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ANALYSIS OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE IN 1987

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) RELEASED A SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN 1987 BY MARKET AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. THIS SHOWS THAT HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO \$182,780 MILLION IN 1987, A RISE OF 49 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1986.

RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONTINUED TO BE THE TWO LARGEST MARKETS FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, ABSORBING 33 PER CENT AND 18 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE TOTAL RE-EXPORTS IN 1987. JAPAN, TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA EACH ACCOUNTED FOR ANOTHER 5 PER CENT.

COMPARING 1987 WITH 1986, RE-EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS, WITH THE MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES RECORDED FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+106 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+72 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+63 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+59 PER CENT) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+53 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, THE LARGEST MARKET, INCREASED BY \$19,277 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT IN 1987 AS COMPARED WITH 1986.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$3,576 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,882 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT); AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$1,712 MILLION OR 147 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN IRON AND STEEL (BY \$388 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); AND ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS (PROCESSED) AND WAXES OF ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE ORIGIN (BY \$45 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO THE USA, THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, INCREASED BY \$10,092 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT.

COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES INCLUDED MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$3,482 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,336 MILLION OR 188 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,209 MILLION OR 94 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$20 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); AND POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$17 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED BY \$3,096 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$732 MILLION OR 113 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$384 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT). A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$37 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN RECORDED AN INCREASE OF \$3,746 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,389 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT); AND CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$547 MILLION OR 118 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN DAIRY PRODUCTS AND BIRDS' EGGS (BY \$22 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA GREW BY \$3,126 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$1,202 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$516 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT). A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$14 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

RE-EXPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

GOODS FROM CHINA, JAPAN, THE USA, TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONTRIBUTED 46 PER CENT, 13 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY TO THE TOTAL VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS THROUGH HONG KONG IN 1987.

COMPARING 1987 WITH 1986, ALL THE MAJOR ORIGIN COUNTRIES SUPPLIED MORE IN VALUE TERMS TO HONG KONG FOR RE-EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+72 PER CENT), CHINA (+63 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+46 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+45 PER CENT), FRANCE (+44 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+32 PER CENT).

CHINA CONTINUED TO BE THE LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN 1987. A GROWTH OF 63 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS WAS RECORDED IN THE RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN CHINA AS COMPARED WITH 1986.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$6,681 MILLION OR 87 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$5,274 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$4,654 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$102 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); AND FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS, NOT INCLUDING UNMILLED CEREALS (BY \$16 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

JAPAN REMAINED THE SECOND LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN 1987. COMPARED WITH 1986, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 32 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS IN THE RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN JAPAN.

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,274 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$856 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT); AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$822 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED IN MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$33 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT); AND IRON AND STEEL (BY \$28 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE USA INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS IN 1987, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$934 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$622 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$380 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF TAIWAN ORIGIN INCREASED BY 46 PER CENT. COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE TEXTILES (BY \$1,317 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$423 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN IRON AND STEEL (BY \$35 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED BY 72 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, PARTICULARLY TEXTILES (BY \$803 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$677 MILLION OR 94 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN IRON AND STEEL (BY \$45 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE CONTAINED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, DECEMBER 1987" WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$15 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234915.

TABLE 1: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1986 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
CHINA	60,170	40,894	+19,277	+ 47
USA	32,454	22,362	+10,092	+ 45
JAPAN	9,772	6,676	+ 3,096	+ 46
TAIWAN	9,685	5,939	+ 3,746	+ 63
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	8,969	5,843	+ 3,126	+ 53
SINGAPORE	6,481	5,259	+ 1,222	+ 23
FR OF GERMANY	5,533	2,688	+ 2,845	+106
UK	4,271	2,489	+ 1,782	+ 72
MACAU	3,326	2,584	+ 742	+ 29
AUSTRALIA	2,913	1,830	+ 1,083	+ 59

TABLE 2: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1986 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
CHINA	84,266	51,597	+32,669	+ 63
JAPAN	24,599	18,579	+ 6,020	+ 32
USA	13,586	10,411	+ 3,174	+ 30
TAIWAN	12,680	8,681	+ 4,000	+ 46
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	6,188	3,596	+ 2,592	+ 72
FR OF GERMANY	2,979	2,424	+ 556	+ 23
UK	2,463	1,920	+ 543	+ 28
SWITZERLAND	2,389	1,862	+ 528	+ 28
FRANCE	2,119	1,476	+ 643	+ 44
SINGAPORE	1,567	1,080	+ 487	+ 45

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EPCOM SUPPORTS DECLARATION OF SOUTHERN WATER CONTROL ZONE

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) TODAY (MONDAY) SUPPORTED THE DECLARATION OF THE SOUTHERN WATER CONTROL ZONE AS A MEDIUM-TERM MEASURE TO PREVENT THE MICROBIAL WATER QUALITY OF THE BATHING BEACHES IN THE SOUTHERN AND ISLANDS DISTRICTS FROM FURTHER DETERIORATION.

UNDER THE PROPOSAL, THE WATER CONTROL ZONE WILL COVER A TOTAL OF 21 PUBLIC BATHING BEACHES AND SIX NON-GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE SOUTHERN WATERS - IN HONG KONG ISLAND SOUTH AND ISLANDS DISTRICT, WHICH ARE CALLED WATER CONTROL SUB-ZONES.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THE BEACHES WHERE 12 GAZETTED BEACHES IN HONG KONG ISLAND SOUTH AND SIX OUT OF A TOTAL OF NINE BEACHES IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT HAVE BEEN PROGRESSIVELY DETERIORATING.

THE CAUSE OF MICROBIAL POLLUTION OF BATHING BEACHES IS FAECAL WASTE.

IF THE PRESENT TRENDS CONTINUE, MORE BEACHES WILL EXCEED THE ACCEPTABILITY LIMIT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS.

THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION FOR THE SEWAGE POLLUTION PROBLEMS AT THESE BEACHES WILL REQUIRE THE PROVISION OF FULL SEWERAGE AND PROPER SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES TO MATCH THE GROWTH IN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE AND IS STILL TAKING PLACE NEAR THESE BEACHES.

IN THE MEDIUM-TERM, IT IS NECESSARY TO TACKLE AT SOURCE THE SEWAGE POLLUTION PROBLEMS OF THESE BATHING BEACHES USING THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH CONTROLS - TOGETHER WITH OTHER PLANNED ACTIONS, NAMELY THE INTERCEPTION AND DIVERSION OF POLLUTION STORMWATER DRAINS RUNNING INTO THE BEACHES; BANNING OR CONTROL OF LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL; AND CLEARANCE OF SQUATTERS - WILL HELP TO ABATE THE MICROBIOLOGICAL POLLUTION OF THE BEACHES IN THE SOUTHERN AND ISLANDS DISTRICTS.

MEMBERS SUPPORTED THAT THE FIRST APPOINTED DAY FOR THE PROPOSED WATER CONTROL ZONE SHOULD BE OCTOBER 1, 1988 AND THAT THE SECOND APPOINTED DAY SHOULD FOLLOW SIX MONTHS LATER ON APRIL 1, 1989.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SAID AFTER THE MEETING THAT THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, AND THE SOUTHERN AND ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARDS, WOULD BE CONSULTED ABOUT THE PROPOSED DECLARATION OF THE SOUTHERN WATER CONTROL ZONE.

MEMBERS AGREED THAT ALL SEWAGE DISCHARGES IN THE WATER CONTROL ZONE, FROM WHATEVER SOURCE, SHOULD BE CONTROLLED.

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HOWEVER, INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS, WHICH WERE NOT A SERIOUS CONTRIBUTION AT THE MOMENT TO BEACH POLLUTION IN THIS ZONE, SHOULD BE EXCLUDED UNTIL THE REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE ON INDUSTRY IN THE TOLO WATER CONTROL ZONE WAS COMPLETED.

MEMBERS ALSO HOPED THAT THE EXISTING WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE COULD BE REVIEWED TO MAKE IT MORE EFFECTIVE IN CONTROLLING POLLUTION AND ALSO THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO USE EXISTING LEGISLATION TO CONTROL THE PROBLEM.

AT TODAY'S MEETING, MEMBERS APPROVED THE NOISE CONTROL BILL 1988 FOR SUBMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS ARISING FROM THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION WHICH FOLLOWED PUBLICATION OF THE BILL IN MARCH 1987.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT AFTER EIGHT YEARS AND 15 DRAFTS OF THE BILL, IT WAS ABOUT TIME THAT SOMETHING WAS DONE TO CONTROL NOISE IN HONG KONG, WHICH HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS THE NOISIEST CITY IN THE WORLD.

DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD BETWEEN MARCH AND JUNE LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 69 SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED. THESE SUBMISSIONS CAME FROM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, INDIVIDUALS, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

MEMBERS ALSO EXAMINED VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SLUDGES GENERATED BY THE TREATMENT OF WATER AND SEWAGE IN THE SHA TIN AREA.

IT WAS AGREED THAT IN THE SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM A MARINE DISPOSAL SITE EAST OF WAGLAN ISLAND WAS THE MOST PRACTICABLE OPTION BUT THE OPERATION WOULD BE CAREFULLY MONITORED.

SHOULD THE MONITORING PROGRAMME GIVE ANY SIGN THAT THE CAPACITY OF THE SITE WAS BEING EXCEEDED THEN AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD WOULD NEED TO BE ADOPTED.

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PARTS II, III OF NT LEASES EXTENSION LAW TAKE EFFECT

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PARTS II AND III OF THE NEW TERRITORIES LEASES (EXTENSION) ORDINANCE COME INTO OPERATION TODAY (MONDAY).

THE APPOINTED DATE FOR SECTION 6 OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDS THE TERM OF MOST NEW TERRITORIES LEASES TO THE YEAR 2047, EXCEPT SHORT TERM TENANCIES AND LEASES FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES, IS APRIL 25, 1988.

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FOR LEASES DEEMED TO BE LEASES FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES, A NOTE HAS BEEN MADE BY THE LAND OFFICER IN THE LAND OFFICE REGISTER BEFORE THE APPOINTED DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4 OF THE ORDINANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AN UPDATED AND FINAL LIST OF ALL THE LEASES WHICH ARE DEEMED TO BE FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES HAS BEEN DRAWN UP.

THIS LIST IS EXHIBITED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION AT THE REGRANT SECTION OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON THE 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

ANY QUESTIONS AND ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE LIST OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LEASES AND THE NEW TERRITORIES LEASES (EXTENSION) ORDINANCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON 3-8841111, EXT. 367.

THEY MAY ALSO BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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LABOUR SUPPLY AND MOBILITY SURVEYED

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IN THE LIGHT OF THE LABOUR SHORTAGE SITUATION DURING 1987, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS CONDUCTED AN AD HOC ENQUIRY INTO LABOUR SUPPLY AND MOBILITY VIA THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987.

IT AIMS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER AND CHARACTERISTICS OF :

- (1) ENTRANTS TO AND LEAVERS FROM THE LABOUR FORCE;
- (2) WORKERS WHO HAD CHANGED JOBS;
- (3) EMPLOYED PERSONS WORKING LESS THAN 35 HOURS PER WEEK WHO WERE AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL WORK;
- (4) UNEMPLOYED PERSONS; AND
- (5) ECONOMICALLY INACTIVE PERSONS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE UP JOBS IF SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT WAS AVAILABLE.

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THE MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) OF THE 2,792,800 ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE PERSONS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987, 139,900 (5 PER CENT) WERE ENTRANTS, THAT IS, THEY HAD JOINED THE LABOUR FORCE SINCE OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1986.

(B) 52,000 PERSONS (1.9 PER CENT) HAD DROPPED OUT FROM THE LABOUR FORCE SINCE OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1986. AMONG THEM, 27 PER CENT LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE FOR REASON OF INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF HOUSEWORK, 22 PER CENT FOR REASON OF POOR HEALTH, AND 18 PER CENT FOR RETIREMENT.

(C) DURING THE 12 MONTHS TO OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1987, 313,100 (11.4 PER CENT) OF THE EMPLOYED PERSONS REPORTED THAT THEY HAD CHANGED JOBS BUT WERE STILL WITHIN THE SAME INDUSTRY (THAT IS, INTRA-INDUSTRY MOBILITY).

ANOTHER 102,000 (3.7 PER CENT) OF THE EMPLOYED PERSONS REPORTED THAT THEY HAD CHANGED INDUSTRY (THAT IS, INTER-INDUSTRY MOBILITY).

(D) FOR INTRA-INDUSTRY MOBILITY, CONSTRUCTION HAD THE HIGHEST MOBILITY RATE (36.3 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (12.3 PER CENT) AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS (9.8 PER CENT).

FOR INTER-INDUSTRY MOBILITY, ALL INDUSTRIES EXCEPT SERVICES INDUSTRIES HAD LOST WORKERS DURING THE 12 MONTHS TO OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1987.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THE LARGEST NET LOSER, LOST 9,600 WORKERS (REPRESENTING 1 PER CENT OF WORK FORCE IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES) WHILE SERVICES INDUSTRIES GAINED 13,800 WORKERS (REPRESENTING 1.5 PER CENT OF THE WORK FORCE IN SERVICES INDUSTRIES).

(E) A MAJORITY (59 PER CENT) OF JOB-CHANGERS HAD CHANGED JOBS VOLUNTARILY, MAINLY BECAUSE THEY WERE DISSATISFIED WITH THEIR EARNINGS FROM THEIR PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT OR BECAUSE THEY DISLIKED THE TYPE OF WORK THAT THEY WERE DOING, THEIR COLLEAGUES OR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ABOUT 37 PER CENT OF THEM HAD TO CHANGE JOBS DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BECAUSE THEY WERE EITHER DISMISSED OR HAD COMPLETED CONTRACTS, OR FOR REASONS OF SLACK WORK AND CLOSEDOWN OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

(F) THERE WERE 47,800 PREVIOUS EMPLOYED PERSONS OR FIRST-TIME JOB SEEKERS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 WHO WERE LOOKING FOR WORK. THEY WERE A SOURCE OF FULL-TIME LABOUR.

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- (G) THERE WERE 112,300 EMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS PER WEEK AND CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL WORK. OF THESE, 28,500 WORKED SHORT HOURS BECAUSE OF SLACK WORK OR BECAUSE THEY COULD FIND ONLY PART-TIME WORK.

THEY WERE, BY DEFINITION, UNDEREMPLOYED AND THEREFORE REPRESENT A SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL LABOUR, IN TERMS OF MORE HOURS OF WORK.

- (H) THE REMAINING 83,800 OF THE 112,300 PERSONS VOLUNTARILY WORKED SHORT HOURS BECAUSE OF NON-ECONOMIC REASONS. THEY WERE NOT, BY DEFINITION, UNDEREMPLOYED BUT THEY CLAIMED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL WORK.

IF THEY WERE PREPARED TO WORK EXTRA HOURS, THEY COULD BE REGARDED AS A FORM OF MARGINAL LABOUR THAT MAY BE DRAWN.

- (I) THERE WERE 49,900 ECONOMICALLY INACTIVE PERSONS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE UP JOBS IF THEY WERE OFFERED SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT.

THESE PEOPLE MAY REPRESENT A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL LABOUR, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN MAJOR CONDITIONS BEING MET. ABOUT 78 PER CENT OF THEM WERE MARRIED FEMALES.

OF THEM, 15,500 CLAIMED FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS AS THE MAIN CONSIDERATION TAKING UP JOBS; ANOTHER 13,900 WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE UP JOBS IF THEIR CHILDREN COULD BE TAKEN CARE OF.

ABOUT 7,600 WOULD TAKE UP JOBS IF PAY WAS HIGH ENOUGH FOR THEM.

THUS, EVEN THOUGH THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO VOLUNTARILY WORKED SHORT HOURS BUT CLAIMED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL WORK, AND OF PERSONS WHO WERE ECONOMICALLY INACTIVE BUT WILLING TO TAKE UP JOBS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, MAY APPEAR LARGE IN ABSOLUTE TERMS, UNDER THE PREVAILING TIGHT LABOUR MARKET CONDITIONS THE ADDITIONAL LABOUR RESOURCES THAT CAN BE TAPPED FROM SUCH GROUPS ARE LIKELY TO BE LIMITED.

MOREOVER, MANY OF THESE RESOURCES MAY ONLY BE USED IN EXISTING JOBS OR FOR FILLING PART-TIME JOBS, RATHER THAN MEETING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME JOB VACANCIES.

THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED ON A SAMPLE OF THE POPULATION. A TOTAL OF 13,818 HOUSEHOLDS WAS SUCCESSFULLY ENUMERATED IN THE SURVEY. THE RESPONSE RATE WAS 99.5 PER CENT. SOME 38,664 PERSONS AGED 15 AND ABOVE WERE INTERVIEWED.

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AS THE ESTIMATES DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY WERE BASED ON A SAMPLE, THEY WERE SUBJECT TO SAMPLING ERROR. CAUTION IS REQUIRED IN INTERPRETING THE SURVEY RESULTS.

THE REPORT ON THE SURVEY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$13 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE SURVEY CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SOCIAL ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-8234692).

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1987 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION COMMENCED

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THE SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR 1987 HAS JUST COMMENCED, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY AND REPRESENTS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME IN THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT ECONOMIC STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SECTORS IN HONG KONG.

THE AIMS OF THE SURVEY ARE TO OBTAIN DATA FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE VARIOUS SECTORS TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, AND FOR ASCERTAINING THE COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS OF DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WILL PROVIDE ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO FORMULATE POLICIES AND MAKE DECISIONS.

ABOUT 8,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF THE SURVEY, COVERING THE SECTORS OF MANUFACTURING, MINING AND QUARRYING, AND ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES: TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF INVESTMENT, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (THAT IS WAGES, SALARIES AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), PAYMENTS FOR SUB-CONTRACT WORK, VALUE OF PURCHASES AND OTHER EXPENSES, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AS WELL AS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND STOCKS.

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THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION) ORDER 1984, WHICH WAS MADE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 316) AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 15 IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS SAMPLED FOR THE SURVEY.

THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31 THIS YEAR.

IF REQUIRED, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES. THESE OFFICERS CARRY THE GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND THE CERTIFICATION FOR THE SURVEY WHILST ON DUTY.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO THE MANAGERMENTS OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COURSE OF ENUMERATION, SO AS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION RELATING TO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REQUIRED IN THE SURVEY.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF RETURNS.

THIS APPROACH IS NECESSARY TO AVOID THE DELAY THAT WOULD OTHERWISE RESULT FROM THE NEED TO WAIT FOR AUDITED ACCOUNTS.

ANY FURTHER ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234818.

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GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE QUALITY ASSURANCE

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CONSULTANTS EMPLOYED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR TO ADVISE IT ON A QUALITY ASSURANCE PROMOTIONAL STRATEGY HAVE RECOMMENDED, WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB), THAT THERE WOULD BE MERIT IN MAKING PLANS FOR A SUSTAINED, TERRITORY-WIDE QUALITY DRIVE IN MANUFACTURING.

THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K. Y. YEUNG, SAID THIS AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCED QUALITY MANAGEMENT ORGANISED BY THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND THE HONG KONG Q-MARK COUNCIL THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

MR YEUNG ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD FORMED A COMMITTEE, CALLED THE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE, TO HELP IT FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR A PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED NEXT YEAR.

HE EXPLAINED THAT QUALITY ASSURANCE WAS A MANAGEMENT CONCEPT WHICH DESCRIBED ALL THOSE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE CONFIDENCE THAT A PRODUCT WOULD SATISFY GIVEN REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALITY.

"A SOUND QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM IN A FACTORY REQUIRES ITS MANAGEMENT TO HAVE ACCESS TO RELEVANT SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS; TO OPERATE A SYSTEM OR PROCEDURE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT QUALITY IS ACHIEVED IN ALL AREAS OF ACTIVITY; AND TO HAVE A PRODUCT TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE.

"BEFORE WE COULD ACTIVELY PROMOTE QUALITY ASSURANCE, WE MUST HAVE IN PLACE AN ADEQUATE RANGE OF SUPPORT SERVICES.

"GOVERNMENT SUPPORT SERVICES INCLUDE THOSE PROVIDED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU WHICH HAS PROVED TO BE INCREASINGLY USEFUL TO MANUFACTURERS.

"IN ADDITION, THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY AND THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME ARE ALSO GAINING WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION.

"MOREOVER, A FEW MEMBER ORGANISATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION CONFERENCE HAVE APPROACHED US WITH PROPOSALS FOR ENTERING INTO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS."

AS MANUFACTURERS INTERESTED IN INTRODUCING QUALITY ASSURANCE INTO THEIR FACTORIES WOULD NEED HELP AND ADVICE, MR YEUNG SAID THE IDB HAD ENDORSED PROPOSALS FOR ALLOWING THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL TO CREATE A CAPABILITY FOR GIVING MANUFACTURERS ADVICE ON SETTING UP APPROPRIATE QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEMS.

"WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE PRACTICE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE, IT IS NOW POSSIBLE FOR MANUFACTURERS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEIR QA SYSTEM IS COMPETENT," HE SAID.

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\$166 M CONTRACT SIGNED FOR TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) AWARDED A \$166 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE FORMATION OF SOME 240 HECTARES OF LAND FOR A LAND BANK IN TIN SHUI WAI.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THIS AFTERNOON BY THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR W.K. KWOK, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY.

THE JOINT VENTURE COMPANY COMPRISES CHINA STATE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CORPORATION AND A WEST GERMAN CONTRACTOR - BILFINGER, BERGER BAUAKTIENGESELLSCHAFT - WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING THE FORMATION OF LAND FOR THE INITIAL DEVELOPMENT OF TIN SHUI WAI.

WORKS ON THE INITIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMENCED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$820 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE FORMATION OF ABOUT 240 HECTARES OF LAND, AND WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE WORKS IN THE NEWLY-AWARDED TENDER, THE TOTAL WORKS WOULD TAKE ABOUT 42 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ALTOGETHER SOME 480 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED MAIN DRAINAGE. THE WORKS WILL INVOLVE THE EXTRACTION OF UP TO 20 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF SAND FROM A MARINE BORROW AREA LOCATED IN URMSTON ROAD TO THE NORTH OF LUNG KWU CHAU.

THE FILL MATERIAL WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY SEA TO A REHANDLING BASIN OFF LAU FAU SHAN FROM WHERE IT WILL BE PUMPED ON TO SHORE AND DEPOSITED WITHIN THE TIN SHUI WAI LANDHOLDING TO FORM THE LAND.

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SHA TIN DB TO ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
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CHAIRMEN OF THE SIX COMMITTEES OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE ELECTED AT THE BOARD'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 27).

THE SIX COMMITTEES ARE: FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE AND SPORTS, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING, AND HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PAPER ON THE "DB MEMBERS MEET THE PUBLIC" SCHEME FOR THE NEW TERM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 27) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. PLEASE NOTE THAT REPORTERS MAY BE REQUESTED TO LEAVE THE CONFERENCE ROOM WHILE AN ELECTION IS IN PROCESS.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHAIRMAN

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL ELECT ITS CHAIRMAN AT THE FIRST MEETING FOR THE NEW TERM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT TO THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1988 AND THE 1988-89 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE EIGHTH STREET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THIS YEAR.

A MEMBER WILL RAISE A QUESTION ON THE PROBLEM OF GUEST HOUSES OPERATING IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER LOOKS AT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, WILL VISIT SOUTHWEST TUEN MUN ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 27) TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS AND FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

THE VISIT IS ONE IN A SERIES MADE BY MR WAN SINCE HE ASSUMED OFFICE RECENTLY. THE VISITS WILL LAST UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

ON WEDNESDAY, MR WAN WILL FIRST MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF LUNG KWU TAAN VILLAGE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE VILLAGE PEOPLE.

HE WILL PROCEED TO THE BUTTERFLY BEACH RECREATION AREA AND MELODY GARDEN, AND WILL VISIT A FEW DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THEIR WARD OFFICES ON THE WAY.

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THE FINAL STOP OF THE VISIT WILL BE BUTTERFLY ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE WHERE MR WAN WILL HOLD A RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, WILL HOLD A MEDIA RECEPTION AT 4.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 27) IN THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE. HE WILL TALK ABOUT HIS FAMILIARISATION VISITS IN THE DISTRICT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION.

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AGENCY FINED FOR OVERCHARGING

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THE LICENSEE AND A DIRECTOR OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$19,000 AT THE NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY RECENTLY FOR OVERCHARGING THE COMMISSION OF TWO FILIPINA MAIDS.

IN ADDITION, THE AGENCY WAS ALSO FINED \$500 FOR FAILING TO MAINTAIN RECORDS SHOWING PARTICULARS OF EVERY PERSON WHO REGISTERED WITH THE AGENCY FOR EMPLOYMENT OR PROCUREMENT OF EMPLOYEES.

THE CASE REVEALED THAT THE TWO FILIPINA MAIDS WERE OFFERED JOBS BY THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY AT A MONTHLY SALARY OF \$1,900 EACH. HOWEVER, THEY WERE CHARGED \$6,850 AND \$1,500 RESPECTIVELY BY THE AGENCY AS COMMISSIONS.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE MAXIMUM COMMISSION WHICH MAY BE RECEIVED BY AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY FROM EACH JOB-SEEKER UPON SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT IS 10 PER CENT OF HIS FIRST MONTH'S WAGES.

IN MITIGATION, THE AGENCY AGREED TO REPAY THE MAIDS THE OVERCHARGED AMOUNTS, THAT IS \$6,660 AND \$1,310 RESPECTIVELY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN OUT PROSECUTION AGAINST A DIRECTOR OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY.

"DIRECTORS OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ARE WARNED THAT UNDER THE LAW THEY WILL BE PERSONALLY HELD RESPONSIBLE IF THERE IS EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT THE OVERCHARGING OF FEES OR COMMISSIONS IS COMMITTED WITH THEIR CONSENT," HE SAID.

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THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYMENT AGENCY OPERATORS THAT THE FEES CHARGEABLE TO A JOB-SEEKER ON FIRST REGISTRATION, OR SUBSEQUENT RENEWALS, ARE LIMITED TO \$5 PER REGISTRATION; AND THAT TO AN EMPLOYER ARE LIMITED TO \$35 FOR EACH TYPE OF VACANCY REGISTERED ON FIRST REGISTRATION AND \$20 ON RENEWAL OF SUCH REGISTRATION.

"HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION CHARGEABLE FROM AN EMPLOYER ON SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINING FOR HIM AN EMPLOYEE IS A MATTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EMPLOYER AND THE AGENCY," HE SAID.

"OTHER THAN THE PRESCRIBED FEES AND COMMISSIONS, A LICENSEE IS NOT PERMITTED TO RECEIVE ANY REWARD, PAYMENT OR ADVANTAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLACEMENT OF A JOB-SEEKER."

OPERATORS OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO DISPLAY THE FEE SCHEDULES AND THEIR LICENCES IN THE PLACE OF BUSINESS, TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY RETURNS TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND TO MAINTAIN FOR INSPECTION BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR REGISTERS BEARING PARTICULARS OF EVERY PERSON WHO REGISTERS WITH HIS EMPLOYMENT AGENCY FOR EMPLOYMENT OR PROCUREMENT OF EMPLOYEES.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER WORK
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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IS ASKING EMPLOYERS IN THE INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND SERVICE SECTORS TO OFFER ATTACHMENT PLACES FOR AROUND 3,250 TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS THIS SUMMER.

FULL-TIME TECHNICIAN STUDENTS FROM THE COUNCIL'S EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL BE SENT TO GAIN WORKING EXPERIENCE IN ESTABLISHMENTS RELATED TO THEIR FIELDS OF STUDY.

THESE INCLUDE APPLIED SCIENCE, CLOTHING AND TEXTILES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, COMPUTING STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, AND PRINTING.

"PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IS A VITAL PART OF THE CURRICULUM IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION. EXPOSURE TO INDUSTRIAL OR REAL-LIFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT WILL HELP STUDENTS TO APPLY WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"IN THE LONG RUN, THE EMPLOYERS WILL BENEFIT BY EMPLOYING THE WELL-TRAINED STUDENTS," HE ADDED.

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THE SPOKESMAN ALSO NOTED THAT OUTSTANDING STUDENTS, UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDY, OFTEN RECEIVED PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT FROM THE EMPLOYERS WHO OFFERED THEM ATTACHMENT PLACES.

EMPLOYERS WHO ARE ABLE TO OFFER WORKING OPPORTUNITIES TO THE STUDENTS FROM MID-JULY TO MID-SEPTEMBER ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES DIRECTLY.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: MORRISON HILL (5-745321), KWAI CHUNG (0-246221), KWUN TONG (3-7274331), HAKING WONG (3-615161) LEE WAI LEE (3-383611), TUEN MUN (0-830066), SHA TIN (0-6066227) AND CHAI WAN (5-8971011).

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REGIMENT TO HOLD FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) WILL HOLD A FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE FROM APRIL 28 (THURSDAY) TO MAY 1 (SUNDAY) IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES.

OUTLINING THE EXERCISE, A REGIMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY): "THE EXERCISE WILL START OFF WITH TROOP MOVEMENT AND SOME MINOR ACTIVITIES DURING THURSDAY NIGHT IN THE AREA BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR, AND ALSO IN THE AREA SOUTHEAST OF YUEN LONG.

"ON FRIDAY MORNING, MINOR MOCK BATTLES WILL TAKE PLACE IN VARIOUS PLACES IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK, INCLUDING THE AREA NEAR THE DAM AT TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR."

FROM LATE MORNING TO EARLY AFTERNOON TROOPS WOULD BE CONCENTRATED AROUND TAI MO SHAN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ON ANOTHER FRONT, THE EXERCISE WILL PROCEED WITH TROOP CONCENTRATION AND MOCK BATTLES AROUND WONG SHEK PIER AT SAI KUNG EAST COUNTRY PARK STARTING FROM FRIDAY.

"TROOP PRESENCE WILL REMAIN AT THE PIER AND THE IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS UNTIL MID-MORNING ON SUNDAY."

AMPHIBIOUS LANDING AND TROOP ACTIVITIES WOULD TAKE PLACE ON DOUBLE ISLAND IN PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK FROM FRIDAY AFTERNOON TO SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO AVOID UNDUE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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WATER CUTS IN TAI KOK TSUI, WANG TAU HOM
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 27) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY CHERRY STREET, TONG MEI ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND FAT TSEUNG STREET.

IN ADDITION, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WANG TAU HOM WILL BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (APRIL 28) FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT JUNCTION ROAD BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD, KAM SHING ROAD, OSBORN BARRACKS, BLOCKS 25 AND 26 OF WANG TAU HOM ESTATE, WANG TAU HOM JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, LOK FU MTR STATION AND LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 32.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 192.850 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 298.114 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 50.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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