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## PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF MARCH EXTERNAL TRADE

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 28 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATE.

TOGETHER WITH A 49 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 37 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 36 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 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT THE PRICES OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS 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.

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 INDEXES 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 MARCH 1987 WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1986, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT, GIVING AN INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 22 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, BOTH THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT, WHILE IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 5 PER CENT.

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

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN MARCH 1987 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1986. THESE INCLUDED CLOTHING (+9 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+6 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+6 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+5 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+4 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+3 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+2 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+1 PER CENT) AS WELL AS METAL MANUFACTURES (+1 PER CENT). DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-8 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-7 PER CENT) AS WELL AS RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-1 PER CENT).

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN MARCH 1987 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1986, INCLUDING TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+82 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+81 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+52 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+51 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+43 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+34 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+26 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+22 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+20 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+15 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+5 PER CENT); AS WELL AS FOOTWEAR (+4 PER CENT).

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

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES ROSE IN MARCH 1987 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1986, RANGING FROM 1 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 8 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUEL DECREASED BY 15 PER CENT.

IMPORTS OF MANY MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS IN MARCH 1987 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1986. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN FRUIT; SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS AS WELL AS LIVE POULTRY. HOWEVER, DECREASED IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TEA AND COFFEE AS WELL AS VEGETABLES.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ALL CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY; RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS; FOOTWEAR; TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AS WELL AS CLOTHING.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE IN MARCH 1987 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1986, INCLUDING RAW COTTON; WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; COTTON YARN AND THREAD; WOVEN COTTON FABRICS; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS; LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS; THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS; MAN-MADE FIBRES AS WELL AS CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS. A DECREASE WAS NOTED FOR FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES.

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IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY 38 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN MARCH 1987 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1986.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ALL COMMODITIES INCREASED IN MARCH 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1986, THE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING OFFICE MACHINES; ELECTRICAL MACHINERY; CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; AS WELL AS SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS.

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

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN MARCH 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1986, RANGING FROM 16 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 74 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MARCH 1987 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE NEXT WEEK AT HK\$2.50 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG ON 5-214375 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234918.

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Table 1: Increases in domestic exports by commodity group

Commodity group	Comparing Jan-Mar 1987 with Jan-Mar 1986			Comparing March 1987 with March 1986		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Clothing	22	8	13	37	9	26
Textile fabrics	77	3	72	89	4	81
Textile yarn and thread	54	2	51	85	1	82
Textile made-ups and related articles	17	6	11	41	5	34
Radios of all kinds	49	-3	54	50	-1	52
Electronic components	2	-8	10	-4	-8	5
Footwear	9	3	6	10	6	4
Metal manufactures	34	2	31	52	1	51
Metal ores and scrap	4	-5	10	33	-7	43
Watches and clocks	17	4	13	18	3	15
Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	7	3	4	25	2	22
Domestic electrical appliances	26	3	22	27	6	20
ALL COMMODITIES	32	3	28	41	3	37

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from trade indexes 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.

Table 2: Increases in imports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing Jan-Mar 1987 with Jan-Mar 1986			Comparing March 1987 with March 1986		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	12	1	10	15	1	14
Consumer goods	49	6	41	65	5	57
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	49	3	45	61	3	57
Fuels	-20	-26	9	17	-15	38
Capital goods	38	9	26	50	8	39
ALL COMMODITIES	41	4	36	55	3	50

Table 3: Increases in re-exports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing Jan-Mar 1987 with Jan-Mar 1986			Comparing March 1987 with March 1986		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	11	-1	12	14	-1	16
Consumer goods	68	3	64	79	3	74
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	46	2	44	58	2	55
Fuels	64	-23	112	27	-9	39
Capital goods	43	3	40	52	2	50
ALL COMMODITIES	52	2	49	62	2	59 #

PARENTS' ROLE UNDERLINED  
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THE FAMILY IS THE CHILD'S BEST SHELTER AND BASIC SCHOOL FOR LIFE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "LOVE OUR CHILDREN - 1987 CHILDREN'S MONTH" ORGANISED BY CARITAS, MRS GOODSTADT SAID THE FAMILY HAD TO BE NURTURED IF WE DID NOT WANT IT TO BE SMOTHERED IN PERSONAL AND LARGELY MATERIAL AMBITIONS.

SHE NOTED THAT THE HONG KONG FAMILY WAS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE AND DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION, THE DRIVE TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL SUCCESS MIGHT PROVE TOO GREAT A STRAIN FOR MANY HOMES.

CITING THE UPWARD TREND IN BOTH THE DIVORCE RATE AND THE AMOUNT OF JUVENILE CRIMES OVER THE LAST DECADE, SHE SAID IT WAS WORRYING BECAUSE THE STATISTICS ONLY REPRESENTED EXTREME CASES.

THE DIVORCE RATE PER THOUSAND MARRIED COUPLES WAS 0.9 IN 1976 AND ROSE TO 3.6 IN 1986. THE RATE OF JUVENILE CRIMES ROSE FROM 2.1 PER THOUSAND TO 7.9 OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

"BEHIND THESE LEGAL STATISTICS LIE THE FAMILIES IN WHICH THE QUALITY OF MARRIAGE HAS DETERIORATED AND THE YOUNGSTERS WHO HAVE ANTI-SOCIAL ATTITUDES BUT STAY OUT OF TROUBLE WITH THE POLICE," MRS GOODSTADT SAID.

SHE ARGUED THAT THIS TREND TOWARDS MORE RATHER THAN FEWER SOCIAL PROBLEMS AS WE HAD BECOME MORE PROSPEROUS COULD NOT BE BLAMED ON THE OUTSIDE WORLD BECAUSE HONG KONG SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE ITS OWN PROBLEMS.

NEITHER COULD IT BE BLAMED ON THE SOCIAL SERVICES, SHE SAID.

"WHILE CERTAINLY WE COULD ALWAYS DO WITH MORE RESOURCES IN THIS FIELD, WE HAVE TO RECOGNISE THAT THROUGH THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OPERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES SUCH AS CARITAS, PLUS SUSTAINED CAMPAIGNS LIKE THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME, WE HAVE DONE A GREAT DEAL TO PROTECT THE FAMILY," SHE SAID.

"THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS SOME 24,000 FAMILY CASES. OVER THE LAST YEAR, ITS CASEWORKERS HANDLED OVER 36,000 FAMILY PROBLEMS.

"THE CONTRIBUTION BY THE EIGHT FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, INCLUDING CARITAS, HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL, HANDLING ALMOST 8,000 FAMILY CASES," SHE ADDED.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT FAMILY PROBLEMS WERE USUALLY COMPLEX AND ABSORBED CONSIDERABLE TIME FROM PROFESSIONALS WHO TEND TO REQUIRE MORE EXPERIENCE AND MATURITY TO TACKLE THE TOUGHER CASES.

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"THE COST (INCLUDING SUBVENTION TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES) OF THIS FAMILY CASE COUNSELLING SERVICE PROVIDED BY MORE THAN 350 SOCIAL WORKERS IS \$60 MILLION PER YEAR.

"THESE FIGURES HIGHLIGHT THE AWARENESS IN THE SOCIAL PROFESSION OF FAMILY PROBLEMS AND SOCIAL WORKERS CANNOT BE ACCUSED OF BEING COMPLACENT," SHE SAID.

SHE BELIEVED THAT THE BASIC PROBLEM PERHAPS HAD TO DO WITH THE SPECIAL DRIVE TO SUCCEED THAT WE FOUND IN HONG KONG WHICH MIGHT AFFECT FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.

EMPHASISING THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN THE CHILDREN'S GROWING UP PROCESS, SHE SAID CHILDREN COULD ONLY LEARN TO BE GOOD PARENTS THEMSELVES THROUGH LEARNING FROM THEIR PARENTS.

SHE SAID IT WAS UP TO PARENTS TO DECIDE HOW PRECIOUS THEIR FAMILIES WERE TO THEM AND WHAT PRIORITY THEY WANTED TO GIVE TO THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

"THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR 'CHILDREN'S MONTH' BY CARITAS PRESENT A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THE ROLE OF THE HONG KONG FAMILY AND TO REMIND THE COMMUNITY THAT THE FAMILY HAS TO BE NURTURED IF WE DO NOT WANT IT TO BE SMOTHERED IN PERSONAL AND LARGELY MATERIAL AMBITIONS," SHE SAID.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS  
SHOW DEXTERITY AND CREATIVITY IN CONTESTS

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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR HORACE KNIGHT, TODAY (SATURDAY) PRESENTED PRIZES AND TROPHIES TO STUDENTS WHO EXCELLED IN THE ANNUAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE PROJECT AND SKILLS COMPETITIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR KNIGHT SAID THE HIGH STANDARDS ACHIEVED BY THE STUDENTS IN THE COMPETITIONS REFLECTED THE QUALITY OF THE EDUCATION THEY RECEIVED IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

HE SAID THE AIM OF THE PROJECT COMPETITION AT TECHNICIAN LEVEL WAS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO PUT THEORY TO PRACTICE; TO REACH OUT BEYOND THE CONFINES OF TEXTBOOKS AND BASIC WORKSHOP PRACTICE; TO LEARN TO WORK AS MEMBERS IN A TEAM; AND ABOVE ALL TO BE RESOURCEFUL, CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE.

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THE PROJECT ENTRIES INVOLVED THE APPLICATION OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE AND INCLUDED AN ELECTRIC CAR FOR THE DISABLED, A COMPUTER-CONTROLLED MILLING AND DRILLING MACHINE, A SOLAR TRACKING SYSTEM, AN AUTOMATIC TABLE-TENNIS BALL SERVER, A PROGRAMMABLE CRANE SYSTEM AND A LIFT SYSTEM.

THE SKILLS COMPETITION WHICH WAS OPEN TO CRAFT STUDENTS WAS A CONTEST MAINLY OF DEXTROUS SKILLS.

MORE THAN 200 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE SEVEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES. ANOTHER 25 STUDENTS WERE AWARDED THE CHEN HSONG SCHOLARSHIP FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.

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#### JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

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TWO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THE MONBUSHO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 1988 ARE BEING OFFERED TO LOCAL STUDENTS OF 17 AND 22 YEARS OF AGE AS AT APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR (1988).

ONE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES AND THE OTHER FOR NATURAL SCIENCES IN JAPAN.

THE AWARDS NORMALLY TENABLE FOR FIVE YEARS FROM APRIL NEXT YEAR TO MARCH 1993 WILL COVER TUITION, ACCOMMODATION, LIVING EXPENSES AND RETURN PASSAGE.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE PASSED TWO RELEVANT SUBJECTS AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL AND THREE RELEVANT SUBJECTS AT THE ORDINARY LEVEL; OR THREE RELEVANT SUBJECTS AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL AND ONE RELEVANT SUBJECT AT THE ORDINARY LEVEL IN A GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM; OR SATISFIED THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS OF EITHER THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG OR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

APPLICANTS NEED NOT HAVE ANY PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF JAPANESE, BUT THEY MUST BE WILLING TO RECEIVE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN THE MEDIUM OF JAPANESE.

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APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE COURSES OF STUDY ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, 5TH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

COMPLETED FORMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE BEFORE JULY 15 (WEDNESDAY).

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE ENROLLED AT THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL ATTACHED TO THE TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES AND WILL BE GIVEN A ONE-YEAR COURSE ON THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND SUCH OTHER SUBJECTS AS ARE NECESSARY TO PREPARE THEM FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE COURSE.

A GRANTEE WHO HAS COMPLETED THE PRESCRIBED COURSE AT THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL WILL GO ON TO A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IF HE PASSES THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY THE UNIVERSITY. MONBUSHO, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY CONCERNED AND THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL, WILL DECIDE ON THE UNIVERSITY TO WHICH A GRANTEE SHOULD APPLY FOR ADMISSION.

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TREE PLANTING DAY BOOSTS CIVIC EDUCATION  
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MORE THAN 80 STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS TOOK PART IN A TREE PLANTING DAY AT SHEK TSAI PO, TAI O TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT, MR JOHN SHERWIN, SAID THAT TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES COULD CULTIVATE CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AND ENHANCE ACTIVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AMONG YOUTHS.

IT COULD ALSO IMPROVE AND BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH WOULD BE WELL-FITTED TO THE 'ISLANDS -- MY HOME' ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME CARRIED OUT BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, HE SAID.

THE TREE PLANTING DAY, WHICH WAS INITIATED BY THE TAI O YOUTH CLUB, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES/SOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

THE SEEDLINGS PLANTED TODAY COMPRISED THREE SPECIES -- BOMBAX MALABARICUM, ALEURITES MOLUCCANA AND ACACIA CONFUSA.

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TUEN MUN TREE PLANTING DAY ON SUNDAY  
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MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE FROM 30 SCHOOLS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY BODIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS WILL TAKE PART IN THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO COINCIDE WITH THE "WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY" AND TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, THE TREE PLANTING DAY WILL FEATURE SOME 70 TREES OF 2 TO 3 METRES HIGH, TO BE PLANTED ALONG THE RIVERSIDE OF TSOI YEE BRIDGE.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED; CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU WONG-FAT; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG FAT-KEE; DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR G.H. COX; CHIEF ARCHITECT, MR S.H. PAU; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR R.B.J. CROSS; DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER, MR JIMMY CHOW; AND DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT, MR HUI KWOK-HUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY. THOSE WISHING TO USE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 7).

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PRIZE PRESENTATION FOR TENDER FAMILY WINNERS  
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A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY CUM FUN DAY FOR THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT TENDER FAMILY ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

A TOTAL OF 69 PARTICIPATING FAMILIES, INCLUDING 10 WINNING FAMILIES, WILL GATHER FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT.

PROGRAMMES OF THE DAY WILL INCLUDE SINGING, DANCE PERFORMANCE, TELE-MATCHES AND AN EXHIBITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE SAI KUNG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS BETTY CHING; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE, MRS ANITA CHAN.

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THE TENDER FAMILY ELECTION IS ONE OF MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WHICH AIMS AT AROUSING RESIDENT AWARENESS OF THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES BOTH IN THE FAMILY AS WELL AS IN THE COMMUNITY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, NEXT TO STAR FERRY, AT 1.30 PM SHARP.

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REMINDER ON FLOATING HOLIDAY  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE FIRST FLOATING HOLIDAY FOR THIS YEAR FALLS ON JUNE 15, THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, IF EMPLOYERS HAVE NOT ALREADY FIXED THE DATES FOR THE FLOATING HOLIDAYS FOR THIS YEAR AND THEIR EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT REQUESTED THE HOLIDAYS BE ADDED TO THEIR PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, EMPLOYEES SHALL BE GRANTED THE FIRST FLOATING HOLIDAY ON THE ABOVE DATE AND THE SECOND FLOATING HOLIDAY ON AUGUST 31, THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST.

ALL MANUAL WORKERS AND THOSE NON-MANUAL WORKERS EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$11,500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FOR THAT HOLIDAY IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, THE HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS TO 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY, HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

## EARLY WELFARE PAYMENT

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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE HOLDING CASH ORDER BOOKS MAY RECEIVE EARLIER PAYMENT IF THEIR PAYMENT DATES FALL ON JUNE 13 TO 15.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THEY MAY CASH THEIR COUPONS ON JUNE 10 TO 12 RESPECTIVELY OR AFTER AT THE DESIGNATED POST OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES AND TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

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## PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

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PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN PUI CHING ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON TUESDAY (JUNE 9) FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER RECONSTRUCTION.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE SLIP ROAD TO PUI CHING ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD.

HOWEVER, ACCESS TO THE PREMISES ALONG THIS SECTION OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE MAINTAINED. MOTORISTS ON PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR THESE PREMISES MAY USE EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING DIVERSION ROUTES:

- \* PUI CHING ROAD, SHEUNG SHING STREET, SHEK KU STREET, PERTH STREET AND THE ACCESS ROAD UNDERNEATH THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER; OR
- \* PUI CHING ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND, U-TURN LOOP NEAR THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND THE ACCESS ROAD UNDERNEATH THE FLYOVER OPPOSITE PERTH STREET.

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## LAI CHI KOK ROAD CLOSED FOR RESURFACING

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LAI CHI KOK ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN CHEUNG SHUN STREET AND CHEUNG MOU STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 9) TO JUNE 12 FOR RESURFACING.

MOTORISTS ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD EASTBOUND, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD BOTH DIRECTIONS OR BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR LAI CHI KOK ROAD SOUTHBOUND ARE ADVISED TO USE CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND HING WAH STREET WESTBOUND.

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