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SIX-MONTH EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY-JUNE 1986, VALUED AT $241 740 MILLION, INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT TO $65 374 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT TO $53 033 MILLION, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, THE TRADE VALUE INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT TO $123 334 MILLION.

TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 1986 WILL BE RELEASED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY $716 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY $458 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $235 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $224 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY $74 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA DECREASED IN VALUE, PARTICULARLY OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $839 MILLION OR 90 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $503 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $194 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY $472 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY $97 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

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INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY $572 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $212 MILLION OR 179 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $101 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY $77 MILLION OR 87 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY $4 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY $475 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT) AND TEXTILES (BY $82 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT). AS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY $89 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CLOTHING (BY $73 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $210 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT) AND FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY $40 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM CHINA INCREASED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY $2 593 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY $2 472 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY $823 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY $378 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-FERROUS METALS (BY $153 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY $1 481 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $1 038 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $843 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT).

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ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY $546 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $391 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE REGISTERED FOR OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $360 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $222 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY $153 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY $127 MILLION OR 138 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY $123 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $532 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $237 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY $565 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $245 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY $460 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AND FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $146 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA DECREASED BY 28 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $2 272 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $1 532 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY $1 478 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY $319 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT) AS WELL AS LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES AND DRESSED FURSKINS (BY $255 MILLION OR 185 PER CENT).

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INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY $1 465 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY $476 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY $153 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $55 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $48 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE RECORDED IN NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY $91 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $77 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY $76 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY $250 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-FERROUS METALS (BY $179 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $290 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT) AS WELL AS DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS (BY $46 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OF TEXTILES INCREASED (BY $386 MILLION OR 110 PER CENT), AS DID ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $224 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY $80 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT) AND FOR RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OF COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY $40 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE JUNE 1986 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND 20TH OF AUGUST AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT $5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN JUNE 1986 WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AT $13.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL: 5-214375) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL: 5-444436).

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Table 1: Domestic exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-Jun 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jun 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
U.S.A.	27,836	26,125	1,711	7
China	7,349	7,918	-569	-7
F.R. of Germany	4,574	3,572	1,002	28
U.K.	4,224	3,898	326	8
Japan	2,376	2,053	323	16
Canada	2,191	1,914	276	14
Australia	1,469	1,585	-117	-7
Singapore	1,229	1,106	123	11
France	1,147	812	335	41
Netherlands	1,100	970	130	13

Table 2: Domestic exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Jun 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jun 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	22,126	20,025	2,101	10
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	10,427	9,233	1,194	13
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,616	4,657	959	21
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	4,930	5,175	-244	-5
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,481	3,592	889	25
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	4,471	4,430	41	1

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Table 3: Imports from ten major suppliers

Major Supplier	Jan-Jun 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jun 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
China	34,891	25,666	9,225	36
Japan	25,861	27,644	-1,784	-6
U.S.A.	10,746	11,585	-839	-7
Taiwan	10,411	10,664	-253	-2
Singapore	5,303	5,805	-502	-9
Republic of Korea	4,613	4,630	-18	-*
U.K.	4,348	3,936	411	10
F.R. of Germany	3,643	3,176	467	15
Switzerland	2,424	1,549	875	57
Italy	1,912	1,623	290	18

* less than 0.5%

Table 4: Imports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Jun 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jun 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	19,487	15,447	4,040	26
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	10,203	10,280	-76	-1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,163	5,425	2,738	50
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,396	6,034	1,361	23
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	6,108	5,066	1,043	21
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	5,545	6,827	-1,282	-19

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Table 5: Re-exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-Jun 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jun 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
China	17,628	24,638	-7,011	-28
U.S.A.	9,124	6,716	2,408	36
Japan	2,788	2,675	112	4
Taiwan	2,761	2,239	522	23
Republic of Korea	2,630	1,710	920	54
Singapore	2,472	1,961	511	26
Macau	1,246	1,385	-139	-10
Indonesia	1,128	1,439	-311	-22
F.R. of Germany	1,064	596	468	79
Saudi Arabia	1,047	658	389	59

Table 6: Re-exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Jun 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Jun 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,726	7,359	1,367	19
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	5,383	3,417	1,967	58
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	4,248	5,158	-911	-18
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	3,929	3,189	740	23
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	2,505	2,685	-180	-7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	2,496	4,227	-1,731	-41

ROLE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OUTLINED

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THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC) SHOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE WEAPON IN THE FIGHT AGAINST URBAN BLIGHT, THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, MR CHAMSON CHAU, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR CHAU SAID THAT FOLLOWING DETAILED CONSIDERATION BY A STEERING GROUP SET UP BY THE LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE FORMATION OF A LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO PROMOTE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT WOULD SHORTLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IT WAS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT THE LDC SHOULD BE AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY BODY ESTABLISHED BY MEANS OF AN ORDINANCE.

THE CORPORATION SHOULD HAVE A BOARD CONSISTING OF A CHAIRMAN, THE CORPORATION'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE, AND UP TO SEVEN MEMBERS.

THE BOARD SHOULD INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID IN A LUNCHEON SPEECH TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE WOULD BE ANSWERABLE TO THE BOARD, BUT WOULD RUN THE CORPORATION ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. REPORTING TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE WOULD BE THREE SECTIONS CONCERNED WITH HOUSING, PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

MR CHAU SAID THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CORPORATION WOULD BE:

* TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF DEVELOPMENTS BY ASSEMBLING LARGER SITES;

* TO ENSURE EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF TENANTS;

* TO PROVIDE IMPROVED COMMUNITY FACILITIES, INCLUDING BETTER TRAFFIC CIRCULATION;

* TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION OF LAND OWNERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS;

* TO SPEED UP PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IN SELECTED AREAS; AND

* TO MINIMISE THE NEED FOR DIRECT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES, AND THE APPLICATION OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITION POWERS.

ON ACQUISITION, MR CHAU SAID THE CORPORATION WOULD BE EXPECTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH EXISTING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY WITHIN AREAS IDENTIFIED TO BE IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT.

IT WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ACQUIRE A MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTIES WITHIN AN AREA TO BE REDEVELOPED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

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+HOWEVER, IT IS RECOGNISED THAT THERE MAY BE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WILL PREVENT THE LDC FROM ACQUIRING CERTAIN PROPERTIES,+ MR CHAU SAID.

+THIS MAY BE DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF THE OWNERS OR BECAUSE A SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED THROUGH NEGOTIATION.+

IN THE LATTER CASE, INDEPENDENT PANELS MAY BE FORMED TO ENSURE THAT OFFERS MADE TO OWNERS BY THE LDC WERE REASONABLE.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER TAKING ACTION TO RESUME OUTSTANDING PROPERTIES ONLY WITH ASSURANCE FROM THE PANEL THAT THE LDC HAD MADE GENUINE EFFORTS TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTIES CONCERNED.

ALL CASES INVOLVING RESUMPTION WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, AND, EVEN AFTER RESUMPTION ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN, AN OWNER WOULD STILL HAVE A RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL FOR DETERMINATION OF COMPENSATION UNDER THE RESUMPTION ORDINANCE.

TURNING TO HOUSING, HE SAID OFFERS MADE TO OWNER OCCUPIERS BY THE LDC SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE THEM TO PURCHASE MODERN PROPERTY OF SIMILAR SIZE AND IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA AS THEIR ORIGINAL PREMISES.

+TENANTS IN THE AREAS REQUIRING DEVELOPMENT ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRIMARILY THOSE LEAST ABLE TO PROVIDE REPLACEMENT ACCOMMODATION FOR THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

+THUS, WHILE THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE OFFERED CASH COMPENSATION, IT IS EXPECTED THAT A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY WILL REQUIRE REHOUSING.+

AFTER CONSIDERABLE INVESTIGATION IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THERE WERE TWO OPTIONS:

(A) TO MAKE USE OF DECANTING ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED BY AN EXISTING ORGANISATION SUCH AS THE HOUSING SOCIETY. THIS HAD ALREADY BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE SOCIETY WHICH HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE ; ALTERNATIVELY

(B) DECANTING ACCOMMODATION COULD BE PROVIDED AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT. THIS MEANT THAT IN LARGE PROJECTS ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED IN EARLY STAGES COULD BE USED TO HOUSE THOSE CLEARED IN LATER STAGES OF THE DEVELOPMENT.

+IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR DECANTATION PURPOSES,+ MR CHAU SAID.

ON PROFIT SHARING, MR CHAU SAID A PRIME OBJECTIVE OF THE CORPORATION WAS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY SMALL OWNERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

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+TO THIS END A SYSTEM HAS BEEN DEVISED WHICH WOULD ALLOW THIS TO TAKE PLACE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROTECTING SMALL OWNERS FROM THE VAGARIES OF THE PROPERTY MARKET.

+UNDER THIS SCHEME OWNERS MAY ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN A DISTRIBUTION OF A PROPORTION OF ANY PROFIT WHICH RESULTS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT.

+SHOULD ANY DEVELOPMENT MAKE A LOSS THIS WOULD BE ABSORBED BY THE LDC AND PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD NOT LOSE ANYTHING,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID THE LDC WOULD FORM INDIVIDUAL SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES TO UNDERTAKE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

THESE COMPANIES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RAISING FINANCE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND NEGOTIATING WITH PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THEIR PROPERTY.

SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES WOULD ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING NEGOTIATION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPERS TO SET UP JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS.

HE SAID THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE LDC WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

DEVELOPMENT MAY BE DONE EITHER BY THE LDC ITSELF THROUGH THE EMPLOYMENT OF CONSULTANTS OR IN JOINT VENTURE SITUATIONS THROUGH THE JOINT VENTURE PARTNER.

IN EITHER CASE, THE LDC'S MAIN RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE TO OVERSEE THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. DEVELOPMENT PLANS WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND THE DESIGNATION OF AN AREA TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE LDC (SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AREA) WOULD BE PUBLISHED UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE A RIGHT TO OBJECT TO SUCH DESIGNATION IF THEY FEEL THAT THEIR INTERESTS ARE BEING ADVERSELY AFFECTED OR NEGLECTED,+ MR CHAU ASSURED.

HE SAID THE LDC WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING THE MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY IT PRIOR TO DEMOLITION, AND FOR RETAINED PARTS OF COMPLETED DEVELOPMENTS.

ACTUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING BUILDING MANAGERS AND SO ON WOULD BE CONTRACTED OUT TO PRIVATE MANAGEMENT COMPANIES.

ON FINANCE, HE SAID THE LDC WOULD REQUIRE AN INITIAL INJECTION OF FUNDS TO ENABLE IT TO BE SET UP AND BEGIN OPERATIONS.

HOWEVER, THIS INITIAL LOAN WOULD BE PRIMARILY TO COVER OPERATING COSTS.

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THE LDC THROUGH ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES WAS EXPECTED TO RAISE FINANCE TO FUND INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT FROM PRIVATE SECTOR SOURCES SUCH AS BANKS.

+THE LDC, IF FORMED IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED, SHOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE WEAPON IN THE FIGHT AGAINST URBAN BLIGHT,+ MR CHAU SAID.

+IT WOULD HAVE THE INDEPENDENCE TO REACH ITS OWN DECISIONS, YET HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.+

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TRIBUNAL PLANNED TO CLASSIFY ARTICLES

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO INTRODUCE AN OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNAL TO CLASSIFY AND DETERMINE WHETHER ARTICLES ARE OBSCENE OR INDECENT OR NEITHER, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING THE SCHEME, MR HSU SAID THE TRIBUNAL, PRESIDED OVER BY A BILINGUAL MAGISTRATE AND LAY ADJUDICATORS, WOULD CLASSIFY WHETHER OR NOT ARTICLES - INCLUDING VIDEOS, TAPES, DISCS AND OTHER FORMS OF RECORDING - ARE OBSCENE OR INDECENT OR NEITHER. IT WOULD ALSO HAVE THE DUAL ROLE OF DETERMINING WHETHER AN ARTICLE IS EITHER OBSCENE OR INDECENT.

IN EXPLAINING THE DUAL ROLES OF THE TRIBUNAL, MR HSU SAID THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS WOULD BE A CENSORIAL FUNCTION WHEREBY THE TRIBUNAL WOULD CLASSIFY ARTICLES SUBMITTED TO IT BY PUBLISHERS, DISTRIBUTORS, IMPORTERS, PRINTERS, MANUFACTURERS OR THE CROWN INTO THREE CATEGORIES:

CLASS I - NEITHER OBSCENE OR INDECENT AND MAY BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT RESTRICTION;

CLASS II - INDECENT AND SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON ITS DISPLAY, SALE AND ACCESS; AND

CLASS III - OBSCENE AND THEREFORE PROHIBITED.

THE CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES BILL 1986 WOULD PROHIBIT THE DISPLAY OF ANY INDECENT MATTER AND PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR BREACHING THIS PROHIBITION.

ONCE A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON AN ARTICLE, THE REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT, WOULD BE OBLIGED TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE CLASSIFICATION IN THE PRESS. SUCH NOTIFICATION WOULD ONLY BE FEASIBLE IN RESPECT OF ARTICLES WHICH HAD TITLES, VOLUME OR SERIAL NUMBERS OR OTHER IDENTIFYING FEATURES.

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HOWEVER, AS OTHER ARTICLES (SUCH AS THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECTS) WOULD CLEARLY DEFY DECENT WRITTEN DESCRIPTION IN A PUBLIC NOTICE, THE TRIBUNAL COULD REFUSE TO CLASSIFY SUCH ARTICLES.

IN THE DETERMINATORY PROCESS ARTICLES WOULD BE REFERRED BY A COURT TO THE TRIBUNAL IN THE COURSE OF OTHER PROCEEDINGS (SUCH AS APPLICATIONS FOR FORFEITURE OR PROSECUTIONS). IN SUCH CASES THE COURT WOULD BE OBLIGED TO ACCEPT THE TRIBUNAL'S RULING AND THERE WOULD BE NO PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THE DETERMINATION.

THE BILL PROPOSES THAT INTERIM RULES BY THE TRIBUNAL SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN FIVE DAYS WITH ONE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF FIVE DAYS AND A FULL HEARING TO BE ARRANGED AT THE REQUEST OF ANY DISSATISFIED PARTY WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE INTERIM RULING. APPEALS, ON POINTS OF LAW ONLY, MAY BE MADE TO A JUDGE IN THE HIGH COURT.

MR HSU SAID THAT THE REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT, WOULD PUBLISH IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS THE RULINGS OF THE TRIBUNAL AND THAT THE NEWSPAPERS REGISTRATION UNIT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH WOULD ALSO ADVISE DISTRIBUTORS OF THE RULINGS.

TO FURTHER PROTECT VENDORS, WHO MAY BE UNAWARE OF ANY CLASSIFICATION DECISION, IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE DISTRIBUTOR OF ANY ARTICLE WHICH HAD BEEN CLASSIFIED AS CLASS I OR CLASS II (RESTRICTED) MATERIAL SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO FURNISH THE VENDOR WITH A COPY OF THE TRIBUNAL'S RULING AND IN RESPECT OF CLASS II ARTICLES ANY CONDITIONS IMPOSED UPON ITS PUBLICATION.

HE ADDED THAT THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REPOSITORY OF ARTICLES CLASSIFIED, THE ACCESS TO WHICH WOULD BE CONTROLLED BY THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT. THE FACILITY WOULD ALLOW PEOPLE WITH BONA FIDE INTERESTS TO EXAMINE PAST CLASSIFICATIONS TO HELP THEM DECIDE ON THEIR LIKELY APPLICABILITY TO ARTICLES THEY MAY POSSESS OR ARE CONSIDERING PUBLISHING. MR HSU SAID THIS SHOULD ENCOURAGE A GREATER DEGREE OF SELF-REGULATION AND, IN TURN, REDUCE THE CASELOAD OF THE TRIBUNAL.

OBSCENE MATERIAL ON BUILDINGS OR OTHER STRUCTURES ARE ALSO COVERED IN THE BILL AND A MAGISTRATE MAY ORDER THAT OWNERS REMOVE OR OBLITERATE THE OFFENDING MATERIAL FROM THE STRUCTURE.

MR HSU SAID THAT THE PROPOSED PENALTIES RELATING TO THE PUBLICATION OR IMPORTATION OF ANY OBSCENE ARTICLE HAD BEEN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $1 000 000 AND THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT. PREVIOUSLY THE FINE WAS $100 000 AND MR HSU SAID THE RELATIVELY HIGH MAXIMUM FINE TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION THE HIGH DEGREE OF PROFITABILITY OF OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 15) AND DEBATED IN THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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NO FURTHER CASES OF CHOLERA

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NO CASES OF CHOLERA LOCALLY CONTRACTED HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED SINCE AUGUST 9, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS CONFIRMED TO HAVE CONTRACTED CHOLERA REMAINS AT 22.

SO FAR, 13 PATIENTS HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL AFTER TREATMENT FOR CHOLERA. THE REMAINING PATIENTS ARE IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION.

BY 4 PM TODAY, 1 850 PEOPLE HAD RECEIVED INOCULATIONS AT THE EIGHT INOCULATION CENTRES AND THE PORT HEALTH OFFICES COMPARED WITH 1 997 YESTERDAY.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE INOCULATED TODAY (WITH YESTERDAY'S FIGURES IN BRACKETS):

SAI YING PUN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	147	(91)
SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	150	(175)
KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	320	(411)
YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB POLYCLINIC	245	(280)
LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, TSUEN WAN	250	(250)
YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	163	(185)
SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	51	(58)
TAI PO JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	86	(58)
PORT HEALTH OFFICES	438	(489)

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GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS DO MUCH TO SOLVE HAWKER PROBLEM

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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS TODAY WON PRAISES FROM URBAN COUNCILLORS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN TACKLING THE HAWKER PROBLEM IN THE URBAN AREA.

AFTER VISITING THE USD TRAINING SCHOOL, URBAN COUNCILLOR DR KIM CHAM SAID: +THE QUALITY OF THE GD TEAM MEMBERS HAS A DIRECT BEARING ON THE HAWKER SITUATION IN HONG KONG. I BELIEVE THEY HAVE DONE THEIR BEST IN CONTAINING THE HAWKER SITUATION.+

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ECHOING HIS VIEW, ANOTHER URBAN COUNCILLOR MR FAN KAM-PING SAID: +I AM IMPRESSED THAT THE TRAINING OF GD TEAM MEMBERS HAS BEEN STEPPED UP AND KEPT UP TO DATE TO SUIT THE CHANGING SITUATION OF HONG KONG.+

MRS CHOW CHEUNG WAI-PING SAID THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO PROJECT A BETTER IMAGE FOR GD TEAMS SO AS TO GAIN PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF THEIR JOB.

MEANWHILE, NEWLY-APPOINTED URBAN COUNCILLOR MR RONNIE WONG SAID THE LOCALISED TRAINING PROGRAMMES OF THE USD TRAINING SCHOOL WOULD MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND SAVE EXPENDITURE.

ALSO VISITING THE USD TRAINING SCHOOL TO SEE ITS TRAINING PROGRAMMES TODAY WERE URBAN COUNCILLORS MESSRS PETER C.K. CHAN, LAWRENCE FUNG, STEPHEN LAU, TONG KAM-BIU AND SAMUEL WONG.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PUBLIC TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 15) TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT 1987-88 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT.

THE CONSULTATION PAPER WAS PREPARED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT POPULATION CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENT, A REVIEW ON CO-ORDINATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND A STUDY OF CROSS-HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR ALLOCATION OF BOARD FUNDS FOR THE 1986-87 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THIS CAMPAIGN WILL LAST FOR FOUR MONTHS FROM AUGUST TO DECEMBER, AND ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE QUIZ GAMES FOR THE ELDERLY, SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS; A COMPETITION ON PROPOSING IMPROVEMENTS AT TRAFFIC BLACK SPOTS; DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICITY MATERIAL; AWARDS TO ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO FOLLOW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; AND A ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DB TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON FRIDAY, BEGINNING AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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MANUAL LISTS SPECIFICATIONS FOR BANKING JOBS

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THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS PUBLISHED A MANUAL OF JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR 51 PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE BANKING SECTOR.

THE MANUAL IS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH ADEQUATE AND UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS OF SKILLS IN PRINCIPAL BANKING JOBS AT VARIOUS LEVELS, RANGING FROM CLERICAL TO MANAGERIAL.

IT ALSO INCLUDES THE EDUCATION OR MINIMUM WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE, AND DESIRABLE PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE JOBS.

+IT IS A USEFUL REFERENCE FOR TRAINING INSTITUTIONS IN THE PLANNING OF COURSES OR FOR EMPLOYERS IN DRAWING UP TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAMMES FOR THEIR STAFF,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

THE MANUAL, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDITIONS, IS ON SALE AT $19 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE MANUAL WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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ACTION BEING TAKEN AGAINST ILLEGAL STRUCTURES

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MORE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON FACE DEMOLITION. THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ARE IN NORTH POINT, AND YUET WAH STREET, KOWLOON.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER AT VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 8 IN RESPECT OF STRUCTURES BUILT ILLEGALLY IN A LANE AT THE SIDES OF 72-78, JAVA ROAD, AND 16-16B, TONG SHUI ROAD, NORTH POINT.

A NOTICE OF THIS INTENTION WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IF A CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED THE STRUCTURES WILL BE CLOSED IMMEDIATELY SO THAT DEMOLITION CAN GO AHEAD WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE OCCUPANTS OR THE PUBLIC.

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DEMOLITION ORDERS IN RESPECT OF THE STRUCTURES WERE ISSUED IN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN IGNORED.

ALSO, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER ON AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF OVER FLAT B, 12TH FLOOR, GOOD VIEW COURT, 20, YUET WAH STREET, KOWLOON.

IT WILL MAKE THE APPLICATION ON SEPTEMBER 16 AT KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT. A NOTICE OF THIS INTENTION WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY.

A DEMOLITION ORDER WAS ISSUED ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID SEVEN COURT ORDERS TO CLOSE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES HAD BEEN OBTAINED SO FAR THIS YEAR.

HE SAID THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION HAD ISSUED 2 086 ORDERS TO REMOVE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES OR ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS AND 1 906 HAD BEEN COMPLIED WITH OR WITHDRAWN.

THE DIVISION RECEIVED 2 762 COMPLAINTS AND CARRIED OUT 9 277 INSPECTIONS IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

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FAREWELL TO LONG-SERVING STAFF

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STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BADE FAREWELL TO 37 COLLEAGUES WHO ARE RETIRING AFTER LONG SERVICE.

THESE EMPLOYEES - 16 FROM THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION, THREE FROM FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS AND 18 FROM THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION - HAVE EACH SERVED AN AVERAGE OF 28 YEARS. FOUR OF THEM HAVE WORKED FOR 39 YEARS AND THREE FOR 38 YEARS.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR TONY BENNETT, PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO THEM AND PRAISED THEM FOR THEIR LOYALTY AND SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS.

+MANY DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE ORGANISATIONS OVER THE PAST YEARS TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY.

+THOSE WHO ARE RETIRING TODAY WILL BE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT THROUGH THEIR HARD WORK AND DEVOTION TO DUTY, THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN NO SMALL MEASURE TOWARDS THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF BOTH THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS,+ HE SAID.

MR BENNETT ALSO PRESENTED AWARDS TO TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHO HAVE BOTH COMPLETED 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

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MIDSUMMER NIGHT CONCERT IN TUEN MUN

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A PUBLIC MIDSUMMER NIGHT CONCERT OF CHINESE MUSIC WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 16) AT 8 PM AT THE AMPHITHEATRE OF THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE PARK IN TUEN MUN.

THE CONCERT, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, WILL FEATURE CHINESE ENSEMBLE, PIPA AND ER-HU SOLO AS WELL AS VIOLIN AND GUITAR DUET PERFORMANCES.

THE REPERTOIRE WILL INCLUDE SUCH POPULAR PIECES AS +GREEN ISLAND SERENADE+, +PURSE WITH EMBROIDERY+ AND +BEAMING WITH JOY+.

ADMISSION IS FREE. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM 0-750465.

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PROHIBITED ZONE IN TELFORD GARDENS

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 15), THE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE TERMINUS IN TELFORD GARDENS WILL BE DESINGATED A PROHIBITED ZONE.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES AND TAXIS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUS TERMINUS.

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PROHIBITED ZONE IN CENTRAL LIFTED

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 16), ALL VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE UNNAMED ROAD TO THE EAST OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 16), THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES:

* THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEENSWAY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH COTTON TREE DRIVE AND GARDEN ROAD;

* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEENSWAY, SOUTH OF THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM GARDEN ROAD, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH COTTON TREE DRIVE AND MURRAY ROAD;

* QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN GARDEN ROAD AND BANK STREET ; AND

* GARDEN ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES, AND THE GOODS VEHICLE RESTRICTED ZONES CURRENTLY OPERATING DURING PEAK HOURS ONLY ON THE AFORESAID SECTIONS OF QUEENSWAY AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE LIFTED FROM THE SAME TIME.

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