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COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES BILL PUBLISHED

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THE COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES BILL 1987, WHICH SETS OUT A NEW PROCEDURE FOR THE TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSALS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF A WHITE BILL FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE BILL MAY WRITE TO THE "LEGCO AD HOC GROUP TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES BILL", OMELCO, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, 8 JACKSON ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE CONSULTATION PERIOD WILL LAST SIX WEEKS UNTIL JANUARY 21, 1988.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL WAS BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S "SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE PROSECUTION AND TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES" UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HON PETER C. WONG.

"IT SEEKS TO IMPLEMENT THOSE SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE MANNER IN WHICH TRIALS OF SUCH CRIMES ARE CONDUCTED.

"THE LENGTH AND COMPLEXITY OF SOME COMMERCIAL CRIME CASES AND THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THEIR TRIAL ARE A MATTER OF CONCERN AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE INITIATIVES IN THE BILL WILL LEAD TO A SAVING IN THE TIME AND EXPENSE OF COMMITTALS, AND TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES BY THE JURY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAJOR AREA FOR REFORM RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY PREPARATORY HEARINGS.

"THE TRIAL WILL COMMENCE WITH THE PREPARATORY HEARING BUT IT WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE JURY IS EMPANELLED SO THAT WHEN THE CASE ACTUALLY GOES BEFORE THE JURY, THE PARTIES WILL BE MORE AWARE OF WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT.

"THE PRESENTATION OF THE CASE BEFORE THE JURY SHOULD THEREFORE BE SHORTER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL PROPOSES THAT AT THE PREPARATORY HEARING, THE JUDGE WILL ORDER THE PROSECUTION TO SERVE ITS CASE STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.

THE ACCUSED WILL THEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LODGE HIS OBJECTIONS.

WHEN ALL THE OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED, THE JUDGE WILL ORDER THE ACCUSED TO SERVE A WRITTEN OUTLINE OF HIS DEFENCE.

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ANY ADMISSIONS MADE OR AGREEMENTS REACHED AS TO FACTS WILL BE ADMISSIBLE AFTER THE JURY IS EMPANELLED.

THE PURPOSES OF THE PREPARATORY HEARING ARE TO IDENTIFY ISSUES MATERIAL TO THE VERDICT OF THE JURY; TO AID THE JURY'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE CASE; TO EXPEDITE THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO ASSIST THE JUDGE'S MANAGEMENT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THIS PROCEDURE, ENCOURAGED BY THE JUDGE THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF HIS POWERS UNDER THE BILL, WILL LEAD TO MORE AGREEMENT ON FACTS AND TO A DISTILLATION OF THE ISSUES BEFORE THE CASE IS PRESENTED TO THE JURY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES THAT BEFORE THESE PROCEDURES CAN OPERATE, A DECISION WILL NEED TO BE MADE THAT THE CASE INVOLVES A COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIME.

CLAUSES 3-5 OF THE BILL AND THE SCHEDULE SET OUT HOW THAT DECISION SHOULD BE MADE.

THE SCHEDULE LISTS OFFENCES WHICH MIGHT FALL WITHIN THE AMBIT OF A COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIME. THE BILL GIVES THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE DISCRETION TO DECIDE, HAVING REGARD TO THE CRITERIA INDICATED IN CLAUSE 4, WHETHER THE EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF AN OFFENCE LISTED IN THE SCHEDULE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THE ACCUSED TO BE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL, AND REVEALS A CASE OF SUCH SERIOUSNESS AND COMPLEXITY THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE NEW PROCEDURES TO APPLY.

IF HE DECIDES THAT THE NEW PROCEDURES ARE APPROPRIATE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL APPLY TO THE MAGISTRATE FOR AN ORDER OF TRANSFER OF THE CASE TO THE HIGH COURT.

THE EFFECT OF THAT APPLICATION WILL BE TO REMOVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS IN THIS TYPE OF CASE. (COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS ARE THE PRELIMINARY APPEARANCES BEFORE A MAGISTRATE TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR THE ACCUSED TO BE ORDERED OR "COMMITTED" TO STAND TRIAL ON AN INDICTMENT IN THE HIGH COURT BEFORE A JUDGE AND JURY.)

ALTHOUGH THE ACCUSED WILL LOSE THE RIGHT TO A COMMITTAL, THE BILL PROVIDES AN ALTERNATIVE SAFEGUARD. DURING THE PREPARATORY HEARING THE ACCUSED WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPLY TO THE JUDGE FOR HIS DISCHARGE ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE EVIDENCE DISCLOSED BY THE PROSECUTION IS INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH A PRIMA FACIE CASE AGAINST HIM.

UNDER CLAUSE 19 EVIDENCE MAY BE GIVEN ON SUCH AN APPLICATION WITH LEAVE OF THE JUDGE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THEREFORE WHILE RIGHT TO A COMMITTAL HEARING WILL BE LOST THE ACCUSED WILL STILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCHARGE ON THE BASIS OF INSUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CLAUSE 18 IMPOSES RESTRICTIONS ON PRESS REPORTING OF THE PREPARATORY HEARING. THEY ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH CURRENTLY APPLY TO COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS.

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GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO IMPLEMENT THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT WHICH IS TO LINK NORTH-EAST KOWLOON WITH SHA TIN.

THE WORKS WILL COMPRISE A 3.9 KILOMETRE-LONG TWIN TUBE TUNNEL, WITH TWO LANES IN EACH DIRECTION, RUNNING UNDER TATE'S CAIRN BETWEEN DIAMOND HILL IN KOWLOON AND SIU LEK YUEN IN SHA TIN.

IN KOWLOON, THE MAIN APPROACH ROAD WILL CONNECT THE TUNNEL TO THE KWUN TONG BYPASS AND SLIP ROADS WILL LEAD TO AND FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST.

IN SHA TIN, THE MAIN APPROACH ROAD WILL CONNECT THE TUNNEL TO THE T5 TRUNK ROAD AND AN INTERCHANGE WILL ALLOW LOCAL TRAFFIC IN SHA TIN TO GAIN ACCESS TO AND FROM THE TUNNEL. THE T5 TRUNK ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED SOUTHWARDS TO TO SHEK TO CONNECT WITH SHA TIN ROAD NEAR THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL.

THE TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS AND A BUS INTERCHANGE WILL BE LOCATED AT THE SHA TIN PORTAL OF THE TUNNEL.

PART OF THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE TUNNEL, IS TO BE FINANCED AND OPERATED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR. CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID-1988 AND BE COMPLETED BY 1992.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORK WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLANS AND SCHEME CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/KOWLOON EAST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES; THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON AND THE CHOI WAN BRANCH OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, CHEUNG BOR HOUSE, CHOI WAN ESTATE, KOWLOON; THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, 6TH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, NEW TERRITORIES; THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAU STREET, 3RD AND 4TH FLOORS, KOWLOON DURING OFFICE HOURS.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2ND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE FEBRUARY 9, 1988.

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OCTOBER'S EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN OCTOBER 1987, AT \$69,984 MILLION, GREW BY 26 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1986 ACCORDING TO TRADE VALUE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 18 PER CENT TO \$18,188 MILLION IN OCTOBER 1987 WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 39 PER CENT TO \$17,082 MILLION, BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN OCTOBER 1987 TO \$35,270 MILLION, WHICH WAS 28 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN OCTOBER 1986. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 24 PER CENT TO \$34,714 MILLION IN OCTOBER 1987.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BETWEEN OCTOBER 1986 AND OCTOBER 1987. SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE (+40 PER CENT), JAPAN (+40 PER CENT), CHINA (+31 PER CENT), FRANCE (+30 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+26 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM SINGAPORE (+53 PER CENT), CHINA (+34 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+29 PER CENT), ITALY (+24 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+24 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, TAIWAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE U.S. INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 90 PER CENT, 77 PER CENT, 63 PER CENT, 42 PER CENT AND 34 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1987 AT \$610,345 MILLION, INCREASED BY 38 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 29 PER CENT TO \$159,328 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 50 PER CENT TO \$146,158 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 38 PER CENT TO \$305,485 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 37 PER CENT TO \$304,860 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS.

THE MARKETS WITH THE FASTEST GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED JAPAN (+62 PER CENT), CHINA (+58 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+48 PER CENT), FRANCE (+44 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+39 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, THE U.S., GREW BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

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IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1987 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+54 PER CENT), CHINA (+46 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+42 PER CENT), ITALY (+40 PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (+34 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 105 PER CENT, 79 PER CENT, 62 PER CENT, 62 PER CENT AND 56 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN OCTOBER 1987 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY JANUARY 1988.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS. THE MORE NOTABLE ONES INCLUDED CLOTHING (BY \$12,008 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$4,413 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$4,162 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,995 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$67 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$24 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

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

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$13,077 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$9,256 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$6,475 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$5,585 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$109 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT); AS WELL AS CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS (BY \$59 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

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

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

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COMPARING JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$7,223 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$6,314 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$4,961 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (BY \$4,487 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$322 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); AS WELL AS COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$235 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

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

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE AVAILABLE IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE OCTOBER 1987 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND DECEMBER 20, 1987, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5.5 PER COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN OCTOBER 1987 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY JANUARY 1988 AT \$15 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 87 OVER JAN-OCT 86 (%)	OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	OCT 87 OVER OCT 86 (%)
U.S.A.	60,830	+ 16	7,122	+ 9
CHINA	22,311	+ 58	2,530	+ 31
F.R. OF GERMANY	11,956	+ 39	1,167	+ 21
U.K.	10,204	+ 28	1,203	+ 26
JAPAN	7,818	+ 62	977	+ 40
CANADA	4,637	+ 14	507	+ 20
NETHERLANDS	3,167	+ 48	291	+ 24
SINGAPORE	3,079	+ 36	361	+ 40
FRANCE	3,005	+ 44	342	+ 30
AUSTRALIA	2,968	+ 9	342	+ 12

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TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 87 OVER JAN-OCT 86 (%)	OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	OCT 87 OVER OCT 86 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	53,651	+ 29	6,035	+ 26
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	25,095	+ 20	2,869	+ 3
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	12,950	+ 52	1,470	+ 29
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	12,561	+ 19	1,592	+ 18
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	12,161	+ 33	1,407	+ 5
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	11,901	+ 32	1,341	+ 19

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 87 OVER JAN-OCT 86 (%)	OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	OCT 87 OVER OCT 86 (%)
CHINA	94,422	+ 46	11,022	+ 34
JAPAN	58,517	+ 27	6,527	+ 15
TAIWAN	26,953	+ 42	2,952	+ 19
U.S.A.	25,878	+ 34	2,917	+ 4
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	13,404	+ 54	1,467	+ 29

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SINGAPORE	11,632	+ 32	1,395	+ 53
U.K.	9,448	+ 24	1,077	+ 24
F.R. OF GERMANY	8,173	+ 25	929	+ 21
SWITZERLAND	5,839	+ 31	730	+ 22
ITALY	5,049	+ 40	557	+ 24

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 87 OVER JAN-OCT 86 (%)	OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	OCT 87 OVER OCT 86 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	47,182	+ 38	5,226	+ 30
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	28,206	+ 49	3,186	+ 37
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	21,475	+ 35	2,358	+ 13
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	17,448	+ 59	2,100	+ 32
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	17,249	+ 46	2,146	+ 34
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	16,662	+ 25	1,979	+ 18

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TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 87 OVER JAN-OCT 86 (%)	OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	OCT 87 OVER OCT 86 (%)
CHINA	47,318	+ 47	5,536	+ 31
U.S.A.	27,012	+ 50	3,020	+ 34
TAIWAN	7,784	+ 62	935	+ 63
JAPAN	7,397	+ 43	1,021	+ 31
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	7,317	+ 56	767	+ 42
SINGAPORE	5,197	+ 20	583	+ 30
F.R. OF GERMANY	4,317	+105	545	+ 90
U.K.	3,508	+ 79	387	+ 32
MACAU	2,720	+ 28	269	+ 13
AUSTRALIA	2,291	+ 62	294	+ 77

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 87 OVER JAN-OCT 86 (%)	OCT 1987 (HKD MN.)	OCT 87 OVER OCT 86 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	23,056	+ 46	2,469	+ 23
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	15,315	+ 41	1,465	+ 9

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MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	14,601	+ 76	1,985	+ 77
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	12,623	+ 65	1,565	+ 67
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	9,434	+ 83	1,234	+ 52
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	6,639	+ 44	767	+ 36

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NORMAL POSTAL SERVICE MAINTAINED

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ALL POSTAL SERVICES HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED NORMALLY TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID.

"STAFF MEMBERS ARE WORKING HARD AND ALL MAIL IS BEING HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY," HE SAID.

"THE POST OFFICE IS PLEASED TO KNOW THAT THE HONG KONG POSTAL WORKERS UNION WILL NOT BE TAKING PART IN ANY INDUSTRIAL ACTION," HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE POST OFFICE WOULD CONDUCT REVIEWS OF THE POSTMEN AND VARIOUS POSTAL OFFICER RANKS.

THE REVIEWS FOLLOWED MEETINGS BETWEEN UNION REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HAIDER BARMA, AND THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR HUGH ARDLEY, TO DISCUSS MATTERS CONCERNING THE PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR POSTMEN AND POSTAL OFFICERS.

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TEMPORARY ORDER EXEMPTS AIRPORT NOISE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE A TEMPORARY ORDER AS AN INTERIM MEASURE TO REGULARISE THE SITUATION REGARDING NOISE FROM AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE; CARGO HANDLING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT AT NIGHT AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE (EXEMPTION FROM SECTION 13) (NO.2) ORDER, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) TEMPORARILY EXEMPTS THESE ACTIVITIES FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE, SUBJECT TO A NUMBER OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE CARRYING OUT OF NOISY ACTIVITIES. THE ORDER WILL EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 31, 1988.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT A COMPREHENSIVE CONSULTANCY STUDY WAS UNDERWAY TO EXAMINE IN DETAIL THE PROBLEM OF NOISE FROM GROUND BASED ACTIVITIES AT THE AIRPORT AND TO RECOMMEND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE CONSULTANCY DEMONSTRATED THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO FINDING A VIABLE, LONG-TERM WAY TO MINIMISE THE DISTURBANCE CAUSED TO NEARBY RESIDENTS.

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WARNING AGAINST HELPING II'S

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, TODAY (FRIDAY) ISSUED A STERN WARNING TO THOSE INVOLVED IN AIDING AND ABETTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

HE REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THEY SHOULD REFRAIN FROM PROVIDING ANY HELP TO THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, EVEN IF THEY WERE RELATIVES OR FRIENDS.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND, MR JEAFFRESON SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF HONG KONG, THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR AIDING AND ABETTING CASES HAD BEEN SET AT A HIGH LEVEL.

UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, ANYONE WHO ASSISTS AN UNAUTHORISED ENTRANT TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION ON INDICTMENT, TO A FINE OF \$200,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR 10 YEARS; AND, ON SUMMARY CONVICTION, TO A FINE OF \$100,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE YEARS.

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"SNAKEHEADS WHO ARE ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN THE ACT OF SMUGGLING IN OF HUMAN BEINGS DESERVE THE MOST SEVERE PUNISHMENT, FOR THEY ARE KNOWINGLY BREAKING THE LAW AND IN SO DOING OFTEN PLACING THE LIVES OF OTHERS AT RISK. PEOPLE WHO ARRANGE FOR II'S TO BE BROUGHT IN SO THAT THEY CAN BE EXPLOITED AS "CHEAP LABOUR" ARE EQUALLY GUILTY. THEY TOO SHOULD BE SEVERELY PUNISHED.

"FRIENDS OF RELATIVES WHO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT WITH SHELTER FALL INTO THE SAME CATEGORY AS THOSE CRIMINALS AND OPPORTUNISTS WHO HELP ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOR GAIN TO COME OR STAY IN THE TERRITORY. THEY TOO ARE LIABLE TO SERIOUS PENALTIES UPON CONVICTION," MR JEAFFRESON SAID.

TO AVOID THE RISK OF ATTRACTING THESE PENALTIES, MR JEAFFRESON STRONGLY ADVISED THE PUBLIC THAT IF THEY HAD AN II RELATIVE SEEKING HELP FROM THEM, THEY SHOULD EXPLAIN TO HIM THE CONSEQUENCE OF PUTTING HIM UP, EVEN FOR A DAY OR TWO, AND THEN TAKE HIM TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION OR TELEPHONE THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AT 5-8933744.

THEY MAY ALSO WISH TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THAT HE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO HIDE FOR LONG OR WORK TO MAINTAIN HIMSELF AS HE WILL NOT HAVE AN IDENTITY CARD.

"POLICE, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT REGULARLY MOUNT SEPARATE AND JOINT OPERATIONS TO FLUSH OUT II'S AND ANYONE WHO EMPLOYS AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT OR AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOT LEGALLY EMPLOYABLE COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT," MR JEAFFRESON STRESSED.

HE REITERATED THAT THERE WAS A LEGAL MEANS FOR PEOPLE FROM CHINA TO COME TO HONG MONG FOR SETTLEMENT. THERE WERE ALSO PERFECTLY LEGAL MEANS FOR THEM TO COME TO HONG KONG FOR VISITS.

"LAST YEAR, IN ADDITION TO THE 27,036 PEOPLE WHO ARRIVED FOR SETTLEMENT ON THE ONE-WAY PERMITS SYSTEM, 65,569 ARRIVED FOR VISITS OF UP TO THREE MONTHS ON TWO-WAY EXIT PERMITS, AND 65,463 AS MEMBERS OF TOUR GROUPS FROM CHINA STAYING AROUND 10 DAYS.

"OF THOSE WHO ARRIVED FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT HERE UNDER THE 75-A-DAY ONE WAY PERMIT SYSTEM, VIRTUALLY ALL WERE TO JOIN CLOSE RELATIVES ALREADY IN HONG KONG : WIVES TO JOIN HUSBANDS, CHILDREN TO JOIN THEIR PARENTS," MR JEAFFRESON SAID.

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COMMISSIONER OF BANKING EXPLAINS EMPLOYMENT
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING, MR TONY NICOLLE, TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS BEING UNFAIRLY AND QUITE IMPROPERLY CRITICISED OVER ITS EMPLOYMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISERS TO ASSIST IT IN ITS HANDLING OF THE FUTURES MARKET'S RESCUE.

"IT WOULD HAVE BEEN QUITE IMPRUDENT OF GOVERNMENT - NO MATTER HOW EXPERT ITSELF - TO HAVE CONCLUDED THE AGREEMENTS IT DID WITH THE NUMEROUS PARTIES INVOLVED WITHOUT TAKING OUTSIDE ADVICE.

"HAD IT DONE SO, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN OPEN TO WHOLLY JUSTIFIED CRITICISM THAT IT HAD COMMITTED A SUBSTANTIAL VOLUME OF PUBLIC FUNDS WITHOUT A SECOND OPINION," SAID MR NICOLLE WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE "FINANCIAL WORKSHOP 87" ORGANISED BY THE ECONOMIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

MR NICOLLE SAID IN EMPLOYING A MERCHANT BANK IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOVERNMENT WAS FOLLOWING A PATTERN WELL-ESTABLISHED IN OTHER CENTRES.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE UK AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS USE BANK ADVISERS TO ASSIST THEM WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRIVATISATION OF PUBLIC ASSETS - DESPITE THE CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE AVAILABLE IN THEIR TREASURIES, AND CENTRAL BANKS.

"WHEN THE BANK OF ENGLAND HAD TO RESCUE A BANK IN THE RECENT PAST, THERE WAS NO HESITATION ON ITS PART IN ITS TURNING TO AN OUTSIDE MERCHANT BANK FOR DETACHED AND PROFESSIONAL ADVICE.

"ALL THIS IS NO DIFFERENT TO A MAJOR COMMERCIAL FIRM, WITH ITS IN-HOUSE LEGAL DEPARTMENT ASKING FOR SECOND OPINION FROM OUTSIDE LAWYERS - WHICH INVARIABLY IT DOES ON MAJOR ISSUES," HE SAID.

MR NICOLLE STRESSED THAT NONE OF THIS WAS TO SUGGEST THAT HE WAS COMPLACENT ABOUT THE EVER-PRESENT TASK OF KEEPING THE GOVERNMENT UP-TO-DATE WITH THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE MARKETS WHICH IT SUPERVISED.

"WE MUST HOWEVER AVOID CASTING UNNECESSARY SLURS ON THE DEDICATED AND HARD PRESSED STAFF WHO WORK ON SUPERVISION," HE SAID.

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SECURITIES AMENDMENT NOTICE 1987 GAZETTED

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THE SECURITIES (SPECIFICATION OF APPROVED ASSETS, LIQUID ASSETS AND RANKING LIABILITIES) (AMENDMENT) NOTICE 1987 ("THE AMENDMENT NOTICE") WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENT NOTICE, MADE BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 65B OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE, AMENDS THE SECURITIES (SPECIFICATION OF APPROVED ASSETS, LIQUID ASSETS AND RANKING LIABILITIES) NOTICE 1986 ("THE SPECIFICATION NOTICE").

IN THE LIGHT OF REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED, THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS, THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ASSOCIATION AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, THE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS INTRODUCED CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION NOTICE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FINANCIAL MARKET AND AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE.

AS A RESULT OF THE AMENDMENTS, CERTAIN OVERSEAS SECURITIES, CERTAIN TYPES OF COMMERCIAL PAPERS, CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE'S COMPENSATION FUND ETC ARE NOW INCLUDED AS "APPROVED ASSETS" FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIFICATION NOTICE.

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PRISONERS REGULATIONS GAZETTED

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THE PRISONERS (RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION) REGULATIONS 1987 WHICH PROVIDE FOR REGULATING PROCEEDINGS OF THE RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION BOARD SCHEDULED TO BE ESTABLISHED IN MID-1988 UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE PRISONERS (RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION) ORDINANCE ARE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REGULATIONS ALSO PRESCRIBE THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT WILL GOVERN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE BOARD AND THE TYPES OF CONDITION THAT MAY BE SPECIFIED IN SUPERVISION ORDERS.

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CANCER STILL NO. 1 KILLER

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ONE IN EVERY THREE DEATHS IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN CAUSED BY CANCER, ACCORDING TO LATEST ANNUAL STATISTICS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.H. LEE TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN HE MADE THE PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY.

CANCER HAD REMAINED THE NUMBER ONE KILLER IN HONG KONG SINCE 1964 AND HAD CLAIMED MORE LIVES EVERY YEAR, HE SAID.

FROM 1964 TO 1986, THE CANCER DEATH RATE INCREASED FROM 91 TO 173 PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR MALE, AND 75 TO 117 PER 100,000 FOR FEMALE.

DR LEE NOTED THAT LUNG CANCER STILL TOPS THE LIST OF ALL CANCER DEATHS, ACCOUNTING FOR 2,348 OR 29 PER CENT OF A TOTAL OF 8,054 CANCER DEATHS IN 1986.

THIS IS FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY LIVER CANCER WHICH HAD ACCOUNTED FOR 1,054 DEATHS.

DR LEE SAID THAT IN CANCER CONTROL, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) HAD LAID EMPHASIS ON PRIMARY PREVENTION ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CONTROL OF SMOKING, HEPATITIS B VACCINATION AND PROMOTION OF NUTRITION PROGRAMMES.

IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT BEGAN STRENGTHENING ITS CONTROL ON CIGARETTE SMOKING IN THE EARLY EIGHTIES, WITH THE SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) ORDINANCE ENACTED IN 1982 FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF MEASURES AGAINST SMOKING.

DUE TO INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HEALTH HAZARDS OF SMOKING, THE NUMBER OF SMOKERS HAD DROPPED BY 20 PER CENT IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

AS A RESULT OF THE COMBINED AND SUSTAINED EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND PUBLIC SPIRITED INDIVIDUALS, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH WAS INAUGURATED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

DR LEE SAID HONG KONG'S EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TOBACCO HAD INDEED BEEN RECOGNISED INTERNATIONALLY AS AN EXAMPLE OF A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT IN PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF ITS COMMUNITY.

TURNING TO HEPATITIS B WHICH IS A VERY IMPORTANT CAUSAL FACTOR FOR LIVER CANCER, DR LEE SAID THERE WERE ABOUT 160 MILLION CARRIERS OF THE VIRUS IN ASIA AND OVER 500,000 IN HONG KONG.

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TO CURB THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTED A VACCINATION PROGRAMME WHICH HAD SO FAR COVERED 6,000 HIGH RISK HEALTH WORKERS AND 12,000 INFANTS BORN OF CARRIER MOTHERS.

REGARDING TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR CANCER, DR LEE REVEALED THAT THREE LINEAR ACCELERATORS WILL BE INSTALLED AND READY FOR USE IN MID-1989 AT THE NEW TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, BOOSTING THE NUMBER OF LINEAR ACCELERATORS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO 11.

ON HOSPICE CARE TO CANCER PATIENTS, DR LEE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY HAD SECURED FUNDS FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) LIMITED FOR A PILOT PROJECT IN NAM LONG HOSPITAL FOR TWO YEARS, STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 1.

MEANWHILE, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO STARTED A PILOT PROJECT OF VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL VISITATION PROGRAMME IN QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL AND PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE SOCIO-PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR CANCER PATIENTS.

IN CONCLUDING HIS SPEECH, DR LEE THANKED THE OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK IN THE PAST YEAR.

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CHANGES TO TEXTILE CATEGORY SYSTEM ANNOUNCED

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED SOME MAJOR CHANGES TO GROUP I PRODUCTS UNDER A NEW TEXTILE AND APPAREL CATEGORY SYSTEM TO BE ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES AS FROM JANUARY 1, 1988.

GROUP I PRODUCTS ARE PRODUCTS OTHER THAN APPAREL (INCLUDING YARNS, FABRICS AND OTHER MADE-UP AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS) OF COTTON, WOOL OR MAN-MADE FIBRES (MMF).

THE MAJOR AREA OF CHANGES UNDER THE NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM ARE:

- * THE CREATION OF NEW CATEGORIES UNDER THE '2' SERIES IN WHICH COTTON AND MMF YARNS AND FABRICS OF THE SAME TYPE ARE MERGED;
- * THE CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER MMF YARNS: DIFFERENTIATING FILAMENT YARNS INTO TEXTURED AND NON-TEXTURED, AND STAPLE YARNS BY WEIGHT;
- * THE DIFFERENTIATION OF MMF FABRICS BY THE METHOD OF WEAVING OR KNITTING RATHER THAN BY THE NATURE OF THE FIBRE;

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- * THE BREAKING OUT OF FABRICS OF SPUN MAN-MADE FIBRES INTO SEPARATE CATEGORIES ACCORDING TO THE METHOD OF WEAVING. FABRICS OF CONTINUOUS MAN-MADE FIBRES WILL REMAIN IN THE '6' SERIES WHILE FABRICS NOT OF CONTINUOUS MAN-MADE FIBRES I.E. SPUN OR STAPLE FIBRES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE '2' SERIES; AND
- * THE DIFFERENTIATION OF WOVEN WOOL FABRICS BY WOOL CONTENT RATHER THAN BY TYPE OF FABRIC.

UNDER THE NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM, METRIC UNITS WILL BE ADOPTED IN PLACE OF THE IMPERIAL UNITS. FOLLOWING THE METRICATION OF CONTROL UNITS, YARNS AND FABRICS WILL ALSO BE CLASSIFIED UNDER THE METRIC SYSTEM.

DETAILS OF THE CHANGES ARE SET OUT IN A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS PUBLISHED TODAY WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM THE USA ENQUIRY COUNTERS, TRADE DEPARTMENT, 15TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM COULD BE OBTAINED FROM MRS R. MOON ON 3-7222564 OR MR T. C. CHAN ON 3-7222365.

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KWUN TONG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN PUBLISHED

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A NEW DRAFT PLAN FOR KWUN TONG, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 450 HECTARES, WAS PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) TO ESTABLISH A BROAD LAND USE ZONING AND MAJOR ROAD NETWORKS SO THAT DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AREA CAN BE PUT UNDER STATUTORY PLANNING CONTROL.

"THE AREA BOUNDED BY NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD, PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY THE NGAU TAU KOK VILLAGE LAYOUT PLAN, HAS NOW BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE NEW DRAFT KWUN TONG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

"UPON FULL DEVELOPMENT, THE RESIDENTIAL POPULATION AND WORKER POPULATION OF KWUN TONG ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 410,000 AND 140,000 RESPECTIVELY."

ABOUT 1.2 HECTARES OF LAND HAS BEEN ZONED AS 'COMMERCIAL' SITES WHICH ARE MOSTLY LOCATED IN THE SOUTH OF KWUN TONG ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD. SOME WILL BE DEVELOPED WITH THE INCORPORATION OF MULTI-STOREY CARPARKS.

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A TOTAL AREA OF 4.63 HECTARES, MAINLY LOCATED IN THE EXISTING "TOWN CENTRE" OF THE AREA, HAS BEEN ZONED FOR 'COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL' PURPOSES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THIS ZONING WAS TO ENCOURAGE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE "TOWN CENTRE" BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

"THIS ZONE ALSO APPLIES TO THE DEVELOPMENT ABOVE THE PROPOSED MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY LAM TIN STATION AND THE PUBLIC INTERCHANGE ON LEI YUE MUN ROAD," HE ADDED.

SOME 146 HECTARES OF LAND HAS BEEN ZONED AS 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)' SITES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES AND PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ARE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE "TOWN CENTRE" AREA AND A RANGE OF COMMERCIAL USES ARE USUALLY PERMITTED IN THE LOWER THREE FLOORS OF THE BUILDINGS.

ABOUT 14.3 HECTARES OF LAND ALONG KUNG LOK ROAD AND YUET WAH STREET FALLS WITHIN 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)' ZONE.

ANY COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THIS ZONE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, WOULD REQUIRE PLANNING PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE EXISTING KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA TO THE SOUTHWEST OF KWUN TONG ROAD, COMPRISING SOME 42.7 HECTARES OF LAND, HAS LARGELY BEEN ZONED FOR 'INDUSTRIAL', AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL USES, SERVICE TRADES AND WAREHOUSES WILL BE PERMITTED.

ABOUT 57 HECTARES OF LAND HAS BEEN ZONED FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL OR COMMUNITY USES, INCLUDING SUCH MAJOR EXISTING FACILITIES AS THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, TWO DIVISIONAL POLICE STATIONS, NGAU TAU KOK MARKET COMPLEX, LAM TIN HIGH LEVEL RESERVOIR, HIU KWONG STREET INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, THE SWIMMING COMPLEX AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND, A FIRE STATION, BUS TERMINI, FERRY CONCOURSE, COOKED FOOD CENTRES, THE CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC AT KAI TIN ROAD AND A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL WELFARE FACILITIES.

LAND HAS ALSO BEEN RESERVED FOR BUILDING NEW MAJOR FACILITIES SUCH AS THREE URBAN COUNCIL MARKET COMPLEXES, A FIRE STATION AT JUNK BAY ROAD, SCHOOLS AND OTHER SOCIAL WELFARE FACILITIES.

IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF SITES HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR UNDESIGNATED GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL OR COMMUNITY USES TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS.

A TOTAL OF 37.06 HECTARES OF LAND HAS BEEN ZONED FOR 'OPEN SPACE'. IT INCLUDES THE EXISTING KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND AND THE PLAYGROUNDS AT YUET WAH STREET, HIP WO STREET, HONG NING ROAD, SAU NGA ROAD, TSUN YIP STREET AND A NUMBER OF SMALL REST GARDENS.

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ADDITIONAL SITES AT HOI BUN ROAD, HONG NING ROAD, KUNG LOK ROAD AND JUNK BAY ROAD ARE RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT.

A LANDSCAPED PARK OF ABOUT 1.8 HECTARES WILL ALSO BE DEVELOPED IN THE AREA TO THE NORTH OF THE LAM TIN ESTATE PHASE III EXTENSION.

THE EXISTING CARGO HANDLING AREA ALONG HOI BUN ROAD, THE PIERS OFF THE FERRY CONCOURSE, THE BUS DEPOT AT HOW MING STREET AND THE PETROL FILLING STATIONS AT KWUN TONG ROAD AND HIU KWONG STREET ARE INCLUDED IN THE 'OTHER SPECIFIED USES' ZONE.

ABOUT 65 HECTARES OF LAND WHICH IS UNSUITABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN ZONED AS 'GREEN BELT' AREAS MAINLY FOUND AT THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN PERIPHERY OF THE AREA.

THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT'S TOWN PLANNING OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL; THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CENTRAL; AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, KOWLOON.

"DURING THE TWO-MONTH INSPECTION PERIOD, ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD," THE BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID.

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BETTER SERVICE TO WATER CONSUMERS

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A TWO-STAGE REGIONALISATION SCHEME, AIMED AT PROVIDING BETTER SERVICES TO CONSUMERS, HAS BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) OF FOUR REGIONAL OFFICES TO LOOK AFTER KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL THE NEW OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ARGYLE STREET DEPOT, MONG KOK AND THEIR OPENING MARKS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE PROCESS TO STREAMLINE SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMER SERVICES ON A REGIONAL RATHER THAN FUNCTIONAL BASIS.

THE FOUR OFFICES AND THE AREAS COVERED BY THEM ARE: MAINLAND SOUTH EAST REGION (WONG TAI SIN, KWUN TONG, PART OF TAI PO AND SAI KUNG); MAINLAND SOUTH WEST REGION (MONG KOK, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON CITY, SHAM SHUI PO, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI); MAINLAND NORTH WEST REGION (YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN); AND MAINLAND NORTH EAST REGION (NORTH NEW TERRITORIES, PART OF TAI PO AND SHA TIN).

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THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SCHEME WAS SET UP IN SEPTEMBER, 1986 WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG AND ISLANDS REGIONAL OFFICE AT THE BULLOCK LANE DEPOT, WAN CHAI.

WATER CONSUMERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE REPORT OF ANY FAULT COMPLAINTS:

- * KOWLOON, TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI, NORTH NEW TERRITORIES AND SAI KUNG - 3-960210 (FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT) AND 3-953131 (FROM MIDNIGHT TO 8 AM);
- * YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN - 0-762626;
- * FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI - 0-900322;
- * TAI PO AND SHA TIN - 0-6562368;
- * HONG KONG ISLAND - 5-757789 (FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT) AND 5-726311 (FROM MIDNIGHT TO 8 AM);
- * SILVERMINE BAY - 5-9848257;
- * TAI O - 5-9857337;
- * CHEUNG CHAU - 5-9811324;
- * LAMMA ISLAND - 5-9820348; AND
- * PENG CHAU - 5-9830609.

THE GENERAL ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR HONG KONG ISLAND AND OUTLYING ISLANDS CONSUMERS IS 5-726311 AND THE ONE FOR KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES IS 3-953131. THESE TWO TELEPHONES ARE MANNED BY WATER SUPPLIES STAFF AROUND THE CLOCK.

FOR WATER ACCOUNTS ENQUIRIES, CONSUMERS SHOULD CALL 5-8900222 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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THE BRAVE AND PUBLIC-SPIRITED ACTIONS OF 21 PEOPLE IN RESCUING 15 PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WATERS WERE OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR GERRY HIGGINSON, AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

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THE RECIPIENTS INCLUDED TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, 15 CREW MEMBERS OF FERRY COMPANIES AND FOUR POLICE CONSTABLES, ONE OF WHOM WAS INVOLVED IN TWO SEPARATE RESCUES DURING THE YEAR.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION, MR HIGGINSON CONGRATULATED THE RECIPIENTS FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND PUBLIC SPIRITEDNESS.

HE SAID THE CEREMONY WAS HELD EACH YEAR TO HONOUR THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAD ACTED ABOVE THEIR NORMAL CALL OF DUTY AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR OWN SAFETY TO RESCUE PEOPLE FROM THE WATERS OF HONG KONG.

MR HIGGINSON SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT, FROM TIME TO TIME, PEOPLE FOUND THEMSELVES IN DIFFICULTY IN AREAS OF WATER WHERE LIFE-SAVING FACILITIES WERE NOT READILY AVAILABLE.

"IT IS OUR GREAT FORTUNE THAT WE HAVE PERSONS IN OUR MIDST, PERSONS SUCH AS THOSE WHO ARE BEING HONOURED TODAY, WHO ARE WILLING TO RISK THEIR OWN LIVES TO SAVE THE LIVES OF OTHERS," HE ADDED.

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RESOURCE CENTRE FOR CAREERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS PLANNED
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD SET UP A RESOURCE CENTRE FOR CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS EARLY NEXT YEAR TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES AND REFERENCE MATERIALS FOR THE TEACHERS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ON GUIDANCE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS, MR LI SAID HIS DEPARTMENT ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THE STUDENT GUIDANCE AND CAREERS SERVICES.

MR LI NOTED THAT FIVE ADDITIONAL TEACHERS WERE PROVIDED TO ALL STANDARD GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN PHASES BETWEEN 1982 AND 1986 TO IMPROVE VARIOUS SERVICES TO STUDENTS INCLUDING COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE.

TO STRENGTHEN THE WORK IN THIS DIRECTION, MR LI SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD PRODUCED A SUGGESTED GUIDE FOR PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS ON GUIDANCE WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

MR LI SAID THE GUIDE CONTAINED SUGGESTIONS ON THE ORGANISATION OF GUIDANCE WORK WITHIN A SCHOOL. AN EVALUATION ON THE GUIDE WAS BEING CARRIED OUT AND THE CONTENTS WOULD BE REVISED TO INCORPORATE CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS FROM THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

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MR LI SAID THE DEPARTMENT ALSO INTRODUCED A PILOT SCHOOL SUPPORT SCHEME IN WHICH EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS WOULD PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT TO TEACHERS IN DEALING WITH PUPILS' PROBLEMS AND STRENGTHENING GUIDANCE SERVICE IN 12 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

HE ALSO SAID A NUMBER OF FREE-IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR GUIDANCE AND CAREERS TEACHERS WERE OFFERED BY THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WHILE SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS WERE OFTEN HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP THE SKILLS AND APPROACHES TOWARDS GUIDANCE WORK.

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AWARD TO PROMOTE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

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THE CASE STUDY GROUP OF HONG KONG IS INVITING ENTRIES FOR "THE CASE WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD" AIMED AT STIMULATING THE PRODUCTION OF LOCAL CASES FOR MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING. THE AWARD SCHEME IS SPONSORED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MDC).

"THE USE OF CASE METHOD FOR MANAGEMENT EDUCATION IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN INCREASING AND CONSIDERABLE INTEREST HAS BEEN SHOWN IN ITS DEVELOPMENT," SENIOR ADVISOR OF MDC, MR A.N. WELSH, TOLD A SEMINAR ON CASE STUDIES TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CASE STUDY GROUP AND THE CREATION OF A STUDY DATA BANK PROMULGATE THE USE OF CASE METHOD WHICH ENCOURAGES A FLEXIBLE AND SELF-RELIANT APPROACH TO PROBLEMS, MR WELSH ADDED.

ALL CASES ACCEPTED IN THE CASE-WRITING CONTEST WILL BE KEPT IN THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED CASE CLEARING HOUSE OF HONG KONG AT MDC AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS.

MR WELSH SAID SUBMISSIONS TO THE CONTEST SHOULD BE RELEVANT TO THE OBJECTS OF THE CASE STUDY GROUP, THAT IS, CONCERNING WITH MANAGEMENT OR BUSINESS EVENTS, AND MUST RELATE TO HONG KONG OR SOUTHEAST ASIA SITUATIONS.

CASES MAY BE DISGUISED WHERE CONFIDENTIALITY IS REQUIRED. COMPOSITES OR INVENTED CASES ARE ALSO ACCEPTABLE.

A PANEL, CHAIRED BY DR MARTHA ALBERT, LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, WILL SELECT THE FIRST THREE WRITERS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OF THE CONTENT, PRESENTATION AND USEABILITY OF THE CASES.

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PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP PLACE-GETTERS AND CERTIFICATES WILL BE GIVEN FOR ALL CASES ACCEPTED.

MR WELSH SAID ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD REACH THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AT 17/F HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI NOT LATER THAN MARCH 31, 1988. ENTRY FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING HIM ON 5-8932341 EXT. 376.

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FARES ON TWO KMB ROUTES ADJUSTED

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FARES ON TWO RECREATIONAL ROUTES OPERATED BY THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY IN SAI KUNG WILL BE ADJUSTED FROM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SECTION FARE OF \$2.5 WILL BE INTRODUCED ON ROUTE NO. 93R FOR JOURNEYS FROM SAI KUNG TO PAK TAM CHUNG AND FROM SAI KUNG TO CHOI HUNG. HOWEVER, THE \$4 FULL FARE FOR TRIP BETWEEN PAK TAM CHUNG AND CHOI HUNG WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

AT THE SAME TIME, FARE ON ROUTE NO. 95R PLYING BETWEEN PAK TAM CHUNG AND WONG SHEK PIER WILL BE LOWERED FROM \$2.5 TO \$1 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

BOTH ROUTE NOS. 93R AND 95R ARE RECREATIONAL BUS SERVICES OPERATING ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ONLY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FARE ADJUSTMENTS WILL BENEFIT BOTH LOCAL RESIDENTS AND COUNTRY-PARK VISITORS.

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TRAFFIC OFFENCE CONVICTION RECORD CERTIFICATE FEE REVISED

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THE FEE FOR THE ISSUE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE OF A RECORD OF CONVICTIONS OF OFFENCES UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$15 TO \$45 STARTING FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW FEE ALSO APPLIES TO THE ISSUE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE OF A CERTIFICATE OF NO RECORDED CONVICTION OF SUCH OFFENCES.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FEE INCREASE UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1987 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ISSUED TODAY.

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MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE OPENS
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THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE WILL START ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 14).

THE FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE IS AIMED AT ENABLING VARIOUS PROFESSIONS TO EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEM OF CHILD ABUSE AND IN HELPING THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN CO-OPERATION WITH A VOLUNTARY AGENCY, THE AGAINST CHILD ABUSE.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY AT THE LADY TRENCH AUDITORIUM, DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, WAN CHAI.

THE PATRON OF THE CONFERENCE, LADY WILSON, WILL GIVE AN OPENING ADDRESS AFTER WELCOMING REMARKS FROM MR THOMAS MULVEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A KEYNOTE SPEECH DELIVERED BY DR MARGARET A. LYNCH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON ON THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE, "COMBATING CHILD ABUSE - A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESPONSIBILITY", AS WELL AS MESSAGES FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS - EDUCATION, LEGAL, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 14) AT THE LADY TRENCH AUDITORIUM, FIRST FLOOR, DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, 15 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO BE SEATED NOT LATER THAN 2.15 PM. THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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SUPERSTAR TO ATTEND CYC MASS RALLY

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SUPERSTAR JACKIE CHAN WILL MAKE A GRANDIOSE ENTRY AS 'FRIEND OF CYC' INTO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY MASS RALLY AT VICTORIA PARK TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AS 1,000 CYC MEMBERS CONVERGE THERE TO PLEDGE THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE SPIRIT OF CYC AND TO LAUNCH A 13-EPIISODE TV SERIES TO PUBLICISE THE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES.

CHAN WILL DESCEND FROM A ROPE TIED TO A HOVERING HELICOPTER ON TO THE CENTRAL LAWN OF VICTORIA PARK AMIDST CHEERING SCHOOL CHILDREN DRAWN FROM THE 19 CYC DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

HE WILL THEN JOIN THEM TO SING THE THEME SONG OF THE CYC TV SERIES WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON TVB-JADE COMMENCING DECEMBER 13.

THE TV SERIES IS PRODUCED JOINTLY BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND RTHK UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF SING TAO LTD TO PROMOTE THE CYC MOVEMENT AND TO ENLIST MORE STUDENTS TO JOIN THIS SCHOOL-BASED COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP WHICH HAS BEEN PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION AND OTHER MAJOR PUBLIC CAMPAIGNS.

THE MASS RALLY WILL ALSO FEATURE A PARADE HIGHLIGHTING THEMES OF THE 13 TV EPISODES, A BAND MARCH, A CHILDREN CHOIR AND A RELEASE OF DOVES.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI; THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SING TAO LTD, MISS AW SIAN WILL OFFICIATE AT TOMORROW'S CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT WILL BE BROADCAST IN THE FIRST EPISODE OF THE TV SERIES ON SUNDAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CYC MASS RALLY AT THE CENTRAL LAWN OF VICTORIA PARK AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). INFORMATION OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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TELEMATCH TO SPREAD ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

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A TELEMATCH WITH THE THEME ON ROAD SAFETY WILL BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR.

A TOTAL OF EIGHT TEAMS INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE FOUR AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE TELEMATCH AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND STARTING FROM 3 PM.

THE OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN AND ASSISTANT POLICE COMMISSIONER, MR G.W. ROPER.

THEY WILL ALSO PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION AND A CROSSWORD-PUZZLE ON ROAD SAFETY.

A MARCHING BAND FROM THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PERFORM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION AT LOK FU

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A FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP WILL BE HELD AT THE OPEN DECK IN LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 13) FROM NOON TO 3 PM.

THIS IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS STAGED IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. THE PURPOSE OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE CONSTANT NEED TO PREVENT FIRE OUTBREAKS IN THE WINTER MONTHS, ESPECIALLY IN THE PREVAILING DRY WEATHER.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE PANELS USING GRAPHICS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO ILLUSTRATE THE PREVENTION OF GENERAL FIRE AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRE WITH EMPHASIS ON THIS YEAR'S THEME "FIRE LAWS PROTECT".

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON FIRE PREVENTION AND SOUVENIRS SPONSORED BY THE KWONG ON BANK LTD.

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TWO-DAY BOOK FAIR IN YAU MA TEI

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MORE THAN 1,000 CHINESE AND ENGLISH BOOKS FOR STUDENTS WILL BE EXHIBITED AT A TWO-DAY BOOK FAIR STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EXHIBITION, TO BE HELD AT THE CHINESE YMCA AT 23 WATERLOO ROAD, IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE.

"IT IS AIMED AT CULTIVATING YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN READING AS A HEALTHY PURSUIT IN THEIR LEISURE TIME," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

THE FAIR SHOULD OFFER A WIDE SELECTION OF EDUCATIONAL BOOKS FOR STUDENTS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS, HE ADDED.

IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM TOMORROW AND FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BOOK FAIR TO BE HELD AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CHINESE YMCA AT 23 WATERLOO ROAD.

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HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION MOVES TO FANLING

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A HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE IN FANLING ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 13) FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE COMMON DANGERS AT HOME AND HOW ACCIDENTS CAN BE AVOIDED.

THE DISPLAY WILL GIVE FIRST-AID TIPS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCIES SUCH AS, CHOKING, WOUNDS AND BLEEDING, AND UNCONSCIOUSNESS.

VISITORS CAN ALSO OBTAIN A FREE HOME SAFETY BOOKLET WHICH CONTAINS THESE PRACTICAL ADVICE AND INFORMATION IN DETAIL.

THE SERIES OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES STARTED IN OCTOBER AND WILL BE HELD EVERY SUNDAY UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

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ELEVEN RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS

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ELEVEN EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE THE 1987 EASTERN DISTRICT GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS AT A CEREMONY ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 13) AFTERNOON AT THE NORTH POINT POLICE STATION.

THEY ARE AWARDED FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND OUTSTANDING BEHAVIOUR IN HELPING THE POLICE TO FIGHT CRIME.

PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO WINNERS OF THE "ANTI-TRIAD ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION" AND THE "FIGHT CRIME CARTOON DRAWING COMPETITION" ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

MEANWHILE, RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE NORTH POINT POLICE STATION WHICH WILL HOLD ITS OPEN DAY ON THE SAME DAY.

PROGRAMMES INCLUDING SINGING PERFORMANCE BY THE "RAIDAS", KARATE DEMONSTRATION, POLICE LAUNCH AND VEHICLE DISPLAY, ANTI-TRIAD PHOTO EXHIBITION AND STALL GAMES WITH A FIGHT CRIME THEME HAVE BEEN ARRANGED.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; EASTERN POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR R.M.A. HARPER, AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG SAU-CHI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 1987/88 EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND NORTH POINT POLICE STATION OPEN DAY ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 13) AT THE NORTH POINT POLICE STATION, 343 JAVA ROAD. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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EXHIBITION OF FLOWER, BIRD AND FISH

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A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION ON PET BIRDS, FISHES AND PLANTS WILL BE OPEN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON IN THE GARDENS OF BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL, 200 SAI YEE STREET.

THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE EXHIBITS INCLUDE PRECIOUS PET BIRDS, FINELY CARVED CAGES, CHINESE AND JAPANESE GOLDFISH, JAPANESE FANCY CARP, TROPICAL FISH, BONSAI, ORCHID AND ARRANGED FLOWER.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE ART OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT.

MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG; DEPUTY POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MONG KOK, MR ROBIN LEUNG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXHIBITION WORKING GROUP, MR LAU TAK-KI WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL FLOWER, BIRD, FISH EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE GARDENS OF BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL, 200 SAI YEE STREET.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF FLEET FINANCE ASIA, LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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TV PROGRAMME TO DISCUSS HK DOLLAR LINKAGE

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR JOSEPH YAM, WILL DISCUSS THE LINKAGE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE PROGRAMME "TO THE POINT" IS PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND WILL BE SCREENED ON ATV-GOLD AT 6.50 PM.

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LANTAU TAXI FARES TO GO UP ON MONDAY

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LANTAU TAXI FARES WILL GO UP FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE NEW FARE SCALE, A TAXI TRIP ON LANTAU WILL COST \$5 INSTEAD OF \$4 FOR THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES, AND 50 CENTS FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.2 KILOMETRES INSTEAD OF 80 CENTS FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.4 KILOMETRES.

CHARGES FOR WAITING TIME WILL GO UP TO 50 CENTS FOR EVERY MINUTE FROM 80 CENTS FOR EVERY TWO MINUTES.

SURCHARGES ON BAGGAGE, ANIMAL OR BIRD WILL ALSO BE INCREASED FROM \$1 TO \$2 FOR EACH ARTICLE, AND A SURCHARGE OF \$1 ON RADIO-CALL SERVICE WILL BE INTRODUCED.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE SLIP ROAD CONNECTING THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND KWAI ON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM ON DECEMBER 14 AND 15 (MONDAY AND TUESDAY) TO FACILITATE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION TO CARRY OUT THEIR INSPECTION WORKS.

NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND VEHICLES ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD WISHING TO MAKE LEFT TURNS ON TO KWAI ON ROAD VIA THE SLIP ROAD WILL HAVE TO USE KWAI FOO ROAD AND HING FONG ROAD.

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