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FS: RIGHT DECISIONS ESSENTIAL IN DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY (TUESDAY) OUTLINED PLANS FOR THE TERRITORY'S INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH HE SAID MUST BE TAKEN WITH CAUTIOUS AND CONSERVATIVE STEPS TO ENSURE THE RIGHT DECISIONS WERE MADE.

ALTHOUGH THE THRUST OF HIS SPEECH TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG CENTRED AROUND THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT AND AIRPORT, THE PACKAGE HE OUTLINED INCLUDED THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (TDS), THE PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PDS), THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS) AND THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF TSING YI, WESTERN HARBOUR, AND ROAD AND RAIL SERVICES.

THE OVERALL RESULT, HE SAID, WAS A CLEAR INDICATION OF GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE GROWTH OF HONG KONG.

MR JACOBS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF NINE PER CENT WAS USED AS A BASIS FOR THE "TRIGGER POINT MECHANISM" FOR PLANNING THE FUTURE PROVISION OF NEW CONTAINER TERMINALS, THE GROWTH IN THROUGHPUT IN KWAI CHUNG DURING THE PAST YEAR EXCEEDED 20 PER CENT.

AND IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT AFTER COMPLETION OF TERMINAL 7 IN 1993, UP TO 15 ADDITIONAL BERTHS WOULD NEED TO BE COMMISSIONED BY 2001.

"BY 1988, WE NEED TO IDENTIFY THE LOCATION OF CONTAINER TERMINALS 8 AND 9 WHICH WOULD NEED TO BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION BY 1994-95. THIS DECISION MUST BE MADE IN A STRATEGIC CONTEXT AS THERE REMAINS NO ROOM IN KWAI CHUNG FOR FURTHER EXTENSION.

"CONSIDERATION MUST ALSO BE GIVEN TO GROWING DEMAND FOR BACK UP AREAS AND DEEP WATER FRONT SITES FOR SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL USES AND POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS," MR JACOBS SAID.

ON THE AIRPORT HE SAID IT WAS ONE OF THE BUSIEST IN THE WORLD, HANDLING MORE THAN 10 MILLION INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS AND SOME 500,000 TONNES OF FREIGHT A YEAR.

THE NEW TERMINAL - EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR - WOULD HAVE A CAPACITY OF 18 MILLION PASSENGERS A YEAR, WHICH WOULD MEET THE PROJECTED DEMAND FOR PROCESSING FACILITIES UP TO THE EARLY 1990'S.

"DEMAND MANAGEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED IN THE FIRST DECADE OF THE NEXT CENTURY AND THEREAFTER MORE SEVERE RESCHEDULING WOULD BE REQUIRED," MR JACOBS SAID.

ECONOMIC GROWTH, HE SAID, HAD INCREASED DEMANDS FOR ADDITIONAL PORT AND AIRPORT FACILITIES WHICH REQUIRED ASSOCIATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND NEW TRANSPORT LINKS.

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LAND USE WAS LOOKED AT IN THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT STUDY, UPDATED LAST YEAR, WHICH INCLUDED URBAN GROWTH ON MAJOR RECLAMATIONS AROUND VICTORIA HARBOUR, UPGRADING AND THE EXTENSION OF PRINCIPAL TRANSPORT LINKS, DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONTAINER TERMINALS AT KWAI CHUNG, AND THE CONTINUED USE OF KAI TAK AIRPORT TO ITS FULL PRACTICAL CAPACITY.

OTHER FEASIBILITY STUDIES LINKED WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT INCLUDED ROUTE X - A LINK BETWEEN NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES AND SHENZHEN SEZ AND BETWEEN THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL AND THE METROPOLITAN AREA; A FREIGHT RAIL LINK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND KWAI CHUNG; EXPANSION OF THE KCRC RAILWAY FREIGHT TERMINAL AT HUNG HOM BAY, WHICH WOULD SERVE KWAI CHUNG PRINCIPALLY BY LIGHTERS; AND THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY.

MR JACOBS SAID ALL THIS WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT LINKAGES AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY CHINA AND OTHER TRADING PARTNERS.

"THE PORT AND AIRPORT ARE CRUCIAL NODES IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK," HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO A PRESS QUESTION, AFTER THE LUNCHEON, ON WHETHER THE PORT AND AIRPORT PROJECTS WOULD BE AFFECTED BY A SLOWDOWN IN THE ECONOMY, MR JACOBS SAID "OBVIOUSLY THE TIMING OF THIS SORT OF PROJECT WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE ECONOMY".

"THAT'S WHAT I'VE MENTIONED IN MY SPEECH, THE FACT THAT WE LOOK AT THE GROWTH OF TRADE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONTAINER TERMINAL. SO THIS IS AN ONGOING, CONTINUOUS PROCESS. SO, YES, IT COULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS," HE SAID.

ON THE EXTENT OF STOCK MARKET EVENTS AFFECTING HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, MR JACOBS SAID ECONOMIES THE WORLD OVER WHERE BEING AFFECTED.

"IF YOU LOOK AT EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHERE THERE HAS BEEN A TRAUMATIC FALL IN STOCK MARKETS, I THINK MOST PEOPLE RECOGNISE THAT THERE COULD BE SOME SLOWDOWN.

"I THINK HONG KONG IS VERY WELL PLACED. IF YOU GET AWAY FROM CENTRAL AND STOP THINKING ABOUT THE STOCK MARKET YOU'LL FIND BUSINESSES ARE JUST AS GOOD AS THEY WERE BEFORE," HE NOTED.

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NEW SHIPPING REGISTER WILL MEET UN STANDARDS

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THE PROPOSED NEW HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER WILL MEET ALL CRITERIA AND STANDARDS SET OUT IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF SHIPS ADOPTED IN FEBRUARY 1986.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR GERRY HIGGINSON, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE EAST ASIA COMMITTEE OF THE LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

THE HEART OF THE UN CONVENTION LAY IN THREE PRINCIPAL CLAUSES REQUIRING THE FLAG STATE TO HAVE A COMPETENT AND ADEQUATE NATIONAL MARITIME ADMINISTRATION; TO IMPLEMENT APPLICABLE INTERNATIONAL RULES AND STANDARDS CONCERNING, IN PARTICULAR, THE SAFETY OF SHIPS AND PERSONS ON BOARD AND THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT; AND TO ENSURE THAT THE MANNING AND EMPLOYMENT ON SHIPS WAS IN CONFORMITY WITH APPLICABLE INTERNATIONAL RULES AND STANDARDS.

"WE HAVE AN EXTREMELY COMPETENT MARITIME ADMINISTRATION. OUR RECORD OF ADHERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS IS EXCELLENT," MR HIGGINSON SAID.

"INDEED, HONG KONG IS ONE OF ONLY THREE INTERNATIONAL REGISTERS (THE OTHERS BEING LIBERIA AND THE ISLE OF MAN) LISTED IN THE APPENDIX TO THE INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING FEDERATION'S GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL REGISTERS WHICH HAD RATIFIED FOUR OF THE KEY SAFETY AND MANNING CONVENTIONS - SOLAS 1974, SOLAS 1978 PROTOCOL, STCW AND ILO 147.

"IT HAS ALSO BEEN AGREED BY BRITAIN AND CHINA, AND ACCEPTED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION, THAT HONG KONG SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE IMO AFTER 1997.

"SO LET THERE BE NO DOUBT ABOUT OUR TOTAL ACCEPTANCE OF OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS," SAID MR HIGGINSON.

ON THE QUESTION OF THE FLAG, MR HIGGINSON SAID REGISTRATION OF A SHIP ENTITLED THAT SHIP TO FLY THE NATIONAL FLAG OF THE PLACE OF REGISTRY WHICH, IN TURN, ESTABLISHED THE NATIONALITY OF THE SHIP, AND THE FLAG STATE SIGNIFIED THE AUTHORITY WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXERCISING JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OVER THE SHIP.

IN HONG KONG'S UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES, ARRANGEMENTS WOULD NEED TO BE MADE, WHEN MODIFYING THE REGISTER, TO PROVIDE THAT A FLAG, OR FLAGS, WOULD INDICATE BOTH THE NATIONALITY OF THE SHIP - BRITISH PRE-1997 AND CHINESE POST-1997 - AND THAT SHE WAS ON THE HONG KONG REGISTER, HE SAID.

"CURRENT PROPOSALS ARE THAT, WHEN THE MODIFIED REGISTER COMES INTO OPERATION, SHIPS ON THE REGISTER SHOULD FLY TWO FLAGS FROM THE STERN - A UNIQUE SOLUTION TO A UNIQUE SITUATION.

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"THE UPPER FLAG WOULD - UNTIL JUNE 30 1997 - BE THE RED ENSIGN (THE NATIONAL FLAG FLOWN BY MERCHANT VESSELS ON THE BRITISH REGISTER); THE LOWER FLAG WOULD BE EITHER THE EXISTING HONG KONG FLAG (THE BLUE ENSIGN WITH THE HONG KONG ARMORIAL BEARINGS) OR, ONCE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND BRITISH SIDES ON ITS DESIGN AND USE, A NEW HONG KONG REGIONAL FLAG.

"FROM JULY 1, 1997, THE UPPER FLAG WOULD BE THE FLAG OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE LOWER FLAG WOULD BE THE HONG KONG REGIONAL FLAG," HE SAID.

APART FROM THE FLAG, MR HIGGINSON SAID THE MAJOR AREAS IN WHICH HONG KONG WOULD DIVERGE FROM THE RULES AND PROCEDURES WHICH APPLIED TO THE BRITISH REGISTER WERE IN THE FIELDS OF NATIONAL MANNING REQUIREMENTS AND THE PRESENT GENUINE LINK BETWEEN THE SHIP AND THE FLAG STATE.

HE SAID: "TO THIS EXTENT, HONG KONG CAN BE CONSIDERED TO BE AN OPEN REGISTER. BUT OUR MANNING PROPOSALS - WHICH PRESCRIBE QUALIFICATIONS RATHER THAN NATIONALITY - AND OUR GENUINE LINK PROVISIONS WHICH WILL BE CLOSER THAN THOSE AT PRESENT, REFLECT POLITICAL REALITY.

"OPEN REGISTERS HAVE EVOLVED TO MEET DIFFERENT NEEDS IN THEIR VARIOUS WAYS AND THEY ARE HERE TO STAY. THAT IS A FACT OF LIFE."

MR HIGGINSON ADDED THAT IT WAS A GRIEVOUS ERROR TO EQUATE OPEN REGISTERS WITH SUB-STANDARD SHIPS.

"HONG KONG HAS NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF ALLOWING SUB-STANDARD SHIPS TO OPERATE ON ITS REGISTER.

"QUITE THE REVERSE," HE SAID. "OUR TARGET IS THE ABOLITION OF SUB-STANDARD SHIPS WHICH DO NOT COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONALLY AGREED SAFETY AND EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS."

TURNING TO CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES, MR HIGGINSON SAID IT HAD BEEN ACCEPTED THAT THE SOCIETIES WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN CARRYING OUT DELEGATED FUNCTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

AT PRESENT, ONLY LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING AND FOUR FOREIGN CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES ENJOYED THIS DELEGATION. "IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REVIEW THE EXTENT TO WHICH GOVERNMENT CAN PROPERLY DELEGATE SURVEY FUNCTIONS TO THESE - AND OTHERS - SOCIETIES," HE SAID.

MR HIGGINSON EXPLAINED THAT UNDER EXISTING PROCEDURES, UNITED KINGDOM APPROVAL WAS GRANTED ONLY TO CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES WHICH HAD SET UP BRITISH COMMITTEES.

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"FOR THE FUTURE REGISTER, CONSIDERATION WILL REQUIRE TO BE GIVEN TO WHETHER OR NOT HONG KONG COMMITTEES WILL BE REQUIRED, OR WHETHER A MORE INFORMAL SYSTEM MIGHT SUFFICE.

"IT IS, FOR EXAMPLE, BEING SUGGESTED THAT NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES WITH SUBSTANTIAL PERMANENT OFFICES IN HONG KONG MIGHT BE AUTHORISED," MR HIGGINSON SAID, ADDING THAT ACCOUNT HAD ALSO TO BE TAKEN IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HONG KONG OF THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION WHICH WOULD APPLY TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY AFTER 1997.

MR HIGGINSON SAID THE STATED INTENTION WAS TO HAVE THE NEW HONG KONG REGISTER IN OPERATION BY 1990 - OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER. "TO ACHIEVE THIS, WE NEED URGENTLY TO DEVELOP DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW REGISTER."

THESE PROPOSALS, WHICH SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES AGREED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA, WILL INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, THE PROCEDURES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE REGISTER; QUALIFICATIONS FOR OWNING SHIPS ON THE REGISTER; METHODS BY WHICH THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION CAN FULFIL ITS OBLIGATION IN REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, CODE OF PRACTICE ETC.; MEASURES FOR THE EXERCISE OF WORLDWIDE JURISDICTION OVER SHIPS ON THE REGISTER; FINANCING; AND THE TAXATION OF SHIPPING AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE TAXATION SYSTEM TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

MR HIGGINSON SAID THAT TO ACHIEVE THIS, THE NECESSARY STEERING GROUP, THE COMMITTEES AND THE WORKING GROUPS HAD BEEN SET UP.

"THESE GROUPS CONTAIN, AS NECESSARY, REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL SECTORS OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY INCLUDING THE UNIONS," HE ADDED.

MR HIGGINSON ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS MUCH WORK YET TO BE DONE AND THAT THE TIMETABLE MIGHT, AT FIRST SIGHT, SEEM LENGTHY COMPARED WITH, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORWEGIAN INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY.

"BUT LET IT NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT WE ARE NOT A FLAG STATE. OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE HAVE TO BE AGREED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

"SO OUR SYSTEM OF CONSULTATION AND OF SEEKING APPROVAL WILL BE MUCH MORE COMPLEX AND TIME CONSUMING THAN IF WE WERE AN INDEPENDENT MARITIME ADMINISTRATION."

WHILE NOTING THAT IT WAS NOT THE INTENTION OF HONG KONG TO "POACH" SHIPPING FROM OTHER REGISTERS, MR HIGGINSON FORESAW THAT THE HONG KONG REGISTER WOULD BE ATTRACTIVE TO MANY SHIPOWNERS, BOTH WORLDWIDE AND IN ASIA.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT AS A BRITISH PORT OF REGISTER, HONG KONG RANKED IN THE TOP TEN IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF TONNAGE AND RANKED WITH THE BEST IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF THE SAFETY STANDARDS OF ITS SHIPS.

HONG KONG HAD A WORLD-CLASS HARBOUR AND PORT - INCLUDING A CONTAINER PORT WHICH, THIS YEAR, WAS LIKELY TO BECOME THE LARGEST CONTAINER PORT IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF THROUGHPUT.

HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG WAS DEVELOPED AS THE ONLY DEEP WATER PORT IN THE SOUTH OF CHINA, AND THAT HAD NOT CHANGED.

WHAT ALSO SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN WAS THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG SHIPPING INTERESTS.

MR HIGGINSON SAID OF ABOUT 30 MILLION GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE (GRT) OWNED OR MANAGED BY HONG KONG INTERESTS, ONLY ABOUT FIVE MILLION GRT WAS REGISTERED IN HONG KONG; THE OTHER THREE MILLION GRT REGISTERED IN HONG KONG WAS OWNED OR MANAGED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

"WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW REGISTER, A REGISTER IN WHICH MANNING AND OWNERSHIP RULES WILL BE RELAXED, WE EXPECT TO SEE A LIMITED INFLUX BY REGIONAL OWNERS WHO WILL WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EXCELLENT SHIPPING INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH EXISTS HERE.

"AND OUR ROLE AS A PORT AND AS A SHIPPING CENTRE FOR CHINA IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE," HE SAID.

"GIVEN THE PROLIFERATION OF OPEN REGISTERS; GIVEN THE WISH OF FINANCIERS, MAJOR OWNERS, INSURERS AND OTHERS TO FIND REGISTERS WHICH MAKE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SENSE AND WHICH HAVE HIGH STANDARDS OF SAFETY, WE FORESEE THAT THE HONG KONG REGISTER WILL BE ATTRACTIVE TO MANY OWNERS, BOTH WORLDWIDE AND IN ASIA," MR HIGGINSON ADDED.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER RELEASED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED TRADE VALUE STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 1987. COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1986, TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1987, AT \$67,111 MILLION, GREW BY 38 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 28 PER CENT TO \$17,843 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER 1987 WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 48 PER CENT TO \$16,502 MILLION, BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1987 TO \$34,345 MILLION, WHICH WAS 37 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1986. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 40 PER CENT TO \$32,766 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER 1987.

/DOMESTIC EXPORTS

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1986 AND SEPTEMBER 1987. SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN (+55 PER CENT), FRANCE (+49 PER CENT), CHINA (+48 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+46 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+44 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM THE USA (+72 PER CENT), CHINA (+44 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+41 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+36 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (+36 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, TAIWAN, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 106 PER CENT, 78 PER CENT, 59 PER CENT, 56 PER CENT AND 52 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1987, AT \$540,366 MILLION, INCREASED BY 39 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT TO \$141,139 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 51 PER CENT TO \$129,076 MILLION. THUS, THE VAULE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 39 PER CENT TO \$270,215 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 39 PER CENT TO \$270,150 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS. THE MARKETS WITH THE FASTEST GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED JAPAN (+66 PER CENT), CHINA (+62 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+51 PER CENT), FRANCE (+46 PER CENT) AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+41 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, THE USA, GREW BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1987 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+58 PER CENT), CHINA (+47 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+45 PER CENT), ITALY (+42 PER CENT) AND THE USA (+40 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, TAIWAN, AUSTRALIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 107 PER CENT, 87 PER CENT, 62 PER CENT, 60 PER CENT AND 58 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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

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

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS. THE MORE NOTABLE ONES INCLUDED CLOTHING (BY \$10,756 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$4,083 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$4,069 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,922 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$57 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$17 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

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

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

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FROM TEXTILES (BY \$11,857 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$8,397 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$5,960 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$5,316 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$113 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT); AS WELL AS CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS (\$55 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

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

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

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$6,763 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$5,451 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$4,365 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$4,332 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$319 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT); AS WELL AS COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$175 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

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

DETAILS STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE AVAILABLE IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE SEPTEMBER 1987 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND NOVEMBER 20 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$5.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1987 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY DECEMBER 1987 AT \$15 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-SEP 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 87 OVER JAN-SEP 86 (%)	SEP 1987 (HKD MN.)	SEP 87 OVER SEP 86 (%)
U.S.A.	53,708	+ 17	6,910	+ 16
CHINA	19,781	+ 62	2,497	+ 48
F.R. OF GERMANY	10,789	+ 41	1,311	+ 44
U.K.	9,001	+ 28	1,119	+ 33
JAPAN	6,840	+ 66	959	+ 55
CANADA	4,129	+ 14	481	+ 14
NETHERLANDS	2,876	+ 51	305	+ 32
SINGAPORE	2,718	+ 35	379	+ 46
FRANCE	2,662	+ 46	330	+ 49
AUSTRALIA	2,626	+ 9	339	+ 9

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TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-SEP 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 87 OVER JAN-SEP 86 (%)	SEP 1987 (HKD MN.)	SEP 87 OVER SEP 86 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	47,617	+ 29	6,035	+ 30
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	22,226	+ 22	2,922	+ 16
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	11,480	+ 55	1,325	+ 33
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	10,969	+ 20	1,429	+ 23
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	10,754	+ 37	1,297	+ 11
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	10,560	+ 33	1,303	+ 37

/TABLE 3:

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-SEP 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 87 OVER JAN-SEP 86 (%)	SEP 1987 (HKD MN.)	SEP 87 OVER SEP 86 (%)
CHINA	83,402	+ 47	10,636	+ 44
JAPAN	51,990	+ 29	6,078	+ 28
TAIWAN	24,001	+ 45	2,847	+ 41
U.S.A.	22,963	+ 40	3,159	+ 72
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	11,938	+ 58	1,331	+ 36
SINGAPORE	10,237	+ 30	1,134	+ 23
U.K.	8,371	+ 25	830	+ 16
F.R. OF GERMANY	7,244	+ 25	817	+ 21
SWITZERLAND	5,109	+ 32	673	+ 36
ITALY	4,492	+ 42	469	+ 31

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-SEP 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 87 OVER JAN-SEP 86 (%)	SEP 1987 (HKD MN.)	SEP 87 OVER SEP 86 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	41,957	+ 39	4,902	+ 40
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	25,020	+ 51	2,985	+ 44

/ARTICLES OF APPAREL

ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	19,117	+ 39	2,356	+ 21
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	15,348	+ 63	2,029	+ 43
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	15,104	+ 47	2,090	+ 48
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	14,683	+ 26	1,840	+ 29

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-SEP 1987 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 87 OVER JAN-SEP 86 (%)	SEP 1987 (HKD MN.)	SEP 87 OVER SEP 86 (%)
CHINA	41,782	+ 50	5,282	+ 52
U.S.A.	23,993	+ 53	3,134	+ 37
TAIWAN	6,850	+ 62	840	+ 78
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	6,550	+ 58	714	+ 45
JAPAN	6,376	+ 45	909	+ 59
SINGAPORE	4,614	+ 18	534	+ 10
F.R. OF GERMANY	3,771	+107	565	+106
U.K.	3,122	+ 87	443	+ 29
MACAU	2,451	+ 30	272	+ 42
AUSTRALIA	1,997	+ 60	275	+ 56

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TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-SEP 1987	JAN-SEP 87 OVER JAN-SEP 86	SEP 1987	SEP 87 OVER SEP 86
	(HKD MN.)	(%)	(HKD MN.)	(%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	20,587	+ 49	2,395	+ 39
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	13,850	+ 46	1,703	+ 24
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	12,616	+ 76	1,976	+ 73
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	11,059	+ 64	1,433	+ 74
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	8,200	+ 89	1,212	+ 66
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	5,872	+ 46	610	+ 18

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TEN OFFICIALS TO SPEAK IN LEGCO DEBATE

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TEN OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK IN THE RESUMED DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY SPEECH AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL TAKE THE LEAD, TO BE FOLLOWED BY SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER \$18M ECVII PROVISION

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$18 MILLION TO MEET THE RECURRENT EXPENSES OF THE OPERATION TO INTERCEPT, PROCESS, DETAIN AND REPATRIATE EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (ECVII'S) IN THE PERIOD JULY TO DECEMBER 1987 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IN EARLY JULY 1987, ECVII'S STARTED ARRIVING IN HONG KONG IN LARGE NUMBERS. BY OCTOBER 21, A TOTAL OF 7,401 HAD ARRIVED.

HOWEVER, PROVIDING THERE IS NO NEW INFLUX, ALL ECVII'S WILL HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO CHINA BY THE END OF DECEMBER.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A NEW RECURRENT ACCOUNT SUBHEAD, "EXPENSES OF EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS", UNDER WHICH THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$18 MILLION WILL BE PLACED.

ANOTHER ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED TOMORROW WILL BE THE CREATION OF A NEW CAPITAL ACCOUNT SUBHEAD, "LOAN TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS", WITH A COMMITMENT OF \$50 MILLION.

THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS' NON-CONTRIBUTORY FINAL AVERAGE SALARY SCHEME TERMINATED ON OCTOBER 31 AND WAS REPLACED BY A CONTRIBUTORY PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME ON NOVEMBER 1, 1987, MAKING A SHORTFALL OF \$110 MILLION IN THE BALANCE.

WHILE THE GROUP IS ABLE TO PROVIDE \$60 MILLION FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES, IT HAS HAD TO APPLY TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF A LOAN OF \$50 MILLION TO MAKE UP THE BALANCE.

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OTHER ITEMS ON TOMORROW'S AGENDA WILL INCLUDE:

- * A COMMITMENT OF \$3.4 MILLION TO PROVIDE THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WITH AN ADDITIONAL MINI-RANGE AND THREE FIREARMS TRAINING SIMULATORS;
- * A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$5 MILLION TO MEET INCREASED INTEREST PAYMENTS FOR TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES;
- * THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ESTIMATED AT \$63,376,000 IN CAPITAL COSTS FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TEACHING SPACE TO 96 STANDARD DESIGN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECTORS;
- * A NEW COMMITMENT OF \$41,738,000 FOR CONVERTING OR EXTENDING PARTS OF THE 65 EXISTING AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF STANDARD DESIGN TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TEACHING SPACE;
- * THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION ESTIMATED AT \$3.4 MILLION, \$6 MILLION AND \$3.3 MILLION FOR 1987-88, 1988-89 AND 1989-90 RESPECTIVELY; AND
- * AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENT OF \$2,250,000 FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF A CONSULTANCY ON THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY BUREAU COMPUTER SERVICE.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

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PUBLIC URGED TO BE CAREFUL AND PATIENT ON ROADS

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IN SPITE OF CONTINUED EFFORTS IN PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY, ACCIDENTS STILL OCCUR AND WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUR UNLESS MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS EXERCISE MORE CARE, TOLERANCE AND PATIENCE IN USING THE ROADS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR SO WAS SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL FIRST AID COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY LIMITED AND THE ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY THROUGH THE GUIDANCE AND ADVICE OF THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL.

APART FROM THE DESIGN OF NEW AND SAFER ROADS, FIRM POLICE ENFORCEMENT ACTION, ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WERE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND CAREFULLY ANALYSED TO IDENTIFY ACCIDENT BLACK SPOTS AND TO CARRY OUT REMEDIAL MEASURES.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED THE ROAD USERS' CODE GIVING DETAILED AND USEFUL GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION TO ALL ROAD USERS, AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC AT LARGE WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN FROM THIS CODE AND CONTRIBUTE THEIR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO MAKING OUR ROADS SAFER FOR ALL TO USE," SAID MR SO.

TURNING TO CONDITIONS IN THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL, MR SO SAID THAT IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, THERE HAD BEEN 788 ACCIDENTS IN THE TUNNEL AREA.

"FORTUNATELY, MOST OF THESE WERE OF A MINOR NATURE, BUT THERE WERE 37 OCCASIONS WHEN IT WAS NECESSARY FOR STAFF TO RENDER FIRST AID TO THE INJURED." HE SAID.

"IN THE CURRENT YEAR, NO LESS THAN 115,000 VEHICLES PER DAY ARE EXPECTED TO PASS THROUGH THE TUNNEL. SUCH THROUGHPUT CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED AND MAINTAINED BY THE HARD WORK AND ENTHUSIASM OF THE COMPANY'S OPERATING STAFF, IN PARTICULAR THE RAPID REMOVAL OF BREAKDOWN AND ACCIDENT VEHICLES, WHICH OF COURSE INCLUDES IMMEDIATE FIRST AID TREATMENT TO ACCIDENT VICTIMS.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL FIRST AID COMPETITION IS NOT ONLY TO IMPROVE ON THE SKILLS OF STAFF BUT ALSO TO INJECT A SENSE OF GOOD-HUMOURED COMPETITION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE COMPANY. THIS IN TURN FOSTERS BETTER STAFF RELATIONS WHICH ARE IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE COMPANY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC," HE SAID.

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HAND-OVER OF WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEM

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WILL OFFICIALLY TAKE OVER THE "SEQUENCING BATCH REACTOR SYSTEM" SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC FOR LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT AT A HAND-OVER CEREMONY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

THIS SYSTEM IS ONE OF THE FOUR DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT IN LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT.

/THE CEREMONY

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9.30 AM AT THE TA KWU LING PIG BREEDING CENTRE IN PING CHE ROAD, FANLING.

PRESENT WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, MR MIKE STOKOE; ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, DR HOWARD WARD; AND THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES (SPECIAL DUTIES), MR LEO KWAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

TRANSPORT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO COVER THE HAND-OVER CEREMONY. THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 8.15 AM.

ISLANDS : A PLACE WHICH WELCOMES VISITORS

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THE FIRST ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL, COMMENCING THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15), IS INTENDED TO FOSTER A COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG ISLANDERS AND TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE DISTRICT AS A PLACE OF INTEREST TO VISITORS.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE 15-DAY FESTIVAL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MISS LEE WAI-FONG, SAID AS THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WAS RATHER SCATTERED GEOGRAPHICALLY, A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS HAD TO BE CULTIVATED.

"THEREFORE, 'ISLANDS MY HOME' HAS BEEN ADOPTED AS THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL AND IT IS THROUGH ORGANISING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAMMES THAT WE ARE ACHIEVING THAT END," SHE SAID.

MISS LEE SAID AS A SECONDARY AIM, THE FESTIVAL WOULD ALSO PROMOTE THE ALREADY FLOURISHING TOURISM WHICH WAS CRUCIAL TO THE ECONOMY OF THE DISTRICT.

"WE WELCOME VISITORS TO JOIN SOME OF OUR PROGRAMMES AND SHARE THE FESTIVE FUN WITH US," SHE ADDED.

ANOTHER SPEAKER AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE MR CHUNG MAN-CHIU, SAID THE 30 CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS PROGRAMMES WOULD BE HELD AT VENUES ON THE FOUR MAIN ISLANDS OF THE DISTRICT - LANTAU, PENG CHAU, CHEUNG CHAU AND LAMMA.

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"THAT WILL HELP LOCAL RESIDENTS TO FOSTER A SENSE OF INTER-ISLANDS RELATIONSHIP AND VISITORS TO DISCOVER MORE ATTRACTIONS IN OUR DISTRICT," HE SAID.

"THE MAJOR EVENTS - OPENING CEREMONY OUTSIDE THE HISTORIC PAK TEI TEMPLE, SAND SCRAPING COMPETITIONS AT THE BEAUTIFUL BEACHES OF TUNG WAN AND SILVERMINE BAY, LONG DISTANCE RACE ALONG THE SCENIC ROUTE FROM MUI WO TO SHAN SHEK WAN AND THE KITE CARNIVAL IN TUNG CHUNG - WILL BE HELD AT WEEKENDS SO THAT MORE ISLANDERS AND VISITORS CAN PARTICIPATE," MR CHUNG ADDED.

PREPARATION WORK FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL HAS GONE ON FOR ABOUT A YEAR. THE COSTS ARE ABOUT \$300,000, WITH \$100,000 FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REST COMING FROM SPONSORS.

AN OPENING CEREMONY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW CO-ORGANISED WITH RADIO AND TELEVISION HONG KONG, WILL BE HELD AT PAK TEI PLAYGROUND ON CHEUNG CHAU AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT ISLANDS DISTRICT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON WILL VISIT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 12) AFTERNOON TO SEE ITS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

THEY WILL FIRST TOUR TAI O ON LANTAU ISLAND AND VISIT A FAMILY LIVING IN ONE OF THE STILTED STRUCTURES KNOWN AS "PANG UK'S". THEY WILL ALSO TOUR LUNG TIN ESTATE, THE FIRST RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ON LANTAU.

LATER SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WILL FLY TO CHEUNG CHAU WHERE THEY WILL STROLL ALONG THE STREETS FROM TUNG WAN TO THE PRAYA. THEY WILL ALSO ATTEND A TEA RECEPTION AT AN OPEN AREA OUTSIDE PAK TEI TEMPLE AND MEET MEMBERS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, RURAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 12).

A PRESS LAUNCH WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER, CENTRAL, FOR LANTAU AT 12.30 PM FOR THOSE COVERING THE TAI O PART OF THE VISIT.

ANOTHER LAUNCH, THE CLEMENTI, WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER AT 2 PM FOR CHEUNG CHAU.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE :

DP8777	AP596	DR560	DR1638
DP325	DP751	DP9000	DR1668
DH9779	DR1303	DR118	DP8088
AS693	DM8778	DR119	AK3333
DR381	DR632	DP18	DP8388
CK8228	DP9199	DP1888	DS822
DR6222	AK228	DR327	DR128
DR944	DE1	DP8698	DP800
DR893	DR2823	DP2345	DR238
DN500	AC986	DR3028	DS8221

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE AUCTION WILL BE THE 118TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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NEW DEPOT FACILITIES FOR POLICE TACTICAL UNIT

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NEW FACILITIES ARE TO BE PROVIDED AT THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT DEPOT AT VOLUNTEER SLOPES IN FANLING.

THE FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE 10 BLOCKS OF BUILDINGS RANGING FROM SINGLE-STOREY TO FIVE STOREYS TO ACCOMMODATE OFFICES, TRAINING FACILITIES, INDOOR REVOLVER RANGE, STORES, RADIO WORKSHOP, MESS, BARRACK AND ABLUTIONS, AND GARAGE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT JANUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER 1989.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON DECEMBER 4.

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DB COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE MID-LEVELS TRANSPORT

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL EXAMINE THE MID-LEVELS TRANSPORT STUDY OUTLINE AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 12).

THE STUDY IS AIMED AT DRAWING UP LONG-TERM STRATEGIES TO INCREASE TRAFFIC CAPACITY TO COPE WITH MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL SUBMIT A SURVEY REPORT CONCERNING POLLUTION ON THE PROPOSED ELEVATED ROAD ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST TO THE COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS PEDESTRIAN PROBLEMS IN CAINE ROAD WHILE THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL SUGGEST MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN SMITHFIELD ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 12) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14/F., HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TREE PLANTING LOCATIONS

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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 12) TO DISCUSS SUITABLE SITES FOR PLANTING TREES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SITES WERE RECOMMENDED BY RESIDENTS THROUGH A PLANTING SCHEME ORGANISED DURING THE CURRENT DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

AT THE MEETING, A MEMBER WILL RAISE QUESTIONS ON THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE YAU MA TEI PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ON THE MANAGEMENT OF HAWKER STALLS IN TEMPLE STREET. THERE WILL ALSO BE QUESTIONS ON FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO ROAD EXCAVATION WORKS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE INFORMATION PAPERS ON SUGGESTED LOCATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN STREET LIGHTING AND THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 12) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS OUT-PATIENT SERVICE FEES

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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 13) TO DISCUSS CHARGES FOR OUT-PATIENT SERVICES.

THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER (TAI PO), MR K.L. LAM, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PROVISION OF PRE-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF THE ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN TAI PO, THE ICAC KWONG WANG INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMME, THE "STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO IN THE 1990'S PROJECT" AND DAY FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AT 9.30 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 13) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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DB SPOT-LIGHT ON CIVIC EDUCATION

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROGRESS REPORT WILL BE GIVEN BY CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON YUEN LONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, MR CHAN YAT-TUNG.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROGRESS REPORT ON DISTRICT BOARD-SPONSORED SOCIAL SERVICES ACTIVITIES AND A PROPOSED VISIT TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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THREE-WEEK AIDS EXHIBITION IN KWAI TSING
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE AN EXHIBITION ON AIDS EDUCATION AT THREE LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) UNTIL EARLY DECEMBER TO MAKE RESIDENTS' MORE AWARE OF THE DISEASE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD FOR A WEEK AT A TIME AT THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE OF TSING YI, THE TAI WO HAU COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING.

RESIDENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS MAY ALSO WATCH A VIDEO TAPE AND SLIDES ON AIDS EDUCATION AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRES.

PAMPHLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE VENUES.

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FUNDS SOUGHT FOR ENVIRONMENT CALENDAR
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE RURAL COMMITTEE AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A TOTAL OF \$37,500 IS BEING SOUGHT FOR PRINTING CALENDAR POSTERS TO PUT ACROSS THE CLEAN HONG KONG MESSAGE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO REVIEW THE POSITION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND WILL DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT OF LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON 3/F., GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT FOR KORNHILL ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE A SIGNAL-CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT KORNHILL ROAD AS SUGGESTED BY THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS CARRIED OUT INVESTIGATION ON THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT FOR KORNHILL ROAD AND THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 12) AFTERNOON.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL INTRODUCE ROADWORKS PLANS RELATED TO THE SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILLS (WEST) PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, SUCH AS WIDENING OF SAI WAN HO STREET AND WAI HANG STREET, AND THE REALIGNMENT OF A PORTION OF ROAD ABOVE SHING ON STREET.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL ON TWO-WAY ROUTING OF TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD BETWEEN HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL AND EAST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 12) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, 880-886, KING'S ROAD.

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN LUEN WO HUI

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MAJOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN LUEN WO HUI ARE TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY AND TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 300-METRE DUAL TWO-LANE ROAD WITH ADJOINING FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACK LINKING LUEN WO HUI WITH SHA TAU KOK ROAD.

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THE EXISTING DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE SYSTEM WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED WHILE A FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE BUILT ACROSS MA WAT RIVER IN ON LOK TSUEN.

THE EXISTING MORNING WHOLESALE ACTIVITIES IN LUEN WO HUI WILL BE REPROVISIONED TEMPORARILY IN ON LOK TSUEN DURING THE WORKS PERIOD. THE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED BUT A TEMPORARY CARPARK WILL BE BUILT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON DECEMBER 4.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

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A NUMBER OF URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE LIFTED FROM FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 13).

IN FANLING, THE EXISTING 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE CUL-DE-SAC IN THE EASTERN END OF ROAD L100 WILL BE LIFTED FROM 7 AM ON FRIDAY.

FROM 8 AM ON THE SAME DAY, THE EXISTING PEAK-HOUR (I.E. 7 TO 10 AM AND 4 TO 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON A 35-METRE STRETCH OF THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FU HING STREET, SHEUNG SHUI, EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SAN FAT STREET WILL BE LIFTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CURRENT PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE OPERATING ROUND THE CLOCK ON THE SAME SECTION OF FU HING STREET WILL ALSO BE CANCELLED.

THE MEASURE IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT EIGHT DAYS.

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