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INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS
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A TOTAL OF 99 825 WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES WERE IN OPERATION DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1984, WITH 589 986 PERSONS ENGAGED, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH 1983, THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND PERSONS ENGAGED INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT AND SEVEN PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IN 1984, THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED \$467 770 MILLION OF SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS; AND SPENT \$22 763 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, \$43 407 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES AND \$379 753 MILLION ON PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE.

COMPARED WITH 1983, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT, WHILE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE WENT UP BY 22 PER CENT, 24 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE SECTOR'S VALUE ADDED, WHICH REPRESENTS ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG, GREW BY 24 PER CENT TO \$50 506 MILLION IN 1984, FROM \$40 605 MILLION IN 1983.

ANALYSED BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, THE SURVEY REVEALED THAT IN 1984, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE RECORDED THE LARGEST SHARE OF SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AT \$321 133 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT OF THE SECTOR TOTAL. RETAIL TRADE ACCOUNTED FOR ANOTHER 15 PER CENT, WHILE WHOLESALE TRADE TOOK UP 11 PER CENT, RESTAURANTS FOUR PER CENT, AND HOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES ONE PER CENT.

IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE CONTRIBUTED 58 PER CENT OF TOTAL VALUE ADDED IN THE SECTOR. THE REMAINING CONTRIBUTION WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY RETAIL TRADE (17 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (13 PER CENT), WHOLESALE TRADE (SEVEN PER CENT) AND HOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES (FIVE PER CENT).

WHEN COMPARED WITH 1983, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE HAD THE LARGEST INCREASE IN SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS (29 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY HOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES (25 PER CENT), RETAIL TRADE (14 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (14 PER CENT) AND WHOLESALE TRADE (SIX PER CENT).

IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE AND HOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASES (30 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY RETAIL TRADE (16 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (16 PER CENT) AND WHOLESALE TRADE (12 PER CENT).

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THE 1984 SURVEY WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE AND SERVICE SECTOR AND UPDATING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

DATA COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDED TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE, STOCKS, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY, TOGETHER WITH ANALYTICAL TABLES SHOWING THE PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUP-ACTIVITY AND ANALYSED BY VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, ARE INCLUDED IN THE STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED +1984 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS+.

THE REPORT WILL BE ON SALE IN EARLY JULY 1986 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE= AND THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT WILL BE USEFUL TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 3-7244358.

/Principal

Principal statistics for all establishments analysed by economic activities for 1983 and 1984

Activity		Number of establishments	Number of persons engaged	Number of employees	Compensation of employees (\$Mn.)	Operating expenses (\$Mn.)	Purchases of goods for sale (\$Mn.)	Changes in stocks (\$Mn.)	Sales and other receipts (\$Mn.)	Value added (\$Mn.)
Wholesale trade	1983	11 729	57 899	44 613	1 532	2 409	44 667	504	49 482	3 127
	1984	12 605	57 775	43 214	1 712	2 772	46 522	332	52 330	3 517
	change	+ 7%	#	- 3%	+ 12%	+ 15%	+ 4%	- 34%	+ 6%	+ 12%
Retail trade	1983	45 688	159 267	105 387	3 758	6 939	49 332	1 093	62 089	7 348
	1984	48 608	164 008	107 016	4 351	7 712	55 469	1 025	70 558	8 543
	change	+ 6%	+ 3%	+ 2%	+ 16%	+ 11%	+ 12%	- 6%	+ 14%	+ 16%
Import/export trade	1983	26 240	158 926	141 059	7 744	20 042	211 860	3 905	249 599	22 642
	1984	30 939	187 802	166 259	10 431	26 409	269 309	3 065	321 133	29 482
	change	+ 18%	+ 18%	+ 18%	+ 35%	+ 32%	+ 27%	- 21%	+ 29%	+ 30%
Restaurants	1983	6 122	152 463	144 880	4 729	4 013	7 243	39	16 614	5 448
	1984	6 828	156 452	148 123	5 193	4 781	7 971	- 42	19 014	6 312
	change	+ 12%	+ 3%	+ 2%	+ 10%	+ 19%	+ 10%	-208%	+ 14%	+ 16%
Hotels/boarding houses	1983	776	23 155	22 524	909	1 515	426	6	3 774	2 039
	1984	846	23 948	23 377	1 076	1 733	483	- 1	4 735	2 652
	change	+ 9%	+ 3%	+ 4%	+ 18%	+ 14%	+ 13%	-112%	+ 25%	+ 30%
Total	1983	90 554	551 711	458 463	18 672	34 918	313 527	5 547	381 559	40 605
	1984	99 825	589 986	487 990	22 763	43 407	379 753	4 379	467 770	50 506
	change	+ 10%	+ 7%	+ 6%	+ 22%	+ 24%	+ 21%	- 21%	+ 23%	+ 24%

Notes : 1. Individual items may not add up to total due to rounding.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

3. # denotes less than 0.5% in magnitude.

4. Value added is a measure of the contribution of a trade sector to Hong Kong's gross domestic product. It is derived by subtracting from the value of sales and other receipts, the cost of goods for sale (the value of purchases adjusted for changes in stocks) and operating expenses (adjusted for payments like interests and textiles export quota transfer costs). The exact definition can be found in the survey report.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF BANKING POST STUDIED
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A PROPOSAL TO CREATE A POST OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF BANKING WILL BE EXAMINED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE PROPOSAL WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENACTMENT OF THE BANKING BILL WHICH AIMS AT PROVIDING A GREATER MEASURE OF PROTECTION TO DEPOSITORS AND ENSURING SOUND BUSINESS PRACTICE AMONG FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE NEW LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A MORE DISCRETIONARY AND JUDGEMENTAL APPROACH TO SUPERVISION OF BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WOULD REQUIRE GREATER INVOLVEMENT BY SENIOR OFFICERS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE NEED FOR GOOD SUPERVISING STAFF IN THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE HAD ALSO BEEN EMPHASISED BY THE INDUSTRY ITSELF, HE NOTED.

IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING WITH A DEPUTY IN ORDER TO ENABLE HIM TO DISCHARGE EFFECTIVELY HIS INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SUPERVISION OF LICENSED BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

OTHER THAN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$500 MILLION TO ENABLE THE PROCEEDS OF A DEBT REPAYMENT BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION TO BE SET ASIDE TOWARDS AN EQUITY INJECTION OF \$1 000 MILLION FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION IN 1987-88.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED INCLUDE:

- * A CAPITAL SUBSIDY TO ASSIST COGNITIO COLLEGE (1979) LIMITED TO BUILD AND EQUIP AN EXTENSION TO THE COGNITIO COLLEGE (HONG KONG) AT CHAI WAN;
- * CAPITAL GRANTS TO THE SPASTICS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRE AT SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO, AND AT LUNG HANG ESTATE, SHA TIN;
- * A WRITE-OFF OF \$1 271 000 AS PREMIUM FOREGONE FOR A PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF TWO RESIDENTIAL LOTS FOR AN INDUSTRIAL LOT ON CHEUNG CHAU;
- * A WRITE-OFF OF \$10 480 000 AS PREMIUM FOREGONE FOR A PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF A NUMBER OF LOTS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR ONE BUILDING LOT AT MUI WO, LANTAU;

/* A REVISION

- * A REVISION OF THE HONORARIA FOR GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE TRAINEES ENGAGED UNDER THE GRADUATE TRAINING SCHEME AND THE SANDWICH TRAINING SCHEME OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, AND THE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING SANDWICH TRAINING SCHEME TO ACCOMMODATE A MAXIMUM OF 32 UNDERGRADUATES;
- * TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO DETERMINE AND REVISE THE LEVEL OF GRANTS TO HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS TOWARDS STAFF SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES; AND
- * THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF EXTENDING THE LONG SERVICE TRAVEL AWARD SCHEME TO LOCAL NON-PENSIONABLE OFFICERS BELOW THE DIRECTORATE LEVEL.

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OATHS AMENDMENT BILL BEFORE LEGCO

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THE OATHS AND DECLARATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR ALL THREE READINGS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE BILL WILL PROVIDE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF OATH KNOWN AS THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OATH FOR MEMBERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO SWEAR THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE ON FIRST JOINING THE COUNCIL.

IN ADDITION, TOMORROW'S SITTING WILL DEAL WITH NINE OTHER BILLS AND 14 QUESTIONS BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

OF THE NINE BILLS, SIX WILL BE DUE FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE:

- * INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1986;
- * PRISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986;
- * EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986;
- * ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1986;
- * ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING-OFFENCE POINTS)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 AND
- * COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986.

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DEBATE WILL ALSO RESUME ON THE FOLLOWING THREE BILLS WHICH ARE DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND FINAL READING:

- * CIVIL AVIATION (AIRCRAFT NOISE) BILL 1986;
- * FIRE SERVICES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1986; AND
- * PUBLIC HOLIDAY (ROYAL VISIT) BILL 1986.

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NEW PROGRAMME TO TACKLE SMOKY VEHICLES ENDORSED
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY) ENDORSED A NEW PROGRAMME TO TACKLE THE POLLUTION CAUSED BY SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES.

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION WOULD BE SET UP IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BOTH THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL AND FOR THE OPERATION OF THE EMISSION SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE SPOTTING OF SMOKY VEHICLES, THE OPERATION OF A CALL-UP SYSTEM (INCLUDING FOLLOW-UP ACTION) AND THE TESTING OF VEHICLES CALLED UP.

UNDER THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME, INSPECTORS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH SMALL MOTOR-CYCLES AND THEY WOULD STATION THEMSELVES AT VARIOUS POINTS FOR SPOTTING SMOKY VEHICLES.

OFFENDING VEHICLES WOULD NOT BE STOPPED AT THE TIME, BUT THEIR OWNERS WOULD RECEIVE A CALL-UP NOTICE TO ATTEND, WITH THEIR VEHICLE, AT A SPECIFIED TESTING STATION. ACTUAL TESTING OF THE VEHICLES WOULD BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A QUALIFIED INSPECTOR.

FOR LARGER VEHICLES SUCH AS LORRIES, COACHES AND BUSES WHICH OFTEN BELONG TO FLEET-OWNERS, ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO TEST OFFENDERS IN THIS CATEGORY AT THEIR OWN MAINTENANCE DEPOT.

THE CALL-UP SYSTEM FOR SUCH VEHICLES WOULD BE FLEXIBLE IN THAT THE TIMING OF INSPECTIONS AND TESTS WOULD BE ORGANISED TO THE MUTUAL CONVENIENCE OF BOTH THE TESTER AND THE TESTED.

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THE NEW PROGRAMME HAD BEEN DEVELOPED FROM ADVICE PROVIDED BY A CONSULTANT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (UNIDO) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS PROGRAMME IN HONG KONG.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AS MANY AS 25 000 VEHICLES COULD BE TESTED EACH YEAR UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM.

EPCOM ALSO WELCOMED ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD BE INSTITUTED SHORTLY WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT FOR SYSTEMATIC AND CO-ORDINATED REVIEW OF MAJOR GOVERNMENT PROJECTS.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE REQUIRED, FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PROJECTS, TO NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH DETAILED PLANNING OF SUCH PROJECTS.

THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WOULD THEN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE PROJECTS NOTIFIED TO HIM AND RECOMMENDING TO DEPARTMENTS WHERE NECESSARY, SUITABLE MITIGATORY MEASURES FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS.

EPCOM ALSO DISCUSSED REVISED PROPOSALS FOR THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY ANIMAL WASTES.

IT ALSO STUDIED A PROPOSAL FOR EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES RELATED TO BEACH WATER POLLUTION IN HONG KONG, WHICH WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND THE MICROBIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

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TEXTILE TALKS WITH CANADA END
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THE FIRST ROUND OF THE BILATERAL TALKS WITH CANADA ON HONG KONG'S POST-1986 ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPORT OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL TO CANADA ENDED YESTERDAY (MONDAY).

A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED THE TALKS AS A CORDIAL AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS WILL BE HELD LATER IN THE YEAR BUT THE DATE AND LOCATION ARE YET TO BE FIXED.

THE CURRENT HONG KONG-CANADA BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31.

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SECOND CHOLERA CASE CONFIRMED

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) CONFIRMED THAT A 43-YEAR-OLD MAN IS SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA.

THIS IS THE SECOND CHOLERA CASE REPORTED THIS YEAR. THE FIRST CASE WAS CONFIRMED ON MAY 22.

THE MAN IS A CONSTRUCTION WORKER WHO LIVES IN TAI PO. HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL ON JUNE 20, SUFFERING FROM DIARRHOEA. HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL ON JUNE 22 AFTER IT WAS SUSPECTED HE HAD CHOLERA.

THE DOCTOR DEALING WITH THE CASE TODAY DESCRIBED THE MAN'S CONDITION AS GOOD. AS THE PATIENT HAD NOT TRAVELLED ABROAD RECENTLY, THE CASE WAS CLASSIFIED AS LOCAL.

HEALTH OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT HAVE VISITED THE PATIENT'S WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN -- ONE BOY AND TWO GIRLS. THEY WERE MEDICALLY EXAMINED AND GIVEN PREVENTIVE DRUGS, AND THE PATIENT'S HOME WAS ALSO DISINFECTED BY STAFF FROM THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO SECONDARY CASE THERE IS NO NEED TO DECLARE HONG KONG A CHOLERA-INFECTED AREA.

HOWEVER, HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO WARN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE STRICT PERSONAL HYGIENE AND TO BE CAREFUL IN THE CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND DRINKS TO AVOID CONTRACTING THE DISEASE.

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LIAO TO OPEN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL OPEN THE 1986 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AT 8 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 26).

THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SYP, +CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, GET TO KNOW IT BETTER+, WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN A 90-MINUTE SHOW WHICH WILL INCLUDE A PARADE, DANCING, SINGING AND A TELEMATCH COMPETITION.

/THE OPENING

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL ALSO FORM THE FIRST EPISODE OF THE +SWINGING SUMMER+ TV SERIES TO BE BROADCAST ON TVB'S JADE CHANNEL ON JULY 6.

BEFORE THE MAIN CEREMONY, AN SYP EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED AND SOUVENIR PENNANTS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE 19 SYP DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES. THESE WILL BE HELD IN THE DISTRIBUTION LOBBY ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE STADIUM AT 7.30 PM.

THE SYP EXHIBITION WILL BE MOVED TO THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA, LEVEL 1, WHERE IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM JUNE 27 UNTIL JULY 3.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE 1986 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING CEREMONY AT QE STADIUM.

PRESS CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY GIS OFFICERS AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE STADIUM BETWEEN 7.15 PM AND 7.30 PM. A FIXED PRESS POSITION INSIDE THE ARENA HAS BEEN ARRANGED AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ARE ASKED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE DISTRIBUTION LOBBY BEFORE ENTERING THE ARENA.

PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENS. AS IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE WILL BE AMPLE TELEVISION LIGHTING, USE OF FLASH LIGHTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED INSIDE THE ARENA.

A DETAILED PROGRAMME OF THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE BOXED LATER TODAY.

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HARBOUR ROAD ROCKERY GARDEN OPENS
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THE \$9 MILLION HARBOUR ROAD ROCKERY GARDEN OPENED TODAY IN WAN CHAI IS THE LATEST OF NUMEROUS ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL ON EITHER SIDE OF THE HARBOUR FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE ROCKERY GARDEN'S OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY TODAY, URBAN COUNCILLOR MR SAMUEL WONG SAID: +THIS MAGNIFICENT PROJECT BRINGS A NEW CONCEPT TO WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN LITTLE MORE THAN A SIMPLE SITTING-OUT AREA.

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+USING IMAGINATION AND FLAIR, THE ARCHITECTS HAVE DESIGNED A MAGNIFICENT FACILITY WITH MANY SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDING A WATER POND, A ROCK MOUND AND AN EARTH MOUND IN THE CENTRE, AND A FUTURISTIC-LOOKING PAVILION ON ONE SIDE OF THE POND.

+A CIRCULAR PATH RUNS AROUND THE PERIPHERY OF THE POND SO THAT VISITORS CAN ENJOY A PLEASANT WALK ROUND THE GARDEN.+

MR WONG THANKED THE CHINA RESOURCES (HOLDINGS) COMPANY FOR HAVING MADE A GENEROUS DONATION COMPRISING MATURE TREES, TRADITIONAL STONE LIONS, STONE LANTERNS, A LARGE BONSAI AND POTTERY REFUSE HOLDERS AS A FURTHER IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE APPEARANCE OF THE ROCKERY GARDEN.

+VITRUALLY AN OASIS OF BEAUTY AMID THE HIGH-RISES OF THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION, THIS BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED ROCKERY GARDEN ON A 3 900 SQUARE-METRE SITE WILL SURELY BECOME A POPULAR LEISURE GROUND BOTH FOR OFFICE WORKERS IN THE AREA AND NEARBY RESIDENTS,+ SAID MR WONG.

+AT WEEKENDS AND ON HOLIDAYS IT IS SURE TO BE POPULAR WITH OTHER URBAN DWELLERS, TOO.+

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN MONG KOK
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MORE THAN 80 000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN MONG KOK ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN 90 ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

THE ACTIVITIES, TO BE HELD FROM JULY 12 TO AUGUST 31, WILL CENTRE ON THE MAIN THEME OF CARING FOR, AND UNDERSTANDING, THE COMMUNITY.

+WE HOPE PARTICIPANTS CAN ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT AND DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

+APART FROM RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND SPORTS, THE COMMITTEE HAS SPECIALLY DESIGNED OTHER PROJECTS TO ENHANCE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS,+ HE SAID.

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THESE INCLUDE VISITS TO HOMES FOR THE AGED, QUIZ COMPETITIONS ABOUT HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT, ESSAY AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY, COURSES ON NEWS REPORTING, AND EXHIBITIONS ON CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO ENCOURAGED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO FORM TEAMS OF WORKERS TO OFFER SERVICES TO SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL CARE AND ATTENTION, SUCH AS SENIOR CITIZENS, HANDICAPPED PEOPLE AND YOUNG CHILDREN.

A TOTAL OF \$123 000 HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME, WITH \$98 000 BEING ALLOCATED FROM JOCKEY CLUB FUNDS AND THE BALANCE COMING FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

PAMPHLETS GIVING DETAILED INFORMATION OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE AT THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE.

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WORKS TO IMPROVE WAN CHAI TRAFFIC
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$32-MILLION CONTRACT FOR ROADWORKS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IN WAN CHAI.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER AT TONNOCHY ROAD, WIDENING FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER AND CONSTRUCTING FOOTBRIDGES AT STEWART ROAD AND TONNOCHY ROAD NORTH.

THE TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER WILL PROVIDE DIRECT VEHICULAR ACCESS FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND ON TO TONNOCHY ROAD. WIDENING THE FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL LANE AT THE NORTH END OF THE ELEVATED ROAD.

THE STEWART ROAD FOOTBRIDGE IS AN ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR CROSSING GLOUCESTER ROAD TO WAN CHAI RECLAMATION, WHILE THE OTHER FOOTBRIDGE IS FOR ACCESS TO TONNOCHY ROAD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, TO BE CARRIED OUT BY CHUI HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, IS TO START SOON AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

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MEET THE MEDIA
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE, MR PATRICK LAU, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (JUNE 26) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON RADIO SHOW
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THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, WILL APPEAR ON RTHK RADIO ONE'S +TALKABOUT+ PROGRAMME ON THURSDAY (JUNE 26) AT 9 AM TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM LISTENERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE S4 RECORDING STUDIO AT RTHK, BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON.

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HIGH-SPEED ROAD MAINTENANCE CENTRE OPENS
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THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, WILL OPEN A HIGH-SPEED ROAD MAINTENANCE CENTRE AT TAI LAM CHUNG AT 11 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 26).

IT IS ONE OF TWO CENTRES SET UP BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN AND SERVICE HIGH-SPEED ROADS.

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THE CENTRE AT TAI LAM CHUNG MAINTAINS ROUTE TWO BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK AND TUEN MUN, WHILE THE OTHER AT MA LIU SHUI MAINTAINS ROUTE ONE BETWEEN SHA TIN AND FANLING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE FROM THE CAR PARK ON THE PODIUM OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, BY 9 AM ON THURSDAY. THOSE MAKING THEIR OWN WAY WILL FIND THE CENTRE AT THE NORTHWESTERN BANK OF TAI LAM CHUNG NULLAH, ADJACENT TO SIU LAM INTERCHANGE ON TUEN MUN ROAD, AND ACCESS IS FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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SEMINAR ON FARM MACHINE SAFETY
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A HALF-DAY SEMINAR ON FARM MACHINE SAFETY FOR FARMERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S TAI LUNG EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

AMONG THE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE THE SAFE USE OF AN INSECTICIDE SPRAYER AND THE DANGER OF ITS CONVERSION FOR USE AS A GRASS BURNER.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PRESS BRIEFING BY SENIOR FARM MANAGER, MR Y.S. NG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR AND THE PRESS BRIEFING TOMORROW MORNING. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE AFD HEADQUARTERS AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AT 9.30 AM.

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SEMINAR ON QUALITY ASSURANCE
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AN INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SEMINAR ON QUALITY ASSURANCE WILL BE HELD IN THE NINE DRAGONS BALLROOM OF THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON JUNE 27 (FRIDAY) FROM 3 PM TO 6 PM.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, AND TWO INDUSTRIALISTS, MR JOHN LO AND DR EDMOND CHAN, WHO WILL TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE IN QUALITY ASSURANCE.

A FILM ENTITLED 'QUALITY COUNTS', PRODUCED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS TO UPGRADE THEIR PROCESSES, IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR PRODUCTS AND MOVE UP-MARKET WILL BE SHOWN DURING THE SEMINAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SAI KUNG SWIMMING GALA
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APPLICATIONS TO TAKE PART IN THE 1986 SAI KUNG, HANG HAU AND RENNIE'S MILL SWIMMING GALA ARE BEING INVITED FROM SAI KUNG RESIDENTS AND OTHER SWIMMING ENTHUSIASTS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE SAI KUNG SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE SWIMMING GALA WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JULY 13) AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, TUI MIN HOI, SAI KUNG.

THE FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 9 AM AND THE LAST AT ABOUT 2 PM.

THE MEN'S DIVISION IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS AND THE WOMEN'S INTO THREE, ACCORDING TO AGE.

WINNERS WHO ARE SAI KUNG RESIDENTS WILL REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS SWIMMING COMPETITION.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS JULY 7. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (SAI KUNG OFFICE), BOTH AT SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, OR THE SAI KUNG SPORTS ASSOCIATION, GROUND FLOOR, 16 PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG.

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NO FLUSHING WATER
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SALT WATER SUPPLY IN HUNG HOM AND TO KWA WAN WILL BE TURNED
OFF FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 26) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE WHOLE OF HUNG HOM AND TO
KWA WAN.

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