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DISTRICT BOARDS ALLOCATED \$35.27M
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A TOTAL OF \$35.27 MILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF ABOUT \$200 000 OVER LAST YEAR'S FIGURES.

THE NINE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL RECEIVE \$19.78 MILLION, WHILE THE TEN DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE URBAN AREAS WILL SHARE \$15.49 MILLION.

ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI WILL RECEIVE THE LARGEST SHARE AT \$3.34 MILLION, FOLLOWED BY YUEN LONG WITH \$3.03 MILLION AND SHA TIN WITH \$2.61 MILLION. THESE THREE DISTRICTS ALSO LEAD THE NEW TERRITORIES SIDE IN THE ALLOCATION TABLE.

IN THE URBAN AREAS, KWUN TONG WILL GET THE BIGGEST SHARE AT \$2.27 MILLION, FOLLOWED BY WONG TAI SIN WITH \$2.21 MILLION AND EASTERN WITH \$1.78 MILLION.

THE FOLLOWING IS BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS FOR THE 1986-87 FINANCIAL YEAR:

HONG KONG AND KOWLOON

CENTRAL AND WESTERN	\$1.08 MILLION
EASTERN	\$1.78 MILLION
KOWLOON CITY	\$1.75 MILLION
KWUN TONG	\$2.27 MILLION
MONG KOK	\$1.07 MILLION
SHAM SHUI PO	\$1.77 MILLION
SOUTHERN	\$1.43 MILLION
WAN CHAI	\$1.07 MILLION
WONG TAI SIN	\$2.21 MILLION
YAU MA TEI	\$1.06 MILLION (SUB-TOTAL: \$15.49 MILLION)

NEW TERRITORIES

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ISLANDS	\$1.52 MILLION
KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI	\$3.34 MILLION
NORTH	\$1.58 MILLION
SAI KUNG	\$1.46 MILLION
SHA TIN	\$2.61 MILLION
TAI PO	\$1.50 MILLION
TSUEN WAN	\$2.23 MILLION
TUEN MUN	\$2.51 MILLION
YUEN LONG	\$3.03 MILLION (SUB-TOTAL: \$19.78 MILLION)
TOTAL: \$35.27 MILLION	

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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL GOING ON
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 80 000 ESTABLISHMENTS DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS. THEY INCLUDE THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING= MANUFACTURING= ELECTRICITY AND GAS), WITH FULL ENUMERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION= FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICE= COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS AT THE END OF MARCH AND REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS NOT RESPONDING TO THE INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES WERE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON MARCH 27 FOR EACH SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENT. SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THIS SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD JANUARY-MARCH 1986.

RESPONDENTS WHO FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR HELP AT THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS: 5-436551, 5-444301, 5-455661 AND 5-455668.

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SPECIAL STAMPS FOR QUEEN'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

A SET OF FIVE SPECIAL STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE THE 60TH BIRTHDAY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE ON APRIL 21.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STAMPS, ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH 22 OTHER POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS, ARE THE WORK OF BRITISH DESIGNER TONY THEOBALD, AND ARE IN FIVE DENOMINATIONS:

- * 50 CENTS - PRINCESS ELIZABETH ARRIVING AT THE WEDDING OF MISS CELIA BOWES-LYON IN 1931.
- * \$1 - THE QUEEN ATTENDING THE SERVICE OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER AT WINDSOR CASTLE IN 1977.
- * \$1.30 - THE QUEEN VISITING HONG KONG IN 1975. THE BACKGROUND SHOWS A FLOATING RESTAURANT FROM WHICH SHE WATCHED A WATERBORNE PROCESSION.
- * \$1.70 - A NORMAN PARKINSON PHOTOGRAPH OF THE QUEEN TAKEN IN 1980 FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY AT THE ROYAL LODGE WINDSOR.
- * \$5 - THE QUEEN VISITING THE CROWN AGENTS HEAD OFFICE IN LONDON IN 1983 TO CELEBRATE ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS AT 50 CENTS EACH WOULD BE ON SALE ON MONDAY (APRIL 7). ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING FIRST DAY COVERS WOULD BE ACCEPTED FROM APRIL 7 TO 16 AT ALL POST OFFICES.

HOWEVER, A MINIMUM OF FIVE COVERS PER ORDER IS REQUIRED, HE SAID.

THE NEW STAMPS ARE NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE PHILATELIC CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE AND AT TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, MIDDLE ROAD, KOWLOON.

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CURRENT MFA TALKS IN GENEVA END
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THE LATEST ROUND OF TALKS ON A SUCCESSOR ARRANGEMENT TO THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT ENDED IN GENEVA YESTERDAY, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED.

THE TALKS INCLUDED BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL MEETINGS BETWEEN THE MAIN IMPORTING AND EXPORTING MEMBERS OF THE MFA.

+AS EXPECTED, THE TALKS HAVE NOW MOVED INTO A NEW STAGE, THE INFORMAL TALKS HAVE NOW BEGUN TO DISCUSS DETAILED ISSUES, SUCH AS GROWTH RATES, WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE ANY NEW ARRANGEMENT CAN BE AGREED,+ THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, REPORTED FROM GENEVA.

+ALTHOUGH THIS IS A USEFUL START, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WE ALL FACE SOME TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD IF A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENT IS TO BE CONCLUDED.+

MR MACLEOD SAID THE PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS WOULD NOW INTENSIFY, WITH FURTHER TALKS LIKELY IN EARLY MAY, AND EARLY AND LATE JUNE, FOLLOWED BY A HEAVY SCHEDULE IN JULY IF NECESSARY.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR BANK OPENING
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL DISTRICT BETWEEN 7 PM AND 10 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 7) IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HONGKONG BANK BUILDING:

- * QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL TO ICE HOUSE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, PRIVATE BUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS.

OTHER VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO GAIN ACCESS TO HILTON HOTEL, GARDEN ROAD CARPARK AND THE PETROL STATION BUT WILL EXIT VIA QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, BANK STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND ICE HOUSE STREET TO REJOIN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

- * BANK STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * ICE HOUSE STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BECOME ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

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- * NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON ICE HOUSE STREET FROM LOWER ALBERT ROAD MUST TURN LEFT INTO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
- * VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES, PRIVATE BUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL ALONG WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, TURN LEFT INTO ICE HOUSE STREET AND THEN TURN RIGHT INTO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
- * THE EXISTING BUS ONLY LANE ON WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO ICE HOUSE STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY LIFTED.

IN ADDITION, CMB ROUTES 23A, 40M AND CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE 103 ON THEIR EASTBOUND JOURNEYS WILL BE DIVERTED TO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND PEDDER STREET BEFORE REJOINING CHATER ROAD.

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MINI-ROUNDAABOUT EASES TRAFFIC CONGESTION *****

TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND FAIRVIEW PARK BOULEVARD IN YUEN LONG HAS BEEN ALLEVIATED WITH THE OPENING OF A MINI-ROUNDAABOUT, ACCORDING TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF ENGINEER, MR TSOH MING.

THE MINI-ROUNDAABOUT, THE FIRST IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN INTERIM REMEDY TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE JUNCTION BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD PROJECT.

+AS PRIORITY WAS GIVEN TO TRAFFIC FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD BEFORE THE MINI-ROUNDAABOUT WAS INTRODUCED, TRAFFIC CONGESTION OCCURRED AT THE JUNCTION DURING PEAK PERIODS BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT TIME GAPS FOR VEHICLES AT FAIRVIEW PARK BOULEVARD TO ENTER INTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD,+ MR TSOH EXPLAINED.

+THE OPENING OF THE MINI-ROUNDAABOUT LAST MONTH GIVES A MORE EVEN USAGE FOR THE VARIOUS TRAFFIC STREAMS AT THE JUNCTION, AND A LONG QUEUE OF VEHICLES NO LONGER OCCURS AT FAIRVIEW PARK BOULEVARD DURING THE PEAK PERIODS.+

/MR TSOH

MR TSOH SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD CONSIDERED OTHER MEANS OF RESOLVING CONGESTION IN THE AREA, INCLUDING INSTALLING SIGNALS AT THE JUNCTION. HOWEVER, AN ANALYSIS OF THE TRAFFIC FLOW SHOWED THAT AN EXTRA LANE ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COPE WITH TRAFFIC RIGHT-TURNING INTO FAIRVIEW PARK BOULEVARD. RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE LAND FOR THE EXTRA LANE WOULD BE A TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS AND THE SCHEME WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME TO COMPLETE.

+THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MINI-ROUNDAABOUT AT THIS JUNCTION REQUIRED A LOT OF CAREFUL INVESTIGATION AND PLANNING IN ORDER TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS IMPOSED BY SITE CONDITIONS ALTHOUGH THE CONSTRUCTION WORK TOOK ONLY ABOUT FIVE WEEKS TO COMPLETE,+ HE SAID.

ON THE SAFETY ASPECTS AT THE MINI-ROUNDAABOUT, MR TSOH SAID THERE WERE ADVANCED WARNING SIGNS, ROAD MARKINGS AND ILLUMINATED BOLLARDS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS. STREET LIGHTING AT THE JUNCTION WAS ALSO UPGRADED TO ENHANCE SAFETY DURING NIGHT TIME.

THERE ARE TWO OTHER MINI-ROUNDAABOUTS IN THE TERRITORY: AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI TAM ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD AND AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI HANG ROAD AND BLUE POOL ROAD.

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STUDY ROOMS NOW OPEN TO STUDENTS
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STUDY ROOMS ARE NOW OPEN UNTIL JUNE 30 AT 68 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG TO COPE WITH THE SEASONAL INCREASE IN DEMAND.

OF THESE SCHOOLS, 39 ARE OPEN TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. THE REMAINING SCHOOLS ARE ONLY OPEN TO SECONDARY STUDENTS ON WEEKDAYS BETWEEN 7 PM AND 10 PM.

THE STUDY ROOM SCHEME IS OPERATED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF STUDENTS LOOKING FOR QUIET SURROUNDINGS IN WHICH TO STUDY.

EACH STUDY ROOM IS MANNED BY A SUPERVISOR AND STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE IDENTIFICATION PAPERS FOR ADMISSION.

THE SCHEME HAS PROVED POPULAR, PARTICULARLY NEAR EXAMINATION TIMES. IT IS AN EXTENSION OF THE NORMAL STUDY ROOM FACILITIES PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT 220 LOCATIONS.

ADDRESSES OF THESE STUDY ROOM CENTRES TOGETHER WITH THEIR OPENING HOURS ARE AVAILABLE AT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETS MONDAY
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ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE MEETING ON MONDAY (APRIL 7) TO DISCUSS THE CONTROL OF BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENTS.

AS THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE 1986-87 YEAR, MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE THE FORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEES UNDER THE BOARD.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE EXTENSION OF FISH CULTURE ZONES IN CHEUNG CHAU AND LANTAU AND THE EXPANSION OF THE OPERATING AREAS FOR OPEN SAMPANS FITTED WITH PETROL OUTBOARD ENGINES.

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WAN CHAI, TIN WAN TRAFFIC CHANGES
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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 8), THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON WESTBOUND HENNESSY ROAD FROM HOUSE NO. 20 TO ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARD TO START AT HOUSE NO. 22.

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

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY, EASTBOUND VEHICLES ON SHEK PAI WAN ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO SOUTHBOUND TIN WAN HILL ROAD, WHILE VEHICLES ON ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO TIN WAN PRAYA ROAD.

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ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS AT SAI WAN HO
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS ON THE SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE (HONG KONG REGION) OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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NEW EXPRESS BUS SERVICE STARTS MONDAY
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A NEW EXPRESS BUS SERVICE PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND TSUI PING ROAD IN KWUN TONG WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON MONDAY (APRIL 7).

THE NEW ROUTE 70X WILL OPERATE ALONG THE MAJOR ROADS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND KOWLOON URBAN AREA INCLUDING SAN FUNG AVENUE, LUEN WO ROAD, TAI PO ROAD, TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST), TOLO HIGHWAY, SHA TIN ROAD, LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD AND TSUI PING ROAD.

JOURNEY TIME WILL BE ABOUT ONE HOUR AND 18 MINUTES AND BUSES WILL OPERATE AT 12-MINUTE INTERVALS DURING PEAK HOURS AND 20-MINUTES FREQUENCY DURING OFF PEAK HOURS. THE LAST BUS WILL DEPART FROM SHEUNG SHUI AT 11.50 PM AND FROM KWUN TONG AT 12.08 AM.

FARE FOR THE NEW SERVICE WILL BE \$3.80 PER SINGLE JOURNEY. THERE WILL BE NO HALF-FARE FOR CHILDREN AND STUDENT TRAVEL CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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DRY TAPS AT YUEN LONG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY TAI TONG ROAD MAIN NULLAH AND TAI TONG ROAD, INCLUDING TIN LIU TSUEN, MUK KIU TAU TSUEN, SHUNG CHING SAN TSUEN, SHUI TSIU LO WAI, HUNG TSO TIN TSUEN AND SHUI TSIU SAN TSUEN.

NAM HANG, TAI TONG TSUEN, WONG NAI TUN AND PAK SHA TSUEN WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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NO FLUSHING WATER
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TO KWA WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 8) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON CITY ROAD AND SUNG WONG TOI ROAD.

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