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ROOM FOR EXPANSION IN HK-UK TRADE INVESTMENT: GOVERNOR

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THOUGH BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG IS GROWING VERY HEALTHILY, THE OPPORTUNITY EXISTS FOR THE UK TO EXPAND ITS INVOLVEMENT IN MANUFACTURING AND TO MAKE MORE USE OF THE TERRITORY'S ENTREPOT ROLE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID IN LONDON TODAY (TUESDAY).

IN ADDITION, BRITISH TECHNOLOGY AND MANUFACTURING KNOW-HOW OPERATING IN HONG KONG COULD HELP BRITISH FIRMS STRENGTHEN THEIR MARKET POSITION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION, SIR DAVID SAID WHEN ADDRESSING A TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL DINNER.

SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG WOULD LIKE TO SEE BOTH TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONSHIPS CONTINUE TO EXPAND, THOUGH THE OVERALL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WAS IN GOOD SHAPE.

"I SEE THIS AS MIRRORING BRITAIN'S CONTINUED POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO THE TERRITORY. CERTAINLY THERE IS NO BASIS FOR THE MYTH THAT THE UK IS GRADUALLY WITHDRAWING FROM HONG KONG," HE SAID.

IN HIS SPEECH ENTITLED "HONG KONG -- A FORCE IN WORLD TRADE", SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG - UK BILATERAL TRADE IN 1987 HAD INCREASED BY 33 PER CENT OVER 1986, AND IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR IT HAD SHOWN A FURTHER 20 PER CENT RISE.

LAST YEAR, THE UK WAS HONG KONG'S FOURTH LARGEST MARKET, TAKING SOME ONE BILLION POUNDS STERLING OF THE TERRITORY'S GOODS. IMPORTS FROM THE UK INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT, TO A TOTAL OF 915 MILLION POUNDS STERLING.

BUT DESPITE THIS VERY CREDITABLE EFFORT, LAST YEAR THE UK HAD SLIPPED FROM FIFTH TO SIXTH PLACE IN THE LEAGUE OF HONG KONG'S TRADING PARTNERS -- AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WAS NOW HONG KONG'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

"THERE IS CERTAINLY EVIDENCE OF A NEW FOUND AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG AMONG THE BRITISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

"BUT I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT SOME PEOPLE STILL UNDER-ESTIMATE HONG KONG, BOTH AS A MARKET IN ITS OWN RIGHT AND A CENTRE FOR REGIONAL TRADE."

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOODS IMPORTED FROM THE UK LAST YEAR REPRESENTED ONLY THREE PER CENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS.

ON A PER HEAD BASIS, EACH PERSON IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR HAD BOUGHT 163 POUNDS STERLING OF UK GOODS.

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REFERRING TO THE RE-EMERGENCE OF HONG KONG'S ENTREPOT ROLE, SIR DAVID SAID LESS THAN A QUARTER OF THE GOODS IMPORTED FROM THE UK WERE RE-EXPORTED.

"THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE UK IS MAKING LESS USE OF OUR ENTREPOT ROLE THAN OTHER COUNTRIES," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT RE-EXPORTS HAD BEEN GROWING AT A MUCH FASTER RATE THAN EXPORTS, REFLECTING HONG KONG'S ROLE AS BOTH A REGIONAL TRADING CENTRE AND A SPRINGBOARD TO AND FROM CHINA.

RE-EXPORTS NOW MADE UP OVER HALF OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

"SO FAR THIS YEAR CHINA HAS BEEN INVOLVED, EITHER AS A SOURCE OR A MARKET, IN ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THEM," HE SAID.

"THERE COULD HARDLY BE A MORE DRAMATIC PROOF OF THE FACT THAT HONG KONG IS INDEED THE GATEWAY TO CHINA."

ON MANUFACTURING OPPORTUNITIES, THE GOVERNOR SAID IN RECENT YEARS, EUROPE AS A WHOLE HAD BEEN SLOW, COMPARED WITH JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MARKET IN HONG KONG.

WHILE THE UK DID ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE EUROPEAN SHARE OF DIRECT INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING, THE FACT STILL REMAINED THAT INVESTMENT FROM THE U.S.A. AND JAPAN WAS FIVE TIMES LARGER THAN THE FIGURE FOR THE WHOLE OF EUROPE.

SIR DAVID ALSO STRESSED, AS HE HAD DONE IN EUROPE, THAT HONG KONG WAS AN OPEN MARKET, AND ITS SUCCESS WAS BUILT ON A FREE TRADE POLICY.

THE IMAGE OF HONG KONG AS AN ASIAN "DRAGON" OR "TIGER" INTENT ONLY ON EXPORTING WAS A MYTH. ANY COUNTRY WAS WELCOME TO EXPORT TO HONG KONG.

"WE ARE WATCHING WITH INTEREST THE MOVE IN EUROPE TOWARDS THE CREATION OF THE SINGLE MARKET IN 1992," HE SAID.

"WE NATURALLY HOPE THAT THIS WILL GIVE A REAL BOOST TO WORLD TRADE AND WILL THEREFORE INDIRECTLY OR DIRECTLY BENEFIT HONG KONG."

HE EMPHASISED THAT HONG KONG WOULD REMAIN A PRESENCE TO BE RECKONED WITH, AND SHOULD NOT BE UNDER-ESTIMATED.

"MOREOVER, DESPITE OUR SMALL SIZE, WE DO HAVE OUR OWN POINT OF VIEW AND OUR OWN VOICE IN THE DEBATE ON WORLD TRADE ISSUES," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE UK HAD NEVER BEEN GIVEN ENOUGH CREDIT FOR ALLOWING HONG KONG TO DEVELOP ITS OPEN COMPETITIVE MARKET WITHOUT TRYING TO MAINTAIN A SPECIAL ADVANTAGE FOR ITSELF.

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THE GOVERNOR ADDED THAT HONG KONG WAS NOT IMMUNE FROM PROBLEMS, BUT IT DID NOT TRY TO SWEEP THESE UNDER THE CARPET.

IN FACT, MANY OF THE PROBLEMS NOW BEING EXPERIENCED -- SUCH AS A SHORTAGE OF LABOUR AND RAPID RISES IN WAGES -- WERE THE SYMPTOMS NOT OF WANING CONFIDENCE BUT OF AN EXPANDING ECONOMY.

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HONG KONG - JAPAN TIES GROWING: HAMISH MACLEOD
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THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN TOKYO LAST MONTH COINCIDES WITH AN ENCOURAGING IMPROVEMENT IN THE TERRITORY'S EXPORT PERFORMANCE TO JAPAN, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ADDRESSING A MEETING OF THE JAPAN/HONG KONG ASSOCIATION, MR MACLEOD SAID THAT AFTER A NUMBER OF YEARS OF LACKLUSTRE GROWTH, HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO JAPAN ROSE BY 35 PER CENT IN 1986 AND 53 PER CENT LAST YEAR.

"WHILE THE BASE FOR THIS GROWTH IS SMALL - WE ONLY SELL TO JAPAN ABOUT ONE-EIGHTH OF WHAT WE SELL TO THE USA - I AM HOPEFUL THAT WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR SALES," SAID MR MACLEOD.

"WE INTEND TO WORK HARD AND PERSISTENTLY TO DO SO. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY JAPAN TO OPEN UP ITS MARKETS. WE HAVE WATCHED WITH GREAT INTEREST ALSO THE CURRENT EFFORTS TO RESTRUCTURE THE JAPANESE ECONOMY TO ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC DEMAND. THESE ARE HEALTHY AND USEFUL DEVELOPMENTS," HE ADDED.

MR MACLEOD SAID THE OUTLOOK FOR THE HONG KONG ECONOMY WAS BRIGHT WITH GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT EXPECTED TO GROW IN REAL TERMS BY ABOUT SIX PER CENT THIS YEAR.

"HONG KONG IS ALWAYS ALIVE TO THE REALITY THAT IT IS DEPENDENT NOT JUST ON ITSELF BUT ON THE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF ITS MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, ON ITS CONTINUED ACCESS TO THEM," HE SAID.

"TO MAINTAIN CONTINUED ACCESS TO MARKETS ALREADY OPENED TO US; TO REMOVE BARRIERS WHERE THEY EXIST AND TO GAIN ENTRY INTO MARKETS THAT ARE CLOSED ARE OUR OVERRIDING PRIORITIES ON THE TRADE FRONT," HE ADDED.

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"WE ARE GIVING A HIGH PRIORITY - AS I KNOW JAPAN IS TOO - TO THE CURRENT GATT URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS VITAL THAT THESE TALKS HELP LIBERALISE WORLD TRADE, IMPROVE MARKET ACCESS AND STRENGTHEN DISCIPLINE IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM," HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO JAPAN, BEING ITS FIFTH LARGEST EXPORT MARKET, ABSORBING 3.9 PER CENT OF JAPAN'S TOTAL EXPORTS IN 1987.

"NOT MANY PEOPLE REALISE THAT ON A PER CAPITA BASIS, HONG KONG IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT MARKET FOR JAPAN," HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD NOTED THAT JAPAN WAS IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG AND ECONOMIC TIES WERE CLOSE. JAPAN IS THE TERRITORY'S SECOND MOST IMPORTANT SUPPLIER, ACCOUNTING FOR NEARLY 20 PER CENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS.

IT WAS ALSO THE SECOND LARGEST SOURCE OF OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT, PROVIDING ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF THE TOTAL. OVERALL, JAPAN IS HONG KONG'S THIRD LARGEST TRADING PARTNER, JUST AFTER CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES, ACCOUNTING FOR 12 PER CENT OF TOTAL EXTERNAL TRADE LAST YEAR, HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT HONG KONG HAS JUST OVERTAKEN JAPAN AS CHINA'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER, TAKING UP OVER 20 PER CENT OF ITS TRADE. SINCE 1978 TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA HAS GROWN 19 TIMES, WITH AN INCREASING PROPORTION OF THAT TRADE BEING RE-EXPORTS TO AND FROM CHINA.

AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE WAY IN WHICH ARRANGEMENTS FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE ARE PROCEEDING, MR MACLEOD CITED THE EXAMPLE OF ITS PARTICIPATION AS A CONTRACTING PARTY IN ITS OWN RIGHT AFTER 1997 IN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

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INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS WELL PROTECTED

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THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT THE INFRINGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS UNDERMINES INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION, A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG WATCH TRADES AND INDUSTRIES, THE HEAD OF THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR H.Y. LI, SAID HONG KONG HAD TAKEN PARTICULAR CARE TO PROTECT ITS INTERNATIONAL TRADING IMAGE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF ITS TRADING SYSTEM.

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"TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER VARIOUS COPYRIGHT AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY PROTECTION CONVENTIONS, HONG KONG HAS DEVELOPED MORE THAN ADEQUATE LAWS COVERING TRADE MARKS, TRADE DESCRIPTIONS, COPYRIGHT, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND PATENTS," MR LI SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMITTED SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO THE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THESE LAWS, INCLUDING A SPECIAL TASK FORCE COMPRISING 150 CUSTOMS INVESTIGATORS WITH SUPPORT FROM ANOTHER 450 INVESTIGATORS FROM THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BRANCH."

MR LI SAID THAT IN ENFORCING THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS AND COPYRIGHT ORDINANCES, HIS DEPARTMENT'S STRATEGY WAS TO ATTACK COUNTERFEITING AND COPYRIGHT PIRACY AT ALL LEVELS, FROM RETAILING AT STREET LEVEL, LARGE AND SMALL ESTABLISHED RETAIL PREMISES, AND MANUFACTURING OUTLETS AS WELL AS IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

HE SAID UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTION ORDINANCE (TDO), FALSE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS, FORGED TRADE MARKS AND ANY MIS-STATEMENTS IN RESPECT OF GOODS PROVIDED IN THE COURSE OF TRADE WERE SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED.

"THE TDO PROVIDES FOR MAXIMUM PENALTIES OF \$100,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS FOR SUMMARY OFFENCES, AND \$500,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS FOR INDICTABLE OFFENCES, WHILE ALL GOODS SEIZED ARE LIABLE TO FORFEITURE," HE SAID.

"UP TO SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SEIZED \$26.3 MILLION WORTH OF GOODS IN 555 CASES AND PROSECUTED 578 PERSONS OR FIRMS UNDER THE TDO. FINES TOTALLED \$4.85 MILLION AND 21 CUSTODIAL SENTENCES WERE PASSED."

AS FOR THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE, MR LI SAID IT AFFORDED PROTECTION FOR COPYRIGHT HOLDERS AGAINST INFRINGEMENT OF LITERARY, DRAMATIC, MUSICAL AND ARTISTIC WORKS, SOUND RECORDINGS, CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS, TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCASTS; AND PUBLISHED EDITIONS OF WORK, BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN.

"ANYONE CONVICTED OF POSSESSION OF INFRINGING COPIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRADE OR BUSINESS IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$1,000 FOR EACH INFRINGING COPY AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR," HE SAID.

"THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE POSSESSION OF PLATES USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED FOR MAKING INFRINGING COPIES IS A FINE OF \$50,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS.

"ALL INFRINGING GOODS AND PLATES SEIZED ARE LIABLE TO FORFEITURE.

"GOODS VALUED AT \$15.5 MILLION WERE SEIZED IN 138 CASES IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS THIS YEAR, AND 67 PERSONS OR FIRMS WERE PROSECUTED. IN ADDITION TO TOTAL FINES OF \$390,000, ONE PERSON WAS IMPRISONED."

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TURNING TO EFFORTS AGAINST COMPUTER PIRACY, HE SAID OPERATIONS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS HAD RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF GOODS VALUED AT OVER \$18 MILLION, WITH 161 TRADERS PROSECUTED AND 42 AWAITING PROSECUTION.

"WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS ON COUNTERFEIT WATCHES UNDER BOTH TDO AND THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE AND HAVE SEIZED \$70.4 MILLION WORTH OF COUNTERFEIT WATCHES IN 1,015 CASES SINCE 1984."

NOTING THE INDIVIDUAL PECULIARITIES OF INDUSTRIAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, MR LI SAID THAT STRONG SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION FROM THE OWNERS OF INDUSTRIAL/INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND FURTHER POSITIVE SUPPORT FROM THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL WERE NEEDED TO CONTAIN THE INFRINGEMENTS OF LEGITIMATE INDUSTRY AND TRADING STANDARDS AS A WHOLE.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1988
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1988.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR SEPTEMBER 1988 WERE 120.5 AND 120.0 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 8.8 PER CENT AND 8.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER SEPTEMBER 1987.

THESE RATES OF INCREASE, WHICH ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE SEEN IN EARLIER MONTHS, ARE A FURTHER INDICATION THAT THE RATE OF INFLATION IS CONTINUING TO RISE.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER WITH AUGUST 1988, THE CPI(A) INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT AND THE CPI(B) BY 1.1 PER CENT. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE COMPARISONS WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH ARE LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY SEASONAL AND OTHER TEMPORARY FLUCTUATIONS, AND, THEREFORE, SHOULD NOT BE READILY GENERALISED AS THE ANNUAL TREND INFLATION RATE.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 1988, AT 115.3 AND 115.4 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 7.2 PER CENT AND 7.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 1987.

DURING THE 3-MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 1988, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.9 PER CENT PER MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), AT 0.8 PER CENT PER MONTH.

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THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1988 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1988 AND SEPTEMBER 1987, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR SEP. 88	% CHANGE OVER AUG. 88	% CHANGE OVER SEP. 87	INDEX FOR SEP. 88	% CHANGE OVER AUG. 88	% CHANGE OVER SEP. 87
FOODSTUFFS	121.1	+1.4	+12.0	121.5	+1.4	+11.8
HOUSING	115.4	+1.6	+ 3.9	112.0	+0.6	+ 3.3
FUEL AND LIGHT	92.7	-0.4	+ 0.2	93.4	-0.5	+ 0.2
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	124.4	-0.1	+ 6.4	125.2	-0.1	+ 6.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	122.7	+0.1	+ 8.4	124.9	+0.2	+ 8.7
DURABLE GOODS	119.4	+0.4	+ 6.0	118.6	+0.5	+ 6.0
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	123.3	+0.3	+ 4.8	123.7	+0.6	+ 5.1
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	121.0	+0.2	+ 4.1	120.2	+0.1	+ 4.4
SERVICES	131.5	+3.7	+12.6	131.2	+3.2	+12.5
ALL ITEMS	120.5	+1.3	+ 8.8	120.0	+1.1	+ 8.3

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COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1988, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B).

THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, FRESH FRUIT AND MOON-CAKES AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 3.7 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 3.2 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER SCHOOL FEES AND TEXTBOOK PRICES.

(FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.)

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR SEPTEMBER 1988, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.50 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 125.0 IN SEPTEMBER 1988, UP BY 1.2 PER CENT OVER AUGUST 1988 AND UP BY 9.4 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1987.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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DR THONG TO RETIRE
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR THONG KAH-LEONG, WILL BE PROCEEDING ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE ON NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (HEALTH SERVICES AND PLANNING), DR LEE SHIU-HUNG, WILL ACT AS DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME DATE.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THESE OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DR THONG KAH-LEONG, CBE, JP

AGED 60. DR THONG JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A PRINCIPAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN JUNE 1970. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN JANUARY 1977. ON HIS RETIREMENT, DR THONG WILL HAVE COMPLETED 18 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

DR LEE SHIU-HUNG, JP

AGED 55, DR LEE JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN APRIL 1960. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN JANUARY 1977.

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LEGCO TO DEBATE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT
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THIRTY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ARE LISTED TO SPEAK IN A MOTION DEBATE ON THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO.3 AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MOTION ON THE DEBATE WILL BE MOVED BY THE HON SELINA CHOW. IN OTHER BUSINESS, THREE QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED BY MEMBERS.

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MASSIVE SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR NORTH-WEST NT
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MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED NORTH-WEST NEW TERRITORIES SEWERAGE SCHEME AT A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27).

THE SCHEME, ESTIMATED TO COST \$710 MILLION, IS AIMED AT REDUCING POLLUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND IMPROVING THE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE REGION BY CONSTRUCTION OF A NETWORK OF TRUNK SEWERS AND PUMPING STATIONS TO SERVE YUEN LONG, YUEN LONG-TUEN MUN CORRIDOR AND TIN SHUI WAI.

AT THURSDAY'S MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF A GEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION ON THE PRESENCE OF UNDERGROUND MARBLE CAVERNS IN THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES REGION.

THE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE AS ONE IN A SERIES OF ACTIONS TO ENSURE SAFE DEVELOPMENT IN YUEN LONG DISTRICT IN VIEW OF THE EXISTENCE OF CAVITIES THAT WERE FOUND BENEATH THE YUEN LONG LRT INTERCHANGE SITE RECENTLY.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE DISCUSSION OF PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES UNDER THE BOARD; THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE; THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LRT SERVICES AS WELL AS AREA COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, TO BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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\$148 MILLION CONTRACT FOR AU TAU TREATMENT WORKS
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THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR K.L. WONG, TODAY (TUESDAY) SIGNED A \$148 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AU TAU TREATMENT WORKS.

THE TREATMENT WORKS IS PART OF AN ON-GOING SCHEME TO INCREASE THE WATER TREATMENT CAPACITY IN THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES TO COPE WITH CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AT TIN SHUI WAI.

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THE SCHEME COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER TREATMENT WORKS, A PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIR, AND ASSOCIATED MAINLAYING WORKS AT AU TAU, YUEN LONG.

THE AU TAU TREATMENT WORKS, WHICH IS TO BE DEVELOPED IN STAGES, WILL HAVE A STAGE I OUTPUT OF 110,000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY, WITH PROVISION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION TO AN ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF 330,000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY.

WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE CONTRACT INCLUDE SIX CLARIFIERS, EIGHT FILTERS, A TREATED WATER RESERVOIR, TWO SLUDGE THICKENING TANKS AND A CHEMICAL HOUSE.

THE CONTRACT, TOGETHER WITH TWO OTHER PREVIOUSLY AWARDED (ONE FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THE TREATMENT PLANT AND ONE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIR) CONSTITUTE THE MAIN WORKS REQUIRED FOR STAGE I OF THE PROJECT, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMMISSIONED IN MID-1990.

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FIRST GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING IN FANLING

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THE FIRST GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING IN FANLING IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1990.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS JUST AWARDED A \$48.2 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING'S SUPERSTRUCTURE.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

LOCATED ON TAI PO ROAD WITHIN A FIVE-MINUTE WALK FROM THE FANLING RAILWAY STATION, THE FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL COMPRISE SEVEN STOREYS, PROVIDING A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 15,600 SQUARE METRES IN ADDITION TO INDOOR AND OUTDOOR CAR PARKING SPACE.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS EXPECTED TO MOVE OFFICES INTO THE BUILDING INCLUDE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, POST OFFICE, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

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EASY TRAVEL SCHEME TO OPERATE AT NEW CHINA FERRY TERMINAL

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE NEW CHINA FERRY TERMINAL IN TSIM SHA TSUI WHICH WOULD BECOME OPERATIONAL ON NOVEMBER 8.

"UNDER THE SCHEME, HOLDERS OF HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS, AGED 18 OR OVER, AND HOLDERS OF HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS WITH *** SYMBOL WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM PRODUCING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WHEN LEAVING OR ARRIVING AT THE TERMINAL," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"TRAVELLERS USING HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS FOR IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE AT THE TERMINAL DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS AS AT OTHER COMPUTERISED CONTROL POINTS.

"BUT TRAVELLERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD BE PROPERLY DOCUMENTED FOR CHINA," HE SAID.

THE NEW CHINA FERRY TERMINAL, AT 33 CANTON ROAD, WILL HAVE 64 IMMIGRATION COUNTERS TO FACILITATE TRAVELS TO AND FROM CHINA.

WITH ITS OPERATION ON NOVEMBER 8, THE FERRY SERVICES TO CHINA CURRENTLY PROVIDED AT THE TAI KOK TSUI PIER AND CHINA FERRY TERMINAL IN CENTRAL WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW TERMINAL.

THE FERRY SERVICE TO SHEKOU, HOWEVER, WILL BE OPERATED AT THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME DATE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID TRAVELLERS WHO DO NOT USE THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS WHEN PASSING THROUGH THE NEW TERMINAL SHOULD PRODUCE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND COMPLETE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS.

"ALL CHILDREN UNDER 18 AND ADULTS WHOSE IDENTITY CARDS HAVE BEEN PERFORATED, DEFACED, LOST, INVALIDATED OR THOSE WHO ARE EXEMPTED FROM OBTAINING IDENTITY CARDS SHOULD TRAVEL ON PROPER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WHEN PASSING THROUGH THE CONTROL POINTS.

"TO HELP REDUCE WAITING TIME, PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO COMPLETE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS ON BEHALF OF THEIR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT YET HAVE IDENTITY CARDS," HE SAID.

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CERTIFICATE COURSE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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A CERTIFICATE COURSE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IS BEING OFFERED TO PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT.

THE COURSE, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, INDUSTRIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AIMS AT IMPROVING BUILDING MANAGEMENT STANDARDS IN THE DISTRICT.

CONSISTING OF FIVE TWO-HOUR SESSIONS, IT WILL BE HELD AT THE LAI KOK COMMUNITY CENTRE ON CONSECUTIVE THURSDAY EVENINGS, BEGINNING DECEMBER 1.

THE CURRICULUM COVERS LAWS ON LAND, PROPERTY AND OWNERS' CORPORATION, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, FIRE PREVENTION, SECURITY, BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

A LAWYER AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE URBAN SERVICES AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, POLICE, THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING TEAM WILL GIVE LECTURES ON THE TOPICS.

ENROLMENT TO THE COURSE IS LIMITED TO 50 AND WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

APPLICATION FORMS, NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, SHOULD BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 15.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COURSE CAN BE MADE ON 3-617125.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT LAUNCHES CLEAN BUILDING CAMPAIGN

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A CLEAN BUILDING CAMPAIGN IS BEING MOUNTED IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT UNTIL NOVEMBER 4 TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT AMONG RESIDENTS OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

APPEALING FOR SUPPORT FOR THE CAMPAIGN, A DB SPOKESMAN SAID PILED-UP JUNK AND RUBBISH IN COMMON AREAS OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS WOULD NOT ONLY CAUSE HYGIENIC PROBLEMS BUT ALSO POSE A FIRE HAZARD BLOCKING FIRE ESCAPE ROUTES.

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HE URGED RESIDENTS TO ACTIVELY EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND MAINTAIN CLEANLINESS IN THEIR BUILDING'S COMMON AREAS SUCH AS STAIRCASES, CORRIDORS AND LIFT LOBBIES.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, A SERIES OF CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN ELEVEN SPECIALLY SELECTED PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS IN THESE BUILDINGS WILL ORGANISE THOROUGH CLEANSING EXERCISE IN THEIR BUILDINGS WHILE STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO GIVE ASSISTANCE.

TO SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS BY RESIDENTS, MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL INSPECT THE BUILDINGS CONCERNED BEFORE AND AFTER THE CLEAN-UPS.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION WILL BE AWARDED TO THE RESIDENTS' BODIES IN THESE BUILDINGS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMPAIGN.

"WE HOPE THAT THE SPECIAL CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS IN THESE ELEVEN BUILDINGS WILL IMPLANT THE MESSAGE OF CLEANLINESS AS A WAY OF LIFE AMONG THE RESIDENTS, AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW SUIT," THE DB SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ALSO PLANS TO ORGANISE A SIMILAR CAMPAIGN FOR SQUATTER AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW ON SALE TOMORROW

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ENVIRONMENT HONG KONG 1988 - A REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD), WILL BE ON SALE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE 191-PAGE REVIEW, TOGETHER WITH CHARTS, DIAGRAMS AND PICTURES, GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE MANY AND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES THAT WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1987 TO PROTECT HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EPD SAID IN ORDER TO CATER FOR THOSE WITH SIMPLY A GENERAL CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, A CHAPTER HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE REVIEW OUTLINING IN GENERAL, NON-TECHNICAL TERMS, THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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FOR READERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MORE DETAILS IN SPECIFIC TECHNICAL FIELDS, THERE ARE SEPARATE CHAPTERS COVERING ASPECTS OF NOISE, AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT, WATER AND WASTE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING.

THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE REVIEW IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE PUBLISHED LATER THIS YEAR.

THE REVIEW, AT A COST OF \$20, IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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SPECIAL DB COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT SURVEY
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27) TO FURTHER DISCUSS A SURVEY REPORT ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS IN KWUN TONG.

THE REPORT, COMPILED BY A CONSULTANT, WAS FIRST PRESENTED TO MEMBERS WHEN THE COMMITTEE MET LAST MONTH, BUT IT WAS DECIDED THAT A SPECIAL MEETING SHOULD BE CONVENED TO DISCUSS THE REPORT IN DETAIL.

AT THURSDAY'S MEETING, MEMBERS WILL HEAR COMMENTS ON THE REPORT FROM OFFICIALS REPRESENTING THE POLICE, HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON PROBLEM AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE SURVEY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27) ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON BUS SERVICES

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY BUSES RUNNING FROM TUEN MUN TO KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN WHICH INCLUDE ROUTES 66X, 67X AND 67M.

THERE WILL ALSO BE REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND ACCESS NEAR CHOY YEE BRIDGE, BUTTERFLY BAY AREA AND LAM TEI LIGHT RAIL STATION.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE THE NEW PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING TAXI COMPLAINTS, APPLICATION FOR FARE RISE AT THE END OF THE YEAR BY KMB, REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF RAILINGS ALONG SAN HUI PATH, AND PROBLEMS ON PARKING SPACE AT AREA 4B.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REPORT AND THE REPORT ON THE RENAMING OF LRT STOPS WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO MEET ON THURSDAY

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MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE EFFECT OF MAINTENANCE WORKS AT THE TWGH LEE CHI HUNG MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL ON ITS PUPILS AT THEIR MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27).

SEVERAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL EXPRESS PARENTS' CONCERN ABOUT THE COMPLETION DATE OF THE MAINTENANCE WORKS AND WHETHER THE EXISTING TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT OF TRANSFERRING STUDENTS TO OTHER SCHOOLS TO CONTINUE THEIR SCHOOLING SHOULD BE REVIEWED.

A GROUP OF BOARD MEMBERS WILL MAKE A PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE LEI YUE MUN PARK TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DURING DAYTIME SO THAT THEY CAN SPEND THEIR LEISURE TIME IN THE PARK WHENEVER THEY LIKE.

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A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED WILL BRIEF BOARD MEMBERS ON THE INTRODUCTION OF 'EASY DIALLING DAY' DURING THE MEETING.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE PRIVATE STREET RESUMPTION PROGRAMME FOR 1988/89 IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE QUESTION OF WHETHER HONG KONG SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO APPLY FOR HOLDING THE 1997 EXPO WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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FIGHT CRIME POSTER DESIGN CONTEST
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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IS HOLDING A POSTER DESIGN CONTEST TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF HOUSEHOLD SECURITY.

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS: ONE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND STUDENTS OF TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, AND THE OTHER FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS.

THE THEME OF THE DESIGN SHOULD UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING HOUSEHOLD THEFT. AN ENTRY SHOULD MEASURE 40 CM BY 58 CM, AND THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF COLOURS AND THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES TO BE SENT BY EACH PARTICIPANT.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS OF THE OPEN SECTION WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES WORTH \$500, \$300, AND \$200 RESPECTIVELY WHILE WINNERS IN THE STUDENT SECTION WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES WORTH \$300, \$200 AND \$100.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD, ITS TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD OR THE ACTIVITY CENTRE OF THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION AT 33 SALISBURY ROAD BEFORE NOVEMBER 8.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-661908 OR 3-322716.

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KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL STARTS SATURDAY

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KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI RESIDENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, KWAI TSING DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND REGIONAL COUNCIL.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY), CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN SAID THE FESTIVAL WOULD HAVE MORE THAN 30 PROGRAMMES WITH A BUDGET OF \$600,000.

A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED TO ATTRACT PARTICIPATION FROM ALL AGES AND DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, MR CHENG SAID.

"CHILDREN AND ELDERLY PEOPLE, THE ABLE-BODIED AND HANDICAPPED AS WELL AS STUDENTS AND WORKING ADULTS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE FESTIVAL," HE ADDED.

THE SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 29) AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUP WITH PERFORMANCES BY SCHOOL BANDS, LOCAL GYMNASTIC AND DANCE GROUPS, AND FOOTBALL MATCHES BETWEEN A WOMEN'S TEAM FROM GUANGDONG AND THE KWAI TSING WOMEN FOOTBALL TEAM AS WELL AS BETWEEN TV/FOOTBALL STARS AND KWAI TSING CELEBRITIES.

A SERIES OF OTHER ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING TENNIS, MINI-TENNIS, SOCCER, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, BOWLING AND TABLE-TENNIS COMPETITIONS, ATHLETIC EVENTS, ARCHERY AND ROLLER SKATING FUN DAYS AS WELL AS A HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED FUN DAY, WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL PERIOD UNTIL NOVEMBER 27.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG KWOK-WAI AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT.

MR TANG SAID THE SPORTS FESTIVAL WOULD PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH THE CHANCE FOR HEALTHY EXERCISE IN THEIR LEISURE TIME.

RESIDENTS CAN OBTAIN BROCHURES OF THE FESTIVAL AND APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE ACTIVITIES AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SEVEN SUB-OFFICES.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI

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TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS IN WELLINGTON STREET, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN COCHRANE STREET AND WELLINGTON STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM STANLEY STREET TO COCHRANE STREET.

ALSO, VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM WELLINGTON STREET TO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA COCHRANE STREET.

THE ABOVE MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE EFFECTIVE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS:

- * THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND AT WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN PEEL STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- * WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN ABERDEEN STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM ABERDEEN STREET TO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WELLINGTON STREET AND COCHRANE STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, FLEMING ROAD SOUTHBOUND IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND THOMSON ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE MADE RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 28).

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BECOME PEAK HOUR (I.E. 7 - 10 AM AND 4 - 7 PM) DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES:

- * YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MA MIU ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 125 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * PING WUI STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * MA MIU ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

MOREOVER, TWO ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

THEY ARE WANG CHAU ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH YUEN LONG ON LOK ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION AND MA WANG ROAD.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE ON SHANGHAI STREET SOUTHBOUND IN YAU MA TEI BETWEEN HAMILTON STREET AND PITT STREET WILL BE LIFTED.

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NO-ENTRY BANS IN DIAMOND HILL AND TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND TO THE LAY-BY ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH OF DIAMOND HILL BUS TERMINUS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 28).

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING SO KWUN WAT ROAD IN TUEN MUN.

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