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MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR WAS VALUED AT $111,019 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989, 20 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989, AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT, 21 PER CENT AND 28 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988.

THEIR SHARES IN TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS WERE 29 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 16 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, AS COMPARED TO THE CORRESPONDING SHARES OF 27 PER CENT, 21 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988.

IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, AIRBORNE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 152,411 TONNES, WHILE TOTAL AIRBORNE EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AMOUNTED TO 186,380 TONNES, WHICH WERE 9 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988.

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, PARTICULARLY JAPAN (+29 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+22 PER CENT), CANADA (+21 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+16 PER CENT) AND THE NETHERLANDS (+15 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE USA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE LARGEST AND THE THIRD LARGEST MARKETS (THE SECOND BEING JAPAN), ALSO INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY $1,182 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $441 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $419 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY $398 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY $46 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT); POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY $33 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); AND FOOTWEAR (BY $22 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

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FURTHER ANALYSES OF COMMODITY BY COUNTRY SHOWED INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO THE USA (BY $372 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT) AND TO JAPAN (BY $352 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS TO THE USA (BY $124 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT) AND TO SINGAPORE (BY $75 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY $107 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS TO JAPAN (BY $192 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY $37 MILLION OR 91 PER CENT) AND TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY $8 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT); POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO SINGAPORE (BY $28 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT); AND FOOTWEAR TO THE USA (BY $22 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

IMPORTS CARRIED BY AIR FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988. SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM INDIA (+58 PER CENT), ITALY (+48 PER CENT), THE USA (+36 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+27 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+25 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM JAPAN AND SWITZERLAND, THE LARGEST AND THE THIRD LARGEST SUPPLIERS (THE SECOND BEING THE USA), ALSO INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY $1,796 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $1,748 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT); TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY $988 MILLION OR 225 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY $913 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY $123 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT); INORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY $21 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT) AND CRUDE FERTILISERS AND CRUDE MINERALS (EXCLUDING COAL, PETROLEUM AND PRECIOUS STONES (BY $5 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT).

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ANALYSED BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES FROM INDIA (BY $755 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT) AND FROM BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (BY $393 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM THE USA (BY $527 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AND FROM JAPAN (BY $384 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT); TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES FROM THE USA (BY $1,025 MILLION OR 567 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS FROM THE USA (BY $228 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS FROM CHINA (BY $193 MILLION OR 82 PER CENT) AND FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY $26 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); INORGANIC CHEMICALS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY $37 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT) AND CRUDE FERTILIZERS AND CRUDE MINERALS (EXCLUDING COAL, PETROLEUM AND PRECIOUS STONES) FROM THE IRISH REPUBLIC (BY $5 MILLION OR 100 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE DEPICTED IN TABLE 3.

HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988. THE GROWTH WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG IN THAILAND (+123 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+56 PER CENT), JAPAN (+54 PER CENT), BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (+31 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+30 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+25 PER CENT) AND CHINA (+24 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO THE USA AND TAIWAN, THE TOP TWO MARKETS ALSO INCREASED, BY 19 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY $1,126 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $833 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $779 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT); AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY $724 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY $133 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT); TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY $61 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT) AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY $16 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO THE USA (BY $521 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT) AND TO JAPAN (BY $174 MILLION OR 96 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO TAIWAN (BY $345 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT) AND TO SINGAPORE (BY $285 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO JAPAN (BY $296 MILLION OR 83 PER CENT); AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES TO THAILAND (BY $183 MILLION OR 111 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS TO TAIWAN (BY $98 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT) AND TO SINGAPORE (BY $35 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT); TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES TO THE USA (BY $37 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT) AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS TO CHINA (BY $7 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, JUNE 1989" NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT $17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234915.

TABLE 1 : AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
USA	11,738	11,019	+ 718	+ 7
JAPAN	3,228	2,509	+ 719	+ 29
F.R. OF GERMANY	2,664	2,396	+ 268	+ 11
UK	1,746	1,595	+ 151	+ 9
SINGAPORE	1,260	1,086	+ 175	+ 16
CANADA	866	714	+ 151	+ 21
SWITZERLAND	803	729	+ 74	+ 10
NETHERLANDS	735	639	+ 96	+ 15
TAIWAN	732	602	+ 130	+ 22
FRANCE	703	629	+ 74	+ 12

TABLE 2 : AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
JAPAN	11,757	10,543	+ 1,215	+ 12
USA	10,803	7,953	+ 2,850	+ 36
SWITZERLAND	3,665	3,294	+ 371	+ 11

/TAIWAN 2,571 .....

TAIWAN	2,571	2,021	+ 550	+ 27
ITALY	2,481	1,675	+ 806	+ 48
SINGAPORE	2,459	1,966	+ 494	+ 25
UK	2,200	2,112	+ 88	+ 4
INDIA	2,088	1,323	+ 764	+ 58
ISRAEL	1,998	1,735	+ 262	+ 15
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,939	1,665	+ 274	+ 16

TABLE 3 : AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
USA	4,731	3,961	+ 770	+ 19
TAIWAN	3,913	3,338	+ 576	+ 17
JAPAN	3,017	1,962	+ 1,054	+ 54
SINGAPORE	2,205	1,702	+ 503	+ 30
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,030	1,622	+ 408	+ 25
CHINA	1,638	1,316	+ 322	+ 24
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,096	704	+ 393	+ 56
BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG	707	539	+ 167	+ 31
UK	701	575	+ 126	+ 22
THAILAND	634	285	+ 349	+ 123

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GOVT PLAYS A ROLE IN ASSISTING WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PLAYING ITS ROLE IN ASSISTING THE LOCAL WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1989 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL WATCH AND CLOCK FAIR ORGANISED BY THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, SIR DAVID SAID THE INDUSTRY FACED BOTH TOUGH COMPETITION IN THE REGION IN ITS LOWER-END PRODUCTION, AND INCREASING DEMANDS FROM BUYERS FOR EVER HIGHER STANDARDS OF QUALITY.

"TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE, THE INDUSTRY NEEDS TO MOVE TOWARDS THE HIGH QUALITY END OF THE PRODUCTION SCALE AND BE INNOVATIVE IN ITS DESIGNS.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING ITS ROLE IN ASSISTING THE INDUSTRY IN BOTH," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD SET UP A PRECISION TOOLING TRAINING CENTRE WITHIN THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

"WE HAVE ALSO RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN A JOINT PROJECT WITH THE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AGENCY WHICH WILL PROVIDE TRAINING IN THE LATEST PRECISION SHEET METAL PROCESSING TECHNIQUES," HE ADDED.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THESE MEASURES WERE NOT DIRECTED AT THE INDUSTRY IN PARTICULAR, THEY SHOULD HELP IN ASSISTING THE WATCH AND CLOCK MANUFACTURERS TO MOVE INTO NEW AREAS OF PRODUCTION SUCH AS PRECISION PART MANUFACTURING.

SIR DAVID SAID THE INDUSTRY HAD OBVIOUSLY RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD DESIGN.

"THE DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE TRADE/FAIR COMMITTEE IS ONE OF THE MEANS TO PROMOTE ORIGINALITY AND CREATIVITY.

"HERE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO PLAYED ITS PART: THROUGH THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, WE OFFER COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN SERVICES WHICH SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY WAS NOT ONLY AN IMPORTANT EMPLOYER AND AN IMPRESSIVE EXPORT EARNER, IT ALSO PROVIDED A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE SUCCESS WITH WHICH HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS MOVING INTO HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION.

"THE IMPRESSIVE GROWTH OF THIS INDUSTRY EPITOMISES THE CHARACTERISTICS OF HONG KONG: A STRONG HEART TO COMPETE AND A HIGH DEGREE OF ADAPTABILITY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID CONGRATULATED THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG WATCH TRADES AND INDUSTRIES, AND THE HONG KONG WATCH MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN MAKING THE EXHIBITION SUCH AN ATTRACTION.

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LADY WILSON PRAISES DEDICATION OF DISABLED SPORTSMEN

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INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS HAVE A VALUE WAY BEYOND MEDALS, LADY WILSON, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THE PLEASURE AND EXPERIENCE WHICH ALL THE PARTICIPANTS MUST GAIN FROM, AND THE FRIENDSHIPS THAT DEVELOP ON THESE OCCASIONS, ARE OF IMMEASURABLE BENEFIT TO ALL THOSE TAKING PART," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE HONG KONG PHYSICALLY DISABLED SPORTS TEAM.

THE TEAM WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE FIFTH FAR EAST AND SOUTH PACIFIC (FESPIC) GAMES FOR THE DISABLED IN KOBE, JAPAN.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED, LADY WILSON SAID THE PARTICIPATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE, IN SPORT GENERALLY, EPITOMISED THE SPIRIT WHICH WAS SO CLEARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ASSOCIATION'S MOTTO: "IT'S ABILITY, NOT DISABILITY, THAT COUNTS".

"THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION OF THE DISABLED SPORTSMEN, AND THEIR EXCELLENT PREVIOUS RESULTS IN WINNING A LARGE NUMBER OF MEDALS IN THE PREVIOUS FOUR MEETINGS, ARE FINE EXAMPLES OF THAT SPIRIT IN ACTION," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON CONGRATULATED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS EFFORTS IN ARRANGING SUCH EXCELLENT TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR SPORTSMEN.

SHE ALSO THANKED ALL THE SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND ENABLING HONG KONG TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS.

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MOULD AND DIE INDUSTRY PROVIDES VITAL SUPPORT TO MANUFACTURING

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THE MOULD AND DIE INDUSTRY PROVIDES A VITAL LINK IN SUPPORT OF OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND THIS SUPPORT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS HONG KONG UPGRADES INTO THE MANUFACTURE OF HIGH PRECISION AND BETTER QUALITY PRODUCTS.

THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID THIS AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG MOULD AND DIE COUNCIL TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR BARMA SAID THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS, AND THE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY OF OUR FINISHED PRODUCTS DEPENDED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE MOULD AND DIE INDUSTRY FOR THE SUPPLY OF HIGH QUALITY AND EFFICIENT PRODUCTION TOOLINGS.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT TWO DEVELOPMENTS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE GROWTH OF THE MOULD AND DIE INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

"FIRST," HE SAID, "WITH THE SHIFT OF OUR LABOUR INTENSIVE ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS TO LOWER LABOUR COST COUNTRIES, NOTABLY SOUTH CHINA AND THAILAND, HONG KONG HAS DEVELOPED AS A SUPPLY BASE NOT ONLY IN RESPECT OF A VARIETY OF MANUFACTURING SERVICES BUT ALSO OF MATERIALS, PARTS, COMPONENTS AND TOOLINGS WHICH CANNOT BE SOURCED FROM THESE COUNTRIES."

SECONDLY, MR BARMA SAID, IN ORDER TO COPE WITH SMALL BATCH ORDERS, SHORT PRODUCT LIFE CYCLES, STRINGENT QUALITY REQUIREMENTS, AND THE LABOUR SHORTAGE, THE MANUFACTURERS HAD TO INTRODUCE MORE EFFICIENT AND FLEXIBLE PRODUCTION METHODS.

HE SAID THIS IN TURN DEMANDED BETTER TOOLING SUPPORT.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT A STUDY OF THE METALS AND LIGHT ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES IN 1988 REVEALED THAT THE MOULD AND DIE INDUSTRY WAS FRAGMENTED, CONSISTED OF A LARGE NUMBER OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND HAD NO REPRESENTATIVE BODY FOR MOULD AND DIE MAKERS IN HONG KONG.

"HAVING CONSIDERED THE STUDY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, THE METALS COMMITTEE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO FORM A TRADE ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE AND REPRESENT THE MOULD AND DIE INDUSTRIES," MR BARMA SAID.

HE SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG MOULD AND DIE COUNCIL WAS TIMELY IN THAT IT HELPED TO FOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE INDUSTRIES' GROWING IMPORTANCE IN MANUFACTURING.

"WHILE THERE ARE NO ACCURATE STATISTICS ON THE MOULD AND DIE INDUSTRIES, IT IS THOUGHT THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN 2,000 MOULD AND DIE FACTORIES IN HONG KONG, EMPLOYING OVER 15,000 WORKERS," MR BARMA SAID.

"IN 1988, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOULDS AND DIES REACHED $950 MILLION, REPRESENTING A SIX-FOLD INCREASE COMPARED WITH THAT IN 1983," HE ADDED.

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HIGHEST STANDARDS EXPECTED OF 'BLUE BERETS'

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THE REPUTATION OF THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT, OR COMMONLY KNOWN AS "BLUE BERETS", IS WELL KNOWN TO THE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, SAID.

ADDRESSING A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF THE "ECHO" COMPANY AT THE PTU HEADQUARTERS IN FANLING LAST (FRIDAY) NIGHT, MR ANNING SAID THE PTU WAS ALWAYS TO THE FORE, NOT ONLY IN TIMES OF SUDDEN OR UNEXPECTED EVENTS, BUT ALSO AT MORE ROUTINE CROWD CONTROL AND ANTI-CRIME DUTIES.

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THE PUBLIC HAD COME, QUITE RIGHTLY, TO EXPECT THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF DUTY PERFORMANCE FROM WEARERS OF THE "BLUE BERET", HE SAID.

ON THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME OF THE PTU, MR ANNING SAID THE MOST UP TO DATE FACILITIES WOULD BE COMPLETED AT THE NEW DEPOT AT VOLUNTEER SLOPES FOR OCCUPATION BY NEW TRAINEES IN THE COMING MONTHS.

"IN 1991, THE SECOND PHASE WILL BE COMPLETED WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE FORCE WITH THE MOST ADVANCED COMPLEX OF FIRING RANGES AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG.

"CLEARLY THESE DEVELOPMENTS WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH OFFICERS ARE TRAINED IN THE TACTICS AND SKILLS OF THE PTU," THE POLICE CHIEF SAID.

TURNING TO THE BRIGHT APPEARANCE OF THE OFFICERS ON PARADE, MR ANNING SAID THEIR SMART AND PROFESSIONAL TURNOUT HAD LONG BEEN A SUBJECT OF FAVOURABLE COMMENT BY VISITORS TO HONG KONG FROM OVERSEAS.

THE "ECHO" COMPANY, COMMANDED BY SUPERINTENDENT LEE WAI-LAM, COMPRISES 140 OFFICERS WHO WERE DRAWN FROM DIFFERENT RANKS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION.

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ENHANCED COMMAND AND CONTROL COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR POLICE FORCE

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PREPARING TO GO "LIVE" NEXT YEAR AT THE POLICE KOWLOON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS THE FIRST PHASE OF THE FORCE'S HUGE NEW ENHANCED COMMAND AND CONTROL COMPUTER SYSTEM (ECACCS).

AT THE PRESS OF A BUTTON NEXT SEPTEMBER AS STAFF END THEIR DUTY SHIFT AT THE OLD CONTROL CENTRE THE KOWLOON SYSTEM WILL BE SWITCHED INTO ITS NEW CUSTOM-BUILT AND DESIGNED COMPUTER SUITE, MANNED BY SPECIALLY TRAINED PERSONNEL.

THE KOWLOON COMMAND CENTRE WILL FORM THE PROTOTYPE FOR SIMILAR SYSTEMS TO BE INSTALLED IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE FIRST FOUR TERMINALS, DESIGNED AND BUILT FOR THE PROJECT, HAVE BEEN DELIVERED AND THE COMPUTER IS DUE TO ARRIVE NEXT MONTH. PROGRAMMERS ARE NOW WORKING ON THE FINAL STAGES OF THE PREPARATION OF MATERIAL INPUT THAT HAS BEEN THEIR FULL TIME JOB FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS.

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THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SCHEME, WHICH INCLUDES A COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT SUB-SYSTEM, WILL EMBRACE AND EXPAND THE FORCE BEAT RADIO SYSTEM AND PROVIDE COMPUTER LINKS BETWEEN ALL REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRES AND INTERFACES WITH THE POLICE OPERATIONAL NOMINAL INDEX COMPUTER SYSTEM (PONICS) AND THE VEHICLE AND LICENCING IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (VALID).

IT WILL BE THE LARGEST COMPUTER SYSTEM IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THE STAFF OFFICER (ECACCS SUPPORT) IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BRANCH, MR ALEX MCNAIR, SAID: "AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF TALKING ABOUT IT WE NOW HAVE SOMETHING TANGIBLE. WE'VE REACHED THE STAGE WHEN THE SYSTEM IS BEING BUILT. THE PROTOTYPE CONSOLE IS THERE AND OTHERS ARE GOING INTO PRODUCTION.

"THERE WILL BE NO PRODUCTION PROBLEMS ON THE PROGRAMMING SIDE. THERE'S BEEN A BIG TEAM WORKING ON IT FOR YEARS."

THE NEW KOWLOON HEADQUARTERS CONTROL CENTRE WILL LINK ALL DISTRICTS AND DIVISIONS AND PROVIDE INSTANT LINKS WITH TRAFFIC AND PATROL OFFICERS ON BEATS.

WHEN THE SYSTEM GOES "LIVE" THE OUTDATED CONTROL CENTRE WILL BE REPLACED WITH A NEW CONTROLLER COMMANDING A STAFF OF 80 IN A HUGE PURPOSE-BUILT ROOM IN WHICH THE COMFORT AND EFFICIENCY OF THE PERSONNEL AT WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED WITH THE SAME EYE FOR DETAIL AS THE "STATE OF THE ART" EQUIPMENT.

THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE QUIET, THE ROOM CARPETED AND WINDOWED. THE SPACIOUS SURROUNDINGS WILL BE PLANTED WITH DECORATIVE SHRUBS. EVEN THE CHAIRS WHICH WILL BE OCCUPIED FOR AN ENTIRE SHIFT SOMETIMES CONTINUOUSLY, HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR COMFORT.

THE COMPUTER AREA WILL BE RESTRICTED TO WORKERS ONLY. STAFF NOT REQUIRED WILL BE ALLOCATED A SEPARATE AREA FOR RESTING OR HAVING REFRESHMENT. THE CENTRE WILL HAVE ITS OWN LAVATORIES, SHOWERS AND KITCHEN.

STAFF FOR THE NEW CONTROL CENTRES WILL BE SPECIALLY TRAINED IN A THREE-WEEK COURSE, STARTING NEXT MAY.

MR MCNAIR SAID THE STAFFING OF CONTROL CENTRES IN THE FUTURE WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE FROM ITS PRESENT SYSTEM OF SELECTION BY DRAWING ON PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY WERE AVAILABLE.

"WE'RE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN TRAINING TO GET THE BEST WE CAN FROM THE PEOPLE WORKING IN THE CONTROL CENTRES. THEY WILL HAVE TO WORK THERE FOR A REASONABLE TIME.

"WE FORESEE THAT THE CONTROL STAFF OF ECACCS WILL GET JOB SATISFACTION WORKING IN THEM.

"IT'S VERY EXCITING THAT WHAT WAS STARTED AS LONG AGO AS 1982 IS NOW AT LAST COMING TOGETHER."

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TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UP 19 PER CENT

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IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989-90, THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 2,745 COMPLAINTS, AN INCREASE OF 19 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TCU TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID THE COMPLAINTS WERE RELATED MAINLY TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT.

AS REGARDS THE ADEQUACY OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 223 COMPLAINTS COVERING HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 39 CASES OR 21 PER CENT.

ON THE STANDARD OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE, THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 519 COMPLAINTS, AN INCREASE OF 64 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 317 COMPLAINTS IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THESE COMPLAINTS WERE TAKEN UP INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE BUS COMPANIES CONCERNED.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST TAXI SERVICES DECREASED BY 14 PER CENT FROM 455 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 390 CASES.

THESE COMPLAINTS WERE MOSTLY CONCERNED WITH TAXI DRIVERS NOT TAKING THE MOST DIRECT ROUTEING, OVERCHARGING, REFUSING HIRE OR SOLICITING PASSENGERS, FAILING TO REACH DESTINATIONS, AND MISCONDUCT OR DRIVING IN A POOR MANNER.

THE NUMBERS OF COMPLAINTS RELATED TO RAIL TRANSPORT SERVICES AND FERRY SERVICES ROSE FROM LAST QUARTER'S 51 CASES TO 58 CASES, AND FROM 21 CASES TO 25 CASES RESPECTIVELY. THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINT INCLUDE PASSENGER SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION INCREASED BY 65 PER CENT TO 372 CASES.

AMONG THEM, 103 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 173 IN KOWLOON, 92 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND FOUR IN TUNNEL AREAS.

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO ROAD CONGESTION INCLUDED TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS, VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION, AND ROAD WORKS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES DROPPED BY 12 PER CENT FROM 266 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 233 THIS QUARTER.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN WERE PHASING OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND TRAFFIC LANE ARRANGEMENT, AND ADDITION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND AIDS, AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS INCREASED BY 48 PER CENT FROM 162 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 239 CASES.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINTS WERE DEFECTIVE ROAD SURFACES, FAULTY TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNS/AIDS.

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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CASES STOOD AT 396 IN THE QUARTER, AN INCREASE OF 28 CASES OR EIGHT PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THESE WERE RELATED MAINLY TO REQUESTS FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL PARKING AND MOTORISTS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES MEET DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

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SERVICES BY CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES MEET THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (YOUTH AND REHABILITATION), MR KWOK KA-CHI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BELVEDERE GARDEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES IN TSUEN WAN, MR KWOK SAID YOUNG PEOPLE, APART FROM TAKING PART IN MEANINGFUL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT THESE CENTRES, COULD ALSO BE ASSISTED BY PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

"THESE CENTRES ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO WIDEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE, BUILD UP THEIR CONFIDENCE AND DEVELOP THEIR SOCIAL SKILLS, POTENTIALS, ANALYTICAL ABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE, WHICH ARE BENEFICIAL TO HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT," MR KWOK SAID.

"THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES PROVIDED BY THESE CENTRES HELP YOUTHS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THEIR FAMILIES, WHICH IN TURN HELP IMPROVE THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS AND RAISE THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE.

"ALSO, THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMMES PROVIDED BY THESE CENTRES ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING AND RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

MR KWOK NOTED THAT APART FROM THE BELVEDERE GARDEN CENTRE, THERE WERE NOW THREE CHILDREN'S CENTRES, ONE YOUTH CENTRE AND SEVEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES IN TSUEN WAN TO SERVE THE 220,000 POPULATION THERE.

WHEN TWO MORE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WERE OPENED IN THE DISTRICT EARLY NEXT YEAR, THE TARGET OF PROVIDING ONE SUCH CENTRE FOR EVERY 20,000 TO 30,000 POPULATION WOULD BE MET, HE ADDED.

MR KWOK COMMENDED THE HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES FOR PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES, INCLUDING CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND SOCIAL WORK UNITS, TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

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FERRY PIER AT LUK KENG EXTENDED

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RESIDENTS IN YAM O AND PICNICKERS WILL FIND IT MORE CONVENIENT TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM TSUEN WAN WITH THE COMPLETION OF AN EXTENSION TO THE FERRY PIER IN LUK KENG ON LANTAU ISLAND.

YAM O, A SMALL VILLAGE SITUATED AT THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF LANTAU, IS A SCENIC SPOT WHICH ATTRACTS INCREASING NUMBERS OF VISITORS AND HIKERS DURING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LUK KENG FERRY PIER EXTENSION TODAY (SATURDAY), THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, SAID WITH THE IMPROVED PIER, THE "KAITOS" WOULD NO LONGER FIND IT DIFFICULT TO MOOR AT LUK KENG DURING LOW TIDES.

"THE EXTENSION PROJECT COSTS ABOUT $500,000 AND HAS TAKEN LESS THAN A YEAR TO COMPLETE UNDER THE CLOSE SUPERVISION OF THE WORKS SECTION OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE," HE SAID.

THE PROJECT IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ITEMS UNDER THE DISTRICT'S LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME.

AS FOR TO THE WORKS SECTION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, MR SHIU SAID IT WAS MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS UNDER THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AND THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME MONITORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

"PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY THE WORKS SECTION IN RECENT YEARS INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROADS AND FOOTBRIDGES IN THE RURAL AREAS OF TSUEN WAN.

"IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, OVER $1.5 MILLION HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR WORKS SUCH AS THE IMPROVEMENT OF A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT TSING LUNG TAU AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT WO YI HOP VILLAGE," HE SAID.

MR SHIU SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THESE PROJECTS WOULD HELP TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF RESIDENTS.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN KWUN TONG

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WILL ADDRESS A GATHERING OF 300 KWUN TONG RESIDENTS AT A SEMINAR ON MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE PARTICIPANTS ARE MOSTLY MEMBERS OF AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS ON MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING, AS WELL AS IN HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME BUILDINGS.

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ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S HOUSING COMMITTEE, THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 5.30 PM AT THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

MR LAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT FOR KWUN TONG RESIDENTS AT THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (SUNDAY). THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WORKS PROJECTS REPORTS

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A NUMBER OF PROGRESS REPORTS ON WORKS PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 11).

THE REPORTS OVER BUILDING, PUBLIC HOUSING, HIGHWAY AND OTHER ENGINEERING PROJECTS, AS WELL AS PROJECTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS A MEMBER'S SUGGESTION TO PROVIDE A CYCLE TRACK LINKING SHEK O AND BIG WAVE BAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 11) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION FOR THE ELDERLY

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ABOUT 900 ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE TREATED TO A CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCE AND SONGS TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL AT THE CHEUNG WAH CENTRAL PLAYGROUND IN FANLING ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 11) EVENING.

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY ACTIVITIES AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

"APART FROM PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT TO SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, THE EVENT ALSO AIMS AT AROUSING PEOPLE'S AWARENESS TO CARE FOR, AND, RESPECT THE ELDERLY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SAID.

PARTICIPANTS, ALL AGED 60 OR ABOVE, WILL ALSO BE TREATED WITH SEASONAL SPECIALTIES SUCH AS MOONCAKES AND FRUITS.

AMONG THE GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; THE ASSISTANT NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS TERESA WONG, AND THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (TAI PO AND NORTH), MR STEPHEN CHAU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION FOR THE ELDERLY ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 11) AT 7 PM AT THE CHEUNG WAH CENTRAL PLAYGROUND, FANLING.

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NEW EMPLOYMENT OFFICE FOR KWAI CHUNG

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THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN A NEW OFFICE IN KWAI CHUNG ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) TO PROVIDE FREE EMPLOYMENT AND PLACEMENT SERVICES TO JOB-SEEKERS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE NEW OFFICE, WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF VICTORY GARDEN, 153 TAI LOONG STREET, IS CLOSE TO COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND HOUSING ESTATES.

"IT HAS A LARGE WAITING HALL FOR DISPLAY OF JOB VACANCY CARDS AND IS EQUIPPED WITH A FACSIMILE SYSTEM FOR TRANSMISSION OF VACANCY INFORMATION TO OTHER EMPLOYMENT OFFICES," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

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"RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT NEED ONLY TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.

"THEY WILL BE REFERRED TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS FOR SELECTION INTERVIEWS AFTER MAKING THEIR CHOICE OF VACANCIES." HE ADDED.

AS FOR EMPLOYERS, THEY CAN PLACE THEIR VACANCY ORDERS WITH THE OFFICE EITHER IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONING 0-4283796.

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NEW RECREATION CENTRE, LIBRARY ON PENG CHAU
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RESIDENTS ON PENG CHAU WILL HAVE A NEW RECREATION CENTRE AND LIBRARY IN TWO YEARS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT. CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN APRIL 1991.

THE COMPLEX WILL HAVE A MULTI-PURPOSE GAMES HALL FOR BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS, TWO SQUASH COURTS WITH VIEWING GALLERY, AN ACTIVITY AND DANCE ROOM, AND A PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 29.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION
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SIXTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF $87,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER AK872 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF $12,000.

ANOTHER SIX NUMBERS, EC240, BB8428, EE1392, AW156, AK8722 AND AA596, WERE SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF $3,000 EACH WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS $1,000 EACH FOR SOME 34 NUMBERS.

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FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION :

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EC8863	1,000	ED6023	1,000	BB8428	3,000	EE564	1,000
EC240	3,000	ED1312	1,000	ED246	-	ED8768	1,000
EC6357	-	EC216	1,000	EC8642	-	EC8161	1,000
EC324	-	EC2005	1,000	EE1392	3,000	AW156	3,000
EC9692	-	EC506	1,000	AR4228	1,000	EC802	1,000
BB2248	1,000	EC3177	1,000	EC3887	-	AK8722	3,000
EC1448	1,000	AK872	12,000	EC6188	-	EC521	-
AC325	2,000	AC1130	1,000	AC3251	1,000	ED1127	-
AX9285	-	EC812	2,000	EE426	1,000	EC680	1,000
CK557	1,000	EC5160	1,000	EB9608	1,000	AA596	3,000
EC803	2,000	EE5251	1,000	ED2468	1,000	EC7111	-
EC715	-	AL1786	2,000	EC8290	-	ED5251	1,000
EC1004	1,000	EC3298	1,000	AC944	1,000	CY1219	1,000
EC3733	1,000	AS7262	1,000	EC4376	-	CA5888	1,000
ED127	-	EC8186	1,000	BR4428	1,000	EC3002	1,000

FIFTEEN NON-SCHEDULED VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS EC6357, EC324, EC9692, AX9285, EC715, ED246, EC8642, EC3887, EC6188, EC8290, EC521, D1127, EC7111, ED127 AND EC4376 WERE WITHDRAWN AND THE DEPOSIT OF$15,000 WERE FORFEITED TO THE TOTAL REALISED.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 141ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO $85,207,632.

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REVISION OF PARKING METER FEES IN TSUEN WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO REVISE THE PARKING METER FEES IN TSUEN WAN IN THREE PHASES.

THE FEES WILL BE INCREASED FROM $0.50 AND $1 FOR 30 MINUTES OF PARKING TIME TO $1 AND $2 RESPECTIVELY.

PHASE I WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 11) AND WILL COVER LO TAK COURT, HEUNG WO STREET, SHIU WO STREET, SHA TSUI ROAD AND CHUNG ON STREET.

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PHASE II WILL START ON OCTOBER 16 AND WILL COVER TAI UK STREET, SAI LAU STREET, SAN TSUEN STREET, TSUEN WAH STREET, TSUEN KWAI STREET, HAM TIN STREET, HO PUI STREET, TAI PEI SQUARE, HAU TOI SQUARE, HOI A STREET, PUN SHAN STREET, FUI YIU KOK STREET AND WANG LUNG STREET.

PHASE III WILL START ON NOVEMBER 20 AND WILL COVER LUEN YAN STREET, AND THE GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES ON CHUNG ON STREET, SHIU WO STREET, TAI UK STREET, WO TIK STREET, HAU TEI SQUARE, SAI LAU STREET, SAN TSUEN STREET, TSO KUNG STREET, LO TAK COURT AND FUI YIU KOK STREET.

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NT GREEN MINIBUS FARE INCREASES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 11), THE FARES OF FOUR NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES WILL BE REVISED.

THEY ARE GMB ROUTE NO. 73 PLYING BETWEEN YUEN LONG FOOK HONG STREET AND SUNG SHAN SAN TSUEN, ROUTE NO. 74 BETWEEN YUEN LONG FOOK HONG STREET AND SHING UK TSUEN, ROUTE NO. 47S BETWEEN TUEN MUN PIER AND MONG KOK AND ROUTE NO. 39 BETWEEN YUEN LONG KIN YIP STREET AND KUNG OM.

THE SECTION FARE OF ROUTE NO. 73 BETWEEN YUEN LONG FOOK HONG STREET AND TONG TAU PO WILL BE INCREASED FROM $1.50 TO $2.

THE FARE OF ROUTE NO. 74 WILL BE INCREASED FROM $1.50 TO $2 AND THAT OF ROUTE NO. 47S FROM $6 TO $8.

FOR ROUTE NO. 39, ITS FULL FARE WILL BE REVISED FROM $1.50 TO $2 AND THE SECTION FARE BETWEEN KIN YIP STREET AND LUNG TIN TSUEN WILL BE INCREASED FROM $1 TO $1.30.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN MONG KOK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE SECTION OF SHAN TUNG STREET BETWEEN KAM LAM STREET AND FERRY STREET IN MONG KOK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 11) TO 4 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE VALVE REPAIRING WORK BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IN THE AREA.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS IN SHAN TUNG STREET HEADING FOR FERRY STREET ARE ADVISED TO USE KAM LAM STREET, SOY STREET, RECLAMATION STREET AND ARGYLE STREET.

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KMB ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE DRAFT KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TAI PO DISTRICT IN 1990-91 WILL BE TABLED AT A MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 11).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG AND THE FINAL REPORT OF THE TAI PO MARKET TRAFFIC STUDY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 11) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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