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NEED TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE WITH INDUSTRIALISTS: JACOBS

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THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS DIALOGUE WITH INDUSTRIALISTS ON WAYS TO SOLVE THE LABOUR SHORTAGE PROBLEM.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER MEETING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES, MR JACOBS SAID HE DID NOT REACH ANY AGREEMENT ON THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE FEDERATION, SUCH AS IMPORTATION OF LABOUR AND THE SETTING UP OF AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE AT THE BORDER.

"FOR THE REASONS I STATED BEFORE, WE DON'T THINK THE PROPOSALS ARE REALLY FEASIBLE. NEVERTHELESS, IN THE COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSION, WE EXPLORED POSSIBILITIES OF TAPPING OUR LOCAL LABOUR FORCE A LITTLE MORE EFFECTIVELY," HE ADDED.

MR JACOBS NOTED THAT SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE COULD BE DRAWN BACK, AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS EXPLORING WAYS TO ACHIEVE THIS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS REACHING OUT TO MEDIUM-SIZED FACTORIES TO SEE WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY.

"SO, SOME STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN, NOT THE STEPS THE FEDERATION ACTUALLY WANTED, BUT NEVERTHELESS THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE," HE SAID.

ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE PROBLEM, MR JACOBS SAID: "I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S THE MOST PRODUCTIVE WAY FORWARD. THERE ARE QUITE A LOT OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS, AND I WOULD PREFER TO ORGANISE IT, IF YOU LIKE, RATHER MORE INFORMALLY AT THIS STAGE."

MR JACOBS SAID THAT FURTHER TALKS WOULD BE HELD AS AND WHEN NECESSARY.

"WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW IS WE ARE GOING TO PURSUE CERTAIN IDEAS. THE FEDERATION ON ITS PART IS GOING TO PURSUE CERTAIN IDEAS. WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT TELEPHONE SERVICES. I HAVE NO DOUBT WE WILL BE TALKING TO EACH OTHER," HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD FURTHER CONSIDER PROPOSALS RAISED BY THE FEDERATION, MR JACOBS SAID THE FEDERATION MIGHT CONTINUE TO TRY TO PERSUADE THEM.

"THE FEDERATION OBVIOUSLY DID NOT AGREE WITH EVERYTHING WE SAID THIS AFTERNOON. SO THEY MAY WANT TO COME BACK WITH FURTHER ARGUMENTS. THAT'S WHAT A DIALOGUE IS ALL ABOUT."

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REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION, MR JACOBS SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD EXAMINE WAYS IN WHICH MORE PEOPLE COULD BE DRAWN INTO THE LABOUR FORCE.

"I THINK, IF YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT HOUSEWIVES, THE MAIN PROBLEM IS KIDS - WHO IS GOING TO LOOK AFTER THE KIDS? WHAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE? - THAT'S THE SORT OF QUESTION WE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS."

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UK INVESTORS URGED TO CONSIDER HK'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

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THE MIX OF BRITISH EXPERTISE AND THE ENTREPRENEURIAL INGENUITY OF HONG KONG PARTNERS IN JOINT VENTURE ENTERPRISES CAN BE AN UNBEATABLE AND HIGHLY PROFITABLE COMBINATION, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) AT AN INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION SEMINAR IN LONDON.

ADDRESSING OVERSEAS BUSINESSMEN AND POTENTIAL INVESTORS ON HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, MR YEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE SORT OF UK MANUFACTURING CONCERNS THAT WOULD BENEFIT MOST FROM HONG KONG'S INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE THOSE WITH A FLAIR FOR PRODUCT INNOVATION AND GOOD DESIGN, A GOOD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITY, EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, AND PRODUCTION REGIMES BASED ON QUICK RESPONSE AND SHORT RUNS.

COMPANIES IN SUPPORTING OR LINKAGE INDUSTRIES, PRECISION ENGINEERING AND FABRICATION, MOULD MAKING, DIE CASTING, APPLICATION SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS AND SURFACE MOUNTING, ARE CERTAIN TO PROSPER, HE ADDED.

A 1986 SURVEY SHOWED THAT THERE WERE 27 WHOLLY-OWNED BRITISH COMPANIES MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG, COMPARED WITH 60 JAPANESE AND 96 US COMPANIES. THE NUMBER RISES TO 56, IF JOINT VENTURES ARE INCLUDED, WITH AN AGGREGATE INVESTMENT VALUE OF \$83 MILLION, PUTTING BRITAIN IN FOURTH PLACE IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL OVERSEAS MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

MR YEUNG NOTED THAT THE JUSTIFICATION FOR ATTRACTING FOREIGN INVESTMENT IS BASED NOT SO MUCH ON THE NEED FOR CAPITAL AND JOBS, AS ON THE ROLE THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENT PLAYS IN ENRICHING HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL BASE WITH NEW OR IMPROVED DESIGNS, PRODUCTS AND PRODUCTION PROCESSES.

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THE VALUE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT FOR PROJECTS DIRECTLY ASSISTED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IN 1986 WAS NEARLY DOUBLE THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

"MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE INVESTMENT HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF TECHNOLOGIES NEW TO HONG KONG," SAID MR YEUNG.

MR YEUNG QUOTED EXAMPLES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LARGE ASIC DESIGN CENTRE TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES FOR HONG KONG AND THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FACTORIES SPECIALISING IN PRECISION SHEET METAL STAMPING AND PRECISION TOOLING OPERATIONS, AND THE OPENING OF FACTORIES FOR NEW PRODUCTS SUCH AS TOUGHENED GLASS, PHARMACEUTICAL INTERMEDIATES AND STABILISERS FOR PLASTIC RESINS.

MR YEUNG TOLD BRITISH BUSINESSMEN NOT TO WORRY ABOUT HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

HE SAID, "THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WILL KEEP ITS OWN FINANCIAL AND FISCAL SYSTEM, ITS FREE PORT AND ITS OWN CUSTOMS TERRITORY."

MR YEUNG ADDED THAT THE FABRIC OF RELATIONSHIPS THAT MAKE HONG KONG AN INTERNATIONAL TRADING, FINANCIAL AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE WILL BE KEPT INTACT. THE JOINT DECLARATION GIVES REASSURANCE TO INVESTORS THAT THEIR RIGHTS WILL BE PROTECTED, AND THAT THEIR PROFITS CAN BE FREELY CONVERTED INTO OTHER CURRENCIES.

MR YEUNG SAID THE CONFIDENCE INVESTORS AND THE PUBLIC HAVE IN THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE IS REFLECTED BY THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT IN THE FORM OF NEW BUILDINGS AND OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS.

A RANDOM SELECTION OF MAJOR PROJECTS INVOLVING PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT WITH PAYBACK PERIODS GOING WELL BEYOND 1997, INCLUDE CABLE AND WIRELESS' PLANS TO INVEST \$4 BILLION OVER THE NEXT YEARS TOWARDS IMPROVING ITS FACILITIES, THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY'S PLAN TO INVEST A SIMILAR AMOUNT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO UPGRADE ITS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIXTH CONTAINER TERMINAL COSTING \$2 BILLION WITH COMPLETION SCHEDULED FOR 1990.

OTHER PROJECTS ON THE LIST ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE COSTING \$2 BILLION WITH COMPLETION SCHEDULED FOR 1988, A SECOND CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL COSTING \$3 BILLION WITH COMPLETION SCHEDULED FOR LATE 1989 AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF MANY LARGE MULTI-STOREY OFFICE BUILDINGS EACH COSTING OVER \$1 BILLION.

"WITH THE FACT THAT TWO-WAY INVESTMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA HAS BEEN VERY SUBSTANTIAL IN RECENT YEARS, THE CONCLUSION THAT CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE IS RISING RATHER THAN FALLING BECOMES INESCAPABLE," ADDED MR YEUNG.

OUTSIDE TV STATION MIGHT BRING 'UNEQUAL COMPETITION'

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HONG KONG HAS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ITS LONGER TERM INTERESTS WHEN CONSIDERING THE ISSUE OF TELEVISION SIGNALS COMING FROM OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, MR TSAO SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY IN FAVOUR OF VARIETY AND OF CHOICE.

"HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A GENUINE AND REASONABLY GOOD CHOICE OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, THE FIRST THING TO BEAR IN MIND IS THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF OUR OWN TELEVISION STATIONS," HE SAID.

MR TSAO RECALLED THE FATE OF COMMERCIAL TELEVISION, WHICH COLLAPSED IN 1979, SAYING THAT THE REASON FOR ITS FAILURE WAS THAT, AT THAT TIME, THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT ADVERTISING REVENUE TO SUPPORT TWO CHANNELS ON TVB, TWO ON ATV AND A SINGLE CHANNEL ON CTV.

HE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED IF A FOREIGN STATION MERELY SENT SIGNALS TO HONG KONG, EVEN THOUGH THE TELEVISION PROGRAMMES SENT ACROSS HONG KONG BORDERS MIGHT WELL BE SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT CENSORSHIP STANDARDS.

"HOWEVER," HE ADDED, "IF THAT FOREIGN TELEVISION STATION'S INTENTION OF COMING ACROSS INTO HONG KONG IS TO TAKE AWAY SOME OF THE AVAILABLE ADVERTISING REVENUE IN HONG KONG, THEN IT WOULD BE A MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN."

"IF THE ADVERTISING REVENUE IS INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT ALL THREE STATIONS: TVB, ATV AND ONE FOREIGN STATION, AT LEAST ONE OF THESE STATIONS WILL SUFFER.

"IF THE FOREIGN STATION WERE TO HAVE UNFETTERED FREEDOM TO BROADCAST ANYTHING UNDER THE SUN, WHILE OUR STATIONS WERE SUBJECT TO STRICT CENSORSHIP STANDARDS, THERE WOULD BE UNEQUAL COMPETITION.

"IN THAT SITUATION, THE ONE STATION THAT WOULD BE LIKELY TO SUFFER MOST WOULD BE A HONG KONG, RATHER THAN A FOREIGN, STATION," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BROADCASTING AUTHORITY AS FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, MR TSAO SAID THE MAIN PURPOSE OF SETTING UP THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WAS TO ENCOURAGE AND ENLARGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REGULATION OF THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY.

HE SAID THAT UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS TELEVISION AUTHORITY WHO WAS A PUBLIC OFFICER - THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING - THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WAS MADE UP OF 12 MEMBERS, NINE BEING SELECTED FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE REMAINING THREE BEING OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

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"TO ENSURE THAT VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE REPRESENTED ON THE AUTHORITY, THE NINE NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

"THEY BRING WITH THEM EXPERIENCE FROM DIVERSE FIELDS INCLUDING EDUCATION, CULTURE AND ARTS, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, COMMUNITY WORK AND CONSUMER PROTECTION," HE SAID.

MR TSAO SAID THAT FURTHER TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REGULATION OF THE LOCAL TELEVISION INDUSTRY, THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WAS REQUIRED BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ORDINANCE TO SET UP A COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE.

THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE WOULD BE MADE UP OF AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY AND MIGHT CO-OPT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHERE NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN THE DISCHARGE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

"ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO FINDS THAT A TELEVISION LICENSEE IS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE, THE CODES OF PRACTICE, OR CONDITIONS IN ITS LICENCE, CAN LODGE A COMPLAINT WITH THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY.

"THE AUTHORITY WILL HAVE TO REFER THE COMPLAINT TO THE COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATION UNLESS THE COMPLAINT IS FOUND BY THE AUTHORITY TO BE FRIVOLOUS," MR TSAO SAID.

MR TSAO ADDED THAT UNLIKE OTHER INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG, THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY WAS A TIGHTLY REGULATED TRADE.

"THESE SEVERE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED FIRST BECAUSE TELEVISION IS A VERY POWERFUL MEDIUM. IT GOES OUT TO MILLIONS OF VIEWERS AND IT COMES RIGHT INTO YOUR HOMES.

"SECONDLY, DESPITE ITS COSMOPOLITAN CHARACTERISTICS, THE SOCIETY OF HONG KONG IS STILL A RATHER CONSERVATIVE ONE. IT FOLLOWS THAT PEOPLE OF HONG KONG EXPECT TELEVISION PROGRAMMES TO CONFORM TO WHAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG PERCEIVE AS ACCEPTABLE NORMS.

"THESE CONTROLS, STRINGENT THOUGH THEY ARE, ARE IMPOSED TO MEET THAT EXPECTATION," HE SAID.

ON RADIO BROADCASTING, MR TSAO SAID THAT SINCE THE LICENCE OF COMMERCIAL RADIO HONG KONG WOULD NOT EXPIRE UNTIL AUGUST 1989, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT NEED TO CONSIDER ITS RENEWAL UNTIL SOME TIME IN 1988.

"HOWEVER, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EQUALLY INTERESTING DISCUSSION ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT QUESTIONS RELATED TO RADIO BROADCASTING. FOR INSTANCE, GIVEN THAT WE STILL HAVE THREE SPARE AM FREQUENCIES, IS THERE SCOPE FOR AN ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL RADIO STATION AND GIVE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG A WIDER CHOICE?"

"IN DUE COURSE, IN ADDITION TO TELEVISION, THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE INVITED TO CONSIDER THIS AND MANY OTHER INTERESTING QUESTIONS ON RADIO BROADCASTING," HE SAID.

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POTENTIAL OF RETAIL SALES GROWTH OUTLINED

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HONG KONG RANKS SECOND AS THE LARGEST RETAIL CENTRE IN ASIA COMPRISING SOME 50,000 ESTABLISHMENTS AND EMPLOYING 167,000 PEOPLE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE THIRD ASIAN RETAILERS CONVENTION, MR JACOBS SAID TOTAL RETAIL SALES AMOUNTED TO SOME \$73 BILLION IN 1985.

"THIS IS A CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT, BUT WITH THE GROWING AFFLUENCE OF THE LOCAL POPULATION, I STILL SEE POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH," HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID IT WAS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG HIRE FEWER THAN FIVE WORKERS. THE RELATIVELY SMALL SIZE OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ENABLED THEM TO BE HIGHLY ADAPTABLE TO CHANGES IN TRENDS AND TASTES.

"MANY OF OUR SHOPPERS ARE TOURISTS, AND GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TOURISM TO HONG KONG, OUR RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE TO KEEP PACE WITH INTERNATIONAL DEMAND," HE NOTED.

"IN 1986, VISITOR ARRIVALS TO HONG KONG TOTALLED 3.7 MILLION. AND THEY SPENT ON AVERAGE SOME \$4,600 PER PERSON DURING THEIR STAY IN HONG KONG WITH SHOPPING ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 52 PER CENT OF EACH PERSON'S EXPENDITURE."

"SPEAKING ON TRADE, MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT PEOPLE FROM MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD FOUND HONG KONG A MOST AGREEABLE PLACE IN WHICH TO DO BUSINESS.

"AS THE GATEWAY TO CHINA, HONG KONG IS ALREADY HOME TO THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF MANY MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANIES. I BELIEVE THAT HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO GAIN IN IMPORTANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE THAT WE SEE TAKING PLACE IN THIS REGION," HE SAID.

"THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF BUSINESS TO BE DONE, AND I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL RECOGNISE THE CONTRIBUTION HONG KONG CAN MAKE IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF YOUR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES," HE ADDED.

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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF JUNE EXTERNAL TRADE

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STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 27 PER CENT AND 49 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1987 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

HENCE, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 37 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 35 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT THE PRICES OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT. PRICES OF IMPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, ROSE BY 4 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT.

COMPARING JUNE 1987 WITH JUNE 1986, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT AND 52 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HENCE, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 37 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 35 PER CENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT; RE-EXPORT PRICES ROSE BY 1 PER CENT WHILE IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

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

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1987 WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1986, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 39 PER CENT, GIVING AN INCREASE OF 31 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 28 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT. IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 5 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR JUNE 1987 AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

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AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ALL COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN JUNE 1987 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986. THESE INCLUDED CLOTHING (+8 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+6 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+6 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+6 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+5 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+5 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+5 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+4 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+3 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+2 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+1 PER CENT). THE PRICES OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN JUNE 1987 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986, INCLUDING METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+57 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+53 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+49 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+30 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+22 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+21 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+20 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+20 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+20 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+10 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-15 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-2 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JUNE 1987 AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES ROSE IN JUNE 1987 AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986, RANGING FROM 1 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 18 PER CENT FOR FUELS, WHICH WAS PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE LOW IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS IN JUNE 1986.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS IN JUNE 1987 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS; SUGAR; CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR AS WELL AS FRUIT.

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR RICE; TEA AND COFFEE AS WELL AS WHEAT AND FLOUR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS; HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES; CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY; FOOTWEAR AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS. HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF PASSENGER MOTOR CARS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE IN JUNE 1987 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986. THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS; MAN-MADE FIBRES; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AS WELL AS WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK. A DECREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED IN WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN JUNE 1987 AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ALL COMMODITIES INCREASED IN JUNE 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986, THE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY OTHER THAN TEXTILE AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AS WELL AS TEXTILE MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JUNE 1987 AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN JUNE 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986, RANGING FROM 38 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 57 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS. HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 16 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE JUNE 1987 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND SEPTEMBER 10, 1987 AT HK\$2.50 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT GROUND FLOOR, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDICES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-8234918).

TABLE 1: INCREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING JAN-JUN 1987 WITH JAN-JUN 1986			COMPARING JUNE 1987 WITH JUNE 1986		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	26	8	17	30	8	20
TEXTILE FABRICS	73	4	66	62	6	53
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	54	4	48	56	5	49

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TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	9	4	4	-11	6	-15
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	35	1	34	26	4	20
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	4	-3	8	10	1	10
FOOTWEAR	17	3	14	34	3	30
METAL MANUFACTURES	29	1	27	25	2	22
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	36	-2	39	66	6	57
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	17	2	15	21	*	20
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	3	4	-1	3	5	-2
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	25	4	20	27	5	21
ALL COMMODITIES	31	3	27	30	3	26

NOTES FOR TABLES 1 TO 3:

* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE CALCULATED FROM TRADE INDICES TAKEN TO MORE DECIMAL PLACES THAN THOSE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS". THEY MAY THEREFORE DIFFER FROM THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES TO BE COMPUTED FROM THE PUBLISHED FIGURES.

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TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-JUN 1987 WITH JAN-JUN 1986			COMPARING JUNE 1987 WITH JUNE 1986		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	12	1	10	14	1	12
CONSUMER GOODS	46	5	39	41	3	36
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	44	3	40	42	4	37
FUELS	-8	-12	4	34	18	14
CAPITAL GOODS	41	9	30	54	7	43
ALL COMMODITIES	40	4	35	41	4	35

TABLE 3: INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-JUN 1987 WITH JAN-JUN 1986			COMPARING JUNE 1987 WITH JUNE 1986		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	18	-1	19	37	*	38
CONSUMER GOODS	64	2	61	58	*	57
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	48	1	46	52	2	48
FUELS	11	*	12	-2	16	-16
CAPITAL GOODS	38	*	37	52	-2	55
ALL COMMODITIES	51	1	49	53	1	52

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON; LADY WILSON, AND THEIR TWO SONS, ANDREW AND PETER, WILL VISIT SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 9) AFTERNOON TO SEE ITS CHARACTERISTICS AND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WILL BEGIN THEIR TOUR WITH A HELICOPTER FLIGHT FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE LARGEST OF URBAN DISTRICTS.

THEY WILL ALSO BOARD SAMPANS AT SHUM WAN PIER AND TOUR ABERDEEN HARBOUR WHERE THEY WILL VISIT SOME FAMILIES OF THE FISHING COMMUNITY. THEY WILL LAND AT AP LEI CHAU AND PROCEED TO VISIT THE PARTIALLY COMPLETED LEI TUNG ESTATE.

AT THE END OF THEIR VISIT, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WILL ATTEND A TEA RECEPTION AT LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL AND MEET LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON WEDNESDAY. GOVERNMENT VEHICLES TAKING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO ABERDEEN WILL DEPART FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, AT 2.15 PM. THOSE WHO TRAVEL ON THEIR OWN VEHICLES SHOULD ARRIVE AT SHUM WAN PIER BY 3 PM.

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CNTA WORKS SECTION COMPLEMENTS MAJOR PROJECTS

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ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT ALONGSIDE MAJOR GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE WORKS SECTION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WAS CONTINUING TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT COMPLEMENTARY ROLE.

DR HAYES SAID THE WORKS SECTION OF CNTA HAD ALWAYS MADE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF RESIDENTS IN THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES.

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THE SECTION, WITH AN ESTABLISHMENT OF 47 STAFF, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MANY LOCAL WORK PROJECTS SUCH AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORK PROGRAMME OF THE CNTA AND THE MINOR ENVIRONMENT, ENVIRONMENT HYGIENE FACILITIES AND SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DR HAYES SAID.

THE PROJECT EXPENDITURE, AMOUNTING TO AROUND \$20 MILLION THIS YEAR, IS SPENT ON THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE ROADS, FOOTPATHS, WATERPIPES, DRAINS AND IRRIGATION CHANNELS AND VILLAGE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

DR HAYES MADE THE COMMENTS WHEN HE PRESENTED LETTERS OF PROMOTION TO THREE INSPECTORS OF WORKS, MR TSANG KAM-WING MR MOW CHUNG-WAI AND MR LEUNG SIK-KWONG.

HE ADDED: "WITHOUT THE DEDICATED EXPERTISE OF STAFF OF THE WORKS SECTION AND THEIR LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND CONTACTS, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN THIS PROGRAMME."

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CONTRACT FOR EXTENSION OF HISTORY MUSEUM

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THE EXHIBITION AREA AT HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY IN KOWLOON PARK, TSIM SHA TSUI, WILL BE ALMOST TREBLED WHEN AN EXTENSION PROJECT IS COMPLETED LATE NEXT YEAR.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) AWARDED A \$14 MILLION CONTRACT FOR EXTENDING AND ALTERING THE MUSEUM.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENSION WHICH WILL COVER A SITE AREA OF ABOUT 1,860 SQUARE METRES AND INCLUDE A TWO-STOREY EXHIBITION BLOCK; A TWO-STOREY WORKSHOP AND A SINGLE-STOREY SERVICE BLOCK.

A TOTAL OF 1,200 SQUARE METRES OF EXHIBITION AREA WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEW EXTENSION, COMPARED WITH 450 SQUARE METRES IN THE EXISTING TWO-STOREY MUSEUM BUILDING.

WORK WILL ALSO INCLUDE INTERNAL ALTERATIONS OF THE EXISTING BUILDING AND RE-SURFACING ITS EXTERNAL WALL.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WORK WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION IN KWUN TONG

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RESIDENTS IN KWUN TONG WITH ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE FLAIR WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR TALENT BY TAKING PART IN A LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, AND SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND URBAN COUNCIL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY (MONDAY) SAID THE COMPETITION WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING RESIDENTS' INVOLVEMENT IN THE FORTHCOMING MID-AUTUM FESTIVAL AND THEIR INTEREST IN TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFT-MAKING.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY, SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND OPEN SECTIONS. ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

"THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE USE OF MATERIAL BUT ENTRIES SHOULD NOT EXCEED ONE METRE IN ANY DIMENSION NOR SHOULD THEY CARRY ANY COMMERCIAL SLOGANS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 30 AND ALL COMPETING DESIGNS WITH ENTRY LABELS AFFIXED TO THEM SHOULD BE SENT TO THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AT 3/F, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT A MID-AUTUMN CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND ON OCTOBER 8.

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXAMINE THE DRAFT 1988-89 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE DRAFT, WHICH IS PREPARED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, SEEKS TO CONSULT MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE FRANCHISED BUS AND FERRY COMPANIES.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED) SERVICE BETWEEN PARKVIEW AND ADMIRALTY MTR STATION, AND THE RENAMING OF STREETS AND FACILITIES ADJACENT TO THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

A MEMBER WILL RAISE QUESTIONS ON TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT MEASURES IN THE DISTRICT, AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT THE JUNCTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LINK ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, 8TH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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VILLAGE LIGHTING PROGRAMME IN NORTH DISTRICT

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO CONSIDER THE 1988/89 VILLAGE LIGHTING PROGRAMME.

THEY WILL CONSIDER THE DISTRIBUTION AND INSTALLATION OF 157 VILLAGE LIGHTS IN THE FOUR SUB-DISTRICTS ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS IN THE AREA.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DRAINAGE CHANNEL AT HANG TAU AND REPAIRS TO FOOTBRIDGES IN FU TEI AU IN SHEUNG SHUI.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE CONSIDERATION FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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GREEN PAPER ON DB AGENDA

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON THE REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AT A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 9) AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE DOCUMENT AND THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE BOARD TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER.

A PLAN TO ALLOCATE A SITE FOR A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AT AREA 35 ALONG THE SEAFRONT IN THE VICINITY OF THE TSUEN WAN CARGO WORKING AREA WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

AN INFORMATION PAPER ON INDUSTRIAL FIRES IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD.

REPORTS ON THE WORKS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD WILL ALSO BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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

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ASSISTANCE TO ACCIDENT VICTIMS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) APPROVED \$11,430 AS BURIAL AND INTERIM ADJUSTMENT GRANTS FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) FUND TO THE FAMILY OF A WOMAN KILLED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON AUGUST 25.

ANOTHER WOMAN WAS ALSO KILLED AND FOUR POLICE OFFICERS WERE INJURED IN THE COLLISION BETWEEN A POLICE VEHICLE AND A PRIVATE CAR AT THE JUNCTION OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND TAI LOK STREET.

ONE OF THE INJURED OFFICERS WAS GRANTED \$1,227.69 FROM THE FUND AS ASSISTANCE. THE REMAINING VICTIMS DID NOT APPLY EITHER BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED OR NOT ELIGIBLE.

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MEANWHILE, STAFF OF THE TAVA SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD APPROACHED THE VICTIMS AFFECTED BY A COLLISION BETWEEN A DOUBLE-DECKER BUS AND A CONTAINER LORRY ON TAI PO ROAD LAST TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) IN WHICH ONE WOMAN WAS KILLED AND 27 PEOPLE INJURED. ONE OF THE INJURED DIED IN THE HOSPITAL TWO DAYS LATER. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE WERE BEING PROCESSED.

THE TAVA SCHEME PROVIDES QUICK FINANCIAL HELP TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDENTS, REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

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IMPROVEMENT TO WATER SUPPLY

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THE FRESH WATER PUMPING STATION AT CHEUNG CHAU IS TO BE MODIFIED TO COPE WITH INCREASING DEMAND FOR WATER ON THE ISLAND.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 25.

THE WORK INVOLVES MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING PUMP HOUSE, CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SINGLE-STOREY REINFORCED CONCRETE BUILDINGS WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 75 SQUARE METRES TO HOUSE NEW EQUIPMENT, AND LAYING ABOUT 80 METRES OF ASSOCIATED WATER MAINS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 15 MONTHS.

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YAU TONG WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YAU TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 10) FROM 8 AM TO MID-NIGHT FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE IN YAU TONG, LEI YUE MUN, CHA KWO LING, SAM KA TSUEN, INCLUDING YAU TONG, AND KO CHIU ROAD ESTATES.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 75.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 442.208 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 416.041 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 71 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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