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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR MAY RELEASED
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN MAY 1989, AT \$94,326 MILLION, GREW BY 20 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH MAY 1988, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN MAY 1989 RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT TO \$17,695 MILLION IN MAY 1989, WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 31 PER CENT TO \$28,012 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN MAY 1989 TO \$45,707 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 18 PER CENT OVER MAY 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT TO \$48,619 MILLION.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO MAY 1989, AT \$440,881 MILLION, INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT TO \$83,102 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 38 PER CENT TO \$131,210 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT TO \$214,312 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT TO \$226,569 MILLION.

COMPARING MAY 1989 WITH MAY 1988, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA (+25 PER CENT), FOLLOWED UP TAIWAN (+14 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+11 PER CENT). THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE, THE NETHERLANDS AND CANADA ALSO INCREASED, BY 8 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE USA DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN MAY 1989 OVER MAY 1988, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM SINGAPORE (+47 PER CENT), ITALY (+36 PER CENT), CHINA (+33 PER CENT), JAPAN (+23 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+19 PER CENT). IMPORTS FROM THE USA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY AND THE USA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 68 PER CENT, 60 PER CENT AND 45 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (+36 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+26 PER CENT), CHINA (+25 PER CENT), JAPAN (+23 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+18 PER CENT).

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS. THE MARKETS WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED CHINA (+32 PER CENT), JAPAN (+26 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+18 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+16 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, THOSE TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE USA DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO MAY 1989 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM ITALY (+42 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+38 PER CENT), CHINA (+34 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+30 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+23 PER CENT), THE USA (+22 PER CENT), JAPAN (+21 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+19 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, THE USA, JAPAN AND CHINA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS, BY 63 PER CENT, 62 PER CENT, 51 PER CENT, 50 PER CENT, 43 PER CENT, 42 PER CENT AND 40 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN MAY 1989 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY AUGUST 1989.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$865 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$585 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$529 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING INCREASED BY \$1,304 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR FOOTWEAR (BY \$95 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$89 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

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THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$5,594 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$5,119 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$4,345 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$5,532 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$238 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT); AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$113 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY TO MAY 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY 4,063 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$3,975 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY 3,914 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY 3,855 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$3,738 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$142 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT); AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$128 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE MAY 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND JULY 15, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN MAY 1989 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN END-JULY 1989 AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	MAY 89 OVER MAY 88 (%)	JAN-MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 89 OVER JAN-MAY 88 (%)
U.S.A.	5,605	- 4	24,980	- 2
CHINA	3,873	+25	16,883	+32
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,059	-10	5,846	- 4
U.K.	1,145	- 6	5,596	+ 8
JAPAN	885	+11	4,768	+26
CANADA	472	+ 5	2,339	+10
SINGAPORE	438	+ 8	2,176	+16
NETHERLANDS	365	+ 6	1,858	+ 9
AUSTRALIA	304	-12	1,622	+ 9
TAIWAN	323	+14	1,479	+18

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	MAY 89 OVER MAY 88 (%)	JAN-MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 89 OVER JAN-MAY 88 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,997	+ 3	23,709	+ 6
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS AND SILVERSMITHS WARES)	2,288	- 5	10,615	- 1
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,600	+ 5	7,440	+ 7

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,440	- 8	7,189	+ 8
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,496	+10	6,484	+ 5
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,372	- 6	6,365	+ 3

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	MAY 89 OVER MAY 88 (%)	JAN-MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 89 OVER JAN-MAY 88 (%)
CHINA	16,198	+33	72,139	+34
JAPAN	8,419	+23	39,842	+21
TAIWAN	4,657	+19	20,934	+30
U.S.A.	3,728	+ 5	18,581	+22
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,476	+ 9	11,520	+23
SINGAPORE	2,056	+47	9,035	+38
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,216	+12	5,775	+19
U.K.	1,139	+11	5,571	+11
ITALY	836	+36	4,109	+42
SWITZERLAND	883	+15	3,970	+ 9

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	MAY 89 OVER MAY 88 (%)	JAN-MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 89 OVER JAN-MAY 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,903	+21	29,216	+23

ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,989	+20	23,467	+28
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,398	+49	15,622	+56
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,372	+47	15,245	+40
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,028	+31	13,150	+37
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,499	+16	12,259	+22

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	MAY 89 OVER MAY 88 (%)	JAN-MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 89 OVER JAN-MAY 88 (%)
CHINA	9,311	+25	43,743	+40
U.S.A.	5,376	+45	23,494	+43
JAPAN	1,597	+23	8,313	+42
TAIWAN	1,380	+18	6,747	+26
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,114	+ 9	5,568	+19
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,002	+68	4,619	+63
SINGAPORE	803	+11	4,137	+26
U.K.	686	+36	3,057	+51
AUSTRALIA	382	+26	2,074	+50
ITALY	405	+60	1,955	+62

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TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	MAY 89 OVER MAY 88 (%)	JAN-MAY 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAY 89 OVER JAN-MAY 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,836	+33	16,384	+30
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,819	+27	13,773	+41
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,027	+44	12,628	+47
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2,612	+55	12,602	+45
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,144	+51	9,811	+65
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,143	+39	5,146	+40

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SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS, PURCHASES FOR FIRST QUARTER

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, ESTIMATED AT \$7,753 MILLION, WAS 18 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1988, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS 3 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 WAS \$3,301 MILLION, WHICH WAS 19 PER CENT HIGHER IN VALUE TERMS THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988.

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ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE (20 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988.

THESE WERE FOLLOWED BY CHINESE RESTAURANTS (19 PER CENT), NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (17 PER CENT), "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" - COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY ETC. (11 PER CENT). TOTAL RECEIPTS OF BARS, HOWEVER, DROPPED BY 4 PER CENT.

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT, 4 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE FOR BARS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" DECREASED BY 8 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER - AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS - TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT.

IN VALUE TERMS, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TOTAL RECEIPTS OF "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES", FAST FOOD SHOPS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, AT 7 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT, 4 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THE CORRESPONDING DECREASE RECORDED FOR BARS WAS 12 PER CENT.

IN VOLUME TERMS, FAST FOOD SHOPS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT, CHINESE RESTAURANTS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED, WHILE BARS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" DECREASED BY 13 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR THE TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100. ALSO TABULATED ARE COMPARISONS OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 AND FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234941.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

		4th qtr. 1988 (Revised figures)	1st qtr. 1989 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts	(in HK\$ million)	7 496	7 753
Total purchases by restaurants	(in HK\$ million)	3 149	3 301

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 4TH QUARTER 1988 AND 1ST QUARTER 1989

(Quarterly average of October 84 - September 85 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	4th quarter 1988	1st quarter 1989	1st qtr. 1989 compared with 4th qtr. 1988		1st qtr. 1989 compared with 1st qtr. 1988	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	164	171	7	4	27	19
	Volume	131	131	†	†	4	3
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	149	152	2	2	22	17
	Volume	119	115	-3	-3	4	4
Fast food shops	Value	177	186	9	5	30	20
	Volume	150	152	2	1	10	7
Bars	Value	137	121	-16	-12	-5	-4
	Volume	117	102	-15	-13	-9	-8
Other eating and drinking places	Value	128	137	9	7	13	11
	Volume	109	107	-2	-2	-2	-1
Entire restaurant sector	Value	161	167	6	3	26	18
	Volume	130	128	-1	-1	4	3

Notes: 1. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.
2. † denotes a figure within ±0.5.

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MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AT SAI KUNG VBP CAMP EXPLAINED

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THE TEMPORARY VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE CAMP IN SAI KUNG WILL BE ON A SITE WELL DOWN BELOW THE HIGH ISLAND WEST DAM AND WATER IN THE RESERVOIR CANNOT POSSIBLY BE POLLUTED BY THE CAMP.

THE DAM ALSO HAS ADEQUATE ANTI-SEEPAGE DESIGNS BUILT INTO IT WHICH SHOULD ALLAY FEARS OF THE CAMP HAVING ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE QUALITY OF WATER IN THE RESERVOIR.

THE ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR KU CHI-CHUNG, AT A MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) WITH MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG CONCERN GROUP ON VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN TO THE GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, ANTI-POLLUTION AND SECURITY MEASURES WERE THE ACTING REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MRS CARRIE YAU, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (MAINTENANCE) OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR KENNETH CHAN.

MR KU TOLD THE MEETING: "THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT HAVE AGREED TO HAVING THE TEMPORARY CAMP THERE IF WE HAVE NOT BEEN SATISFIED THAT NORMAL WATER SUPPLY TO THE PUBLIC WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

"THE RESERVOIR AND THE DAM HAVE BEEN WELL DESIGNED TO LOOK AFTER THE POLLUTION ASPECT IN THE FIRST PLACE ANYWAY - WITH OR WITHOUT THE TEMPORARY CAMP.

"IN ADDITION, WE HAVE A MONITORING SYSTEM, BY WAY OF SAMPLING, AND OBSERVATION OF THE ECOLOGY IN THE RESERVOIR WHICH CAN QUICKLY DETECT ANY ANOMALY."

SPEAKING OF SECURITY, MR KENNETH CHAN SAID THE FENCE OF THE CAMP WOULD BE DESIGNED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE SECURITY AGAINST ESCAPE BY THE BOAT PEOPLE TO THE RESERVOIR AREA.

"IT WILL BE A 17-FOOT-HIGH FENCE, WITH THREE-FOOT-HIGH BARBED COILS ON TOP AND CONCRETE BASE. THERE WILL ALSO BE SEVEN-FOOT-HIGH METAL PLATES ATTACHED TO THE FENCE TO SCREEN THE CAMP FROM THE NEARBY WATER SPORTS CENTRE, AND VICE VERSA," HE SAID.

TO AVOID POLLUTION, MR CHAN EMPHASISED THAT PLANS WERE IN HAND FOR THE TREATMENT AND THE COLLECTION OF HUMAN WASTE FROM THE CAMP.

"WE WILL HAVE A TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR THE DISCHARGE OF WASTE WATER FROM KITCHENS, SHOWERS AND CLOTHES-WASHING AREAS IN THE CAMP. IT INVOLVES THE USE OF SETTLEMENT TANKS AND SAND FILTRATION," HE SAID.

"ON WASTE DISPOSAL, WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED IN METAL TANKS AND EMPTIED ON A REGULAR BASIS. THESE WILL BE TAKEN TO SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES OUTSIDE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT."

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TAC REVIEWS TAXI MALPRACTICE SITUATION

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (TUESDAY) REVIEWED THE PRESENT SITUATION OF TAXI MALPRACTICES AND THE DESIRABILITY OF PROVIDING CROSS HARBOUR TAXI STANDS.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT A SERIES OF MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF TAXI MALPRACTICES. THEY INCLUDED:

* INCREASING THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR TAXI MALPRACTICE OFFENCES FROM \$3,000 TO \$5,000;

* REVISING THE TAXI DRIVING LICENCE WRITTEN TEST TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF TAXI REGULATIONS AND LOCATIONS;

* PUBLICATION OF A "GUIDE TO TAXI SERVICE" TO HELP BOTH TAXI DRIVERS AND THE PUBLIC TO BE BETTER AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES;

* SPECIFYING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND POSITION FOR FARE TABLES DISPLAYED INSIDE TAXIS;

* REQUIRING TAXI DRIVERS TO DISPLAY AT ALL TIMES IDENTIFICATION PLATES INSIDE TAXIS WHILST ON DUTY; AND

* EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING FINES ON REPEATED OFFENDERS.

ON THE SUGGESTION TO PROVIDE CROSS HARBOUR TAXI STANDS, THE TAC WOULD STUDY THE ISSUE FURTHER AFTER THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

THE PROVISION OF CROSS HARBOUR TAXI STANDS WOULD ALLOW TAXI OPERATORS TO REFUSE HIRE EXCEPT FOR JOURNEYS ACROSS THE HARBOUR AND THE DESIGNATION OF FIXED TAXI ROUTES WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE ROLE OF TAXIS IN PROVIDING A DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICE.

THE TAC ALSO NOTED THAT THE SETTING UP OF SUCH STANDS WOULD ENCOURAGE TAXIS TO CONCENTRATE ON CERTAIN ROUTES THUS ADDING TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE AREAS CONCERNED WHILE DEPLETING THE LEVEL OF TAXI SERVICES IN OTHER AREAS.

THERE WOULD ALSO BE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS AS TAXI STANDS DESIGNATED AT POPULAR LOCATIONS MIGHT NOT BE LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE ALL CROSS HARBOUR TAXIS, LEADING TO DEMANDS FOR ENLARGEMENT AND OTHER TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

THE TAC WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE VARIOUS MEASURES TO TIGHTEN UP CONTROL ON LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES (LGV'S).

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MEMBERS NOTED THAT A SEPARATE ROAD DRIVING TEST FOR LGV'S COMMENCED IN JUNE. AS AT THE END OF JUNE, 153 CANDIDATES HAD TAKEN THE ROAD TEST WITH 1,034 CANDIDATES WAITING FOR THE TEST.

MEANWHILE, DRAFT LEGISLATION ON EXTENDING THE PRIVATE CAR INSPECTION SCHEME TO LGV'S NOT EXCEEDING A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF 1.9 TONNES AND IMPOSING STRICTER CONTROL ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF VAN TYPE LGV'S WAS BEING PREPARED. IT WAS SCHEDULED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS FOR APPROVAL WITHIN THIS YEAR.

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT LGV'S SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO INSTALL AN EFFECTIVE PROTECTION PARTITION BETWEEN THE SEATING AREA AND THE GOODS COMPARTMENT, AND THAT NO SIDE WINDOWS SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN THE GOODS COMPARTMENT.

MEASURES TO CURB THE USE OF LGV'S AS PRIVATE CARS WERE BEING CONSIDERED. THESE WOULD BE FINALISED HAVING REGARD TO PUBLIC VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE CONSULTATION OF THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG.

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FIFTH MEETING OF PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

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THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (PHA) HELD ITS FIFTH MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) AND REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF WORK OF ITS VARIOUS COMMITTEES SINCE THE LAST MEETING HELD ON MAY 9.

"IT MUST NOT BE ASSUMED THAT LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE BY THE PHA SINCE THE LAST MEETING WAS HELD TWO MONTHS AGO," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PHA, SIR S. Y. CHUNG, SAID.

"ON THE CONTRARY, A GREAT DEAL OF WORK HAD BEEN ACHIEVED BY THE SEVEN COMMITTEES AND THEIR WORKING GROUPS DURING THIS PERIOD."

SIR S. Y. ELABORATED ON THE WORK OF THE PHA IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

"HAVING AGREED ON THE OVERALL ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (HA) AND THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE THREE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS (I.E. DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND SECRETARY GENERAL), THE AUTHORITY STRUCTURE COMMITTEE PROCEEDED TO CONSIDER THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE SUPPORTING THE THREE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS," SIR S. Y. SAID.

THE COMMITTEE HAD ALSO HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE DELINEATION OF REGIONAL BOUNDARIES AND CONCLUDED THAT THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED INITIALLY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A SMOOTH CHANGE OVER TO THE NEW HA STRUCTURE. IT WILL REMAIN FOR THE AUTHORITY, WHEN FORMED, TO REVIEW THIS SUBJECT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OPERATIONAL NEEDS UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM. THE FUNCTIONS AND COMPOSITION OF REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES HAD ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED.

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"ON THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS, THE HA FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING ACTIVELY WITH THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE PRINCIPLES FOR THE FINANCING OF THE HA. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE HA SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO ABOUT ITS BUSINESS WITHOUT UNDUE INTERFERENCE BUT WITH DUE REGARD TO THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL STRATEGY ON PUBLIC SECTOR EXPENDITURE," SIR S. Y. SAID.

"THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR AN EFFECTIVE INFORMATION SYSTEMS STRATEGY FOR THE HA, AND A CONSULTANCY FIRM IS BEING COMMISSIONED TO CARRY OUT THIS TASK," HE ADDED.

THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO CONTINUING ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH SETS OUT THE FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HA AND THE GOVERNMENT.

HAVING CONSIDERED MOST OF ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE ON THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC HOSPITALS, THE HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IS ABOUT TO COMMISSION A CONSULTANCY FIRM TO VALIDATE THE RECOMMENDED MODEL OF THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND TO ADVISE ON AN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY.

"THE CONSULTANTS WILL ALSO BE TASKED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO THE PHA ON THE VIEWS OF HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT AND STAFF ON THE RECOMMENDED STRUCTURE," SIR S. Y. REMARKED.

THIS COMMITTEE HAS ALSO SET UP A WORKING GROUP INCLUDING FRONT-LINE STAFF TO STUDY HOSPITAL OPERATIONS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES.

THE COMMITTEE ON INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL SERVICES HAS AGREED ON A PROPOSED MODEL OF INTEGRATION FOR THE SUBVENTED HOSPITALS INTO THE HA AND WILL BE CONSULTING INDIVIDUAL SUBVENTED HOSPITALS SHORTLY ON THESE PROPOSALS.

A FIRST DRAFT OF THE HA BILL IS IN PREPARATION AND IT IS HOPED TO PUT THE VERSION TO THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE LATER THIS MONTH. IT WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO EXCO FOR CONSIDERATION AND TO LEGCO FOR ENACTMENT IN TIME FOR THE HA TO COME INTO BEING ON APRIL 1, 1990.

SIR S. Y. SAID THAT THE STAFFING COMMITTEE HAD REACHED CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS ON THE PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND DISMISSAL OF HA STAFF, WHO WILL BE APPOINTED IN THE JOINT NAMES OF THE HA AND THE HOSPITAL IN WHICH THEY WORK.

"WORK ON THE CONSULTANCY TO DEVISE A PACKAGE OF NEW TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR HA STAFF IS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. THE CONSULTANTS HAVE CALCULATED THE TOTAL COST OF EMPLOYING THE EXISTING STAFF WORKING IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, AND ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO DRAW UP THE NEW REMUNERATION PACKAGE, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE STAFF THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS," SIR S. Y. ADDED.

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TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM MANAGING STAFF ON DIFFERENT TERMS OF SERVICE WORKING UNDER THE HA, A WORKING GROUP ON STAFF MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN SET UP TO RECOMMEND FAIR AND EQUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH MATTERS SUCH AS TRAINING, DISCIPLINE, PROMOTION ETC.

THE RECENTLY FORMED COMMITTEE ON THE MANAGEMENT AND FINANCING OF TEACHING HOSPITALS HAS HELD THREE MEETINGS SO FAR TO EXPLORE THE OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF THE TWO TEACHING HOSPITALS, THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AND THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL.

SIR S. Y. ALSO SAID THAT THE USEFUL WEEKLY ROUND OF VISITS TO PUBLIC HOSPITALS WILL BE COMPLETED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER WHEN ALL 35 PUBLIC HOSPITALS WILL HAVE BEEN VISITED. THE PHA THEN PLANS TO VISIT SEVERAL PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING OF THE PHA WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER.

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NINE QUESTIONS, 10 BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA
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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF NINE QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER 10 BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SECURITIES (INSIDER DEALING) BILL 1989 AND THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1989 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THE SECOND READING DEBATES ON EIGHT BILLS WILL RESUME AND WHEN THEY ARE COMPLETED EACH BILL IS DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

THESE BILLS ARE THE ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, THE COUNTRY PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, THE TEMPORARY CONTROL OF DENSITY OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (KOWLOON) BILL 1989, THE DRUG TRAFFICKING (RECOVERY OF PROCEEDS) BILL 1989, THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS) BILL 1989, THE BETTING DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 AND THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989.

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS AND THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WILL MOVE TWO MOTIONS UNDER THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE AND THE PEAK TRAMWAY ORDINANCE RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, DR THE HON DANIEL TSE WILL PRESENT THE 1988 ANNUAL REPORT BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO DEBATE A MOTION ON THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG, MOVED BY THE HON MARIA TAM.

THE MOTION READS: "THAT THIS COUNCIL TAKES NOTE OF THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG AND URGES THE GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY TO PURSUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY."

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE QUESTION DUE TO BE ASKED BY DR THE HON LEONG CHE-HUNG IN LEGCO TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) CONCERNING THE SUPPLY OF GAS TO HOSPITALS HAS BEEN DEFERRED TO THE COUNCIL'S SITTING ON JULY 19.

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TELEMATCH BEGINS SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR ISLANDERS

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ABOUT 160 STUDENTS FROM THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TAI O, LANTAU, TOOK PART IN A TELEMATCH TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE TAI O PUBLIC SCHOOL TO BEGIN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME '89.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, URGED THE YOUNGSTERS TO PARTICIPATE MORE IN SUMMER ACTIVITIES SO THAT THEIR INTERESTS COULD BE DEVELOPED AND THEIR HOLIDAYS COULD BE MEANINGFULLY SPENT THROUGH INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICES.

MR NG ALSO THANKED THOSE ORGANISATIONS WHICH HELPED IN ORGANISING THE ACTIVITIES AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS SPONSORSHIP OF \$109,000 FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT PROGRAMME.

OVER 50 RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25 DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THESE HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP BY 21 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANISATIONS, AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WITH THE THEME OF "SHARING THE FUN, SERVING THE COMMUNITY".

A COMPREHENSIVE LEAFLET OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME '89 IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AT MUI WO AND ON CHEUNG CHAU.

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YUEN LONG DB COMMITTEE TO MEET TOMORROW

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THE TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING FOR THE 1989-90 TERM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

AT THE MEETING, A MEMBER WILL ASK WHAT MEASURES WILL THE GOVERNMENT TAKE DURING THE CURRENT RAINY SEASON TO DEAL WITH THE FLOODING PROBLEM IN YUEN LONG VILLAGES.

ANOTHER MEMBER WILL RAISE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE UNDERGROUND CAVITY PROBLEM IN YUEN LONG TOWN EAST AND ITS EFFECTS ON BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

HE WILL ALSO ASK FOR A REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSED INTERIM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD FROM AU TAU TO FAN KAM ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE ON DB WORKING GROUP AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN CLEARING FLOATING REFUSE AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS A KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN AT THE TAI PO FISH CULTURE ZONES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 AM.

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OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK IN TAI PO
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 13).

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO IN THE 1990'S AND THE DESIGN AWARD FOR THE MOST ACCESSIBLE BUILDING FOR THE DISABLED IN HONG KONG.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS YOUTH PROBLEMS AND A PROJECT FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JULY 13) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE 1989-90 BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (JULY 13).

THE PROGRAMME WILL FORM THE BASIC GUIDELINE FOR BUS SERVICES DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT FROM NOW TO THE END OF 1990.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ROAD SAFETY PROBLEM AT TONG YAM STREET WHICH LEADS TO THE CITY POLYTECHNIC AND IS USED BY MANY STUDENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 13) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET.

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CYC MEMBERS TO TOUR MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE

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THIRTY-SEVEN OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WHO WERE CHOSEN TO MAKE OVERSEAS EDUCATIONAL VISITS BECAUSE OF THEIR EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS THIS YEAR, WILL LEAVE FOR MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE NEXT WEEK.

THE CYC MEMBERS, COMPRISING 15 BOYS AND 22 GIRLS FROM 19 PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 18 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, WILL PAY GOODWILL VISITS TO A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND YOUTH CENTRES.

A FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND A TEA PARTY FOR THE CYC MEMBERS AND THEIR PARENTS AND SCHOOL HEADS WILL BE HELD AT THE LEE GARDENS HOTEL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL PRESENT A BANNER TO THE DELEGATION LEADER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN CAROLINE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, LEE GARDENS HOTEL, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES REVISED

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A GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) CONTAINS A LEGAL NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED A DECREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES.

FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 7.32 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 7.80 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.61 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

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THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER TOMORROW.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE TOMORROW WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

2.04 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 9, 1987 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 20, 1988;
2.76 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 20, 1988 AND BEFORE APRIL 13, 1988;
3.36 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 13, 1988 AND BEFORE MAY 11, 1988;
4.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 11, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 16, 1988;
4.80 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 16, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 29, 1988;
5.28 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 29, 1988 AND BEFORE JULY 27, 1988;
5.76 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 27, 1988 AND BEFORE AUGUST 17, 1988;
6.36 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 17, 1988 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 7, 1988;
6.84 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 7, 1988 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 1989;
7.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 8, 1989;
7.80 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 8, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 22, 1989;
8.28 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 22, 1989 AND BEFORE JUNE 22, 1989; AND
7.80 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 22, 1989 AND BEFORE JULY 12, 1989.

BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

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EXAMPLE: \$1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON JULY 12, 1989, AUGUST 12, 1989 AND SEPTEMBER 12, 1989 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON OCTOBER 11, 1989 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

ON \$1,000, JULY 12, 1989 TO OCTOBER 11, 1989, 3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$6.10 PER MONTH = \$18.30

ON \$1,000, AUGUST 12, 1989 TO OCTOBER 11, 1989, 2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$6.10 PER MONTH = \$12.20

ON \$1,000, SEPTEMBER 12, 1989 TO OCTOBER 11, 1989, 1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$6.10 PER MONTH = \$ 6.10

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE ON TUEN MUN ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS THE THREE KOWLOON-BOUND TRAFFIC LANES ON TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR TING KAU BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN FROM 8 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 13) TO 8 PM ON JULY 22.

TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE CLOSED THE WHOLE DAY ON SUNDAY (JULY 16) AND, ON THE OTHER DAYS, FROM 8 PM TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY.

ONLY ONE TRAFFIC LANE WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE DAY TIME.

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PAK SHA WAN CARPARK
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE PAK SHA WAN CARPARK IN SAI KUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 13) TO 6 PM ON JULY 22 BECAUSE OF THE KWUN YAM FESTIVAL.

THE CARPARK IS LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF THE JUNCTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO PAK SHA WAN FERRY PIER.

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