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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JULY, 1979

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS FOR JULY WAS \$6,828 MILLION, MADE UP OF \$5,174 MILLION IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND \$1,653 MILLION RE-EXPORTS.

THIS WAS REVEALED IN THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JULY PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY).

IMPORTS FOR JULY WERE WORTH \$7,542 MILLION AND THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR THE MONTH WAS \$714 MILLION.

COMMENTING ON THESE TRADE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN INTERPRETING THE FIGURES, ONE MUST NOTE THAT A +747 JUMBO+ AIRCRAFT WHICH IS WORTH ABOUT \$250 MILLION WAS IMPORTED IN JULY.

SO, ALTHOUGH THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR JULY, AT \$714 MILLION, WAS LARGER THAN THAT FOR JULY LAST YEAR AT \$546 MILLION, THE UNDERLYING TREND ILLUSTRATED BY THESE FIGURES IS THAT THE PROPORTION OF IMPORTS WHICH ARE NOT PAID FOR BY EXPORT EARNINGS, THE SO-CALLED VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+, HAS CONTINUED TO NARROW AND, IN ADDITION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT IN ABSOLUTE TERMS HAS ALSO BEGUN TO NARROW, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1979 AT \$6,626 MILLION WAS ABOUT 14 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS. IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR THE PROPORTION WAS ABOUT 16 PER CENT.

TOTAL EXPORTS HAVE CONTINUED TO GROW FASTER THAN IMPORTS. COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1978, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JULY INCREASED BY 47 PER CENT AND THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS BY 69 PER CENT.

SO, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, THAT IS, DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS, INCREASED BY 52 PER CENT. THIS IS FASTER THAN THE INCREASE IN IMPORTS AT 49 PER CENT (OR 45 PER CENT EXCLUDING THE +JUMBO+ AIRCRAFT).

COMPARING FIGURES FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS THIS YEAR WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1978, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS 36 PER CENT HIGHER, RE-EXPORTS 57 PER CENT HIGHER, AND THE TOTAL EXPORTS 41 PER CENT UP. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WAS 38 PER CENT HIGHER.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN COMMENTED THAT THE TRADE FIGURES FOR JULY CONFIRMED THE VIEW TAKEN WHEN THE TRADE FIGURES FOR JUNE WERE RELEASED THAT IN RECENT MONTHS, THERE HAS BEEN A RELATIVE SHIFT OF RESOURCES IN FAVOUR OF THE EXPORT SECTOR.

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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE  
FIGURES FOR JULY:-

MERCHANDISE:

DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$5,174 MILLION
RE-EXPORTS	:	\$1,653 MILLION
TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$6,828 MILLION
IMPORTS	:	\$7,542 MILLION
TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 714 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	MAY - JULY 1979	MAY - JULY 1978	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	14,312	10,240	+ 4,072	+ 39.8
RE-EXPORTS	5,054	3,263	+ 1,791	+ 54.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	19,367	13,504	+ 5,863	+ 43.4
IMPORTS	21,381	15,242	+ 6,140	+ 40.3
TRADE BALANCE	- 2,014	- 1,738	- 276	

<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	JULY 1979	JULY 1978	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	5,174 (75.8%)	3,523 (78.3%)	+ 1,651	+ 46.9
RE-EXPORTS	1,653	979	+ 675	+ 69.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	6,828	4,502	+ 2,326	+ 51.7
IMPORTS	7,542	5,048	+ 2,494	+ 49.4
TRADE BALANCE	- 714	- 546	- 168	

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<u>LAST MONTH</u>	JULY 1979	JUNE 1979	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	5,174 (75.8%)	4,590 (72.5%)	+ 584	+ 12.7
RE-EXPORTS	1,653	1,745	- 92	- 5.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	6,828	6,335	+ 493	+ 7.8
IMPORTS	7,542	6,965	+ 577	+ 8.3
TRADE BALANCE	- 714	- 630	- 84	

<u>CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE</u>	JAN. - JULY 1979	JAN. - JULY 1978	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	28,583 (72.5%)	20,992 (75.2%)	+ 7,590	+ 36.2
RE-EXPORTS	10,849	6,915	+ 3,935	+ 56.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	39,432	27,907	+11,525	+ 41.3
IMPORTS	46,058	33,306	+12,752	+ 38.3
TRADE BALANCE	- 6,626	- 5,399	- 1,227	

<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	AUGUST 1978 TO JULY 1979	AUGUST 1977 TO JULY 1978	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	48,302	36,824	+11,478	+ 31.2
RE-EXPORTS	17,132	11,319	+ 5,813	+ 51.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	65,434	48,143	+17,291	+ 35.9
IMPORTS	75,807	54,328	+21,479	+ 39.5
TRADE BALANCE	-10,373	- 6,185	- 4,188	

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MONTHLY TRAIN STUDENT TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE  
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THE NEW STUDENT MONTHLY TICKETS FOR TRAVEL ON KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (KCR) WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM ALL RAILWAY BOOKING OFFICES FROM TUESDAY (AUGUST 28).

THE TICKETS, NOW ISSUED MONTHLY INSTEAD OF EVERY SIX MONTHS, WILL BE VALID FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

+THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WAS DESIGNED TO EASE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON STUDENTS' FAMILIES FOLLOWING AN ANNOUNCEMENT EARLIER IN THE YEAR OF A REVISION OF STUDENT FARES TO BE IMPLEMENTED OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR KCR SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE NEW FARE STRUCTURE FOR THE STUDENT MONTHLY TICKET WILL BE:

- \* FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1979 -- \$6-\$16, DEPENDING ON THE DISTANCE =
- \* FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1980 -- \$6-\$24, DEPENDING ON THE DISTANCE = AND
- \* FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1981 -- THE EQUIVALENT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY CHILD FARE (I.E. 50 PER CENT OF THE ADULT FARE.)

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT STUDENT FARES HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 1957.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED THREE DAYS GRACE TO RENEW THEIR TICKETS AT THE END OF EACH MONTH.

HOWEVER, IF A STUDENT MISPLACES HIS TICKET, THEN HE MUST RE-APPLY IN THE NORMAL WAY, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEW STUDENT TICKETS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND THE TICKETS FROM THE RAILWAY'S BOOKING OFFICES.

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NEW EQUIPMENT -- A BIG BOOST TO GOVERNMENT LAB  
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THE FORENSIC DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY WILL RECEIVE A BIG BOOST IN ITS CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE AGAINST CRIMINALS FOLLOWING THE RECENT ACQUISITION OF SOPHISTICATED LABORATORY EQUIPMENT.

THE NEW ARRAY OF EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH THOSE ON ORDER COST \$2.5 MILLION. THEY WILL ENABLE THE DIVISION TO PRODUCE DEFINITIVE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE FROM EXHIBITS WHICH COULD ONLY BE CURSORILY EXAMINED IN THE PAST DUE TO THEIR MINUTE SIZE, TRACE QUANTITY AND COMPLEXITY, SAID DR. A.J. NUTTEN, THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST.

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+SOME OF THIS MODERN APPARATUS ALSO ALLOW US TO SCRUTINISE EXHIBITS WITHOUT DESTROYING THEM. THEY ARE CERTAINLY A GREAT HELP IN THE WORK OF FORENSIC SCIENCE PARTICULARLY IN PRESERVING THE EXHIBITS FOR COURT PURPOSES,+ HE SAID.

AMONG THE NEW ACQUISITIONS ARE A MICROSPECTROPHOTOMETER, AND ON ORDER IS A SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE WITH A COUPLED ENERGY DISPERSIVE X-RAY ANALYSER.

THE MICROSPECTROPHOTOMETER CAN BE USED FOR EXAMINING AMONG OTHER THINGS MILLIMETRE LENGTHS OF FIBRES RESULTING FROM CONTACT BETWEEN VICTIM AND SUSPECT AND FOR COMPARING THE DISTINCTIVE COLOURS OF FIBRES, WHILE THE ELECTRON MICROSCOPE, WHICH HAS A MAGNIFYING POWER UP TO 200,000 TIMES IS 200 TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN AN ORDINARY OPTICAL MICROSCOPE. IT MAKES THE VISUAL EXAMINATION OF ITEMS IN TRACE QUANTITY LIKE PAINT, RUBBER, AND FIBRES EASIER.

THE DIVISION HAS ALSO ACQUIRED A NEWLY DEVELOPED ELECTROSTATIC DETECTION APPARATUS WHICH IS A VALUABLE INSTRUMENT IN DERIVING VITAL INFORMATION FROM DOCUMENTS.

APART FROM THE USE OF NEW EQUIPMENT, THE DIVISION CONTINUES TO KEEP ABREAST OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN FORENSIC SCIENCE BY MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACTS WITH ITS COUNTERPARTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

MR. RONALD EDGLEY, THE CHIEF CHEMIST IN CHARGE OF THE DIVISION SAID: +MUCH VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED THROUGH THESE CONTACTS.+

+IT IS ALSO HEARTENING TO NOTE THAT WE ARE UP TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND IN SOME AREAS ARE EVEN AHEAD. FOR EXAMPLE, OUR ANALYTICAL METHODS IN EXAMINING QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS ARE ON A PAR WITH THE BEST FORENSIC LABORATORY,+ HE SAID.

WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF MODERN EQUIPMENT AND THE EXPERIENCE OF THE STAFF, THE DIVISION PROVIDES SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE NOT ONLY AGAINST THE CULPRITS BUT TO ESTABLISH THE INNOCENCE OF OTHERS.

CITING AN EXAMPLE, DR. NUTTEN SAID A TAXI-DRIVER WAS ACCUSED OF DELIBERATELY RAMMING HIS CAR INTO A POLICE MOTORCYCLE, THEREBY CAUSING THE BIKE TO HIT A GOODS VEHICLE AND INJURING THE RIDER.

THE TAXI-DRIVER DENIED ANY CONTACT WITH THE MOTORCYCLE. HOWEVER, AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES OF PAINT FRAGMENTS, PLASTIC SMEARS, GREASE MARKS AND THE MOTORCYCLIST'S CLOTHING COLLECTED BOTH AT THE SCENE AND FROM THE VEHICLES INVOLVED, THE LABORATORY CLEARLY ESTABLISHED THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE INCIDENT.

+WHEN PRESENTED WITH THE EVIDENCE, THE TAXI-DRIVER QUICKLY CHANGED HIS PLEA TO GUILTY,+ HE SAID.

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HK'S YOUTH SYMPHONY AND CHINESE ORCHESTRAS  
GIVE COMBINED CONCERT IN U.K.

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THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA MADE MUSICAL HISTORY WHEN THEY GAVE A COMBINED CONCERT AT THE LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL, ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 21) BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF 2,000 PEOPLE.

THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OPENED PERFORMANCE WITH FANFARE IN WHICH THEY WERE JOINED BY A YOUTH ORCHESTRA FROM LIVERPOOL AND THE METROPOLITAN POLICE BAND.

IT THEN PERFORMED THE REPERTOIRE WHICH BY NOW HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY PREPARED AND REHEARSED, AND WHICH MUSIC CRITIC OF LIVERPOOL POST DESCRIBED AS +FASCINATING+.

YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA FOLLOWED WITH PROGRAMME OF CLASSICAL CHINESE MUSIC. +THIS IS WHERE EAST MEETS WEST+ WAS HOW LIVERPOOL POST DESCRIBED THE PERFORMANCE.

THEN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ANY ENGLISH CATHEDRAL, A CHINESE ORCHESTRA ACCOMPANIED A MIME BALLET COMPANY IN A PRODUCTION OF +THE MONKEY KING+.

THE DANCERS, IN THEIR COLOURFUL COSTUMES AND MAKE-UP, GAVE DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION OF FAMOUS EPISODE FROM THE CLASSICAL CHINESE NOVEL AND THRILLED AUDIENCE WITH THEIR SKILL, GRACE AND COMIC GESTURES. PERFORMANCE PROMPTED MUSIC CRITIC OF LIVERPOOL POST TO ASK: +WHY SHOULD NOT OUR YOUTH ORCHESTRA TRY PLAYING CHINESE MUSIC?+

THE LORD MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL DESCRIBED THE OCCASION AS +A HISTORIC UNION BETWEEN THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND LIVERPOOL+.

AND YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) THE TWO YOUTH ORCHESTRAS GAVE THEIR FIRST PERFORMANCE IN LONDON IN THE JUBILEE GARDENS ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE THAMES.

BEFORE THE OPEN-AIR PERFORMANCE TWO LIONS DANCED THEIR WAY FROM COUNTY HALL, HEADQUARTERS OF THE GREATER LONDON COUNCIL, TO THE GARDENS.

MANY SURPRISED ONLOOKERS FOLLOWED THEM AND STAYED TO HEAR THE CONCERT, WHICH OPENED WITH A FANFARE PERFORMED BY THE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

THE ORCHESTRA PERFORMED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA TOOK OVER FOR THE SECOND.

THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WAS CONDUCTED BY MR. DAVID STONE, MUSIC CONSULTANT TO THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT, AND MR. THOMAS WANG. ITS PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDED COMPOSITIONS BY RAVEL AND STRAUSS, WAS ROUNDLY APPLAUDED BY THE LARGE AUDIENCE.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, CONDUCTED BY MR. TONG LEUNG TAK, PERFORMED CLASSICAL AND MODERN CHINESE MUSIC. THE AUDIENCE RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO BOTH THE MUSIC AND A PERFORMANCE OF TRADITION CHINESE DANCES.

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EARLIER, THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE GREATER LONDON COUNCIL, MR. JOHN WARD, GAVE A RECEPTION FOR THE ORCHESTRAS AT COUNTY HALL.

HE WELCOMED THE YOUNG HONG KONG MUSICIANS TO LONDON AND SAID LONDONERS WERE FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO WITNESS THE CULTURE AND TRADITIONS OF HONG KONG.

MR. WARD PRESENTED MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR. GORDON SIU, WITH A SOUVENIR PLAQUE, THEN DOTTED THE EYES OF THE TWO LIONS.

MR. SIU SAID THE ORCHESTRAS WERE GLAD TO BE ABLE TO SHARE SOME OF HONG KONG'S CULTURE WITH PEOPLE IN THE U.K. HE PRESENTED THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN WITH A JADE FLOWER PLANT AS A SOUVENIR OF THE VISIT.

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RELAXED CRITERIA IN RELIEF APPLICATION FOR FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR  
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FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR APPLYING FOR BENEFITS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR DEPENDANTS UNDER THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO PROVE THAT THEIR INCAPACITY TO EARN A LIVING IS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO INJURIES OR HARDSHIP SUFFERED WHILST IN CAPTIVITY.

THIS RELAXED CRITERIA HAS COME INTO EFFECT FOLLOWING THE RECENT ENACTMENT OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

THE FUND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1947 UNDER THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND ORDINANCE AND IS ADMINISTERED BY A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ITS MAIN PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE, EDUCATION, BENEFIT OR ADVANCEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES AND ORGANISATIONS LISTED IN THE ORDINANCE WHO SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THE PACIFIC WAR, AND THEIR DEPENDANTS.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 101 BENEFICIARIES. THE CURRENT RATES OF ALLOWANCE PER MONTH ARE \$870 FOR A SINGLE PERSON, \$1,740 FOR A COUPLE, \$580 FOR EACH OF THE FIRST TWO DEPENDANT CHILDREN AND \$445 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT CHILD.

THE LIST OF FORCES AND ORGANISATIONS, WHOSE MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS FROM THE FUND, NOW ALSO COVERS THE AUXILIARY NURSING SERVICE, THE ROYAL NAVAL YARD POLICE AND THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

OTHER FORCES AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE LIST ARE: THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER FORCE, THE HONG KONG ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE, THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS AND THE AUXILIARY AND AFFILIATED UNITS THEREOF, THE HONG KONG CORPS OF AIR RAID WARDENS, THE HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE, THE HONG KONG CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS, AS SPECIFIED BELOW -- AUXILIARY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, AUXILIARY CONSERVANCY CORPS, AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE, AUXILIARY LABOUR CORPS, AUXILIARY MEDICAL CORPS, AUXILIARY ORDNANCE CORPS, AUXILIARY QUARTERING CORPS, AUXILIARY SUPPLY CORPS, AUXILIARY TRANSPORT SERVICE, CIVIL PAY AND ACCOUNTS SERVICE, PUBLIC WORKS CORPS AND AUXILIARY RESCUE AND DEMOLITION CORPS -- HIS MAJESTY'S REGULAR ARMED FORCES.

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APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ELIGIBLE PERSONS OR FROM OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE, AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS (TEL: 5-776958).

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P.W.D.'S MASS TRANSIT DIVISION  
INVOLVED WITH RE-INSTATEMENT WORK  
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THE MASS TRANSIT DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH THE CO-ORDINATION OF RE-INSTATEMENT PROPOSALS AS THE VARIOUS STAGES OF THE MTR'S MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM NEAR COMPLETION.

A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THIS INVOLVEMENT INCLUDED CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE MTR CORPORATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED IN THE PLANNING OF THE NECESSARY TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS.

+ADDITIONALLY,+ HE EXPLAINED, +THE DIVISION CO-ORDINATES THE PLANNING AND DESIGN WORK ON TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES, AND THE STRATEGIC TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLANS TO BRING CONDITIONS IN CENTRAL KOWLOON BACK TO NORMAL.+

BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE THIS YEAR THE CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE TSUEN WAN EXTENSION OF THE MTR WAS IN FULL SWING.

THE DIVISION WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE CORPORATION, THEIR CONTRACTORS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR DEPARTMENTS AND IN ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF PROPOSALS FOR THE DIVERSION OF TRAFFIC.

AT THE SAME TIME THE PWD'S MASS TRANSIT OFFICE CONTINUED ITS LIAISON WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES COVERING THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MTR WORKS.

THIS INCLUDED THE RESOLVING OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM AND TSUEN WAN EXTENSION.

OF SPECIAL CONCERN IS THE COMPLETION IN TIME OF THE VARIOUS BUS TERMINI TO COPE WITH MTR PASSENGERS DUE TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE COMMISSIONING DATES OF SOME OF THE +TUBE+ STATIONS.

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS BEING PAID TO ON-STREET BUS STOPPING FACILITIES FOR ARGYLE STATION, AND THE BUS TERMINI FOR KWUN TONG AND ADMIRALTY STATIONS.

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EDUCATIONIST RETIRING AFTER 22 YEARS' GOVERNMENT SERVICE  
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AN EDUCATIONIST WHO HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG IS RETIRING AFTER 22 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. P.S. SUN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES) WAS PRESENTED WITH A COLOUR TELEVISION SET AS A MEMENTO FROM HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

MR. COLVYN HAYE, ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WHO PRESENTED THE MEMENTO, SAID: +MR. SUN WILL BE PARTICULARLY REMEMBERED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION, THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME WHICH IS RAPIDLY EXTENDING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES, AND FOR LAUNCHING THE STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICER SCHEME.

+HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS COLLEAGUES IN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE SCHOOLS.+

MR. SUN FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN SEPTEMBER, 1957 AS AN ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICER, AND WAS PROMOTED TO EDUCATION OFFICER IN 1961.

+HIS SPECIAL TALENTS THEN LED TO HIS SELECTION FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION SERVICE WHICH HE EVENTUALLY ROSE TO HEAD BEFORE AGAIN BEING CHOSEN TO LEAD A NEWLY CREATED SERVICES DIVISION,+ MR. HAYE SAID.

THE SERVICES DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AND THE STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICER SCHEME.

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SHA TO ATTEND 'GOOD NEIGHBOURS NITE' VARIETY SHOW  
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN WILL ATTEND A +GOOD NEIGHBOURS NITE+ VARIETY SHOW AT NO. 5 PLAYGROUND, LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE AT 8 P.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS, MR. WALDEN WILL BE JOINED BY THE ICAC REPRESENTATIVE, MR. AUTUMN MA AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF STUDENTS AND YOUTH DEPARTMENT OF YWCA, MRS. RUBY HON TO PERFORM AN OPENING CEREMONY.

THE SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (WONG TAI SIN), THE ICAC MEI TUNG SUB-OFFICE AND THE YWCA.

IT AIMS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG THE RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT THROUGH AN ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE +GOOD NEIGHBOURS NITE+ VARIETY SHOW AT NO. 5 PLAYGROUND BETWEEN BLOCKS 29 AND 30, LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE AT 8 P.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD  
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A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR LEK YUEN AND WO CHE ESTATES IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 A.M. ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 28) FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE THERE.

THE SECTION TO BE CLOSED IS FROM THE JUNCTION OF TAI PO ROAD, SHA TIN BY-PASS AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO THE JUNCTION OF TAI PO ROAD AND SHA TIN BY-PASS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ALL TRAFFIC USING THIS SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA SHA TIN BY-PASS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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