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ACTING GOVERNOR TELLS LONDON OF CONCERN OVER REFUGEES
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, HAD PERSONALLY CONVEYED TO BOTH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THE VIEWS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE DEEP CONCERN FELT BY HONG KONG PEOPLE ABOUT THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON, SIR DAVID SAID HIS CURRENT VISIT TO BRITAIN ENABLED HIM TO DO THIS APART FROM MEETING THE NEW GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON.

HE ADDED THAT HONG KONG MUST LOSE NO OPPORTUNITY OF IMPRESSING BRITAIN AND THE REST OF THE WORLD ABOUT THE VERY DISTRESSING SITUATION WITH REGARD TO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE TERRITORY.

SIR DAVID SAID THE OTHER SUBJECTS WHICH WERE DISCUSSED WITH SIR DAVID WILSON INCLUDED THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, THE WORK OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE WALLED CITY.

HE EXPECTED SIR DAVID WILSON TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SECOND WEEK OF APRIL, ABOUT A MONTH OR SO BEFORE THE GREEN PAPER WAS PUBLISHED. HE SAID THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON HOW PUBLIC OPINION ON THE GREEN PAPER WOULD BE ASSESSED WOULD PROBABLY BE MADE IN A FEW WEEKS TIME.

HE SAID THAT SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE BOTH LOOKING FORWARD VERY MUCH TO COMING TO HONG KONG. +HONG KONG IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SOMEONE WITH SO DEEP AN UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG+, SIR DAVID ADDED.

WHILE IN LONDON, SIR DAVID ALSO MET WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE; THE PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, SIR PATRICK WRIGHT; DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, MR DAVID GILMORE AND HEAD OF THE HONG KONG DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, MR CHRISTOPHER HUM.

SIR DAVID SAID HE ALSO MET AN ALL PARTY GROUP OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AT A LUNCH AT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE, AND WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG AFFAIRS IN LONDON.

ON HIS FUTURE IN THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID THE MATTER WOULD BE RAISED IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON HIS RETURN TO HONG KONG BEFORE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE.

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HE ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN WELL CONSTRUCTED PLANS FOR HIM TO LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT AS CHIEF SECRETARY IN JUNE BUT THAT THESE HAD BEEN DISRUPTED BY THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD SPOKEN WITH LADY YOUDE WHO WAS +VERY DELIGHTED+ TO BECOME A TRUSTEE OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND AND TO HEAR THAT DONATIONS HAD ALREADY EXCEEDED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE AN INCOME OF SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

HE HOPED THAT LADY YOUDE WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT HONG KONG SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE OF HER DEEP AFFECTION FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PLACE.

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MORE FUNDS FOR IMPROVING NEW TOWN OUTSKIRTS
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SPEND UP TO \$32 MILLION IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR TO IMPROVE LIFE FOR RESIDENTS LIVING OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWNS, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, FUNDS PROVIDED FOR CNTA LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS WILL INCREASE FROM \$14 MILLION IN 1986-87 TO \$20 MILLION IN 1987-88.

+THIS WILL INCLUDE FOR THE FIRST TIME A SEPARATE MAINTENANCE ELEMENT SO THAT WE CAN CARRY OUT REGULAR REPAIRS TO LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS,+ DR HAYES SAID.

DR HAYES, WHOSE SPEECH WAS READ BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, AT THE HEUNG YEE KUK LUNAR NEW YEAR GATHERING, SAID THAT IN ADDITION, THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT WOULD PROVIDE ANOTHER \$12 MILLION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO URBAN FRINGE AREAS OF NEW TOWNS.

+THIS WILL ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROADS, DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, AMENITIES AND OTHER PROJECTS IN CERTAIN AREAS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED BY PROJECT MANAGERS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAMME IN 1987-88, AND MORE TENTATIVELY FOR 1988-89,+ HE SAID.

DR HAYES SAID HE WAS CONCERNED AT THE DISPARITY IN LIVING CONDITIONS WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN THE NEW TOWNS ON THE ONE HAND AND OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ON THE OTHER.

/+WHILE CONDITIONS

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+WHILE CONDITIONS IN THE NEW TOWNS ARE GENERALLY GOOD, AND IMPROVING STILL FURTHER, MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE ELSEWHERE, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS BETWEEN AND AROUND THE NEW TOWNS WHICH QUITE OFTEN LACK THE MOST BASIC AMENITIES AND SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

DR HAYES POINTED OUT THAT THE FUNDING OF THE +URBAN FRINGE+ PROGRAMME WOULD ENABLE THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE TO BE CONCENTRATED MORE ON THE OUTLYING AND RURAL AREAS AND ON CARRYING OUT ADDITIONAL WORKS THERE, BESIDES MAINTENANCE.

+MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE BUT WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO BUILD ON THIS MODEST START AND, YEAR BY YEAR, THROUGH THESE AND OTHER WORKS PROGRAMMES, TO GRADUALLY IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR THOSE LIVING OUTSIDE OF THE NEW TOWN BOUNDARIES,+ HE ADDED.

DR HAYES SAID EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF CNTA'S POWERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ORDINANCE WHICH CONCERN THE REGISTRATION OF CUSTOMARY SUCCESSION TO NEW TERRITORIES LAND, TRUSTEESHIP, AND THE APPOINTMENT AND CANCELLATION OF MANAGERS TO NEW TERRITORIES' LAND-OWNING +TSO+ AND +TONG+ (ANCESTRAL HALLS).

+THESE MATTERS ARE SUBJECT TO CURRENT ENQUIRY, AND AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING PARTY IS LOOKING INTO THE SITUATION WITH A VIEW TO MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT,+ HE SAID.

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RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER RELEASED
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN NOVEMBER 1986, PROVISIONALLY ESTIMATED AT \$6 424 MILLION, WAS 10 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN NOVEMBER 1985 WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS 4 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 19 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES WENT UP BY 14 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME, WHILE THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WERE 9 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT. THE RETAIL SALES OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT IN VALUE WHILE THOSE OF FUELS DECREASED BY 15 PER CENT; HOWEVER, BOTH RECORDED ALMOST NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

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ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED VERY SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE AND CONSIDERABLY IN VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS HAD A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE AND A MODERATE INCREASE IN SALES VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES RECORDED A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE BUT ONLY A SLIGHT INCREASE IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED MODERATELY IN VALUE AND SLIGHTLY IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS SHOWED INCREASES OF 20 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES AND +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ ROSE BY 15 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE AND BY 4 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 6 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME, WHILE FUELS DECREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT HAD ALMOST NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE AND MODERATELY IN VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES IN SUPERMARKETS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME, WHILE CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED MODERATELY IN SALES VALUE AND SLIGHTLY IN SALES VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES RECORDED A MODERATE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE AND A SLIGHT INCREASE IN VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1986, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR NOVEMBER 1986 INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME. +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ ROSE BY 2 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALOCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO AS WELL AS FUELS DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND VOLUME, WHILE CONSUMER DURABLES HAD DECREASED OF 1 PER CENT IN BOTH. RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN VALUE AND MODERATELY IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED ALMOST NO CHANGE IN SALES VALUE BUT A SLIGHT DECREASE IN SALES VOLUME.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME WHILE THE CORRESPONDING DECREASES FOR SUPERMARKETS WERE MODERATE.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR OCTOBER 1986 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR NOVEMBER 1986.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN OCTOBER 1986 AND NOVEMBER 1986 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL SALES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF NOVEMBER 1986 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF OCTOBER 1986 AND WITH THOSE OF NOVEMBER 1985 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

GRAPHS 1 AND 2 DEPICT RESPECTIVELY THE MOVEMENTS OF THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO NOVEMBER 1986, AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEXES AND TRENDS, FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO OCTOBER 1986.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE NOVEMBER 1986 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 3-7216024.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for November 1986 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$6 424 million
for October 1986 (Revised Figure) = HK\$6 301 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1986

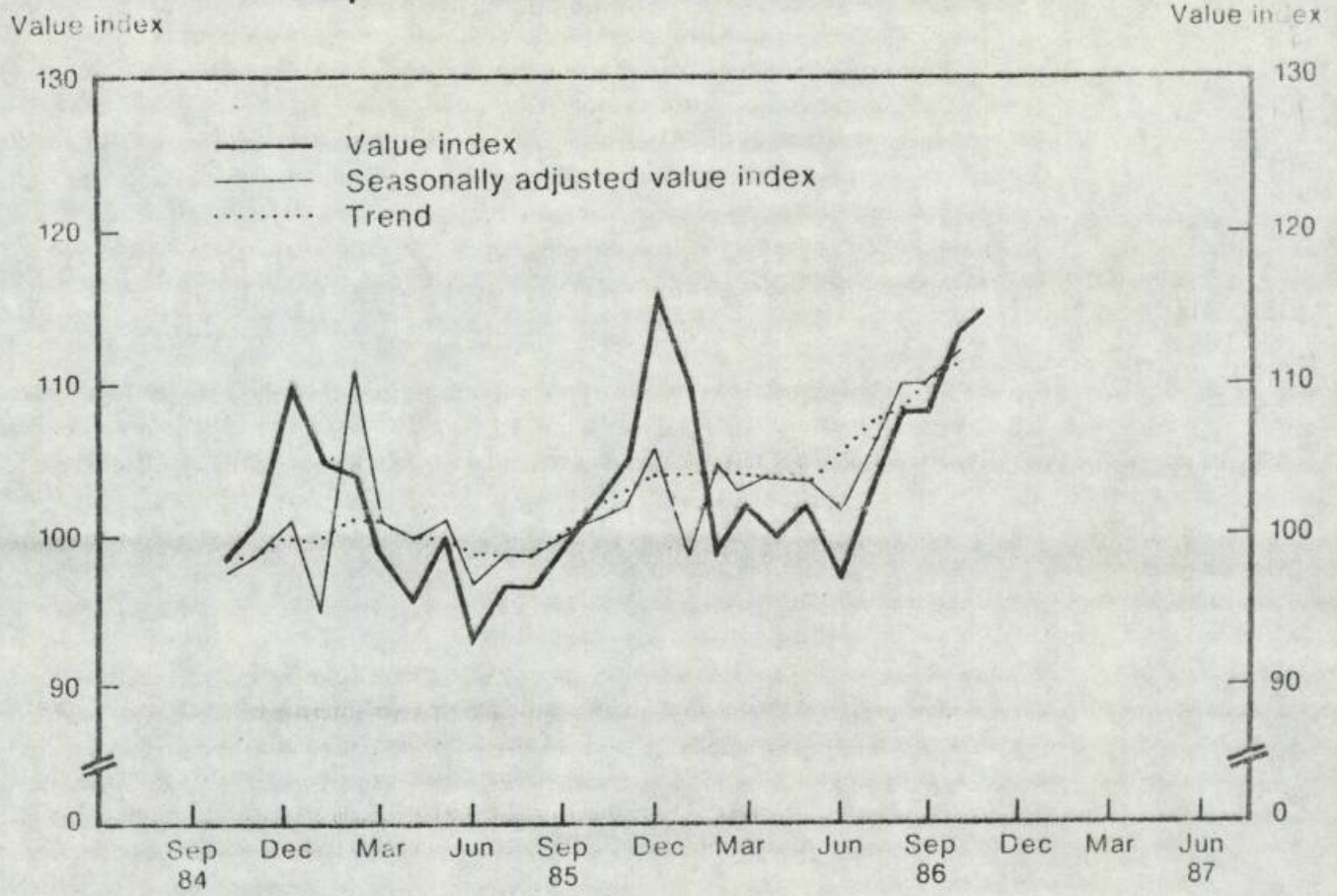
(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	October 1986	November 1986	November 1986 compared with October 1986		November 1986 compared with November 1985		Sept. - Nov. 86 compared with Sept. - Nov. 85	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	113	115	+ 2	+ 2	+10	+10	+10	+10
	Volume	106	107	+ 1	+ 1	+ 4	+ 4	+ 5	+ 5
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	105	102	- 3	- 2	+ 9	+ 9	+ 6	+ 6
	Volume	104	102	- 2	- 2	+ 6	+ 6	+ 5	+ 6
Fuels	Value	85	84	- 1	- 2	-15	-15	-16	-16
	Volume	101	99	- 2	- 2	*	*	*	*
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	127	148	+21	+16	+31	+26	+21	+20
	Volume	115	131	+16	+14	+21	+19	+14	+14
Consumer durables	Value	118	117	- 1	- 1	+15	+14	+16	+15
	Volume	107	105	- 2	- 1	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4
Other consumer goods	Value	115	117	+ 3	+ 2	+ 8	+ 7	+11	+10
	Volume	105	107	+ 2	+ 2	*	*	+ 3	+ 3
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
Supermarkets	Value	116	109	- 8	- 7	+11	+11	+16	+16
	Volume	113	105	- 8	- 7	+ 8	+ 9	+14	+14
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	135	131	- 5	- 3	+32	+32	+31	+30
	Volume	110	106	- 4	- 3	+12	+13	+ 9	+ 9
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	113	117	*	*	+ 9	+ 9	+11	+10
	Volume	106	105	- 1	- 1	+ 1	+ 1	+ 3	+ 3
Department stores	Value	112	126	+14	+13	+13	+11	+ 9	+ 9
	Volume	102	112	+10	+10	+ 5	+ 5	+ 3	+ 3

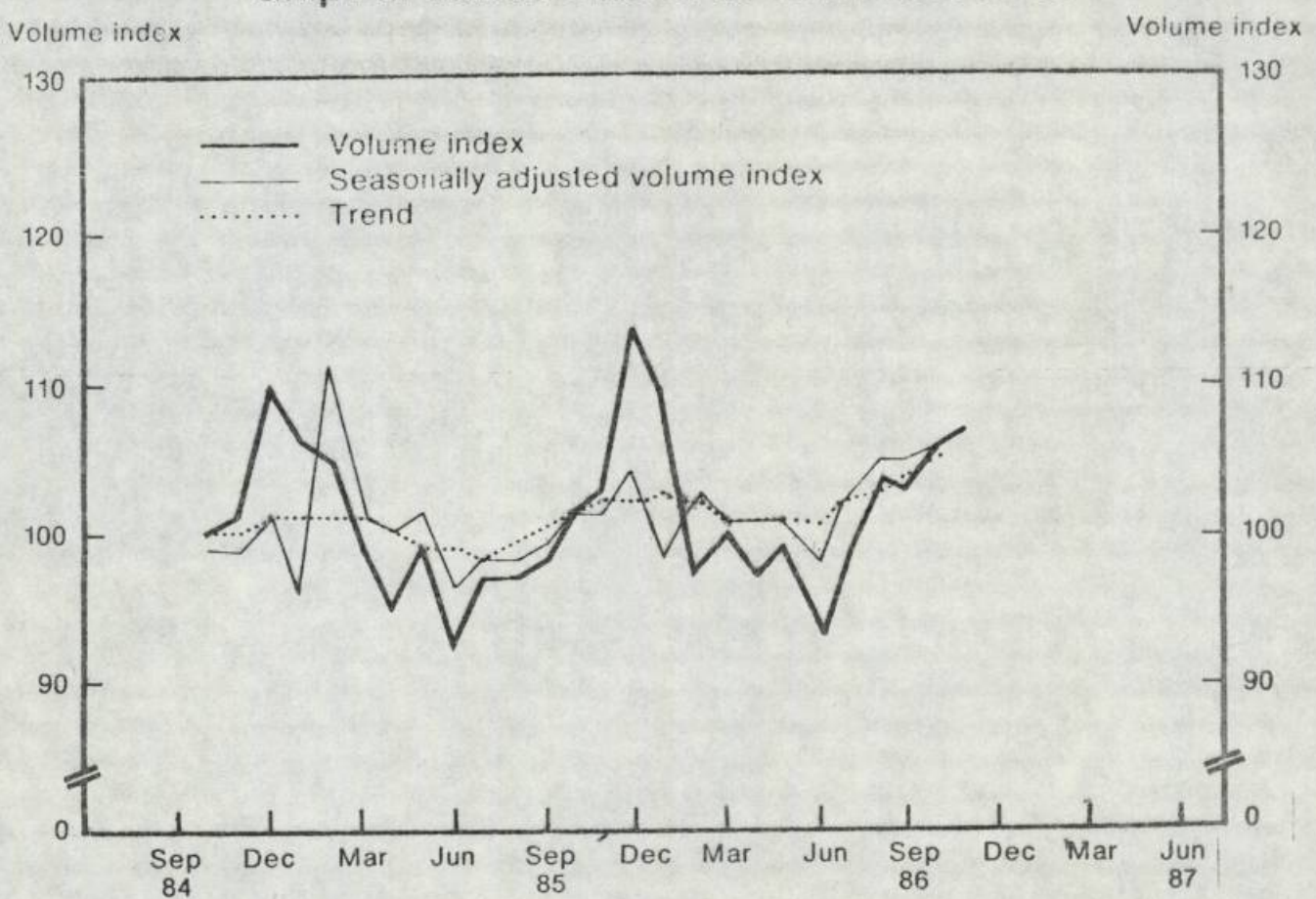
- Notes : 1. "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" includes "supermarkets".
2. "Consumer durables" includes "motor vehicles and parts".
3. "Other consumer goods" includes "department stores".
4. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.
5. * denotes change of less than 0.5.

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Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Graph 2: Volume Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Notes: (1) Monthly average of Oct 84 - Sept 85 = 100
 (2) The seasonally adjusted value and volume indexes and Henderson trends are compiled using the X-11 variant seasonal adjustment program of the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

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MORE LABOUR RELATIONS COURSES ARRANGED
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING MORE CERTIFICATE COURSES ON LABOUR RELATIONS FOR EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT STAFF, TRADE UNION OFFICIALS AND INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES BETWEEN APRIL AND NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

THIS FORMS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THE OBJECTIVE OF ORGANISING THE COURSE IS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF LABOUR LEGISLATION AND OF WAYS TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND TOOLS.

THE COURSES COVER SUCH SUBJECTS AS THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, CONTRACTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG ORDINANCE, ROLE OF GOVERNMENT, UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS IN LABOUR RELATIONS, WORK OF THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

PARTICIPANTS MAY ENROL FOR THE FULL COURSE WHICH COMPRISES EIGHT TWO-AND-A-HALF HOUR SESSIONS OR CHOOSE TO ATTEND ONE OR MORE SESSIONS.

+HOWEVER, CERTIFICATES WILL ONLY BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE FULL COURSE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FEE FOR THE FULL COURSE IS \$150 AND THAT FOR EACH SELECTED SESSION IS \$25.

ALL COURSES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5 PM AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, WITH THE FIRST SESSION STARTING ON APRIL 7.

ENROLMENT FOR COURSES BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE FEBRUARY 28, AND APPLICATIONS FOR COURSES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT BY THE END OF JULY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT ON 12TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT 5-8523511.

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INMATES PASS PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

NINE INMATES OF A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON ON LANTAU ISLAND TODAY (WEDNESDAY) RECEIVED CERTIFICATES FOR PASSING PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (DESIGNATE), MR Y.T. LI, AND A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, MR H.N. HARILELA, OFFICIATED AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT SHEK PIK PRISON.

AMONG THE NINE INMATES WAS A 33-YEAR-OLD PRISONER WHO IS SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER.

HE SCORED A PASS IN THE SUBJECT OF ENGLISH FOR COMMERCE IN THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY EXAMINATION.

THE REST SAT FOR THE PITMAN EXAMINATION IN ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND ALL SCORED PASSES.

THEIR AGES RANGE FROM 26 TO 45, AND THEY ARE SERVING SENTENCES OF FROM FIVE TO 20 YEARS FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES INCLUDING POSSESSION OF DRUGS AND MANSLAUGHTER.

MR LI PRAISED THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE INMATES. HE SAID THAT DUE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE PAID TO THE BACKGROUND OF THE INMATES, FOR THEY WERE NOT STUDENTS GROOMED IN GOOD ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, BUT INMATES OF A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON.

CONSIDERING THEIR SPECIAL BACKGROUND, +WE SHOULD APPRECIATE THAT THOUGH THE ACHIEVEMENT MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED PLAIN TO MANY, IT IS PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING TO THE CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS,+ MR LI SAID.

MR LI ALSO COMMENDED THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR ITS WORK IN REFORMING THE OFFENDERS. APART FROM PROVIDING VARIOUS VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO EMPHASISED THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT OF THE INMATES, HE SAID.

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AMBULANCE CHIEF RETIRING
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THE HEAD OF THE AMBULANCE COMMAND, MR HARRY KENYON, GOES ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AFTER SERVING WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR 26 YEARS.

THE CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER WAS PRESENTED WITH A RETIREMENT MEMENTO BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, AT A CEREMONY AT FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS.

BORN IN 1927 IN BLACKBURN, ENGLAND, MR KENYON JOINED THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES AS A STATION OFFICER IN 1961 AFTER SERVING AS A FIREMAN IN THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY FIRE BRIGADE.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER TWO YEARS LATER AND HE BECAME ASSISTANT CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER IN 1973. HE HAS HELD HIS PRESENT RANK OF CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER SINCE 1979.

MR KENYON WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN 1974 AND THE QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICES MEDAL IN 1984.

DURING HIS LONG CAREER, HE DEVOTED HIMSELF TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE TERRITORY.

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MONG KOK HOLDING SPRING RECEPTION
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOST A SPRING RECEPTION FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FUNCTION IN A NATHAN ROAD RESTAURANT. IT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

MR CHAU WILL ALSO PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO 10 COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO HAVE HELPED TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS AND WELFARE OF RESIDENTS IN THE PAST YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE SPRING RECEPTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANT, FOURTH FLOOR, 612 NATHAN ROAD.

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SPRING RECEPTION FOR 1 200 IN TSUEN WAN
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 6).

ABOUT 1 200 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. THEY WILL INCLUDE LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM IN A TSUEN WAN RESTAURANT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE MAXIM'S CHINESE RESTAURANT AT LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN, NEXT TO THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION.

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SHAM SHUI PO D.O. GIVING SPRING RECEPTION
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD ITS SPRING RECEPTION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS IN LAI CHI KOK TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE RECEPTION WHICH WILL START IN A LOCAL RESTAURANT AT 4 PM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE RECEPTION, TO BE HELD AT THE GOOD WORLD RESTAURANT, FIRST FLOOR, MEI FOO SUN CHUEN.

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CANTONESE OPERA TREAT FOR SAI KUNG RESIDENTS
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ABOUT 1 200 SAI KUNG RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A CANTONESE OPERA SHOW TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE SHOW IS ONE OF THE EVENTS IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE HON FUNG CANTONESE OPERA AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL. IT WILL START AT 7 PM.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY PROJECTING THE VERSES OF THE OPERA ON THE SIDE WALL OF THE STAGE SO THAT THE AUDIENCE CAN UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW THE STORY.

ADMISSION TO THE SHOW IS FREE AND ALL TICKETS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO RURAL COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE SAI KUNG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS BETTY CHING, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WAN-HEI, WILL ATTEND.

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AIR-CONDITIONING CONTRACT AWARDED
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A CONTRACT VALUED AT ABOUT \$580 000 HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR INSTALLING AIR-CONDITIONING AND VENTILATION EQUIPMENT IN THE DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION NOW BEING BUILT AT SIU LEK YUEN, SHA TIN.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLICE STATION, WHICH STARTED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR, WILL BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER.

THE AIR-CONDITIONING AND VENTILATION INSTALLATION WORK STARTED LAST MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONALS OF NIGERIA

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, NATIONALS OF NIGERIA WILL REQUIRE VISAS TO ENTER BRITAIN. ANY NIGERIAN NATIONALS ARRIVING AT A UK PORT OF ENTRY WITHOUT A VALID VISA, ENTRY CERTIFICATE OR CONFIRMATION OF RIGHT OF ABODE IN BRITAIN WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY.

+IN HONG KONG, VISAS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM OFFICES OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT. FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333111,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON QUEEN'S ROAD

TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS, THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN GILMAN STREET AND BONHAI STRAND WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 7). THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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14 SALT WATER CUT

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN BEACON HILL AND KOWLOON CITY WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 7) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY BEACON HILL ROAD, EDE ROAD, EASTBOURNE ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE, MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDER ROAD, CHAK YAN CENTRE, KOWLOON KITCHEN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, CHAK ON ESTATE, TAI WO PING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, SHEK KIP MEI PARK AND CORNWALL STREET TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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