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SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE TO BE SET UP--SIR DAVID

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO SET UP A SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH, IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS, WILL EXAMINE THE OPERATION OF THE FUTURES EXCHANGE AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE AS WELL AS THE SUPERVISORY SYSTEM, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

THE CHAIRMANSHIP AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SIR DAVID SAID WHEN SPEAKING AT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL.

"I SHALL BE ASKING THE COMMITTEE TO PRODUCE AN EARLY REPORT GIVING ADVICE ON HOW WE SHOULD IMPROVE OUR EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS," HE SAID.

THE SUPERVISORY SYSTEM INVOLVES THE COMMODITIES TRADING COMMISSION, THE SECURITIES COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING.

SIR DAVID MADE THESE REMARKS AFTER STATING THAT PRODUCTIVITY COULD NOT BE LOOKED AT IN ISOLATION FROM THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT--AND THAT ENVIRONMENT HAD BEEN SHAKEN IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

"I SHOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THESE RECENT, TRAUMATIC EVENTS AND ACTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN, AND WILL BE TAKING IN RESPONSE TO THEM," HE SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE RECENT SHARP FALL ON THE STOCK MARKET WAS NOT CONFINED TO HONG KONG AND, INDEED, THE FALL HERE WAS A REACTION TO FALLS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

"NOTHING COULD DEMONSTRATE MORE CLEARLY HOW INTER-RELATED THE ECONOMIES OF THE WORLD NOW ARE. WE IN HONG KONG CANNOT BE ISOLATED FROM EVENTS ELSEWHERE. THE GLOBAL MARKET IS A REALITY. SO IS THE 24 HOUR STOCK MARKET. WE ARE A PART OF BOTH."

SIR DAVID SAID THERE WAS A LESSON TO BE LEARNT FROM THESE EVENTS FOR POLICY ON WORLD TRADE. JUST AS THE STOCK MARKETS OF THE WORLD WERE INTER-DEPENDENT, SO WAS THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM.

"PROTECTIONISM AND ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS TO TRADE WILL DAMAGE ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM. NOBODY WILL GAIN. THIS IS THE MESSAGE THAT I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PUT ACROSS DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES."

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THERE WERE OTHER LESSONS NEAR HOME, SIR DAVID WENT ON. AS THE EFFECTS OF THE SUDDEN DROP IN THE STOCK MARKET PRICES HERE AND AROUND THE WORLD WERE ANALYSED, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT HONG KONG FACED A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH ITS FINANCIAL FUTURES MARKET.

IT WAS A RELATIVELY NEW MARKET, AND NOT ONE IN WHICH MOST PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY HAD ANY INVOLVEMENT.

AFTER THE SUSPENSION OF TRADING ON THE STOCK MARKET, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT, IF NOTHING WAS DONE TO UNDERPIN THE FUTURES MARKET, THE MARKET MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REOPEN. THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A KNOCK-ON EFFECT ON THE STOCK MARKET.

"UNLESS THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE HAD BEEN CONTAINED, THERE COULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUS EFFECTS ON THE WHOLE OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO ORGANISE QUICKLY A SUPPORT FACILITY FOR THE CORPORATION GUARANTEEING CONTRACTS IN THE FUTURES MARKET," HE SAID.

"THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUPPORT OPERATION WAS NOT TO BAIL OUT THOSE WHO HAD TAKEN RISKS AND CALCULATED WRONGLY. JUST AS THEY PROFITED WHEN THE MARKET WAS IN THEIR FAVOUR, SO THEY NOW REMAIN LIABLE FOR THEIR LOSSES. THE PURPOSE WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE LOSSES DID NOT SNOWBALL TO AFFECT THE WHOLE OF OUR ECONOMY."

SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT ALSO TO REMEMBER THAT THE CREDIT FACILITIES WHICH HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GUARANTEE CORPORATION BY THE EXCHANGE FUND AND BY OTHERS WERE A LOAN, NOT A GIFT. "THEY WILL BE REPAID AND REPAID WITH INTEREST. THE RESOURCES IN THE EXCHANGE FUND ARE NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED."

AS A RESULT OF THE SUPPORT OPERATION, THE SYSTEM HAD REMAINED INTACT, HE SAID. THERE WAS STILL NERVOUSNESS IN THE MARKET, HERE AND ELSEWHERE. BUT HONG KONG HAD BEEN ABLE TO RETURN TO ORDERLY TRADING, AND THAT WAS AN IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT HE HAD SAID IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH THAT HONG KONG SHOULD ALWAYS BE PRUDENT, EVEN WHEN THE ECONOMY WAS DOING WELL, BECAUSE IT WAS SUBJECT TO THE AFFECTS OF EXTERNAL FORCES AND HAD TO BE ABLE TO REACT QUICKLY IF STORMS CAME.

REFERRING TO THE WORK OF THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AT THIS POINT, SIR DAVID SAID THAT IF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY OR OUR OWN ECONOMY MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY RECENT EVENTS, IT WAS DOUBLY IMPORTANT THAT THE TERRITORY SHOULD MAINTAIN ITS COMPETIVENESS IN WORLD MARKETS. THAT WAS WHY PRODUCTIVITY IN OUR INDUSTRIES WAS SO IMPORTANT.

THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THAT AREA, HE SAID, ADDING THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THE COUNCIL HAD THE DETERMINATION AND ABILITY TO MEET THE CHALLENGE POSED BY COMPLEX AND DIVERSE TASKS THAT LAY AHEAD.

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EIGHTH JLG MEETING NEXT WEEK

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THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ANNOUNCED THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING THAT THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP ON HONG KONG WILL TAKE PLACE IN PEKING FROM NOVEMBER 10 TO 13.

THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE LED BY THE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (ASIA), FCO. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE MR DONALD LIAO, SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG; MR DICK CLIFT, POLITICAL ADVISER, HONG KONG; MISS ALYSON BAILES, COUNSELLOR, BRITISH EMBASSY, PEKING AND MR CHRISTOPHER HUM, HEAD OF HONG KONG DEPARTMENT, FCO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE LEADER OF THE BRITISH TEAM, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, WILL BE ARRIVING IN HONG KONG TOMORROW ON BR 382 (ETA 6.30 PM). A PRESS FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED AT THE AIRPORT TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, BY 5.50 PM.

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SURVEY OFFICE REPORT TO BE TABLED IN LEGCO

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THE REPORT OF THE SURVEY OFFICE ON PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL BE TABLED AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

AT THE MEETING, 19 MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON THE MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS DELIVERED ON OCTOBER 7.

AND ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 5), OTHER 27 MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK ON THE MOTION.

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COPIES OF SURVEY OFFICE REPORT AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC

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THE SURVEY OFFICE REPORT SUMMARISING PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE GREEN PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 5).

THE REPORT IS ABOUT 100 PAGES LONG AND IS TO BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE OUTLETS FROM WHICH COPIES FOR THE PUBLIC ARE AVAILABLE ARE DISTRICT OFFICES; THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING; AND THE MARKETING OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 1, BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS PRINTED 120,000 COPIES OF THE REPORT IN CHINESE AND 40,000 COPIES IN ENGLISH.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR COPIES.

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PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO OFFER MATRICULATION COURSES

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PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WILL START OPERATING SECONDARY 6-7 COURSES FROM 1991 TO ENABLE STUDENTS OF THESE SCHOOLS TO PURSUE THEIR MATRICULATION EDUCATION IN THE SAME SCHOOL, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AFTER TOURING THE MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN CHAI WAN, MR LAN SAID FROM 1989 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD RUN MORE SECONDARY 4 AND 5 CLASSES.

THE CLASS PATTERN OF A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL WOULD BE MODIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 1.

THE NEW CLASS PATTERN WOULD GIVE TWO MORE CLASSES FOR BOTH SECONDARY 4 AND 5 AND CREATE TWO CLASSES OF SECONDARY 6 AND 7 IN EACH OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

TO COPE WITH THE CHANGES, THE RATIO OF GRADUATED AND NON-GRADUATED TEACHERS AT PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING 3:7 TO 1:1 IN THE COMING YEARS.

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TO MEET THE PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS AND EXPANSION, MR LAN SAID 10 MORE NEW PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WITH THE PROVISION OF 14,000 PLACES WOULD BE BUILT IN STAGES IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THIS WOULD BRING THE NUMBER OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO 28 PROVIDING MORE THAN 29,000 SCHOOL PLACES BY 1992. THREE OF THE SCHOOLS WOULD BE LOCATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX IN KOWLOON AND THE REMAINING 19 IN THE NEW TOWNS.

MR LAN STRESSED THAT PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WERE NOT VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS. RATHER, THEY WERE ALL MODERN SECONDARY SCHOOLS EQUIPPED WITH EXPENSIVE FACILITIES TO PROVIDE A GENERAL EDUCATION TO STUDENTS WHO INTENDED TO SWITCH TO TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

"A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL HAS AN ENRICHED TECHNICAL CURRICULUM ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 45 TO 50 PER CENT OF THAT FOR SECONDARY 1 TO 3 AND 30 PER CENT FOR SECONDARY 4 AND 5," HE SAID.

TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL SUBJECTS OFFERED BY PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS INCLUDED METALWORK, ELECTRICITY, TECHNICAL DRAWING, PRINTING, WOODWORK, ELECTRONICS, TEXTILES, CAR REPAIRS, ENGINEERING STUDIES, AIR-CONDITIONING, INTERIOR DECORATIONS, ART AND DESIGN, FASHION AND CLOTHING, ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING, TYPING, BOOK-KEEPING, OFFICE PRACTICE, RETAILING, COMPUTER STUDIES AND COMMERCIAL KNOWLEDGE.

FOR SECONDARY 6 AND 7 STUDENTS, THE TECHNICAL SUBJECTS WOULD INCLUDE ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, GRAPHICAL COMMUNICATION, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (METAL BASED), ART AND DESIGN, COMPUTER STUDIES, PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS AND BUSINESS STUDIES. THE COURSE WOULD ALSO INCLUDE LANGUAGES AND MATHEMATICS AS THE MAIN GENERAL SUBJECTS.

MR LAN SAID PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS OFFERED A PROSPECT CERTAINLY COMPARABLE TO THAT OF GRAMMAR SCHOOLS AND URGED NEXT YEAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVERS AND THEIR PARENTS TO WEIGH ALL THE MERITS AND DEMERITS INCLUDING THEIR CHILDREN'S APTITUDE AND INTEREST BEFORE DECIDING ON THE STREAM OF SECONDARY EDUCATION THEY WOULD PURSUE.

HE SAID LAST YEAR'S PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS RECEIVED 10,400 APPLICATIONS FOR 4,400 SECONDARY 1 PLACES. IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, MORE PLACES WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON COMPLETION OF THREE NEW PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR AUGUST

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, ESTIMATED AT \$7,347 MILLION, WAS 22 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN AUGUST LAST YEAR WHILST THEIR VOLUME WAS 13 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS REFLECTED A HIGHLY BUOYANT PRIVATE CONSUMPTION DEMAND, IN LINE WITH THE STRONG PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY OVER THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST LAST YEAR, RETAIL SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY BY 29 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 20 PER CENT IN VOLUME. "CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS" AND CONSUMER DURABLES BOTH WENT UP BY 21 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND BY 14 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME.

SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 55 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 43 PER CENT IN VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES ALSO ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY BY 33 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 25 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

SUPERMARKET SALES INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 15 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE INCREASE FOR CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WERE NINE PER CENT AND THREE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO AUGUST 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF BOTH CONSUMER DURABLES AND "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 11 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 15 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND NINE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED MODERATELY BY 10 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY ONE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 40 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 27 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES AND SUPERMARKETS WENT UP BY 24 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND 17 PER CENT AND 16 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME.

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CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1987, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR AUGUST 1987 INCREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT IN VALUE AND SEVEN PER CENT IN VOLUME.

SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" INCREASED CONSIDERABLY BY 18 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 17 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY FOUR PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

SALES VALUE OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT WHILE THE SALES VOLUME REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED.

CONSUMER DURABLES RECORDED A NEGLIGIBLE CHANGE IN SALES VALUE AND A SLIGHT DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS DROPPED BY THREE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY BY 27 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 29 PER CENT IN VOLUME. MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT UP BY EIGHT PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND SEVEN PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

SUPERMARKET SALES INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY TWO PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME, WHILE SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS FELL BY THREE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR JULY 1987 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR AUGUST 1987.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN JULY 1987 AND AUGUST 1987 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF AUGUST 1987 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR JULY 1987 AND WITH THOSE FOR AUGUST 1986 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO AUGUST 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE AUGUST 1987 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL NO. 5-8234941).

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for August 1987 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$7 347 million
for July 1987 (Revised Figure) = HK\$6 812 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES FOR JULY AND AUGUST 1987

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

Item	Index of Retail Sales	July 1987	August 1987	August 1987 compared with July 1987		August 1987 compared with August 1986		Jan. - Aug. 1987 compared with Jan. - Aug. 1986	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	122	131	+ 10	+ 8	+ 24	+ 22	+ 16	+ 16
	Volume	110	117	+ 8	+ 7	+ 14	+ 13	+ 9	+ 9
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	115	118	+ 3	+ 3	+ 12	+ 12	+ 11	+ 10
	Volume	110	110	•	•	+ 6	+ 6	+ 7	+ 6
Fuels	Value	97	94	- 3	- 3	+ 10	+ 11	+ 1	+ 1
	Volume	107	103	- 4	- 4	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3	+ 3
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	125	130	+ 5	+ 4	+ 23	+ 21	+ 17	+ 15
	Volume	110	116	+ 7	+ 6	+ 14	+ 14	+ 9	+ 9
Consumer durables	Value	146	146	•	•	+ 26	+ 21	+ 21	+ 20
	Volume	125	124	- 1	- 1	+ 14	+ 12	+ 11	+ 11
Other consumer goods	Value	117	138	+ 21	+ 18	+ 31	+ 29	+ 20	+ 20
	Volume	103	121	+ 18	+ 17	+ 20	+ 20	+ 11	+ 11
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
Supermarkets	Value	144	146	+ 3	+ 2	+ 25	+ 20	+ 23	+ 21
	Volume	134	136	+ 2	+ 2	+ 18	+ 15	+ 18	+ 16
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	193	208	+ 15	+ 8	+ 74	+ 59	+ 48	+ 40
	Volume	148	159	+ 11	+ 7	+ 48	+ 43	+ 28	+ 27
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	131	127	- 4	- 3	+ 11	+ 9	+ 13	+ 12
	Volume	117	113	- 4	- 3	+ 3	+ 3	+ 6	+ 6
Department stores	Value	123	156	+ 33	+ 27	+ 38	+ 33	+ 24	+ 24
	Volume	109	141	+ 32	+ 29	+ 28	+ 23	+ 16	+ 17

Notes :

1. "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" includes "supermarkets".
2. "Consumer durables" includes "motor vehicles and parts".
3. "Other consumer goods" includes "department stores".
4. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.
5. • denotes change of less than 0.5.

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EYE CARE CAMPAIGN ORGANISED FOR ELDERLY

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A THREE-WEEK EYE CARE CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 7 AND 27 IN WAN CHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE FREE EYE CHECK-UPS AND SPECTACLES FOR SENIOR DISTRICT RESIDENTS AGED OVER 60.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AND EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION, THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 7 TO 16 IN WAN CHAI AND FROM NOVEMBER 17 TO 27 IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE EYE CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY TODAY (TUESDAY), THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR TO BOON-MAN SAID THE CAMPAIGN WAS EXPECTED TO BENEFIT MORE THAN 10,000 SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE TWO DISTRICTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT NOT ONLY WERE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED ABOUT SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, DISTRICT BOARDS ALSO PAID ATTENTION TO THIS ASPECT OF THE COMMUNITY.

IN VIEW OF THE NEEDS, BOTH THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD HAD SET UP A SOCIAL SERVICE WORKING GROUP AND A CONCERN FOR THE AGED WORKING GROUP TO TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEMS AND NEED OF THE ELDERLY, HE SAID.

"AFTER THE CHECK-UPS BY OPTOMETRISTS, THE ELDERLY CAN OBTAIN, IF REQUIRED, SPECTACLES AT SOME DESIGNATED OPTICAL SHOPS FREE OF CHARGE," HE ADDED.

EYE CARE EXHIBITIONS WILL ALSO BE HELD AT 11 VENUES IN BOTH WAN CHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICT DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD AND A BOOKLET ON EYE CARE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON THE SPOT.

ANOTHER CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MISS ANNA TANG SAID THE CONCERN FOR THE AGED WORKING GROUP IN WAN CHAI BEGAN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS ON ORGANISING THIS CAMPAIGN IN WAN CHAI LAST YEAR.

"IT WAS LATER SUGGESTED THAT THE CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO EASTERN DISTRICT TO BENEFIT MORE PEOPLE AND A JOINT ORGANISING COMMITTEE WAS FORMED."

THE CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT DISSEMINATING EYE-CARE KNOWLEDGE TO RESIDENTS AND IN ADDITION TO FREE EYE CHECK-UP SERVICES AND FREE SPECTACLES, SENIOR RESIDENTS WITH EYE DISEASE WOULD BE REFERRED TO HOSPITALS FOR TREATMENT, MISS TANG SAID.

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ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MRS THERESA LAU SAID THAT THIS WAS THE SEVENTH EYE CARE CAMPAIGN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GROUP WITH DISTRICT BOARDS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

"IT IS THE FIRST TIME THE GROUP HAD BROUGHT TOGETHER TWO DISTRICT BOARDS TO ORGANISE A CAMPAIGN, HOPING THAT MORE ELDERLY CAN BE SERVED WITHIN A LIMITED TIME," MRS LAU SAID.

THE TIME-TABLE FOR THE EYE CHECK-UPS IS AS FOLLOWS:

WAN CHAI (FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM DAILY)

DATE ----	VENUE -----
NOVEMBER 7 - 9	ST JAMES SETTLEMENT
NOVEMBER 10 - 11	THE METHODIST CENTRE
NOVEMBER 12 - 13	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE
NOVEMBER 14	TAI HANG RESIDENTS WELFARE ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 15	HAPPY VALLEY AND CANAL ROAD KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 16	WAN CHAI KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

EASTERN (FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM DAILY)

NOVEMBER 17	SHAU KI WAN KAIFONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 18 - 20	NORTH POINT KAIFONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 21	CHUANG CHUN WEN SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY
NOVEMBER 22 - 24	HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL
NOVEMBER 25 - 27	YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL

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KOWLOON CITY PREPARES ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN

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AN ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN IN KOWLOON CITY ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 6) WITH A DISTRICT ANTI-SMOKING DAY TO PUBLICISE THE MESSAGE THAT "CIGARETTE SMOKING IS HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH".

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE OI MAN ESTATE CONCOURSE AT 11 AM.

IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD SET UP A CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE IN JULY.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ORGANISED A SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION, QUIZ COMPETITION AND AN ANTI-SMOKING DAY. THE TWO COMPETITIONS HAVE ATTRACTED ENTRIES FROM ABOUT 1,900 RESIDENTS, WORKERS AND STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST 10 PARTICIPANTS IN EACH COMPETITION.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE THE ANTI-SMOKING DAY WHICH WILL INCLUDES AN OPENING CEREMONY, A PUBLICITY BUS TOUR TO SPREAD THE ANTI-SMOKING MESSAGE AND AN ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION. THE EXHIBITION, AT THE OI MAN ESTATE CONCOURSE AND COMMERICAL COMPLEX, WILL CONTINUE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, MR JOB YOUNG; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR TANG PO-HONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ANTI-SMOKING DAY OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON FRIDAY AT THE OI MAN ESTATE CONCOURSE.

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NORTH DISTRICT DELEGATION TO REPORT ON TOUR

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A NORTH DISTRICT DELEGATION COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS RETURNED TO HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 1) AFTER A 12-DAY STUDY TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA.

THE DELEGATION VISITED VARIOUS MAJOR CITIES IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND STUDIED GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY CITY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS.

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN MEMBERS WILL GIVE A REPORT ON THE TOUR.

THE GROUP LEADER AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, WILL ATTEND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 11 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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TUEN MUN TO SPUR INTEREST IN RUNNING

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AN INVITATION IS BEING EXTENDED TO ALL ATHLETES TO TAKE PART IN A RUNNING COMPETITION ON NOVEMBER 22 (SUNDAY) AS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE 1987 TUEN MUN FESTIVAL.

THE EVENT IS BEING PRESENTED BY THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD TO FOSTER RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN RUNNING.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED CAN ENTER EITHER WOMEN'S, YOUTHS' OR MEN'S SECTIONS UNDER INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP CATEGORIES. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE INVITATION COMPETITION BETWEEN DISTRICTS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AS WELL AS AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. FORMS TOGETHER WITH TWO PHOTOS AND A PHOTOCOPY OF THE PARTICIPANT'S ID CARD, COMPLETED SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR ITS SUB-OFFICES BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

ON THE DAY OF COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 9 AM.

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YUEN LONG DB COMMITTEE TO MEET TOMORROW

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE WORK PROGRESS OF A FOOTBRIDGE LINKING LONG PING ESTATE AND WANG CHAU.

COMMITTEE MEMBER MR LEUNG CHEUK-PUI WILL ASK AT THE MEETING THE REASON OF RECENT SUSPENSION OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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

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YAU MA TEI TO PROMOTE CLEANLINESS

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A LARGE-SCALE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE CLEANLINESS AND HOME SAFETY IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE LAUNCHED LATER THIS MONTH.

THE CAMPAIGN, TO LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY, FEATURES A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THEY INCLUDE A CLEANSING DAY, A MARKET CLEANLINESS COMPETITION, AND A YEAR-END CLEAN UP.

AN EXHIBITION ON PRODUCTS AND FACILITIES CONTRIBUTING TO BETTER AND SAFER LIVING WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA EARLY NEXT YEAR TO PROMOTE HOME SAFETY AND BEAUTIFICATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A DISTRICT-WIDE CLEAN BUILDING COMPETITION IS ALSO AMONG THE EVENTS LISTED IN THE CAMPAIGN TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' CONCERN AND PARTICIPATION IN KEEPING THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

IN ADDITION, AN OPERATION TO CLEAR ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS WOULD BE LAUNCHED UNDER THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS.

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DURING THE CAMPAIGN, THE FIVE AREA COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT WILL BE MOBILISED TO CONDUCT AREA INSPECTIONS AND IDENTIFY PROBLEM SPOTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE.

THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$55,000 TO SPONSOR THE THREE-MONTH CAMPAIGN.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS OUTLINE ZONING PLAN
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 5) TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT TAI TAM AND SHEK O OUTLINE ZONING PLAN, WHICH SETS OUT THE PROPOSED LAND USAGE IN THE TWO AREAS.

A SENIOR TOWN PLANNER OF THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, MR TERRY ARTHUR, WILL PRESENT THE DRAFT PLAN TO BOARD MEMBERS AND HEAR THEIR VIEWS.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO REPLY TO THREE QUESTIONS RAISED BY BOARD MEMBERS IN RELATION TO THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE JUNCTION OF ISLAND ROAD AND REPULSE BAY ROAD, CARRYING OF ID CARDS BY FISHERMEN IN ABERDEEN HARBOUR AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD'S VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT'S AREA COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 2/F, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NO.7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES FAIR ON SATURDAY

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THE 35TH AUTUMN FAIR OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT STANLEY.

IN THE FAIR, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN BUY ATTRACTIVE STUFFED TOYS AND HANDICRAFT ITEMS AT REASONABLE PRICE AND AT THE SAME TIME CONTRIBUTE TO CHARITY.

ON SALE WILL BE ARTS AND HANDICRAFT ITEMS MADE BY PRISONERS DURING THEIR DETENTION IN VARIOUS PENAL INSTITUTIONS. THE PRODUCTS ALSO REFLECT PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY PRISONERS.

MRS GILLIAN FORD, WIFE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FAIR AT 12 NOON AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD NEXT TO STANLEY PRISON. IT WILL LAST UNTIL 5 PM.

A WIDE VARIETY OF PRODUCTS, INCLUDING STUFFED TOYS, HANDICRAFT ITEMS, RATTAN AND WOODEN FURNITURE, WILL BE ON SALE AT SOME 30 STALLS. ALL GOODS ARE REASONABLY PRICED AND PROCEEDS OF THE FAIR WILL BE DONATED TO VARIOUS CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT'S WELFARE FUND.

WHILE SHOPPING AROUND THE STALLS, VISITORS CAN ALSO ENJOY A RICH PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS, INCLUDING DISPLAY BY THE GODSTREAM GUARDS BAND, PERFORMANCE BY THE 29 SQUADRON MOTORCYCLE DISPLAY TEAM AND THE CAPE COLLINSON MARCHING BAND. THERE WILL ALSO BE GAME AND SNACK STALLS FOR CHILDREN.

AS PARKING PLACES ARE LIMITED, VISITORS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORT. BUS ROUTE NOS. 6 AND 260 (STARTING FROM CENTRAL), NO. 73 (FROM WAH FU ESTATE), NO. 63 (FROM NORTH POINT) AND NO. 14 (FROM SAI WAN HO) ARE CONVENIENT WAYS OF GETTING TO THE FAIR.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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SHOWS TO SUPPLEMENT CAREERS EXHIBITION

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VISITORS TO THE CAREERS '88 EXHIBITION AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL DURING THE COMING WEEKENDS WILL BE ENTERTAINED TO A SERIES OF PERFORMANCES BY VARIOUS DISCIPLINARY SERVICES.

THE ACTIVITIES, TO BE STAGED AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND THE NEW TOWN PLAZA, WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO ABOUT 5 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

- * SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT
- * SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
- * SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE
- * SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - CIVIL AID SERVICES
AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES
ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT
(THE VOLUNTEERS)
ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY
AIR FORCE

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE STATIC DISPLAYS, POLICE AND DRUG DETECTION DOG SHOWS, TURNTABLE LADDER RESCUE DRILL AND CARDIAC-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION DEMONSTRATION BY THE FIRE SERVICES, PERFORMANCE BY POLICE CADET AND JUNIOR POLICE CALL, DEMONSTRATION BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES BICYCLE TEAM, JUNIOR LEADER CORPS SILENT DRILL, BAND PERFORMANCE BY THE AUXILIARY POLICE AND AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES, FIRST AID AND MARTIAL ARTS DISPLAY.

THE CAREERS EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, WILL BE OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DAILY BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 6.30 PM FROM NOVEMBER 7 TO NOVEMBER 16.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 3 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 6) AT THE EXHIBITION HALL, SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS VANDALISM AT SITES

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF VANDALISM CONCERNING TWO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 5).

THE PROJECTS ARE THE SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PARK AND A PAVILION AT LUNG FU SHAN.

THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT AN INFORMATION PAPER ON PLANNING STANDARDS OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ON CURRENT PROVISIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A COMPLAINT FROM A SECONDARY SCHOOL CONCERNING NOISE CAUSED BY WORK AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN HOK SZ TERRACE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING STARTING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 5) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14/F., HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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EXHIBITION ON AIDS IN YUEN LONG

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AN EXHIBITION ON AIDS, ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME, WILL BE HELD AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL FROM THURSDAY TO NOVEMBER 9 AS PART OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON YUEN LONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT PROVIDING YUEN LONG RESIDENTS WITH A CLEARER PICTURE ON THE INCURABLE DISEASE.

APART FROM DISPLAY PANELS, THE EXHIBITION ALSO FEATURES VIDEO AND SLIDE SHOWS ON AIDS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG SHUI-FAT AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALDAN KWOK AT 11.30 AM ON THURSDAY AT YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, TAI YUK ROAD.

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UC KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE TO MEET
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MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN ACTIVITIES.

REPORTS WILL BE MADE ON THE CLEANSING OF PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS, THE 'CLEAN SCHOOL' ACTIVITIES, KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN YOUTH RALLY IN MID-OCTOBER, AND THE PROGRESS OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN PARADE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 15.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM NO.2, 4/F, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE.

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NEW TESTING LABORATORY TO BE BUILT IN KOWLOON BAY
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A \$24.6-MILLION CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PURPOSE-BUILT CENTRAL MATERIALS TESTING LABORATORY IN KOWLOON BAY.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START ON NOVEMBER 11 AND TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

SITUATED AT CHEUNG YIP STREET, THE LABORATORY WILL BE A FOUR-STORY STRUCTURE WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 6,400 SQUARE METRES.

IT WILL BE STAFFED BY SPECIALISTS FROM THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE TESTING SERVICES TO ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON MOST CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IN HONG KONG, WITH EMPHASIS ON SOILS, CONCRETE, STEEL AND BITUMINOUS MATERIALS.

THE LABORATORY WILL HELP ENSURE THAT ECONOMIC ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS ARE ACHIEVED WITH HIGH STANDARDS OF DESIGN, SAFETY AND CONSTRUCTION.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES

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THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OPERATING THE 18 NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES IN THE TERRITORY ARE REMINDED THAT APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

"ABOUT 500 APPLICATION FORMS FOR OPERATING THESE ROUTES HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED SINCE APPLICATIONS WERE INVITED FROM OCTOBER 9," SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

A SELECTION BOARD, COMPRISING NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS FROM THE TRANSPORT AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WILL MEET AND SELECT THE APPLICANTS ON THE BASIS OF THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA LAID DOWN BY THE BOARD.

"THESE CRITERIA INCLUDE EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLICANT IN TRANSPORT SERVICE, FINANCIAL RESOURCES, MANAGEMENT RIGHT OVER THE VEHICLES, THE MAINTENANCE RECORD OF THE VEHICLES AS WELL AS THE QUALITY OF HIS VEHICLES TO BE DEPLOYED INCLUDING THE AVAILABILITY OF AIR-CONDITIONING," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IF THE APPLICANT IS IN OR INTENDS TO ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH ONE OR MORE PERSONS TO OPERATE THE GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A COMPANY BE FORMED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AND THE APPLICATION BE MADE IN THE NAME OF THE COMPANY, HE ADDED.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KOWLOON

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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

IN TSIM SHA TSUI, BRISTOL AVENUE BETWEEN MODY ROAD AND CARNARVON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS IN YAU MA TEI, THE SECTION OF YUNNAN LANE BETWEEN SHEK LUNG STREET AND WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

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IN ADDITION, THE SPEED LIMIT ON TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE REDUCED TO 50 KILOMETRES PER HOUR FOR ABOUT 18 MONTHS. THEY ARE:

- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 500 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE SECTION OF THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND ITS JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND.

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TURNING MOVEMENT BANNED ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 6), VEHICLES ON BOTH NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT OR RIGHT ON TO TSING LUN ROAD IN TUEN MUN.

FRANCHISED BUSES, HOWEVER, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS RESTRICTION.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT 11 WEEKS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA ROAD P2, TSUN WEN ROAD AND TSING CHUNG KOON ROAD.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD AT SO KWUN WAT BRIDGE WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED FROM THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 5) TO NOVEMBER 30 TO FACILITATE ROAD RE-SURFACING WORKS.

THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES ON THE CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN DAILY AND AT LEAST ONE OF THEM WILL BE KEPT OPEN DURING THE ROAD WORKS.

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