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GOVERNOR SPEAKS OUT FOR FREE TRADE

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IT IS NOT IN THE WIDER OR LONG TERM INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES ITSELF THAT THOSE LIKE HONG KONG, WHO ADVOCATE AND PRACTISE SCRUPULOUSLY THE PRINCIPLES OF FREE TRADE, SHOULD SUFFER BECAUSE OTHERS DO NOT DO SO, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID IN SAN FRANCISCO.

SPEAKING TO THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ON MONDAY (TUESDAY, HK TIME), SIR EDWARD SAID, +TO ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN WOULD BE TO DAMAGE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE CALLS FOR FREER TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES WHICH THE UNITED STATES SEEKS SO ACTIVELY TO PROMOTE.+

HE NOTED THAT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG DID NOT DEPEND ONLY ON BRITAIN AND CHINA, OR ON HONG KONG'S OWN EFFORTS, BUT DEPENDED VERY MUCH ON WORLD TRADE AND THUS ON THE HEALTH OF THE WORLD ECONOMY.

+THAT IS WHY WE ARE SO SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT WHEREVER IT APPEARS IN THE WORLD, AND PARTICULARLY WITH SUCH SENTIMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE PRESENT TIME.+

HE SAID, +WE FULLY RECOGNISE THAT THE PROBLEMS OF WORLD TRADE ARE NOT FOR THE UNITED STATES ALONE, AND THAT OTHER ADVANCED COUNTRIES OF THE PACIFIC SHOULD PLAY THEIR PART IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH GENERATE THAT SENTIMENT.

+WE FERVENTLY HOPE FOR A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC GIANTS. BUT WE ALSO ASK THAT WE WHO OFFER A FREE AND OPEN MARKET TO ALL SHOULD NOT SUFFER BECAUSE OF THOSE PROBLEMS.+

THE GOVERNOR DESCRIBED HONG KONG'S EMERGENCE AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING TRADING ECONOMIES, NOW RANKING 13TH, AHEAD OF DOZENS OF ECONOMIES WITH POPULATIONS MUCH LARGER THAN THE TERRITORY'S 5-1/2 MILLION.

HE SAID: +THE LARGEST ELEMENT IN OUR ECONOMY IS STILL OUR LIGHT MANUFACTURING SECTOR. BUT HONG KONG HAS TAKEN FULL ADVANTAGE OF ITS POSITION, AND ITS FINE NATURAL HARBOUR -- OUR ONLY NATURAL RESOURCE -- TO BECOME A MAJOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE IN EAST ASIA, AND MORE RECENTLY A MAJOR FINANCIAL AND BANKING CENTRE.+

HONG KONG WAS THEREFORE AN ECONOMY OF SOME IMPORTANCE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

+OUR MAIN TRADING PARTNERS ARE, LIKE US, LOCATED ON THE PACIFIC RIM, THE THREE BIGGEST ARE THE UNITED STATES, CHINA AND JAPAN.

+WE HAVE VALUABLE TRADING LINKS WITH OUR OTHER PACIFIC NEIGHBOURS SUCH AS CANADA, AUSTRALIA, KOREA AND TAIWAN.

/+ EUROPE TOO

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+EUROPE TOO IS IMPORTANT, BUT BY FAR THE GREATER PART OF OUR TRADE -- OVER 80 PER CENT -- IS WITH PACIFIC COUNTRIES, NONE MORE SO THAN THE UNITED STATES -- OUR LARGEST MARKET AND OUR THIRD LARGEST SUPPLIER,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD ALSO GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE ARRANGEMENTS AGREED IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION AND THE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING HONG KONG'S TRANSITION TO A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

AFTER 1997 INVESTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROTECTED BY LAW, AND OVERSEAS INVESTORS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO REPATRIATE THEIR PROFITS IF THEY WISHED, HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD REFERRED TO THE AGREEMENT THAT HONG KONG SHOULD BECOME A SEPARATE CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, WHICH SHOULD REMAIN SO AFTER 1997.

HE SAID, +THIS WAS A VITAL MATTER FOR US, WITH OUR HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON TRADE, AND THE OUTCOME WAS A BOOST TO CONFIDENCE.+

+ECONOMICALLY IT IS STRONGLY IN CHINA'S OWN INTEREST THAT HONG KONG SHOULD REMAIN STABLE AND PROSPEROUS AFTER 1997.+

THIS WAS BECAUSE HONG KONG WOULD BECOME MORE VALUABLE TO CHINA AS IT PROCEEDED WITH ITS MODERNISATION PROGRAMME, HE SAID.

HONG KONG WAS RAPIDLY ADOPTING MORE AND MORE TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCED MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES, SIR EDWARD WENT ON.

+WE HAVE A HIGHLY EFFICIENT MANUFACTURING SECTOR; A FINANCIAL CENTRE IN REAL TIME TOUCH WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD THROUGH ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED SATELLITE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AVAILABLE; ONE OF THE WORLD'S TECHNICALLY MOST EFFICIENT CONTAINER TERMINALS; SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST MODERN HIGH-TECH BUILDINGS; A FULLY COMPUTERISED AND ACTIVE STOCK EXCHANGE, AND SO ON.+

SUMMING UP, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE JOINT DECLARATION HAD GIVEN HONG KONG A GOOD BASIS ON WHICH TO BUILD, AND THE PEOPLE WERE DETERMINED TO MAKE IT WORK. THE TERRITORY HAD AN EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT, A STABLE SOCIETY, AND A HARD WORKING AND ENTERPRISING POPULATION. THESE QUALITIES HAD BROUGHT HONG KONG A LONG WAY IN A SHORT TIME SO THAT IT HAD BECOME ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT TRADING CITIES. +WE INTEND TO DO OUR UTMOST TO ENSURE THAT IT STAYS THAT WAY,+ HE ADDED.

/THE GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR SPOKE AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE HONG KONG BAY AREA ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH -- ENTITLED HONG KONG AND THE U.S. - TRADE PARTNERS IN THE PACIFIC -- WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE LATER.

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SIR EDWARD REITERATES TRADE CONCERN
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, REITERATED HIS CONCERN OVER TRADE PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN THE UNITED STATES WHEN HE ANSWERED QUESTIONS FOLLOWING HIS ADDRESS TO THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA IN SAN FRANCISCO ON MONDAY (TUESDAY, HK TIME).

+WE UNDERSTAND TRADE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD,+ HE TOLD A QUESTIONER. +SO WE ARE REALLY PREACHING THE DOCTRINE OF SAYING THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHY PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT GROWS. BUT THE ANSWER TO IT IS NOT TO APPLY PROTECTIONIST MEASURES TO THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY FREE TRADERS IN GOODS AND SERVICES.+

HE EMPHASISED AGAIN THAT HONG KONG WAS NOT ONLY A GREAT EXPORTER TO THE UNITED STATES BUT ALSO A GREAT IMPORTER FROM IT.

SIR EDWARD WAS ALSO QUESTIONED REGARDING THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF CHINA 'SCALING DOWN' HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL AND BANKING CENTRE, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE DID NOT SEE WHAT INTEREST CHINA WOULD HAVE IN DOING THAT.

+INDEED I THINK ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE THINGS ABOUT THE WHOLE NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH I WAS INVOLVED WAS IN THE CHINESE CONCERN WITH ALL THINGS WHICH WOULD MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY AND OUR FINANCIAL CENTRE.

+AND HONG KONG AS A BANKING CENTRE DOES MAKE A VERY GOOD CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT PROVIDED THAT THE HONG KONG DOLLAR SHOULD CONTINUE AND BE FREELY CONVERTIBLE AFTER 1997.

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ASKED ABOUT HONG KONG RESIDENTS' FREEDOM TO TRAVEL IN FUTURE, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT DID SAY THAT THEY COULD TRAVEL FREELY USING DOCUMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE PASSPORTS ISSUED BY THE CHINESE TO THEIR CHINESE NATIONALS OR THOSE ISSUED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORY CITIZENS.

THE LATTER PASSPORTS WOULD HAVE AN ENDORSEMENT WHICH MADE CLEAR THE HOLDERS HAD THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG, HE SAID.

+WE ARE NOW SORTING OUT THE DETAILS, THIS WITH THE CHINESE, AND WE WOULD EXPECT IN 1987 TO START ISSUING THESE NEW PASSPORTS AND MAKING REPRESENTATIONS AROUND THE WORLD BECAUSE WE REALISE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL ON THEM SHOULD STILL HAVE FREE ACCESS TO OTHER COUNTRIES,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT PROGRESS IN DRAFTING THE BASIC LAW, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE CONTENTS WERE BEING DISCUSSED BY THE APPROPRIATE PARTIES IN THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND THE BASIC LAW CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

+WE WOULD EXPECT THE FIRST DRAFT TO APPEAR IN 1988 OR THEREABOUTS. THAT IS LARGELY A MATTER FOR THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN US.+

CONCERNING HONG KONG'S LEGAL SYSTEM, WHICH WAS THE COMMON LAW LEGAL SYSTEM, SIR EDWARD SAID IT WOULD INDEED CONTINUE.

BEYOND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO CHANGES, HE EXPECTED ALL THE BUSINESS LAWS AND THE LAWS WHICH CONTINUED THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE AS THEY WERE NOW.

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27 UNOFFICIALS TO SPEAK ON DAYA BAY

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TWENTY-SEVEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK IN THE ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON THE MATTER OF +HONG KONG AND THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT+ IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

FOUR BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THEIR FIRST AND SECOND READING AT THE MEETING. THEY ARE: THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1985-86) BILL 1986, THE FIRE SERVICES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) BILL 1986, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, AND THE PHARMACY AND POISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986.

BILLS DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING INCLUDE THE BANKRUPTCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, THE THEFT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, AND THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING BILL 1986.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON PIERS JACOBS, WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON A 'REPORT OF CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE FINAL QUARTER OF 1985-86 PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE: SECTION 8'.

IN ADDITION, A STATEMENT ON THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND WILL BE MADE BY THE HON K.C. CHAN.

OTHER MAIN BUSINESS INCLUDES SIX QUESTIONS FROM UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AND A MOTION ON THE FIXED PENALTY (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) ORDINANCE.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET TOMORROW
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THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE LAST WEDNESDAY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE AGENDA WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- * THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF IMPLEMENTING A VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, A NETWORK OF RADAR STATIONS SET UP AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS TO COVER MARINE TRAFFIC LANES;
- * AN INCREASE IN PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR THE AUXILIARY FORCES OTHER THAN THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE;
- * A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION TO MEET INCREASED EXPENDITURE ARISING FROM COURT COSTS AWARDED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT;
- * SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR THE UNIVERSITIES, THE POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE TO ENABLE THE INSTITUTIONS TO AWARD SALARY INCREASES TO STAFF FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE NON-DIRECTORATE PAY SCALES;
- * A CAPITAL GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND TO EQUIP A CENTRALISED BRAILLE PRODUCTION CENTRE AND THE EXTENSION OF THE AMBIT OF HEAD 41 EDUCATION SUBVENTIONS SUBHEAD 489 TO INCLUDE A SUBVENTION TO THE SOCIETY TO OPERATE THE CENTRE; AND
- * NEW COMMITMENTS TOTALLING \$5 858 000 TO MEET THE COST OF FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE PROPOSED JEWELLERY INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE AND ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING TRAINING CENTRE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, AND TO ACCEPT THE RECURRENT FINANCIAL IMPLICATION ARISING FROM THE OPENING OF THE TWO CENTRES.

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UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION STABLE IN MARCH-MAY
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED STABLE WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION DETERIORATED SLIGHTLY IN THE QUARTER MARCH-MAY 1986, COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER ENDING FEBRUARY 1986, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS POINTED OUT THAT THE DEFINITIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT HAVE BEEN MODIFIED SINCE JANUARY 1985 TO CONFORM WITH THE LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO).

UNDER THE NEW DEFINITIONS, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH-MAY 1986 WAS 3.0 PER CENT, WHICH WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING FEBRUARY 1986. THE RATE FOR MARCH-MAY 1985 WAS 3.1 PER CENT. THE DECREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER MARCH-MAY 1986 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 80 300, COMPARED WITH 79 900 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING FEBRUARY 1986 AND 80 800 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

UNDER THE NEW DEFINITIONS, THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH-MAY 1986 WAS 2.4 PER CENT, WHICH COMPARES WITH THE RATE OF 2.0 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING FEBRUARY 1986. THE RATE FOR MARCH-MAY 1985 WAS 1.3 PER CENT. THE INCREASES OF 0.4 PERCENTAGE POINT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND OF 1.1 PERCENTAGE POINT COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT - THAT IS, THE INCREASES ARE GREATER THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM SAMPLING ERROR.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR THE QUARTER MARCH-MAY 1986 WAS 64 200, COMPARED WITH 53 900 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING FEBRUARY 1986 AND 34 600 FOR MARCH-MAY 1985. CONSISTENT WITH THE LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ILO, PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THE EFFECT OF THE MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION ON THE ESTIMATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IS MARGINAL, ITS EFFECT ON THE ESTIMATE OF UNDEREMPLOYMENT IS QUITE CONSIDERABLE. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES UNDER THE OLD AND THE NEW DEFINITIONS IS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FACT THAT PERSONS WORKING LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK FOR ECONOMIC REASONS WHO WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BUT WERE AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ARE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED UNDER THE NEW DEFINITIONS BUT NOT UNDER THE OLD DEFINITIONS.

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COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATION IN THE FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION. THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR APRIL-JUNE 1986 WAS 3.0 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.9 PER CENT. (THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH-MAY 1986 WAS 2.9 PER CENT)

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 15 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 53 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1986 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND SEPTEMBER 20.

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SASI LEAVES FOR VANCOUVER
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THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR JAMES SO, LEFT FOR VANCOUVER THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING TO ATTEND THE +HONG KONG DAY+ AT EXPO '86 ON FRIDAY (JULY 18).

MR SO, WHO IS ALSO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG PAVILION, WILL JOIN THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, IN VANCOUVER.

ON FRIDAY EVENING, MR SO WILL ACCOMPANY THE GOVERNOR TO A HONG KONG DAY EVENING GALA PERFORMANCE BY TVB AND ATV ARTISTES.

DURING HIS EIGHT-DAY STAY IN VANCOUVER, MR SO WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING TRADE AND BUSINESS PEOPLE.

AFTER HIS VISIT, MR SO WILL GO ON LEAVE, AND RETURN TO HONG KONG AT THE END OF AUGUST.

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TRAM DEPOT RELOCATION PLAN ENDORSED
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A PLAN BY HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED (HKT) TO RELOCATE ITS DEPOT FACILITIES FROM SHARP STREET EAST, WAN CHAI, TO TWO NEW SITES AT SAI YING PUN AND SAI WAN HO.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC WILL STAND TO BENEFIT FROM THE DEPOT RELOCATION PLAN AS HKT HAD UNDERTAKEN NOT TO INCREASE FARES BEFORE THE END OF 1988 IF COSTS RISE AT THE AVERAGE PREDICTED INFLATION RATE OF SIX PER CENT.

WITHOUT THE RELOCATION PLAN, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT TRAM FARES WILL HAVE TO GO UP BY 20 CENTS IN 1988 IN VIEW OF INCREASING OPERATING COSTS. THE RELOCATION OF DEPOT FACILITIES WILL HELP HKT SAVE 7.5 PER CENT OF ITS OPERATING COSTS, OR \$3.5 MILLION A YEAR, THUS DEFERRING THE NEED FOR A FARE INCREASE BY ANOTHER YEAR.

COSTS ARE SAVED MAINLY THROUGH THE ELIMINATION OF UNECONOMIC TRIPS FROM AND TO THE SHARP STREET EAST DEPOT, WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE MIDDLE OF THE TRAMWAY, BEFORE AND AFTER THE SCHEDULED HOURS OF OPERATION.

AT PRESENT, TRIPS BY EARLY MORNING AND LATE NIGHT TRAMS LEAVING AND RETURNING TO THE DEPOT ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT EIGHT PER CENT OF THE TOTAL DAILY MILEAGE COVERAGE BY TRAMS.

THIS PROBLEM OF WASTE MILEAGE WILL BE OVERCOME WHEN THE DEPOT FACILITIES ARE MOVED TO SAI YING PUN AND SAI WAN HO, WHICH ARE NEARER TO BOTH ENDS OF THE TRAMWAY. REDUCED TRACK WEAR AND FEWER OVERTIME PAYMENTS WILL ALSO HELP CUT COSTS.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ALSO NOTED THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF LOW TRAM FARES WILL STRENGTHEN THE VIABILITY OF THE TRAMWAY AND THAT THE ABILITY OF THE TRAMWAY TO WITHSTAND COMPETITION FROM THE MTR ISLAND LINE EMPHASISES THE IMPORTANCE OF CHEAP FARES TO A SHORT-HAUL MODE OF TRANSPORT.

MOREOVER, THE SHARP STREET EAST DEPOT IS LOCATED IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA AND THE NOISE CAUSED BY OVERNIGHT MAINTENANCE AND THE MOVEMENT OF EMPTY TRAMS LATE AT NIGHT AND EARLY IN THE MORNING IN AND OUT OF THE DEPOT HAS LONG BEEN A NUISANCE TO NEARBY RESIDENTS.

AT THE SAI YING PUN AND SAI WAN HO SITES, THE PROBLEM OF NOISE NUISANCE SHOULD BE MINIMAL AS BOTH ARE SHIELDED FROM RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS BY EITHER HIGHWAY VIADUCTS OR OTHER BUILDINGS. THE TENANCY AGREEMENTS WILL ALSO CARRY RESTRICTIONS ON MAXIMUM NOISE LEVELS AT THE DEPOT BOUNDARIES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE ELIMINATION OF EARLY AND LATE TRAM MOVEMENTS FROM AND TO SHARP STREET EAST WILL HAVE A BENEFICIAL IMPACT THROUGHOUT THE TRAMWAY CORRIDOR, WHERE SOME 300 000 PEOPLE LIVE WITHIN EARSHOT OF THE LINE.

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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO SET UP AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL DEPOT RELOCATION WORKING GROUP TO ENSURE THAT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE WHICH MAY BE CAUSED BY THE NEW DEPOTS WILL BE KEPT TO THE MINIMUM. THE WORKING GROUP WILL REPORT REGULARLY TO DISTRICT BOARDS AS WELL AS THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE DEPOT RELOCATION PLAN IS UNLIKELY TO GENERATE ANY SERIOUS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, NOR WILL IT TAKE AWAY POTENTIAL OPEN SPACE FOR RESIDENTS IN SAI YING PUN AND SAI WAN HO. MODIFICATIONS TO TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT TO FORESTALL ANY ADVERSE EFFECT ON GENERAL TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE AREA OF THE NEW DEPOTS.

THE SAI YING PUN DEPOT SITE, SITUATED ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION NEAR THE WHITTY STREET TRAM TERMINUS, OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 1.28 HECTARES WHILE THE 0.7 HECTARE SAI WAN HO SITE IS LOCATED BENEATH THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR VIADUCT CLOSE TO THE JUNCTION OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND HOI FOO STREET.

THE TWO DEPOT SITES WILL BE GRANTED TO HKT INITIALLY ON SHORT-TERM TENANCIES OF NO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, THUS ALLOWING THE GOVERNMENT TO MODIFY THE LEASE CONDITIONS, IF NEEDED, BEFORE RENEWING THE LEASES.

THE TRAM DEPOT RELOCATION PLAN WAS DISCUSSED AND ENDORSED EARLIER BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS WELL AS THE WAN CHAI, EASTERN AND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARDS.

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TAC TO REVIEW TAXI LICENSING SYSTEM
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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) IS TO SET UP A SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE EXISTING TAXI LICENSING SYSTEM AND ADVISE ON A LONG-TERM POLICY ON TAXIS.

AT THEIR MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY), MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE SUB-COMMITTEE SHOULD COMPRISE TAC MEMBERS, MR JACKIE CHAN CHAI-KEUNG (CHAIRMAN), DR CONRAD LAM KUI-SHING, MR LEUNG CHI-KEUNG, DR STEPHEN TANG LUNG-WAI AND MR STEPHEN CHENG WUI-YAU, WITH TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROVIDED BY ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TRANSPORT BRANCH AND ONE FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THIS POLICY REVIEW WILL COVER A NUMBER OF ISSUES, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF TAXIS IN THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM, THE USAGE OF TAXIS, THE ORGANISATION AND FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE TAXI TRADE, THE GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF TAXI SERVICES, FARES POLICY, LICENCE ISSUING SYSTEM, THE CLASSIFICATION OF TAXIS AS WELL AS THE NEW TERRITORIES TAXI BOUNDARIES.

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AFTER STUDYING A PAPER ON THE HISTORY OF TAXI LICENSING, MEMBERS CONSIDERED THAT WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION WILL PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH PAST STUDIES ON THE TAXI TRADE, THE SUB-COMMITTEE MAY, SUBJECT TO RESOURCES AVAILABLE, ASK FOR FURTHER SURVEYS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE WOULD START EXAMINING THE SITUATION CONCERNING TAXIS AND THEN GIVE GUIDELINES AS TO THE WAY THEY WOULD LIKE THE REVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED.

ALSO AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS FURTHER CONSIDERED THE REPORT ON THE +STUDY OF CROSS HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES+ (CHAPTS) WHICH EXPLORES HOW CROSS HARBOUR BUS AND FERRY SERVICES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BEFORE AND AFTER THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

THEY ENDORSED THE +CHAPTS+ RECOMMENDATION THAT CROSS HARBOUR BUSES SHOULD ADOPT A GRADUAL AND LIMITED EXPANSION PROGRAMME AND THAT A NUMBER OF NEW RAIL AND FERRY FEEDER SERVICES SHOULD BE INTRODUCED.

MEMBERS AGREED TO KEEP THE TRAVELLING COST TO THE PUBLIC AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND TO GIVE DUE WEIGHT TO CONSUMER CONVENIENCE WITHIN THE GENERAL POLICY FRAMEWORK.

THEY ALSO ENDORSED THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY'S CROSS HARBOUR NETWORK SHOULD BE RATIONALISED WHILE NO CHANGES TO THE STAR FERRY NETWORK WERE REQUIRED.

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SHARP RISE IN ROAD ACCIDENTS INVOLVING THE ELDERLY
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IN 1985, THERE WAS A SHARP RISE OF 31 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES IN THE 60 AND OVER AGE GROUP.

DESPITE THIS, THERE WAS A REDUCTION IN THE OVERALL NUMBER OF ROAD ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES OF 1.3 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1984.

THESE STATISTICS ARE CONTAINED IN THE 1986 EDITION OF GOVERNMENT'S ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY PAPER WHICH HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL.

THE PURPOSE OF THE STRATEGY PAPER IS TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF ROAD SAFETY ENDEAVOUR, IDENTIFY AREAS REQUIRING SPECIAL ATTENTION AND CO-ORDINATE STRATEGY PROPOSALS AND MAINTAIN A CHECKLIST OF CURRENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

THE PAPER NOTES THAT PEDESTRIANS ACCOUNTED FOR 71.2 PER CENT OF THOSE KILLED AND 33.6 PER CENT OF THOSE INJURED AND CONTINUED TO BE THE ROAD-USER GROUP MOST AT RISK.

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ELABORATING ON THE INCREASE OF FATALITIES INVOLVING OLD PEOPLE, IT SAYS, +THIS TREND WAS IDENTIFIED TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR AND THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL HAS IN HAND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS TO EDUCATE OUR OLDER CITIZENS AND TO ALERT OTHER ROAD USERS TO THE PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS.+

THE PAPER POINTS OUT THAT SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION IN AUGUST 1984, THE POLICE WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL CONSIDERATION OF ACCIDENT PREVENTION, HAVE GIVEN PRIORITY TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF PEDESTRIAN, SPEEDING AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE OFFENCES.

+POLICE PROSECUTION ACTION IN THESE AREAS ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY DURING 1985. PEDESTRIAN OFFENCE SUMMONSES INCREASED BY 84 PER CENT, SPEEDING OFFENCE PROSECUTIONS (INCLUDING FIXED PENALTY TICKETS, ARRESTS AND SUMMONSES) ROSE BY 87.8 PER CENT AND DEFECTIVE VEHICLE REPORTS INCREASED BY 29.7 PER CENT,+ IT SAYS.

ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, THE DRIVING-OFFENCE POINTS SYSTEM IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE HAD AN INVALUABLE DETERRENT EFFECT AND THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL FULLY SUPPORTS CURRENT PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE A GRADED ALLOCATION OF POINTS IN RESPECT OF SPEEDING OFFENCES.

+WITH THE OPENING UP OF HIGH CAPACITY ROADS, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT BECAUSE FEW HONG KONG DRIVERS HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE ON SUCH ROADS BEFORE, THERE IS A WIDESPREAD TENDENCY TO DRIVE AT EXCESSIVE SPEEDS WITH LITTLE OR NO LANE DISCIPLINE,+ IT ADDED.

THE PAPER THEREFORE STRESSES THAT ENFORCEMENT ACTION MUST BE MAINTAINED TO ENSURE THAT THE LIMITS IMPOSED ARE NOT IGNORED AND DRIVING HABITS IMPROVE.

THE REPORT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT WITH THE CONTINUED DECREASE IN THE NUMBERS OF DRIVER FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES COMPARED TO THE NUMBERS IN THE SAME PERIOD IN PAST YEARS BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEAT BELT LEGISLATION, FRONT SEAT BELTS DO SAVE LIVES AND LESSEN THE SEVERITY OF INJURY.

THE PAPER REVEALS THAT A ROAD USERS CODE, WHICH WILL REPLACE AND SUPPLEMENT THE PRESENT HIGHWAY CODE, IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED BY 1987.

+APART FROM INFORMING ROAD USERS OF SAFETY METHODS, IT IS ALSO INTENDED FOR USE BY ROAD SAFETY TRAINING OFFICERS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS AS A RESOURCE BOOK FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE,+ IT EXPLAINS.

THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT THE VEHICLE EXAMINATION PROGRAMME SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF ALL INSPECTIONS AND TO WIDEN THE RANGE OF VEHICLES INCLUDED IN THEM.

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A MAJOR AIM IN 1986 WILL BE DEVELOPMENT OF A FULLY COMPUTERISED VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE TO CATER FOR BIGGER THROUGHPUT IN INSPECTING GOODS VEHICLES. THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS ACTIVELY PURSUING THE BUILDING OF A FULLY COMPUTERISED VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE.

+WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL CENTRALISE MOST OF THE ANNUAL VEHICLE INSPECTION, WORK AND, FURTHERMORE, IT WILL ENABLE THE POLICY OF ANNUAL INSPECTION OF ALL GOODS VEHICLES TO BE ACHIEVED,+ THE PAPER SAYS.

THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL WAS SET UP IN 1983 TO REPLACE THE STANDING CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY, CHANGING FROM BEING MAINLY A CO-ORDINATOR OF EXECUTIVE ACTION INTO A BODY WHICH ALSO DEVELOPS PROPOSALS TO PREVENT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND PROVIDES ADVICE ON POLICIES TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

APART FROM CO-ORDINATING THE WORK OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE COUNCIL CONTINUES TO SEEK TO HARNESS COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND BY MEANS OF CAMPAIGNS, MEDIA PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION TO SPREAD THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE AND RAISE THE COMMUNITY'S LEVEL OF ROAD SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS.

THE COUNCIL IS CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, OPERATIONS, AND HAS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRANSPORT BRANCH AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION; THE TRAFFIC WING OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE; TRANSPORT, EDUCATION, INFORMATION SERVICES AND ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS; BRITISH FORCES, HONG KONG; THE HONG KONG ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AND THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY PAPER ISSUED BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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MEET THE MEDIA
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THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSEPH LEI, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (JULY 17) 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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FOUR NEW MEMBERS ON TRADE ADVISORY BOARD
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FOUR NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD WHICH HELD ITS FIRST MEETING FOR THE JULY 1986 TO JUNE 1987 YEAR TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE FOUR ARE MR T.H. BARMA, MR FRED K.T. CHIN, MR JACK SO AND DR KENNETH K.K. WANG.

TEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WHO SERVED ON THE BOARD LAST YEAR HAVE BEEN REAPPOINTED FOR ANOTHER YEAR. THEY ARE MR WILLIAM TURNBULL, MR PAUL T.S. YIN, MR ALEXANDER S.K. AU, MR WARRENT W.L. HUI, MR KENNETH TING, MR GARY N. HARILELA, MR RAY MAN LEUNG, MRS ELEANOR C.M. LING, MR HO SAI-CHU AND MR THOMAS CLYDESDALE.

RETIRING FROM THE BOARD ARE MR CHRISTOPHER CHENG, MR S.H. SUNG AND MR ALAN S.S. CHUANG.

+I WOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THESE RETIRING MEMBERS FOR THE INVALUABLE SERVICE WHICH THEY HAVE GIVEN TO THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE BOARD,+ SAID THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR S.A. WEBB-JOHNSON.

THE BOARD ADVISES THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY ON MATTERS AFFECTING HONG KONG'S TRADE - OTHER THAN IN TEXTILES AND GARMENTS WHERE ADVICE IS GIVEN BY THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

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SPECIAL EXPO STAMPS OUT ON FRIDAY
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THE POST OFFICE WILL ISSUE A SET OF FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS ON FRIDAY (JULY 18) TO MARK HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 1986 WORLD EXPOSITION IN VANCOUVER.

THE NEW STAMPS WILL BE IN DENOMINATIONS OF 50 CENTS, \$1.30, \$1.70 AND \$5.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TO COPE WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS EXPECTED ON FRIDAY, ADDITIONAL COUNTERS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND THE BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HENNESSY ROAD, MORRISON HILL, NORTH POINT, QUEEN'S ROAD AND SHEUNG WAN POST OFFICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL COUNTERS AT KOWLOON CENTRAL, CHEUNG SHA WAN, GILLIES AVENUE, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI AND TSUEN WAN POST OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EXTRA STAFF WOULD BE DEPLOYED AT MOST POST OFFICES WHENEVER NECESSARY ON FRIDAY BUT QUEUES WERE NEVERTHELESS EXPECTED.

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD EXERCISE TOLERANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TAKE CARE OF THEIR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS BEFORE OR AFTER THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE,+ HE SAID.

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CASH AID FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT GRANTED \$4 140 FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) FUND TODAY (TUESDAY) TO THREE OF THE 12 PEOPLE INJURED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN NORTH POINT ON TUESDAY LAST WEEK.

THE THREE WERE GRANTED PAYMENTS RANGING FROM \$690 TO \$1 840.

THE ACCIDENT, WHICH OCCURRED NEAR THE JUNCTION OF KING'S ROAD AND SHELL STREET, INVOLVED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND A DOUBLE-DECKER BUS. SEVEN MEN AND FIVE WOMEN WERE INJURED.

FOLLOWING THE ACCIDENT, STAFF OF THE TAVA SECTION VISITED THE INJURED PEOPLE IN HOSPITAL OR CONTACTED THOSE DISCHARGED BY TELEPHONE TO OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

AT PRESENT, THE TAVA SECTION IS AWAITING FOR A REPLY FROM TWO OTHER VICTIMS. THE OTHER SEVEN WERE NOT QUALIFIED AS THEY HAD NOT BEEN IN HOSPITAL FOR THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF THREE DAYS.

THE TAVA SCHEME PROVIDES QUICK FINANCIAL HELP TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS, REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

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REVIEW ARTICLE ON HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE PUBLISHED
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THE MAY ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED +RESULTS OF THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY AND THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES+.

A HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BETWEEN OCTOBER 1984 AND SEPTEMBER 1985 TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE AVERAGE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG.

BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY, THE WEIGHTS FOR COMPILING THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WERE DERIVED AND THE NEW INDEXES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE GIVES THE SUMMARY FINDINGS OF THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY AS WELL AS THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES.

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IT ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE CHANGES IN THE HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION PATTERNS BETWEEN 1984/85 AND 1979/80 WHEN A SIMILAR HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY WAS LAST CONDUCTED IN HONG KONG.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE, AT \$28 PER COPY, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19/F., KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED
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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO CONSIDER SEVERAL APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

THESE INCLUDE CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TO BE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS; THE DISTRICT PARTICIPATION IN THE HONG KONG DANCE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY; SHOPPING DISCOUNT FORTNIGHT FOR THE ELDERLY AND A CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS SUBSIDIES PROVIDED FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS ORGANISED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY BODIES IN THE DISTRICT.

A REPORT COMPILED BY THE CONCERN GROUP ON THE BOUGHT PLACES SCHEME IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER NULLAH POLLUTION

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE POLLUTION OF TUEN MUN NULLAH AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE REPORT CONTAINS DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEGREE OF POLLUTION OF THE NULLAH AS MONITORED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT THE SOURCES OF POLLUTION IDENTIFIED AND THE PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT PROPOSED BY THE DISTRICT'S WORKING GROUP ON WATERCOURSE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

APART FROM SEVERE FAECAL POLLUTION FROM HUMAN AND ANIMAL WASTE, THE TUEN MUN NULLAH ALSO SUFFERED FROM SEVERE INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION AS INDICATED BY THE HIGH LEVEL OF TOXICANTS SUCH AS CADMIUM, LEAD, ZINC FROM NEARBY FACTORIES.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTPATH AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE DRAINAGE AT TIN SUM IN HUNG SHUI KIU AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO BE DISCUSSED

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A REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF TSUEN WAN WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHEME INCLUDE JOINT EVENTS WITH THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO TACKLE YOUTH PROBLEMS AND TO ORGANISE OUTINGS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN SO THEY CAN APPRECIATE THE NATURAL ASPECTS OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF RURAL AREAS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A SERIES OF PROPOSED PROGRAMMES ON COMMUNITY INFORMATION ACTIVITIES.

/THE MEETING

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THE MEETING OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING.

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HALF OF JUNE'S RAIN FALLS IN TWO DAYS
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RAINFALL IN TWO SEPARATE DAYS IN JUNE ACCOUNTED FOR 58 PER CENT OF THE MONTH'S TOTAL, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE TWO DAYS WERE JUNE 6, WHEN A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE PASSED RAPIDLY THROUGH HONG KONG, AND JUNE 25 WHEN A DISTURBANCE IN THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON AFFECTED THE TERRITORY.

HOWEVER, ON THE WHOLE, JUNE WAS A NORMAL MONTH IN RESPECT OF TEMPERATURE, CLOUDINESS AND PRECIPITATION. THE TOTAL RAINFALL OF 415.9 MM RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WAS NEAR THE MONTH'S NORMAL OF 431.8 MM.

FROM JUNE 1 TO 3, THE WEATHER WAS MAINLY FINE AND HOT APART FROM SOME LOCALISED HEAVY SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS.

ON JUNE 4, A PERTURBED SOUTHWESTERLY FLOW GAVE RISE TO WIDESPREAD SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS, PARTICULARLY IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED DURING THE FOLLOWING DAY.

A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE THEN DEVELOPED CLOSE TO THE NORTH OF HONG KONG EARLY ON JUNE 6 AND MOVED RAPIDLY SOUTHWARDS THROUGH THE TERRITORY. INTENSE RAIN FELL FROM 9 AM TO 10 AM AND AMOUNTED TO 73.9 MM.

THE KOWLOON PENINSULA, NORTH POINT AND CLEAR WATER BAY WERE THE WETTEST AREAS AND THE TOTAL RAINFALL DURING THE DAY EXCEEDED 150 MM.

ON JUNE 7, MINOR FLOODINGS IN WESTERN DISTRICT AND A MUDSLIP IN NGAU CHI WAN WERE REPORTED.

THE PROXIMITY OF THE TROUGH CAUSED RAINY AND COOLER WEATHER TO CONTINUE IN HONG KONG FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

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THE WEATHER WAS FINE FROM JUNE 9 TO 11. THE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE REMAINED WELL SOUTH OF HONG KONG.

ON JUNE 12, THE TROUGH RETURNED FROM THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND BROUGHT SCATTERED SHOWERS IN THE AFTERNOON. SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS CONTINUED INTO JUNE 13 AND CAUSED A MINOR MUDSLIP IN KWUN TONG. AS THE TROUGH CONTINUED TO MOVE NORTHWARDS AWAY FROM HONG KONG, THE WEATHER BECAME SUNNY AND HOT BETWEEN JUNE 14 AND 16.

DURING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 17 TO 23, THE WEATHER WAS CHARACTERISED BY INTERMITTENT SHOWERS AND SUNNY PERIODS.

ON JUNE 24, AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE WHICH HAD BEEN LINGERING OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA MOVED SHARPLY NORTHWARDS TOWARDS HONG KONG.

THE LOW PRESSURE AREA INTENSIFIED MARKEDLY EARLY ON JUNE 25 AS IT MOVED CLOSER AND A TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR OCCURRED IN THE EVENING. ABOUT 50 TO 100 MM OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED IN MOST PARTS OF THE TERRITORY AND MINOR FLOODING WAS REPORTED IN TAI PO.

DURING THIS PERIOD, OCCASIONAL STRONG GUSTS BLEW DOWN TREES AND OVERTURNED A SAMPAN. THE ADVERSE WEATHER ALSO AFFECTED FERRY SERVICES TO ZHAOQING.

IN HONG KONG, UNSETTLED CONDITIONS LASTED UNTIL JUNE 27.

FINE AND HOT WEATHER MADE A WELCOME RETURN FROM JUNE 28 TO 30 AND THE MONTH ENDED WITH THE TEMPERATURE RISING TO 32.9 DEGREES CELSIUS IN THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 30.

TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

NANCY DEVELOPED AS A TROPICAL DEPRESSION ABOUT 1 080 KM EAST OF MANILA ON JUNE 21 AND MOVED NORTHWESTWARDS. IT PASSED ABOUT 180 KM TO THE NORTHEAST OF LUZON AND INTENSIFIED INTO A TYPHOON ABOUT 90 KM SOUTHEAST OF BATAN ON JUNE 23. IT SKIRTED THE EASTERN COAST OF TAIWAN AND PASSED CLOSE TO TAIPEI EARLY ON JUNE 24.

NANCY RECURVED NORTHEASTWARDS DURING THE DAY AND ACCELERATED RAPIDLY TO A SPEED OF ABOUT 60 KM PER HOUR THAT NIGHT. IT CROSSED THE SOUTHERN COAST OF KOREA ABOUT 290 KM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF SEOUL IN THE MORNING OF JUNE 25 AND BECAME AN EXTRATROPICAL DEPRESSION OVER THE SEA OF JAPAN ABOUT 310 KM NORTHWEST OF OSAKA ON THE SAME DAY.

OWEN FORMED ABOUT 1 330 KM EAST OF MANILA ON JUNE 28, AND MOVED GENERALLY NORTHWESTWARDS ABOUT 14 KM PER HOUR AND BECAME A TROPICAL STORM EARLY ON JUNE 29.

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AT THE END OF THE MONTH, OWEN RECURVED NORTH-NORTHEASTWARDS OVER THE OCEAN ABOUT 740 KM SOUTH OF OKINAWA.

DURING THE MONTH, THREE AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JUNE 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 17, 18 AND 26. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JUNE 6 AND 25, AND THE LANDSLIP WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JUNE 6 AND 7.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>
SUMMER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	25 JUNE 5.30 PM	26 JUNE 5.00 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	174.0 HOURS = 14.8 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
RAINFALL	415.9 MM = 15.9 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	75 PER CENT = NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	83 PER CENT = 1 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	30.3 DEGREES C = 0.1 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	28.0 DEGREES C = 0.3 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	26.2 DEGREES C = 0.6 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	24.8 DEGREES C = 0.3 DEGREE ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	136.0 MM = 13.1 MM BELOW NORMAL

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN LEI YUE MUN ROAD
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THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED ON LEI YUE MUN ROAD WESTBOUND IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR WORKS WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT THREE MORE WEEKS.

THE DETAILS ARE:

ROAD CLOSURE

LEI YUE MUN ROAD WESTBOUND, BETWEEN CHA KWO LING ROAD AND THE VEHICULAR UNDERPASS UNDERNEATH KWUN TONG ROAD AND HIP WO STREET JUNCTION, IS CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

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BANNING OF TURNING MOVEMENTS

THE RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT FROM TSUI PING ROAD SOUTHBOUND ON TO LEI YUE MUN ROAD WESTBOUND, AND THE LEFT TURN MOVEMENT FROM CHA KWO LING ROAD NORTHBOUND ON TO LEI YUE MUN ROAD WESTBOUND ARE BANNED.

TRAFFIC DIVERSION

GENERAL TRAFFIC FROM YAU TONG AND LAM TIN HEADING FOR KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE IS DIVERTED TO USE KAI TIN ROAD, JUNK BAY ROAD AND SAU MAU PING ROAD.

BUS ROUTE DIVERSION

KMB ROUTES 14, 14X, 15, 15X AND 16 ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO NGAU TAU KOK, ROUTES 14A, 14C AND 15C ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO YAN OI COURT BUS TERMINUS, AND ROUTE 15M ON ITS JOURNEY TO KWUN TONG MTR STATION ARE ALL DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA LEI YUE MUN ROAD, CHA KWO LING ROAD, WAI YIP STREET, HOI YUEN ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD BEFORE REJOINING NORMAL ROUTINGS.

KMB ROUTES 14B, 15A AND 15B ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO KWUN TONG FERRY BUS TERMINUS ARE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA LEI YUE MUN ROAD, CHA KWO LING ROAD AND WAI YIP STREET BEFORE REJOINING NORMAL ROUTINGS.

KMB ROUTES 11B, 11C AND 13B ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO NGAU TAU KOK ARE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TSUI PING ROAD, HIP WO STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD BEFORE REJOINING NORMAL ROUTINGS.

KMB ROUTE 70X ON ITS JOURNEY TO KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE IS DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TSUI PING ROAD, HIP WO STREET AND TUNG YAN STREET BEFORE REJOINING NORMAL ROUTINGS.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN NORTH POINT

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN TIN CHIU STREET AND HEALTHY STREET WEST WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON JULY 18 (FRIDAY), JULY 21 AND AUGUST 1.

DURING THE CLOSURE, AFFECTED FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TIN CHIU STREET, JAVA ROAD AND MAN HONG STREET BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTING.

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INTERRUPTION TO WATER SUPPLY
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN FANLING WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 17) TO FACILITATE FRESH WATER PIPE CONNECTION WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN MA MEI HA TO SHA TAU KOK MARKET, INCLUDING THE AREA BOUNDED BY TUNG SHAN HA TSUEN, LENG TSAI TSUEN, TONG TO TSUEN, SHA TAU KOK MARKET AND YIM LIU HA TSUEN.

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LOWER SHING MUN ROAD BEING IMPROVED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING \$4.5 MILLION TO IMPROVE LOWER SHING MUN ROAD IN SHA TIN TO COPE WITH INCREASING VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

THE RECENTLY AWARDED CONTRACT INVOLVES RECONSTRUCTION OF LOWER SHING MUN ROAD BETWEEN THE TAI PO ROAD JUNCTION AND THE ENTRANCE TO SHA TIN CREMATORIUM.

IT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF THREE ADJOINING MINOR ROADS AND THREE SMALL OPEN-AIR CAR PARKS TO SERVE TAI WAI VILLAGE AND THE FUTURE FU SHAN PUBLIC MORTUARY. IT WILL ALSO SERVE THE PO LEUNG KUK HOME FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

IN ADDITION, THE CONTRACTOR, HENRYVICY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED, WILL RECONSTRUCT THE CARRIAGEWAY AND PROVIDE A FOOTPATH, RETAINING WALLS, EARTHWORK AND DRAINAGE FOR THE EXISTING LOWER SHING MUN ROAD AS WELL AS FOR THE ACCESS ROADS AND CAR PARKS.

THE WORK WILL TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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PARKING METERS FOR LUEN WO MARKET
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EIGHTY-FIVE PARKING METERS IN LUEN WO MARKET, FANLING WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL FROM FRIDAY (JULY 18) TO REGULATE THE UTILISATION OF ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA.

THE METERS, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN LUEN WO ROAD, WO FUNG STREET, LUEN FAT STREET AND LUEN CHEONG STREET, ARE THE FIRST BATCH OF TWO-HOUR PRIVATE CAR PARKING METERS PROVIDED IN LUEN WO MARKET.

THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE METERS WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. THE PARKING FEE WILL BE \$1 FOR 30 MINUTES.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE SOUTH ON CHOI WAN ESTATE.

FROM 1.30 AM TO 5.30 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 18), NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND FUNG SHING STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS FROM CHOI HUNG HEADING FOR NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO USE CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND FUNG SHING STREET.

FROM 1.30 AM TO 5.30 AM ON JULY 19 AND 20, NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

MOTORISTS FROM SHUN TIN AND SHUN LEE HEADING FOR CHOI HUNG ARE ADVISED TO USE EITHER OF THESE TWO ROUTES : SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD, SAN SHUN STREET, NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD OR LEE ON ROAD, NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

TRAFFIC FROM SAI KUNG HEADING FOR CHOI HUNG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

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