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2ND QUARTER EXPORTS STATISTICS RE-CLASSIFIED
BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN PUBLISHED

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THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WERE : ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS; TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING; WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND KNITWEAR; PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT; BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS; AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS, ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 80.3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE ABSOLUTE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1989 WERE : TOBACCO (+\$297 MILLION); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+\$264 MILLION); TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING (+\$231 MILLION); PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (+\$200 MILLION); AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+\$122 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WERE: TOBACCO (+68.6 PER CENT); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+21.9 PER CENT); FOOD (+17.5 PER CENT); AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+8.9 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SEVERAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RECORDED DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1989.

AMONG THEM WERE : PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-\$462 MILLION OR -17.3 PER CENT); BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (-\$260 MILLION OR -10.0 PER CENT); MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (-\$166 MILLION OR -8.0 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (-\$120 MILLION OR -0.9 PER CENT).

OUTSIDE THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ORIGINATING FROM THE FISHING INDUSTRY INCREASED BY \$36 MILLION OR 20.8 PER CENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989, WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICITY INCREASED BY \$10 MILLION OR 5.8 PER CENT.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN ARE DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (I.S.I.C.), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (S.I.T.C.) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

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CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN REFERRING TO THESE RE-CLASSIFIED STATISTICS. CERTAIN MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IN THEIR PRODUCTION. IN SUCH CASES, THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH AN ITEM IS FINALLY PRODUCED IS NOT THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE EXPORT VALUE OF THAT ITEM. HOWEVER, THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE ITEM HAS WHOLLY BEEN ALLOCATED TO THAT INDUSTRY IN THIS RE-CLASSIFICATION.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF A MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEM TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE EXPORT VALUE OF THE ITEM IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE PART OF THE VALUE MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES AS SECONDARY PRODUCTS.

FURTHER DETAILS OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS RE-CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE FOUND IN THE ATTACHED TABLE WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT TEL. NO. 839 3223).

A TABLE SHOWING MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF SIMILAR STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, JUNE 1990".

/VALUE OF

Value of merchandise domestic exports
reclassified by industrial origin for the second quarter of 1990

(HK\$'000)

Industrial origin of the commodities exported	Merchandise domestic exports			
	1990 2nd qtr.	1989 2nd qtr.	Value change	% change
<u>Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing</u>				
Agricultural, livestock and poultry production	1,860	830	+1,030	+124.2
Fishing	208,484	172,584	+35,900	+20.8
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	2,316	1,389	+927	+66.7
<u>Manufacturing</u>				
Food	437,296	372,056	+65,240	+17.5
Beverages	94,430	96,837	-2,407	-2.5
Tobacco	730,751	433,519	+297,232	+68.6
Textiles (including knitting)	10,749,483	10,518,383	+231,100	+2.2
Wearing apparel, except footwear and knitwear	10,017,671	9,994,052	+23,619	+0.2
Leather and leather products	241,071	261,188	-20,118	-7.7
Footwear	212,043	263,019	-50,976	-19.4
Wood and cork products, furniture and fixtures	177,519	183,522	-6,003	-3.3
Paper and paper products, printing and publishing	1,492,007	1,369,519	+122,488	+8.9
Chemicals and chemical products	1,470,443	1,206,121	+264,321	+21.9
Products of petroleum and coal	1,430	1,908	-478	-25.1
Rubber products	24,618	27,526	-2,908	-10.6
Plastic products	2,206,454	2,668,090	-461,637	-17.3
Non-metallic mineral products	137,030	192,154	-55,125	-28.7
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	2,326,680	2,586,391	-259,711	-10.0
Machinery, except electrical	1,921,844	2,088,158	-166,313	-8.0
Electrical and electronic products	13,005,077	13,125,206	-120,129	-0.9
Transport equipment	26,177	61,454	-35,277	-57.4
Professional and optical equipment	5,141,154	4,941,017	+200,137	+4.1
Other manufacturing industries	3,240,292	3,358,717	-118,425	-3.5
<u>Electricity</u>	179,546	169,693	+9,853	+5.8
<u>Miscellaneous items</u> (e.g. developed photographic plates and film, antiques, and works of art)	32,389	37,059	-4,670	-12.6
Total	54,078,064	54,130,393	-52,329	-0.1

Individual entries of a column may not add up exactly to the corresponding total due to rounding. All percentage changes are calculated based on unrounded figures.

Industrial Research Section, (Tel. : 839 3223)
Census & Statistics Department,
Hong Kong.
August 1990

SIXTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM PUBLISHED
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THE SIXTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM IS PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT COVERED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION DURING 1989 OF THE SUBJECTS OF INSIDER DEALING, THE PURCHASE BY A COMPANY OF ITS OWN SHARES AND THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE EXAMINED THE SECURITIES (INSIDER DEALING) BILL 1989 WHICH WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 12, 1989.

"MANY OF THE CONCERNS RAISED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE IN ITS DISCUSSION OF THE BILL WERE REFLECTED IN THE COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL WHICH WAS ENACTED ON JULY 25, 1990," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ORDINANCE WILL BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE ONCE LEGISLATION IN RESPECT OF THE PURCHASE BY A COMPANY OF ITS OWN SHARES AND STOCK LENDING AND BORROWING FREE OF STAMP DUTY IS IN PLACE.

IN VIEW OF THE PROGRESS BEING MADE ON THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION AND THE GENERAL INTEREST IN THE QUESTION OF ALLOWING LISTED COMPANIES TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN SHARES, THE STANDING COMMITTEE RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT IN 1989.

"HAVING CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL JOINTLY SUBMITTED BY THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE, THE STANDING COMMITTEE AGREED TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSAL FOR ALLOWING LISTED COMPANIES TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN SHARES SUBJECT TO PRIOR ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION DEALING WITH DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHAREHOLDINGS, INSIDER DEALING, DISTRIBUTABLE PROFITS AND FIDUCIARY DUTIES OF DIRECTORS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE 1988 IS EXPECTED TO BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE LATER IN THE YEAR AND THE SECURITIES (INSIDER DEALING) ORDINANCE BY THE END OF THE YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO COVER DISTRIBUTABLE PROFITS AND FIDUCIARY DUTIES OF DIRECTORS ARE BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION LATER IN THE YEAR," HE SAID.

"IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SUBJECT, DRAFT LEGISLATION IS BEING PREPARED WITH A VIEW TO ENACTMENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

DURING THE YEAR, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE PROPOSED BY THE SFC AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE SUPPORTED SFC'S PROPOSAL FOR A NEW PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE'S PROPOSAL FOR A STATUTORY IMMUNITY IN RELATION TO THE BONA FIDE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES UNDER THE ORDINANCE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE STOCK EXCHANGE WOULD IMPLEMENT SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS TO CHECK ALL PRICE-SENSITIVE INFORMATION RECEIVED.

"THE PROPOSALS WERE INCLUDED IN THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) (AMENDMENT) BILL WHICH WAS ENACTED ON JUNE 27 THIS YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SFC, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT AMENDMENTS BE MADE TO THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE 1988 IN RELATION TO THE EXEMPTIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS UNDER PART II OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE CONCERT PARTY PROVISIONS.

A PROPOSAL BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER, FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PROCEDURES UNDER SECTION 209A FOR CONVERSION FROM A COMPULSORY WINDING-UP OF A COMPANY TO A CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY WINDING-UP WAS ALSO CONSIDERED AND SUPPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

"THIS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INCLUDED IN THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL WHICH WAS ENACTED ON JULY 25 THIS YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOLLOWING AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE LEVEL OF PENALTIES PRESCRIBED IN THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, PROPOSED THAT VARIOUS PENALTIES BE INCREASED IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THEIR DETERRENT EFFECT AND TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF INFLATION OVER THE YEARS.

"THE STANDING COMMITTEE ADVISED THAT IT HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS AND THESE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY INCLUDED IN THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990 WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 14 THIS YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APART FROM THE ABOVE, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES INCLUDING THE AUDIT OF COMPANY ACCOUNTS, QUALIFICATIONS OF COMPANIES' SECRETARIES AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO SMALL PRIVATE COMPANIES.

"CONSIDERATION OF THESE ISSUES IS STILL CONTINUING," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT CAN WRITE TO THE SECRETARY TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM, REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, COMMERCIAL DIVISION, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 21ST FLOOR, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

"THOSE INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECTS COVERED BY THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER II, 24TH FLOOR, 18 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2, 1990," HE ADDED.

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TIGHTER SECURITY FOR LOWU VBP CENTRE
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A NUMBER OF MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ESCAPES FROM LOWU DETENTION CENTRE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE UNHCR TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAMME.

LOWU IS A CENTRE FOR BOAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO RETURN TO VIETNAM AND THE SECURITY THERE WAS DESIGNED IN KEEPING WITH THIS PURPOSE.

"HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT ESCAPES FROM LOWU AND THE POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE OF THE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"FOLLOWING A REVIEW BY THE SECURITY BRANCH AND THE POLICE, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO INTRODUCE MEASURES TO PREVENT THIS HAPPENING IN FUTURE."

IMMEDIATE STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO STEP UP POLICE PATROLS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PERIMETER FENCE.

THE PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES REQUIRED TO CLEAR VOLUNTEERS FOR DEPARTURE WILL BE REVIEWED TO SEE IF THE PERIOD SPENT AT LOWU COULD BE REDUCED.

TO ENABLE VOLUNTEERS WHO WISH TO BUY GOODS TO DO SO WITHOUT HAVING TO LEAVE THE CAMP, A RANGE OF POPULAR ITEMS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT LOWU.

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VOTER REGISTRATION HITS 100,000 MARK
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A TOTAL OF 100,000 VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE BEGAN TWO WEEKS AGO, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 37,000 COMPARED TO THE NUMBER OF FORMS RECEIVED OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN THE LAST REGISTRATION EXERCISE IN 1987.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY PLEASED THAT ELIGIBLE VOTERS ARE RESPONDING ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

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IN URBAN AREA, KWUN TONG LEADS THE WAY WITH 12,929 FORMS, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY WONG TAI SIN (11,741) AND KOWLOON CITY (10,380). IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, SHA TIN, KWAI TSING AND TUEN MUN FARE WELL WITH EACH OVER 7,000 FORMS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS IS A GOOD START FOR THE REGISTRATION DRIVE AND URGED ALL THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED TO TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO COMPLETE THE SIMPLE REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE.

THEY WILL THEN BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS TO ALL THREE TIERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, NAMELY THE DISTRICT BOARDS, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NEXT YEAR.

THE GOVERNMENT IS CONFIDENT THAT WITH CONTINUED COMMUNITY SUPPORT, THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS ELECTIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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AUSTRALIAN FAMILY MEDICINE EXPERT VISITS HK

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AN AUSTRALIAN EXPERT ON FAMILY MEDICINE HAS ARRIVED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) NIGHT AT THE INVITATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING FAMILY MEDICINE IN GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS.

DR WESLEY E. FABB, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, FAMILY MEDICINE PROGRAMME, OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS, WILL BE HERE FOR THREE WEEKS.

IN 1973, DR FABB WAS AN ARCHITECT OF THE FAMILY MEDICINE PROGRAMME IN AUSTRALIA WHICH NOW HAS 2,000 DOCTORS IN TRAINING FOR FAMILY MEDICINE.

HE HAS DEVELOPED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES ON FAMILY MEDICINE AND AN EXAMINATION TO ASSESS COMPETENCE IN GENERAL FAMILY PRACTICE. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS ON FAMILY MEDICINE.

DURING HIS STAY, HE WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND GENERAL PRACTITIONERS, PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, PROFESSORS AND STAFF OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AS WELL AS SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

HE WILL ALSO VISIT GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WHERE HE WILL TALK TO THE STAFF.

AT THE END OF HIS VISIT, DR FABB WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR DOCTORS IN THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON FAMILY MEDICINE AND CAREER STRUCTURE THAT WOULD ALLOW OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAFF TO DEVELOP A QUALITY SERVICE.

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SEMINAR ON HOW TO FACE FUTURE CHALLENGES
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR - "THE WAY AHEAD" - AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) MORNING.

THE SEMINAR, AIMED AT FOSTERING CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG LOCAL PEOPLE AND EXAMINING HOW TO FACE CHALLENGES AHEAD, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 HONG KONG AND MACAU.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, WILL GIVE A KEYNOTE SPEECH ON "THE ATTITUDE TO BE ADOPTED BY HONG KONG PEOPLE IN FACE OF THE FUTURE CHALLENGES".

OTHER SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR ANDREW WONG; THE DIRECTOR OF JONES LANG WOOTTON, MR LEUNG CHUN-YING; AND CURRENT AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR, DR LO CHI-KIN.

THEY WILL SPEAK ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING POLITICS, OVERSEAS RELATIONS, ECONOMY AND CULTURE.

ABOUT 300 PROFESSIONALS FROM THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SEMINAR ON CIVIC EDUCATION - "THE WAY AHEAD" - TO BE HELD AT 9 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) AT THEATRE II, LEVEL 2, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, 1 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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FACTORY VISIT TO BOOST VOTER REGISTRATION
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ASSISTANT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MONICA CHEN, URGED LOCAL RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS DURING HER VISIT TO A KENNEDY TOWN FACTORY THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE VISIT IS PART OF THE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN TO DRIVE HOME MORE ELECTORS.

"THOSE WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESSES SINCE THEIR PREVIOUS REGISTRATION SHOULD RE-REGISTER TO QUALIFY FOR VOTING IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS," MISS CHEN SAID.

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A VERIFICATION EXERCISE CONDUCTED IN THE DISTRICT LAST MONTH REVEALED THAT ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF THE SAMPLED 2,000 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE THEIR ADDRESSES CHANGED.

COMMENTING ON THE DISTRICT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN, MISS CHEN SAID IT IS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY SINCE IT KICKED OFF TWO WEEKS AGO.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS HIRED 17 TEMPORARY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS TO CONDUCT HOUSEHOLD VISITS TO HELP RESIDENTS REGISTER.

APART FROM APPEALLING TO RESIDENTS IN NEW COMPLETED BUILDINGS, THE ORGANISERS WILL ALSO VERIFY INFORMATION OF THOSE REGISTERED ELECTORS, MISS CHEN ADDED.

TO AMPLIFY THE CAMPAIGN MESSAGE, BANNERS AND POSTERS HAD BEEN PUT UP IN PROMINENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT AND SOUVENIRS DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS.

SO FAR, ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE 173,000 ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE 270,900-PEOPLE DISTRICT HAVE REGISTERED.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PROGRESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS
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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1990-91 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE REPORT COVERS 16 NEW PROJECTS AND FOUR OTHERS CARRIED FORWARD FROM THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR. THEY COST ABOUT \$1.59 MILLION.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED SITE VISIT TO PENG CHAU AND CHEUNG CHAU IN LATE NOVEMBER TO SEE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BEING CARRIED OUT THERE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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FIVE GOVT LOTS TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF THREE LAND LOTS IN TSEUNG KWAN O, SAI KUNG AND OF TWO LOTS IN CHAI WAN, HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE FIRST LOT, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,620 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT AREA 115, PO LAM, TSEUNG KWAN O.

IT IS FOR FILM SHOOTING OR PLANT NURSERY PURPOSES. THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE SECOND LOT, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,200 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT AREA 8, PO LAM.

IT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF TENANT'S GOODS, EXCLUDING STORAGE OF CONTAINERS AND CONTAINER VEHICLES. THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE THIRD LOT, MEASURING ABOUT 6,158 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT AREA 29, TSEUNG KWAN O.

IT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF TENANT'S GOODS, EXCLUDING STORAGE OF CONTAINERS. THE TENANCY IS FOR NINE MONTHS, RENEWABLE MONTHLY AFTERWARDS.

THE LAST TWO LOTS, EACH MEASURING ABOUT 2,027 SQUARE METRES, ARE LOCATED AT KA YIP STREET, CHAI WAN RECLAMATION.

BOTH OF THEM ARE FOR CONCRETE BATCHING AND/OR ASPHALT BATCHING INCLUDING THE STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF SAND, AGGREGATE, CEMENT AND STEEL REINFORCEMENT BARS BUT EXCLUDING ROCK-CRUSHING.

THE TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR THE FIVE PIECES OF LAND IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 14.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE HONG KONG EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI; THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, THIRD FLOOR, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG; THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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REPORT ON 'HONG KONG ENERGY STATISTICS 1979-1989' NOW ON SALE

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A STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED "HONG KONG ENERGY STATISTICS 1979-1989", WHICH AIMS TO DEPICT THE SITUATION OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND IN HONG KONG, HAS RECENTLY BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT CONTAINS COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICAL INFORMATION RELATING TO DIFFERENT FORMS OF ENERGY INCLUDING OIL PRODUCTS, COAL PRODUCTS, ELECTRICITY AND GAS.

FOR VARIOUS OIL PRODUCTS, STATISTICS ON LIST PRICES, STORAGE CAPACITY, TANK STOCK, IMPORTS, RE-EXPORTS, RETAINED IMPORTS, AVERAGE UNIT VALUES OF IMPORTS AND QUANTITY OF SALES BY TYPE OF USER ARE PRESENTED IN THE REPORT.

FOR SELECTED COAL PRODUCTS, FIGURES ON IMPORTS, RE-EXPORTS, RETAINED IMPORTS AND AVERAGE UNIT VALUES OF IMPORTS ARE GIVEN.

FOR ELECTRICITY AND GAS, THE REPORT SHOWS FIGURES ON TARIFF CHARGES, GENERATING CAPACITY, PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION BY TYPE OF USER.

ANNUAL FIGURES FOR THE YEARS 1979 TO 1989 ARE PROVIDED WITH RESPECT TO MOST OF THESE STATISTICS. IN ADDITION, QUARTERLY FIGURES FOR 1979 AND 1989 ARE PRESENTED FOR SELECTED ITEMS.

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$18 A COPY.

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INSPECTION OF VEHICLES MANUFACTURED IN 1984

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT ALL PRIVATE CARS AND LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING 1.9 TONNES MANUFACTURED IN OR BEFORE 1984, WHICH REQUIRE A NEW LICENCE COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1991, MUST BE INSPECTED AT A DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRE FOR THE ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR LICENCE RENEWAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE CERTIFICATE WAS ONLY VALID FOR RELICENSING DURING THE FOUR MONTHS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUE.

UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, OWNERS OF ALL SIX OR MORE YEARS OLD PRIVATE CARS AND LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR VEHICLES INSPECTED AT A DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRE AND OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS.

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FARE INCREASE ON NT GMB ROUTE 47S

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 1), THE FARE OF NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 47S (TUEN MUN PIER-HEAD TO MONG KOK) WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$8 TO \$10 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

NOTICES WILL BE PUT UP AT TERMINAL POINTS AND INSIDE VEHICLES TO ADVISE PASSENGERS ON THE FARE INCREASE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 1), THE SECTION OF AUSTIN AVENUE IN TSIM SHA TSUI FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH TO A POINT ABOUT THREE METRES TO THE WEST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE TRENCH EXCAVATION WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON AUSTIN AVENUE HEADING FOR CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA CHATHAM COURT ONTO CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE THEM.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 1), THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM KWAI TAI ROAD WESTBOUND ONTO KWAI TAK STREET, IN KWAI CHUNG, WILL BE BANNED IN CONNECTION WITH THE "REALIGNMENT OF CONTAINER PORT ROAD NORTH" PROJECT.

MOTORISTS ON CONTAINER PORT ROAD HEADING FOR KWAI TAK STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA KWAI HONG STREET.

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PLB BAN ZONE AND URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 1), THE SECTION OF KAU WAH KENG APPROACH ROAD, IN KWAI CHUNG, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH LAI KING HILL ROAD AND ITS JUNCTION WITH LAI WAN ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BAN ZONE 24 HOURS DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF KWAI HONG STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CONTAINER PORT ROAD AND ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI TAK STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

ALSO, THE SECTION OF KWAI SHING CIRCUIT BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 900 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI YIP STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 700 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN THE URBAN CLEARWAYS.

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