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SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES TO BE SPECIAL ADVISER
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES WOULD BE APPOINTED AS SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG WHEN SIR DAVID WILSON TAKES UP HIS POST AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG IN APRIL.

SIR DAVID WILL SERVE AS SPECIAL ADVISER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1987.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE APPOINTMENT WAS BEING MADE UPON THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE SO AS TO MAKE USE OF SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES'S WIDE EXPERIENCE IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF SIR DAVID WILSON.

THE APPOINTMENT WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT IN MAINTAINING CONTINUITY AT THE MOST SENIOR LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND IN PROVIDING THE NEW GOVERNOR WITH ADVICE ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS FOR SOME MONTHS AFTER HE HAS TAKEN UP HIS POST.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT MR DAVID FORD WILL BE APPOINTED AS CHIEF SECRETARY WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 12, 1987.

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SIR DAVID PLEASED WITH NEW APPOINTMENT
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO STAY ON FOR A FEW MONTHS IN THE CAPACITY AS SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE NEW GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THIS MORNING'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, SIR DAVID SAID: +I'M VERY GLAD TO HAVE BEEN ASKED BY SIR DAVID WILSON TO STAY ON FOR A FEW MONTHS IN THIS SPECIAL CAPACITY AND I LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO THOSE FEW MONTHS.+

ASKED WHETHER THE APPOINTMENT WAS +TOO SHORT+, HE SAID IT WOULD BE JUST RIGHT, +JUST EXACTLY WHAT SIR DAVID WILSON HAS ASKED.+

SIR DAVID SAID HE INTENDED TO LIVE IN HONG KONG AFTER RETIREMENT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO SPECIFIC POST-RETIREMENT PLANS AT THE MOMENT.

COMMENTING ON SIR DAVID'S NEW APPOINTMENT, THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED THAT SIR DAVID WOULD STAY ON FOR A PERIOD LONGER.

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+I THINK HIS EXPERIENCE IN HONG KONG IS UNIQUE. I THINK IT IS VERY GOOD FOR HONG KONG, IT IS VERY GOOD FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND I'M PERSONALLY VERY PLEASED ABOUT IT,+ HE SAID.

MR FORD ADDED THAT HIS FUTURE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH SIR DAVID WOULD BE A VERY GOOD ONE.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY OVERLAP IN THE WORK BETWEEN THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND THE SPECIAL ADVISER, MR FORD SAID THE BASIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY WOULD BE UNCHANGED.

IN REPLY TO A SIMILAR QUESTION FROM REPORTERS EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MRS IRENE YAU, SAID: +THERE IS VERY CLEARLY DEFINED STRUCTURE IN THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATION AND IN THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF THE GOVERNOR, CHIEF SECRETARY, POLITICAL ADVISER AND BRANCH SECRETARIES.

+THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS STRUCTURE; IT WILL BE FOR THE GOVERNOR TO DECIDE WHEN TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE SPECIAL ADVISER,+ SHE ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER THE SPECIAL ADVISER WOULD HAVE ANY SPECIAL TASKS, MRS YAU SAID IT WAS NOT ENVISAGED THAT HE WOULD BE GIVEN PARTICULAR SUBJECTS TO DEAL WITH ON AN EXECUTIVE BASIS.

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APPOINTMENT TO JLG ANNOUNCED
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THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR ROBIN MCLAREN, AT PRESENT BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES, WILL SUCCEED SIR DAVID WILSON AS SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BRITISH SIDE ON THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP ON HONG KONG.

THIS IS CONSEQUENT UPON HIS APPOINTMENT TO SUCCEED SIR DAVID AS ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE (ASIA) AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

THERE WILL BE ONE FURTHER CHANGE TO THE BRITISH SIDE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JLG, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG FROM MARCH 17 TO 20: MR DICK CLIFT, POLITICAL ADVISER IN HONG KONG, WILL SUCCEED MR BOYD, THE FORMER POLITICAL ADVISER, AS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT MR DONALD LIAO, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, WILL REPLACE MR ERIC HO AS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AFTER THE FORTHCOMING MEETING.

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NO EFFECT ON WORK OF JLG, ACTING GOVERNOR
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THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE NEW MEMBERS TO THE BRITISH SIDE OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP ON HONG KONG WOULD NOT AFFECT THE WORK OF THE JLG, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE ANNUAL SPRING DINNER OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, HE SAID EVERY MEMBER WAS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE WORK OF THE JLG AND WITH THE CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

+I THINK WE SHOULD BE VERY PLEASED IN HONG KONG THAT WE HAVE MR MCLAREN IN LONDON, SIR DAVID WILSON AS GOVERNOR, AND MR CLIFT AS OUR POLITICAL ADVISER. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY STRONG TEAM,+ HE SAID.

ASKED ABOUT MR DONALD LIAO REPLACING MR ERIC HO ON THE JLG, SIR DAVID SAID HIS APPOINTMENT HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY BOTH SIDES. HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ISSUE A BRITISH PASSPORT TO MR LIAO.

COMMENTING ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE NEW GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL ADVISER, SIR DAVID SAID: +I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE BEEN INVITED BY SIR DAVID WILSON TO HELP DURING THE FIRST TWO OR THREE MONTHS OF HIS OFFICE HERE AS GOVERNOR.

+I AM WORKING FOR SIR DAVID WILSON AND IT WILL DEPEND UPON HIM HOW HE USES ME.+

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EXCO WELCOMES APPOINTMENT
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AT THEIR MEETING TODAY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ASKED THAT THEIR WARM CONGRATULATIONS BE CONVEYED TO MR ROBIN MCLAREN ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE (ASIA) AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND SENIOR BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP. THEY WERE DELIGHTED THAT MR MCLAREN'S EXPERIENCE OF HONG KONG WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THIS DEMANDING POST.

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT GROWTH CONFIRMS HK SUCCESS
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THE GROWTH OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT INTO HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY CONFIRMS THE SUCCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT RATHER THAN SPECIAL SUBSIDY AND TAX CONCESSIONS, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SPRING DINNER OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, SIR DAVID SAID THIS INVESTMENT HAD ALSO ENCOURAGED LOCAL INDUSTRIES AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO SHIFT TOWARDS HIGHER QUALITY AND TO DIVERSIFY THEIR PRODUCTS.

+A RECENT SURVEY SHOWS THAT MORE THAN 500 FACTORIES WITH FOREIGN INVESTMENT HAVE MOVED TOWARDS HIGHER TECHNOLOGY,+ HE SAID.

+THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWS AN INCREASE IN THE INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER ASSISTED DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT MACHINES FROM 200 IN 1984 TO NEARLY 1 000 IN 1986.+

REGARDING SUPPORT TOWARDS HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT REGULARLY REVIEWED THE ADEQUACY OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE SUPPORT SERVICES IT PROVIDED.

+IT LOOKS AT WHAT OUR COMPETITORS DO IN THIS FIELD AND MAKES SUGGESTIONS FOR WHAT MORE SHOULD BE DONE IN HONG KONG.

+THIS HAS LED TO A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION RECENTLY IN THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

+THE ACTIVE DEBATE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN HONG KONG ABOUT THE ROLE OF INDUSTRY AND THE DIRECTION WE SHOULD TAKE IS A MOST HEALTHY AND ENCOURAGING SIGN.+

ON THE FEDERATION ITSELF, SIR DAVID SAID IT HAD GROWN WITH THE INDUSTRIES IT REPRESENTED. IT WAS FORMED TO REPRESENT INDUSTRY'S VIEWS TO GOVERNMENT.

+IT CAN BEST FULFIL THIS PURPOSE BY MAKING ITS MEMBERSHIP AS WIDELY REPRESENTATIVE OF INDUSTRY AS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF FUNDS, THE FEDERATION WOULD BECOME AN INDEPENDENT ORGANISATION FREE FROM GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY.

ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY, HE SAID THOSE WHO REMEMBERED HONG KONG INDUSTRIES OF THE EARLY 1960'S COULD TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR GROWTH SINCE THEN.

/+THE CHANGES

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+THE CHANGES IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS HAVE BEEN DRAMATIC BOTH IN QUANTITY AND QUALITY.

+THEIR NUMBER HAS MULTIPLIED BY ALMOST NINE TIMES AND THE RANGE AND SOPHISTICATION OF THEIR PRODUCTS HAS DEVELOPED BEYOND ANYTHING WE COULD HAVE IMAGINED IN THE DARK AND DIFFICULT YEARS WHEN THE FEDERATION WAS FORMED.

+DESPITE GROWTH IN OTHER DIRECTIONS - PARTICULARLY IN TOURISM AND THE FINANCIAL SERVICE SECTOR - INDUSTRY REMAINS THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY; THE EMPLOYER OF NEARLY 900 000 MEN AND WOMEN AND THE CONTRIBUTOR OF 24 PER CENT TO OUR GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS HAD EXTENDED THEIR ACTIVITIES BY INVESTMENT IN BRANCH FACTORIES IN MANY PARTS OF CHINA AND MORE PARTICULARLY IN THE SHENZHEN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND THEY HAD EXPANDED OVERSEAS TO MANY COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

+THESE DEVELOPMENTS GIVE AN INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION AND AN ADDITIONAL STRENGTH TO THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR ECONOMY,+ HE ADDED.

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PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF NOVEMBER EXTERNAL TRADE
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STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW BY 16 PER CENT IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985. THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT. HENCE, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 14 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT IN VOLUME. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS BOTH ROSE BY 2 PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS PRICES ALSO INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT.

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COMPARING NOVEMBER 1986 WITH NOVEMBER 1985, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT AND 37 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HENCE, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 29 PER CENT IN VOLUME. IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT. IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 5 PER CENT.

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

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1986 WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1985, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT, THEREBY GIVING AN INCREASE OF 14 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT. IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR NOVEMBER 1986 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS SHOWN THEREIN INCREASED IN NOVEMBER 1986 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985. THESE INCLUDED TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+8 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+7 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+6 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+5 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+4 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+4 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+2 PER CENT) AS WELL AS DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+2 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-5 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-3 PER CENT) AS WELL AS METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-2 PER CENT). PRICES OF FOOTWEAR REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED.

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN NOVEMBER 1986 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985, INCLUDING TEXTILE FABRICS (+65 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+59 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+51 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+33 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+28 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+24 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+23 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+19 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+12 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+10 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+9 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED IN METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-18 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR NOVEMBER 1986 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES ROSE IN NOVEMBER 1986 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985, RANGING FROM 3 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 11 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS DROPPED BY 38 PER CENT.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME IN NOVEMBER 1986 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS; SUGAR; LIVE POULTRY AS WELL AS MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS. HOWEVER, NOTABLE DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TEA AND COFFEE; FRUIT AS WELL AS SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS; CLOTHING; WATCHES; HOUSEHOLD-TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIAL. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AS WELL AS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED IN NOVEMBER 1986 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985. THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS; THERMIONIC, CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRONIC MICROCIRCUITS; BASE METALS, EXCLUDING IRON AND STEEL AS WELL AS PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS. HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW COTTON.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 94 PER CENT IN VOLUME IN NOVEMBER 1986 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITIES IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY INCREASED IN NOVEMBER 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985, THE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING OFFICE MACHINES; TEXTILE MACHINERY; TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY OTHER THAN TEXTILE AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY. ON THE OTHER HAND, A DECREASE IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY WAS RECORDED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR NOVEMBER 1986 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN NOVEMBER 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985, RANGING FROM 3 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS TO 321 PER CENT FOR FUELS.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE NOVEMBER 1986 ISSUE OF +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+ AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND FEBRUARY 12 AT \$2.5 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG, ON 5-214375 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-444584.

Table 1: Increases in domestic exports by commodity group

Commodity group	Comparing Jan-Nov 1986 with Jan-Nov 1985			Comparing November 1986 with November 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Clothing	16	2	14	19	6	12
Textile fabrics	46	-2	48	71	4	65
Textile yarn and thread	26	-1	27	63	2	59
Textile made-ups and related articles	12	3	8	33	7	23
Radios of all kinds	14	-9	24	47	-3	51
Electronic components	-2	1	-3	5	-5	10
Footwear	18	1	17	25	*	24
Metal manufactures	15	*	16	34	4	28
Metal ores and scrap	-32	-7	-27	-20	-2	-18
Watches and clocks	25	7	17	25	5	19
Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	*	7	-6	18	8	9
Domestic electrical appliances	5	-5	10	35	2	33
ALL COMMODITIES	18	2	16	30	5	23

Notes: * Insignificant, i.e. less than 0.5%

Percentage changes are calculated from trade indexes taken to more decimal places than those to be published in the "Hong Kong Trade Index Numbers". They may therefore differ from the percentage changes to be computed from the published figures.

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Table 2: Increases in imports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing Jan-Nov 1986 with Jan-Nov 1985			Comparing November 1986 with November 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	14	*	14	11	3	7
Consumer goods	28	10	16	31	8	21
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	22	3	19	31	5	24
Fuels	-18	-33	23	20	-38	94
Capital goods	7	16	-8	28	11	15
ALL COMMODITIES	19	5	13	28	5	22

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

End-use category	Comparing Jan-Nov 1986 with Jan-Nov 1985			Comparing November 1986 with November 1985		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	39	2	36	59	4	53
Consumer goods	27	4	22	54	3	50
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	13	-3	16	36	*	36
Fuels	92	-32	183	175	-35	321
Capital goods	-14	10	-22	11	8	3
ALL COMMODITIES	15	2	12	41	3	37

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON LAM HO-YEE SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

LAM WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF CHAN PO-KING ON NOVEMBER 20, 1985 AND OF MA CHIK-LAU AND TSE CHAN ON MARCH 27, 1986.

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YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL OPENED

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THE SEVENTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL, ONE OF THE MORE COLOURFUL CULTURAL EVENTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, WAS OPENED THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING WITH A PERFORMANCE BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA AT THE LUT SAU HALL.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, DR JAMES HAYES, NOTED THAT THE FESTIVAL HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR THE DISTRICT SINCE IT WAS LAUNCHED IN 1981.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EVERY YEAR THE ORGANISERS HAD BEEN ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER AN INTERESTING AND EXCITING PROGRAMME WITH THE RIGHT BLEND OF PERFORMANCES IN BOTH EASTERN AND WESTERN ARTS.

HE SAID THAT THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON STIMULATING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR PURSUIT OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES BY PROVIDING A FORUM FOR ARTS APPRECIATION AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES.

+FURTHERMORE, IT IS OFTEN THROUGH THIS KIND OF EVENT THAT EAST AND THE WEST COME TOGETHER, THUS BROADENING THE LOCAL ARTS SCENE,+ HE ADDED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, DR TANG SIU-TONG, POINTED OUT THAT CONSIDERING THE REMOTENESS OF YUEN LONG WHERE FIRST-CLASS ARTS PRESENTATIONS WERE NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE, THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL WAS ALL THE MORE MEANINGFUL TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+IN DRAWING UP OUR PROGRAMME, WE HAVE SPECIALLY ARRANGED FREE ADMISSION TO A WIDE VARIETY OF EVENTS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ARTS TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AS WELL AS DIFFERENT INTEREST.

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+IN ADDITION TO SEEING THE MORE POPULAR AND TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCES, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE TEMPTED TO ATTEND EVENTS WHICH ARE NEW TO YUEN LONG AND WHICH HAVE COME HERE WITH GOOD REVIEWS AT OTHER VENUES IN HONG KONG,+ DR TANG SAID.

THE THREE-WEEK FESTIVAL FEATURES 39 EVENTS INCLUDING CONCERTS, DRAMAS, OPERAS, DANCES, FILMS, EXHIBITIONS TOGETHER WITH A WIDE SELECTION OF FRINGE ARTS PRESENTATIONS SUCH AS FUKINESE PUPPET SHOW, MIME THEATRE, AND MANY OUTDOOR SHOWS IN VARIOUS RURAL AREAS.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL MARCH 1, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE, THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

OF THE TOTAL BUDGET OF \$560 000 FOR THE FESTIVAL, THE DISTRICT BOARD IS CONTRIBUTING \$300 000, WHILE THE BALANCE WILL COME FROM TICKET PROCEEDS AND LOCAL SPONSORSHIP.

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WAN CHAI BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS

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A BUILDING AT 21 WING FUNG STREET IN WAN CHAI WAS TODAY (TUESDAY) DECLARED DANGEROUS BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR (PGBS) SAID THE BUILDING WAS A FOUR-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING WITH TIMBER FLOORS AND ROOF, REINFORCED IN PLACES WITH CONCRETE BEAMS ON LOAD-BEARING BRICK WALLS.

HE SAID THE BUILDING NEXT DOOR - NO. 19 - WAS DEMOLISHED FOR REDEVELOPMENT LAST YEAR, LEAVING THE COMMON STAIRCASE FOR USE BY NO. 21.

RECENT INSPECTIONS HAD REVEALED SOME CRACKS IN THE ARCHES OVER THE OPENINGS IN THE PARTY WALL BETWEEN NOS. 19 AND 21 AND NUMEROUS OTHER CRACKS IN THE BEAMS AND THE STAIRCASE ENCLOSING WALLS.

THE COMMON STAIRCASE WAS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS AND BEYOND REASONABLE REPAIR.

+THE MAIN BUILDING IS LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS THROUGH LACK OF A FIRE ESCAPE WHEN THE STAIRCASE IS REMOVED.

+THEREFORE, IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THE WHOLE BUILDING,+ THE PGBS SAID.

THE AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER ON THE BUILDING IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 10 AND POSTED NOTICES OF ITS INTENTION TO DO SO ON THE BUILDING TODAY.

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PUBLIC URGED TO HELP SOLVE STRAY DOG PROBLEM

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DOG OWNERS WERE URGED TO HELP ERADICATE THE STRAY DOG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG BY KEEPING THEIR PETS UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES AND BY HANDING UNWANTED DOGS TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR NORMAN CHENG, WHEN ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF A DISTRICT ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION DRIVE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS IN SAI KUNG AND SHA TIN.

HE SAID THAT INOCULATION AND CONTROL OF STRAY DOGS WERE THE PRIMARY WAYS TO PREVENT A RABIES OUTBREAK.

+THE DEPARTMENT HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR, COVERING MORE THAN 43 530 DOGS, AN INCREASE OF 55 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 28 136 DOGS.

+DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE DEPARTMENT'S DOG CONTROL UNIT ROUNDED UP 15 218 STRAYS COMPARED WITH 12 980 STRAYS IN 1985. THE INCREASING NUMBER OF STRAYS IS POSING A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

+THE MAJORITY OF STRAY DOGS ARE THOSE LET LOOSE OR ABANDONED BY THEIR OWNERS. I URGE OWNERS TO REFRAIN FROM DOING SO TO MINIMISE THE POTENTIAL RISK.+

HE SAID THAT ANY DOG OWNER WHO ALLOWED HIS DOG TO ROAM FREELY ON A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE WAS COMMITTING AN OFFENCE UNDER THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE AND WOULD BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

DR CHENG SAID AN INOCULATION DRIVE WOULD BE MOUNTED IN SAI KUNG IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS WHILE THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE INOCULATION TEAMS WOULD ALSO VISIT VILLAGES IN SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG THIS MONTH.

THE SAI KUNG VILLAGES INCLUDE PAK KONG, TSIU HANG, TUI MIN HOI, CHE KENG TUK, HO CHUNG, PAK WAI, PAK SHA WAN, KAU SAI SAN TSUEN, TA HO TUN, SHA HA, TAI MONG TSAI, WONG KENG TEI, WO MEI, NAM WAI, PAK KONG AU, PO LO CHE, WONG YI CHAU, PAK TAM CHUNG, PING TUN, TIT KIM HANG, TAI PO TSAI, TAM WAT, WONG CHUK WAN AND NGONG WO.

THE VILLAGES IN SHA TIN ARE SHA HA WAI, TSOK POK HANG, FUI YIU HA, SHA TIN WAI, TO SHEK TSUEN, CHAP WAI KON, NGAU PEI SHA, SIU LEK YUEN, WONG NAI TAU, TAI CHE, TAI NAM LIU, SHEK KWU LUNG, A KUNG KOK, MUI TSZ LAM, TAI SHUI HANG, MA ON SHAN, WU KAI SHA, SHA TIN TAU AND SHA TIN TAU SUN TSUEN.

THE YUEN LONG VILLAGES ARE SHEK WU TONG, KAM TSIN WAI, TA SHEK WU, NG KA TSUEN, PANG KA TSUEN, TSAT SING KONG, TAI KONG PO AND CHEUNG KONG TSUEN.

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BANQUET HELD IN HONOUR OF TUEN MUN ELDERLIES
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ABOUT 1 200 ELDERLY PEOPLE AGED 60 OR ABOVE IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT WERE TREATED TO A BANQUET TODAY (TUESDAY) AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT RESPECT FOR THE AGED ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE FEAST WAS AIMED AT FOSTERING RESPECT FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT THE BANQUET, THE ASSOCIATION'S CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SHU, SAID SINCE THE SETTING UP OF THE ASSOCIATION IN 1981 IT HAD ORGANISED VARIOUS FUNCTIONS FOR MEMBERS, INCLUDING +HEALTH FORTNIGHT FOR THE ELDERLY+ AND +GAMES DAY FOR THE ELDERLY+.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE BANQUET INCLUDED DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER AND RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT, AND SENIOR SOCIAL WORK OFFICER, MR YIP TAK-CHU.

THE OLDEST MAN AND WOMAN, AGED 97 AND 93 RESPECTIVELY, WERE EACH AWARDED A GOLD MEDAL WHILE TEN OLDEST PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED GIFT PACKETS.

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SHA TIN POPULATION BOOST WITH MA ON SHAN INTAKE
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF MA ON SHAN WOULD INCREASE SHA TIN'S POPULATION BY ABOUT 30 000 AND EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO HELP NEW RESIDENTS SETTLE IN, SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LEO KWAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SPRING RECEPTION CELEBRATION, MR KWAN SAID THERE WERE NUMEROUS ORGANISATIONS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEW RESIDENTS, THE FIRST BATCH OF WHICH WOULD MOVE INTO MA ON SHAN NEXT MONTH.

+IN ORDER TO HELP THE EMIGRANTS ADAPT TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SERVICE TO THEM,+ HE SAID.

+THERE ARE AT PRESENT 202 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND 21 OWNERS CORPORATIONS IN THE DISTRICT AND IT IS HOPED THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN FORMING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER LOCAL BODIES,+ HE ADDED.

MR KWAN ALSO URGED VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS, RURAL COMMITTEES AND BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS IN THE DISTRICT TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

+WE WILL BE ENCOURAGING THE NEW RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED AS VOTERS TO DO SO,+ HE SAID.

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SCHOOL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD FINALS ON SATURDAY

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MATHEMATICS WHIZ KIDS FROM 40 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL COMPETE FOR TOP HONOURS IN THE FINALS OF THE FOURTH HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 14).

THE MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD 1986/87, OPEN TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

A TOTAL OF 183 SCHOOLS ENTERED THE COMPETITION LATE LAST YEAR. SCHOOLS WHICH SECURED THE TOP 40 PLACES AT THE HEATS WILL COMPETE IN THE FINALS WHICH INCLUDE FIVE INDIVIDUAL AND FIVE GROUP EVENTS.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS AFTER THE FINALS BY PROFESSOR Y.C. WONG OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY AND MR HO SIU-LUN, PRINCIPAL OF THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FINALS AT 21 SASSOON ROAD, POKFULAM, BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND NOON ON SATURDAY.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE EVENT, MISS TSO CHEE-HING, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE NIGHT ORGANISED

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DANCE ENTHUSIASTS ARE INVITED TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY ON VALENTINE'S DAY THIS SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 14) AT THE YAU MA TEI HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE MONG KOK DISTRICT SOCIAL DANCE NIGHT IS ORGANISED TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO GET TOGETHER FOR SOME FUN DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

LIVE BAND MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' INTEREST AND SKILLS IN SOCIAL DANCING, THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS OF VARIOUS DANCES INCLUDING THE FOX TROT, QUICK WALTZ, TANGO AND CHA CHA BY PROFESSIONAL DANCERS.

THE FUNCTION IS ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK EAST AREA COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ENQUIRIES FOR ADMISSION CAN BE MADE TO THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE ON 3-802251.

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MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR KWAI CHUNG
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A \$145 000 CONTRACT FOR BUILDING AN OPEN SPACE AT KWAI CHUNG HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO KIN MING AND COMPANY.

THE OPEN SPACE, COVERING AN AREA OF 375 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT SHEK YAM ROAD.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A CONCRETE CHESS TABLE AND CHAIRS, LANDSCAPED AREA, HEDGES AND A LAWN FRONTING THE ROAD.

WORK WILL START AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND TAKE FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS
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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES WITH DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 39 TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON, AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR ITS SUB-OFFICES BEFORE FEBRUARY 27 FOR THE VETTING SUB-COMMITTEE OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AT ITS MEETING ON APRIL 9.

EACH APPLICATION FORM SHOULD BE USED TO APPLY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE ACTIVITY ONLY.

SINCE THE DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES ARE LIMITED, APPROVED APPLICATIONS MAY NOT RECEIVE FULL SPONSORSHIP.

ACCORDING TO GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF FUNDS, THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD ONLY PROVIDE FULL SPONSORSHIP FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL AND WHERE PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT CHARGED, SUCH AS FUNCTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE HANDICAPPED, COMMUNITY SERVICES, RESEARCH PROJECTS, EXHIBITIONS AND COMPETITIONS, CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS, AS WELL AS SEMINARS FOR THE PUBLIC.

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LANTERN FESTIVAL NIGHT FOR SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 12) AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, SHAM SHUI PO, FOR RESIDENTS TO CELEBRATE THE CHINESE LANTERN FESTIVAL.

THE CARNIVAL, FEATURING SINGING PERFORMANCE, MAGIC SHOW, PALM READING AND FORTUNE TELLING, LANTERN RIDDLES AND CHILDREN GAMES STALLS, WILL START AT 6.30 PM TILL 10 PM.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS AND GAMES STALL COUPONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, NAM CHEONG SUB-OFFICE, 4 UN CHAU STREET, AND THE EIGHT KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE EIGHT KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT, CO-ORGANISED BY SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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BRIEFING ON LARD-BOILING FACTORIES RELOCATION

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE RELOCATION OF LARD-BOILING FACTORIES IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE BRIEFING BY THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE WOULD ENABLE MEMBERS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED AREA TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXISTING FACTORIES AWAY FROM DENSELY-POPULATED AREAS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING BEGINNING AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES, YUEN LONG.

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EASTERN DISTRICT TO HOLD SPRING RECEPTION
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 4.30 PM AT THE CITY PLAZA PALACE RESTAURANT.

ABOUT 800 LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ATTEND THE FUNCTION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION TOMORROW AT 4.30 PM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF CITY PLAZA, TAI KOO SHING.

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DISCUSSION ON SHING MUN RIVER
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE AERATION AND MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF SHING MUN RIVER AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE INFORMED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROPOSED LICENSING CONTROL OF BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA ARE PROGRAMMES OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 87 AND THE 1987-88 ESTIMATES AND APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, KCR HOUSE.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME REVIEWED
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A MEETING TO REVIEW THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IMPLEMENTED IN NGAU TAU KOK AREA SINCE JANUARY 20 THIS YEAR WAS HELD YESTERDAY (MONDAY).

THE MEETING, ATTENDED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AND CONCERNED PARTIES, WAS OF THE VIEW THAT THE SCHEME HAD HELPED IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

HOWEVER, TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT SCHEME, THE DEPARTMENTS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET WILL BE ROUTED TWO-WAY TO ENABLE VEHICLES TO RE-ENTER NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AFTER PICKING UP AND LETTING DOWN PASSENGERS IN NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH AND FIFTH STREETS.

THE IMPROVEMENT MEASURE WAS MEANT TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PASSENGERS.

RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS WILL SORT OUT DETAILS OF THE IMPROVEMENT MEASURE TO IMPLEMENT THE MEASURE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD LANES TO BE CLOSED
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TRAFFIC LANES ON THE NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 12) TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK.

FROM FEBRUARY 12 TO 19 BETWEEN 9 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION BETWEEN THE TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA AND HUNG MIU KUK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, WHILE THE NORTHBOUND SECTION WILL BE CLOSED FROM FEBRUARY 12 TO 16 BETWEEN 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

MEANWHILE, THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION BETWEEN HUNG MIU KUK INTERCHANGE AND SHA TIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM FEBRUARY 23 TO MARCH 2 BETWEEN 9 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND THE NORTHBOUND SECTION FROM FEBRUARY 23 TO 26 BETWEEN 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

AS TRAFFIC DELAY IS EXPECTED DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE WITH PATIENCE AND CARE.

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EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH CLOSED FOR CHARITY RIDE
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EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR
WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6.30 AM TO 9 AM ON THURSDAY
(FEBRUARY 12).

THE MOVE IS TO FACILITATE THE LAUNCHING OF THE OPENING
CEREMONY OF THE +RIDE THE TAXI FOR THE CHEST+ FUND-RAISING
CAMPAIGN.

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SPEED LIMIT ON SHA TAU KOK ROAD

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A SECTION OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT
OF 50 KILOMETRES PER HOUR FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 13).

THE AFFECTED SECTION RUNS FROM A POINT OF ABOUT 100 METRES
SOUTH OF SHA HO BRIDGE TO A POINT OF ABOUT 750 METRES SOUTH OF THE
BRIDGE.

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