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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF APRIL EXTERNAL TRADE

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 27 PER CENT AND 49 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1987 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATE.

HENCE, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 36 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 35 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT THE PRICES OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, ROSE BY 4 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT.

COMPARING APRIL 1987 WITH APRIL 1986, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT AND 48 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HENCE, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 34 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT RE-EXPORT PRICES ROSE BY 1 PER CENT WHILE IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDICES ARE COMPILED. THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM TRADE VALUES BY DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1987 WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1986, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT, GIVING AN INCREASE OF 26 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 24 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT. IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 5 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR APRIL 1987 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

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AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN APRIL 1987 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986. THESE INCLUDED CLOTHING (+8 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+6 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+5 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+5 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+4 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+4 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+3 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FOOTWEAR (+1 PER CENT). DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS PRICES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED IN METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-3 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-1 PER CENT) AS WELL AS METAL MANUFACTURES (-1 PER CENT).

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN APRIL 1987 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986, INCLUDING METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+88 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+66 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+65 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+32 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+25 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+21 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+13 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+12 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+9 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+6 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+1 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED FOR TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-4 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR APRIL 1987 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES ROSE IN APRIL 1987 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986, RANGING FROM 2 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 9 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS IN APRIL 1987 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS; RICE; FRUIT; AS WELL AS MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; WHEAT AND FLOUR; AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING TOBACCO MANUFACTURES; MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS; RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS; HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AS WELL AS FOOTWEAR. HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

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THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE IN APRIL 1987 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986. THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN MAN-MADE FIBRES; WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS; CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS AS WELL AS WOVEN COTTON FABRICS. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE MAINLY NOTED FOR CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC.. EXCEPT GLASS; AS WELL AS WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN APRIL 1987 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITIES INCREASED IN APRIL 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986, THE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS; TEXTILE MACHINERY; OFFICE MACHINES AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY. A DECREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED IN CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR APRIL 1987 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN APRIL 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986, RANGING FROM 17 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS TO 65 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS. HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 19 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE APRIL 1987 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND 10TH JULY 1987 AT HK\$2.50 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG ON 5-214375 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDICES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8231918.

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TABLE 1: INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING JAN-APR 1987 WITH JAN-APR 1986			COMPARING APRIL 1987 WITH APRIL 1986		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	21	8	13	21	8	12
TEXTILE FABRICS	76	4	70	74	5	66
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	60	3	55	75	6	65
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	15	5	9	10	4	6
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	46	-1	47	36	3	32
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	2	-6	8	1	-1	1
FOOTWEAR	12	3	9	23	1	21
METAL MANUFACTURES	31	1	30	25	-1	25
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	22	-4	27	83	-3	88
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	15	3	12	10	*	9
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	5	3	2	-1	4	-4
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	24	4	20	19	5	13
ALL COMMODITIES	31	3	27	28	4	24

NOTES FOR TABLES 1 TO 3:

* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE CALCULATED FROM TRADE INDICES TAKEN TO MORE DECIMAL PLACES THAN THOSE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS". THEY MAY THEREFORE DIFFER FROM THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES TO THE COMPUTED FROM THE PUBLISHED FIGURES.

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TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-APR 1987 WITH JAN-APR 1986			COMPARING APRIL 1987 WITH APRIL 1986		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	12	1	11	14	2	12
CONSUMER GOODS	48	6	40	45	4	39
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	46	3	42	38	3	34
FUELS	-17	-21	5	-9	-3	-6
CAPITAL GOODS	36	9	25	33	9	23
ALL COMMODITIES	39	4	35	36	4	31

TABLE 3: INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-APR 1987 WITH JAN-APR 1986			COMPARING APRIL 1987 WITH APRIL 1986		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	15	-1	17	28	-2	30
CONSUMER GOODS	69	3	64	69	2	65
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	47	1	45	49	*	48
FUELS	38	-12	57	-10	11	-19
CAPITAL GOODS	34	1	32	15	-1	17
ALL COMMODITIES	51	2	49	49	1	48

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LONG SERVICE PAYMENT PROVISIONS IMPROVED

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THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD (LAB) TODAY (MONDAY) ENDORSED A NUMBER OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT PROVISIONS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE DURING ITS MEETING.

USEFUL VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED BY EMPLOYERS' AND EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING.

AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS, MEMBERS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT LONG SERVICE PAYMENT SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO COVER RESIGNATIONS ON GROUNDS OF ILLNESS AND OLD AGE. AS REGARDS DETAILS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT UNDERTOOK TO CARRY OUT FURTHER STUDIES.

THE BOARD ALSO SUPPORTED PROPOSALS THAT PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE DEPENDANTS OF AN EMPLOYEE WHO DIED IN SERVICE, AND THAT FOR LONG SERVICE PAYMENT PURPOSES, AN EMPLOYEE WHOSE RE-EMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT SHOULD BE REGARDED AS SEPARATE FROM HIS PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT.

IN ADDITION, IT AGREED THAT A PROVISION, SIMILAR TO THE SEVERANCE PAY PROVISION, SHOULD BE INTRODUCED TO COVER NON-MANUAL WORKERS WHOSE WAGES WERE BELOW THE WAGE CEILING, I.E. \$11,500 A MONTH, WITHIN THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO DISMISSAL.

ON THE QUESTION OF QUALIFYING PERIOD OF SERVICE REQUIRED AND THE AMOUNT OF LONG SERVICE PAYMENT FOR WORKERS BELOW THE AGE OF 45, MEMBERS HAD EXPRESSED DIFFERENT VIEWS. IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD FURTHER CONSULT THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER AND LAB MEMBERS WITH A VIEW TO FINDING A CONSENSUS OPINION.

AT THE MEETING, THE BOARD ALSO ENDORSED PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY ORDINANCE TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO MAKE EX-GRATIA PAYMENT TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS UNABLE TO PRESENT A BANKRUPTCY PETITION AGAINST HIS INSOLVENT EMPLOYER SOLELY BECAUSE THE DEBT DOES NOT EXCEED \$5,000.

THEY FURTHER AGREED TO INCREASE THE LEVELS OF COMPENSATION UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND THE PNEUMOCOINIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE AS FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR TO BRING THEM IN LINE WITH WAGE INCREASES.

TODAY'S MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN.

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EPCOM ENDORSES AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS CHANGES

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) AT ITS MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) ENDORSED THE DRAFT AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (FURNACES, OVENS AND CHIMNEYS) (INSTALLATION AND ALTERATION) (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) REGULATION 1987.

THE AMENDMENTS SEEK TO RECTIFY AN INADEQUACY IN THE EXISTING REGULATIONS DISCOVERED DURING AN APPEAL BY EIGHT FACTORY OWNERS WHO HAD BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE TO INSTALL CHIMNEYS AT TSING YI INDUSTRIAL CENTRE.

UNDER THE AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS, THE AUTHORITY (DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION) IS EMPOWERED TO REJECT AN APPLICATION INVOLVING THE INSTALLATION AND ALTERATION OF A FURNANCE, CHIMNEY OR OVEN IF IN HIS OPINION THE RELEVANT PLANT CANNOT BE OPERATED WITHOUT:

- A) CAUSING OR CONTRIBUTING TO AN AIR POLLUTANT NUISANCE; OR
- B) EMITTING EXCESSIVE AIR POLLUTANTS BY REASON OF UNSUITABLE DESIGN, DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE, EXCESSIVE WEAR AND TEAR OR THE USE OF UNSUITABLE FUEL OR OTHER MATERIALS; OR
- C) CONTRAVENING THE ORDINANCE

PROPOSED MINOR AMENDMENTS TO OTHER AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS WERE ALSO ENDORSED. THESE AMENDMENTS RELATE PRIMARILY TO METRICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED BY EPD STAFF ON THE CURRENT PROCEDURES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT FOR HANDLING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIA) FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

DETAILS OF EIAs FOR THE PROPOSED TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT AND FOR THE TAI PO GAS PRODUCTION PLANT WERE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS TO ILLUSTRATE THE PROCEDURES.

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58 RECEIVE DEA GOLD AWARDS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (MONDAY) PRESENTED AWARD CERTIFICATES TO 58 WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD AT A CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE RECIPIENTS INCLUDED STUDENTS, CLERKS, TECHNICIANS, TEACHERS AND WORKERS.

THEY CAME FROM 12 OPERATING AUTHORITIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE SCHEME FOUNDED AND SPONSORED BY THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

THE AWARD SCHEME IS A LEISURE-TIME ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 25.

ALL THE RECIPIENTS HAD SATISFACTORILY UNDERTAKEN ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDED 'SERVICE', 'EXPEDITIONS', 'SKILLS', 'PHYSICAL RECREATION' AND A 'RESIDENTIAL PROJECT'.

UNDER 'SERVICE' CATEGORY, ABOUT 38 PER CENT OF THE RECIPIENTS TOOK PART IN GENERAL SERVICES SUCH AS YOUTH SERVICE, SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLY, WHILE 33 PER CENT OF THE RECIPIENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE AWARD SCHEME OR OTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AS HELPERS OF LEADERS.

ALL RECIPIENTS TOOK PART IN LAND EXPEDITIONS WHICH INCLUDED STUDY ON THE YOUTH HOSTELS IN HONG KONG, EXPLORATIONS ON CAMP SITES, TEMPLE FACILITIES, WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGES ON LANTAU, AND THE STUDY OF ROAD SIGNS IN TAI MO SHAN.

THE 58 WINNERS ALSO TOOK PART IN ONE OF 28 DIFFERENT SKILLS. THE MOST POPULAR CHOICES BEING PHOTOGRAPHY, THE SECOND CHOICES WERE PIANO PLAYING, MANDARIN AND CANOE BUILDING. OTHER INTERESTS IN THIS SECTION INCLUDED MUSIC, ART, CRAFTS, AND RECREATION.

FOR 'PHYSICAL RECREATION', MOST RECIPIENTS TOOK PART IN A PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST WHILE OTHERS PARTICIPATED IN CANOEING, TAEKWONDO OR TAI CHI.

IN THE 'RESIDENTIAL PROJECT' CATEGORY, ABOUT 26 PER CENT OF THE RECIPIENTS PARTICIPATED IN FORESTRY WORK CAMP. SOME TOOK PART IN OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL CAMP, OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL TRAINING COURSE AND SCOUT CAMP.

SIR DAVID ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THREE PEOPLE WHO HAD MADE A NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE AWARD SCHEME IN PAST YEARS.

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TILTING BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS

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A BUILDING IN TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON, WHICH IS TILTING WAS DECLARED DANGEROUS TODAY (MONDAY).

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR (PGBS) SAID THE CONDITION OF THE FIVE-STORY, POST-WAR BUILDING AT 40A - 42B WAS IDENTIFIED IN FEBRUARY BY STAFF OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE DURING A PLANNED SURVEY TO SEEK OUT DANGEROUS BUILDINGS.

HE SAID THIS WAS A PAIR OF REINFORCED CONCRETE FRAMED STRUCTURES WITH BRICK IN-FILLED PANEL WALLS SERVED BY COMMON STAIRCASES, ONE AT THE FRONT AND ANOTHER AT THE REAR.

"THE BUILDING IS IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF DETERIORATION," HE SAID.

"IT IS TILTING TOWARDS TONKIN STREET BY ABOUT 225 MILLIMETRES."

SEVERAL VERTICAL CRACKS HAD APPEARED ON THE BALCONY WALLS AT VARIOUS FLOOR LEVELS AND AT THE CORNER OF SHUN NING ROAD AND TONKIN STREET, HE SAID.

THE STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS OF THE REAR OPEN STAIRCASE WERE SERIOUSLY CRACKED AND SPALLED WITH LARGE AREAS OF DETERIORATED CONCRETE READILY REMOVABLE DUE TO HEAVY CORROSION OF STEEL REINFORCEMENT.

HE SAID INSIDE THE BUILDING THE REINFORCED CONCRETE BEAMS AND CEILINGS OF THE MAIN BUILDING WERE GENERALLY CRACKED AND SPALLED.

SOME AREAS OF THE CONCRETE STRUCTURE WHICH HAD UNDERGONE REPAIR HAD OPENED UP RECENTLY.

SEVERAL DIAGONAL CRACKS WERE ALSO NOTED IN THE INSIDE FACE OF THE EXTERNAL WALLS AND INTERNAL PARTITION WALLS.

"ALTHOUGH NOTICES TO QUIT UNDER THE LANDLORDS AND TENANTS ORDINANCE HAVE BEEN PUT UP BY THE LANDLORDS ON THE PREMISES, PRESUMABLY HEADING FOR RE-DEVELOPMENT, IT IS UNCERTAIN WHEN THE TENANTS WILL MOVE OUT," THE PGBS SAID.

"AS THERE IS A RISK OF PARTIAL COLLAPSE AT THE REAR BEFORE VACANT POSSESSION CAN BE OBTAINED UNDER THE LANDLORDS AND TENANTS ORDINANCE IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THE BUILDING UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE."

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JULY 31 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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JUNE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL UNDER WAY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING THE JUNE 1987 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 165,000 ESTABLISHMENTS. THEY ARE RANDOMLY DRAWN FROM THOSE IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS) AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES), AND THEY COVER ALL THOSE IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS).

QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED BY THE SURVEY AT THE END OF JUNE. REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS NOT RESPONDING TO THE INITIAL MAIL ENQUIRY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON JUNE 30, 1987 FOR EACH ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE 165,000 ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF APRIL - JUNE 1987.

ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR ARE REQUESTED TO FURTHER PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAJOR KIND OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1987.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON 5-8235076.

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NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD TO BE BEAUTIFIED

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A SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD BETWEEN PAK SHEK AU AND FAN KAM ROAD IS TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY LANDSCAPED IN SEPTEMBER.

THE NEW ROAD WAS OPENED TO TRAFFIC THREE MONTHS AGO.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS.

BOTH SIDES OF THE THREE-KILOMETRE ROAD, AS WELL AS THE CENTRAL RESERVATION, WILL BE PLANTED WITH TREES SO THAT THE ROAD BLENDS WITH ITS RURAL SETTING.

THERE WILL BE A TWO-YEAR ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD TO ENSURE PROPER GROWTH OF PLANTS AND TREES AFTER PLANTING.

ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE LIST OF APPROVED SUPPLIERS OF MATERIALS AND SPECIALIST CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS FOR LANDSCAPING - GENERAL LANDSCAPE WORKS (GROUP II) WILL BE PERMITTED TO TENDER AND THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JULY 24.

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TWO MORE SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR TUEN MUN

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TWO MORE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH A TOTAL OF 48 CLASSROOMS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR TUEN MUN TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$3 MILLION PILING CONTRACT FOR THE TWO SCHOOLS SITUATED ON AN 8,400-SQUARE-METRE RECLAIMED SITE NEAR BUTTERFLY ESTATE.

PILING WORK ON THE CONTRACT HAS JUST STARTED AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN FOUR MONTHS.

WORK ON BUILDING THE SUPERSTRUCTURES WILL THEN BEGIN UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT AND THE SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY BY MID-1989.

EACH WILL HAVE ONE BLOCK FOR 24 CLASSROOMS AND ANOTHER FOR SPECIAL ROOMS, PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

AN ASSEMBLY HALL, COVERED PLAYGROUND AND STAFF QUARTERS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED IN BOTH SCHOOLS.

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PROMOTING BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN YAU MA TEI

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A LARGE-SCALE CAMPAIGN TO BOOST PUBLIC AWARENESS OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE THIS SATURDAY (JULY 11).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY), CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WAI-WANG SAID: "THE PUBLICITY DRIVE AIMS AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF AND PARTICIPATION IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT."

A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED TO CATER TO THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT TARGET GROUPS, HE SAID.

THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN WITH A TWO-WEEK EXHIBITION FEATURING GENERAL INFORMATION ON BUILDINGS, COMMON PROBLEMS AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.

"THE EXHIBITION WILL PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH AN OVERALL PICTURE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT THROUGH A SERIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS," MR CHAN SAID.

IT WILL BE STAGED AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE FROM JULY 11 TO 17 AND AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM JULY 19 TO 26.

FOR THE DISTRICT'S AREA COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SEMINARS WILL BE HELD FOR THEM TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND DIFFICULTIES IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

"REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ATTEND SEMINARS ON JULY 28 AND AUGUST 1 TO ENHANCE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION WITH THE RESIDENTS," MR CHAN SAID.

TOPICS INCLUDE FIRE REGULATIONS, MANAGEMENT PROCESS IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAMPAIGN, WOULD BE A SYMPOSIUM WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, BUILDING MANAGEMENT, AND ACADEMIC FIELDS, MR CHAN SAID.

THE DAY-LONG SYMPOSIUM ON AUGUST 8 WILL ALLOW PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD TO SHARE THEIR EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT, WITH THE VIEW OF HELPING TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL STANDARD OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT, HE SAID.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, THE COMMITTEE WILL PUBLISH 3,000 HANDBOOKS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CARETAKERS AND ANOTHER 1,500 FOR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

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ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG SAID THERE WERE ABOUT 1,300 PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, 70 PER CENT OF WHICH WERE BUILT BEFORE 1965.

"PROPER BUILDING MANAGEMENT IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN KEEPING THESE AGEING BUILDINGS IN GOOD SHAPE," HE SAID.

MR CHENG HOPED THAT RESIDENTS COULD BE MOTIVATED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMPAIGN.

TO ENSURE A BETTER FLOW OF IDEAS OF PROMOTING BUILDING MANAGEMENT, HE SAID, PROFESSIONALS AND RESIDENTS WERE INVITED TO JOIN THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

THEY INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS, INSTITUTE OF HOUSING, HONG KONG HOUSING AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, AREA COMMITTEES, AND PRIVATE MANAGEMENT COMPANIES AS WELL AS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

TO SUPPORT THE DRIVE, THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$95,000 IN SPONSORING THE FOUR-WEEK CAMPAIGN, MR CHENG SAID.

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KWAI TSING DB STRENGTHENS MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME

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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD HAS ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN ITS "MEMBERS INTERVIEW WITH THE PUBLIC SCHEME" BY ADOPTING A NEW APPOINTMENT SYSTEM.

UNDER THE OLD SYSTEM, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TOOK TURNS TO MEET THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS AND SATURDAY MORNINGS WEEKLY.

UNDER THE NEW SETUP, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI RESIDENTS CAN REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER ON ANY WORKING DAY.

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THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER ON DUTY ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERVIEWS ARRANGED BETWEEN MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY WHILE THE ONE ON SATURDAY WILL MEET THE PUBLIC BETWEEN THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, PUT INTO PRACTICE THIS MONTH WILL SHORTEN THE WAITING TIME.

RESIDENTS WISHING TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT CAN CALL THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AT 0-257223. THE SECRETARIAT WILL ARRANGE A TIME CONVENIENT TO BOTH THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AND THE RESIDENT.

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DISTRICT BOARD CONDUCTS SURVEY ON GREEN PAPER
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS BEGUN AN OPINION SURVEY TO COLLECT RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SURVEY OFFICE.

THE SURVEY, COSTING ABOUT \$80,000, WILL LAST UNTIL JULY 20.

"RESIDENTS SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEIR OPINION AND ARE REQUESTED TO RENDER THEIR CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT," A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BOARD SENT LETTERS OF NOTIFICATION TO HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED BY A RANDOM SAMPLING METHOD THROUGH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

INTERVIEWERS BEARING CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE BOARD WILL VISIT HOME AND IN CASE OF DOUBT, RESIDENTS MAY CALL THE DISTRICT BOARD ON 5-8523475 (FROM 9 AM TO 5.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 PM ON SATURDAYS) OR THE POLICE STATIONS IN THE DISTRICT ON 5-488231 OR 5-252345 TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY OF INTERVIEWERS.

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GREEN PAPER ON DB AGENDA

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

A MONITOR OF THE SURVEY OFFICE, MR ANDREW SO AND THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE SURVEY OFFICE, MR MARTIN WHITE WILL BE PRESENT TO LISTEN TO MEMBERS' VIEWS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, MR NICHOLAS YEK, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE DOCUMENT AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO FORM A WORKING GROUP ON TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT, INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 3.9 KILOMETRE TUNNEL ROAD LINKING DIAMOND HILL IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WITH SIU LEK YUEN IN SHA TIN, WILL COMMENCE IN 1988.

SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, MR J.A. O'DELL AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SQUATTER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT) OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR LAU PO-CHI WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

THE FIVE-YEAR URBAN COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDIOTRS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE FUNG MING HALL OF THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

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COMMUNITY PROJECT ON EFFECTS OF VICE-ESTABLISHMENTS
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE WORK PLAN FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF VICE-ESTABLISHMENTS ON THE FAMILY LIFE OF RESIDENTS.

THE PROJECT, ENTITLED THE "COMMUNITY IN PERSPECTIVE" IS THE THIRD ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

A WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED TO RECRUIT VOLUNTARY WORKERS TO GATHER DATA, CONDUCT INTERVIEWS AND SURVEYS, AS WELL AS ORGANISING A PUBLIC FORUM TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT'S FINDINGS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SPONSORING A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SCHEME ON STREET SLEEPERS WHICH WILL PROVIDE FUNDS FOR YOUTH GROUPS TO ORGANISE PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE EXHIBITIONS ON CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES SEMINARS, VISITS TO GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, ESSAY CONTESTS, QUIZ, AND FAMILY CAMPING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMITTEE MEETING TO HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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KOWLOON CITY EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN FOR ELDERLY

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE AN EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT BETWEEN JULY 19 AND AUGUST 2.

THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE FREE EYE CHECK-UPS, PROVISION OF FREE SPECTACLES FOR THOSE IN NEED, ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE ELDERLY PEOPLE'S AWARENESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EYE-CARE, AND EDUCATING THEM ON THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT EYE-CARE.

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 8) IN THE PATIO PRIVATE ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, NEW WORLD HOTEL, 22 SALISBURY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MRS THERESA LAU PO WING-KAM; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR TANG PO-HONG, WILL SPEAK AT THE CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY PRESS CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 8).

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS INADEQUACY OF SCHOOL PLACES

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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE INADEQUACY OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN NORTH DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL AIR THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE A NEW CLASS STRUCTURE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING A NORTH DISTRICT INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION AS WELL AS ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE KWU TUNG VILLAGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SURVEY

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YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL SURVEY IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY STUDENT WORKERS DURING THE SUMMER VACATION. INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL ENABLE THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO EVALUATE THE EXISTING AND FUTURE STANDARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS.

AFTER THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL VISIT AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN YUEN LONG. THEY WILL ALSO TOUR A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, A JAPANESE COMPANY THAT PRODUCES PRE-STRESSED CONCRETE PILES AND A LOCAL COMPANY THAT MAKES FERRITE PRODUCTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 9 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED AT 9.45 AM AND FOLLOWED BY THE GUIDED TOUR TO YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE UNTIL 12.30 PM.

A COACH HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR BOTH THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE PRESS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AND THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE VISIT. INFORMATION OFFICER, MRS BRENDA RUMJAHN WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS PROJECT EXHIBITION

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A COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS PROJECT EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE HENRY G. LEUNG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE BETWEEN THURSDAY (JULY 9) AND SATURDAY (JULY 11).

THE EXHIBITION WILL CONSIST OF A NUMBER OF WINNING AND OTHER COMMENDABLE ENTRIES TO THE COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS PROJECT COMPETITION HELD EARLY THIS YEAR.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION AT THE COVERED PLAYGROUND OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, YAU MA TEI, BETWEEN 9 AM TO 4.30 PM ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND 11 AM ON SATURDAY.

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YUEN LONG WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (JULY 9) FROM 9 PM TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT TAI TONG ROAD, TAI KEI LENG, FRASER VILLAGE, SHAM CHUNG, SHUNG CHING SAN TSUEN, SHUI TSIU LO WAI, SHUI TSIU SAN TSUEN, HUNG TSO TIN, NAM HANG, TAI TONG AND WONG NAI TUN.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 63.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 370.757 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 323.040 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER REPRESENTING 55.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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