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NO NET OUTFLOW OF MONEY FROM HK  
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BOTH FROM THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND FROM THE CURRENCY POINTS OF VIEWS, THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY OUTFLOW OF MONEY FROM HONG KONG, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR JOSEPH YAM, SAID YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CANADIAN CLUB IN TORONTO, MR YAM STRESSED THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY NET OUTFLOW OF MONEY FROM HONG KONG OR FROM THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

HE SAID THAT WITH 1997 ON THE HORIZON AND WITH EVENTS SUCH AS THOSE IN JUNE 1989, IT WAS VERY EASY FOR ONE TO POINT TO THE MOVEMENTS OF MONEY AND JUMP QUICKLY TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE WAS ENORMOUS "CAPITAL FLIGHT" FROM HONG KONG.

"BUT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TRY AND LOOK CAREFULLY FOR EVIDENCE," HE SAID, "AND EVIDENCE IS SIMPLY NOT THERE."

HE SAID THAT IF MONEY WAS MEASURED BY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF DEPOSITS IN THE BANKING SYSTEM, THEN MONEY IN HONG KONG HAD NEARLY TRIPLED OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1985 TO 1989, THAT WAS SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AT THE END OF 1984.

IN 1989 WHEN THE MYTH OF OUTFLOW OF MONEY FROM HONG KONG RECEIVED INCREASING ATTENTION, AS A RESULT OF EVENTS IN CHINA, TOTAL DEPOSITS IN THE BANKING SYSTEM IN HONG KONG GREW BY 19 PER CENT, MR YAM SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE GROWTH IN 1989 WAS SLOWER THAN THE AVERAGE GROWTH RATE IN PREVIOUS YEARS, BUT THIS WAS BECAUSE THE HONG KONG ECONOMY WAS EXPERIENCING A SLOW DOWN.

IN ANY CASE, EVEN AT 19 PER CENT WAS VERY HIGH BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, HE ADDED.

TURNING TO THE OUTFLOW OF MONEY FROM HONG KONG DOLLAR TO FOREIGN CURRENCIES, MR YAM STRESSED THAT THE FACTS DID NOT SUPPORT THIS CONTENTION ALSO.

SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AT THE END OF 1984, MONEY IN HONG KONG DOLLARS, AS MEASURED BY THE AMOUNT OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS IN THE BANKING SYSTEM OF HONG KONG, HAD ON AVERAGE BEEN GROWING AT A HEALTHY RATE OF 16 PER CENT PER ANNUM, BROADLY CONSISTENT WITH THE GROWTH RATE OF THE ECONOMY, HE SAID.

REGARDING THE FALL IN THE SHARE OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS TO TOTAL DEPOSITS IN HONG KONG, FROM ABOUT 60 PER CENT AT THE END OF 1984 TO ABOUT 45 PER CENT AT THE END OF 1989, MR YAM SAID THERE WAS A VERY GOOD EXPLANATION BEHIND THIS.

AS HONG KONG HAD BEEN DEVELOPING RAPIDLY AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE, MORE AND MORE FOREIGN FUNDS IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES WERE BEING MOVED INTO HONG KONG, HE SAID.

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"THIS STARTED WAY BACK IN 1982 WHEN INTEREST WITHHOLDING TAX ON FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WAS REMOVED. THE AVERAGE GROWTH RATE OF NON-HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS FOR THE FIVE YEAR 1985 TO 1989 IS OVER 30 PER CENT PER ANNUM," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT A COMMON FEATURE OF DEVELOPING FINANCIAL CENTRES WAS THAT FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS TENDED TO GROW FASTER THAN DEPOSITS IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY, SO THAT THE SHARE OF DEPOSITS IN THE DOMESTIC CURRENCY WILL FALL OVER TIME.

MR YAM SAID THAT DEPOSITS IN DOMESTIC CURRENCIES REPRESENT ONLY THE MINORITY OF THE TOTAL DEPOSIT BASE, ADDING THAT IN LONDON STERLING DEPOSITS REPRESENT ONLY 40 PER CENT OF TOTAL DEPOSITS AND IN SINGAPORE THE CORRESPONDING SHARE WAS ABOUT 50 PER CENT.

MOREOVER, CASH RICH HONG KONG COMPANIES HAD BEEN SEEKING OUT OVERSEAS INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY EXPANDED, IN THE SAME WAY AS JAPANESE, U.S. OR CANADIAN COMPANIES HAD EXPANDED OVERSEAS.

"THIS NATURAL DIVERSIFICATION OF BUSINESS HAS ALSO INVOLVED THE MOVEMENT OF MONEY OUT OF HONG KONG OR OUT OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR," MR YAM NOTED.

ANY OUTFLOW OF FUNDS, FOR POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC REASONS, MUST HAVE BEEN OFFSET BY AN INFLOW OF FUNDS INTO HONG KONG AND INTO THE HONG KONG DOLLAR; OTHERWISE THE POOL OF MONEY IN HONG KONG WOULD NOT HAVE CONTINUED TO GROW AT THE RATES THAT HONG KONG WAS EXPERIENCING AND THE HONG KONG DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO STABLE, HE SAID.

"THE OVERALL PICTURE IS THEREFORE THAT, WHEREAS THERE HAS INEVITABLY BEEN SOME OUTFLOW OF MONEY FROM RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG, GIVEN HEALTHY MONETARY GROWTH AND A STABLE EXCHANGE RATE, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN OFFSETTING INFLOWS FROM NON-RESIDENTS," MR YAM SAID.

"SOME HAVE ARGUED THAT THIS IS NOT A HEALTHY STATE OF AFFAIRS. THEY EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT ABOUT THE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT OF NON-RESIDENTS TO THE LONG TERM STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

"WITH RESPECT, THESE PEOPLE ARE HOLDING A VERY NARROW VIEW OF WHAT HONG KONG REALLY IS," MR YAM SAID.

"HONG KONG HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PLACE FOR MAKING MONEY. WHOEVER YOU ARE OR WHATEVER NATIONALITY YOU HOLD, AS LONG AS YOU FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE GAME, WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK," HE ADDED.

"NARROW DISTINCTIONS OF WHO IS A RESIDENT AND WHO IS A NON-RESIDENT, AND WHETHER THE MONEY MADE IN HONG KONG ACCRUES TO HONG KONG PEOPLE OR CANADIANS ARE MEANINGLESS," MR YAM SAID.

"AS LONG AS PEOPLE ARE PREPARED TO PUT THEIR MONEY IN HONG KONG AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE MORE OF IT, HONG KONG WILL STAY PROSPEROUS.

/"MONEY STAYS .....

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"MONEY STAYS IN HONG KONG BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE SURE THAT MONEY CAN BE MOVED OUT OF HONG KONG ANY TIME THEY WANT TO, WITHOUT QUESTIONS BEING ASKED AND FORMS TO BE FILLED IN.

"THIS WILL CONTINUE. IT WILL CONTINUE BEYOND 1997. ALL CONCERNED RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS TO HONG KONG," MR YAM SAID, ADDING THAT THIS HAS BEEN VERY CLEARLY WRITTEN IN THE JOINT DECLARATION.

TURNING TO THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM, MR YAM GAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION FOR THE LINK TO BE ABANDONED OR THE RATE CHANGED.

"ONE OF THE CRUCIAL ELEMENTS OF STABILITY IN HONG KONG IS THE STABILITY OF THE EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR," MR YAM SAID.

WITHOUT THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM, AND THE VARIOUS REFORM MEASURES THAT HAD BEEN INTRODUCED RECENTLY TO HONG KONG'S MONETARY SYSTEM, THE MONETARY ENVIRONMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN CHAOTIC, MR YAM NOTED.

"IN HONG KONG'S CASE, THERE WERE ONLY NINE YEARS IN THE HISTORY OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR THAT IT WAS FLOATING.

"AND THE EXPERIENCE OF THOSE NINE YEARS, FROM 1974 TO 1983 WAS, TO PUT IT MILDLY, UNPLEASANT," MR YAM SAID.

"FOR MOST OF THE TIME AND PARTICULARLY IN THE SECOND HALF OF THAT NINE-YEAR PERIOD, THE HONG KONG DOLLAR WAS DEPRECIATING. INFLATION AS A RESULT WAS HIGH, SO WERE THE GROWTH RATES OF MONEY AND CREDIT.

"ALTHOUGH INTEREST RATES WERE KEPT HIGH, THEY WERE LARGELY INEFFECTIVE IN CONTAINING THE SPIRAL OF MONETARY EXPANSION, INFLATION AND CURRENCY DEPRECIATION.

"WITH THE BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT, EVEN IF THERE HAD NOT BEEN CONCERN THEN ABOUT THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF HONG KONG, WE MIGHT STILL HAVE FOR ECONOMIC REASONS RETURNED TO A FIXED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM IN 1983," MR YAM STRESSED.

HE SAID THE WORLD WAS NOWADAYS MOVING TOWARD AN ENVIRONMENT WITH MORE STABLE EXCHANGE RATES, IF NOT FIXED EXCHANGE RATES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR YAM'S SPEECH WILL BE BOXED.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR MAY RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN MAY 1990, AT \$110,209 MILLION, GREW BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1989, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN MAY 1990 RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT TO \$18,826 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 25 PER CENT TO \$34,892 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT TO \$53,718 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT TO \$56,491 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO MAY 1990, AT \$470,406 MILLION, INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT TO \$81,693 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT TO \$148,901 MILLION.

THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT TO \$230,594 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT TO \$239,812 MILLION.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING MAY 1990 WITH MAY 1989, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, SINGAPORE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND CHINA INCREASED BY 65 PER CENT, 46 PER CENT, 24 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE NETHERLANDS ALSO RECORDED A SLIGHT INCREASE IN VALUE TERMS BY 1 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CANADA, JAPAN, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE USA DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA DECREASED BY 19 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, FRANCE, THE USA AND THE NETHERLANDS ALSO DECREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 9 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT, 4 PER CENT, AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE, BY 60 PER CENT AND 22 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ALSO INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

/COMPARING JANUARY .....

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$549 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$334 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$208 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$192 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$547 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$500 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING MAY 1990 WITH MAY 1989, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM MOST OF THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED FROM THE USA, CHINA, SINGAPORE AND TAIWAN, BY 46 PER CENT, 25 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 18 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THOSE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SWITZERLAND, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND ITALY ALSO INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND JAPAN DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE USA AND CHINA INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THOSE FROM SWITZERLAND, ITALY, SINGAPORE AND TAIWAN ALSO INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, IMPORTS FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DECREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 7 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$3,380 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$2,903 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); OTHER TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,242 MILLION OR 265 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,185 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR IRON AND STEEL (BY \$1,465 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1,011 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

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

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN MAY 1990 OVER MAY 1989. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, TAIWAN, FRANCE, SINGAPORE, CANADA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE USA, BY 65 PER CENT, 52 PER CENT, 50 PER CENT, 48 PER CENT, 40 PER CENT, 34 PER CENT AND 34 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, JAPAN AND CHINA ALSO INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 10 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1990 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, CANADA AND THE USA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS, BY 53 PER CENT, 36 PER CENT, 30 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED FOR THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, SINGAPORE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND JAPAN, BY 25 PER CENT, 24 PER CENT, 22 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THOSE TO CHINA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DECREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 7 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$5,115 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$3,568 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,589 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,139 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1,139 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$894 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

ALL TRADE STATISTICS DESCRIBED 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 MAY 1990 WILL BE RELEASED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE MAY 1990 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN MAY 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SALE AROUND JULY 16 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$27 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 823 4915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	MAY 90 OVER MAY 89 (%)	JAN-MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 90 OVER JAN-MAY 89 (%)
U.S.A.	5,540	-1	24,037	-4
CHINA	4,259	+10	17,198	+2
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,311	+24	5,886	+1
U.K.	1,126	-2	4,514	-19
JAPAN	870	-2	4,326	-9
SINGAPORE	640	+46	2,647	+22
TAIWAN	534	+65	2,365	+60
CANADA	441	-6	2,014	-14
NETHERLANDS	369	+1	1,814	-2
FRANCE	325	*	1,388	-6

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	MAY 90 OVER MAY 89 (%)	JAN-MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 90 OVER JAN-MAY 89 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5,496	+10	23,918	+1

/MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED .....

MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	2,179	-5	10,068	-5
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,673	+5	7,232	-3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,640	+14	6,690	-7
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,512	+1	6,676	+3
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,440	+5	6,117	-4

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	MAY 90 OVER MAY 89 (%)	JAN-MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 90 OVER JAN-MAY 89 (%)
CHINA	20,300	+25	84,206	+17
JAPAN	8,081	-4	37,268	-6
U.S.A.	5,457	+46	22,162	+19
TAIWAN	5,480	+18	21,650	+3
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,718	+10	10,880	-6
SINGAPORE	2,468	+20	9,502	+5

F.R. OF GERMANY	1,284	+6	5,387	-7
U.K.	1,077	-5	5,383	-3
ITALY	866	+4	4,354	+6
SWITZERLAND	951	+8	4,324	+9

TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	MAY 90 OVER MAY 89 (%)	JAN-MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 90 OVER JAN-MAY 89 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	7,430	+8	30,400	+4
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	5,746	+15	24,077	+3
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,352	+29	18,625	+22
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	4,174	+23	17,713	+13
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,899	+29	16,054	+22
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,789	+12	12,106	-1

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	MAY 90 OVER MAY 89 (%)	JAN-MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 90 OVER JAN-MAY 89 (%)
CHINA	9,758	+5	40,725	-7
U.S.A.	7,197	+34	30,230	+29
JAPAN	1,757	+10	8,756	+5
TAIWAN	2,093	+52	8,414	+25
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,654	+65	7,046	+53
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,230	+10	5,465	-2
SINGAPORE	1,188	+48	5,148	+24
U.K.	922	+34	3,744	+22
CANADA	549	+40	2,374	+30
FRANCE	586	+50	2,345	+36

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	MAY 90 OVER MAY 89 (%)	JAN-MAY 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 90 OVER JAN-MAY 89 (%)
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	4,571	+51	17,743	+41
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	4,288	+12	17,523	+7
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,556	+36	16,170	+28

/ELECTRICAL MACHINERY .....

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	3,542	+26	14,815	+8
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,982	+39	12,399	+26
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS	1,373	+34	5,822	+33

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REPEAL OF LOITERING PROVISION RECOMMENDED  
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THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED THE REMOVAL OF A SUB-SECTION OF THE CRIMES ORDINANCE COMMONLY USED TO PROSECUTE PEOPLE FOR LOITERING IF A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION FOR A PERSON'S PRESENCE IS NOT GIVEN.

THE COMMISSION, HOWEVER, PROPOSES THAT TWO OTHER SUB-SECTIONS RELATING TO LOITERING OFFENCES - ONE ON WILFUL OBSTRUCTION TO OTHERS AND THE OTHER ON CAUSING A PERSON CONCERN FOR HIS SAFETY - BE RETAINED.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CONTAINED IN A REPORT ON THE LAW OF LOITERING PUBLISHED BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE REPORT IS THE RESULT OF MORE THAN TWO YEARS' WORK BY THE COMMISSION, AND A SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MRS ROSANNA TAM TO EXAMINE THE APPLICATION OF THE THREE SUB-SECTIONS.

THE REPORT EXPLAINS THAT LOITERING, IN THE LEGAL CONTEXT, IS NOT TO BE INTERPRETED AS MERELY STANDING OR WAITING IN A PUBLIC PLACE SUCH AS A STREET OR STAIRWAY, BUT RATHER LOITERING IN SUCH PLACES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO REASONABLY INDICATE TO AN OBSERVER THAT THE LOITERER IS IDLING FOR SOME UNLAWFUL PURPOSE.

THERE ARE THREE SUB-SECTIONS UNDER SECTION 160 OF THE CRIMES ORDINANCE THAT DEAL WITH LOITERING OFFENCES.

/SUB-SECTION (1) .....

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SUB-SECTION (1) MAKES IT AN OFFENCE IF A LOITERER FAILS TO GIVE A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION AT THE TIME FOR HIS PRESENCE THERE.

SUB-SECTION (2) SAYS THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE FOR A LOITERER IN ANY WAY TO WILFULLY OBSTRUCT ANY OTHER PERSON.

UNDER SUB-SECTION (3), A LOITERER COMMITS AN OFFENCE IF HE CAUSES ANY PERSON REASONABLY TO BE CONCERNED FOR HIS SAFETY.

THE COMMISSION PROPOSES THAT SUB-SECTION (1) BE REPEALED WHILE SUB-SECTIONS (2) AND (3) SHOULD BE RETAINED. THE COMMISSION CONSIDERED THAT THE LATTER TWO SUB-SECTIONS WERE OPERATING SATISFACTORILY AND POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CRITICISM OF THOSE PROVISIONS.

CONVICTIONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (1) - LOITERING WITHOUT SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION - FORM A LARGE MAJORITY OF CASES.

IN MAKING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, THE COMMISSION CRITICISED THE OPERATION OF SUB-SECTION (1) FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF ABUSE BY THE POLICE SINCE POLICE TESTIMONY ALONE WAS HABITUALLY USED TO CONVICT.

IN ADDITION, THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SUSPECT TO PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF AND A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION FOR HIS PRESENCE AT THE SCENE OF THE ALLEGED CRIME WAS FELT TO RAISE QUESTIONS REGARDING AN ACCUSED'S RIGHT TO SILENCE, ALTHOUGH THIS REQUIREMENT WAS ORIGINALLY INSERTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SUSPECT.

UNDER THE COMMON LAW DOCTRINE, A PERSON ACCUSED OF A CRIME COULD REFUSE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION PUT TO HIM BY A POLICE OFFICER OR ANY OTHER PERSON. THE COMMISSION FELT THAT THE REQUIREMENT IMPOSED ON A SUSPECT BY THE LAW TO PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION RAN COUNTER TO THE GENERAL RULE ON A RIGHT TO SILENCE.

THE COMMISSION ALSO CONSIDERED THAT THE POWERS GIVEN TO THE POLICE UNDER SECTION 54 OF THE POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SECTION 160(1) OF THE CRIMES ORDINANCE WITHOUT SUFFERING FROM THE DRAWBACKS.

SECTION 54 OF THE POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE EMPOWERS THE POLICE TO STOP AND SEARCH AND IF NECESSARY ARREST AND DETAIN ANY PERSON FOUND ACTING IN A SUSPICIOUS MANNER OR WHOM AN OFFICER SUSPECTS OF HAVING COMMITTED OR OF BEING ABOUT TO COMMIT ANY OFFENCE.

THE COMMISSION EMPHASISED THAT THE POLICE SHOULD HAVE SUCH POWERS AND THAT SUCH POWERS ALREADY EXISTED IN THE POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE.

UNLIKE SECTION 160(1) OF THE CRIMES ORDINANCE, SECTION 54 OF THE POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE DOES NOT LEAD TO A PROSECUTION, BUT MERELY EMPOWERS THE POLICE TO ARREST AND DETAIN A PERSON FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES WHERE NECESSARY.

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TECHNOLOGY THE KEY TO HIGH VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS

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TECHNOLOGY IS THE KEY TO ACHIEVING HIGH VALUE-ADDED THROUGH PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND PRODUCT PRECISION AND INNOVATION, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE INTERCHEM 90 CONFERENCE, MR BARMA SAID THAT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF KEEN COMPETITION FROM ECONOMIES WITH AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF CHEAPER LABOUR AND THE INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED REQUIREMENTS OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS, LOCAL MANUFACTURERS HAD TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER UPGRADING PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

MR BARMA SAID WHILE HONG KONG'S PLASTICS INDUSTRY WAS STILL COMPETITIVE IN THE WORLD MARKETS, THE POSITION WAS BEING THREATENED BY THE PACE OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND THE IMPROVED CAPABILITIES OF ITS COMPETITORS.

"THIS REINFORCES THE NEED FOR OUR MANUFACTURERS TO MOVE TOWARDS GREATER EFFICIENCY AND HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS, IF THEY ARE TO MAINTAIN THEIR COMPETITIVENESS," HE SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS WORKABLE ONLY IN THE SHORT TERM FOR SOME OF THE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO SHIFT THEIR LABOUR-INTENSIVE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OUTSIDE HONG KONG TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHEAP LABOUR SO AS TO MAKE THEIR PRODUCTS COMPETITIVE IN TERMS OF PRICE.

"AS OUR COMPETITORS CHALLENGE US AT THE LOWER VALUE-ADDED END OF THE MARKET AND OUR OVERSEAS MARKETS DEMAND HIGHER LEVELS OF QUALITY FROM US, THE TREND WILL BE TOWARDS KNOWLEDGE-BASED MANUFACTURING PRODUCING HIGH QUALITY AND HIGH VALUE-ADDED GOODS," MR BARMA SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THE NEED TO PROMOTE THE WIDER APPLICATION OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY AND IT HAD TAKEN MANY INITIATIVES TO ASSIST MANUFACTURERS TO UPGRADE THEIR OPERATIONS AND ACHIEVE HIGHER VALUE-ADDED CONTENT OF THEIR PRODUCTS IN RECENT YEARS.

WITH A PRIVATE DONATION AND THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE GOVERNMENT SET UP THE HONG KONG PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE IN 1988.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE CENTRE IS TO PROVIDE A TECHNOLOGY-ORIENTED CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF LOCAL PLASTICS MANUFACTURERS, AND TO ASSIST THEM TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND PROFITABILITY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY.

"IT IS DEVELOPING AN INCREASINGLY WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES AND IS LAUNCHING AN INDUSTRIAL CLUB SCHEME TO ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE WILL REACH A GREATER NUMBER OF PLASTICS MANUFACTURERS," HE SAID.

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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ALSO COMMISSIONS PERIODIC TECHNO-ECONOMIC AND MARKET RESEARCH STUDIES ON THE MAJOR GROUPS OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY.

"SUCH A STUDY IS BEING UNDERTAKEN RIGHT NOW TO EXAMINE, INTER ALIA, HOW LOCAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL TRENDS IN TECHNOLOGY MIGHT AFFECT HONG KONG'S PLASTICS INDUSTRY.

"WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THE CONSULTANTS, NAMELY ARTHUR D. LITTLE ASIA PACIFIC INC. AND HONG KONG PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, WILL CONDUCT A MAILING SURVEY AND OVER 100 INTERVIEWS IN HONG KONG TO ASSESS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LOCAL PLASTICS INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

MR BARMA APPEALED TO PLASTICS MANUFACTURERS TO RENDER THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THIS STUDY AS AND WHEN REQUIRED.

"THE ENTIRE STUDY IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR.

"IN THE LIGHT OF ITS FINDINGS, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DECIDE WHAT FURTHER BASIC SUPPORT SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR PLASTICS MANUFACTURERS," HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF MR BARMA'S SPEECH WILL BE BOXED.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET TOMORROW

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY), IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE COMMITTEE'S PROCEEDINGS FROM THE CHAMBER'S PUBLIC GALLERIES AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONING 844 0899.

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TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS DROP FOUR PER CENT IN 1989-90

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THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 9,908 COMPLAINTS IN 1989-90, A DECREASE OF FOUR PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE 1988-89 FIGURES.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY) TO RELEASE THE UNIT'S ANNUAL REPORT, THE ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNIT, MR MARIUS CHAN, SAID PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REMAINED THE MAIN TARGETS OF PUBLIC COMPLAINTS.

OF THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, 53 PER CENT WERE ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, THE SAME AS LAST YEAR; AND 22 PER CENT WERE ABOUT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, WHICH REPRESENTED A SLIGHT DROP OF TWO PER CENT.

OTHER MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINT WERE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ROAD MAINTENANCE.

COMPLAINTS ON BUS SERVICES STOOD AT 2,502 OR AN INCREASE OF 13.7 PER CENT. THEY WERE MOSTLY RELATED TO INADEQUATE SERVICE AND STANDARD OF SERVICE.

REGARDING INADEQUATE SERVICE, THERE WERE 116 COMPLAINTS LEVELLED AGAINST CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY (CMB) WHILE 497 WERE AGAINST THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY (KMB).

LAST YEAR, THE COMPLAINTS AGAINST CMB AND KMB WERE 185 CASES AND 462 CASES RESPECTIVELY.

MOST OF THESE COMPLAINTS WERE ABOUT FREQUENCY OF BUS SERVICES OR ROUTINGS, PARTICULARLY TO NEW TOWNS.

FOR CROSS HARBOUR BUS SERVICES, THERE WERE 79 COMPLAINTS, TWO CASES LESS THAN LAST YEAR.

COMPLAINTS RELATING TO THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES INCLUDED FAILURE TO KEEP TO SCHEDULES AND DRIVERS' BEHAVIOUR.

WITH REGARD TO CMB, THE UNIT RECORDED 584 COMPLAINTS, AN INCREASE OF 46 CASES, WHEREAS KMB ATTRACTED 846 COMPLAINTS, A RISE OF 190 CASES.

FOR CROSS HARBOUR BUS SERVICES, THERE WERE 267 COMPLAINTS, COMPARED WITH 174 IN LAST YEAR.

ON TAXI SERVICE, MR CHAN SAID A TOTAL OF 1,625 COMPLAINTS, OR A DECREASE OF 19 PER CENT WERE RECEIVED IN 1989-90.

OF THESE, 1,555 WERE RELATED TO TAXI MALPRACTICES, A DROP OF 301 CASES. THE MAJOR COMPLAINT WAS REFUSING HIRE/SOLICITING PASSENGERS.

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THE UNIT RECEIVED 2,170 COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, OF WHICH 1,178 WERE RELATED TO ROAD CONGESTION.

THE MAIN CONGESTION AREAS WERE EASTERN, CENTRAL, WESTERN AND WAN CHAI ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG, KOWLOON CITY, WONG TAI SIN IN KOWLOON; AND KWAI TSING, SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE ROAD CONGESTION AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT HAD ACCOUNTED FOR 1,693 CASES AS AGAINST 1,462 CASES IN 1988-89.

MR CHAN SAID THE UNIT WAS SET UP UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AND MONITOR COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WANT TO MAKE ANY SUGGESTION OR COMPLAINT MAY TELEPHONE THE TCU HOTLINE, 577 6866, WHICH OPERATES AROUND THE CLOCK.

AFTER INVESTIGATING THE COMPLAINTS, THE UNIT WOULD GIVE THE COMPLAINANT A VERBAL OR WRITTEN REPLY AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE, MR CHAN SAID.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TCU SUB-COMMITTEE, DR STEPHEN TANG LUNG-WAI.

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SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES,  
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS  
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A TOTAL OF 125,367 WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES WERE IN OPERATION DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1988, ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE 1988 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

WHEN COMPARED WITH 1987, THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT.

IN 1988, THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED \$1,019,230 MILLION OF SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS; AND SPENT \$44,958 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, \$95,213 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES AND \$839,333 MILLION ON PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE.

WHEN COMPARED WITH 1987, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT, WHILE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE ROSE BY 24 PER CENT, 32 PER CENT AND 25 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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THE SECTOR'S VALUE ADDED INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT TO \$104,359 MILLION IN 1988, FROM \$84,793 MILLION IN 1987. VALUE ADDED IS A MEASURE OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF AN ECONOMIC SECTOR TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

ALL VALUE FIGURES IN THIS PRESS RELEASE ARE EXPRESSED IN CURRENT PRICE TERMS. PERCENTAGE CHANGES DERIVED FROM THESE FIGURES HAVE NOT BEEN ADJUSTED FOR PRICE INCREASES.

WHEN ANALYSED BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE RECORDED THE LARGEST SHARE OF SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AT \$762,401 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT OF THE SECTOR TOTAL.

RETAIL TRADE ACCOUNTED FOR 13 PER CENT, WHILE WHOLESALE TRADE TOOK UP 9 PER CENT, RESTAURANTS 3 PER CENT AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES 1 PER CENT.

IN 1988, THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR THE LARGEST SHARE (60 PER CENT) OF TOTAL VALUE ADDED IN THE SECTOR. THE REST WAS CONTRIBUTED BY RETAIL TRADE (17 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (11 PER CENT), WHOLESALE TRADE (6 PER CENT) AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES (6 PER CENT).

WHEN COMPARED WITH 1987, THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS (+29 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES (+24 PER CENT), RETAIL TRADE (+23 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (+15 PER CENT) AND WHOLESALE TRADE (+5 PER CENT).

IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED, THE RETAIL TRADE RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE (+28 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES (+27 PER CENT), IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE (+24 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (+17 PER CENT) AND WHOLESALE TRADE (+8 PER CENT).

THE 1988 SURVEY WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND ON THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

DATA COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDED TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE, STOCKS, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY, TOGETHER WITH ANALYTICAL TABLES SHOWING THE PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED BY MAJOR GROUP/ACTIVITY AND ANALYSED BY VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, ARE INCLUDED IN THE STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED "1988 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS".

THIS REPORT WILL BE ON SALE NEXT MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; AND THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT WILL BE USEFUL TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 556 1394.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A TABLE ON THE COMPARISON OF SELECTED PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BETWEEN 1987 AND 1988 WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE AND BOXED.

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Comparison of Selected Principal Statistics for all establishments in  
the Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels Sector between 1987 and 1988

Activity		Number of establish- ments	Number of persons engaged	Number of employees	Compensa- tions of employees	Operating expenses	Purchases of goods for sale	Changes in stocks	Sales and other receipts	Value added
					\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.
Wholesale trade	1988	14 917	68 229	51 359	3,029	5,530	76,966	1,166	87,363	6,199
	1987	14 843	67 055	49 984	2,578	5,221	73,931	1,109	83,532	5,759
	% change	#	+2	+3	+17	+6	+4	+5	+5	+8
Retail trade	1988	51 233	190 145	129 690	7,806	14,506	99,191	3,298	127,596	17,463
	1987	50 943	178 744	115 250	6,199	11,909	81,271	2,919	103,659	13,617
	% change	+1	+6	+13	+26	+22	+22	+13	+23	+28
Import/export trade	1988	50 195	295 141	264 007	23,293	64,557	648,963	11,939	762,401	63,032
	1987	41 198	255 715	223 191	18,110	45,801	501,060	7,215	589,427	50,754
	% change	+22	+15	+18	+29	+41	+30	+65	+29	+24
Restaurants	1988	7 654	168 768	159 359	8,774	7,404	13,251	47	32,272	11,719
	1987	7 463	168 351	158 223	7,661	6,400	11,834	110	28,025	9,987
	% change	+3	#	+1	+15	+16	+12	-58	+15	+17
Hotels/ boarding houses	1988	1 369	31 058	29 777	2,056	3,217	961	13	9,599	5,947
	1987	1 241	29 149	28 119	1,717	2,569	808	16	7,756	4,677
	% change	+10	+7	+6	+20	+25	+19	-17	+24	+27
Total	1988	125 367	753 341	634 192	44,958	95,213	839,333	16,464	1,019,230	104,359
	1987	115 688	699 015	574 768	36,265	71,901	668,905	11,369	812,400	84,793
	% change	+8	+8	+10	+24	+32	+25	+45	+25	+23

- Notes :
- (1) Individual items may not add up to total due to rounding.
  - (2) Value added is a measure of the contribution of an economic sector to Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product.
  - (3) Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.
  - (4) # denotes changes within  $\pm 0.5\%$ .

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GOVERNOR OF MACAU TO VISIT HK  
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THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU, MR CARLOS MELANCIA, WILL VISIT HONG KONG NEXT MONDAY (JULY 16) AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID WILSON.

DURING THE VISIT, THE GOVERNOR WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS AND HAVE LUNCH WITH MR MELANCIA.

MR MELANCIA WILL ALSO TAKE A HELICOPTER TOUR OF HONG KONG DURING WHICH HE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU, MR CARLOS MELANCIA, WILL BE GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID WILSON, AT THE HONG KONG AND MACAU FERRY TERMINAL.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING MR MELANCIA'S ARRIVAL SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PERMIT OFFICE OF MARINE DEPARTMENT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, SHUN TAK CENTRE, AT 10.15 AM ON MONDAY. THEY ARE REQUESTED TO BE PUNCTUAL TO FACILITATE THE ISSUING OF RESTRICTED AREA PERMITS.

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262 SUBMISSIONS ON SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT RECEIVED  
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A TOTAL OF 262 WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY JULY 9, THE DEADLINE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS.

THE SECRETARY OF THE WORKING PARTY ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES, MRS LOUISE WONG, TODAY (THURSDAY) EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AT THE VOLUME AND QUALITY OF THE SUBMISSIONS.

THESE SUBMISSIONS HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES, SHE SAID.

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THE PUBLIC WOULD HAVE FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER DURING A THREE-MONTH CONSULTATIVE PERIOD FOLLOWING ITS PUBLICATION LATE NEXT MONTH, SHE ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE WORKING PARTY ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES WILL HOLD A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION WILL FOLLOW. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO ATTEND THE SESSION ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE CGO PRESS ROOM AT 5.30 PM.

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VARIETY OF TOPICS COVERED BY GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY  
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SUPPLEMENTARY ENQUIRIES ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS ARE INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS CONDUCTED ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE AIM IS TO COLLECT SOCIAL DATA REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR PLANNING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOCIAL CONDITION OF THE TERRITORY.

THE JUST-PUBLISHED SPECIAL TOPICS REPORT NO. VI COVERS SEVEN TOPICS BASED ON ENQUIRIES CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1988 TO MARCH 1989.

THEY TOPICS ARE COUNTRY PARKS, HERITAGE PRESERVATION, DOCTOR CONSULTATION, EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO AND FROM WORK, TAXI WAITING TIME, DOMESTIC HELPERS AND HONG KONG RESIDENTS WORKING IN CHINA.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, IT WAS ESTIMATED FROM A SURVEY CONDUCTED DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 THAT SOME 52,300 HONG KONG RESIDENTS AGED 15 AND OVER HAD WORKED IN CHINA DURING THE REFERENCE YEAR BEFORE THE SURVEY, REPRESENTING 1.9 PER CENT OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF THEM, 43 PER CENT, WERE IN PRODUCTION OCCUPATIONS, 26 PER CENT WERE IN PROFESSIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL OCCUPATIONS AND 20 PER CENT IN SALES OCCUPATIONS. ABOUT FOUR-FIFTHS WERE STILL IN THE COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY.

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ON THE TOPIC OF DOCTOR CONSULTATION, A SUPPLEMENTARY ENQUIRY CONDUCTED IN JANUARY 1989 SHOWED THAT FOR EVERY 1,000 POPULATION, 131 HAD CONSULTED A DOCTOR DURING A TWO-WEEK REFERENCE PERIOD.

CHILDREN AGED UNDER FIVE HAD THE HIGHEST CONSULTATION RATE AT 287 PER 1,000; FOLLOWED BY THE ELDERLY AGED 65 AND OVER, AT 200 PER 1,000. IN GENERAL, THE CONSULTATION RATE FOR FEMALES, 150 PER 1,000, WAS HIGHER THAN THAT FOR MALES, 113 PER 1,000.

ON THE TOPIC OF DOMESTIC HELPERS, A TOTAL OF ABOUT 59,000 (OR 3.8 PER CENT) DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLDS WERE EMPLOYING ONE OR MORE DOMESTIC HELPERS IN 1988, COMPARED WITH A LOWER FIGURE OF 54,100 (OR 3.6 PER CENT) IN 1987.

ABOUT SEVEN OUT OF 10 OF THESE HOUSEHOLDS EMPLOYED "LIVE-IN" DOMESTIC HELPERS (THOSE WHO STAYED OVERNIGHT IN THEIR EMPLOYERS' HOME), AND ONE OUT OF FIVE EMPLOYED PART-TIME DOMESTIC HELPERS (THOSE WHO WORKED LESS THAN 40 HOURS PER WEEK).

FROM ANOTHER SURVEY CONDUCTED IN MARCH 1989, IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 43 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION AGED 12 AND ABOVE HAD USED TAXI DURING THE REFERENCE MONTH BEFORE THE SURVEY.

AS REGARDS THE WAITING TIME OF THEIR LAST TAXI TRIP, 57 PER CENT HAD WAITED FOR LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES, AND LESS THAN 25 PER CENT FOR FIVE TO LESS THAN 10 MINUTES.

THE SPECIAL TOPICS REPORT NO. VI CONTAINS MANY MORE FINDINGS AND DETAILED TABLES ON THE SUBJECTS CONCERNED.

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT \$28 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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SPECIAL ARTICLE ON MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY FROM CANCER IN HK  
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A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY FROM CANCER IN HONG KONG - THE LAST 20 YEARS" IS CONTAINED IN THE MARCH 1990 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS, NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

CANCER CONTINUES TO BE THE TOP KILLING DISEASE IN HONG KONG DURING THE PAST 20 YEARS. THE SPECIAL ARTICLE PRESENTS DETAILED ANALYSES ON THE TREND OF CANCER MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY OBSERVED DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD.

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DIFFERENCES IN PATTERNS BETWEEN MALES AND FEMALES AND AMONG VARIOUS AGE GROUPS ARE STUDIED. SIMILAR INDICATORS OF SELECTED COUNTRIES ARE COMPARED. EFFORTS SPENT BY THE HEALTH AUTHORITY AND RELATED ORGANISATIONS ON FIGHTING AGAINST CANCER ARE ALSO REVIEWED.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS, AT \$40 PER COPY, CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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NEW GOVT CONTRACTS SIGNED FOR BETTER CLEANING SERVICE

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS INTRODUCED NEW AND IMPROVED DOCUMENTATION AND CONTROL MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT CONTRACTORS PERFORM PROPERLY AND DELIVER GOOD QUALITY CLEANING SERVICE TO GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THE FIRST BATCH OF 12 NEW CLEANING CONTRACTS TO EFFECT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WERE SIGNED BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSE LEI, AND SIX CONTRACTORS TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE VALUE OF THE CONTRACTS AMOUNTED TO \$68.3 MILLION.

THE SIX CONTRACTORS ARE RELIANCE SERVICES CO. LTD, ORIENTAL CLEANING SERVICES CO. LTD, UNIVERSAL CLEANING SERVICES LTD, LEE ON REALTY (PROPERTY MANAGEMENT) LTD, JOHNSON CLEANING SERVICES CO. AND YU'S TIN SING ENTERPRISES CO. LTD.

EXPLAINING THE DETAILS OF THE NEW PACKAGE, THE SENIOR PROPERTY SERVICES MANAGER (BUILDING MANAGEMENT) OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR NG TAT-CHOI, SAID ONE SIMPLE AND FAIR UNIT RATE SYSTEM IS ADOPTED FOR PRICING TENDERS AND VARIATIONS.

THIS WOULD ENABLE BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONTRACTORS TO IMMEDIATELY APPRECIATE THE COST IMPLICATIONS OF ANY TENDER AND SUBSEQUENT VARIATION WITHOUT THE NEED FOR COMPLICATED CALCULATIONS AND POSSIBLE DISPUTES, HE SAID.

"CLEARLY LAID OUT SCHEDULES ARE USED TO SPECIFY THE BUILDINGS TO BE CLEANED, THE LEVEL OF SERVICE REQUIRED AT EACH PARTICULAR LOCATION; AND THE FLOOR OR WINDOW AREAS INVOLVED.

"DRAWINGS ARE INCORPORATED TO PRECISELY INDICATE THE EXTENT AND SPREAD OF THE WORK TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPERVISORY STAFF, THE 'LAY' CLIENTS AND THE CONTRACTORS TO SUPERVISE THE CONTRACTS MORE EASILY AND EFFECTIVELY," HE SAID.

THE PERFORMANCE AND FACILITIES SPECIFICATION HAS ALSO BEEN REVISED TO PUT FIRMLY ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE CONTRACTORS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MANAGE THEIR OWN STAFF.

/"THE CONTRACTORS .....

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"THE CONTRACTORS HAVE TO STATE IN THEIR TENDERS DETAILS OF THEIR PROPOSED LABOUR DEPLOYMENT AT EACH JOB LOCATION, AND ARE REQUIRED TO EMPLOY A DEDICATED TEAM OF MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER EACH CONTRACT," MR NG SAID.

"THE NEW SPECIFICATION CLEARLY SPELLS OUT THE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS REQUIRED OF THE CONTRACTORS AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR FAILURE TO DO SO."

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SPECIFICATION ALSO CONTAINS A DEMERIT POINT SYSTEM TO SERVE AS A YARDSTICK TO MEASURE THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE TO FACILITATE EASY REMOVAL OF HABITUALLY NON-PERFORMING CONTRACTORS.

TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT GETS GOOD QUALITY CLEANING SERVICE FOR THE PRICE IT PAYS, THE DEPARTMENT IS ARRANGING TO INVITE A CLEANING CONSULTANT FROM BRITAIN TO TRAIN ITS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT STAFF ON THE SUITABLE METHODS, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR EVERY ASPECT OF BUILDING CLEANING, THE SUPERVISION OF CLEANING OPERATIONS AND THE RESULTS TO LOOK FOR.

ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE ASD STAFF WILL IN TURN PROVIDE TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TO THEIR CLIENTS IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE COURSE WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED TO CONTRACTORS AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. THEIR ACQUIRED SKILLS WILL RECEIVE THE RECOGNITION OF THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE UNDER THE OPERATIVES PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATION SCHEME, AND MAY LATER BECOME THE QUALIFICATION FOR ADMITTING NEW CONTRACTORS TO AND RETAINING SERVING CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED LIST OF CONTRACTORS.

"WITH A GOOD CONTRACT, A TEAM OF DEDICATED, PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED AND COMPETENT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT STAFF, AND KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SKILLED CONTRACTORS, THE GOVERNMENT CAN CONFIDENTLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AND WORKING IN CLEANER BUILDINGS AT A REASONABLE COST," MR NG SAID.

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#### LABOUR COMMISSIONER VISITS WATCH FACTORY

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED A WATCH MANUFACTURING FACTORY IN KWUN TONG TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT ON THE LABOUR SCENE.

ESTABLISHED IN 1970, SUNCITI MANUFACTURERS LTD NOW EMPLOYS ABOUT 900 EMPLOYEES, WITH PRODUCTS FOR SALE IN BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MARKETS.

/MR HAMMOND .....

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MR HAMMOND WAS RECEIVED BY THE FACTORY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR MR Y. ASABA AND THE ADMINISTRATION MANAGER MR K. ICHIMATA WHO BRIEFED HIM ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF THE COMPANY.

HE LATER TOURED THE PLANT'S INFORMATION AND ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING, PRODUCT DESIGN AND PRODUCTION SECTIONS TO SEE WORKERS AT WORK.

HE NOTED THAT THE COMPANY HAS SET UP 60 TO 70 QUALITY CONTROL CIRCLES AT THE GRASSROOT LEVEL IN ALL DEPARTMENTS TO MAINTAIN A BALANCE BETWEEN MAXIMUM CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT DEMOCRACY.

IT HAS ALSO FORMED A SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE COMPRISING SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS AND REGULARLY ORGANISES SAFETY COMPETITIONS TO AROUSE WORKERS' AWARENESS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

MR HAMMOND WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE COMPANY HAS NO RECORD OF SERIOUS ACCIDENTS AND HAS NOT BEEN PROSECUTED UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LAWS IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT, MR HAMMOND ALSO HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH THE COMPANY'S MANAGEMENT ON GENERAL LABOUR RELATIONS ISSUES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN DURING THE VISIT WILL BE BOXED.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO THE YOUNG  
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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT PROVIDES GUIDANCE IN THOSE ASPECTS OF FAMILY LIFE ON WHICH THE YOUNGER GENERATION MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SEEK ADVICE FROM THEIR PARENTS, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PO LEUNG KUK DIRECTORS LUNCHEON MEETING, MRS WONG SAID MUCH OF THE MAIN PROGRAMME AREAS OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WAS THEREFORE AIMED AT ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS.

THE FOUR MAIN PROGRAMME AREAS ARE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND BEHAVIOUR, SEX EDUCATION, HUMAN ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS, AND HOME MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH EDUCATION.

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IT WAS EASY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ASK THEIR PARENTS FOR ADVICE OR INFORMATION ON MOST SUBJECTS, BUT WHEN IT CAME TO SUBJECTS SUCH AS SEX EDUCATION OR PERHAPS THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY, THIS MIGHT NO LONGER BE THE CASE, MRS WONG NOTED.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE TRADITIONAL VIEW ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY WOULD BE IN COMPLETE CONTRAST TO THE MORE WESTERN VIEWS OF SEXUAL EQUALITY, AND THE FREEDOM TO "LIVE ONE'S OWN LIFE".

"TRYING TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO ROLES IS NOT EASY, AND IS THE SORT OF AREA IN WHICH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAN BE OF GREAT HELP, IN THAT THE SOCIAL WORKERS MAY GIVE ADVICE FROM A FAIRLY NEUTRAL VIEWPOINT," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES WERE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO RECEIVE PROPER FACTUAL INFORMATION AND TO DEVELOP HEALTHY ATTITUDES ABOUT SEXUALITY, AND ITS PLACE IN A RELATIONSHIP.

"IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS TO BE ABLE TO SEEK ADVICE AS TO HOW TO DEAL WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS ON THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS HOW TO ENSURE THAT THEY DO NOT DEVIATE FROM AN INDIVIDUAL'S ROLE IN SOCIETY.

"THUS, BOTH THE ATTITUDE AND THE COMMITMENT TO THE SUBJECT BY THE GOVERNMENT IS IMPORTANT," SHE SAID.

SHE NOTED THAT THROUGH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, NOT ONLY COULD YOUNG PEOPLE, AS WELL AS THEIR PARENTS, ACQUIRE AN APPROPRIATE SET OF VALUES, BUT ALSO THEY WERE ABLE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE ON SUBJECTS WHICH AFFECTED THEIR FUTURE LIFE AND HAPPINESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF MRS WONG'S SPEECH WILL BE BOXED.

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YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO PREPARE FOR CHALLENGE  
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YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD PREPARE THEMSELVES TO COPE WITH THE CHANGES AND CHALLENGES FACING HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS JOINT SPEECH DAY, MR LAN SAID HONG KONG WOULD FACE A SERIES OF CHANGES AND CHALLENGES IN THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS.

/"AND YOUNG .....

"AND YOUNG PEOPLE, AS THE FUTURE MAINSTAY OF THE SOCIETY, SHOULD SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE MORE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, TO DEVELOP THEIR CHARACTER AND TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN THE FUTURE," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME LAUNCHED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1981 WAS TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE MORE SPEEDY RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THROUGH A NETWORK OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES.

"IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT MORE RESIDENTS, AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR, WILL ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL AFFAIRS AND VOICE THEIR OPINIONS," HE SAID.

"ONE POINT WORTH NOTING IS THAT NEARLY 40 PER CENT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ARE UNDER 40 YEARS OF AGE AND AT PRESENT, THERE ARE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE SERVING AS CO-OPTED MEMBERS ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

"THIS GOOD TRAINING HELPS GROOM THE YOUNG PEOPLE INTO FUTURE DISTRICT LEADERS," HE ADDED.

MR LAN COMMENDED CARITAS FOR ENCOURAGING ITS STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND FOSTERING THEIR CIVIC AWARENESS.

HE NOTED THAT PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL WAS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF HONG KONG'S EDUCATION SYSTEM AS IT PROVIDED AN ALTERNATIVE TO GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN MEETING THE DIFFERENT ABILITIES AND APTITUDE OF THE STUDENTS AND THE NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY.

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#### GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES. THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME. AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION. THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.

GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "4" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "3" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THE WATER AT THESE TWO BEACHES.

IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

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THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES  
IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 28.6.90)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 12.7.90)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	3	3
CHUNG HOM KOK	2	1
DEEP WATER BAY	1	1
HAIRPIN	3	2
MIDDLE BAY	1	1
REPULSE BAY	1	1
SHEK O	4	3
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST STEPHEN'S	2	2
TURTLE COVE	2	2
STANLEY MAIN	2	2
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1
TUEN MUN DISTRICT -----		
OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	2	2
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	2	3
BUTTERFLY	3	3

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## ISLANDS DISTRICT

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CHEUNG SHA UPPER	1	1
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	2	2
DISCOVERY BAY*	2	1
HUNG SHING YEH	1	1
KWUN YAM WAN	1	1
TONG FUK	1	1
LO SO SHING	1	1
PUI O	1	1
SILVERMINE BAY	3	3
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	1	1
TUNG O*	2	2

## SAI KUNG DISTRICT

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CAMPERS	2	2
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	2	2
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	2	2
HAP MUN BAY	1	1
KIU TSUI	1	2
PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	3	3
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	3	3

## TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

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ANGLERS'	3	4
APPROACH	2	3
CASAM	2	2
GEMINI	2	2
HOI MEI WAN	2	2

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LIDO	2	2
TING KAU	4	4
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	1	1

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES.  
\* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

CHUNG HOM KOK AND DISCOVERY BAY, FROM "2" TO "1"; HAIRPIN, FROM "3" TO "2"; KIU TSUI, FROM "1" TO "2"; APPROACH AND KADOORIE, FROM "2" TO "3".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

SHEK O, FROM "4" TO "3".

SHEK O BEACH IS UPGRADED ON THIS OCCASION. THE PREVIOUS GRADE WAS DUE TO THE HEAVY RAINFALL IN JUNE WHICH HAD CAUSED THE POLLUTANTS IN THE BEACH HINTERLAND TO BE WASHED INTO THE BEACH WATER. SAMPLES TAKEN RECENTLY AT THE BEACH INDICATE THE WATER QUALITY HAS RETURNED TO ACCEPTABLE CONDITION.

ANGLERS', FROM "3" TO "4".

HEAVY RAINFALL AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY RESULTED IN POLLUTANTS BEING FLUSHED INTO THE SEAWATER AT THIS BEACH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF EPD, MR PAUL R. HOLMES, ON TEL. 835 1234.

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DISTRICT OFFICE CAUSEWAY BAY SUB-OFFICE ON MOVE

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S CAUSEWAY BAY SUB-OFFICE WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS OF THE RECENTLY COMPLETED CAUSEWAY BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE, AT 7 FOOK YUM ROAD, ON MONDAY (JULY 16).

THE SUB-OFFICE WILL PROVIDE PUBLIC ENQUIRY AND STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICES TO RESIDENTS FROM 9 AM TO 5.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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IT WILL ALSO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ENQUIRIES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT 566 2450, BUT THE MAIN EXCHANGE NUMBER WILL CHANGE TO 570 4125.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE ITS CONFERENCE ROOM AND A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL FOR USE BY LOCAL GROUPS BETWEEN 10 AM AND 10 PM DAILY, EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO MAKE TELEPHONE BOOKINGS ON 566 2011.

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**BEWARE OF BOGUS SWD OFFICERS**

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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED RESIDENTS TO BE WATCHFUL WHEN APPROACHED BY PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE ADVICE WAS GIVEN FOLLOWING A RECENT COMPLAINT FROM A CLIENT OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO REPORTED THAT SHE WAS APPROACHED BY A PERSON CLAIMING TO BE AN SWD OFFICER AND ASKING FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING ONE OF HER FAMILY MEMBERS.

"AS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVANTS, OFFICERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ARE ISSUED WITH A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHEN IN DOUBT, SHOULD REQUEST THE INTERVIEWER TO PRODUCE HIS IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT, OR TELEPHONE SWD'S DISTRICT OFFICES, FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OR FIELD UNIT OFFICES BEFORE SUPPLYING THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION TO THE PERSON," HE ADDED.

THE SWD OPERATES 31 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND 34 FIELD UNIT OFFICES TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IN THE TERRITORY.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITIES

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RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT CAN NOW APPLY TO THEIR AREA COMMITTEES FOR SUBSIDIES FOR ORGANISING NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITIES.

UNDER A "BLOCK ALLOCATION SCHEME", AREA COMMITTEES IN SOUTHERN HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (CBAC) TO VET APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER RESIDENTS' BODIES.

"A TOTAL OF \$100,000 HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR ALLOCATION TO THESE ORGANISATIONS THROUGH THE SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT," A DB SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE CBAC WILL CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AREA COMMITTEES AND MAKE GRANTS TO THE APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS DIRECT," HE ADDED.

THE MAXIMUM GRANT IS \$1,800. HOWEVER, FOR PURE ENTERTAINMENT FUNCTIONS SUCH AS PICNICS, BARBECUES AND VEGETARIAN MEALS, THE MAXIMUM GRANT WOULD BE \$1,000.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEME AIMS TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES AMONG THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES AND RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS, AND TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO ORGANISE MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE THE TO AREA COMMITTEES DIRECT, OR TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR ITS SUB-OFFICES, OR BY TELEPHONING MISS WINNIE CHONG ON 554 0271.

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ISLANDS DB STUDY TOUR TO THAILAND

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AN ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD OVERSEAS STUDY GROUP, LED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, LEFT TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR A SEVEN-DAY VISIT TO THAILAND.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARY, MRS MARINA WOODHEAD, THE GROUP COMPRISED EIGHT DB MEMBERS, FOUR CO-OPTED MEMBERS AND SOME LOCALS.

MR LAM SAID THAILAND WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE THE COUNTRY'S EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

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"THE AIM OF THE TOUR IS TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF A SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRY WHICH HAS A SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES SIMILAR TO THAT OF OUR DISTRICT," HE SAID.

"IT IS HOPED THAT MEMBERS WILL BE INSPIRED THROUGH SITE VISITS AND EXCHANGES OF IDEAS WITH THAI OFFICIALS," HE ADDED.

THE GROUP WILL FIRST VISIT PATTAYA WHERE THE CHIEF OF THE LOCAL TOURISM AUTHORITY WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE JOM TIEN BEACH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE EASTERN SEABOARD PROJECT AND SOME MARICULTURE FARMS NEAR PATTAYA.

IN BANGKOK, THE GROUP WILL CALL ON THE TOURISM AUTHORITY OF THAILAND TO ATTEND A BRIEFING ON TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION IN THE COUNTRY BY THE DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENT CO-ORDINATION DIVISION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD STUDY GROUP TAKEN AT THE AIRPORT WILL BE BOXED.

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DB WORKING GROUP TO BE BRIEFED ON ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS  
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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE ASSISTANCE BEING OFFERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WILL REPORT THEIR FINDINGS ON THE WATER QUALITY NEAR A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT AT YIM TIN TSAI.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF NEW FISH CULTURE ZONES IN THE DISTRICT AND THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE SHAM WAN FISH CULTURE ZONE BOUNDARY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER SEVERAL APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION, TO PRODUCE THE DISTRICT BOARD REPORT, AND TO FINANCE AN EXCURSION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROJECT.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE PROGRESS REPORTS FROM VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, TSUEN WAN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS UC RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME

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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY REPORTS ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN KWUN TONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 6 TUNG YAN STREET.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CHOI WAN ESTATE, WONG TAI SIN, FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 14) FOR SEVEN WEEKS TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION WORKS AT THE SECTION OF JAT'S INCLINE BETWEEN NGAU CHI WAN STREET AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

THE SECTION OF JAT'S INCLINE BETWEEN NGAU CHI WAN STREET AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM THE EXISTING TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

THE SECTION OF NGAU CHI WAN STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH JAT'S INCLINE AND A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM THE EXISTING TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WESTBOUND ONTO JAT'S INCLINE NORTHBOUND, TO TURN LEFT FROM CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND ONTO JAT'S INCLINE NORTHBOUND, AND TO TURN RIGHT FROM JAT'S INCLINE SOUTHBOUND ONTO NGAU CHI WAN STREET WESTBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR THE SECTION OF JAT'S INCLINE BETWEEN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND NGAU CHI WAN STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WESTBOUND, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND, FUNG SHING STREET AND NGAU CHI WAN STREET.

MOTORISTS ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR THE SAME SECTION OF JAT'S INCLINE ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND, FUNG SHING STREET AND NGAU CHI WAN STREET.

THOSE ON JAT'S INCLINE SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR NGAU CHI WAN STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA JAT'S INCLINE SOUTHBOUND, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WESTBOUND, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND AND FUNG SHING STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE THEM.

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OPENING OF UNNAMED ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 14), THE UNNAMED ROAD BENEATH THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND TO THE NORTH OF ARRIVALS ROAD WILL BE OPENED FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

CONCURRENTLY, THIS ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WUHU VEHICULAR UNDERPASS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE WUHU VEHICULAR UNDERPASS LEADING FROM CHATHAM ROAD NORTH (NORTHBOUND) TO GILLIES AVENUE (SOUTHBOUND) WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 14) TO FACILITATE CLEANSING WORK THERE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS FROM TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WISHING TO PROCEED TO HUNG HOM AREA ARE ADVISED TO USE EITHER CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHEONG WAN ROAD, ON WAN ROAD, CHEONG WAN ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE; OR GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, PAK KUNG STREET, SHUN YUNG STREET, FAT KWONG STREET AND MA TAU WAI ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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EXTENSION OF OPERATING HOURS OF NT GMB ROUTES 33, 35

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE OPERATING HOURS OF NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 33 (YUEN LONG (TAI FUNG STREET) TO HA PAK NAI) AND ROUTE 35 (YUEN LONG (TAI FUNG STREET) TO SHA KIU (TSIM BEI TSUI)) WILL BE EXTENDED FROM SATURDAY (JULY 14), FROM 9 PM TO 9.30 PM DAILY.

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