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SOLUTIONS TO POLLUTION PROBLEM IN JUNK BAY
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW THE HOUSING ESTATES BEING BUILT IN JUNK BAY TO BE OCCUPIED UNTIL IT IS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT THE LEVEL OF POLLUTION GENERATED BY TWO NEARBY METAL FACTORIES HAS BEEN BROUGHT DOWN TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER VISITING JUNK BAY, SIR DAVID SAID THE SHORT-TERM SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM WAS TO INSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONTROLS TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF POLLUTION TO ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS DURING THE OVERLAPPING PERIOD BETWEEN THE OCCUPATION OF THE HOUSES AND THE REMOVAL OF THE FACTORIES TO ANOTHER SITE.

THIS OVERLAPPING PERIOD SHOULD LAST FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR, HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO IMPLEMENT ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES PROMPTLY -- AT THE END OF THIS YEAR AND IN 1986 -- SO THAT THE OCCUPATION OF THE HOUSING ESTATE FLATS WOULD NOT BE DELAYED.

+I HOPE WE WILL BE ABLE TO BRING THE POLLUTION LEVELS DOWN SO THAT THE FLATS CAN BE OCCUPIED WHEN THEY ARE READY,+ HE SAID.

AS TO WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO REIMBURSE THE FACTORIES FOR IMPLEMENTING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTING MEASURES, SIR DAVID SAID GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO PAY IF THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION OF THE FACTORIES WAS REDUCED BECAUSE OF THE POLLUTION MEASURES INSISTED UPON THEM.

+IT MAY MEAN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO PAY,+ HE SAID. +BUT WE HAVEN'T FINISHED THE NEGOTIATION YET, SO WE DON'T KNOW QUITE WHAT THE BILL FOR THAT MIGHT BE, IF AT ALL.+

ASKED WHY SUCH ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES WERE NOT INSTALLED IN THE FIRST PLACE, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY -- WHICH WILL BE SETTING THE ACCEPTABLE POLLUTION STANDARDS -- DID NOT EXIST WHEN THE FACTORIES MOVED INTO JUNK BAY MANY YEARS AGO.

AND THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION HAD NOT YET BEEN PASSED, HE ADDED.

IN THE LONGER TERM, SIR DAVID SAID, THE TWO FACTORIES WOULD BE MOVED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL NEXT TO THE NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

+THIS SITE HAS BEEN SPECIALLY SELECTED BECAUSE IT IS FAR AWAY FROM THE TOWN,+ HE SAID. +IT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY EXAMINED AND SELECTED AS ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE AS A RESITE AREA.+

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ASKED ABOUT COMPENSATION FOR REMOVING THE TWO FACTORIES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT WHEREVER GOVERNMENT WANTED TO BUILD A NEW TOWN, IT WAS SURE TO INCUR REMOVAL EXPENSES.

HE CITED AS EXAMPLES SHA TIN, WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF FACTORIES HAD TO BE REMOVED FROM THE VALLEY, AND FANLING AND TUEN MUN, WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE HAD TO BE MOVED.

+THERE ARE ALWAYS A LOT OF COMPENSATION COSTS WHEREVER YOU GO.+

ASKED WHY THE FACTORIES WERE NOT MOVED EARLIER SINCE THE GOVERNMENT HAD REPORTEDLY AGREED TO A REMOVAL BILL OF \$100 MILLION IN 1977, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE LAND FOR THE RESITE AREA WAS NOT THERE THEN.

+THE LAND FORMATION FOR THIS SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND FOR THE RESITE AREA FOR THE FACTORIES HAS ONLY JUST BEEN COMPLETED AS YOU CAN SEE DOWN ON THE FORESHORE THERE,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD STARTED NEGOTIATING REMOVAL COMPENSATION WITH THE FACTORIES CONCERNED SO LONG AGO +BECAUSE WE KNEW THAT IT WOULD BE A LONG TERM NEGOTIATION+.

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO +DELAY+ IN REMOVING THE FACTORIES BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT GOING TO DEVELOP JUNK BAY IN 1977.

+IF WE HAD MOVED THE FACTORIES IN 1977 WE WOULD HAVE HAD THE COST OF ALL THAT MONEY SPENT ON MOVING THE FACTORIES RUNNING FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS UNTIL 1985.

+THERE IS NO POINT IN SPENDING THAT MONEY IN 1977.

+WE HAD OTHER THINGS TO DO WITH THAT MONEY IN 1977.+

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NO POINT IN COMPARING THE ESTIMATED REMOVAL COST OF THE TWO FACTORIES IN 1977 TO THAT OF TODAY.

+WE DIDN'T WANT TO BUILD JUNK BAY IN 1977, WE WANT TO BUILD JUNK BAY IN 1985.

+SO THERE IS NO POINT IN COMPARING IT WITH SOME IMAGINARY DATE IN THE PAST.

+WE WERE BUSY IN 1977 BUILDING ALL THE OTHER NEW TOWNS, NOT JUNK BAY.

+JUNK BAY IS THIS YEAR'S TOWN. WE'VE GOT TO PAY THIS YEAR'S PRICES.+

THE CHIEF SECRETARY ADDED THAT THE HOUSING PROGRAMME WAS A PROGRESSIVE ONE AND THAT GOVERNMENT HAD SET ITS TARGET AT 40 000 UNITS A YEAR.

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+TO MOVE AHEAD OF THAT PROGRAMME WOULD HAVE MEANT BOOSTING A PROGRAMME TO SOMETHING LIKE 60 000 OR 70 000 UNITS A YEAR.

+CLEARLY WE COULDN'T COPE WITH SUCH AN ENLARGED PROGRAMME IN FINANCIAL TERMS, OR IN ANY OTHER TERMS.+

ASKED HOW BIG THE COMPENSATION FOR REMOVING THE TWO FACTORIES WOULD BE, SIR DAVID SAID HE THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS.

+TO MOVE A COMPLEX MODERN FACTORY FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER IS QUITE A COMPLEX VALUATION EXERCISE,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED FURTHER WHETHER IT WOULD BE IN THE UPPER OR LOWER RANGE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS, HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE ABOUT TWO HUNDRED MILLION OR +SOMETHING LIKE IT+.

+YOU KNOW I AM NOT DOING THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT IT'S IN THAT SORT OF AREA,+ HE SAID. +SAY TWO TO THREE HUNDRED, I SHOULD THINK.+

AS TO WHEN A DECISION COULD BE EXPECTED, SIR DAVID SAID WHEN NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, A COMPENSATION PACKAGE WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THEN TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+I SHOULD THINK THAT WITHIN TWO TO THREE MONTHS WE WILL HAVE THE PROBLEM UNDER CONTROL,+ HE ADDED.

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SIR DAVID SHOWS INTEREST IN JUNK BAY DEVELOPMENT
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, VISITED JUNK BAY TODAY (THURSDAY) AND SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN PROGRESS MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN WHICH WILL HOUSE 170 000 PEOPLE BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

SIR DAVID BEGAN HIS TOUR BY DRIVING ALONG A NEWLY-COMPLETED STRETCH OF PO LAM ROAD, WHICH WILL LINK SAU MAU PING ROAD IN EASTERN KOWLOON WITH THE NEW TOWN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR KENNETH KWOK, AND THE JUNK BAY PROJECT MANAGER, MR NORMAN TUCKER, THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS BRIEFED ON JUNK BAY'S PLACE IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY.

FROM A VANTAGE POINT AT THE HEAD OF THE BAY DISTRICT, SIR NID WAS BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE VARIOUS WORKS CONTRACTS IN THAT PART OF THE NEW TOWN.

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SIR DAVID ALSO INSPECTED NEARBY SITES OF SERVICE RESERVOIRS BEING BUILT TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWN AND THE RESITE AREA FOR YAU YUE VILLAGE WHICH HAS TO MAKE WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT.

THE PARTY THEN BOARDED A LAUNCH FROM YAU YUE VILLAGE AND MOVED FURTHER DOWN THE BAY TO VIEW HOUSING ESTATES TAKING SHAPE, EXISTING INDUSTRIES, HANG HAU VILLAGE AND THE CONTROLLED TIP TO THE SOUTH OF THE NEW TOWN.

LANDING ON A RECLAMATION SITE NEAR THE CONTROLLED TIP, THE CHIEF SECRETARY THEN MOVED TO ANOTHER VANTAGE POINT FOR A BRIEFING ON PROPOSED LAND USES IN THE AREA WHICH INCLUDE PLANS FOR A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

JUNK BAY, IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, IS SEEN AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME. IT WILL CONTRIBUTE ABOUT 33 000 FLATS BETWEEN NOW AND 1994, REPRESENTING ABOUT NINE PER CENT OF ALL THE PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS TO BE BUILT IN THAT PERIOD.

THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS OF PO LAM ESTATE IS EXPECTED TO BE OCCUPIED AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

THE TOWN IS BASED ON THE CREATION OF THREE SEPARATE DISTRICTS, TWO OF WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN PHASE ONE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE HEAD OF THE BAY DISTRICT, BEING BUILT ON RECLAIMED LAND, WILL ACCOMMODATE 110 000 PEOPLE -- 50 000 IN RENTAL HOUSING, 22 000 IN HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME OR PUBLIC SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME FLATS AND 38 000 IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT.

ABOUT 8.4 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE RESERVED FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND 34.5 HECTARES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES, INCLUDING 14.5 HECTARES OF OPEN SPACE.

HANG HAU, THE SECOND DISTRICT IN PHASE ONE DEVELOPMENT, WILL OCCUPY THE EASTERN ARM OF THE BAY, INCLUDING AP TSAI WAN. IT WILL ACCOMMODATE 65 000 PEOPLE INCLUDING 19 000 IN RENTAL HOUSING, 23 000 IN HOS/PSPS FLATS AND 23 000 IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT.

ABOUT 6.9 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE RESERVED FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND 15.8 HECTARES FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES INCLUDING 7.9 HECTARES OF DISTRICT OPEN SPACE.

THE ROAD NETWORK WILL PROVIDE A RING OF PRIMARY DISTRIBUTOR ROADS AROUND EACH DISTRICT WITH LOCAL ROADS LEADING TO RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS.

THE MAIN ROAD LINK WITH EAST KOWLOON WILL EVENTUALLY BE BY WAY OF A TUNNEL THROUGH THE MA YAU TONG SADDLE.

STUDIES ON THE CAPACITY OF PHASE ONE SHOW THAT THE POPULATION COULD BE INCREASED TO 275 000. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND JUNK BAY ROAD TUNNEL TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

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SEPTEMBER EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 1985, VALUED AT \$342 548 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 6 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, ACCORDING TO TRADE VALUE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 7 PER CENT TO \$94 942 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 34 PER CENT TO \$78 648 MILLION AND IMPORTS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT TO \$168 957 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT.

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HEREIN ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS ON THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR SEPTEMBER 1985 WILL BE RELEASED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. DECREASED BY 9 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 260 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 217 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$732 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$144 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FOOTWEAR (BY \$49 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA INCREASED RAPIDLY IN VALUE, PARTICULARLY OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$792 MILLION OR 361 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$653 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES, SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS) (BY \$497 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$91 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT) AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$40 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

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DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$578 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$254 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$144 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$9 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT) AS WELL AS SANITARY, PLUMBING, HEATING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES AND FITTINGS (BY \$8 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$996 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$199 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO JAPAN ALSO FELL (BY \$291 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT AND BY \$91 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$18 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$14 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT).

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

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM CHINA DECREASED IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$1 368 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT); PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$380 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$359 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES, SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS) (BY \$599 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CLOTHING (BY \$367 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 242 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT); ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$848 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$572 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$906 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$646 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 152 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$493 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$398 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN INORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$293 MILLION OR 249 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$190 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT).

MEANWHILE, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY \$1 142 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$405 MILLION OR 258 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS OF IRON AND STEEL (BY \$32 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$603 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$269 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT). HOWEVER, AN INCREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$172 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

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

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 103 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 870 MILLION OR 209 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$2 585 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 196 MILLION OR 172 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN MANUFACTURED FERTILIZERS (BY \$50 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$59 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WERE MOSTLY OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS) (BY \$961 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$351 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CLOTHING (BY \$250 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$65 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$89 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE RECORDED IN NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$321 MILLION OR 474 PER CENT); TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$145 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$79 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$79 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT) AND TEXTILES (BY 67 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$401 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$92 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FELL (BY \$251 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT), AS DID PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$48 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$142 MILLION OR 100 PER CENT) AND IN RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$102 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT).

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

THE SEPTEMBER 1985 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1985 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY DECEMBER 1985 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$13 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS AND ON TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE (TEL. 5-214375) AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-444436).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN.-SEPT 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
U.S.A.	42 209	46 158	-3 949	- 8
CHINA	11 522	7 490	+4 032	+54

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U.K.	6 078	7 522	-1 445	-19
F.R. OF GERMANY	5 567	7 056	-1 488	-21
JAPAN	3 337	3 856	- 518	-13
CANADA	3 208	3 386	- 178	- 5
AUSTRALIA	2 475	2 805	- 330	-12
SINGAPORE	1 655	1 968	- 313	-16
NETHERLANDS	1 480	1 793	- 313	-17
FRANCE	1 251	1 394	- 142	-10

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN.-SEPT 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	31 989	34 647	-2 658	- 8
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	15 741	16 336	- 595	- 4
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	7 729	7 560	+ 169	+ 2
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT)	7 606	8 628	-1 022	-12

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	6 743	8 007	-1 264	-16
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5 520	6 490	- 970	-15

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

MAJOR SOURCE	JAN.-SEPT 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	40 757	41 256	- 499	- 1
JAPAN	39 918	37 928	+1 990	+ 5
U.S.A.	16 545	17 489	- 944	- 5
TAIWAN	15 630	12 513	+3 117	+25
SINGAPORE	8 552	9 092	- 539	- 6
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	6 393	5 219	+1 174	+22
U.K.	6 059	6 522	- 463	- 7
F.R. OF GERMANY	4 903	3 930	+ 973	+25
ITALY	2 547	2 143	+ 404	+19
SWITZERLAND	2 463	2 443	+ 20	+ 1

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN.-SEPT 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	23 705	24 444	- 739	- 3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	14 571	16 603	-2 032	-12

PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	9 625	8 547	+1 078	+13
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	9 392	6 856	+2 536	+37
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	8 882	8 296	+ 586	+ 7
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF)	8 236	7 006	+1 230	+18

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN.-SEPT 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (+) / DECREASE (-) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	35 578	17 505	+18 073	+103
U. S. A.	10 624	8 819	+ 1 806	+ 20
JAPAN	3 974	3 340	+ 633	+ 19
TAIWAN	3 268	3 654	- 386	- 11
SINGAPORE	3 139	3 449	- 309	- 9
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2 770	2 622	+ 148	+ 6
MACAU	1 989	1 716	+ 273	+ 16
INDONESIA	1 804	2 765	- 960	- 35
PHILIPPINES	1 081	1 061	+ 21	+ 2
F. R. OF GERMANY	1 014	808	+ 206	+ 25

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN.-SEPT 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE(+) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	11 514	9 011	+2 503	+ 28
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	7 081	6 026	+1 055	+ 18
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5 645	2 566	+3 079	+127
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	5 435	3 657	+1 778	+ 49
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5 421	4 692	+ 729	+ 16
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4 197	3 637	+ 560	+ 15

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JOBLESS RATE SHOWS SLIGHT DETERIORATION
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION SHOWED A SLIGHT DETERIORATION IN THE QUARTER JULY-SEPTEMBER 1985 COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1985, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1985 WAS 3.4 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 3.0 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1985. THE RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1984 WAS 3.5 PER CENT.

THE INCREASE OF 0.4 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT, THAT IS, IT IS GREATER THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM SAMPLING ERROR, WHILE THE DECREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1985 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 89 600, COMPARED WITH 78 500 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1985 AND 92 400 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1985 WAS 1.3 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 1.0 PER CENT FOR BOTH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR. THE INCREASES OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE TWO RESPECTIVE QUARTERS ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1985 WAS 35 600 COMPARED WITH 27 700 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1985 AND 25 600 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

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

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS ADDED THAT BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST MOVING THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

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THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION. THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR AUGUST-OCTOBER 1985 WAS 3.7 PER CENT, AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.2 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WILL BE LOWER AFTER SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT. THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1985 WAS ALSO 3.7 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY (GHS) CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 52 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT TO CONFORM TO THE LATEST STANDARDS RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO, THE GHS DEFINITIONS OF +UNEMPLOYMENT+ AND +UNDEREMPLOYMENT+ HAVE BEEN MODIFIED SINCE JANUARY 1985. HOWEVER, A COMPLETE COVERSION WILL ONLY BE INTRODUCED IN MAY 1986 WHEN A SUFFICIENTLY LONG SERIES OF THE STATISTICS UNDER THE NEW DEFINITIONS IS AVAILABLE. USING THE NEW DEFINITIONS THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1985 WAS 3.3 PER CENT, AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 2.1 PER CENT.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT, COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1985, SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

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PRESIDENTIAL VETO LOOMS FOR SENATE'S TEXTILE BILL * * * *

VOTING IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE ON THE TEXTILE BILL INDICATES A GREATER LIKELIHOOD THAT ANY PRESIDENTIAL VETO COULD BE SUSTAINED, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE, 60 VOTES TO 39, AFTER DEBATE ON A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS. IT IS NOW EXPECTED THAT A CONFERENCE STAGE WILL BE HELD AS THE SENATE VERSION DIFFERS FROM THAT PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

OPPONENTS OF THE BILL PUT FORWARD A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS DURING THE DEBATE. THE PROCEEDINGS SAW SENATORS THURMOND AND HOLLINGS ACCEPT AMENDMENTS EXCLUDING SILK WHERE A PRODUCT CONTAINED MORE THAN 70 PER CENT OF THE MATERIAL, SKI BOOTS, AND ITEMS FROM INSULAR POSSESSIONS, SUCH AS GUAM, PROVIDING THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE WERE PERMANENT RESIDENTS OR U.S. CITIZENS.

AN AMENDMENT TO ADD PROTECTION FOR THE U.S. COPPER INDUSTRY WAS APPROVED (THE BILL ALREADY INCLUDES FOOTWEAR IN ADDITION TO TEXTILES). SOME OF THE OTHER AMENDMENTS WHICH WERE NOT APPROVED ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO HONG KONG.

ONE AMENDMENT PROPOSED THAT COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE U.S. EXPORTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WORTH MORE THAN \$400 MILLION SHOULD BE EXEMPT. THESE COUNTRIES INCLUDED CHINA, TAIWAN, SOUTH KOREA, BRAZIL AND HONG KONG. THIS AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED BY 60 VOTES TO 39.

ANOTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENT RELATED TO OPEN MARKETS WHICH SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED HONG KONG AS BEING THE ONLY PLACE WHICH COULD QUALIFY AT PRESENT. DURING THE DEBATE, SENATOR EVANS REFERRED TO A LETTER WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HONG KONG'S SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR ERIC HO, AND HE SAID HE WISHED IT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. THE ACTUAL AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED 68 VOTES TO 30.

+THE VOTING IS QUITE ENCOURAGING,+ MR MACLEOD SAID. +PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS SAID THAT HE IS OPPOSED TO PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION, AND IF HE VETOES THIS BILL (ONCE A SINGLE VERSION OF IT HAS BEEN PRODUCED) THEN IT WOULD BE REFERRED BACK TO THE SENATE, AND TO THE HOUSE, WHERE A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OVERRIDE THAT VETO.

+ON YESTERDAY'S VOTING, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT SUCH A PROPORTION COULD BE ACHIEVED= AND IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT MANY PEOPLE WHO MIGHT VOTE FOR THE BILL NOW WOULD THINK TWICE ABOUT THE MORE SERIOUS STEP OF OVERRIDING A VETO.+

HONG KONG'S WASHINGTON OFFICE AND THE TERRITORY'S LOBBYISTS HAD WORKED EFFECTIVELY AND HARD IN THE RUN UP TO THE DEBATE, AND CONSIDERATION WAS NOW BEING GIVEN TO THE NEXT STAGE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE BILL, MR MACLEOD ADDED.

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BOARD CHAIRMEN REMINDED OF IMPORTANT MISSION
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DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH AN IMPORTANT MISSION TO LEAD FELLOW MEMBERS TO WORK FOR THE WELFARE OF LOCAL RESIDENTS, SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

FULL CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY WAS INDICATED BY THE FACT THAT THEY ARE ELECTED BY FELLOW MEMBERS, HE SAID.

+THE RE-CONSTITUTED DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE ACHIEVED IMPRESSIVE RESULTS IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS AND IN GAUGING PUBLIC OPINION ON LOCAL AND TERRITORY-WIDE MATTERS.

+SUCH ACHIEVEMENTS DO NOT ONLY REPRESENT THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM, BUT ARE ALSO THE RESULTS OF DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN'S HARD WORK,+ HE SAID.

MR LIAO WAS ADDRESSING CHAIRMEN OF 19 DISTRICT BOARDS AT TODAY'S SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE AND THE WILSON LEARNING CORPORATION-ASIA.

THE SEMINAR ENABLED ALL DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN TO MEET AND DISCUSS THE RUNNING OF MEETINGS AND WAYS TO IMPROVE THEIR LEADERSHIP.

+I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WOULD MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PUT TOGETHER YOUR THOUGHTS AND SHARE YOUR OPINIONS,+ MR LIAO SAID.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME INCLUDED AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION ON ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE CHAIRMANSHIP AS EXEMPLIFIED BY A VIDEO-TAPED MOCK MEETING- AND PRACTICES ON HOW TO CONDUCT MEETINGS AND MANAGE ATTENDANTS.

THERE WAS ALSO A REVIEW DISCUSSION AMONG THE CHAIRMEN, DISTRICT OFFICERS AND CNTA REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, AT THE END OF THE SEMINAR.

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NEW CIGARETTE TAR TESTS CARRIED OUT
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THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST HAS CONDUCTED ANOTHER SERIES OF TESTS ON THE CONTENTS OF CIGARETTES ON SALE IN HONG KONG AND THE RESULTS, TO BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (FRIDAY), SHOW THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THESE BRANDS OF CIGARETTES ARE OF +LOW TAR+ AND +LOW TO MIDDLE TAR+.

FIVE SUCH TEST SERIES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED SINCE 1983. THESE PERIODIC TESTS ARE TO PROVIDE A GUIDANCE TO CIGARETTES SMOKERS ON WHAT THEY ARE INHALING AND TO PROVIDE THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY WITH OFFICIAL TAR GROUP DESIGNATIONS FOR THEIR BRANDS OF CIGARETTE.

THE LATEST SERIES COVERS THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD STARTING FEBRUARY 1985. BASED ON THE FINDINGS, A TOTAL OF 94 SAMPLE BRANDS WERE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR TAR CONTENTS INTO ONE OF THE FIVE GROUPS RANGING FROM +LOW TAR+ TO +HIGH TAR+.

OF THESE 94 BRANDS, 20 BELONGED TO THE +LOW TAR+ GROUP, 37 IN THE +LOW TO MIDDLE TAR+ GROUP, 30 TO THE +MIDDLE TAR+ GROUP, AND SIX UNDER THE +MIDDLE TO HIGH TAR+ GROUP. ONLY ONE WAS OF +HIGH TAR+.

RESULTS SHOWED THAT THE TAR GROUPS OF MOST, EXCEPT 18 OF THE BRANDS, COMPLIED WELL WITH THAT CLAIMED BY THE MANUFACTURERS. OF THOSE 18 BRANDS, THREE WERE FOUND TO BELONG TO A HIGHER TAR GROUP THAN THE LABELLED CLAIMED WHILE THE REMAINING 15 BRANDS WERE FOUND TO BELONG TO A LOWER TAR GROUP THAN THEIR RESPECTIVE CLAIMS.

IT WAS OBSERVED THAT MOST NEW BRANDS ON THE MARKET WERE OF +LOW TAR+ AND +LOW TO MIDDLE TAR+ WHILE BRANDS THAT HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE MARKET BELONGED TO THE +MIDDLE TAR+ GROUP.

THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE GRADUAL REDUCTION IN THE TAR YIELDS OF CERTAIN LONG ESTABLISHED BRANDS, IS REFLECTED IN A TREND OF A SLOW BUT STEADY DECLINE IN THE AVERAGE TAR YIELD FOR ALL CIGARETTE BRANDS TESTED.

THE AVERAGE TAR YIELD OF THE SAMPLES IN THE LATEST SERIES WAS 15 MG PER CIGARETTE, WHILE IN PREVIOUS EXERCISES THE FIGURES WERE 17.6 MG, 16.5 MG, 15.5 MG AND 15.4 MG.

A COMPARISON WAS MADE BETWEEN IMPORTED AND LOCALLY MANUFACTURED CIGARETTES AND IT WAS FOUND THAT FOR BOTH TYPES OF CIGARETTES THE MAJORITY OF THE SAMPLE BRANDS HAD FILTERS. IT WAS ALSO NOTICED THAT ALL OF THE +LOW TAR+ CIGARETTES ON SALE WERE IMPORTED.

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PLANS FOR POLLUTION CONTROL
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR POLLUTION CONTROL FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY A WORKING GROUP WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3 PM.

THE WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP IN JANUARY THIS YEAR TO EXAMINE HOW POLLUTION CONTROL EFFORTS COULD BE GIVEN MORE IMPETUS AND BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE.

PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR FRANCIS HO.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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DB MEMBERS PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION
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NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN GIVING TALKS TO LOCAL STUDENTS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AS PART OF THE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES ON CIVIC EDUCATION ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

BETWEEN NOVEMBER 5 AND DECEMBER 9, A DB MEMBER WOULD VISIT EACH OF THE SEVEN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT TO INTRODUCE THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM STUDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID THAT THROUGH THESE ARRANGEMENTS, STUDENTS COULD SHARE IN THE PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

OTHER ACTIVITIES TO BOOST CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG LOCAL YOUTHS INCLUDE A QUIZ COMPETITION, AN EXHIBITION, A CARNIVAL, FAMILIARISATION TOURS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND INVITATIONS TO DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS.

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WALKATHON FOR HANDICAPPED, ABLE-BODIED IN SAI KUNG
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ABOUT 1 000 HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED PERSONS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN A TWO-KILOMETRE WALKATHON FROM WONG SHEK PIER IN SAI KUNG ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 17).

THE 12TH PHAB (PHYSICAL-HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED) WALK, ORGANISED BY THE PHAB ASSOCIATION WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, WILL BE STARTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AT 10.30 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE LEAVING KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9 AM SHARP ON SUNDAY FOR WONG SHEK PIER.

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INSPECTION OF WORKS PROJECTS
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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO INSPECT VARIOUS WORKS PROJECTS.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUNDS, VAN TRACKS, VILLAGE FOOTPATHS, RAIN SHELTERS AND DRAINAGE CHANNELS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TOUR. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, NEXT TO FANLING MAGISTRACY AT FANLING ROUNDABOUT, AT 9.15 AM.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR +TIGER+ GOLD COIN
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE ISSUE OF A LIMITED QUANTITY OF \$1 000 GOLD COINS TO MARK THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR -- THE YEAR OF THE TIGER.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM NOVEMBER 28 FROM ALL OFFICES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE AT 12.30 PM ON DECEMBER 14.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PROOF VERSION OF THE COIN IS PRICED AT \$3 300 WHILE THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN COSTS \$2 200. THESE ARE THE PRICES AT WHICH THE COCKEREL, THE DOG, THE PIG, THE RAT AND THE OX COINS WERE SOLD.

+THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IS THE SAME AS THAT FOR PREVIOUS YEARS IN THAT CHEQUES ON PERSONAL ACCOUNTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS WELL AS BANKER'S CASHIER ORDERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HOWEVER, APPLICATIONS ARE RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS WITH A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD. IN THE EVENT OF OVER-SUBSCRIPTION A BALLOT WILL BE HELD,+ HE ADDED.

THE YEAR OF THE TIGER GOLD COIN IS THE PENULTIMATE COIN IN THE CURRENT SERIES OF LUNAR NEW YEAR GOLD COINS COMMEMORATING THE 12 LUNAR YEARS WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE WESTERN CALENDAR YEARS 1976 -- 1987.

WORLD-WIDE MINTAGE FOR EACH COIN IN THE SERIES IS LIMITED, AND THE YEAR OF THE TIGER COIN IS NO EXCEPTION. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT 7 500 PROOF AND 10 500 UNCIRCULATED COINS HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE GOLD COINS ARE HELD IN A SPECIAL COIN SUSPENSE ACCOUNT AND ARE USED TO HELP FINANCE CAREFULLY SELECTED PROJECTS.

THE MOST RECENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED WAS A \$28.5 MILLION GRANT TO THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE TO MEET THE CAPITAL COST OF THE BUILDING.

MONEY HAS ALSO BEEN EARMARKED FROM THE SPECIAL COIN SUSPENSE ACCOUNT FOR THE FUNDING OF THE SHA TIN INFIRMARY, WHICH WILL PROVIDE BEDS FOR THE CHRONICALLY ILL AND CONVALESCING PATIENTS.

THE 700-BED INFIRMARY, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1990, WILL BE RUN BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WITH MEDICALLY QUALIFIED STAFF IN ATTENDANCE.

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THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS WERE MADE TOWARDS PREVIOUS PROJECTS:

QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM	\$15.0 MILLION
SILVER JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE	\$56.9 MILLION
FLATS FOR THE ELDERLY	\$32.5 MILLION

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED RESIDENTS TO HAND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS EARLY. COMPLETED FORMS, TOGETHER WITH BANKER'S CASHIER ORDERS OR CROSSED CHEQUES DATED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 14, 1985 AND MADE PAYABLE TO +HONG KONG GOVERNMENT 1986 SPECIAL COIN ACCOUNT+, MUST REACH ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION BY 12.30 PM OF THAT DAY:

1 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG
40-50 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, HONG KONG
500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG
2 PATERSON STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG
306 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG
82-84 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON
673 NATHAN ROAD, MONGKOK
1 YUE MAN SQUARE, KWUN TONG
455-457 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN
150 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

STRUCK IN 22 CARAT GOLD, EACH COIN MEASURES 28.4 MM IN DIAMETER AND WEIGHS 15.976 GRAMMES.

EACH COIN WILL BE PACKAGED IN A PLASTIC SCREW TOP CAPSULE AND SUPPLIED WITH A PRESENTATION CASE AND A SOUVENIR BOOKLET.

GOLD COINS WITH A FACE VALUE OF \$1 000 WERE MADE LEGAL TENDER ON MAY 5, 1975.

THE YEAR OF THE TIGER BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 9, 1986 AND ENDS ON JANUARY 28, 1987. THE TIGER IS REGARDED AS THE BIRTHDAY ANIMAL FOR PEOPLE BORN BETWEEN THESE DATES AND FOR ANYONE BORN IN PREVIOUS YEARS OF THE TIGER:

1902-1903: FEBRUARY 8, 1902 - JANUARY 28, 1903
1914-1915: JANUARY 26, 1914 - FEBRUARY 13, 1915
1926-1927: FEBRUARY 13, 1926 - FEBRUARY 1, 1927
1938-1939: JANUARY 31, 1938 - FEBRUARY 18, 1939
1950-1951: FEBRUARY 17, 1950 - FEBRUARY 5, 1951
1962-1963: FEBRUARY 5, 1962 - JANUARY 24, 1963
1974-1975: JANUARY 23, 1974 - FEBRUARY 10, 1975.

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RESPONSIBLE RETAILERS CONTRIBUTING TO HEALTHY ECONOMY
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MORE AND MORE RETAILERS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CONSUMER AND THIS AUGURED WELL FOR A HEALTHY GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL BALL MARKING THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, MR HO SAID HONG KONG WAS ACCUSTOMED TO HAVING A RETAIL TRADE WHICH ORGANISED ITSELF TO SERVE THE CONVENIENCE OF SHOPPERS.

+NEW AND IMPROVED METHODS, SUCH AS THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SYSTEM, ARE ALSO CONSTANTLY BEING EXPLORED BY RETAILERS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY,+ HE SAID.

AS REGARD THE RETAIL SECTOR, MR HO SAID IT HAD ALSO DONE WELL.

+WITH AN ANNUAL SALE OF OVER \$62 BILLION, THE RETAIL SECTOR EMPLOYS 170 000 PERSONS AND PROVIDES ONE OF THE LARGEST SOURCES OF JOBS FOR OUR POPULATION AND, I AM SURE, PROFITS FOR THE ENTERPRISES CONCERNED.

+I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THE TRADE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE ITS RIGHTFUL CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY BY PROVIDING A GOOD AND RELIABLE SERVICE TO LOCAL CONSUMERS AND TOURISTS ALIKE,+ HE SAID.

THE RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF RETAIL MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG. ITS MEMBERS COMPRISE MAJOR RETAILERS IN HONG KONG WITH A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF BACKGROUND, INCLUDING MANY FOREIGN OWNED COMPANIES.

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REGIONAL SERVICES RESPONSIVE TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL NEXT YEAR WILL BE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+THE NEED FOR THIS SECOND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BECAME INCREASINGLY EVIDENT IN RECENT YEARS WITH THE SHIFT OF POPULATION FROM THE OLD URBAN AREAS TO THE NEW TOWNS,+ HE SAID.

+ITS MAIN PURPOSE WILL BE TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA WITH ESSENTIAL MUNICIPAL, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, IN THE SAME WAY AS THE URBAN COUNCIL DOES IN THE LONG-ESTABLISHED URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON.+

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON, MR HAMMOND SAID THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, SET UP ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR, WAS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FULLY-AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL COUNCIL.

BY THEN, HE ADDED, THE ELECTED ELEMENT IN THE COUNCIL WOULD BE INCREASED BY 12, BRINGING TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO 36.

THE ADDITIONAL 12 MEMBERS WOULD BE DIRECTLY ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL IN MARCH NEXT YEAR FROM 12 CONSTITUENCIES IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA, IN WHICH THERE ARE 442 790 REGISTERED ELECTORS.

+IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE INPUT OF DIRECTLY ELECTED MEMBERS, AS WELL AS THOSE INDIRECTLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WELL-KNOWN FOR THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE, THAT RESIDENTS CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE FROM THE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE MANY SERVICES IT WILL PROVIDE WHICH AFFECT THEIR DAILY LIVES,+ MR HAMMOND SAID.

+THE PRESENT SET-UP OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL BRINGS US THAT MUCH CLOSER TOWARDS THIS IDEAL SITUATION, BECAUSE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS AS RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE AS ITS RESOURCES WILL ALLOW, WITH REGARD TO THE PROVISION OF A WIDE RANGE OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES.+

MR HAMMOND SAID THAT THIS HAD BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FACT THAT IN EACH OF THE NINE DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS AREA, THE COUNCIL HAD SET UP A DISTRICT COMMITTEE WHICH COMPRISED BOTH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LEADING MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

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THE OBJECTIVE OF SETTING UP THESE DISTRICT COMMITTEES WAS TO MONITOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS AND TO ASSESS RESIDENTS' NEEDS AND TO RESPOND TO THEIR LEGITIMATE GRIEVANCES.

+THIS NETWORK OF LOCALLY ORIENTATED COMMITTEES WILL HELP US FACE UP TO THE CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY THE ON-GOING URBANISATION AND VARIED NATURE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TOWNSHIPS - EACH OF WHICH HAS ITS OWN DISTINCT CHARACTERISTICS, NEEDS AND PROBLEMS,+ MR HAMMOND SAID.

+AT THIS POINT IN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, I THINK IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT INDEED TO DEVISE A BETTER WAY TO GIVE THE LOCAL PEOPLE A CLOSER INVOLVEMENT AND GREATER INFLUENCE IN MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL.+

TURNING TO THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF THE COUNCIL, MR HAMMOND SAID ITS TASK WAS NOT AN EASY ONE.

+IT HAS TO SERVE SOME 1.8 MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE AREA, WHICH REPRESENTS ABOUT 32 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF HONG KONG= AND ITS 945 SQUARE KILOMETRES CONSTITUTE 88 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL LAND AREA, ALTHOUGH ADMITTEDLY MUCH OF THIS IS MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN,+ HE SAID.

+THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS A TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE THAN 8 500 STAFF. MOST OF THEM WORK IN THE NINE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT, WHERE THEY SERVE AND RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.+

MR HAMMOND SAID THAT THE RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE RSD WAS SO WIDE THAT THE QUALITY OF ITS SERVICE HAS A DIRECT BEARING ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA.

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HISTORICAL BOUNDARY STONE INSTALLED IN GARDEN

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A BOUNDARY STONE, BELIEVED TO BE MORE THAN 700 YEARS OLD, HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN A GARDEN OUTSIDE THE MUI WO FERRY PIER ON LANTAU.

MEASURING 21 X 21 X 120 CM, THE STONE IS INSCRIBED WITH TWO CHINESE CHARACTERS ON THE TOP AND FOUR CHINESE CHARACTERS ON EACH SIDE MEANING THE TAXABLE LAND OF THE LI FEUDAL ESTATE.

ACCORDING TO HISTORIANS, IT WAS ERECTED SOME TIME AFTER 1 265 AD TO MARK THE BOUNDARY OF THE ESTATE OF LI MAO-YING, A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL SERVING IN THE COURT OF THE SUNG EMPEROR.

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BORN IN PAN YU, NEAR CANTON, LI OBTAINED HIS HONORARY CHIN-SHIH DEGREE IN THE IMPERIAL CIVIL EXAMINATION IN 1 226 AD AND BECAME A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL. HE WAS GRANTED THE FEUDAL ESTATE IN PAN YU.

ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL GAZETTEER IN THE QING DYNASTY, THE FEUDAL ESTATE OF THE LI HOUSE ON LANTAU STILL EXISTED IN THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY.

THE BOUNDARY STONE WAS DISCOVERED IN 1955 IN CHUNG HOU, MUI WO (ANOTHER IDENTICAL STONE WAS ALSO FOUND IN 1977 IN MAN KOK TSUI, LANTAU).

WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED, THE STONE WAS HANDED TO THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH FOR PROTECTION.

WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE STONE TOGETHER WITH AN EXPLANATORY PLAQUE WERE INSTALLED IN THE GARDEN OF THE MUI WO FERRY PIER RECENTLY.

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GREAT CHANGES AHEAD FOR AP LEI CHAU
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THE SMALL ISLAND OF AP LEI CHAU IN ABERDEEN WILL SEE GREAT CHANGES AS A NUMBER OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ARE COMPLETED OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE AP LEI CHAU KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, MR CHAN SAID THE ISLAND'S POPULATION WOULD BE BOOSTED WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE LEI TUNG ESTATE AND THE AP LEI CHAU NORTH RECLAMATION PROGRAMME BY THE EARLY 1990'S.

+LEI TUNG ESTATE, A SELF-CONTAINED MODERN PUBLIC HOUSING AREA, WILL BECOME HOME FOR MORE THAN 40 000 PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL HAVE ITS OWN COMMUNITY FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, SHOPPING AND COOKED FOOD CENTRES, AND PUBLIC FACILITIES SUCH AS A POST OFFICE AND CAR PARKS.

+THE AP LEI CHAU NORTH RECLAMATION IS A LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THREE PHASES, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS DUE TO START IN 1987.

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+THE WHOLE PROJECT, WHEN COMPLETED IN 1992, WILL YIELD SOME 7.09 HECTARES OF LAND FOR VARIOUS USES,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHAN STRESSED THAT THE NEEDS OF THOSE LIVING IN AP LEI CHAU OLD TOWN WOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN. AN OPEN SPACE NEAR AP LEI CHAU MAIN STREET WOULD BE TURNED INTO A RECREATION GROUND, AND A NEW GOVERNMENT CLINIC WOULD BE COMPLETED IN A FEW YEARS' TIME TO PROVIDE OUTPATIENT SERVICES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

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CAS CADET CORPS TO HOLD PARADE
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A CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS PARADE TO MARK THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR WILL BE HELD AT THE VICTORIA PARK ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL ANTHONY BOAM, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE AND PRESENT MEDALS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PARADE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT MINI-SOCCER PITCH NO. 5 OF THE VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY, BY 7.45 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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FIRE SERVICES MOUNTAIN RUN
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THE ANNUAL KOWLOON PEAK MOUNTAIN RUN ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE 2.2-KILOMETRE RUN WILL START FROM FEI NGOR SHAN ROAD ABOUT 200 METRES FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD TO THE GILWELL CAMP SITE.

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MORE THAN 100 UNIFORMED AND CIVILIAN STAFF ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE RUN AND CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR M. KINGDOM, OF KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT NGAU CHI WAN FIRE STATION BEFORE 2.30 PM FOR TRANSPORT TO THE STARTING POINT.

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CENTRAL, WESTERN TRAFFIC CHANGES
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DUDELL STREET IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM TO 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 17) TO FACILITATE THE LIFTING OF GOODS IN THE AREA.

ON THE SAME DAY, FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM, VEHICLES OVER 5.5 TONNES GROSS ON DES VOEUX ROAD WEST (EASTBOUND) WILL BE DIVERTED TO HILL ROAD, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND CHIU KWONG STREET FOR TRENCH WORK AT THE JUNCTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND WATER STREET.

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FANLING RESTRICTED ZONE
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THE CUL-DE-SAC AT THE EASTERN END OF ROAD L100 AT FANLING WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 17).

MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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