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DTC SECTOR MUCH HEALTHIER WITH SUPERVISION

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HONG KONG HAS NOW A HEALTHY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SECTOR WITH A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM WHICH SHOULD PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN THAT HEALTH, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ASSOCIATION, SIR JOHN SAID THE DTC SECTOR WAS ALMOST A DIFFERENT INDUSTRY FROM WHAT IT WAS WHEN IT BEGAN TO EMERGE FROM THE JUNGLE.

AND THE NEW BANKING LEGISLATION EMBRACING BOTH BANKS AND DTC'S WOULD COMPLEMENT OUR APPROACH TO THE SUPERVISION OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT WHILE WE PONTIFICATED ABOUT HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE, OTHER FINANCIAL CENTRES AND INVESTORS WOULD JUDGE US BY OUR PERFORMANCE RATHER THAN BY TALK.

HE SAID: +WHAT WE CAN CLAIM IS THAT SOMETHING APPROACHING A QUIET REVOLUTION HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE DTC SECTOR.

+AND THE REVOLUTION HAS BEEN ACHIEVED WITH MINIMUM OR NIL DAMAGE TO THE DEPOSITOR EXCEPT FOR THE HANDFUL OF CASES WHICH ARE NOW A MATTER FOR THE COURTS.+

SIR JOHN ADDED THAT NONE OF US WOULD CLAIM THAT WE WERE ESTABLISHING A PERFECT SYSTEM WHICH WOULD NEVER AGAIN SEE A FAILURE.

+IT CANNOT GUARANTEE INTEGRITY. BUT WHAT WE CAN CLAIM IS THAT MY SUCCESSOR - AND MORE IMPORTANT, HONG KONG - HAS NOW A HEALTHY DTC SECTOR WITH A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM WHICH SHOULD PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN THAT HEALTH,+ HE SAID.

SIR JOHN SAID IN JUNE 1981 THERE WERE 346 REGISTERED DTC'S, AS COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT 279.

+IN THE LAST YEAR ALONE 44 DTC'S WERE TAKEN OFF THE REGISTER,+ HE NOTED.

HE SAID ON THE PLUS SIDE, IN JUNE 1981, THERE WERE NO LICENSED DTC'S WITH THEIR BIGGER CAPITAL BASE.

+SINCE THEN 36 DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAVE SUFFICIENTLY DEVELOPED THEIR CAPITAL AND BUSINESS SIZE TO ENABLE THEIR BEING GIVEN LICENSED STATUS.+

IN ADDITION TO THIS GRADUATION PROCESS, SIR JOHN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMED NEW ENTRANTS TO THE INDUSTRY.

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HE SAID: +OUR PROCESS OF SELECTION IS NOW RIGOROUS AND WE LOOK CLOSELY AT THE PARENTAGE OF THE NEW ENTRANTS.

+SOMETHING LIKE TWO-THIRDS OF ALL DTC'S ARE NOW OWNED BY BANKS. THE NEW ENTRANTS ARE OFFSPRING OF JURISDICTIONS WHERE WE ARE CONTENT WITH THE DEGREE OF PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION EXERCISED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.+

RECALLING THE PERIOD SINCE HE BECAME FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN SAID SOME OF THE MORE INTERESTING EVENTS CAME SIZZLING OUT OF THE DTC INDUSTRY.

HE RECOUNTED: +WE STARTED WITH THE COLLAPSE OF DOLLAR CREDIT IN NOVEMBER 1982, WHICH LED TO A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE INTERBANK MARKET AND THE DTC'S GENERALLY.

+WE SORTED THAT IMMEDIATE PROBLEM FAIRLY QUICKLY WITH THE HELP OF THE NOTE ISSUING BANKS. THIS WAS A WARNING SHOT OF TROUBLES AHEAD.

+IN THE FOLLOWING THREE YEARS WE HAVE HAD SOME NEAR RUN AFFAIRS. BUT I THINK THAT WE CAN CLAIM THAT THE DTC SECTOR IS NOW IN A MUCH HEALTHIER POSITION.

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QUARTERLY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX PUBLISHED
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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985, AT 137.9, WAS 5.8 POINTS OR 4.0 PER CENT LOWER THAN THAT IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, THE INDEX SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 5.8 POINTS OR 4.4 PER CENT.

INDUSTRIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984 INCLUDED TOBACCO (+42.7 PER CENT); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+21.9 PER CENT); FOOD (+20.6 PER CENT) AND PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+20.2 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, SEVERAL INDUSTRIES REPORTED DECLINES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE SAME PERIOD. THESE INCLUDED RUBBER PRODUCTS (-33.2 PER CENT); TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (-24.3 PER CENT); CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (-20.3 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY (-18.6 PER CENT); PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (-12.9 PER CENT) AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-12.2 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, MANY INDUSTRIES REPORTED AN INCREASE IN PRODUCTION. THE MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR TOBACCO (+21.7 PER CENT); CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+18.4 PER CENT); WEARING APPAREL (+17.4 PER CENT); NEWSPAPER PRINTING, JOB PRINTING AND OTHER PRINTING (+11.5 PER CENT); RUBBER PRODUCTS (11.1 PER CENT); AND WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS AND FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (+11.0 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME INDUSTRIES RECORDED A DECLINE IN PRODUCTION COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 BECAUSE OF LOWER SEASONAL DEMAND FOR THEIR PRODUCTS: BEVERAGES (-24.1 PER CENT) AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-16.8 PER CENT). THE PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY INDUSTRY ALSO REPORTED A DECLINE OF 19.4 PER CENT AND 12.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IN RELEASING THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE LEVELS AND TRENDS OF OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER REMOVING THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES.

TWO TABLES ON THE QUARTERLY INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985 ARE INCLUDED. ONE IS A SUMMARY TABLE FOR BOARD INDUSTRY GROUPS, WHILE THE OTHER GIVES A MORE DETAILED INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE +REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, FOURTH QUARTER 1985+.

THE PUBLICATION IS ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY AND CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7224504.

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Table 1 Summary table of quarterly indexes of industrial production by broad industry group, 4th quarter 1982 to 4th quarter 1985

(1981 = 100)

Broad industry group	Weight	1982				1983				1984				1985				
		1982	1983	1984	1985	1982	1983	1984	1985	1982	1983	1984	1985	1982	1983	1984	1985	
		4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
1. Food, beverages and tobacco	34.8	100.7	110.9	119.0	138.5	106.7	94.5	105.0	121.5	122.6	102.9	122.8	126.6	123.6	125.6	133.6	145.1	149.7
2. Wearing apparel, except knitwear and footwear	251.3	99.6	106.0	113.8	105.0	113.5	89.6	109.8	108.8	115.6	104.3	114.1	115.9	120.7	95.3	97.1	104.6	122.8
3. Textiles (including knitting)	127.4	94.6	103.5	115.0	119.6	98.5	76.6	109.3	117.1	110.8	99.6	119.5	120.7	120.1	85.9	119.6	132.3	140.7
4. Paper products and printing	61.3	111.7	133.1	157.1	156.8	123.9	110.5	132.3	148.0	141.7	121.4	160.2	177.4	169.3	139.2	157.9	163.5	166.5
5. Chemical, rubber, plastic and non-metallic mineral products	110.0	106.9	120.8	160.3	160.5	106.6	92.9	129.5	138.3	122.6	113.2	153.0	199.9	175.1	134.6	163.9	183.0	160.5
6. Basic metals, fabricated metal products and non-electrical machinery	104.1	101.4	105.1	132.2	130.8	104.0	90.3	106.6	112.1	111.2	113.1	139.1	151.9	124.8	108.1	140.5	136.2	138.2
7. Electrical and electronic products, professional equipment and optical goods	216.2	99.7	123.2	133.5	128.9	109.5	93.6	123.5	133.5	142.2	109.3	126.7	143.0	155.1	118.8	129.1	129.7	138.1
8. Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	94.9	93.9	117.6	154.6	114.1	95.8	98.0	112.4	118.4	141.6	119.1	145.1	168.3	185.8	104.5	105.7	121.8	124.5
All manufacturing industries	1000.0	100.2	113.9	132.0	126.0	107.7	91.5	116.0	122.5	125.4	109.1	130.5	144.5	143.7	109.5	124.6	132.1	137.9

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		1982	1983	1984	1985	1982		1983		1984		1985						
		4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q				
1.1 Food	20.5	101.1	120.5	119.1	135.4	108.3	106.3	110.3	126.3	139.2	108.3	123.5	121.9	122.6	128.9	129.9	135.1	147.8
1.2 Beverage	9.6	106.5	98.0	109.5	107.6	102.4	61.9	106.6	128.3	95.1	74.7	124.4	140.2	98.5	80.7	112.8	134.6	102.2
1.3 Tobacco	4.7	86.8	95.3	137.9	215.1	108.7	109.4	78.9	86.5	106.4	137.1	116.3	119.2	178.2	203.2	191.9	209.8	255.3
2 Wearing apparel, except knitwear and footwear	251.3	99.6	106.0	113.8	105.0	113.5	89.6	109.8	108.8	115.6	104.3	114.1	115.9	120.7	95.3	97.1	104.6	122.8
3 Textiles (including knitting)	127.4	94.6	103.5	115.0	119.6	98.5	76.6	109.3	117.1	110.8	99.6	119.5	120.7	120.1	85.9	119.6	132.3	140.7
4.1 Paper and paper products	11.9	116.0	182.5	240.2	223.8	105.0	143.7	187.7	191.0	207.6	190.9	255.7	270.9	243.4	187.6	232.4	263.2	212.1
4.2 Newspaper printing, job printing and other printing	49.4	110.7	121.2	137.1	140.7	128.5	102.5	118.9	137.7	125.8	104.7	137.2	154.9	151.5	127.6	140.0	139.5	155.5
5.1 Chemicals and chemical products	15.1	97.8	125.3	133.2	160.5	103.4	105.2	132.2	131.0	132.7	124.8	116.3	147.9	143.6	148.5	153.9	164.5	175.1
5.2 Rubber products	3.2	119.3	134.6	150.4	122.4	131.0	103.3	121.6	140.1	173.3	108.5	141.1	158.3	193.7	99.6	144.1	116.5	129.4
5.3 Plastic products	81.1	107.0	121.1	174.0	169.7	101.4	89.6	132.0	143.3	119.3	114.0	168.0	225.0	189.1	139.0	174.0	199.6	166.0
5.4 Non-metallic mineral products	10.6	116.1	108.5	97.0	102.2	143.7	97.9	108.4	109.8	117.7	91.8	93.7	94.9	107.4	91.6	107.2	102.9	107.2
6.1 Basic metals	9.0	102.7	109.7	98.1	89.9	109.2	97.4	112.6	119.5	109.1	94.4	99.8	97.7	100.4	70.3	89.8	95.7	103.7
6.2 Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77.0	99.0	95.9	138.1	133.2	101.8	81.5	94.8	104.2	103.0	114.1	146.9	165.9	125.6	110.0	142.8	139.0	140.9
6.3 Machinery, except electrical	18.1	110.8	141.9	124.2	140.7	110.8	124.1	154.1	142.3	147.1	118.4	125.2	119.5	133.6	118.8	155.7	144.3	144.0
7.1 Consumer electrical and electronic products	103.2	96.0	113.1	150.0	134.9	97.7	93.4	107.9	123.1	128.0	116.0	134.3	164.6	185.2	128.9	138.2	124.7	147.6
7.2 Electrical and electronic parts, accessories and machinery	60.3	90.3	114.3	105.0	99.8	97.6	78.4	118.5	123.1	137.0	87.5	105.8	110.8	115.9	95.6	101.6	107.7	94.4
7.3 Professional and scientific equipment, photographic and optical goods, watches and clocks	52.7	117.5	153.2	133.8	150.6	146.1	111.3	159.6	165.9	176.1	121.1	135.8	137.5	140.9	125.5	142.7	164.8	169.4
8.1 Leather products and footwear (except rubber, plastic and wooden footwear)	12.2	69.0	72.8	67.9	66.4	65.9	51.4	70.8	74.5	94.4	60.7	74.3	65.2	71.3	50.3	69.8	74.5	70.8
8.2 Wood and cork products, and furniture and fixtures (except primarily of metal)	18.5	84.5	83.1	83.7	86.9	85.8	69.9	87.5	85.4	89.7	85.1	81.8	85.0	83.0	87.9	83.3	83.6	92.8
8.3 Transport equipment	27.0	107.3	98.5	133.2	113.0	98.2	83.8	95.0	98.0	117.2	111.7	118.4	155.3	147.5	109.2	112.6	118.4	111.6
8.4 Miscellaneous manufacturing industries, n.e.c.	37.2	97.0	163.3	233.8	144.3	108.8	137.5	151.0	164.1	200.5	160.6	219.2	252.9	302.3	127.2	123.7	158.8	167.3
All manufacturing industries	1000.0	100.2	113.9	132.0	126.0	107.7	91.5	116.0	122.5	125.4	109.1	130.5	144.5	143.7	109.5	124.6	132.1	137.9

SIGNBOARD UNVEILING CEREMONY

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AN UNVEILING CEREMONY OF A 'WELCOME TO TSING YI' SIGNBOARD, ONE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE SIGNBOARD, THREE-METRE HIGH AND 3.9-METRE WIDE, WAS CONSTRUCTED AT A COST OF MORE THAN \$72 000.

KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING; CHAIRMAN OF TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAN TIN-SUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR CHOW SUM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE UNVEILING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT AN OPEN SPACE IN KWAI CHUNG NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF TSING YI BRIDGE. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE BY 2 PM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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DISCUSSION ON ADEQUACY OF TAXI NUMBERS

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MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE ADEQUACY OF TAXI NUMBERS AT ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 21).

A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT '+1986 TAXI NUMBER REVIEW+' PREPARED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE TABLED. IN 1984, THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL ORDERED A '+FREEZE+' FOR TWO YEARS ON THE ISSUE OF NEW LICENCES FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS AND A LIMIT OF 200 PER YEAR FOR THOSE IN THE URBAN AREAS.

THE DECISION, PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF A NOTICE, WILL BE REVIEWED AS THE TAXI (LIMITATION ON NUMBER) NOTICE IS DUE TO EXPIRE IN JULY THIS YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE TRAFFIC RE-ARRANGEMENT AT SAN FUNG AVENUE AND AN ACTION PROGRAMME REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN BLACKSPOTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A COMPLAINT FROM FANLING TAXI DRIVERS AGAINST PROSECUTION AND A PROGRAMME TO CONSTRUCT BUS SHELTERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2 PM ON WEDNESDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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GOVERNOR RETURNING TOMORROW

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL ARRIVE FROM LONDON TOMORROW (TUESDAY) BY FLIGHT BA 3, ETA 3.45 PM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S ARRIVAL. THOSE COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 2.55 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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IN-SERVICE COURSE FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME COURSE FOR SERVING TECHNICAL TEACHERS TO BE RUN BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

APPLICANTS MUST BE FULL-TIME TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL OR COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS IN GOVERNMENT, AIDED AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, OR THE POLYTECHNICS, FOR TWO YEARS. THEY MUST POSSESS A DIPLOMA, OR A HIGHER CERTIFICATE, OR HIGHER DIPLOMA AWARDED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC OR A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS.

AT THE END OF THE FREE COURSE, CERTIFICATES CARRYING +QUALIFIED TEACHERS+ STATUS WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE COURSE REQUIREMENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 3.

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SHA TIN BOARD TO DISCUSS TRIAD REPORT
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THE DOCUMENT ON OPTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE LAW AND IN ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW TO COUNTER TRIAD PROBLEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEES.

OTHER ITEMS TABLED FOR INFORMATION ARE THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DIVERSION OF KMB ROUTE 71 TO SERVE SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE AND THE INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED MATTERS OF THE BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW AT 9.30 AM AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN.

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PUBLIC PARK PROJECT WELL UNDER WAY
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WORK IS WELL UNDER WAY ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S \$9.5 MILLION PUBLIC PARK AT BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, NORTH POINT, WHICH WILL PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED PASSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE INTENSIVELY DEVELOPED AREA.

+THE PROJECT, KNOWN AS THE CHOI SAI WOO PARK, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY NEXT MONTH,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

COVERING A 2.45 HECTARE SITE, IT WILL FEATURE A LARGE, BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED GARDEN WITH AN EXTENSIVE PLANTING AREA.

+OTHER PROVISIONS INCLUDE A WATERFALL, SITTING-OUT AREAS, LOOKOUT PAVILIONS, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS WITH MODERN SAFETY EQUIPMENT, A REFRESHMENT KIOSK AND TOILET FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

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DETAILS OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMES

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, MR CHAN CHE-HIM, WILL ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A SERIES OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMES AT A PRESS BRIEFING IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN HI ROAD AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 22).

MR SO SHIN-SHING, CHAIRMAN OF SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE PRESENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

THE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM VICTORIA PARK ROAD TO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 21) TO FACILITATE THE REMOVAL OF OLD LAMP POLES.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON VICTORIA PARK ROAD HEADING FOR CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD, STEWART ROAD, LOCKHART ROAD, MARSH ROAD FLYOVER, HUNG HING ROAD AND TONNOCHY ROAD TO JOIN CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TRAFFIC.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 22), THE SECTION OF RUMSEY STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND PIER ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND- AND THE SECTION OF PIER ROAD BETWEEN RUMSEY STREET AND GILMAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND,

VEHICLES HEADING FOR THAT SECTION OF PIER ROAD FROM THE WEST WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND RUMSEY STREET, WHILE VEHICLES APPROACHING FROM THE EAST MAY TRAVEL VIA DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, WING LOK STREET AND RUMSEY STREET.

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SEWER EXTENSION FOR JAVA ROAD
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A 500-METRE-LONG SEWER IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN JAVA ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG SHUI ROAD AND HEALTHY STREET WEST.

THE 1.8-METRE DIAMETER PIPE IS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME TO PROVIDE SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY FOR NORTH POINT AND CAUSEWAY BAY.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

IT WILL BE LINKED TO THE PROPOSED SCREENING PLANT AT HEALTHY STREET WEST.

A CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEWER WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN FOUR STAGES TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION TO VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES AND ROAD CLOSURES
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FUNG NIN ROAD IN YUEN LONG, BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KAU YUK ROAD, WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 21) FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

MEANWHILE, LUK YUEN STREET, A CUL-DE-SAC OFF THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MAY 22 FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

METERED PARKING SPACES IN LUK YUEN STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE ROAD IS REOPENED TO TRAFFIC.

ALSO, BETWEEN 11 PM AND THE FOLLOWING 5.30 AM FROM MAY 22 TO MAY 29, THE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WESTBOUND TO THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER, AND THE FLYOVER FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, WILL BE CLOSED FOR ROAD REPAIR WORKS.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST FROM CHOI HUNG ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST SHOULD USE THE GROUND-LEVEL CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST LEADING TO KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT BEFORE TURNING LEFT ON TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 45.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 264.073 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 325.589 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 55.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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KWUN TONG WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 22) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE TSUI PING ROAD AND BLOCKS 2 TO 6 AND 11 OF KWUN TONG (TSUI PING ROAD) ESTATE.

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