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GOVERNOR TO LAUNCH KEEP HK CLEAN SPECTACULAR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE 1987-88 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN SPECTACULAR TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM ON MAY 15.

THE SPECTACULAR, IN THE FORM OF AN ENTERTAINMENT-EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME, WILL BE ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 6 000 PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE TWO-HOUR PROGRAMME WILL BE PRODUCED BY TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS RECEPTION TODAY (TUESDAY), CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL-REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR CARLOS CHEUNG, SAID THAT THE PROGRAMME, TO BE PERFORMED BY POPULAR SINGERS, ARTISTES AND YOUTHS WOULD BE BROADCAST LIVE ON TVB JADE THAT EVENING.

FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN THERE WILL BE AN EVENTFUL FORTNIGHT PACKED WITH CLEAN HONG KONG ACTIVITIES ORGANISED EITHER BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE OR THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WOULD JOIN URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS IN CLEANING UP A LITTER BLACKSPOT ON MAY 16 WHILE CLEANSING STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS WILL CARRY OUT A LARGE-SCALE BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP EXERCISE THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY STARTING MAY 18.

+ANOTHER CLIMAX OF THE MONTH WILL BE THE 'APPEAL DAY' ON MAY 30 DURING WHICH THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS WILL BE MOBILISED TO DISTRIBUTE THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STICKERS TO 500 000 CITIZENS,+ HE ADDED.

A LOT MORE CLEAN HONG KONG ACTIVITIES CATERING FOR DIFFERENT TARGET GROUPS WILL BE ORGANISED IN THE COMING MONTHS TO ENCOURAGE MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, APPEALED TO ALL HONG KONG 'BELONGERS' TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN BY PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS CLEAN HONG KONG FUNCTIONS AND SPREADING THE CLEAN HONG KONG MESSAGE WHENEVER AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

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RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN FEBRUARY 1987, PROVISIONALLY ESTIMATED AT \$5 832 MILLION, WAS 5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN FEBRUARY 1986 WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS 1 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS COMPARISON WAS, HOWEVER, AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR WHEREAS LAST YEAR IT WAS IN FEBRUARY.

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COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1986, RETAIL SALES OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME- AND THOSE OF CONSUMER DURABLES WENT UP BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO RECORDED ALMOST NO CHANGE IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT DECREASE IN SALES VOLUME.

FUELS DECREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS DROPPED BY 18 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 22 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN VALUE AND SLIGHTLY IN VOLUME.

SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED MODERATELY IN VALUE AND SLIGHTLY IN VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES REGISTERED A RISE IN SALES VALUE BUT A FALL IN VOLUME, WHILE SUPERMARKETS HAD MODERATE DECREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

COMPARING THE THREE MONTHS DECEMBER 1986-FEBRUARY 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD 12 MONTHS PREVIOUSLY, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ ROSE BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME, WHILE THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR CONSUMER DURABLES WERE 13 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT.

CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 5 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS DECREASED BY 13 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE AND CONSIDERABLY IN VOLUME, WHILE SALES BY SUPERMARKETS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

DEPARTMENT STORES EXPERIENCED A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE AND A MODERATE INCREASE IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED A MODERATE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE AND A SLIGHT INCREASE IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS (THE TIMING OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR IN PARTICULAR), TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR FEBRUARY 1987 DECLINED BY 20 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF FUELS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

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IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME, +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ DROPPED BY 16 PER CENT, CONSUMER DURABLES BY 18 PER CENT, FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO BY 20 PER CENT, AND CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS BY 40 PER CENT.

RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DECREASED CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME AND THOSE OF SUPERMARKETS AND MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED SUBSTANTIAL DECREASES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES EXPERIENCED A VERY SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE IN SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR JANUARY 1987 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR FEBRUARY 1987.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN JANUARY 1987 AND FEBRUARY 1987 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF FEBRUARY 1987 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR JANUARY 1987 AND WITH THOSE FOR FEBRUARY 1986 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE THREE MONTHS DECEMBER 1986-FEBRUARY 1987 WITH THOSE IN THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE ALSO GIVEN.

GRAPHS 1 AND 2 DEPICT, RESPECTIVELY, THE MOVEMENTS OF THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO FEBRUARY 1987 AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEXES AND TRENDS FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO JANUARY 1987.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE FEBRUARY 1987 SURVEY RESULTS IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION ON 5-8234941.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for February 1987 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$5 832 million  
for January 1987 (Revised Figure) = HK\$7 274 million

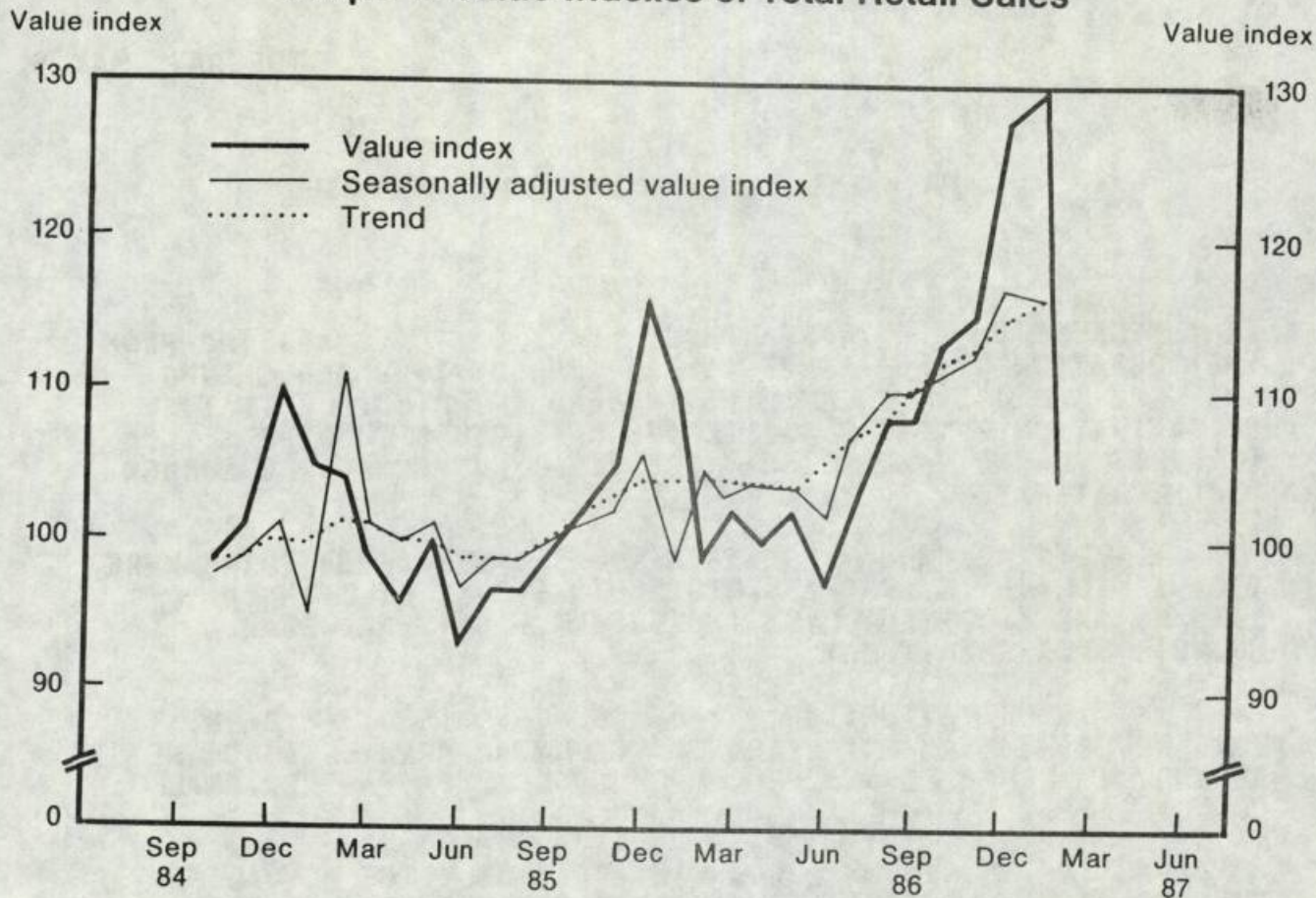
TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES  
FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1987

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

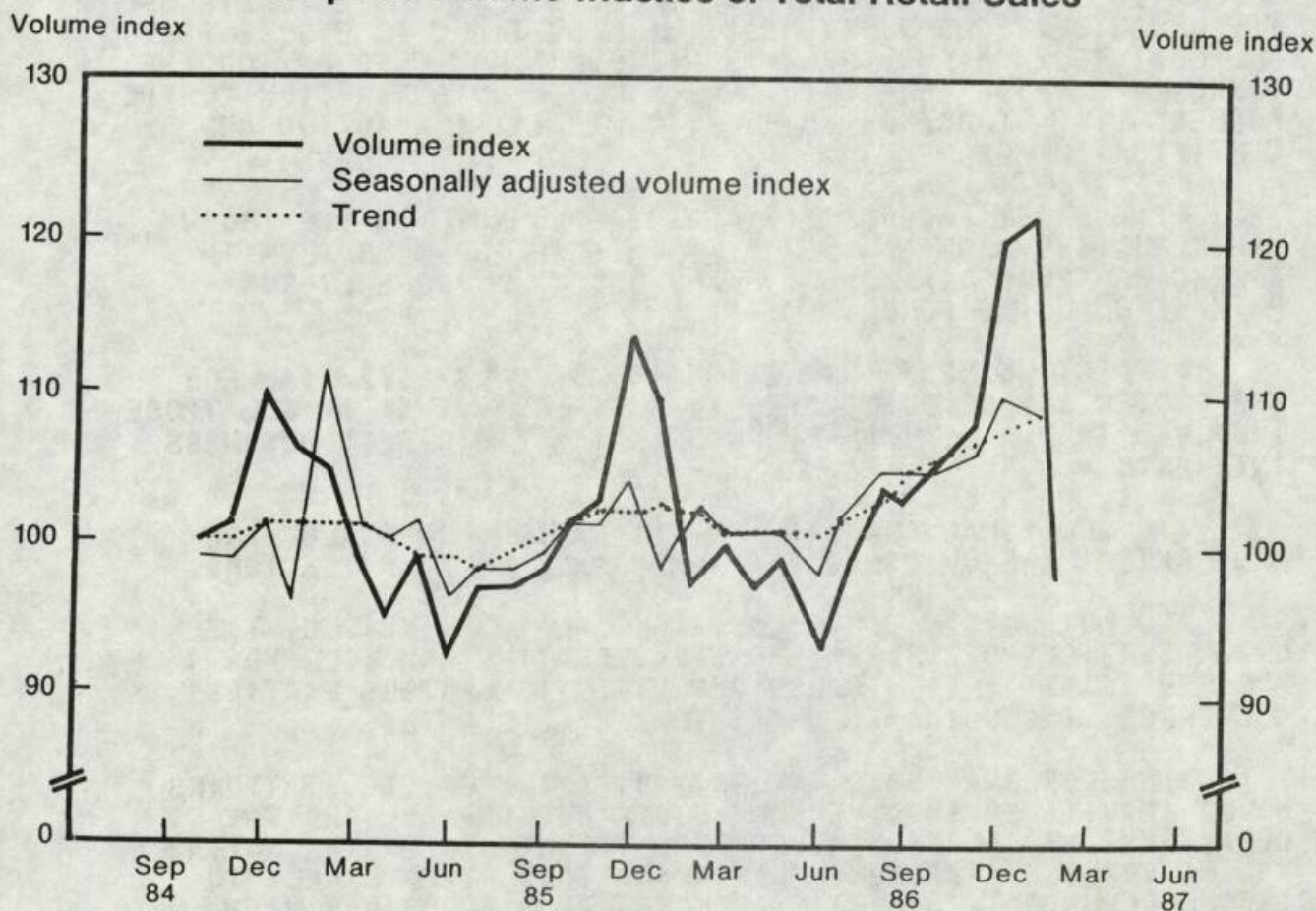
Item	Index of Retail Sales	January 1987	February 1987	February 1987 compared with January 1987		February 1987 compared with February 1986		Dec. 86 - Feb. 87 compared with Dec. 85 - Feb. 86	
				Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) <u>FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</u>	Value	130	104	-26	-20	+ 5	+ 5	+13	+12
	Volume	122	98	-25	-20	+ 1	+ 1	+ 7	+ 6
(B) <u>BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</u>									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	131	105	-26	-20	*	*	+13	+13
	Volume	128	102	-26	-20	- 2	- 1	+10	+10
Fuels	Value	86	82	- 4	- 5	- 8	- 9	-13	-13
	Volume	101	92	- 8	- 8	+ 2	+ 3	+ 1	+ 1
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	158	95	-64	-40	-20	-18	+ 6	+ 5
	Volume	147	89	-58	-40	-25	-22	- 2	- 1
Consumer durables	Value	126	103	-23	-18	+10	+11	+14	+13
	Volume	112	92	-21	-18	+ 2	+ 2	+ 4	+ 4
Other consumer goods	Value	131	110	-21	-16	+14	+15	+17	+16
	Volume	121	101	-20	-16	+ 7	+ 8	+ 9	+ 8
(C) <u>BY SELECTED TRADES</u>									
Supermarkets	Value	160	115	-45	-28	- 7	- 6	+20	+17
	Volume	154	110	-44	-29	-10	- 8	+16	+14
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	158	121	-37	-24	+17	+16	+32	+29
	Volume	128	97	-31	-24	+ 3	+ 3	+14	+13
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	116	97	-19	-16	+ 8	+ 9	+ 8	+ 8
	Volume	108	90	-18	-17	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1	+ 1
Department stores	Value	152	97	-55	-36	+ 3	+ 3	+14	+11
	Volume	142	91	-51	-36	- 2	- 2	+ 6	+ 5

- Notes : 1. "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" includes "supermarkets".  
2. "Consumer durables" includes "motor vehicles and parts".  
3. "Other consumer goods" includes "department stores".  
4. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.  
5. \* denotes change of less than 0.5.

### Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



### Graph 2: Volume Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Notes: (1) Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100

(2) The seasonally adjusted value and volume indexes and Henderson trends are compiled using the X-11 variant seasonal adjustment program of the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

PRIVATISATION OF ABATTOIRS PROPOSED  
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BECAUSE OF THE INCREASINGLY HEAVY DEFICITS ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE ABATTOIRS AT KENNEDY TOWN AND CHEUNG SHA WAN, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT PRIVATISATION OF THE SLAUGHTERING SERVICES SHOULD BE PURSUED, TO END WHAT IS AN INCREASINGLY UNACCEPTABLE BURDEN ON THE RATEPAYER.

+THE TOTAL OPERATING DEFICITS AT THE TWO ABATTOIRS WERE \$38.21 MILLION IN 1984/85, RISING TO \$50.11 MILLION IN 1985/86 AND \$63.37 MILLION IN 1986/87,+ SAID AN URBAN COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

IF THE PRIVATISATION PROPOSALS WENT AHEAD, HE SAID, THIS WOULD MEAN AN EXTENSION TO THE URBAN AREA OF A SCHEME ALREADY IMPLEMENTED AND PROVED SUCCESSFUL IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA.

+AS IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA, ONLY THE ACTUAL BUTCHERING WILL BE PRIVATISED - NOT THE ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FUNCTION OF MEAT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION,+ HE SAID.

+THE URBAN COUNCIL, THROUGH THE HEALTH INSPECTORATE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT ALL MEAT RELEASED FOR SALE IS FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION THE COUNCIL IS SATISFIED THAT THERE WILL BE NO ALTERATION TO THE PRESENT HIGH STANDARDS IN RELATION TO THE INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF MEAT.

+THE EXPERIENCE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IN THE TSUEN WAN SLAUGHTERHOUSE HAS SHOWN THAT THERE IS NO PROBLEM IN ENFORCING APPROPRIATE MEAT STANDARDS IN A PROPERLY-RUN PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

+EFFECTIVE MEAT INSPECTION IS NOT ONLY ESSENTIAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUT ALSO VIEWED BY ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE MEAT TRADE AS BEING IN THEIR BEST BUSINESS INTERESTS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRIVATISATION PROPOSALS WERE MADE AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF ALL RELEVANT FACTORS.

+FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS ITS EXECUTIVE ARM WILL NOW PROCEED TO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VARIOUS PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE MEAT TRADES,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ANY PRIVATISATION OF THE ABATTOIRS WOULD INEVITABLY INVOLVE SOME STAFF REDUNDANCY, AND THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALREADY GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO MAKING SUITABLE AND REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ABATTOIR STAFF LIKELY TO BECOME REDUNDANT. INITIAL EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS WITH AFFECTED STAFF ARE IN PROGRESS.

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CONFERENCE TO HIGHLIGHT INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR WILL EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDING AND DIVERSIFYING HONG KONG'S CHEMICAL PROCESSING INDUSTRIES.

THE CONFERENCE +PROSPECTS FOR HONG KONG'S CHEMICAL PROCESS INDUSTRIES IN THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT+ WILL BE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG CHEMICAL SOCIETY AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

THE HONORARY PATRON OF THE SOCIETY, MR WONG PO-YAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT STATISTICS SHOWED A \$10 BILLION A YEAR TRADE DEFICIT IN NON-ENERGY CHEMICALS.

+WE BELIEVE THAT MUCH CAN BE DONE TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP THIS POTENTIAL INDUSTRY AND TURN IT INTO A MORE SIGNIFICANT SECTOR IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY. IT CAN BE A STRONG ELEMENT IN ENSURING THE FUTURE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION) OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, MR IAN HOWARD, ECHOED MR WONG'S VIEW. HE SAID IN A COMPETITIVE WORLD THERE WERE NO EASY SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF SUCCESSFUL MANUFACTURE FOR EXPORT.

IMPROVEMENTS IN PRODUCTIVITY USUALLY REQUIRED INVESTMENT WHICH WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING UNLESS INVESTORS WERE CONVINCED THE RETURN WOULD BE SATISFACTORY.

THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL POLICY WAS TO ALLOW MARKET FORCES TO DETERMINE BUSINESS DECISIONS AND THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. HOWEVER, THERE WERE AREAS WHERE OUTSIDE HELP WAS NEEDED AND IT WAS FOR THAT REASON THAT THE GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND MAINTAINS A PROGRAMME OF STUDIES, BY CONSULTANTS, OF VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS USED TO IMPROVE THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND TO DRAW ATTENTION TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

HE COMMENDED THE HONG KONG CHEMICAL SOCIETY FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN DRAWING ATTENTION TO NEW AND CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES IN A VERY IMPORTANT SECTOR OF THE TERRITORY'S INDUSTRIAL BASE.

+WE IN THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO THE SOCIETY FOR THEIR EFFORT AND MOST PLEASED TO LEND OUR ACTIVE SUPPORT TO THE EVENT,+ HE SAID.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 11 AND 12 AT THE HOTEL VICTORIA. THERE WILL BE FOUR WORKSHOPS, AT WHICH KEYNOTE SPEAKERS FROM THE UNITED STATES, SINGAPORE, CHINA AND HONG KONG WILL PRESENT THEIR VIEWS. THE TOPICS WILL BE THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT; THE OPPORTUNITY; RESOURCES AND LIMITATIONS; AND DIRECTION AND STRATEGY.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL SPEAK AT THE CLOSING SESSION.

THE CONFERENCE IS SPONSORED BY BAYER CHINA CO. LTD, DOW CHEMICAL PACIFIC LTD., THE HANG SENG BANK LTD., RANK XEROX (HONG KONG) LTD., THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LTD., UNITED OVERSEA ENTERPRISES LTD., CIBA-GIEGY (HONG KONG) LTD. AND MITSUI AND CO (HONG KONG) LTD.

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APPROVAL SOUGHT FOR CIVIL SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENTS  
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APPROVE AN ADJUSTMENT OF ABOUT 6.30 PER CENT FOR THE UPPER BAND, 6.40 PER CENT FOR THE MIDDLE BAND AND 7.13 PER CENT FOR THE LOWER BAND OF THE PAY SCALES AND PERSONAL SCALES OF CIVIL SERVANTS WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

THIS FOLLOWS THE ACCEPTANCE OF RESULTS OF A PAY TREND SURVEY BASED ON THE ABOVE INDICATORS BY THE STAFF SIDES OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL, THE MODEL SCALE 1 STAFF CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL AND THE POLICE FORCE COUNCIL LAST MONTH.

THE SURVEY WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF 64 COMPANIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 1986 TO JANUARY 31, 1987.

MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE SIMILAR ADJUSTMENTS TO SCALES AND RATES FOR EMPLOYEES OF SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS THAT ARE NORMALLY ADJUSTED IN LINE WITH CIVIL SERVICE PAY.

APPLICATIONS FOR PAY ADJUSTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS SUBVENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED ACCORDING TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION IS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$1 312 MILLION FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ARE:

- \* ADDITIONAL COST OF RETAINING THE SERVICES OF THE +ADVISER ON PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES+ FOR A FURTHER TERM OF TWO YEARS IN THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT;

- \* AN INCREASE OF EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE TO EACH CADET OF THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL AND THE DELEGATION OF POWER TO APPROVE FUTURE INCREASES;
- \* COMMITMENTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF TWO SINGLE-ENGINED TRAINING AIRCRAFT AND AN INCREASE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT CEILING FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE;
- \* FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF ANNUAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE OF IMPLEMENTING STAGE 1 OF COMPUTER LITERACY COURSES FOR FORMS I TO III IN PUBLIC SECTOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
- \* COMMITMENT TO MEET AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING PHASE I OF THE PERMANENT CAMPUS FOR THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG;
- \* COMMITMENT FOR AN INCENTIVE AWARD SCHEME FOR CHINESE TEXTBOOKS IN SELECTED SUBJECTS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
- \* A CAPITAL GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND TO THE KOWLOON UNION CHURCH FOR ESTABLISHING A HOSTEL AND WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS;
- \* A PROJECT ESTIMATE FOR PHASE XI AND A NET DECREASE IN THE TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATES FOR PHASES I TO X OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME;
- \* GRANTS TO THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION FOR CONSTRUCTING A HOME FOR THE AGED AND CARE AND ATTENTION CENTRE; AND
- \* COST FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTERISED SYSTEM TO ASSIST IN THE PROCESSING OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION CASES.

IN ADDITION, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT KWUN TONG  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT KWUN TONG ON THURSDAY (MAY 7) AFTERNOON TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

SIR DAVID WILL TAKE A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE DISTRICT AT THE KWUN TONG HIGH LEVEL RESERVOIR AND VISIT THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING SITE AT SAI CHO WAN.

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HE WILL ALSO TOUR SHUI WO STREET HAWKER MARKET AREA AND BEFORE ATTENDING A RECEPTION FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN OF THE DISTRICT'S AREA COMMITTEES.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO KWUN TONG ON THURSDAY. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE BY 1.45 PM AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING CARPARK, TUNG YAN STREET WHERE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED.

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**NORTH POINT ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED**  
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SEVERAL ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN NORTH POINT WHICH PREVENT THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF GAS MAINS ARE TO BE DEMOLISHED WHEN A CLOSURE ORDER HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

THE STRUCTURES ARE IN THE LANES AND AT THE REAR AND SIDE OF 309-319, 321-333, KING'S ROAD, 1-9A, NORTH POINT ROAD, AND 17, YUET YUEN STREET.

THEY WERE ORDERED CLOSED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN MAY 1985 AND FEBRUARY 1987 BUT THE ORDERS HAVE NEVER BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JULY 7 FOR CLOSURE ORDERS TO BE ISSUED AND POSTED NOTICES TO THIS EFFECT ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

AN AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID BESIDES AFFECTING THE GAS MAINS THE STRUCTURES ALSO AFFECTED THE MEANS OF ESCAPE AT GROUND FLOOR LEVEL AND THEREFORE CREATED A FIRE HAZARD TO OCCUPANTS OF BUILDINGS IN THE VICINITY.

+EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD FULLY SUPPORTS THE CLEARANCE OPERATION IN VIEW OF THE HAZARD THE STRUCTURES POSE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID OBTAINING A CLOSURE ORDER WAS NECESSARY SO THAT DEMOLITION, WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT HAD BEEN OBTAINED, COULD GO AHEAD WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE STRUCTURES' OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS FOR 1986.

THE SURVEY COVERS WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS. QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO ABOUT 8 100 ESTABLISHMENTS OUT OF A TOTAL OF 130 000 ESTABLISHMENTS FALLING UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE SURVEY.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASES, OPENING AND CLOSING STOCKS, BUSINESS TURNOVER AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE. SUCH ECONOMIC DATA WILL PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE +WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS+ SECTOR AND ARE NEEDED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG. THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL ALSO BE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

IT IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO RESPOND TO THE SURVEY. A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF THE SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO 16 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES BY JULY 31, 1987. OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD WHILE ON DUTY, WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES, IF REQUIRED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS STRESSES THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

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POSTER AND ESSAY COMPETITIONS FOR ENVIRONMENT DAY  
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THE WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY WORKING GROUP UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) IS INVITING ENTRIES FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS FOR A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION AND FROM POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS AND THE PUBLIC FOR AN ESSAY COMPETITION TO COMMEMORATE THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON JUNE 5.

THE COMPETITIONS ARE AIMED AT AROUSING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AMONG THE YOUNG AND THE GENERAL AS HONG KONG COMMEMORATES THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR.

WED WAS DESIGNATED 15 YEARS AGO BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO ENCOURAGE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS FOR THE PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT.

THE POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SECTIONS. ENTRIES SHOULD BE MADE ON DRAWING PAPER OR CARD PAPER MEASURING 420 MM BY 594 MM, IN BLACK/WHITE OR COLOUR, AND SHOULD NOT BE FOLDED.

THREE CASH PRIZES AND FIVE OTHER AWARDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR EACH SECTION. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT MAY SELECT OUTSTANDING ENTRIES FOR USE IN FUTURE CAMPAIGNS.

THE ESSAY COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO ENGLISH AND CHINESE SECTION. ENGLISH ENTRIES SHOULD BE TYPEWRITTEN ON A-4 SIZE WHITE PAPERS IN DOUBLE-LINE SPACING AND SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN 1 000 WORDS. CHINESE ENTRIES SHOULD BE WRITTEN VERTICALLY IN CONVENTIONAL CHINESE CHARACTERS ON FAIR COPY PAPER AND SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN 800 CHARACTERS.

THREE CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS OF EACH SECTION AND A PERSONAL COMPUTER WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO CHAMPIONS OF THE TWO SECTIONS. ENTRIES WILL BE SELECTED FOR PUBLICATIONS IN THE PRESS.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EPCOM WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WORKING GROUP, C/O HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, 7TH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BY MAY 15. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS ON JUNE 5. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO 5-8102650.

POSTERS ON THE TWO COMPETITIONS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES, TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, DISTRICT OFFICES, THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR LRT CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS  
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$9 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS CONNECTED WITH THE TUEN MUN TO YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROJECT.

TRACK ALONG THE FIRST PHASE OF THE LRT SYSTEM WILL CROSS ROAD JUNCTIONS AND AFFECT OTHER VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS.

A TRAFFIC SIGNALLING SYSTEM IS THEREFORE REQUIRED TO CONTROL VEHICULAR, PEDESTRIAN AND LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE MOVEMENTS EFFICIENTLY AND SAFELY.

ABOUT 70 JUNCTIONS, ALONG 21 KILOMETRES OF THE ROUTE, HAVE TO BE MODIFIED IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASED TRAFFIC.

THE 18-MONTH PROJECT WHICH ALSO INVOLVES ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORK FOR THE MODIFICATION OF ROAD JUNCTIONS AND ASSOCIATED CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS HAS JUST BEEN STARTED.

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ORAL ENGLISH COURSES FOR JOURNALISTS  
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THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IS INVITING WORKING JOURNALISTS TO APPLY FOR TWO COURSES ON ENGLISH ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN MID-JUNE.

ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE TWO ORAL ENGLISH COURSES (ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE) ARE DESIGNED TO UPGRADE THE COMMUNICATION SKILLS OF JOURNALISTS.

CLASSES FOR BOTH COURSES WILL MEET ON EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNING STARTING FROM JUNE 17 TILL JULY 13.

COURSE FEE IS \$1 050. PARTICIPANT PAYS \$150 ONLY, WITH THE BALANCE BORNE BY THE COUNCIL.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS JUNE 2.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE COURSES CAN BE MADE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 283.

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COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND ALLOCATION  
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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 7) TO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

A TOTAL OF \$650 000 HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR ORGANISING RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR BOTH YOUNG AND ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF CONVERTING A COVERED BASKETBALL COURT IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI, INTO A SPORTS CENTRE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE USAGE PATTERN OF MAJOR RECREATIONAL VENUES IN THE DISTRICT; REGIONAL COUNCIL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME PLANNED FOR THE DISTRICT IN MAY AND JUNE AS WELL AS REPORT FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING ON THURSDAY AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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BUSY AGENDA FOR KWAI TSING DB MEETING  
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A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE REVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, ILLEGAL LOAN SERVICES, CAR PARKING FACILITIES, EDUCATION, AND CLINICS ON TSING YI WILL BE ASKED AT THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 7).

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, DR LAI MING-WAH, WILL MOVE A MOTION TO SUPPORT HOOVER COURT OWNERS INCORPORATED IN SEEKING HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTION ON ALL UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

BOARD MEMBER, MR LEUNG YIU-CHUNG, WILL ALSO MOVE A MOTION TO REQUEST THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE AS IT WILL AFFECT FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN HONG KONG.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE LONG-TERM HOUSING STRATEGY AND THE DISTRICT BOARD BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO MEET**  
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YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE FILM CENSORSHIP BILL AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

OTHER TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE THE PROGRESS OF RE-DEVELOPMENT AT THE POK OI HOSPITAL, THE WORKING GROUP ON YUEN LONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER AND THE 1986/87 FINANCIAL REPORT ON DB SPONSORED SOCIAL SERVICES.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 3 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13/F, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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**TREE PLANTING EXERCISE TO BE DISCUSSED**  
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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE TREE-PLANTING EXERCISE AT SAI KUNG TOWN HALL.

THE EXERCISE IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN LATE JUNE THIS YEAR TO MARK WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1987.

MEANWHILE, RESULTS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CLEAN VILLAGE COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED. THE THREE WINNING VILLAGES AS WELL AS PARTICIPATING VILLAGES WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND SOUVENIRS DURING THE MEETING.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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WATER CUT IN TSUEN WAN  
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FRESH WATER AND SALT WATER SUPPLIES TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 8) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY WO YI HOP ROAD NEAR LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD AND ROUTE TWISK INCLUDING SAM TUNG UK RESITE AREA, LO WAI ROAD, SHING MUN ROAD, HILLTOP ROAD, HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB, YI PEI CHUN ROAD, LO WAI CHUEN, SAN TSUEN, PAK TIN PA TSUEN, HOI PA CHUEN, SAI LAU KOK CHUEN, MA SIN PAI CHUEN, YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN, FU YUNG SHAN CHUEN, CHUK LAM SIM YUEN, TUNG PO TO, FU YUNG SHAN ROAD, YI PEI CHUN, PAK TIN PA SAN TSUEN, KWU HANG CHUEN, CHUNG KUK TO, NAM TIN CHUK.

CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE AND CHEUNG SHAN RESITE AREA WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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