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HK AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: NO DIFFERENCE IN AIMS

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THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE WHATEVER IN THE FUNDAMENTAL AIMS OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND THOSE OF THE BRITISH AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS, THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, MR FRANCIS MAUDE, SAID IN HIS REPLY TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

THE REPLY, WHICH REPRESENTED THE JOINT VIEWS OF BOTH THE BRITISH AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS, WAS IN RESPONSE TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S LETTER DATED JUNE 22 SENT TO MR MAUDE CONCERNING AMNESTY'S MEMORANDUM ISSUED IN JANUARY.

"WE HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF FIRST ASYLUM IS PRESERVED, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THAT NO VIETNAMESE ARE RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRY IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE THAT THEY WOULD IN ANY WAY BE PERSECUTED IN THE TERMS OF THE 1951 CONVENTION AND 1967 PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES," MR MAUDE SAID IN THE REPLY LETTER DATED JULY 13.

"BUT I HOPE THAT YOU WILL AGREE THAT AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE CHANNEL OF RESETTLEMENT REMAINS OPEN FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT BE SUBJECTED TO PERSECUTION AND IS NOT ABUSED TO THE EXTENT THAT THE FUTURE OF THOSE WITH A LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO REFUGEE STATUS IS PUT AT RISK."

MR MAUDE NOTED THAT TO THIS END, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, WORKING IN CO-OPERATION WITH UNHCR, HAD DEVISED A PRACTICAL AND OPERABLE SYSTEM OF SCREENING.

"CONTRARY TO THE ASSERTION IN THE MEMORANDUM, NEITHER WE, NOR UNHCR, ACCEPT THAT THE PROCESS IS 'CRITICALLY FLAWED'," MR MAUDE SAID.

HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT ACCEPT THAT ANY SERIOUS RISKS EXISTED IN THE SCREENING SYSTEM.

"INDEED I BELIEVE THAT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE AMNESTY MEMORANDUM IN FULL WOULD INEVITABLY CAUSE THE PROCESS TO BECOME MUCH SLOWER, AND THUS MEAN FAMILIES LINGERING IN HONG KONG IN UNCERTAINTY FOR FURTHER MONTHS, IF NOT YEARS, TO NO PURPOSE."

MR MAUDE ALSO SAID THE UNHCR AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WORKED CLOSELY TO INTRODUCE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SCREENING SYSTEM WHERE APPROPRIATE, AND SOME RECENT EXAMPLES ACCORDED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE AMNESTY MEMORANDUM.

ONE RECENT IMPROVEMENT WAS THAT THE HONG KONG AUTHORITIES HAD AGREED WITH UNHCR THAT IN FUTURE A WRITTEN EXPLANATION WOULD BE GIVEN FOR DECISIONS OF THE REVIEW BOARD, WHETHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE. THE FIRST OF THESE HAD NOW BEEN ISSUED.

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ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT WAS THAT TO ENABLE ASYLUM SEEKERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCREENING PROCESS, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS NOW SUPPLEMENTING UNHCR'S BRIEFING WITH A PAMPHLET TO BE GIVEN TO ALL ASYLUM SEEKERS EXPLAINING THE SCREENING PROCEDURES IN DETAILS.

MR MAUDE NOTED THAT UNHCR'S LEGAL COUNSELLORS WERE ALLOWED TO BE PRESENT TO MONITOR ANY INTERVIEW, AND THAT UNHCR HAD ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO ASYLUM SEEKERS AT ALL STAGES OF THE SCREENING AND REVIEW PROCESS.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT WORKSHOPS TO IMPROVE INTERPRETATION SKILLS WERE BEING ORGANISED FOR INTERPRETERS, AND THAT ALL INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING INTERVIEWS WAS RECORDED IN THE ASYLUM SEEKERS' FILE, COPIED TO UNHCR WHO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECTIFY ANY OMISSIONS OR ERRORS WHEN PREPARING AN APPEAL TO THE REFUGEE STATUS REVIEW BOARD.

MR MAUDE POINTED OUT THAT THE HONG KONG AUTHORITIES HAD NO ULTERIOR INTEREST IN THE OUTCOME OF SCREENING INTERVIEWS SINCE NEITHER REFUGEES NOR NON-REFUGEES WOULD REMAIN IN THE TERRITORY.

TURNING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF VBP CENTRES, MR MAUDE SAID MOST OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAD ARISEN IN THE CENTRES WERE DUE TO OVERCROWDING.

"WHILE THE HONG KONG AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN BUILDING ADDITIONAL CENTRES TO IMPROVE SPACE AND CONDITIONS, THE ONLY REAL SOLUTION IN THE LONG-TERM IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN," HE SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, IMPORTANT STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE BOAT PEOPLE WERE TO BE ALLOWED GREATER INVOLVEMENT IN THE RUNNING OF CENTRES.

"ONE ELEMENT OF THIS GREATER INVOLVEMENT IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MECHANISM TO ENABLE THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CONSULT THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY LEADERS, UNHCR AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ON THE IDENTIFICATION AND TRANSFER OF INDIVIDUALS WHOSE BEHAVIOUR HAD DISRUPTED GOOD ORDER IN DETENTION CENTRES.

"SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER CENTRE AT CHI MA WAN WITH THE RESULT THAT THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED REDUCTION OF TENSION IN THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE," HE NOTED.

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PASSAGE OF NATIONALITY BILL IN HOUSE OF LORDS
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A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) BILL PASS THROUGH ITS COMMITTEE STAGE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS WITHOUT AMENDMENTS.

"IF THERE ARE NO AMENDMENTS DURING ITS THIRD READING IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS, THE BILL WILL NOT HAVE TO BE REFERRED BACK TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, AND WE CAN EXPECT TO OBTAIN ROYAL ASSENT BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO ARE NON-BRITISH NATIONALS THAT THEY MUST APPLY FOR NATURALISATION BEFORE ENACTMENT OF THE BILL IF THEY WISH TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP WHEN THE SCHEME IS LAUNCHED.

"ANY PERSON WHO HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY LIMIT OF STAY CAN APPLY FOR NATURALISATION, IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE OR NATIONALITY," HE SAID.

"THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ONE MUST HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY BEFORE HE CAN APPLY FOR NATURALISATION. FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE INFORMATION SECTION OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ON 829 3333 OR 824 6111," HE ADDED.

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CITES RESERVATION ENDS
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HONG KONG WILL COMPLY FROM TODAY (TUESDAY) WITH A BAN ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN IVORY IMPOSED BY THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES) IN JANUARY 1990.

THIS COINCIDES WITH THE EXPIRY OF A SIX-MONTH RESERVATION OF THE BAN SECURED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM ON HONG KONG'S BEHALF TO ALLOW TIME FOR LOCAL TRADERS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR LEGALLY ACQUIRED STOCKS AND FOR CARVERS TO ACQUIRE RE-TRAINING TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT.

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE, WHICH COME INTO EFFECT TODAY, BRING HONG KONG LAW INTO FULL COMPLIANCE WITH CITES REQUIREMENTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS FOLLOWED THE UPGRADING OF THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT TO APPENDIX I OF CITES, MAKING IT A HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES.

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"WHILE THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED A POLICY OF ADOPTING CONTROLS TO HELP THE SURVIVAL OF ELEPHANTS WHILE CAUSING THE LEAST DISTURBANCE TO TRADERS, MORE STRINGENT MEASURES ARE NOW REQUIRED AS PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO SAVE THE ELEPHANT FROM EXTINCTION," HE EXPLAINED.

THE IMPORT OF COMMERCIAL IVORY TO HONG KONG HAS BEEN BANNED SINCE JUNE 1989.

ADDITIONAL CONTROLS WERE INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER 1989 REQUIRING LICENCES TO BE OBTAINED FOR THE POSSESSION AND EXPORT OF ANY QUANTITY OF RAW IVORY AND WORKED IVORY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, AND MORE THAN FIVE KILOGRAMS OF WORKED IVORY CLASSIFIED AS PERSONAL EFFECTS.

LICENCES HAVE ALSO BEEN REQUIRED FOR THE IMPORT OF ANY QUANTITY OF RAW IVORY AND FOR MORE THAN ONE KILOGRAM OF WORKED IVORY CLASSIFIED AS PERSONAL EFFECTS.

THE ORDER PUBLISHED TODAY PROVIDES FOR HONG KONG RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CONTROLS FOR THE EXPORT OF UP TO FIVE KILOGRAMS OF IVORY CLASSIFIED AS PERSONAL OR HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS BUT REQUIRES VISITORS TO OBTAIN A LICENCE TO EXPORT IVORY PURCHASED IN HONG KONG, REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT TO BE EXPORTED.

RETURNING RESIDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN IMPORT LICENCES FROM HONG KONG BEFORE ENTERING WITH ANY AMOUNT OF IVORY CLASSIFIED AS PERSONAL EFFECTS WHICH IS ACQUIRED OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE.

ANY LICENCE FOR THE EXPORT OF IVORY WILL NOT BE GRANTED IN FUTURE UNTIL THE OWNERS OBTAINS AN IMPORT LICENCE FROM THE COUNTRY FOR WHICH IT IS DESTINED.

VISITORS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE NEW REGULATIONS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LEGISLATION WAS PART OF A WORLDWIDE TREND, RESULTING IN A SLUMP IN THE IVORY EXPORT TRADE GENERALLY AND THE CLOSURE OF MOST OF HONG KONG'S MARKETS.

"DESPITE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL TRADERS TO SELL THEIR IVORY STOCKS TO NON-CITES COUNTRIES AND THOSE WITH SIMILAR EXEMPTIONS FROM THE BAN DURING THE RESERVATION PERIOD, LESS THAN TWO PER CENT OF THE TOTAL STOCK IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN EXPORTED IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS," HE SAID.

REGARDING HELP FOR THE TRADE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WAS ORGANISING RE-TRAINING COURSES FOR CARVERS AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WAS ASSISTING DISPLACED CARVERS TO FIND ALTERNATIVE JOBS.

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MAY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED
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IN MAY 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990, BUT DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1989, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MAY 1990 INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, ORDERS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

COMPARING MAY 1990 WITH MAY 1989, THE ORDERS POSITION DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN MAY 1990 DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990 AND MAY 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990, EMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1990 DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY WHILE THAT IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

COMPARING MAY 1990 WITH MAY 1989, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASES RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. HOWEVER, A MODERATE INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

IN MAY 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED FAIRLY SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE TEXTILES, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. THESE INCREASES WERE DUE PARTLY TO MORE OVERTIME WORK AS REPORTED BY SOME OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED AND MORE WORKING DAYS IN MAY WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRIES FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSES IN APRIL BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

COMPARING MAY 1990 WITH MAY 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS. INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE PERCENTAGE INCREASES BEING MOST SIGNIFICANT IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1990 WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN APRIL 1990, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1989. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN MAY 1990 INCREASED MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990, BUT SHOWED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OVER MAY 1989.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1990 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER MAY 1989.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER DECREASED SUBSTANTIALY IN MAY 1990 WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990, MAINLY DUE TO THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSES IN APRIL BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED. COMPARING MAY 1990 WITH MAY 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALY IN MOST SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR MAY 1990 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 823 4820.

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF MAY 1990	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		APR. 90	MAY 89
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.36	*	-1
WEARING APPAREL	4.61	-1	-4
TEXTILES	2.48	-4	-3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.33	+1	+3
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.31	*	-12
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.37	+2	+5
OTHERS	4.14	*	-1

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF MAY 1990

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	APR. 90	MAY 89
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-1	-10
FOOD AND DRINKS	+1	+5
WEARING APPAREL	-1	-9
TEXTILES	-1	-9
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-6	-10
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	*	-13
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-1	-17
OTHERS	-1	*

CONSTRUCTION #	*	-2
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SERVICES	*	+3
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BANKS	+1	+2
HOTELS	-1	-4
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	+2
OTHERS	*	+7

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	AVERAGE	CHANGE WHEN	
	AS IN MAY 1990	APR. 90	MAY 89
-----	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	5,843	+2	+15
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FOOD AND DRINKS	6,358	-6@	+14
WEARING APPAREL	4,673	+6	+13
TEXTILES	5,673	+9	+10
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5,449	+8	+8
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5,735	-6@	+22
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5,701	+1	+16
OTHERS	7,686	*	+16
CONSTRUCTION #	8,390	+5	+17
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SERVICES	9,956	-21	+19
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BANKS	9,718	+3	+18
HOTELS	6,460	+1	+15
PUBLIC UTILITIES	9,749	+9	+21
OTHERS	11,217	-48@	+17

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

@ THE DECREASES WERE MAINLY DUE TO SPECIAL BONUSES BEING ISSUED BY SOME OF THE COMPANIES IN APRIL 1990.

NOTES TO TABLES 1 - 3 : UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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JUNE ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION FIGURE RELEASED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY IN THE COURTS, DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, OF BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION CURRENTLY ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE EPD HAS DECIDED TO MAKE SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE DEPARTMENT MEASURED ITS SUCCESS IN TERMS OF POLLUTION PROBLEMS AVOIDED AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE ENVIRONMENT, NOT BY THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS.

"BUT INEVITABLY, THERE IS A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO, EVEN AFTER ADVICE AND WARNINGS, DO NOT TAKE SERIOUSLY THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SOME CASES, EVEN SIMPLE ONES, MAY TAKE A LONG TIME TO COME BEFORE THE COURT BECAUSE IT WAS OFTEN NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE AND LABORATORY ANALYSES.

ALL OF THIS COULD BE VERY TIME CONSUMING AND AS A RESULT THERE WAS SOMETIMES A LENGTHY TIME GAP BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE OFFENCE AND THE CONVICTION DATE.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE:

NAME (COMPANY)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
MASTER LINK DEVELOPMENT LTD	FORTUNE PLAZA, TAI PO	1.9.89- 5.10.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	1,000	1ST	SHA TIN
FAR EAST POLYFOAM LTD	ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING	13.9.89	APCO: USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN A FUEL RESTRICTION AREA	5,000	1ST	FANLING
TRANS CONTINENTAL PRODUCTS LTD	HENNESSY RD, WAN CHAI	15.9.89- 29.10.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,000	1ST	CENTRAL
CHINA DYEING HOLDINGS LTD	TSUEN KING CIRCUIT, TSUEN WAN	2.10.89- 4.10.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
KWAN KEE	SIU LIK YUEN, SHA TIN	3.10.89	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	1,000	2ND	SHA TIN
RAIN & COAT GARMENT FACTORY LTD	YIP FAT ST, WONG CHUK HANG	20.10.89	APCO: FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANTS	2,000	2ND	CENTRAL
HOI WAN (SZE YAU) RESTAURANT	SHEK PAI WAN RD, ABERDEEN	31.10.89	APCO: FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANTS	5,000	1ST	CENTRAL

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SHRINK STANDARD DYEING & LAUNDRY LTD	FU UK RD, KWAI CHUNG	6.11.89	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
HENRY CLOTHING MFRS. LTD	CASTLE PEAK RD, KWAI CHUNG	20.11.89	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
DIAMOND FABRIC PRINTERS	WANG WO TSAI ST, TSUEN WAN	28.11.89	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
BESTGARY LTD	NATHAN RD, MONG KOK	29.11.89	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
KWAN KEE	SIU LIK YUEN, SHA TIN	6.12.89	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	1,000	3RD	SHA TIN
GAMMON- NISHIMATSU JOINT VENTURE	DIAMOND HILL, WONG TAI SIN	7.1.90	NCO: BREACH PERMIT CONDITION	5,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
GAMMON- NISHIMATSU JOINT VENTURE	SHEUNG YUEN LENG, WONG TAI SIN	7.1.90	NCO: BREACH PERMIT CONDITION	5,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
MANFIELD BUILDING CONTRACTORS LTD	OLD PEAK RD, CENTRAL	14.2.90	NCO: BREACH PERMIT CONDITION	20,000	2ND	WESTERN
PAUL Y. CONSTRUC- TION CO.	OLD PEAK RD, CENTRAL	14.2.90	NCO: BREACH PERMIT CONDITION	20,000	2ND	WESTERN
UNITED CIRCUITS (H.K.) LTD	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	19.2.90	APCO: FAILURE TO ABATE AN AIR POLLUTANT NUISANCE (GENERAL)	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN

/SIMON NATHAN

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SIMON CONSTRUC- TION & ENGINEE- RING CO.	NATHAN RD, MONG KOK	9.3.90	APCO: FAILURE TO ABATE AN AIR POLLUTANT NUISANCE (GENERAL)	1,500	4TH	WESTERN
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ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE, A TOTAL OF 15 PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PLACES AT NIGHT WITH FINES RANGING FROM \$200 TO \$500.

NOTE

APCO: AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE
NCO: NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

AN EPD SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ENFORCEMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE IN JUNK BAY AND PORT SHELTER CONTROL ZONES BECAME EFFECTIVE ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR, MORE PROSECUTION CASES ARE EXPECTED IN THE COMING MONTHS.

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HK A FAVOURED PLACE FOR JAPANESE INVESTORS * * * * *

FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, HONG KONG HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FAVOURED PLACES FOR JAPANESE INVESTORS, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF WINGTAI FOOD MANUFACTURERS LTD AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, MR BARMA SAID JAPANESE COMPANIES PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR, WITH MORE THAN 170 FACTORIES.

JAPAN WAS THE LARGEST OVERSEAS INVESTOR IN 1988 AND RANKED SECOND IN THE TABLE OF OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG, ACCOUNTING FOR 27 PER CENT OF SUCH INVESTMENTS.

MR BARMA SAID THE OPENING OF THE FACTORY OF WINGTAI FOOD MANUFACTURERS LTD WAS ANOTHER EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE CONTINUING JAPANESE INTEREST IN HONG KONG AS AN OFFSHORE MANUFACTURING BASE.

"IT IS ALSO FURTHER EVIDENT THAT JAPANESE COMPANIES ARE INCREASINGLY AWARE OF HONG KONG'S ADVANTAGES AND ATTRACTION FOR INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT," HE ADDED.

A NUMBER OF JAPANESE COMPANIES HAD EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS TO EXPAND THEIR OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID SOME OF THEM WOULD BE MOVING INTO OTHER CLOSELY RELATED OPERATIONS, WHEREAS OTHER INTENDED TO SHIFT FROM TRADITIONAL ASSEMBLY-TYPE OPERATIONS AND DIVERSIFY INTO RELATIVELY SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS OF HIGHER QUALITY.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT BUSINESS DECISIONS ARE BEST LEFT TO BUSINESSMEN.

"SO THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SEEK TO DIRECT WHICH INDUSTRIES SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE DEVELOPED.

"IT LEAVES COMPANIES TO MAKE THEIR DECISIONS BASED ON THEIR OWN FEASIBILITY STUDIES," MR BARMA SAID.

"IN GENERAL, THOSE COMPANIES WHICH HAVE A REASONABLY HIGH LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY, AND WHICH ARE EXPORT-ORIENTED OR PROVIDE SERVICES TO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, ARE ABLE TO OPERATE VERY PROFITABLY IN HONG KONG.

"BUT SOME HAVE FOUND SPECIAL NICHES IN WHICH THEY CAN OPERATE WITH MUCH SUCCESS," HE SAID.

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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION MEETING ON THURSDAY
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THE TWO SIDES OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION HAVE AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION'S 20TH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 19, AT 9.30 AM.

THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS THE AVERAGE COST OF LAND PRODUCTION FOR THE 1990-91 FINANCIAL YEAR.

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1989 ANNUAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS
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QUESTIONNAIRES ON A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC SURVEYS FOR 1989 ARE TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES COVERED:

* INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION;

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- * WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS;
- * BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS;
- * TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES; AND
- * STORAGE, COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES.

"THESE SURVEYS ARE CONDUCTED ANNUALLY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT ECONOMIC STATISTICS FOR ASCERTAINING THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES IN THE ECONOMY, AND FOR ASSESSING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THESE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"RESULTS OF THE SURVEYS WILL BE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED TO SOME 24,000 ESTABLISHMENTS SAMPLED FOR THE 1989 SURVEYS IN APRIL - MAY THIS YEAR.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO THE MANAGERMENTS OF THE SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES WITHOUT DELAY.

"THOSE WHO FAIL TO DO SO MAY BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE.

"EACH QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN SO DESIGNED THAT RESPONDENTS MAY COMPLETE IT THEMSELVES.

"IF NECESSARY, OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE RESPECTIVE SURVEYS, CAN VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES," HE SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS WERE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUPPLY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED IN THESE SURVEYS.

"THE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF RETURNS.

"THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED THEREFORE NEED NOT WAIT FOR THEIR AUDITED ACCOUNTS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THEIR QUESTIONNAIRES," HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE, AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WHICH DID NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE RELEASED.

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UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN YAU MA TEI TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE CERTAIN UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN YAU MA TEI SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURES, PROJECTING FROM THE EXTERNAL WALL OF THE BUILDING, ARE IN THE LIGHT WELL ADJACENT TO THE FLATS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF 482 AND 484 NATHAN ROAD.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 18 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, A CLOSURE ORDER IS REQUIRED BEFORE DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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DB TO DISCUSS MID-LEVELS REDEVELOPMENT IMPACT

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A REPORT BY A WORKING GROUP ON THE IMPACT OF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE MID-LEVELS AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 19).

THE WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD IN MARCH THIS YEAR TO STUDY WHETHER THE EXTENSIVE PRIVATE REDEVELOPMENTS IN THE MID-LEVELS HAVE RESULTED IN INADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

INFORMATION SUCH AS POPULATION DENSITY, TRAFFIC VOLUME, PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES, NUMBER OF SCHOOL PLACES AND CARPARKS ARE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT.

AT THE MEETING, QUESTIONS RELATING TO GOVERNMENT'S MEASURES TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS, THE STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ALLOCATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES TO NON-CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT STUDENTS WILL BE RAISED.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ORGANISING A SPORTS FESTIVAL, A ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AND A CANTONESE OPERA FOR THE ELDERLY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 19) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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DB TO DISCUSS UC CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL, AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 19), DISCUSS THE VARIOUS PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IN THE DISTRICT UNDER ITS FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PLANNED PROVISION OF 12.26 HECTARES OF ADDITIONAL OPEN SPACE IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD.

ANOTHER AGENDA ITEM IS THE PUBLICATION OF THE 1988-91 SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD REPORT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JULY 19) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXAMINE 28 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A PAPER SUMMING UP 730 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THIS QUARTER WILL BE TABLED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

DB TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER 18 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 19).

THESE INCLUDE A MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERNS CARNIVAL, SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND CIVIC EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JULY 19) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.