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SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION 'OUTSTANDING'

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THERE HAS BEEN GENERAL RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION IS AN OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, AND ONE ON WHICH HONG KONG CAN BUILD A SECURE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE, ONE OF HONG KONG'S TOP REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES SAID IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REPRESENTATIVE, HONG KONG'S DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK, MR KERRY MCGLYNN, WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN INTERESTED IN INVESTING IN OR TRADING WITH HONG KONG. OTHER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED HONG KONG'S DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES, MR ANDREW MA.

MR MCGLYNN TOLD THE GATHERING THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT WAS ALSO PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. "EQUALLY, THE BEDDING DOWN PROCESS HAS SHOWN RESULTS ALREADY, POINTING THE WAY TO WHAT ALL CONCERNED ARE DETERMINED WILL BE A SEAMLESS TRANSITION IN 1997," HE SAID.

TURNING TO RECENT REPORTS OF A FLIGHT OF CAPITAL AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS FROM HONG KONG, MR MCGLYNN POINTED TO THE BOOMING ECONOMY, SAYING THAT THE FACTS DID NOT BEAR OUT THE CLAIMS.

"IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE HOW A COMMUNITY SUPPOSEDLY GRIPPED BY FEAR, WHICH IS SUFFERING FROM A MASSIVE BRAIN DRAIN AND A HAEMORRHAGE OF CAPITAL, CAN AT THE SAME TIME MANAGE ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING ECONOMIES IN THE WORLD. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WHEN ALL THE MONEY AND MANAGERS RETURN: LOOK OUT WORLD," HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE POLITICAL SCENE IN HONG KONG, MR MCGLYNN SAID THAT THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WOULD BE IMPORTANT, WITH THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE BASIC LAW NEXT YEAR AND THE RELEASE OF THE WHITE PAPER ON PROPOSALS FOR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AT MORE OR LESS THE SAME TIME. BETWEEN THEM, HE SAID, THESE TWO DOCUMENTS SHOULD SIGNPOST THE WAY FORWARD IN TERMS OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

"IF THE SIGNPOSTS POINT IN WHAT THE PEOPLE PERCEIVE TO BE THE RIGHT DIRECTION, SOME OF THE PRESENT POLITICAL WORRIES SHOULD BE RESOLVED AND A FURTHER PERIOD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND POLITICAL MATURITY CAN BE ANTICIPATED," HE SAID.

"THE JOINT DECLARATION IS A BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE SOLUTION TO A UNIQUE PROBLEM. ALL OF THOSE INVOLVED - THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, BRITAIN AND CHINA - HAVE SO MUCH TO GAIN BY ITS SUCCESS THAT ITS FAILURE IS UNTHINKABLE," MR MCGLYNN CONCLUDED.

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GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO IMPROVE MEDICAL SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT TAKES VERY SERIOUSLY ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPROVE CONTINUALLY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IT PROVIDES FOR THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING THE CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WAS STILL MUCH TO BE DONE IF FUTURE DEMAND BE MET AND TARGETS ACHIEVED.

"WE WILL GO SOME WAY TOWARDS THIS BY THE ADDITION OF 7,000 MORE HOSPITAL BEDS IN THE NEXT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS," HE SAID.

"BUT I HOPE ALSO THAT WE CAN MAKE THE SYSTEM MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE CHANGING NEEDS AND RISING EXPECTATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE, AND ENSURE THAT RESOURCES ARE USED AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE."

IN THIS AREA, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE MAKING USE OF THE REPORT ON THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS ISSUED IN 1985.

STARTING WITH THE SUCCESSFUL CONTAINMENT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES OVER THE PAST DECADES, SIR DAVID RECOUNTED THE EFFORTS AND IMPROVEMENT IN HONG KONG'S MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AND SAID THE RESULT HAD BEEN REMARKABLE.

IN 1965, HONG KONG'S INFANT MORTALITY RATE STOOD AT 60.9 PER THOUSAND LIVE BIRTHS AND IN 1986 IT FELL TO 7.6.

CORRESPONDINGLY, THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE DROPPED FROM 0.9 PER THOUSAND TOTAL BIRTHS IN 1956 TO 0.03 IN 1986.

"LIFE EXPECTANCY HAS ALSO INCREASED. HONG KONG'S AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH IS NOW 74 YEARS FOR MEN AND 79 YEARS FOR WOMEN," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THESE HEALTH INDICES ARE OUTSTANDING BY WORLD STANDARDS. IN 1984, LIFE EXPECTANCY IN HONG KONG WAS GREATER THAN IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY 1.6 YEARS FOR MEN AND 1.4 YEARS FOR WOMEN; AND GREATER THAN IN THE UNITED STATES BY 2.1 YEARS FOR MEN AND 0.7 FOR WOMEN."

ON THE CURATIVE SIDE, SIR DAVID NOTED THE NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS HAD INCREASED FOURFOLD FROM ABOUT 6,000 IN 1956 TO OVER 24,500 IN 1986; AND THE CURRENT "BEDS TO POPULATION RATIO" OF 4.4 BEDS PER THOUSAND COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH FOR INSTANCE SINGAPORE'S 3.9 AND MALAYSIA'S 2.4.

"DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS TREATED IN CLINICS HAS RISEN FROM 2.75 MILLION TO NEARLY 15 MILLION," HE SAID.

"THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE STANDARD OF CARE, AS A RESULT OF THE ACQUISITION OF MORE SOPHISTICATED AND UP-TO-DATE EQUIPMENT."

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NEED FOR INWARD INVESTMENT STRESSED

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THE GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES INWARD INVESTMENT TO STIMULATE THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, PRODUCT INNOVATION AND ADAPTING EXISTING TECHNOLOGY TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF THE MANUFACTURING COMMUNITY.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, AT AN INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION SEMINAR IN BOSTON.

THIS IS THE SECOND OVERSEAS SEMINAR WITHIN A WEEK ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO ATTRACT INWARD INVESTMENT IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, ESPECIALLY IN EQUIPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL SYSTEMS, TO IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCT QUALITY.

A SEMINAR WITH THE SAME THEME WAS HELD IN LONDON ON MONDAY.

ADDRESSING POTENTIAL INVESTORS IN BOSTON, MR YEUNG SAID THAT TO AID INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PROVIDES MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAMMES, AND PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT AND QUALITY PROMOTION SERVICES.

TRAINING IN SHEET METAL PROCESSING WAS COVERED BY THE OPENING OF A PRECISION TOOLING CENTRE IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR. THE CURRICULUM FOR ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO PRODUCE GRADUATES CAPABLE OF DESIGNING PRODUCTS INCORPORATING COMPUTER AND MICROPROCESSOR TECHNOLOGIES, HE SAID.

"AND A TRAINING SCHEME TO ENABLE PRACTISING ENGINEERS TO GO ABROAD AND LEARN THE SKILLS INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN AND USE OF APPLICATIONS SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS HAS BEEN LAUNCHED," ADDED MR YEUNG.

MR YEUNG SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS FUNDED TWO NEW SERVICES LAST YEAR TO HELP MANUFACTURERS ACHIEVE INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF CAD/CAM SYSTEMS AND TO APPLY PRECISION MACHINING.

THE GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL WILL ALSO ACQUIRE PHOTOCHEMICAL MACHINING FACILITIES AND ESTABLISH LABORATORIES FOR SURFACE MOUNTING APPLICATION AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS DESIGN, FROM THIS YEAR ONWARDS.

MR YEUNG TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ADVISES ON PRODUCT STANDARDS. IT ALSO PROVIDES INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED METROLOGY SERVICES AND LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SERVICES, THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT'S STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY WHOSE STANDARDS ARE ACCREDITED BY BRITAIN'S NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY.

MR YEUNG SAID THAT THE CORNERSTONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IS A SERIES OF TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDIES OF MAIN LOCAL INDUSTRIES TO IDENTIFY THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES.

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"WE LOOKED AT ELECTRONICS IN 1983, PLASTICS IN 1986 AND TEXTILES AND GARMENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR," SAID MR YEUNG, ADDING THAT A STUDY ON METAL FABRICATION IS NOW UNDER WAY.

AT \$5,659 MILLION, AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR WHICH REPRESENTS 36.4 PER CENT OF SUCH OVERSEAS INVESTMENT, FOCUSSED UPON ELECTRONICS.

MR YEUNG NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SHIFT IN INDUSTRY TOWARDS AUTOMATION AND SPECIALISATION IN SURFACE MOUNTING AND APPLICATIONS SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS.

"THIS SHIFT HAS ALSO BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY FRESH U.S. INVESTMENT," MR YEUNG ADDED.

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PROPOSALS TO INCREASE INVESTMENT PROMOTION

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PROPOSALS ARE CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED FOR INCREASING THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INVESTMENT PROMOTION WORK.

SPEAKING AT THE NORTH KOWLOON ROTARY LUNCH MEETING TODAY (THURSDAY), THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR IAN HOWARD, SAID: "IN PARTICULAR, WE SHOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TARGET OUR EFFORTS MORE EFFECTIVELY, FIRSTLY BY DEVELOPING OUR RESEARCH CAPABILITY TO IDENTIFY SECTORS AND PRODUCTS FOR WHICH OVERSEAS INVESTMENT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY BENEFICIAL, AND SECONDLY BY UPGRADING OUR COMPUTER FACILITY TO ENABLE US TO TARGET POTENTIAL INVESTORS WORLDWIDE ON A MORE EFFECTIVE BASIS."

THE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTMENT PROMOTION WORK IS CARRIED OUT BY THE INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION DIVISION WHICH CONSISTS OF A "ONE STOP UNIT" HERE IN HONG KONG AND FIVE OFFICES OVERSEAS.

MR HOWARD SAID ALTHOUGH AT LEAST 85 PER CENT OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG IS LOCALLY OWNED, OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE OVERSEAS COMPANIES TEND TO BRING WITH THEM MORE UP-TO-DATE PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES, NEW MARKETS AND MORE MODERN MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

"ALSO, ALTHOUGH OVERSEAS-OWNED FACTORIES COMPRISE ONLY ABOUT ONE PER CENT OF ALL FACTORIES IN HONG KONG (ROUGHLY 500 OUT OF 45,000), THEY EMPLOY ALMOST 10 PER CENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE (86,000 OUT OF 870,000) AND THEY ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 16 PER CENT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS."

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MR HOWARD NOTED THAT SINCE 1983, THE ONE STOP UNIT HAS HELPED 58 NEW OR EXPANDED OVERSEAS MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT PROJECTS WITH A TOTAL INVESTMENT OF CLOSE TO \$1 BILLION, CREATING OVER 2,800 JOBS.

"CURRENTLY THERE ARE 27 COMMITTED PROJECTS WHICH WE EXPECT TO COME ON STREAM DURING 1987.

"MORE IMPORTANT, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THAN DOLLARS AND JOBS IS THE TECHNOLOGY LEVEL OF THE NEW INVESTMENTS.

"ANALYSIS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ITS ASSISTED PROJECTS SHOWS THAT 50 PER CENT INVOLVE TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN THAT EXISTING IN THE RELEVANT SECTOR IN HONG KONG AT THE TIME THE INVESTMENT WAS MADE.

"A FURTHER 30 PER CENT ARE AT A SIMILAR LEVEL TO THE BEST EXISTING HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS. JUST OVER ONE-THIRD OF THE ASSISTED PROJECTS INVOLVED MANUFACTURE OF PRODUCTS NEW TO HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR JULY 1987

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JULY 1987, AT \$68,544 MILLION, GREW BY 40 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, COMPARED WITH JULY 1986, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 33 PER CENT TO \$18,948 MILLION IN JULY 1987 WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 54 PER CENT TO \$16,298 MILLION, BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN JULY 1987 TO \$35,246 MILLION, WHICH WAS 42 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JULY 1986.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 38 PER CENT TO \$33,298 MILLION IN JULY 1987.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BETWEEN JULY 1986 AND JULY 1987.

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN (+68 PER CENT), CHINA (+59 PER CENT), FRANCE (+50 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+42 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+40 PER CENT).

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ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM THE U.S. (+58 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+49 PER CENT), CHINA (+42 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+38 PER CENT) AND ITALY (+35 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, TAIWAN AND CHINA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 125 PER CENT, 114 PER CENT, 67 PER CENT, 55 PER CENT AND 53 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO JULY 1987, AT \$406,616 MILLION, INCREASED BY 40 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT TO \$104,740 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 52 PER CENT TO \$96,425 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 40 PER CENT TO \$201,165 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 39 PER CENT TO \$205,451 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS.

THE MARKETS WITH THE FASTEST GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED JAPAN (+71 PER CENT), CHINA (+67 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+59 PER CENT), FRANCE (+43 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+42 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, THE U.S., GREW BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO JULY 1987 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+65 PER CENT), CHINA (+48 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+45 PER CENT), ITALY (+44 PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (+36 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE U.S., THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TAIWAN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 108 PER CENT, 101 PER CENT, 61 PER CENT, 59 PER CENT AND 58 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN JULY 1987 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY OCTOBER 1987.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS. THE MORE NOTABLE ONES INCLUDE CLOTHING (BY \$7,820 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$3,377 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$3,295 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,649 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$48 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$29 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

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

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$9,082 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$6,626 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$4,799 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$4,353 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$193 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT); AS WELL AS COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$102 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

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

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$5,258 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$3,950 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$3,836 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$3,141 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$340 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT); AS WELL AS COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$183 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

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

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE AVAILABLE IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE JULY 1987 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND SEPTEMBER 20, 1987, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN JULY 1987 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY OCTOBER 1987 AT \$15 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 87 OVER JAN-JUL 86 (%)	JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JUL 87 OVER JUL 86 (%)
U.S.A.	39,637	+17	7,459	+26
CHINA	14,871	+67	2,468	+59
F.R. OF GERMANY	8,020	+42	1,506	+40
U.K.	6,676	+28	1,250	+29
JAPAN	4,934	+71	867	+68
CANADA	3,083	+14	619	+20
NETHERLANDS	2,197	+59	394	+42
SINGAPORE	1,995	+34	334	+30
FRANCE	1,960	+43	331	+50
AUSTRALIA	1,924	+ 9	338	+12

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TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 87 OVER JAN-JUL 86 (%)	JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JUL 87 OVER JUL 86 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	34,927	+29	6,971	+40
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	16,270	+25	2,978	+17
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	8,807	+62	1,401	+48
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	8,158	+48	1,381	+33
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	8,122	+19	1,460	+22
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	7,959	+35	1,337	+39

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 87 OVER JAN-JUL 86 (%)	JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JUL 87 OVER JUL 86 (%)
CHINA	62,385	+48	10,102	+42
JAPAN	40,326	+30	6,672	+32
TAIWAN	18,122	+45	2,821	+38
U.S.A.	17,175	+36	2,951	+58
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	9,328	+65	1,394	+32

SINGAPORE	7,748	+27	1,187	+49
U.K.	6,509	+25	1,064	+26
F.R. OF GERMANY	5,557	+27	853	+16
SWITZERLAND	3,933	+33	658	+24
ITALY	3,364	+44	569	+35

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 87 OVER JAN-JUL 86 (%)	JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JUL 87 OVER JUL 86 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	32,243	+39	4,857	+32
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	19,012	+53	3,323	+52
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	14,260	+44	2,229	+28
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	11,544	+71	1,905	+59
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	11,279	+26	1,957	+26
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	11,028	+47	1,894	+38

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TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 87 OVER JAN-JUL 86 (%)	JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JUL 87 OVER JUL 86 (%)
CHINA	31,361	+49	5,324	+53
U.S.A.	17,929	+61	2,883	+44
TAIWAN	5,173	+58	780	+55
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	5,081	+59	805	+43
JAPAN	4,701	+42	804	+52
SINGAPORE	3,521	+20	583	+28
F.R. OF GERMANY	2,641	+101	530	+114
U.K.	2,196	+108	438	+125
MACAU	1,901	+26	307	+19
AUSTRALIA	1,443	+56	283	+67

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 87 OVER JAN-JUL 86 (%)	JUL 1987 (HKD MN.)	JUL 87 OVER JUL 86 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	15,745	+50	2,655	+51
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	10,581	+60	1,548	+24
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	8,733	+78	1,770	+83

/ELECTRICAL MACHINERY,

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	8,226	+62	1,406	+68
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5,859	+92	1,041	+89
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4,625	+53	801	+57

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1988 LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAD APPROVED AN APPLICATION FROM THE DRAGON SEED CO. LTD. AND THE FIRST PACIFIC GROUP TO CO-SPONSOR A 30-MINUTE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1.5 MILLION.

THE DISPLAY WILL BE STAGED IN VICTORIA HARBOUR ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 18, 1988 (THURSDAY), THE SECOND DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

"THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL BE INVITED TO CO-ORGANISE THE EVENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, "AND THE SPONSORS WILL BE OFFERED TWO FALL-BACK DATES SHOULD THE WEATHER PROVE TO BE UNSUITABLE FOR THE DISPLAY NAMELY, FEBRUARY 20 AND 28, 1988, THE FOURTH AND TWELFTH DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR."

MAJOR FIREWORKS DISPLAYS ARE NORMALLY PERMITTED IN THE HARBOUR DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR AND MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL. THE 1988 DISPLAY WILL BE THE SEVENTH DISPLAY SPONSORED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND STAGED DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD IN HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE THE URBAN COUNCIL WOULD BE INVITED TO CO-ORDINATE THE DISPLAY THROUGH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPONSORS, TECHNICAL ORGANISERS AND CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

"APPLICATIONS FOR THE STAGING OF FIREWORKS DISPLAYS HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES AT LEAST NINE MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE PROPOSED FOR THE DISPLAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR STAGING A FIREWORKS DISPLAY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, 11/F, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION SIGNS CONTRACT FOR FACTORIES

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THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION TODAY (THURSDAY) SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH SHIMIZU CONSTRUCTION CO.LTD. FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SEMI-DETACHED SINGLE-STOREY STANDARD FACTORIES ON AN 8,200-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER, MR A.N. SAVAGE, ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION AND SHIMIZU'S GENERAL MANAGER, MR TAKAHISA OGUMA.

EACH FACTORY BUILDING WILL CONSIST OF A COLUMN-FREE WORKSHOP OF ABOUT 2,000 SQUARE METRES AND OFFICE SPACE OF ABOUT 400 SQUARE METRES.

THE WORKSHOP IS DESIGNED TO HAVE A FLOOR LOADING OF 25 KN PER SQUARE METRE (ABOUT 500 LB/SQ. FT.). THE FLOOR HEIGHT ABOVE THE FACTORY WILL VARY FROM 10 METRES TO EIGHT METRES.

COMPLETION OF THESE TWO STANDARD FACTORIES IS EXPECTED TO BE IN NOVEMBER 1988.

THE CORPORATION INTENDS TO LET THE TWO FACTORIES TO APPLICANTS FOR SITES ON THE YEUN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO ENABLE THEM TO START PRODUCTION BEFORE COMPLETION OF THEIR OWN PURPOSE-BUILT FACTORIES.

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JUNK BAY WATER RESERVOIR AND MAINS LAYING TENDERS INVITED

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A COVERED FRESH WATER RESERVOIR AND FOR LAYING WATER MAINS TO SERVICE FUTURE RESIDENTS OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER (DESIGN) OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR TANG KWOK-YUE, SAID THE RESERVOIR WOULD HAVE A CAPACITY OF 40,000 CUBIC METRES AND BE BUILT OF REINFORCED CONCRETE IN AREA 3 OF THE NEW TOWN.

IN ADDITION, 3,400 METRES OF CROSS-COUNTRY WATER MAINS BETWEEN AREA 2 AND AREA 3, WITH DIAMETERS RANGING FROM 150 TO 1,200 MILLIMETRES, WOULD BE LAID, HE SAID.

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HE ADDED THAT THE RESERVOIR AND THE WATER MAINS WERE NEEDED TO PROVIDE POTABLE WATER SUPPLY TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME SITE IN AREA 4 AND LOW-LEVEL DEVELOPMENTS IN JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR AND TAKE 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 25.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) APPROVED \$48,140 AS BURIAL AND INTERIM ADJUSTMENT GRANTS FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) FUND TO THE FAMILIES OF TWO PEOPLE KILLED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT LAST TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

TWENTY-FIVE OTHER PEOPLE WERE ALSO INJURED IN THE COLLISION BETWEEN A DOUBLE-DECKER BUS AND A CONTAINER LORRY ON TAI PO ROAD. THREE OF THEM WERE GRANTED \$6,373 FROM THE FUND AS ASSISTANCE.

STAFF OF THE TAVA SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE CURRENTLY PROCESSING THE APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM SEVEN OTHER INJURED. THE REMAINING VICTIMS DID NOT APPLY EITHER BECAUSE THEY DID NOT REQUIRE ASSISTANCE OR WERE NOT ELIGIBLE.

THE TAVA SCHEME PROVIDES QUICK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS WITHOUT TAKING REGARD OF THE MEANS OF THE FAMILY OR THE ELEMENT OF FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

ANY PERSON INJURED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE IF THE CASE HAD BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE, AND THE VICTIM HAD OBTAINED THREE DAYS OF SICK LEAVE FROM A REGISTERED DOCTOR OR BY HOSPITALISATION OR BY CERTIFICATION. APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF VICTORIA CENTRE, 15 WATSON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY OR BY CALLING 5-702342.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED FOR THE FOURTH TIME, THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY GRADES FOR ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE E.COLI DATA OBTAINED BY EPD IN ITS ROUTINE BEACH WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAMME. THE E.COLI DATA USED FOR GRADING ARE BASED ON THE MEDIAN VALUES OF THE FIVE MOST RECENT RESULTS, OBTAINED OVER A TWO-AND-A-HALF MONTH PERIOD ACCORDING TO THE USUAL SAMPLING FREQUENCY.

A SPOKESMAN OF EPD SAID THE GRADES FOR SOME BEACHES MAY FLUCTUATE. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF THE BEACHES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE SWIMMING AREAS. NEVERTHELESS THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THE BEACHES AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST OF THE BEACH WATER QUALITY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS BELOW:

A GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E.COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN 0-99 PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD.

B GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E.COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN 100-999 PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE.

C GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E.COLI COUNT IS 1000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR.

HE SAID THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE. NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY NEED TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY. SIMILARLY A RECOMMENDATION TO REOPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED. THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

/THE GRADES

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- AS AT 27.8.87	PRESENT GRADING ----- AS AT 10.9.87
 HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	A	A
CHUNG HOM KOK	C	B
DEEP WATER BAY	A	A
HAIRPIN	A	A
MIDDLE BAY	B	B
REPULSE BAY	B	B
SHEK O	A	A
SOUTH BAY	A	A
ST. STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	A
STANLEY MAIN	B	B
ROCKY BAY, SHEK O	B	B
TO TEI WAN*	A	A
 ISLANDS DISTRICT -----		
CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A

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KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	B	B
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	B	B
SILVERMINE BAY	C	C
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	A	A
TUNG O*	A	A

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	B	B
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	B	A
HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	B	B
TRIO (HEBEHAVEN)	A	A

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	C	C
APPROACH	C	C
CASAM	B	B
GEMINI	B	A
HOI MEI WAN	B	B
LIDO	B	B
TING KAU	B	B
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A

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OLD CAFETERIA	C	C
NEW CAFETERIA	B	B
CASTLE PEAK	C	C
KADOORIE BEACH	B	B
BUTTERFLY	B	B

* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES

COMMENTING ON THE LATEST RESULTS, THE EPD SPOKESMAN SAID CLEAR WATER BAY SECOND BEACH AND GEMINI BEACH HAD CHANGED FROM "B" TO "A". BOTH OF THESE BEACHES ARE GENERALLY GOOD. THEIR WATER QUALITY IS ON THE BORDERLINE BETWEEN "B" AND "A", AND OCCASIONAL FLUCTUATION BETWEEN THE TWO GRADES WILL THEREFORE OCCUR.

CHUNG HOM KOK BEACH HAD CHANGED FROM "C" TO "B". THIS BEACH IS AFFECTED BY A STREAM RUNNING INTO THE BEACH. THE PREVIOUS "C" GRADING WAS DUE TO THE RAINS FLUSHING THE FAECAL POLLUTANT IN THE STREAM TO THE BEACH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT DR P.W. LAI, ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF EPD, ON 3-7211044.

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DUTCH TRADE MISSION TOURS KWAI TSING

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A 20-MEMBER TRADE MISSION FROM THE NETHERLANDS VISITED THE CONTAINER PORT AND A FACTORY IN KWAI CHUNG TODAY (THURSDAY) WITH THE AIM OF FOSTERING CLOSER ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND HONG KONG.

KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, AND THE DUTCH CONSUL-GENERAL IN HONG KONG, MR E.M. MICHIELS VAN KESSENICH ACCOMPANIED THE TRADE MISSION, WHICH WAS LED BY THE DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE NETHERLANDS FOREIGN TRADE AGENCY OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, DR W. MAARSE, DURING THE VISIT.

MEMBERS OF THE TRADE MISSION INCLUDED SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NETHERLANDS COUNCIL FOR TRADE PROMOTION AND MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING AND TRADING FIRMS.

THEY TOURED THE OPERATIONAL TOWER AND FACILITIES OF THE MODERN TERMINALS LIMITED, ONE OF THE THREE COMPANIES OPERATING AT THE CONTAINER PORT. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD BETWEEN THE TRADE MISSION AND COMPANY EXECUTIVE ON MAJOR EXPANSION PLAN, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER BERTH OF THE CONTAINER PORT IN 1989.

THEY ALSO VISITED MILO'S KNITWEAR FACTORY WHICH HAS SUBSTANTIAL BUSINESS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. THE FACTORY, EXPANDING INTO A WORKFORCE OF 1,000 IN THE PAST 15 YEARS, EXPORTS MOST OF ITS KNITWEAR, GARMENTS AND DYEING PRODUCTS TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

HONG KONG WAS CHOSEN BY THE NETHERLANDS TRADE MISSION AS A PLACE TO VISIT AS THERE IS CLOSE BUSINESS RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES AND THE CONTAINER PORT IN HONG KONG IS THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST WHILE THE ONE ON ROTTERDAM OF THE NETHERLANDS IS NUMBER ONE.

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VARIETY SHOW TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION

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A VOTER REGISTRATION VARIETY SHOW ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 12) AFTERNOON AT THE OPEN AIR THEATRE OF FAIRVIEW PARK IN YUEN LONG RURAL NORTH TO ENCOURAGE ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO REGISTER.

A TEMPORARY VOTER REGISTRATION COUNTER WILL BE SET UP NEXT TO THE THEATRE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ORGANISERS WILL HELP PEOPLE FILL IN THE REGISTRATION FORMS.

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THE SHOW WILL FEATURE SINGING, DANCING AND MAGIC SHOW. BOTH RESIDENTS OF FAIRVIEW PARK AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FREE SHOW.

YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG CHI-KONG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION VARIETY SHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE VARIETY SHOW AT 3 PM ON SEPTEMBER 12 (SATURDAY) AT THE OPEN AIR THEATRE IN FAIRVIEW PARK, TAI SANG WAI, YUEN LONG. INFORMATION OFFICER, MRS BRENDA RUMJAHN, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

A GOVERNMENT VAN (AM5797) WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER (NEXT TO TSIM SHA TSUI STAR FERRY) AT 1.30 PM TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO FAIRVIEW PARK.

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MONG KOK DB TO DISCUSS GREEN PAPER

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW PUBLIC VIEWS ON POLITICAL REFORM THAT THEY HAVE GATHERED THROUGH CONTACTS WITH RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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SPECIAL DB MEETING TO DISCUSS GREEN PAPER

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, 39 TONKIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 2 PM IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 39 TONKIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FESTIVAL STARTS TOMORROW

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF LIGHTS AT THE PARK LANE BOULEVARD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE TWO-MONTH LONG YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI FESTIVAL.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR YIP WAH AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A TV SPECIAL ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE DISTRICT WILL BE BROADCAST ON TVB JADE AT 10.05 PM.

JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED, THE SHOW WILL PORTRAY THE OLDER PARTS OF THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

THE PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL BODIES WHICH INCLUDE THE MARCHING BAND OF WELLINGTON COLLEGE AND THE DISTRICT'S CHILDREN CHOIR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF LIGHTS AT THE PARK LANE BOULEVARD AT 7.45 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT FOR TSUEN WAN
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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE DRAFT PROGRAMME COVERS BUS ROUTES, FERRY SERVICES AND OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORT FOR 1988/89.

A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE MA WAN FRESH WATER SUPPLY PROJECT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT GIVING DETAILS OF THE MAINLAYING AND SERVICE RESERVOIR CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROGRESS REPORT ON MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT (MEI) PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT. THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED SOME \$520,000 TO CARRY OUT SUCH PROJECT WORKS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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EXHIBITION ON RENAL DISEASES
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AN EXHIBITION ON THE PREVENTION OF RENAL DISEASES WILL BE STAGED AT THE SHUN TAK CENTRE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) UNTIL SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) AS PART OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT'S "WE CARE" ACTIVITIES.

THE FUNCTION IS TO AROUSE PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM THE DISEASES AND TO EDUCATE THEM ON TREATMENT AND PREVENTION AS WELL AS MEDICAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ART (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE SHUN TAK CENTRE, THE EXHIBITION WILL OPEN FROM 12 NOON TO 6 PM.

A HAEMODIALYSIS MACHINE WILL BE DISPLAYED DURING THE OPENING HOURS SO THAT VISITORS MAY LEARN ABOUT ITS OPERATION.

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REPORT OF SECONDARY STUDENTS' UNRULY BEHAVIOUR PUBLISHED

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A REPORT ON THE SURVEY OF UNRULY AND DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR OF PUPILS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1985/86 WILL BE RELEASED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE REPORT COMPILED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNRULY AND DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOLS, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SAME AFTERNOON.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS), MR WONG SIK-WAH; AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MRS GRACE YUNG, AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, LEE GARDENS, 3RD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY AT 3.30 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 11).

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