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OCTOBER EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY-OCTOBER 1985, VALUED AT \$382 112 MILLION, INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, ACCORDING TO TRADE VALUE STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT TO \$106 107 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT TO \$87 082 MILLION AND IMPORTS INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT TO \$188 923 MILLION. TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT.

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HEREIN ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS ON THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR OCTOBER 1985 WILL BE RELEASED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. DECREASED BY NINE PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 414 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 232 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$902 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$120 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT) AS WELL AS CLOTHING (BY \$104 MILLION OR ONE PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA INCREASED RAPIDLY IN VALUE, PARTICULARLY OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$736 MILLION OR 248 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$533 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES, SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF) (BY \$528 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$44 MILLION OR THREE PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$37 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

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DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$648 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$402 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$149 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR SANITARY, PLUMBING, HEATING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES AND FITTINGS (BY \$8 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$3 MILLION OR TWO PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 012 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$185 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO JAPAN ALSO FELL (BY \$339 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT AND BY \$95 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$10 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT) AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$17 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM CHINA INCREASED IN THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS) (BY \$692 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) = CLOTHING (BY \$573 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$386 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$1 281 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$377 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 068 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT); ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$736 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$587 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 002 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$670 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 312 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$488 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$432 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR INORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$319 MILLION OR 252 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$140 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

MEANWHILE, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY \$1 188 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT), AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$441 MILLION OR 229 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS OF VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$25 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$608 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$307 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT). HOWEVER, AN INCREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$89 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 89 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$2 752 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 676 MILLION OR 150 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 209 MILLION OR 150 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN MANUFACTURED FERTILIZERS (BY \$110 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$81 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WERE MOSTLY OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF) (BY \$984 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$395 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$379 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$93 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT) AS WELL AS VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$61 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE RECORDED IN NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$335 MILLION OR 428 PER CENT); TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$145 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$82 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$60 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT) AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$60 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$481 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$109 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FELL (BY \$279 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT), AS DID PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$48 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$161 MILLION OR 106 PER CENT) AND FOR RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$129 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE OCTOBER 1985 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN OCTOBER 1985 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY JANUARY 1986 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$13 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS AND ON TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, (TEL: 5-214375) AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL: 5-444436).

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN.-OCT. 1985 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
U.S.A.	47 460	51 980	- 4 519	- 9
CHINA	12 686	8 609	+ 4 078	+47
U.K.	6 808	8 511	- 1 703	-20
F.R. OF GERMANY	6 144	7 667	- 1 523	-20
JAPAN	3 730	4 331	- 601	-14
CANADA	3 574	3 774	- 200	- 5
AUSTRALIA	2 773	3 188	- 415	-13
SINGAPORE	1 841	2 200	- 359	-16
NETHERLANDS	1 636	1 964	- 328	-17
FRANCE	1 417	1 591	- 174	-11

TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN.-OCT. 1985 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	35 947	38 728	- 2 780	- 7
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	17 460	18 384	- 923	- 5
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	8 775	8 610	+ 165	+ 2

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	8 376	9 639	- 1 263	-13
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	7 474	9 105	- 1 630	-18
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6 229	7 239	- 1 011	-14

TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

MAJOR SOURCE	JAN.-OCT. 1985 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	46 334	46 035	+ 299	+ 1
JAPAN	44 560	42 679	+ 1 882	+ 4
U.S.A.	18 270	19 792	- 1 522	- 3
TAIWAN	17 270	14 038	+ 3 232	+23
SINGAPORE	9 376	10 096	- 720	- 7
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	6 935	5 839	+ 1 096	+19
U.K.	6 806	7 211	- 406	- 6
F.R. OF GERMANY	5 459	4 440	+ 1 018	+23
ITALY	2 902	2 416	+ 486	+20
SWITZERLAND	2 849	2 727	+ 121	+ 4

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COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN.-OCT. 1985 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	26 549	27 177	- 629	- 2
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	16 169	18 583	- 2 414	-13
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	10 938	9 668	+ 1 270	+13
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	10 317	9 476	+ 840	+ 9
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	10 241	8 004	+ 2 237	+28
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	9 203	7 918	+ 1 285	+16

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TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN.-OCT. 1985 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	38 853	20 514	+18 339	+89
U.S.A.	11 942	9 921	+ 2 021	+20
JAPAN	4 477	3 740	+ 737	+20
TAIWAN	3 600	4 085	- 486	-12
SINGAPORE	3 560	3 841	- 280	- 7
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	3 050	2 897	+ 153	+ 5
MACAU	2 177	1 916	+ 261	+14
INDONESIA	1 960	3 082	- 1 123	-36
PHILIPPINES	1 224	1 220	+ 3	+ *
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 170	886	+ 285	+32

* LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 6 : RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN.-OCT. 1985 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE(+) (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	12 886	10 182	+ 2 704	+27
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	7 682	6 792	+ 890	+13

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ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6 152	5 209	+ 943	+18
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	6 083	4 247	+ 1 836	+43
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	6 081	3 151	+ 2 930	+93
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4 635	4 097	+ 538	+13

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RESIDENTS URGED TO TAKE PART IN ELECTION
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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, TODAY URGED COMMUNITY-MINDED PEOPLE IN TAI PO TO STAND AS CANDIDATES IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION NEXT MARCH.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST TAI PO FESTIVAL IN THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE, DR HAYES SAID THE SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM AND THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT DEPENDED ON THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS.

PRAISING THE EFFORTS OF LOCAL LEADERS IN ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL, HE SAID: +THE CONTRIBUTION SHOWS THEIR CONCERN AND ENTHUSIASM IN PROMOTING DISTRICT IDENTITY AND SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.+

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HE POINTED OUT THAT TAI PO WAS A RAPIDLY DEVELOPING COMMUNITY AND THAT DURING THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT, PEOPLE MIGHT ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS BUT THEY SHOULD ACCEPT NEW IDEAS.

+LOCAL LEADERS SHOULD BE UNITED AND WORK FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

A DISTRICT ARTS PARADE FEATURING MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES MARKED THE OPENING OF THE TAI PO FESTIVAL WHICH WILL LAST FOR TWO MONTHS WITH ABOUT 60 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

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NOTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR NEW FACTORIES
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PROPRIETORS WHO INTEND TO SET UP FACTORIES ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OF PARTICULARS BEFORE THEY START AN INDUSTRIAL PROCESS OR CARRY ON AN INDUSTRIAL OPERATION, CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT, MADE UNDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE, HAD COME INTO OPERATION SINCE AUGUST THIS YEAR TO REPLACE THE FORMER REGISTRATION SYSTEM, HE SAID.

+FACTORY OWNERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO GIVE THE PARTICULARS, IN A PRESCRIBED FORM OF A NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACE OR A RELEVANT CHANGE IN THE PARTICULARS, COMMIT AN OFFENCE AND ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000 ON CONVICTION,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, WORKPLACES WHICH HAD BEEN REGISTERED OR PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED UNDER THE FORMER REGISTRATION SYSTEM WERE NOT REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IF THERE WERE NO CHANGES IN THE LOCATION, NAME, INDUSTRIAL PROCESS OR OPERATION, OR THE IDENTITY OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WORKPLACES, HE ADDED.

MR YIP SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO ISSUED LETTERS TO NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACES WHICH WERE ALREADY ON THE RECORDS OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION BEFORE THE NEW SYSTEM CAME INTO EFFECT, EXEMPTING THEM FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF NOTIFICATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE EMPOWERED THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO ISSUE A NOTICE TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF A WORKPLACE IF HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE STANDARDS OF WORKPLACE.

THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR OPERATING A NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACE IN BREACH OF A PROHIBITION NOTICE WAS \$30 000, HE ADDED.

PROPRIETORS WHO HAVE QUERIES ON THE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM MAY CONTACT THE DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR IN THEIR DISTRICT FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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ANTI-RAT CAMPAIGN FOR TSIM SHA TSUI EAST
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A MONTH-LONG RODENT PREVENTION CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST NEXT WEEK AS PART OF CONTINUING EFFORTS TO STAMP OUT RATS IN THE AREA.

+THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN AN AREA WHERE THE MANY HOTELS AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS MAKE IT VULNERABLE TO RODENTS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY.

ADDITIONALLY, THE BUILDINGS THERE WERE INTERPERSED WITH OPEN SPACES, AMENITY PLOTS, TREE PITS AND FLOWER BEDS WHICH PROVIDED POTENTIAL HARBOURAGES FOR RATS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA COMMITTEE, THE CAMPAIGN WILL TAKE A THREE-PHASE APPROACH.

+IT WILL START OFF WITH A LARGE SEMINAR ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, FOR ABOUT 100 TO 150 LICENSEES OF EXISTING AND PROSPECTIVE FOOD PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT THE SEMINAR, HE SAID, A SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR FROM THE DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE LECTURES ON THE PROPER STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF FOOD AND FOOD WASTE, AS WELL AS ON RODENT-PROOFING MEASURES.

+PHASE TWO OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE INSPECTION VISITS TO ALL FOOD PREMISES IN THE AREA IN EARLY JANUARY WITH A VIEW TO ADVISING THE OPERATORS ON PROPER METHODS OF FOOD STORAGE, WASTE DISPOSAL AND RAT PROOFING,+ HE SAID.

+THE FINAL PHASE WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE LATER PART OF JANUARY WHEN ANOTHER SERIES OF INSPECTIONS OF FOOD PREMISES WILL BE MADE.

+DURING THIS TOUGHER FINAL PHASE, HOWEVER, PROSECUTION ACTION WILL BE TAKEN FOR BREACHES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICE ORDINANCE.+

TO REINFORCE THE CAMPAIGN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PEST CONTROL AND RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD TAKE PARALLEL ACTION THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

+RODENT CONTROL DEVICES WILL BE PUT IN POTENTIAL RODENT HARBOURAGES INSIDE OTHER PREMISES AND IN OPEN SPACES IN THE AREA,+ HE ADDED.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, AN EXTENSIVE ANTI-RODENT CAMPAIGN WAS CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA TO PREVENT THE RODENT SITUATION THERE FROM DETERIORATING. DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, 99 DEAD RATS WERE COLLECTED IN THE AREA AND 151 RAT HOLES AND 40 TREE PITS WERE FILLED IN.

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BUSINESS TEST FOR SCHOOLS
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SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKING COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A COMMERCIAL SUBJECT PROJECT COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION, WHICH HAS THE THEME: +COMMERCE AND CIVIC EDUCATION+, THERE WILL BE SEVEN GROUPS OF ENTRIES WITH TITLES BEARING ON DIFFERENT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THESE TITLES ARE CHOSEN TO REFLECT PART OF THE CONTENTS OF THE COMMERCE SYLLABUS AS WELL AS THE RECOMMENDATION AS SUGGESTED IN THE GUIDELINES ON CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENTRIES MAY BE IN THE FORM OF ESSAYS, MODELS, PHOTOGRAPHS, DRAWINGS, SLIDES AND SOUND TAPES OR MIXED COMBINATION OF THESE METHODS OR ANY OTHER METHODS APPROVED BY THE ORGANISERS.

THE PROJECT MAY BE IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE, AND SUBMITTED BY ONE STUDENT OR A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM ONE OR DIFFERENT SCHOOLS.

CASH PRIZES OF \$1 000, \$800 AND \$500, WILL BE AWARDED TO THE THREE MAIN WINNERS.

AND THE JUDGES MAY ALSO, AT THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION GIVE GROUP AWARDS OF \$500, \$300 AND \$200.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A NUMBER OF MERIT PRIZES OF \$100 EACH. ALL PRIZE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

FORM 6 AND 7 STUDENTS TAKING PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS OR BUSINESS STUDIES, MAY ALSO ENTER THE COMPETITION, BUT THEIR ENTRIES WILL BE SEPARATELY JUDGED. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WILL BE AWARDED TO OUTSTANDING ENTRIES OF THIS GROUP.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD SEND THEIR ENTRY FORMS TO THE COMMERCE SUBJECTS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ROOM 523, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE MARCH 15 NEXT YEAR, WHILE THE COMPLETED PROJECT SHOULD REACH THE SECTION BEFORE MAY 1.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF TONKIN STREET PROPOSED
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RECONSTRUCT THE SECTION OF TONKIN STREET, BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD, AND TO BUILD A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AT TONKIN STREET BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND TUNG CHAU STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO.

THE PROPOSED WORKS WILL PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS TO THE SHAM SHUI PO SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL IS THE PROVISION OF A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM AT THE JUNCTION OF TONKIN STREET AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

A SINGLE CELL BOX CULVERT WILL ALSO BE BUILT PARALLEL TO THE EXISTING DECKED NULLAH IN TONKIN STREET, AND THE NULLAH WILL BE REPLACED BY A TWIN CELL BOX CULVERT.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON, AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 37-39 TONKIN STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE WORK OR THE USE, OR BOTH, MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY FEBRUARY 11.

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MAC'S URGED TO JOIN IN DRUG FIGHT
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MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WERE URGED TO HELP REPORT DRUG PUSHERS AS GOVERNMENT ALONE COULD NEVER WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST DRUG ABUSE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF THE COMMUNITY.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, PROFESSOR GERALD CHOA, AT THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES ANTI-NARCOTICS NIGHT CONCERT HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

PROF CHOA SAID THE CONCERT WAS ONE OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT FOR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

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+IT IS THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID, +THAT THE COMMITTEES, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL AID AND CONCERN FOR THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD, WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO REPORT DRUG PUSHERS AND TO COMBAT DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES.+

HE ALSO APPEALED TO PARENTS TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF THEIR CHILDREN AND HELP THEM REALISE THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE.

+OUR AIM IS A DRUG-FREE GENERATION, AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL HELP US TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM,+ HE SAID.

SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR D.G. JEAFFRESON, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACAN SUB-COMMITTEE ON PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY, DR KARL STUMPF, AND COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, ALSO OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE CONCERT WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 1 000 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THE NIGHT'S EVENT WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL POPULAR ARTISTES, DEANIE IP, SANDY LAM AND DAVID LO, WHO ALSO CONVEYED THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE.

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TAI PO ACTIVITIES MEETING NEEDS OF RESIDENTS * * * * *

THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD HAD BEEN ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE ACTIVITIES TO MEET THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF RESIDENTS DESPITE CERTAIN RESTRAINTS.

CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR MICHAEL LAI, MADE THE REMARKS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE +HEALTHY FAMILY DAY+ IN TAI PO PLAZA TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT ACTIVITIES HAD NOT BEEN CURTAILED IN SPITE OF THE SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES, AND THE BOARD HAD EFFECTIVELY ORGANISED EVENTS FOR RESIDENTS.

+THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE CONDUCTED TWO SURVEYS ON LIVING PATTERNS OF RESIDENTS AND RESULTS WERE USED AS A BASIS IN PLANNING COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECTS,+ EXPLAINED MR LAI.

TODAY'S PROGRAMMES FEATURED A CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION, A HEALTHY FAMILY EXHIBITION AND GAMES STALLS.

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UC BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR TO BE PRESENTED
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THE URBAN COUNCIL BUDGET FOR THE 1986/87 FINANCIAL YEAR WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE COUNCIL'S MONTHLY MEETING ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 17).

OTHER TOPICS TO BE DEBATED AND RATIFIED AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE OF THE MEETING WILL BE POLICY ON BILLIARD SALOONS AND PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF KWUN TONG FERRY PIER SQUARE AND NGAU TAU KOK COMPLEX EXTENSION, PROPOSED REPROVISIONING ARRANGEMENTS FOR URBAN COUNCIL OPEN SPACES TO BE AFFECTED BY HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, AND REDEVELOPMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS IN KWUN TONG.

DURING QUESTION TIME, MR WALTER SULKE WILL ASK THREE QUESTIONS:-

A) WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL VEHICLES TO PREVENT THEM FROM EMITTING EXCESSIVE SMOKE

B) WHAT CHECKS ARE MADE ON USD STAFF LEAVE RECORDS

C) WHAT MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO RECOVER RECORDS STORED IN COMPUTERS IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS.

MR PAO PING-WING WILL ASK WHETHER IT IS FEASIBLE TO IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND THE LICENCES OF THOSE RESTAURANTS WHICH COMMIT SERIOUS FOOD HYGIENE OFFENCES INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR ONE YEAR ACCORDING TO THE COUNCIL'S PRESENT POLICY.

MR KWAN LIM-HO WILL ASK WHAT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN AGAINST UNLICENSED COOKED-FOOD STALLS IN YAU MA TEI WHICH OPERATE FROM 9 P.M. UNTIL THE SMALL HOURS IN THE MORNING, AND AGAINST THOSE EATING ESTABLISHMENTS AT FERRY POINT WHICH ILLEGALLY EXTEND THEIR SHOP SPACE ON THE PAVEMENT IN THE EVENING THUS CAUSING NUISANCE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

MR SAMUEL WONG WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE OPENING DATE OF THE TERRITORY'S FIRST BOATING PARK AT WONG NEI CHUNG RESERVOIR, AND WHETHER THERE IS A PLAN TO ENABLE THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA TO BE RUN INDEPENDENTLY ALONG THE LINES OF THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:-

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBER IN EDINBURGH PLACE, CENTRAL. COVERAGE IS INVITED.

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RECLAMATION AT SANDY BAY PLANNED
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM ABOUT 6 100 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED NEAR SANDY BAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMPHOUSE AND INTAKE CULVERT.

THESE WOULD PROVIDE COOLING WATER TO THE AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL WHERE A MAJOR EXTENSION AND OTHER IMPROVEMENT WORKS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED MAY WRITE IN THEIR OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BEFORE FEBRUARY 12.

A NOTICE, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE AND ON SHA WAN DRIVE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG.

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SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORGANISED
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ABOUT 120 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, AREA COMMITTEES AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR ON MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 17) NIGHT.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS, THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT INCREASING RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COMMON PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDINGS ORGANISATION, MADAM JEANNIE CHOW, WHO WILL TALK ON LIAISON AMONG RESIDENTS IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS; A CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER (BUILDING SERVICES) OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR WONG KAM-CHUEN, WHO WILL TALK ABOUT THE PROPER USE AND MAINTENANCE OF LIFTS.

THE HOUSING MANAGER OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, MR LIN KA-TIN, WILL ALSO GIVE A REPORT OF THE TEAM'S WORK DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS.

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EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 7 PM IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR, 880-886, KING'S ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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PRIVILEGED TREATMENT SCHEME FOR ELDERLY
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ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN KOWLOON CITY WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE +REDUCED MEDICAL FEE+ SCHEME NEXT YEAR.

THE SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR, IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY AND SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

UNDER THE SCHEME, RESIDENTS AGED 60 OR ABOVE PAY A REDUCED RATE WHEN THEY CONSULT THE DISTRICT'S PRIVATE DOCTORS WHO HAVE BEEN ENLISTED IN THE SCHEME.

A KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID RESPONSE TO THE SCHEME WAS ENCOURAGING AND MOST DOCTORS AND RESIDENTS SAID THEY WELCOMED THE SCHEME AND WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE PART NEXT YEAR.

IN VIEW OF THIS, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT'S COUNCIL FOR WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY HAVE DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE SCHEME, AND SO FAR, 21 DOCTORS HAVE AGREED TO TAKE PART.

SOME 1 800 ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT HAVE JOINED THE SCHEME THIS YEAR AND IT IS HOPED THAT MORE ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL JOIN THE SCHEME NEXT YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, ITS HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE IN BULKELEY STREET, THE HO MAN TIN SUB-OFFICE AT THE HO MAN TIN ESTATE OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT HUNG HOM BAY CENTRE.

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KWUN TONG BACKLANE CLEARANCE OPERATION
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AN OPERATION TO CLEAR 39 BACKLANE STRUCTURES IN KWUN TONG HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

ABOUT HALF OF THE STRUCTURES, SITUATED IN THE BACKLANE OF KA LOK STREET IN THE TOWN CENTRE, WERE USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, WHILE THE OTHERS WERE DOMESTIC UNITS.

OF THE RESIDENTS AFFECTED, 10 WERE RE-SETTLED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, AND 41 WERE ALLOCATED UNITS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES TOTALLING \$26 000 WERE ALSO GRANTED TO ELIGIBLE SHOP-OPERATORS.

THE CLEARANCE WAS PART OF A LARGE-SCALE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME, ENTITLED '+OPERATION FAR FLING+' INITIATED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER 1983 WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

SO FAR ABOUT 400 ILLEGAL BACKLANE STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN CLEARED UNDER THE OPERATION.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS BROADCASTING REPORT
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WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 17).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO RAISE A QUESTION ON THE DEFINITION OF THE BRITISH NATIONALS (OVERSEAS) PASSPORT AND THE ACTUAL RIGHTS IT WILL BESTOW ON HONG KONG PEOPLE.

ANOTHER QUESTION WILL BE ON THE EFFECTS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF 26 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE BLOCKS AT A COST OF \$800 MILLION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE EXTENSION OF THE THOMSON ROAD PEDESTRIAN SCHEME, ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION IN WAN CHAI CAUSED BY PIG REARING, PROGRESS REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS IN WAN CHAI, AND THE VARIOUS REPORTS FROM THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES, THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND AREA COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI.

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SURVEY ON YOUTH LIFESTYLES STARTS TOMORROW
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STUDENTS FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT 250 HOUSEHOLDS IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO CARRY OUT A SURVEY ON THE LIFESTYLE OF YOUTHS.

COMMISSIONED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, THE SURVEY IS AIMED AT OBTAINING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MENTALITY, NEEDS, EXPECTATIONS, BEHAVIOUR AND PROBLEMS OF YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE BETTER PLANNING OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR THE YOUTHS AND A LONG TERM SOLUTION FOR YOUTH PROBLEMS.

THE SURVEY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. DURING THE FIRST PART, YOUTHS BETWEEN 11 AND 18 YEARS OLD OF THE SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON THEIR FAMILY LIFE, SCHOOL LIFE, WORKING EXPERIENCE, LEISURE LIFE AND OPINIONS ON SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SUCH AS SMOKING.

DURING THE SECOND PART, PARENTS OF THE YOUTHS WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT BEHAVIOUR OF YOUTHS AND THE ADEQUACY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR YOUTHS.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE 250 HOUSEHOLDS WHICH WERE SELECTED FOR INTERVIEW. ALL INTERVIEWERS WILL CARRY CHINESE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CARDS FOR IDENTIFICATION.

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CHRISTMAS DISCO FOR 1 400 YOUTHS
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A FIVE-HOUR DISCO PARTY FOR 1 400 YOUTHS WILL BE HELD IN AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AT KAI YIP ESTATE IN KWUN TONG ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

THE MARATHON PARTY, THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS EVE DISCO NITE, WILL BE HOSTED BY NINE DISC JOCKEYS FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

THE PARTY, A PART OF THE CURRENT KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85, WILL ALSO FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN ARTISTES AND A LUCKY DRAW FOR PARTICIPANTS.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$20 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS FIVE SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-400131.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE DISCO NITE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85 ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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CHANCE FOR DANCERS TO SHOW TALENTS

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SCHOOLS, ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS TO TAKE PART IN A DANCE COMPETITION IN YUEN LONG.

THE EIGHTH YUEN LONG DISTRICT DANCE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RSD, YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, YUEN LONG CITY HALL AND YUEN LONG ARTS ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 4.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONTEST ARE TO AROUSE AN INTEREST AMONG RESIDENTS IN THE ART OF DANCING, AND TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP AMONG PARTICIPANTS.

THE CONTEST, CONSISTING OF ORIENTAL DANCE, WESTERN DANCE AND MODERN DANCE, WILL BE HELD AT THE YUEN LONG LUT SAU HALL. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE CONTEST CAN BE COLLECTED AT THE RSD'S YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, ROOM 206, YUEN LONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE.

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WESTERN DISTRICT TRAFFIC CHANGES

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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 18), A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WESTERN DISTRICT.

THESE ARE:

* NORTH STREET SECTION BETWEEN CATCHICK STREET AND KENNEDY TOWN NEW PRAYA WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, AND VEHICLES WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO EASTBOUND KENNEDY TOWN NEW PRAYA.

* NORTHBOUND VEHICLES IN NORTH STREET SECTION BETWEEN BELCHER'S STREET AND CATCHICK STREET WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO WESTBOUND CATCHICK STREET.

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KOWLOON CITY TAPS OFF
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 18) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY PAU CHUNG STREET, SAN SHAN ROAD, TAM KUNG ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD, MA TAU WAI ROAD, FARM ROAD, TIN KWONG ROAD, KAU PUI LUNG ROAD AND LOK SHAN ROAD, INCLUDING MA HANG CHUNG ROAD, SHEUNG HEUNG ROAD AND PAK TAI STREET.

ALSO AFFECTED ARE MAIDSTONE LANE, MAIDSTONE ROAD AND HOP YAT ROAD.

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