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CONTRIBUTION BY RECREATIONAL CLUBS RECOGNISED

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THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY PRIVATE RECREATIONAL CLUBS IN HONG KONG IN PROVIDING LEISURE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE WIDELY RECOGNISED, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+OVER THE YEARS, THEY HAVE PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTING FACILITIES AND HAVE HELPED FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMATEUR SPORT IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW SPORTING COMPLEX OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS A VERY BUSY PLACE AND IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT +WE MAKE AS MUCH PROVISION AS WE CAN FOR LEISURE AND RECREATION.+

+THE DRAMATIC EXPANSION OF THE GOVERNMENT SPORTS PROGRAMME IN RECENT YEARS WAS UNLIKELY TO REDUCE THE DEMAND FOR SPORTING FACILITIES,+ HE ADDED.

PRAISING THE CLUB AS ONE OF THE LEADING PRIVATE RECREATIONAL CLUBS IN HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID IT HAD A PROUD RECORD IN THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN THE TERRITORY.

+JUDGING BY THE CONFIDENCE THAT IT HAS SHOWN IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS NEW COMPLEX, I AM SURE THAT THE CLUB WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS FIELD IN THE FUTURE.+

HE SAID THE OPENING MARKED AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CLUB, SINCE THE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES WERE COMPLETED DURING THE CLUB'S CENTENARY YEAR.

THE \$18 MILLION COMPLEX, NAMED THE LOCKHART SPORTS HALL, PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR OFFICES, A COMPUTER ROOM AND ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

FOR MEMBERS THERE IS A SPORTSMAN'S BAR, A SAUNA, CHANGING ROOM, SQUASH COURTS, VIDEO LIBRARY, LIBRARY AND READING ROOM, MEETING AND FUNCTION ROOMS.

THE FIRST FLOOR MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS HALL PROVIDES FACILITIES FOR INDOOR TENNIS, HOCKEY, SOCCER, LAWN BOWLS, BADMINTON, NET-BALL AND FITNESS TRAINING.

TWO ARTIFICIAL TURF TENNIS COURTS HAVE ALSO BEEN LAID WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FLOOD-LIGHTING ON THE ROOF OF THE BUILDING.

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EXCHANGE FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS MR DAVID LI KWOK-PO AND DR KIM CHAM YAU-SUM AS MEMBERS OF THE EXCHANGE FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE APPOINTMENTS WILL RUN FROM MAY 1, 1986 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 1988.

A NOTICE ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON APRIL 25.

FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MR LI AND DR CHAM:

MR DAVID LI KWOK-PO, JP

AGED 47. FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES, MR LI IS THE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF MANAGER OF THE BANK OF EAST ASIA LIMITED AND THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FINANCIAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BANKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE BANKS' ASSOCIATION LIMITED AND CHINESE BANKERS CLUB, HONG KONG.

DR KIM CHAM YAU-SUM, JP

AGED 40. AN ACCOUNTANT WITH A PH.D. (FINANCE) FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BATH, ENGLAND, DR CHAM IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF KWONG FAT HONG (HOLDINGS) LIMITED AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE LIMITED.

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DECEMBER NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES PUBLISHED

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR DECEMBER 1985, AT 128.6, INCREASED BY 6.2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1984 AND BY 0.6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1985, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE DECEMBER 1985 AND DECEMBER 1984 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 4.7 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 9.8 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 8.2 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 6.6 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE DECEMBER 1985 AND SEPTEMBER 1985 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 1.5 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 0.1 PER CENT AND FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 0.5 PER CENT WHILE THAT FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR DECREASED BY 0.1 PER CENT.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1984 TO DECEMBER 1985 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 101.3 IN DECEMBER 1985, WAS 3.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1984 AND 1.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1985.

FROM DECEMBER 1984 TO DECEMBER 1985, 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 2 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 6.9 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 5.3 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 3.8 PER CENT.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1985 WITH SEPTEMBER 1985, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 2.8 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.3 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.7 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.2 PER CENT.

THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1984 TO DECEMBER 1985 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

THESE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EACH QUARTER BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS 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.

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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 (ALTHOUGH THE SAME DEFLATOR IS USED FOR EACH INDUSTRY TO DERIVE THE REAL WAGE INDEX FROM ITS NOMINAL COUNTERPART, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOVEMENTS OF THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX AND THE REAL WAGE INDEX BETWEEN ANY TWO TIME PERIODS MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRY DUE TO ROUNDING).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT 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 THE REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOL. I, DECEMBER 1985 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

VOLUME II 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 MAY.

/FOR ENQUIRIES

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

TABLE 1 : NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	DEC. 1984	MAR. 1985	JUN. 1985	SEPT. 1985	DEC. 1985
MANUFACTURING	120.8	124.6	126.7	127.5	128.1
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/ EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	117.1	120.2	120.0	120.8	122.6
TRANSPORT SERVICES	132.6	138.4	142.5	145.4	145.6
BUSINESS SERVICES	121.1	126.1	129.9	130.3	131.0
PERSONAL SERVICES	116.8	120.6	122.4	124.6	124.5
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	121.1	124.9	126.7	127.8	128.6

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

INDUSTRY	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	DEC. 1984	MAR. 1985	JUN. 1985	SEPT. 1985	DEC. 1985
GARMENTS	116.5	119.5	120.6	120.6	121.0
GLOVES	131.1	133.9	135.7	138.3	138.9
HANDBAGS	116.3	119.0	121.4	123.0	124.2
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	120.5	125.5	128.4	128.8	129.6

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KNITTING	124.0	126.7	130.1	129.9	130.8
BLEACHING AND DYEING	121.8	126.3	132.0	133.1	134.0
PRINTING	123.5	126.1	132.0	133.4	133.3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	122.9	125.6	128.0	127.7	127.9
METAL PRODUCTS	123.3	125.8	128.3	130.1	130.5
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	128.2	135.0	136.0	137.3	136.5
ELECTRONICS	124.1	127.7	130.0	132.1	132.8
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	124.6	130.3	132.6	134.6	134.7
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MANUFACTURING	120.8	124.6	126.7	127.5	128.1
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TABLE 3 : REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	DEC. 1984	MAR. 1985	JUN. 1985	SEPT. 1985	DEC. 1985
MANUFACTURING	97.7	99.1	100.4	99.1	100.8
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/ EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	94.6	95.5	95.1	93.9	96.5
TRANSPORT SERVICES	107.2	110.0	112.9	113.1	114.6
BUSINESS SERVICES	97.9	100.3	103.0	101.4	103.1
PERSONAL SERVICES	94.5	95.9	97.0	96.9	98.1
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ALL SECTORS ABOVE	97.9	99.3	100.4	99.4	101.3
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FOURTH QUARTER RESTAURANT SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985, ESTIMATED AT \$5 019 MILLION, WAS 5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS 2 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL RESTAURANT PURCHASES IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985 WAS \$2 156 MILLION, WHICH WAS 6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE (14 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984, FOLLOWED BY OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY ETC.) (11 PER CENT), BARS (10 PER CENT) AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS (6 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS RECORDED A DROP OF 1 PER CENT. IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS WENT UP BY 11 PER CENT, OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES BY 5 PER CENT, CHINESE RESTAURANTS BY 3 PER CENT AND BARS BY 3 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS DROPPED BY 4 PER CENT.

COMPARING 1985 WITH 1984, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME, AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF RESTAURANT PURCHASES ROSE BY 2 PER CENT. FAST FOOD SHOPS HAD THE LARGEST INCREASE (15 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS, FOLLOWED BY BARS (11 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (4 PER CENT), OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (3 PER CENT) AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (1 PER CENT).

IN TERMS OF THE VOLUME OF RECEIPTS FAST FOOD SHOPS, BARS AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS SHOWED INCREASES OF 12 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, BOTH NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES RECORDED DECREASES OF 2 PER CENT.

COMPARING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME, AND THE VALUE OF RESTAURANT PURCHASES WENT UP BY 3 PER CENT. TOTAL RECEIPTS OF BARS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 11 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THOSE OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

/HOWEVER, TOTAL

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HOWEVER, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME. THOSE OF OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, AND OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985, AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF THE FOURTH QUARTER 1985 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 AND FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984, AND COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1985 WITH THOSE FOR 1984 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985 IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL : 3-7216024).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

	3rd qtr. 1985 (Revised figures)	4th qtr. 1985 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts (in HK\$ million)	4 835	5 019
Total restaurant purchases (in HK\$ million)	2 086	2 156

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 3rd QUARTER 1985 AND 4th QUARTER 1985

(Quarterly average of 1982 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	3rd quarter 1985 (Revised figures)	4th quarter 1985 (Provisional figures)	4th qtr. 1985 compared with 3rd qtr. 1985		4th qtr. 1985 compared with 4th qtr. 1984		Whole year 1985 compared with whole year 1984	
				Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	124	134	+ 10	+ 8	+ 8	+ 6	+ 5	+ 4
	Volume	105	113	+ 8	+ 8	+ 4	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	137	127	- 10	- 8	- 1	- 1	+ 2	+ 1
	Volume	113	104	- 9	- 8	- 4	- 4	- 3	- 2
Fast food shops	Value	165	155	- 10	- 6	+ 19	+ 14	+ 20	+ 15
	Volume	137	128	- 9	- 7	+ 13	+ 11	+ 14	+ 12
Bars	Value	115	130	+ 15	+ 13	+ 12	+ 10	+ 12	+ 11
	Volume	94	104	+ 10	+ 11	+ 3	+ 3	+ 5	+ 6
Other eating and drinking places	Value	124	121	- 4	- 3	+ 12	+ 11	+ 3	+ 3
	Volume	102	99	- 3	- 3	+ 5	+ 5	- 2	- 2
Entire restaurant sector	Value	129	134	+ 5	+ 4	+ 7	+ 5	+ 6	+ 5
	Volume	108	112	+ 4	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1

Note : Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

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PRIZES FOR WINNING SCHOOL DANCE TEAMS
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NINETEEN WINNING TEAMS OF THE 22ND SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL RECEIVED THEIR PRIZES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR JOHN CHAN, AT A CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

AMONG THE WINNERS WERE THE OVERALL CHAMPION OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION, THE BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL, AND THE RUNNER-UP, S.K.H. BISHOP MOK SAU TSENG SECONDARY SCHOOL.

OTHER RECIPIENTS INCLUDED THOSE WHO WON THE HONOUR AWARD AND HIGHLY COMMENDED, COMMENDED AND CHOREOGRAPHY TITLES.

A TOTAL OF 377 TEAMS FROM 252 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE FESTIVAL HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL.

A SERIES OF PRIZE PRESENTATIONS AND WINNERS' PERFORMANCES ARE BEING HELD BETWEEN APRIL 15 AND MAY 3 AT THE CITY HALL, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND THE YUEN LONG LUT SAU HALL.

PERFORMANCES INCLUDED A SELECTION OF CHINESE, ORIENTAL, WESTERN AND CREATIVE DANCES.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS THE SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT), MR JOHN WINFIELD.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT TUEN MUN
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL VISIT TUEN MUN TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

SIR EDWARD WILL FIRST TOUR THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF TUEN MUN BY HELICOPTER AND THEN VISIT SIU HONG COURT, KEI LUN WAI VILLAGE AND THE TOWN PARK.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER (NEW TERRITORIES/NORTH WEST), MR KWEI SEE-KAN.

/SIR EDWARD

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SIR EDWARD WILL ALSO MEET TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE TOUR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR OF TUEN MUN. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE VISIT SHOULD ASSEMBLE BY 1.30 PM AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, FOR A PRESS COACH TO TUEN MUN.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR BY-ELECTIONS
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THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR TWO DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTIONS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN, AND MONG KOK WILL START TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND CLOSE ON MAY 2.

THE VACANCIES ARE IN THE CHUNG WAN CONSTITUENCY OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT AND IN THE TAI KOK TSUI CONSTITUENCY OF MONG KOK DISTRICT. THEY HAVE ARISEN AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL.

BY-ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MAY 22 IF THERE ARE TWO OR MORE NOMINATIONS FOR EACH CONSTITUENCY.

AS REGISTERED VOTER WHO HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR 10 YEARS, IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE NOMINATION DATE, IS ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE BY-ELECTIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THAT THE CANDIDATE HAD TO BE NOMINATED BY TEN ELECTORS, INCLUDING ONE PROPOSER AND ONE SECONDER, IN THE CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH HE SOUGHT ELECTION.

+HOWEVER, HE NEED NOT LIVE IN THE CONSTITUENCY OR DISTRICT IN WHICH HE IS STANDING FOR ELECTION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+BEFORE SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION PAPER IN PERSON TO THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICER, A CANDIDATE IS REQUIRED TO PLACE A DEPOSIT OF \$1 000 WITH THE TREASURY, WHICH WILL BE RETURNED TO HIM IF HE POLLS NOT LESS THAN ONE EIGHTH OF THE VOTES CAST,+ HE ADDED.

/NOMINATION FORMS

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE TWO DISTRICT OFFICERS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN, AND MONG KOK WILL BE THE RETURNING OFFICERS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS AND NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE TO THEM DURING OFFICE HOURS ON WEEKDAYS.

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PO LEUNG KUK PRAISED FOR ITS DEDICATION
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, TODAY (THURSDAY) PRAISED THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR ITS DEDICATION IN PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

MR LIAO MADE THE REMARKS DURING A COURTESY CALL BY THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PO LEUNG KUK, LED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MRS LISA CHEE.

MR LIAO NOTED THAT GOOD PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE TO THE KUK'S MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT WONG CHUK HANG WHICH ALSO FORMED PART OF A GOVERNMENT PROJECT IN THE AREA.

+TO MAXIMISE THE UTILISATION OF THE MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO CO-ORDINATE THE PROGRESS OF THESE TWO PROJECTS,+ HE SAID.

MR LIAO SAID HE ALSO WELCOMED THE KUK'S PLAN TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN JUNK BAY, COMPRISING A KINDERGARTEN, A PRIMARY SCHOOL, A SECONDARY SCHOOL AND A PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

+SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT, IF COMPLETED, WILL HELP SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A NEW TOWN AT JUNK BAY,+ HE ADDED.

MR LIAO SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN OF THE SUCCESS OF THE KUK'S PAEDIATRIC CLINIC AT FUK LOI ESTATE IN TSUEN WAN AND ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH MORE CLINICS IN OTHER HOUSING ESTATES.

+I AM SURE SUCH MEDICAL SERVICE WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED BY RESIDENTS IN OTHER ESTATES,+ HE SAID.

MR LIAO COMMENDED THE KUK FOR ITS PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS IN BRINGING THE KUK CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO FOSTER A SENSE OF DISTRICT IDENTITY AMONG RESIDENTS.

MRS CHEE SAID THERE WERE PLANS TO EXPAND VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE KUK IN THE COMING YEARS, INCLUDING WELFARE, EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES.

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CIVIC EDUCATION DRIVE STARTS NEXT WEEK

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CIVIC EDUCATION SHOULD BE WIDELY PROMOTED TO COPE WITH RAPID CHANGES IN HONG KONG AND TO HELP BUILD A BETTER SOCIETY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR WU SHING-SHUEN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE DISTRICT'S YEAR-LONG CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, MR WU SAID EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO COMPLEMENT THOSE MADE BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

+KOWLOON CITY'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT WEEK WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS,+ MR WU SAID.

THE THEME OF THE CAMPAIGN IS +CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY, PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC, COURTESY AND CIVIC MINDEDNESS, AND NEIGHBOURLINESS AND PEACE.+

+A SPECTACULAR VARIETY SHOW STAGED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL ON APRIL 25 WILL LAUNCH THE CAMPAIGN, AND OVER THE NEXT 11 MONTHS, A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT AS POSSIBLE,+ HE ADDED.

+THESE WILL INCLUDE A LOVE YOUR FAMILY PROJECT, CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION, COURTESY CAMPAIGN, CIVIC AWARENESS SCHEME, MODEL STUDENT AWARD AND OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD,+ HE SAID.

+IN ADDITION, SOME 80 COLOURFUL COUPLETS WITH THE CAMPAIGN MESSAGE HAVE BEEN PUT UP ON LAMP-POSTS IN VARIOUS MAIN ROADS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT,+ MR WU SAID.

THE KOWLOON CITY CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DIANA TONG, PROGRAMME SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG WING-PIU, PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAU CHI-SUM, AND FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR HUI IN-YING.

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RECORD PARTICIPATION IN TREE PLANTING SCHEME
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME HAS RECEIVED OVERWHELMING PUBLIC SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION SINCE ITS LAUNCHING LATE LAST MONTH HAS SET A RECORD.

THE SCHEME, HELD FOR THE 30TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, HAS ATTRACTED MORE THAN 9 600 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 4 000 FROM 82 ORGANISED GROUPS, TO PLANT ABOUT 10 300 TREES IN DESIGNATED COUNTRY PARK PLANTATION AREAS.

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 43 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S RECORD OF 6 700 AND A FIVE FOLD JUMP ON THE 1982 FIGURE OF 1 700.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE VERY GOOD RESPONSE DEMONSTRATED A GROWING PUBLIC CONCERN FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT.

+IT IS GRATIFYING THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HAVE COME TO REALISE THAT THEY HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN CONSERVING THE COUNTRYSIDE RESOURCES THAT ARE FOR ALL TO ENJOY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID HE EXPECTED MORE PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN THE PROJECT IN THE REMAINING SUNDAYS IN APRIL WHEN TREE SEEDLINGS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE AT DESIGNATED SITES FOR INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE SIX PLANTING SITES ARE NEAR THE TWISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK; CHUEN LUNG IN TAI MO SHAN COUNTRY PARK; PAK TAM CHUNG IN SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK; MUI WO NEAR THE FERRY PIER; POKFULAM COUNTRY PARK NEAR CHI FU FA YUEN; AND A PICNIC SITE NEAR MOUNT BUTLER INSIDE QUARRY BAY COUNTRY PARK.

HE SAID THAT APART FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR ANOTHER 3 500 PEOPLE FROM 70 ORGANISED GROUPS TO PLANT TREES DURING THE PERIOD.

AMONG THOSE TAKING PART ARE STUDENTS OF 35 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND MEMBERS OF THE QUEEN'S GURKHA SIGNAL REGIMENT, JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AS WELL AS VOLUNTARY AND HIKERS' GROUPS.

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ILLEGAL ROOFTOP STRUCTURES FACE CLOSURE
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING CLOSURE OF A NUMBER OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF OF A BUILDING AT 430-440 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, KOWLOON, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED.

THIS FOLLOWS THE OWNERS' FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN MARCH AND OCTOBER, 1985, REQUIRING DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON MAY 29, WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (THURSDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR DRAGON BOAT RACE
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APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE ANNUAL SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT RACE TO CELEBRATE THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL ON JUNE 11.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, COMMERCIAL FIRMS AND BANKS; NON-PROFIT-MAKING COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN OR OUTSIDE SAI KUNG DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO ENTER THE RACE.

SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION UNDER THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE.

WINNING TEAMS FROM THE MEN'S DIVISION WILL REPRESENT SAI KUNG DISTRICT IN THE INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES IN THE MEN'S DIVISION IS LIMITED TO 24 AND THE WOMEN'S TO SIX. THE RACE WILL BE HELD OVER A 1 300-METRE COURSE FROM YEUNG CHAU ISLAND TO THE WATERFRONT OF SAI KUNG TOWN.

ENTRANCE FEES FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND WOMEN'S TEAMS IS \$200; FOR NON-PROFIT-MAKING COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND SCHOOLS IT IS \$500; AND FOR ESTABLISHED COMMERCIAL FIRMS AND BANKS \$3 000.

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COMPETING TEAMS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH BOATS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, AND WILL BE ALLOCATED PRACTICE TIMES.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MAY 5 AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE IN PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-2811762.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (APRIL 19) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 35 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

DG 1888	DG 8832	DH 309	DH 2100	DH 535
BK 5	AL 699	DH 168	DH 668	DJ 633
DG 2228	DG 123	DH 911	DH 383	DJ 386
DH 996	AL 238	DH 8118	BC 1283	DJ 609
DH 226	BB 3882	DH 735	DH 1698	DH 18
CC 7	DH 1123	DH 138	1327	DJ 821
DH 412	DG 3399	DH 3113	DH 688	CG 486

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 104TH ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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NEW SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE OPENING
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A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S NEW SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE.

SITUATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF NO 347-349, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, THE NEW OFFICE HAD BEEN RECEIVING A GROWING NUMBER OF LOCAL RESIDENTS DAILY SINCE IT STARTED OPERATION ON APRIL 4.

+THE NEW OFFICE IS MORE EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND BIGGER THAN THE PREVIOUS SUB-OFFICE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE'S TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE SUB-OFFICE IS 5-689905 WHILE STAFF OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE CAN BE CONTACTED ON 5-690121.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE WILL BE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHAU KEI WAN KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, MR CHEUNG KAM-TIM, AND A NUMBER OF DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S NEW SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE AT 347-349, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AT 3 PM TOMORROW.

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AIR-CONDITIONING FOR GAMES HALL
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AN AIR-CONDITIONING AND VENTILATION SYSTEM IS TO BE INSTALLED IN THE LAI CHI KOK INDOOR GAMES HALL, COVERING THE THREE SQUASH COURTS, THE GAMES, LECTURE AND PROJECTION ROOMS.

THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT HAS JUST SIGNED A \$219 000 CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT.

A MAJOR PART OF THE INDOOR GAMES HALL, EXCEPT FOR THE BADMINTON COURTS, WILL BE CLOSED FROM MAY TO AUGUST FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DECORATION.

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CENTRAL TRAFFIC, TRAM SERVICE CHANGES
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STARTING THIS SUNDAY (APRIL 20), THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL BETWEEN 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO JACKSON ROAD DURING THE OPERATION OF THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT:

- * THE SECTION OF CHATER ROAD BETWEEN JACKSON ROAD AND CLUB STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.
- * VEHICLES ON CLUB STREET WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO CHATER ROAD.

THE MEASURES WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH.

MEANWHILE, TO FACILITATE THE REALIGNMENT OF TRAM TRACK ON DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, THE FIRST EASTBOUND TRAMS DEPARTING FROM WHITTY STREET AND KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE DELAYED TO AROUND 6.15 AM ON SUNDAY.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN KWUN TONG
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A SECTION OF THE UNNAMED ROAD LINKING HOW MING STREET AND HOI BUN ROAD IN KWUN TONG, FROM A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOW MING STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 142 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS, THE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE UNNAMED ROAD ARE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

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