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ANALYSIS OF EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BY INDUSTRIAL
ORIGIN
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

THIS SERIES IS DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE COMMODITY ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED.

FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THE FIVE INDUSTRY GROUPS HAVING THE HIGHEST CONTRIBUTIONS WERE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT. ALTOGETHER THEY ACCOUNTED FOR 81 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978 WERE HIGHEST IN THE CASE OF BEVERAGES (79 PER CENT), LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (64 PER CENT), PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (40 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (39 PER CENT), AND WEARING APPAREL (39 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY (-67 PER CENT), MINING AND QUARRYING PRODUCTS (-37 PER CENT), TOBACCO (-8 PER CENT), AND FOOTWEAR (-3 PER CENT).

CONCERNING IMPORTS, GOODS PRODUCED BY THE TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES, CHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, FOOD, METAL PRODUCTS, AND PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT INDUSTRIES TOGETHER TOOK UP 59 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

THE HIGHEST INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE FOUND IN MINING AND QUARRYING PRODUCTS (664 PER CENT), WOOD PRODUCTS AND FURNITURE (67 PER CENT), LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (62 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (58 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (47 PER CENT), AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (47 PER CENT). NO DECREASE WAS REGISTERED EXCEPT FOR SOME MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS FOR THE FIRST
QUARTER OF 1978 AND 1979, RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN

(VALUES IN HK\$'000)

<u>INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN OF TRADED COMMODITIES</u>	<u>DOMESTIC EXPORTS</u>		
	<u>1ST QTR. 1978</u>	<u>1ST QTR. 1979</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING			
AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION	8,330	2,760	-67
FORESTRY AND LOGGING	X -	-	-
OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING	32,391	42,449	31
MINING AND QUARRYING	936	589	-37
MANUFACTURING			
FOOD	113,844	153,520	35
BEVERAGES	872	1,563	79
TOBACCO	16,899	15,554	-8
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING)	1,438,596	1,745,638	21
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND KNITWEAR	2,113,889	2,931,597	39
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	41,585	68,389	64
FOOTWEAR	42,408	41,204	-3
WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	82,748	99,875	21
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	98,444	138,285	40
CHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	75,619	95,322	26
PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL	-	361	*
RUBBER PRODUCTS	13,252	13,500	2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	661,322	916,320	39
NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	21,376	27,754	30
BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	463,706	618,311	33
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	63,577	76,994	21
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES	1,376,586	1,740,365	26
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	14,478	18,165	25
PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT	611,934	837,742	37
OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	315,550	429,221	36
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS	96,487	100,312	4
GRAND TOTAL	<u>7,704,825</u>	<u>10,115,792</u>	<u>31</u>

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INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN OF TRADED COMMODITIES	IMPORTS		% CHANGE
	1ST QTR. 1978	1ST QTR. 1979	
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING			
AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION	832,488	851,749	2
FORESTRY AND LOGGING	49,848	66,795	34
OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING	90,091	116,414	29
MINING AND QUARRYING	146,610	1,120,232	664
MANUFACTURING			
FOOD	1,179,681	1,319,734	12
BEVERAGES	126,120	173,340	37
TOBACCO	95,807	108,292	13
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING)	2,252,372	3,112,952	38
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND KNITWEAR	201,732	278,014	38
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	154,265	250,140	62
FOOTWEAR	44,239	52,799	19
WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	115,362	192,773	67
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	275,347	387,937	41
CHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	1,184,458	1,657,197	40
PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL	755,702	5	
RUBBER PRODUCTS	37,220	46,557	25
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	71,459	105,388	47
NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	237,807	350,272	47
BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	833,368	1,208,403	45
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	656,575	941,949	43
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES	1,462,704	2,310,720	58
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	497,964	603,134	21
PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT	791,785	1,147,977	45
OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1,035,348	1,396,414	35
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS	78,033	74,037	-5
GRAND TOTAL	13,206,385	18,669,505	41

NOTE: INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES OF A COLUMN MAY NOT ADD UP EXACTLY TO THE CORRESPONDING TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

* THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE BEING, IF ANYTHING, INFINITE.

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CONTRACT FOR \$13.1 MILLION ROAD PROJECT SIGNED
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WORK WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON A 1.2-KILOMETRE ROAD ON THE RECLAIMED LAND SOUTH OF TAI YUEN HOUSING ESTATE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN TAI PO.

CONTRACT FOR THE WORK, WORTH MORE THAN \$13.1 MILLION, WAS FORMALLY SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR. GEORGE CHIEN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND MR. K. INOCHI, OF NISSAN CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PROJECT WOULD INCLUDE THE LAYING OF A 1.5-KILOMETRE TRUNK SEWER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUS TERMINUS.

THE NEW ROAD, HE ADDED, WOULD SERVE THE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREA TO BE DEVELOPED ON THE RECLAIMED LAND.

MEASURING ABOUT 22 HECTARES, THE AREA WILL HAVE SCHOOLS, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, OPEN SPACE AND A TOWN SQUARE.

THE PROJECT, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE TAI PO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WILL TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEER, MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR LAST (APRIL) MONTH WERE 137 AND 136 RESPECTIVELY. COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, C.P.I. (A) ADVANCED BY FOUR POINTS AND C.P.I. (B), BY THREE POINTS.

THE C.P.I. (A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 - \$1,499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I. (B), BETWEEN \$1,500 - \$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973-74.

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THE SECTION INDICES FOR APRIL, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1978, ARE:

SECTION	C.P.I. (A)			C.P.I. (B)		
	APR. 79	MAR. 79	APR. 78	APR. 79	MAR. 79	APR. 78
FOODSTUFFS	134	129	122	134	130	122
HOUSING	140	139	129	139	139	127
FUEL AND LIGHT	149	144	135	147	142	134
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	156	155	140	151	150	136
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	106	105	101	104	104	100
DURABLE GOODS	123	122	113	120	119	110
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	141	140	132	139	137	129
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	148	147	119	154	153	123
SERVICES	144	143	135	146	145	136
ALL ITEMS	137	133	125	136	133	124

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WENT UP BY FIVE POINTS IN C.P.I. (A) AND BY FOUR POINTS IN C.P.I. (B). RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, FRESH FRUITS AND FRESH-WATER FISH. THE COST OF MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME ALSO ADVANCED AS SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING-PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES. MOVEMENTS IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I. (A) AS HIGHER WATER CHARGES BEGAN TO AFFECT SOME HOUSEHOLDS AND AS HIGHER RENT WAS REGISTERED FOR SOME HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATES AND HOUSING AUTHORITY GROUP A ESTATES. IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, THE INCREASE IN WATER CHARGES WILL AFFECT MORE HOUSEHOLDS AND THESE INCREASES WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE C.P.I. AS AND WHEN THEY OCCUR.

ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR KEROSENE, LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AND ELECTRICITY CHARGES, THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT ADVANCED BY FIVE POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B).

THE RISE OF ONE POINT IN THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR CHINESE WINES AND IMPORTED TOBACCO.

HIGHER PRICES FOR RUBBER FOOTWEAR PUSHED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR UP BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I. (A).

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THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS WENT UP BY ONE POINT EACH IN C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR OPTICAL GOODS.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS ROSE BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I. (A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN C.P.I. (B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR MEDICINES AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

THE RISE OF ONE POINT IN THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) WAS MAINLY BROUGHT ABOUT BY HIGHER PRICES FOR PETROL AND OIL.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY ONE POINT EACH IN C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) FOLLOWING HIGHER PRICES FOR SCHOOL STATIONERY AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING, DOMESTIC HELP AND REPAIRS TO HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BREAKWATER IN
CAUSEWAY BAY

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL INVITE TENDERS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BREAKWATER NORTH OF KELLETT ISLAND IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

+THE BREAKWATER, WHICH IS ABOUT 92 METRES IN LENGTH, IS REQUIRED TO INCREASE THE USABLE AREA OF TYPHOON SHELTER TO COMPENSATE FOR THE ANCHORAGE SPACE LOST TO THE RECLAMATION CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER FOR THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR PROJECT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PWD SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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SPECIAL TRAINS FOR THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACES
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE 12 ADDITIONAL TRAINS ON TUEN NG FESTIVAL (MAY 30) FOR THE DRAGON BOAT RACES TO BE HELD AT YUEN CHAU TSAI IN TAI PO.

THERE WILL BE SIX SPECIAL UP TRAINS -- THREE IN THE MORNING AND THREE IN THE AFTERNOON -- WHICH WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 8.39 A.M., 9.38 A.M., 10.30 A.M., 12.27 P.M., 1.29 P.M. AND 6.02 P.M.

THE SPECIAL UP TRAINS IN THE MORNING WILL NOT STOP FOR PASSENGERS AT MONG KOK STATION BUT WILL STOP AT ALL OTHER STATIONS.

SIX SPECIAL DOWN TRAINS HAVE ALSO BEEN ARRANGED. THEY WILL LEAVE TAI PO MARKET STATION AT 9.45 A.M., 10.47 A.M., 11.33 A.M., 1.42 P.M., 2.56 P.M. AND 7.08 P.M.

A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE TIMETABLE WAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

FURTHER TRAINS WILL BE PROVIDED LATE IN THE EVENING IF NECESSARY, HE ADDED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT EDINBURGH PLACE FROM THE HMS TAMAR ENTRANCE WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED ON SUNDAY BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 7 P.M.

THIS IS TO FACILITATE THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1979-80 ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

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AWARD SCHEME HELPS BRIDGE GENERATION GAP

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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME MAKES A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE SILVER AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SCHEME HELD AT THE LA SALLE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KOWLOON TONG.

+SINCE THE ATTAINMENT OF AN AWARD BY A YOUNG PERSON REPRESENTS THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A VENTURE BETWEEN THE YOUNG AND NOT-SO-YOUNG, THE SCHEME DOES, THEREFORE, MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS BRIDGING THE SO-CALLED 'GENERATION GAP',+ HE SAID.

MR. TOPLEY NOTED THAT THE SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME, AND SAID HE WOULD STRIVE TO ENCOURAGE ITS GROWTH.

+IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL FIND WAYS OF COMPLETING FUTURE AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM, WHEREBY CANDIDATES REMAIN ATTACHED TO THEIR OLD USER-UNITS, HAS HELPED SOLVE THIS PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

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MORE IMPROVEMENTS TO CLEARWATER BAY ROAD

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ANOTHER PHASE OF THE CLEARWATER BAY ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME IS DUE TO START SHORTLY.

THE SCHEME IS DESIGNED TO RELIEVE PRESENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN PARTS OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD AND TO COPE WITH THE LARGE NUMBERS OF HEAVY REFUSE VEHICLES EXPECTED WHEN THE JUNK BAY CONTROLLED TIP OPENS LATER THIS YEAR.

UNDER THE SECOND PHASE, ESTIMATED TO COST \$22.5 MILLION, THE SECTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN CLEARWATER BAY APARTMENTS AND ANDERSON ROAD WILL BE WIDENED TO DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES.

A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY AT TSENG LAN SHUE WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND THE WORK SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TO FACILITATE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT, THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME 9,150 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE LAND AT TSENG LAN SHUE.

/THE SAI KUNG

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. COLIN BOSHER, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE RESUMPTION WOULD INVOLVE THE CLEARANCE OF FIVE TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES, OCCUPIED BY FIVE FAMILIES COMPRISING ABOUT 20 PEOPLE.

IN ADDITION, 30 OTHER TEMPORARY STRUCTURES USED AS SHOPS, PIGSTIES, CHICKEN SHEDS AND AGRICULTURAL STORES WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

+DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY, DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING OR TEMPORARY PUBLIC HOUSING,+ MR. BOSHER SAID.

GENUINE CULTIVATOR FAMILIES MAY BE GRANTED AN EX-GRATIA REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE OF \$5,000 PER FAMILY BUT WILL FORFEIT THEIR PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

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CHEUNG CHAU POST OFFICE TO EXTEND BUSINESS HOURS
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT BUSINESS HOURS OF THE CHEUNG CHAU POST OFFICE WILL BE EXTENDED AS FROM MONDAY.

THE REVISED HOURS WILL BE: 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON SATURDAY.

+THE POST OFFICE ON THE ISLAND WILL STAY OPEN DURING LUNCH TIME AND THE REASON FOR THIS IS TO PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CHEUNG CHAU,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID TODAY.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT AS FROM 10 A.M. NEXT WEDNESDAY (MAY 30), ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS ON THE SLIP ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BETWEEN MURRAY ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE DAILY FROM 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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