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PRICE, VOLUME CHANGES IN AUGUST EXTERNAL TRADE

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COMPARING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECLINED BY SEVEN PER CENT WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 34 PER CENT, GIVING AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY ONE PER CENT AND TWO PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS DROPPED BY THREE PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE COMPILED. VOLUMES OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM TRADE VALUES BY DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

COMPARING AUGUST 1985 WITH AUGUST 1984, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY ONE PER CENT, WITH AN INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS MORE THAN OFFSETTING THE DECLINE OF 11 PER CENT IN THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS. IMPORTS INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT AND ONE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN AUGUST 1985 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT. PRICES OF IMPORTS DECREASED BY FOUR PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY THREE PER CENT.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1985 WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1984, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY TWO PER CENT, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT, GIVING AN INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY EIGHT PER CENT. PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY FOUR PER CENT AND FIVE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THAT OF IMPORTS DROPPED BY ONE PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR AUGUST AND FOR JANUARY-AUGUST OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1984 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

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AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF MANY COMMODITY GROUPS FELL IN AUGUST 1985 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984. THESE INCLUDED METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-16 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-12 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-10 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-NINE PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (-SEVEN PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FABRICS (-SIX PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR SOME COMMODITY GROUPS, RANGING FROM TWO PER CENT FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AS WELL AS TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES TO FIVE PER CENT FOR METAL MANUFACTURES.

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF NEARLY ALL COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED IN AUGUST 1985 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-36 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-29 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-26 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-19 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-16 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (-14 PER CENT); CLOTHING (-12 PER CENT) AS WELL AS DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-10 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+EIGHT PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+FOUR PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+TWO PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR AUGUST AND FOR JANUARY-AUGUST OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1984 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL THE END-USE CATEGORIES DECREASED IN AUGUST 1985 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984, RANGING FROM ONE PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 10 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS IN AUGUST 1985 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING LIVE POULTRY AS WELL AS TEA AND COFFEE. SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS ALSO RECORDED FOR CEREAL AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS, OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR; FRUIT; FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS; VEGETABLES; MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS AS WELL AS RICE. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR SUGAR; SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; SWINE AS WELL AS ANIMALS OF THE BOVINÉ SPECIES.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MANY CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY; FOOTWEAR; WATCHES; ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES; PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AS WELL AS CLOTHING.

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS= RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS AS WELL AS TOBACCO MANUFACTURES.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SOME RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES FELL IN AUGUST 1985 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984, INCLUDING MAN-MADE FIBRES; THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS; RAW COTTON; COTTON YARN AND THREAD; LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS AS WELL AS PAPER AND PAPERBOARD.

INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS; WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRIC FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES; SILK FABRICS; FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES; YARN OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES AS WELL AS WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK.

IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY NINE PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN AUGUST 1985 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MANY COMMODITIES INCREASED IN AUGUST 1985 OVER AUGUST 1984, THE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY OTHER THAN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY; TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN VOLUME TERMS WERE RECORDED FOR OFFICE MACHINES AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR AUGUST AND FOR JANUARY-AUGUST OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1984 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF NEARLY ALL THE END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN AUGUST 1985 WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984, RANGING FROM 19 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 29 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE AUGUST 1985 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON NOVEMBER 11 AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

Table 1 : Changes in domestic exports by commodity group

<u>Commodity group</u>	<u>Comparing August 1985 with August 1984</u>			<u>Comparing Jan.-Aug. 1985 with Jan.-Aug. 1984</u>		
	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit Value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit Value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %
Clothing	-14	- 2	-12	- 7	+ 5	-12
Textile fabrics	- 7	- 6	- 1	-16	- 3	-13
Textile yarn and thread	+ 1	- 1	+ 2	-29	+ 4	-31
Textile made-ups and related articles	-17	+ 2	-19	- 5	+ 9	-13
Radios of all kinds	-36	- 9	-29	-27	- 2	-26
Electronic components	-34	+ 2	-36	-22	- 2	-21
Footwear	- 3	- 7	+ 4	- 5	- 5	- 1
Metal manufactures	- 9	+ 5	-14	- 7	+ 5	-12
Metal ores and scrap	-30	-16	-16	- 8	-20	+14
Watches and clocks	- 2	-10	+ 8	+ 1	- 9	+11
Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	-23	+ 3	-26	-22	+ 7	-27
Domestic electrical appliances	-20	-12	-10	-10	- 7	- 4
All commodities	-13	- 2	-11	- 6	+ 1	- 7

Table 2 : Changes in imports by end-use category

<u>End-use category</u>	<u>Comparing August 1985 with August 1984</u>			<u>Comparing Jan.-Aug. 1985 with Jan.-Aug. 1984</u>		
	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %
Foodstuffs	+ 4	-10	+15	- 4	- 6	+ 3
Consumer goods	+10	- 1	+10	+16	*	+17
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	- 8	- 6	- 3	- 4	- 3	- 1
Fuels	*	- 9	+ 9	-11	- 6	- 5
Capital goods	+ 7	- 2	+ 8	+22	- 2	+25
All commodities	*	- 4	+ 5	+ 4	- 3	+ 7

Table 3 : Changes in re-exports by end-use category

<u>End-use category</u>	<u>Comparing August 1985 with August 1984</u>			<u>Comparing Jan.-Aug. 1985 with Jan.-Aug. 1984</u>		
	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %
Foodstuffs	+23	- 1	+25	+10	+ 1	+ 9
Consumer goods	+18	- 1	+19	+34	+ 1	+33
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	+26	- 1	+27	+29	+ 3	+26
Fuels	+ 7	+ 8	- 1	-20	+ 6	-25
Capital goods	+29	+ 1	+29	+79	+ 5	+71
All commodities	+23	- 1	+24	+37	+ 2	+34

* Insignificant, i.e. less than 0.5%

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ACTION AGAINST I I EMPLOYMENT STEPPED UP
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS STEPPING UP ACTION AGAINST THE EMPLOYMENT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

MR CHOW TUNG-SHAN, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR INSPECTORATE SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT SPECIAL EMPHASIS WOULD BE GIVEN TO TRADES WHERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE LIKELY TO BE EMPLOYED.

HE SAID THIS WAS IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR CHECKS BY LABOUR INSPECTORS ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITHOUT VALID PROOF OF IDENTITY.

MR CHOW SAID THE PRIORITY OF THE DIVISION'S WORK WAS UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW AND AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW PROHIBITING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS DID RECEIVE HIGH PRIORITY.

IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER ALONE, MR CHOW SAID, SOME 8 921 INSPECTIONS WERE MADE BY THE LABOUR INSPECTORS TO BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, RANGING FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES AND FACTORIES TO COOKED-FOOD STALLS AND GARAGES.

AS A RESULT, 17 EMPLOYEES IN 16 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE DISCOVERED TO HAVE NO PROOF OF IDENTITY AND WERE REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ALSO TOOK OUT SEVEN PROSECUTIONS LAST MONTH AGAINST EMPLOYERS WHO FAILED TO KEEP A PROPER RECORD OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

MR CHOW REITERATED THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO FIND A JOB IN HONG KONG. +EVEN IF THEY WOULD GET AWAY FOR A SHORT WHILE, THEY WOULD SOON BE DISCOVERED,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PENALTY FOR EMPLOYING I I'S WAS SO SEVERE AND THE CHANCE OF BEING DISCOVERED SO HIGH THAT NO EMPLOYER IN HIS RIGHT MIND WOULD EVER CONSIDER DOING IT.

UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, HE SAID, ALL EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP AN UP-TO-DATE RECORD OF ALL THE PEOPLE THEY EMPLOY IN THE PLACE OF WORK.

THE RECORD MUST CONTAIN THE NAMES OF ALL EMPLOYEES, THE TYPE OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS THEY USE AND THE NUMBER OF SUCH DOCUMENTS.

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+LABOUR INSPECTORS ARE EMPOWERED, DURING THEIR VISIT TO ANY PLACE OF WORK, TO INSPECT THE EMPLOYEE RECORDS AND THE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OF ALL WORKERS EMPLOYED IN THAT PLACE,+ MR CHOW ADDED.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO OFFERS JOBS TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO ONE YEAR.

THE EMPLOYER MAY ALSO BE FINED \$10 000 FOR FAILING TO KEEP AN UP-TO-DATE RECORD OF EACH OF HIS EMPLOYEES.

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FCO OFFICIAL VISITS BORDER AREA
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THE HEAD OF THE HONG KONG DEPARTMENT AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, MR ANTHONY GALSWORTHY, VISITED THE NORTH DISTRICT THIS (MONDAY) MORNING TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENTS AT THE BORDER AREA.

AT MAN KAM TO POLICE POST, MR GALSWORTHY WAS TOLD THAT IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE CROSS BORDER LINK WOULD START IN MID-1986 AND BE COMPLETED BY 1988.

MR GALSWORTHY THEN WENT TO SHA TAU KOK AND AT THE ROOF OF THE POLICE POST HE WAS BRIEFED BY NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR IAN WOTHERSPOON, ABOUT A SITE WHERE THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SPEND ABOUT \$200 MILLION ON A RE-DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE TO BE READY BY 1987, A SPORTS GROUND, A PRIMARY SCHOOL, A FIRE STATION AND A POLICE STATION.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS DRAFT NATIONALITY ORDER
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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DRAFT ORDER ON BRITISH NATIONALITY AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY (SECURITY), MRS CARRIE LAM, AND SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICER, MR T.K. LAI, WILL BE PRESENT TO LISTEN TO MEMBERS' VIEWS AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WHITE PAPER.

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BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE +NO STOPPING+ ZONE FOR VEHICLES ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD NEAR PING SHEK ESTATE.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ORGANISING THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL 1986.

THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL 1986, THE THIRD ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT, IS A MAJOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN SPORTS, RECREATION, CULTURAL AND ART ACTIVITIES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE COMPENSATION TO SHOP TENANTS AFFECTED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING ESTATES, THE PROVISION OF HOSPITAL BEDS IN EAST KOWLOON REGION, ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY IN SQUATTER AREAS IN WONG TAI SIN, AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE FUNG MING HALL OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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PLANNED ROAD FOR TUEN MUN MODIFIED
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A MODIFIED PLAN HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1.2-KILOMETRE ACCESS ROAD LINKING CASTLE PEAK ROAD WITH THE TAN KWAI TSUEN BORROW AREA.

DESCRIBING THE NEW PLAN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID THE PROPOSED WORK WAS A MODIFICATION TO THE ONE GAZETTED IN FEBRUARY.

MOVING SOUTHWARD FROM THE ORIGINAL PLAN, THE NEW ACCESS ROAD WILL RUN FROM HUNG SHUI KIU TO THE BORROW AREA, FACILITATING THE TRANSPORTATION OF FILL MATERIALS TO THE RECLAMATION NEAR THE EXISTING TUEN MUN TYPHOON ANCHORAGE.

OTHER WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-METRE-WIDE FOOTWAY ALONG THE ACCESS ROAD, DRAINAGE, FENCING ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD AND EARTHWORKS.

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DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, EXISTING FOOTPATHS IN THE AFFECTED AREA WILL BE CLOSED. HOWEVER, ALTERNATIVE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS WILL BE PROVIDED TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE MODIFICATION MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG- THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS OR THE USE SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S CALENDAR ON SALE

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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S 1986 CALENDAR, WHICH CONTAINS USEFUL METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION, HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED.

THE CALENDAR IS NOW ON SALE AT \$30 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

AS IN PREVIOUS ISSUES, THE WALL CALENDAR INCLUDES THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE CALENDAR, AND PROVIDES INFORMATION ON CLIMATOLOGY, ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS, TIDES, CLIMATOLOGICAL NORMALS AND EXTREMES OF HONG KONG AND SOME SELECTED CITIES IN THE WORLD, AND OTHER METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENA.

THE CALENDAR ALSO CONTAINS 12 COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS SELECTED FROM THE WORKS OF A WELL-KNOWN PHOTOGRAPHER, MR CHAN FOOK-LAI. THE PICTURES SHOW MR CHAN'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WEATHER CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

BUYERS OF THE CALENDAR WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPTION OF PURCHASING A COPY OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S CENTENARY PUBLICATION +FROM TIME BALL TO ATOMIC CLOCK+ AT A REDUCED PRICE OF \$19. THE BOOK, WHICH COSTS \$34 A COPY ON ITS OWN, TRACES THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENTS IN ITS WORK OVER A CENTURY.

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MORE COMMUNITY, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR TSUEN WAN
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A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, A TWO-STOREY MARKET AND A RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE JUNCTION OF ON YAT STREET AND TSUEN KING CIRCUIT IN TSUEN WAN.

THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL HAVE ONE LEISURE POOL, A TRAINING POOL AND A PADDLING POOL.

THE TWO-STOREY MARKET BUILDING, WHICH WILL HAVE 47 STALLS AND 252 MINI-STALLS IS INTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE HAWKERS FROM THE TAK WAH STREET TEMPORARY MARKET.

THE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE WILL HAVE A GARDEN WITH PLAY EQUIPMENT AND A SITTING-OUT AREA.

THE SITE, COVERING 7 700 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS.

HOPEWELL HOLDINGS LIMITED WILL DONATE \$5 MILLION TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE PROJECT.

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CHEONG-LEEN TALKS ABOUT HK'S TOURIST ATTRACTIONS
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, SAID IN HEIDELBERG, WEST GERMANY, THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL TAKES A LEADING ROLE IN PROMOTING MAJOR CULTURAL AND OTHER ARTISTIC EVENTS OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE WITH A VIEW TO ENRICHING THE LIFESTYLE OF HONG KONG PEOPLE.

+CASES IN POINT ARE THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF ASIAN ARTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE SEVENTH OVERSEAS CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHINESE TOURIST ASSOCIATION, MR CHEONG-LEEN ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE MANY TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD A RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE BECAUSE OF ITS LARGE CHINESE POPULATION. AMONG THE TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS WIDELY CELEBRATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE BUN FESTIVAL AND THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL.

/MR CHEONG-LEEN

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MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID: +HONG KONG ATTRACTS OVER THREE MILLION TOURISTS A YEAR, MAINLY BECAUSE IT IS A GREAT SHOPPING PARADISE. IN TERMS OF VALUE, VARIETY, FACILITIES AND SERVICES, HONG KONG SHOPPING IS THE BEST IN ASIA.

+FOOD IS ANOTHER ATTRACTION IN HONG KONG, WHERE THERE ARE ABOUT 19 000 RESTAURANTS, OR ONE FOR EVERY 300 PEOPLE.+

IN THE OTHER DIRECTION, MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THAT GERMANY, TOGETHER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN EUROPE, WAS STEADILY BECOMING A POPULAR DESTINATION FOR HONG KONG TOURISTS.

+OUR PEOPLE ARE DISCOVERING GERMANY MORE AND MORE, AND IN THE YEARS AHEAD, I CONFIDENTLY LOOK FORWARD TO MORE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGE BETWEEN HEIDELBERG AND HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEONG-LEEN ADDED THAT SAID HONG KONG WAS GOING THROUGH A TRANSITION PERIOD WHEREBY IN 12 YEARS IT WOULD BECOME A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA.

+WE ARE STEADILY MOVING FORWARD TOWARDS OUR OWN STYLE OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO PRESERVE HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY, WHERE THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM CONTINUES TO FLOURISH AND OUR PRESENT LIFE-STYLE PREVAILS WELL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY,+ HE SAID.

+I BELIEVE THAT HONG KONG'S 5 MILLION PEOPLE WILL FACE UP TO THIS CHALLENGE WITH CONFIDENCE AND DETERMINATION.+

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SAFETY IN THE HILLS STRESSED * * * *

THE CIVIL AID SERVICES TODAY (MONDAY) APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE SAFETY GUIDELINES WHEN GOING ON THEIR HIKE INTO THE MOUNTAINS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE FOLLOWING THREE EMERGENCY CALLS RECEIVED BY THE SERVICE'S MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT DURING THE LAST WEEKEND WHEN HIKERS WERE REPORTED TO BE MISSING.

IN TWO OF THE CASES, THE HIKERS CONCERNED WERE LOCATED. THE THIRD INCIDENT WAS A FALSE ALARM IN WHICH THE REMAINS OF A HILL FIRE WERE MISTAKEN AS A FLASHING LIGHT BY A LOST HIKER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AID SERVICES ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING SAFETY GUIDELINES SHOULD BE OBSERVED WHEN PLANNING JOURNEYS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE:

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- * TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHERE YOU ARE GOING;
- * PLAN YOUR EXPEDITION PROPERLY;
- * WEAR THE PROPER CLOTHING, PARTICULARLY FOOTWEAR;
- * CARRY A FIRST AID KIT, TORCHES, WHISTLES, A MAP AND A COMPASS; AND
- * ALWAYS STAY IN A GROUP AND DO NOT WANDER OFF INDIVIDUALLY.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT IF THESE SIMPLE RULES WERE NOT OBSERVED, SERIOUS INJURIES MIGHT RESULT.

+OLD PEOPLE PLANNING TO GO INTO THE MOUNTAINS MUST USE THEIR COMMON SENSE, KEEP TO THE WELL-USED PATHS AND PLAN THEIR ROUTES ACCORDING TO THEIR ABILITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE, BUT HIKERS SHOULD FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES IF THEY WANT TO REALLY ENJOY THEIR TRIPS,+ HE ADDED.

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LUNCHEON SPEECH

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, WILL BE SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING IN THE HONG KONG ROOM WEST, HILTON HOTEL, TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 12.30 PM.

THE SUBJECT OF HIS SPEECH IS ON +VICTIMS OF CRIME+.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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POST OFFICE NO. 103 TO OPEN
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A NEW POST OFFICE, LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, WILL BE OPENED AT NOON ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

THE 103TH POST OFFICE IN HONG KONG, IT WILL PROVIDE THE NORMAL RANGE OF COUNTER SERVICES INCLUDING ACCEPTANCE OF INTELPOST MESSAGES, SPEEDPOST ON-DEMAND POSTINGS AND PARCELS OF INCREASED WEIGHT AND SIZE. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE METRE-RESETTING AND P.O. BOX FACILITIES.

BUSINESS HOURS ARE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY. TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE 5-8523010-1.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR VINCENT KO, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHUNG-YING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING AT 11 AM, TOGETHER WITH THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR HUGH ARDLEY, AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG.

A +HAND-BACK+, SERVICE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO PHILATELISTS WILL BE OFFERED WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW POST OFFICE, WHILE UNREGISTERED +FIRST DAY+ COVERS BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER AND IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

ROOF STRUCTURES TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE 10TH FLOOR ROOF AND UPPER ROOF ABOVE FLATS A1 AND A2 WHICH ARE ON THE 10TH FLOOR, 105 AUSTIN ROAD, KOWLOON, TO ENABLE THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES WITHOUT POSING A DANGER TO PEOPLE.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF THE EXERCISE TO ENFORCE THE ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JANUARY 1985 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THESE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

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A BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID MORE THAN 25 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WHICH OCCUPIED ABOUT 600 SQUARE METRES OF THE ROOFTOP SPACE HAD TO BE DEMOLISHED.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON JANUARY 6, 1986 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (MONDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE MADE.

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INSPECTION OPERATION

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE CARRYING OUT AN INSPECTION OF FIRE HAZARD BLACK-SPOTS IN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN KOWLOON CITY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING.

THE INSPECTION IS A JOINT OPERATION OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU AND KOWLOON COMMAND AND WILL START AT 9.30 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPERATION. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE MA TAU CHUNG FIRE STATION AT MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN, AT 9.30 AM.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR TAI PO REGATTA

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SAILING AND WINDSURFING ENTHUSIASTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN OPEN COMPETITION AT TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE IN TAI PO.

THE 1985 TAI PO REGATTA WILL TAKE PLACE ON TWO DAYS - NOVEMBER 30 (SATURDAY) FROM 1 PM TO 6 PM AND DECEMBER 1 FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE COMPETITION IS SPONSORED BY THE SAN MIGUEL BREWERY LIMITED.

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THE REGATTA IS AIMED AT PROMOTING SAILING AND WINDSURFING ACTIVITIES AMONG THOSE WITH SOME BASIC SKILLS, AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS AND COMPETITION GUIDELINES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD, THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 15.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COMPETITION CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD ON TELEPHONE 0-6577111 EXT. 138 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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PARKING SPACES SUSPENDED
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PARKING SPACES ON WO TAI STREET, LUEN WO MARKET, IN FANLING WILL BE SUSPENDED TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK FROM 8 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 7) TO 8 PM ON NOVEMBER 11.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 75.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 445.083 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 476.591 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 81.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WAN CHAI WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY HENNESSY ROAD, LUARD ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD.

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