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SECOND QUARTER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX PUBLISHED

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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987, AT 171, WAS 27 POINTS OR 18.8 PER CENT ABOVE THAT FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, THE INDEX SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 26 POINTS OR 17.9 PER CENT. THIS INCREASE WAS PARTLY DUE TO THE LARGER NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN THE SECOND QUARTER AS COMPARED WITH THAT IN THE FIRST QUARTER, WHEN MOST OF THE MANUFACTURING WORKERS HAD THEIR LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED, THE UPSURGE IN THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION DURING THE SECOND QUARTER WAS LARGELY DUE TO A CONTINUED STRONG DEMAND FOR HONG KONG PRODUCTS IN MOST OVERSEAS MARKETS AND, IN PARTICULAR, EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.

INDUSTRIES WITH THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 WERE : PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (+48.7 PER CENT); LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR) (+43.2 PER CENT); RUBBER PRODUCTS (+37.2 PER CENT); CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+36.8 PER CENT); AND TOBACCO (+35.4 PER CENT).

THE TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY SHOWED A DECLINE IN PRODUCTION COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 (-13 PER CENT). THIS WAS HOWEVER DUE TO A PARTICULARLY GOOD PRODUCTION PERFORMANCE IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, INDUSTRIES WITH INCREASES IN PRODUCTION INCLUDED: FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (+37.2 PER CENT); BEVERAGES (+31.9 PER CENT); PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (+31.2 PER CENT); BASIC METALS (+27.8 PER CENT); AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS (+25.1 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY SHOWED A DECLINE IN PRODUCTION COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER (-21 PER CENT).

IN RELEASING THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE LEVELS AND TRENDS OF OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER REMOVING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, SECOND QUARTER 1987".

THIS PUBLICATION IS ON SALE AT $3 A COPY AND CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED WITH THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234832.

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Second Quarter Industrial Production Index Published

Table 1 Summary table of quarterly indices of industrial production by broad industry group, 2nd quarter 1984 to 2nd quarter 1987

(1981 = 100)

Broad industry group	Weight	1984	1985	1986	1984			1985				1986				1987	
					2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q
1. Food, beverages and tobacco	34.8	119	139	150	123	127	124	126	134	145	150	137	144	162	158	147	159
2. Wearing apparel, except knitwear and footwear	251.3	114	105	125	114	116	121	95	97	105	123	103	122	131	144	125	144
3. Textiles (including knitting)	127.4	115	120	150	119	121	120	86	120	132	141	101	147	175	177	141	172
4. Paper products and printing	61.3	157	157	183	160	177	169	139	158	164	167	141	178	204	208	194	223
5. Chemical, rubber, plastic and non-metallic mineral products	110.0	161	160	183	153	200	176	135	164	183	160	134	182	216	201	162	199
6. Basic metals, fabricated metal products and non-electrical machinery	104.1	132	131	148	139	152	125	108	141	136	138	107	154	162	169	135	174
7. Electrical and electronic products, professional equipment and optical goods	216.2	134	129	145	127	143	155	119	129	130	138	126	143	148	162	157	182
8. Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	94.9	155	114	130	145	168	186	104	106	122	125	121	126	132	141	134	149
All manufacturing industries	1000.0	132	126	146	130	145	144	109	125	132	138	117	144	159	165	145	171

Note : As a result of a recent review of product classification, sponge goods and foam rubber goods have been reclassified from the rubber products industry to the plastic products industry. The indices in respect of broad industry group 5 and that of "All manufacturing industries" are thereby affected. The indices shown are based on the new classification.

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Second Quarter Industrial Production Index Published

Table 2 Quarterly indices of industrial production by industry group, 2nd quarter 1984 to 2nd quarter 1987

(1981 = 100)

Industry group	Weight	1984	1985	1986	1984			1985				1986				1987	
					2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q
1.1 Food	20.5	119	135	154	124	122	123	129	130	135	148	143	154	155	164	144	164
1.2 Beverage	9.6	109	108	114	124	140	98	81	113	135	102	90	115	153	99	91	120
1.3 Tobacco	4.7	138	215	206	116	119	179	203	192	210	255	204	161	208	251	276	218
2 Wearing apparel, except knitwear and footwear	251.3	114	105	125	114	116	121	95	97	105	123	103	122	131	144	125	144
3 Textiles (including knitting)	127.4	115	120	150	119	121	120	86	120	132	141	101	147	175	177	141	172
4.1 Paper and paper products	11.9	240	224	256	256	271	243	188	232	263	212	188	263	303	269	298	391
4.2 Newspaper printing, job printing and other printing	49.4	137	141	166	137	155	151	128	140	139	156	130	158	181	194	169	183
5.1 Chemicals and chemical products	15.1	133	161	193	116	148	144	148	154	165	175	152	180	224	216	166	205
5.2 Rubber products	3.2	195	147	113	183	205	251	126	175	136	152	91	113	116	130	146	155
5.3 Plastic products	81.1	173	169	194	167	223	188	138	173	198	165	137	194	232	212	167	209
5.4 Non-metallic mineral products	10.6	97	102	114	94	95	107	92	107	103	107	103	115	118	121	122	124
6.1 Basic metals	9.0	98	90	80	100	98	100	70	90	96	104	79	91	65	84	79	101
6.2 Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77.0	138	133	152	147	166	126	110	143	139	141	104	158	171	173	129	177
6.3 Machinery, except electrical	18.1	124	141	167	125	119	134	119	156	144	144	134	171	172	192	189	199
7.1 Consumer electrical and electronic products	103.2	150	135	158	134	165	185	129	138	125	148	135	152	162	182	186	208
7.2 Electrical and electronic parts, accessories and machinery	60.3	105	100	100	106	111	116	96	102	108	94	83	99	112	107	106	130
7.3 Professional and scientific equipment, photographic and optical goods, watches and clocks	52.7	134	151	171	136	137	141	125	143	165	169	158	177	163	185	159	189
8.1 Leather products and footwear (except rubber, plastic and wooden footwear)	12.2	68	66	83	74	65	71	50	70	75	71	74	81	84	91	96	116
8.2 Wood and cork products, and furniture and fixtures (except primarily of metal)	18.5	84	87	99	82	85	83	88	83	84	93	86	95	102	114	93	105
8.3 Transport equipment	27.0	133	113	136	118	155	147	109	113	118	112	151	161	122	112	125	140
8.4 Miscellaneous manufacturing industries, n.e.c.	37.2	234	144	156	219	253	302	127	124	159	167	133	130	170	192	173	188
All manufacturing industries	1000.0	132	126	146	130	145	144	109	125	132	138	117	144	159	165	145	171

Note : As a result of a recent review of product classification, sponge goods and foam rubber goods have been reclassified from the rubber products industry to the plastic products industry. The indices in respect of industry groups 5.2, 5.3 and that of "All manufacturing industries" are thereby affected. The indices shown are based on the new classification.

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LEGAL CHANGES REQUIRED TO ENSURE SMOOTH TRANSITION

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LEGAL CHANGES WILL HAVE TO BE MADE IN THE RUN-UP TO 1997 IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

THIS WAS SAID BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, IN A SPEECH TO THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL EAST ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAMME IN BOSTON ON THURSDAY (U.S. TIME). HE WAS ON THE SECOND LEG OF HIS EIGHT-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO NEW YORK, BOSTON, LONDON AND PARIS TO DISCUSS HONG KONG'S LEGAL SYSTEM.

ADDRESSING HIS AUDIENCE, MR THOMAS SAID THESE CHANGES WERE REQUIRED TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION FOR HONG KONG FROM A BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORY TO A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

HE SAID THE UK PARLIAMENT HAD ALREADY PASSED THE HONG KONG ACT 1985 UNDER WHICH BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY WOULD BE TERMINATED AS FROM JULY 1, 1997.

"IT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE HONG KONG LEGISLATURE TO DISAPPLY OR AMEND UK STATUTES THAT PRESENTLY APPLY IN HONG KONG AND TO DO WHAT COLONIAL LEGISLATURES ORDINARILY CANNOT DO, NAMELY PASS LAWS WITH EXTRA-TERRITORIAL EFFECT," HE SAID.

THESE POWERS ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE IN SOME IMPORTANT FIELDS, NOTABLY MERCHANT SHIPPING, CIVIL AVIATION, COPYRIGHT AND PATENTS, HONG KONG LAWS ARE PRESENTLY CONTAINED IN UK STATUTES.

AFTER 1997 THESE WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY, SO HONG KONG HAD TO MAKE ITS OWN LAWS IN THESE AREAS, MR THOMAS SAID.

MR THOMAS ALSO SAID THE MANY TREATIES APPLICABLE TO HONG KONG WERE BEING EXAMINED ONE BY ONE IN A LEGAL SUB-GROUP OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

POLICIES RELATING TO LAND HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE LAND COMMISSION COMPRISING CHINESE AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HE ADDED.

"SO, AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE IS A GREAT DEAL BEING DONE, AND TO BE DONE, TO PREPARE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA," MR THOMAS SAID.

BEFORE FLYING ON TO LONDON, MR THOMAS WILL DELIVER A SPEECH TO THE BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT CAS CAMP

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON WILL VISIT THE CIVIL AID SERVICES YUEN TUN CAMP AT TSING LUNG TAU, NEW TERRITORIES, ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21) MORNING.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES COMMISSIONER, SIR ROGER LOBO, THEY WILL FLY BY HELICOPTER TO YUEN TUN CAMP, WHERE THEY WILL MEET THE CAS CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, MR JOHN FORTUNE, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS.

A BRIEFING ON THE LAYOUT OF THE CAMP AND THE USE OF $1.5 MILLION DONATED BY THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, WILL BE GIVEN IN THE ADMINISTRATION BLOCK.

THEY WILL THEN INSPECT JUNIOR OFFICERS ATTENDING A TRAINING COURSE ON INCIDENT CONTROL PLANNING.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WILL OBSERVE TWO TRAINING EXERCISES IN LIGHT RESCUE AND CASUALTY HANDLING AT THE SPORTS GROUND. THEY WILL ALSO WATCH LIFE SAVING TRAINING AND CADET ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A ROPE INITIATIVE COURSE, BICYCLE FOOTBALL, ARCHERY AND A PIONEERING COURSE IN CAMP-CRAFT.

LATER, THEY WILL VISIT THE OLD YUEN TUN VILLAGE MUSEUM AND ATTEND A TEA RECEPTION, BEFORE LEAVING BY HELICOPTER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOUR ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE YUEN TUN CAMP ON SATURDAY.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE AT 204 ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON, FOR YUEN TUN CAMP AT 9.30 AM. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO MR WONG SHUT-YUNG, SENIOR TRAINING OFFICER (NT) AND CO-ORDINATOR OF THE EVENT, AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE OR AT THE CAMP.

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LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS FOR HARMONIZED SYSTEM

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LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE TO A NUMBER OF ORDINANCES TO COPE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM (HS).

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ORDERED THAT UNDER SECTION 31 OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 60) AND SECTION 36 OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 318), THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1987 AND THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER 1987 SHOULD BE MADE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AMENDMENTS WERE NECESSARY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN COMMODITY DESCRIPTIONS AND CODINGS CONSEQUENTIAL TO HONG KONG'S FORTHCOMING ADOPTION OF A NEW SYSTEM OF IMPORT AND EXPORT CLASSIFICATION - THE HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM (HARMONIZED SYSTEM IN SHORT).

"THE OPPORTUNITY WOULD ALSO BE TAKEN TO EXEMPT THE MOVEMENT OF BANKNOTES AND COINS IN CIRCULATION INTO AND OUT OF HONG KONG FROM IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS," HE ADDED.

THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM IS A NEW NAMING AND CODING SYSTEM TO SIMPLIFY INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TRANSACTIONS AND TO RATIONALISE AND HARMONISE TRADE DOCUMENTATION.

HONG KONG WILL ADOPT THE HS IN ORDER TO SYNCHRONISE WITH ITS MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS. THE ADOPTION WILL BE ON THE BASIS OF PARTIAL APPLICATION INITIALLY TO AVOID INCONVENIENCING TRADERS AND ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE ECONOMY.

AS REGARDS BANKNOTES AND COINS IN CIRCULATION BROUGHT INTO OR OUT OF HONG KONG, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A STRICT INTERPRETATION OF THE PRESENT PROVISIONS OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS WOULD SUBJECT THEM TO IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION LODGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

"THEY ARE HOWEVER REGARDED AS CLAIMS ON CAPITAL, AND ARE NOT INCLUDED IN TRADE STATISTICS."

IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEW SYSTEM, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN ORGANISING A SERIES OF SEMINARS TO EXPLAIN THE NEW SYSTEM TO TRADERS. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN PUBLICITY OF THE NEW SYSTEM THROUGH THE LOCAL MEDIA AND THE PUBLICATION OF A BILINGUAL HANDBOOK.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL SOON ORGANISE A LARGE SEMINAR IN THE CITY HALL FOR THE TEXTILES TRADE REGARDING THE NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.

TO TIE IN WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

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SEMINAR ON HARMONIZED SYSTEM

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS TO ORGANISE A SEMINAR ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, TO EXPLAIN TO THE TRADE THE EFFECTS OF THE HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM (THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM OR HS) WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM JANUARY 1, NEXT YEAR.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM WILL BRING ABOUT RE-CATEGORISATION OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS UNDER HONG KONG'S BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENTS WITH ITS TRADING PARTNERS.

ALSO, WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW SYSTEM, APPLICANTS FOR EXPORT LICENCE (TEXTILES) FORM 4 AND EXPORT AUTHORISATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER HONG KONG HS CODES IN PLACE OF STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) CODES, WHILE APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN (FORM A) WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER HS CODES IN PLACE OF CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL NOMENCLATURE (CCCN) CODES.

THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR IS TO EXPLAIN THE KEY CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TRADE TO RAISE QUESTIONS. THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, WILL TAKE PLACE AT CITY HALL CONCERT HALL FROM 10 AM TO 12.30 PM.

IT WILL BE OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE. THERE WILL BE BRIEFING SESSIONS FOR VARIOUS MARKETS EACH GIVEN BY AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE AND HIS OFFICERS. A SMALL ADMISSION FEE OF $20 PER PERSON WILL BE CHARGED.

TICKET ORDER FORMS FOR THE SEMINAR ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ENQUIRY COUNTER, G/F, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON. COMPANIES INTERESTED IN THE SEMINAR ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED TICKET ORDER FORM BY MAIL ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 11 TOGETHER WITH A CROSSED CHEQUE FOR THE NECESSARY PAYMENT, PAYABLE TO "HONG KONG GOVERNMENT", TO THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON; OR RETURN IT IN PERSON TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY PAYMENT TO TRADE DEPARTMENT'S COLLECTION OFFICE AT ROOM 822, 8/F, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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FEES FOR HANDLING EXPLOSIVES REVISED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THREE SETS OF AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WHICH PROVIDE FOR REVISED FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE STORAGE AND DELIVERY OF EXPLOSIVES AND FOR THE ISSUE OF EXPLOSIVE LICENCES/PERMITS AND MINES BLASTING CERTIFICATES.

THE REVISED FEES ARE CONTAINED IN THE DANGEROUS GOODS (GOVERNMENT EXPLOSIVES DEPOTS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1987, THE DANGEROUS GOODS (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1987 AND THE MINES (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1987, TO BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MINES DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE REVISION FOLLOWED THE RISING OPERATING COSTS AND INCREASED RENTAL FOR THE DEPOTS. THE FEES RELATING TO THE ISSUE OF EXPLOSIVE LICENCES/PERMITS WERE LAST REVISED IN 1983 AND THAT FOR THE STORAGE AND DELIVERY OF EXPLOSIVES IN 1985.

HE EXPECTED THE NEW FEES WOULD HAVE MINIMAL EFFECT ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AS THE COSTS OF EXPLOSIVES FORMED ONLY A VERY SMALL PART OF THE TOTAL COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

THE OLD AND NEW FEES FOR SOME OF THE SERVICES SET OUT IN THE THREE REGULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	OLD	NEW
* FOR STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES PER 50 KG	$75	$82.5
* FOR DELIVERY OF EXPLOSIVES NOT EXCEEDING 50 KG	$850	$935
* FOR ISSUE OF A PERMIT TO DISCHARGE EXPLOSIVES	$11,200 PER ANNUM	$14,000 PER ANNUM
* FOR ISSUE OF A MINES BLASTING CERTIFICATE	$305	$335
* FOR RENEWAL OR ENDORSEMENT OF A MINES BLASTING CERTIFICATE	$245	$270
* FOR REPLACEMENT OF A MINES BLASTING CERTIFICATE	$ 55	$ 60

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DANGEROUS GOODS STANDING COMMITTEE HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND HAD AGREED TO THE INCREASES.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE FURTHER EXTENDED

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO LAGOS IN NIGERIA FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 23), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS WILL BRING TO 52 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG.

"SPEEDPOST ITEMS POSTED ON MONDAY TO FRIDAY WILL BE DELIVERED IN LAGOS ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY WHILE THOSE POSTED ON SATURDAY WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT IS 20 KG PER ITEM AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE: $120 FOR ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250 G; $150 FOR ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250 G AND 500 G; AND $40 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500 G. PICK UP SERVICE BY THE POST OFFICE FROM CUSTOMERS' PREMISES IS FREE.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO NIGERIA AND THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IN GENERAL CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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FAMILY SERVICES TO BE STRENGTHENED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY AS A UNIT AND TO THIS END THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CHANNELLING MORE RESOURCES TO THE FIELD OF FAMILY SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING THE 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY AT THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, MRS WONG SAID THAT SINCE APRIL THE DEPARTMENT HAD INCREASED THE NUMBER OF ITS FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES FROM 22 TO 26.

"PLANS ARE IN HAND TO ADD ONE MORE CENTRE BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR AND THREE ADDITIONAL CENTRES IN THE NEXT ONE.

"AT THE SAME TIME, WE AIM TO REDUCE THE CASELOAD OF FAMILY SERVICE WORK, ALTHOUGH WE FACE STAFF WASTAGE AND RECRUITMENT PROBLEMS," SHE SAID.

"ALONG WITH THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHICH PROVIDE A VARIETY OF FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES INCLUDING COUNSELLING, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, HOME HELP AND OTHER PILOT PROGRAMMES, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE COMMUNITY MAY ENJOY A HIGHER QUALITY OF FAMILY SERVICES."

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MRS WONG DESCRIBED THE FAMILY AS PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT INSTITUTION AND, TO STRENGTHEN A COMMUNITY, THE FAMILY HAD TO BE MADE STABLE AND STRONG.

SHE NOTED THAT IN HONG KONG, WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEUS FAMILIES AND THE MOVEMENT OF FAMILIES FROM URBAN AREAS TO NEW TOWNS, FAMILY TIES AND FAMILY SUPPORT WERE WEAKER THAN IN PRE-WAR DAYS.

THE FAMILY TODAY AND ITS MEMBERS HAD ALSO TO COPE WITH A VARIETY OF PROBLEMS AND STRESS IN THE FACE OF A QUICKER TEMPO IN LIFE, AND THUS THE NEED FOR FAMILY SERVICES HAD NEVER BEEN SO GREAT AS IT WAS NOW, SHE ADDED.

MRS WONG COMPLIMENTED THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE STAFF OF THE FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY FOR THEIR PIONEERING ROLE IN FAMILY WELFARE AND FOR THE WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES OFFERED.

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1981 PRIVATE CARS FALL UNDER INSPECTION SCHEME

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PRIVATE CARS MANUFACTURED IN 1981 WHICH REQUIRE A NEW LICENCE COMMENCING ON OR AFTER APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR MUST PASS A ROADWORTHINESS TEST PRIOR TO LICENCE RENEWAL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED CAR OWNERS TODAY (THURSDAY).

"UNDER THE PRIVATE CAR INSPECTION SCHEME WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 2, 1986, ALL SIX-YEAR-OLD PRIVATE CARS MUST FIRST OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS FROM A GOVERNMENT-DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRE BEFORE THEIR LICENCES CAN BE RENEWED," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"WITH THE APPROACH OF 1988, IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT 1981 CARS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE INSPECTION SCHEME," HE CONTINUED.

THERE ARE 17 DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR INSPECTION MAY BE MADE FOUR MONTHS BEFORE THE EXPIRY DATE OF THE VEHICLE LICENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS FOR ANY PRIVATE CAR WHICH HAD PASSED THE TEST MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN FOUR MONTHS OF THE ISSUE DATE FOR RELICENSING A VEHICLE, OTHERWISE ITS VALIDITY WOULD LAPSE.

THE FEE FOR A CAR INSPECTION IS $160 AND A RE-CHECK FEE OF $50 IS CHARGED WHEN DEFECTS FOUND IN THE ORIGINAL INSPECTION ARE REMEDIED AND EXAMINED WITHIN 14 DAYS. IN CASES OF SPECIFIED MINOR FAULTS, THE RE-CHECK IS FREE OF CHARGE.

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SHOULD A CAR OWNER DISAGREE WITH THE RESULT OF A TEST, HE CAN APPEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A FRESH, INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION.

"TO AVOID UNNECESSARY INCONVENIENCE, CAR OWNERS SHOULD HAVE THEIR VEHICLES CHECKED AND REPAIRED BEFORE THE INSPECTION APPOINTMENT WITH CAR TESTING CENTRES," THE SPOKESMAN URGED.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 5-200933.

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MORE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS TO BE PROVIDED

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EIGHTEEN SHELTERED WORKSHOPS WITH ABOUT 2,500 PLACES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO MEET THE DEMAND OF THE DISABLED, THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR CARLOS LEUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR LEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE "TUEN MUN '87: TOWARDS BETTER MENTAL HEALTH" CAMPAIGN AND OPEN DAY OF THE BUTTERFLY BAY SHELTERED WORKSHOP.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ACTIVELY PROVIDING REHABILITATIVE SERVICES IN CO-OPERATION WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THAT SHELTERED WORKSHOP WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TYPES OF SERVICES.

"THESE WORKSHOPS CATER FOR BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE TO HELP THEM BUILD UP THEIR WORKING CAPACITY AND CONFIDENCE AND PREPARE THEM TO RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT," HE SAID.

"AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 28 SHELTERED WORKSHOPS IN HONG KONG, WITH 11 OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE OTHER 17 BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, PROVIDING ABOUT 3,000 PLACES," HE ADDED.

THE BUTTERFLY BAY SHELTERED WORKSHOP, WHICH STARTED OPERATION IN NOVEMBER 1985, PROVIDES 160 PLACES MAINLY FOR RESIDENTS IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG. IN ADDITION TO JOB TRAINING PROVIDED BY WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS, COUNSELLING SERVICES AS WELL AS SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO ARRANGED BY SOCIAL WORK STAFF FOR THE WORKERS.

"APART FROM DIRECT REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT IN THE PREVENTION OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS," MR LEUNG SAID.

THROUGH A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES, THE "TUEN MUN '87 : TOWARDS BETTER MENTAL HEALTH" CAMPAIGN HAD HELPED RESIDENTS TO APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND TO LEARN TO COPE WITH THE PRESSURE OF THE HECTIC LIFE-STYLE OF HONG KONG, HE ADDED.

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TAC TO VIEW LION ROCK TUNNEL NO-TOLL EXPERIMENT

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THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) WILL VISIT LION ROCK TUNNEL ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 23) TO OBSERVE THE EFFECTS OF THE ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND NO-TOLL EXPERIMENT AT THE TUNNEL.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

THE EXPERIMENT, TO BE IMPLEMENTED FOR FOUR WEEKS FROM NOVEMBER 23, IS DESIGNED TO ASSESS WHETHER TRAFFIC FLOW THROUGH THE TUNNEL CAN BE IMPROVED.

MEMBERS WILL VIEW THE SITUATION FROM THE TUNNEL CONTROL ROOM. THEY WILL BE BRIEFED BY MR SO AND BY THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, ON TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES IMPLEMENTED DURING THE EXPERIMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS TO TAI PO ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. A PRESS COACH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE LION ROCK TUNNEL. IT WILL LEAVE FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AT 7.30 AM ON MONDAY.

BEFORE LEAVING FOR A TOUR OF THE WATERLOO ROAD AND CORNWALL STREET AREA TO ASSESS TRAFFIC CONDITIONS THERE, THE TAC CHAIRMAN, MISS MARIA TAM, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A SHORT INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESS IN THE CARPARK OF THE TUNNEL CONTROL BUILDING.

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WEEKEND SEMINAR FOR SAFETY OFFICERS

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MORE THAN 150 PRACTISING SAFETY OFFICERS IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR WILL ATTEND A TWO-DAY RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR IN MACAU THIS WEEKEND.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION (HKOSHA), HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ASSOCIATION (HKISA), MACAU LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF LABOUR DEPARTMENT WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LTD.

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IT IS AIMED AT ENHANCING UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN SAFETY OFFICERS, MANAGEMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS) REGULATIONS WHICH COME INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

THE SEMINAR WILL REVIEW PROBLEMS FACED BY SAFETY OFFICERS, THE FUNCTION OF SAFETY OFFICERS FROM THE MANAGEMENT POINT OF VIEW, AND THE SPIRIT OF THE SAFETY OFFICERS REGULATIONS.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF HKISA, MR PETER YU; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HKOSHA, MR W.H. WONG; AND THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN.

A SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MACAU GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE A TALK ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND ORGANISATION OF SAFETY AT WORK IN MACAU AND IN PORTUGAL.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE OPENED ON SATURDAY BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMICS OF MACAU, DR ANTONIO GALHARDO SIMOES; THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE SHELL COMPANY, MR HANMER WEBB-PEPLOE; AND THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS HAWKER RE-ORDERING EXERCISE

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MEMBERS OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO CONSIDER THE HAWKERS' REQUEST FOR DEFERRING THE SHUN NING ROAD HAWKER RE-ORDERING EXERCISE.

THE PROPOSED EXERCISE, SUBMITTED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS DISCUSSED AT THE BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 16 WHERE MEMBERS SUPPORTED THE EXERCISE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN DECEMBER.

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE RECONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADING OF ROAD SURFACE AND DRAINAGE OF CHEUNG FAT STREET, FAT TSUEN STREET AND WING LUNG STREET WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, AND LICENSED HAWKERS ALONG THESE STREETS WOULD HAVE TO BE TEMPORARILY RESITED ALONG SHUN NING ROAD.

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AMENITY PLOTS ON NAM CHEONG STREET NULLAH DECK, AND THE SECURITY PROBLEM IN TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE, PHASE 4 AND 5.

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THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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VIDEO WALL SHOWS "NOW AND THEN" OF EASTERN DISTRICT

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THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SEEN THE VIDEO SHOW ABOUT EASTERN DISTRICT IN THE LAST FEW DAYS AT THE CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING, WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE SPECTACULAR HI-TECH PRESENTATION ON A 64-TV-MONITOR VIDEO WALL.

THE SHOW WILL MOVE TO THE EXHIBITION AREA AT CHAI WAN MTR STATION FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO NOVEMBER 24 AND TO HENG FA CHUEN SHOPPING ARCADE FROM NOVEMBER 25 TO 29.

THE VIDEO PRESENTATION IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH HELPS TO PUBLICIZE THE FESTIVAL'S THEME -- PARTICIPATE IN YOUR DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT.

COSTING $500,000 THE VIDEO WALL IS SPONSORED BY SEVERAL COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD. IT IS AN EYE-CATCHING AND MEMORABLE PRESENTATION USING MUSIC AND PICTURES TO DEPICT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE EIGHT MINUTE-SHOW ILLUSTRATES THE HUGE CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY. IT ALSO TRACES THE CHANGES IN THE WAY OF LIFE AND PORTRAYS THE EXCITING DEVELOPMENT AHEAD IN LIFESTYLE, RECREATION AND AMENITIES.

THE PRESENTATION, ENTITLED "A PLACE IN THE SUN", HAS A CANTONESE THEME SONG SUNG BY POPULAR SINGER, MR TERENCE CHOI.

THE VIDEO IS DIVIDED INTO FIVE PARTS WITH DIFFERENT STYLE OF PRESENTATION AND SPECIAL EFFECTS TO DEPICT DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION TO THE VIDEO SHOW, A PHOTO EXHIBITION ON THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF EASTERN DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE STAGED IN HENG FA CHUEN.

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DB TO DISCUSS DESIGNATION OF TSIU HANG SPECIAL AREA

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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE DESIGNATION OF TSIU HANG AS A SPECIAL AREA FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSE.

THE PROPOSED SPECIAL AREA IS LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE PAK SHA WAN PENINSULA AND CONSISTS OF TWO PIECES OF LAND ADJOINING MA ON SHAN COUNTRY PARK.

THE SPECIAL AREA IS PLANNED TO BE DEVELOPED INTO A COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION AND EMJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS BY THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR WAN YUET-KAU, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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SEMINAR FOR SAI KUNG ENGLISH-SPEAKING RESIDENTS

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ENGLISH-SPEAKING RESIDENTS OF SAI KUNG WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN A SEMINAR TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, THE SEMINAR WILL COVER SUBJECTS SUCH AS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SERVICES, PRIMARY EDUCATION FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHILDREN AND REGIONAL COUNCIL'S RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT. DISCUSSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH.

SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO; THE DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER (SAI KUNG) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHARLES CHU; TRAFFIC ENGINEER, MR DAVID WEBSTER; AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BOUNDARY JUNIOR SCHOOL.

THE SEMINAR WILL START AT 7.30 PM IN THE ART ROOM OF THE CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, CHUK KOK, SAI KUNG.

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SCHOOL PARADE TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION

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ABOUT 1,500 STUDENTS FROM 51 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF KWUN TONG WILL TAKE PART IN A GRAND PARADE AT THE KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21) MORNING.

ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, THE EVENT IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG STUDENTS AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A WORTHWHILE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY. IT WILL START AT 10 AM.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A JOINT SCHOOL CHOIR, A COSTUME COMPETITION, AS WELL AS TELEMATCHES TO HIGHLIGHT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

THESE WILL COVER TOPICS SUCH AS "ANTI-CORRUPTION", "ANTI-NARCOTICS", "ROAD SAFETY", "RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY", "CLEAN HONG KONG" AND "I LOVE HONG KONG".

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN; KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; AND PRESIDENT OF KWUN TONG SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, MR FRANK NG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG JOINT SCHOOL GRAND PARADE TO BEGIN AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY AT THE KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND.

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DANCE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY

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MORE THAN 350 ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR DANCING SKILLS AT THE HONG KONG DANCE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY 1987 TO BE HELD AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

THE PARTICIPANTS, ALL AGED OVER 60, ARE MEMBERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, HOMES FOR THE AGED, WOMEN WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

APART FROM PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ELDERLY TO IMPROVE THEIR DANCING SKILLS, THE ANNUAL EVENT ALSO ENABLES THEM TO GET TOGETHER IN SHARING THEIR INTEREST AND FUN, THUS ENCOURAGING THEM TO ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD LIFE.

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PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS FROM THE 32 TEAMS PERFORMING IN VARIOUS TYPES OF DANCES, INCLUDING CHINESE, FOLK, MODERN AND AEROBIC.

THE FESTIVAL, SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND THE LOK SIN TONG, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION FOR THE ELDERLY, THE HOLY CARPENTER CHURCH MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE HONG KONG DANCE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY 1987 WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21) AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE, TO KWA WAN.

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EXHIBITION TO SUPPORT "WE CARE" ACTIVITIES

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UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF FOUR DISCIPLINARY FORCES - THE POLICE, AND THE IMMIGRATION, THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENTS - WILL BE ON HAND FOR A FRIENDLY CHAT WITH RESIDENTS ABOUT THEIR WORK AND CAREER DURING AN EXHIBITION AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT ON DECEMBER 6 (SUNDAY).

THE EXHIBITION, ENTITLED "WE CARE", IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS (TWGH) AND ICAC, AND CO-ORDINATED BY THE "WE CARE" CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE INTERESTING TOPICS CONCERNING THE DISCIPLINARY FORCES SUCH AS CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME, ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS, FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-CORRUPTION PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS THE WORK OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

THOSE INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN THESE FORCES CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION AND LEAFLETS AT THE EXHIBITION.

A BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT NOON. OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TWGH, MRS THERESA LAU; CHAIRMAN OF THE "WE CARE" ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR SAMMY POONE; ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR FRANCIS WONG; AND ASSISTANT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE.

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COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL PARADE

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THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) WILL HOLD ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL PARADE AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM IN HUNG HOM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y. T. LI, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT AWARDS TO CYC MEMBERS AT THE PARADE.

MORE THAN 10,000 CYC MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS, SUPERVISORS AND TEACHERS INVOLVED IN CYC ACTIVITIES WILL ATTEND THE PARADE WHICH WILL ALSO FEATURE A DRAGON DANCE, BAND MARCH, A MUSICAL DRAMA AND A CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT HONG KONG COLISEUM AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE COLISEUM BEFORE 2.15 PM AND ENTER BY THE GREEN GATE.

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MUSIC OFFICE PRESENTS CELEBRATION CONCERTS

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TWO CONCERTS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22) AS PART OF A SERIES OF PUBLIC PERFORMANCES OF THE YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC WEEK.

THE MUSIC EVENT, WHICH STARTED LAST SATURDAY AND WILL END ON SUNDAY, IS ORGANISED TO CELEBRATE THE MUSIC OFFICE'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

THE EVENING OF CHINESE FOLK AND OPERATIC MUSIC WILL BE HELD AT THE SHATIN TOWN HALL TOMORROW AT 8 PM. THE REPERTOIRE INCLUDES CHINESE FOLK SONGS, FUJIAN TUNES, CANTONESE OPERA, HAN OPERA AND BEIJING OPERA. POPULAR LOCAL MUSICIANS MR LAW KAR-YING AND MR TONG KIN-WOON WILL PERFORM.

ON SUNDAY, THREE GUEST MUSICIANS FROM CHINA WILL GIVE SOLO PERFORMANCES AT A GALA CONCERT AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL. THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS FOR THE TWO CONCERTS, PRICED AT $5 AND $10, ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT ALL URBTIX OUTLETS. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4928127 AND 0-6065731.

MEANWHILE, THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA HAS ALSO STAGED A FREE STUDENT CONCERT TODAY AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE IN SUPPORT OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS CELEBRATION

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A SERIES OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22) IN CONNECTION WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 1987 AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

THE FOLLOWING MEASURES, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, WILL BE IN FORCE FROM 1.30 PM UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED AFTER THE EVENT.

* CAROLINE HILL ROAD WEST BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 1.30 PM TO 5.45 PM. THE SAME ROAD SECTION WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 5.45 PM UNTIL DISPERSAL OF THE MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE FEAST.

* CAROLINE HILL ROAD EAST BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS.

* EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, BUT VEHICLES WILL STILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL CARPARK FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD.

* LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND BROADWOOD ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY UPHILL FROM 1.30 PM TO 5.45 PM. VEHICLES LEAVING THE UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL SHOULD PROCEED VIA BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD. THE SAME SECTION OF LINK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS FROM 5.45 PM UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED.

MEANWHILE, ALL PARKING SPACES AT STADIUM PATH AND THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 12 NOON TO 30 MINUTES AFTER THE EVENT HAS FINISHED.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN CENTRAL, WAN CHAI

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FROM 8 AM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22), LAN KWAI FONG IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES OF LAN KWAI FONG TENANTS COMMITTEE.

IN WAN CHAI ON THE SAME DAY, LUNG ON STREET AND THE SECTION OF STONE NULLAH LANE SOUTH OF KAT ON STREET WILL ALSO BE CLOSED BETWEEN 11 AM AND 5 PM, FOR A SOCIAL COMMUNITY FUNCTION ORGANISED BY THE ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT.

DURING THE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN WAN CHAI, THE PARKING SPACES ALONG STONE NULLAH LANE WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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