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GOVERNOR PRESENTS INSIGNIA TO 81
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INSIGNIA FOR 81 PEOPLE WERE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AT A CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

SEVENTY-SIX RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, WHILE FIVE WERE AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF INSIGNIA RECIPIENTS:

C.B. (MIL.)

MAJOR-GENERAL THE HON THOMAS ANTHONY BOAM CBE

O.B.E.

THE HON JOHN WALTER CHAMBERS JP

MR VINCENT CHOU WEN-HSIEN JP

MR NOEL MARTIN GLEESON JP

MR JOHN TREVOR THORPE JP

MISS ELEANOR BEI-LEE WONG JP

O.B.E. (HON.)

MR GEORGE TSENG-YONG CHU

MR CONAL FRANCIS MARY O'KELLY JP

I.S.O.

MR LI TIN-MING

MR FRANK DEREK ROOME JP

M.B.E.

MR CHAN KWOK-CHUEN

MR JAMES CH' IEN MING-NIEN

MR JAMES HERBERT EVANS

/MR KWONG

MR KWONG HOI-LAM
MR DAVID LEE SHU-TAI
DR MOK WAH-CHAAN

M.B.E. (MIL.)

CAPTAIN PETER CHUNG TUNG-SHING
MAJOR LAU PO-CHI ED

QUEEN'S GALLANTRY MEDAL

MR MARTIN JOHN LOVATT

B.E.M.

MR CHAN KIM-HUNG
MR CHEUNG KAI-KWONG
MR CHU PING-KIM
MR FONG CHING-CHUNG
MR KWAN MAN-HUNG
MRS LEUNG LO LAI-HING
MRS LEUNG YEUNG KIT-KUEN
MR SO WAH-KIU
MR SUN TAI
MRS TAM CHU SOK-YING
MR TO TAM-WING
MR TSANG KWONG-LEUNG
MR YU KWOK-HUNG

B.E.M. (MIL.)

SERGEANT LEUNG CHUNG-YUEN

I.S.M.

MR CHEUNG TAT

MR LAU SANG

MR LEUNG WING

MRS TSOI HO LAI-HING

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

MR NG KWAN-WAI

MR FU SIU-WING

MR LI HOI-CHIN

O.P.M.

MR MALCOLM GEORGE FARNHAM CPM

MR RICHARD COURTNEY SMALLSHAW CPM

C.P.M.

ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE

MR TSANG YAM-PUI

MR BRUCE FERGUSON

MR DAVID MARTIN HODSON

MR ANTHONY JOHN FERRIGE

MR DEREK CLIVE BUTLER

MR RICHARD GRAHAM BELL

MR DUNN NAI-BUN

MR ALEXANDER CHALMERS

MR LUNG KIN-KEI

MR CHANG SOU-TIEN

MR MAN WAI-YU

MR LEE MAN-TONG

MR LEE HING-MAN

MR KWOK KAM-PUI

FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MR JOHN FREDERICK GODDEN

MR CHAN HOI

MR TSANG KWONG-YU

MR CHAN CHEUNG-KIT

MR CHAN SHU-FAI

BADGE OF HONOUR

MR CHAN CHOW-FAN

MR CHAN KING-HUNG

MR CHEUNG KAM-HUNG

DR CHEUNG SAU-CHING

MR CHUNG YEE-ON

MR KWOK HON-MING

MR KWONG KWOK-KAM

MR LEUNG ON-FOOK

MR LUI CHI-KWAI

MR SHUM CHI-KIN

MR TANG TUNG-KWONG

MR WONG LUEN-KIN

MR YAU YUK-TAK

MR YIM TEK-SHING

MADAM LOLA YOUNG

GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT BUTT YIU-MING AE

FLIGHT SERGEANT CHOI CHIU-MING AE

MR CHAN WAI-KWAI

MR YU CHAU-PIU

MR CHENG CHI-MING

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LINK SYSTEM WORKS WELL
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS NOT COME UNDER ANY PRESSURE TO STRENGTHEN ITS CURRENCY AND THE LINK WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR IS WORKING WELL, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

WHILE ADMITTING THAT THE HONG KONG DOLLAR HAD BEEN TRADING VERY NEAR THE LINK RATE FOR SOME TIME AND OCCASSIONALLY CAME UNDER PRESSURE, MR JACOBS STRESSED IT WAS NOT SEVERE AND THE LINK WAS WORKING.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS AT A PRESS BRIEFING ON TRADE MATTERS, MR JACOBS REITERATED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON WHY THE LINK SHOULD NOT REMAIN UNTIL 1997 OR INDEED BEYOND AS HONG KONG WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN MONETARY AFFAIRS UNDER THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

+IT'S PERFECTLY NATURAL FOR THE DOMESTIC CURRENCY OF LITTLE HONG KONG TO BE LINKED TO ANOTHER MAJOR TRADING CURRENCY,+ HE ADDED.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID THEY HAD A +VERY USEFUL AND FRIENDLY EXCHANGE+ WITH THE U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, MR MALCOLM BALDRIGE, IN THE MORNING.

HE ADDED THAT THE MEETING HAD COVERED A HOST OF SUBJECTS IN RELATION TO TRADE AND THE U.S. VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN TRADE GENERALLY, AS WELL AS ITS CONCERN ABOUT SOME MARKETS NOT BEING OPEN AND FAIR.

HE SAID SECRETARY BALDRIGE HAD STRESSED FAIR TRADE AND ASKED WHETHER HONG KONG SHOULD DO MORE TO PERSUADE ITS NEIGHBOURS TO OPEN UP THEIR MARKETS.

+I THINK THE BEST WAY FORWARD IS TO KEEP TALKING TO PEOPLE, KEEPING URGING THE CASE OF OPEN, FREE AND FAIR TRADE. I THINK THE MESSAGE IS GRADUALLY GETTING THROUGH,+ MR JACOBS SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE FORMER SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR ERIC HO, HAD COMPLETED A ROUND OF VISITS, INCLUDING KOREA AND JAPAN, ARGUING THE CAUSE OF FREE, OPEN AND FAIR TRADE.

ASKED WHAT HONG KONG COULD DO EVEN AMERICANS COULD NOT PERSUADE JAPAN TO OPEN UP, MR JACOBS SAID:

+I THINK PERSUASION, CONSTANT DIRECT CONTACT, CONSTANT REFERENCE TO HOW WE HAVE PERHAPS BENEFITTED BY BEING SUCH AN OPEN ECONOMY, WE ARE A MARVELLOUS EXAMPLE OF HOW AN OPEN ECONOMY REALLY WORKS TO THE BENEFIT OF EVERYONE.+

ON WHETHER HONG KONG AGREES WITH THE U.S. DEFINITION OF FAIR TRADE, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID:

/+I THINK

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+I THINK IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT WE SHARE THE BASIC THRUST OF U.S. ADMINISTRATION POLICY, THAT IS TO SAY, OPEN MARKETS, TO REINFORCE THE GATT, TRY AND MAKE IT WORK BETTER, MAKE THE NEW ROUND WORK, WHICH MEANS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WHERE THE RULES AREN'T WORKING VERY WELL, IMPROVE THEM.

+THOSE ARE THE THINGS WE COULD ENTIRELY GO ALONG WITH,+ HE ADDED.

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'USEFUL AND FRIENDLY' EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, DESCRIBED TALKS EARLIER TODAY (MONDAY) BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND THE VISITING U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, MR MALCOLM BALDRIGE, AS +A VERY USEFUL AND FRIENDLY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS+.

THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 9.30 AM, AND LASTED ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF AN HOUR. IN ADDITION TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, BOTH THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, AND THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR JOSEPH YAM, WERE PRESENT AT THE TALKS.

+IN ADDITION TO A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG, A MAJOR THEME WAS OF COURSE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL TRADE,+ MR JACOBS COMMENTED.

+WE DISCUSSED TRADE AND TEXTILE LEGISLATION PENDING IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, AND EXPRESSED HONG KONG'S APPRECIATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO RESIST PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES.

+CLEARLY BOTH HONG KONG AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO OPEN MARKETS AND STRENGTHEN THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM, AND THERE ARE NO MAJOR BILATERAL ISSUES BETWEEN US, HENCE THE GOOD ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS.+

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ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OF CHILDREN UNDER 14 FROM CHINA
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION OF CHANGING ITS POLICY CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA AND IT WILL REPATRIATE ALL WHO MANAGED TO EVADE THE SECURITY CONTROLS AT THE BORDER AREAS.

THIS REITERATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY WAS SPELT OUT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER.

+ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE SENT BACK, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE CHILDREN OR ADULTS,+ MR CARTER SAID. +THOSE WHO WISH TO SETTLE IN HONG KONG SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE LEGAL CHANNELS AVAILABLE.+

UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, SOME 27 000 PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER HONG KONG UNDER THE ONE-WAY PERMIT SCHEME FOR SETTLEMENT EACH YEAR. IN ADDITION, RESIDENTS OF CHINA CAN VISIT HONG KONG FOR SHORT PERIODS PROVIDED THEY HAVE BEEN ISSUED WITH TWO-WAY EXIT-PERMITS. THEY HAVE TO LEAVE WHEN THE PERIOD OF STAY IS UP.

REFERRING TO THE CONTINUING PHENOMENON OF CHILDREN BEING SMUGGLED INTO HONG KONG, MR CARTER SAID THAT THE AUTHORITIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER HAD WORKED HARD TO ENSURE THAT THIS SMUGGLING WAS BROUGHT TO AN END.

ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN WHO MANAGED TO EVADE ARREST AT THE BORDER WOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAY, MR CARTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY HAD ALWAYS BEEN TO REPATRIATE THEM, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE CASES WHERE STAY WAS ALLOWED FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS. FOR EXAMPLE IN SOME CASES WHERE THE CHILD WAS UNDER 14 AND WHERE BOTH PARENTS WERE IN HONG KONG, THE CHILD HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO STAY.

+BUT,+ MR CARTER STRESSED, +WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE STAGE WHEN THE HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS FOR ALLOWING A FEW ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO STAY ARE BEING EXPLOITED BY CRIMINALS FOR ILLICIT MONETARY GAIN, PLACING THE LIVES OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN JEOPARDY IN SO DOING.

+THE HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS ON WHICH A FEW HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO STAY HAVE TO BE TIGHTENED. IN PRINCIPLE, ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, REGARDLESS OF AGE, WILL BE REPATRIATED. THOSE WHO ATTEMPT TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN SMUGGLED IN WILL BE PUTTING THEIR CHILDREN'S LIVES AT RISK TO NO PURPOSE.

+HOWEVER, THOSE PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN UNDER 14 HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED ILLEGALLY BUT WHO HAVE NOT REPORTED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SHOULD TAKE THEIR CHILDREN TO THE INVESTIGATION DIVISION OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, SIXTH FLOOR, GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

/+SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

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+SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN AGREED WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FOR THE ISSUE OF ONE-WAY PERMITS TO SUCH CHILDREN PRESENTING THEMSELVES FOR REGISTRATION DURING THIS PERIOD, WHOSE PARENTS ARE IN HONG KONG.

+THIS WILL REQUIRE PARENTS TAKING THEIR CHILDREN TO SHENZHEN TO COLLECT THE PERMITS ON A DAY TO BE DETERMINED, AND RETURNING THE SAME DAY TO HONG KONG. PARENTS WILL BE ADVISED LATER INDIVIDUALLY OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.

+ALL CHILDREN SHOWING UP AFTER APRIL 28 WILL BE REPATRIATED AS A MATTER OF POLICY,+ MR CARTER SAID.

ON THE REPATRIATION OF CHILDREN, HE SAID ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO ENABLE PARENTS OR CLOSE RELATIVES TO ESCORT THE CHILDREN BACK TO CHINA IF THEY WISH TO DO SO. THE PARENTS AND RELATIVES WILL OF COURSE BE ABLE TO RETURN TO HONG KONG AT ANY TIME.

ON CHILDREN LEFT IN CHINA BY PARENTS WHO ARE ALREADY IN HONG KONG, MR CARTER SAID THAT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES WILL BE ISSUING ONE-WAY PERMITS TO THEM IN DUE COURSE.

+IT IS ALSO OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES WILL BE TAKING STEPS IN THE ISSUE OF ONE-WAY PERMITS TO PREVENT FAMILIES BEING SPLIT IN FUTURE,+ MR CARTER ADDED.

IN CONCLUDING, MR CARTER URGED PARENTS WHO HAVE LEFT BEHIND CHILDREN IN CHINA TO APPLY FOR THESE CHILDREN TO COME TO HONG KONG THROUGH THE LEGAL CHANNEL, THE ONE-WAY PERMIT SYSTEM. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN 1986 SOME 8 200 CHILDREN HAVE JOINED THEIR PARENTS USING THIS SYSTEM.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH RELEASED
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EXTERNAL TRADE SHOWED VERY RAPID GROWTH IN MARCH 1987. COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY, THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES OF ALL THE TRADE AGGREGATES IN VALUE TERMS ACCELERATED.

ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN MARCH 1987, AT \$144 483 MILLION, INCREASED BY 41.0 PER CENT OR \$4 214 MILLION OVER MARCH 1986, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 61.8 PER CENT OR \$5 298 MILLION TO \$13 864 MILLION.

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TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, AT \$28 347 MILLION, WAS 50.5 PER CENT OR \$9 512 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1986. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 54.6 PER CENT OR \$10 848 MILLION OVER MARCH 1986 TO \$30 731 MILLION.

AS THE GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WAS FASTER THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP (THAT IS, THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS) IN MARCH 1987 WIDENED TO 7.8 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH A GAP OF 5.3 PER CENT IN MARCH 1986.

IN ABSOLUTE VALUE TERMS, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT RECORDED IN MARCH 1987, AT \$2 384 MILLION, WAS MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT RECORDED IN MARCH 1986.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 WAS \$75 012 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$38 528 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$36 484 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$21 861 MILLION OR 41.1 PER CENT, THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$9 382 MILLION OR 32.2 PER CENT, AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS BY \$12 479 MILLION OR 52.0 PER CENT. OVER THIS PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$22 694 MILLION OR 40.8 PER CENT, TO \$78 366 MILLION.

A CUMULATIVE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$3 354 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.3 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987. THIS COMPARES WITH A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$2 521 MILLION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986, WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT TO 4.5 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THAT QUARTER.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE GROWTH MOMENTUM OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE LATTER PART OF 1986 HAD CONTINUED INTO THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, REFLECTING STRONG DEMAND FOR HONG KONG PRODUCTS IN OVERSEAS MARKETS AND THE STIMULATING EFFECT OF THE DEPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR, IN LINE WITH THAT OF THE U.S. DOLLAR, AGAINST MOST OTHER MAJOR CURRENCIES DURING THE COURSE OF 1986 AND THE EARLY MONTHS OF 1987.

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THE VERY RAPID GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FLOURISHING ENTREPOT TRADE WITH CHINA, WHICH FEATURED PROMINENTLY BOTH AS A SOURCE AND AS A MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT, GIVEN THE STRONG GROWTH IN IMPORTS, THE GROWTH MOMENTUM OF EXPORTS WAS LIKELY TO BE SUSTAINED IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1987:

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS:	\$14 483 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS :	\$13 864 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS :	\$28 347 MILLION	
	IMPORTS :	\$30 731 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE :	\$2 384 MILLION	(IN DEFICIT)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	JAN 87 TO	JAN 86 TO	INCREASE	
	MAR 87	MAR 86	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	38 528	29 146	9 382	32.2
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(51.4%)	(54.8%)		
RE-EXPORTS	36 484	24 005	12 479	52.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	75 012	53 151	21 861	41.1
IMPORTS	78 366	55 672	22 694	40.8
TRADE BALANCE	-3 354	-2 521	-833	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	MARCH	MARCH	INCREASE	
	1987	1986	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	14 483	10 269	4 214	41.0
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(51.1%)	(54.5%)		

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RE-EXPORTS	13 864	8 566	5 298	61.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	28 347	18 835	9 512	50.5
IMPORTS	30 731	19 883	10 848	54.6
TRADE BALANCE	-2 384	-1 048	-1 336	

LAST MONTH	MARCH	FEBRUARY	INCREASE	
	1987	1987	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	14 483 (51.1%)	9 992 (48.5%)	4 491	44.9
RE-EXPORTS	13 864	10 616	3 248	30.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	28 347	20 608	7 739	37.6
IMPORTS	30 731	24 118	6 613	27.4
TRADE BALANCE	-2 384	-3 510	1 126	

LAST 12 MONTHS	APR 86 TO	APR 85 TO	INCREASE	
	MAR 87	MAR 86	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	163 365	130 052	33 313	25.6
RE-EXPORTS	135 026	103 802	31 224	30.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	298 391	233 854	64 537	27.6
IMPORTS	298 648	233 092	65 556	28.1
TRADE BALANCE	-257	762	-1 019	

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MARCH 1987
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MARCH 1987.

THE NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR MARCH 1987 WERE 106.9 AND 107.0 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 4.4 PER CENT AND 4.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER MARCH 1986.

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE NEW CPI(A) AND AVERAGE NEW CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 1987 WERE 104.7 AND 105.1 RESPECTIVELY.

THE 1979/80-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR MARCH 1987 WERE 169.8 AND 171.1 RESPECTIVELY. COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987, CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT. THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 1987, AT 166.0 AND 167.5 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 3.2 PER CENT AND 3.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 1986.

PRICE MOVEMENTS DESCRIBED BELOW ARE BASED ON THE NEW CPI SERIES.

DURING THE 3-MONTH PERIOD ENDED MARCH 1987, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.3 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING MARCH, TAXI FARES, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND CIGARETTES AND CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES INCREASED. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY AND FRESH FRUIT DECREASED.

THE NEW CPI(A) AND THE NEW CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE NEW CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2 000 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6 500 AND \$9 999 A MONTH.

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CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR MARCH 1987 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987 AND MARCH 1986, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	NEW CPI(A)			NEW CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR MAR. 87	% CHANGE OVER FEB. 87	% CHANGE OVER MAR. 86	INDEX FOR MAR. 87	% CHANGE OVER FEB. 87	% CHANGE OVER MAR. 86
FOODSTUFFS	103.4	+0.1	+2.7	104.0	-0.0*	+3.0
HOUSING	108.6	+0.0*	+5.0	106.6	+0.0*	+3.5
FUEL AND LIGHT	91.8	+0.8	-7.3	92.4	+0.9	-6.8
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	116.0	+4.4	+9.8	115.9	+4.4	+9.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	107.7	+0.1	+4.7	108.2	+0.2	+4.9
DURABLE GOODS	108.9	+0.4	+6.3	108.2	+0.5	+6.0
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	112.5	+0.5	+9.5	112.1	+0.7	+8.6
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	113.2	+0.7	+8.6	111.8	+0.9	+7.5
SERVICES	114.5	+0.1	+5.8	113.7	+0.2	+5.4
ALL ITEMS	106.9	+0.3	+4.4	107.0	+0.3	+4.2

* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1987, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 0.1 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND DECREASED MARGINALLY IN NEW CPI(B). THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES INCREASED WHILE THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY AND FRESH FRUIT DECREASED. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

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THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.9 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF THE UPWARD FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR TOWNGAS.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INCREASED BY 4.4 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF CIGARETTES.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.7 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF TOILET REQUISITES, COSMETICS, JEWELLERY, TOYS AND HOBBIES.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.9 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER TAXI AND SCHOOL BUS FARES AS WELL AS HIGHER DRIVING AND VEHICLE LICENCE FEES.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.)

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR MARCH 1987, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDELL STREET, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 109.8 IN MARCH 1987, UP BY 0.8 PER CENT OVER FEBRUARY 1987 AND BY 5.7 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1986. THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$10 000-24 999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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AVIATION EXPERTS MEETING IN PEKING
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AN EXPERT MEETING ON THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF CIVIL AVIATION WILL BE HELD BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND THE BRITISH SIDES ON APRIL 28 TO 29 IN PEKING.

THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE LED BY MR F. BURROWS WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY OTHER EXPERTS FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

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NEW SERVICES AVAILABLE ON OVERSEAS STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS
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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY INTRODUCED AN ENQUIRY/ADVICE SERVICE ON OVERSEAS PRODUCT STANDARDS, TESTING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO ASSIST LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS TO COMPLY WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS IN OVERSEAS MARKETS.

+THE NEW SERVICE AIMS TO PROVIDE GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE TECHNICAL CONTENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, OFFER SUGGESTIONS ON WAYS TO BETTER ENABLE A PRODUCT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+IN ADDITION, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON OVERSEAS PRODUCT STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS AND KEEPS CERTAIN STANDARDS REGULATIONS OF SOME OVERSEAS COUNTRIES FOR MANUFACTURERS' AND EXPORTERS' REFERENCE,+ HE ADDED.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE CORRESPONDENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR STANDARDISATION FOR HONG KONG HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE HONG KONG STANDARDS AND TESTING CENTRE LIMITED TO THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AS FROM APRIL 1, 1987.

+AS A RESULT OF THE TRANSFER, THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW TAKEN OVER FROM THE CENTRE ITS COLLECTION OF ABOUT 76 000 VOLUMES OF INTERNATIONAL AND OVERSEAS NATIONAL STANDARDS.

+THESE STANDARDS, TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN REGULATIONS AND FACT SHEETS CONCERNING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF SOME OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS, ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC'S REFERENCE AT THE PRODUCT STANDARDS BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH WHICH SPECIFIC STANDARDS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE STANDARDS ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED.+

INTERESTED PARTIES WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE ENQUIRY/ADVICE SERVICE, OR TO READ OR PURCHASE THE INTERNATIONAL AND OVERSEAS NATIONAL STANDARDS, ARE WELCOME TO CALL AT THE DEPARTMENT'S PRODUCT STANDARDS BRANCH (ROOM 1439, OCEAN CENTRE, 14/F, TSIM SHA TSUI) OR CONTACT MR TSANG PING-SUM (TEL. NO. 3-7222583) OR MRS BETTY LAM (TEL. NO. 3-7222449).

FULL DETAILS OF THE SERVICES ARE SET OUT IN HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS CIRCULARS NO. 5/87 AND NO. 6/87 ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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KWUN TONG FERRY SERVICE TO BE WITHDRAWN
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THE PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN CENTRAL AND KWUN TONG OPERATED BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY (HYF) WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM MONDAY (MAY 4), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

HE SAID THAT FROM THE SAME DAY EXTRA CROSS-HARBOUR BUSES WILL BE PUT INTO SERVICE, AND MTR FREQUENCIES BETWEEN THE TWO POINTS WILL BE INCREASED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FERRY SERVICE WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ENDORSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUOUS DECLINE IN PATRONAGE AND THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF OTHER CROSS-HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING THE MTR AND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL BUSES.

THE FERRY SERVICE HAS BEEN OPERATING ONLY DURING THE MORNING AND EVENING PEAK HOURS FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND DURING THE MORNING PEAK HOURS ON SATURDAYS.

THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SERVICE IS PART OF THE RATIONALISATION OF THE CROSS-HARBOUR FERRY SERVICES OF THE HYF, AIMED AT BRINGING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMPANY'S SERVICES ESPECIALLY TO OUTLYING DISTRICT ROUTES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS BEEN CONSULTED ON THE CANCELLATION OF THE FERRY ROUTE AND ON THE COMPENSATORY TRANSPORT SERVICES.

HE SAID KMB AND CMB HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE PASSENGER DEMAND IN KWUN TONG AND CENTRAL AND TO DEPLOY ADDITIONAL BUSES ON THE EXISTING CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 101 FROM KWUN TONG TO KENNEDY TOWN IF NECESSARY.

HE EMPHASISED THAT FROM THE SAME DAY, MTR SERVICES WILL OPERATE AT A TWO-MINUTE FREQUENCY FROM 8 AM-HALF-AN-HOUR EARLIER THAN AT PRESENT - TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED PASSENGER DEMAND.

THE IMPROVEMENT TO MTR SERVICES AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES WILL MEET THE DEMAND OF THE ABOUT 600 PASSENGERS AFFECTED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FERRY SERVICE.

MEANWHILE, NEGOTIATION WITH THE TWO BUS COMPANIES FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW CROSS-HARBOUR BUS SERVICE BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND CENTRAL VIA THE AIRPORT TUNNEL IS PROGRESSING, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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\$5 MILLION BOOST FOR SPORTS AID FOUNDATION
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TODAY (MONDAY) DONATED \$5 MILLION TO THE SPORTS AID FOUNDATION (SAF) FORMED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT LAST DECEMBER.

THE FOUNDATION AIMS AT HELPING SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN IN THE TERRITORY TO ACHIEVE SPORTING EXCELLENCE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOCKEY CLUB, SIR OSWALD CHEUNG, PRESENTED THE \$5 MILLION CHEQUE TO MR WONG WAH SANG, MEMBER OF THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE ON SAF AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE CLUB IN HAPPY VALLEY THIS AFTERNOON.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR F.K. HU NOTED THAT THE OCCASION WAS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHEME AS THE FOUNDATION RECEIVED ITS FIRST AND A SIZEABLE DONATION THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF THE CLUB.

HE SAID THE SCHEME WOULD IN FUTURE PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPORTSMEN IN NEED.

DURING THE CEREMONY, THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR A.K. CHUI, PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO SIR OSWALD IN APPRECIATION OF THE DONATION.

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TOPPING OUT CEREMONY FOR HOSPITAL EXTENSION
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE TOPPING OUT OF A \$389 MILLION EXTENSION TO QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL, POKFULAM, ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 29) AT 3 PM.

THE PROJECT, WHICH IS PART OF AN \$864 MILLION SCHEME, INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A 29-STOREY BUILDING FOR PAEDIATRIC PATIENTS; A 12-STOREY BLOCK TO HOUSE A PSYCHIATRIC UNIT; AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES.

WORK ON THIS SECOND STAGE OF THE PROJECT STARTED IN MAY 1985 AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1989.

WORK ON EXTENDING QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL STARTED IN 1982 AND IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY COMPLETED IN 1992.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. A GOVERNMENT COACH FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE LEAVING FROM MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, BY 2 PM.

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SPECIAL DISPLAY ON CIVIC EDUCATION
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL MOUNT A SERIES OF SPECIAL DISPLAYS ON CIVIC EDUCATION AT ITS CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE STARTING FRIDAY (MAY 1).

THE FIRST SERIES CONSISTING OF WINNING PROJECTS OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION OF THE INTER-SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT COMPETITION (1986) WILL BE HELD BETWEEN FRIDAY (MAY 1) AND JULY 31.

THE CENTRE, LOCATED AT ROOM 303-304, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, WILL OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM, AND FROM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM EVERY MONDAY; FROM 9 PM TO 12.30 PM, AND FROM 2 PM TO 6.30 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON EVERY SATURDAY.

TEACHERS VISITING THE CENTRE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE CIVIC EDUCATION MATERIALS ON DISPLAY.

INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CENTRE DURING THE OPENING HOURS WITHOUT PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS.

TEACHERS WISHING TO PAY GROUP VISITS TO THE CENTRE AND TO DISCUSS WITH THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE CENTRE DURING THE EXHIBITION ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS BY TELEPHONING 5-656239 IN ADVANCE.

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RESUMPTION OF FUK KWAN AVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME FUK KWAN AVENUE IN CAUSEWAY BAY FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PURPOSES.

DUE TO MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP, THE FREQUENTLY-USED ROAD IS NOT PROPERLY MANAGED AND MAINTAINED. APART FROM CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS, THE ROAD MAY BECOME HAZARDOUS IF THE SITUATION IS ALLOWED TO DETERIORATE.

RESUMPTION OF THE ROAD IS NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT REPAIR WORK, AND MAINTAIN THE ROAD AND DRAINS TO A PROPER STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

IT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE TRAFFIC ALONG THE ROAD TO BE EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLED.

THE PROPOSED WORK INVOLVES REPAIR OF THE CARRIAGEWAY, FOOTPATH AND DRAINS WITHIN THE STREET.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY JUNE 23.

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DB COMMITTEE TO ELECT NEW CHAIRMAN
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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL ELECT THEIR NEW CHAIRMAN FOR 1987-88 AT A MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE STREET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT, THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN 1987-88 AND THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1987.

MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN 1987-88.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

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DONATION TO SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT THE CORAL ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, HOTEL FURAMA, CENTRAL, STARTING AT 6 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR ROBIN CHAN YAU-HING, WILL DONATE \$20 000 FROM THE SURPLUS FUNDS RAISED FOR ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL LAST YEAR TO SUPPORT THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND AND PRESENT THE CHEQUE TO THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG.

ABOUT 200 COMMUNITY LEADERS, INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR LIU LIT-FOR, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO, AND OTHER DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ATTEND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FUNCTION.

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DETAILS OF JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ANNOUNCE THE DECISIONS TAKEN ON THE REVIEW OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA).

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (BUILDING AND SYSTEMS), MR HSU SHOW-HOO, AND THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER OF JSEA SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR KWOK WAI-KWONG, WILL CHAIR THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 2.30 PM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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FUND ALLOCATION TO BE DISCUSSED

THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN 1987-88 AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETIN TOMORROW AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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UC KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE TO MEET
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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR WALTER SULKE, WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THE PREPARATION FOR THE 1987-88 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE THE FORTHCOMING BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP OPERATION, THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S INVOLVEMENT IN CLEANING UP A LITTER BLACKSPOT AND CORPORATES' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH BEGINS AT 2.30 PM IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO 2, FOURTH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE.

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TAI PO DB MEETING TOMORROW

THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS FOR 1987/88 AND WHETHER THE DB SHOULD SUPPORT ORGANISING THE 1987/88 ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AT 152-172 TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO, TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 9.30 AM.

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LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

A TRAFFIC LANE ON THE KOWLOON-BOUND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM THURSDAY (APRIL 30) TO MAY 1 BETWEEN 8.30 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

THE AFFECTED SECTION IS OPPOSITE WORLDWIDE GARDEN AND IS ABOUT 500 METRES LONG.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH PATIENCE AND CARE DURING THE LANE CLOSURE.

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TSUEN WAN WATER CUT

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 29) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY PO HEUNG STREET, KWONG FUK ROAD, PAK SHING STREET, SUI ON STREET, HEI YUEN STREET, YAN HING STREET, YAN WO LANE, SHUN TAK STREET AND WAI YI STREET, INCLUDING NAM SHING STREET, WAI YAN STREET, ON FU ROAD, TSING YUEN STREET AND FU SHIN STREET.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 50.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 294.514 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 252.618 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 43.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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