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DETERMINATION TO PRESS AHEAD IN EDUCATION -- CS

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THERE IS A DETERMINATION TO PRESS AHEAD IN EDUCATION, IN COMMON WITH THE THRUST OF OTHER GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE-LAYING CEREMONY OF THE HO TIM BUILDING AT CHINESE UNIVERSITY, SIR DAVID SAID IN HIGHER EDUCATION, A TARGET HAD BEEN SET TO PROVIDE FIRST YEAR DEGREE PLACES FOR ABOUT EIGHT PER CENT OF ELIGIBLE YOUNG PEOPLE BY THE MIDDLE OF THE 1990'S.

AT THE PRESENT RATE OF GROWTH, HE SAID, THE NUMBER OF FIRST YEAR FIRST DEGREE PLACES AT THE END OF THIS DECADE WOULD ALMOST DOUBLE THE PRESENT NUMBER OF 3 700.

+BUT THIS IS NOT ENOUGH AND A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO BUILD A THIRD UNIVERSITY WITH AN EMPHASIS ON TECHNOLOGICAL TRAINING TO PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION TO KEEP HONG KONG ABREAST OF ADVANCES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, HE SAID, HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

SIR DAVID SAID THE UNIVERSITY WAS MADE UP OF MANY PARTS AND IT DREW ITS STRENGTH FROM THE COLLEGIATE SYSTEM, ITS TOTAL STRENGTH BEING GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS.

HE SAID THERE WAS UNITY IN DIVERSITY: THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY WAS IN ALL SENSES A UNIVERSITY AND GRADUALLY WITH THE ADDITION OF EACH NEW FACILITY THE UNIVERSITY GREW IN STATURE.

IN THE LAST TWO DECADES, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS HAD INCREASED FROM 2 000 IN THE MID-60'S TO SOME 7 000 TODAY.

+DURING THESE YEARS YOU HAVE ADDED THE NEW MEDICAL FACULTY AND PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO EXPAND ENGINEERING STUDIES AND TO ESTABLISH A FOURTH COLLEGE IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS,+ HE SAID.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HO TIM BUILDING, HE SAID, WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSITY.

NOTING THAT HONG KONG HAD NO NATURAL RESOURCES, SIR DAVID SAID ITS STRENGTH LAY IN THE QUALITY OF ITS PEOPLE.

+IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TAUGHT BY TEACHERS WHO ARE NOT ONLY PROFESSIONALLY COMPETENT BUT WHO ARE DEVOTED TO THE TEACHING PROFESSION,+ HE SAID.

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THE HO TIM BUILDING, WHICH WOULD BRING THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY UNDER ONE ROOF, WAS THEREFORE OF IMMENSE IMPORTANCE FOR THE CONTRIBUTION IT WOULD MAKE TO THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION WHICH HONG KONG YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD RECEIVE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DONOR OF THE BUILDING AND TO THE BOARD OF CHUNG CHI COLLEGE AND WISHED THE UNIVERSITY EVERY SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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CIVIL SERVANTS URGED TO ACT IN PUBLIC INTEREST
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (THURSDAY) HOPED THAT NON-DIRECTORATE CIVIL SERVANTS WOULD ACT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THEIR PURSUIT FOR A HIGHER PAY INCREASE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY FOR THE HO TIM BUILDING AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON THE ISSUE HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING THE MEETING AND DISCUSSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON TUESDAY.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED FOR ANY POSSIBLE ACTIONS TAKEN BY SOME CIVIL SERVICE UNIONS, SIR DAVID SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO SPECULATE ON EVENTS WHICH HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAD ADOPTED A +DIVIDE AND CONQUER+ TACTIC BY STATING THAT CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE UNIONS WOULD BE HAPPY WITH THE 2.7 PER CENT INCREASE, HE SAID THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUAL UNIONS MUST MAKE UP THEIR OWN DECISION THEMSELVES ABOUT THIS.

+THE DECISION RESTS WITH THEM. THERE'S NO QUESTION OF DIVIDE AND RULE OR DIVIDE AND CONQUER,+ SIR DAVID NOTED.

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SIR DAVID VISITS RHKAAF HEADQUARTERS

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, BOARDED A HELICOPTER AT HMS TAMAR THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON AND FLEW TO KAI TAK AIRPORT FOR A VISIT TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER, WING COMMANDER ALISTAIR ASPREY, SIR DAVID TOURED THE HANGAR AND WORKSHOPS AND INSPECTED THE RHKAAF'S FLEET OF FOUR FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND THREE DAUPHIN HELICOPTERS.

HE ALSO VISITED THE OPERATIONS CENTRE AND LEARNED THAT THE RHKAAF, ESTABLISHED IN 1949, EVOLVED FROM A CONVENTIONAL AUXILIARY AIR FORCE ADMINISTERED BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE TO A FULLY INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT WITH DIVERSE ROLES.

LAST YEAR, THE FORCE CARRIED OUT 360 EMERGENCY MISSIONS INCLUDING SEARCH AND RESCUE, CASUALTY EVACUATION, AND AIRBORNE FIRE-FIGHTING. OTHER REGULAR ACTIVITIES OF THE FORCE INCLUDE AERIAL SURVEY AND COMMUNICATION FLIGHTS.

APART FROM FLYING COMMITMENTS, THE FORCE PROVIDES FLYING AND OTHER SPECIALISED TRAINING FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICERS OF THE THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

SIR DAVID THEN TOURED THE TRAINING CENTRE FOR A VIDEO AND PICTORIAL PRESENTATION OF THE RANGE OF THE FORCE FLYING AND OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

BEFORE LEAVING, SIR DAVID HAD AN INFORMAL MEETING AND DISCUSSION WITH THE STAFF.

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JLG ON FAMILIARISATION TOUR

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THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP WILL MAKE A FAMILIARISATION TOUR OF THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL AND SHA TIN NEW TOWN ON SATURDAY (MARCH 15).

THE GROUP WILL START WITH A BOAT TRIP TO KWAI CHUNG, LEAVING QUEEN'S PIER AT 9 AM. THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY BY CAR TO THE LION'S PAVILION IN SHA TIN FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE FAST DEVELOPING NEW TOWN. THE GROUP WILL ROUND OFF THEIR TOUR BY TAKING A WALKABOUT IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S LUNG HANG ESTATE IN TAI WAI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE PRESS TO COVER THE GROUP'S VISIT TO SHA TIN.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED TO COVER THIS EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO SEND IN THEIR NAMES AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS TO THE DUTY OFFICER OF GIS BEFORE NOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

EDITORS SHOULD NOTE THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATED MUST BE THE ONE ACTUALLY COVERING THE EVENT. THE NAME AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBER OF EACH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE CHECKED BEFORE THE VISIT. LAPEL BADGES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON THE SPOT UPON PRODUCTION OF PROOF OF IDENTITY AND AUTHORISATION FROM THE MEDIA ORGANISATION CONCERNED.

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THIS FUNCTION WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH SECURITY CHECKS.

ACCREDITED PRESS MEMBERS SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE CAR PARK, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 15) WHEN THEY WILL BE TAKEN BY COACH TO SHA TIN.

THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO THE LION'S PAVILION ARE REQUESTED TO BE IN POSITION AT 11 AM.

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CIVIL SERVANTS URGED TO ACT RESPONSIBLY

CIVIL SERVANTS WERE URGED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO ANALYSE THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL PAY AWARD COOLLY AND OBJECTIVELY AND TO ACT RESPONSIBLY WITH THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN MIND TO AVOID DISRUPTION OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR DOMINIC WONG, WHEN HE ADDRESSED A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ON THE PAY POLICY AND PAY ADJUSTMENT SYSTEM FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

+I SINCERELY HOPE THAT GOOD SENSE WILL PREVAIL,+ HE SAID.

MR WONG REITERATED THAT THE OFFER OF 2.7 PER CENT SPECIAL PAY ADJUSTMENT BACKDATED TO JANUARY 1, WAS AN INTERIM MEASURE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE PAY LEVEL SURVEY FOR NON-DIRECTORATE STAFF.

IN REACHING THIS DECISION, MR WONG STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD TWICE RESPONDED TO STAFF REPRESENTATIONS AND MADE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE FINDINGS OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

+THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED THIS OFFER TO BE FAIR AND REASONABLE,+ MR WONG SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS EIGHT TIMES BETTER THAN THE STANDING COMMISSION'S FINDINGS FOR THE MAJORITY OF STAFF AND THEREFORE NOT AN UNGENEROUS OFFER.

+IT WAS A GENUINE EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT TO REACH A COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE,+ HE SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO TAKEN FULL ACCOUNT OF STAFF REACTIONS AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST AS A WHOLE.

+ANY FURTHER INCREASED OFFER NOT SUPPORTED BY NEW FACTS WOULD BE A MAJOR AND UNACCEPTABLE DEPARTURE FROM THE STANDING COMMISSION'S FINDINGS AND COULD JEOPARDISE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PAY ADJUSTMENTS SYSTEM WHICH HAVE SERVED STAFF AND MANAGEMENT WELL OVER THE YEARS,+ MR WONG ADDED.

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JANUARY EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY 1986, VALUED AT \$37 899 MILLION, WAS 3 PER CENT LOWER THAN IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO TRADE VALUE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT TO \$10 530 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT TO \$8 563 MILLION, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, THE VALUE DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT. IMPORTS DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT TO \$18 806 MILLION.

COMMENTING ON THESE COMPARATIVE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE BEGINNING MONTH OF A YEAR ARE USUALLY DISTORTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS. THE DECLINE IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1986 WAS INFLUENCED BY THE RUSH SHIPMENTS BY MANUFACTURERS TOWARDS THE END OF 1985, TO FULFIL HIGHER QUOTA UTILISATION RATES FOR RESTRAINED TEXTILE ITEMS AND TO SECURE PAYMENTS BEFORE THE CHINESE NEW YEAR WHICH FELL IN EARLY FEBRUARY THIS YEAR. AS REGARDS IMPORTS, THE DECLINE WAS ATTRIBUTED IN PART TO REDUCED IMPORTS OF FUELS.

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HEREIN ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS ON THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY 1986 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY APRIL.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY 1986 WITH JANUARY 1985, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$161 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$126 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$31 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$34 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF; JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS) (BY \$34 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT).

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MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA DECREASED IN VALUE PARTICULARLY OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$196 MILLION OR 92 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$109 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$46 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$46 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$29 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$23 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$18 MILLION OR 129 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$8 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$13 MILLION OR 90 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$8 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$35 MILLION OR 82 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (BY \$35 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT). HOWEVER, AN INCREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$10 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT).

AS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS AS WELL AS BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS) (BY \$31 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$8 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS; TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS (BY \$6 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT).

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

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM CHINA INCREASED IN JANUARY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$317 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$241 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES) (BY \$110 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$107 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$58 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

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AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$231 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$201 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$135 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$153 MILLION OR 751 PER CENT) AS WELL AS GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$83 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$130 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$121 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$63 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$38 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$34 MILLION OR 357 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$103 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$56 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT FROM SINGAPORE ALSO FELL (BY \$267 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT AND \$115 MILLION OR 83 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY \$53 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT), AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF ORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$22 MILLION OR 785 PER CENT).

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

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY 1986 WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA DECREASED BY 31 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$385 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$365 MILLION OR 84 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$229 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES AND DRESSED FURSKINS (BY \$40 MILLION OR 170 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$31 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

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INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$209 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS) (BY \$42 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS; TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS (BY \$24 MILLION OR 1 449 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (BY \$10 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$8 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$93 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT); VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$16 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$13 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$33 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (NOT INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$24 MILLION OR 3 221 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$32 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$20 MILLION OR 92 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF AS WELL AS OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES) INCREASED (BY \$33 MILLION OR 312 PER CENT), AS DID COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$8 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$7 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT), AND FOR RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$15 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

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

THE JANUARY 1986 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND THE THIRD WEEK OF THIS MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1986 WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY APRIL AT \$13.5 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS AND ON TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. : 5-214375) AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. : 5-444436).

Table 1 : Domestic exports by ten major markets

<u>Major market</u>	<u>Jan. 1986 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
U.S.A.	4,538	4,769	- 231	- 5
China	1,162	1,410	- 248	-18
F.R. of Germany	765	726	+ 39	+ 5
U.K.	689	749	- 61	- 8
Japan	361	330	+ 31	+ 9
Canada	355	349	+ 7	+ 2
Australia	281	340	- 59	-17
Singapore	199	223	- 24	-11
France	180	132	+ 48	+36
Netherlands	175	204	- 28	-14

Table 2 : Domestic exports by major commodity division

<u>Commodity division</u>	<u>Jan. 1986 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3,819	4,132	- 313	- 8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	1,602	1,487	+ 115	+ 8
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	812	752	+ 60	+ 8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	746	977	- 231	-24
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	670	809	- 138	-17
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	635	647	- 12	- 2

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Table 3 : Imports from ten major sources

<u>Major source</u>	<u>Jan. 1986 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
China	5,892	4,840	+1,052	+22
Japan	3,726	4,094	- 368	- 9
U.S.A.	1,553	2,050	- 497	-24
Taiwan	1,533	1,623	- 90	- 6
Singapore	902	1,266	- 364	-29
Republic of Korea	630	673	- 44	- 6
F.R. of Germany	586	511	+ 75	+15
U.K.	584	747	- 163	-22
Switzerland	344	195	+ 149	+77
France	255	311	- 56	-18

Table 4 : Imports by major commodity division

<u>Commodity division</u>	<u>Jan. 1986 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	2,874	2,522	+ 352	+14
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	1,313	1,728	- 415	-24
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,305	983	+ 322	+33
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	1,095	926	+ 169	+18
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	849	785	+ 64	+ 8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	828	687	+ 142	+21

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Table 5 : Re-exports by ten major markets

<u>Major market</u>	<u>Jan. 1986 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
China	2,776	4,038	-1,263	-31
U.S.A.	1,502	1,202	+ 300	+25
Japan	503	527	- 24	- 5
Taiwan	452	348	+ 104	+30
Singapore	435	366	+ 69	+19
Republic of Korea	369	302	+ 67	+22
Macau	200	255	- 55	-21
Philippines	196	147	+ 49	+33
F.R. of Germany	175	111	+ 64	+58
Indonesia	159	215	- 56	-26

Table 6 : Re-exports by major commodity division

<u>Commodity division</u>	<u>Jan. 1986 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan. 1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	1,361	1,215	+ 146	+12
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	892	618	+ 273	+44
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	636	822	- 187	-23
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	567	521	+ 46	+ 9
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	380	450	- 69	-15
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	371	712	- 341	-48

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REPAIR WORK TO IMPROVE CHIMNEY EMISSIONS
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THE QUALITY OF CHIMNEY EMISSIONS FROM THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATORS WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED LATER THIS YEAR WHEN REPAIR WORK AND INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

THE ENTIRE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR STATION WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER, WHEN THE CURRENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK IS COMPLETED.

+THIS EQUIPMENT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE CHIMNEY EMISSIONS BY REMOVING MOST OF THE DUST AND GRIT CONTENT,+ THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE (POLLUTION), MR IAN HOWARD SAID TODAY.

THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, HE SAID, HAD CARRIED OUT A REVIEW RECENTLY AT THE REQUEST OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, TO ASSESS THE SCOPE OF REPAIRS NEEDED FOR THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR STATION AND TO CONSIDER CLOSING THE STATION AT AN EARLY DATE.

+THE INTENTION IS TO MOVE AWAY FROM INCINERATION AND TO MAKE GREATER USE OF SANITARY LANDFILL METHODS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL WASTES,+ MR HOWARD SAID.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CHANGEOVER COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED IMMEDIATELY, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO COMMISSION NEW LANDFILL SITES AND BUILD URBAN TRANSFER LOADING STATIONS BEFORE THE INCINERATORS COULD BE PHASED OUT.

+CONSULTANTS ARE NOW WORKING ON PLANS FOR A TRANSFER STATION IN KOWLOON AND THE PLANNING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE KENNEDY TOWN PLANT IS BEING STEPPED UP,+ HE SAID.

THE PROBLEM ON HONG KONG ISLAND, HE SAID, WAS THAT IT WOULD TAKE MORE THAN TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS TO DESIGN, LOCATE, BUILD AND COMMISSION ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES FOR HANDLING REFUSE.

HOWEVER, TEMPORARY REPAIRS WOULD NOT LAST MORE THAN TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS.

AS THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE WAS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE WHICH SHOULD NOT BE INTERRUPTED, THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO CARRY OUT EXTENSIVE REPAIRS WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE CHIMNEYS TO LAST WELL BEYOND THE PLANNED DATE FOR CLOSURE OF THE INCINERATORS.

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NEW PENALTIES FOR LATE TRADE DECLARATIONS IN FORCE TOMORROW

PENALTIES FOR LATE IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS AND THE MINIMUM CHARGE FOR THE AD VALOREM WILL BE REVISED WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986, TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW, PROVIDES FOR THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS IN PENALTIES:

<u>TOTAL VALUE OF ARTICLES SPECIFIED IN DECLARATION</u>	<u>LATE LODGEMENT UP TO ONE MONTH AND 14 DAYS</u>	<u>LATE LODGEMENT UP TO TWO MONTHS AND 14 DAYS</u>
NOT EXCEEDING \$20 000	\$20 (FROM \$10)	\$40 (FROM \$20)
EXCEEDING \$20 000	\$40 (FROM \$20)	\$80 (FROM \$40)

NO CHANGE IS PROPOSED FOR THE PENALTIES FOR LATE LODGEMENT BEYOND TWO MONTHS AND 14 DAYS, AS THE CURRENT RATES ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ADEQUATE.

ACCORDINGLY THE AMENDED REGULATIONS ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE REVISION OF MINIMUM AD VALOREM CHARGE PER DECLARATION TO \$5 FOR DECLARATIONS RELATING TO ARTICLES OF A VALUE NOT EXCEEDING \$10 000.

HOWEVER THE BASIC RATE OF 50 CENTS PER \$1 000 VALUE ABOVE THE MINIMUM WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE PRESENT MINIMUM CHARGE IS \$2 FOR DECLARATIONS NOT EXCEEDING \$4 000.

MEANWHILE, THE CHARGE OF \$2 WHICH APPLIED TO AN IMPORT SHIPMENT OF FOOD ITEMS IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR VALUE WILL BE INCREASED TO \$5, ALSO WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW.

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR REPORTS PUBLISHED
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HONG KONG'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (IYY) WERE SUMMED UP IN TWO SEPARATE REPORTS RELEASED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE TWO REPORTS GAVE A COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS ORGANISED IN THE PAST YEAR BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (CCCIYY) AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AND THE CONFERENCE ON YOUTH POLICIES IN PERSPECTIVE.

ADDRESSING THE CONFERENCE ON THE REVIEW OF THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, THE CHAIRMAN OF CCCIYY, MRS SELINA CHOW, EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION TO ALL WHO HAD HELPED IN PROMOTING THE SPIRIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

FIVE LARGE-SCALE EVENTS ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS WERE ORGANISED, WITH THE AIM OF BRINGING OUT THE THEME OF IYY: PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.

EXPENDITURE FOR THESE EVENTS WERE IN THE REGION OF \$1.5 MILLION. HOWEVER, THE ACTUAL COST WAS UNDER \$250 000, AS THE REMAINDER OF THE COST WERE MET BY SPONSORSHIP FROM VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

REPORTING ON THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE, MRS ROSANNA TAM, SAID EVENTS INCLUDED AN OPENING CEREMONY WHICH ENCOURAGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, A CONFERENCE ON +YOUTH POLICIES IN PERSPECTIVE+ TO PROBE INTO THE SERVICES AND POLICIES FOR YOUTH; A +CIVIC DAY FOR YOUTH+ TO PROMOTE CIVIC-MINDEDNESS; AND A +PEACE RALLY+ AND +PEACE HI-TOUCH EXHIBITION+ TO PROMOTE PEACE.

IN A SEPARATE REPORT, THE GIST OF BOTH STAGES OF THE CONFERENCE ON +YOUTH POLICIES IN PERSPECTIVE+, TOGETHER WITH THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WERE COMPILED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

THE PRIME RECOMMENDATION WAS TO SET UP A CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AFFAIRS TO EXAMINE EXISTING YOUTH POLICIES AND PROVISIONS FOR YOUTH, AS WELL AS THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF YOUTH, WITH A VIEW TO FORMULATING AN INTEGRATED YOUTH POLICY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE, MRS PAMELA CHAN, POINTED OUT THAT APART FROM THE EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE CCCIYY, A NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ALSO HELPED SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

STATISTICS COMPILED FROM QUESTIONNAIRES SENT OUT EARLIER BY THE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE SHOWED THAT SOME 200 ORGANISATIONS CONTRIBUTED IN ORGANISING MORE THAN 4 300 EVENTS OF DIFFERENT NATURE, WHICH WERE PARTICIPATED BY MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE.

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A TOTAL OF 10 000 COPIES OF THE TWO REPORTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS AND THE MEDIA.

ALSO TAKING PART IN TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE CHAIRMAN, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SUB-COMMITTEE, MR J.P. LEE, AND CHAIRMAN, PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE, MR HOWARD YOUNG.

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PUBLIC REMINDED TO GET LICENCE FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC IN POSSESSION OF CERTAIN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS TO OBTAIN A VALID LICENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE MARCH 20.

THESE SPECIES, LISTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES) ORDER 1985, INCLUDE OWLS, FLAMINGOS, WHALES, DOLPHINS, PORPOISES, RORQUALS, BLACK CORALS, PARROTS AND RELATED BIRDS EXCEPT BUDGERIGARS, COCKATIELS AND ROSE-RINGED PARAKEETS.

THEY ALSO INCLUDE THE WHOLE, PARTS AND DERIVATIVES OF THESE ANIMALS AS WELL AS SIX SPECIES OF PITCHER PLANT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DECEMBER 1985 AMENDMENT ORDER WAS TO AFFECT LICENSING CONTROL ON THESE ENDANGERED SPECIES IN LINE WITH THE UPDATED LIST OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES).

+THE AMENDMENT ORDER REQUIRES OWNERS OF THE NEWLY SCHEDULED SPECIES ACQUIRED BEFORE DECEMBER 20, 1985 TO APPLY AND OBTAIN A POSSESSION LICENCE FROM THIS DEPARTMENT BEFORE MARCH 20,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THE AMENDMENT ORDER PROVIDED FOR AN EXEMPTION IN RESPECT OF PARROTS KEPT IN HONG KONG AS PETS BUT THE EXEMPTION DID NOT APPLY TO BIRD TRADERS AND ANYONE WHO POSSESSED PARROTS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

THE SPOKESMAN CAUTIONED THAT POSSESSION OF SCHEDULED SPECIES OR THEIR PARTS AND DERIVATIVES WITHOUT A LICENCE WAS AN OFFENCE.

+APART FROM FORFEITURE OF THE SPECIES, OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 FOR A FIRST OFFENCE, AND \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE,+ HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR POSSESSION LICENCES IN RESPECT OF THE LISTED SPECIES COULD BE MADE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S FAUNA CONSERVATION SECTION ON 3-7332123.

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NEW BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM FOR KAI TAK
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A SOPHISTICATED BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM WILL SOON BE INSTALLED AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UNDER A CONTRACT AWARDED RECENTLY.

THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A COMPUTER-CONTROLLED DEPARTURE HANDLING SYSTEM, TWO CONVEYORS FOR ARRIVAL BAGGAGE HANDLING AND AN OUTSIZE BAGGAGE HOIST.

THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE EXTENDED SECTION OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING BUILT UNDER STAGE 5 OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE CONTRACT, VALUED AT \$47 MILLION, WAS AWARDED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO JEBSON AND CO. LTD., HONG KONG.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN 30 MONTHS.

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STORAGE SITE FOR LEASE
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A SITE AT ON MUK STREET IN SHA TIN.

MEASURING ABOUT 1 660 SQUARE METRES, THE USE OF THE SITE BY THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER IS LIMITED TO THE STORAGE OF GOODS AND VEHICLES, EXCLUDING CONTAINERS.

TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS WHICH WILL BE RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTING TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 27.

THE TENDER FORM, NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND THE TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON OR THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS URBAN COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS TWO URBAN COUNCIL CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENTS.

MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE CONTROL OF PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS AND PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS, AS WELL AS HAWKER AND MARKET POLICIES.

URBAN COUNCILLORS MRS ELSIE TU AND MR TONG KAM-BIU- ASSISTANT DIRECTORS OF URBAN SERVICES, MR OWEN BROADLEY AND DR PATRICK HASE, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, NO. 7-11 NAM NING STREET, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

BILLIARD SALOON CONTROL TO BE DISCUSSED

MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AN URBAN COUNCIL CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON THE POLICY OF CONTROLLING BILLIARD SALOONS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ACCORDING TO A SURVEY CONDUCTED RECENTLY BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THERE ARE 31 LICENSED PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS IN HONG KONG AT PRESENT WHILE PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS HAVE MUSHROOMED TO 130 IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT SOME OF THESE CLUBS ARE OPERATING AS DE FACTO PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS UNDER THE GUISE OF PRIVATE CLUBS AND NOT SUBJECT TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

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AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE DRAFT 1986-87 YEAR PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE AND DISCUSS PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET.

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SEMINAR ON TEACHING OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
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MORE THAN 160 SECONDARY TEACHERS WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR ON SATURDAY (MARCH 15) ON THE TEACHING OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES EXAMINATION SYLLABUS AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT WAH YAN COLLEGE, WATERLOO ROAD IN KOWLOON AND IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AND THE RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT ACQUAINTING TEACHERS WITH THE DIFFERENT APPROACHES IN TEACHING THE SYLLABUS TO FORM 4 TO 5 AND MIDDLE 4 TO 5 AND WITH THE METHODS USED TO APPLY THE SUBJECT TO THE DAILY LIFE SITUATION OF PUPILS.

IT IS ALSO AIMED AT HEIGHTENING THE AWARENESS OF TEACHERS TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATION RELIGIOUS STUDIES SUBJECT COMMITTEE, HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY, MR MICHAEL YEUNG, WILL MAKE THE OPENING ADDRESS TO THE GATHERING.

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FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL FOR KWAI CHUNG
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A CARNIVAL AND VARIETY SHOW TO PUBLICISE FLIGHT CRIME MESSAGES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (MARCH 16) FOR 2 000 RESIDENTS IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTSGROUND IN HING FONG ROAD.

AT THE CARNIVAL FROM 2.30 PM TO 4 PM THERE WILL BE 20 SPECIALLY DESIGNED GAMES STALLS WHERE PARTICIPANTS CAN HAVE FUN AND KNOW VARIOUS WAYS OF PREVENTING CRIME.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING, BOARD MEMBER, MR CHENG WING-CHUN, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PATRICK LAU, AND DISTRICT COMMANDER (KWAI CHUNG), MR D.G. CHALLIS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE 2.30 PM OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL.

DURING THE CEREMONY WINNERS OF THE RECENTLY HELD DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME SLOGAN COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE PRIZES.

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 7.30 PM TO 10 PM AT THE SAME VENUE. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTSGROUND.

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GAS SAFETY EXHIBITION FOR MEI FOO SUN CHUEN
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RESIDENTS OF MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GAS SAFETY WITH A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION BEING HELD THIS SATURDAY, (2.30 PM TO 6 PM) AND ON SUNDAY FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM.

TO BE HELD AT THE ESTATE'S ROLLER-SKATING RINK, THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ESTATE MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF MEI FOO SUN CHUEN, MOBILE OIL HONG KONG LTD AND THE GAS ADVISER'S OFFICE OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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+WE UNDERSTAND THAT CERTAIN HOUSEHOLDS IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN STILL HAVE SUB-STANDARD GAS WATER HEATER INSTALLATIONS AND WE HOPE THAT THE EXHIBITION WILL SHOW THEM THE DANGERS THEY FACE, THE PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN AND THE METHODS OF UPGRADING THE INSTALLATIONS,+ A GAS ADVISER'S OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EXHIBITION WILL ALSO GIVE ADVICE AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE HANDLING AND USING LP GAS CYLINDERS AND RUBBER TUBING, AS WELL AS THE CORRECT PROCEDURES TO BE TAKEN IN CASE OF A GAS LEAK.

+FREE LEAFLETS GIVING COMPREHENSIVE GAS SAFETY MESSAGES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE WHO VISIT THE EXHIBITION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SENIOR MANAGERS TAKE PART IN ACTION LEARNING
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UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MDC) OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, 16 SENIOR MANAGERS FROM THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS COMPLETED THE FIRST PART OF AN INTENSIVE AND HIGH LEVEL GENERAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME TODAY (THURSDAY).

THEY HAD SPENT THREE DAYS IN MACAU PARTICIPATING IN A RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOP AS WELL AS ATTENDING A SERIES OF COURSES ON MANAGEMENT LASTING THREE DAYS AT THE CENTRE'S FACILITIES IN WAN CHAI.

TO CONCLUDE THE FIRST PART OF THE ACTION LEARNING PROGRAMME, THE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, MR DAVID LI WAS INVITED TO ADDRESS THE GROUP TODAY ON THE GENERAL PERSPECTIVES OF RUNNING A MAJOR CORPORATION IN HONG KONG.

THE SECOND PART OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDES CASE STUDIES, WORK PROJECTS AND ACTION LEARNING DISCUSSIONS, WILL CONTINUE THROUGH TO JUNE 27.

THE PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED BY THE MDC TO DEVELOP CONFIDENT AND PROFESSIONAL GENERAL MANAGERS FOR HONG KONG BUSINESS.

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TEMPORARY STAFF REQUIRED FOR SURVEY
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THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS RECRUITING TEMPORARY STAFF FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SERVICE SAID THE STAFF WOULD BE REQUIRED TO VISIT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT COMPLETED SURVEY RETURNS BETWEEN APRIL 21 AND MAY 7.

APPLICANTS, PREFERABLY AGED 25 OR UNDER, SHOULD BE FORM 5 GRADUATES WITH FIVE PASSES IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, INCLUDING CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

THE JOB, WHICH OFFERS A DAILY WAGE OF \$121, IS OPEN TO BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD APPROACH ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-666615, 3-695525, 3-265123, 0-420154 OR 5-270622.

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ASPHALT BATCHING PLANT OPENING
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF AN ASPHALT BATCHING PLANT AT TURRET HILL QUARRY IN SHA TIN WAI ROAD, SHA TIN, AT 11.30 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHING MING FESTIVAL
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL STARTING SUNDAY (MARCH 16).

ROAD CLOSURE

- * BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON MARCH 16, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, APRIL 5, 6, 13 AND 20, WO HOP SHEK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO PRIVATE CARS AND COACHES (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs) EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES, HEARSEs, FRANCHISED BUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND TAXIS CARRYING PASSENGERS.
- * BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, THE SLIP ROAD AT WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION FROM TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) TO WO HOP SHEK ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT KMB BUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs. AT THE SAME TIME, FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD (LEADING FROM TAI PO ROAD TO PAK FUK TSUEN) WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT KMB BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND RESIDENTS FOR LOCAL ACCESS. THE FANLING KCR STATION FORECOURT AT ITS ACCESS FROM ROAD D5 WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT KMB BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.
- * FROM 7 AM TO 4 PM ON MARCH 29, 30, 31, APRIL 5 AND 6, LO WAI ROAD BETWEEN LO WAI BUS TERMINUS AND YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES. DURING THE CLOSURE, THE LO WAI TERMINAL POINT FOR NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 81 AND 81M WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE LO WAI BUS TERMINUS.
- * THE NEW ACCESS ROAD TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY AT THE END OF WING SHUN STREET, KWAI CHUNG WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT HEARSEs AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON MARCH 29 TO 31 AND ON APRIL 5, 6 AND 13. THE JUNCTION OF WING SHUN STREET, KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI YUE STREET WILL ALSO BE CLOSED. GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE THE OLD ACCESS ROAD FROM TEXACO ROAD TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY AS THE ACCESS ROAD HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A CONSTRUCTION SITE AND IS NOT SAFE FOR PUBLIC USE.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

- * ON MARCH 28 TO 31 AND APRIL 5, 6 AND 13, KCR WILL STRENGTHEN ITS SERVICES. TRAIN SERVICES WILL OPERATE FROM FANLING AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVAL FROM ABOUT 7 AM TO 9 AM AND FROM 5 PM TO 6 PM; AND AT 7.5 MINUTES FREQUENCY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM.
- * ON MARCH 16, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, APRIL 5, 6 AND 13 AND 20, A SPECIAL SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE ROUTE 70R WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN FANLING KCR STATION AND WO HOP SHEK AT ABOUT THREE-MINUTE INTERVAL.
- * ANOTHER SPECIAL BUS SERVICE ROUTE 70S WILL OPERATE BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD FERRY BUS TERMINUS AND WO HOP SHEK VIA TOLO HIGHWAY AT SIX-MINUTE INTERVAL ON MARCH 16, 23, 30, APRIL 5, 6, 13 AND 20.
- * KMB ROUTES 69, 70 AND 73 WILL ALSO STEP UP SERVICES.
- * GRAVE-SWEEPERS WISHING TO GO TO SANDY RIDGE CAN TAKE THE REGULAR BUS SERVICE ROUTE 73K PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SAN UK LING OR THE TRAIN SERVICE TO LO WU.
- * PLBS AND TAXIS CARRYING PASSENGERS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AND WAITING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

PARKING FACILITIES

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT WHEN GOING TO THE CEMETERIES AS THERE WILL BE NO PARKING FACILITIES IN THE VICINITY OF WO HOP SHEK WHILE PARKING SPACES IN SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING (ON LOK TSUEN) AND AROUND TSUEN WAN CEMETERY ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

IN ADDITION, PRIVATE CARS, PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES AND PRIVATE COACHES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN ONE KILOMETRE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE JUNCTION BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST) AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM THE SOUTH WISHING TO VISIT WO HOP SHEK SHOULD USE TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST) AT HONG LOK YUEN.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS FROM FANLING KCR STATION WISHING TO GO TO WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY ON FOOT SHOULD FOLLOW THE PEDESTRIAN ROUTE FROM FANLING KCR STATION, FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, TAI PO ROAD, WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD.

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ROAD CLOSED FOR REPAIR WORKS

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NUMEROUS TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED IN LA SALLE ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY REPAIR WORKS AS A RESULT OF WATERMAINS BURST AT THE JUNCTION OF LA SALLE ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST.

THESE ARE:

- * LA SALLE ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN BOUNDARY STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST IS CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC.
- * VEHICLES FROM BOUNDARY STREET EASTBOUND ARE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING ONTO LA SALLE ROAD SOUTHBOUND; WHILE VEHICLES FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST WESTBOUND ARE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING ONTO LA SALLE ROAD NORTHBOUND.
- * SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC IN LA SALLE ROAD HEADING FOR PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST IS DIVERTED TO BOUNDARY STREET AND THE KOWLOON CITY INTERCHANGE; AND WESTBOUND TRAFFIC IN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST HEADING FOR LA SALLE ROAD IS DIVERTED TO EMBANKMENT ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET.
- * KMB BUS ROUTE 208 TRAVELLING IN LA SALLE ROAD ON ITS JOURNEY TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST IS DIVERTED TO LANCASHIRE ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD BEFORE REJOINING NORMAL ROUTINGS.

THE ABOVE MEASURES WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN WAN CHAI

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TO FACILITATE CABLE LAYING WORK, THE SECTION OF LI CHIT STREET BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 8 AM AND 6 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 16).

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON JOHNSTON ROAD HEADING FOR EASTBOUND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL HAVE TO USE ANTON STREET.

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