISTING RATE OF \$260," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CHARGES FOR SPECIAL CLASS BEDS IN TSAN YUK HOSPITAL WILL ALSO BE ADJUSTED. THE NEW CHARGES WILL BE \$655 PER DAY, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF \$35 OVER THE EXISTING FEE.

"THE MAINTENANCE FEES FOR PRIVATE PATIENTS DO NOT INCLUDE THE COSTS OF MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS, SURGICAL OPERATIONS AND RADIOLOGICAL AND OTHER EXAMINATIONS WHICH ARE CHARGED SEPARATELY." THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

FOR GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CHARGE WILL BE \$15 PER VISIT INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT \$13.

FOR SPECIALIST OUT-PATIENT CLINICS, THE NEW RATE IS \$22 PER ATTENDANCE, AN INCREASE OF \$2 OVER THE PRESENT CHARGE.

PATIENTS ATTENDING THE GERIATRIC AND PSYCHIATRIC DAY CENTRES WILL HAVE TO PAY \$24 PER VISIT INSTEAD OF \$21. THE SAME CHARGE WILL BE APPLIED TO THE COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICES.

PATIENTS NOT HOLDING A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD OR A BRITISH PASSPORT WILL CONTINUE TO PAY THE FULL COST OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE CHARGES FOR SUCH PATIENTS STAYING IN PUBLIC WARD OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS WILL RISE TO \$1,235 PER DAY COMPARED TO THE EXISTING RATE OF \$1,065.

IF THEY ATTEND AT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND SPECIALIST CLINICS, THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY \$80 AND \$210 PER VISIT RESPECTIVELY. THE EXISTING CHARGES ARE \$65 AND \$190 PER ATTENDANCE. THE FEES DO NOT INCLUDE DRUGS, X-RAY AND LABORATORY TESTS.

FOR COMMUNITY NURSING, THE CHARGES FOR THESE PATIENTS WILL BE \$230 PER VISIT FROM THE EXISTING \$210 FOR GENERAL NURSING AND \$725 FROM \$660 FOR PSYCHIATRIC NURSING.

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DB COMMITTEE TO BE BRIEFED ON MAI PO NATURE RESERVE
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THE INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING FOR THE 1989-90 SESSION TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND HONG KONG ON THE MAI PO NATURE RESERVE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PLAN ON DB AGENDA
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A PAPER ON A PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT THE SHAM SHUI PO CAMP SITE, PRESENTED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG, THE PROPOSED STATUTORY PROTECTION FOR THE USE OF DISTRICT BOARD LOGOS, THE MTR PEAK HOUR SURCHARGE ISSUE AND THE DEMOLITION OF A BLOCK OF CHEUNG SHA WAN FACTORY ESTATE.

REPORTS BY THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD'S VARIOUS COMMITTEES WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET.

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RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY ON DB AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY AT THEIR MEETING ON FRIDAY (JULY 28).

THE STRATEGY, NOW AT ITS CONSULTATIVE STAGE, AIMS AT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED STATUTORY PROTECTION FOR THE USE OF DISTRICT BOARD LOGOS, VILLAGE HOUSING IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT, AND AN APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO HOLD THE WONG TAI SIN AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT ELDERLY FESTIVAL.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD'S OTHER COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 28) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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DB TO DISCUSS FIRE HAZARDS IN RESTAURANTS

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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL CALL FOR MORE SAFETY MEASURES TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FIRE HAZARDS IN RESTAURANTS AT THE BOARD'S MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THEIR CONCERN HAS ARISEN FROM TWO FATAL RESTAURANT FIRES OCCURRED EARLIER IN THE DISTRICT.

A SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR LOO WING-LAM, AND A SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR WONG TAK-FAN, WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1989

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KOWLOON CITY TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN KOWLOON CITY, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR AND THE ROOFTOP OF 36 TAK KU LING ROAD.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JUNE 1987, REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THESE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 27 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IT IS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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GOVERNMENT LAND TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN TSING YI, NEW TERRITORIES, FOR A FEE-PAYING CARPARK FOR PRIVATE CARS AND GOODS VEHICLES.

THE AREA OF THE SITE, WHICH IS IN AREA 9, IS ABOUT 750 SQUARE METRES.

THE LEASE IS FOR ONE YEAR AND IS RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON AUGUST 11.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KWAI TSING, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE ABOVE OFFICES.

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PLB BAN ZONE IN TSUEN WAN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 28), SAM TUNG UK ROAD SECTION BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH WO YI HOP ROAD AND LO WAI ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BAN ZONE 24 HOURS DAILY.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN TUEN MUN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 28), SECTIONS OF ROADS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS 24 HOURS DAILY.

THESE SECTIONS INCLUDE:

- THE NORTHBOUND UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SOUTHERN ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO TSING CHUEN WAI TO A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- THE NORTHERN ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO YICK YUEN BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD (HUNG SHUI KIU) AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- AND THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO YICK YUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE NORTHERN ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO YICK YUEN AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES NORTHWEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 28), ALL VEHICLES OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH TRAVELLING ON POK FU LAM ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TURN RIGHT INTO THIRD STREET.

THIS MEASURE, IN EFFECT 24 HOURS DAILY, WILL LAST FOR FIVE MONTHS BECAUSE OF CABLE LAYING WORK.

DURING THIS PERIOD, VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES MAY GAIN ACCESS TO THIRD STREET FROM BONHAM ROAD WESTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, SECTIONS OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THESE SECTIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL FROM A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PEDDER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DOUGLAS STREET;
- SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL FROM A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH POTTINGER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL FROM A POINT ABOUT 12 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH JUBILEE STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 37 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN VICTORIA STREET;
- AND SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH GILMAN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

IN ADDITION, SECTIONS OF THIRD STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAYS 24 HOURS DAILY FOR FIVE MONTHS TO FACILITATE CABLE LAYING WORKS.

THESE SECTIONS ARE THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF THIRD STREET BETWEEN POK FU LAM ROAD AND YUK MING STREET, AND THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF THIRD STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH YUK MING STREET TO A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH YAU YEE LANE.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

FROM 6 PM TO 10 PM ON FRIDAY, SAI YUEN LANE WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

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