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JOINT LIAISON GROUP TO MEET IN LONDON
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THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP WILL TAKE PLACE IN LONDON BETWEEN JULY 22 AND 25.

THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE LED BY THE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, DR DAVID WILSON. THE OTHER MEMBERS ON THE BRITISH SIDE WILL BE MR ERIC HO (SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, HONG KONG), MR JOHN BOYD (POLITICAL ADVISER, HONG KONG), MR PETER THOMSON (COUNSELLOR, BRITISH EMBASSY, PEKING) AND MR CHRISTOPHER HUM (HEAD OF HONG KONG DEPARTMENT, FCO).

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FOLLOWING EXPERTS FROM HONG KONG WOULD ALSO BE ATTENDING:

MR D.R. FORD	SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE
MR F. BURROWS	LAW OFFICER (SPECIAL DUTIES)
MR A.J. CARTER	DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION
MR P.Y.Y. CHAN	DIRECTOR OF MARINE
MR R.C. WILSON	PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL DUTIES)
MRS R. IP	PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY
MR A.R. CLARK	PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES
MR K. SHIPLEY	PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE (STAFF PLANNING)

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF MR JOHN BOYD, MEMBER ON THE BRITISH SIDE OF THE JLG, AND OTHER EXPERTS FROM HONG KONG ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 16).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT 9.30 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN NEW OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO
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THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TOMORROW (JULY 15). THE OFFICE WILL INCORPORATE THE EXISTING SAN FRANCISCO INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICE WHICH HAS MOVED TO THE NEW PREMISES.

THE OFFICE WILL BE HEADED BY MR BILLY LAM, AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B, WHO HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED A COURSE AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY. AS DIRECTOR, HONG KONG ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, SAN FRANCISCO, MR LAM WILL BE SUPPORTED BY A SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, A PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT AND HIS STAFF.

THE ADDRESS OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE IS 180 SUTTER STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA94104, U.S.A.

THE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIRECTOR AND HIS STAFF IS TO WORK WITH THE OTHER HONG KONG OFFICES AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, IN ESTABLISHING AND DEVELOPING CONTACTS AND IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON HONG KONG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS BEING DONE TO CREATE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE ITS ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS IN THE AREA.

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MAY EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) RELEASED TRADE VALUE STATISTICS FOR MAY 1986. TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO MAY 1986, VALUED AT \$196 761 MILLION, INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT TO \$52 828 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT TO \$43 434 MILLION, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, THE TRADE VALUE INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT TO \$100 499 MILLION.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR MAY 1986 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY AUGUST.

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

COMPARING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$620 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$397 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$208 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$241 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$59 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA DECREASED IN VALUE, PARTICULARLY OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$811 MILLION OR 92 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$490 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$201 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$337 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT) AND MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$62 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$423 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$169 MILLION OR 171 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$78 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$67 MILLION OR 87 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$5 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$336 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AND TEXTILES (BY \$69 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT). AS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$74 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$63 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$173 MILLION OR 92 PER CENT) AND FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$36 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT).

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

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

DEMAND FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM CHINA INCREASED IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$1 973 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$1 816 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$652 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$411 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$132 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$1 351 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$984 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$772 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$465 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$311 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE REGISTERED FOR OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$305 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$289 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$146 MILLION OR 87 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$552 MILLION OR 447 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$125 MILLION OR 143 PER CENT).

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DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$603 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$245 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT). AS FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$458 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$247 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY \$374 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AND FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$94 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

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

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

COMPARING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA DECREASED BY 31 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 052 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 424 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 367 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$259 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT) AS WELL AS LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES AND DRESSED FURSKINS (BY \$205 MILLION OR 188 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 071 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$346 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$139 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$88 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$38 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE RECORDED IN NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$83 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$61 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$50 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$224 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$136 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$243 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT) AS WELL AS DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS (BY \$40 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OF TEXTILES INCREASED (BY \$293 MILLION OR 97 PER CENT), AS DID ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$162 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$73 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT) AND FOR RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OF COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$40 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT).

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

THE MAY 1986 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE ON SALE 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 MAY 1986 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY AUGUST AT \$13.50 PER COPY.

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

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Table 1: Domestic exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-May 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
U.S.A.	22,463	21,031	1,432	7
China	5,946	6,722	-777	-12
F.R. of Germany	3,658	2,915	743	25
U.K.	3,393	3,187	206	6
Japan	1,936	1,698	237	14
Canada	1,748	1,505	243	16
Australia	1,210	1,304	-94	-7
Singapore	1,020	934	86	9
France	910	858	252	38
Netherlands	890	809	81	10

Table 2: Domestic exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-May 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	17,703	16,144	1,559	10
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	8,304	7,353	952	13
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	4,628	3,798	830	22
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	3,997	4,348	-351	-8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	3,647	2,980	666	22
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	3,557	3,705	-148	-4

Table 3: Imports from ten major suppliers

Major Supplier	Jan-May 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
China	28,028	21,166	6,862	32
Japan	21,179	23,067	-1,888	-8
U.S.A.	8,926	9,184	-258	-3
Taiwan	8,386	8,847	-461	-5
Singapore	4,336	4,843	-507	-10
U.K.	3,648	3,281	367	11
Republic of Korea	3,626	3,807	-180	-5
F.R. of Germany	2,984	2,636	348	13
Switzerland	1,985	1,278	707	55
Italy	1,578	1,370	208	15

Table 4: Imports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-May 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	15,700	12,557	3,143	25
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	8,140	8,801	-661	-8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,519	4,486	2,034	45
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,011	4,842	1,168	24
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	4,868	4,058	811	20
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	4,469	5,869	-1,400	-24

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Table 5: Re-exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-May 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
China	14,359	20,747	-6,388	-31
U.S.A.	7,298	5,549	1,750	32
Japan	2,353	2,271	82	4
Taiwan	2,318	1,881	437	23
Republic of Korea	2,122	1,455	666	46
Singapore	2,051	1,638	413	25
Macau	1,033	1,180	-147	-12
Saudi Arabia	924	546	378	69
Indonesia	891	1,321	-430	-33
F.R. of Germany	845	471	374	79

Table 6: Re-exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-May 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-May 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,152	6,047	1,105	18
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4,274	2,835	1,439	51
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	3,488	4,492	-1,005	-22
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	3,071	2,562	509	20
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	2,040	3,670	-1,630	-44
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	2,024	2,246	-221	-10

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MARCH WAGE INDEXES PUBLISHED
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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR MARCH 1986, AT 131.6, INCREASED BY 5.4 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985 AND BY 2.3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1985, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE MARCH 1986 AND MARCH 1985 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 5.3 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 3.2 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 9.6 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 7.4 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 4.3 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE MARCH 1986 AND DECEMBER 1985 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 2.4 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 1.2 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 4.2 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 3.4 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.0 PER CENT.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1985 TO MARCH 1986 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1. DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 102.6 IN MARCH 1986, WAS 3.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1985 AND 1.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1985.

FROM MARCH 1985 TO MARCH 1986, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 3.2 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 1.3 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 7.5 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 5.2 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.3 PER CENT.

COMPARING MARCH 1986 WITH DECEMBER 1985, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.5 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 0.2 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 3.1 PER CENT; AND FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.3 PER CENT; WHILE THAT FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1985 TO MARCH 1986 FOR THE SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

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THESE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EACH QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT, COVERING BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING WORKERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR.

SUCH INDEXES MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES BY HOLDING THE STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE LABOUR FORCE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SEX AND MODE OF PAYMENT THE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 1982, WHICH IS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEXES.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF WAGES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE UNIT PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK, AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSION AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE.

IN ADDITION, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES THAT ARE PAID LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY, ARE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT MONTHLY RATE WHEN COMPILING THE WAGE RATE INDEXES.

TOTAL PAYROLL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FROM EMPLOYERS. APART FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASH RECEIPTS, IT ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGE RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN A REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOL. 1, MARCH 1986 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE VOL. II ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN EARLY AUGUST 1986.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION AT TELEPHONE 5-455774 OR 5-416062.

TABLE 1: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	MAR. 1985	JUN. 1985	SEPT. 1985	DEC. 1985	MAR. 1986
MANUFACTURING	124.6	126.7	127.5	128.1	131.2
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/ EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	120.2	120.0	120.8	122.6	124.1
TRANSPORT SERVICES	138.4	142.5	145.4	145.6	151.7
BUSINESS SERVICES	126.1	129.9	130.3	131.0	135.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	120.6	122.4	124.6	124.5	125.8
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	124.9	126.7	127.8	128.6	131.6

TABLE 2: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDUSTRY	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	MAR. 1985	JUN. 1985	SEPT. 1985	DEC. 1985	MAR. 1986
GARMENTS	119.5	120.6	120.6	121.0	122.9
GLOVES	133.9	135.7	138.3	138.9	140.8

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HANDBAGS	119.0	121.4	123.0	124.2	124.9
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	125.5	128.4	128.8	129.6	135.5
KNITTING	126.7	130.1	129.9	130.8	134.2
BLEACHING AND DYEING	126.3	132.0	133.1	134.0	139.1
PRINTING	126.1	132.0	133.4	133.3	135.7
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	125.6	128.0	127.7	127.9	132.2
METAL PRODUCTS	125.8	128.3	130.1	130.5	135.3
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	135.0	136.0	137.3	136.5	143.3
ELECTRONICS	127.7	130.0	132.1	132.8	136.2
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	130.3	132.6	134.6	134.7	141.8
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MANUFACTURING	124.6	126.7	127.5	128.1	131.2
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TABLE 3: REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	MAR. 1985	JUN. 1985	SEPT. 1985	DEC. 1985	MAR. 1986
MANUFACTURING	99.1	100.4	99.1	100.8	102.3
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/ EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	95.5	95.1	93.9	96.5	96.7
TRANSPORT SERVICES	110.0	112.9	113.1	114.6	118.2
BUSINESS SERVICES	100.3	103.0	101.4	103.1	105.5
PERSONAL SERVICES	95.9	97.0	96.9	98.1	98.1
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ALL SECTORS ABOVE	99.3	100.4	99.4	101.3	102.6
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PUBLIC WARNED ABOUT SUMMER DISEASES

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CHOLERA AND OTHER GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES, SUCH AS TYPHOID AND DYSENTERY, DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT VIRAL HEPATITIS AND FOOD POISONING WERE ALSO COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WARM WEATHER.

FOR INSTANCE, THE NUMBER OF FOOD POISONING CASES HAD BEEN ON THE INCREASE. DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 64 CASES WAS REPORTED COMPARED WITH 34 CASES IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

TURNING TO CHOLERA CASES IN HONG KONG, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE HAD BEEN THREE SUCH CASES REPORTED SO FAR THIS YEAR AND TWO OF THEM WERE IMPORTED CASES.

HE REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE DISEASE.

+PEOPLE TRAVELLING IN SUMMER SEASON TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES WHERE CHOLERA IS ENDEMIC ARE ADVISED TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE IN THE SELECTION OF FOOD AND DRINKS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE NOTIFIABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES HAD REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL OVER THE PAST YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT WAS CONTINUING WITH ITS HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

HE STRESSED THAT THE MOST RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PREVENTION WAS TO OBSERVE PERSONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD HYGIENE.

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE SUMMER MONTHS, PEOPLE TENDED TO BE LESS CAREFUL IN THE CHOICE OF FOOD, HE SAID.

AS MOST GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES WERE TRANSMITTED THROUGH CONTAMINATED FOOD AND DRINK, PEOPLE SHOULD BE SPECIALLY CAREFUL IN THEIR EATING HABITS.

ALL TYPES OF FOOD SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY COOKED AND SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNCOVERED IF NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY.

WATER DIRECTLY FROM THE MAINS WAS PURE AND SAFE FOR DRINKING, BUT WATER FROM TANKS MIGHT BE CONTAMINATED AND SHOULD BE BOILED BEFORE CONSUMPTION.

+WATER FROM STREAMS AND WELLS IS ALSO NOT SUITABLE FOR DRINKING,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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INTRODUCTION OF USEFUL TECHNOLOGY THE AIM
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THE AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT IN BRINGING OVERSEAS COMPANIES TO INVEST IN MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG IS TO SEEK THE INTRODUCTION OF USEFUL TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR A.G. EASON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE VICTORIAN ROTARY CLUB, MR EASON SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S RESOURCES FOR THAT PURPOSE WERE FIVE OVERSEAS OFFICES - IN SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK, TOKYO, STUTIGART AND LONDON - MATCHED AND SUPPORTED BY THE ONE STOP UNIT IN HONG KONG.

+AT PRESENT, WORLD WIDE, WE HAVE ON OUR BOOKS OVER 530 ACTIVE PROJECTS, WHICH WE ARE PURSUING, AND 23 PROMISING PROJECTS, WHICH WE THINK ARE LIKELY TO PROCEED WITHIN A YEAR OR SO.

+THERE ARE ALSO 19 COMMITTED PROJECTS, WHICH WILL INVOLVE TOTAL INVESTMENT AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$900 MILLION AND THE PROSPECT OF ABOUT 1 000 NEW JOBS.

+THE YEARS 1983, 1984 AND 1985 PRODUCED RESPECTIVELY 7, 10 AND 18 COMPLETED PROJECTS, INVOLVING ABOUT \$12 MILLION, \$40 MILLION AND \$286 MILLION'S WORTH OF INVESTMENT AND THE CREATION OF 310, 350 AND 730 JOBS.

+PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT ALL THESE QUANTITATIVE MEASURES WILL BE EXCEEDED IN 1986.

+INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOME 600 MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG INVOLVING OVERSEAS INVESTMENT, INDICATES THAT THEY ARE SPREAD ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCTS FROM ELECTRONICS, ELECTRICAL GOODS, NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS, FOODS AND BEVERAGES, CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, GARMENTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING, WATCHES AND CLOCKS.

+TECHNOLOGICAL PROCESSES AND PRODUCTS ARE, THEREFORE, INEVITABLY AMONGST THIS RANGE AND THE EXPECTATION IS THAT KNOWLEDGE OF THEM WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO LOCALLY EMPLOYED MANAGERS, TECHNICIANS AND OPERATIVES, AS WELL AS TO LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS OF PARTS, COMPONENTS AND SERVICES.+

COMMENTING ON THE RECENT CALL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK AND ALONG TERM, LOW INTEREST LOAN SCHEME FOR INDUSTRY, MR EASON SAID THE ISSUE GAVE RISE TO MANY QUESTIONS TO WHICH THERE WERE STILL NO CONVINCING ANSWERS.

HE SAID THROUGH THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND ITS THREE MAIN COMMITTEES, LEADING MANUFACTURERS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVE BODIES COULD COMMUNICATE THEIR IDEAS DIRECTLY TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR INDUSTRIAL POLICIES IN GOVERNMENT.

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+A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF COMMON GROUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THOSE IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WHO FROM TIME TO TIME EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS,+ HE ADDED.

HE AGREED THAT THE BUSINESSMAN SHOULD PROVIDE THE INITIATIVE, THE ENTERPRISE AND THE INVESTMENT, WHILE THE GOVERNMENT SOUGHT TO ENSURE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT, THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE SUPPORTING FACILITIES AND SERVICES WERE SUCH AS TO ENCOURAGE THE BUSINESSMAN IN HIS ENDEAVOURS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

TEXT OF MR EASON'S SPEECH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION LATER TODAY AT THE GIS PRESS BOXES.

NEW DISTRICT OFFICERS IN SHA TIN, TAI PO
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NEW DISTRICT OFFICERS ARE TAKING UP THEIR POSTS IN SHA TIN AND TAI PO THIS MONTH.

MR LEO KWAN WING-WAH, A FORMER PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE HOUSING BRANCH, TODAY (MONDAY) TOOK OVER AS SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER FROM MR W.K. LAM.

MR JOHN BURRETT, A FORMER ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE FINANCE BRANCH, WILL TAKE OVER AS TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER NEXT MONDAY (JULY 21) FROM MR THOMAS CHAN.

USE OF ASBESTOS COMES UNDER CONTROL SOON
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THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (ASBESTOS) SPECIAL REGULATIONS 1986 GOVERNING THE USE OF ASBESTOS IN INDUSTRY WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 1.

AFTER THAT DATE, THE USE OF THE TWO MOST HARMFUL KINDS OF ASBESTOS, CROCIDOLITE (BLUE ASBESTOS) AND AMOSITE (BROWN ASBESTOS) WILL BE PROHIBITED. SPRAYING OF MATERIALS CONTAINING ASBESTOS OF ANY KIND IN INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES WILL ALSO NOT BE ALLOWED.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE LAST FRIDAY.

THE NEW REGULATIONS AIM AT PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF WORKERS CARRYING OUT ASBESTOS PROCESSES IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

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+THESE PROCESSES MAY GIVE RISE TO SERIOUS HEALTH RISKS IF ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES ARE NOT TAKEN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+WORKERS WHO ARE EXPOSED TO PROLONGED INHALATION OF ASBESTOS FIBRES COULD CONTRACT ASBESTOSIS WHICH IS A DISEASE OF PROGRESSIVE FIBROSIS OF THE LUNGS, WITH INCREASING RESPIRATORY DISABILITY,+ HE ADDED.

THE LAW ALSO PROHIBITS THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IN ANY PROCESSES INVOLVING ASBESTOS AND REQUIRES WORKERS TO BE MEDICALLY EXAMINED BEFORE BEING ENGAGED IN AN ASBESTOS PROCESS AND BE MEDICALLY EXAMINED PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER.

AS FOR THE USE OF ASBESTOS OTHER THAN CROCIDOLITE AND AMOSITE, PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ARE REQUIRED BY THE NEW REGULATIONS TO:

- * GIVE NOT LESS THAN 28 DAYS' NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR IF THEY INTEND TO USE SUCH PROCESS AFTER AUGUST 1; AND IN THE CASE OF THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN CARRYING OUT SUCH PROCESS AT PRESENT, INFORM THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER AUGUST 1;
- * USE EFFICIENT EXHAUST EQUIPMENT TO PREVENT ENTRY OF ASBESTOS DUST INTO THE AIR;
- * ENSURE ALL WORKERS ARE PROVIDED WITH, AND USE, APPROVED RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING;
- * KEEP THE PLANT AND PREMISES CLEAN AND FREE OF ASBESTOS DUST; AND
- * ENSURE THAT LOOSE ASBESTOS OR ASBESTOS WASTE IS HANDLED IN A CLOSED RECEPTACLE WHICH MUST BEAR A WARNING NOTICE.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT BREACH OF ANY OF THE REGULATIONS WILL BE AN OFFENCE AND THE OFFENDER IS LIABLE TO FINES VARYING FROM \$10 000 TO \$30 000, DEPENDING ON THE GRAVITY OF THE OFFENCES.

TO ASSIST PROPRIETORS AND WORKERS IN COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THESE REGULATIONS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A CODE OF PRACTICE ON CONTROL OF ASBESTOS AT WORK WHICH IS AVAILABLE FREE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S BRANCH OFFICES.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE USE AND CONTROL OF ASBESTOS MAY BE MADE TO THE DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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TRADE +SWING SCHEME+ IN OPERATION
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THE OPERATION OF 1986 SWING SCHEME I PHASE III STAGE II FOR EXPORT OF RESTRAINED TEXTILES TO THE UNITED STATES WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 21, 1986.

UNDER THIS SCHEME, COMPANIES MAY APPLY FOR A SWING INCREASE IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES PROVIDED THAT THEY SURRENDER AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF QUOTA FROM ANOTHER CATEGORY WITHIN THE SAME GROUP.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
<u>GROUP I</u>	
315	1 479 000 SYD
317	10 038 000 SYD
319	10 684 000 SYD
369(1)	84 000 LB
604	38 000 LB
605(1)	32 000 LB
<u>GROUP II</u>	
331	25 000 D PR
347 (FROM 348 ONLY)	(1 089 000 DOZ)
348 (FROM 347 ONLY)	(379 000 DOZ)
359(1)	37 000 LB
359(2)	373 000 LB
359(3)	857 000 LB
631	25 000 D PR
633/634	33 000 DOZ
633/634(FROM 635 ONLY)	(37 000 DOZ)
635	67 000 DOZ
635(FROM 633/634 ONLY)	(112 000 DOZ)
637	11 000 DOZ
647	13 000 DOZ
652	1 107 000 DOZ
659(1)	120 000 LB
659(2)	28 000 LB

ALL APPLICATIONS UNDER THE SCHEME WILL BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER ON A DAY-BY-DAY BASIS.

FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE SCHEME CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR T.M. LEE, INDUSTRY OFFICER, ON 3-7222387.

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QUESTION ON DAYA BAY AT BOARD MEETING
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A QUESTION ON THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WILL BE RAISED AT TOMORROW'S (TUESDAY) SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING.

OTHER QUESTIONS INCLUDE ILLEGAL HAWKING IN HOUSING ESTATES ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS, THE FEASIBILITY OF OPENING WATER CATCHMENTS TO ALLOW WATER FLOW INTO SHING MUN RIVER, AND LEGISLATION GOVERNING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES AND DEVELOPERS.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE BOARD WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION. THERE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 61.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 357.477 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 352.818 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 60.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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ACCREDITATION FOR LABORATORY
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY HAS BEEN RECENTLY ACCREDITED BY THE BRITISH CALIBRATION SERVICE (BCS) FOR A RANGE OF ALTERNATING CURRENT (AC) AND DRIVE CURRENT (DC) AND FREQUENCY ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENTS.

TO MARK THE EVENT, A BCS PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON JULY 16 (WEDNESDAY) AT THE CALIBRATION LABORATORY, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, TIAN AN CENTRE, SIXTH FLOOR, WAN CHAI, AT 11 AM.

THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR R.E. HOLLOWAY, WILL PRESENT THE CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION TO THE LABORATORY, ON BEHALF OF THE UK LABORATORY ACCREDITATION ORGANISATION (NAMAS).

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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, WILL RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATE ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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FOCUS ON ROAD SAFETY FOR THE ELDERLY
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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE ORGANISATION OF A ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE THE ELDERLY ON ROAD SAFETY.

THE CAMPAIGN IS BEING PROPOSED IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEDESTRIAN CASUALTIES REPORTED IN MONG KOK LAST YEAR. STATISTICS INDICATED THAT THE ROAD ACCIDENT RATE IN MONG KOK WAS VERY HIGH FOR ALL AGE GROUPS, PARTICULARLY THE ELDERLY.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE LAUNCHING OF A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE THE 'MEET THE PUBLIC' SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE BOARD.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO VARIOUS LOCAL BODIES FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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QUARRY BAY ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE CLOSED
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TWO ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN QUARRY BAY ARE TO BE CLOSED SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED.

THEY HAVE BEEN BUILT WITHIN THE STAIRCASE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF A BUILDING ADJACENT TO 41 TONG CHONG STREET, AND AT THE SIDE LANE.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FIRST ISSUED AN ORDER UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE MORE THAN 15 MONTHS AGO REQUESTING DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES, BUT THIS WAS NOT COMPLIED WITH.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER AT VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 12 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (MONDAY).

THE STRUCTURES HAVE TO BE CLOSED IN ADVANCE SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT CAUSING DANGER TO OCCUPIERS OF THE BUILDING OR TO THE PUBLIC.

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE A CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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ROAD WORKS, SITE FORMATION IN KWAI CHUNG
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ROAD WORKS AND SITE FORMATION ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN KWAI CHUNG AS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE AREA.

A BRIDGE, ABOUT 90 METRES IN LENGTH, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OVER TSUEN WAN ROAD LINKING WING KEI ROAD AND KWAI FUK ROAD. A NUMBER OF ROADS CONNECTING THE BRIDGE AT BOTH ENDS WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

THE ROAD SYSTEM WILL IMPROVE ACCESS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE AREAS, INCLUDING INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND A FUTURE CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION.

A 200-METRE SECTION OF KWAI FUK ROAD WILL BE WIDENED FROM 10.3 METRES TO 15 METRES.

ABOUT ONE HECTARE OF LAND WILL BE FORMED AT WING KEI ROAD, OF WHICH HALF WILL BE FOR INDUSTRIAL USE AND THE REST FOR LOCAL OPEN SPACE, A COOKED FOOD CENTRE AND A REFUSE COLLECTION CENTRE.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH WILL START IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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RESTRICTED ZONE IN TUEN MUN
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FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 17), THE SECTION OF PUI TO ROAD IN TUEN MUN, BETWEEN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND TSING WUN ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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