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CONTINUING EVOLUTION OF GOVERNMENT SYSTEM FUNDAMENTAL
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THE GRADUAL AND CONTINUING EVOLUTION OF A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT FIRMLY ROOTED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, IS FUNDAMENTAL, THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, MR ALAN SCOTT, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 17TH WORLD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FINANCIAL EXECUTIVES INSTITUTES, MR SCOTT SAID IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG MUST HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES, AND IN THEIR ABILITY TO GRASP AND TO MANAGE THEIR OWN FUTURE.

+FOR HISTORICAL REASONS, HONG KONG PEOPLE HAVE PERHAPS NOT WISHED, AND HAVE NOT BEEN ENCOURAGED TO COME OF AGE POLITICALLY UNTIL QUITE RECENTLY; BUT THERE ARE CLEAR SIGNS THAT THE PROCESS IS MOVING SATISFACTORILY,+ HE SAID.

MR SCOTT SAID HONG KONG PEOPLE SHOULD NOT FEAR, OR DISTRUST, THIS NEW CLIMATE OF POLITICAL AND CIVIC AWARENESS.

+RATHER, IT SHOULD BE WELCOME AS EVIDENCE AND AN ASSURANCE THAT HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO PRODUCE THOSE MEN AND WOMEN OF ABILITY AND DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY, WHICH IT WILL ALWAYS NEED,+ HE SAID.

QUOTING EDMUND BURKE, THE PHILOSOPHER, WHO WROTE OVER 200 YEARS AGO THAT +YOU CAN NEVER PLAN THE FUTURE BY THE PAST+, MR SCOTT POINTED OUT THAT BURKE WAS RIGHT IN THE SENSE THAT WHAT COULD HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE THE RIGHT FORMULA, IN ONE PLACE, AT ONE TIME, WAS NOT AUTOMATICALLY RIGHT FOR ANOTHER PLACE AND ANOTHER TIME.

+AND THIS IS WHY IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, HONG KONG PEOPLE MUST INDICATE THEIR PREFERENCE FOR AND DEVELOP, THE SYSTEM WHICH WILL WORK BEST FOR THEM,+ HE ADDED.

+MEANWHILE, WHETHER OR NOT ONE CAN PLAN THE FUTURE BY THE PAST, A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT MUST PLAN FOR THE FUTURE WITH ALL THE WISDOM AND RESOURCES IT CAN COMMAND,+ HE SAID.

MR SCOTT POINTED OUT THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD LIVED WITH THE UNCERTAINTY OF 1997 FOR MANY YEARS, AND ITS PLANNING HAD FOR YEARS EXTENDED UP TO AND BEYOND THAT DATE.

+LOOK AT THE ENORMOUS INVESTMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE AREA OF HONG KONG LEASED TO 1997; LOOK AT THE CREATION OF THE NEW TOWNS, LOOK AT OUR RESERVOIRS AND OUR INFRASTRUCTURE.

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+BY THE YEAR 2000, SOME THREE MILLION PEOPLE; NEARLY A HALF OF OUR POPULATION, WILL BE LIVING IN NEW TOWNS CREATED TO PROVIDE A FULL BASIS FOR A HEALTHY AND FULFILLING LIFE.

+BY THE YEAR 2000, THE HOUSING PROGRAMME WILL HAVE MET THE ENORMOUS DEMAND FOR NEW FLATS FOR THE POPULATION. BY THEN, THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON PROVIDING FLATS FOR SALES RATHER THAN FOR LOW RENT,+ HE SAID.

ON THE PLANNING SIDE, MR SCOTT SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD UNDERTAKEN LARGE AND DETAILED STUDIES INTO FUTURE LAND REQUIREMENTS, TO MEET THE COMPETING DEMANDS OF THE 21ST CENTURY.

+WE SHALL SEE FURTHER MAJOR RECLAMATIONS OF LAND FROM THE SEA; FURTHER EXPANSION OF OUR PORT FACILITIES, OF THE TRANSPORT NETWORK, AND OF AMENITIES IN THE DENSELY POPULATED OLDER URBAN AREAS.+

IN THE YEAR 2000, HE SAID, HONG KONG WOULD BE SERVED BY A TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, WHICH WOULD BE SECOND TO NONE, AND HONG KONG PEOPLE WOULD BE BETTER HOUSED AND HAVE BETTER EDUCATION AND MEDICAL AND WELFARE SERVICES THAN EVER BEFORE.

+BUT MOST IMPORTANT THE FUNDAMENTAL QUALITIES OF LIFE WILL REMAIN, IN PARTICULAR HONG KONG PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE FREEDOMS AND THE WAY OF LIFE TO WHICH THEY HAVE GROWN ACCUSTOMED - FREEDOM TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES, FREEDOM TO TRAVEL, FREEDOM TO PURSUE WHATEVER CAREER OR BUSINESS ENTERPRISE THEIR DESIRES AND ABILITIES MAY LEAD THEM TO,+ HE SAID.

MR SCOTT SAID HE BELIEVED THAT IN THE YEAR 2000, HONG KONG WOULD BE VERY MUCH WHAT IT IS TODAY: A DYNAMIC SOCIETY, BUILT ON THE STRONG FOUNDATIONS OF A STABLE GOVERNMENT AND A PROSPEROUS ECONOMY, A MAGNET FOR AMBITIOUS AND TALENTED PEOPLE BOTH WITHIN HONG KONG AND FROM MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.

+I PREDICT THAT IN THE YEAR 2000, THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL BE TAKING THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY, COMFORTABLY IN THEIR STRIDE,+ HE SAID.

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APPROVAL SOUGHT FOR NT HOUSING ESTATE LOAN
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APPROVE A NEW ALLOCATION OF \$110.5 MILLION FROM THE DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND AS LOAN TO THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING (RPH) ESTATE AT SHA TAU KOK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OVER HALF OF THE SHA TAU KOK TOWN'S 5 500 POPULATION LIVE IN TWO SQUATTER AREAS AT YIM LIU HA AND TSOI YUEN KOK.

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO REDEVELOP THE TOWNSHIP AND CLEAR THE EXISTING SQUATTER AREAS, WHICH ARE CROWDED, INSANITARY AND VULNERABLE TO TYPHOONS AND FIRE.

THE PROPOSED RPH ESTATE WILL COMPRISE BLOCKS OF FOUR TO SIX STOREYS HIGH, PROVIDING A TOTAL OF ABOUT 674 DOMESTIC UNITS TO ACCOMMODATE UP TO 3 900 PERSONS.

RPH IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES AND TO COMPLEMENT ITS URBAN PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME. IT IS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY.

THE PROGRAMME AIMS TO MEET THE DEMAND FROM PEOPLE IN REMOTE AREAS FOR IMPROVED HOUSING CONDITIONS, WHILE PRESERVING THE STRUCTURE OF THE EXISTING COMMUNITY BY REHOUSING ALL THE CLEAREES TOGETHER.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ARE:

- * AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENT OF \$1 900 000 TO MEET THE COST OF PROVIDING PHASE IX OF A MICROWAVE RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE;
- * A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$10.2 MILLION FOR THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT'S HIRING OF SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL FEES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR;
- * MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH IN PUBLIC SECTOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
- * AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENT OF \$5 376 000 TO ENABLE THE TEXTILE INSTITUTE SECTION IN HONG KONG (EDUCATION) LTD. TO BUILD AND EQUIP A NEW PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT TSUEN WAN;
- * CAPITAL GRANTS FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR CONSTRUCTING A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME AT SAM TIP TAM, TSUEN WAN; ESTABLISHING A CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE WITH STUDY CUM READING ROOM AT KWUN TONG (TSUI PING ROAD) REDEVELOPMENT ESTATE; AND ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT TSUI PING ROAD;
- * ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTINGENT LIABILITY OF \$919 417 000 IN RESPECT OF A PROJECT TO BE DEVELOPED UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME AT CHUK YUEN WEST;
- * A REVISION OF THE RATES OF PAY FOR PART-TIME TEACHING AND SUPERVISORY STAFF EMPLOYED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TO RUN EVENING COURSES;

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- * A COMMITMENT OF \$3 740 000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE GEOSTATIONARY METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE GROUND RECEPTION SYSTEM; AND
- * CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986-87 IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 8 OF THE PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.

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PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF AUGUST EXTERNAL TRADE
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STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW BY 12 PER CENT IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT. HENCE, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 8 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 1 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS PRICES INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT.

COMPARING AUGUST 1986 WITH AUGUST 1985, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HENCE, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 20 PER CENT IN VOLUME. IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 1 PER CENT WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT. IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 7 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE COMPILED. THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM TRADE VALUES BY DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

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EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1986 WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1985, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT, THUS GIVING AN INCREASE OF 6 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 1 PER CENT. IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 2 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR AUGUST 1986 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1 WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TOGETHER WITH TWO OTHER TABLES BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND ALSO BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF SOME COMMODITY GROUPS FELL IN AUGUST 1986 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985. THESE INCLUDED METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-9 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-8 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-4 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (-3 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-3 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-2 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+11 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+7 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+6 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CLOTHING (+3 PER CENT). THE PRICES OF TEXTILE FABRICS AND FOOTWEAR REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN AUGUST 1986 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985, INCLUDING TEXTILE FABRICS (+57 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+37 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+26 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+22 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+22 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+12 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+11 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FOOTWEAR (+8 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-33 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-7 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-6 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-1 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR AUGUST 1986 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS SHOWN IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES ROSE IN AUGUST 1986 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985, RANGING FROM 2 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 20 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS DROPPED BY 44 PER CENT.

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MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME IN AUGUST 1986 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS; SUGAR; SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; RICE AS WELL AS VEGETABLES. HOWEVER, NOTABLE DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR AS WELL AS TEA AND COFFEE.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MANY CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING CLOTHING; RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS AS WELL AS WATCHES. HOWEVER, NOTABLE DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AS WELL AS CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED IN AUGUST 1986 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985. THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS; MAN-MADE FIBRES; DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS; CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC., EXCEPT GLASS; THERMIONIC, CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS AS WELL AS WATCH AND CLOCK MOVEMENTS, CASES AND PARTS. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES AS WELL AS WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VOLUME IN AUGUST 1986 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITIES DECREASED IN AUGUST 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985, THE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AS WELL AS OTHER INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY. AN INCREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR AUGUST 1986 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN AUGUST 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985, RANGING FROM 9 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 148 PER CENT FOR FUELS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS DECREASED BY 21 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE AUGUST 1986 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+ AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE TOMORROW AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG, ON 5-214375 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-444584.

Table 1: Increases in domestic exports by commodity group

Commodity group	Comparing Jan-Aug 1986 with Jan-Aug 1985			Comparing Aug 1986 with Aug 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Clothing	14	*	14	25	3	22
Textile fabrics	36	-3	40	56	*	57
Textile yarn and thread	19	-2	21	9	-2	12
Textile made-ups and related articles	7	1	6	7	7	-1
Radios of all kinds	2	-10	14	16	-8	26
Electronic components	-1	3	-4	-10	-4	-7
Footwear	15	1	14	8	*	8
Metal manufactures	11	-1	12	18	-3	22
Metal ores and scrap	-36	-6	-32	-39	-9	-33
Watches and clocks	26	6	19	23	11	11
Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	-6	7	-11	-1	6	-6
Domestic electrical appliances	-6	-7	1	33	-3	37
ALL COMMODITIES	12	1	12	23	1	22

Note: * Insignificant, i.e. less than 0.5%

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Table 2: Increases in imports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing Jan-Aug 1986 with Jan-Aug 1985			Comparing Aug 1986 with Aug 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	14	-1	16	12	2	10
Consumer goods	22	10	11	37	12	22
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	18	2	15	29	5	23
Fuels	-19	-30	16	-35	-44	16
Capital goods	-2	16	-16	8	20	-10
ALL COMMODITIES	13	5	9	23	7	15

Table 3: Increases in re-exports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing Jan-Aug 1986 with Jan-Aug 1985			Comparing Aug 1986 with Aug 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	32	1	30	21	3	17
Consumer goods	16	3	12	51	5	44
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	6	-3	10	7	-2	9
Fuels	73	-30	149	52	-39	148
Capital goods	-23	10	-30	-11	13	-21
ALL COMMODITIES	5	2	4	21	3	17

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EXPORT LICENCE TO FINLAND SUSPENDED

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM FINLAND TO CONSULT ON HONG KONG'S EXPORTS ON COTTON, WOVEN TROUSERS FOR MEN, BOYS, WOMEN AND GIRLS.

THE CONSULTATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 14).

PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF LICENCE APPLICATION OF THIS ITEM FROM 8.45 AM TOMORROW.

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BUSY SESSION FOR LEGCO TOMORROW

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THREE BILLS, TWO MOTIONS AND 11 QUESTIONS WILL BE AMONG MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

TWO OF THE THREE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THESE ARE THE PENALTIES FOR PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY BY UNREGISTERED PERSONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1986 AND THE ANTIBIOTICS (AMENDMENTS) BILL 1986.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1986.

TWO MOTIONS WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED. ONE, SEEKING TO AMEND THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION ORDINANCE, WILL BE MOVED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, WHILE THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (CARCINOGENIC SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS 1986 WILL BE MOVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON THE +CARE AND SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY+.

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BALANCED DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS STRESSED

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STUDENTS SHOULD NOT ONLY STUDY HARD BUT PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ACHIEVE A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL PARADE OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, MR LEUNG SAID SCHOOL CHILDREN MUST DEVELOP THEMSELVES TO BE GOOD CITIZENS AND CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY TO SOCIETY.

TO PROMOTE CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES AMONG STUDENTS, HE SAID THE CYC WAS SET UP TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE CLASSROOM.

SINCE THE MOTTO OF THE CYC WAS TO +LEARN, BE CONCERNED AND SERVE+, IT WOULD HELP STUDENTS TO BUILD A POSITIVE VIEW TOWARDS COMMUNITY AFFAIRS THROUGH INVOLVEMENT, HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE CYC IN THE PAST YEAR AND HOPED MORE STUDENTS WOULD JOIN THE 190 000 STRONG CONTINGENT.

AFTER TAKING THE SALUTE, HE PRESENTED PURPLE BADGES TO 273 SENIOR MEMBERS FROM 69 SCHOOLS WHO HAD MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

MR LEUNG ALSO PRESENTED A FLAG TO THE NEWLY-FORMED CYC ISLAND DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE FORMATION OF ALL DISTRICT COMMITTEES OF THE CYC.

ABOUT 3 000 MEMBERS, SUPERVISORS AND TEACHERS INVOLVED IN CYC ACTIVITIES ATTENDED TODAY'S PARADE.

THE EVENT ALSO FEATURED A LION DANCE BY SAVIOUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL, A CHINESE DANCE BY SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL AND AN ANTI-SMOKING DRAMA.

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QM HOSPITAL QUARTERS TO BE EXTENDED

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THE NURSES' AND SISTERS' QUARTERS AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL ARE TO BE EXTENDED UNDER A \$14.4 MILLION CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FLOORS. THREE WILL BE ADDED TO THE NURSES' QUARTERS AND ONE TO THE SISTERS' QUARTERS.

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THE NEW FLOORS, TOTALLING 2 910 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR 63 NURSES AND SISTERS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT ARE ALTERATIONS TO THE SISTERS' QUARTERS.

WORK WILL START THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 1988.

THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE THIRD AND FINAL STAGE OF THE HOSPITAL'S REDEVELOPMENT.

OTHER WORK TO BE COMPLETED UNDER SEPARATE CONTRACTS INCLUDES FURTHER UPGRADING AND RENEWAL OF BUILDING SERVICES, AIR-CONDITIONING OF WARDS, EXPANSION OF THE MORTUARY, IMPROVEMENT TO THE CLINICAL PATHOLOGY UNIT AND EXTENSION OF THE RADIOTHERAPY UNIT.

WORK ON THE \$864 MILLION REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1992.

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ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST
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YOUTHS LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE FIFTH CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST.

AIMED AT PROMOTING AN INTEREST IN SINGING AND DISCOVERING TALENTS IN THE DISTRICT, THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AND THE MOUNT CAMERON LIONS CLUB AND SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES -- CLASSICAL MUSIC (SOLO SINGING), POP MUSIC-FOLK SONG (SOLO SINGING) AND POP MUSIC-FOLK SONG (GROUP SINGING).

PRELIMINARIES WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, ON DECEMBER 6 AND THE FINALS AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL AT 7.30 PM ON JANUARY 5 NEXT YEAR.

CASH PRIZES OF \$1 000 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY WHILE THE FIRST RUNNER-UP WILL RECEIVE \$500 AND THE SECOND RUNNER-UP \$300.

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ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT :

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE (GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL) ;
- * HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE (NINTH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE) ;
- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE KENNEDY TOWN SUB-OFFICE (82 BELCHER'S STREET, GROUND FLOOR) ;
- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE (GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET) ; AND
- * WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE (GROUND FLOOR, 36A WESTERN STREET, SAI YING PUN)

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 20. FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, CALL 5-283257 OR 5-8523489.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY BEGINS
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THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A MANPOWER SURVEY ON HONG KONG'S FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY BETWEEN NOVEMBER 19 AND 29.

WITH ASSISTANCE OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE SURVEY WILL COVER THE SHOE, SOFT-SOLE AND RUBBER SHOE SECTORS. ABOUT 300 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE COVERED SO AS TO ASCERTAIN THE INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER SITUATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES WERE SENT TWO WEEKS AGO TO SELECTED EMPLOYERS. OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

EMPLOYERS ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE USED TO FORMULATE MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS FOR THE INDUSTRY'S BENEFIT.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

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OUTDOOR SHOWS TO SUPPLEMENT CAREERS EXHIBITION

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AN ADDED BONUS WHEN THEY VISIT THE 15TH ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL DURING THE COMING WEEKENDS.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, OPENS TO THE PUBLIC FROM SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 15) UNTIL NOVEMBER 24 BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 6.30 PM DAILY.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THREE DISCIPLINARY FORCES AND A NUMBER OF AUXILIARY SERVICES WILL STAGE LIVE CAREERS SHOWS OUTSIDE THE CITY HALL IN EDINBURGH PLACE ON THE TWO SATURDAYS AND TWO SUNDAYS DURING THE 10-DAY EXHIBITION PERIOD.

THE SHOWS TO BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO ABOUT 5 PM ARE:

- * SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 15) - CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT
- * SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 16) - FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
- * SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 22) - ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE
- * SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23) - CIVIL AID SERVICES
ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT
ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE
AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENTS INCLUDE STATIC DISPLAYS, VISITS TO CUSTOMS AND MARINE POLICE LAUNCHES AT QUEEN'S PIER, POLICE AND DRUG DETECTION DOG SHOWS, BAND PERFORMANCES BY THE AUXILIARY POLICE AND AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES, DEMONSTRATIONS BY CAS CADET CROPS BICYCLE TEAM, JUNIOR LEADER CROPS SILENT DRILL, TURNABLE LADDER AND SNORKEL RESCUE DRILL BY THE FIRE SERVICES, AND FIRST AID AND RESUSCITATION DEMONSTRATION.

THE EXHIBITION THIS YEAR ATTRACTED 23 PARTICIPANTS FROM COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE. THROUGH THE USE OF GRAPHS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, THEY PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE WIDEST POSSIBLE RANGE OF CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG.

THE ANNUAL EVENT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 14) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, MR CHAN SUI-KAU, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, AND THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 3 PM ON FRIDAY AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL.

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CLEAN-UP BLITZ YIELDS MOUNTAIN OF REFUSE
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THE JUST-COMPLETED URBAN COUNCIL BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP RESULTED IN 13 900 BASKETS OF RUBBISH AND 460 LORRY-LOADS OF JUNK COLLECTED.

SIXTY-SIX FLIMSY AND ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE ALSO CLEARED DURING THE TWO-MONTH-LONG OPERATION. SEVEN MORE STRUCTURES WERE IDENTIFIED AND WERE REFERRED TO LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICES.

ON THE PROSECUTION SIDE, AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF THE BLITZ, 850 SUMMONSES WERE ISSUED FOR OFFENCES RANGING FROM CASUAL LITTERING, TO OBSTRUCTION OF CLEANSING SERVICES, TO FAILURE TO CLEAR FILTHY CANOPIES.

URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF ALSO MANAGED TO IDENTIFY AND REFER TO THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT 446 DEFECTIVE DRAINAGE DITCHES.

THE BIGGEST EFFORT WAS IN KOWLOON CITY WITH 2 500 BASKETS OF RUBBISH AND 105 LORRY-LOADS OF JUNK BEING HAULED AWAY WHILE CENTRAL YIELDED ONLY 150 BASKETS AND 15 LORRY-LOADS.

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SHA TIN REGISTRY ON THE MOVE
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THE SHA TIN BIRTHS AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE OPERATING FROM THE GROUND FLOOR OF SHA TIN TOWN HALL AT NO. 1 YUEN WO ROAD, SHA TIN, FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 17).

AFTER THE MOVE, THIS OFFICE WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SAME BIRTH AND MARRIAGE REGISTRATION SERVICES AT THE FOLLOWING TIME:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY	8.45 AM - 12.45 PM 2 PM - 4.45 PM
SATURDAY	9 AM - 11.30 AM

+THE NEW REGISTRY IS A PRESTIGIOUS ONE WHICH IS THREE TIMES LARGER THAN THE OLD OFFICE. AND THERE ARE TWO MARRIAGE HALLS.

+IT IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AT THE SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE FACING THE SCENIC SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK AND SHING MUN RIVER,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT NEXT TO THE REGISTRY WAS A GARDEN DESIGNED FOR USE BY WEDDING PARTIES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO MAKE ENQUIRIES SHOULD CALL 3-7333111.

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FUNDS SOUGHT FOR RECREATION AND SPORTS
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF \$356 000 TO ORGANISE 56 RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE APPLICATION OF \$2 000 TO HOLD A FIRE PREVENTION DAY IN THE DISTRICT AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO 1, TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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YUEN LONG COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS JSEA
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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE +REVIEW OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM+ AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PAPER PUBLISHED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CONTAINS A REVISED PROPOSAL TO REPLACE THE JSEA PUBLIC SCALING TEST WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

ALSO TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE TWO PROGRESS REPORTS RESPECTIVELY ON THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND THE PREFERENTIAL MEDICAL SCHEME OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED ON NOVEMBER 14, HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO 2.30 PM ON NOVEMBER 24.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SERVICES FOR ELDERLY
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THE OPERATION OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 13).

THE TOPIC WILL BE RAISED BY SEVERAL DISTRICT BOARD WHO HAVE STUDIED THE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER 22 APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS INVOLVING \$300 000 TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

THESE INCLUDE THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN CLOSING CEREMONY, PRODUCTION OF A REPORT ON CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, PRODUCTION OF A PROMOTIONAL FILM OR SLIDE SHOW ON KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN. THERE WILL BE NO SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TSZ WAN SHAN FOR RESURFACING WORK
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE TSZ WAN SHAN AREA FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK ON TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD BETWEEN WAI WAH STREET AND WAN WAH STREET.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO STAGES AND INCLUDE REDUCTION OF TRAFFIC LANES AND A BAN ON TURNING MOVEMENTS.

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- * TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD BETWEEN WAI WAH STREET AND NING WAH STREET WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE LANE TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS.
- * THE LEFT TURNING MOVEMENT FROM WAI WAH STREET EASTBOUND TO TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD WESTBOUND AND THE RIGHT TURNING MOVEMENT FROM NING WAH STREET SOUTHBOUND TO TSZ WAN SHAN STREET WESTBOUND WILL BE BANNED FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.
- * WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FRANCHISED BUSES, ALL VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD WESTBOUND MUST TURN LEFT AT ITS JUNCTION WITH WAI WAH STREET. THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

STAGE TWO

AFTER THE COMPLETION OF STAGE ONE WORK, THE SECTION OF TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD BETWEEN NING WAH STREET AND WAI WAH STREET WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE LANE TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS.

DURING THE PERIOD OF ROAD WORK, MOTORISTS ON TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR TSZ ON ESTATE AND SHATIN PASS ESTATE SHOULD USE WAI WAH STREET AND WAN WAH STREET.

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SHEUNG SHUI WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 14) FOR MAINS WORK.

ALL PREMISES ALONG MAN KAM TO ROAD FROM HUNG KIU TO MUK WU WILL BE AFFECTED, INCLUDING HUNG KIU SAN TSUEN, FU TEI AU ROAD, LO WU TSUEN, LIU POK TSUEN, SAN UK LENG TSUEN, MUK WU TSUEN, SHA LENG TSUEN AND TAK YUET LAU.

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