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HALF-YEARLY ECONOMIC REPORT PUBLISHED

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ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 REMAINED SLOW. BOTH DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC DEMAND WERE AFFECTED, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME EARLY SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER. RE-EXPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, WERE ROBUST, PROVIDING A SIGNIFICANT IMPETUS TO GROWTH, THE HALF-YEARLY ECONOMIC REPORT 1990 SAID.

THE REPORT, ANALYSING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE SLOW-DOWN IN ACTIVITY PROVIDED SOME BREATHING SPACE AGAINST THE CONTINUING CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS IN THE ECONOMY," THE GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST, MR K.Y. TANG, SAID.

"WHILE THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES WERE STILL LOW, THE OVERALL DEMAND FOR LABOUR WAS LESS INTENSE.

"THE RATE OF CONSUMER PRICE INFLATION HAD ALSO EASED marginally FROM LAST YEAR," HE POINTED OUT.

MR TANG SAID THAT ON THE BASIS OF THIS REPORT AND THE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION, A REVIEW HAD BEEN MADE OF THE FORECASTS OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) AND OF PRICE TRENDS FOR 1990.

"AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF THE GDP IS REVISED DOWNWARDS TO 2.5 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE FORECAST OF 3 PER CENT ANNOUNCED IN THE BUDGET SPEECH," HE SAID.

"THE FORECAST RATE OF INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) IS REVISED UPWARDS TO 9.5 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS FORECAST OF 8.5 PER CENT.

"THE FORECAST RATE OF INCREASE IN THE GDP DEFLATOR REMAINS UNCHANGED AT 9 PER CENT," MR TANG SAID.

IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990, DOMESTIC EXPORTS CONTINUED TO DECREASE, BY ABOUT 3 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

ANALYSED BY MARKETS, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM RECORDED THE LARGEST DECREASE IN REAL TERMS, FOLLOWED BY THOSE TO JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA, HOWEVER, ROSE marginally. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE. THE UNITED STATES WAS STILL THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS, WITH A SHARE OF 30 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990.

"THE DECLINE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS SHOULD, NEVERTHELESS, BE VIEWED AGAINST THE CONTINUED RAPID INCREASE IN RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN," MR TANG SAID.

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"A LARGE PART OF THESE RE-EXPORTS WERE RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES COMMISSIONED BY HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS IN CHINA," HE ADDED.

TURNING TO RE-EXPORTS, MR TANG POINTED OUT THAT TOTAL RE-EXPORTS GREW BY ABOUT 10 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

"WITHIN THIS TOTAL, RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN WERE HIGHER BY ABOUT 20 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS.

"AS THE PERFORMANCE OF RE-EXPORTS WAS MUCH BETTER THAN THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THE SHARE OF RE-EXPORTS IN OVERALL EXPORTS ROSE FURTHER TO 65 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990, FROM 61 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989," HE SAID.

WHILE RE-EXPORTS TO MARKETS OTHER THAN CHINA CONTINUED TO RISE SIGNIFICANTLY, RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA WERE STILL ON THE DECLINE, BEING AFFECTED MAINLY BY CHINA'S AUSTERITY PROGRAMME.

"BUT CHINA REMAINED THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, ACCOUNTING FOR 27 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990," MR TANG SAID.

"IT WAS ALSO THE LARGEST SOURCE, WITH 56 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 ORIGINATING FROM CHINA," HE NOTED.

IMPORTS ROSE BY ABOUT 3 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 OVER A YEAR EARLIER. RETAINED IMPORTS, HOWEVER, DECLINED BY ABOUT 3 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS.

"ANALYSED BY END-USE CATEGORIES, RETAINED IMPORTS OF CONSUMER GOODS AND FUELS DECREASED, WHILE THOSE OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES AND OF CAPITAL GOODS SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE. RETAINED IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS REGISTERED AN INCREASE," HE SAID.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$8,198 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR.

"THIS WAS SMALLER THAN THE DEFICIT OF \$13,470 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 5 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR," MR TANG SAID.

DOMESTIC DEMAND REMAINED WEAK IN THE FIRST QUARTER, BUT SHOWED SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

ON CONSUMPTION, THE DECLINE IN RETAINED IMPORTS OF CONSUMER GOODS HAD MODERATED CONSIDERABLY IN THE SECOND QUARTER, EVEN THOUGH RETAIL SALES WERE STILL SLOW.

ON INVESTMENT, RETAINED IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS (EXCLUDING AIRCRAFT IMPORTED IN MARCH AND MAY) ALSO SHOWED A SMALLER DECLINE IN THE SECOND QUARTER THAN IN THE FIRST.

THE YEAR-ON-YEAR RATE OF INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) EASED marginally to 9.4 per cent in the first quarter and 9.3 per cent in the second quarter, from 10.4 per cent, 10.1 per cent and 9.9 per cent respectively in the second, third and fourth quarters of 1989.

"THERE WERE A NUMBER OF FACTORS WHICH SHOULD DAMPEN INFLATION," MR TANG NOTED.

"THESE INCLUDE MODEST GROWTH IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY, LESS RAPID INCREASES IN WAGES AND SALARIES, STABLE WORLD COMMODITY PRICES DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR, AND A RELATIVELY MODERATE INCREASE IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF GOODS FROM CHINA.

"HOWEVER, THE OIL PRICE HIKE ARISING FROM THE GULF CRISIS IS EXPECTED TO HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON INFLATION IN THE COMING MONTHS," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE LABOUR MARKET, MR TANG POINTED OUT THAT THE MARKET WAS STILL GENERALLY TIGHT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE, AT 1.6 PER CENT AND 0.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE SECOND QUARTER, WERE STILL LOW BY HISTORICAL STANDARDS.

"HOWEVER, THE OVERALL DEMAND FOR LABOUR HAD BECOME RELATIVELY LESS INTENSE THAN IN 1989, WITH THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES DECLINING FURTHER AND THE PROPORTION OF THE EMPLOYED POPULATION WORKING LONG HOURS ALSO BECOMING SMALLER," HE SAID.

ON THE PROPERTY MARKET, MR TANG SAID THAT HAVING REVIVED CONSIDERABLY SINCE LATE JULY LAST YEAR, THE MARKET SHOWED SOME CONSOLIDATION IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR.

"PERFORMANCE OF THE VARIOUS SUB-SECTORS WAS MIXED. THERE WAS STILL A STRONG UNDERLYING DEMAND FOR SMALL TO MEDIUM-SIZED RESIDENTIAL FLATS, WHILE THE DEMAND FOR SHOPPING SPACE IN FAVOURED LOCATIONS WAS ALSO SUSTAINED," HE SAID.

"BUT THE DEMAND AND HENCE PRICES AND RENTALS FOR OTHER TYPES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY SOFTENED," HE ADDED.

IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR, THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS WERE OBSERVED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1990.

FIRST, REFLECTING THE MOVEMENT OF THE U.S. DOLLAR, THE EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE INDEX OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR INCREASED FROM 109.3 AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1989 TO 111.3 ON APRIL 17. IT THEN EASED TO 110.0 IN MID-MAY, AND STOOD AT 110.1 AT THE END OF JUNE.

SECONDLY, INTEREST RATES IN THE LOCAL MONEY MARKET FIRMED UP APPRECIABLY IN MARCH AND APRIL, BUT EASED SOMEWHAT AFTER EARLY MAY.

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THIRDLY, THE PROGRAMME FOR ISSUE OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS WAS LAUNCHED IN MARCH. THESE BILLS PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL INSTRUMENT FOR CONDUCTING MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING EXCHANGE RATE STABILITY.

FOURTHLY, THE GROWTH IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS AND IN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY WERE BROADLY IN LINE WITH THAT OF THE ECONOMY.

FIFTHLY, DOMESTIC LOANS AND ADVANCES GREW LESS RAPIDLY DURING THE SECOND QUARTER THAN DURING THE FIRST. MOREOVER, THEY ROSE MORE SLOWLY THAN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

LASTLY, LOCAL STOCK PRICES AND TURNOVER WERE GENERALLY ON A RISING TREND, PARTICULARLY DURING LATE MAY AND JUNE.

THE GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST SAID THAT IN UPDATING THE GDP AND PRICE FORECASTS FOR 1990 IN THE LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE TO SOME OF THE COMPONENT FORECASTS.

"FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR, RE-EXPORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO SHOW STRONG GROWTH, SUPPORTED IN PART BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES," MR TANG SAID.

"THE PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WOULD, HOWEVER, REMAIN WEAK. DOMESTIC DEMAND IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE SLOWLY," HE SAID.

"MOST RECENTLY, THE OUTBREAK OF THE GULF CRISIS HAS CREATED MUCH UNCERTAINTY IN RELATION TO ECONOMIC TRENDS NOT ONLY IN HONG KONG BUT WORLD WIDE," MR TANG POINTED OUT.

"HIGHER OIL PRICES WILL TEND TO DAMPEN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES WHICH ARE HONG KONG'S MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS," HE SAID.

"IN DUE COURSE, THIS WILL RESTRAIN DEMAND FOR HONG KONG'S EXPORTS, THEREBY WEAKENING THE IMPETUS TO GROWTH," HE NOTED.

"OVERALL, THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY FOR THIS YEAR IS LIKELY TO BE MARGINALLY SLOWER THAN WAS FORECAST EARLIER. IN THIS UPDATE, THE GDP IS FORECAST TO GROW BY 2.5 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS," MR TANG SAID.

REGARDING THE EXTERNAL SECTOR, MR TANG SAID THE RECENT TREND SUGGESTED THAT RE-EXPORTS TO MARKETS OTHER THAN CHINA WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN ROBUST IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

"AS FOR RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, A RECOVERY IN THE LATTER PART OF THE YEAR SEEMS LIKELY, IN VIEW OF MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY CHINA TO REFLATE ITS ECONOMY.

"THE PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IS, HOWEVER, FAR LESS ENCOURAGING," HE NOTED.

"DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SOME OF THE MAJOR MARKETS LIKE THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND JAPAN ARE STILL SUFFERING SETBACKS," HE EXPLAINED.

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"IN GENERAL, THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES SHOULD RESULT IN A FURTHER SHIFT IN THE COMPOSITION OF HONG KONG'S EXPORT TRADE FROM DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO RE-EXPORTS," HE SAID.

"THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF RE-EXPORTS IS THUS RAISED FROM 9 PER CENT TO 11 PER CENT, WHILE THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IS REDUCED FROM 2 PER CENT TO 0.5 PER CENT," MR TANG SAID.

"THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF IMPORTS IS RAISED SLIGHTLY TO 7.2 PER CENT, MAINLY DUE TO THE GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS," HE ADDED.

"THE DEMAND FOR TRADE-RELATED SERVICES SHOULD CONTINUE TO GROW, IN LINE WITH THE OVERALL GROWTH IN EXTERNAL TRADE," MR TANG SAID.

"MOREOVER, BOTH INWARD AND OUTWARD TOURISM ARE EXPECTED TO PICK UP FURTHER IN THE LATTER PART OF THE YEAR," HE SAID.

"HENCE THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF EXPORTS OF SERVICES IS RAISED FROM 5.8 PER CENT TO 6 PER CENT, AND THAT OF IMPORTS OF SERVICES FROM 5.4 PER CENT TO 7.5 PER CENT," HE SAID.

"GIVEN THE DIFFERENTIAL GROWTH RATES, ONLY A SMALL INCREASE IN EXPORTS LESS IMPORTS OF SERVICES IS FORECAST FOR THE YEAR AS A WHOLE," THE GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST SAID.

"IN THE DOMESTIC SECTOR, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE IS MAINTAINED AT 3.5 PER CENT, LARGELY SUPPORTED BY AN INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SERVICES," HE SAID.

"THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION IS, HOWEVER, LOWERED FROM 2.1 PER CENT TO 1.5 PER CENT, REFLECTING THE SLOWER GROWTH EXPECTED FOR EXPENDITURE ON PLANT AND MACHINERY," MR TANG SAID.

"MEANWHILE, EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SHOULD STILL SHOW SIGNIFICANT GROWTH, AS WORK ON PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECTS REMAINS INTENSIVE," HE NOTED.

TURNING TO INFLATION, MR TANG SAID THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION AT THE MOMENT CONCERNED THE OIL PRICE HIKE ARISING FROM THE GULF CRISIS.

"AS A CONSEQUENCE, CONSUMERS WILL HAVE TO PAY HIGHER PRICES BOTH FOR THE OIL-BASED FUELS THEY USE AND FOR THE FINISHED PRODUCTS INVOLVING OIL-BASED FUELS AS INPUT," HE POINTED OUT.

"IN THE LONGER RUN, IMPORTED GOODS ARE ALSO LIKELY TO BECOME MORE EXPENSIVE AS FOREIGN SUPPLIERS PASS ON THE EFFECT OF THE HIGHER OIL PRICES.

"THE OVERALL EFFECT ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) FROM THE OIL PRICE INCREASE SO FAR IS ESTIMATED TO BE A RISE OF AROUND ONE PERCENTAGE POINT.

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"BUT IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME FOR THE FULL IMPACT TO FILTER THROUGH," HE SAID.

"HAVING REGARD TO THE LATEST INFLATION TREND, IT IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO ADJUST THE AVERAGE RATE OF INCREASE IN THE CPI(A) FORECAST FOR 1990 AS A WHOLE FROM 8.5 PER CENT TO 9.5 PER CENT," HE ADDED.

THE HALF-YEARLY ECONOMIC REPORT 1990 WILL BE ON SALE ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 28) AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$22 A COPY.

THE UPDATED FORECASTS ARE AS FOLLOWS :

	FORECAST FOR 1990 AS UPDATED ON 25.5.90	CURRENT UPDATE RELEASED ON 24.8.90
	(%)	(%)
GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF :		
PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	3.5	3.5
GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	10	10
GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION	2.1	1.5
TRANSFER COSTS OF LAND AND BUILDINGS	-5	-5
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	5	5
PRIVATE	1	1
PUBLIC	12	12
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS' MARGIN	-2	-2
PLANT, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	2.9	1.5
PRIVATE	3	1.5
PUBLIC	-1	1
TOTAL EXPORTS OF GOODS	6.1	6.7
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	2	0.5
RE-EXPORTS	9	11
IMPORTS OF GOODS	6.9	7.2
EXPORTS OF SERVICES	5.8	6
IMPORTS OF SERVICES	5.4	7.5
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)	3	2.5
PER CAPITA GDP	1.9	1.4

GROWTH RATE IN MONEY TERMS OF :

GDP	12.3	11.8
PER CAPITA GDP	11	10.6

RATE OF INCREASE IN :

GDP DEFLATOR	9	9
DOMESTIC DEMAND DEFLATOR	7.7	8.7
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A)	8.5	9.5

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JULY RELEASED

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THE PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS REMAINED WEAK IN JULY, WHILE RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO RISE MARKEDLY OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

IMPORTS ALSO SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER THE SAME PERIOD, AND THESE INCLUDED SOME INCREASE IN RETAINED IMPORTS.

THESE ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JULY 1990, AT \$20,409 MILLION, WAS \$695 MILLION OR 3.3 PER CENT LESS THAN IN JULY 1989. THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS, HOWEVER, INCREASED BY \$4,763 MILLION OR 15.2 PER CENT TO \$36,194 MILLION.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS ROSE BY \$4,068 MILLION OR 7.7 PER CENT OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$56,603 MILLION IN JULY 1990.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$5,756 MILLION OR 11.8 PER CENT OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$54,479 MILLION IN JULY 1990.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS LARGER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$2,124 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3.9 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN JULY 1990.

THIS COMPARES WITH A SURPLUS OF \$3,812 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 7.8 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN JULY 1989.

PUTTING THESE FIGURES IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1990 WAS \$340,238 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$120,948 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$219,290 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1989, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$24,549 MILLION OR 7.8 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, WITH DOMESTIC EXPORTS FALLING BY \$2,214 MILLION OR 1.8 PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS RISING BY \$26,763 MILLION OR 13.9 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY \$20,965 MILLION OR 6.4 PER CENT, TO \$346,312 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$6,074 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.8 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1990. THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$9,658 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3.0 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989.

COMMENTING ON THE JULY FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO FARE CONSIDERABLY BETTER THAN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BOTH IN ABSOLUTE VALUE AND IN TERMS OF GROWTH RATE, AND THIS WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE STRONG GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN. RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA ALSO IMPROVED IN RECENT MONTHS.

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AS REGARDS RETAINED IMPORTS, THERE WAS A PICK-UP IN GROWTH RATE IN JULY, AFTER A DECLINE IN THE FIRST QUARTER AND LITTLE GROWTH IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JULY 1990.

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS :	\$20,409 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS :	\$36,194 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS :	\$56,603 MILLION	
	IMPORTS :	\$54,479 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE :	\$2,124 MILLION	[IN SURPLUS]

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COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	MAY 90 TO	MAY 89 TO	INCREASE	
	JUL 90	JUL 89	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	58,081	57,755	326	0.6
RE-EXPORTS	105,281	89,330	15,951	17.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	163,362	147,085	16,277	11.1
IMPORTS	162,992	147,396	15,596	10.6
TRADE BALANCE	370	-311	681	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	JULY	JULY	INCREASE	
	1990	1989	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	20,409	21,104	-695	-3.3
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(36.1%)	(40.2%)		
RE-EXPORTS	36,194	31,431	4,763	15.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	56,603	52,535	4,068	7.7
IMPORTS	54,479	48,723	5,756	11.8
TRADE BALANCE	2,124	3,812	-1,688	

LAST MONTH	JULY	JUNE	INCREASE	
	1990	1990	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	20,409	18,845	1,564	8.3
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(36.1%)	(35.5%)		
RE-EXPORTS	36,194	34,196	1,998	5.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	56,603	53,041	3,562	6.7
IMPORTS	54,479	52,021	2,458	4.7
TRADE BALANCE	2,124	1,020	1,104	

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CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-JUL	JAN-JUL	INCREASE	
	1990	1989	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	120,948	123,162	-2,214	-1.8
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(35.5%)	(39.0%)		
RE-EXPORTS	219,290	192,527	26,763	13.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	340,238	315,689	24,549	7.8
IMPORTS	346,312	325,347	20,965	6.4
TRADE BALANCE	-6,074	-9,658	3,584	

LAST 12 MONTHS	AUG 89 TO	AUG 88 TO	INCREASE	
	JUL 90	JUL 89	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	221,890	225,072	-3,182	-1.4
RE-EXPORTS	373,169	326,637	46,532	14.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	595,059	551,709	43,350	7.9
IMPORTS	583,747	558,060	25,687	4.6
TRADE BALANCE	11,312	-6,351	17,663	

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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JULY 1990

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (CPI) FOR JULY 1990.

THE CPI(A) (OCT. 84 - SEPT. 85 = 100) FOR JULY 1990 STOOD AT 142.4, WAS 9.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JULY 1989.

THIS WAS HIGHER THAN THE CORRESPONDING RATES OF INCREASE OF 9.3 PER CENT IN MAY AND 9.1 PER CENT IN JUNE.

THE CPI(B) FOR JULY 1990 STOOD AT 142.2, WAS 9.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JULY LAST YEAR. THE CORRESPONDING RATES OF INCREASE IN MAY AND JUNE WERE BOTH 9.3 PER CENT.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

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HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE BASE OF COMPARISON IN JULY 1989 IS RELATIVELY LOW.

DURING 1989, THE HIGHEST RATES OF YEAR-ON-YEAR INCREASE WERE RECORDED FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE (10.6 PER CENT AND 11.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY FOR CPI(A)). IF THE THREE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE AND JULY ARE TAKEN TOGETHER, THE YEAR-ON-YEAR INCREASES OF 1990 OVER 1989 ARE 9.2 PER CENT FOR CPI(A) AND 9.4 PER CENT FOR CPI(B).

FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY TO JULY THIS YEAR, THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED BY 9.3 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, THE FASTER RATES OF INCREASE IN THE CPI(A) IN JULY 1990 WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION), TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES, SERVICES AND FOODSTUFFS AT 18.4 PER CENT, 14.2 PER CENT, 11.7 PER CENT AND 9.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE CORRESPONDING RATES OF INCREASE FOR THE SAME COMPONENTS IN THE CPI(B) WERE 18.2 PER CENT, 14.7 PER CENT, 11.7 PER CENT AND 9.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THESE FOUR COMPONENTS TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT THREE QUARTERS OF THE OVERALL INCREASE IN THE CPI(A) AND ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF THE INCREASE IN THE CPI(B).

COMPARING JULY 1990 WITH JUNE 1990, THE CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT AND THE CPI(B), BY 0.6 PER CENT, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, HIGHER PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JULY 1990, AT 136.3 AND 135.8 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 9.6 PER CENT AND 9.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JULY 1989.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JULY 1990, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.7 PER CENT PER MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), AT 0.8 PER CENT PER MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR JULY 1990 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990 AND JULY 1989, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)  
CPI(A) CPI(B)

SECTION	INDEX	% CHANGE	% CHANGE	INDEX	% CHANGE	% CHANGE
	FOR JULY 90	OVER JUNE 90	OVER JULY 89	FOR JULY 90	OVER JUNE 90	OVER JULY 89
FOODSTUFFS	144.8	+0.6	+9.5	146.5	+0.6	+9.8
HOUSING	132.4	+1.0	+8.6	128.0	+1.6	+9.1
FUEL AND LIGHT	103.7	-0.1	+8.1	103.8	-0.2	+7.9
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	158.0	+0.2	+18.4	159.0	+0.2	+18.2
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	146.2	-0.8	+7.7	149.3	-0.8	+7.8
DURABLE GOODS	126.2	+0.4	+3.5	125.2	+0.3	+3.4
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	137.4	+0.1	+3.5	137.8	+0.0*	+4.2
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	155.9	+0.6	+14.2	155.3	+0.5	+14.7
SERVICES	157.8	+0.5	+11.7	158.3	+0.6	+11.7
ALL ITEMS	142.4	+0.5	+9.4	142.2	+0.6	+9.5

\* LESS THAN 0.05%

COMPARING JULY 1990 WITH JUNE 1990, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND IN THE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASES IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT, SHRIMPS, CRABS AND SQUIDS.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BECAUSE OF LOWER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES AS WELL AS THE EFFECT OF THE RECENT INCREASE IN N.T. TAXI FARES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B), REFLECTING INCREASES IN THE CHARGES FOR PACKAGE TOURS AND MEDICAL TREATMENT.

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FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR JULY 1990, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$5.0 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE CALL THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 805 6403.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 151.2 IN JULY 1990, UP BY 0.1 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1990 AND BY 11.2 PER CENT OVER JULY 1989. THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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#### MAJOR DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED ANOTHER MAJOR CONTRACT RELATED TO AIRPORT AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE WORTH \$235 CONTRACT MILLION IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE ONE OF THE YAU MA TEI REPLACEMENT TYPHOON SHELTER.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR SIU CHUEN, AND THE DEPUTY GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GAMMON CONSTRUCTION LTD, MR K.L. CHONG, AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN EMPIRE CENTRE, KOWLOON.

"THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TYPHOON SHELTER IS ESSENTIAL TO THE OVERALL WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION SCHEME," MR SIU SAID.

"THIS IS ANOTHER MILESTONE ALONG THE WAY TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW AIRPORT AND THE ROAD, RAIL AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT WHICH IT REQUIRES."

THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE A REPLACEMENT TYPHOON SHELTER OF 70 HECTARES WHICH WILL ENABLE THE EXISTING SHELTER, OF 56 HECTARES, AT YAU MA TEI TO BE RECLAIMED.

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AS WELL AS PROVIDING LAND FOR THE ITEMS RELATED TO THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK, THE PROJECT WILL ALSO CATER FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, PORT, GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND OPEN SPACE USES.

THE CONTRACT COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1,325 METRES OF BREAKWATER, 525 METRES OF VERTICAL SEAWALL AND 25 MOORING DOLPHINS FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE NEW TYPHOON SHELTER AS WELL AS 4.5 HECTARES OF RECLAIMED LAND.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 2.4 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF MARINE MUD WILL BE DREDGED AND DISPOSED OF AT THE MARINE SPOIL GROUND AT SOUTH OF CHEUNG CHAU.

THE REQUIRED ONE MILLION CUBIC METRES OF ROCK/SOFT FILL WILL BE OBTAINED FROM THE LAND BORROW AREA AT TSING YI AND 1.2 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF SAND FILL WON FROM THE MARINE BORROW AREA AT SOUTH TATHONG CHANNEL.

WORKS WILL COMMENCE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND COMPLETE IN MID 1992.

WORKS IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TYPHOON SHELTER REPROVISIONING, COMPRISING THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1,775 METRES OF VERTICAL SEAWALL AND 17.5 HECTARES OF RECLAMATION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TOGETHER WITH THE PROPOSED JORDAN ROAD RECLAMATION PHASE ONE.

PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS HAS BEEN GAZETTED FOR THESE WORKS WITH A VIEW TO COMMENCING WORK IN MARCH 1991.

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#### STEP TOWARDS NEW AIRPORT

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SUBMISSIONS WERE CALLED TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR THE PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS FOR THE ADVANCE WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE NEW AIRPORT TO BE BUILT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

GIVEN THE VERY TIGHT TIME SCALE INVOLVED TO ENSURE THAT THE AIRPORT OPENS ON TIME IN EARLY 1997, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT CERTAIN WORK IS CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR PETER LOK, SAID.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADVANCED WORKS AREA WILL ENSURE THAT WHEN THE MAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE AIRPORT PROJECT IS LET THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE IN AND START WORK STRAIGHT AWAY, WITHOUT HAVING TO BUILD HIS OWN FACILITIES FROM SCRATCH ON THE ISLAND.

TENDERS WILL BE INVITED IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1990 FROM PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADVANCED WORKS AREA.

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AMONG THE MAJOR ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT ARE:

- \* EXCAVATION OF THE NORTHERN HEADLANDS OF CHEK LAP KOK TO FORM ABOUT 14 HECTARES OF LAND;
- \* APPROXIMATELY 15 HECTARES OF RECLAMATION AND THE ASSOCIATED DREDGING OF THE BAY AREA BETWEEN THE HEADLANDS;
- \* A TEMPORARY SEA WALL;
- \* APPROXIMATELY 200 METRES OF A HEAVY LOAD QUAY WITH THE ASSOCIATED DREDGING AND MARINE WORKS;
- \* CLEARANCE, SITE FORMATION AND DRAINAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAND FORMED;
- \* FORMATION OF A VILLAGE RESITE AT WONG LUNG HANG AND THE WIDENING OF ROAD ACCESS; AND
- \* ERECTION OF TEMPORARY SITE OFFICES, WORKSHOP AND ACCOMMODATION.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS 12 MONTHS, STARTING FROM JANUARY 1991, AND THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED PREQUALIFIED SUBMISSIONS IS NOON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 THIS YEAR.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED, AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY, ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, GREINER-MAUNSELL, ENGAGED BY THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

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NEW TRADE DEPARTMENT OFFICES IN MONG KOK

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS SPENDING THE COMING HOLIDAY WEEKEND MOVING TO NEW OFFICES IN MONG KOK, CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ABOVE THE MTR STATION.

THE DEPARTMENT IS AT PRESENT IN OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BUT WILL CEASE OPERATIONS THERE AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT WILL OPEN AT TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER (FORMERLY ARGYLE CENTRE, TOWER II) AT 700 NATHAN ROAD, ON TUESDAY MORNING (AUGUST 28).

THE MOVE WILL RESULT IN SPEEDIER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

DECENTRALISATION OF VARIOUS LICENSING OFFICES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW SERVICES WOULD ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF SOME EXPORT LICENCES THE SAME DAY.

PREVIOUSLY, THE DEPARTMENT'S RECEIPT AND ISSUE COUNTERS FOR THE VARIOUS LICENSING OFFICES WERE CENTRALISED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF OCEAN CENTRE AND WERE OFTEN HEAVILY OVERCROWDED DURING PEAK PERIODS.

AT TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER, ALL RECEIPT AND ISSUE COUNTERS WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE RELEVANT LICENSING OFFICES AND LOCATED AT THE BASEMENT OR ON LOWER FLOORS.

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PARALLEL TO THE INSTANT ISSUE SERVICE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR IMPORT LICENSING, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO EXTEND SUCH SERVICE TO TEXTILES LICENCE APPLICATIONS TO THE NON-RESTRAINED MARKETS, OTHER THAN TWO MARKETS IN EUROPE (SWITZERLAND AND EAST GERMANY).

TEXTILES EXPORT LICENCE APPLICATIONS DESTINED FOR NON-RESTRAINED MARKETS IN EUROPE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO COUNTERS 42 - 45 OF THE EUROPE (TEXTILES CONTROL) BRANCH ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR.

APPLICATIONS DESTINED FOR OTHER GENERAL NON-RESTRAINED MARKETS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL EXPORT LICENSING SECTION OF THE OTHER REGIONS (TEXTILES CONTROL) BRANCH ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

THEY WILL BE SEPARATELY HANDLED BY THE CHINA LICENCE UNIT AT COUNTERS 9 - 21 AND THE NON-CHINA LICENCE UNIT AT COUNTERS 1 - 7.

UNDER THE INSTANT ISSUE SERVICE, APPLICATIONS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY PROCESSED AND THE LICENCE APPROVED AND ISSUED ON THE SPOT PROVIDED THERE ARE NO COMPLICATIONS.

PREVIOUSLY, IT TOOK TWO CLEAR WORKING DAYS TO PROCESS AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXPORT LICENCE COVERING TEXTILE GOODS DESTINED FOR GENERAL NON-RESTRAINED MARKETS.

THE INSTANT LICENSING SERVICE IN RESPECT OF TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE NON-RESTRAINED MARKETS WILL BE PROVIDED DAILY FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 8.45 AM AND 12.15 PM AND 1.30 PM AND 5 PM. ON SATURDAY, IT WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 9 AM TO 12.15 PM.

APPLICATIONS FOR TEXTILE EXPORT LICENCES TO THE RESTRAINED MARKETS WILL BE HANDLED BY THE RESPECTIVE CONTROL BRANCHES. FOR NORTH AMERICA, APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE NORTH AMERICA (TEXTILES CONTROL) BRANCH AT BASEMENT LEVEL.

ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN THE 800-STRONG STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE DECENTRALISATION OF RECEIPT AND ISSUE COUNTERS, THE INTRODUCTION OF AN INSTANT ISSUE SERVICE FOR THE EXPORT OF TEXTILES TO THE NON-RESTRAINED MARKETS, AND THE INSTALLATION OF A DOCUMENT CONVEYOR BELT CONNECTING OVER HALF THE 14 FLOORS OCCUPIED BY THE DEPARTMENT WILL ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC WILL RECEIVE MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE THAN PREVIOUSLY POSSIBLE.

A NEW TELEPHONE LIST OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT'S VARIOUS PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS AND OTHER SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE NEW TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS THE DEPARTMENT HAD PUBLICISED ITS MOVE ON RADIO AND TELEVISION AND IN TRADE JOURNALS AND HAD ALSO ARRANGED FOR A DIRECTIONAL SIGN TO BE ERECTED AT MONG KOK MTR STATION.

THE CAMPAIGN WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH. HE SAID AT TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER, ALL OFFICES AND COUNTERS WOULD BE CLEARLY INDICATED AND THERE SHOULD BE LITTLE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC RESULTING FROM THE MOVE. STAFF WOULD BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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JOINT ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION JOINTLY MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, AND THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 89 PERSONS.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS, FOUR WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT AT THE BORDER. THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAN UK LING FOR REPATRIATION.

THE REMAINING 85 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM YESTERDAY AND ENDED THIS MORNING, THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 22,794 PERSONS, 2,907 VEHICLES AND 475 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

SEVEN PERSONS WERE SUMMONSED AND FIVE PERSONS CHARGED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY. A FURTHER FIVE PERSONS WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1,000.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 2,964 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 12,622 EMPLOYEES HAD THEIR PROOF OF IDENTITY CHECKED DURING THE OPERATION.

THIRTY-THREE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR INSPECTION A RECORD OF EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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TRANSFER OF RESTRICTED BANKING LICENCE

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS GRANTED HIS APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 42 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE LICENCE OF STATE STREET ASIA LIMITED AS A RESTRICTED LICENCE BANK TO STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY.

THE TRANSFER WILL TAKE EFFECT AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON AUGUST 27, 1990.

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YOUNGSTERS' SUPPORT FOR VOTER REGISTRATION SOUGHT

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YOUNGSTERS HAVE BEEN URGED TO SUPPORT THE ONGOING VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE BY ENCOURAGING THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS TO SIGN UP.

THE CALL WAS MADE BY THE ACTING NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PATRICK HO, AT THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) CLOSING CEREMONY HELD TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL, SHEUNG SHUI.

"YOUTH UNDER 21 YEARS OLD, THOUGH NOT ELIGIBLE FOR BEING REGISTERED AS VOTERS, SHOULD STILL PAY ATTENTION TO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE THOSE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER.

"AS FOR RESIDENTS AGED OVER 21, THEY SHOULD COME FORWARD TO REGISTER SO THAT THEY CAN EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARDS, MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR," MR HO SAID.

"OUT OF THE 1.6 MILLION REGISTERED ELECTORS IN HONG KONG, OVER 40,000 COME FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT," HE ADDED.

VOTER REGISTRATION PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTH DISTRICT INCLUDE HOUSEHOLD VISITS, SETTING UP OF TEMPORARY REGISTRATION COUNTERS AT THE FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATIONS AND BUS PARADES.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES AND MAJOR BANKS.

TODAY'S CLOSING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW PERFORMED BY SINGERS, A CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND AN ORIENTAL DANCE TROUPE.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG; THE ACTING POLICE FRONTIER DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR TSUI YIU-KWONG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG KUEN.

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CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION  
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A CARNIVAL TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF VOTER REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 26) AT SITE TWO PODIUM OF WHAMPOA GARDEN IN HUNG HOM.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AS PART OF ITS ACTIVITIES OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION DAY. THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

CARNIVAL PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, KARAOKE, STALL GAMES, VIDEO SHOW, COMPUTER GAMES, CROSSWORD PUZZLE AND CIVIL EDUCATION EXHIBITION.

VOTER REGISTRATION COUNTERS WILL BE SET UP IN THE VENUE TO FACILITATE PARTICIPANTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

A SOUVENIR PRESENTATION CEREMONY, TO BE OFFICIATED BY KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM.

MEANWHILE, A MOBILE BILLBOARD WILL BE GOING AROUND THE DISTRICT FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM TO APPEAL RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS. DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO DISTRIBUTE TO RESIDENTS REGISTRATION FORMS AND HELP THEM FILL IN THE DETAILS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION DAY CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 26) AT SITE TWO PODIUM, WHAMPOA GARDEN, HUNG HOM. THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM WHILE THE SOUVENIR PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB TO DISCUSS TOWN PLANNING BILL  
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 28).

THE BILL AIMS AT PREVENTING FARM LAND FROM BEING USED FOR PURPOSES THAT CREATED ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

AT THE SAME TIME, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF NINE-YEAR FREE EDUCATION.

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OTHER AGENDA ITEMS WILL INCLUDE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 28) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, THIRD FLOOR, TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 9.30 AM.

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SIX MORE CHEMICALS UNDER EXPORT LICENSING CONTROL

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SIX MORE CHEMICALS CAPABLE OF BEING USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF TOXICOLOGICAL AGENTS FOR MILITARY USE WILL BE BROUGHT UNDER EXPORT LICENSING CONTROL FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

DETAILS OF THE LICENSING CONTROL ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ACTING PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, MS ANITA TSE, SAID THE CONTROL ON THE SIX CHEMICALS WAS IN ADDITION TO EXISTING EXPORT LICENSING CONTROL ON 15 OTHER CHEMICALS INTRODUCED SINCE FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

"THE CHANGE IS PART OF A CONTINUING EFFORT OF THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, TO PREVENT PROLIFERATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

"THE CONTROL ON THE EXPORT OF A NUMBER OF CHEMICALS IS BASICALLY A PREVENTIVE MEASURE. AT PRESENT, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE TRADE THROUGH HONG KONG HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROBLEM OF PROLIFERATION," MS TSE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOTIFYING THE TRADE OF DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENT BY CIRCULAR LETTER.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE WITH THE TRADE LICENSING (NON-TEXTILES) BRANCH, TRADE DEPARTMENT, TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER, FIFTH FLOOR, 700 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON (TELEPHONE NUMBERS: 398 5576 OR 398 5577).

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KAU LUNG HANG INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLAN GAZETTED

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THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE GAZETTING OF ONE MORE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLAN FOR KAU LUNG HANG, NEAR THE TAI PO NEW TOWN, FURTHER TO THE PUBLICATION OF 10 INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS LAST FRIDAY.

THE KAU LUNG HANG PLAN COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 275 HECTARES.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED TO REGULATE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA IN ORDER TO PREVENT FURTHER INFILTRATION OF OPEN STORAGES ONTO AGRICULTURAL LAND.

ON THE PLAN, A NUMBER OF AREAS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT TO CATER FOR NECESSARY EXPANSION OF THE ESTABLISHED VILLAGES.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, PERMISSION WILL BE REQUIRED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA, UNLESS IT IS PERMITTED AS SPELT OUT UNDER THE PLAN.

DEVELOPMENT IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE PLANS WILL BE SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS UPON COMMENCEMENT OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

ON ENACTMENT THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS WILL BE INCLUDED IN STATUTORY DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS, AND THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING COULD THEN SERVE NOTICE REQUIRING REINSTATEMENT OF THE LAND TO THE CONDITION IT WAS IN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE GAZETTING OF THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS OR RESTORATION OF THE LAND TO HIS SATISFACTION.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID EXISTING USES WOULD BE TOLERATED WITHIN THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS. PERMISSION GRANTED BY THE DIRECTOR WOULD BE HONOURED WHEN THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS ARE INCLUDED INTO STATUTORY DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS.

IF PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT IS REQUIRED, AN APPLICATION FOR SUCH PERMISSION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG. APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL REGISTRY, PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

INDIGENOUS NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGERS WISHING TO APPLY FOR SMALL HOUSE SITES IN AREAS COVERED BY THE NEW INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA SHOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY DIRECT TO THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER.

THE KAU LUNG HANG INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED UNTIL OCTOBER 24 THIS YEAR AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

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- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- \* PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICES.

COPIES OF THE PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 EACH COLOURED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR FOOTBRIDGE IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AT THE JUNCTION OF CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND GRANVILLE ROAD.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE WILL PROVIDE A SAFE PEDESTRIAN LINK ACROSS CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH TO EAST TSIM SHA TSUI, AS WELL AS ACROSS GRANVILLE ROAD TO THE PROPOSED MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THERE WILL BE TWO ASCENDING ESCALATORS AT BOTH EDNS OF THE FOOTBRIDGE TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIANS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CARRY OUT EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPE WORK TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE AREA.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT'S STRUCTURES DIVISION AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY ITS KOWLOON REGION.

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GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF SHOPS AT NO. 48 AND NO. 50 CENTRE STREET IN SAI YING PUN.

THE PROPERTIES WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 108 SQUARE METRES, EACH COMPRISED GROUND FLOOR AND COCKLOFT, ARE TO BE USED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES ONLY.

THE INITIAL TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS, COMMENCING FROM THE DATE OF POSSESSION.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 21.

THE FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND TENDER AGREEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 1ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN KWAI CHUNG TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD A NEW ROAD -- ROAD 27E -- CONNECTING TAI YUEN STREET TO CHEUNG WING ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG AND TO WIDEN A SECTION OF KWOK SHUI ROAD AND TAI YUEN STREET TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC CONDITION IN THE AREA.

THE PROPOSED WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE PROSPECTIVE GRANTEE OF A NEW LOT, WHO WILL SURRENDER THE EXISTING LOTS -- KWAI CHUNG TOWN LOT NOS. 8 AND 10 -- AS A POSITIVE OBLIGATION IMPOSED UNDER THE GRANT CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSALS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 11TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- \* KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 23 THIS YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR HOLLYWOOD ROAD PARK

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ORIENTAL STYLE PARK AT HOLLYWOOD ROAD, SHEUNG WAN.

FACILITIES OF THE 4,500-SQUARE-METRE PARK WILL INCLUDE A TAI CHI GARDEN, "PAI LAUS", PAVILIONS, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, A FOUNTAIN, PUBLIC TOILETS AND A SERVICE BLOCK.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED BY JULY NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 14.

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OLD-TYPE ID CARDS INVALID AS FROM AUGUST 28

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED MEN BORN BETWEEN 1928 AND 1940 THAT THEIR OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987 WILL BECOME INVALID FROM TUESDAY (AUGUST 28).

"THIS IS THE EIGHTH BATCH OF IDENTITY CARDS DECLARED INVALID SINCE THIS NEW IDENTITY CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME STARTED ON JULY 1, 1987," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT ONCE AN OLD CARD WAS DECLARED INVALID, IT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE.

"FOR EXAMPLE, MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP HOLDING AN INVALID OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR TRAVELLING ABROAD OR TO APPLY FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT," HE SAID.

"HOWEVER, THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR SPECIFIED CARD REPLACEMENT PERIODS DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OR ANY OTHER REASONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES," HE ADDED.

THESE CASES WILL BE LOOKED INTO THOROUGHLY AND DEALT WITH ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN SEPTEMBER  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 20 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE	TIME
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SEPTEMBER 3 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 4 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 5 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 6 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 7 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 10 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 11 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 12 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
SEPTEMBER 13 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 14 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 17 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 18 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 19 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
SEPTEMBER 20 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 21 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 24 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 25 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 26 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 27 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 28 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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PUBLIC SUPPORT URGED FOR 'BEATING RETREAT' SHOW  
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO SUPPORT THE "BEATING RETREAT" SHOW BY SCOUTS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) NEXT MONTH.

ACTING SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (YOUNG OFFENDERS) OF THE CSD, MR TAM KAM-CHUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT SCOUTING ACTIVITIES FORMED AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMME FOR TRAINING CENTRE INMATES.

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"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH SCOUTING ACTIVITIES, THE INMATES CAN DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALS AND CULTIVATE SELF-CONFIDENCE, AND TO APPRECIATE THE MEANING OF DISCIPLINE AND TEAMWORK SPIRIT," HE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT HELD A TRAM PARADE THIS AFTERNOON TO PUBLICISE "BEATING RETREAT".

A SPECIALLY DECORATED TRAM SET OFF ITS ROUND TRIP FROM THE WHITTY STREET TRAM TERMINAL IN WESTERN, PASSED THROUGH CENTRAL AND CAUSEWAY BAY AREAS BEFORE TURNING BACK.

ON THE TRAM TRIP, CSD SCOUTS ON BOARD PRESENTED BAND PERFORMANCES TO THE PASSERS-BY.

THE PARADE STARTED AT 4 PM AND LASTED ABOUT TWO HOURS.

"BEATING RETREAT" WILL BE STAGED BY A GROUP OF TRAINING CENTRE INMATES OF THE 221ST HONG KONG ISLAND SCOUT GROUP AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT WILL BE DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$10 EACH ARE NOW ON SALE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS.

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CSD CAREER DISPLAY FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS  
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YUEN LONG RESIDENTS CAN NOW GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) BY VISITING A CAREER DISPLAY HELD AT THE LONG PING PLAZA, LONG PING ESTATE STARTING TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FOUR-DAY DISPLAY IS PART OF THE LONG PING SUMMER CARNIVAL HELD FROM TODAY UNTIL MONDAY (AUGUST 27).

A CSD SPOKESMAN SAID THE DISPLAY IN YUEN LONG WAS THE LAST IN A SERIES OF CAREER EXHIBITIONS HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST MONTH TO PUBLICISE CSD'S WORK AND TO RECRUIT OFFICERS.

"WHILE PREVIOUS DISPLAYS WERE MOSTLY HELD IN URBAN AREAS, THIS TIME THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO MOUNT A DISPLAY IN THE MORE REMOTE NEW TOWN OF YUEN LONG SO THAT RESIDENTS THERE CAN ALSO HAVE EASY ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT OUR WORK," HE SAID.

IT WAS HOPED THAT AFTER VISITING THE DISPLAY, MORE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE DEPARTMENT, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APART FROM THE YUEN LONG DISPLAY, THE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY HELD FIVE DISPLAYS AT SHOPPING CENTRES AND MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS, ATTRACTING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF VISITORS.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN FOOTBALL SEASON

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM SUNDAY (AUGUST 26) THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON EACH FOOTBALL MATCH DAY AT HONG KONG STADIUM IN HAPPY VALLEY THROUGHOUT THE 90/91 FOOTBALL SEASON.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR BOTH DAY AND NIGHT MATCHES.

(A) THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ONE AND A HALF HOURS PRIOR TO THE KICK-OFF OF EACH MATCH:

- (I) CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- (II) CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES IN THE AREA.
- (III) EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND; BUT VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL CARPARK FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED.
- (IV) LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND HAPPY VIEW TERRACE WILL BE ROUTED ONE WAY UPHILL; VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON CAROLINE HILL ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT ONTO LINK ROAD SHOULD THE POLICE CONSIDERS NECESSARY AND THE SITUATION WARRANTS; VEHICLES EXITING FROM UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL SHALL PROCEED DOWN VIA BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.
- (V) WESTBOUND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON HYSAN AVENUE WILL BE DIVERTED TO TURN LEFT ONTO EASTBOUND LEIGHTON ROAD.
- (VI) SOUTHBOUND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON SUN WUI ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT ONTO WESTBOUND LEIGHTON ROAD.
- (VII) THE SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.
- (VIII) TRAFFIC CONES MAY BE LAID ON THE SECTION OF LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN HYSAN AVENUE AND CAROLINE HILL ROAD TO ALLOW FOR TWO LANES OF EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.

(B) THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE MATCH:

- (I) CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- (II) CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

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(III) LINK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO OR FROM PREMISES AT LINK ROAD VIA BROADWOOD ROAD.

(C) ON COMPLETION OF THE MATCH, CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD, AND EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BY THE POLICE TO FACILITATE CROWD DISPERSAL SHOULD THE SITUATION WARRANT.

THE BUS STOP ON EASTBOUND LEIGHTON ROAD NEAR MATHESON STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM ONE AND A HALF HOURS BEFORE TO 15 MINUTES AFTER THE KICK-OFF OF EACH NIGHT MATCH, WHEN THE SITUATION REQUIRES.

ON JOURNEYS TO CAUSEWAY BAY,

(I) PLB (GREEN MINIBUS) ROUTES 5 AND 14M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND MORRISON HILL ROAD TO LEIGHTON ROAD;

(II) PLB (GREEN MINIBUS) ROUTE 28A WILL HAVE ITS SERVICE SUSPENDED; AND

(III) PLB (GREEN MINIBUS) ROUTES 30 AND 30A WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD TO HYSAN AVENUE.

ON DAY MATCHES BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4.30 PM AND NIGHT MATCHES BETWEEN 7 PM AND 8.30 PM ALL LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ENTER MATHESON STREET; LEIGHTON ROAD SECTION SOUTH OF IRVING STREET JUNCTION, RUSSELL STREET AND SHARP STREET EAST.

ALL ON-STREET CARPARKING SPACES IN THE FOLLOWING PATHS/ROADS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE TIME SPECIFIED BELOW TO 30 MINUTES AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE MATCH.

(I) SUN WUI ROAD  
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DAY MATCH 2.00 PM

NIGHT MATCH 6.00 PM

DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SUSPENSION, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PERMITTED TO WAIT THEREAT UNDER THE DIRECTIVE GIVEN BY ON-SITE POLICE OFFICERS.

(II) STADIUM PATH  
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DAY MATCH 12.00 NOON

NIGHT MATCH 4.00 PM

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(III) UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM  
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DAY MATCH	12.00 NOON
NIGHT MATCH	4.00 PM

ANY VEHICLE FOUND ILLEGALLY PARKED WITHIN THE PRECINCT OF THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS SPECIFIED ABOVE MAY BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

ON COMPLETION OF THE MATCH AND AFTER THE MAJORITY OF SPECTATORS HAVE BEEN CLEARED FROM THE ROADS/STREETS LISTED ABOVE, THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL RESUME NORMAL.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 26), THE EXISTING RIGHT-TURNING MOVEMENT FROM NORTHBOUND CHIU KWONG STREET ONTO EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE BANNED.

VEHICLES ON QUEEN'S ROAD WEST HEADING FOR EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WATER STREET.

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