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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER  
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THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS GREW BY \$538 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT IN OCTOBER 1985 OVER OCTOBER 1984 TO REACH \$8 434 MILLION, WHILE THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FELL BY \$1 309 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT TO \$11 164 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS DECLINED BY \$771 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT TO \$19 598 MILLION IN OCTOBER 1985. MEANWHILE, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$345 MILLION OR 2 PER CENT TO \$19 966 MILLION.

IN CONSEQUENCE, A VISIBLE TRADE GAP (THAT IS, THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS) OF 2 PER CENT WAS RECORDED IN OCTOBER 1985, COMPARED WITH A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS IN OCTOBER 1984 WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT TO 4 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1985 WAS \$193 188 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$106 107 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$87 081 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1984, THE VALUES OF TOTAL EXPORTS AND OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 7 PER CENT AND 31 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FELL BY 7 PER CENT. OVER THIS PERIOD THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 3 PER CENT TO \$188 923 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS, EQUIVALENT TO 2 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH A VISIBLE TRADE GAP OF 1 PER CENT IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONTINUED DECLINE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS (YEAR-ON-YEAR) WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE RELATIVELY LOW GROWTH RATES OF THE ECONOMIES OF HONG KONG'S EXPORT MARKETS, IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED STATES, IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1985.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 1985 -

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	: \$11 164 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	: \$ 8 434 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	: \$19 598 MILLION
	IMPORTS	: \$19 966 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	: \$ 368 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

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COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	AUG - OCT 1985	AUG - OCT 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	34 123	38 627	- 4 504	-11.7
RE-EXPORTS	25 527	22 208	+ 3 319	+14.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	59 650	60 835	- 1 185	- 1.9
IMPORTS	57 291	57 332	- 41	- 0.1
TRADE BALANCE	+ 2 359	+ 3 503	- 1 144	
<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	OCTOBER 1985	OCTOBER 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	11 164 (57.0%)	12 473 (61.2%)	- 1 309	-10.5
RE-EXPORTS	8 434	7 896	+ 538	+ 6.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	19 598	20 369	- 771	- 3.8
IMPORTS	19 966	19 621	+ 345	+ 1.8
TRADE BALANCE	- 368	+ 748	- 1 116	
<u>LAST MONTH</u>	OCTOBER 1985	SEPTEMBER 1985	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	11 164 (57.0%)	10 976 (57.0%)	+ 188	+ 1.7
RE-EXPORTS	8 434	8 286	+ 148	+ 1.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	19 598	19 262	+ 336	+ 1.7
IMPORTS	19 966	18 209	+ 1 757	+ 9.6
TRADE BALANCE	- 368	+ 1 053	- 1 421	

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CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN - OCT 1985	JAN - OCT 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	106 107 (54.9%)	114 362 (63.2%)	- 8 255	- 7.2
RE-EXPORTS	87 081	66 478	+20 603	+31.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	193 188	180 840	+12 348	+ 6.8
IMPORTS	188 923	182 693	+ 6 230	+ 3.4
TRADE BALANCE	+ 4 265	- 1 853	+ 6 118	
LAST 12 MONTHS	NOV 1984 TO OCT 1985	NOV 1983 TO OCT 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	129 681	135 676	- 5 995	- 4.4
RE-EXPORTS	104 108	78 441	+25 667	+32.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	233 789	214 117	+19 672	+ 9.2
IMPORTS	229 601	218 650	+10 951	+ 5.0
TRADE BALANCE	+ 4 188	- 4 533	+ 8 721	

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR OCTOBER  
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) ROSE BY 3.3 PER CENT AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) BY 3.5 PER CENT BETWEEN OCTOBER 1984 AND OCTOBER 1985, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR OCTOBER 1985 WERE 161.1 AND 161.7 RESPECTIVELY. COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1985 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, CPI(A) DECREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 0.5 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 1985, AT 159.1 AND 159.3 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 3.4 PER CENT AND 3.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 1984.

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DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 1985, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.2 PER CENT PER MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), AT 0.3 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING OCTOBER, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH AND LIVE POULTRY WERE LOWER. ON THE OTHER HAND, SCHOOL FEES, TEXTBOOK PRICES, TELEPHONE CHARGES AND RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR WERE HIGHER.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME, AND THE CPI(B), BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR OCTOBER 1985 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1985 AND OCTOBER 1984, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR OCT 85	% CHANGE OVER SEP 85	% CHANGE OVER OCT 84	INDEX FOR OCT 85	% CHANGE OVER SEP 85	% CHANGE OVER OCT 84
FOODSTUFFS	156.0	-3.4	+0.9	156.9	-2.9	+1.1
HOUSING	156.9	+0.1	+5.0	156.0	+0.3	+4.3
FUEL AND LIGHT	145.6	-	-0.9	145.8	-0.0%	-0.6
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	234.3	+0.1	+12.4	224.8	+0.1	+11.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	171.7	+1.0	+8.2	174.6	+1.3	+8.9
DURABLE GOODS	122.7	+0.2	-1.7	127.9	+0.3	-0.9
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	151.8	-0.2	+0.7	149.4	-0.2	+1.6
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	184.0	+0.1	+7.3	184.4	+0.2	+6.0
SERVICES	192.4	+4.2	+8.4	186.5	+3.4	+7.3
ALL ITEMS	161.1	-1.0	+3.3	161.7	-0.5	+3.5

\* LESS THAN 0.05%.

/COMPARED WITH .....

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1985, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 3.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND 2.9 PER CENT IN CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH AND LIVE POULTRY, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE INCREASE IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH FRUIT. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND 1.3 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES ROSE BY 4.2 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND 3.4 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER SCHOOL FEES, TEXTBOOK PRICES AND TELEPHONE CHARGES.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TO TWO DECIMAL PLACES.)

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR OCTOBER 1985, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1904, 19TH FLOOR, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDDELL STREET, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

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UNOFFICIALS TO DEBATE ON GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS  
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A TWO-DAY DEBATE ON THE MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS, TO BE MOVED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL BEGIN IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON LYDIA DUNN, WILL START THE DEBATE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

MISS DUNN WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI, THE HON K.C. CHAN, THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG, THE HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, THE HON MRS SELINA CHOW, THE HON HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, THE HON HO SAI-CHU, THE HON MARTIN LEE, THE HON LEE YU-TAI, THE HON HELMUT SOHMEN AND THE HON ANDREW WONG.

/THEY WILL .....

THEY WILL BE SPEAKING ON THE STRUCTURE AND MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

TOUCHING ON THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SITUATION WILL BE THE HON S.L. CHEN, THE HON ALLEN LEE, THE HON WONG PO-YAN, THE HON PETER POON, DR THE HON KIM CHAM, THE HON THOMAS CLYDESDALE, THE HON DAVID LI AND THE HON NGAI SHIU-KIT, WHILE THE HON J.J. SWAINE, THE HON YEUNG PO-KWAN AND THE HON CHUNG PUI-LAM WILL SPEAK ON LAW, ORDER AND SECURITY.

ON THURSDAY THE OTHER 23 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON THE MOTION. SPEAKING ON EDUCATION ARE THE HON PETER C. WONG, THE HON CHAN YING-LUN, THE HON RITA FAN, THE HON PAULINE NG, THE HON LIU LIT-FOR, PROF THE HON POON CHUNG-KWONG, THE HON SZETO WAH AND DR THE HON DANIEL TSE.

THE HON PANG CHUN-HOI AND THE HON TAM YIU-CHUNG WILL TOUCH ON LABOUR WHILE THE HON F.K. HU, THE HON RICHARD LAI, DR THE HON CONRAD LAM AND THE HON POON CHI-FAI WILL CONCENTRATE ON HOUSING.

THE HON HUI YIN-FAT AND THE HON ROSANNA TAM WILL ELABORATE ON SOCIAL WELFARE, DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP AND DR THE HON CHIU HIN-KWONG ON MEDICAL SERVICES; AND THE HON MARIA TAM, THE HON JACKIE CHAN, THE HON CHENG HON-KWAN, THE HON LAU WONG-FAT AND THE HON TAI CHIN-WAH ON DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE.

THE SPEECHES WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK'S CHINESE AND ENGLISH SERVICES RADIO 1 AND 3.

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NEED TO PROMOTE, STRENGTHEN CIVIC EDUCATION  
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THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO PROMOTE AND STRENGTHEN CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG THE YOUNG AS THE PRESENT HONG KONG SOCIETY UNDERGOES INCESSANT CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL PARADE OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, HE SAID THERE WERE MANY WAYS TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION WHICH INCLUDED THE THEORETICAL APPROACH AND THE PRACTICAL APPROACH.

+A PRACTICAL APPROACH THROUGH DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN ATTAINING THE AIMS OF CIVIC EDUCATION,+ HE SAID.

+THROUGH THIS PROCESS, THE AIMS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, WHICH DEVELOP THE CORRECT CONCEPT OF VALUES AND THE SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES THROUGH POSITIVE PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMUNITY-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES, IS WELL CORRESPONDED WITH THE GENERAL AIMS OF EDUCATION,+ HE ADDED.

RECOGNISING THE DESIGNATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, MR LEUNG CALLED FOR THE UNFAILING SUPPORT OF SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS IN THE CYC SCHEME WITH WHICH THE SPIRIT OF CIVIC EDUCATION WAS BEST CULTURED.

+THEIR STRONG EFFORTS IN EQUIPPING OUR YOUTHS WITH CONFIDENCE AND SKILLS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY WILL SURELY NURTURE GOOD CITIZENSHIP OF THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

MR LEUNG THEN PRESENTED TWO PURPLE BADGES - THE HIGHEST HONOUR OF THE CYC MERIT AWARD SCHEME - TO TWO PRIMARY SCHOOL CYC MEMBERS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

PRESENTING THE AWARDS TO CHUNG TSUI-YEE AND TONG SHUI-LEUNG OF CHO YIU CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KWAI CHUNG, HE SAID THEIR CAPABILITY OF MAKING SUCH CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY AT THEIR YOUNG AGE WAS ALL THE MORE WORTHY OF HIGH APPRECIATION.

MR LEUNG URGED THEM TO JOIN THE CYC SENIOR MEMBER'S SERVICE GROUP, WHICH WAS INAUGURATED LAST YEAR, TO HELP LEAD THE 150 000 PLUS MEMBERS AND CONTINUE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

+MAKING USE OF WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT FROM THEIR SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS, MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP ARE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO ORGANISE AND LEAD VARIOUS KINDS OF ACTIVITIES, AND TRAIN THEMSELVES IN REASONING AND EXERCISING THEIR ANALYTICAL POWER,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

+THEY WILL ALSO LEARN THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS OF TACKLING DIFFERENT PROBLEMS TO BRING FORTH BETTER RESULTS.+

+THIS KIND OF TRAINING IS BENEFICIAL AND ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTHY GROWTH OF OUR YOUTHS,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

+AS A CONCERNED MEMBER IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, I EARNESTLY LONG FOR A HEALTHY YOUNGER GENERATION CAPABLE OF CONTRIBUTING MUCH TO OUR COMMUNITY,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

ATTENDING TODAY'S PARADE WERE MORE THAN 3 000 CYC MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS.

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DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE TABLED  
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THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 666 POSTS ENGAGED IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER GENERAL SUPPORT FUNCTIONS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BY MARCH 31, 1986.

DISCLOSING THIS AT A MEETING OF THE WAYS AND MEANS SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MRS MARIA YIP, SAID SALARIES IN RESPECT OF THESE POSTS IN 1985-86 WOULD AMOUNT TO \$33.4 MILLION.

/MRS YIP .....

MRS YIP SAID AN ADDITIONAL 101 POSTS, INCLUDING 27 ON LOAN TO THE DEPARTMENT ON 1985-86, WOULD BE REQUIRED IN 1986-87, REPRESENTING A 15 PER CENT INCREASE IN ESTABLISHMENT. SALARIES FOR THESE NEW POSTS IN 1986-87 AMOUNT TO \$7.2 MILLION.

+TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FULL YEAR COST FOR NEW POSTS CREATED DURING 1985-86, STAFF ANNUAL INCREMENTS AND ASSUMING INFLATION AT EIGHT PER CENT, THE TOTAL SALARY COST IN 1986-87 FOR ALL STAFF ENGAGED IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER GENERAL SUPPORT FUNCTION IS ESTIMATED AT \$47 MILLION,+ SHE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE DECIDED AT THE MEETING TO INCLUDE THE DRAFT ESTIMATES FOR 1986-87 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER GENERAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES IN THE OVERALL ESTIMATES FOR THE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.

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GOOD RESPONSE TO +CLEAN AND GREEN+ SCHEME  
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THE +CLEAN AND GREEN+ SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS ATTRACTED A RECORD PARTICIPATION OF 5 300 PEOPLE AND MORE ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN BEFORE REGISTRATION CLOSES ON DECEMBER 1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE RESPONSE TO THE SCHEME WAS ENCOURAGING, AND THE TURN-OUT HAD ALREADY EXCEEDED THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 5 000 PEOPLE SET BY THE 1984/85 SCHEME.

OF THE PARTICIPANTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, 81 PER CENT OR 4 300 ARE YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 21. THERE ARE 800 OTHERS IN THE 22-41 AGE BRACKET. THE REMAINDERS ARE OVER 40 INCLUDING ONE AGED 82.

+THE AGE PATTERN INDICATES THAT THE SCHEME HAS NOT ONLY AROUSED THE INTEREST OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION FOR WHOM THIS PROJECT IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED, BUT ALSO ELDERLY COUNTRYSIDE LOVERS,+ HE SAID.

THE SCHEME, ORGANISED JOINTLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR, AIMS AT DRIVING HOME THE MESSAGE FOR A CLEANER AND GREENER COUNTRYSIDE. IT IS OPEN TO ANYONE AGED 12 AND OVER.

PRIZES FOR THE SCHEME INCLUDE TWO RETURN AIR TICKETS TO AUSTRALIA AND TWO 15-DAY AUSSIE PASSES, A TAIWAN MOUNTAIN CLIMBING PACKAGE TOUR, A CAMERA WITH ACCESSORIES, CAMPING EQUIPMENT AND HIKING GEAR.

A MAXIMUM OF 10 000 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE SCHEME HELD IN THREE STAGES BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER.

IN THE FIRST STAGE, PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO COLLECT LITTER AFTER REPORTING TO ONE OF THE 12 COUNTRY PARK REPORTING POSTS ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS BEFORE DECEMBER 1.

+ON HANDING IN A FULL BAG OF LITTER, THEY WILL BE ISSUED WITH A SOUVENIR AND A REGISTRATION CUM QUIZ ENTRY FORM, ENABLING THEM TO ENTER THE SECOND STAGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE SECOND STAGE, PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO COLLECT LITTER IN A MAXIMUM OF NINE COUNTRY PARKS, FILLING OUT THE QUIZ FORM, AND SUBMITTING A PIECE OF DESIGN ON THE THEME OF COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION OR TREE PLANTING BEFORE DECEMBER 9.

THE FINAL STAGE WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 28 IN THE FORM OF AN OUTDOOR COMPETITION.

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#### APPLICATION FOR TIGER GOLD COINS

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE YEAR OF THE TIGER GOLD COINS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO COMMEMORATE THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 28).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE LIMITED QUANTITY OF \$1 000 GOLD COINS WERE OBTAINABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION BRANCHES.

+THE PROOF VERSION OF THE COIN IS PRICED AT \$3 300 AND THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN IS AT \$2 200,+ HE SAID.

COMPLETED FORMS, TOGETHER WITH CROSSED CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO +HONG KONG GOVERNMENT 1986 SPECIAL COIN ACCOUNT+ OR BANKER'S CASHIER ORDERS MUST REACH ANY OF THE 10 HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION BRANCHES LISTED IN THE APPLICATION FORM BEFORE 12.30 PM ON DECEMBER 14.

+THE YEAR OF THE TIGER GOLD COIN IS THE PENULTIMATE COIN IN A SERIES TO COMMEMORATE THE CYCLE OF 12 LUNAR YEARS, EACH REPRESENTED BY AN ANIMAL, WHICH FALLS IN THE WESTERN CALENDAR YEARS 1976-87. APPLICATIONS NOW BEING INVITED ARE RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS WITH A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1985

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BRIEFING ON EPA  
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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR NIGEL SHIPMAN, THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, WHICH IS TO BE UPGRADED TO A DEPARTMENT IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

MR SHIPMAN WAS GIVEN A DETAILED BRIEFING OF THE AGENCY'S WORK BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED.

OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF THE AIR, NOISE, WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISIONS LATER SHOWED MR SHIPMAN AROUND THE AGENCY AND EXPLAINED THE WORK OF THEIR DIVISIONS.

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DETAILS ON TSUEN KWAI ARTS FESTIVAL  
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE TSUEN KWAI ARTS FESTIVAL 1986 WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM ON NOVEMBER 29 (FRIDAY) IN THE CRYSTAL BALLROOM OF THE HOLIDAY INN (GOLDEN MILE) IN NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN KWAI ARTS FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN, WILL CHAIR THE CONFERENCE.

FEATURING A DAZZLING VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES, THE FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 31 TO MARCH 2, 1986. IT IS PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION, KWAI CHUNG PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

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SCHOOLS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR JAKARTA  
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THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL IS SENDING A HONG KONG SCHOOLS FOOTBALL TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 14TH ASIAN SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA, STARTING DECEMBER 10.

A FLAG-PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE HONG KONG TEAM AND A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

/THE DIRECTOR .....

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1985

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS, FOURTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION EXHIBITION OPENED

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YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, TODAY (TUESDAY) CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO SHOW SUPPORT TO THEIR DISTRICT BY TAKING PART IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 6.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION EXHIBITION, HE SAID: +THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IS THE POLICY-MAKING BODY IN ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, RECREATIONAL AND AMENITY PROGRAMMES FOR DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND YUEN LONG WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE COUNCIL THROUGH AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE.+

MR WILSON URGED ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS TO STAND AS CANDIDATES IN THE ELECTION AND TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY.

THE EXHIBITION COVERED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE URBAN COUNCIL, DISTRICT BOARDS, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THROUGH SLIDES, GRAPHICS AND CHARTS.

ITS AIM WAS TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' INTEREST, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNG, IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM, STIMULATE THEIR CONCERN ABOUT SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS.

THE EXHIBITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, AND WILL LAST UNTIL FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 29).

IT IS PART OF THE PROMOTION PROGRAMME IN CIVIC EDUCATION ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE. OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT STUDY CAMP AND SCHOOL TALKS.

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DTC REGISTRATION SUSPENDED  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS TODAY SUSPENDED THE REGISTRATION OF O AND S (CREDIT) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ON THE GROUND THAT THE PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY IS LESS THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON HOUSING PROGRAMME  
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS RE-HOUSING AND RE-PROVISIONING MATTERS OF AN EXTENDED PUBLIC HOUSING RE-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FOUR HOUSING BLOCKS INVOLVED IN THE RE-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME INCLUDE BLOCK 26 OF SAU MAU PING ESTATE (I), BLOCKS 12 AND 13 OF LAM TIN ESTATE (III), AND BLOCK 17 OF LAM TIN ESTATE (II).

SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE ESTATE MANAGEMENT BRANCH AND CONSTRUCTION BRANCH OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO ASSIST IN THE DISCUSSION.

TOMORROW'S SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, IN VIEW OF RECENT PUBLIC CONCERN OVER THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN HOUSING BLOCKS IN SOME ESTATES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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VISIT TO TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE  
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MEMBERS OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL GO ON A SITE VISIT ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 28) TO THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE, CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

A BRIEFING ON THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE WILL BE GIVEN BY PROJECT MANAGER (TSUEN WAN), DR E.G. PRYOR, AND CHIEF RESIDENT ENGINEER, MR BRIAN MCKENNA, AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OFFICE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TOUR TO THE SITE.

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MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE PARTY AND LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION AND DETAILS OF THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE.

DR PRYOR AND MR MCKENNA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS AFTER THE TOUR. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (OPPOSITE THE KWAI HING MTR STATION) AT 10.20 AM ON THURSDAY. A COACH WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM TSING YI.

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET  
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IT WILL DISCUSS THE WIDE RANGE OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DECIDE ON THE NAMING OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS.

THE MEETING, WHICH WILL START AT 9.30 AM, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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VARIETY SHOW TO HIGHLIGHT ANTI-CRIME CAMPAIGN  
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A VARIETY SHOW, HIGHLIGHTING THE CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT, WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 30) EVENING AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN-AIR THEATRE.

THE SHOW IS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS IN CRIME PREVENTION.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS INCLUDING JOHNNY IP AND MICHELLE PAO. A DRAMA KARATE DEMONSTRATION, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS, AND A PERFORMANCE BY THE AUXILIARY POLICE BAND.

WINNERS OF THE RECENT INTER-SCHOOL CRIME PREVENTION ESSAY CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR CLIVE BUTLER, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE FOUR BRANCH OFFICES OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN INCLUDE SEMINARS, VISITS, AND THE FORMATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNITS IN FIVE SELECTED BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE FIGHT CRIME VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN-AIR THEATRE ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 30) AT 7.30 PM.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT TAPS OFF  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 29) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY DEEP WATER BAY ROAD, ISLAND ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, INCLUDING SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST AND SHOUSON HILL ROAD WEST.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR SIGNALS

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THE JUNCTION OF TAI NAN WEST STREET AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE SIGNALISED FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 28).

AT THE SAME TIME THE LEFT TURNING MOVEMENT FROM TAI NAN WEST STREET WESTBOUND ONTO LAI CHI KOK ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED.

MOTORISTS CAN TURN RIGHT AT TAI NAN WEST STREET WESTBOUND ONTO LAI CHI KOK ROAD NORTHBOUND, AND AT LAI CHI KOK ROAD NORTHBOUND ONTO TAI NAN WEST STREET EASTBOUND.

CHEUNG MOU STREET BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND CHEUNG YEE STREET WILL BE RE-OPEN TO TRAFFIC.

THE CHOI HUNG INTERCHANGE FLYOVER LEADING FROM CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WESTBOUND TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WESTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 28) TO DECEMBER 1 BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM, TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND.

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