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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN APRIL
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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 6 PER CENT AND 32 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1989 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES, HAVING DISCOUNTED THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY 1 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 AVAILABLE.

COMPARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 1989 WITH APRIL 1988, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT, AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT. HENCE, TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 18 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME ALSO INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR APRIL 1989 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF SOME COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN APRIL 1989 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+23 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+20 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+13 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+12 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+11 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+8 PER CENT); AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+4 PER CENT).

NEVERTHELESS, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-37 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-31 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-26 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-22 PER CENT); AND FOOTWEAR (-22 PER CENT).

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PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN APRIL 1989 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988. THESE INCLUDED METAL MANUFACTURES (+12 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+7 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+6 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+6 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+3 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+2 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICE WAS RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-9 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF TEXTILE FABRICS; RADIOS OF ALL KINDS; FOOTWEAR; AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR APRIL 1989 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN APRIL 1989 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR SUGAR; AND SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE; AND VEGETABLES.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT. THE COMMODITY ITEMS WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES INCLUDED FOOTWEAR; WATCHES; AND RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE BY 11 PER CENT IN APRIL 1989 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988. THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW COTTON; LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS; AND SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRICS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR BASE METALS, OTHER THAN IRON AND STEEL; SILK FABRICS; AND CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 19 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN APRIL 1989 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN APRIL 1989 OVER APRIL 1988. THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; OFFICE MACHINES; AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS; AND TEXTILE MACHINERY.

COMPARING APRIL 1989 WITH APRIL 1988, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED. IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS AND CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF CAPITAL GOODS; RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; AND FOODSTUFFS ALL INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR APRIL 1989 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN APRIL 1989 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988, WITH THE PERCENTAGE INCREASES RANGING FROM 8 PER CENT FOR FUELS TO 41 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS AND CAPITAL GOODS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 7 PER CENT.

PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN APRIL 1989 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988. RE-EXPORT PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS AND CAPITAL GOODS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF CONSUMER GOODS AND FUELS BOTH INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE APRIL 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND JULY 10 AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

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TABLE 1: INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING APRIL 1989 WITH APRIL 1988			COMPARING JAN-APR 1989 WITH JAN-APR 1988		
	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
CLOTHING	14	2	12	7	1	6
TEXTILE FABRICS	13	*	13	4	-1	6
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	12	1	11	18	1	17

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TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-26	7	-31	-15	6	-20
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-37	*	-37	-45	*	-45
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	13	-9	23	24	-5	31
FOOTWEAR	-22	*	-22	-15	1	-16
METAL MANUFACTURES	21	12	8	17	11	5
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	27	6	20	33	4	28
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4	*	4	6	2	4
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-24	3	-26	-12	3	-14
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-17	6	-22	-20	7	-25
ALL COMMODITIES	9	3	6	9	3	6

TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING APRIL 1989 WITH APRIL 1988			COMPARING JAN-APR 1989 WITH JAN-APR 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	7	3	4	19	3	15
CONSUMER GOODS	32	6	25	35	5	28
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	14	3	11	23	4	19
FUELS	-11	9	-19	30	4	25
CAPITAL GOODS	20	3	16	31	4	27
ALL COMMODITIES	20	4	15	28	4	23

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TABLE 3: INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING APRIL 1989 WITH APRIL 1988			COMPARING JAN-APR 1989 WITH JAN-APR 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	*	8	-7	23	7	15
CONSUMER GOODS	48	4	41	46	4	40
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	25	9	15	31	8	21
FUELS	13	4	8	42	-2	46
CAPITAL GOODS	50	7	41	57	7	47
ALL COMMODITIES	36	7	28	40	6	32

NOTE FOR TABLES 1 TO 3 :

* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

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JUNE AN EXCEPTIONALLY DRY MONTH

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IN SHARP CONTRAST WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, JUNE WAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY DRY MONTH, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID IN ITS MONTHLY REPORT TODAY (SUNDAY).

ALTHOUGH RAINFALL WAS RECORDED ON 25 DAYS DURING THE MONTH, THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNTED TO ONLY 137.5 MILLIMETRES, WHICH IS THE EIGHTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR JUNE AND REPRESENTS ONLY 32 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 431.8 MILLIMETRES.

HOWEVER, WITH THE LARGE SURPLUS IN MAY, THE TOTAL RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 WAS 1,184.9 MILLIMETRES WHICH IS STILL 19 PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL OF 992.9 MILLIMETRES FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

THE LOW RAINFALL WAS A RESULT OF THE RELATIVE ABSENCE OF ACTIVE SOUTHWEST MONSOON OVER THE SOUTH CHINA COAST. THE MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OVER HONG KONG FOR THE MONTH WAS 1,008.1 HPA, THE FIFTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JUNE.

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A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA GAVE RISE TO OVERCAST CONDITIONS WITH OCCASIONAL RAIN DURING THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH.

RAIN AND FRESH EASTERLIES KEPT TEMPERATURES ON THE LOW SIDE AND THE MINIMUM OF 22.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JUNE 1 WAS THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH.

WEATHER GRADUALLY IMPROVED ON JUNE 3 AND BECAME MAINLY FINE LATER ON THE NEXT DAY.

HOWEVER, CLOUDY SKIES WITH SOME SHOWERS RETURNED ON JUNE 5 AS A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE OVER THE SOUTH CHINA COAST RETREATED EASTWARDS.

THE CLOUDY CONDITION CONTINUED TO PREVAIL UNTIL JUNE 7 WHEN THE WEATHER TURNED MAINLY FINE. PLENTY OF SUNSHINE THE NEXT DAY BROUGHT THE AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE TO A MAXIMUM OF 31.7 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

MEANWHILE, SEVERE TROPICAL STORM DOT ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN THE EVENING OF JUNE 7. THE POTENTIAL THREAT OF DOT TO HONG KONG NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STAND BY SIGNAL NO. 1 AT 3 PM ON JUNE 8. WINDS OFFSHORE ALSO BEGAN TO FRESHEN EARLY NEXT MORNING.

AS DOT MOVED CLOSER TO THE SOUTH CHINA COAST, WINDS CONTINUED TO STRENGTHEN. THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 WAS THEREFORE HOISTED AT 7 PM ON JUNE 9.

TYPHOON DOT MOVED TOWARDS THE WEST-NORTHWEST AWAY FROM HONG KONG THAT NIGHT AND ALL SIGNALS WERE LOWERED AT 12.15 PM ON JUNE 10.

CLOUDY CONDITIONS CONTINUED TO PREVAIL IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS. WEATHER THEN BECAME GENERALLY FINE ON JUNE 13 AND THE FINE WEATHER PERSISTED IN THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS ALTHOUGH A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS ALSO OCCURRED.

THE APPROACH OF A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FROM THE NORTH IN THE EVENING OF JUNE 21 BROUGHT MORE SHOWERS WHICH PERSISTED INTO THE NEXT MORNING. ALTHOUGH RAIN SUBSIDED DURING THE DAY, THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY. SHOWERS OCCURRED AGAIN ON JUNE 23.

AS THE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE MOVED SOUTH OF HONG KONG, THE LOCAL WEATHER IMPROVED ON JUNE 24. THE NEXT DAY, AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE DEVELOPED OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND BEGAN TO EDGE NORTHWARDS. ITS PROXIMITY BROUGHT SHOWERY CONDITIONS TO HONG KONG ON JUNE 26 AND 27.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE, THE WEATHER BECAME GENERALLY FINE ON JUNE 28 AND REMAINED SO FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH.

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DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JUNE 6, 10, 11, 12, 20, 23, 26, 27 AND 28.

APART FROM TYPHOON DOT, ANOTHER TROPICAL CYCLONE, ELLIS, ALSO OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
TYPHOON DOT	1	JUNE 8, 3 PM	JUNE 9, 7 PM
	3	JUNE 9, 7 PM	JUNE 10, 12.15 PM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	179.2 HOURS ;	20.0 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	15.71 MJ/SQUARE METRES ;	0.98 MJ/SQUARE METRES BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	137.5 MM ;	294.3 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	77 PER CENT ;	2 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	83 PER CENT ;	1 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	29.7 DEGREES CELSIUS ;	0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	27.5 DEGREES CELSIUS ;	0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	26.0 DEGREES CELSIUS ;	0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	24.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ;	0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	122.0 MM ;	25.7 MM BELOW NORMAL

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CHILDREN NOT ALLOWED TO SIT IN MIDDLE FRONT SEAT OF VEHICLES

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A FRONT SEAT PASSENGER UNDER THE AGE OF 15 IS NOT ALLOWED TO SIT IN THE MIDDLE SEAT OF A VEHICLE TO WHICH THE REQUIREMENT FOR COMPULSORY WEARING OF SEAT BELTS APPLIES, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY), EXPLAINING THE SEAT BELT LEGISLATION.

THIS IS BECAUSE SEAT BELTS OF APPROVED TYPES CANNOT BE FITTED TO THE MIDDLE FRONT SEATS OF VEHICLES.

THE LAP BELT THAT IS FITTED TO THE MIDDLE SEAT OF SOME VEHICLES IS NOT AN APPROVED TYPE OF SEAT BELT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A FRONT SEAT PASSENGER AGED 15 OR ABOVE SITTING IN THE MIDDLE SEAT IS NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR A SEAT BELT.

IF, HOWEVER, THERE IS ONLY ONE PASSENGER SITTING IN THE FRONT, THAT PASSENGER MUST WEAR A SEAT BELT AND MUST SIT ON THE SEAT NEXT TO THE DOOR REGARDLESS OF HIS AGE.

THE MIDDLE SEAT IS THE SEAT BETWEEN THE DRIVER AND ANOTHER FRONT SEAT PASSENGER. ALL FIVE-SEATER TAXIS, MANY PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES, INCLUDING SCHOOL LIGHT BUSES, AND SOME PRIVATE CARS HAVE MIDDLE SEATS.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AS EACH SEAT BELT MAY BE USED BY ONLY ONE PERSON AT A TIME, IT IS NOT ONLY DANGEROUS BUT ALSO AN OFFENCE FOR A FRONT SEAT PASSENGER TO HOLD A CHILD IN HIS ARMS OR HAVE THE CHILD SIT ON HIS LAP.

A CHILD IS CONSIDERBLY MUCH SAFER TO TRAVEL IN THE REAR SEATS AND IT IS STRONGLY ADVISED THAT THIS PRACTICE BE ADOPTED.

BUT IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE CHILDREN TO TRAVEL IN THE FRONT SEATS, THEN THEY MUST BE SUITABLY RESTRAINED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A CHILD AGED TWO OR BELOW WHEN SITTING IN THE FRONT MUST BE SECURELY FASTENED TO THE SEAT BY AN APPROVED RESTRAINT ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN.

THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES ARE REQUIRED TO BE FITTED WITH SEAT BELTS:

- * ALL PRIVATE CARS MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JUNE 30, 1964 AND FIRST REGISTERED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 1976;
- * ALL TAXIS MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1981; AND
- * ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1984.

THE DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS OF THESE VEHICLES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR SEAT BELTS.

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THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF SEAT BELTS DOES NOT APPLY TO VEHICLES THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE FITTED WITH SEAT BELTS. BUT DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS OF THESE VEHICLES ARE ADVISED TO WEAR SEAT BELTS IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT URGED THE PUBLIC TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THE SEAT BELT LEGISLATION FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.

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GCO PROTECTS PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH SLOPE STABILISATION

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STABILISATION OF SLOPES CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE TO ENSURE SAFETY TO THE PUBLIC.

AT PRESENT, HALF OF THE GCO'S PROFESSIONAL STAFF ARE COMMITTED TO THESE DUTIES WHICH INCLUDE CHECKING THE GEOTECHNICAL DESIGNS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK TO ENSURE THAT UNSAFE SLOPES, RETAINING WALLS AND SITE FORMATION WORKS ARE NOT CONSTRUCTED, AND THAT EXISTING UNSAFE SLOPES AND WALLS ARE MADE SAFE.

UNDER THE LANDSLIP PREVENTIVE MEASURES PROGRAMME, ALMOST \$760 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT SINCE THE PROGRAMME'S INCEPTION TO STABILISE NEARLY 500 SLOPES AND RETAINING WALLS.

AT PRESENT, THE INVESTIGATIONS, DESIGNS AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION RELATED TO THE PROGRAMME ARE ALL CARRIED OUT IN-HOUSE BY THE GCO.

EXPENDITURE ON THE PROGRAMME IS CONTINUING AT A RATE OF MORE THAN \$60 MILLION A YEAR. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT SPENDS \$40 MILLION ANNUALLY ON SLOPE MAINTENANCE.

DURING THE 1988-89 FINANCIAL YEAR, STABILISATION WORKS WERE COMPLETED ON 35 SLOPES AND RETAINING WALLS, AND WORKS COMMENCED ON 10 OTHERS AT A COST OF ABOUT \$63 MILLION.

IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, WORKS WILL BE IN PROGRESS ON A TOTAL OF 90 SLOPES AND RETAINING WALLS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL COST ABOUT \$62 MILLION IN 1989-90. IN ADDITION, ABOUT \$20 MILLION WILL BE SPENT ON STABILISATION AND IMPROVEMENT WORK TO THE LARGE SANITARY LANDFILL AT SAI TSO WAN.

UNTIL RECENTLY, THE PROGRAMME WAS CONCERNED ENTIRELY WITH SLOPES AND RETAINING WALLS WHICH COULD CAUSE LOSS OF LIFE IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE.

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THE PROGRAMME NOW INCLUDES THE STABILISATION OF SOME UNSATISFACTORY SLOPES AND WALLS WHICH COULD INDIRECTLY CAUSE LOSS OF LIFE BY MAJOR DISRUPTION TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES, OR WHICH COULD CAUSE MAJOR ECONOMIC DISRUPTION.

THIS COVERS SLOPES ALONG MAJOR ROADS, AND SLOPES ALONG OTHER ROADS WHICH PROVIDE THE SOLE ACCESS TO HOSPITALS, WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS, AND SO ON.

ASIDE FROM STABILISATION WORKS INITIATED AND EXECUTED BY THE GCO, A GREAT DEAL OF STABILISATION WORK IS CARRIED OUT IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN ASSOCIATION WITH CAPITAL PROJECTS AT A COST OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS EACH YEAR.

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1,684 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT CASUALTIES IN JUNE

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A TOTAL OF 1,684 CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED IN 1,295 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY LAST MONTH (JUNE).

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT 300 OF THESE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 654 IN KOWLOON AND 341 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JUNE SHOWED THAT 28 PERSONS WERE KILLED, 348 PEOPLE WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 1,308 SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THESE ACCIDENTS.

THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AND ACCIDENTS REPRESENTED A DECREASE OF 9.2 PER CENT AND 6.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

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SOUTHERN POSTGRAMME SCHEME BEARS FRUIT

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OBSTRUCTIONS TO THE ENTRANCES OF TWO CARPARKS IN ABERDEEN CENTRE HAVE NOW BEEN CLEARED AFTER A CIVIC-MINDED CITIZEN DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD TO THE PROBLEM.

USING THE "MY SUGGESTION TO SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD" POSTGRAMME SCHEME, THE CITIZEN POINTED OUT THAT VEHICLES PARKED ALONG NAM NING STREET OFTEN BLOCKED THE ENTRANCE OF THE CARPARKS.

THE DISTRICT BOARD, THEREFORE, REFERRED HIS COMPLAINT TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR INVESTIGATION AND ACTION.

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SUBSEQUENTLY, THE NO-STOPPING RESTRICTION FOR A SECTION OF THE STREET WAS EXTENDED TO COVER THE ENTRANCES, AND VEHICLES CAN NOW MOVE IN AND OUT OF THE CARPARK UNOBSTRUCTED.

IN ANOTHER CASE, AN AP LEI CHAU RESIDENT COMPLAINED THAT BUSES ON ROUTE NO. 95 PLYING BETWEEN AP LEI CHAU ESTATE AND SHEK PAI WAN, WERE OFTEN OVERLOADED DURING THE MORNING PEAK HOURS.

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT UNDERTOOK TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE SITUATION AND PROMISED TO TAKE STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IF NECESSARY. THE MATTER WAS ALSO BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BUS COMPANY.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE POSTGRAMME SCHEME WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1983 FOR RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE LIVING IN THE REMOTE PARTS OF THE DISTRICT SUCH AS STANLEY, SHEK O AND BAYS AREA, TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS TO THE BOARD IN AS CONVENIENT A WAY AS POSSIBLE.

DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY AND MAY, THE BOARD HAD RECEIVED 44 POSTGRAMMES FROM RESIDENTS GIVING SUGGESTIONS OR LODGING COMPLAINTS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS RANGING FROM ENVIRONMENTAL, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT TO POSTAL SERVICE.

THE POSTAGE-FREE POSTGRAMMES, PRINTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, ARE AVAILABLE AT 72 DISTRIBUTION POINTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. THESE INCLUDE THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, POST OFFICES, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, COMMUNITY HALLS, PETROL STATIONS AND VARIOUS KAIFONG AND RESIDENTS BODIES.

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JOINT EFFORT NEEDED TO TACKLE POLLUTION

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IT IS TIME FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER TO TACKLE POLLUTION AND TAKE INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING.

HE WAS ADDRESSING MORE THAN 100 PUPILS FROM 11 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO TOOK PART IN A TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY AT THE BRAEMAR HILL RAIN SHELTER IN NORTH POINT.

A TOTAL OF 300 TREE SEEDLINGS OF TWO DIFFERENT INDIGENOUS SPECIES, MOUNTAIN TALLOW AND POND SPICE, WERE PLANTED ON A PIECE OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE SHELTER.

THE EVENT WAS AMONG ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO SUPPORT THE 1989 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

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MR YEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SPEND AT LEAST \$20 BILLION OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT MEASURES, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ADEQUATE SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES, AND THE SETTING UP OF LANDFILLS AND REFUSE TRANSFER STATIONS.

"PLANS ARE ALSO IN HAND TO PROVIDE A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK TO CARRY FORWARD EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES.

"THESE INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLANNING ENVIRONMENT AND LAND BRANCH, A DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND A PLANNING DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CARRY OUT A REGULAR REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE PROGRAMMES.

REFERRING TO THE WHITE PAPER, "POLLUTION IN HONG KONG - A TIME TO ACT", PUBLISHED ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY LAST MONTH, MR YEUNG CALLED ON ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO STUDY THE PAPER TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY.

IN CONCLUSION, HE QUOTED A MESSAGE CONTAINED IN THE WHITE PAPER: "HONG KONG IS OUR HOME. WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEM, SO WE MUST CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION, IT IS TIME TO ACT".

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME STARTS

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CHILDREN AND YOUTHS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT HAVE BEEN URGED TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) TO SHARE THE FUN AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR AMBROSE LAU, THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP.

MR LAU POINTED OUT THAT THE YOUNGER GENERATION COULD LEARN MORE AND DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

ABOUT 600 ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND SOME 60 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, HE SAID.

"THESE ACTIVITIES RANGE FROM OUTDOOR PURSUITS, CULTURAL PROGRAMMES, INTEREST COURSES TO SOCIAL SERVICE SCHEMES," HE SAID.

MR LAU THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR CONTRIBUTING OVER \$360,000 TO THIS YEAR'S EVENTS.

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THE DISTRICT'S SYP WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN THIS AFTERNOON.

THOUSANDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE TREATED TO THREE HOURS OF ENTERTAINMENT, INCLUDING MARCHING BAND PERFORMANCES, LION DANCE, SINGING AND DANCING, STALL GAMES, AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGER LEE HARK-KUN AND DISC JOCKEY LEUNG ON-KAY.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN HAY.

THE FIRST ACTIVITY OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP, A VISIT BY 30 YOUNGSTERS TO THE POLICE MUSEUM IN COOMBE ROAD, TOOK PLACE IN THE MORNING PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PROGRAMME.

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CARNIVAL STARTS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN MONG KOK
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THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN MONG KOK WERE TREATED TO A CARNIVAL AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND TODAY (SUNDAY) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE, MR PETER LEE, SAID YOUNG PEOPLE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SOCIETY.

BY PARTICIPATING IN RECREATIONAL, SOCIAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, YOUNG PEOPLE COULD DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND TALENTS AND BECOME MORE CIVIC-MINDED, MR LEE STRESSED.

MORE THAN 70,000 YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 25 ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT'S 113 ACTIVITIES OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, ALSO ATTENDED TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY.

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KOWLOON CITY SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME BEGINS

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THE THREE-MONTH KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SUNDAY) IN A CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

SPEAKING AT A BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MR PETER LEE, SAID SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN KOWLOON CITY HAD BEEN A SUCCESS IN THE PAST, AND OVER 300 ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED LAST YEAR.

WITH A SUBSIDY OF \$330,000 FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND AN ALLOCATION OF \$140,000 FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS. ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD THIS SUMMER.

RESIDENTS OF KOWLOON CITY AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25 ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES. A BOOKLET GIVING DETAILS OF THE DISTRICT PROGRAMME IS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

JOINING MR LEE AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR TANG TAI-CHUEN.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN SHAM SHUI PO STARTS

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THOUSANDS OF YOUNGSTERS TURNED OUT IN FORCE THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING AT CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND.

MANY OF THEM ENJOYED THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT OF THE STALL GAMES FROM 3 PM TO 7 PM, WHILE OTHERS WERE ATTRACTED BY THE PERFORMANCES STAGED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR RAYMOND CHOY, SAID A TOTAL OF \$420,000 WOULD BE USED THIS SUMMER TO SPONSOR ABOUT 50 LOCAL BODIES IN STAGING MORE THAN 350 ACTIVITIES FROM TODAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17.

ABOUT \$50,000 OF THE SUM CAME FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD WHILE THE REST WAS DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MR CHOY SAID.

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ALSO ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, WHO PRAISED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR ACTIVE SUPPORT IN THE PROGRAMME.

HE HOPED YOUNGSTERS WOULD DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALS AND ABILITIES THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES, THUS MAKING THE SUMMER MORE JOYOUS AND MEANINGFUL.

MR TAI BELIEVED THE PROGRAMME WOULD HELP CULTIVATE IN YOUTHS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF AND GREATER DEGREE OF CONCERN FOR THE SOCIETY.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS JENNIE CHOK; AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR GERALD FRITH.

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PLAYGROUND LIGHTS UP FOR SUMMER FUN IN KWUN TONG
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HUNDREDS OF TORCHLIGHTS LIT UP THE SAU NGA ROAD PLAYGROUND TONIGHT (SUNDAY) TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

IN THE FOLLOWING TWO MONTHS, OVER 500 ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED TO ENABLE YOUNGSTERS IN THE DISTRICT TO SPEND A MEANINGFUL SUMMER VACATION.

KWUN TONG RESIDENTS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25 WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE FROM A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING VISITS, PICNICS, SEMINARS AND TRAINING COURSES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, SAID THE SCALE OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND THE NUMBER OF ITS PARTICIPANTS HAD BEEN GROWING OVER THE YEARS.

NOTING THAT THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SYP WAS "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY", HE SAID YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BECOME MORE INTERESTED IN SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES.

ABOUT 500 KWUN TONG RESIDENTS ATTENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE CEREMONY WAS PRECEDED BY A PARADE BY 15 GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE REPRESENTING THE 15 AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

A TALENT SHOW WAS ALSO HELD DURING WHICH THE 15 GROUPS COMPETED FOR PRIZES FOR THE MOST ENTERTAINING, THE MOST OUTSTANDING AND THE MOST ORIGINAL PERFORMANCES.

THE OTHER GUESTS WERE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR POON CHI-FAI; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MADAM YEUNG KAM-CHUN.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CIVIC EDUCATION CAMP

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS HOLDING A CIVIC EDUCATION CAMP FOR ISLANDERS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE PROPOSED THREE-DAY CAMP, TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 35, WILL AIM AT IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND GIVING PARTICIPANTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CURRENT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE ACTIVITIES FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1989 AND FUNDING FOR THE FIRE WATCH TEAM IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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SAFETY TALKS CONDUCTED FOR STUDENTS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS MAKING A CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO INTRODUCE TO STUDENTS THE CONCEPT OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO AVOID WORK ACCIDENTS IN SUMMER JOBS.

UNDER A SAFETY PROMOTION PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN MAY, FACTORY INSPECTORS HAVE VISITED 43 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND HAVE TALKED TO MORE THAN 10,000 STUDENTS.

"THE INSPECTORS WILL VISIT NINE MORE SCHOOLS WITH ABOUT 2,500 STUDENTS LATER THIS WEEK," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING THE VISITS, STUDENTS WERE ADVISED TO STAY AWAY FROM DANGEROUS WORK PROCESSES AND MACHINERY AND TO TAKE HEED OF SOME BASIC WORK SAFETY PRACTICES AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS.

"LACKING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING IN WORK SAFETY, THEY ARE MORE PRONE TO ACCIDENTS THAN OTHER WORKERS," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

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ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS, 35 YOUNG WORKERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 19 WERE INJURED IN ACCIDENTS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS LAST YEAR.

OF THEM, 21 WERE RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF MACHINERY, WHILE OTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN THE HANDLING OF HOT OR CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES, STEPPING ON OR STRIKING AGAINST OBJECTS, MANUAL LIFTING AND USE OF HANDTOOLS.

"AS MANY STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE UP PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY STAY AWAY FROM HAZARDOUS JOBS AND OPERATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"MOREOVER, IT IS DEPLORABLE TO SEE YOUNG STUDENTS INJURED AT SHORT-TIME WORK, ESPECIALLY WHEN SUCH TRAGEDIES RESULTED IN PERMANENT DISABILITIES."

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO URGED STUDENTS TO REFRAIN PARTICULARLY FROM WORK AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, OPERATING HEAVY MACHINERY, VIGOROUS MANUAL WORK AND PROCESSES INVOLVING FIRE AND DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES.

IF THEY HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT THE NATURE OF WORK, THEY SHOULD CONSULT THEIR PARENTS AND CAREERS TEACHERS, OR SEEK ADVICE FROM THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8523565.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A PAMPHLET ON SUMMER JOB SAFETY WHICH OUTLINED THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR SOME COMMONLY-FOUND INDUSTRIAL HAZARDS.

IT IS AVAILABLE AT ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WHERE GENERAL ENQUIRY SERVICE ON WORK SAFETY IS ALSO PROVIDED.

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YOUTH MUSIC CAMP TO START ON WEEKEND
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THE HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR AT THE LEI YUE MUN PARK IN EASTERN DISTRICT FROM JULY 15 TO 29.

ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE CAMP HAS BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT SINCE 1980 TO PROVIDE INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING TO YOUNG MUSICIANS.

OVER 400 YOUNG MUSICAL TALENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMP WHICH COMPRISE A SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, TWO STRING ORCHESTRAS, TWO SYMPHONIC BANDS AND TWO CHINESE ORCHESTRAS.

DURING THE CAMP PERIOD, THE CAMPERS WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE FROM GUEST MUSICIANS FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA AS WELL AS FROM LOCAL MUSICIANS.

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THEY WILL ALSO RECEIVE A VARIETY OF MUSIC TRAINING BY TAKING PART IN ORCHESTRAL AND SECTIONAL REHEARSALS, MASTER CLASSES AND DEMONSTRATION CONCERTS.

IN ADDITION TO MUSIC TRAINING, A WIDE RANGE OF RÉCREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WILL BE ARRANGED.

TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THE CAMP, A FINALE CONCERT WILL BE HELD IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE ON JULY 29, BEGINNING AT 3 PM.

AT THE CONCERT, BOTH THE CAMP'S SENIOR CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WILL PRESENT A SUPERB MUSIC PROGRAMME WHICH WILL INCLUDE VERDI'S "LAFORZA DEL DESTINO OVERTURE", ELGAR'S "THE WAND OF YOUTH SUITE NO. 1" AND WANG HUI-RAN'S "MOONLIGHT OVER THE SOUTHERN TERRITORY".

TICKETS AT \$10 AND \$20 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8235314.

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ROAD PROJECTS FOR MA ON SHAN, TSING YI PROPOSED

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT MORE ROAD FACILITIES IN MA ON SHAN AND TSING YI AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREAS.

IN MA ON SHAN, THE PROPOSED WORKS WILL MAINLY INCLUDE:

- * CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL TWO-LANE AND A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY FORMING PART OF ROAD P8 AND DUALLING OF AN EXISTING SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY OF THE ROAD;
- * DUALLING OF AN EXISTING SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY OF ROAD P9 FROM HENG ON ESTATE TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD P8;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY (ROAD D16) FROM YIU ON ESTATE TO FUTURE ROAD P8 AND DUALLING OF AN EXISTING SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY OF ROAD D16 FROM HENG ON ESTATE TO YIU ON ESTATE;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF LOCAL ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS IN AREAS 90, 92, 100 AND 110;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE SUBWAYS, BRIDGES, RETAINING WALLS, EARTHWORKS, SEWERAGE, DRAINAGE AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS; AND
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAINAGE CULVERTS IN AREA 100 AND AREA 86.

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WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN 1992.

ON TSING YI ISLAND, THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE FOOTBRIDGES IN TSING YI TOWN CENTRE TO PROVIDE SAFE AND CONVENIENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ACROSS FUNG SHUE WO ROAD AND TSING LUK STREET.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 17 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR BOTH PROJECTS AND THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 4.

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LANTAU TAXI FARES TO GO UP TOMORROW

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE FARES FOR LANTAU TAXIS WILL GO UP FROM TOMORROW.

UNDER THE NEW FARE SCALE, THE FLAGFALL FOR THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES WILL BE \$5.50, AND FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.25 KILOMETRE THE FARE WILL BE \$0.70.

WAITING TIME CHARGE WILL BE \$0.70 FOR ONE MINUTE AND RADIO-CALL SURCHARGE FOR EVERY HIRING WILL BE \$2.

SURCHARGE FOR EACH ARTICLE OF BAGGAGE, ANIMAL OR BIRD WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT \$2.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ALSO REMINDED LANTAU TAXI OPERATORS TO DISPLAY THE TAXI FARE CONVERSION TABLES AT A PROMINENT POSITION INSIDE THE TAXIS BEFORE THEIR TAXIMETRES ARE RECALIBRATED AND SEALED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 11), TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE TO IMPROVE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC IN THE AREA.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE RE-ROUTED:

- * YUE MAN SQUARE WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND;
- * HONG NING ROAD BETWEEN YUE MAN SQUARE AND MUT WAH STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;
- * MUT WAH STREET BETWEEN HONG NING ROAD AND FU YAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND; AND
- * FU YAN STREET BETWEEN MUT WAH STREET AND YUE MAN SQUARE WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING TURNING MOVEMENTS WILL BE BANNED:

- * THE RIGHT-TURN FROM HONG NING ROAD NORTHBOUND TO YUE MAN SQUARE;
- * THE LEFT-TURN FROM YAN SHUN LANE EASTBOUND TO FU YAN STREET;
- * THE RIGHT-TURN FROM YAN SHUN LANE WESTBOUND TO FU YAN STREET;
- * THE RIGHT-TURN FROM YUE MAN SQUARE WESTBOUND TO FU YAN STREET; AND
- * THE LEFT-TURN FROM HONG NING ROAD NORTHBOUND TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.

VEHICLES ON KWUN TONG ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR FU YAN STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HONG NING ROAD AND MUT WAH STREET WHILE THOSE ON KWUN TONG ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR YUE MAN SQUARE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TUNG YAN STREET.

IN ADDITION, KMB ROUTES 3D, 6E, 14A, 14C, 17, 38, 89B, 101, 101R AND 141 AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 23A, 23B, 26, 34M AND 36A WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIODS BELOW:

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- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HIP WO STREET BETWEEN KWUN TONG ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES TO THE NORTH; AND
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TUNG YAN STREET BETWEEN HIP WO STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES TO THE SOUTH.

7 AM TO MIDNIGHT

- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUE MAN SQUARE BETWEEN TUNG YAN STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 170 METRES TO THE WEST.

7 AM TO 7 PM

- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HIP WO STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MUT WAH STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 185 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HIP WO STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MUT WAH STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * MUT WAH STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HIP WO STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * MUT WAH STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HONG NING ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 85 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUE MAN SQUARE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HONG NING ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUE MAN SQUARE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG YAU STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUE MAN SQUARE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HONG NING ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH FU YAN STREET; AND
- * FU YAN STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH YUE MAN SQUARE AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

MOREOVER, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS ALONG THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUE MAN SQUARE BETWEEN HONG NING ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES TO THE EAST FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, SHA TIN ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 11 AND 25.

THE SLOW LANE OF THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD FROM SHA TIN WAI ROAD TO TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 PM ON JULY 11 TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE FAST LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM SHA TIN WAI ROAD TO TAI PO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 PM ON JULY 25 TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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PLB URBAN CLEARWAY IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 11), SHEUNG TAK STREET IN WONG TAI SIN BETWEEN CHING TAK STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES TO THE SOUTH WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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URBAN CLEARWAY ON TING KOK ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 11), A SECTION OF TING KOK ROAD IN TAI PO WILL BE DESIGNATED A PEAK HOUR (7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

THE URBAN CLEARWAY WILL BE LOCATED ON TING KOK ROAD EASTBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 170 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD L8/1 TO A POINT ABOUT 250 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FIFE STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE PIPE LAYING WORKS IN HONG LOK STREET, FIFE STREET IN MONG KOK BETWEEN PORTLAND STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 11) TO 6 PM ON JULY 14.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON PORTLAND STREET HEADING FOR SHANGHAI STREET ARE ADVISED TO USE MONG KOK ROAD.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON SHA TIN BRIDGES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE INSPECTION OF SAND MARTIN AND BANYAN BRIDGES IN SHA TIN, THE SOUTHBOUND SLOW AND MIDDLE LANES ON BOTH BRIDGES WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING PERIODS :

- * LANE CLOSURES ON SAND MARTIN BRIDGE FROM 8 PM TO 11 PM DAILY ON JULY 11 AND 12.
- * LANE CLOSURES ON BANYAN BRIDGE FROM 8 PM TO 11 PM DAILY ON JULY 13 AND 14.

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