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AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG HAS STOOD TEST, GOVERNOR SAYS  
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ONE THING THAT THE PAST YEAR HAS SHOWN IS THAT THE AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG HAS STOOD THE TEST, CERTAINLY IN THE FIRST YEAR, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+PEOPLE ACCEPTED IT THEN AS A PRETTY GOOD AGREEMENT, AND I THINK THE EVIDENCE NOW IS THEY STILL DO.

+OF COURSE, IN THE LAST YEAR WE HAVE BEGUN WITH THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, AND STARTED PUTTING INTO EFFECT THE LAND COMMISSION.

+I THINK THE LAND SALES YESTERDAY WERE VERY GOOD EVIDENCE -- THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY DIDN'T COMPLAIN WHEN I SAW HIM THIS MORNING -- I THINK THAT SHOWS THAT THE AGREEMENT IS GOING INTO EFFECT AND STEADY PROGRESS WILL BE MADE TO PUT INTO EFFECT ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS IN IT,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WAS GIVING A BRIEF REVIEW, AT THE REQUEST OF REPORTERS, OF THE PAST YEAR ON THE EVE OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE INITIALLING OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, AFTER VISITING THE NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUING OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IN 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

SIR EDWARD SAID THE ANNIVERSARY WAS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE.

+I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE LAST YEAR THOUGHT THAT THE SITUATION WOULD BE AS STABLE AS IT IS NOW,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG AT THE PRESENT TIME.

+THAT AGAIN WAS SHOWN PARTLY IN THE LAND SALES,+ HE SAID.

+I THINK IT IS SHOWN IN THE WAY THAT PEOPLE GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS, AND THEY DON'T ASK ME AS MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT NOW AS THEY DID LAST YEAR.+

ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD TOMORROW, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HOPED EVERYBODY WHO HAD A VOTE WOULD EXERCISE IT.

+IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THESE FIRST ELECTIONS SHOULD BE A SUCCESS. I THINK THEY WILL BE A SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

+I THINK THEY HAVE GENERATED A GREAT DEAL MORE INTEREST THAN PEOPLE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT THEY WOULD GENERATE.

+SO WHAT I WANT TO SAY TO PEOPLE IS, IF YOU HAVE A VOTE, GO OUT AND USE IT.+

/ASKED ABOUT .....

ASKED ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISSUING THE NEW BN(O) PASSPORTS AND THE NEW IDENTITY CARDS, THE GOVERNOR SAID THESE WERE STILL BEING WORKED OUT.

+THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO GET ALL THESE ARRANGEMENT RIGHT FOR THE MAXIMUM CONVENIENCE OF TRAVELLERS, AND THAT IS THE OBJECTIVE WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE.+

AS TO WHEN THE NEW IDENTITY CARDS WOULD BE ISSUED, SIR EDWARD SAID, +WE ARE GOING TO GET THE ARRANGEMENTS RIGHT FIRST AND THEN WE WILL ISSUE THE NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

+WE ARE STILL ISSUING THE CARDS IN THE PRESENT SYSTEM, AND I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO BE IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY.

+THE ESSENTIAL THING IS TO GET IT RIGHT SO THAT THERE IS MINIMUM INCONVENIENCE TO PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD GET IT RIGHT BY 1987, SIR EDWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD GET IT RIGHT IN TIME.

+BUT I DON'T WANT TO MAKE PROMISES NOW WHICH WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP,+ HE SAID.

+I THINK IT IS MUCH BETTER TO GET THE ARRANGEMENTS AND THEN MAKE A PROPER ANNOUNCEMENT OF A TIME, SO THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS WHEN IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.+

ASKED WHETHER IT WAS A WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY TO CHANGE IDENTITY CARDS SO FREQUENTLY, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE PRESENT IDENTITY CARDS WERE ONLY VALID TO 1989 ANYWAY.

+WHAT WE TRY TO DO WITH ID CARDS IS MAKE THEM USEFUL TO PEOPLE.

+I THINK PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO FIND THAT ID CARDS ARE A VERY USEFUL WAY OF IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES IN HONG KONG.

+THE NEW ID CARD WILL HAVE ANOTHER USE WHICH IS THAT IT WILL HAVE TO INDICATE THE RIGHT OF ABODE, SO I DON'T THINK THAT TO SPEND PUBLIC MONEY ON MAKING LIFE MORE CONVENIENT FOR PEOPLE IS A WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER ENOUGH EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO CHECK THE INCREASED FLOW OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA, SIR EDWARD SAID THE INFLOW OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WAS NOT VERY LARGE.

+AND I THINK THE FACT THAT THEY ARE DETECTED IS QUITE GOOD EVIDENCE THAT THE SYSTEM WE HAVE IS AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM.+

SIR EDWARD DECLINED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT MOST OF THE SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN YESTERDAY'S POLICE RAID IN HAPPY VALLEY WERE LEGAL OR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA.

+ONCE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, IT IS MUCH BETTER THAT I DON'T COMMENT ON THEIR CASES,+ HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR SEES IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AT WORK  
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THE NEW IDENTITY CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME WAS AN AREA OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WHEN HE SAW THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AT WORK TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 61 MODY ROAD, KOWLOON, THE GOVERNOR, WHO WAS SHOWN AROUND BY THE DIRECTOR, MR ALAN CARTER, SAW THE IDENTITY CARD COMPUTER IN OPERATION AND LEARNED THAT SOME 2.3 MILLION RESIDENTS HAD ALREADY CHANGED TO THE NEW CARD.

THE RE-ISSUE PROGRAMME BEGAN IN MAY 1983 AND IS ON SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION EARLY IN 1987. ON AVERAGE THE EIGHT RE-ISSUE OFFICES HANDLE 3 700 NEW APPLICATIONS DAILY.

SIR EDWARD BEGAN HIS VISIT AT THE INFORMATION OFFICE WHERE HE SAW HOW THE STAFF MANNING 12 TELEPHONE LINES AND FIVE ENQUIRY COUNTERS COPE WITH SOME 4 000 ENQUIRIES A DAY.

THE GOVERNOR THEN TOURED THE DEPARTMENT'S FIVE FLOORS OF PUBLIC OFFICES WHICH PROVIDE A RANGE OF IMMIGRATION AND TRAVEL DOCUMENT SERVICES, AND WHICH HANDLE ABOUT 9 500 APPLICANTS A DAY.

DURING A TOUR OF THE TRAINING FACILITIES, SIR EDWARD WAS BRIEFED ON PROPOSALS TO COMPUTERISE IMMIGRATION CONTROL PROCEDURES. TENDERS FROM CONTRACTORS ARE NOW BEING EVALUATED.

SIR EDWARD CONCLUDED HIS VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH A STOP AT THE NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE AT 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG, WHERE HE SAW MEN IN THE 57 TO 61 AGE GROUP COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES.

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'POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE GRADUAL'

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THE OBJECTIVE OF BUILDING HONG KONG INTO A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH A GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+GIVEN THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN HONG KONG, WE SHOULD AIM TO AVOID DRASTIC CHANGES THAT MAY BRING AN UNDESIRABLE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY,+ MR LIAO SAID.

/+THE TASK .....

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+THE TASK IS BEFORE US TO BUILD A GOVERNMENT FIRMLY ROOTED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND FULLY ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

MR LIAO WAS SPEAKING AT A LECTURE ON +THE FIRST PHASE OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, ITS AIMS AND HOW IT WORKS SO FAR+ FOR THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR FIRST YEAR UNDERGRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

HE SAID AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE CONCEPT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IS THE EFFECTIVE REFLECTION OF THE VIEWS OF CITIZENS TO THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

+IN THIS RESPECT, IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IN HONG KONG, AS A GOVERNMENT BY CONSULTATION OF CONSENSUS, HAS ACHIEVED A CONSIDERABLE MEASURE OF SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

MR LIAO SAID WHILE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSULT EVERY CITIZEN ON ALL PUBLIC ISSUES, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THERE SHOULD BE CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE.

+HOWEVER, FOR THESE CHANNELS TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY, WE STILL NEED TO HAVE SOME FORM OF REPRESENTATION, AND IN THE CONTEXT OF HONG KONG, THIS HAS TAKEN THE FORM OF APPOINTMENT AND MORE RECENTLY, ELECTIONS,+ HE ADDED.

+THE AIMS ARE TO ENSURE THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC ARE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE FORMULATION OF POLICIES, SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN BECOME MORE DIRECTLY ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

MR LIAO POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WAS A CULMINATION OF CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE STRUCTURE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL TO PROVIDE A CHANNEL FOR LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

THE FORMATION OF DISTRICT BOARDS IN 1982 PROVIDED A FORUM FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, AND RESIDENTS HAD MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN AND TO SHARE IN THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COMMUNITIES, MR LIAO SAID.

COLLECTIVELY, THE DISTRICT BOARDS FORM THE LARGEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE ORGAN IN VOICING THE VIEWS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS, HE ADDED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES, COMPRISING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, HAVE PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN ENSURING THAT THE DEPARTMENTS ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE ADVICE OF THE BOARDS, HE SAID.

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THE VAST NETWORK OF LOCAL ADVISORY BODIES SUCH AS MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES, RURAL COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS HAVE HELPED PROVIDE ANOTHER CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE PEOPLE.

WITH THE SECOND-TERM DISTRICT BOARDS COMING INTO BEING IN APRIL 1985 RUN ENTIRELY BY UNOFFICIALS, THE REPRESENTATIVENESS OF THE BOARDS HAVE BEEN ENHANCED GREATLY, AND TOGETHER WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPING A MORE REPRESENTATIVE LEGISLATURE.

MR LIAO NOTED THAT WITH 24 ELECTED MEMBERS AND 22 APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL BE IN THE MAJORITY IN OUR LEGISLATURE.

HE SAID THE VARIOUS CHANGES INTRODUCED IN THE FIRST PART OF THIS DECADE HAVE RESULTED IN THE INTEGRATION OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION WITH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

MR LIAO SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT A MODERATE BUT PROGRESSIVE APPROACH BE ADOPTED IN DEVELOPING THE NEXT PHASE OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEDIA COVERAGE ON ELECTION DAY  
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FACILITIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE MEDIA TO COVER VOTING BY A NUMBER OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, ON LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION DAY TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

MEANWHILE, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FOR MEDIA COVERAGE OF VISITS TO POLLING STATIONS AND PRESS BRIEFINGS BY THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, AND THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

BY THE CLOSE OF POLL FOR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AT 9 PM, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL VISIT THE COUNTING AND PRESS CENTRES AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

WHEN THE COUNTING OF VOTES FOR ALL THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES ARE COMPLETED, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO BE AROUND 2 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27), SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, WILL GIVE A WRAP-UP PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE ELECTIONS AT THE PRESS CENTRE.

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AT ALL THESE VENUES, GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.  
DETAILS OF THE MAIN EVENTS ON ELECTION DAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) 9 AM - SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, TO VOTE AT THE ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY POLLING STATION AT THE LECTURE HALL, HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY, BLOCK 61 AND 62, KOWLOON PARK, TSIM SHA TSUI.
- 2) 9 AM - SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, TO VOTE AT THE ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY POLLING STATION AT THE TREASURY CENTRAL COLLECTION OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, SECOND FLOOR, CENTRAL.
- 3) 9.15 AM - SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, TO VOTE AT THE ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY POLLING STATION AT THE LECTURE HALL, HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY, BLOCK 61 AND 62, KOWLOON PARK, TSIM SHA TSUI.
- 4) 9.30 AM - SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR PIERS JACOBS, TO VOTE AT THE LEGAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY POLLING STATION AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, ROOM 1229, SWIRE HOUSE, CHATER ROAD, CENTRAL.
- 5) 12.30 PM - SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, TO GIVE A MID-DAY PRESS BRIEFING ON ELECTION RESULTS OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES AT THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI.
- 6) 3 PM - SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, TO VISIT THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY POLLING STATION AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBER, THIRD FLOOR, EDINBURGH PLACE, CENTRAL.
- 7) 5 PM - SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, TO GIVE A PRESS BRIEFING ON THE RESULTS OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES AT THE PRESS CENTRE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI.
- 8) 5 PM - SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, TO VISIT THE ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY POLLING STATION AT THE TREASURY CENTRAL COLLECTION OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, SECOND FLOOR, CENTRAL.

/9) 5.25 PM .....

- 9) 5.25 PM - SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, TO VISIT THE LEGAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY POLLING STATION AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, ROOM 1229, SWIRE HOUSE, CHATER ROAD, CENTRAL.
- 10) 6 PM - SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, TO INSPECT COUNTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AND TO VISIT THE PRESS CENTRE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI.
- 11) 9 PM - CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TO VISIT THE COUNTING AND PRESS CENTRES AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI.
- 12) AROUND 2 AM - SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, TO GIVE A WRAP-UP PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE ELECTIONS AFTER THE WHOLE PROCEEDING IS OVER AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI.

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#### PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR AUGUST

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THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW IN AUGUST 1985, BY \$1 648 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT OVER AUGUST 1984, TO REACH \$8 818 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, HOWEVER, FELL OVER THE SAME PERIOD BY \$1 757 MILLION, OR 13 PER CENT, TO \$11 982 MILLION.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS DECLINED BY \$109 MILLION, OR 0.5 PER CENT, TO \$20 800 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ALSO FELL MARGINALLY, BY \$8 MILLION, TO \$19 116 MILLION.

IN CONSEQUENCE, A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS, EQUIVALENT TO NINE PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN AUGUST 1985, SAME AS IN AUGUST 1984.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1985 WAS \$154 339 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$83 967 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$70 372 MILLION. COMPARED WITH THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1984, THE VALUES OF TOTAL EXPORTS AND OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT AND 37 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FELL BY SIX PER CENT.

/THE VALUE .....

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY FOUR PER CENT TO \$150 749 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS, EQUIVALENT TO 2.4 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH A VISIBLE TRADE GAP OF 2.5 PER CENT IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONTINUED DECLINE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS (YEAR-ON-YEAR) WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE RELATIVELY LOW GROWTH RATES OF THE ECONOMIES OF HONG KONG'S EXPORT MARKETS, IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED STATES, IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1985. RE-EXPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONTINUED TO EXPAND.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR AUGUST 1985 -

TRADE FIGURES FOR AUGUST, 1985

<u>MERCHANDISE:</u>	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	: \$11 982 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	: \$ 8 818 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	: \$20 800 MILLION
	IMPORTS	: \$19 116 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	: \$ 1 684 MILLION (IN SURPLUS)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	<u>JUNE - AUGUST 1985</u>	<u>JUNE - AUGUST 1984</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	34 515	39 200	- 4 685	- 12.0
RE-EXPORTS	26 071	20 970	+ 5 101	+ 24.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	60 586	60 170	+ 416	+ 0.7
IMPORTS	57 734	58 306	- 572	- 1.0
TRADE BALANCE	+ 2 852	+ 1 864	+ 988	

/SAME MONTH .....

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SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	AUGUST 1985	AUGUST 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	11 982 (57.6%)	13 739 (65.7%)	- 1 757	- 12.8
RE-EXPORTS	8 818	7 170	+ 1 648	+ 23.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	20 800	20 909	- 109	- 0.5
IMPORTS	19 116	19 124	- 8	- 0.04
TRADE BALANCE	+ 1 684	+ 1 785	- 101	
LAST MONTH	AUGUST 1985	JULY 1985	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	11 982 (57.6%)	11 576 (56.5%)	+ 406	+ 3.5
RE-EXPORTS	8 818	8 913	- 95	- 1.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	20 800	20 489	+ 311	+ 1.5
IMPORTS	19 116	18 860	+ 256	+ 1.4
TRADE BALANCE	+ 1 684	+ 1 629	+ 55	
CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN. - AUG. 1985	JAN. - AUG. 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	83 967 (54.4%)	89 475 (63.5%)	- 5 508	- 6.2
RE-EXPORTS	70 372	51 439	+18 933	+ 36.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	154 339	140 914	+13 425	+ 9.5
IMPORTS	150 749	144 485	+ 6 264	+ 4.3
TRADE BALANCE	+ 3 590	- 3 571	+ 7 161	

/LAST 12 .....

LAST 12 MONTHS	SEPTEMBER 1984 TO AUGUST 1985	SEPTEMBER 1983 TO AUGUST 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	132 428	130 901	+ 1 527	+ 1.2
RE-EXPORTS	102 437	74 185	+28 252	+ 38.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	234 865	205 086	+29 779	+ 14.5
IMPORTS	229 634	213 550	+16 084	+ 7.5
TRADE BALANCE	+ 5 231	- 8 464	+13 695	

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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR AUGUST

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) ROSE BY 2.7 PER CENT AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) BY 3.1 PER CENT BETWEEN AUGUST 1984 AND AUGUST 1985, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR AUGUST 1985 WERE 159.9 AND 160.1 RESPECTIVELY, OR 4.2 POINTS AND 4.7 POINTS RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THOSE FOR AUGUST 1984. COMPARED WITH JULY 1985 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.3 POINT OR 0.2 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 0.2 POINT OR 0.1 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 1985, AT 158.1 AND 158.3 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 3.7 PER CENT AND 4.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 1984.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 1985, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.3 PER CENT EACH MONTH.

DURING AUGUST, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT WERE HIGHER, WHILE PRICES OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR WERE LOWER.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

/THE CPI(A) .....

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH, AND THE CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

THE INDEXES FOR AUGUST 1985 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY-SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR JULY 1985 AND AUGUST 1984.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	AUG.84	JUL.85	AUG.85	AUG.84	JUL.85	AUG.85
FOODSTUFFS	156.9	155.6	156.4	157.3	156.5	157.2
HOUSING	146.2	155.4	155.6	147.0	154.7	154.9
FUEL AND LIGHT	147.2	145.6	145.6	147.1	145.7	145.9
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	208.6	233.8	233.9	201.2	224.2	224.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	154.0	169.2	167.2	154.0	170.9	168.4
DURABLE GOODS	125.2	122.8	122.4	129.2	127.7	127.4
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	150.2	150.9	151.2	146.8	147.8	148.2
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	170.1	182.5	182.6	173.0	183.0	183.1
SERVICES	171.0	183.0	183.9	168.4	178.9	179.6
ALL ITEMS	155.7	159.6	159.9	155.4	159.9	160.1

COMPARED WITH JULY 1985, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 0.8 POINT IN CPI(A) AND 0.7 POINT IN CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY AND SALT-WATER FISH DECREASED. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

LOWER PRICES OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING CAUSED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR TO DECREASE BY 2.0 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 2.5 POINTS IN CPI(B).

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.9 POINT IN CPI(A) AND 0.7 POINT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TO TWO DECIMAL PLACES.)

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR AUGUST 1985, AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG, OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1904, 19TH FLOOR, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDELL STREET, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

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CRAFT OWNERS REMINDED ABOUT SPEED LIMIT ZONES  
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A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY REMINDED ALL OWNERS, MASTERS AND OPERATORS OF PLEASURE VESSELS OF THE EXISTENCE OF 20 SPEED RESTRICTED ZONES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG WATERS.

THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT IN THESE ZONES IS FIVE KNOTS DURING THE HOURS OF 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT ON ANY SATURDAY OR PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THE 20 ZONES IN WHICH THE SPEED LIMIT APPLIES INCLUDE STANLEY BAY, SOUTH BAY, CLEARWATER BAY, HEBE HAVEN AND DEEP WATER BAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CHARTLETS DEPICTING THE LOCATIONS OF ALL 20 ZONES MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE VICTORIA MARINE OFFICE, 3RD FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO MAKE A REPORT CONCERNING THE APPARENT MISHANDLING, OR EXCESSIVE SPEED OF A PLEASURE VESSEL MIGHT DO SO BY TELEPHONING 5-8150908, HE SAID.

/THE SPOKESMAN .....

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO CONTRADICTED THE VIEW HELD BY SOME PEOPLE THAT A VESSEL MIGHT PROCEED AT ANY SPEED, PROVIDED IT WAS OUTSIDE A SPEED RESTRICTED ZONE, TYPHOON SHELTER OR VICTORIA HARBOUR. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA APPLIED TO ALL VESSELS WITHIN HONG KONG WATERS.

THESE REGULATIONS STATE THAT +EVERY VESSEL SHALL AT ALL TIMES PROCEED AT A SAFE SPEED SO THAT SHE CAN TAKE PROPER AND EFFECTIVE ACTION TO AVOID COLLISION AND BE STOPPED WITHIN A DISTANCE APPROPRIATE TO THE PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS.+

HE SAID THAT IN DETERMINING A SAFE SPEED, THE FOLLOWING FACTORS SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:

- (I) THE STATE OF VISIBILITY,
- (II) THE TRAFFIC DENSITY, INCLUDING CONCENTRATIONS OF FISHING VESSELS OR ANY OTHER VESSELS,
- (III) THE MANOEUVRABILITY OF THE VESSEL WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO STOPPING DISTANCE AND TURNING ABILITY IN THE PREVAILING CONDITIONS,
- (IV) AT NIGHT THE PRESENCE OF BACKGROUND LIGHT SUCH AS FROM SHORE LIGHTS OR FROM BACK SCATTER OF HER OWN LIGHTS,
- (V) THE STATE OF WIND, SEA AND CURRENT, AND THE PROXIMITY OF NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS,
- (VI) THE DRAUGHT IN RELATION TO THE AVAILABLE DEPTH OF WATER.

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SIR EDWARD TO OPEN FERRY TERMINAL BUILDING  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW HONG KONG-MACAU FERRY TERMINAL BUILDING IN SHEUNG WAN ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE MACAU GOVERNOR, REAR ADMIRAL VASCO DE ALMEIDA E COSTA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING BY 3.15 PM ON FRIDAY. PRESS BADGES WILL BE ISSUED AND GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES.

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SIR DAVID TO OPEN TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE AT ON PANG ROAD AT 7.20 PM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 28).

THE CENTRE, WITH AN 800-SEAT AUDITORIUM, IS EXPECTED TO BECOME THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR P.J. WILLIAMSON; THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND; THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR C.S. CHAU, AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG.

FOLLOWING THE UNVEILING OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE BY SIR DAVID, AN ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE PROVIDED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 5.30 PM SHARP ON SATURDAY.

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UK TRANSPORT SECRETARY LEAVES

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT, MR NICHOLAS RIDLEY, AND MRS RIDLEY LEFT FOR PEKING TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AFTER A FOUR-DAY VISIT IN HONG KONG.

THEY WERE SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE AIDE-DE-CAMP TO THE GOVERNOR, MR PAUL COLLIER, AND THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR CHRISTIAN ADAMS.

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EMPHASIS ON BALANCED ISLANDS GROWTH

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT MODERN DEVELOPMENTS UNDERTAKEN IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT AND CONDUCIVE TO THE DISTRICT'S POTENTIAL FOR TOURISM.

THIS WAS STATED BY ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

MR YAP STRESSED THAT IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS IN THE DISTRICT, EMPHASIS HAD BEEN, AND WOULD BE, PLACED ON STRIKING A REASONABLE BALANCE BETWEEN PRESERVING THE NATURAL SCENERY, AND PROVIDING OPEN AND RECREATIONAL SPACES ON THE ONE HAND, AND DEVELOPING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES ON THE OTHER.

OUTLINING VARIOUS +DEVELOPMENT PACKAGES,+ HE SAID THAT THEY WERE ARRANGED TO IMPROVE THE LIVING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS OF THE ISLANDS, AND TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

FORMULATED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE +PACKAGES+ WERE WORKS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE A BALANCED AND CONCURRENT DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING, INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN RELATION TO THE POPULATION OF RESPECTIVE ISLANDS.

MR YAP SAID THAT THE FOUR MAIN CENTRES OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT - CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU, MUI WO AND TAI O - HAD BEEN DESIGNATED AS +PACKAGE+ DEVELOPMENT AREAS, WHICH TOGETHER WOULD COVER SOME 296 HECTARES OF LAND AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF ALMOST \$300 MILLION.

MAJOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES EITHER BEING PLANNED OR DEVELOPED IN THESE AREAS INCLUDED SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS, INCINERATORS, ABATTOIRS, MARKET COMPLEXES, SCHOOLS, FIRE STATIONS, A SPORT COMPLEX AND RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES.

ALSO INCLUDED WAS A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME UNDER WHICH LOW-RISE HOUSING ESTATES WERE BUILT IN TAI O AND CHEUNG CHAU - THE LUNG TIN AND CHEUNG KWAI ESTATES - HOUSING 1 360 AND 2 500 PERSONS RESPECTIVELY.

+ADDITIONAL SITES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE IN THE PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

+PENDING DECISIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY, MORE ESTATES ARE LIKELY TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN MUI WO, TAI O, CHEUNG CHAU AND PENG CHAU - IN THAT ORDER,+ MR YAP SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE DISTRICT SINCE THE LAST CENSUS IN 1981 REACHING A FIGURE OF ABOUT 80 000 WITH MORE THAN 40 PER CENT LIVING ON CHEUNG CHAU.

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SHAM SHUI PO DB TO DISCUSS GREEN PAPER  
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MEMBERS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AT A SPECIAL MEETING THIS FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER A REPORT ON TWO PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSIONS, AND A SUMMARY OF THE DISTRICT'S HOUSEHOLD INCOME STATISTICS PRESENTED BY AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM IN THE HALL OF CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 55 FAT TSEUNG STREET.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING AS OBSERVERS AND ADVANCED BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 3-7204251 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DB MEETING ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

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FIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEES TO MEET NEXT MONTH  
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FIVE OF THE NINE DISTRICT COMMITTEES OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST MEETINGS NEXT MONTH (OCTOBER).

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEES ARE TO ADVISE THE COUNCIL ON THE PROVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, HYGIENE, RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THESE DISTRICTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

IT HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY ARRANGED THAT EACH COMMITTEE WOULD MEET ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS AND MOST OF THE MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS.

THE TAI PO, ISLANDS, SHA TIN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMITTEES WOULD MEET IN OCTOBER, DECEMBER AND FEBRUARY WHILE THE YUEN LONG, SAI KUNG, NORTH AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT COMMITTEES IN NOVEMBER, JANUARY AND MARCH.

EACH DISTRICT COMMITTEE COMPRISES FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THREE CO-OPTED MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL FROM LOCAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS DISTRICT BOARDS, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS ON A PERSONAL BASIS.

/THE MEETINGS .....

THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES, WHICH ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WOULD BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 170-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN AT 2.30 PM.

FOLLOWING ARE THE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER:

TAI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
ISLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
SHA TIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT COMMITTEE	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

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#### EDUCATION BOARD MEMBERS VISIT SPECIAL SCHOOL

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FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED THE MARY ROSE SCHOOL IN KOWLOON TO SEE THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES OFFERED TO AUTISTIC CHILDREN.

TAKING PART IN THE VISIT WERE MRS CHAU MA PUI-KIN, DR JOHN CHEN, MRS MABEL CHOW, PROFESSOR BRIAN COOKE AND MISS MARION FANG.

THE PARTY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MR JOHN LEUNG, THE PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER (SPECIAL EDUCATION), MR K.H. CHAN, AND THE BOARD SECRETARY, MR W.M. HO.

MARY ROSE SCHOOL, AN AIDED CO-EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR MILDLY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, WAS FOUNDED BY THE CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL IN 1970 AND HAS OPERATED SINCE LAST YEAR A NEW MODE OF EDUCATIONAL PROVISION AIMED AT INTEGRATING AUTISTIC CHILDREN INTO SOME OF THE CLASSES.

IT OPERATES SEVEN CLASSES WITH A MAXIMUM ENROLMENT OF 140. HOWEVER, ON COMPLETION OF THE SCHOOL'S REPROVISIONING PROJECT IN KOWLOON TONG IN 1986, IT WILL THEN OPERATE 10 CLASSES FOR MILDLY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND 10 CLASSES FOR MODERATELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

THROUGH THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE SCHOOL'S SOCIAL WORKERS, PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL WILL BE REFERRED FOR OPEN EMPLOYMENT OR PLACEMENT IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES, SKILLS CENTRES FOR THE DISABLED OR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR FESTIVAL ON ISLAND  
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY AND THE PEAK AREAS FOR THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 29).

I. TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS  
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THE PEAK AREA

FROM 6.30 PM ON SUNDAY UNTIL 3 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, PEAK ROAD AND THE CAR PARK OUTSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT BUSES, COACHES, TAXIS, GREEN MINIBUSES AND THOSE FOR ACCESS TO PREMISES IN MOUNT AUSTIN ROAD, LUGARD ROAD AND HARLEH ROAD.

CAUSEWAY BAY

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 PM ON SUNDAY UNTIL 3 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY:

- \* GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD AND CAUSEWAY ROAD EXCEPT THE ACCESS FOR NORTHBOUND VEHICLES FROM TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER HEADING FOR GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER;
- \* KINGSTON STREET EAST OF CLEVELAND STREET;
- \* PATERSON STREET SOUTH OF KINGSTON STREET;
- \* EAST POINT ROAD;
- \* GREAT GEORGE STREET;
- \* SUGAR STREET;
- \* LOCKHART ROAD EAST OF CANNON STREET;
- \* KAI CHIU ROAD EAST OF YUN PING ROAD; AND
- \* ELECTRIC ROAD BETWEEN HING FAT STREET AND YACHT STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, LAU LI STREET BETWEEN ELECTRIC ROAD AND HING FAT STREET WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND; WHILE CANNON STREET WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

FROM NOON ON SUNDAY UNTIL 3 AM THE NEXT DAY, THE PLB STAND AT GLOUCESTER ROAD AND THE TAXI STANDS AT PATERSON STREET, LAU LI STREET AND NGAN MOK STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

FROM 7.30 PM TO 11.30 PM ON SUNDAY, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED FROM LEIGHTON ROAD (EXCEPT THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN PERCIVAL STREET AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD); TIN LOK LANE; CAROLINE HILL ROAD; EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD; TAI HANG ROAD NORTH OF LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD; TUNG LO WAN ROAD; ELECTRIC ROAD SOUTH OF WING HING STREET; MORRISON HILL ROAD NORTHBOUND; HENNESSY ROAD EAST OF MARSH ROAD; THE DOWNHILL CARRIAGEWAY OF TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD WEST OF FORTRESS HILL ROAD AND CAUSEWAY ROAD.

#### CENTRAL

THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PIER ROAD BETWEEN GILMAN STREET AND CENTRAL HARBOUR SERVICES PIER WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 PM TO 11.30 PM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 28). ROAD CLOSURE WILL AGAIN BE IMPLEMENTED ON THE SAME ROAD SECTION (BOTH EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND) ON SUNDAY, FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 PM.

#### 11. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

THERE WILL BE NO PARKING FACILITIES AT THE PEAK AND VICTORIA PARK AREAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS WILL EXTEND SERVICES ON SUNDAY UNTIL EARLY THE NEXT MORNING.

TRAM SERVICES BETWEEN WHITTY STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN WILL OPERATE UNTIL ABOUT 1 AM. THEY WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY AN ADDITIONAL NIGHT SERVICE BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN AND CAUSEWAY BAY WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL 1.30 AM.

MTR SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL 3 AM, WHILE PEAK TRAMS WILL RUN ALL NIGHT.

CMB WILL OPERATE TWO SPECIAL BUS ROUTES TO THE PEAK AREA, NO. 15A (NORTH POINT FERRY TO PEAK) AND NO. 15M (ADMIRALTY MTR STATION TO PEAK), FROM 7 PM AND 8 PM UNTIL 4.37 AM AND 2.37 AM RESPECTIVELY.






CMB WILL ALSO OPERATE A NEW SPECIAL BUS ROUTE, NO. 61A (CENTRAL BUS STATION TO REPULSE BAY VIA DEEP WATER BAY), FROM 7 PM UNTIL 12.30 AM. BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 5B, 102, 103, 106, 170 AND 200 WILL BE DIVERTED TO AVOID THE CLOSED ROAD SECTIONS.

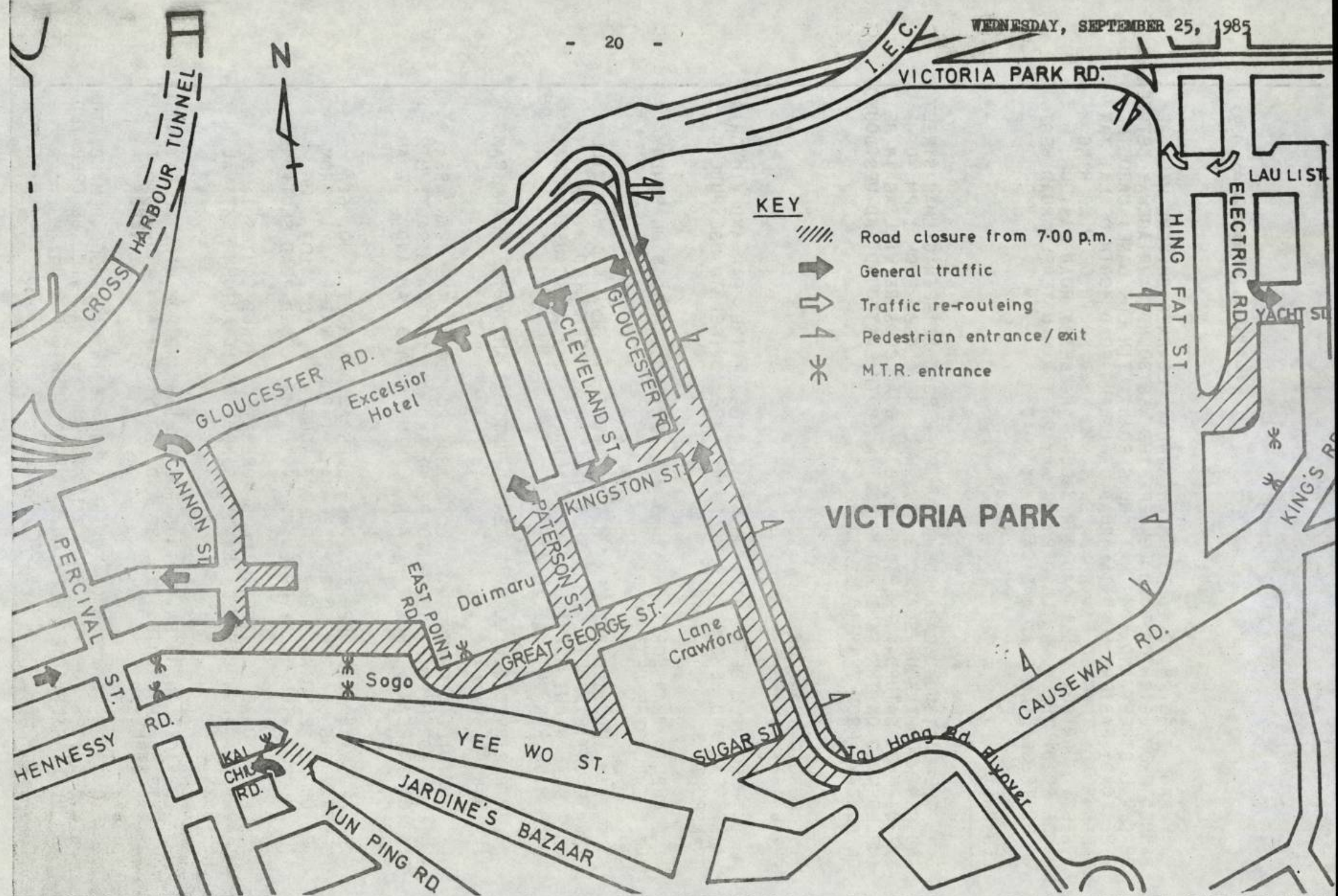
ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED ON NLB ROUTES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 7 ON LANTAU ISLAND DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL HOLIDAYS.

SERVICES ON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 16M AND 20M WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL 12.30 AM; ROUTES 21M, 32 AND 33 UNTIL 3 AM; AND ROUTE 1 UNTIL 4 AM.

IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASE IN PASSENGER DEMAND, THE FERRY SERVICES FOR YUNG SHUE WAN AND SOK KWU WAN WILL BE OPERATED FROM BLAKE PIER AFTER 6 PM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 28).



- KEY**
-  Road closure from 7:00 p.m.
  -  General traffic
  -  Traffic re-routing
  -  Pedestrian entrance/exit
  -  M.T.R. entrance



SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY FOR MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS IN NT

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SPECIAL TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO MEET THE DEMAND GENERATED FROM THIS YEAR'S MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL:

- \* NEW TERRITORIES RECREATIONAL ROUTE 93R (CHOI HUNG TO PAK TAM CHUNG) WILL OPERATE AT A FREQUENCY OF 15 MINUTES BETWEEN 6.30 PM AND MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 28).
- \* NEW TERRITORIES RECREATIONAL ROUTE 32R (TSUEN WAN FERRY TO SHING MUN RESERVOIR) WILL OPERATE AT A FREQUENCY OF 10 MINUTES ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 29) BETWEEN 6.45 PM AND 12.25 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.
- \* NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 1 WHICH SERVES BETWEEN SAI KUNG AND KOWLOON WILL HAVE THE OPERATING HOURS ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 29) EXTENDED TO 3 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.
- \* THE LAST TRAIN SERVICE WHICH DEPARTS FROM HUNG HOM AT 00.12 AM WILL TERMINATE AT SHEUNG SHUI INSTEAD OF SHATIN IN THE EARLY MORNING OF SUNDAY AND MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30).

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LIQUOR BOARD ACTS ON 'RIP-OFF' COMPLAINTS

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THE LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROWING NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS FROM TOURISTS WHO HAVE BEEN GROSSLY OVER-CHARGED BY SOME BARS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, AN URBAN COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

IT IS EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CLAIMS MADE BY SOME VICTIMS THAT THREATS AND INTIMIDATION WERE USED AGAINST THEM WHEN THEY COMPLAINED TO THE MANAGEMENT ON RECEIVING BILLS RUNNING INTO THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR ONLY A FEW DRINKS.

THROUGH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD HAS RECEIVED DETAILS OF MANY COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST NINE BARS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS.

NONE OF THESE COMPLAINTS HAS YET GONE TO COURT BECAUSE THE VICTIMS, BEING TOURISTS, DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO WAIT IN HONG KONG FOR THE CASES TO BE HEARD.

/NEVERTHELESS THESE .....

NEVERTHELESS THESE IS A CLEAR CIRCUMSTANTIAL CASE AGAINST THESE NINE ESTABLISHMENTS AS BEING +RIP-OFF+ BARS WHERE UNSUSPECTING TOURISTS ARE UNSCRUPULOUSLY OVER-CHARGED.

THIS BOARD THEREFORE IS TODAY ISSUING A CLEAR AND EMPHATIC WARNING TO THE LICENSEES OF THESE AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS THAT MIGHT ATTEMPT SIMILAR +RIP-OFFS+ THAT ANY CONVICTION UNDER THE RELEVANT REGULATIONS RELATING TO THIS BOARD'S POWERS MAY LEAD TO THE TERMINATION OF THE LICENCE OF THE BAR CONCERNED.

THIS BOARD WILL NOT STAND IDLY BY AND ALLOW THIS FORM OF BLATANT OVER-CHARGING TO CONTINUE, THEREBY GIVING HONG KONG AN UNWARRANTED REPUTATION AMONG OVERSEAS VISITORS.

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TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AREAS TO OPEN  
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THE MONG KOK KCR STATION TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS WILL BE OPENED ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 28), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

+WITH THE NEW TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE FACILITIES COMING INTO USE, PASSENGERS WILL FIND IT MUCH EASIER TO TRANSFER TO BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES, TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES,+ THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN SAID.

+CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATION INTERCHANGE IS NECESSARY TO COPE WITH THE GROWTH IN TRAIN TRAFFIC FOLLOWING THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KCR, THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWNS ALONG THE TRAIN CORRIDOR AND THE RAPID INCREASE IN TRAFFIC BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG.

+TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WAS NOT SERVED BY SUFFICIENT TERMINATING BUS SERVICES. THE OPENING OF THE NEW BUS TERMINUS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO TERMINATE ANOTHER FOUR BUS ROUTES IN THIS AREA,+ HE SAID.

BOTH TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AREAS WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND TAXIS.

THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST TERMINUS, SITUATED AT SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD NEAR HONG TAT PATH, WILL ALSO PROVIDE A COACH PARK WITH 27 METERED PARKING SPACES FOR COACHES AND 85 PARKING SPACES FOR MOTOR CYCLES.

THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM SATURDAY :

- \* THE MONG KOK KCR STATION BUS TERMINUS AND THE GREEN MINIBUS TERMINUS IN THE INTERCHANGE AREA WILL BE DESIGNATED PROHIBITED ZONES. ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS TERMINUS.
- \* THE WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF LUEN WAN STREET BETWEEN BUTE STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET; AS WELL AS THE ACCESS RAMP BETWEEN LUEN WAN STREET AND THE MONG KOK KCR STATION BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONES. MOTORISTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.
- \* KMB CIRCULAR ROUTES 1K AND 2K WILL TERMINATE AT THE MONG KOK KCR STATION BUS TERMINUS.
- \* KMB ROUTE 24K (KAI YIP TO MONG KOK KCR STATION) WILL BE DIVERTED TO ARGYLE STREET. EN-ROUTE BUS STOP WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE LUEN WAN STREET LAY-BY, NEAR THE ESCALATORS LEADING TO THE MONG KOK KCR STATION.
- \* GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 21K (BETWEEN MONG KOK KCR STATION AND SAN PO KONG) AND 32K (BETWEEN MONG KOK KCR STATION AND SHAM SHUI PO FERRY) WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA LUEN WAN STREET AND TERMINATE AT THE INTERCHANGE.
- \* GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 4 (BETWEEN MONG KOK MTR STATION AND YAU YAT CHUEN) AND 12 (BETWEEN PAK TIN AND TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN) WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED TO LUEN WAN STREET AND THE MONG KOK INTERCHANGE TERMINUS BEFORE RESUMING TO NORMAL ROUTES.
- \* THE KMB COACH TERMINUS AT PEKING ROAD AND THE METERED COACH PARK AT CANTON ROAD WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED.
- \* THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS AND ITS BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE. ALL VEHICLES EXITING FROM THE TERMINUS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RIGHT-TURN INTO SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD WESTBOUND.
- \* KMB ROUTES 26 (SHUN TIN TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST), 201 (AIRPORT TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) AND 208 (BROADCAST DRIVE TO TSIM SHA TSUI) WILL TERMINATE AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST BUS TERMINUS.

- \* KMB ROUTES 15X (LAM TIN TO TSIM SHA TSUI) AND 28 (LOK WAH TO TSIM SHA TSUI) WILL TERMINATE AT MIDDLE ROAD.
- \* GREEN MINIBUS CIRCULAR ROUTES 1 (TSIM SHA TSUI MTR TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) AND 31M (MONG KOK MTR TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) WILL TERMINATE AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST BUS TERMINUS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN HAMMER HILL AREA  
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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 28), THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN HAMMER HILL AREA WILL BE DESIGNATED PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED ZONES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES:

PROHIBITED ZONES -

- \* KING TUNG STREET.
- \* FUNG SHING STREET ABOUT 95 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD.

RESTRICTED ZONE -

- \* HAMMER HILL ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KING TUNG STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM. ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS.

FROM THE SAME DAY, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM:

- \* NG FONG STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI YAU STREET AND ABOUT 20 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- \* LUK HOP STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI YAU STREET AND ABOUT 20 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTED  
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TUEN SHING STREET IN AREA 37A IN TUEN MUN WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FOR ABOUT 40 DAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

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HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS FOR LIBRARIES  
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE OPENING HOURS OF ALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS FOR NEXT MONDAY, A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AT CHEUNG CHAU, SAI KUNG, SHEUNG SHUI, SOUTH KWAI CHUNG, TAI PO AND TUEN MUN (TAI HING) WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AND THE MUI WO PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM.

THE OTHER PUBLIC LIBRARIES AT PENG CHAU, NORTH KWAI CHUNG, SHA TIN, SOUTH LAMMA, TAI O, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN (YAU OI), YUEN LONG AND THE TWO MOBILE ONES WILL ALL BE CLOSED.

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ABERDEEN ROOFTOP STRUCTURES TO BE CLOSED  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF OF 185 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, HONG KONG, TO ENABLE THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES WITHOUT DANGER TO PEOPLE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN THE VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON NOVEMBER 1, 1985 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF THE EXERCISE TO ENFORCE THE ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON NOVEMBER 15, 1984 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THESE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE MADE.

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JUMBO-SIZED RCV'S TO SERVICE SHA TIN.  
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A NEW JUMBO-SIZED REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN SHA TIN BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT'S TRANSPORT MANAGER, MR JOHN HARRISON, SAID IT HAD ORDERED TEN VDK-19S, EACH WITH A MAXIMUM CAPACITY FOR 19 CUBIC METRES AND A NET LOAD OF OVER TEN TONNES.

+THIS IS NEARLY TWICE THE CAPACITY OF OUR LARGEST EXISTING REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES, THE VDK-15, WHICH HAS A NET LOADING CAPACITY OF JUST UNDER SIX TONNES,+ HE SAID.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF VDK-19S, IT WOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE THE COLLECTION OF ALL REFUSE IN SHA TIN IN THE DAY-TIME.

TO AVOID SUBJECTING THESE VDK-19S TO UNNECESSARY WEAR AND TEAR, AND TO DERIVE MAXIMUM SERVICE FROM ITS MANY ADVANCED FEATURES, A SPECIAL DRIVER TRAINING COURSE WAS ORGANISED FOR DRIVERS OF THESE NEW VEHICLES, EACH COSTING \$495 000.

THE TEN VDK-19S ON ORDER AND THE 16 +PRESSPACK+ RCV'S WHICH THE DEPARTMENT TOOK DELIVERY OF EARLIER THIS YEAR, WILL REPLACE 28 OLDER MODEL RCV'S.

MR HARRISON SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE MODERNISATION PROGRAMME WOULD MEAN A DECREASE OF THREE RCV'S FROM THE EXISTING FLEET OF 130, THE FLEET'S SERVICE CAPACITY WOULD HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED BECAUSE OF THE GREATER MAXIMUM LOADING CAPACITY OF THE NEW MACHINES.

THE PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE OF THE RSD NOW CLEARS AN AVERAGE OF 1 000 TONNES OF REFUSE DAILY. IN ADDITION TO THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS, ITS CLEANSING STAFF ALSO SERVICE 1 227 REFUSE BIN SITES AND 5 798 LITTER CONTAINERS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SERVICE RESERVOIR.  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REINFORCED CONCRETE FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AT THE NORTH OF PO LAM ROAD NEAR MA YAU TONG VILLAGE IN JUNK BAY.

THE RESERVOIR, WITH A CAPACITY OF 90 000 CUBIC METRES, IS PART OF THE PROPOSED PAK KONG TREATMENT WORKS AND WATER TRANSFER FACILITIES PROJECT AND WILL SUPPLY WATER TO JUNK BAY NEW TOWN, EAST KOWLOON AND THE EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR RENT OF KOWLOON SITE

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A SITE OFF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD NEAR TAI WO PING, IN KOWLOON.

COVERING ABOUT 4 530 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OR CONCRETE BATCHING PURPOSES.

TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE MONTHLY AFTERWARDS. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 11.

TENDER FORM, NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND PLAN AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON AND THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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TSUEN WAN DRAINAGE SYSTEM TO BE UPGRADED

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TO COPE WITH THE GROWTH OF TSUEN WAN, THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN THE NEW TOWN IS TO BE UPGRADED.

WORK WILL INVOLVE IMPROVING THE DRAINAGE CAPACITY OF THE UNDERGROUND STORMWATER DRAIN AT WO YI HOP ROAD NEAR LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, REPLACING THE EXISTING PIPE AT WO YI HOP ROAD WITH A BOX CULVERT, AND INTRODUCING FOUR SILT TRAPS AT LOCATIONS WHERE MAJOR STREAMCOURSES ENTER THE KWAI CHUNG DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN 14 MONTHS.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT AND THE DEADLINE FOR TENDERS IS OCTOBER 11.

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