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GOVERNOR TO LEAD HIGH-LEVEL MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL LEAD A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION ON A FOUR-CITY VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA NEXT MONTH TO FURTHER HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES.

THE 13-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT BEGINS ON JULY 10 WHEN SIR EDWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY LADY YOUDE, LEAVES AS GUEST-OF-HONOUR ON CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS'S INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO SAN FRANCISCO.

ALSO ON BOARD WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONGKONG BANK, SIR MICHAEL SANDBERG, AND CPA CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL MILES, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION. THEY WILL BE MET IN SAN FRANCISCO BY HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK, MR BILL DORWARD, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE GOVERNOR THROUGHOUT THE VISIT.

THE INAUGURAL FLIGHT WILL BE THE FIRST OF A HOST OF OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS AND MEETINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE AND CHICAGO IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IN VANCOUVER IN CANADA. SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE WILL BE GUESTS OF HONOUR AT HONG KONG DAY AT EXPO '86, WHERE THE TERRITORY'S PAVILION HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED ITSELF AMONG THE MOST POPULAR WITH VISITORS.

THROUGHOUT THE VISIT, SIR EDWARD INTENDS TO DELIVER A POSITIVE MESSAGE ABOUT HONG KONG'S FUTURE, ITS TRADING AND BUSINESS POTENTIAL FOR NORTH AMERICA AND TO UNDERLINE THE THREAT POSED TO WORLD TRADE BY PROTECTIONISM.

HE WILL MAKE KEYNOTE SPEECHES TO INFLUENTIAL AUDIENCES IN EACH OF THE FOUR CITIES AND AT A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS AND CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS.

UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO STRENGTHENING HK-U.S. LINKS, SIR EDWARD WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY DURING HIS VISIT TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE GOVERNMENT'S THIRD OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO WILL SUPPORT HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES ALREADY OPERATING IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE VISIT TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT IT WAS THE GOVERNOR'S THIRD OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE U.S. TO PROMOTE HONG KONG'S INTERESTS THERE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SIR EDWARD HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A SIMILAR MISSION TO JAPAN - HIS SECOND OFFICIAL VISIT THERE - AND WAS ALSO PLANNING A VISIT TO LONDON IN SEPTEMBER TO FURTHER IMPROVE TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE UK.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FORTHCOMING NORTH AMERICA MISSION WAS PLANNED TO BRING HOME HONG KONG'S MESSAGE TO VARIOUS CITIES IN NORTH AMERICA WITH STRONG BUSINESS, TRADING AND CULTURAL TIES WITH THE TERRITORY AND TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE WITH EITHER AN INTEREST, OR A POTENTIAL INTEREST, IN HONG KONG AND ITS WELL-BEING.

+THE CPA INAUGURAL, THE OPENING OF OUR SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AND HONG KONG DAY AT EXPO HAVE ALL FALLEN TOGETHER TO ENABLE THE GOVERNOR TO DO THIS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE GOVERNOR'S ARRIVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE GATEWAY CITY TO THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES, COINCIDES WITH THE START OF A +HONG KONG WEEK+ THERE. TO MARK THE ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY THE GOVERNOR WILL RECEIVE THE KEY TO SAN FRANCISCO CITY FROM ITS MAYOR, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, DURING A WELCOMING CEREMONY.

THE FOLLOWING DAY WILL SEE SIR EDWARD PARTICIPATING IN THE +HONG KONG WEEK+ CELEBRATIONS. HE WILL FIRST TOUR AN EXHIBITION OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS AT ONE OF THE CITY'S LARGEST AND MOST FAMOUS DEPARTMENT STORES, THE I. MAGNIN STORE. FROM THERE, HE WILL WALK ACROSS TO THE CITY'S UNION SQUARE TO DECLARE OPEN THE +HONG KONG FESTIVAL+, MADE UP OF STALLS IN A HONG KONG VILLAGE SETTING. THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE BAND WILL PROVIDE MUSIC AT THIS EVENT.

THEN IT WILL BE LUNCH AND A FASHION SHOW BACK AT THE I. MAGNIN STORE BEFORE SIR EDWARD LEAVES TO SPEND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT THE BOHEMIAN GROVE ENCAMPMENT, AN EXCLUSIVE WEEKEND RETREAT FOR SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, CHIEF EXECUTIVES FROM BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, AND SENIOR OVERSEAS OFFICIALS.

SIR EDWARD WILL GIVE HIS FIRST MAJOR SPEECH OF THE TOUR ON MONDAY, JULY 14, WITH AN ADDRESS TO ABOUT 600 OF THE CITY AND STATE'S POLITICIANS, BUSINESSMEN AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AT A LUNCH JOINTLY HOSTED BY THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE HONG KONG BAY AREA ASSOCIATION.

THE FOLLOWING MORNING SIR EDWARD IS DUE TO ATTEND A WORKING BREAKFAST WITH MEMBERS OF THE BAY AREA INTERNATIONAL FORUM, AN INFLUENTIAL GROUP OF SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS.

AFTERWARDS SIR EDWARD WILL OPEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S NEW ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, IN DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO. THE OFFICE, WHICH WILL BE HEADED BY MR BILLY LAM, HAS BEEN SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AMERICAN MARKET TO HONG KONG AND WILL INCORPORATE THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICE.

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IN THE EVENING, SIR EDWARD WILL ATTEND THE CATHAY PACIFIC INAUGURAL RECEPTION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE HONGKONG BANK AND THE STANDARD CHARTERED BANK TO BE HELD AT THE SAN FRANCISCO ASIAN ARTS MUSEUM.

ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, SIR EDWARD WILL FLY FOR A NINE-HOUR VISIT TO SEATTLE FOR TWO FUNCTIONS, ONE OF WHICH WILL BE A VISIT TO THE BOEING AIRCRAFT FACILITY, THE OTHER A LUNCH AND SPEECH ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE WASHINGTON STATE CHINA RELATIONS COUNCIL.

FROM SEATTLE, THE GOVERNOR WILL JET TO VANCOUVER TO MEET CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN AND TO ATTEND THE +HONG KONG DAY+ CEREMONIES AT EXPO '86 WHERE HONG KONG HAS A PAVILION.

THE MORNING OF THURSDAY, JULY 17 BEGINS WITH A BUSINESS BREAKFAST MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, SCIENCE AND INVESTMENT.

THEN IT WILL BE A LUNCH WITH CANADIAN TRADE AND BUSINESS OFFICIALS FROM THE VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE, THE HONG KONG-CANADA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY AT WHICH HE WILL GIVE HIS THIRD KEYNOTE SPEECH COVERING HONG KONG AND WORLD TRADE WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO HONG KONG AND CANADA LINKS.

FRIDAY, JULY 18, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED +HONG KONG DAY+ AT EXPO '86 AND THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE WILL SPEND THE DAY AT THE EXPOSITION.

THEY WILL START WITH A VISIT TO THE HONG KONG PAVILION IN THE COMPANY OF MR JAMES SO, SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, WHO IS ALSO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG PAVILION. SIR EDWARD WILL MEET THE STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SPONSORS OF THE PAVILION AND VIEW THE EXHIBITS INCLUDING THE AUDIO-VISUAL SHOW WHICH HAS TO DATE ATTRACTED NEARLY 400 000 PEOPLE.

FOLLOWING THIS, SIR EDWARD WILL TOUR THE EXPOSITION SITE BY BOAT AND CAR, VISITING THE BRITISH COLUMBIA AND CANADA PAVILIONS. HE WILL ALSO PRESENT THE +HONG KONG CUP+ TO THE WINNERS OF THE DRAGON BOAT RACE HELD THERE EARLIER THIS MONTH.

FOLLOWING AN OFFICIAL DINNER, HE WILL ATTEND A HONG KONG EVENING GALA PERFORMANCE BY TVB AND ATV STARS FROM HONG KONG. THE EVENT WILL BE RECORDED BY RTHK AND TRANSMITTED TO HONG KONG BY CABLE AND WIRELESS PLC FOR DELAYED BROADCAST.

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THE NEXT MORNING, SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE WILL CONTINUE ON A TOUR OF THE CANADIAN AND BRITISH PAVILIONS BEFORE FLYING ON TO CHICAGO WHERE ANOTHER BUSY PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DRAWN UP.

AFTER A REST ON SUNDAY, SIR EDWARD WILL MEET THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE, MR JOHN F. GILMORE, FOR DISCUSSIONS AND A TOUR OF THE TRADING FLOOR BEFORE ATTENDING A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WHERE HE WILL GIVE HIS FOURTH SPEECH.

ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE MISSION, JULY 22, SIR EDWARD WILL BE HAVING A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE CONTINENTAL BANK OF ILLNOIS AND OTHER IMPORTANT MID-WEST FIGURES.

SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE FLY TO LONDON THAT EVENING AND BEGIN THEIR ANNUAL LEAVE ON JULY 23. SIR EDWARD IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON ABOUT AUGUST 23.

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THREE-TIER STRUCTURE 'WORKING EFFICIENTLY'  
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THE PRESENT THREE-TIER STRUCTURE - THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS -- IS WORKING QUITE EFFICIENTLY AND IT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A MEETING WITH REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS, HE SAID EACH LEVEL HAD ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITIES AND HE SAW NO NEED TO CHANGE IT.

SIR EDWARD NOTED THAT HE HAD HAD A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND VALUABLE MEETING WITH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS WHEN A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WERE DISCUSSED.

ON THE 1987 POLITICAL REVIEW, HE TOLD THE MEMBERS THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS NOW THE TIME TO WAIT AND SEE HOW THE PRESENT SYSTEM WAS WORKING BEFORE STARTING TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF HOW IT SHOULD BE DEVELOPED.

+THE TIME TO INVITE PUBLIC COMMENT WOULD BE AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE GREEN PAPER,+ HE SAID.

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ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE WAS ANY OVERLAP BETWEEN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS OR BETWEEN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE HAD TOLD THE MEMBERS THAT THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY AND THOSE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL COULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE TWO.

+AND I THOUGHT THAT ON THE WHOLE, WHAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN THE ESTATES WAS DOING WAS QUITE EFFICIENT. THAT DID NOT PREVENT, OF COURSE, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FROM TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE REGION-WIDE RATHER THAN CONFINED TO PARTICULAR HOUSING ESTATES,+ HE ADDED.

THE QUESTION OF FINANCING FUTURE CAPITAL WORKS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AND THE GOVERNOR TOLD THE REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT THERE WERE TWO THINGS TO DO.

+ONE WAS TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT SIZE FOR CAPITAL SPENDING SO THAT THE REGIONAL COUNCIL COULD DECIDE ON THE CONTENT OF THE WORKS AND THE PRIORITY WHICH THEY WANTED TO ALLOCATE TO VARIOUS ITEMS IN THAT PROGRAMME,+ HE SAID.

+AS REGARDS THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS, I SAID I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO HYPOTHECATE PARTICULAR SOURCES. BUT THE DEPARTMENT WAS LOOKING AT IDEAS WHICH WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN A RE-EXAMINATION NEXT YEAR.+

ASKED WHETHER THE CHANGE OF OATH IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WOULD ALLOW A WIDER SELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE FUTURE, SIR EDWARD NOTED THAT IT WAS EVIDENT THAT WHEN THE OATH WAS CHANGED FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS, A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF THE NEW MEMBERS TOOK THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OATH.

+ALL THAT WE HAVE IN FACT DONE IS TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE THE SAME OATH IF - AND I HAVE TO SAY IF - THEY ARE APPOINTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE CHANGE OF OATH HAD THE IMPLICATION THAT SOME OF THE ELECTED LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS MIGHT BE APPOINTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR EDWARD SAID: +THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY.+

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION ABOUT THE DAYA BAY PROJECT, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT A PRESS RELEASE WOULD BE ISSUED TODAY, STATING WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS DOING AS REGARDS ENSURING THAT THERE WERE FULL EXPLANATIONS GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC ON THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF DAYA BAY.

+AND THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES IS JUST GOING OFF TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TO HAVE SOME FURTHER DISCUSSIONS THERE.+

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SIR EDWARD ADDED THAT HE WAS GOING TO WAIT AND SEE WHETHER LEGCO MEMBERS WANTED TO DEBATE THE DAYA BAY ISSUE.

+THAT'S VERY MUCH A MATTER FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS AT THIS STAGE AND I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO CONSIDER THAT LATER IN THE WEEK,+ HE SAID.

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YAXLEY TO VISIT UK OVER NUCLEAR PLANT ISSUE  
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER STATION.

HE SAID THAT THE CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE OPERATION OF THE PLANT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GUANGDONG NUCLEAR POWER JOINT VENTURE COMPANY. HOWEVER, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS IN THE POSITION OF ANY OTHER METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY WHERE A NUCLEAR POWER STATION IS BUILT NEAR ITS TERRITORY.

ACCORDINGLY, THE GOVERNMENT IS REQUESTING ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN BUILDING AND OPERATING THE PLANT TO PUT TOGETHER A PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO EXPLAIN THE STATION AND CONVEY ASSURANCES TO THE HONG KONG PUBLIC REGARDING THE SAFETY ASPECTS WHICH WILL BE BUILT INTO THE STATION AND APPLIED DURING ITS OPERATION.

MR JACOBS SAID THAT IN ORDER TO CARRY THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS FURTHER FORWARD, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR JOHN YAXLEY, WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED KINGDOM EARLY NEXT MONTH. HE WILL BE HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE WHITEHALL DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY OTHER MAJOR URBAN AREAS.

MR JACOBS ADDED THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE ALSO IN PROGRESS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY AT HARWELL, WHO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS CONSULTANTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SUBJECT OF DAYA BAY WAS DISCUSSED BY BRITISH AND CHINESE LEADERS DURING THE VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM BY SECRETARY GENERAL HU YAOBANG. BOTH SIDES STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE SAFETY STANDARDS, BASED ON EXTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, AND FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND REASSURANCE IN ORDER TO ALLAY THE CONCERN OF THE HONG KONG PUBLIC.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT ENGINEERS FROM THE DAYA BAY PROJECT WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE UMELCO PANEL ON PUBLIC UTILITIES TOMORROW (FRIDAY). THE ENGINEERS WILL BE ANSWERING A DETAILED LIST OF QUESTIONS PUT TO THEM EARLIER THIS MONTH BY UMELCO. MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO UMELCO BY VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTALIST GROUPS.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MAY  
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THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN MAY 1986, AT \$12 334 MILLION, GREW BY 14.0 PER CENT OR \$1 518 MILLION COMPARED WITH MAY 1985, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 5.8 PER CENT OR \$541 MILLION TO \$9 869 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, AT \$22 203 MILLION, WAS 10.2 PER CENT OR \$2 059 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN MAY 1985.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 16.3 PER CENT OR \$3 134 MILLION OVER MAY 1985 TO REACH \$22 350 MILLION.

AS THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW AT A FASTER RATE THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE GAP (THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS) OF 0.7 PER CENT WAS RECORDED IN MAY 1986, COMPARED WITH A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS IN MAY 1985 WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT TO 4.8 PER CENT OF IMPORTS.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1986 WAS \$96 262 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$52 828 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$43 434 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1985, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$2 510 MILLION OR 2.7 PER CENT, AND OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$3 377 MILLION OR 6.8 PER CENT, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS FELL BY \$867 MILLION OR 2.0 PER CENT. OVER THIS PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$7 485 MILLION OR 8.0 PER CENT, TO \$100 499 MILLION.

AS THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW AT A FASTER RATE THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE GAP OF 4.2 PER CENT WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1986, COMPARED WITH A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS, EQUIVALENT TO 0.8 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1985.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DECLINE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS (YEAR-ON-YEAR) EXPERIENCED DURING MOST OF 1985 WAS ARRESTED TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR AND THE RECOVERY SEEMS TO HAVE GATHERED MOMENTUM SINCE MARCH 1986.

IMPROVED ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIRST QUARTER AND THE DEPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR AGAINST MOST MAJOR CURRENCIES OTHER THAN THE U.S. DOLLAR WERE THE MAIN CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS DECLINED BY 2 PER CENT IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR, PROBABLY REFLECTING THE EFFECT OF CHINA'S TIGHTENING OF CONTROL OVER ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE SPENDING.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR MAY 1986:

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$12 334 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$9 869 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$22 203 MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$22 350 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$147 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	MAR 86 TO MAY 86 HK\$ MN.	MAR 85 TO MAY 85 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
			HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	33 951	28 906	5 045	17.5
RE-EXPORTS	27 995	27 906	89	0.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	61 946	56 812	5 134	9.0
IMPORTS	64 710	58 930	5 780	9.8
TRADE BALANCE	-2 764	-2 118	-646	
<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	MAY 1986 HK\$ MN.	MAY 1985 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
			HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	12 334 (55.6%)	10 816 (53.7%)	1 518	14.0
RE-EXPORTS	9 869	9 328	541	5.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	22 203	20 144	2 059	10.2
IMPORTS	22 350	19 216	3 134	16.3
TRADE BALANCE	-147	928	-1 075	

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<u>LAST MONTH</u>	MAY 1986 HK\$ MN.	APRIL 1986 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
			HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	12 334 (55.6%)	11 348 (54.3%)	986	8.7
RE-EXPORTS	9 869	9 560	309	3.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	22 203	20 908	1 295	6.2
IMPORTS	22 350	22 477	-127	-0.6
TRADE BALANCE	-147	-1 569	1 422	

<u>CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE</u>	JAN-MAY 1986 HK\$ MN.	JAN-MAY 1985 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
			HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	52 828 (54.9%)	49 451 (52.7%)	3 377	6.8
RE-EXPORTS	43 434	44 301	-867	-2.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	96 262	93 752	2 510	2.7
IMPORTS	100 499	93 014	7 485	8.0
TRADE BALANCE	-4 237	738	-4 975	

<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	JUN 85 TO MAY 86 HK\$ MN.	JUNE 84 TO MAY 85 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
			HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	133 258	137 113	-3 855	-2.8
RE-EXPORTS	104 404	97 336	7 068	7.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	237 662	234 449	3 213	1.4
IMPORTS	238 904	230 205	8 699	3.8
TRADE BALANCE	-1 242	4 244	-5 486	

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MAY  
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THE NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) (OCTOBER 84-SEPTEMBER 85 = 100) FOR MAY 1986 WERE 102.9 AND 103.4 RESPECTIVELY, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CPI(A) DECREASED BY 0.1 PER CENT AND THE NEW CPI(B) SHOWED ALMOST NO CHANGE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE 1979-80-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR MAY 1986 WERE 163.1 AND 164.7 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 2.6 PER CENT AND 3.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER MAY 1985. COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986, CPI(A) DECREASED BY 0.1 PER CENT AND CPI(B) SHOWED ALMOST NO CHANGE.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MAY 1986, AT 161.4 AND 162.2 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 2.8 PER CENT AND 3.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MAY 1985.

PRICE MOVEMENTS DESCRIBED BELOW ARE BASED ON THE NEW CPI SERIES.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED MAY 1986, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.3 PER CENT PER MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(B) AT 0.4 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING MAY, RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH, LIVE POULTRY AND CIGARETTES INCREASED. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DECREASED.

THE NEW CPI(A) AND THE NEW 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 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE NEW CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2 000 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6 500 AND \$9 999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR MAY 1986 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY-SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

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(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	NEW CPI(A)		NEW CPI(B)	
	INDEX FOR MAY 86	% CHANGE OVER APR. 86	INDEX FOR MAY 86	% CHANGE OVER APR. 86
FOODSTUFFS	100.3	-0.4	100.7	-0.3
HOUSING	104.3	+0.1	103.8	+0.2
FUEL AND LIGHT	92.8	-2.6	93.3	-2.5
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	108.4	+2.4	108.2	+2.2
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	108.5	+0.8	109.5	+0.8
DURABLE GOODS	105.5	+0.4	104.7	+0.3
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	103.2	+0.4	103.9	+0.5
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	106.1	+0.2	105.3	+0.2
SERVICES	108.6	+0.2	108.2	+0.2
ALL ITEMS	102.9	-0.1	103.4	+0.0*

\* LESS THAN 0.05%

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND 0.3 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH AND LIVE POULTRY. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT DECREASED BY 2.6 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND 2.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AS WELL AS A DOWNWARD FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR TOWNGAS.

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THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) WENT UP BY 2.4 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND 2.2 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF CIGARETTES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ROSE BY 0.8 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES HEREIN 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 MAY 1986, 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, 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 TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 3-7216512.

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#### SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME FOCUSSES ON CIVIC AWARENESS

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THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME THIS YEAR WILL ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TAKING PART TO WIDEN THEIR HORIZON, RAISE THEIR CIVIC AWARENESS AND BECOME USEFUL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1986 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, MR LIAO SAID ALL THE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE CENTRED ON THE MAIN THEME OF +CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY, GETTING TO KNOW IT BETTER.+

MR LIAO SAID THE THEME WAS WELL THOUGHT OUT, AT A TIME WHEN HONG KONG WAS EXPERIENCING RAPID CHANGES IN ITS ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SPHERES.

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+IT WILL HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR CIVIC DUTIES AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO PARTICIPATE MORE ACTIVELY IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS,+ HE SAID.

+BY TAKING PART IN THE ACTIVITIES, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE, THROUGH THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE, TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS, ENRICH THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE CHALLENGE OF CREATING A BETTER FUTURE FOR HONG KONG.+

MR LIAO SAID MORE THAN 10 000 ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ORGANISED UNDER THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME FOR MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION PARTICIPANTS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH HAD BEEN SET UP TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON YOUTH AFFAIRS AND TO CO-ORDINATE YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

THE COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MRS ROSANNA TAM, AND INCLUDES COMMUNITY LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, THE SPIRIT OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE CARRIED FURTHER AND BRING BETTER RESULTS,+ MR LIAO SAID.

THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME HAS RECEIVED STEADY SUPPORT FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, COMMUNITY LEADERS, VOLUNTARY AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. THE FIRST PROGRAMME WAS HELD IN 1969.

THIS YEAR, MR LIAO SAID, A TOTAL OF \$15 MILLION WOULD BE SPENT ON THE SUMMER ACTIVITIES, WITH \$6 MILLION OF THIS BEING DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

IT WAS FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW JOINTLY PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

BOTH THE VARIETY SHOW AND THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE RECORDED FOR BROADCAST ON TVB-JADE ON SUNDAY, JULY 6.

AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING THE PREVIOUS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES WAS ALSO HELD AT THE STADIUM.

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MENTAL HEALTH AMENDMENTS ENDORSED BY COMMITTEE  
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THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH ORDINANCE WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) DISCUSSED AND ENDORSED BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MDAC) WHEN IT MET FOR THE LAST TIME IN THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY DR HARRY FANG, WERE ASKED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT LEGISLATION WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN ITS NEXT SESSION.

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOLLOWED RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP ON EX-MENTAL PATIENTS WITH A HISTORY OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE OR ASSESSED DISPOSITION TO VIOLENCE. THE WORKING GROUP WAS APPOINTED IN JUNE 1982 BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP WAS PUBLISHED IN 1983 AND WAS SUPPORTED IN GENERAL BY BOTH THE MDAC AND THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

THE DRAFT LEGISLATION NOT ONLY REFLECTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP BUT ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE GUARDIANSHIP OF MENTALLY-ILL AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS OVER 18 YEARS, AS WELL AS DEALING WITH OTHER, MINOR MATTERS.

ONE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PROVIDES THAT, WHERE A PATIENT HAS A HISTORY OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE OR A DISPOSITION TO SUCH VIOLENCE, BUT THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF A MENTAL HOSPITAL IS OF THE OPINION THAT HE MAY BE SAFELY DISCHARGED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, HE MAY CONDITIONALLY DISCHARGE THE PATIENT.

THE CONDITIONS FOR DISCHARGE MAY INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT TO RESIDE IN A SPECIFIED PLACE, FOR EXAMPLE A COMMUNITY THERAPEUTIC CENTRE= TO ATTEND AT AN OUT-PATIENT CLINIC, TO TAKE PRESCRIBED MEDICINE, OR TO BE SUPERVISED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

THERE IS ALSO PROVISION FOR THE RECALL OF A PATIENT WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS OF HIS DISCHARGE AND FOR THE CONDITIONS OF A PATIENT'S DISCHARGE TO BE VARIED BY A MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF A MENTAL HOSPITAL.

THE DRAFT LEGISLATION ALSO PROPOSES THE CREATION OF A MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL WITH A LAWYER AS CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS DRAWN FROM THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND THE SOCIAL SERVICES FIELD OR HAVING OTHER SUITABLE QUALIFICATIONS.

THE TRIBUNAL WILL BE EMPOWERED TO REVIEW THE CASE OF A PATIENT LIABLE TO DETENTION IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL OR THE SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE OR SUBJECT TO GUARDIANSHIP, ON THE APPLICATION OF THE PATIENT OR HIS RELATIVE OR AT THE INSTANCE OF THE GOVERNOR.

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IF A PATIENT OR HIS RELATIVE DOES NOT EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO APPLY TO THE TRIBUNAL WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE TIME WHEN THE RIGHT FIRST BECOMES AVAILABLE, THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT MUST REFER THE PATIENT'S CASE TO THE TRIBUNAL.

THE BILL PROPOSES THAT THE TRIBUNAL SHOULD HAVE THE SAME POWERS AS A MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT IN RESPECT OF NON-OFFENDER PATIENTS, AND MAY THUS DISCHARGE A PATIENT ABSOLUTELY OR DISCHARGE HIM ON TRIAL OR SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, IN THE CASE OF OFFENDER PATIENTS, THE TRIBUNAL CAN ONLY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AS TO THE EXERCISE OF HIS POWERS UNDER THE MAIN ORDINANCE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NEW BILL PROPOSES A REVISION IN THE ADMISSION PROCEDURES. IT WILL ENABLE THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, A DOCTOR OR A RELATIVE, WHO HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A PERSON IS MENTALLY DISORDERED, MAY APPLY TO A DOCTOR IN THE FULL EMPLOYMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT, AN APPROVED SUBVENTED ORGANISATION OR THE UNIVERSITIES FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DETENTION OF THAT PERSON IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL FOR A MAXIMUM OF SEVEN DAYS.

IN MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR DETENTION ORDER, THE BILL IMPOSES A DUTY ON THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE OR THE DOCTOR TO TAKE ALL PRACTICAL STEPS TO INFORM A RELATIVE OF THE PERSON WHOM IT IS PROPOSED TO REMOVE TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL, THAT THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE.

AT ITS MEETING TODAY, THE MDAC ALSO DECIDED TO SET UP A SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE REQUIREMENT AND SUPPLY OF DENTISTS AND PARA-DENTAL PERSONNEL IN HONG KONG.

THE DUTIES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) TO REVIEW THE REQUIREMENT FOR DENTISTS, HAVING REGARD TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO GENERAL PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICE AND
- (B) IN THE LIGHT OF (A) TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUTURE SUPPLY OF DENTISTS IN HONG KONG.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE IS TO BE CHAIRED BY PROFESSOR W.I.R. DAVIES, DEAN OF THE DENTAL FACULTY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. MEMBERS WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DENTAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE HONG KONG DENTAL ASSOCIATION, THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

THE MDAC HAD LAST REVIEWED THE REQUIREMENT AND SUPPLY OF DENTISTS IN 1979, AND THIS REVIEW COVERED THE PLANNING DECADE ENDING IN 1988.

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IT IS NOW CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A NEED TO REVIEW THE APPROACH IN ESTIMATING THE DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF DENTISTS.

RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN CALLS FROM THE HONG KONG DENTAL ASSOCIATION AND THE DENTAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG FOR SUCH A REVIEW.

TWO NEW MEMBERS -- DR HENRIETTA IP AND DR CHIU HIN-KWONG -- BOTH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS, ATTENDED THE MDAC MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS TODAY TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED THE REGISTRATION OF FIRST BANGKOK CITY FINANCE LTD. AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ON THE GROUND THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY IS BEING CARRIED ON IN A MANNER DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF ITS DEPOSITORS.

THE COMMISSIONER IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE BANK OF THAILAND ON THE MATTER AS FIRST BANGKOK CITY FINANCE LTD. IS 20 PER CENT OWNED BY THE FIRST BANGKOK CITY BANK LTD. AND 80 PER CENT OWNED BY COMPANIES IN THAILAND BELIEVED TO BE RELATED TO THAT BANK.

THE BANK OF THAILAND HAS INFORMED THAT THEY ARE ARRANGING FOR A CAPITAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST BANGKOK CITY BANK LTD. AND THAT THIS IS NEARING COMPLETION.

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REGISTRATION SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS TODAY TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED THE REGISTRATION OF THAI MERCANTILE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE LTD. AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ON THE GROUND THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY IS BEING CARRIED ON IN A MANNER DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF ITS DEPOSITORS.

THE COMPANY IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE FIRST BANGKOK CITY FINANCE LTD. WHICH REGISTRATION IS ALSO TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED TODAY.

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SAI KUNG RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE OPENED  
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THE HOUSING SOCIETY PLANS ANOTHER RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AT SHA TAU KOK, AND MAY DEVELOP A SECOND SUCH ESTATE IN SAI KUNG AFTER THE COMPLETION OF ONE IN TUI MIN HOI CHUEN, LADY YOUDE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ESTATE IN SAI KUNG, LADY YOUDE SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT THAT THE SOCIETY HAD UNDERTAKEN.

SHE WAS CERTAIN THAT +RESIDENTS AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT WILL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE IT A FRIENDLY AND IDEAL PLACE TO LIVE.+

LADY YOUDE SAID SHE REMEMBERED WHEN VISITING SAI KUNG ABOUT A YEAR AGO TO LOOK ROUND THE FIRST TWO PHASES OF THE PROJECT, SHE WAS +MOST IMPRESSED BY THE TRADITIONAL STYLE OF THIS MODERN ESTATE WHICH PROVIDES COMFORTABLE HOUSING BLENDING IN WELL WITH THE ENVIRONMENT.+

SHE SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE DEVELOPERS HAD KEPT TO THEIR AIM OF PROVIDING ATTRACTIVE HOUSING FOR ESTABLISHED RURAL COMMUNITIES AND SHE CONGRATULATED THE ARCHITECTS AND CONTRACTORS ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENT.

LADY YOUDE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE CONTRIBUTION IT HAD MADE TO PROVIDING HOUSING IN HONG KONG.

+SINCE THE SOCIETY WAS FOUNDED IN 1948, IT HAS, WITH GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, COMPLEMENTED THE WORK OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN DEVELOPING AND MANAGING ALL TYPES OF HOUSING,+ SHE SAID.

+THE SOCIETY HAS BENEFITTED FROM BEING AN INDEPENDENT ORGANISATION WITH THE FLEXIBILITY TO MEET PARTICULAR NEEDS AND TO ADAPT TO CHANGING SITUATIONS.+

LADY YOUDE SAID THE SOCIETY HAD SHOWN THAT IT COULD MEET THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE IN THE PAST AND SHE WAS SURE IT WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.

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EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL SURVEY STARTS  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED TO CONDUCT THE JUNE 1986 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN RESPECT OF THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED QUARTERLY AND RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 145 000 ESTABLISHMENTS RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THOSE IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING= MANUFACTURING= ELECTRICITY AND GAS) AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION= FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES= COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES), AND THEY COVER ALL THOSE IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS).

INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON JUNE 30, 1986 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH ESTABLISHMENT COVERED BY THE SURVEY.

SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE 145 000 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF APRIL-JUNE 1986.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

RESPONDENTS WITH DIFFICULTY COMPLETING THE FORMS, SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS (PRINTED AT THE BACK OF QUESTIONNAIRES): 5-436551, 5-444301, 5-455661 AND 5-455668.

AS FOR THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THIS DEPARTMENT DURING APRIL-JUNE 1986, THEY WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE. FIELD OFFICERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, EXISTING VACANCIES, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NATURE OF BUSINESS AND DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS COMMENCED.

IN CASE OF ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THESE FIELD VISITS, CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT 5-444364.

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LEGISLATION SPECIALLY FOR +EXPRESSWAYS+ SOON  
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NEW LEGISLATION IS BEING PREPARED TO ENSURE STRICT CONTROL OF DRIVING, ACCESS AND ROADWORKS ON A +NEW BREED OF ROADS+, THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR BEATON WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A ROAD MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS CENTRE AT TAI LAM CHUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

REFERRING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, HE SAID SUCH ROADS HAD BEEN GIVEN VARIOUS NAMES IN THE PAST, BUT ONE UNDERLYING THEME PREVAILED IN THAT THEY AIMED AT STRESSING THAT THESE ROADS WERE DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS.

THIS DIFFERENCE WAS NOTICEABLE NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF THEIR SIZE AND ALIGNMENT, BUT ALSO IN THE WAY THEY WERE SIGNED, LIT, PATROLLED, DRIVEN ON AND MAINTAINED.

+IT IS THIS LATTER ASPECT WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF TODAY'S OPENING OF THE TAI LAM CHUNG MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS CENTRE, ONE OF THE NEW CENTRES SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED AND EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE THE MAINTENANCE SERVICE WHICH THIS NEW BREED OF ROAD REQUIRES,+ MR BEATON SAID.

THE CENTRES, WHICH WERE EQUIPPED FOR ALL ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY WORKS, WOULD BE MANNED 24 HOURS A DAY BY THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR.

COMPREHENSIVE SIGNING, GUARDING AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT WAS BEING PROPERLY STORED, ISSUED AND KEPT IN A HIGH STATE OF REPAIR.

ALL VEHICULAR PLANT PROVIDED UNDER THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WAS PAINTED IN A CONSPICUOUS YELLOW COLOUR, LIT AND SIGNED TO ENSURE CLEAR VISIBILITY WHEN WORKING ON THE ROAD.

+THE OPERATION OF THE ROADS REQUIRES STRICT CONTROL OF DRIVING RULES, ACCESS AND ROAD WORKS AND NEW LEGISLATION IS BEING PREPARED TO ENSURE THIS IS POSSIBLE,+ MR BEATON SAID.

+THE NAME RECOMMENDED FOR THE ROADS WITHIN THIS NEW LEGISLATION IS +EXPRESSWAYS+, CHOSEN SPECIFICALLY TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE ROADS.+

IT WAS INTENDED THAT THE NEW +EXPRESSWAY ORDINANCE+ WOULD NOT ONLY CONTROL THE MANNER IN WHICH TRAFFIC USED THE ROADS, BUT WOULD ALSO STRICTLY CONTROL THE MANNER IN WHICH ANY WORKS WERE CARRIED OUT.

THE PROVISION OF THIS NEW MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS CENTRE AND THE ONE AT SHA TIN WAS IN READINESS FOR THE NEW LEGISLATION, HE SAID.

+OUR INTENTION IS TO MAINTAIN THESE ROADS TO A HIGH STANDARD IN THE SAFEST POSSIBLE MANNER TO PROVIDE THE BEST LEVEL OF SERVICE POSSIBLE TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.+

/MR BEATON .....

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MR BEATON SAID THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WOULD BE SOME 75 KILOMETRES LONG WHEN COMPLETED DURING THE 1990'S AND WOULD ENABLE TRAFFIC TO MAKE A COMPLETE CIRCUIT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES IN LESS THAN ONE HOUR, +KEEPING WITHIN SPEED LIMITS.+

THE TAI LAM CHUNG CENTRE WILL SERVE ROUTE 2 FROM LAI CHI KOK TO TUEN MUN AND THE CENTRE AT MA LIU SHUI WILL SERVE ROUTE 1 FROM LION ROCK TUNNEL TO FANLING.

BOTH WILL BE FULLY EQUIPPED.

MAJOR OPERATIONS WILL INCLUDE DAILY PATROLS TO REMOVE DEBRIS, MECHANICAL VACUUM ROAD SWEEPING, PICKING UP LITTER FROM ROADSIDE VERGES, GRASS CUTTING AND TRIMMING OF ROADSIDE VERGES, REMOVAL OF DEAD ANIMALS AND CLEANING OIL SPILLAGES.

OTHER DUTIES WILL INCLUDE REPAIRING BARRIER FENCES, SLOPES, DRAINS AND CARRIAGEWAY PAVEMENTS, REPAIRING OR REPLACING ROAD MARKINGS AND REPAIRING DAMAGED ROAD SIGNS.

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL CARRY OUT INSPECTIONS TO SEE WHAT WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE.

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#### ROLE OF INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT STRESSED

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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IS TO SUPPORT AND FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN THE SENSE OF HELPING THEM TO REACT QUICKLY AND WITH FLEXIBILITY TO CHANGES IN THE PATTERN AND LEVEL OF DEMAND IN THE MAJOR MARKETS.

THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID THIS WHILE SPEAKING TO THE CHINESE EXECUTIVES CLUB OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

APART FROM THE DIRECT PROVISION OR FUNDING OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES WHICH PROMOTE PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT, HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION WORK AS A MEANS OF EFFECTING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

+IT ALSO MONITORS THE FACTORS OF PRODUCTION AND THE EFFECT OF PUBLIC POLICIES ON INDUSTRY.

+THE TASK OF PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IS SHARED BY FIVE OVERSEAS OFFICES, IN SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK, TOKYO, STUTTGART AND LONDON, AND WHAT WE CALL THE ONE-STOP UNIT HERE IN HONG KONG.

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+THEIR FUNCTION IS TO CONTACT, ADVISE AND ASSIST OVERSEAS MANUFACTURERS WHO MAY WISH TO USE HONG KONG AS AN OFFSHORE MANUFACTURING BASE.

+A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN 1984 SHOWS THAT ABOUT 550 MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG INVOLVING AN AGGREGATE OVERSEAS INVESTMENT VALUE OF SOME 311 800 MILLION.

+THE U.S., JAPAN AND BRITAIN ARE THE THREE MAIN SOURCES OF INVESTMENT, CONTRIBUTING RESPECTIVELY SOME 53 PER CENT, 21 PER CENT AND SEVEN PER CENT.+

MR YEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAD OVER 530 ACTIVE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT ENQUIRIES ON ITS BOOKS.

+IN ADDITION TO 23 PROMISING PROJECTS, AT THE END OF APRIL, THERE WERE ALSO 19 COMMITTED PROJECTS, ON WHICH EXPENDITURE ON PREMISES, PLANTS ETC. HAS BEEN INCURRED.

+INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION IS A MEANS OF TRANSFERRING USEFUL TECHNOLOGY TO HONG KONG.

+THE ESTABLISHMENT IN HONG KONG OF A FOREIGN MANUFACTURING OPERATION WILL DISSEMINATE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT NEW PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES TO THE MANAGERS, TECHNICIANS AND OPERATIVES IT EMPLOYS, AND TO LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS OF PARTS, COMPONENTS AND SERVICES WITH WHOM IT DOES BUSINESS.

+MY AIM IN THE MEDIUM-TERM FUTURE IS TO SEEK TO TARGET MORE SPECIFICALLY THOSE OVERSEAS FIRMS WHICH CAN BRING USEFUL TECHNOLOGY TO OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES,+ HE SAID.

IN EXERCISING A SURVEILLANCE ROLE ON BEHALF OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, MR YEUNG SAID THE DEPARTMENT IS REPRESENTED ON A NUMBER OF ADVISORY, PLANNING, GOVERNING AND CONSULTATIVE BODIES.

+IN ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTING TO POLICY-MAKING AND MANAGEMENT DECISIONS ON THESE BODIES, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS CONSULTED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND BY SECRETARIAT POLICY BRANCHES ON POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS, AND RESPONDS TO THEM AFTER IT HAS ITSELF SOUGHT THE VIEWS OF INDIVIDUAL MANUFACTURERS, SECTOR ASSOCIATIONS AND SUCH BODIES AS THE CMA AND FHKI.

+EXAMPLES OF MAJOR POLICY ISSUES TO THE DELIBERATIONS ON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONTRIBUTED INCLUDE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LEGISLATION, COMPULSORY EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS, OVERTIME AND NIGHT WORK FOR WOMEN, SEVERANCE PAY, LONG SERVICE GRATUITIES AND PROVIDENT FUNDS.

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+AS A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF ITS SURVEILLANCE ROLE, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BUILT UP SOMETHING OF A CASE-WORK SERVICE FOR MANUFACTURERS.

+QUITE A FEW OF THEM HAVE COME TO US TO OBTAIN ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE WHEN THEY ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS RELATING, FOR EXAMPLE, TO LEASE ENFORCEMENT, OR COMPLIANCE WITH BUILDINGS, LABOUR, FIRE SERVICES OR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION.+

MR YEUNG SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD PROVIDED A CENTRALISED INDUSTRIAL DATA BASE TO COLLECT, COLLATE, ANALYSE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

+THROUGH COMPUTERISATION OF ITS EXISTING EXTENSIVE RECORDS IN THE MEDIUM-TERM, THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONSULTANTS ENGAGED ON TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDIES OF PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES WILL BE FACILITATED.+

TURNING TO THE FORMULATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL POLICIES, MR YEUNG SAID IT CALLED FOR AN OBJECTIVE, MEASURED AND SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO THE EVALUATION OF EXTERNAL DEMAND AND DOMESTIC SUPPLY FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCED EVERY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

+THIS IS DONE BY COMMISSIONING AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME OF CONSULTANCY STUDIES,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS AS A RESULT OF THESE AND OTHER STUDIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT ON THE ADVICE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAS CREATED THE HKDIC, FUNDED THE HKPC TO EXPAND THEIR CURRENT RANGE OF BUREAU AND INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES AND ESTABLISHED THE STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY AND HOKLAS.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE TEXT OF MR YEUNG'S SPEECH WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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SPIRITED BIDDING AT LAND AUCTION

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THE STRENGTH OF HONG KONG'S PROPERTY MARKET WAS UNDERLINED AT A GOVERNMENT LAND AUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN THREE MIXED LOTS FETCHED PRICES THAT SURPRISED EVEN THE AUCTIONEER.

ALTHOUGH MOST INTEREST CENTRED AROUND A RESIDENTIAL SITE IN KWUN TONG WHICH BROUGHT THE HIGHEST PRICE - \$57 MILLION - THE BRISKEST BIDDING WAS FOR AN INDUSTRIAL SITE IN KENNEDY TOWN WHICH SOLD FOR \$13 MILLION.

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BIDDING FOR THE KWUN TONG SITE, 2 781 SQUARE METRES AT KUNG LOK ROAD, OPENED AT \$40 MILLION. THE PRICE ROSE QUICKLY IN BIDS OF \$1 MILLION UNTIL THE SITE WAS KNOCKED DOWN TO BONSETA LTD., A SUBSIDIARY OF REGAL PALIBURG INVESTMENTS.

THE AUCTIONEER, MR NIGEL BURLEY, DESCRIBED THE PRICE AS GOOD. HE SAID A FIGURE OF AROUND \$50 MILLION HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED.

+THE BIDDING WENT FURTHER AND LONGER THAN I EXPECTED. I WOULD HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT MORE CONSERVATIVE. BUT THERE ARE VERY FEW LOTS GOING IN KWUN TONG AND SMALL UNITS THERE SHOULD SELL VERY WELL,+ MR BURLEY SAID.

THE SECOND LOT WAS A NON-INDUSTRIAL SITE OF 121 SQUARE METRES AT SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, HONG KONG. BIDDING OPENED AT \$2.4 MILLION AND ROSE IN \$100 000 BIDS TO THE \$3.2 MILLION PAID BY TRADE PUSH INVESTMENT LTD.

THE KEENEST BIDDING WAS RESERVED FOR THE FINAL LOT, A 1 020 SQUARE METRE INDUSTRIAL SITE AT SAI NING STREET, KENNEDY TOWN.

THE OPENING PRICE WAS \$7 MILLION, BUT THIS QUICKLY ROSE IN \$100 000 JUMPS TO \$13 MILLION, THE SUCCESSFUL BID OF NOBLE STATE ENTERPRISES LTD.

+I WAS QUITE SURPRISED AT THE INTEREST IN THE INDUSTRIAL SITE BECAUSE THERE IS STILL A SURPLUS OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN THE NEW TOWNS AND KOWLOON BAY.

+HOWEVER, THERE IS VERY LITTLE INDUSTRIAL LAND AVAILABLE ON THE ISLAND AND THIS SITE IS SMALL ENOUGH TO BE OF INTEREST TO AN END USER. NEVERTHELESS THE BIDDING WENT MUCH FURTHER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD,+ MR BURLEY SAID.

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APPLICANTS URGED TO USE NEW TEXTILE LICENCE FORMS  
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TEXTILE EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS ARE REMINDED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENCE MUST BE MADE ON REVISED FORMS AS FROM JULY 1, 1986.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW FORMS ARE FORM TIC 353 (REV. 1985) FOR EXPORTS OF NON-RESTRAINED TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND FORM TIC 353A (REV. 1985) FOR EXPORTS OF RESTRAINED TEXTILE PRODUCTS.

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APPLICATIONS MADE ON THE OLD FORMS TIC 353 (REV. 1983) AND TIC 353A (REV. 1983) SUBMITTED ON OR AFTER JULY 1 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR PROCESSING BY THE DEPARTMENT.

AS APPLICATIONS ARE PROCESSED NORMALLY WITHIN TWO CLEAR WORKING DAYS, EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS ARE REQUESTED TO ENSURE THAT FOR LICENCES TO BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON OR AFTER JULY 1, APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE ON THE REVISED FORMS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE REVISED FORMS ON SALE AT \$20 PER PAD AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

(I) FOR FORM TIC 353 (REV. 1985)

\* THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE  
GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING  
GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE  
HONG KONG

\* TRADE DEPARTMENT  
COLLECTION OFFICE  
ROOM 822, OCEAN CENTRE, EIGHTH FLOOR,  
CANTON ROAD  
KOWLOON

(II) FOR FORM TIC 353A (REV. 1985)

TRADE DEPARTMENT  
TEXTILE CONTROLS REGISTRATION REGISTRY  
ROOM 1543, OCEAN CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR,  
CANTON ROAD  
KOWLOON

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SUMMER JOB WARNING TO STUDENTS  
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STUDENTS INTENDING TO JOIN THE LABOUR FORCE IN INDUSTRY DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS SHOULD MAKE SAFETY THEIR FIRST CONSIDERATION BEFORE ACCEPTING A JOB.

THIS ADVICE WAS GIVEN TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN.

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MR YIP NOTED THAT IN SUMMER A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY EITHER TO GAIN WORKING EXPERIENCE OR TO JOIN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, WITHOUT REALISING THE POSSIBLE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN JOBS.

+THE PROBLEM IS THAT MANY OF THE VACANCIES AVAILABLE FOR THESE TEMPORARY WORKERS ARE OF OPERATIONAL NATURE AND JOBS WHICH ARE SEEMINGLY SIMPLE, AND DEMANDING NO PARTICULAR SKILL, OFTEN CARRY SOME POTENTIAL DANGERS,+ HE SAID.

+AND ACCIDENTS MAY OCCUR IF A PERSON DOES NOT TAKE PROPER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS OR WORKS ON INADEQUATELY GUARDED MACHINES AT WORKPLACES.+

CITING AN EXAMPLE, MR YIP SAID THAT LAST SUMMER A 15-YEAR-OLD BOY HAD FOUR FINGERS OF HIS LEFT HAND AMPUTATED BY AN UNGUARDED POWER PRESS IN A METAL FACTORY WHERE HE HAD WORKED FOR ONLY ABOUT A MONTH.

HE URGED PARENTS TO GIVE PROPER GUIDANCE AND ADVICE TO THEIR CHILDREN WHEN THEY LOOK FOR SUMMER JOBS. HE ALSO REMINDED EMPLOYERS OF THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS IN THEIR WORKPLACES.

ENQUIRIES ON SAFETY MATTERS AT WORKPLACES MAY BE MADE TO THE DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OR ON 5-8524065.

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VARIETY SHOW TO LAUNCH YOUTH PROGRAMME  
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A LARGE-SCALE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE STAGED ON JULY 6 TO LAUNCH THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE SHOW WILL HIGHLIGHT THE VITALITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY A BRASS BAND, A HARMONICA BAND AND POPULAR SINGERS.

A TELEMATCH WILL ALSO BE HELD BETWEEN THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED YOUTHS TO PROMOTE MUTUAL CARE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE TWO GROUPS.

THE SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE HIU KWONG STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL WHICH SEATS 750 PEOPLE.

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FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, NGAU TAU KOK BRANCH OFFICE, SAU MAU PING BRANCH OFFICE, LAM TIN BRANCH OFFICE, SHUN LEE BRANCH OFFICE, YAU TONG BRANCH OFFICE AND AT COMMUNITY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT.

A SERIES OF 400 SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED TO BE HELD UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST. THESE INCLUDE OUTINGS, CAMPAIGNS, SPORTS, GAMES, COMPETITIONS, SEMINARS, CARNIVALS AND TRAINING COURSES.

THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HAS ADOPTED THE CENTRAL THEME OF CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND GETTING TO KNOW IT BETTER.

THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF \$346 000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE PROGRAMME, WITH \$207 530 FROM THE JOCKEY CLUB FUNDS AND \$38 470 FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

A PAMPHLET LISTING OUT THE ADDRESSES OF THE 100-STRONG LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TAKING PART IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROGRAMME IS AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND BRANCH OFFICES.

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CONCERT BEGINS YUEN LONG ACTIVITIES  
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A YOUTH CONCERT WILL BE STAGED THIS SATURDAY (JUNE 28) EVENING IN LUT SAU HALL, YUEN LONG, TO BEGIN THE 100 ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE HELD DURING THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

THE CONCERT, FEATURING POPULAR TITLES SUCH AS THE +BUTTERFLY LOVERS+ CONCERTO, WILL BE GIVEN BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

BEFORE THE CONCERT, THERE WILL BE A CEREMONY TO MARK THE START OF THE YUEN LONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME. TAKING PART WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAMME'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MADAM LEUNG SHING-TAK, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR MA NING-HEI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONCERT AND THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM IN LUT SAU HALL, YUEN LONG TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG, ON SATURDAY.

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FILM PREMIERE BENEFITS HOSPITAL PROJECT  
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A FILM PREMIERE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING AT THE ROYAL THEATRE IN MONG KOK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT.

ALL TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD FOR THE FILM, +HAPPY GHOST III+. THE FUNCTION IS PART OF A YEAR-LONG DRIVE CO-ORDINATED BY THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT FUND-RAISING ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD. THE COMMITTEE HOPES TO RAISE \$5 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT.

+THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$730 MILLION AND ONE OF THE PROJECT ITEMS IS TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL BLOCK TO PROVIDE 760 BEDS AND BETTER MEDICAL SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS,+ SAID THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAM HANG-FAI, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

+THE BOARD IS GIVING WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT TO THIS CHARITY CAMPAIGN BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THE PROJECT IS INDEED A WORTHY CAUSE,+ HE ADDED.

A COCKTAIL RECEPTION WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE FILM STARTS.

MR LAM AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO MR WONG PAK-MING AND MISS MAGGIE CHEUNG, WHO HAVE LEADING ROLES IN THE FILM, AS WELL AS TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM CINEMA CITY CO LTD AND THE ROYAL THEATRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUVENIR PRESENTATION AT THE COCKTAIL RECEPTION OF THE FILM PREMIERE, +HAPPY GHOST III+. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT 9 PM TOMORROW IN THE LOBBY OF THE DRESS CIRCLE OF THE ROYAL THEATRE, 748A NATHAN ROAD.

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STUDENTS URGED TO JOIN SUMMER PROGRAMME  
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STUDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT HAVE BEEN URGED TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME BY PARTICIPATING IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH.

DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT UNDER THE PROGRAMME MORE THAN 15 000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WERE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN 50 EVENTS ORGANISED BY 18 LOCAL COMMUNITY BODIES.

+THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, POTENTIAL AND INTEREST AND ENHANCE THEIR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID AT THE ANNUAL PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION IN NORTH DISTRICT.

MR CHEUNG ALSO SAID THAT STUDENTS FROM THE TWO UNIVERSITIES WOULD BE ENGAGED THIS SUMMER TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN THE REMOTE VILLAGES IN SHA TAU KOK AND NORTH DISTRICT, INCLUDING KAT O ISLAND, YIM LIU HA, TSOI YUEN KOK AND TAM SHUI HANG.

MR CHEUNG COMMENDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS EFFORT IN PROMOTING SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT. HE PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS FROM 21 PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR PLANT PROJECT  
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MEMBERS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR PLANT PROJECT AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE OPTIONS FOR CHANGES CONTAINED IN THE TRIAD DOCUMENT.

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR MICHAEL STONE, AND THE SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, MR ANDREW BRUCE, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING AND WILL EXPLAIN THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE DOCUMENT.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO SET UP A WORKING GROUP ON THE PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE SMITHFIELD SITE IN KENNEDY TOWN.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TAXI LICENCES  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR 100 URBAN TAXI LICENCES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TENDER FORMS FOR NEW LICENCES WILL BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLE SECTION AT ROOMS 906-909, HUTCHISON HOUSE, 10 HARCOURT ROAD, CENTRAL, OR FROM THE SECTION'S KOWLOON OFFICES ON THE NINTH FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

TENDERERS MUST DEPOSIT \$25 000 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR EACH URBAN TAXI LICENCE THEY SEEK. ONE TENDER FORM MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR ANY NUMBER OF TAXI LICENCES NOT EXCEEDING 100.

A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS WHICH OFFER THE SAME UNIT PREMIUM.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE IN SEALED ENVELOPES. THEY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, JULY 11.

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MEDICAL SERVICES REPORT TO BE DISCUSSED

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT ON THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WHEN IT RESUMES A MEETING THAT WAS ADJOURNED EARLIER THIS MONTH.

BOARD MEMBERS VISITED THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE IN MAY IN ORDER TO GET A FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY HOSPITALS.

IN ADDITION, THEY ATTENDED A BRIEFING GIVEN ON THE REPORT LAST TUESDAY BY THE ACTING MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE, DR P.C. CHENG.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS ITEMS HELD OVER FROM THEIR MEETING IN JUNE 6, INCLUDING TRAVEL SUBSIDIES FOR STUDENTS, AND THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON.

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INTRODUCING NEW BILL

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THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, MR TOM GARDINER, WILL INTRODUCE THE FIRE SERVICES AMENDMENT (NO. 3) BILL TO THE MEDIA TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 10.30 AM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL. THE BILL WILL BE GAZETTED ON THE SAME DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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AGENDA FOR NEW COMMITTEE TO BE PROPOSED  
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THE AGENDA FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW URBAN COUNCIL-  
REGIONAL COUNCIL JOINT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WILL  
TOP THE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE UC KEEP  
HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, WILL BE  
NOMINATED TO HEAD THE NEW STEERING COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AT 2.15 PM IN COMMITTEE  
ROOM NO. 2, IN URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR, EDINBURGH  
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LRT REPORT TO BE DISCUSSED  
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MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN  
LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE LIGHT  
RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THE PROGRESS REPORT, TO BE PRESENTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION,  
WILL PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON THE LATEST  
DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL AS DETAILS OF SERVICES BEING PLANNED FOR THE  
SYSTEM.

A SIMILAR PRESENTATION WAS MADE TO YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN  
DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IN AUGUST 1984.

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AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS IN YUEN LONG AS DETAILED IN A REVIEW PRODUCED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AT 10 AM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAMBERS, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

MEANWHILE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON JULY 4, HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO 2.30 PM ON FRIDAY, JULY 18.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN CENTRAL  
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AS PART OF THE SHORT-TERM TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN CENTRAL, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN CENTRAL WILL BE MADE 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 28):

- \* QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL FROM A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THEATRE LANE TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PEDDER STREET;
- \* THEATRE LANE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* PEDDER STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* D'AGUILAR STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND

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\* WYNDHAM STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD  
CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES SOUTH OF THE  
SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAYS, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED  
BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED  
ZONE OPERATING DAILY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT AND GOODS VEHICLE  
RESTRICTED ZONE OPERATING DAILY DURING PEAK HOURS ON QUEEN'S ROAD  
CENTRAL FROM A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH  
THEATRE LANE TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH  
PEDDER STREET WILL BE LIFTED.

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POSTAL STRIKE IN MELBOURNE  
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT OWING TO AN INDUSTRIAL  
DISPUTE AT THE MELBOURNE POST OFFICE, SPEEDPOST ITEMS, LETTERS  
AND PARCELS POSTED TO ADDRESSEES IN VICTORIA MAY BE SUBJECT TO  
DELAY.

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