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RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS FOR OCTOBER RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN OCTOBER 1986, PROVISIONALLY ESTIMATED AT $6 318 MILLION, WAS 11 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN OCTOBER 1985 WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS 5 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1985, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME WHILE THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WERE 14 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT.

+OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ AND FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 11 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE AND BY 3 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS WENT DOWN BY 17 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED VERY SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE AND CONSIDERABLY IN VOLUME.

SUPERMARKETS HAD CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE BUT A SLIGHT INCREASE IN SALES VOLUME.

DEPARTMENT STORES HAD A MODERATE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE BUT ALMOST NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD AUGUST - OCTOBER 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS SHOWED INCREASES OF 19 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES AND +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ ROSE BY 16 PER CENT AND 13 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE AND BY 5 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

FUELS DECREASED BY 17 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 CONSIDERABLY IN SALES VALUE AND MODERATELY IN SALES VOLUME.

/DEPARTMENT STORES .....

DEPARTMENT STORES RECORDED A MODERATE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE AND A SLIGHT INCREASE IN VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1986, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR OCTOBER 1986 INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

+OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ AND FUELS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE AND BY 5 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO FELL BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, THE INCREASES IN SALES VALUE AND VOLUME OF DEPARTMENT STORES WERE SUBSTANTIAL WHILE THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WERE SLIGHT.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED ALMOST NO CHANGE IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME WHILE SUPERMARKETS HAD MODERATE DECREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

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

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN SEPTEMBER 1986 AND OCTOBER 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 OCTOBER 1986 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF SEPTEMBER 1986 AND WITH THOSE OF OCTOBER 1985 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD AUGUST - OCTOBER 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, INCLUDING THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEXES AND TRENDS, FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE OCTOBER 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 October 1986 (Provisional Figure) = HK$6 318 million
for September 1986 (Revised Figure) = HK$6 077 million

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

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

Item	Index of Retail Sales	September 1986 (Revised figures)	October 1986 (Provisional figures)	October 1986 compared with September 1986 Points	%	October 1986 compared with October 1985 Points	%	Aug. - Oct. 86 compared with Aug. - Oct. 85 Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	108	113	+ 4	+ 4	+ 11	+ 11	+ 10	+ 10
	Volume	103	106	+ 3	+ 3	+ 5	+ 5	+ 6	+ 6
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	107	105	- 3	- 2	+ 10	+ 10	+ 6	+ 6
	Volume	105	104	- 1	- 1	+ 9	+ 9	+ 5	+ 5
Fuels	Value	83	85	+ 2	+ 3	- 17	- 17	- 17	- 17
	Volume	100	101	+ 2	+ 2	- 1	- 1	*	*
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	111	127	+ 17	+ 15	+ 16	+ 14	+ 18	+ 19
	Volume	103	115	+ 13	+ 12	+ 8	+ 8	+ 12	+ 13
Consumer durables	Value	117	119	+ 2	+ 2	+ 17	+ 17	+ 16	+ 16
	Volume	106	107	+ 1	+ 1	+ 6	+ 6	+ 6	+ 5
Other consumer goods	Value	109	115	+ 7	+ 6	+ 12	+ 11	+ 13	+ 13
	Volume	101	106	+ 5	+ 5	+ 3	+ 3	+ 6	+ 6
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
Supermarkets	Value	127	116	- 11	- 8	+ 17	+ 17	+ 19	+ 18
	Volume	123	113	- 10	- 8	+ 15	+ 15	+ 16	+ 16
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	135	135	+ 1	*	+ 36	+ 36	+ 29	+ 27
	Volume	110	110	*	*	+ 13	+ 13	+ 6	+ 6
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	111	114	+ 2	+ 2	+ 12	+ 11	+ 12	+ 12
	Volume	105	106	+ 1	+ 1	+ 3	+ 3	+ 5	+ 5
Department stores	Value	93	112	+ 19	+ 20	+ 6	+ 6	+ 8	+ 8
	Volume	86	102	+ 16	+ 18	*	*	+ 2	+ 2

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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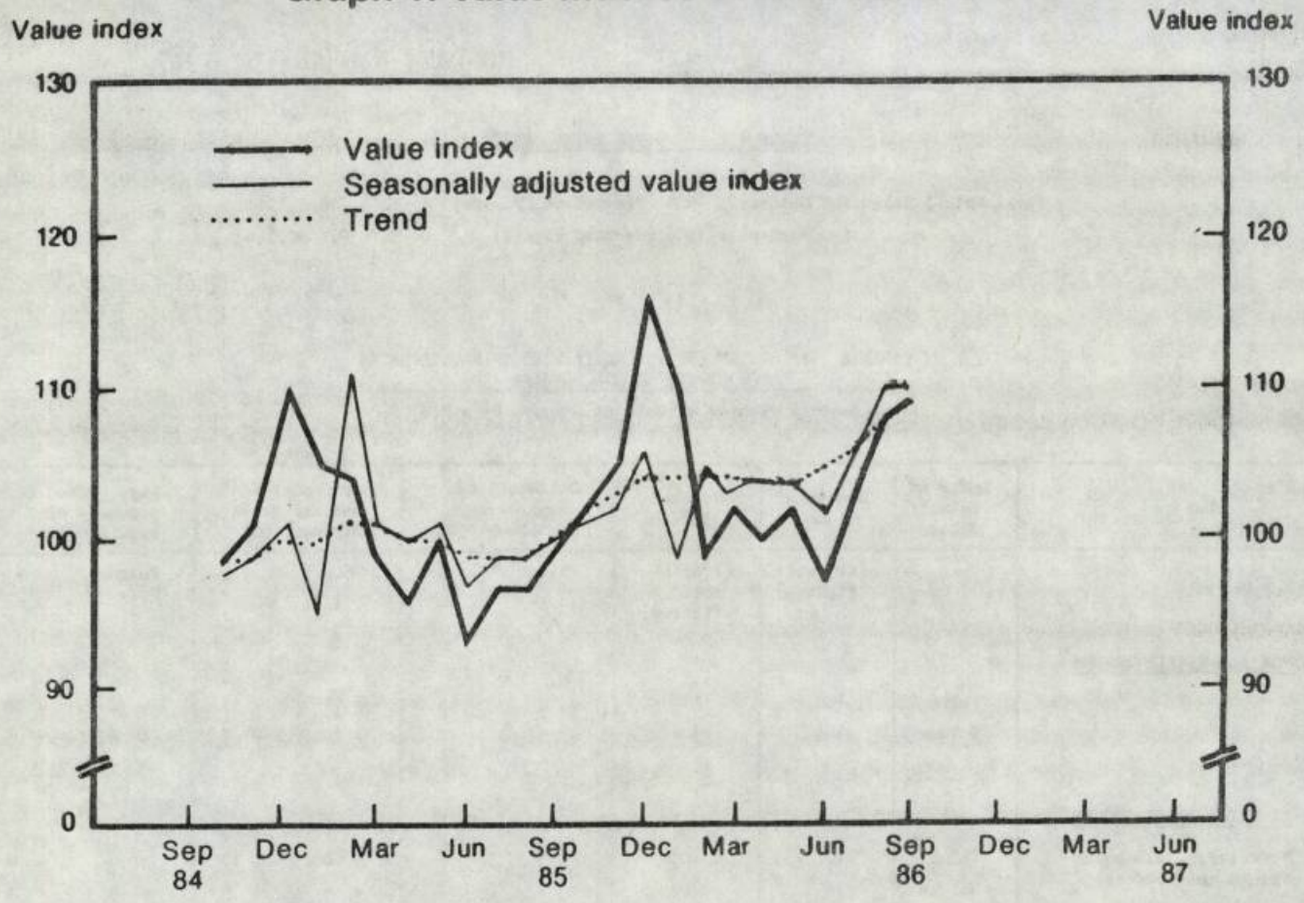
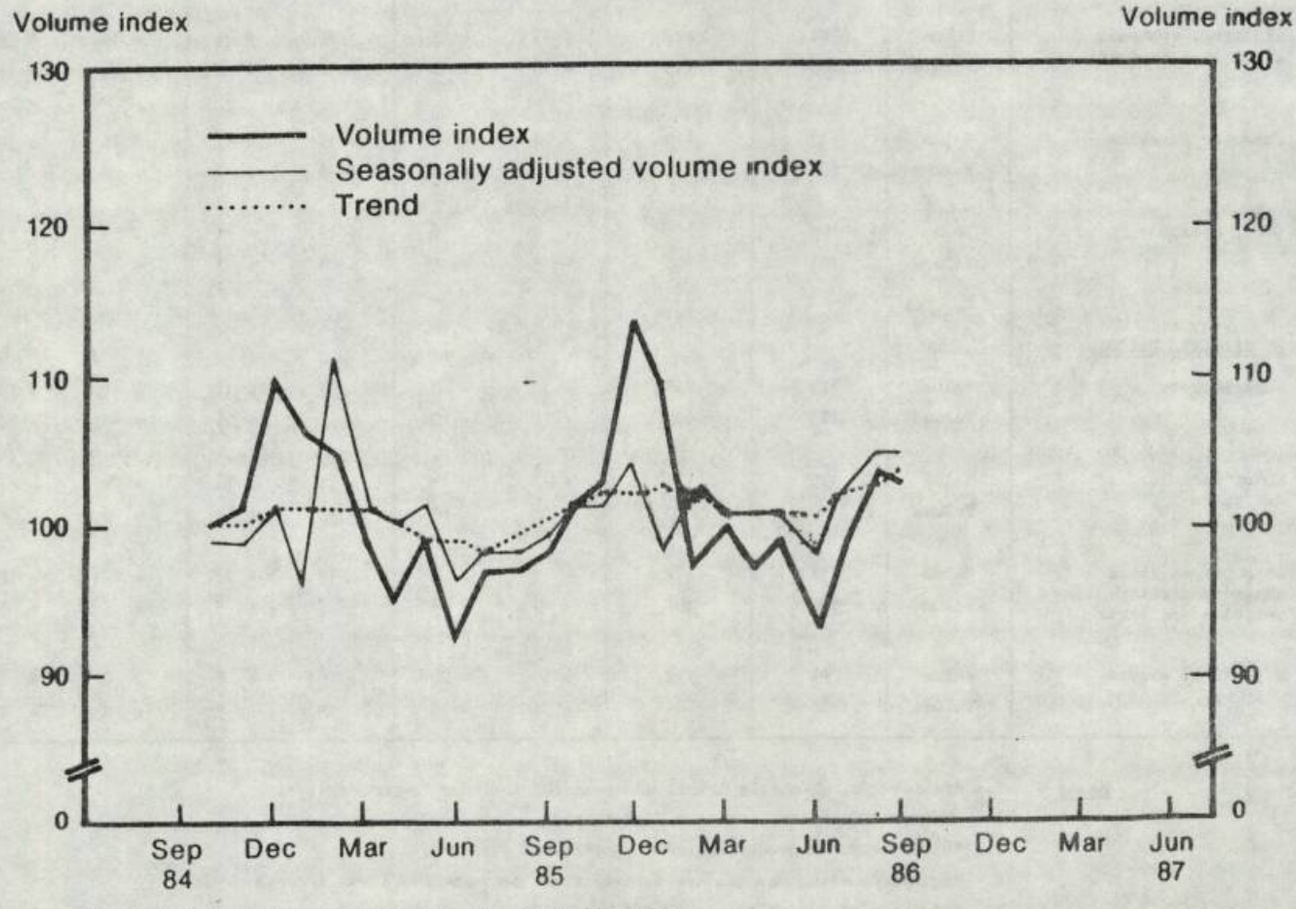
Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



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.

EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL SURVEY BEING CONDUCTED

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

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 34 000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS. THESE INCLUDE THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES) AND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS).

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS AT THE END OF DECEMBER.

REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS NOT RESPONDING TO THE INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT FROM EACH ESTABLISHMENT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON DECEMBER 30, 1986. SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THE SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OCTOBER - DECEMBER.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS (PRINTED AT THE BACK OF THE SURVEY FORMS) : 5-436551, 5-444301, 5-455661 AND 5-455668.

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PRE-QUALIFICATION TENDERS CALLED FOR TUNNEL WORKS

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TENDERS FOR ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL INSTALLATIONS FOR JUNK BAY TUNNEL, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WILL BE INVITED IN SEPTEMBER, A TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE SAID THE INSTALLATIONS WOULD COMPRISE FOUR CONTRACTS FOR THE TUNNEL'S POWER SUPPLY AND LIGHTING, VENTILATION, TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE AND TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEMS.

/TENDERS WILL .....

TENDERS WILL BE CALLED FROM PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. PARTICULARS ABOUT THE SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS CAN BE SEEN IN THE JANUARY 2 AND 9 ISSUES OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE TWIN TUBE TUNNEL WILL BE ABOUT 900 METRES IN LENGTH. BUILT UNDER THE HILL AT MA YAU TONG IT WILL BE PART OF A ROAD LINKING JUNK BAY NEW TOWN WITH URBAN AREAS OF KOWLOON.

INTERESTED CONTRACTORS SHOULD WRITE TO MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA AT SHA TIN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED GIVING ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION BY MARCH 13.

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MP'S SEE DEVELOPMENTS IN WONG TAI SIN

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TWO MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT, MR DAVID ATKINSON AND MR DONALD ANDERSON, TODAY (MONDAY) TOURED WONG TAI SIN TO SEE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, THE TWO MP'S SPENT THE AFTERNOON VISITING NEWLY-BUILT HOUSING BLOCKS, OLD HOUSING ESTATES, A PILOT MARKET PLACE, AND THE DISTRICT'S LANDMARK - THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

AFTER ATTENDING A LUNCH WITH THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, AND SOME DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, HOSTED BY MR YEK, THE TWO MP'S PROCEEDED TO THE ROOF OF WANG LOK HOUSE, LOK FU ESTATE, FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE KOWLOON CENTRAL ESTATES REDEVELOPMENT.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT ALL OLD MARK I AND MARK II BLOCKS WOULD BE CLEARED BY 1990.

THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHICH COST $2 000 MILLION WOULD BE THE LARGEST AND THE MOST AMBITIOUS PROJECT OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD.

FOLLOWING A BRIEF VISIT TO FAMILIES LIVING IN THE NEWLY-BUILT HOUSING BLOCKS AND THE OLD MARK II BLOCKS, THE PARTY WENT TO TSZ CHING ESTATE TO LOOK AT A MARKET PILOT SCHEME.

/THE MULTI-STOREY .....

THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDING WHICH HOUSES A MARKET AND A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WAS CONVERTED FROM A SCHOOL LEFT VACANT DUE TO DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES OF THE POPULATION IN THE TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATES.

THE MARKET PROVIDED FOR THE REPROVISIONING OF 104 STALLS WHICH HAD BEEN A NUISANCE IN THE ESTATE.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO THE ROOFTOP OF A BUILDING AT FUNG WONG NEW VILLAGE FOR A LOOK AT THE TAI HOM AND DIAMOND HILL AREAS.

THE LAST STOP WAS THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE

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WAN CHAI TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW

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MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE TAXI POLICY REVIEW.

DURING THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO RAISE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE LACK OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES AT THE SECTION OF LOCKHART ROAD BETWEEN ARSENAL STREET AND FENWICK STREET, PARKING METRES NEAR THE NEW LOCKHART ROAD MARKET COMPLEX AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEMS IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

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RECREATION FACILITIES FOR TA KWU LING TO BE DISCUSSED

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO CONSIDER TWO PROJECTS TO PROVIDE RECREATION AND AMENITY FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN TA KWU LING.

THE PROJECTS INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND SITTING-OUT AREA AS WELL AS A BASKETBALL COURT IN SHA LING.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CULVERT AT SING PING SAN TSUEN IN TA KWU LING.

OTHER ITMES TO BE DEALT WITH INCLUDE REQUESTS FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS PROPOSED THA AT CHUK YUEN

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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AT THE NORTH-EAST PLATFORM OF CHUK YUEN ESTATE.

THE SITE WAS ORIGINALLY RESERVED FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL ACCORDING TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, BUT THIS IS UNLIKELY TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE NEXT FOUR TO FIVE YEARS.

DISCUSSION WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE ON A PAPER PREPARED BY BOARD MEMBERS ON MARKET REPROVISIONING ARRANGEMENTS IN LOWER WONG TAI SIN FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF URBAN COUNCIL MARKETS AT SHEUNG TAK STREET AND TAI SHING STREET.

/REPRESENTATIVES OF .....

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE A REPORT ON THE LATEST ARRANGEMENTS.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A REPORT ON THE 1986 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE REVISED ESTIMATES OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS 1986-87, PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DIAMOND HILL DEVELOPMENT, THE BOARD'S HALF-TERM REPORT, AND POPULATION STATISTICS ON THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM AT THE FUNG MING HALL, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

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REMINDER TO APPLY FOR VILLAGE VEHICLE PERMITS

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OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF VILLAGE VEHICLES ARE REMINDED THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUE OF PERMITS FOR THESE VEHICLES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE LICENSING OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT URGED THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED TO DO SO IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC (VILLAGE VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1986 WILL TAKE EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 2.

ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REGULATION IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF $2 000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF THREE MONTHS.

AN APPLICANT FOR A PERMIT SHOULD SUBMIT, IN PERSON OR BY POST, A COMPLETED FORM TOGETHER WITH RELEVANT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SPECIFIED IN IT TO ANY LICENSING OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE APPLICATION WILL BE VETTED BY THE POLICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

/THE APPLICANT .....

THE APPLICANT WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULT BY POST. IF APPROVAL IS GIVEN, THE APPLICANT SHOULD ARRANGE FOR A THIRD PARTY INSURANCE POLICY TO COVER HIS VEHICLE BY USING THE PERMIT NUMBER ALLOCATED. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE SHOULD APPROACH THE RELEVANT LICENSING OFFICE FOR THE ISSUE OF THE PERMIT ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN THE APPROVAL LETTER.

THE FEE FOR A PERMIT IS $50 FOR A PEDESTRIAN-CONTROLLED VILLAGE VEHICLE OR A DRIVER-OPERATED VILLAGE VEHICLE. THE PERMIT WILL BE VALID FOR 12 MONTHS.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATION, AN APPLICANT FOR A VILLAGE VEHICLE PERMIT MUST CERTIFY THAT THE VEHICLE IS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED LIMITS AS TO LENGTH AND WIDTH; IS EQUIPPED WITH ADEQUATE BRAKES, HORN AND ENGINE SILENCER, AND IS SO CONSTRUCTED AS TO SAFELY CARRY ANY REASONABLE LOAD.

THERE ARE ALSO PROVISIONS TO REQUIRE THE DRIVER OF A VILLAGE VEHICLE TO CARRY THE PERMIT WHILE THE VEHICLE IS BEING DRIVEN, AND TO PRODUCE IT FOR INSPECTION. AN OWNER MUST PRODUCE THE PERMIT FOR THE VEHICLE FOR INSPECTION WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO.

A VEHICLE MUST NOT BE DRIVEN BY A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18, AND MUST CARRY LIGHTED LAMPS AT THE FRONT AND REAR IF IT IS DRIVEN DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.

A PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED SUBJECT TO VARIOUS CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE ROADS ON WHICH AND THE TIMES AND DAYS DURING WHICH A VEHICLE MAY BE DRIVEN, AND THE SIZE OF LOADS THAT MAY BE CARRIED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE ON 5-262982, 3-7717826, 3-7756835 AND 0-6061027.

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RATES REMINDER, PHONE NUMBER CHANGED

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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE REMINDERS TODAY (MONDAY) TO MORE THAN 47 000 RATEPAYERS OF DOMESTIC PROPERTIES WHO FAILED TO RETURN THE ORIGINAL REQUISITION FORMS WHICH WERE SENT TO THEM IN OCTOBER 1986.

THE REMINDERS ARE SIMILAR TO THE FORMS SENT PREVIOUSLY BUT ONLY 14 DAYS ARE ALLOWED FOR THEIR COMPLETION. TO FACILITATE RATEPAYERS IN RETURNING THE FORMS A POSTAGE PREPAID RETURN ENVELOPE IS ENCLOSED WITH EACH FORM SENT.

/ANY PERSON .....

ANY PERSON WHO REFUSES OR NEGLECTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF $2 000. THE SPOKESMAN THEREFORE URGED ANY PERSON WHO RECEIVES A REMINDER TO RETURN IT WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT OR TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT IF HE HAS DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING IT OR IF THE ORIGINAL FORM HAS ALREADY BEEN RETURNED.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE AT THE DEPARTMENT AT HENNESSY CENTRE, 17TH FLOOR, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

OWING TO THE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S NETWORK DEVELOPMENT, THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CHANGED WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 5-8957666.

RATEPAYERS WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES BY TELEPHONE ARE REQUESTED TO USE THE NEW NUMBER FROM TOMORROW INSTEAD OF THE NUMBER SHOWN ON THE FORM.

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YUEN LONG RESTAURANT TO BE CLOSED

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A RESTAURANT IN YUEN LONG IS TO BE CLOSED SO THAT AN ILLEGAL COCKLOFT EXTENSION IN THE SAME BUILDING CAN BE DEMOLISHED.

THE RESTAURANT OCCUPIES THE GROUND FLOOR AND COCKLOFT OF HOI SHUEN BUILDING IN HOP YICK ROAD AND THE OWNER HAS ILLEGALLY EXTENDED THE COCKLOFT IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE RESTAURANT AREA.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY FOR AN ORDER TO CLOSE THE RESTAURANT AT TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON FEBRUARY 26 AND POSTED NOTICES OF ITS INTENTION TO DO SO ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE BUILDING TODAY (MONDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID CLOSING THE RESTAURANT WAS NECESSARY SO THAT THE ILLEGAL ADDITION COULD BE DEMOLISHED AND OTHER REMEDIAL WORK CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ENDANGERING OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

HE SAID AN ORDER TO DEMOLISH THE EXTENSION WAS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO, BUT THIS HAD NEVER BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

DEMOLITION WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER WAS OBTAINED, HE SAID.

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TSUEN WAN TO BE FEATURED IN TV PROGRAMME

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A +TSUEN WAN GOOD MORNING+ PROGRAMME FOCUSSING ON THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIRST NEW TOWN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TELEVISED LIVE ON JANUARY 12 ON TVB JADE.

THE TWO-HOUR PROGRAMME, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY TVB, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL GIVE VIEWERS AN INSIGHT ON DAILY LIFE AND TRACE THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

TSUEN WAN, INCLUDING MA WAN AND PART OF NORTHEASTERN LANTAU, HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 240 000. IT HAS DEVELOPED SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE THE 1950'S INTO A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING ITSELF AS A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CENTRE.

WITH FOOTAGE OF THE PRESENT AND THE OLD DAYS OF THE TOWN, THE PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES LIVE INTERVIEWS AND STAGE PERFORMANCES, AND WILL BE TELEVISED FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM FROM THE SCENIC TIN HAU TEMPLE GARDEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 7) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN TSUEN WAN.

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KWUN TONG STUDENTS TO ATTEND CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL

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ABOUT 10 000 STUDENTS FROM 107 SCHOOLS IN KWUN TONG ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN A CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 10).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND KWUN TONG SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, THE FUNCTION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING CIVIC AWARENESS AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES AMONG STUDENTS.

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ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION OF WINNING ENTRIES AND ENTRIES OF THE RECENTLY-HELD CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS, THE THEME OF WHICH IS CIVIC EDUCATION. MORE THAN 600 STUDENTS HAVE JOINED THE TWO COMPETITIONS.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES FROM 18 SCHOOL TEAMS FEATURING SINGING, DANCING AND DRAMA AT THE CARNIVAL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GAME STALLS ON THE THEME OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE KWUN TONG TSUI PING ROAD PLAYGROUND SOCCER PITCHES NO 1 AND 2 FROM 11 AM TO 4.30 PM.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR KEVIN MAK; THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI; THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM AT THE KWUN TONG TSUI PING ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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CCY PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW

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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH (CCY) WILL HOLD A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS SCHEME, THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 1986 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND THE CCY LOGO COMPETITION.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE CCY, MRS ROSANNA TAM, AND CCY MEMBERS, MR KWOK KA-MING, MR FAN KAM-PING AND MR ERIC LI.

THE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM IN THE GARDEN ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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COMPUTER CONTEST DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A PERSONAL COMPUTER GRAPHIC DISPLAY CONTEST WILL BE HELD AT THE CINEMA ROOM OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE, THE CONTEST WILL FORM PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WEEK TO BE HELD IN THE MIDDLE OF MARCH.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT MR YIP YUK-LUN, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE MR JOHN LO, A MEMBER OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE, MISS LEE FUNG-YING, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WEEK FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE, MR C.D. TAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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NEW PROGRAMME DATES FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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PROGRAMMES OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, PUT OFF FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF THE LATE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL NOW BE STAGED LATER THIS MONTH, A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE FINAL OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 17 AT 7.30 PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL OF CHAN PAK SHA SCHOOL AT 1, SHUM WAN ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG.

SIX GROUPS AND 12 SOLOISTS, SELECTED FROM 250 ENTRIES, WILL BE COMPETING IN THE COMPETITION AND THERE WILL ALSO BE A GUEST PERFORMANCE BY THE BAND EQUATOR.

/A TELEMATCH .....

A TELEMATCH WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY IN THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND, FOLLOWED BY THE FESTIVAL'S CLOSING CEREMONY FEATURING A GRAND TATTOO BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 5.30 PM AT THE WONG CHUK HANG HARD-SURFACED SOCCER PITCH.

THE TATTOO WILL INCLUDE MOCK BATTLES, PIPE BANDS, DRILLS, KARATE AND MOTORCYCLE DEMONSTRATIONS BY VARIOUS DISCIPLINED UNITS AND LOCAL GROUPS.

FREE TICKETS FOR THE SINGING COMPETITION AND THE TATTOO ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, WAH FU AND STANLEY ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS FROM JANUARY 10.

RESIDENTS HOLDING OLD TICKETS FOR THE SINGING COMPETITION SHOULD CHANGE THEM FOR NEW ONES AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION IN LEE CHAK HOUSE, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE, BETWEEN TOMORROW (JANUARY 6) AND FRIDAY.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-540271.

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YOUNG MUSICIANS LEAVE FOR SYDNEY MUSIC CAMP

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TWO TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS LEFT THIS (MONDAY) EVENING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAN PACIFIC MUSIC CAMP IN AUSTRALIA.

THE CAMP, A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, WILL BE HELD AT THE NAAMAROO CONFERENCE CENTRE IN SYDNEY FROM JANUARY 12 TO 23.

THE TWO PARTICIPANTS - FORM 5 STUDENTS JOSEPHINE LAW AND CHEUNG KING-SIU - ARE PRINCIPAL CELLIST AND VIOLINIST OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

THEY TRAVELLED TO SYDNEY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG WHILE FEES FOR THE CAMP WILL BE MET BY CAMP ORGANISERS.

/THE MUSIC .....

THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH HAD BEEN INVITED TO SEND TWO MUSICIANS TO JOIN THE CAMP WHERE THEY COULD SHARE EXPERIENCES WITH OTHER MUSICIANS AS WELL AS RECEIVE TRAINING FROM PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS AND GUEST TUTORS.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID PARTICIPATION BY THE MUSICIANS IN THE PAN PACIFIC MUSIC CAMP WOULD NOT ONLY BE A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM BUT ALSO AN INCENTIVE TO OTHERS IN HONG KONG.

HIGHLIGHT OF ACTIVITIES AT THE CAMP WILL BE THE FINAL CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE ON JANUARY 25. BOTH MUSICIANS ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN ON JANUARY 27.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 59.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 350.247 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 392.737 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 67.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUTS IN THREE AREAS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG, CHA KWO LING AND YAU TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 8) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY CHA KWO LING ROAD, YAU TONG ROAD, LEI YUE MUN ROAD, WAI YIP STREET AND YAU SHING STREET, INCLUDING YAN WING STREET, BLOCK 1 - 8 OF YAU TONG ESTATE, FAN WA STREET AND WING FOOK STREET.

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BEACON HILL, BROADCAST DRIVE WATER CUTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN BEACON HILL AND BROADCAST DRIVE AREAS WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 8) TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

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

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