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BOTH HONG KONG DOLLAR AND FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS INCREASED IN JULY COMPARED WITH JUNE, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

IN LINE WITH THE RISE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS REGISTERED INCREASES DURING JULY.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS FELL IN JULY COMPARED WITH JUNE, MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO DECLINES IN LOANS FOR TRADE FINANCING AND OFFSHORE LOANS, PARTICULARLY EURO-YEN LOANS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG INCREASED MORE RAPIDLY IN JULY THAN IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS GREW BY 0.3 PER CENT IN JULY, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 1.0 PER CENT IN MAY AND A DECLINE OF 0.4 PER CENT IN JUNE. OF THESE DEPOSITS, DEMAND AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS ROSE BY 1.2 PER CENT AND 0.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHILE TIME DEPOSITS DROPPED BY 0.2 PER CENT.

DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JULY 1989, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 15.8 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS ROSE BY 2.2 PER CENT IN JULY, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 0.4 PER CENT IN MAY AND A DECREASE OF 1.4 PER CENT IN JUNE. AMONG THESE DEPOSITS U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 0.5 PER CENT IN JULY WHILE NON-U.S. DOLLAR GREW BY 4.1 PER CENT.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 24.5 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS GREW BY 3.5 PER CENT IN JULY, AFTER INCREASES OF 4.3 PER CENT AND 3.7 PER CENT IN MAY AND JUNE RESPECTIVELY. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 0.8 PER CENT IN JULY AND BY 20.9 PER CENT COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS, INCREASED BY 2.0 PER CENT IN JULY AND BY 20.9 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

DEPOSITS OF ALL CURRENCIES WITH BANKS ROSE BY 1.6 PER CENT IN JULY WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 1.5 PER CENT. OVER THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JULY 1989, THE FORMER ROSE BY 22.3 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER GREW BY 5.3 PER CENT.

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HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 GREW BY 0.5 PER CENT, 0.5 PER CENT AND 0.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN JULY. THEIR CORRESPONDING RATES OF CHANGE IN JUNE WERE -0.8 PER CENT, 0.5 PER CENT AND 0 PER CENT.

DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JULY 1989, HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ROSE BY 7.8 PER CENT, 16.8 PER CENT AND 15.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SWAP DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 GREW BY 0.9 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN JULY. COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER, THEY GREW BY 21.7 PER CENT AND 20.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 0.1 PER CENT, 1.5 PER CENT AND 1.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN JULY. THEIR CORRESPONDING RATES OF CHANGE IN JUNE WERE 0.2 PER CENT, -0.8 PER CENT AND -0.8 PER CENT.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 7.1 PER CENT, 22.1 PER CENT AND 20.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS DECREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN JULY, FOLLOWING A FALL OF 1.7 PER CENT IN MAY AND AN INCREASE OF 3.2 PER CENT IN JUNE.

OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS, THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 1.6 PER CENT WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES DROPPED BY 2.0 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG FELL BY 0.2 PER CENT IN JULY, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 3.0 PER CENT AND 5.0 PER CENT IN MAY AND JUNE RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 26.2 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 1.9 PER CENT IN JULY COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 2.0 PER CENT AND 0.2 PER CENT IN MAY AND JUNE RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 35.6 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG DECREASED BY 5.4 PER CENT IN JULY, AFTER A DECLINE OF 5.6 PER CENT IN MAY AND AN INCREASE OF 5.2 PER CENT IN JUNE. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 14.1 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE MERCHANDISING TRADE NOT TOUCHING HONG KONG INCREASED BY 3.1 PER CENT IN JULY, AFTER DECREASES OF 21.7 PER CENT AND 0.8 PER CENT IN MAY AND JUNE RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 74.8 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBERS OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS AND LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 160 AND 35 RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THAT OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY TWO TO 209.

MONETARY STATISTICS - JULY 1989

(HK\$mn)

	Jul 1989	Earlier months (% change to July 1989)		
		Jun 1989	Apr 1989	Jul 1988
Money Supply				
M1 - HK\$	78,863	78,459 (0.5 %)	78,285 (0.7 %)	73,188 (7.8 %)
Foreign currency	9,027	9,365 (-3.6 %)	8,890 (1.5 %)	8,863 (1.9 %)
Total	87,890	87,823 (0.1 %)	87,175 (0.8 %)	82,051 (7.1 %)
M2 - HK\$	377,568	375,639 (0.5 %)	371,267 (1.7 %)	323,217 (16.8 %)
Foreign currency	527,836	516,186 (2.3 %)	519,146 (1.7 %)	418,010 (26.3 %)
Total	905,404	891,825 (1.5 %)	890,413 (1.7 %)	741,227 (22.1 %)
M3 - HK\$	412,111	411,364 (0.2 %)	408,119 (1.0 %)	356,457 (15.6 %)
Foreign currency	562,077	550,262 (2.1 %)	556,626 (1.0 %)	450,064 (24.9 %)
Total	974,187	961,626 (1.3 %)	964,745 (1.0 %)	806,521 (20.8 %)
Notes and coins in circulation	36,339	36,727 (-1.1 %)	35,300 (2.9 %)	30,977 (17.3 %)
of which held by public	31,552	31,721 (-0.5 %)	30,976 (1.9 %)	27,213 (15.9 %)
Total Deposits				
Total Demand deposits	56,339	56,102 (0.4 %)	56,199 (0.2 %)	54,838 (2.7 %)
Total Savings deposits	171,059	172,232 (-0.7 %)	162,000 (5.6 %)	168,740 (1.4 %)
Total Time deposits with banks	629,465	614,635 (2.4 %)	624,195 (0.8 %)	477,123 (31.9 %)
Total Time deposits with dtcs	66,752	67,744 (-1.5 %)	72,142 (-7.5 %)	63,402 (5.3 %)
HK\$ deposits	368,139	366,942 (0.3 %)	364,747 (0.9 %)	317,819 (15.8 %)
US\$ deposits	299,334	297,824 (0.5 %)	288,238 (3.8 %)	237,791 (25.9 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	256,142	245,946 (4.1 %)	261,551 (-2.1 %)	208,492 (22.9 %)
All deposits	923,614	910,713 (1.4 %)	914,535 (1.0 %)	764,102 (20.9 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	59,230	57,200 (3.5 %)	52,858 (12.1 %)	35,662 (66.1 %)
Total Loans and advances				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	65,568	65,687 (-0.2 %)	60,734 (8.0 %)	51,959 (26.2 %)
To finance merchandising trade	9,549	9,262 (3.1 %)	11,912 (-19.8 %)	5,464 (74.8 %)
not touching H.K.				
Other loans for use in H.K.	545,203	535,224 (1.9 %)	523,654 (4.1 %)	402,034 (35.6 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	371,971	393,037 (-5.4 %)	396,070 (-6.1 %)	325,953 (14.1 %)
Other loans where the place of	86,067	79,789 (7.9 %)	74,815 (15.0 %)	54,616 (57.6 %)
use is not known				
Loans in HK\$	493,069	485,485 (1.6 %)	474,346 (3.9 %)	356,373 (38.4 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	585,289	597,514 (-2.0 %)	592,839 (-1.3 %)	483,653 (21.0 %)
Total loans and advances	1,078,358	1,082,999 (-0.4 %)	1,067,184 (1.0 %)	840,026 (28.4 %)

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JUNE RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY RELEASED
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JUNE 1989, ESTIMATED AT \$7,957 MILLION, DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988 WHILST THEIR VOLUME DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS REFLECTS A SLACKENING IN LOCAL CONSUMER SPENDING AS WELL AS A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TOURISTS COMING TO HONG KONG IN JUNE. THE EVENTS IN CHINA IN EARLY JUNE COULD HAVE MUCH TO DO WITH THE LATTER FACTOR.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 9 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 20 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES DROPPED BY 18 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 22 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT FELL BY 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT DOWN BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DROPPED BY 28 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 30 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 7 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT FELL BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS WENT UP BY 9 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 37 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 28 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS SALES WENT UP BY 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

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HOWEVER, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DECREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 15 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1989, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR JUNE 1989 DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO DROPPED BY 4 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS WENT DOWN BY 5 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, CONSUMER DURABLES DECREASED BY 14 PER CENT WHILE CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS FELL BY 23 PER CENT.

SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SUPERMARKETS SALES ROSE BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

SALES OF "CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS" AND SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DROPPED BY 16 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR MAY 1989 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JUNE 1989.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN MAY AND JUNE 1989 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF JUNE 1989 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR MAY 1989 AND WITH THOSE FOR JUNE 1988, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JUNE 1989 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-565240)

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for June 1989 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$ 7,957million
 for May 1989 (Revised Figure) = HK\$ 8,871million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR MAY 1989 AND JUNE 1989

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	May 1989	June 1989	June 1989 compared with May 1989		June 1989 compared with June 1988		Jan.-Jun. 1989 compared with Jan.-Jun. 1988	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	158	142	-16	-10	-6	-4	14	10
	Volume	123	110	-13	-10	-12	-10	3	2
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	143	137	-6	-4	17	14	18	15
	Volume	113	107	-6	-6	2	2	3	3
Fuels	Value	117	111	-6	-5	10	9	6	7
	Volume	118	110	-8	-7	2	2	2	2
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	180	138	-42	-23	-19	-12	25	16
	Volume	127	98	-29	-23	-24	-20	7	5
Consumer durables	Value	149	128	-20	-14	-28	-18	8	5
	Volume	111	96	-15	-14	-28	-22	-2	-2
Other consumer goods	Value	173	157	-16	-9	-8	-5	14	9
	Volume	134	122	-12	-9	-12	-9	3	3
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
(see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	175	179	4	2	13	8	17	12
	Volume	137	139	2	1	-4	-3	1	1
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	290	245	-45	-16	-3	-1	80	37
	Volume	194	163	-31	-16	-12	-7	43	28
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	105	93	-13	-12	-36	-28	-14	-11
	Volume	86	76	-10	-12	-33	-30	-16	-15
Department stores	Value	191	168	-23	-12	-10	-6	24	13
	Volume	138	121	-16	-12	-18	-13	5	3

- NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :
- "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.
 - "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
 - "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
 - "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.
2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

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OPENING OF AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM
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TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT 160 ROAD JUNCTIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE BROUGHT UNDER THE CONTROL OF A NEW CENTRAL COMPUTER SYSTEM WITH THE OPENING OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL (HKATC) SYSTEM.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY), CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MISS MARIA TAM, SAID THE HKATC, ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED SYSTEMS IN THE WORLD, HAD THE CAPABILITY TO OPERATE TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS IN RESPONSE TO CHANGES IN TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND WOULD HELP RELIEVE CONGESTION ON THE ROAD AND CUT JOURNEY TIME OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PANG HAU-CHUNG, SAID AT THE CEREMONY THAT THE SYSTEM WAS CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING TRAFFIC AT MORE THAN 300 ROAD JUNCTIONS AND THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO CONNECT MOST OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON THE ISLAND TO THE SYSTEM IN PHASES.

MR PANG POINTED OUT THAT A SIMILAR SYSTEM IN KOWLOON, WHICH WAS INSTALLED 12 YEARS AGO, HAD PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING CONGESTION AND ACHIEVED ABOUT 30 PER CENT SAVINGS IN JOURNEY TIME.

THE \$65 MILLION HKATC PROJECT INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF A CENTRAL COMPUTER SYSTEM, TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS, VEHICLE DETECTORS AND A DEDICATED CABLE NETWORK.

THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE DIVIDED INTO EIGHT SEPARATE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS, EACH OF WHICH IS UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DEDICATED COMPUTER IN THE CONTROL CENTRE.

THE CO-ORDINATION OF THESE EIGHT SEPARATE COMPUTERS IS HANDLED BY TWO OTHER COMPUTERS WHICH ALSO PROVIDE THE OPERATOR WITH DIRECT CONTROL OF THE SIGNALS AS AND WHEN REQUIRED.

THE SYSTEM ALSO INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL CONTROL PACKAGE CALLED THE SPLIT CYCLE AND OFFSET OPTIMISATION TECHNIQUE (SCOOT) DEVELOPED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THIS PACKAGE ENABLES THE SYSTEM TO RESPOND TO INSTANT CHANGES IN THE PREVAILING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, WHICH ARE MONITORED THROUGH DETECTORS AT SELECTED ROAD INTERSECTIONS.

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APPROVAL TO CARRY OUT ELECTRICITY WORKS IN NT
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WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPROVED SCHEME OF ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO LINK THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WITH HONG KONG WILL SOON BE CARRIED OUT BY THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD (CLP).

THE ELECTRICITY NETWORKS (STATUTORY EASEMENTS) (APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE) (NO.2) ORDER 1989, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), WILL ENABLE CLP TO EXERCISE CERTAIN RIGHTS CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 4 AND 8 OF THE ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT WORKS RELATED TO THE APPROVED SCHEME.

"SUCH RIGHTS INCLUDE, MAINLY, THE RIGHT TO PLACE AND RETAIN ANY ELECTRIC LINE ABOVE OR BELOW GROUND ACROSS ANY LAND SITUATED ON THE ROUTE OF THE ELECTRICITY NETWORK IN THE APPROVED SCHEME AND THE RIGHT TO ENTER ON AND CROSS OVER ANY LAND IN ORDER TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE SITE OF ANY WORKS RELATING TO THE ELECTRICITY NETWORK," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE ELECTRICITY NETWORK COMPRISES APPROXIMATELY 20 KILOMETRES OF 400 KILOVOLT OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES MOUNTED OVER 56 PYLONS LINKING CLP'S SUB-STATION AT YUEN LONG (AU TAU) WITH LAI CHI KOK.

"CLP WILL START CONSTRUCTION WORK THIS MONTH. SUCH WORKS WILL AFFECT PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT LAND AND CLP WILL BE LIABLE STATUTORILY TO PAY COMPENSATION TO OWNERS WHOSE LAND IS AFFECTED," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID CLP WOULD REGISTER THE ORDER AGAINST ALL AFFECTED PRIVATE LOTS IN THE LAND OFFICE WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE GAZETTAL.

AT THE SAME TIME, CLP WOULD ALSO ADVERTISE ONCE IN EACH OF TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS THE REGISTRATION OF THE ORDER AND ITS EFFECTS IN TWO CHINESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS AND ONE ENGLISH NEWSPAPER.

"CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE ORDINANCE MAY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CLP AT ITS REGISTERED OFFICE NOT LATER THAN 12 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF REGISTRATION OF THE ORDER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IF THE PARTIES FAIL TO AGREE, CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL FOR FINAL DETERMINATION."

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AMENDED REGULATIONS ALLOW ADVERTISEMENTS DURING TV NEWS
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THE TWO TELEVISION STATIONS IN HONG KONG WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHOW ADVERTISEMENTS DURING THE NEWS WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE TELEVISION (ADVERTISING) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989 GAZETTED TODAY, THE PROHIBITION ON THE INSERTION OF ADVERTISING MATERIAL IN PROGRAMMES OF NEWS WILL BE LIFTED.

"THIS FOLLOWS A REVIEW BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRESENT PROHIBITIONS ON THE SPONSORSHIP OF NEWS PROGRAMMES AND THE INSERTION OF BREAKS FOR ADVERTISING DURING THE NEWS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (BA), THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL DECIDED THAT ADVERTISEMENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED DURING NEWS PROGRAMMES SUBJECT TO THE SAME REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AS ADVERTISING DURING OTHER PROGRAMMES, AND THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT SHOULD BE REVIEWED AFTER A YEAR.

"THE BA CONSIDERED THAT PERMITTING ADVERTISING BREAKS DURING THE NEWS WOULD GIVE THE LICENSEES THE FLEXIBILITY TO IMPROVE THE PRESENTATION OF THE NEWS AND WOULD REMOVE ANY DISCOURAGEMENT ON THE LICENSEES FROM BROADCASTING LONGER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE NEWS REPORTS.

"THE BA ALSO NOTED THAT ADVERTISEMENT BREAKS ARE ALREADY PERMITTED DURING CURRENT AFFAIRS AND OTHER NEWS-TYPE PROGRAMMES."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE REGULATIONS AS AMENDED, THE SPONSORSHIP OF NEWS PROGRAMMES WOULD STILL BE PROHIBITED.

"IT WAS FELT THAT THE PUBLIC'S PERCEPTION OF THE EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE NEWS MIGHT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY SPONSORSHIP," HE EXPLAINED.

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SEWERAGE MASTERPLAN STUDY FOR NORTH WEST KOWLOON
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANCY STUDY TO ASSESS THE EXTENT OF THE POLLUTION PROBLEM RESULTING FROM THE IMPROPER DISCHARGE OF DOMESTIC SEWAGE AND INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS INTO STORMWATER DRAINS AND WATER COURSES WITHIN THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON REGION.

THE STUDY WILL ALSO ASSESS THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING SEWERAGE SYSTEM AND WILL IDENTIFY ANY SHORTCOMINGS IN THE EXISTING SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE TO DEVELOP SCHEMES FOR REMEDIAL WORKS.

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THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT SEWAGE IS PROPERLY COLLECTED INTO THE FOUL SEWERAGE SYSTEM AND CONVEYED TO THE NEW FACILITIES BEING BUILT ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND AS PART OF THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWERAGE SCHEME.

IT WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT ALL SEWAGE GENERATED IN THE AREA IS DISPOSED OF IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE MANNER, THUS REDUCING THE CHRONIC POLLUTION OF AREAS OF WATER FRONTING THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON COASTAL REGION, INCLUDING THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

A PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NECESSARY ENGINEERING WORKS WILL BE PRODUCED AND WILL INCLUDE A PRIORITY SCHEME FOR BOTH SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM MEASURES TO REDUCE THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN STAGES.

EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO ACHIEVING EARLY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS.

AN AGREEMENT ON THE CONSULTANCY WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE EPD'S ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR PAUL HOLMES, AND MR P.N. PAUL, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF ACER CONSULTANTS (FAR EAST) LTD.

THE STUDY, COSTING \$14.6 MILLION, WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN 24 MONTHS.

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INCREASES IN MARINE DEPARTMENT FEES IN OCTOBER

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A VARIETY OF FEES CHARGED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL BE INCREASED DURING OCTOBER THIS YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

FOR SOME OF THESE FEES THERE WILL BE A SECOND PHASE INCREASE, TO TAKE EFFECT IN 12 MONTHS' TIME.

THE INCREASES ARE NECESSARY PRIMARILY TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN COSTS AND REVENUE GENERATED BY THESE SERVICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THEY ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE EFFECT OF INFLATION, WHICH HAS BEEN 28 PER CENT, DURING THE FOUR YEARS SINCE 1985 WHEN FEES WERE LAST REVISED," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IN MOST CASES, FEES ARE INCREASED BETWEEN 20 TO 40 PER CENT. WHERE THIS IS EXCEEDED, THE INCREASES ARE GENERALLY SMALL IN ABSOLUTE TERMS.

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THE FEE INCREASES TO COME INTO EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1 WILL INCLUDE:

(I) PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA (PCWA) FEES

PCWA'S ARE WATERFRONT AREAS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE HANDLING OF CARGO FROM BARGES, LIGHTERS AND RIVER TRADE VESSELS CONTROLLED AND OPERATED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE LAND OCCUPIED BY PCWA'S IS CURRENTLY VALUED AS OPEN STORAGE SPACE. THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE CONSIDERS THAT IT SHOULD BE VALUED ON THE BASIS THAT IT IS LEASED UNDER SHORT-TERM TENANCY WITH SEA ACCESS AND MARINE RIGHTS FOR THE WORKING AND STORAGE OF CARGOES.

"PUBLIC CARGO WORKING IS A COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY AND THE VALUATION OF THE LAND WHICH IT OCCUPIES MUST REFLECT THIS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DAILY WORKING FEE OF A LORRY MAKING THREE TRIPS A DAY TO A PCWA WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$30 TO \$39 WHEN THE REVISION COMES INTO FORCE IN OCTOBER. FOR A BARGE OF 1,000 TONS, THE DAILY BERTHING FEE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$75 TO \$100 PER DAY.

(II) LOCAL CRAFT LICENCE FEES

VESSEL LICENCE FEES WILL INCREASE BY 40 PER CENT. VARIOUS RELATED FEES WILL INCREASE BY BETWEEN 20 PER CENT TO 150 PER CENT. HOWEVER, THE FIGURES ARE SMALL IN ABSOLUTE TERMS. PLEASURE VESSELS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE INCREASES.

FOR EXAMPLE, A SPECIAL ANCHORAGE PERMIT FOR A VESSEL FOR THE FIRST 10,000 PICULS CARRYING CAPACITY WILL INCREASE FROM \$100 TO \$200, AND FROM \$10 TO \$20 FOR EVERY 1,000 PICULS THEREAFTER.

A PORT CLEARANCE PERMIT WILL INCREASE FROM \$20 TO \$50.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INCREASES WOULD NOT ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE OPERATING COSTS OF THE VESSELS CONCERNED, WHICH ARE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY THOSE VESSELS NOT LICENSED IN HONG KONG, BUT USING PORT FACILITIES HERE.

(III) SURVEY FEES FOR SHIPS AND LOCAL CRAFT AND EXAMINATION FEES FOR SEAFARERS AND LOCAL CREWS.

THESE WILL BE INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT.

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IN A RELATED MOVE, PORT AND LIGHT DUES, PAYABLE BY VESSELS, EXCEPT FISHING VESSELS, ENTERING HONG KONG WILL BE INCREASED BY 40 TO 50 PER CENT. BOTH CHARGES ARE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF TONNAGE, AND THEY WORK OUT TO BE 11 CENTS PER NET REGISTERED TON FOR OCEAN-GOING VESSELS AND FIVE CENTS EACH FOR RIVER TRADE VESSELS.

PASSENGER EMBARKATION FEES FOR CHINA AND MACAU-BOUND PASSENGERS PAYABLE BY OWNERS OF FERRY VESSELS IN RESPECT OF PASSENGERS EMBARKING AT ANY CHINA OR MACAU FERRY TERMINAL WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$15 TO \$17.

THE FEE INCREASES SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE NEW VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEM (VTS) WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 16, WHEN THE VTS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IS EXPECTED TO BECOME FULLY OPERATIONAL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE INCREASES WERE AIMED AT RECOVERING THE COST OF THE SYSTEM.

THE VTS WILL ASSIST IN IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF NAVIGATION OF ALL VESSELS USING HONG KONG WATERS AND IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF UTILISATION OF THOSE WATERS.

FULL DETAILS OF ALL THE NEW FEES AND CHARGES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE HAS CONSULTED VARIOUS TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER OPERATORS AND USERS OF THE PORT IN FORMULATING THESE PROPOSED INCREASES.

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REVISED FEES FOR COUNTRY PARK PERMITS

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THE FEES FOR CERTAIN PERMITS FOR ACTIVITIES INSIDE A COUNTRY PARK OR SPECIAL AREA HAVE BEEN REVISED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS IS THE FIRST REVISION OF THE EXISTING LEVELS OF PERMIT FEES SINCE THEIR INTRODUCTION IN 1977. THESE FEES WERE PRESCRIBED IN THE SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTRY PARKS AND SPECIAL AREAS REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE.

THE SCHEDULE OF REVISED FEES, CONTAINED IN THE COUNTRY PARKS AND SPECIAL AREAS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989, WAS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL LAST WEEK.

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THE REVISED FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	OLD FEES -----	REVISED FEES -----
1. PERMIT TO SELL OR LET ON HIRE ANY COMMODITY OR ARTICLE	\$100 FOR EACH MONTH OR PART THEREOF	\$420 FOR EACH MONTH OR PART THEREOF
2. PERMIT TO DISPLAY ANY SIGN, NOTICE, POSTER, BANNER OR ADVERTISEMENT	FREE	\$100 FOR EACH MONTH OR PART THEREOF
3. PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT OR ERECT ANY BUILDING, HUT OR SHELTER OR EXCAVATE ANY CAVE	FREE	\$100 FOR EACH BUILDING, HUT, SHELTER OR CAVE
4. PERMIT TO HOLD ANY PUBLIC MEETING OR SPORTING COMPETITION, MAKE ANY PUBLIC SPEECH OR ADDRESS ANY PUBLIC MEETING	FREE	\$200 FOR EACH EVENT
5. PERMIT TO HOLD ANY EVENT ORGANISED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING FUNDS, WHETHER FOR CHARITY OR OTHERWISE	\$20 FOR EACH EVENT	\$200 FOR EACH EVENT
6. PERMIT TO CARRY ON ANY ACTIVITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF, OR INCIDENTAL TO, ANY BUSINESS	\$100 FOR EACH MONTH OR PART THEREOF	\$100 PER DAY

GIVING DETAILS OF THE REVISION, THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR FRANK LAU, SAID THE REVISION WAS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF FULL COST RECOVERY, AND THE FEES WERE SET TO RECOVER THE FULL COST OF ISSUING A PERMIT.

HE SAID THE INCREASE IN FEES WAS JUSTIFIABLE BECAUSE OF RISING COSTS, MAINLY IN STAFF TIME, SINCE THE FEES WERE FIRST SET IN 1977.

THERE WERE, HOWEVER, SEVERAL EXEMPTIONS FROM COLLECTION OF A FEE.

"FEES FOR PARKING A VEHICLE IN A DESIGNATED CARPARK IN A COUNTRY PARK, PREVIOUSLY FIXED AT THE RANGE OF BETWEEN \$2 TO \$20, WERE WAIVED," MR LAU SAID.

"THIS IS BECAUSE THE ONLY CARPARK, AT PAK TAM CHUNG IN SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK, IS REMOTE WITH A VARIABLE DEMAND AND LOW REVENUE POTENTIAL, AND FEES FOR CAR PARKING ARE ADMINISTRATIVELY DIFFICULT TO COLLECT.

"IT IS OUR CONSIDERED VIEW THAT FUTURE CARPARKS IN COUNTRY PARKS WOULD HAVE A SIMILAR PROBLEM AND NO FEE IS THEREFORE PROPOSED.

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"SIMILARLY, THE PERMITS TO CAMP OR TO ERECT A TENT OR TEMPORARY SHELTER AT A DESIGNATED CAMPING SITE WILL BE ISSUED FREE OF CHARGE AS CAMP SITES ARE REMOTE AND DIFFICULT TO MONITOR."

PERMITS RELATING TO THE TRADITIONAL RIGHTS OF VILLAGERS REMAIN FREE. THEY INCLUDE THE PERMIT TO BRING CATTLE, DOGS, CATS OR POULTRY INTO A COUNTRY PARK OR SPECIAL AREA; THE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A GRAVE, AND THE PERMIT TO DEPOSIT ANY URN IN THE COUNTRY PARK AREAS.

"IN ADDITION, PERMITS TO COLLECT PLANTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WILL CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED WITHOUT A FEE," MR LAU SAID.

THE FEE REVISION HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, HE ADDED.

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DISCO NIGHT TO CLOSE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME
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A BUFFET AND DISCO NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 3) TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ABOUT 100 VOLUNTEERS OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WHO HELPED ORGANISE MORE THAN 120 ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

SEVENTEEN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS WILL BE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

AMONG THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ARTHUR YUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 3) IN THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

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NEW PEAK TRAMWAY SAFETY REGULATIONS
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A NEW SET OF REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF THE MODERNISED PEAK TRAMWAY.

THE PEAK TRAMWAY (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1989 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), COME INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

THEY REPLACE THE PEAK TRAMWAY RULES, WHICH WERE MADE IN 1927, TO COPE WITH THE NEW TECHNOLOGY USED IN THE MODERNISED TRAMWAY.

UNDER THE REGULATIONS, THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS THAT THE PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY HAS TO OBSERVE INCLUDE:

- * ANNUAL EXAMINATION AND TESTING OF THE TRAMWAY BY A QUALIFIED SURVEYOR;
- * ENSURING THAT NO TRAMCAR CARRIES MORE THAN 120 PASSENGERS;
- * NOT OPERATING THE TRAMWAY WHEN PASSENGER SAFETY IS ENDANGERED;
- * PROVIDING ADEQUATE RESCUE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENTS;
- * REPLACING DEFECTIVE HAULING ROPES;
- * MAINTAINING SAFETY OF THE TRAMWAY GENERALLY AND FOR PERSONS USING OR BEING IN THE VICINITY OF THE TRAMWAY; AND
- * PROVIDING FIRST AID EQUIPMENTS AND REPORTING OCCURRENCES TO THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO SET OUT THE QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF THE SURVEYOR, ENGINEERING SUPERINTENDENT, DUTY TECHNICIAN AND TRAMCAR OPERATORS EMPLOYED BY THE COMPANY.

PENALTIES FOR CONTRAVENING THE REGULATIONS ARE ALSO STIPULATED.

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NEW ACCESSES FOR TAI PO NEW TOWN SITES
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE NEW ACCESSES TO THE HOSPITAL AND SCHOOL SITES IN TAI PO AREA 9.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 850 METRES OF LOCAL ROADS TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS AND AMENITY AREAS.

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A FOOTBRIDGE, A SUBWAY AND A PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR THE EXISTING ACCESS THAT HAS TO BE CLOSED. DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, TEMPORARY ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED.

NO RESUMPTION OF LAND IS INVOLVED.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AND AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE OCTOBER 31 THIS YEAR.

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FORMATION, ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS FOR FANLING
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ANOTHER PROJECT AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT MAINLY COVERS SITE FORMATION, ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN THE FANLING SOUTH - STAGE IV AREA.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INVOLVE THE FORMATION OF LAND IN FANLING SOUTH AREAS 40, 48C, 49A, 49B AND 50; THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 250-METRE SECTION OF A LOCAL ROAD L100 AND ABOUT 700 METRES OF INTERNAL ROADS.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROADWORKS, FOOTPATHS, ROADSIDE AMENITIES, STREET FURNITURE, A RETAINING WALL, THE NECESSARY STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE NETWORKS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AREAS.

THE WORKS ALSO INCLUDE IMPROVEMENT TO THE EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES AT THE JUNCTION OF ROADS D6 AND L100.

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WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CONSULTANTS FOR THE PROJECT, MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LTD, AT WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 29.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KOWLOON TONG TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN KOWLOON TONG, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED AT FLAT B2, 12TH FLOOR, 9 EASTBOURNE ROAD AND THE ROOF OVER THE FLAT.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON JULY 27 LAST YEAR REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THESE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORK AT THE JUNCTION OF PO ON ROAD AND TONKIN STREET, THE LEFT TURN FROM TONKIN STREET SOUTHBOUND ONTO PO ON ROAD EASTBOUND, AND THE RIGHT TURN FROM TONKIN STREET NORTHBOUND ONTO PO ON ROAD EASTBOUND, WILL CONTINUE TO BE BANNED, UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER.

DURING THIS PERIOD, MOTORISTS ON TONKIN STREET HEADING FOR PO ON ROAD EASTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA TONKIN STREET, SHUN NING ROAD, WING LUNG STREET AND PO ON ROAD.

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