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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR APRIL RELEASED

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STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH SHOWED THE GROWTH OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY SLOWED DOWN IN APRIL AS THE SPECULATION INFLOW INTO THE HONG KONG DOLLAR EARLIER THIS YEAR SUBSIDED.

HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 (THE NARROWEST DEFINITION OF MONEY SUPPLY) WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A NEW SHARE ISSUE AND RECORDED A FAIRLY RAPID INCREASE. HONG KONG DOLLAR M2 AND M3 BOTH SHOWED A SMALL INCREASE.

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS ALSO GREW MORE SLOWLY IN APRIL THAN IN PREVIOUS MONTHS. THIS WAS DESPITE THE SMALL UPWARD ADJUSTMENT IN BANKS' DEPOSIT INTEREST RATES ON APRIL 7. GROWTH IN FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO BE RAPID AS US DOLLAR INTEREST RATES FIRMED MARKEDLY DURING THE MONTH.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES CONTINUED TO INCREASE. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG REGISTERED A SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN APRIL BUT LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE RECORDED ONLY A SMALL INCREASE.

DEPOSITS

IN APRIL, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS GREW BY 2.5 PER CENT AND TIME DEPOSITS BY 1.2 PER CENT. SAVINGS DEPOSITS, HOWEVER, FELL BY 0.4 PER CENT. TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 0.7 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 2.3 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY AND 2.4 PER CENT IN MARCH.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW FASTER IN APRIL, BY 3.7 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 2.4 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY AND 2.8 PER CENT IN MARCH. OVER THE YEAR (I.E. FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING APRIL), THESE DEPOSITS GREW BY 38.8 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 3.8 PER CENT IN APRIL. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 1 PER CENT IN APRIL WHILE ADJUSTED FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 3.7 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT IN APRIL WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT. OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS, THE FORMER GREW BY 8.6 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER FELL BY 1.7 PER CENT.

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HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 INCREASED BY 2.1 PER CENT IN APRIL AFTER THE POST-LUNAR NEW YEAR FALL OF 6 PER CENT AND 0.5 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO APRIL THERE WAS STILL A NET FALL IN HK$M1 OF 4.6 PER CENT. HK DOLLAR M2 AND M3 CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN APRIL BUT AT SLOWER RATES, BY 0.9 PER CENT AND 0.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, COMPARED WITH 2.3 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT IN MARCH. OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO APRIL, THEY INCREASED BY 4.2 PER CENT AND 3.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY M1 INCREASED BY 3.8 PER CENT IN APRIL, AFTER A FALL OF 0.2 PER CENT IN MARCH. TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 GREW BY 2.4 PER CENT AND 2.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING APRIL, TOTAL M2 AND M3 INCREASED BY 7.3 PER CENT AND 6.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, BUT TOTAL M1 FELL BY 2 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES CONTINUED TO GROW, BY 2.3 PER CENT IN APRIL AFTER HAVING INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY AND 4.1 PER CENT IN MARCH. LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 3.4 PER CENT IN APRIL WHILE LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT.

WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG ROSE BY 0.4 PER CENT AFTER THE RAPID INCREASE OF 8.6 PER CENT IN MARCH; OVER THE YEAR THESE LOANS GREW BY 17.4 PER CENT. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG INCREASED FASTER IN APRIL, BY 3.2 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 2.4 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY AND 2.8 PER CENT IN MARCH.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS INCREASED BY ONE TO 150, THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY ONE TO 35 WHILE THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY TWO TO 248.

/MONETARY STATISTICS .....

MONETARY STATISTICS - APRIL 1987

(HK$mn)

	Apr 1987	Earlier months (% change to April 1987)		
		Mar 1987	Jan 1987	Apr 1986
Money Supply				
M1 - HK$	55,319	54,193 (2.1 %)	57,967 (-4.6 %)	92,189 (-40.0 %)
Foreign currency	6,293	5,190 (21.3 %)	4,875 (29.1 %)	3,917 (60.7 %)
Total	61,612	59,383 (3.8 %)	62,842 (-2.0 %)	96,106 (-35.9 %)
M2 - HK$	259,603	257,310 (0.9 %)	249,029 (4.2 %)	248,716 (4.4 %)
Foreign currency	314,984	303,553 (3.8 %)	286,233 (10.0 %)	220,781 (42.7 %)
Total	574,587	560,863 (2.4 %)	535,262 (7.3 %)	469,497 (22.4 %)
M3 - HK$	290,150	287,802 (0.8 %)	280,358 (3.5 %)	285,463 (1.6 %)
Foreign currency	343,964	331,799 (3.7 %)	316,368 (8.7 %)	249,399 (37.9 %)
Total	634,115	619,601 (2.3 %)	596,727 (6.3 %)	534,862 (18.6 %)
Notes and coins in circulation	23,739	23,411 (1.4 %)	29,294 (-19.0 %)	20,165 (17.7 %)
of which held by public	20,705	20,410 (1.4 %)	25,367 (-18.4 %)	17,347 (19.4 %)
Deposits				
Demand deposits	40,907	38,974 (5.0 %)	37,475 (9.2 %)	78,759 (-48.1 %)
Savings deposits	140,858	137,204 (2.7 %)	130,241 (8.2 %)	97,017 (45.2 %)
Time deposits with banks	363,340	355,711 (2.1 %)	334,388 (8.7 %)	269,981 (34.6 %)
Time deposits with dtcs	55,681	54,910 (1.4 %)	56,658 (-1.7 %)	61,589 (-9.6 %)
All HK$ deposits	262,167	260,361 (0.7 %)	248,477 (5.5 %)	263,466 (-0.5 %)
All foreign currency deposits	338,618	326,438 (3.7 %)	310,286 (9.1 %)	243,879 (38.8 %)
Total	600,785	586,798 (2.4 %)	558,763 (7.5 %)	507,346 (18.4 %)
Loans and advances				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	39,515	39,360 (0.4 %)	36,717 (7.6 %)	33,664 (17.4 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	4,563	4,482 (1.8 %)	4,408 (3.5 %)	4,865 (-6.2 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	302,643	293,151 (3.2 %)	278,341 (8.7 %)	279,002 (8.5 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	177,205	172,400 (2.8 %)	165,510 (7.1 %)	160,076 (10.7 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	34,065	35,908 (-5.1 %)	32,213 (5.7 %)	24,327 (40.0 %)
All loans in HK$	277,950	268,729 (3.4 %)	257,712 (7.9 %)	267,413 (3.9 %)
All loans in foreign currencies	280,042	276,572 (1.3 %)	259,476 (7.9 %)	234,521 (19.4 %)
Total	557,992	545,300 (2.3 %)	517,188 (7.9 %)	501,934 (11.2 %)

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RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS

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WITH THE ADVENT OF THE SUMMER VACATION, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS OF THE LAW GOVERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS, YOUNG PERSONS BELOW 15 YEARS OF AGE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WORK IN FACTORIES OR INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

HOWEVER, CHILDREN WHO ARE AGED 13 OR ABOVE MAY, WITH APPROVAL FROM THEIR PARENTS, BE ENGAGED ON PART-TIME BASIS IN NON-INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.

+THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED FORM III SECONDARY EDUCATION SHOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED DURING THEIR NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS AND THAT THEIR HOURS OF WORK BE LIMITED TO TWO HOURS ONLY ON ANY SCHOOL DAY OR FOUR HOURS ON ANY OTHER DAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THEY MAY BE EMPLOYED FOR A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT HOURS A DAY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DURING THE SUMMER VACATION BUT THE EMPLOYERS MUST PROVIDE THEM AT LEAST ONE-HOUR BREAK FOR REST OR MEAL AFTER A CONTINUOUS SPELL OF WORK OF FIVE HOURS.

+THE REGULATIONS ALSO STIPULATE THAT CHILDREN WHO HAVE REACHED 13 BUT HAVE NOT COMPLETED FORM III ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WORK IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS INCLUDING THE KITCHEN OF AN EATING PLACE, HAIR-DRESSING SALOON AND MASSAGE PARLOUR.+

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON EMPLOYERS INTENDING TO TAKE ON YOUNG JOB SEEKERS TO CHECK THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY CARD TO ENSURE THEY WERE NOT UNDER AGED.

THOSE WHO CONTRAVENE ANY PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS ARE LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $10 000.

ENQUIRIES ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 5-8524165, 3-7332444 OR 0-232664.

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MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1987

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TUEN MUN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN STARTS WEDNESDAY

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THE 1987 TUEN MUN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN TO START ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 3) WILL FEATURE A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES CATERING FOR THE YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SIX-MONTH LONG CAMPAIGN WHICH AIMS AT COLLECTING INFORMATION ON DRUG-ABUSE AND ENHANCING AWARENESS TO DANGERS OF DRUGS WILL COMPRISE FILM SHOWS, SEMINARS, VISITS AND EXHIBITIONS.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY; TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY; AND DB MEMBER, MR SO SHIU-SING WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FILM SHOW.

ENTITLED +CHRISTIANE F+, THE GERMAN PRODUCTION TELLS OF A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL AND HER TRAGIC ENCOUNTER WITH SOFT DURGS AND HEROIN.

TO ENABLE MORE RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY YOUTHS, TO VIEW THE FILM, TWO EXTRA SCREENINGS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED OVER THE WEEKEND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1987 TUEN MUN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 3) IN THE NEW TOWN CINEMA AT TUEN FAT ROAD. THOSE WISHING TO USE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 8.45 AM SHARP AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER.

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SEMINARS ON HONG KONG ATTAINMENT TESTS FOR TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A SERIES OF SEMINARS ON THE NATURE AND USE OF THE HONG KONG ATTAINMENT TESTS FOR BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

THERE WILL BE THREE SEMINARS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS AND TWO SEMINARS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS.

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ALL HALF-DAY SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN YAU MA TEI BETWEEN JUNE 20 AND JULY 25.

TALKS WILL BE GIVEN BY THE OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND VALIDATION OF THE HONG KONG ATTAINMENT TESTS FOR PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

PRINCIPAL INSPECTORS OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO JOIN THE DISCUSSION SESSION DURING THE COURSE OF THE SEMINARS.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE AIM OF THE SEMINARS WAS TO ASSIST TEACHERS TO BETTER PREPARE FOR THE EFFICIENT USE OF THE HONG KONG ATTAINMENT TESTS IN THEIR TEACHING AND GUIDANCE SO AS TO HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

THE SERIES III OF THE ATTAINMENT TESTS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL WAS IN USE BY SCHOOLS FOR MATHEMATICS SINCE 1984 AND CHINESE AND ENGLISH IN 1985 WHILE THE SERIES I OF THE TESTS FOR THE THREE SUBJECTS FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WAS MADE AVAILABLE BETWEEN JULY LAST YEAR AND LAST MONTH (MAY).

THE ATTAINMENT TESTS HAVE THE FOLLOWING FOUR MAIN FUNCTIONS:

* TO EVALUATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COGNITIVE OBJECTIVES OF THE CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS CURRICULA HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AT EACH LEVEL AND TO KEEP RECORDS OF THESE RESULTS;

* TO DIAGNOSE AREAS OF STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS IN THE THREE BASIC SUBJECTS FOR EDUCATION GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING;

* TO CHECK EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS OF THE THREE SUBJECTS WITHIN SCHOOLS IN TERMS OF YEARS, LEVELS AND CLASSES, AS WELL AS THE SEX AND AGE OF PARTICIPANTS AGAINST THE OVERALL STANDARDS IN HONG KONG WITH A VIEW TO PLANNING A MORE EFFECTIVE TEACHING PROGRAMME OF INSTRUCTION FOR PARTICULAR GROUPS OF STUDENTS; AND

* TO IDENTIFY THE LESS ABLE STUDENTS FOR INTENSIVE TREATMENT IN ORDER TO BRING THEM UP TO THE STANDARDS OF THEIR CLASSMATES AT THE SAME LEVEL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID +IT IS HOPED THAT RESEARCH INTO THE TEST RESULTS CAN HELP IDENTIFY THE FACTORS AFFECTING ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN SCHOOLS, AND EVALUATE VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES.+

NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR MA ON SHAN
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BUILD THE FIFTH PRIMARY SCHOOL IN TAI SHUI HANG (AREA 75), MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT, WITHIN THE NEXT 13 MONTHS.

AN INVITATION TO TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT WAS PUBLISHED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR PATRICK HAU, SAID WORK ON THE PROJECT WAS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

MR HAU SAID THE STANDARD PRIMARY SCHOOL WOULD CONSIST OF 24 CLASSROOMS AND THREE SPECIAL ROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, COVERED PLAYGROUND, BASKETBALL COURT AND STAFF QUARTER.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD SUPPORTS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON FRIDAY (JUNE 5) WILL START OFF WITH DRUMS AND FANFARE NEAR THE ABERDEEN WATERFRONT, A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE +PROTECT YOUR ENVIRONMENT+ MESSAGE WILL ALSO BE DISSEMINATED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO ESTATE TENANTS IN SOUTHERN, AND BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT INDUSTRIALISTS ASSOCIATION TO LOCAL FACTORY OPERATORS.

APART FROM WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY PUBLICITY, THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE IS ALSO RUNNING A REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR FISHING VESSELS IN ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER UNTIL JUNE 12.

THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY PUBLICITY DRIVE, TO BE HELD FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM, WILL BEGIN WITH A 15-MINUTE PERFORMANCE BY THE CORPS OF DRUMS OF THE 1ST BATTALION COLDSTREAM GUARDS NEAR THE JUMBO PIER IN ABERDEEN.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL DISTRIBUTE PLASTIC LITTER BAGS TO DWELLING BOATS AND FISHING VESSELS IN ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER AND PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICITY MATERIAL TO SHOPPERS AT THE WONG CHUK HANG MARKET AND BEACH-GOERS IN REPULSE BAY AND DEEP WATER BAY.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO CARRY OUT SPECIAL CLEAN UP OPERATIONS IN THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

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+IT IS HOPED THAT THESE EFFORTS WILL HELP AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE NEED TO FIGHT POLLUTION AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT,+ THE DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE PUBLICITY DRIVE, BANNERS AND POSTERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP IN THE DISTRICT AND 2 000 CAPS AND STICKERS CARRYING THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY LOGO AND SLOGAN ARE PREPARED.

THESE ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND BRANCH OFFICES IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, WAH FU AND STANLEY ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS FROM TODAY.

LAST WEEK, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM, AND BOARD MEMBERS TOOK PART IN AN URBAN COUNCIL'S TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME IN ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

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MORE GREEN MINI-BUS ROUTES IN MONG KOK PROPOSED

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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE THREE MORE GREEN MINI-BUS ROUTES TO SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE ROUTES WILL PLY BETWEEN MONG KOK KCR STATION AND SHANGHAI STREET; MONG KOK MTR STATION AND HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD; HUNG HOM (WHAMPAO) AND SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE ADVISED OF THE TEMPORARY USE OF A SITE AT LUEN WAN STREET AND ARGYLE STREET.

IN VIEW OF THE SHORTAGE OF PARKING SPACE IN THE DISTRICT, IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED THAT THE SITE BE LET AS A PUBLIC FEE-PAYING CARPARK BY PUBLIC TENDER.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN, MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT MOVES TO MURRAY BUILDING

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THE HEADQUARTERS AND A NUMBER OF OFFICES OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE INTO MURRAY BUILDING AT GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, THIS MONTH.

THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS WILL MOVE ON JUNE 8 FROM TIAN AN CENTRE ON GLOUCESTER ROAD TO THE 18TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING AND ITS ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE CHANGED TO 5-8482946.

THE NEW TERRITORIES/SOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WILL MOVE FROM EMPIRE CENTRE AT EAST TSIM SHA TSUI, AND BOWEN ROAD, HONG KONG, TO THE 17TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING ON JUNE 16. THE ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE 5-8482756.

THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, NOW LOCATED AT THE GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, HARBOUR CENTRE, AND SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WILL MOVE TO THE 15TH, 16TH AND 17TH FLOORS OF MURRAY BUILDING BETWEEN JUNE 22 AND JULY 6. THE NEW ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE 5-8482847.

ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE WITH HEADQUARTERS AND THE TWO OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE NEW OFFICES AND PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE IN FUTURE ON THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

THE 11TH TO 18TH FLOORS OF MURRAY BUILDING HAVE BEEN LEFT VACANT TO ENABLE REFURBISHMENT AFTER THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED TO THE NEWLY-BUILT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES LAST DECEMBER. THE WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE MID-JUNE.

THE 11TH TO 14TH FLOORS AND PART OF THE 15TH FLOOR WILL BE OCCUPIED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT WHICH ALREADY OCCUPIES THE 1ST TO 10TH FLOORS OF MURRAY BUILDING.

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO TEXACO ROAD

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MAJOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR TEXACO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

DETAILS OF THE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE SCHEME IS ALSO EXPECTED TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND SAFETY IN THE AREA.

/A TERRITORY .....

A TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE WORK WAS PART OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE TEXACO ROAD/TSUEN WAN BYPASS INTERCHANGE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO TEXACO ROAD SCHEME WHICH WAS EXPECTED TO TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE FROM EARLY 1988.

THE MAJOR WORKS UNDER THE SCHEME WILL INCLUDE WIDENING A SECTION OF TEXACO ROAD FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO KWAI FUK ROAD AND CONSTRUCTING A VIADUCT ALONG THE SECTION.

A SECTION OF KWAI FUK ROAD WILL BE WIDENED AND REALIGNED AND A NEW CROSS ROAD JUNCTION CREATED AT YEUNG UK ROAD/TEXACO ROAD. FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS YEUNG UK ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD WILL BE BUILT AT THIS NEW CROSS ROAD JUNCTION.

MODIFICATION OF THE ROAD JUNCTIONS OF TEXACO ROAD AT TSUEN FU STREET, TSUEN WING STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT.

OTHER IMPORTANT ANCILLARY WORKS WILL INVOLVE STABILISATION OF SLOPES ON THE EAST SIDE OF TEXACO ROAD, STABILISATION OF SLOPES AND LANDSCAPING ON THE EAST SIDE OF KWAI FUK ROAD AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE WORKS AND ALTERATIONS OF SERVICES AND UTILITIES.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT NOT LATER THAN JULY 28.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND

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PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN PUI CHING ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 4) 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.

RE-CONSTRUCTED PIER ON LANTAU OPENS

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RE-CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON THE PAK MONG PIER - THE ONLY SEA LINK FOR PAK MONG, NAGU KWU LONG AND TAI HO VILLAGES IN NORTHEASTERN LANTAU - CARRIED OUT BY THE ARMY AND FUNDED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

A BRIEF CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE NEW PIER WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 11 AM AT THE PIER.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ARMY, LOCAL VILLAGERS AND DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENT ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE MARINE LAUNCH PH 1 WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER IN CENTRAL AT 9 AM.

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CASTLE PEAK ROAD CLOSED FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

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CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM THURSDAY (JUNE 4) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

FROM 30 MINUTES AFTER MIDNIGHT TO 5.30 AM ON JUNE 4 AND 5, THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (SAN HUI) BETWEEN ROAD D9 AND ROAD P2 WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. MOTORISTS ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD (LAM TEI) SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR KOWLOON SHOULD DRIVE VIA ROAD D9, TUEN HING ROAD AND TUEN MUN ROAD, WHILE THOSE FOR TAI HING SHOULD USE TSING LUN ROAD AND TSING CHUNG KOON ROAD.

TRAFFIC HEADING FOR CASTLE PEAK ROAD (SAN HUI) SOUTH OF ROAD P2 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TSING LUN ROAD, TSING CHUNG KOON ROAD, TSUN WEN ROAD AND ROAD P2.

MEANWHILE, THE SAME SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (NORTHBOUND)= AND THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM ROAD P2 TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1.30 AM TO 6 AM ON JUNE 8 AND 9.

MOTORISTS FROM TAI HING HEADING FOR YUEN LONG SHOULD USE TSING CHUNG KOON ROAD AND TSING LUN ROAD, WHILE THOSE ON TUEN MUN ROAD NORTHBOUND SHOULD USE TUEN HING ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND ROAD D9.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN ADMIRALTY

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TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS, TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN ADMIRALTY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC LATER THIS WEEK.

THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION OF TAMAR STREET BETWEEN DRAKE STREET AND QUEENSWAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 4) TO 5.30 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE AGAIN DURING THE SAME PERIOD ON FRIDAY (JUNE 5).

IN ADDITION, THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF RODNEY STREET BETWEEN QUEENSWAY AND DRAKE STREET WILL BE CLOSED DAILY FROM 30 MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT TO 5.30 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 5) AND SATURDAY.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON DRAKE STREET HEADING FOR QUEENSWAY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA COTTON TREE DRIVE TO REJOIN QUEENSWAY.

MEANWHILE, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON QUEENSWAY TO ADMIRALTY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ARSENAL STREET, HARCOURT ROAD, RODNEY STREET SOUTHBOUND AND DRAKE STREET.

IN ADDITION, CMB BUSES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE ADMIRALTY MTR STATION (WEST) BUS TERMINUS TO REJOIN QUEENSWAY.

GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 11 AND 31 ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO CAUSEWAY BAY WILL NOT PASS THROUGH RODNEY STREET, DRAKE STREET AND TAMAR STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THEIR STOP AT DRAKE STREET WILL BE RELOCATED TO QUEENSWAY OUTSIDE ADMIRALTY GARDEN.

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