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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR APRIL  
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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR APRIL ARE DISTORTED BY THE SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES OF CATHAY PACIFIC. ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH, DEMAND DEPOSITS ON THE LAST BUSINESS DAY OF APRIL WERE MORE THAN TWO TIMES HIGHER THAN A MONTH EARLIER. SAVINGS DEPOSITS FELL, BUT TIME DEPOSITS WITH BANKS CONTINUED TO GROW STEADILY.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS INCREASED RAPIDLY BECAUSE OF THE RISE IN DEMAND DEPOSITS. TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ALSO INCREASED, BUT AT LOWER RATES THAN THE CORRESPONDING HONG KONG DOLLAR COMPONENTS.

LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE RAPIDLY, REFLECTING THE LARGE AMOUNTS LENT TO APPLICANTS FOR CATHAY PACIFIC SHARES. LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG RECORDED A HIGHER GROWTH RATE THAN IN PREVIOUS MONTHS.

DEPOSITS

IN APRIL, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 220.6 PER CENT. SAVINGS DEPOSITS FELL BY 4.2 PER CENT WHILE TIME DEPOSITS WITH BANKS GREW BY 1.9 PER CENT. TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS INCREASED BY 21.8 PER CENT IN APRIL.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ALSO INCREASED, BY 2.6 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A DECREASE OF 0.1 PER CENT IN MARCH. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO APRIL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 6.8 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS BY 38.5 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS INCREASED MORE RAPIDLY THIS MONTH, BY 10.8 PER CENT, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 2.4 PER CENT IN MARCH. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 20.6 PER CENT IN APRIL, WHILE FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS ROSE BY 14.8 PER CENT IN APRIL, FOLLOWING A DECREASE OF 0.1 PER CENT IN MARCH. TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 4.4 PER CENT AFTER A DECREASE OF 2.5 PER CENT IN MARCH.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO APRIL, TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH BANKS GREW BY 17.5 PER CENT, WHILE DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 5.6 PER CENT. OVER THE 12 MONTHS, THE RESPECTIVE GROWTH RATES WERE 40.9 PER CENT AND 8.9 PER CENT.

/HONG KONG .....

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY M1 ROSE BY 120.3 PER CENT AFTER DECREASING BY 2.0 PER CENT IN MARCH. HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ALSO INCREASED, BY 24.2 PER CENT AND 19.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY THIS MONTH. AS MENTIONED EARLIER, THESE UNUSUALLY HIGH GROWTH RATES RESULTED FROM THE SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES IN CATHAY PACIFIC.

FOREIGN CURRENCY MONEY SUPPLY

FOREIGN CURRENCY MONEY SUPPLY M1 FELL BY 2.6 PER CENT WHILE M2 AND M3 INCREASED BY 3.7 PER CENT AND 2.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO APRIL, FOREIGN CURRENCY M1 GREW BY 5.2 PER CENT, M2 BY 8.8 PER CENT, AND M3 BY 6.5 PER CENT. OVER THE 12 MONTHS, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 18.6 PER CENT, 40.9 PER CENT AND 37.0 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW BY 9.3 PER CENT IN APRIL. LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 17.7 PER CENT WHILE LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES GREW BY 1.1 PER CENT. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO APRIL, LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES GREW BY 6.1 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS, BY 9.2 PER CENT.

WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 15.9 PER CENT - A LARGE PART OF THIS INCREASE WILL HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE CATHAY PACIFIC ISSUE. LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG GREW FASTER THIS MONTH, BY 5.6 PER CENT, AFTER RISING BY 1.3 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY AND 2.4 PER CENT IN MARCH.

LIQUIDITY RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS INCREASED TO 52.9 PER CENT IN APRIL FROM 51.3 PER CENT IN MARCH. THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FELL TO 40.2 PER CENT IN APRIL FROM 43.7 PER CENT IN MARCH.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS INCREASED BY 2 TO 149. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 36. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY 8 TO 271.

## MONETARY STATISTICS - APRIL 1986

|   | Apr 1986 | Earlier months<br>(% change to April 1986) |                   |                   | (HK\$mn) |
|---|----------|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
|   |          | Mar 1986                                   | Jan 1986          | Apr 1985          |          |
| <u>Money Supply</u>                                   |          |  |                   |                   |          |
| M1 - HK\$   | 92,189   | 41,850 (+120.3%)                           | 43,721 (+110.9%)  | 36,075 (+155.5%)  |          |
| Foreign currency                                      | 3,917    | 4,021 (- 2.6%)                             | 3,722 (+ 5.2%)    | 3,303 (+ 18.6%)   |          |
| Total   | 96,106   | 45,871 (+109.5%)                           | 47,442 (+102.6%)  | 39,378 (+144.1%)  |          |
| M2 - HK\$   | 248,716  | 200,196 (+ 24.2%)                          | 200,986 (+ 23.7%) | 179,936 (+ 38.2%) |          |
| Foreign currency                                      | 220,781  | 212,897 (+ 3.7%)                           | 202,913 (+ 8.8%)  | 156,646 (+ 40.9%) |          |
| Total   | 469,497  | 413,093 (+ 13.7%)                          | 403,900 (+ 16.2%) | 336,582 (+ 39.5%) |          |
| M3 - HK\$   | 285,463  | 239,171 (+ 19.4%)                          | 241,030 (+ 18.4%) | 217,191 (+ 31.4%) |          |
| Foreign currency                                      | 267,663  | 261,217 (+ 2.5%)                           | 251,318 (+ 6.5%)  | 195,434 (+ 37.0%) |          |
| Total   | 553,126  | 500,388 (+ 10.5%)                          | 492,349 (+ 12.3%) | 412,625 (+ 34.1%) |          |
| <u>Deposits</u>                                       |          |  |                   |                   |          |
| Demand deposits                                       | 78,759   | 27,367 (+187.8%)                           | 29,078 (+170.9%)  | 24,707 (+218.8%)  |          |
| Savings deposits                                      | 97,017   | 100,013 (- 3.0%)                           | 100,574 (- 3.5%)  | 87,314 (+ 11.1%)  |          |
| Time deposits with banks                              | 269,981  | 260,825 (+ 3.5%)                           | 249,818 (+ 8.1%)  | 204,446 (+ 32.1%) |          |
| Time deposits with dtcs                               | 79,853   | 83,487 (- 4.4%)                            | 84,626 (- 5.6%)   | 73,299 (+ 8.9%)   |          |
| All HK\$ deposits                                     | 263,466  | 216,294 (+ 21.8%)                          | 218,548 (+ 20.6%) | 200,424 (+ 31.5%) |          |
| All foreign currency deposits                         | 262,144  | 255,398 (+ 2.6%)                           | 245,548 (+ 6.8%)  | 189,341 (+ 38.5%) |          |
| Total   | 525,610  | 471,692 (+ 11.4%)                          | 464,096 (+ 13.3%) | 389,765 (+ 34.9%) |          |
| <u>Loans and advances</u>                             |          |  |                   |                   |          |
| To finance Hong Kong's visible trade                  | 33,664   | 31,885 (+ 5.6%)                            | 30,744 (+ 9.5%)   | 33,198 (+ 1.4%)   |          |
| To finance merchandising trade not touching Hong Kong | 4,865    | 5,657 (- 14.0%)                            | 4,246 (+ 14.6%)   | 4,179 (+ 16.4%)   |          |
| Other loans for use in Hong Kong                      | 279,002  | 240,655 (+ 15.9%)                          | 237,228 (+ 17.6%) | 226,159 (+ 23.4%) |          |
| Other loans for use outside Hong Kong                 | 160,076  | 155,372 (+ 3.0%)                           | 150,476 (+ 6.4%)  | 145,221 (+ 10.2%) |          |
| Other loans where the place of use is not known       | 24,327   | 25,672 (- 5.2%)                            | 22,781 (+ 6.8%)   | 20,155 (+ 20.7%)  |          |
| All loans in HK\$                                     | 267,413  | 227,254 (+ 17.7%)                          | 224,496 (+ 19.1%) | 214,214 (+ 24.8%) |          |
| All loans in foreign currencies                       | 234,521  | 231,987 (+ 1.1%)                           | 220,980 (+ 6.1%)  | 214,698 (+ 9.2%)  |          |
| Total   | 501,934  | 459,241 (+ 9.3%)                           | 445,476 (+ 12.7%) | 428,912 (+ 17.0%) |          |

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FIRST QUARTER EXPORTS STATISTICS RELEASED

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IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986, THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS WERE WEARING APPAREL, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, TEXTILES, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS.

THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 84 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE EXPORTS.

AMONG ALL INDUSTRIES, THE LARGEST INCREASES IN ABSOLUTE VALUE OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985 WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (+\$948 MILLION), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (+\$322 MILLION), PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+\$70 MILLION), FOOTWEAR (+\$68 MILLION), TOBACCO (+\$35 MILLION), AND ELECTRICITY (+\$30 MILLION).

IN RELATIVE TERMS, INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASES OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985 WERE FOOTWEAR (+59 PER CENT), BEVERAGES (+51 PER CENT), ELECTRICITY (+30 PER CENT), TEXTILES (+20 PER CENT), AND TOBACCO (+19 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985 WERE RECORDED FOR ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (-\$686 MILLION OR -10 PER CENT), NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (-\$430 MILLION OR -43 PER CENT), WEARING APPAREL (-\$327 MILLION OR -5 PER CENT), BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (-\$76 MILLION OR -6 PER CENT), LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (-\$40 MILLION OR -37 PER CENT), AND WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (-\$21 MILLION OR -12 PER CENT). A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE DECREASE WAS ALSO OBSERVED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (-52 PER CENT).

THE ABOVE ARE SOME OF THE STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986. THIS SERIES IS DERIVED BY REGROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (I.S.I.C.), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (S.I.T.C.) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

/WHEN REPEARING .....

WHEN REFERRING TO THESE RE-CLASSIFIED FIGURES, SOME CAUTION IS NECESSARY. CERTAIN MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES FOR THEIR PRODUCTION. IN SUCH CASES, THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH AN ITEM IS FINALLY PRODUCED IS NOT REALLY THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE VALUE. NEVERTHELESS, STATISTICALLY, THE OVERALL VALUE OF THE ITEM IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THAT INDUSTRY.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF A MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEM TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE VALUE OF THE ITEM IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES.

FURTHER DETAILS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE SEEN IN THE ATTACHED TABLE WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 3-7224504).

A TABLE ON THESE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, MARCH 1986+.

VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR MERCHANDISE, RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985 AND OF 1986

(HK\$'000)

| INDUSTRIAL<br>ORIGIN OF THE<br>COMMODITIES<br>EXPORTED | MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS |                  |                 |          |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|
|  | 1ST QTR.<br>1985             | 1ST QTR.<br>1986 | VALUE<br>CHANGE | % CHANGE |
| <u>AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY<br/>AND FISHING</u>          |                              |                  |                 |          |
| AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK<br>AND POULTRY PRODUCTION      | 2 420                        | 1 297            | -1 123          | -46      |
| OCEAN AND COASTAL<br>FISHING                           | 65 273                       | 66 238           | 965             | 1        |
| MINING AND QUARRYING                                   | 1 295                        | 1 369            | 74              | 6        |
| <u>MANUFACTURING</u>                                   |                              |                  |                 |          |
| FOOD   | 263 898                      | 271 371          | 7 473           | 3        |

/BEVERAGES .....

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|   |           |           |          |     |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|-----|
| BEVERAGES   | 35 573    | 53 780    | 18 207   | 51  |
| TOBACCO   | 189 979   | 225 472   | 35 493   | 19  |
| TEXTILES (INCLUDING<br>KNITTING)                        | 4 694 868 | 5 642 578 | 947 710  | 20  |
| WEARING APPAREL,<br>EXCEPT FOOTWEAR<br>AND KNITWEAR     | 7 092 398 | 6 765 556 | -326 842 | - 5 |
| LEATHER AND<br>LEATHER PRODUCTS                         | 108 438   | 68 502    | - 39 936 | -37 |
| FOOTWEAR  | 115 174   | 183 561   | 68 387   | 59  |
| WOOD AND CORK<br>PRODUCTS, FURNITURE<br>AND FIXTURES    | 180 431   | 159 347   | - 21 084 | -12 |
| PAPER AND PAPER<br>PRODUCTS, PRINTING<br>AND PUBLISHING | 479 666   | 549 268   | 69 602   | 15  |
| CHEMICALS AND<br>CHEMICAL PRODUCTS                      | 319 598   | 308 658   | - 10 940 | - 3 |
| RUBBER PRODUCTS   | 51 137    | 39 782    | - 11 355 | -22 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS  | 2 027 463 | 2 028 201 | 738      | *   |
| NON-METALLIC<br>MINERAL PRODUCTS                        | 107 894   | 114 826   | 6 932    | 6   |
| BASIC METALS AND<br>FABRICATED METAL<br>PRODUCTS        | 1 340 929 | 1 264 648 | - 76 281 | - 6 |
| MACHINERY, EXCEPT<br>ELECTRICAL                         | 990 810   | 561 131   | -429 679 | -43 |
| ELECTRICAL AND<br>ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS                   | 6 851 281 | 6 165 761 | -685 520 | -10 |
| TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT                                     | 28 552    | 13 628    | - 14 924 | -52 |
| PROFESSIONAL AND<br>OPTICAL EQUIPMENT                   | 2 236 351 | 2 558 292 | 321 941  | 14  |
| OTHER MANUFACTURING<br>INDUSTRIES                       | 1 678 697 | 1 958 411 | 279 714  | 17  |

/ELECTRICITY .....

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|  |            |            |         |    |
|--|------------|------------|---------|----|
| ELECTRICITY  | 100 894    | 131 193    | 30 299  | 30 |
| <hr/>  |            |            |         |    |
| MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS  |            |            |         |    |
| (E.G. DEVELOPED<br>PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATES<br>AND FILM, ANTIQUES,<br>AND WORKS OF ART) | 12 767     | 12 984     | 217     | 2  |
| <hr/>  |            |            |         |    |
| TOTAL  | 28 975 784 | 29 145 851 | 170 067 | 1  |

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES OF A COLUMN MAY NOT ADD UP EXACTLY TO THE CORRESPONDING TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

\* CHANGE OF LESS THAN 1 PER CENT.

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PROPER BUILDING MANAGEMENT URGED  
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PROPER AND REGULAR BUILDING MAINTENANCE IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT WHICH NOT ONLY PROLONGS THE LIFE OF A STRUCTURE, BUT ALSO CREATES A SAFE AND PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT FOR RESIDENTS, SAID THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, WHO SUPERVISES THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM (BMCT).

HEADED BY A HOUSING MANAGER ON SECONDMENT FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE BMCT WAS SET UP IN MAY LAST YEAR FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN A REPORT ON A PILOT SCHEME ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CONDUCTED IN YAU MA TEI IN 1982.

THE SCHEME IDENTIFIED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL GOVERNMENT TEAM ON A DISTRICT BASIS TO ASSIST AND ADVISE BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS IN THEIR BUILDINGS, MR CHENG SAID.

IN YAU MA TEI, HE SAID, THERE WERE ABOUT 1 300 PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, 51 PER CENT OF WHICH WERE BUILT BEFORE 1965.

+MOST OF THESE AGING BUILDINGS SUFFER FROM VARIOUS DEGREES OF POOR MANAGEMENT,+ HE ADDED.

THERE WERE POTENTIAL FIRE AND HEALTH HAZARDS; ILLEGAL ALTERATIONS TO MEANS OF ESCAPE; UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES ON ROOFTOPS AND POOR MAINTENANCE OF COMMON PARTS, HE POINTED OUT.

THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE BMCT WAS THEREFORE TO EFFECT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATELY OWNED MULTI-STOREY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TEAM ALSO CO-ORDINATED INTER-DEPARTMENTAL EFFORTS TO ENFORCE EXISTING LEGISLATION RELATED TO BUILDING CONTROL, HE SAID.

THIRTY BUILDINGS, REPRESENTING A CROSS-SECTION OF MISMANAGED BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, WERE CHOSEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR IMPROVEMENT ACTION. SO FAR THE BMCT HAD EFFECTED 84 IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THESE BUILDINGS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

BESIDES CONDUCTING REGULAR INSPECTIONS, THE TEAM ALSO INFORMED THE MANAGEMENT BODIES OF THE 30 BUILDINGS OF THE PROBLEMS AND MATTERS REQUIRING THEIR ATTENTION, ADVISING THEM OF POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO TAKE POSITIVE ACTIONS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEMS.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE TEAM HAD HAD REGULAR MEETINGS WITH THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT BODIES AND HAD ORGANISED EIGHT EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS FOR THE RESIDENTS.

+IMPROVEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE BY A NUMBER OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES ON THE CLEANLINESS, SECURITY, FIRE SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BUILDINGS,+ MR CHENG SAID.

OF THE 30 TARGET BUILDINGS, SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT HAD BEEN OBSERVED ON EIGHT BUILDINGS WHILE THE MANAGEMENT BODIES OF ANOTHER FIVE BUILDINGS WERE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING MAJOR MAINTENANCE WORKS TO THEIR BUILDINGS AT COSTS RANGING FROM \$100 000 TO \$1.6 MILLION, HE SAID.

SINCE MAY THIS YEAR, 15 MORE BUILDINGS HAD BEEN UNDER THE INSPECTION OF THE TEAM AND MIGHT BE INCLUDED TO THE LIST OF TARGET BUILDINGS.

+WE HOPE TO EXPAND THE LIST OF TARGET BUILDINGS AND TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO ANOTHER 50 MISMANAGED BUILDINGS IN 1986-87,+ MR CHENG SAID.

OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE YEAR INCLUDE VISITS BY OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO SOME WELL-MANAGED PRIVATE BUILDINGS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT TO ENHANCE LIAISON AMONG MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS AND TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

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GRANT SOUGHT FOR BOARDING FACILITIES AT TRAINING COMPLEX  
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT TOMORROW'S SITTING A PROPOSAL FOR A CAPITAL GRANT OF ABOUT \$940 000 TO PROVIDE 108 BOARDING FACILITIES AT THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED'S VOCATIONAL TRAINING COMPLEX IN TAI PO.

IN NOVEMBER 1983, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED A CAPITAL GRANT OF ABOUT \$9.9 MILLION TO THE ASSOCIATION TO CONSTRUCT AND FURNISH A VOCATIONAL TRAINING COMPLEX AT PINEHILL VILLAGE IN TAI PO IN ORDER TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING CENTRE'S TRAINING FACILITIES AND TO EXPAND ITS CAPACITY FROM 60 TO 168 TRAINING PLACES.

WHILE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMPLEX HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE AGENCY HAS APPLIED TO EXPAND ITS BOARDING FACILITIES FROM THE EXISTING CAPACITY OF 60 TO 168 PLACES IN LINE WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE TRAINING CENTRE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID BOARDING FACILITIES WERE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

HE NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING BOARD AND LODGING FOR TRAINEES, THE BOARDING SECTION PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DEVELOPING AND NURTURING TRAINEES' INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING.

+TRAINEES ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIALLY DESIGNED PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PERSONAL GROOMING AND HYGIENE, MANNERS AND HABITS, HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL INTER-PERSONAL SKILLS AT WORK AND IN PUBLIC PLACES,+ HE SAID.

+TRAINING IN THESE SOCIALISATION SKILLS COMPLEMENTS THE VOCATIONAL SKILLS ACQUIRED AT THE CENTRE AND PROVIDES TRAINEES WITH MORE CONFIDENCE TO INTEGRATE INTO THE ORDINARY WORKING ENVIRONMENT.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SUITABLE PREMISES OF 1 002 SQUARE METRES AT THE NEARBY KWONG FUK ESTATE IN TAI PO HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE AGENCY TO ESTABLISH BOARDING FACILITIES FOR 84 TRAINEES.

IN ADDITION, TWO STONE COTTAGES AT THE PINEHILL VILLAGE WERE AVAILABLE FOR CONVERSION INTO A BOARDING SECTION FOR 24 TRAINEES.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THIS PROPOSAL WAS NOT INCLUDED AS PART OF THE ORIGINAL SUBMISSION SEEKING THE GRANT TO CONSTRUCT THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COMPLEX BECAUSE AT THAT TIME SUITABLE PREMISES FOR BOARDING FACILITIES HAD NOT BEEN LOCATED.

WHEN THE FITTING-OUT AND CONVERSION WORK IS COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR THE AGENCY WOULD REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SUBVENTION OF ABOUT \$1.4 MILLION TO MEET THE OPERATING COSTS OF THESE FACILITIES, HE ADDED.

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE RAISED AT TOMORROW'S MEETING ARE:

- \* AN INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY ALLOWANCE PAID TO CADETS ATTENDING THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL;
- \* AN INCREASE IN THE PROJECT ESTIMATE TO PROVIDE FUNDS IN 1986-87 FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME;
- \* A REVISION IN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES FOR PAYMENT TO MARICULTURISTS WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARINE FISH CULTURE ORDINANCE;
- \* BEST LENDING RATE OFFERED BY THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AS THE INTEREST RATE TO BE APPLIED, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, TO THE DEPRECIATED VALUE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND EXPANSION OF EXISTING SECURITY CHECKING EQUIPMENT USED WITHIN THE SECURITY SEARCH AREA OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT;
- \* AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO SPARE FAST PROPULSION ENGINES FOR POLICE LAUNCHES; AND
- \* SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION TO MEET THE REFUND OF FEES CHARGED FOR PRIVATE MOORINGS AND PLEASURE VESSEL LICENCES.

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LEGO TO CONSIDER EXPANSION OF TAVA SCHEME  
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APPROVAL WILL BE SOUGHT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO ENABLE MORE APPLICANTS TO BENEFIT FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEME.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON PIERS JACOBS, WILL MOVE A MOTION TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS (ASSISTANCE FUND) ORDINANCE SO AS TO EXTEND THE APPLICATION PERIOD FOR THE SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS AND TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHEME.

OTHER MAIN BUSINESS AT TOMORROW'S MEETING WILL BE NINE BILLS AND EIGHT QUESTIONS.

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THE FIVE BILLS DUE FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING ARE:

- \* CIVIL AVIATION (AIRCRAFT NOISE) BILL 1986;
- \* SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986;
- \* FIRE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1986;
- \* PUBLIC HOLIDAY (ROYAL VISIT) BILL 1986; AND
- \* LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1986.

DEBATE WILL ALSO RESUME ON FOUR BILLS PRIOR TO COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING:

- \* DRUG ADDICTS TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986;
- \* ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986;
- \* PUBLIC BUS SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986; AND
- \* ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986.

A STATEMENT WILL ALSO BE MADE BY THE HON CHEN SHOU-LUM ON THE REPORT OF THE UMELCO POLICE GROUP 1985.

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HK APPROACH NEEDED FOR EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS  
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID THAT AS WAS GENERALLY TRUE IN OTHER AREAS HONG KONG'S EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS REQUIRED HONG KONG SOLUTIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF MARYMOUNT SECONDARY SCHOOL, MR LEUNG SAID IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM, HONG KONG HAD SUCCEEDED IN FOLLOWING THIS APPROACH WHICH ALSO FORMED THE BASIS OF HK'S FUTURE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

+IT WOULD NOT BE IN OUR INTERESTS TO MEDDLE WITH THIS APPROACH, A PRAGMATIC AND PRACTICAL VIEW OF EDUCATION WHICH HAS SERVED US WELL,+ HE SAID.

MR LEUNG ALSO NOTED THAT HONG KONG'S EDUCATION POLICY WAS ONE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT, CITING AS EXAMPLES THE WHITE PAPERS ON EDUCATION IN 1965, 1974, 1978 AND 1981, THE OVERALL REVIEW BY THE PANEL OF OVERSEAS VISITORS IN 1982 AND THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 1 IN 1984.

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HE SAID THE SYSTEM WAS CAPABLE OF FURTHER IMPROVEMENT AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH ALONG FAMILIAR LINES THAT WERE NOW WELL-KNOWN, UNDERSTOOD AND RESPECTED.

+WITH BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF DIFFERENT SECTORS NOW BEING ACHIEVED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, THIS APPROACH WILL BE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE IN THE FUTURE,+ HE ADDED.

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REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOT TO BE DISCUSSED  
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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (JUNE 5) TO DISCUSS THE 1985 ACTION PROGRAMME REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE REVIEW, PRODUCED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, EXPLAINS HOW TO DEFINE A LOCATION AS A PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOT.

THE DEFINITION HAS BEEN WIDENED TO INCLUDE LOCATIONS WITH SIX OR MORE PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS PER YEAR; LOCATIONS WITH PEDESTRIAN FLOW PROBLEMS; AND LOCATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY POINTED OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT IN 1985.

IT ALSO STATES THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD CONDUCTED 32 VEHICLE-PEDESTRIAN COUNTS IN THE KOWLOON CITY AREA LAST YEAR TO REVIEW TRAFFIC CONDITION AND INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS.

THIRTY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES WERE IMPLEMENTED IN 1985 AND MANY OF THESE WERE PEDESTRIAN-CROSSING FACILITIES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PAPER ON TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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ALL READY FOR SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT RACES  
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DETAILS OF THE 1986 SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT RACES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (JUNE 6) AT THE HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED (HAECO) PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY.

THE DRAGON BOAT RACES HAVE BEEN SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND HAECO, AND ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION UNDER THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE. A SPECIAL RACE WILL BE HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE OXFAM CHARITY ORGANISATION.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE ATTENDED BY SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO; CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WAN-HEI AND MR CHAN KWAI-SANG; DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF HAECO, MR GRAHAM HOWAT; AND EDUCATION AND INFORMATION OFFICER OF OXFAM, MR PAUL CHU.

AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE, AN EXHIBITION ON PAST TRIUMPHS OF SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT TEAMS AND THE WORK OF OXFAM WILL BE HELD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND THE EXHIBITION ON FRIDAY AT 3 PM. THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED (HAECO), HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 60 CONCORDE ROAD, KOWLOON CITY. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE BY 2 PM FROM THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI. LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE HAECO BUILDING AS SPECIAL PASSES WILL HAVE TO BE ARRANGED.

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FIRE OFFICERS TO ATTEND CONVENTION IN PEKING  
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TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRE SERVICES WILL ATTEND A CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION ON FIRE SERVICES TECHNOLOGY IN PEKING FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO JUNE 9.

THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND, MR CHEUNG SHU-SHING, AND THE SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF THE COMMUNICATION CENTRE, MR HSU KING-PING, WILL JOIN FIRE FIGHTING AND FIRE SAFETY CONSULTANTS AND EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES AT THE CONVENTION.

MR CHEUNG WILL GIVE AN ADDRESS ON THE ORGANISATION OF HONG KONG'S FIRE SERVICES.

ADVANCED FIRE-FIGHTING AND FIRE PREVENTION EQUIPMENT WILL BE ON SHOW AT THE EXHIBITION.

MR CHEUNG WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE PARTICIPANTS TO ATTEND THE +FIRE EAST '87 CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION+ WHICH WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG FROM NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 3 NEXT YEAR. THIS CONFERENCE IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE INSTITUTION OF FIRE ENGINEERS WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE FIRE SERVICES.

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APPLICATIONS FOR ARTS GRANTS INVITED

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LOCAL PERFORMING ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANISATIONS MAY NOW APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) UNDER THE COUNCIL'S GRANTS APPLICATION SCHEME (GAS) 1986.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID THE GRANTS ARE DISBURSED WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING AND PROMOTING STANDARDS OF ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE.

+APPLICATIONS ARE RESTRICTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND TO INDIVIDUALS RESIDENT IN HONG KONG, AND PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WHO HAVE DISPLAYED PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS FIELD,+ HE ADDED.

THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF GRANT WILL BE AVAILABLE: PROJECT GRANTS, CAPITAL GRANTS AND GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS.

PROJECT GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED TO HELP WITH SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR EVENTS; CAPITAL GRANTS ARE INTENDED TO ASSIST IN THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT ESSENTIAL TO A PERFORMANCE; AND GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS WILL BE GIVEN TO ASSIST LOCAL PROFESSIONALS IN COVERING THE COSTS EITHER OF A SPECIFIC PROJECT OR OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNIQUES OR IDEAS IN THE RELEVANT PERFORMING ARTS FIELD.

APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS SHOULD BE BONA FIDE, REGISTERED BODIES WHICH ARE REGISTERED CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS OR HAVE CLEARLY-STATED NON-PROFIT-MAKING AIMS.

CFPA GRANTS ARE AWARDED TO FUND ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1986-87. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 31.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, TENTH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CFPA SECRETARIAT ON 5-735878, 5-735569 OR 5-735045.

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STREET TO BE CLOSED FOR REDEVELOPMENT  
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A SECTION OF FJ MEI STREET EAST IN WONG TAI SIN IS TO BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LOK FU ESTATE PHASE II.

THE CLOSURE IS REQUIRED TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRIPLE LINEAR BLOCKS AND LANDSCAPE WORKS.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED CLOSURE CAN BE INSPECTED AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST; AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL IN WRITING SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JULY 29.

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NEW ROAD FOR KWAI CHUNG AREA  
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD A ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO TWO FUTURE SALES SITES TO BE KNOWN AS KCTL 395 AND KCTL 398.

THE 300-METRE ROAD WILL RUN FROM HING FONG ROAD, THROUGH GOVERNMENT LAND FORMERLY USED AS THE HA KWAI CHUNG TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, TO KWAI YAN ROAD.

PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED AT TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE SCHEME SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS AT MURRAY BUILDING BY JULY 29.

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CULTURE, SPORTS COMMITTEE TO MEET  
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE.

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF THE SHA TIN FESTIVAL, THE SUB-ALLOCATION OF PERMANENT ARCHERY RANGE, APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS AND THE PROGRESS REPORT ON SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH STARTS AT 9.30 AM.

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INSTALLATION CEREMONY  
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR DAVID FORD, WILL SPEAK AT THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD 1986-87 OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON AT THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER HIS SPEECH. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE BALLROOM AT 6.45 PM.

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MEET THE MEDIA  
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THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT, MR NORMAN STALKER, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (JUNE 5) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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PRESS BRIEFING  
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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A PRESS BRIEFING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) ON ISSUES THAT WERE DISCUSSED AT A RECENT MEETING.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL LAI KAM-CHEUNG, WILL ATTEND THE BRIEFING WHICH STARTS AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, KWONG FUK ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING.

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CHINESE VERSION ON SALE  
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THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE REPORT OF THE INSIDER DEALING TRIBUNAL INQUIRING INTO DEALINGS IN THE SHARES OF INTERNATIONAL CITY HOLDINGS LIMITED, IN TWO VOLUMES, IS AVAILABLE AT \$60 PER SET AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL.

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE  
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A SECTION OF HOI PA STREET IN TSUEN WAN, BETWEEN KAI HONG CLOSE AND ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF HEUNG CHE STREET, WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY STARTING 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 6).

NO PLB'S WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON HENNESSY ROAD  
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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 6), THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HENNESSY ROAD, BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ARSENAL STREET AND ITS JUNCTION WITH FENWICK STREET, WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARD FOR ABOUT 15 METRES.

WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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NO FLUSHING WATER  
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 6) TO 8 PM THE SAME DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY CHUK YUEN, FUNG WONG VILLAGE, WONG TAI SIN, LOK FU ESTATE, WANG TAU HOM AND KOWLOON TONG.

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