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JOINT LIAISON GROUP SIXTH MEETING AGREEMENT

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AT THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND BRITISH SIDES ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF HONG KONG DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES AFTER JUNE 30, 1997. IN CONFIRMATION OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS EXCHANGED MEMORANDA IN PEKING ON MAY 18, 1987, THE TEXTS OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MEMORANDUM

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES AND THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN SECTION XIV OF ANNEX I TO THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG. THE EMBASSY ALSO REFER TO THE EXCHANGES OF MEMORANDA BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED APRIL 11 AND NOVEMBER 27, 1986.

TO ENSURE THAT HOLDERS OF DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY WILL NOT EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY WHEN TRAVELLING ABROAD IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AND AFTER 1997, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ISSUE DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY WITH A SEVEN-YEAR VALIDITY DURING THE PERIOD UP TO AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 1997. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT THAT SUCH DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY MAY CONTINUE TO BE USED AFTER JUNE 30, 1997 UNTIL THEIR DUE EXPIRY DATES. IT IS FURTHER THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT THAT ANY REFERENCE TO +HONG KONG+ IN DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BEFORE JULY 1, 1997 WILL, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, BE TAKEN TO MEAN THE +HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION+ OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO PERSONS WHOSE STAY IN HONG KONG IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS MAY STILL BE USED FOR THE HOLDERS' RETURN TO HONG KONG AFTER JUNE 30, 1997 IF THE DOCUMENTS BEAR A VALID RE-ENTRY VISA. DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY ISSUED TO PERSONS WHOSE STAY IN HONG KONG IS UNCONDITIONAL AND WHO ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO ACQUIRE ANY OTHER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENT WHICH WILL ENABLE THE HOLDERS TO RETURN TO HONG KONG AFTER JUNE 30, 1997 -

+THE HOLDER OF THIS DOCUMENT MAY RETURN TO HONG KONG DURING ITS VALIDITY WITHOUT A VISA.+

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THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SHALL AUTHORISE THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, PASSPORTS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO ALL CHINESE NATIONALS WHO HOLD PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO ALL OTHER PERSONS LAWFULLY RESIDING IN THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

TO ENABLE DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1997 TO BE SUITABLE FOR USE AFTER THAT DATE, THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT WILL MODIFY THE PRESENT DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY BY INTRODUCING THE CHANGES DESCRIBED IN THE ANNEX.

THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL, WHEN NECESSARY, STATE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THIRD COUNTRIES THAT HOLDERS OF DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY BEARING A VALID RE-ENTRY VISA, OR THE ENDORSEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AFTER JUNE 30, 1997, AND THAT ANY REFERENCE IN SUCH DOCUMENTS TO +HONG KONG+ WILL BE TAKEN, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, TO MEAN THE +HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION+.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE FORMAT OF  
DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES  
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THE PRESENT DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES WILL BE MODIFIED BY :

(1) INSIDE THE FRONT COVER :

- (A) DELETING THE WORDS +TO TEMPORARY RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG+ FROM THE FIRST PARAGRAPH ;
- (B) ADDING THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH AFTER THE FIRST PARAGRAPH :

+THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT VALID FOR THE HOLDER'S RETURN TO HONG KONG WITHOUT A VALID RE-ENTRY VISA UNLESS THE FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENT APPEARS ON PAGE 4 :

+THE HOLDER OF THIS DOCUMENT MAY RETURN TO HONG KONG DURING ITS VALIDITY WITHOUT A VISA.+

- (C) DELETING THE SECOND SENTENCE WHICH READS +IT IS NOT VALID FOR THE HOLDER'S RETURN TO HONG KONG WITHOUT A RE-ENTRY VISA+ FROM THE SECOND PARAGRAPH ;

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- (2) PAGE 3 : REPLACING +ALL COUNTRIES+ BY +ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD+
- (3) PAGE 4 AND PAGES 6 TO 44 : REPLACING THE OVERPRINTING OF THE CREST BY ANOTHER SECURITY DESIGN
- (4) INSIDE THE BACK COVER :
  - (A) DELETING NOTE 3 WHICH STATES THAT THE HOLDER WHO INTENDS TO RETURN TO HONG KONG SHOULD OBTAIN A RE-ENTRY VISA BEFORE LEAVING;
  - (B) DELETING NOTE 4 WHICH STATES THAT THE HOLDER IS NOT ENTITLED TO BRITISH CONSULAR PROTECTION;
  - (C) DELETING THE WORDS +OR TO THE NEAREST BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION OR CONSULATE+ FROM THE SECOND SENTENCE OF NOTE 5 WHICH REFERS TO WHAT THE HOLDER SHOULD DO IF HE LOSES HIS DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY;
- (5) REMOVING ALL OTHER COLONIAL INSIGNIA SUCH AS CRESTS WHICH APPEAR ON THE ISSUING OFFICER'S STAMP;
- (6) INTRODUCING OTHER AMENDMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES. THESE INCLUDE REPLACING +IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT NO.+ON PAGE 5 BY +H.K. IDENTITY CARD/H.K. BIRTH CERT. NO.+ , ADDING A NOTE WHICH STATES THAT ANY CHILD INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY CAN ONLY TRAVEL WITH THE PRINCIPAL HOLDER AND ANOTHER NOTE WARNING HOLDERS THAT THE ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF THE DOCUMENT CONSTITUTES AN OFFENCE.

MEMORANDUM (TRANSLATION)

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE MEMORANDUM DATED MAY 18, 1987 OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA CONCERNING HONG KONG DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES AND, WITH REFERENCE TO THE RELEVANT DISCUSSIONS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP, HAS THE HONOUR TO ELABORATE THE POSITION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE RELEVANT QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM MEMORANDUM AS FOLLOWS :

/1. IN ACCORDANCE .....

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN SECTION XIV OF ANNEX I TO THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL ALLOW DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BEFORE JULY 1, 1997 (MODIFIED AS DESCRIBED IN THE ANNEX TO THE UNITED KINGDOM MEMORANDUM AND WITH THE NORMAL SEVEN-YEAR VALIDITY) TO CONTINUE TO BE USED AFTER JUNE 30, 1997 UNTIL THEIR DUE EXPIRY DATES.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL AGREE THAT DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO PERSONS WHOSE STAY IN HONG KONG IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS MAY STILL BE USED FOR THE HOLDERS' RETURN TO HONG KONG AFTER JUNE 30, 1997 IF THE DOCUMENTS BEAR A VALID RE-ENTRY VISA; AND THAT DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY ISSUED TO PERSONS WHOSE STAY IN HONG KONG IS UNCONDITIONAL AND WHO ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO ACQUIRE ANY OTHER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WILL CONTAIN AN ENDORSEMENT TO STATE THAT SUCH PERSONS MAY RETURN TO HONG KONG WITHOUT A VISA DURING THE VALIDITY OF THE DOCUMENT.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, ANY REFERENCE TO +HONG KONG+ IN DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1997 WILL, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, BE TAKEN TO MEAN THE +HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION+. FOR THIS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA EXPRESSES ITS UNDERSTANDING.

4. THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT SHALL AUTHORISE THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, PASSPORTS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO ALL CHINESE NATIONALS WHO HOLD PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO ALL OTHER PERSONS LAWFULLY RESIDING IN THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

5. TO FACILITATE TRAVELLING ABROAD BY HOLDERS OF DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL, WHEN NECESSARY, STATE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THIRD COUNTRIES THAT HOLDERS OF DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY BEARING A VALID RE-ENTRY VISA, OR THE ENDORSEMENT AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE UNITED KINGDOM MEMORANDUM, WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AFTER JUNE 30, 1997, AND THAT ANY REFERENCE IN THEM TO +HONG KONG+ WILL, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, BE TAKEN TO MEAN THE +HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION+ OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

## 11 MORE INFECTED BY AIDS VIRUS

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ANOTHER 11 PERSONS IN HONG KONG WERE FOUND TO BE INFECTED BY THE AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) VIRUS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN IT RELEASED THE LATEST STATISTICS ON THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME ON AIDS.

THE NEW FIGURE BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR HIV ANTIBODY TO 83, INCLUDING THE FOUR CONFIRMED AIDS PATIENTS WHO HAD ALL DIED - ONE DIED IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, 8 425 PERSONS WERE TESTED FOR THE AIDS INFECTION BY THE VIRUS UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

OF THESE, 11 WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR HIV ANTIBODY. THESE INCLUDED THREE REFERRALS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, FIVE REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS, TWO PATIENTS AT THE SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS AND ONE HAEMOPHILIAC.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS A SIXFOLD INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST FROM A PREVIOUS QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 35 TO 224 IN THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW.

+THE PROPORTION OF POSITIVE TEST WAS 4.9 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTERS AS COMPARED TO 2.2 PER CENT IN THE LAST QUARTER,+ HE ADDED.

THESE FIGURES INDICATE THAT THE EXTENT OF INFECTION IN THE PEOPLE WHO CAME FORWARD FOR TESTING HAS NOT INCREASED.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, GROUPS WHO ARE AT RISK OF BEING INFECTED BY THE VIRUS SUCH AS SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS PERSONS, MULTITRANSFUSED PATIENTS AND INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSERS ARE TESTED FOR THE INFECTION.

SINCE APRIL 1985, A TOTAL OF 46 818 PERSONS HAD BEEN TESTED AND SO FAR 83 WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

DURING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1987, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO CARRIED OUT HIV TESTS FOR 38 869 BLOOD DONORS AND ONE OF THEM WAS FOUND TO BE POSITIVE.

SINCE ITS MASS SCREENING PROGRAMME IN AUGUST 1985, THE NUMBER OF BLOOD DONOR UNITS TESTED BY THE RED CROSS FOR AIDS ANTIBODY TOTALLED 232 945.

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UP TO NOW, FOUR BLOOD DONOR UNITS WERE FOUND TO BE INFECTED BY THE VIRUS.

SINCE THE GOVERNMENT HAS INTENSIFIED ITS EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON AIDS ON APRIL 21, THE AIDS COUNSELLING SERVICE HAD RECEIVED 2 411 CALLS.

THE AIDS COUNSELLING SERVICE WAS FIRST SET UP IN NOVEMBER 1985, AND UP TO NOW, OVER 7 770 CALLS WERE RECEIVED.

MEANWHILE, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF A PRE-CAMPAIGN SURVEY CONDUCTED TO FIND OUT PEOPLE'S AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF AIDS.

ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS, VIRTUALLY ALL ADULTS WERE AWARE OF AIDS, WITH TELEVISION AND NEWSPAPER BEING THE PRIMARY SOURCES OF AWARENESS.

THE SURVEY RESULT SHOWED THAT THERE WAS OVERWHELMING CONSENSUS THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD LAUNCH MORE INTENSIVE PUBLICITY REGARDING AIDS SO THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISEASE AND HOW TO PREVENT AND AVOID IT.

THE PRE-CAMPAIGN SURVEY, COMMISSIONED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WAS CARRIED OUT BETWEEN APRIL 2 AND 10 - JUST BEFORE THE LAUNCH OF THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMME.

THE AIM OF THE SURVEY WAS TO SERVE AS A BENCHMARK STUDY ON PEOPLE'S KNOWLEDGE OF AIDS PRIOR TO THE PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES.

IT ALSO SHOWED THAT SLIGHTLY MORE THAN HALF THE PEOPLE INTERVIEWED WERE CONSCIOUS OF PUBLICITY ON AIDS IN TELEVISION, PARTICULARLY THE TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE.

A SECOND SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED AT A LATER STAGE TO FIND OUT THE CHANGE IN PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES TOWARDS AIDS AFTER THE LAUNCHING OF THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON THE DISEASE.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AN ON-GOING EXERCISE

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THE PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS IS AN ON-GOING EXERCISE AND WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1987 WILL STIMULATE FURTHER EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR CHAMBERS WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL TO MARK THE START OF A SERIES OF COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON JUNE 5.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY CELEBRATED IN HONG KONG.

+AND IT IS QUITE APPROPRIATE THAT THIS SHOULD BE SO, NOT ONLY BECAUSE THERE IS AN INCREASING AWARENESS IN HONG KONG OF THE NEED TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT, BUT ALSO BECAUSE WE HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL MAJOR STEPS DURING THE PAST YEAR TO TACKLE LONG-STANDING POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG REMAINS A GOOD PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS RECALLED THAT BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CAME INTO OPERATION A YEAR AGO, THE POLLUTION CONTROL POWERS WERE EXERCISED BY SEVERAL DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS.

+THIS WAS NOT ONLY CONFUSING AND INCONVENIENT FOR THE PUBLIC BUT MADE IT DIFFICULT TO PURSUE CO-ORDINATED POLICIES.

+NOW THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE FUNCTIONS ARE CENTRALISED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT. THIS SHOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO INTRODUCE MORE EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND PROJECTS,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHAMBERS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED SEVERAL MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SCENE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN RECENT MONTHS - THE DECLARATION OF THE FIRST WATER CONTROL ZONE AND THE FIRST AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ZONES; THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE WATER POLLUTION REGULATIONS; THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AND THE DRAFT NOISE CONTROL BILL.

+THERE ARE PLANS FOR A CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT PLANT, PROJECTS TO CLEAN UP THE TERRITORY'S NULLAHS AND WATERCOURSES, AND THERE IS AN AMBITIOUS SCHEME TO DEAL WITH THE LONG-STANDING PROBLEM OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY LIVESTOCK WASTES,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

MR CHAMBERS SAID TODAY'S WORKSHOP WAS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT IN THAT IT WAS THE FIRST OF ITS TYPE TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG USING THE TRAINING PACKAGE DEVELOPED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME.

+THIS WORKSHOP,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID, +AND OTHERS WHICH I UNDERSTAND ARE TO BE ORGANISED IN THE FUTURE, REPRESENTS A STEP FORWARD IN THAT IT FOCUSES ON THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY DECIDE THE LEVEL OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS WHICH THEIR ORGANISATIONS WILL ADOPT.+

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TAC MEETS TAXI REPRESENTATIVES ON SEAT BELT

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MISS MARIA TAM, AND A COMMITTEE MEMBER, DR STEPHEN TANG, MET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TAXI TRADE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE VICARIOUS LIABILITIES OF TAXI DRIVERS FOR THEIR FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS WHO FAIL TO WEAR A SEAT BELT.

THE TRADE HAS VOICED CONCERN ON THESE LIABILITIES AND HOPED THAT TAC WOULD RECONSIDER ITS RECOMMENDATION.

THE TRADE IS NOT AGAINST THE WEARING OF THE BELT BUT FEEL THAT THE PASSENGER SHOULD BE MADE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILING TO WEAR A SEAT BELT.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRADE ALSO REPEATED THEIR CONCERN THAT TAXI DRIVER SHOULD BE VICARIOUSLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER WHO FAILS TO WEAR A SEAT BELT.

MISS TAM FELT THAT THE VIEWS REFLECTED WERE NOT UNREASONABLE AND WOULD CONSIDER WHETHER THE VICARIOUS LIABILITIES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO CHILDREN UNDER 15 IN THE FRONT SEAT. THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE REGULATIONS NO. 45(1)(D) (PUBLIC SERVICES VEHICLE) AND 7(3) (SAFETY EQUIPMENT) OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE CAP. 374.

UNDER THE PRESENT LEGISLATION, VICARIOUS LIABILITIES ONLY APPLY TO DRIVERS OF PRIVATE CARS. THE PENALTIES ARE A FIXED PENALTY OF \$140, OR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT BY WAY OF SUMMONS.

AT THE END OF THE MEETING, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TAXI TRADE AND TAC MEMBERS PRESENT HAVE GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION EXTENDING VICARIOUS LIABILITY TO TAXI DRIVERS FOR THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER'S FAILURE TO WEAR A SEAT BELT SHOULD BE ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

- \* THAT TAXI DRIVERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE AT ALL FOR THE FAILURE OF A FRONT SEAT PASSENGER AGED 15 OR ABOVE IN WEARING A SEAT BELT;
- \* THAT THE VICARIOUS LIABILITY OF THE TAXI DRIVERS FOR FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS BELOW 15 YEARS OF AGE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 000 BY WAY OF SUMMONS OR \$100 ON FIXED PENALTY;
- \* THAT THERE IS A DEFENCE OF REASONABLE EXCUSE AVAILABLE TO THE TAXI DRIVERS IN ANY EVENT.

THE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT ARE FROM 24 TAXI UNIONS AND THE MAIN PLB ASSOCIATION.

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IN THE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TAC MEMBERS AND THE TRADE, THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF CONCERN WERE EXPRESSED:

- \* THAT IT IS NOT DESIRABLE FOR UNDER AGE PASSENGERS TO USE THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT IN ANY CASE;
- \* THAT FOR THE SAKE OF SAFETY, ALL FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS SHOULD WEAR SEAT BELTS;
- \* THAT DRIVERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE CARRYING AN UNCO-OPERATIVE PASSENGER;
- \* THAT THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER SHOULD BE PUNISHED AS THE MAIN CULPRIT OF SUCH OFFENCES.

TAC MEMBERS SHALL RECOMMEND TO TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE TO COMMENCE PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES ON THIS ISSUE AND PREPARE THE PUBLIC FOR THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

THE PENALTY FOR ANY DRIVER AND/OR FRONT SEAT PASSENGER FOR HIS OWN FAILURE TO WEAR THE SEAT BELT WILL BE A FINE OF \$5 000 AND THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT UPON SUMMONS, OR \$140 ON FIXED PENALTY.

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TERRITORY-WIDE CLEAN-UP LAUNCHED  
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PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL ENJOY A MORE DECENT LIVING ENVIRONMENT WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP OPERATION TODAY (MONDAY).

THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION, WHICH WILL LAST THROUGH JUNE, WAS LAUNCHED EARLY THIS MORNING FOLLOWING AN OPENING CEREMONY AT WAN CHAI DISTRICT.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, URBAN COUNCIL MEMBER, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, MRS PEGGY LAM CUT A RIBBON AND THEN LOADED A BIN OF JUNK ON TO A REFUSE COLLECTION VAN.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE SAID THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY STAFF OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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THE CLEAN-UP WOULD BE OPERATED ON A STREET-BY-STREET AND BLOCK-TO-BLOCK BASIS, COVERING LANES, BUILDINGS, HAWKER AREAS, MARKETS, CANOPIES, REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTION, ABATEMENT OF MOSQUITO AND OTHER PEST NUISANCES, HE ADDED.

IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO CONDUCT INTENSIVE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO RENDER THEIR SUPPORT BY TAKING JUNK TO THEIR NEARBY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS FROM MAY 18 TO 24:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>TEL. NO.</u>
EASTERN	5-601048
SOUTHERN	5-547152
WESTERN	5-488173
WAN CHAI	5-8322757
CENTRAL	5-446111 EXT. 46
YAU MA TEI	3-7243843
SHAM SHUI PO	3-861618
MONG KOK	3-949484
KOWLOON CITY	3-7111684
WONG TAI SIN	3-233152
KWUN TONG	3-455731
SAI KUNG	3-2815366
NORTH	0-6570436
YUEN LONG	0-753691
TUEN MUN	0-4513085
TSUEN WAN	0-4904414
KWAI TSING	0-256321
SHA TIN	0-6065776

RESIDENTS OF EACH DISTRICT MAY CONTACT THE DISTRICT HEALTH INSPECTOR AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE FOR DETAILS OF THE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS, LOCATION AND OPENING HOURS OF THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD.

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED  
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THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AS REPORTED BY FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR REMAINED LARGELY STABLE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 COMPARED WITH THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. FIRMS ACROSS ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ARE VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987.

FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER. THE UPTREND IN BUSINESS IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

AS FOR THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, BUSINESS EXPERIENCES OF FIRMS VARIED AMONG FIRMS IN DIFFERENT TRADES IN THE FIRST QUARTER. ON BALANCE, THE BUSINESS SITUATION FOR THE SECTOR REMAINED GOOD, AS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986. AS REGARD BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, FIRMS EXPECT THE BUSINESS SITUATION TO IMPROVE.

THE MAJORITY OF RESPONDING FIRMS IN THE BANKS AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES BUSINESS REPORTED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER. THE BUSINESS CONDITION IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE FURTHER IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987.

FIRMS IN THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION BUSINESS INDICATED THAT THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION EXPERIENCED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 WAS AS FAVOURABLE AS THAT EXPERIENCED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986. ALSO, OPTIMISM REGARDING THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE SECOND QUARTER IS REFLECTED BY RESPONDING FIRMS.

ABOUT 1 000 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY AND WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCES AND EXPECTATIONS.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, EXPERIENCES OF FIRMS IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES VARIED IN THE FIRST QUARTER. AS COMPARED WITH FIRMS IN THE OTHER INDUSTRIES, FIRMS IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY ACHIEVED BETTER IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER. AS FOR OTHER INDUSTRIES, MILD IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS WAS REPORTED BY FIRMS IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES INDUSTRIES WHILE FIRMS IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES EXPERIENCED SOME DECLINE IN BUSINESS.

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AS REGARDS EXPECTATIONS OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE SECOND QUARTER, WIDESPREAD OPTIMISM IS REFLECTED AMONG FIRMS ACROSS ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. THE MAJORITY OF FIRMS IN THE MAJOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES EXPECT BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

ON BALANCE, FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES SECTOR EXPERIENCED LITTLE CHANGE IN BUSINESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER WHILE THOSE IN THE RESTAURANTS SECTOR EXPERIENCED A SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT. DUE LARGELY TO SEASONAL FACTORS, THE RESPONDING HOTELS EXPERIENCED A DECLINE IN BUSINESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER ARE GENERALLY EXPECTED BY RESPONDENTS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND HOTELS SECTORS. IN CONTRAST, THE RESTAURANT BUSINESS EXPECT A DECLINE DUE TO SEASONAL FACTORS.

THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED BUSINESS PROBLEMS FACED BY FIRMS.

AS REGARDS PROBLEMS FACED BY THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, FIRMS CONTINUED TO BE AFFECTED BY PRICE COMPETITION FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG, HIGH MATERIAL PRICES AND SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR IN THE FIRST QUARTER. IN ADDITION, A GENERAL SHORTAGE OF LABOUR WAS ALSO REPORTED BY FIRMS AS A MAJOR PROBLEM AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROBLEM OF HIGH MATERIAL PRICES HAS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY. THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN SIGNIFICANT IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THERE WAS A LARGE PROPORTION OF FIRMS CITING PRICE COMPETITION FROM LOCAL AND FOREIGN FIRMS IN HONG KONG AS PROBLEMS FOR BOTH THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS.

FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR WERE VERY MUCH AFFECTED BY THE PROBLEM OF PRICE COMPETITION IN THE FIRST QUARTER. OTHER MORE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS INDICATED BY RESTAURANTS WERE INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS, SHORTAGE OF STAFF GENERALLY, HIGH STAFF COSTS AND HIGH STAFF TURNOVER. HIGH STAFF TURNOVER WAS ALSO COMMON AMONG HOTELS. THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO PREVAIL IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

PRICE COMPETITION WAS A COMMON PROBLEM FACED BY THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION AND BANKS BUSINESSES FOR BOTH THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 1987. BANKS WERE ALSO AFFECTED EXTENSIVELY BY HIGH STAFF TURNOVER, THOUGH THE EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM IS EXPECTED TO DIMINISH IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE SURVEY RESULTS, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF HONG KONG.

IN THE SURVEY, PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD IMPROVED, REMAINED THE SAME OR DETERIORATED IN THE QUARTER JUST ENDED AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER.

FOR THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER, THEY WERE ALSO ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION WOULD IMPROVE, REMAIN THE SAME OR DETERIORATE. THE OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED. THE SURVEY REPORT CONTAINS A SECTION ON THE BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS AND A BREAKDOWN OF THE VIEWS OF FIRMS BY SIZE GROUPS.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT, IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CARE AS IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND STATISTICAL TABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND TO OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3.50 PER COPY.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234779.

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STUDENT WORK ORIENTATION PROGRAMME IN FULL SWING  
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A MONTH-LONG WORK ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN FULL SWING.

THE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED ON MAY 7, INCLUDES VISITS TO ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. IT IS AIMED AT ENABLING STUDENTS TO ACQUIRE FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SPECIALISED FIELDS OF WORK AND TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE ACTUAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

SO FAR, MORE THAN 300 STUDENTS FROM 11 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON CITY AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICTS HAVE VISITED A WIDE RANGE OF ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING BANKS, NEWSPAPERS, AIRLINE CATERERS, TELEVISION STATIONS, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANIES AND TRAINING CENTRES OF DISCIPLINARY FORCES.

DURING THE VISITS, THE STUDENTS WERE BRIEFED ON THE JOB NATURE, ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION IN ITS OWN SPHERE OF WORK.

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAMME FOUND THE VISIT BOTH INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING.

+WE HOPE THAT THROUGH SUCH CAREERS-ORIENTATED ACTIVITIES, THE STUDENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO DEVELOP A MORE REALISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FINDING JOBS BEST SUITED TO THEIR TALENTS, INTERESTS AND POTENTIAL,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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APPLICATIONS CALLED FOR SCHOOL SUMMER OLYMPIAD  
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SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE SECOND SCHOOL SUMMER OLYMPIAD THIS SUMMER.

ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SCHOOL SUMMER OLYMPIAD IS AIMED AT PROMOTING SPORTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL ATHLETES TO SHARE THEIR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES IN VARIOUS SPORTS.

THIS YEAR'S OLYMPIAD WILL TAKE PLACE FROM JULY 12 TO 26 AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT 3 000 SECONDARY PUPILS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN FIVE SPORTS - ATHLETICS, BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, SWIMMING AND VOLLEYBALL.

THE BEST THREE SCHOOLS IN BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS GRADE IN EACH COMPETITION WILL BE AWARDED WITH TROPHIES.

THE BEST THREE SCHOOLS IN EACH GRADE WITH THE HIGHEST OVERALL SCORE WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TROPHIES.

IN ADDITION, THE THREE BEST OVERALL CHAMPION SCHOOLS WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES OF \$5 000, \$3 000 AND \$2 000 RESPECTIVELY BY A SPONSOR FOR IMPROVING PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES.

THE FINALS FOR BADMINTON, BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS TOGETHER WITH THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI, ON JULY 26.

SCHOOL ENTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FOURTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BY MAY 30.

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REPORT ON HONG KONG ENERGY STATISTICS PUBLISHED  
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A STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED "HONG KONG ENERGY STATISTICS, 1976-1986" HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT REFLECTS THE IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY SUPPLIES TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMY AND PROVIDES A USEFUL AND CONVENIENT REFERENCE FOR STUDIES ON ENERGY BOTH WITHIN GOVERNMENT AND AMONG THE PUBLIC.

THE REPORT CONTAINS COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON DIFFERENT FORMS OF ENERGY, INCLUDING OIL PRODUCTS, ELECTRICITY, GAS, COAL AND CHARCOAL.

FOR VARIOUS OIL PRODUCTS, STATISTICS ON LIST PRICES, STORAGE CAPACITY, TANK STOCK, IMPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND QUANTITY OF SALES BY TYPE OF USER ARE PRESENTED IN THE REPORT.

FOR ELECTRICITY AND GAS, THE REPORT SHOWS TARIFF CHARGES, GENERATING CAPACITY, PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION BY TYPE OF USER. FOR COAL AND CHARCOAL, FIGURES ON IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ARE GIVEN.

ANNUAL DATA ON MOST OF THESE STATISTICS FOR 1976 TO 1986 ARE ALSO PROVIDED. IN ADDITION, QUARTERLY FIGURES FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS ARE PRESENTED FOR SOME OF THE ITEMS.

THE REPORT PROVIDES FRESH INFORMATION NOT PUBLISHED ELSEWHERE AS WELL AS ENERGY STATISTICS AVAILABLE FROM OTHER PUBLICATIONS, SUCH AS FUEL IMPORTS FROM "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS".

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12, HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$9.50 A COPY.

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FORCE MUSEUM TO GET PERMANENT HOME  
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THE FORMER WAN CHAI GAP POLICE STATION AT COOMBE ROAD IS TO BE IMPROVED AND CONVERTED INTO A FORCE MUSEUM.

THE NEW MUSEUM WILL OCCUPY 520 SQUARE METRES OF THE BASEMENT AND GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.

THERE WILL BE FOUR GALLERIES FOR DISPLAYING PHOTOGRAPHS AND LITERATURE ON THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, POLICE UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS.

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OTHER FACILITIES SUCH AS OFFICES, STORES AND TOILETS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE REDECORATION AND RE-FLOORING OF THE BUILDING, AND PROVISION OF AIR-CONDITIONING, SECURITY AND FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEMS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK WHICH WILL START IN JULY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE MUSEUM, WHEN COMPLETED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR, WOULD REPLACE THE FORCE MUSEUM CURRENTLY LOCATED IN LEASED ACCOMMODATION AT A COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE FOR BOAT PEOPLE  
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS BEGUN TO DISTRIBUTE GARBAGE BAGS TO FISHING VESSELS IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER FROM TODAY (MONDAY) TO JUNE 12 TO ENCOURAGE BOAT PEOPLE TO DISPOSE OF THEIR GARBAGE PROPERLY.

THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE APPROVED \$17 600 TO CARRY OUT THE SCHEME WHICH ALSO INVOLVES DAILY COLLECTION OF GARBAGE FROM BOATS.

SOME 10 000 PLASTIC BAGS CARRYING THE MESSAGE +KEEP HONG KONG WATERS CLEAN+ WILL BE DISTRIBUTED OVER THE FOUR-WEEK PERIOD.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO CARRY OUT THE SCHEME FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF A PILOT EXERCISE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

+THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT TO ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULTS, SIMILAR EXERCISES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT DURING FESTIVAL PERIODS, SUCH AS TUEN NG, WHEN MOST FISHING VESSELS RETURN FOR THE CELEBRATIONS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE PROGRAMME WAS IN LINE WITH THE ON-GOING CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT, AND WOULD ALSO COINCIDE WITH THE UNITED NATION'S WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ACTIVITIES.

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NAMING OF ROUTE 5 TUNNEL  
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THE NAMING OF THE TUNNEL, LINKING SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN, WILL BE DISCUSSED AT TOMORROW'S (TUESDAY) SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING.

THE TUNNEL IS PART OF ROUTE 5, A SEVEN KILOMETRE TRUNK ROAD WHICH WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN. CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS STARTED AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1989.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FILM CENSORSHIP BILL AND THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY DURING THE MEETING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND THE ICAC SHA TIN OFFICE COMMUNITY LIAISON WORK PLAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 9.30 AM AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, 6TH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE.

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COMMITTEE TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR PROJECTS  
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS' APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON THE ORGANISATION OF A +COMMUNITY-IN-PERSPECTIVE+ PROJECT TO HELP RAISE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS AND CONCERN ON LOCAL AFFAIRS AND PROBLEMS. ACTIVITIES PLANNED INCLUDE SEMINARS, TRAINING COURSES, VISITS, SOCIAL GATHERINGS, SURVEYS AND AN OPEN FORUM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AT 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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TAI PO COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SCHOOL PLACES  
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THE TAI PO SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS MEASURES TO MEET THE SHORTFALL OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN SHA TIN, TAI PO AND NORTH ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY WHICH WAS PUBLISHED RECENTLY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION AT AFFORDABLE COST FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS, AND THE WORK TARGETS OF THE COMMITTEE IN 1987/88.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE THE DEPARTMENTAL REPORT ON EXISTING AND PLANNING PROVISIONS OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN TAI PO FOR 1987/88 AND THE ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIRST TAI PO SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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SHINING LANDMARK IN MONG KOK  
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD LANDMARK WILL BE FLOODED WITH LIGHT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING IN A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU.

THE LANDMARK, A CIRCULAR MARBLE COLUMN LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD, WAS OPENED IN MARCH LAST YEAR BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO.

THE BOARD LATER ACCEPTED A PROPOSAL TO INSTALL FLOODLIGHTS SO THAT THE LANDMARK COULD BE CLEARLY VISIBLE EVEN AT NIGHT-TIME.

A TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY WILL ALSO BE HELD BEFORE THE SWITCH-ON AT A NEARBY FLOWER BED TO COMMEMORATE THE 1987 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD LANDMARK AT 6.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ON THE TRAFFIC ISLAND AT THE JUNCTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD.

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WAN CHAI CULTURAL AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
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MEMBERS OF THE CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ELECT A NEW CHAIRMAN FOR 1987/88.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME AS WELL AS THE PLANS TO PROMOTE CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR HOLDING CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN 1987/88.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

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KWONG FUK ROAD BUS LANE TO BE CLOSED  
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THE KWONG FUK ROAD BUS-ONLY LANE BETWEEN WAN TAU STREET AND PO HEUNG STREET, TAI PO WILL BE CLOSED FOR ROAD WORK BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 12 NOON TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

DURING THE CLOSURE, KMB ROUTES NO. 69, 70, 72A, 72B, 72X, 74A AND 74X WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WAN TAU STREET, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET AND PO HEUNG STREET.

THE BUS STOP IN KWONG FUK ROAD WILL BE RELOCATED TO HEUNG SZE WUI STREET.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN ABERDEEN

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YUE WOK STREET IN TIN WAN, ABERDEEN, WILL BE REROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 20).

AT THE SAME TIME, YUE KO STREET BETWEEN SHEK PAI WAN ROAD AND YUE WOK STREET WILL BECOME TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

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WATER CUT IN SHAM SHUI PO

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (MAY 21) FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY SO THAT A LEAKAGE TEST CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY KWEILIN STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, YEN CHOW STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, INCLUDING APLIU STREET, YU CHAU STREET, KI LUNG STREET, TAI NAN STREET AND SHAM SHUI PO MARKET.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 50.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 296.961 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 263.876 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 45.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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