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NEW METHOD OF ALLOCATING F4 PLACES PROPOSED
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SUBSIDISED FORM 4 PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED UNDER A NEW METHOD WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCALING TEST IF A REVISED PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVING THE OPERATION OF JSEA IS ACCEPTED FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

KEY FEATURES OF THE REVISED PROPOSAL ARE:

- * FROM 1987, ALL SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE JSEA WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT A QUOTA OF THEIR OWN FORM 3 STUDENTS FOR PROMOTION TO FORM 4;
- * THE QUOTA WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOLS' PAST PERFORMANCE IN THE JSEA;
- * ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE JSEA WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE CURRENT PUBLIC SCALING TEST, THUS ELIMINATING THE POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECTS ARISING FROM THE PREPARATION FOR THE TEST; AND
- * CENTRAL ALLOCATION WILL APPLY ONLY TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO PROGRESS TO FORM 4 IN THEIR OWN SCHOOL.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REVISED PROPOSAL WAS DRAWN UP AFTER THE DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS EXPRESSED ON A REPORT PUBLISHED LAST APRIL BY A WORKING PARTY APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW THE JSEA BEFORE IT IS PHASED OUT IN 1991.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DETAILS OF THE REVISED PROPOSAL ARE NOW PUBLISHED IN A PAPER FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION TILL THE END OF DECEMBER.

THE OUTLINE OF THE REVISED PROPOSAL IS AS FOLLOWS:

TOWARDS APRIL EACH YEAR, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE JSEA OF THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT THEY CAN SELECT FOR PROMOTION TO FORM 4. THIS NUMBER OR ELIGIBILITY RATE IS EQUIVALENT TO THE AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF THEIR FORM 3 STUDENTS GIVEN FORM 4 PLACES IN THE JSEA SYSTEM IN THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS. FOR NEW SCHOOLS, THE AVERAGE RATE ATTAINED BY THOSE SCHOOLS WHICH JOINED THE JSEA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS WILL BE TAKEN AS THEIR ELIGIBILITY RATE.

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TOWARDS THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, SCHOOLS WILL DETERMINE THE LIST OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDISED SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION BASED ON THE QUOTA NOTIFIED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THE SELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULT OF APPLICATIONS BY ANY VOCATIONALLY INCLINED STUDENTS FOR POST-FORM 3 PLACES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO CANNOT BE GIVEN FORM 4 PLACES IN THEIR OWN SCHOOL DUE TO LIMITED VACANCIES WILL BE CENTRALLY ALLOCATED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE JSEA SCALING TEST WILL BE ABOLISHED AND PRIORITY OF CENTRAL ALLOCATION WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE STUDENTS' INTERNAL ASSESSMENT RESULTS SCALED ACCORDING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION (SSPA) SCORES. RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT SSPA SCORES CAN BE USED RELIABLY TO SCALE FORM 3 INTERNAL ASSESSMENT RESULTS. PARENTAL CHOICE WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION.

THROUGH THE SAME PROCESS, STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE ELIGIBILITY QUOTAS OF THEIR SCHOOLS WILL BE ALLOCATED IN DESCENDING ORDER OF MERIT TO ANY REMAINING FORM 4 PLACES.

THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE REVISED PROPOSAL SHOULD BE ABLE TO LEAD SMOOTHLY TO THE NEW PLACEMENT SYSTEM RECOMMENDED BY THE JSEA REVIEW WORKING PARTY FOR IMPLEMENTATION FROM 1991.

APART FROM EXPLAINING THE PROPOSED NEW METHOD OF ALLOCATION, THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PAPER ALSO CONTAINS A SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC REACTION TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE JSEA REVIEW WORKING PARTY. IT SHOWS THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON LIGHTENING THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD OF SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON CAREERS AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION RECEIVED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT.

HOWEVER, THE PROPOSAL FOR ALLOWING ONLY CERTAIN SYMMETRICAL SCHOOLS TO SELECT THEIR OWN STUDENTS FOR PROMOTION TO FORM 4 MET WITH CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION. THE PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE CLASS STRUCTURE OF SYMMETRICAL AND ASYMMETRICAL SCHOOLS WAS FAVOURED BY A SLIGHT MAJORITY. OVER TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE WHO COMMENTED ON THE NEW PLACEMENT SYSTEM IN AND AFTER 1991 SUPPORTED IT.

COPIES OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PAPER IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH HAVE BEEN SENT TO EDUCATIONAL BODIES AND ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS. FURTHER COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT DISTRICT OFFICES, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND ALL ITS SUB-OFFICES.

COMMENTS ON THE REVISED PROPOSAL SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (JSEA) BY DECEMBER 31 AT THE JSEA SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE, 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, FOURTH FLOOR, HONG KONG.

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HONG KONG-CANADA TEXTILE TALKS END

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BILATERAL TEXTILE TALKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA FINISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) WITHOUT REACHING ANY CONCLUSION, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED.

THE PURPOSE OF THE TALKS WAS TO NEGOTIATE THE NEW BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT TO REPLACE THE CURRENT AGREEMENT, WHICH EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 1986.

THE TALKS WERE HELD IN HONG KONG AND BEGAN ON MONDAY. THEY FOLLOWED AN INITIAL ROUND HELD IN HONG KONG IN JUNE AND A SECOND ROUND IN CANADA IN SEPTEMBER.

COMMENTING ON THE TALKS, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN SOME AREAS. BUT CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES REMAINED OVER THE GROWTH PROVISIONS WHICH SHOULD APPLY IN ANY NEW AGREEMENT AND OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS REMAINED TO BE RESOLVED.

A FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS HAS BEEN PROVISIONALLY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN VANCOUVER, STARTING NOVEMBER 20.

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ACTION PROGRAMME TO LAUNCH FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

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THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN EDINBURGH PLACE, CENTRAL, ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 26) TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE HIGH FIRE RISK IN THE COMING WINTER MONTHS.

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME BEGINS AT 2 PM WHEN FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL OPENING BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, FIREMEN WILL PERFORM A SERIES OF RESCUE DEMONSTRATIONS.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS COVER SELF-RESCUE JUMPS FROM A TURNTABLE LADDER ON TO AN AIR-FILLED RESCUE CUSHION, RESCUE OF INJURED PERSONS TRAPPED UNDER A VEHICLE WITH AIR-LIFTING BAGS, AND CUTTING OF CONCRETE SLABS AND METAL RODS FOR BREAK-IN RESCUES.

OTHER ITEMS OF FIRE SERVICES EQUIPMENT ON SHOW TO THE PUBLIC INCLUDE FIRE ENGINES AND AMBULANCES.

THE PUBLIC WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO BOARD A FIRE BOAT AT QUEEN'S PIER TO SEE ITS FIRE FIGHTING INSTALLATIONS.

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COLOURFUL INFORMATIVE LEAFLETS, A 1987 CALENDAR CARD AND USEFUL GIVEAWAY ITEMS DONATED BY THE KWONG ON BANK LTD WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE VENUE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID THAT IT WAS HOPED VISITORS TO THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY WOULD HELP SPREAD THE FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGE AMONG FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.

+SPECIAL EMPHASIS IS PLACED IN THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON THE DANGER OF SMOKE AS IT IS A KNOWN FACT THAT MOST FIRE VICTIMS DIED OF SUFFOCATION OR TOXICATION RATHER THAN BURNS,+ HE ADDED.

A MEDIA PUBLICITY PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTING THE FACT THAT SMOKE KILLS HAS BEEN PRODUCED AND PUBLICITY MATERIAL WILL BE RELEASED THROUGHOUT THE FIRE DANGER SEASON TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE NEED TO BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES TELEVISION AND RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, POSTERS AND LEAFLETS. A SERIES OF MINI FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS CONTAINING INFORMATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON GENERAL AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION WILL ALSO BE HELD ON COMING SUNDAYS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT EDINBURGH PLACE ON SUNDAY. THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 2 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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POLLUTION TO BE TACKLED ON BROAD FRONT

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POLLUTION MUST BE TACKLED ON A BROAD FRONT, GIVING PRIORITY TO SAFEGUARDING HUMAN HEALTH WHILE AT THE SAME TIME DOING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO COMBAT THOSE FORMS OF POLLUTION THAT GIVE RISE TO MOST PUBLIC COMPLAINT AND DISSATISFACTION, THE DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, DR STUART REED, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

DR REED OUTLINED HIS DEPARTMENT'S APPROACH TO POLLUTION WHEN SPEAKING TO A LUNCHEON MEETING ON THE SUBJECT OF MANAGING HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT.

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HE EXPLAINED THAT PUBLIC COMPLAINTS WERE USUALLY AIMED AT THE POLLUTION THAT COULD BE SEEN, SMELT OR HEARD. HOWEVER, THE POLLUTION THAT WAS MOST INJURIOUS TO HEALTH USUALLY WENT LARGELY UNNOTICED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

+CLEARLY, THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME MUST ADDRESS BOTH ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

DR REED HIGHLIGHTED WATER POLLUTION AS A MAJOR PROBLEM AREA, AND SAID THAT THERE WERE STILL TOO MANY WATER POLLUTION BLACKSPOTS.

THIS SITUATION EXISTED EVEN THOUGH ALMOST 90 PER CENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG WERE SERVED BY A SEWAGE SYSTEM AND THERE WERE AT PRESENT 20 PLANTS PROVIDING SOME DEGREE OF SEWAGE TREATMENT WITH 27 MORE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION.

+SINCE ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY IN APRIL THIS YEAR FOR THE PLANNING OF SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TAKING A FRESH LOOK AT THE EXISTING SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

+AS A RESULT, A MAJOR STUDY WILL BE LAUNCHED IN JANUARY 1987 TO CREATE A MASTER SEWERAGE PLAN FOR ONE OF THE BLACKSPOTS - EAST KOWLOON.

+THIS STUDY WILL ADDRESS ALSO THE QUESTION OF EXPEDIENT CONNECTIONS OF FOUL WATER DRAINS TO SURFACE WATER DRAINS, WHICH APPEARS TO BE A WIDESPREAD PROBLEM THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.+

DR REED SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLACED ON A MORE STRATEGIC FOOTING COMPARABLE WITH THE PLANS DEVELOPED FOR DISPOSING OF SOLID WASTES INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

+ALTOGETHER, SEWERAGE, ITS TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL WILL REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF MY DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION IN THE COMING MONTHS AND YEARS AND I FEEL THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR A MUCH HIGHER LEVEL OF PUBLIC INVESTMENT THAN IN THE PAST IN THIS PARTICULAR FACET OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE,+ HE ADDED.

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QUEEN SENDS CONDOLENCE MESSAGES

THE QUEEN HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF MARSHAL YE JIANYING:

TO PRESIDENT LI XIANNIAN:

I HAVE LEARNED WITH GREAT REGRET OF THE DEATH OF HIS EXCELLENCY MARSHAL YE JIANYING AFTER A LONG LIFE OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY. PRINCE PHILIP AND I SEND OUR DEEP CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY.

TO GOVERNOR YE XUANPING OF GUANGDONG PROVINCE:

PRINCE PHILIP AND I WERE MUCH SADDENED BY THE NEWS OF YOUR FATHER'S DEATH. MARSHAL YE JIANYING'S LOSS WILL BE FELT PARTICULARLY KEENLY BY THE PEOPLE OF GUANGDONG, WHO WERE SO KIND TO US DURING OUR RECENT VISIT. PLEASE PASS OUR SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AS YOU MOURN HIS PASSING.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER

THE STRONG GROWTH IN EXTERNAL TRADE CONTINUED IN SEPTEMBER 1986. THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1986, AT \$13 940 MILLION, GREW BY 27.0 PER CENT OR \$2 964 MILLION COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1985, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 34.3 PER CENT OR \$2 845 MILLION TO \$11 131 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, AT \$25 071 MILLION, WAS 30.2 PER CENT OR \$5 809 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1985. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 28.8 PER CENT OR \$5 242 MILLION OVER SEPTEMBER 1985 TO REACH \$23 451 MILLION.

AS THE GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS FASTER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, A LARGER VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS, EQUIVALENT TO 6.9 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER 1986, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF 5.8 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 1985.

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PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1986 WAS \$193 739 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$108 382 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$85 357 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1985, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$20 149 MILLION OR 11.6 PER CENT, OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$13 440 MILLION OR 14.2 PER CENT, AND OF RE-EXPORTS BY \$6 709 MILLION OR 8.5 PER CENT.

OVER THIS PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$25 482 MILLION OR 15.1 PER CENT, TO \$194 439 MILLION.

AS THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW AT A FASTER RATE THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE GAP OF 0.4 PER CENT WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1986, COMPARED WITH A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS EQUIVALENT TO 2.7 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1985.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT RECOVERY IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS HAS GATHERED MOMENTUM IN THE RECENT MONTHS. ONE CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR WAS THE IMPROVED DEMAND FOR HONG KONG'S PRODUCTS IN SOME OF THE MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS.

THE DEPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR, IN LINE WITH THAT OF THE U.S. DOLLAR UNDER THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM, AGAINST MOST MAJOR CURRENCIES HAS ALSO HELPED.

HE ADDED THAT THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO INCREASE SHARPLY IN SEPTEMBER. THIS, IN PART, REFLECTED CHINA'S EFFORTS IN PROMOTING ITS EXPORTS, RESULTING IN MORE CHINESE GOODS BEING CHANNELLED THROUGH HONG KONG TO THE OVERSEAS MARKETS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1986:

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS :	\$13 940 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS :	\$11 131 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS :	\$25 071 MILLION
	IMPORTS :	\$23 451 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE :	\$1 620 MILLION (IN SURPLUS)

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LATEST 3 MONTHS	JUL 86 TO SEP 86 HK\$ MN.	JUL 85 TO SEP 85 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
			HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	43 008	34 535	8 473	24.5
RE-EXPORTS	32 325	26 006	6 319	24.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	75 333	60 541	14 792	24.4
IMPORTS	71 105	56 185	14 920	26.6
TRADE BALANCE	4 228	4 356	-128	
SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	SEP 86 HK\$ MN.	SEP 85 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
			HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	13 940 (55.6%)	10 976 (57.0%)	2 964	27.0
RE-EXPORTS	11 131	8 286	2 845	34.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	25 071	19 262	5 809	30.2
IMPORTS	23 451	18 209	5 242	28.8
TRADE BALANCE	1 620	1 053	567	
LAST MONTH	SEP 86 HK\$ MN.	AUG 86 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
			HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	13 940 (55.6%)	14 798 (58.2%)	-858	-5.8
RE-EXPORTS	11 131	10 630	501	4.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	25 071	25 428	-357	-1.4
IMPORTS	23 451	23 495	-44	-0.2
TRADE BALANCE	1 620	1 933	-313	

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CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-SEP 1986	JAN-SEP 1985	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	108 382 (55.9%)	94 942 (54.7%)	13 440	14.2
RE-EXPORTS	85 357	78 648	6 709	8.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	193 739	173 590	20 149	11.6
IMPORTS	194 439	168 957	25 482	15.1
TRADE BALANCE	-700	4 633	-5 333	
	OCT 85 TO SEP 86	OCT 84 TO SEP 85	INCREASE	
LAST 12 MONTHS	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	143 321	130 990	12 331	9.4
RE-EXPORTS	111 980	103 570	8 410	8.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	255 301	234 560	20 741	8.8
IMPORTS	256 902	229 256	27 646	12.1
TRADE BALANCE	-1 601	5 304	-6 905	

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1986. THE NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) (OCTOBER 84-SEPTEMBER 85 = 100) FOR SEPTEMBER 1986 WERE 104.6 AND 104.9 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT.

THE 1979-80-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR SEPTEMBER 1986 WERE 165.3 AND 166.6 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 1.5 PER CENT AND 2.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER SEPTEMBER 1985. COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986, CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 0.6 PER CENT.

/THE AVERAGE

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 1986, AT 162.9 AND 164.0 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 2.7 PER CENT AND 3.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 1985.

PRICE MOVEMENTS DESCRIBED BELOW ARE BASED ON THE NEW CPI SERIES.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 1986, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.2 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING SEPTEMBER, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT, FRESH VEGETABLES, JEWELLERY, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED. RENTS FOR SOME PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DWELLINGS ALSO WENT UP.

THE NEW CPI(A) AND THE NEW CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE NEW CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2 000 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6 500 AND \$9 999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1986 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	NEW CPI(A)		NEW CPI(B)	
	INDEX FOR SEPT. 86	% CHANGE OVER AUG. 86	INDEX FOR SEP. 86	% CHANGE OVER AUG. 86
FOODSTUFFS	102.6	+0.4	102.9	+0.4
HOUSING	106.5	+1.6	105.4	+1.0
FUEL AND LIGHT	88.5	-0.5	89.1	-0.6
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	110.1	-0.1	109.8	-0.1
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	107.1	+1.0	108.2	+1.1
DURABLE GOODS	106.5	+0.6	105.8	+0.8
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	106.1	+1.6	106.7	+1.5

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TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	107.3	+0.5	106.6	+0.5
SERVICES	109.9	+0.3	109.4	+0.3
ALL ITEMS	104.6	+0.6	104.9	+0.6

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT, FRESH VEGETABLES AND LIVE POULTRY, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF PORK AND SALT-WATER FISH. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.0 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE DWELLINGS AND SOME HOUSING AUTHORITY GROUP A ESTATES.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT DECREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.6 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF THE DOWNWARD FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR TOWNGAS.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.1 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING AND MEN'S FOOTWEAR.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.8 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF TRAVEL GOODS AND ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND SCHOOL BUS FARES AS WELL AS HIGHER DRIVING INSTRUCTORS' FEES.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.)

/MORE DETAILS

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR SEPTEMBER 1986, AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1904, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDELL STREET, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF MM. WORMS FAR EAST AND ASSOCIATES LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986.

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FOUR ELECTED TO LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD

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FOUR EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNION MEMBERS WERE ELECTED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO SIT ON THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD FOR TWO YEARS FROM 1987.

THEY WERE:

MR CHENG YIU-TONG	-	129 VOTES
MR WONG WAI-HUNG	-	124 VOTES
MS LI FUNG-YING	-	121 VOTES
MR CHAN YUN-CHE	-	113 VOTES

OF THE 260 REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' UNIONS ENROLLED FOR THE ELECTION, 255 CAST THEIR VOTES.

OF THE 255 VOTES CAST, TWO WERE DECLARED VOID.

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THE ELECTION WAS HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL IN KOWLOON UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, MR ALFRED CHAN, WHO IS AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE VOTES WERE COUNTED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTORS AND WITNESSED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS.

THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD IS A NON-STATUTORY TRIPARTITE BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON LABOUR MATTERS, INCLUDING LEGISLATION AND THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

IT COMPRISES SIX EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES AND SIX EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES, WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AS CHAIRMAN.

FOUR OF THE EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED BY REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS AND THE OTHER TWO ARE DIRECTLY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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TEACHERS SOUGHT FOR NEW TECHNICAL INSTITUTE * * * * *

TECHNICAL PERSONNEL WITH RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS AND WORKING EXPERIENCE ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR POSTS AS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TEACHERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE COUNCIL WILL REQUIRE ABOUT 80 ADDITIONAL TEACHING STAFF FOR THE CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHEN IT OPENS IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE INSTITUTE WILL RUN A TOTAL OF 72 COURSES FOR ABOUT 7 200 STUDENTS IN DEPARTMENTS OF APPLIED SCIENCE, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, COMPUTER STUDIES, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SCIENCE IS A NEW DISCIPLINE ORGANISED ONLY IN THE CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. IT COVERS SPECIALISED COURSES SUCH AS CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY, FOOD TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND DISPENSING STUDIES.

NEW COURSES IN SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT, IMPORT-EXPORT STUDIES, DISTRIBUTIVE STUDIES, STORE SUPERVISION AND OFFICE RECEPTION WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AROUND MAY NEXT YEAR.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR JOB APPLICATIONS IS NOVEMBER 8.

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LAND OFFICE REVISING FEES FOR SERVICES
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NEW FEES ARE BEING INTRODUCED FOR THE COMPUTERISED SERVICE TO BE ADOPTED IN THE LAND OFFICE FROM NOVEMBER 1.

THE OPPORTUNITY HAS ALSO BEEN TAKEN TO REVISE OTHER FEES CHARGED IN THE LAND OFFICE AND TO DELETE FEES FOR SERVICES NO LONGER PROVIDED.

FULL DETAILS OF THE LAND REGISTRATION FEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS AND THE LAND REGISTRATION (NEW TERRITORIES) FEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL EARLIER THIS MONTH AND WHICH ALSO COME INTO FORCE ON NOVEMBER 1, ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LAND OFFICE AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

ANY INCREASES ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL POLICY THAT FEES SHOULD RECOVER COSTS.

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EXEMPTIONS MADE IN LAND SEARCH FEES
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AN INCREASED SEARCH FEE TO BE CHARGED BY THE LAND OFFICE FROM NOVEMBER 1 WILL NOT AFFECT FLAT OWNERS WHO APPROACH THE LAND OFFICE FOR DETAILS IN CONNECTION WITH FORMATION OF AN OWNERS' CORPORATION.

AMENDING REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). THEY ARE THE LAND REGISTRATION FEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986 AND THE LAND REGISTRATION (NEW TERRITORIES) FEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986.

THE PRESENT \$5 FEE FOR SEARCHING FOR PARTICULARS OF A PROPERTY IN THE URBAN AREA WILL BE REVISED TO \$10 FROM NOVEMBER 1.

HOWEVER, A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID THAT LAND OFFICE SEARCH FEES IN CASES WHERE THE SEARCH WAS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMATION OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS WOULD BE WAIVED.

HE SAID THAT THE EXEMPTION WAS AN INDICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR FORMATION OF SUCH BODIES WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING MANAGEMENT IN PRIVATE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

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THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT AS A FIRST STEP TO FORMING AN OWNERS' CORPORATION FLAT OWNERS HAD TO CONVENE A MEETING WITH THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF THE BUILDING TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. +THEY INVARIABLY RELY ON LAND OFFICE RECORDS FOR INFORMATION ON OWNERSHIP,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO ENSURE THAT THE EXEMPTION WAS GRANTED ONLY IN APPROPRIATE CASES, ORGANISERS WHO WISHED TO BE EXEMPTED SHOULD APPROACH THE RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICER WHO, SUBJECT TO HIS BEING SATISFIED THAT THE CASE WAS GENUINE, WOULD ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO THAT EFFECT. THE LAND OFFICER WOULD THEN WAIVE THE FEE UPON PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE.

THE COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF WAIVING SEARCH FEES WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$130 000 A YEAR AT THE REVISED RATE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MINI FIRE APPLIANCES FOR ISLANDS * * * * *

SIX MINI FIRE APPLIANCES, THE SMALLEST SUCH VEHICLES IN THE TERRITORY, WILL GO INTO SERVICE ON OFF-SHORE ISLANDS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE VEHICLES ARE 2.94 METRES LONG AND 1.2 METRES WIDE. THEY COST \$110 000 EACH.

FROM OCTOBER 28, TWO WILL BE STATIONED ON CHEUNG CHAU, TWO ON PENG CHAU, AND TWO AT TAI O ON LANTAU.

POWERED BY A 406 CC ENGINE, THE JAPANESE-MADE VEHICLES HAVE A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 25 KILOMETRES PER HOUR, AND A RANGE OF 150 KILOMETRES. THEY CAN CARRY A LOAD OF 500 KILOGRAMS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE APPLIANCES, WHICH CARRY ALL BASIC EQUIPMENT, WERE SPECIALLY ORDERED FOR CLIMBING STEEP LANES AND PASSING THROUGH NARROW PATHS ON OFF-SHORE ISLANDS.

HE EXPLAINED HOW THE MINI APPLIANCES WOULD OPERATE IN PAIRS ON THE ISLANDS.

+ONE APPLIANCE WILL BE USED AS A PUMP MODE -- EQUIPPED WITH A PUMP, A 6.5-METRE LADDER, NOZZLES AND HOSES. THE OTHER ONE WILL BE A RESCUE MODE -- CONTAINING BREATHING APPARATUS SETS, A RESUSCITATION SET, AND CUTTING EQUIPMENT,+ HE SAID.

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ROAD SAFETY DAY IN TAI PO TOMORROW
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A ROAD SAFETY DAY TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE ON THE SAFE USE OF ROADS IN TAI PO WILL BE HELD AT THE DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE EVENT ALSO MARKS THE LAUNCHING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR.

THE CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THIS YEAR'S THEMES IN THE DISTRICT - CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, WITH RESIDENTS OVER 60 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGSTERS BELOW 15 BEING THE MAJOR TARGET GROUPS.

PROGRAMMES OF THE ROAD SAFETY DAY INCLUDE A ROAD SAFETY QUIZ CONDUCTED BY DISC JOCKEYS FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, A MINI-ROAD SAFETY TOWN, COMPUTER GAMES, GAMES STALLS AND AN EXHIBITION ON ROAD SAFETY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO WINNERS OF A RECENTLY-HELD SELECTION OF MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANISSA WONG, THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR J.F. GREENE, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, DR STEPHEN TANG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG HOK-MING.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING MONTHS INCLUDE ROAD SAFETY DAYS AT THE KWONG FUK COMMUNITY HALL AND THE TAI YUEN COMMUNITY HALL; CYCLING SAFETY DAYS TO BE HELD AT TAI MEI TUK IN NOVEMBER AND AT THE CYCLE TRACK ALONG THE TOLO HIGHWAY IN DECEMBER; MINI-EXHIBITIONS CUM GAMES AT SCHOOLS IN TAI PO AND TALKS AT HOMES FOR THE AGED IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TAI PO ROAD SAFETY DAY AT 10 AM TOMORROW AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET.

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TAXI FARE PLATE GETS NEW DESIGN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED TAXI OPERATORS THAT A NEW FARE PLATE SHOULD BE DISPLAYED IN THEIR VEHICLES FROM NOVEMBER 1.

TAXI OPERATORS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE NEW FARE PLATES ARE SECURED TO THE INTERIOR PANEL OF THE REAR LEFT DOOR.

THE NEW PLATE WILL BE YELLOW IN COLOUR AND THE DATA ON FARES PRINTED IN BLACK. THE USE OF EASILY ERASABLE INK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

THE WORDS +HONG KONG DOLLARS+ SHOULD BE IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT AND THE REGISTRATION MARK OF THE VEHICLE MUST ALSO BE SHOWN.

AT PRESENT, TAXI OPERATORS ARE ADVISED TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW MEASURE VOLUNTARILY. BUT ONCE AMENDMENTS TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE) REGULATION ARE MADE, IT WILL BE MANDATORY FOR TAXI OPERATORS TO DISPLAY THE REVISED PLATES AT THE SPECIFIED POSITION IN TAXIS.

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THREE HK ISLAND SITES UP FOR AUCTION
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A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD AND BRAEMAR HILL ROAD IN NORTH POINT IS ONE OF THREE HONG KONG ISLAND SITES TO BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION ON NOVEMBER 19 BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE SITE, INLAND LOT NO. 8656, COVERS ABOUT 15 380 SQUARE METRES.

UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 46 200 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1992.

ANOTHER SITE, SHAU KEI WAN INLAND LOT NO. 800, IS AT 20 NAM ON STREET. IT COVERS 322.1 SQUARE METRES.

A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 1 760 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE DEVELOPED BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1989.

THE SITE IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL, EXCLUDING GODOWN, DEVELOPMENT.

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THE THIRD SITE IS AT 34 NEW MARKET STREET, IN SHEUNG WAN.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 220 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE 132.9-SQUARE-METRE SITE BEFORE THE END OF 1989.

THE SITE IS ALSO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL, EXCLUDING GODOWN, PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

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HUNG HOM PREMISES TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS TO LET BY TENDER THE GROUND FLOOR AND COCKLOFT OF A BUILDING AT 80 WUHU STREET, HUNG HOM.

THE PREMISES, MEASURING ABOUT 136 SQUARE METRES, ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL, EXCLUDING GODOWN, USAGE.

THE TENANCIES ARE FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE MONTHLY AFTERWARDS. CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 21.

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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TEAM TO GET HK FLAG

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, WILL PRESENT THE HONG KONG FLAG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO THE HONG KONG TEAM WHICH WILL TAKE PART IN THE SECOND ASIAN PACIFIC DISTRICT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR THE DEAF IN KYOTO, JAPAN.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM AT NOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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FREE CHECK-UPS FOR TO KWA WAN RESIDENTS
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FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL CHECKS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS OF TO KWA WAN NORTH AREA AT A HEALTH AND EXHIBITION DAY ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 26).

THE SERVICES -- INCLUDING CONSULTATION, BLOOD PRESSURE TESTS, AND BLOOD AND URINE TESTS -- WILL BE PROVIDED VOLUNTARILY BY DOCTORS, NURSES, AND RED CROSS MEMBERS.

THE DENTAL CHECKS WILL BE GIVEN BY A DENTIST.

AT THE SAME TIME, AN EXHIBITION ON NUTRITION, FAMILY HEALTH CARE, AND THE EFFECTS OF CIGARETTE SMOKING ON HEALTH WILL BE STAGED FOR RESIDENTS.

THE EXHIBITION, SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TO KWA WAN NORTH AREA COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, IS AIMED AT EDUCATING RESIDENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING GOOD HEALTH.

THE HEALTH AND EXHIBITION DAY WILL BE HELD AT THE EMMANUEL CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 36-38 SHING TAK STREET, TO KWA WAN FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TO KWA WAN NORTH AREA HEALTH AND EXHIBITION DAY ON SUNDAY FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM AT THE EMMANUEL CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL, 36-38 SHING TAK STREET, TO KWA WAN.

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YUEN LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL STARTS TOMORROW
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ABOUT 5 000 CHILDREN IN YUEN LONG ARE EXPECTED TO BE TREATED TO A DAY OF FUN AT A CARNIVAL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS FESTIVAL.

APART FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF SPORT-ORIENTATED EVENTS SUCH AS TELEMATCHES, POTTED GAMES, THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE A GYMNASTICS DISPLAY BY MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION, WHO PERFORMED FOR THE QUEEN AT THE COLISEUM ON TUESDAY.

/OFFICIATING AT

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN WONG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN, AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SPORTS FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MADAME LEUNG SING-TAK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL AND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YUEN LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM, YUEN LONG TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

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SOUTHERN YOUTH CHOIR TO GIVE CONCERT
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN EVENING OF WESTERN FOLK SONGS BY THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH CHOIR ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 26).

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR FOLKSONG NIGHT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF ABERDEEN CIVIC CENTRE, 203 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

ADMISSION IS FREE AS THE CONCERT HAS BEEN SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE +GOLDEN OLDIES+ SUCH AS +AMAZING GRACE+ AND +BLOWING IN THE WIND+. THERE WILL BE BOTH SOLO AND GROUP PERFORMANCES.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR WAS FORMED IN 1983 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD. THE 80 MEMBERS PRACTICE REGULARLY AND HAVE ALSO FORMED A ROCK BAND.

THE CHOIR GAVE SIX CONCERTS LAST YEAR, AND IN AUGUST THIS YEAR GAVE A CONCERT FEATURING CHINESE FOLK SONGS.

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MORE ROADWORKS IN SHEK WU HUI
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WORK WILL START SOON ON BUILDING A NUMBER OF ROADS AND DRAINS IN SHEK WU HUI FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$62.8 MILLION CONTRACT YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF DISTRIBUTOR ROAD WILL BE PROVIDED TO LINK UP WITH FANLING BYPASS, AND TWO KILOMETRES OF INTERNAL ROAD WILL BE BUILT IN KAI LENG AND NG UK TSUEN.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT ARE A BUS TERMINUS, TWO CARPARKS, THREE PEDESTRIAN-CYCLIST SUBWAYS AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING WORKS.

THE ROADS WILL PROVIDE VEHICULAR ACCESS AND STORMWATER AND SEWER DRAINAGE TO A PROPOSED PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FLATS AND LAND FOR EVENTUAL GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION USE IN THE AREA.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 20 MONTHS.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO HARBOUR CONSTRUCTION LIMITED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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SCOUTS BAND SHOWS 'BEATING RETREAT' TALENT
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A GROUP OF TRAINING CENTRE INMATES DEMONSTRATED THEIR TALENT THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING AT AN IMPRESSIVE +BEATING RETREAT+ TO MARK THE SETTING UP OF THE 221ST GROUP OF HONG KONG ISLAND SCOUT BAND.

THE NEW BAND OF 50 MEMBERS, ALL INMATES OF THE CAPE COLLINSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, ARE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 21, AND EITHER PLAY PIPES AND DRUMS OR BRASS INSTRUMENTS.

THE CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT STANLEY AND THE OCCASION ALSO MARKED THE INAUGURATION OF THE GROUP'S SCOUT COUNCIL.

MR LAU HON-WAH AND MR HERMAN HUI HAVE BEEN INVITED TO BE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE 25-MEMBER COUNCIL WHICH MANAGES THE FOUR-MONTH-OLD SCOUT GROUP.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ALSO INCLUDE TWO PARENTS OF THE INMATE SCOUTS AND 19 CORRECTIONAL STAFF TRAINED BY THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION.

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SPEAKING AT THE COUNCIL'S INAUGURATION DINNER AFTER THE +BEATING RETREAT+ CEREMONY, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, DESCRIBED SCOUTING AND CORRECTIVE TRAINING AS +COMPATIBLE PROGRAMMES+, AND +INTERACTION OF THESE WOULD ENHANCE THE CORRECTION OF YOUNG OFFENDERS.+

MR CHAN THANKED THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF SCOUTS, MR CHAU CHAM-SON, AND HIS SUBORDINATES FOR SETTING UP AND RUNNING OF THE 221ST GROUP.

HE ALSO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO MR LAU AND MR HUI FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SCOUT GROUP.

MEMBERS OF THE GROUP HAD INCREASED FROM ABOUT 70 TO MORE THAN 120, IT NOW INCLUDES A BAND, A SCOUT TEAM AND TWO VENTURE SCOUT TEAMS.

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JOINT SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION ON
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A JOINT SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT IS ON DISPLAY UNTIL SUNDAY (OCTOBER 26).

THE EXHIBITION FEATURES WORKS OF MORE THAN 1 000 STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WHO PORTRAY THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH CARTOONS, TAPES, SLIDES, PHOTOGRAPHS, MODELS, ESSAY AND SCRAP BOOKS.

THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 10 AM AND 8 PM AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL.

MORE THAN 1 000 STUDENTS HAVE SEEN THE EXHIBITION SINCE IT WAS OPENED ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 20).

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXHIBITION, SCHOOLS RECEIVED SOME SUBSIDY FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND WERE GIVEN FIVE MONTHS TO WORK ON THEIR PROJECTS WHICH COVERED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION - FROM CULTIVATING INDIVIDUAL MORAL TO THE STUDY OF DISTRICT PROBLEMS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

IN A PROJECT ENTITLED +PEOPLE NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN+, A SCHOOL GAVE AN ACCOUNT ON REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT. OTHER SCHOOLS INTRODUCED THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES, AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

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THE TANG SHIU KIN PRIMARY SCHOOL, USING SLIDES AND EXHIBITION BOARDS, GAVE A COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF HOW SOUTHERN DISTRICT IS SERVED BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND THEIR ADEQUACY. THE PROJECT ALSO COVERED ROAD PROJECTS, ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE, THE WONG CHUK HANG CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL USED A SET OF SLIDES RECORDING A SCHOOL OUTING TO INTRODUCE THE ABERDEEN RESERVOIR'S NATURE TRAIL, EXPLAINING WAYS TO MAKE USE OF ITS FACILITIES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

IN ADDITION, SEVEN SCHOOLS WHICH ATTENDED A SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING EARLIER THIS MONTH EXHIBITED ESSAYS ASSESSING THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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WINNING DRAWINGS, PHOTOS GO ON DISPLAY
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ABOUT 100 DRAWINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LIFE IN HONG KONG WILL BE FEATURED IN A THREE-DAY DISPLAY AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY). ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE EXHIBITS ARE THE WINNING AND OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN DRAWING AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE EAST AREA COMMITTEE LAST MONTH.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE DRAWING COMPETITION WERE REQUIRED TO FOCUS ON +LIVING IN HONG KONG+ WHILE THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION CENTRED ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE YAU MA TEI EAST AREA.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR LEUNG MAN-BUN.

THE EXHIBITION WILL ALSO BE STAGED IN THE CHINESE YMCA AT WATERLOO ROAD FROM OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 2, FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AT 3 PM TOMORROW AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

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CIVIC EDUCATION FORUM FOR TEACHERS ORGANISED
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A SOUTHERN DISTRICT FORUM ON THE THEORY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CIVIC EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS WILL BE HELD FROM 9 AM TO NOON TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE PUI TAK CANOSSIAN COLLEGE IN ABERDEEN.

THE FORUM IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.

TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS OF MORE THAN 50 PRIMARY, SECONDARY, POST-SECONDARY, TECHNICAL AND PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FORUM.

THE REV LUKE TSUI AND MR PANG KING-CHI OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL SPEAK ON VARYING ASPECTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION. CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, MR JOSEPH CHAN, WILL HOST A DISCUSSION SESSION AFTERWARDS.

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

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION FORUM TOMORROW AT PUI TAK CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, 200 PEEL RISE, NEAR ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD.

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RESTRICTED ZONES AT AIRPORT
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 27), TWO ROAD SECTIONS AT THE AIRPORT WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES 24 HOURS DAILY. THEY ARE:

- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE OF THE WESTERN SECTION OF AIRPORT DRIVE NO. 5; AND
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE OF THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF AIRPORT DRIVE NO. 5.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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Royal Visit.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1986

DUKE LEAVES AFTER BRIEF VISIT * * * * *

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH LEFT HONG KONG FOR CANTON THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON AFTER HIS BRIEF BUT BUSY VISIT TO THE TERRITORY.

HE IS VISITING CHINA IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND.

THE DUKE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE; THE AIDE-DE-CAMP, MR PAUL COLLIER; CHAIRMAN OF WORLD WILDLIFE FUND HONG KONG, DR PHILIP KWOK; CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECTS COMMITTEE, WWF HONG KONG, DR KEN SEARLE, THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, SIR MARK HEATH; AND THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR JOHN CHAN.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE DUKE VISITED THE FUTIEN NATURE RESERVE ACROSS THE BORDER FROM THE MAI PO MARSHES, WHERE HE SAW AN EXHIBITION STAGED BY THE WWF FOR NATURE HONG KONG.

AFTER THE VISIT THE DUKE LEFT FOR MAN KAM TO WHERE HE BOARDED A HELICOPTER FOR THE AIRPORT.

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