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HONG KONG TO HAVE MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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WITH THE FORMATION OF THE NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL, MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE COMING YEARS, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, MR DENIS BRAY, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG RECREATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, WHICH PROVIDES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A FORUM FOR MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION, EXPERIENCE AND IDEAS ON THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF RECREATION MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG AND ABROAD.

MR BRAY SAID THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN FORMED AT THE RIGHT TIME AS THERE WOULD BE A GROWING DEMAND FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF TRAINED RECREATION MANAGERS AND WORKERS.

WITH A LONG PERIOD OF SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH IN HONG KONG, PEOPLE HERE NOW HAD MORE LEISURE, HE SAID.

+IN RECENT YEARS GREAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN PROVIDING A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY,+ MR BRAY POINTED OUT.

+FOR THE FACILITIES TO BE USED PROPERLY, THE USERS MUST ALSO BE TAUGHT HOW TO USE THESE FACILITIES TO BEST ADVANTAGE.

+AN INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT OF DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE IS NEEDED TO OFFER A MEANINGFUL PROGRAMME WHICH WILL NOT ONLY ENCOURAGE BUT ALSO TRAIN PEOPLE TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE USE OF THESE RESOURCES,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH RECREATION MANAGEMENT WAS A RELATIVELY NEW CONCEPT IN HONG KONG, PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THIS AREA OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS.

THIS WAS DUE MAINLY TO THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY VOLUNTARY SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND CIVIC-MINDED COMMERCIAL SPONSORS, AND, ABOVE ALL, TO THE EFFORTS OF DEDICATED RECREATION AND SPORTS WORKERS, HE SAID.

ON THE HONG KONG RECREATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, MR BRAY SAID THAT WITH ITS GATHERING OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF EXPERTISE, HE WAS SURE IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP IN MANY FIELDS RELATED TO THE PROVISION AND ENJOYMENT OF RECREATION.

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PORT EXPANSION WORK CONTINUING - DAVY

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PLANS ARE IN TRAIN FOR HONG KONG TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND ITS PORT AND OTHER FACILITIES TO SATISFY DEMANDS BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE CENTURY, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR PERCY DAVY, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING TO THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS AT LUNCH TODAY, MR DAVY SAID:

+THE PORT'S FACILITIES CONTINUE TO EXPAND, AND THE PORT IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING EXPANSION AND IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

+ACTION ON THE DRAFTING OF NEW LEGISLATION FOR SHIPS, SEAMEN AND THE PORT AND ITS SERVICES IS ALSO BEING ACTIVELY PURSUED.

+STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY WHICH WILL BE GEARED TO THE LIKELY DEMAND, AND, IF THE ADMINISTRATION SO DECIDES, THE PORT FACILITIES WILL CONTINUE TO SATISFY THE FUTURE DEMANDS, BOTH IN QUANTITY AND QUALITY.

+ACTION IS ALSO IN HAND TO RETAIN HONG KONG'S STATUS AS A PORT OF BRITISH REGISTRY WHICH IN EVERY WAY WILL EQUATE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM REGISTRY, AND PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARDS ENSURING A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF QUALIFIED OFFICERS AND SEAMEN,+ MR DAVY SAID.

MEANWHILE, MR DAVY SAID, THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO UNDERTAKE A +PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY+, WHICH WOULD COMPLETED BY AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

SUCH A STUDY, HE SAID, WOULD ASSESS THE OPTIMUM EFFICIENT OPERATIONAL CAPACITIES OF THE EXISTING PORT FACILITIES, AND IDENTIFY THE LONG-TERM GROWTH TRENDS IN CARGO IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, AS WELL AS TRAFFIC AND PASSENGER TRADE.

STRESSING THE NEED FOR SUCH A +PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PLAN+, MR DAVY SAID SUCH A PLAN IS FEASIBLE BECAUSE BY A CAREFUL ANALYSIS BEING GIVEN TO ALL THE DATA COLLECTED, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROJECT, WITH A GOOD CHANCE OF BEING ACCURATE, THE DEMAND, UP TO THE END OF THIS CENTURY, OF THE PORT FACILITIES NEEDED.

+THE SHORTFALLS IN THE PRESENT AND CURRENTLY PLANNED FACILITIES COULD THEN BE IDENTIFIED AND OPTIONS DETERMINED ON WAYS AND MEANS OF ELIMINATING ALL OR ANY OF THOSE SHORTFALLS.+

THE STUDY, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE MEDIUM TERM PROGRAMME OF EXPANSION UP TO 1989 CONCERNING THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL.

+IT WILL, HOWEVER, CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF THE CONTAINER TRADE AS WELL AS THE OTHERS MENTIONED UP TO THE YEAR 2001,+ HE SAID.

/MR DAVY .....

MR DAVY SAID THAT IN 1983, ABOUT 11 400 OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERED AND LEFT HONG KONG.

BY 1994 THE NUMBER WOULD INCREASE BY 45 PER CENT TO ABOUT 16 500.

+TO MEET THE DEMAND, THE PRESENT PROVISION OF 72 CLASS A AND CLASS B BUOYS, WOULD HAVE TO BE INCREASED TO MORE THAN 100.

MR DAVY STRESSED THAT THE SAFETY OF NAVIGATION MUST BE PRESERVED, AND IN ANY CHANGES PLANNED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PORT FACILITIES, PRIOR CONSULTATION WOULD BE SOUGHT WITH THE PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

HE SAID THAT A FEW YEARS AGO IT BECAME A REQUIREMENT THAT VESSELS OF 300 GROSS REGISTER TONS AND OVER SHOULD CARRY VERY HIGH FREQUENCY TELEPHONES WHEN ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG.

THE NEXT REQUIREMENT WOULD BE THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY PILOTAGE AND AMENDING LEGISLATION WAS BEING PREPARED FOR THIS. INDICATIONS WERE THAT ON A PHASED BASIS, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO INTRODUCE COMPULSORY PILOTAGE WITHIN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, MR DAVY SAID.

MEANWHILE, A CONSULTANT STUDY COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT TWO YEARS AGO ON AN ELECTRONIC VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND SAFETY AT SEA WOULD BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

IF THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH THE SYSTEM, MR DAVY SAID, ALL SHIPPING ROUTES WOULD BE COVERED BY RADAR.

IT WAS MOST LIKELY THAT THE SITES WOULD BE AT SHEK KWU CHAU, NORTH EAST LANTAU, BLUFF HEAD, WAGLAN ISLAND, BLACK POINT AND OUTER ISLAND OF THE NEW MACAU FERRY TERMINAL.

+THESE WILL REQUIRE MICROWAVE RELAY SITES AT LUNG KWU CHAU AND VICTORIA PEAK. ALSO A VERY HIGH FREQUENCY DIRECTION FINDER WILL BE LOCATED TO COVER THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

AND IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO SATISFY THE DEMAND FOR CARGO AND PASSENGER FACILITIES MADE BY THE LONG ESTABLISHED RATE OF GROWTH IN BOTH THE RIVER TRADE AND LOCAL TRADE TRAFFIC, A NUMBER OF NEAR-TERM PROJECTS WERE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THEY INCLUDE:

* THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW WHARF ON HONG KONG ISLAND FOR CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,

* THE NEW MACAU FERRY TERMINAL COMPLEX,

* THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE OCEAN CENTRE, AND

/* THE EXPANSION .....

* THE EXPANSION OF THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS AT CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, APLICHAU, KOWLOON BAY, CHAI WAN AND TUEN MUN.

CONSIDERATION HAD ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO REDEVELOPING THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER AND EXPANDING THE QUARRY BAY PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA.

MR DAVY SAID THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO EXTEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING OF SEAFARERS TO HONG KONG.

+THE EXTENSION OF THE STCW CONVENTION IS ESSENTIAL TO RETAINING HONG KONG'S STATUS AS A BRITISH PORT OF REGISTRY. HONG KONG HAS CONFIRMED TO THE UK THAT IT INTENDS TO RETAIN ITS EQUIVALENT STATUS WITH THE UK AND THUS UNDERTAKES TO APPLY ALL THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS IN RESPECT OF HK REGISTERED SHIPS THAT THE UK DOES FOR UK REGISTERED SHIPS.

+HONG KONG WILL THEREFORE BE PLACED IN CATEGORY +A+ WHEN THE UNITED KINGDOM'S PROPOSED NEW SHIPPING ACT IS ENACTED WHICH CLASSIFIES HONG KONG AS A PORT OF REGISTRY IN WHICH VESSELS OF ALL TONNAGES MAY BE REGISTERED,+ HE SAID.

MR DAVY ALSO SAID THAT HONG KONG'S GROWTH AS A PORT OF REGISTRY HAD SHOWN A MARKED INCREASE OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. AT THE BEGINNING OF 1978, THE HONG KONG REGISTERED FLEET OF 500 GROSS REGISTERED TONS WAS 81, AND IN 1984 THE NUMBER WAS 250.

THE CURRENT INDICATIONS SUGGEST THAT THESE TRENDS WILL CONTINUE THUS PRESERVING THE DEMAND FOR QUALIFIED HONG KONG OFFICERS AND SEAMEN, HE SAID.

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PUBLIC, MEDIA SUPPORT FOR DISABLED URGED

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CALLED UPON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THE MEDIA, TO HELP CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE DISABLED PEOPLE ARE NATURALLY ACCEPTED INTO THE COMMUNITY.

MR MARTIN LEWIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IN REHABILITATION (COMPERE), WAS SPEAKING AT A TV API (ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST) AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES THEATRE THIS AFTERNOON.

THE 30-SECOND FILM, WHICH WON THE FIRST PRIZE IN THE RECENT WORLD CONGRESS OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL IN LISBON, WAS PRODUCED BY GIS FOR COMPERE AS PART OF ITS PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME LAST YEAR.

/THE API .....

THE API CONVEYS THE THEME +FRIENDSHIP - A WAY TO INTEGRATION+ BY DEPICTING DISABLED AND ABLE CHILDREN PLAYING TOGETHER AT THE OCEAN PARK.

MR LEWIS SAID THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE API DEMONSTRATED THAT A THEME ON REHABILITATION, IF TACKLED SENSITIVELY WITH THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN MEDIA AND REHABILITATION PEOPLE, COULD GAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION.

+WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL ONCE, LET US HOPE WE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL AGAIN, THIS TIME ON THE PUBLIC EDUCATION OF THE MENTALLY ILL,+ HE SAID.

+PUBLIC EDUCATION CONCERNING THE REHABILITATION OF THE MENTALLY ILL IS STILL IN ITS INFANCY,+ MR LEWIS SAID, +AND THIS MUST RECEIVE A HIGH PRIORITY IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.+

THERE WAS MUCH IGNORANCE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT FORMS OF MENTAL ILLNESS, AND ABOUT THE FACT THAT, COMPARATIVELY, MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE WERE NO MORE DANGEROUS THAN THOSE WHO WERE NOT, HE POINTED OUT.

+SINCE ONE IN NINE OF US IS THOUGHT TO SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS AT SOME STAGE DURING OUR LIVES, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THERE IS SOME UNDERSTANDING AS TO HOW BEST PEOPLE CAN REINTEGRATE INTO NORMAL LIFE,+ MR LEWIS SAID.

+WE MUST GET ACROSS THE MESSAGE THAT THE MENTALLY ILL, AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN TREATED IN HOSPITAL, WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LOOKING AFTER THEMSELVES ARE UNDERTAKEN BY OTHERS, MUST SOMEHOW ADJUST TO THE COMMUNITY AGAIN,+ HE STRESSED.

THE HALF-WAY HOUSES, MR LEWIS POINTED OUT, ACT AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY LIFE, PROVIDING A READJUSTMENT PERIOD TO THE VARIOUS PRESSURES OF DAILY LIVING, AS WELL AS SOCIAL WORK COUNSELLING AND ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING PROBLEMS ARISING FROM A RETURN TO NORMAL COMMUNITY LIFE.

MR LEWIS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH STEADY PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE OVER THE YEARS IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT REHABILITATION, A GREATER IMPACT WOULD NEED TO BE MADE, AND SUPPORT FROM THE MEDIA WAS IMPORTANT.

HE SUGGESTED THAT T.V. PRODUCERS SHOULD BRING MORE DISABLED PEOPLE INTO THE PROGRAMMES.

DURING THE CEREMONY, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, WAS PRESENTED WITH THE AWARD BY MR M.B. LEE, NATIONAL SECRETARY OF HONG KONG TO REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL.

IN HER VOTE OF THANKS, MISS CHEUNG STRESSED THAT THE HONOUR SHOULD BE SHARED BY ALL WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE PRODUCTION OF THE API.

/+ALTHOUGH GIS .....

+ALTHOUGH GIS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT, IT WAS ONE WHICH GAINED FIRM SUPPORT IN COMPERE AND WAS REALISED IN ITS FINAL FORM BY RTHK,+ SHE SAID.

MISS CHEUNG ADDED THAT THE FILM COULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEACHERS.

THEY CAME FROM THE TSZ WAN SHAN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION CHOI JUN SCHOOL, THE G.C.E. PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION TSZ WAN SHAN SCHOOL, THE CANOSSA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE CANOSSA SCHOOL FOR THE VISUALLY DISABLED, THE ST FRANCIS CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, AND THE MARGARET TRENCH RED CROSS SCHOOL.

SHE ALSO THANKED THE TWO COMMERCIAL TELEVISION STATIONS FOR PROVIDING FREE AIR-TIME FOR PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGES OF THIS KIND.

MISS CHEUNG SAID THAT HER DEPARTMENT HAD NOT MADE THE FILM WITH ANY INTENTION OF PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

+THE OBJECTIVE OF MAKING API'S IS TO WIN THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG FOR PROGRAMMES WHICH SERVE TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION IN WHICH THEY LIVE. IN SHORT, NOT THE FAMILIAR COMMERCIAL THEME OF A MORE AFFLUENT LIFESTYLE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, BUT CERTAINLY A BETTER LIFESTYLE FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE,+ SHE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PRODUCE API'S THAT DO THE JOB FOR WHICH THEY ARE INTENDED, SHE ADDED.

THE AWARD-WINNING FILM WAS AMONG SOME 60 API'S MADE LAST YEAR ON A WIDE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS.

+THAT WORKS OUT AT MORE THAN ONE API PER WEEK, WHICH IS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR ANY ORGANISATION AND ONE WHICH, I AM SURE, CANNOT BE MATCHED BY THE COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING AGENCIES HERE IN HONG KONG,+ SHE SAID.

AMONG THOSE WHO ATTENDED TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE DR HARRY FANG, CHAIRMAN OF REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (RDCC); FATHER JOHN COLLINS, MEMBER OF THE ACCESS AND TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE OF RDCC; MS BARBARA KOLUCKI, A MEDIA CONSULTANT ON REHABILITATION MATTERS; REPRESENTATIVES OF RTHK; PRINCIPALS OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS; AND MEMBERS OF COMPERE.

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PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF APRIL EXTERNAL TRADE

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APRIL 1984 PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 16 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES WERE UP BY 17 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1983 PRICES, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS ALSO ROSE BY 17 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) REMAINED AT THE LEVEL OF APRIL 1983.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 18 PER CENT AND 25 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT. MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF FIGURES FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1984 WITH THOSE FOR THE SIMILAR PERIOD OF LAST YEAR, SHOWED THAT DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 27 PER CENT AND 34 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME TERMS. THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS BOTH INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT. AFTER ALLOWING FOR THE EFFECT OF AN INCREASE OF 17 PER CENT IN PRICES, IMPORTS GREW BY 21 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

A COMPARISON OF FIGURES FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING APRIL THIS YEAR WITH FIGURES FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1983, SHOWED THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 13 PER CENT, 14 PER CENT AND 16 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT AND 25 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, THUS GIVING A 22 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 16 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE EXPORT PRICES OF ALL COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM FOUR PER CENT FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO 24 PER CENT FOR CLOTHING.

/THE DOMESTIC .....

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF NEARLY ALL COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+55 PER CENT), DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+45 PER CENT), FOOTWEAR (+42 PER CENT), TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+28 PER CENT), RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+22 PER CENT), TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+19 PER CENT), AND METAL MANUFACTURES (+16 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-8 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED, RANGING FROM 12 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS TO 21 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR, VEGETABLES, FRUIT AND BOVINE ANIMALS. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE, RICE, MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS AS WELL AS SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR PASSENGER MOTOR CARS, HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. HOWEVER, SLIGHT DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AND WATCHES.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST OF THE RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE, AMONG WHICH MAN-MADE FIBRES, COTTON YARN AND THREAD, LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS, RAW COTTON, THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS, SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRICS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE, WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK, YARN OF MAN-MADE FIBRES AS WELL AS PAPER AND PAPERBOARD INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS, WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR AS WELL AS YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ALL COMMODITIES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, THE MORE REMARKABLE ONES BEING TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, OFFICE MACHINES AND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED; RANGING FROM 13 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 40 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

/FURTHER DETAILS .....

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE APRIL 1984 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK$2 PER COPY.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES COMPARING APRIL 1984 WITH APRIL 1983 OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	EXPORT VALUE	EXPORT UNIT VALUE	EXPORT VOLUME
CLOTHING	+36%	+24%	-1[illegible]
TEXTILE FABRICS	+44%	+23%	+17[illegible]
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+50%	+17%	+28[illegible]
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+34%	+12%	+19%
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	+36%	+12%	+22%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+64%	+ 5%	+55%
FOOTWEAR	+65%	+17%	+42%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+41%	+22%	+16%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	INSIGNIFICANT	+ 8%	- 8%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+17%	+ 4%	+12%
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	+25%	+20%	+ 4%
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	+64%	+13%	+45%
ALL COMMODITIES	+37%	+16%	+18%

TABLE 2 : CHANGES COMPARING APRIL 1984 WITH APRIL 1983 OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	IMPORT VALUE	IMPORT UNIT VALUE	IMPORT VOLUME
FOODSTUFFS	+11%	+17%	- 5%
CONSUMER GOODS	+19%	+14%	+ 4%

/RAW MATERIALS .....

RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+48%	+21%	+22%
FUELS	- 1%	+15%	-14%
CAPITAL GOODS	+81%	+12%	+62%
ALL COMMODITIES	+37%	+17%	+17%

TABLE 3 : CHANGES COMPARING APRIL 1984 WITH APRIL 1983 OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	RE-EXPORT VALUE	RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE	RE-EXPORT VOLUME
FOODSTUFFS	+37%	+21%	+14%
CONSUMER GOODS	+30%	+15%	+13%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+69%	+21%	+40%
FUELS	+43%	+21%	+18%
CAPITAL GOODS	+38%	+14%	+21%
ALL COMMODITIES	+46%	+17%	+25%

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ADDITIONAL LEGCO MEETING

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID AN ADDITIONAL MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON JULY 18 AS THERE IS STILL A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL BEFORE IT ENDS ITS CURRENT SESSION.

HE ADDED THAT THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING.

THE PATTERN OF TALKS IN PEKING IN RECENT MONTHS HAS MEANT THAT THE GOVERNOR WAS UNABLE TO BE IN HONG KONG FOR SEVERAL MEETINGS. HOWEVER HE WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE MEETING ON JULY 18.

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DISTRICT BOARDS NEED SUPPORT

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THE FUTURE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL NEED THE SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF MORE PEOPLE, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, SAID THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

THIS IS BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS IN THE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE RAISED FROM THE PRESENT 132 TO 236 AFTER NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS, HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, DISTRICT BOARDS WILL NOT BE CHAIRED BY THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICERS. INSTEAD, THE CHAIRMEN WILL BE ELECTED AMONG UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

+THESE CHANGES WILL MARK A NEW ERA IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

MR LAM WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE EIGHTH TERM OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE KOWLOON REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL.

HE SAID TO PAVE WAY FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, A SIX-WEEK VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM AUGUST 15.

HE URGED ALL PEOPLE AT THE AGE OF 21 AND ABOVE, AND WITH SEVEN YEARS' RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG, TO REGISTER AS VOTERS AND VOTE ON THE ELECTION DAY ON MARCH 7.

+THE SUCCESS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IS IN LINE WITH THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

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DRIVER TRAINING CENTRE TO BE DEVELOPED

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HONG KONG'S SECOND OFF-STREET DRIVER TRAINING CENTRE IS TO BE DEVELOPED AT SHA TIN.

IT WILL BE BUILT ON A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT TIN SAM, WHICH IS MORE THAN 3.2 HECTARES IN AREA.

THE CENTRE WILL BE FOR TRAINING DRIVERS OF ARTICULATED VEHICLES, PRIVATE CARS, MOTOR CYCLES AND OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORT.

APART FROM PREPARING THEM FOR THE DRIVING TEST, IT WILL ALSO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY.

THE TENANCY ON THE SITE IS FOR FIVE YEARS INITIALLY, RENEWABLE FOR QUARTERLY PERIODS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS JULY 27.

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THE FIRST OUTDOOR DRIVER TRAINING CENTRE HAS BEEN OPERATING AT WONG CHUK HANG, ABERDEEN SINCE LAST YEAR.

ANOTHER SITE BEING OFFERED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT ON SHORT-TERM TENANCY IS AT FUNG CHEUNG ROAD, YUEN LONG.

IT MEASURES 2 754 SQUARE METRES AND IS TO BE USED FOR GROWING, STORING AND SELLING POTTED PLANTS, FLOWERS AND OTHER GARDEN PRODUCTS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE FOR THREE-MONTHLY PERIODS, AND TENDERS MUST BE SENT IN BY JULY 20.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS FOR THE TWO SITES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

* LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES (KOWLOON EAST AND WEST), YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (SHA TIN) FOR THE SHA TIN SITE AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (YUEN LONG) FOR THE YUEN LONG SITE.

TENDER PLANS CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE ABOVE LOCATIONS.

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YUEN LONG BOARD WORK VIDEO-TAPED

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A 15-MINUTE VIDEO TAPE OF THE WORK OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE SHOWN IN THE LOBBY OF A LOCAL RESTAURANT ON KAU YUK ROAD FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) FOR THREE MONTHS.

THE VIDEO TAPE, PRODUCED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AT $20 000, IS ONE OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO HELP PROMOTE THE BOARD AND ENCOURAGE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK LAM, SAID OTHER COPIES OF THE TAPE WOULD BE SHOWN IN SCHOOLS, RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR NEXT MONTH'S REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

A PREVIEW OF THE VIDEO TAPE WAS ARRANGED TODAY FOR THE LIAISON OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISERS OF THE OFFICE.

MR LAM SAID THAT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS HAD CONTRIBUTED A LOT TO A BETTER COMMUNITY.

+IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A SAY IN HOW THE DISTRICT IS RUN YOU SHOULD REGISTER NOW,+ HE SAID.

THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN AUGUST 15 AND OCTOBER 1, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7 NEXT YEAR.

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JAPANESE SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR TWO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES IN JAPAN.

THE AWARDS, OFFERED UNDER THE MONBUSHO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 1985, ARE NORMALLY TENABLE FOR FIVE YEARS FROM APRIL 1985 TO MARCH 1990. THEY WILL COVER TUITION, ACCOMMODATION, LIVING EXPENSES AND RETURN PASSAGE.

APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 17 BUT UNDER 22 YEARS OF AGE BY APRIL 1, 1985, AND HAVE COMPLETED EITHER THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG OR CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS, OR POSSESS HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE PASSED IN TWO ADVANCED LEVEL AND THREE ORDINARY LEVEL SUBJECTS, OR IN THREE ADVANCED LEVEL AND ONE ORDINARY LEVEL SUBJECTS, AT THE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM MAY ALSO APPLY.

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

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 +GAKUSHI+ (BACHELOR'S) DEGREE COURSE.

A GRANTEE WHO HAS COMPLETED THIS COURSE 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.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE COURSES OF STUDY AVAILABLE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BRANCH OFFICE, ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECTION BY JULY 13.

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CHAI WAN TO GET $2.2 MILLION COOKED-FOOD CENTRE

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A $2.262 MILLION PROJECT TO BUILD A COOKED-FOOD CENTRE IN KUT SHING STREET, CHAI WAN, WAS APPROVED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE URBAN COUNCIL, CHAIRED BY MR H.M.G. FORSGATE.

THE CENTRE WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN A TWO-STOREY BUILDING INCORPORATING 11 COOKED-FOOD STALLS AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES, INCLUDING OFFICES AND TOILETS.

ON COMPLETION ABOUT THE END OF NEXT YEAR THE CENTRE WILL BE USED TO RE-SITE THOSE REMAINING COOKED-FOOD STALL OPERATORS DISPLACED FROM THE CHAI WAN ESTATE COOKED-FOOD BAZAAR TO MAKE WAY FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ESTATE BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT. THESE OPERATORS ARE NOW WORKING FROM A TEMPORARY SITE IN WAN TSUI ROAD.

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$8M FOR TWO TSUEN WAN PARKS

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A $7.98 MILLION CONTRACT TO CHEUNG KEE FUNG CHEUNG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED TO BUILD TWO PARKS IN NORTHERN TSUEN WAN.

THE FIRST IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ABOVE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION AT TAI WO HAU AND WILL REPLACE ONE WHICH EXISTED ON THE SITE BEFORE THE STATION WAS BUILT.

IT WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE A WATER FEATURE, A PUBLIC SQUARE, A GARDEN AREA, TOILET FACILITIES AND REFRESHMENT KIOSKS.

THE OTHER IS TO BE BUILT AROUND TIN HAU TEMPLE AT SAM TUNG UK, WHICH IS NOW BEING RESTORED BY THE TRUSTEES, AND WILL FEATURE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, A GAMES AREA WITH CHANGING FACILITIES AND GARDENS.

BOTH PARKS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY JULY NEXT YEAR.

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SEMINAR ON TEACHING OF ENGLISH

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION), DR VERNER BICKLEY, WILL BE SPEAKING ON COMMUNICATIVE LANGUAGE TEACHING AT A SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON JULY 21 (SATURDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SEMINAR IS ONE OF A SERIES OF SEMINARS ORGANISED FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO WISH TO NOMINATE THEIR ENGLISH TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR SHOULD APPLY TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR AT THE CENTRE BEFORE JULY 11.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SEMINAR MAY BE MADE TO THE CENTRE ON 5-482537.

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CONSTRUCTION SAFETY AWARD

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DETAILS OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY AWARD SCHEME WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION, 182 HENNESSY ROAD, 16TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI, AT 3 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE AWARD SCHEME, DESIGNED FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, IS ORGANISED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY SEVERAL COMMERCIAL COMPANIES.

SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MR CHEUNG LUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY AWARD SCHEME.

DR JAMES HAYES, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AND MR JOHN LOO, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION WILL ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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LIBRARY WEEK 1984

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THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL PRESENT THE +LIBRARY WEEK 1984+ -- A LARGE-SCALE EXHIBITION OF LIBRARY FACILITIES AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES -- IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL FROM JULY 10 TO 16.

THERE WILL BE EXHIBITS ON THE LOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES, HOW TO FIND A BOOK, LIBRARY LENDING SERVICES, REFERENCE SERVICE, AUDIO-VISUAL FACILITIES, NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SERVICE, MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE, BOOK-BINDING AND LAMINATION, LIBRARIES EXTENSION ACTIVITIES, AND LIBRARY PUBLICATION.

IN ADDITION, TWO GAMES STALLS -- HEAD FOR TALES AND REFERENCE QUIZ -- WILL BE SET UP TO STIMULATE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN READING. DEMONSTRATIONS, SLIDE SHOWS AND TALKS ON THE BOOK-BINDING AND LAMINATION WILL BE ARRANGED.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE THE LAUNCHING OF A READING CLUB TO AROUSE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN READING. MEMBERS OF URBAN COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES WHO ARE UNDER 18 MAY JOIN THE CLUB BY COMPLETING AN APPLICATION FORM.

NEW MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A MEMBERSHIP CARD AND A SOUVENIR UPON REGISTRATION. COPIES OF THE APPLICATION FORM ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL URBAN COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

DETAILS OF THE READING PROGRAMME CAN BE OBTAINED, AND GROUP VISITS TO THE LIBRARY WEEK EXHIBITION CAN BE ARRANGED, BY CALLING 5-227315 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

SOUVENIRS IN THE FORM OF SUBJECT BOOK LISTS, SCHOOL TIME-TABLE AND BOOKMARKERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE IN THE EXHIBITION.

OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 3 PM TO 6.30 PM ON JULY 10 AND FROM 10 AM TO 6.30 PM FOR THE REST OF THE EXHIBITION PERIOD.

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DB ON STUDY VISIT

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE KWUN TONG HOSTEL ON FRIDAY (JULY 6) AFTERNOON TO SEE REHABILITATION SERVICES BEING PROVIDED FOR YOUNG PROBATIONERS.

THE HOSTEL -- THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN THE TERRITORY -- IS MANAGED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION AND GUIDANCE TO PROBATIONERS BETWEEN 16 AND 21 YEARS OF AGE.

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SALES OF SHARES ANNOUNCED

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS, UNDER RULE 29 OF THE HONG KONG CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS, ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURES HAD BEEN MADE TO HIM IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT OFFER BY FIRST PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED TO ACQUIRE THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL OF FIRST PACIFIC FINANCE LTD:

(1) FIRST PACIFIC H.K. SECURITIES LTD SOLD ON JUNE 20, 1984 6 000 SHARES IN FIRST PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED AT $2.85 PER SHARE.

(2) FIRST PACIFIC H.K. SECURITIES LTD SOLD ON JUNE 25 1 000 SHARES IN FIRST PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED AT $2.80 PER SHARE.

(3) FIRST PACIFIC INVESTMENTS LTD PURCHASED ON JUNE 29 80 000 SHARES IN FIRST PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED AT $2.70 PER SHARE.

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LAM TIN ESTATE - HOMES FOR 28 000

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A LARGE EXTENSION PROJECT IS FAST TAKING SHAPE AT LAM TIN ESTATE IN EAST KOWLOON TO PROVIDE MODERN HOMES FOR 28 000 MORE PEOPLE.

+CONSTRUCTION WORK IS TO BEGIN THIS MONTH ON THREE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME BLOCKS UNDER ITS FIRST PHASE,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID SITE FORMATION HAD JUST BEEN COMPLETED FOR THREE RENTAL BLOCKS UNDER THE SECOND PHASE.

+ON COMPLETION BY 1986-87, THESE SIX BLOCKS WILL HOUSE 17 000 PEOPLE IN 1 680 HOS AND 2 448 RENTAL FLATS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE THIRD, AND FINAL, PHASE OF THE EXTENSION PROJECT WOULD SEE MORE BLOCKS BUILT TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR YET ANOTHER 11 000 PEOPLE BY 1990.

+THE EXTENSION ESTATE WILL BE COMPLETE WITH A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES, INCLUDING A COMMERCIAL CENTRE, A SECONDARY SCHOOL, CARPARKS, SHOPS, RECREATION AREAS AND MARKETS.+

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS TODAY SUSPENDED THE REGISTRATION OF THE MALAYAN FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ON THE GROUND THAT THE PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY IS LESS THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

THE COMPANY HOLDS NO DEPOSITS FROM THE PUBLIC.

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PLAN TO IMPROVE EAST TSIM SHA TSUI TRAFFIC

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT ARRANGEMENTS IN EAST TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM SATURDAY (JULY 7).

THE EXISTING RESTRICTED ZONE OPERATING FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY ON THE UNNAMED ROAD LINKING MODY ROAD AND AUTO PLAZA WILL BE EXTENDED TO:

* THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN PENINSULA CENTRE AND THE LAYBY FOR 60 METRES.

* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL AND THE LAYBY FOR 35 METRES.

WITHIN THE ABOVE RESTRICTED ZONES, DRIVERS OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS; OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

THE EXISTING MAXICAB STANDS FOR ROUTE NO. 1, 7 AND 8 ON THE UNNAMED ROAD OUTSIDE PENINSULA CENTRE WILL BE CANCELLED, AND A NEW ONE WILL BE SET UP ON THE UNNAMED ROAD OUTSIDE HILTON TOWER, AT GRANVILLE ROAD.

MAXICAB CIRCULAR ROUTE NO. 1 WHICH RUNS BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WILL OPERATE VIA HAIPONG ROAD, HUMPHREYS AVENUE, CARNARVON ROAD, CORNWALL AVENUE, MODY ROAD, SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD, GRANVILLE ROAD, UNNAMED ROAD, GRANVILLE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING.

MAXICAB CIRCULAR ROUTE NO. 7 PLYING BETWEEN KOWLOON CITY AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WILL OPERATE VIA SALISBURY ROAD, SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD, GRANVILLE ROAD, UNNAMED ROAD, GRANVILLE ROAD, SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD, MODY ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING.

ON JOURNEYS TO MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 8 OPERATING BETWEEN HO MAN TIN ESTATE AND MIDDLE ROAD WILL GO VIA CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, GRANVILLE ROAD, UNNAMED ROAD, GRANVILLE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING.

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TSUEN WAN TRAFFIC CHANGES

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE TSUEN WAN AREA, FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 6).

TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE SECTION OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KWU UK LANE, AND THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN ITS EASTERN AND WESTERN JUNCTIONS WITH SAI LAU KOK ROAD.

A NEW SECTION OF TAI HO ROAD BETWEEN SAI LAU KOK ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE OPEN TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

THE SECTION OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN KWU UK LANE AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

NO RIGHT TURN WILL BE ALLOWED FROM THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND INTO THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI HO ROAD.

EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE ROUTED VIA THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD AND DIRECTED TO TURN RIGHT AT THE NEW JUNCTION OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD AND TAI HO ROAD.

THE ROUTEING OF BUSES INTO AND OUT OF THE BUS TERMINUS AT NAM FUNG CENTRE IN SAI LAU KOK ROAD WILL BE REVERSED. BUSES WILL ENTER THE SAID TERMINUS FROM THE EASTERN END VIA THE NEW SECTION OF TAI HO ROAD.

ALL NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD EAST OF ITS WESTERN JUNCTION WITH SAI LAU KOK ROAD, AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI HO ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SAI LAU KOK ROAD.

THE SECTION OF TAI HO ROAD BETWEEN SAI LAU KOK ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE.

WITHIN THIS RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS 24-HOUR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES:-

* THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH SAI LAU KOK ROAD AND SHING MUN ROAD.

* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 135 TO A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES TO THE WEST.

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* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CHUNG ON STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI HO ROAD.

* THE SECTION OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TAI HO ROAD.

WITHIN THE ABOVE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

THE SECTION OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KWU UK LANE WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR TAXI RESTRICTED ZONE.

WITHIN THE ABOVE TAXI RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

THE FOLLOWING NEW TERRITORIES TAXI PROBHIBITION ZONES WILL BE CANCELLED:-

* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CHUNG ON STREET TO A POINT 40 METRES TO THE EAST.

* CHUNG ON STREET.

THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY ON SAI LAU KOK ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED.

THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 135 TO CHUNG ON STREET WILL BE SHORTENED AT THE WEST END, TO ALLOW PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES TO PICK UP AND SET DOWN PASSENGERS.

THE EXISTING NEW TERRITORIES RESTRICTED ZONE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN ITS EASTERN AND WESTERN JUNCTION OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED.

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ROAD SECTION CLOSURE

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THE SECTION OF NAM WAN ROAD, BETWEEN TING KOK ROAD AND TAI WO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 8 PM ON FRIDAY AND 3 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 7), TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

MOTORISTS HEADING TO AND FROM TING KOK ROAD SHOULD USE NAM WAN ROAD AND TAI WO ROAD.

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Speech by the Deputy to the Governor, Mr D.C. Bray, at the Hong Kong Recreation Management Association Inauguration Ceremony

"Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to address you today at the Inauguration Ceremony of the Hong Kong Recreation Management Association and I am honoured to have been invited to be your Patron.

"One of the results of the long period of sustained economic growth that Hong Kong has enjoyed is that people have more leisure. With more leisure a whole new requirement has sprung up for activities not concerned with making a living. The demand for more recreational outlets is part of this and it is the recognition of this demand which has led to the increase in staff dedicated to providing and managing recreation.

"In recent years great progress has been made in providing a variety of recreational facilities for the community. Just to provide them is not enough. For the facilities to be used properly, the users must also be taught how to use these facilities to best advantage. An indispensable element of direction and guidance is needed to offer a meaningful programme which will not only encourage but also train people to make the most of the use of these resources. You, as recreation managers, are the people with the experience and the expertise in this area.

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"Recreation management is a relatively new concept in Hong Kong but I know that progress has been made in this area over the last ten years or so, due mainly to the positive interest and contribution made by voluntary sports associations, by public authorities, by civic-minded commercial sponsors, and above all, by the efforts of dedicated recreation and sports workers.

"With the formation of the new Regional Council, more recreational facilities and activities will be made available in the coming years. There will be a growing demand for the professional services of trained recreation managers and workers. Expectations of higher standards of service, more imaginative and innovative approaches will also grow all the time. The formation of the Hong Kong Recreation Management Association has come at the right time.

"One of the main objectives of the Association is to provide a forum for members of the Association to exchange information, experience and ideas on the principles and practice of recreation management in Hong Kong and abroad. I am sure that not only members of the Association will benefit from this exchange of ideas, but also the community at large as consumers will benefit. Members of the Association are experts coming from a variety of background - from the fields of sports and recreation, leisure and entertainment, architectural and town planning offices, and other related disciplines. With the gathering of different sorts of expertise, I am sure the Association will be a great help in many fields related to the provision of and enjoyment of recreation.

"In conclusion, I would like to wish the Association every success in the future."

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