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'NO POLICY CHANGE WITH LUCE'S TRANSFER'

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THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE POLICY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TOWARDS HONG KONG AND ITS INTEREST IN THE TERRITORY WILL BE SUSTAINED FOLLOWING THE TRANSFER OF MR RICHARD LUCE FROM THE POST OF FOREIGN MINISTER, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH HE HAD HAD NO NEWS ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR TO MR LUCE, THE ONE THING HE WAS SURE OF WAS THAT WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE, IT WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE IN THE ATTITUDE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TOWARDS HONG KONG.

SIR EDWARD WAS ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER TOURING THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

SIR EDWARD SAID MR LUCE HAD TAKEN A VERY CLOSE INTEREST IN HONG KONG AND THAT HONG KONG HAS BEEN VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE INTEREST.

BUT IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR MINISTERS TO CHANGE THEIR POSTS AND APPOINTMENTS FROM TIME TO TIME, AND I AM SURE WE WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD UP THE SAME RELATIONSHIP WITH WHATEVER MINISTER TAKES OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY FROM HIM, HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER MR LUCE'S SUCCESSOR SHOULD HAVE SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CHINA AND HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT MR LUCE ACQUIRED HIS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HONG KONG FROM VISITING THE TERRITORY AND FROM A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF CONTACT WITH US, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PERIOD OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

+I AM SURE THAT WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE WILL BUILD UP THE SAME KNOWLEDGE.+

ASKED WHETHER MR LUCE HAD HAD TO CHANGE JOB BECAUSE HE WAS +INCOMPETENT+, SIR EDWARD SAID, +GOOD HEAVENS, NO. I THINK MR LUCE WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL IN HIS PAST JOB.

+AS I SAY, IT IS NOT AT ALL UNUSUAL FOR MINISTERS TO CHANGE AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE GOVERNMENT, AND SOME CHANGES HAVE BEEN EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME.+

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD GO TO LONDON TO BRIEF THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, SIR EDWARD SAID HE DID NOT THINK HE WOULD GO SOON.

+THERE IS TOO MUCH TO BE DONE AROUND HERE AND I EXPECT TO BE IN HONG KONG FOR SOME TIME. BUT I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT I SHALL BE PAYING ONE OF MY FAIRLY REGULAR VISITS TO LONDON IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

/IN REPLY

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHAT SORT OF PERSON WOULD BE SUITABLE TO TAKE OVER FROM MR LUCE, THE GOVERNOR SAID, +I MUST LEAVE THE PRIME MINISTER TO CHOOSE THE MINISTERS RATHER THAN TO INSTRUCT HER ON THAT.+

ASKED WHAT +PARTICULAR QUALITIES+ THIS PERSON WOULD NEED, HE SAID +I AM SURE THAT WHATEVER QUALITIES HE NEEDS HE WILL HAVE.+

SIR EDWARD ADDED THAT HE HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO MR LUCE YESTERDAY WITH BEST WISHES ON HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER FOR THE ARTS, AND ALSO THANKING HIM FOR ALL HE HAD DONE WHILE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

+THIS MORNING HE SENT US A VERY NICE MESSAGE BACK AGAIN SAYING 'THANK YOU'+, HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TO THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD REPORT, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD READ THE REPORT WITH VERY GREAT INTEREST.

+IT IS QUITE LONG AND THERE WILL BE A RECOMMENDATION SOON TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

+THE REPORT HAS A LOT OF MATERIAL IN IT. ALL THAT WILL REQUIRE A VERY CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF CONSULTATION AND STUDY BEFORE DECISIONS ARE TAKEN ON IT,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER ANY OF THE SUGGESTIONS IN THE REPORT WERE IMPRACTICAL, THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR HIM TO START COMMENTING ON THE SUGGESTIONS.

+I THINK THE FIRST THING TO DO IS TO STUDY IT CAREFULLY, SEE WHAT THE REACTIONS ARE TO IT, AND THEN WE ARE NOT IN A TEARING HURRY TO TAKE DECISIONS.

+THESE ARE VERY IMPORTANT DECISIONS AND THAT IS WHY THE REPORT HAS BEEN PRODUCED WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE NEED FOR THE DECISIONS.

+SO WE HAVE THE TIME TO STUDY IT CAREFULLY, TO CONSULT ON IT, AND WE SHALL USE THAT TIME TO THE BEST PROFIT,+ HE SAID.

THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD, SET UP IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR TO RECOMMEND A POLICY FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF BROADCASTING, SUBMITTED ITS REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT LAST MONTH.

WHATEVER DECISIONS MADE ON THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION COULD NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE EXISTING COMMERCIAL TELEVISION AND RADIO LICENCES EXPIRE IN 1988 AND 1989.

ASKED ABOUT THE ANNUAL REPORT TO BE PREPARED BY THE NEW MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENT, SIR EDWARD SAID: +WE SHALL BE WORKING ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. I DO NOT THINK THEY HAVE TAKEN A DECISION IN LONDON YET AS TO EXACTLY WHEN IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PARLIAMENT, BUT WE SHALL MAKE IT AS GOOD A REPORT TO HIM AS WE CAN SO THAT THE REPORT TO PARLIAMENT CAN BE AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE.+

ASKED IF ELECTIONS WOULD PLAY A MAJOR PART IN THE REPORT, SIR EDWARD SAID: +I AM SURE ALL THE DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL FIND A PLACE IN THE REPORT.+

ON WHO WILL SUCCEED SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR EDWARD SAID: +IT IS A LITTLE EARLY FOR ME TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ON THAT SUBJECT.+

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SIR EDWARD SEES CENTRAL, WESTERN DEVELOPMENT
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WAS TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BRIEFED ON PLANS FOR REMOVAL BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR OF TWO EYESORES FROM THE RESIDENTIAL AND RECREATIONAL AREAS IN KENNEDY TOWN -- THE SMITHFIELD CATTLE DEPOT AND THE FORBES STREET POULTRY LAAN.

DURING A TOUR OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, SIR EDWARD WAS TOLD THE FUTURE CATTLE DEPOT WILL BE LOCATED NEARER THE ABATTOIR AND THE POULTRY LAAN WILL BE RESITED TO THE WESTERN RECLAMATION NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

FROM A BUILDING IN SAI YING PUN, SIR EDWARD HAD A COMMANDING VIEW OF VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND LAND USAGE IN THE WESTERN RECLAMATION AND THE WATERFRONT AREA OF WESTERN DISTRICT.

THE RECLAMATION, COVERING MORE THAN 30 HECTARES, STRETCHES ALONG A SECTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN BELCHER'S POINT AND CENTRAL RECLAMATION.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED BY CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS ON MATTERS CONCERNING TRANSPORT, THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

THE PARTY THEN BEGAN A WALKABOUT OF LOK KU ROAD, HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND UPPER LASCAR ROW IN SHEUNG WAN WHERE THE GOVERNOR LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S URBAN RENEWAL PILOT SCHEME.

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THE SCHEME WAS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ONE OF THE MOST CONGESTED AREAS OF HONG KONG BY PROVIDING LARGER SITES - THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF 365 PROPERTIES - FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES WHICH HAD BEEN LACKING IN THE DISTRICT.

AFTER THE TOUR, SIR EDWARD MET MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AT AN INFORMAL GATHERING.

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SIR DAVID TOURS ISLANDS DISTRICT

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TOURED THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON LANTAU AND CHEUNG CHAU ISLANDS.

SIR DAVID FIRST CALLED AT THE LANTAU TOWNSHIP OF MUI WO WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, AND THE GOVERNMENT ENGINEER (NT), MR NG YEE-YUM.

THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO CHUNG HAU WHERE SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE MUI WO PACKAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THE PROGRAMME FOR MUI WO INCLUDED A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR WHICH CONSTRUCTION WORK WOULD START NEXT YEAR -- THE THIRD IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT AFTER TAI O AND CHEUNG CHAU -- WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 400 FAMILIES BY 1988.

SIR DAVID ALSO TOURED THE MUI WO TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, WHICH PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR THOSE WHO USED TO LIVE IN HOUSES ON STILTS AT CHUNG HAU.

AFTER AN HOUR-LONG STAY IN MUI WO, THE PARTY LEFT LANTAU AND PROCEEDED TO CHEUNG CHAU BY THE GOVERNMENT LAUNCH +CLEMENTI+.

SIR DAVID TOURED THE CHEUNG KWAI ESTATE, A RURAL HOUSING ESTATE COMPLETED LAST YEAR WHICH IS CHARACTERISED BY ITS LOW-RISE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN.

AFTER THE TOUR, SIR DAVID WENT TO A NEARBY VANTAGE POINT FOR A BRIEFING ON THE LAYOUT PLAN FOR CENTRAL CHEUNG CHAU, THE MOST DENSELY-POPULATED AREA OF THE ISLAND, WHICH WAS RECENTLY ENDORSED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD.

ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSALS, THERE WILL BE SITES IN THE AREA FOR VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES, NEW VILLAGE LOTS, A MARKET COMPLEX AND AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

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SIR DAVID VISITS SENIOR OFFICERS AT STAFF COURSE

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO SEE SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR WIDER MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE SENIOR STAFF COURSE BEING HELD AT MUI WO.

AFTER A BRIEFING BY THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, MR LEN SNEDDON, ABOUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE, SIR DAVID GAVE A BRIEF TALK TO PARTICIPANTS ABOUT HONG KONG'S SUCCESS IN RECENT DECADES, AND ABOUT THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT WITH THE EMERGENCE OF NEW POLITICAL LEADERS, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE TO PRESENT +COGENTLY ARGUED, PATIENT AND WELL BALANCED VIEWS+, WHICH WOULD HELP THE NEW LEADERS IN MAKING WELL BALANCED POLICY DECISIONS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

ASKING THE QUESTION WHETHER HONG KONG COULD CONTINUE TO BE SO SUCCESSFUL, SIR DAVID SAID THAT AN IMPORTANT FACTOR WAS THE DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE TO BUILD AND TO GO ON BUILDING.

THE THREE-MONTH COURSE IS THE THIRD HELD SINCE SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, AND EMPHASISES ACTION LEARNING, WITH MEMBERS TAKING PART IN VARIOUS PROJECTS, BOTH GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL. IT WILL INCLUDE A VISIT TO ASIAN COUNTRIES TO SEE HOW THEIR GOVERNMENTS OPERATE.

THE 40 PARTICIPANTS -- INCLUDING FOUR FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR -- ARE SPENDING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE COURSE IN RESIDENCE AT SILVERMINE BEACH HOTEL.

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FIRST HALF 1985 RE-EXPORT FIGURES ANALYSED

THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE REACHED \$52 642 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985, AN INCREASE OF \$15 411 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT AS COMPARED TO THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR MARKET

CHINA WAS AGAIN THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS. AT \$24 638 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA WAS \$14 378 MILLION OR 140 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1984.

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ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 709 MILLION OR 404 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS (BY \$1 949 MILLION OR 271 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$1 853 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN FERTILIZERS (BY \$82 MILLION OR 95 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$41 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE (BY \$1 100 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) WAS ALSO RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS. THE COMMODITIES WITH LARGE INCREASES WERE MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS) (BY \$626 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$224 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$83 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT).

NOTABLE DECREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. WERE RECORDED FOR VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$75 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$23 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$207 MILLION OR 666 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$200 MILLION OR 185 PER CENT). A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$73 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

AN OVERALL DECREASE OF \$191 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN WAS REGISTERED. SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$219 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$62 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT). AN INCREASE IN RE-EXPORTS VALUE WAS, HOWEVER, REGISTERED FOR NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$79 MILLION OR 87 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$207 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$54 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, AN INCREASE WAS RECORDED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$55 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT).

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RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

CHINA REMAINED THE LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF GOODS OF CHINA ORIGIN WERE NOTED FOR BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$610 MILLION OR 164 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$333 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT); TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$320 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$303 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT); NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$259 MILLION OR 608 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$258 MILLION OR 92 PER CENT).

JAPAN WAS THE SECOND LARGEST SOURCE OF RE-EXPORTS. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 713 MILLION OR 217 PER CENT); ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$993 MILLION OR 87 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$897 MILLION OR 216 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$335 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

OVERSEAS PURCHASES OF TAIWAN PRODUCTS THROUGH HONG KONG REMAINED ACTIVE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$1 053 MILLION OR 116 PER CENT) ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$766 MILLION OR 247 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$233 MILLION OR 498 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF U.S.A. ORIGIN ALSO INCREASED. THE COMMODITIES WITH INCREASES IN VALUE WERE OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$284 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT) AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$247 MILLION OR 327 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SHOWED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE, PARTICULARLY FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$529 MILLION OR 2 189 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS BY ORIGIN AND DESTINATION

WHEN ANALYSED BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND THEN BY DESTINATION, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$842 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$581 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT), CHINA (BY \$351 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT) AND ITALY (BY \$142 MILLION OR 220 PER CENT). INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF JAPAN ORIGIN WERE MAINLY TO CHINA (BY \$5 863 MILLION OR 197 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$136 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (BY \$92 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT). SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE ALSO NOTED IN RE-EXPORTS OF TAIWAN ORIGIN TO CHINA (BY \$3 024 MILLION OR 274 PER CENT) AND MACAU (BY \$58 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

TABLE 1 : RE-EXPORTS TO TEN MAJOR MARKETS

<u>MAJOR MARKET</u>	<u>JAN.-JUNE 1985 (\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN.-JUNE 1984 (\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE(+) DECREASE(-) (\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)</u>
CHINA	24 638	10 260	+14 378	+140
U.S.A.	6 716	5 617	+ 1 100	+ 20
JAPAN	2 675	2 185	+ 491	+ 22
TAIWAN	2 239	2 430	- 191	- 8
SINGAPORE	1 961	2 333	- 372	- 16
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1 710	1 731	- 21	- 1
INDONESIA	1 439	1 954	- 516	- 26
MACAU	1 385	1 157	+ 227	+ 20
PHILIPPINES	680	643	+ 37	+ 6
SAUDI ARABIA	658	666	- 8	- 1

TABLE 2 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

<u>COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</u>	<u>JAN.-JUNE 1985 (\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN.-JUNE 1984 (\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE(+) (\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)</u>
CHINA	15 745	13 332	+ 2 413	+ 18
JAPAN	12 893	7 555	+ 5 338	+ 71
TAIWAN	5 051	1 984	+ 3 067	+155
U.S.A.	4 764	3 928	+ 836	+ 21

REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2 198	917	+ 1 281	+140
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	963	722	+ 241	+ 33
UNITED KINGDOM	813	526	+ 287	+ 55
SWITZERLAND	685	665	+ 20	+ 3
FRANCE	663	508	+ 155	+ 30
ITALY	532	261	+ 271	+104

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TRADE UNIONS PLAYING MORE POSITIVE ROLE
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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR NEIL HENDERSON SAID TODAY THERE WERE SIGNS THAT THE ROLE OF TRADE UNIONS IN HONG KONG SOCIETY WAS BEGINNING TO BE REGARDED IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT.

IN HIS OPENING SPEECH AT A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE ON TRADE UNIONS AND LABOUR ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG, MR HENDERSON SAID THAT THERE WAS AN INCREASING TENDENCY FOR UNIONS +TO ADOPT A MORE POSITIVE PUBLIC ROLE, TO EXPRESS THEIR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE WITH CONVICTION AND TO BE LISTENED TO WHEN THEY DO SO.+

AS EXAMPLES OF THIS TREND, HE REFERRED TO THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDACY OF A TRADE UNION OFFICIAL IN A DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION, THE INTEREST SHOWN BY UNIONS IN THE INTRODUCTION OF INDIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND THE INCLUSION OF UNIONISTS IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE.

+ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IS THE RECENT COMBINATION OF FOUR SEPARATE TRADE UNIONS AND A TRADE UNION FEDERATION IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY INTO A SINGLE TRADE UNION BY AMALGAMATION.

+THIS MAY BE AN INDICATION, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT NOTES WITH INTEREST, THAT THE TRADITIONAL PATTERN OF UNION ORGANISATION IN HONG KONG IS UNDERGOING CHANGE, AND THAT UNIONS ARE CONCLUDING THAT ANY LOSS OF AUTONOMY OF AN INDIVIDUAL TRADE UNION IN SUCH RATIONALISATIONS WILL BE MORE THAN COUNTERBALANCED BY THE ADVANTAGES OF A STRONG AND UNITED VOICE IN PURSUING THEIR AIMS,+ HE SAID.

/THIS CHANGE

THIS CHANGE IN THE CHARACTER OF HONG KONG TRADE UNIONISM LARGELY REFLECTED THE INCREASING POLITICAL SOPHISTICATION GENERALLY OF HONG KONG CITIZENS, AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN SEEKING TO PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN LABOUR AND MANAGEMENT IN BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, MR HENDERSON SAID.

HE SAID THAT EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO PROMOTE TRADE UNION EDUCATION, WORKERS' EDUCATION, CIVIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

A SATISFACTORY BEGINNING HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE IN TRADE UNION EDUCATION, OR EDUCATION UNDERTAKEN BY THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT FOR TRADE UNIONISTS.

THE TWO MAIN UNION GROUPINGS WERE LAYING STRESS ON EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND, A LARGE GROUP OF POLITICALLY MORE NEUTRAL UNIONS HAD RECENTLY ESTABLISHED A HONG KONG TRADE UNION EDUCATION CENTRE.

+THIS EMPHASIS ON TRADE UNION EDUCATION HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BOTH BY ACADEMICS AND BY THE REGISTRY OF TRADE UNIONS,+ HE SAID.

WORKERS' EDUCATION WAS THE PROCESS OF KEEPING WORKERS IN TOUCH WITH SOCIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS, TO ENCOURAGE A FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE OF MIND TOWARDS THEIR EMPLOYMENT. THE GOVERNMENT'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AND THE PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS AND OTHER HIGHER EDUCATION BODIES SOUGHT TO PROVIDE THIS KIND OF EDUCATION, THOUGH MUCH WAS ALSO BEING DONE WITHIN THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.

+THIS IS AN AREA IN WHICH CONTINUED PROGRESS MUST BE MADE,+ HE SAID.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TRAINING FOR TRADE UNIONISTS AND MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT, HE SAID, WAS BEING PROVIDED BY A NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THROUGH THE ORGANISATION OF SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, EXHIBITIONS, AND CERTIFICATE COURSES.

+I EXPECT TO SEE RATHER MORE OF THIS KIND OF TRAINING IN FUTURE, WITH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES, BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL,+ HE SAID.

TRADE UNION EDUCATION, WORKERS' EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL RELATION TRAINING ALSO FORMED PART OF THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, THE FOURTH ASPECT OF THIS AREA OF EDUCATION.

+ITS PURPOSE IS TO HELP INDIVIDUALS TO UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITY OF SOCIETY AND THEIR OWN ROLE IN IT, AND TO ASSESS IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR OWN TALENTS AND ASPIRATIONS HOW BEST THEY MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY,+ MR HENDERSON SAID.

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TIMELY WELFARE HELP TO CONTINUE

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE SECTOR MUST CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT FAMILIES IN NEED CAN OBTAIN TIMELY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT, IN ORDER TO HELP PREVENT FAMILY TRAGEDIES, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REFERRING TO RECENT CASES INVOLVING THE SUICIDES OF ADULTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN, SHE SAID: +THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION IS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE ITS IMPROVEMENTS IN VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES, PARTICULARLY IN PROVIDING BETTER HOUSING TO RELIEVE THE PRESENT CONGESTED LIVING CONDITIONS FOR MANY FAMILIES.

+IF RESOURCES PERMIT, WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DO MORE REACHING OUT AND ASSISTING IN IDENTIFYING AND RESOLVING PROBLEMS AND IN THESE WAYS HELP TO FORESTALL FAMILY TRAGEDIES,+ SHE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE PO LEUNG KUK DIRECTORS' LUNCHEON ON SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN NEED, SHE SAID A FAMILY IN STRESS SHOULD FEEL FREE TO APPROACH FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, OR TO CALL THE DEPARTMENTAL HOTLINE ON 3-432255.

HOUSEWIVES SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER JOINING WOMEN'S GROUPS SUCH AS THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY WHICH WAS A GOOD WAY OF WIDENING SOCIAL CONTACT AND OBTAINING MUTUAL HELP AND SUPPORT WHEN REQUIRED.

AT PRESENT THERE WAS A NETWORK OF 45 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, 22 OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND 23 BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE CENTRES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT HAD AN ACTIVE CASELOAD OF JUST UNDER 22 000 CASES AS OF THE END OF JULY 1985 -- ABOUT HALF OF WHICH INVOLVED FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS.

IN SUCH CASES, THE DEPARTMENT OFFERED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND COUNSELLING, APPLIED TO A JUVENILE COURT FOR A CARE AND PROTECTION ORDER TO PLACE A CHILD UNDER SUPERVISION, RECOMMENDED COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING OR ARRANGED RESIDENTIAL CARE.

HOME HELP SERVICES WERE ALSO PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF MEAL DELIVERY, CHILD MINDING, PERSONAL CARE, ESCORT SERVICE TO SCHOOL, MEDICAL CONSULTATION AND HOME MANAGEMENT.

SINCE MANY COUPLES WORKED IN ORDER TO AFFORD A BETTER STANDARD OF LIVING, CHILD CARE WAS AN IMPORTANT SERVICE AREA, MRS CHAN SAID.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 202 CHILD CARE CENTRES PROVIDING SOME 22 900 PLACES.

A FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME ENSURED THAT NO FAMILY IN NEED OF DAY-CARE SERVICE FOR THEIR CHILDREN WOULD BE DEPRIVED OF A PLACE BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

+EXPENDITURE IN THE PAST THREE YEARS HAS BEEN ABOUT \$35.5 MILLION PER ANNUM. AS OF MARCH 1985, 42 PER CENT OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CHILD CARE CENTRES ARE RECEIVING FEE ASSISTANCE,+ SHE SAID.

TURNING TO THE TRAINING OF CHILD CARE WORKERS, SHE SAID THAT OVER 90 PER CENT OF THE EXISTING 2 414 CHILD CARE WORKERS HAD RECEIVED THE NECESSARY BASIC TRAINING.

EXISTING TRAINING FACILITIES WERE ADEQUATE TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND. THE DEPARTMENT WAS THEREFORE EXAMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF STRENGTHENING THE PRESENT IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMMES TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN RECEIVED THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE.

SINCE 1983 THE BASIC TRAINING COURSES HAD BEEN CONTRACTED OUT TO THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, AND THE INSTITUTE ALSO PROVIDED SIX OTHER COURSES IN SPECIAL AREAS SUCH AS RESIDENTIAL CARE AND THE CARE OF DISABLED CHILDREN.

A SUM OF ABOUT \$833 000 IS BEING SPENT THIS YEAR ON THESE CONTRACTED COURSES.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING SECTION PROVIDED STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN THE FORM OF SHORT COURSES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS.

IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE EXPANSION IN THE WAY OF DAY CRECHE PLACES FOR CHILDREN BELOW TWO YEARS OF AGE, SHE SAID.

THIS WAS BECAUSE IT WAS WIDELY ACCEPTED THAT VERY YOUNG CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF TWO DEVELOPED BEST WITHIN THE HOME ENVIRONMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS UNLESS THERE WERE COMPELLING REASONS FOR DOING SO.

+WE DO NOT INTEND TO ENCOURAGE THE PLACEMENT OF INFANTS IN DAY CARE, BUT WHERE THERE IS A GENUINE NEED WE HOPE THAT RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET THIS NEED THROUGH A WELL PLANNED BUT CONTROLLED EXPANSION OF THE SERVICE, PARTICULARLY IN NEW TOWNS WHERE THERE ARE AT PRESENT NO DAY CRECHES,+ SHE SAID.

RESOURCES IN RECENT YEARS HAD INSTEAD BEEN CONCENTRATED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NON-INSTITUTIONAL FORMS OF CARE, NAMELY SMALL GROUP HOMES AND FOSTER CARE.

A SMALL GROUP HOME IS LOCATED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND CATERED FOR GROUPS OF EIGHT CHILDREN OF BOTH SEXES BETWEEN THE AGES OF FOUR AND 18.

THE ADVANTAGE OF SUCH A HOME OVER A LARGE INSTITUTION WAS THAT IT COULD PROVIDE A MORE HOME-LIKE ENVIRONMENT AND THEREBY BRING THE CHILDREN AND THEIR HOUSEPARENTS CLOSER TOGETHER.

IN HONG KONG, PO LEUNG KUK PIONEERED THIS SERVICE BY OPERATING THE FIRST SMALL GROUP HOME IN 1975.

+ I AM VERY PLEASED THAT THE KUK HAS AGREED TO OPERATE A FURTHER FIVE HOMES IN ADDITION TO ITS EXISTING FOUR. THE KUK WILL THEREFORE REMAIN THE MAJOR PROVIDER OF THIS SERVICE IN HONG KONG,+ SHE SAID.

A CENTRAL FOSTER CARE UNIT WAS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT IN 1983 TO PROMOTE AND CO-ORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOSTER CARE SERVICE- SO FAR 135 CHILDREN HAD BEEN PLACED IN FOSTER HOMES.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD AN ENCOURAGING RESPONSE TO ITS APPEAL FOR INTERESTED FAMILIES TO COME FORWARD TO ACT AS FOSTER PARENTS, AND IT WAS HOPED TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL RESOURCES NEXT YEAR TO BUILD A POOL OF PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENTS TO FACILITATE PLACEMENTS.

A WORKING GROUP OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WOULD BE CONDUCTING A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE EXISTING POLICIES ON RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR CHILDREN, INCLUDING A LOOK AT THE SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES IN NEED.

+ THIS WORKING GROUP IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE WORK IN THE COMING MONTH, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

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CYC MEMBERS LEAVING FOR JAPAN TOMORROW

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FIFTEEN COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS, WHO WON A TRIP TO JAPAN FOR THEIR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE IN THE CYC MERIT AWARD SCHEME THIS YEAR, WILL BE LEAVING FOR TOKYO TOMORROW MORNING.

THE GROUP OF 10 GIRLS AND FIVE BOYS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN OF KOWLOON CITY CYC, MISS KWAN WEI-YIN, THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN OF SHAM SHUI PO CYC, MISS LAU SIU-MUI, AND AN INSPECTOR OF CYC SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN KAR-TAI.

DURING THE SIX-DAY TOUR, THE PARTY WILL VISIT VARIOUS SCHOOLS, CHILDREN'S AND ELDERLY HOMES AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, BESIDES TOURING TOKYO DISNEYLAND AND THE TSUKUBA EXPO '85.

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THE AWARD SCHEME, STARTED IN OCTOBER 1978, IS TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND TO TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND WELFARE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FLAG-PRESENTATION CEREMONY, HE PRAISED MEMBERS FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WHICH LED TO THEIR WINNING THE OVERSEAS TRIP.

MR LEUNG TOLD MEMBERS THAT THEY WERE REPRESENTING THE 140 000 MEMBERS IN HONG KONG WHILE PASSING ON THE MESSAGE OF THE CYC MOVEMENT TO YOUTHS IN JAPAN.

+UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS FOUR VISITS, WHICH WERE SPONSORED BY NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS, THE ENTIRE EXPENDITURE FOR THIS YEAR'S VISIT TO JAPAN IS FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

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THREE SITES UP FOR RENT
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCIES OF ONE SITE IN KOWLOON AND TWO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE 2 575-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT HIU KWONG STREET, KWUN TONG, IS FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CAR PARKING AREA, INCLUDING CONTAINERS ON TRAILERS WITH THEIR PRIME MOVERS ATTACHED.

TENANCY FOR THE SITE IS ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY.

ONE OF THE TWO NEW TERRITORIES SITES IS AT YEUNG UK ROAD, TSUEN WAN. THIS 3 300-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS FOR STORING NEW AND UNLICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES BUT EXS BUT EXCLUDING LORRIES, CONTAINER TRACTORS AND TRAILER.

TENANCY IS FOR SIX MONTHS, RENEWABLE MONTHLY.

THE OTHER SITE OF 1 036 SQUARE METRES IS AT WANG YIP STREET, TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG. IT IS FOR THE REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE (INCLUDING PAINT-SPRAYING) OF MOTOR VEHICLES, OR FOR PAINT-SPRAYING AND PAINT-BAKING OF ASSOCIATED FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES.

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TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS FOR ALL THREE SITES IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 20.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND PLANS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION, AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK, 10TH FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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OPINIONS SOUGHT ON HOUSING GREEN PAPER
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A TWO-FOLD, DISTRICT-WIDE PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE ON THE +GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING+, IS BEING LAUNCHED IN KOWLOON CITY.

THE FIRST PART WILL BE AN OPINION POLL AMONG 1 400 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE DISTRICT CARRIED OUT BY THE INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND PLANNING UNIT OF THE BAPTIST COLLEGE.

THE UNIT HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S RECENTLY-FORMED WORKING GROUP ON THE GREEN PAPER.

EIGHTY LECTURERS AND STUDENTS FROM THE ECONOMICS, SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENTS OF THE COLLEGE WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE OPINION TAKING.

FROM TODAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, STUDENTS WILL VISIT THE 1 400 HOUSEHOLDS AND HELP PEOPLE COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRES ABOUT THE GREEN PAPER.

THE QUESTIONNAIRES WILL FOCUS ON THREE ASPECTS: THE POLICIES ON HOUSING SUBSIDIES TO TENANTS, THE INCOME CALCULATION METHOD AND METHODS OF INVESTIGATING THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF TENANTS.

THE HOUSEHOLDS HAVE BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED BY THE STRATIFIED SYSTEMATIC SAMPLING METHOD FROM AMONG PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, PUBLIC HOUSING AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

THE SECOND PART OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS WILL BE TO INVITE OPINIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

THE RESULTS OF THE POLL AND OPINION REPORTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND DISCUSSED AT A SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING IN MID-OCTOBER.

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PUBLIC HOUSING GREEN PAPER ON DB AGENDA
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AT A MEETING ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) AFTERNOON.

A PAPER ON THE COMMENTS OF THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES ON THE GREEN PAPER WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DISTRIBUTION OF NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS, A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DRAFT CMB ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 1985-87, AND THE PUBLICATION OF A SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD REPORT.

THEY WILL ALSO SCREEN AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO LAUNCH THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR ALBERT POON, WILL ASK WHAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE PROPOSED NEW STANDARD OF PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND WHAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE CONCERNING PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP A NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE IN WONG CHUK HANG AND A COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR WAH FU AND POKFULAM.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS ON MEETINGS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE AREA COMMITTEES THE BOARD'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS; A PROGRESS STUDY ON +MAJOR ISSUES OF CONCERN IN THE DISTRICT+ IDENTIFIED BY A LOCAL INTEREST GROUP; AND A SITUATION REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE ON OTHER PUBLIC TRANSPORTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

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WARNING AGAINST BUYING FROM ILLEGAL HAWKERS
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THE PARENTS OF SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOULD WARN THEM VERY SERIOUSLY ABOUT THE DANGERS OF PATRONISING ANY ILLEGAL FOOD HAWKERS WHO MIGHT GATHER OUTSIDE THEIR SCHOOLS AT LUNCH TIME OR DURING PLAY PERIODS.

THIS FOLLOWS A RECENT OUTBREAK OF FOOD POISONING AMONG 23 STUDENTS AT A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN ABERDEEN.

+INVESTIGATIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT FOOD HAWKERS OPERATED OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DURING PLAY PERIOD AND THAT THE CHILDREN HAD EATEN PRESERVED LO MEI, SOUR CUCUMBER AND OTHER PICKLES,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY.

+ALL MOBILE HAWKERS SELLING COOKED FOOD FROM BARROWS ARE ILLEGAL, AND PARENTS HAVE A DUTY TO WARN THEIR CHILDREN AGAINST PATRONISING SUCH HAWKERS.+

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AWARDS FOR COURTESY
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS AND AWARDS TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO STAFF MEMBERS OF THE POST OFFICE WHO PERFORMED OUTSTANDINGLY DURING THE GOVERNMENT'S COURTESY DRIVE.

SIR DAVID WILL ALSO TOUR THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND MEET COUNTER STAFF.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE GPO ENTRANCE NEAR STAR FERRY NOT LATER THAN 3.10 PM.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE MOVES

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE IS MOVING TO NEW PREMISES NEAR THE OUTLYING ISLANDS FERRY PIER IN CENTRAL ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 7).

IT WILL MOVE FROM 16TH FLOOR, SINCERE BUILDING, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, TO THE 20TH FLOOR OF THE NEWLY-COMPLETED HARBOUR BUILDING AT 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, AND WILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 9). THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8524307.

AFTER THE MOVE, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AND THE WORKS SECTION, PREVIOUSLY LOCATED SEPARATELY ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE SINCERE BUILDING, WILL BE HOUSED UNDER ONE ROOF IN HARBOUR BUILDING WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES OF THE NEW OFFICE INCLUDE AN OFFICE FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, A COMMON ROOM FOR DB MEMBERS AND A CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 14TH FLOOR, FOR MAJOR MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES.

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EXPERT JOINS DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEE

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A SAI KUNG RESIDENT WHO IS AN EXPERT ON TROPICAL DISEASES HAS JOINED THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

DR DAVID KWOK, WHO WAS INVITED TO JOIN AS A CO-OPT MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, BRIEFED MEMBERS LAST WEEK ON THE GENERAL ASPECTS OF HOW TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF MALARIA.

DR KWOK EXPLAINED THAT THE PRIMARY INFLUENCES IN THE TRANSMISSION OF MALARIA WERE TEMPERATURE, RAINFALL AND HUMIDITY- AND ONLY THE ANOPHELINE MOSQUITO TRANSMITTED THE DISEASE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AS SAI KUNG WAS NOT FAR FROM WHERE CASES OF MALARIA HAD BEEN REPORTED IN THE PAST, PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO RID THE DISTRICT OF MOSQUITO-BREEDING AREAS.

RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE COMMITTEE TO EDUCATE THE POPULATION TO BE MORE AWARE OF THE DISEASE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

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SWIMMING MAINTAINS POPULARITY IN NT
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SWIMMING HAS AGAIN PROVED THE MOST POPULAR SUMMER SPORT IN HONG KONG WITH ABOUT 8.8 MILLION PEOPLE MAKING USE OF SWIMMING POOLS AND BEACHES MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE CURRENT SWIMMING SEASON WHICH STARTED ON APRIL 1.

THE TOTAL, WHICH INCLUDED 7.6 MILLION BEACH-GOERS AND 1.2 MILLION WHO USED PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES, WAS 200 000 MORE THAN FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

AT THE SAME TIME, RSD LIFEGUARDS SUCCESSFULLY RESCUED 201 PEOPLE AT POOLS AND 194 AT THE BEACHES. TWO DROWNING WERE RECORDED.

THERE WERE ALSO 27 SWIMMING GALAS AND VARIOUS WATER SPORTS EVENTS ORGANISED BY SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN NON-URBAN SWIMMING POOLS DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

THE DEPARTMENT AT PRESENT OPERATES SIX SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES AND CONTROLS 28 GAZETTED BEACHES, AT WHICH TRAINED LIFEGUARDS ARE ON DUTY DURING OFFICIAL OPENING HOURS.

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SUNDAY SWIMMING GALA AT SHA TIN
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ABOUT 150 SWIMMERS WILL COMPETE IN THE FOURTH SHA TIN SWIMMING GALA ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 8) AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN YUEN WO ROAD.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, AND ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THERE WILL BE 72 EVENTS, INCLUDING THE FREE STYLE, BREAST-STROKE, BUTTERFLY, AND RELAY RACES.

WINNERS WILL THEN TAKE PART IN THE FIRST NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA TO BE HELD IN NORTH DISTRICT, ON SEPTEMBER 22.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG CHAN-LAM; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM WOON-KWONG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LI KWONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN SWIMMING GALA AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 8), AT 9.30 AM.

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CASE OF INJURED CHINESE DELEGATE CONFIRMED
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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TONIGHT CONFIRMED THAT NG AH-LUNG, 33, WHO IS A MEMBER OF A DELEGATION OF 27 FROM THE CHINA MEDICINE AND HEALTH PRODUCTS IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION, IS IN QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL RECOVERING FROM A 2-1/2 INCH CUT ON HIS THROAT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT NG HAD ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 1 ON A STUDY VISIT SPONSORED BY TAK SOON HONG, A SUBSIDIARY OF CHINA RESOURCES HOLDINGS. AT ABOUT 3 AM TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THE POLICE AND AN AMBULANCE WERE CALLED TO A ROOM IN CAUSEWAY CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, WHERE NG WAS FOUND LYING IN A POOL OF BLOOD. HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS AND A RAZOR BLADE WAS FOUND ON HIS BED.

HE WAS TAKEN TO TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT. HE ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE TO TRAVEL TO THE USA. HE UNDERWENT MINOR SURGERY LATER THIS MORNING AND IS NOW RESTING IN FAIR CONDITION.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT NG IS A MINOR OFFICIAL WHO UNTIL RECENTLY WAS A FACTORY WORKER. HIS WIFE AND A 12-MONTH-OLD CHILD ARE LIVING IN CHINA. HE HAS NO FAMILY OR RELATIVES IN HONG KONG.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS EPISODE HAD FOLLOWED A PARTY IN KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, WHERE NG'S DELEGATION WAS ENTERTAINED BY A COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION IN HONG KONG.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT NG WAS IN HONG KONG VALIDLY ON A 15-DAY VISA. GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ASKED FOR A FULL MEDICAL REPORT.

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