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GOVERNOR STRESSES IMPORTANCE FOR HK OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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HIGHER EDUCATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE A HIGH PRIORITY AREA IN GOVERNMENT PLANNING, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG NEEDED TO PRODUCE MORE GRADUATES TO MAINTAIN THE TERRITORY'S PROSPERITY AND VITALITY.

"WE NEED ALSO TO PRODUCE GRADUATES WHO ARE VERSATILE AND CAPABLE OF MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF AN INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED SOCIETY AND AN INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE WORLD," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH HONG KONG WAS A SMALL PLACE WITH FEW NATURAL RESOURCES, IT DID HAVE EXCELLENT HUMAN RESOURCES. "WE MUST USE - AND TRAIN - THEM TO THE FULL," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE HAD GONE ABROAD FOR THEIR TERTIARY EDUCATION BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT PLACES HERE, THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH SEEKING EDUCATION OVERSEAS.

"BUT WE NEED TO DEVELOP OUR SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE CAN PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANY MORE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT TO DO SO TO GO ON TO TERTIARY EDUCATION, HERE IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WERE WIDELY CONFLICTING VIEWS ON HOW THIS SHOULD BEST BE DONE.

"BUT WHEN WE DEBATE THIS ISSUE WE NEED TO KEEP CONSTANTLY IN MIND THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"HOW BEST CAN WE GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY SEEK? HOW BEST CAN WE HELP THEM DEVELOP INTO THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW? HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER?"

THESE WERE NOT EASY QUESTIONS, AND THEY HAD IMPLICATIONS AND REPERCUSSIONS FAR BEYOND ANY SINGLE INSTITUTION.

"BUT THEY ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST CONSIDER WHEN ASSESSING THE PUBLIC'S COMMENTS ON THE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS," HE ADDED.

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SIR DAVID DESCRIBED THE AMALGAMATION OF THREE POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES TO CONSTITUTE THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG IN 1963 AS A POSITIVE RESPONSE BY THE GOVERNMENT TOWARDS MEETING AN INCREASING DEMAND FOR HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG.

"IT WAS ALSO AN INNOVATIVE ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSITY THAT COMBINES A CHINESE CULTURAL HERITAGE, AN INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK, AND A KEEN INTEREST IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF THE UNIVERSITY IN THE PAST 25 YEARS WAS A REFLECTION OF THE REMARKABLE PROGRESS MADE IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

"THIS UNIVERSITY HAS ALREADY PRODUCED MORE THAN 20,000 GRADUATES. ITS STUDENT POPULATION TODAY IS FIVE TIMES AS LARGE AS IT WAS IN 1963," HE SAID.

"A FOURTH COLLEGE, SHAW COLLEGE, HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED. NEW DEGREE COURSES IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MEDICINE, EDUCATION AND ELECTRONICS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO BROADEN THE ORIGINAL EMPHASIS ON ARTS AND SCIENCE.

"THE UNIVERSITY HAS ALSO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED THE FIRST PART-TIME DEGREE COURSES IN HONG KONG TO CATER TO THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF WORKING ADULTS."

SIR DAVID ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO SIX DISTINGUISHED PERSONS WHO WERE BEING HONOURED AT THE DINNER AFTER RECEIVING HONORARY DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY YESTERDAY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY.

THE SIX ARE: SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, DR PETER POON WING-CHEUNG, DR ESTHER LI, PROFESSOR PAUL CHU, PROFESSOR ZHAO ZHONG-XIAN AND DR YU ZHEN-FEI.

SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, DR POON AND DR LI HAD IN THEIR VARIOUS WAYS MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. THE INTELLECTUAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROFESSOR CHU AND PROFESSOR ZHAO AND THE ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE OF DR YU HAD ENRICHED THE CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC LIFE OF AN EVEN WIDER CIRCLE, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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28,000 REGISTER AS VOTERS
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MORE THAN 28,000 PEOPLE HAVE APPLIED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF REGISTRATION BETWEEN AUGUST 15 AND SEPTEMBER 30.

"ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THEM ARE NEW APPLICATIONS," THE REGISTRATION OFFICER OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, MR LAI KWAN-TAT, SAID.

"THEY WILL BE PROCESSED FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER, TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER 22,000 APPLICATIONS ALREADY RECEIVED BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE REGISTRATION PERIOD."

APPLICATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED UNTIL NOVEMBER 21 FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REGISTER, MR LAI SAID.

ONCE REGISTERED, AN ELECTOR WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART IN THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND ALL SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS FOR THE TWO COUNCILS AND DISTRICT BOARDS.

ANY PERSON WHO IS OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE BY DECEMBER 31, 1988 AND WHO HAS BEEN ORDINARILY A RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF APPLICATION WILL BE ENTITLED TO REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES AND ALL BRANCHES OF THE HONG KONG BANK AND THE HANG SENG BANK.

REGISTERED ELECTORS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT FRESH APPLICATIONS SO LONG AS THEIR ENTRIES REMAIN ON THE REGISTER.

"THEY ARE, HOWEVER, URGED TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION OF ANY CHANGE OF REGISTERED PARTICULARS, ESPECIALLY THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS," MR LAI SAID.

"AN OUT-DATED ADDRESS MAY RESULT IN UNDELIVERY OF POLL CARDS AND THE OMISSION OF AN ELECTOR'S NAME FROM THE REGISTER."

ELECTORS MAY USE THE APPLICATION FORM TO REPORT ANY SUCH CHANGES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION ON 5-270369 AND 5-270380.

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LEGISLATION ON PUBLIC BUS SERVICES TO BE AMENDED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED, IN PRINCIPLE, AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC BUS SERVICES ORDINANCE AND ITS REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER REGULATION OF PASSENGER CONDUCT ON BUSES AND APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF CONDUCT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH SIMILAR LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS GOVERNING OTHER PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

IN THE PUBLIC BUS SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 GAZETTED TODAY, IT IS PROPOSED THAT STAFF OF BUS COMPANIES SHOULD BE GIVEN THE POWER TO ENFORCE BOTH REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS GOVERNING PASSENGER CONDUCT.

A NEW PROVISION ALLOWS REGULATIONS OR BY-LAWS TO BE MADE REQUIRING PASSENGER COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY BUS COMPANIES' STAFF.

THE BILL ALSO INCLUDES A MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE OPERATION OF THE PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME WHEREBY THE INTEREST EARNED ON THE DEPOSITS FOR SELF-INSURANCE SHOULD BE TREATED AS OPERATING RECEIPTS OF THE BUS COMPANIES.

THE PUBLIC BUS SERVICES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1988 INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF POWER FOR BUS COMPANIES' STAFF TO ASK FOR PROOF OF IDENTITY FROM ANY PASSENGER BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTRAVENED THE REGULATIONS.

NEW REGULATIONS STIPULATING THE PASSENGER CONDUCT OFFENCES AFFECTING PUBLIC OR PASSENGER SAFETY ARE ALSO PROPOSED.

THESE INCLUDE PROVISIONS TO FORBID PASSENGERS OR INTENDING PASSENGERS FROM WILFULLY DISTRACTING THE DRIVER'S ATTENTION OR OBSTRUCTING HIS LINE OF VISION; TO FORBID PASSENGERS FROM INTERFERING WITH THE WORKINGS OF BUS; TO PROHIBIT PASSENGERS FROM THROWING OR DROPPING ANYTHING FROM A BUS; AND TO FORBID PASSENGERS FROM STANDING ON THE UPPER DECK OF A BUS OR IN AREAS NOT DESIGNED FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF PASSENGERS.

A TWO-TIER PENALTY SYSTEM IS ALSO SUGGESTED IN ORDER TO BE CONSISTENT WITH LEGISLATION REGULATING OTHER PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATIONS.

UPPER-TIER PENALTIES OF MAXIMUM FINES OF \$3,000 AND/OR SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ARE PROPOSED FOR RELATIVELY SERIOUS OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC OR PASSENGER SAFETY, INCLUDING BUS DRIVERS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND PASSENGERS WILFULLY INTERFERING WITH THE WORKINGS OR ANY DEVICE OF A BUS.

AS FOR LESSER OFFENCES RELATING TO THE IMPROPER PROVISION OF BUS SERVICES SUCH AS NON-DISPLAY OF DESTINATION SIGNS OR NOTICES ON BUSES, AND DRIVERS NOT WEARING UNIFORMS, A LOWER-TIER PENALTY OF A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000 IS PROPOSED.

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SASI MEET PRIVATE SECTOR GROUPS

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM 10 PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATIONS THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON ATTENDED A MEETING ON EMIGRATION MATTERS IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION.

THE ORGANISATIONS WERE THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG, CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS AND THE EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION OF HONG KONG.

"THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES ON HOW THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS BEING AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT LEVELS OF EMIGRATION, TO LEARN WHETHER THERE ARE ANY PARTICULAR AREAS BEING HARD HIT BY LOSSES OF SKILLED PERSONNEL AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON WHAT ACTIONS THEY THOUGHT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION," SAID A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN.

"THE MEETING WAS VERY USEFUL, THE PRESENT SITUATION WAS FULLY EXAMINED AND FRANKLY DISCUSSED AND A NUMBER OF IDEAS PUT FORWARD.

"THESE WILL NOW BE INCLUDED IN THE STUDY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE TASK FORCE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PRISON RULES AMENDED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE PRISON (AMENDMENT) RULES 1988.

THE AMENDMENTS ARE MADE TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE BOARD OF REVIEW, LONG TERM PRISON SENTENCES RELATING TO THE REVIEW OF LONG TERM SENTENCES.

UNDER THE AMENDED PRISON RULES, THE BOARD OF REVIEW, LONG TERM PRISON SENTENCES WOULD REVIEW CASES OF THOSE IMPRISONED FOR A DETERMINATE SENTENCE OF 10 YEARS OR MORE AFTER FIVE YEARS AND EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER.

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CASES OF THOSE IMPRISONED FOR LESS THAN 10 YEARS WOULD NOT BE REVIEWED, EXCEPT THOSE OF YOUNG PRISONERS.

THE CASES OF YOUNG PRISONERS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE REVIEWED AFTER ONE YEAR AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL THE AGE OF 21 AND THEREAFTER EVERY TWO YEARS.

MOREOVER, WHEN THE MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL IS ESTABLISHED, THE BOARD OF REVIEW WOULD CEASE TO REVIEW CASES OF PRISONERS WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY BUT INSANE AND DETAINED UNTIL HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE BE KNOWN.

THE BOARD OF REVIEW, LONG TERM PRISON SENTENCES WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1959 TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR THE REVIEW OF CASES OF LONG TERM PRISON SENTENCES, INCLUDING CASES OF PRISONERS DETAINED UNDER HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE.

AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR TO CARRY OUT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

THE PRISON RULES ARE ALSO AMEND TO CLARIFY THE PROVISIONS IN RELATION TO THE GRANTING OF REMISSION TO PRISONERS COMMITTED TO PRISON FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND TO REGULARIZE THE PRACTICE OF APPLYING TO THESE PRISONERS THE PRIVILEGES FOR PRISONERS AWAITING TRIAL.

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PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN JULY

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 8 PER CENT AND 42 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1988 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS ALSO INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES, HAVING DISCOUNTED THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

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AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS BOTH ROSE BY 3 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE AVAILABLE.

COMPARING THE MONTH OF JULY 1988 WITH JULY 1987, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT AND 43 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HENCE, TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 22 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR JULY 1988 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1987 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED IN JULY 1988 COMPARED WITH JULY 1987, INCLUDING RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-43 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-14 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-11 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (-10 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-10 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (-9 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-9 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-5 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (-3 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, THESE DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE MORE THAN OFFSET BY INCREASES RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+40 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+26 PER CENT); AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+6 PER CENT).

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PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN JULY 1988 COMPARED WITH JULY 1987. THESE INCLUDED METAL MANUFACTURES (+4 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+4 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+4 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+3 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+2 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+2 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED IN RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-1 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-1 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-1 PER CENT); AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-1 PER CENT). PRICES OF TEXTILE FABRICS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JULY 1988 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1987 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN JULY 1988 COMPARED WITH JULY 1987. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN SUGAR; AND TEA AND COFFEE. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR WHEAT AND FLOUR; AND LIVE POULTRY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 33 PER CENT. THE COMMODITY ITEMS WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES INCLUDED TOBACCO MANUFACTURES; FOOTWEAR; AND PASSENGER MOTOR CARS. A DECREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED IN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE BY 25 PER CENT IN JULY 1988 COMPARED WITH JULY 1987. THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS; IRON AND STEEL; AND SILK FABRICS.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR MAN-MADE FIBRES; COTTON YARN AND THREAD; AND WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 45 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN JULY 1988 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1987.

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IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT IN JULY 1988 OVER JULY 1987.

THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY OTHER THAN TEXTILE AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY; AND OFFICE MACHINES. A DECREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED IN TEXTILE MACHINERY.

IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES ROSE IN JULY 1988 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1987, RANGING FROM 4 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 5 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. HOWEVER, PRICES OF IMPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JULY 1988 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1987 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN JULY 1988 WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1987, RANGING FROM 2 PER CENT FOR FUELS TO 52 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS.

PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN JULY 1988 WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1987.

RE-EXPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS AND CONSUMER GOODS BOTH ROSE BY 2 PER CENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY 11 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE JULY 1988 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND OCTOBER 10 AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, HONG KONG (TEL. 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-8234918).

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TABLE 1: INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP.

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING JULY 1988 WITH JULY 1987			COMPARING JAN-JUL 1988 WITH JAN-JUL 1987		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	-2	1	-3	*	3	-3
TEXTILE FABRICS	-10	*	-10	-1	3	-4
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-12	-1	-11	-6	2	-8
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-4	2	-5	-2	5	-7
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-44	-1	-43	-30	3	-32
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	38	-1	40	38	-1	39
FOOTWEAR	-6	4	-9	2	4	-2
METAL MANUFACTURES	31	4	26	28	5	21
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-7	2	-9	27	5	20
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	9	3	6	25	3	21
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-11	-1	-10	-8	2	-10
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-10	4	-14	4	2	2
ALL COMMODITIES	6	2	4	10	3	8

NOTES FOR TABLES 1 TO 3:

* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE CALCULATED FROM TRADE INDEXES WITH DECIMAL PLACES. THEY MAY DIFFER FROM THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES TO BE COMPUTED DIRECTLY FROM THE ROUNDED FIGURES IN THE PUBLICATION "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS".

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TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JULY 1988 WITH JULY 1987			COMPARING JAN-JUL 1988 WITH JAN-JUL 1987		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	22	4	17	22	3	18
CONSUMER GOODS	38	4	33	33	3	29
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	31	4	25	28	5	22
FUELS	39	-4	45	3	1	2
CAPITAL GOODS	35	5	28	35	6	27
ALL COMMODITIES	33	4	28	30	4	24

TABLE 3: INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JULY 1988 WITH JULY 1987			COMPARING JAN-JUL 1988 WITH JAN-JUL 1987		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	56	2	52	45	1	43
CONSUMER GOODS	47	2	44	45	2	42
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	47	4	42	48	5	42
FUELS	-9	-11	2	20	-5	27
CAPITAL GOODS	44	5	37	49	3	44
ALL COMMODITIES	47	3	43	47	3	42

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APPROVED SHA TIN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN GAZETTED

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THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR SHA TIN, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,790 HECTARES MAINLY COMPRISING THE BOTTOM OF THE SHA TIN VALLEY IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

EXTENSIVE RECLAMATION AND CUTTINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BELOW THE HILLS SINCE THE EARLY 1970'S FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL ON JULY 5 THIS YEAR, IS TO ENFORCE STATUTORY PLANNING CONTROL OVER DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA VIDE LAND USE ZONINGS.

SUCH CONTROL WILL HELP INTEGRATE DEVELOPMENTS TO CREATE AN ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE SHA TIN AREA.

THE PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4/F, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14/F., MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE PRICE IS \$10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED VERSION AND \$50 FOR A COLOURED PRINTED VERSION.

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SPORTS SPECTACULAR TO LAUNCH ANTI-NARCOTICS FESTIVAL

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A SPORTS SPECTACULAR WILL MARK THE OPENING OF THE TWO-WEEK LONG ANTI-NARCOTICS FESTIVAL IN SHA TIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND IN YUEN WO ROAD.

A HOST OF EVENTS, INCLUDING AMERICAN FOOTBALL, RUGBY, WOMEN'S HOCKEY AS WELL AS GYMNASTICS AND TABLE TENNIS DEMONSTRATION BY HONG KONG'S OLYMPIC TEAMS WILL BE STAGED.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SOCCER MATCH BETWEEN RTHK AND SHA TIN REPRESENTATIVES' TEAMS AND 100-METRE, 200-METRE AND 400-METRE RACES AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT'S AREA COMMITTEES.

TO CREATE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE EVENT, THE POLICE AND GURKHA BANDS WILL PERFORM WHILE POLICE DOGS WILL DEMONSTRATE DETECTING AND ATTACKING SKILLS.

A SPORTS COMMENTATOR FROM RTHK, MR HO KAM-KONG WILL BE THE MASTER OF CEREMONY.

SOME 4,000 SPECTATORS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE EVENT.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG; MEMBER OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, MR J.P. LEE; SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; AND SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LEE KWONG.

THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FESTIVAL IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS AGAINST THE TAKING OF PROHIBITED DRUGS, ESPECIALLY AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL ALSO SERVE AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE BY PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFE AMONG THE POPULATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY-CUM-SPORTS SPECTACULAR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FESTIVAL TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND, YUEN WO ROAD.

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UPDATING OF LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO REFINE AND UPDATE THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE.

THE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER, 20.

THE MAIN PROPOSAL IS THE RAISING OF THE PERMITTED RENT OF PRE-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES FROM 35 TO 39 TIMES THE STANDARD RENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT RENTS OF PRE-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES ARE CONTROLLED BY REFERENCE TO THOSE PAYABLE AS AT DECEMBER 25, 1941 TERMED THE "STANDARD RENT".

WHEN MULTIPLIED BY A FACTOR, THIS GIVES THE PERMITTED RENT, PROVIDED THAT IT DOES NOT EXCEED THE PREVAILING MARKET RENT.

THE PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE FACTOR FROM LAST YEAR'S 35 TO 39 IS IN LINE WITH THE ESTABLISHED POLICY OF GRADUALLY BRINGING PERMITTED RENTS CLOSER TO PREVAILING MARKET LEVELS.

"THE RAISING OF THE FACTOR WOULD AFFECT SOME 1,700 PRE-WAR DOMESTIC UNITS EFFECTIVELY UNDER CONTROL.

"THIS WOULD RESULT IN AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF 17 PER CENT OR \$229 PER MONTH, ON CURRENT PERMITTED RENTS, BRINGING SUCH RENTS TO ABOUT 76 PER CENT OF THE PREVAILING MARKET LEVEL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THESE PROPOSALS COULD TAKE EFFECT WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, IF THE BILL WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES SOME TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO FACILITATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF PART II OF THE ORDINANCE.

THESE INCLUDE CLARIFICATION OF THE BASIS OF RATEABLE VALUES CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION UNDER THE ORDINANCE, HIS POWER TO DETERMINE THE DATE OF INCREASE IN REVIEWING A CERTIFICATE OF INCREASE IN RENT AND THE TIME LIMIT FOR APPEAL TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THESE PROPOSALS CAN MAKE ENQUIRIES TO THE DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

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PARENTS REMINDED TO RETURN APPLICATION FORMS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED PARENTS WHO WANT TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY 1 PLACE FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR THAT THEY MUST RETURN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS BETWEEN NEXT MONDAY (OCTOBER 10) AND FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14).

PARENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN A PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL SHOULD RETURN THEIR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TO THAT SCHOOL DIRECT DURING SCHOOL HOURS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

IF PARENTS DO NOT WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN ANY PARTICULAR SCHOOL, THEY SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM DURING OFFICE HOURS TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION CENTRES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

1. LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE
(269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, SECOND FLOOR, HONG KONG).
2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE
(KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, SIXTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON).
3. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE
(TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EIGHTH FLOOR, 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON).
4. SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(FIRST FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, NT).
5. TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, NT).
6. TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NT).
7. TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NT).
8. YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(GROUND FLOOR, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NT).
9. NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, CHEUNG WAH SUB-OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(UNIT 115, CHEUNG CHUNG HOUSE, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING, NT).

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PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY CAN SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION FORM.

IF PARENTS ARE FOUND TO HAVE APPLIED TO MORE THAN ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOL, THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ELIGIBLE FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SCS MEETS WITH TDD STAFF
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR H.S. GREWAL, TODAY (FRIDAY) HELD AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GRADES OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON TRAINING PROVISIONS, WORKING CONDITION AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO STAFF WELFARE AND BENEFIT.

THE MEETING TOOK PLACE DURING MR GREWAL'S VISIT TO TDD HEADQUARTERS WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR KENNETH KWOK, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS, WHO ALSO BRIEFED HIM ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

TDD WAS FORMED IN 1986 BY AMALGAMATING THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

IT COMPRISES A SMALL HEADQUARTERS AND SEVEN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICES, EACH STAFFED BY MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS OF ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, TOWN PLANNERS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS LED BY A PROJECT MANAGER.

MR GREWAL ALSO TOURED SOME OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICES AND WAS BRIEFED ON THEIR RESPECTIVE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND SOME OF THE MAJOR CURRENT WORKS NOW UNDERWAY.

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YUEN LONG DELEGATION VISITING USA AND CANADA

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A 25-MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS LEFT THE UNITED STATES FOR CANADA ON THE FINAL LEG OF A TWO-WEEK NORTH AMERICAN STUDY TOUR.

THE GROUP, WHICH LEFT HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 26, WAS EXAMINING FIRST-HAND A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES AFFECTING RESIDENTS IN HONOLULU, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO AND VANCOUVER.

THE PROGRAMME OF BRIEFINGS FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS, ARRANGED THROUGH THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, COVERED TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES, TOWN PLANNING AND THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN THESE US CITIES.

IN SAN FRANCISCO DELEGATION LEADER, MR TAI KUEN, CHAIRMAN OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, SAID THAT BOARD MEMBERS FOUND THE TOUR MOST INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE.

HE ADDED THAT THE VISIT HAD ENABLED MEMBERS TO COMPARE HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT RELATED ISSUES WITH SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONTED MANY NORTH AMERICAN CITIES.

WITH HONOLULU THE FIRST STOP ON THE ITINERARY, THE DELEGATION WAS BRIEFED BY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON THE CITY'S TRANSPORTATION, PLANNING, PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS POLICIES.

IN LOS ANGELES THE BOARD MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING MATTERS, WHILE IN SAN FRANCISCO THE DELEGATION TOURED THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION ISSUES.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A COURTESY CALL TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE AND A DISCUSSION ON THE ROLE AND WORK OF THE OVERSEAS OFFICES.

THE VISIT TO VANCOUVER, WHICH CONCLUDES THE TOUR, INCLUDES A BRIEFING BY THE VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD ON THE CITY'S EDUCATION SYSTEM, AS WELL AS OUTLINES ON THE POLITICAL SYSTEM, TOWN PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION PLANS.

YUEN LONG IS THE SECOND DISTRICT BOARD TO TOUR NORTH AMERICA, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD HAVING VISITED IN AUGUST 1987.

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USE OF CASE STUDIES IN MANAGEMENT TRAINING

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MANAGEMENT CASE STUDIES ARE AN IMPORTANT AS WELL AS AN EFFECTIVE COMPONENT IN MANAGEMENT LEARNING AND TEACHING FOR BOTH BUSINESS STUDENTS AND PRACTISING MANAGERS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR HORACE KNIGHT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO HONOUR FOUR WINNERS OF A CASE WRITING CONTEST, MR KNIGHT SAID: "THE USE OF MANAGEMENT CASE STUDIES HELPS TO DEVELOP NEW MANAGEMENT KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS AND COLLEGES.

"CASE STUDIES CAN ALSO FORM AN IMPORTANT PART OF IN-COMPANY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, AND CAN BE USED BY INDIVIDUAL MANAGERS FOR THEIR OWN SELF-DEVELOPMENT."

THE "CASE WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARDS", ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE HONG KONG CASE STUDY GROUP AND THE COUNCIL'S MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MDC), IS TO PROMOTE THE USE OF CASE STUDIES IN MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND TO FACILITATE THE CREATION OF THE MANAGEMENT CASE CLEARING HOUSE - A CASE STUDY DATA BANK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE LIBRARY.

A TOTAL OF 28 SUBMISSIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED. CASES WERE OF HIGH QUALITY AND WILL BE KEPT IN THE SHORTLY OPENED CASE CLEARING HOUSE FOR PUBLIC REFERENCE.

MR KNIGHT SAID THAT THE PROVISION OF WIDE-RANGING INFORMATION AND ADVISORY SERVICES AT MDC IS VERY VALUABLE FOR THE TEACHING AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES.

"THE INFORMATION CONCERNING DIFFERENT MANAGEMENT LEARNING METHODOLOGIES SUCH AS ACTION LEARNING, COMPUTER BASED AND INTERACTIVE VIDEO TRAINING, DISTANCE LEARNING AND UP-TO-DATE DATA ON MANAGEMENT COURSES HAS BEEN SELECTED BY MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS WITH A KNOWLEDGE OF THE NEEDS OF LOCAL BUSINESS.

"MOREOVER, THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF MDC HAVE PUBLISHED MANY REPORTS AND HAVE WORKED WITH HUNDREDS OF COMPANIES TO ENSURE THEIR WORK IS PRACTICAL AND RELEVANT TO THE SITUATIONS OF HONG KONG," MR KNIGHT ADDED.

COMMENTING ON THE AWARD-WINNING CASES, MR MICHAEL CUMBERS, DIRECTOR OF MDC, SAID, "ALL FOUR CASES ARE BASED ON ACTUAL COMPANIES IN HONG KONG AND ARE ESSENTIALLY RELATED TO LOCAL SITUATIONS."

"THESE CASES CAN BE USED IN LEARNING SITUATIONS BECAUSE THEY DEAL WITH SOME OF THE KEY ISSUES WHICH MANAGERS FACE TODAY."

THE FOUR WINNERS ARE MR SO KAM HO OF THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, MR DANIEL HUI OF CITY POLYTECHNIC, MR ALFRED SIU OF LINGNAN COLLEGE AND MRS LORETT HO OF HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE.

PLAQUES AND CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED BY MR GAGE MCAFEE, TRUSTEE OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, WHICH SPONSORED AND PROVIDED THE PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS.

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REPLACEMENT OUTFALL AT REPULSE BAY PROPOSED

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GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SUBMARINE OUTFALL AT REPULSE BAY TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE.

IT WILL BE PARALLEL TO THE EXISTING OUTFALL AT THE REPULSE BAY CHLORINATION PLANT WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 2.67 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

DREDGING AND BACKFILLING OF THE SEABED WITHIN THE LIMITS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED.

THE WORK WILL COMMENCE IN JANUARY 1989 AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER); THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG; AND THE STANLEY SUB-OFFICE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 88 STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, STANLEY, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 6, 1988.

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SECTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY TO BE WIDENED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO WIDEN A SECTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AT ITS JUNCTION WITH PIER ACCESS ROAD TO PROVIDE A RIGHT TURN LANE TO THAT ROAD.

REFUGE ISLANDS WILL ALSO BE BUILT TO GUIDE AND HELP THE PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS THE ROAD.

AT PRESENT, THAT PARTICULAR JUNCTION IS LOCATED ON A SHARP BEND WITHOUT PROVISION FOR RIGHT TURNING TRAFFIC NOR ROAD CROSSING FACILITY FOR PEDESTRIANS.

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APART FROM THIS, THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT IN PAK SHA WAN WILL INCREASE THE TURNING TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS THERE.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME ON THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 6, 1988.

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RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF FOOTPATHS ON PENG CHAU

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROAD WORKS ON PENG CHAU TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE SITES FOR THE RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, VARIOUS COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT ON THE ISLAND.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF TWO EXISTING FOOTPATHS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN WAYS ON RECLAIMED LAND NEAR THE FERRY PIER AND NEAR THE BRIDGE TO TAI LEI ISLAND.

SECTIONS OF CERTAIN EXISTING FOOTPATHS WITHIN THE SITE FOR THE FUTURE RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED.

THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN EARLY 1989 AND BE COMPLETED BY MID-1990.

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DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE. A NOTICE, BOTH IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAS ALSO BEEN POSTED NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AND ISLANDS DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, AND ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 6, 1988.

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EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENCE REVOKED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS REVOKED THE LICENCE OF QUEENSLAND PERSONNEL SERVICES IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TO OPERATE AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY.

THIS FOLLOWS A COURT CASE IN WHICH THE LICENSEE OF THE AGENCY WAS FINED \$2,000 BY A WESTERN MAGISTRATE FOR CHARGING TWO FILIPINA JOB-SEEKERS EACH \$103 ON FIRST REGISTRATION.

RECORDS ALSO SHOWED THAT THE DEFENDANT HAD BEEN CHARGED FOR A SIMILAR OFFENCE IN APRIL 1985 WHEN SHE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BOUND OVER IN THE SUM OF \$500 FOR 12 MONTHS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY REGULATIONS, THE AMOUNT OF FEE THAT CAN BE CHARGED TO JOB-SEEKERS FOR FIRST REGISTRATION AND SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL AFTER THREE MONTHS IS LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF \$5.

THE MAXIMUM COMMISSION CHARGEABLE TO A JOB-SEEKER BY AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY AFTER SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT IS TEN PER CENT OF HIS FIRST MONTH SALARY.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED EMPLOYMENT AGENCY OPERATORS THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR MAY REFUSE TO ISSUE OR RENEW A LICENCE, OR MAY REVOKE A LICENCE IN CERTAIN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS WHEN THE NAME OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS IDENTICAL WITH OR RESEMBLES THE NAME OF ANOTHER EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, OR WHEN THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS BEING OR LIKELY TO BE USED FOR UNLAWFUL OR IMMORAL PURPOSES.

HE ADVISED JOB-SEEKERS TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST UNSCRUPULOUS OPERATORS AND TO REPORT ANY SUSPECTED UNLICENSED EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTRATION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT EITHER IN PERSON OR ON TELEPHONE 5-8523543.

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TWO NEW FOOTBRIDGES FOR FUNG TAK ESTATE
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD TWO FOOTBRIDGES TO FACILITATE SEGREGATED PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT AT FUNG TAK ESTATE, DIAMOND HILL NORTH.

WHEN COMPLETED IN OCTOBER, 1991, THE ESTATE WILL HAVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 22,000.

THE FIRST FOOTBRIDGE, WHICH IS THREE METRES WIDE WITH AN ACCESS STAIRCASE AT THE WESTERN SIDE OF PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, WILL BE LINKED TO THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM AT THE JUNCTION OF FUNG TAK ROAD AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD.

PEDESTRIANS USING THIS FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE ABLE TO REACH THE ENTRANCE PLAZA OF FUNG TAK ESTATE COMMERCIAL CENTRE VIA A LINK BRIDGE.

THE SECOND FOOTBRIDGE, WHICH IS 4.7 METRES WIDE WITH ACCESS STAIRS AND RAMPS AT BOTH ENDS, WILL SPAN FUNG TAK ROAD AND CONNECT LUNG POON COURT WITH THE ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT FUNG TAK ESTATE.

DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN BRIDGE DECK OF THIS FOOTBRIDGE, TEMPORARY SUPPORTS WILL BE ERECTED IN THE MIDDLE OF FUNG TAK ROAD CARRIAGEWAY FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

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

THE PLAN AND SCHEME ON THE PROPOSAL CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 6, 1988.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD
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TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK, SECTIONS OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN OCTOBER 10 (MONDAY) AND 15 (SATURDAY), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE SLOW LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND NEAR SUN TIN WAI ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED DAILY FROM 9.30 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY ON OCTOBER 10 AND 11.

DURING THE SAME TIME ON BOTH OCTOBER 13 (THURSDAY) AND 14, THE SLOW LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD SOUTHBOUND NEAR SUN TIN WAI ESTATE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE.

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APPLICATIONS FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SHORT COURSES INVITED
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THE EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ARE NOW INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR 128 SHORT COURSES WITH THE AIM OF UPDATING THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF WORKING PEOPLE.

THE SHORT COURSES COVER A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS.

THESE ARE IN THE AREAS OF APPLIED SCIENCE, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, COMPUTING STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, MARINE ENGINEERING AND FABRICATION, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

THESE 10 TO 60 HOUR SHORT COURSES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND MARCH.

CLASSES WILL NORMALLY MEET IN THE EVENING FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM, BUT THERE ARE ALSO SOME COURSES CONDUCTED IN THE DAY-TIME.

DETAILS OF THE COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPERS. APPLICATION FORMS AND A GUIDE TO APPLICANTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY OF THE EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN MONG KOK REARRANGED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS ON SHANTUNG STREET IN MONG KOK WILL BE RE-ARRANGED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 10) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON SHANTUNG STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET SOUTH WILL BE LIFTED.

HOWEVER, A NEW 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SHANTUNG STREET BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 26 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET SOUTH.

IN ADDITION, THE CURRENT 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON SHANTUNG STREET BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET SOUTH WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARDS FOR ABOUT 26 METRES.

NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS WITHIN THIS RESTRICTED ZONE.

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WAN CHAI NORTH BUS DIVERSION SCHEME

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A BUS DIVERSION SCHEME, AIMED AT IMPROVING THE JOURNEY TIME OF CROSS HARBOUR BUSES AND BUSES USING THE EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI NORTH FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED BUS PASSENGERS.

UNDER THIS SCHEME, A BUS GATE WILL BE PROVIDED ON HUNG HING ROAD FOR CROSS HARBOUR BUSES TO ENTER THE TUNNEL PORTAL VIA THE LESS BUSY ROADS IN WAN CHAI NORTH.

CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTES 104, 105 AND A2 WILL BE DIVERTED FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND TO FLEMING ROAD, HARBOUR ROAD, TONNOCHY ROAD, HUNG HING ROAD AND TO JOIN THE TUNNEL TRAFFIC VIA THE BUS GATE.

THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. A BUS STOP FOR THESE CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN HARBOUR ROAD NEAR HARBOUR CENTRE.

CMB ROUTES 10A, 20, 21, 22, 80, 81M, 720, 721, 722, 780 AND 781 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND TO FLEMING ROAD, CONVENTION AVENUE, HUNG HING ROAD FLYOVER AND VICTORIA PARK ROAD.

A NEW BUS STOP FOR THESE ROUTES WILL BE DESIGNATED ON CONVENTION AVENUE IN FRONT OF THE WAN CHAI FERRY PIER.

THE DIVERSION OF THESE CMB BUS ROUTES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING PEAK HOURS ONLY (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) SO THAT THESE BUSES CAN BYPASS VEHICLE QUEUES ON EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

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