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DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENT - EXCEPTION RATHER THAN THE RULE : FS

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THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS OF THE VIEW THAT, AS A GENERAL RULE, HONG KONG SHOULD NOT ENTER INTO DOUBLE TAXATION ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON OF THE INLAND REVENUE BOARD OF REVIEW, SIR PIERS SAID FOR MANY YEARS NOW, THIS GENERAL POLICY HAD WORKED WELL FOR HONG KONG.

"CONCEPTUALLY, IT IS INEQUITABLE FOR PROFITS TO BE SUBJECT TO DOUBLE TAXATION MERELY BECAUSE TRANSACTIONS CROSS INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES.

"DOUBLE TAXATION CAN CREATE LEGAL AND FISCAL UNCERTAINTY AND IT TENDS TO DISCOURAGE THE FREE FLOW OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT AND, IN THIS MODERN WORLD, THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

"IT HAS THEREFORE BECOME COMMON FOR COUNTRIES TO NEGOTIATE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS TO ESTABLISH THEIR RESPECTIVE TAXING RIGHTS AND TO AVOID DOUBLE TAXATION," HE NOTED.

HE STRESSED HOWEVER THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT HONG KONG RESIDENTS WERE DOUBLE TAXED ON THEIR OVERSEAS SOURCED INCOME AS HONG KONG APPLIED A TERRITORIAL SOURCE BASIS AND TAXED ONLY INCOME WHICH HAD A SOURCE IN HONG KONG.

SIR PIERS FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NO USEFUL PURPOSE OR JUSTIFICATION FOR HONG KONG TO ENTER INTO SUCH AGREEMENTS BECAUSE THE TAX SYSTEM HERE WAS SIMPLE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD, POSSIBLY UNIQUE, AND BECAUSE THE PERCEIVED BENEFITS ACCRUING TO HONG KONG WERE SMALL.

HE RECALLED THAT IN THE PAST, PROBLEMS DID SOMETIMES ARISE WHEN HONG KONG EMPLOYEES RENDERED PART OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OUTSIDE HONG KONG, NOTABLY IN CHINA, AND AS A RESULT, THEY WERE TAXED IN BOTH THE COUNTRIES WHERE THE SERVICES WERE RENDERED AND ALSO HERE.

"TO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED IN 1987 TO GRANT UNILATERAL RELIEF BY EXEMPTING FROM HONG KONG TAX INCOME DERIVED FROM SERVICES RENDERED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY WHERE TAX HAD BEEN PAID ON THAT INCOME IN THAT OTHER COUNTRY," HE SAID.

REGARDING NON-RESIDENT TAXPAYERS WHO MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO DOUBLE TAXATION FOR THEIR HONG KONG SOURCED INCOME, SIR PIERS POINTED OUT THAT GIVEN THE LOW TAX RATES IMPOSED HERE, THERE WAS LITTLE SCOPE TO ASSIST THESE TAXPAYERS IN THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION WITHOUT GIVING UP THE RIGHTS TO TAX INCOME ON WHAT WAS ALREADY A VERY NARROW TAX BASE.

"SINCE THE TAX CLIMATE IN HONG KONG IS GENERALLY FAVOURABLE TO FOREIGN INVESTORS - WITH THE COMPARATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF DIRECT TAXATION, THE ABSENCE OF ANY TAX ON CAPITAL GAINS, DIVIDENDS AND OFFSHORE PROFITS AND THE RELATIVE SIMPLICITY OF THE TAX SYSTEM - WE HAVE TAKEN THE VIEW THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR HONG KONG TO OFFER DOUBLE TAXATION RELIEF TO RESIDENTS OF OTHER TAX JURISDICTIONS.

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"IN ANY EVENT, MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ALREADY OFFER THEIR RESIDENTS UNILATERAL RELIEF ON INCOMES WHICH HAVE A SOURCE IN HONG KONG. TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS IS SO, A DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENT WILL NOT OF ITSELF PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE FOR INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG," SIR PIERS NOTED.

TURNING TO THE SIGNING OF A RECIPROCAL TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT ON SHIPPING INCOME BETWEEN THE HONG KONG AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS LAST MONTH, SIR PIERS SAID THE AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS INDICATING A CHANGE OF POLICY IN RELATION TO BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT.

"RATHER IT SHOULD BE SEEN AS AN EXCEPTIONAL MEASURE TO MEET A PARTICULAR PROBLEM," HE EMPHASISED.

THE NEED FOR THIS AGREEMENT AROSE FROM THE 1986 U.S. TAX REFORM ACT, WHICH CHANGED THE BASIS UPON WHICH FOREIGN SHIPOWNERS WERE TAXED IN THE UNITED STATES, THEREBY AFFECTING THE LOCAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY ON TWO FRONTS.

FIRSTLY, HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS WHO WERE EXEMPT PREVIOUSLY FROM U.S. TAX BECAUSE THEIR SHIPS WERE REGISTERED IN TAX JURISDICTIONS SUCH AS LIBERIA OR PANAMA, WHICH TO PROVIDE RECIPROCAL EXEMPTION, FOUND THEMSELVES LIABLE TO THE U.S. TAX BECAUSE AS SHAREHOLDERS THEY ARE RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG.

"SECONDLY, FOREIGN OWNERS OF SHIP WERE, BY VIRTUE OF REGISTRATION OR INCORPORATION IN HONG KONG, LIABLE TO A GROSS TRANSPORTATION TAX ON THEIR U.S. SHIPPING INCOME," HE SAID.

THE CHANGES HAD SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE LOCAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY AS THE NEW APPROACH ENCOURAGED THE REFLAGGING OF VESSELS AT PRESENT REGISTERED IN HONG KONG TO COUNTRIES WHICH PROVIDED RECIPROCAL TAX EXEMPTION TO U.S. SHIPOWNERS, HE EXPLAINED.

"IF NO ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN THIS COULD UNDERMINE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER AND ADVERSELY AFFECT THE VIABILITY OF LOCAL SHIPPING SUPPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS BROKERAGE, INSURANCE AND SO ON.

"IN SHORT, THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AS A MARITIME CENTRE WAS PUT AT SOME RISK," HE SAID.

"AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THERE WAS A NEED TO OFFSET THE OTHERWISE DAMAGING EFFECTS OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAXATION LAWS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY," THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DONE TO THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS A PRECEDENT BY OTHER INDUSTRIES NOT FACED WITH THE SAME PROBLEM.

SIR PIERS SAID AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THIS MAIN CONCERN MUST BE TO PRESERVE THE ESSENTIAL SIMPLICITY OF OUR TAXATION SYSTEM AND HE WAS THEREFORE NATURALLY RELUCTANT TO SEE TOO MANY EXCEPTIONS WHICH COULD ERODE THAT SIMPLICITY AND LEAD HONG KONG INTO UNCHARTED WATERS.

"NEVERTHELESS, I AM CONSCIOUS OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN INTERNATIONAL TAXATION AND WE MUST BE ALERT TO PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE FROM TIME TO TIME," HE SAID.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR JULY RELEASED
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JULY 1989, AT \$101,258 MILLION, GREW BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH JULY 1988, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN JULY 1989 RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT TO \$21,104 MILLION IN JULY 1989, WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 31 PER CENT TO \$31,431 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN JULY 1989 TO \$52,535 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 19 PER CENT OVER JULY 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT TO \$48,723 MILLION.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO JULY 1989, AT \$641,035 MILLION, INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT TO \$123,162 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 36 PER CENT TO \$192,527 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT TO \$315,689 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT TO \$325,347 MILLION.

COMPARING JULY 1989 WITH JULY 1988, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN (+31 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+24 PER CENT), JAPAN (+19 PER CENT) AND CHINA (+16 PER CENT). THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE USA, THE LARGEST MARKET, INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IMPORTS FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN JULY 1989 OVER JULY 1988, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM ITALY (+30 PER CENT), CHINA (+30 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+22 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+14 PER CENT). HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE USA, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND JAPAN DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE USA, CANADA, SINGAPORE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 63 PER CENT, 63 PER CENT, 49 PER CENT, 43 PER CENT AND 41 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA (+33 PER CENT), JAPAN (+28 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+19 PER CENT) AND CHINA (+11 PER CENT).

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS.

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THE MARKETS WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED CHINA (+26 PER CENT), JAPAN (+23 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+18 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+17 PER CENT). HOWEVER, THOSE TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE USA DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO JULY 1989 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM ITALY (+39 PER CENT), CHINA (+33 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+32 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+26 PER CENT), THE USA (+17 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+15 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+15 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+14 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE USA, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, CHINA AND SINGAPORE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS, BY 63 PER CENT, 49 PER CENT, 48 PER CENT, 47 PER CENT, 47 PER CENT, 38 PER CENT, 30 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN JULY 1989 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY OCTOBER 1989.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$2,554 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,080 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$728 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$645 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$352 MILLION OR 2 PER CENT) AND FOOTWEAR (BY \$127 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE TEXTILES (BY \$7,603 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$6,812 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$6,657 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$5,608 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

/HOWEVER, DECREASES

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$1,161 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT); AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$179 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$7,067 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$6,739 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$5,846 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$5,399 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$505 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT); AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$136 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE JULY 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND SEPTEMBER 15, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN JULY 1989 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN END-SEPTEMBER AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JUL	JUL 89	JAN-JUL	JAN-JUL 89
	1989	OVER	1989	OVER
	(HKD MN.)	JUL 88	(HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 88
		(%)		(%)
USA	7,046	+ 3	38,307	- 1
CHINA	3,870	+ 16	24,412	+ 26

F.R. OF GERMANY	1,583	- 4	8,711	- 4
UK	1,376	- 12	8,267	+ 2
JAPAN	1,158	+ 19	6,924	+ 23
CANADA	712	+ 9	3,614	+ 10
SINGAPORE	546	+ 24	3,202	+ 17
NETHERLANDS	463	- 7	2,720	+ 4
AUSTRALIA	365	*	2,327	+ 8
TAIWAN	397	+ 31	2,239	+ 18

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JUL 1989 (HKD MN.)	JUL 89 OVER JUL 88 (%)	JAN-JUL 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 89 OVER JAN-JUL 88 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,456	+ 9	37,492	+ 7
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,672	- 5	15,675	- 2
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,748	+ 9	10,711	+ 6
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,568	- 2	10,172	+ 5
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,404	+ 12	9,259	+ 7
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,420	- 7	9,194	+ 1

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TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JUL 1989 (HKD MN.)	JUL 89 OVER JUL 88 (%)	JAN-JUL 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 89 OVER JAN-JUL 88 (%)
CHINA	17,477	+ 30	106,874	+ 33
JAPAN	7,893	- 3	56,388	+ 14
TAIWAN	4,527	+ 22	29,831	+ 26
USA	3,730	- 12	27,023	+ 17
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,066	- 8	16,032	+ 15
SINGAPORE	1,915	+ 14	12,879	+ 32
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,177	+ 9	8,115	+ 15
UK	1,106	+ 6	7,775	+ 7
ITALY	962	+ 30	5,909	+ 39
SWITZERLAND	915	+ 11	5,652	+ 7

TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JUL 1989 (HKD MN.)	JUL 89 OVER JUL 88 (%)	JAN-JUL 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 89 OVER JAN-JUL 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,187	+ 18	42,184	+ 22
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,848	+ 2	33,312	+ 20
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,008	+ 45	22,882	+ 42
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,232	+ 13	22,371	+ 42

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MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,386	+ 26	19,871	+ 35
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,335	+ 5	16,987	+ 14

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JUL 1989 (HKD MN.)	JUL 89 OVER JUL 88 (%)	JAN-JUL 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 89 OVER JAN-JUL 88 (%)
CHINA	8,970	+ 11	61,526	+ 30
USA	7,179	+ 63	36,966	+ 48
JAPAN	2,014	+ 28	12,235	+ 38
TAIWAN	1,393	+ 19	9,552	+ 24
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,188	+ 9	7,948	+ 17
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,234	+ 63	6,957	+ 63
SINGAPORE	1,083	+ 43	6,111	+ 30
UK	852	+ 41	4,743	+ 49
AUSTRALIA	537	+ 33	3,100	+ 47
CANADA	561	+ 49	2,872	+ 47

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JUL 1989 (HKD MN.)	JUL 89 OVER JUL 88 (%)	JAN-JUL 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 89 OVER JAN-JUL 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	4,009	+ 37	24,259	+ 32

/MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED

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MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	4,372	+ 63	20,720	+ 52
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,710	+ 68	19,397	+ 53
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,895	+ 14	19,277	+ 31
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,410	+ 41	14,521	+ 59
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,153	+ 48	7,524	+ 39

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SALE OF THREE GOVT LOTS FETCHES \$578.6 MILLION

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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$578.6 MILLION IN AN AUCTION HELD TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE LOTS INCLUDED TWO FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES (EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE) AND ONE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, HOTEL, CINEMA, GODOWN AND PETROL FILLING STATION) PURPOSES AND INCLUDES A PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS.

ONE OF THE TWO LOTS DESIGNATED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES IS LOCATED IN AREA 25, ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING. ITS AREA IS ABOUT 1,707 SQUARE METRES.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$15 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY MASS COLLECTION CO. LTD FOR \$20.6 MILLION.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 5,121 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1993.

THE SECOND LOT FOR THE SAME PURPOSES IS LOCATED IN AREA 11, SHA TIN NEW TOWN. IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,773 SQUARE METRES.

/BIDDING OPENED

BIDDING OPENED AT \$85 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY BOMARON LTD FOR \$188 MILLION.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 27,205 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1993.

THE THIRD LOT, WHICH IS DESIGNATED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES AND LOCATED AT LAM LOK STREET IN KOWLOON BAY, COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,300 SQUARE METRES.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$370 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY MABLE ROAD CO. LTD FOR \$370 MILLION.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 36,000 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED ON THE LOT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1993.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, WAS CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR J.S. CORRIGALL.

MR CORRIGALL SAID QUITE A LOT OF INTEREST HAD BEEN GENERATED ON THE SHA TIN LOT WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A GOOD LOT WITH A LOT OF POTENTIAL.

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RAINFALL BELOW NORMAL IN AUGUST
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AUGUST WAS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTH THAT THE RAINFALL WAS BELOW NORMAL, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID IN ITS MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT ISSUED TODAY (MONDAY).

ALTHOUGH EIGHT TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED IN THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC IN AUGUST, NONE OF THEM CAME NEAR ENOUGH TO AFFECT HONG KONG.

CONSEQUENTLY, THE MONTHLY RAINFALL AMOUNTED TO ONLY 218 MILLIMETRES WHICH IS ABOUT HALF OF THE NORMAL FIGURE OF 413.4 MILLIMETRES.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE YEAR WAS 1,640.8 MILLIMETRES WHICH IS FIVE PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 1,723.1 MILLIMETRES FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

THE MEAN TEMPERATURE FOR THE MONTH OF 28.9 DEGREES CELSIUS IS THE SIXTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR AUGUST.

THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN ON AUGUST 1.

DURING THE NEXT MORNING, THUNDERSTORMS DEVELOPED INLAND AND DRIFTED SOUTHWARDS TO AFFECT THE TERRITORY LATE IN THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING. THE THUNDERSTORMS ALSO BROUGHT THE TEMPERATURES DOWN TO 24.9 DEGREES, THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH.

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MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	15.93 MJ/SQ. METRE	:	1.79 MJ/SQ. METRE BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	218.0 MM	:	195.4 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	63 PER CENT	:	3 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	80 PER CENT	:	3 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	31.6 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	28.9 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	26.6 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	25.0 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	127.0 MM	:	34.2 MM BELOW NORMAL

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ROBERT FOOTMAN TAKES UP DEPUTY TRADE DIRECTOR-GENERAL POST
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MR ROBERT FOOTMAN, WHO HAS JUST COMPLETED A TWO-YEAR SECONDMENT AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, HAS TAKEN UP THE POST OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE (MULTILATERAL AND NORTH AMERICA) FROM TODAY (MONDAY).

AS ONE OF THE TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR FOOTMAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) AND THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL RELATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BILATERAL RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WITH THE USA AND CANADA.

MR FOOTMAN, AGED 36, JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1974.

BEFORE THE SECONDMENT AT THE FCO, MR FOOTMAN WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH AMERICA) WITH THE TRADE DEPARTMENT FROM 1984 TO 87.

HE HAD ALSO SERVED IN THE FORMER NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (1974-79) AND ENVIRONMENT BRANCH (1979-81), AND IN THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS (1982-83).

MR FOOTMAN IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO SONS.

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HK POPULATION ESTIMATED AT 5.76 MILLION

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THE ESTIMATED POPULATION OF HONG KONG AT THE END OF JUNE 1989 WAS 5,761,400, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 25,400 PEOPLE OR 0.4 PER CENT OVER END-1988.

THE BALANCE OF TOTAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES SHOWED A NET INFLOW OF 7,100 DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1989.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WAS 33,100. DEATHS TOTALLED 14,800. NATURAL INCREASE, THAT IS THE SURPLUS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS AMOUNTED TO 18,300, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 72 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION GROWTH.

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO COPE WITH FESTIVE CROWDS ON MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, WHICH FALLS ON SEPTEMBER 14 THIS YEAR. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

I. TRAFFIC AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

THE PEAK AREA

* FROM 6.30 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) UNTIL 3 AM THE NEXT DAY, THE SECTION OF PEAK ROAD OUTSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT BUSES, COACHES, TAXIS, GREEN MINIBUSES AND THOSE FOR ACCESS TO PREMISES IN MOUNT AUSTIN ROAD, LUGARD ROAD AND HARLECH ROAD.

ALL OTHER VEHICLES WILL BE DIRECTED TO TURN ROUND OUTSIDE THE VICTORIA GAP CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND LEAVE VIA THE PEAK ROAD SLIP ROAD OUTSIDE THE PEAK MANSIONS.

* AT THE SAME TIME, THE ACCESS ROAD WITHIN THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CARPARK AND THE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE FOR BUSES, COACHES, TAXIS AND GREEN MINIBUSES ONLY.

* TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS IN PEAK ROAD AND MAGAZINE GAP ROAD MAY BE IMPOSED AT ANY TIME IF NECESSARY.

* FROM 2 PM ON THURSDAY UNTIL 3 AM THE NEXT MORNING, ALL METERED PARKING SPACES AND PUBLIC BUS PARKING SPACES AT THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS AND PEAK GARDEN WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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TO FACILITATE OPERATION OF SPECIAL BUS SERVICES, CMB VEHICLE NO. DW2701 BEARING THE COMPANY'S LOGO WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARK INSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CARPARK.

CAUSEWAY BAY

* THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 PM ON THURSDAY TO 3 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY :

- GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD AND CAUSEWAY ROAD (EXCEPT THE ACCESS FOR NORTHBOUND VEHICLES FROM TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER HEADING FOR GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER);
- KINGSTON STREET EAST OF CLEVELAND STREET;
- PATERSON STREET SOUTH OF KINGSTON STREET;
- EAST POINT ROAD;
- GREAT GEORGE STREET;
- SUGAR STREET;
- LOCKHART ROAD EAST OF CANNON STREET;
- JAFFE ROAD EAST OF CANNON STREET;
- KAI CHIU ROAD EAST OF YUN PING ROAD;
- ELECTRIC ROAD BETWEEN HING FAT STREET AND YACHT STREET (EXCEPT FOR VEHICLES HEADING FOR PARK TOWER CARPARKS). HOWEVER, THIS ROAD SECTION MAY BE COMPLETELY CLOSED IF NECESSARY; AND
- HING FAT STREET BETWEEN CAUSEWAY ROAD AND ELECTRIC ROAD (EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES).

* AT THE SAME TIME, LAU LI STREET BETWEEN ELECTRIC ROAD AND HING FAT STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FOR VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM ELECTRIC ROAD TO HING FAT STREET WHILE CANNON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

* FROM NOON ON THURSDAY UNTIL 3 AM THE NEXT DAY, ALL METERED PARKING SPACES IN HING FAT STREET CARPARK, LOCKHART ROAD BETWEEN CANNON STREET AND PERCIVAL STREET, JAFFE ROAD EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND WUN SHA STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

TAXI STANDS IN PATERSON STREET, LAU LI STREET AND NGAN MOK STREET, AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STANDS IN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND SUGAR STREET WILL ALSO BE CANCELLED.

- * FROM 7.30 PM TO 11.30 PM ON THURSDAY, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED FROM LEIGHTON ROAD (EXCEPT THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN PERCIVAL STREET AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD), TIN LOK LANE, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD, TAI HANG ROAD NORTH OF LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD, TUNG LO WAN ROAD, ELECTRIC ROAD SOUTH OF WING HING STREET, MORRISON HILLROAD NORTHBOUND, HENNESSY ROAD EAST OF MARSH ROAD, THE DOWNHILL CARRIAGEWAY OF TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD WEST OF FORTRESS HILL ROAD AND CAUSEWAY ROAD.

CENTRAL

- * THE SECTION OF PIER ROAD BETWEEN GILMAN STREET AND CENTRAL HARBOUR SERVICES PIER WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 PM TO MIDNIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 14.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

- * BEACH ROAD AND SOUTH BAY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT CMB BUSES AND LOCAL ACCESS VEHICLES, AT ANY TIME IF NECESSARY.
- * ALL PARKING SPACES ALONG BEACH ROAD OPPOSITE TO HOUSE NO. 871 EXCEPT THE TAXI STAND WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 2 PM ON THURSDAY TO 8 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.
- * "NO PARKING" SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED ALONG BIG WAVE BAY ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 8 AND THE BIG WAVE BAY CARPARK TO DETER ILLEGAL PARKING.

EASTERN DISTRICT

- * TRAFFIC DIVERSION IN CAPE COLLINSON ROAD BETWEEN LIN SHING ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD MAY BE IMPOSED AT ANY TIME IF NECESSARY.

II. PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

NO PARKING FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE PEAK AND VICTORIA PARK AREA. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES. DETAILS OF SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ON THURSDAY ARE AS FOLLOWS :

THE MTR (MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY) AND PEAK TRAMS WILL RUN ALL NIGHT WHILE TRAM SERVICES, EXCEPT THE ROUTES RUNNING FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO SHAU KEI WAN AND KENNEDY TOWN RESPECTIVELY, WILL BE EXTENDED TO AROUND 2 AM ON FRIDAY.

CMB (CHINA MOTOR BUS) WILL OPERATE TWO SPECIAL BUS ROUTES TO THE PEAK AREA: NO. 15A RUNNING BETWEEN NORTH POINT FERRY AND THE PEAK FROM 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY TO 4 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND NO. 15M OPERATING FROM 8 PM ON THURSDAY TO 4 AM THE NEXT DAY BETWEEN ADMIRALTY MTR STATION AND THE PEAK.

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ADDITIONAL SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED ON ROUTE NO. 15 (CENTRAL TO THE PEAK) WITH EXTENDED SERVICE TO 3 AM ON FRIDAY.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL ALSO BE OPERATED ON CMB ROUTE NOS. 6, 9, 14, 61 AND 73. OPERATING HOURS OF THESE ROUTES MAY BE EXTENDED IF NECESSARY. ROUTE NOS. 2, 4, 7, 10, 70, 72, 90, 92, 95, 96, 97, 98 AND EXPRESS COACH ROUTE 260 WILL ALSO EXTEND THEIR SERVICES TO FINISH BETWEEN 11.30 PM ON THURSDAY AND 2 AM THE NEXT DAY.

IN ADDITION, BUSES ON CMB ROUTE NO. 5B, AIRBUS ROUTE A3 AND CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE NOS. 102, 103, 106 AND 170 WILL HAVE TO DIVERT THEIR ROUTINGS IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM 7 PM ON THURSDAY TO AVOID THE CLOSED ROAD SECTIONS.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL ALSO BE OPERATED ON ALL NLB (NEW LANTAU BUS) ROUTES ON LANTAU ISLAND DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL HOLIDAYS.

AS FOR GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES, ROUTE 1 WILL RUN UNTIL 4 AM ON FRIDAY.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON OUTLYING DISTRICT FERRY ROUTES ACCORDING TO DEMAND.

FROM 6.30 PM ON THURSDAY, SEPARATE DIRECT SAILINGS WILL BE OPERATED FOR THE CENTRAL TO SILVERMINE BAY AND PENG CHAU SERVICES. THE FORMER FERRY SERVICE WILL REMAIN OPERATING AT THE OUTLYING DISTRICT SERVICES PIER WHILE THE LATTER WILL DEPART FROM THE WEST WING OF THE CENTRAL HARBOUR SERVICES PIER.

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MORE MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATIONS IN KOWLOON

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TWO MORE DISTRICTS - SHAM SHUI PO AND WONG TAI SIN - WILL BE CELEBRATING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WITH CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS THIS WEEK.

SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO TWO LARGE-SCALE DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORED VARIETY SHOWS, WITH THE FIRST, ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION, TO BE HELD FROM 6.30 PM TO 10.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

THE SHOW WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION, TRADITIONAL CHINESE HANDICRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS, PALM-READING, GAMES STALLS, ACROBATICS AND LANTERN PUZZLES.

ADMISSION IS FREE. GAMES COUPONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 37-39 TONKIN STREET AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE SECOND VARIETY SHOW, ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES, WILL BE STAGED FROM 6 PM TO 10 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) AT THE PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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IN WONG TAI SIN, FOUR CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, ORGANISED MAINLY BY AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

STARTING AT 8 PM, THREE EVENTS WILL BE STAGED IN THE OPEN AIR THEATRE AT MORSE PARK, AT A CONCOURSE NEAR THE WANG KWONG HOUSE AT WANG TAU HOM ESTATE, AND ON THE PODIUM OF THE PHASE II MARKET AT CHOI WAN ESTATE.

THE FOURTH EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 5 PM ON THE PODIUM OF SUN LAI GARDEN IN NGAU CHI WAN.

TWO OTHER CELEBRATIONS WILL BE HELD THE FOLLOWING DAY, ONE STARTING AT 7.30 PM AT THE PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO LOK YAN HOUSE AT TSZ LOK ESTATE, AND THE OTHER - A CHINESE OPERA - AT 8 PM IN THE HALL OF ST BENEDICT'S SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AT CHOI HUNG ESTATE.

THE LAST CELEBRATION WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) AT THE SITTING-OUT AREA OUTSIDE ON KEI HOUSE AT TSZ ON ESTATE.

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HYBRID SYSTEM READY FOR DEMONSTRATION
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LIVESTOCK FARMERS WISHING TO CONTINUE BUSINESS IN CONTROL AREAS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE OPERATION OF THE HYBRID SYSTEM FOR WASTE TREATMENT UNDER PRIVATE FARM CONDITIONS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING GROUP ON DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON PRIVATE FARMS, MR LEO KWAN, TOLD MEMBERS AT A MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) THAT ONE OF THE PRIVATE FARMS PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WHICH USES THE HYBRID METHOD IS NOW READY FOR DEMONSTRATION.

THE FIRST VISIT TO THIS PIG FARM IN MA ON SHAN WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 26.

MR KWAN ASKED THE FARMERS' REPRESENTATIVES TO REMIND INDIVIDUAL FARMERS TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST IN VISITING THE FARM WITH THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

MR KWAN SAID CNTA HAS BEEN ORGANISING VISITS FOR INTERESTED FARMERS TO OBSERVE THE OPERATION OF DIFFERENT WASTE TREATMENT METHODS. A NUMBER OF VISITS TO FARMS USING THE PIG-ON-LITTER AND DRY MUCK-OUT METHODS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED.

THE AIM OF THESE VISITS IS TO LET THE FARMERS HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE VARIOUS TREATMENT METHODS WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM TO COMPLY WITH ANTI-POLLUTION REGULATIONS. THIS WILL HELP THEM DECIDE WHICH TREATMENT METHOD WILL BE MOST SUITABLE FOR THEIR FARMS.

AT THE MEETING, THE STEERING GROUP MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

THEY LEARNT THAT OUT OF THE NINE FARMS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECTS, SIX HAVE ALREADY BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE OPERATORS. THESE INCLUDE THREE FARMS USING THE DRY MUCK-OUT METHOD, TWO USING THE FIG-ON-LITTER METHOD AND ONE USING THE HYBRID SYSTEM.

AFTER THE MEETING, THE STEERING GROUP MEMBERS VISITED A PIG FARM IN SHEUNG SHUI WHICH USES THE WET MUCK-OUT METHOD TO LOOK AT THE PROGRESS OF THE WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT THERE.

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'MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME' ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE "MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME" OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PLACING OF ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER AND THE DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, TUNG YAN STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS
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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR CARRYING OUT LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROPOSED PROJECTS INCLUDE REPAIR TO A VAN TRACK IN SHA TAU KOK, IMPROVEMENT TO AN OPEN SPACE IN KWU TUNG, SHEUNG SHUI, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE IN TA KWU LING.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS WAYS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AT TA KWU LING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS ON VILLAGE LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS, MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THESE INCLUDE CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN BACKLANES, IMPROVING LIGHTING AT SEVEN LOCATIONS AND REPAIRING PLANTERS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF A WELCOME SIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD, WHICH WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT SPORTS ORGANISATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORT AND PHYSICAL RECREATION, IS SCHEDULED TO BE SET UP IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING A WAN CHAI YOUTH FESTIVAL, CIVIC EDUCATION CAMP, CIVIC EDUCATION NIGHT CRUISE, AND MEDICAL AND HEALTH SEMINAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 13).

THE BOARD WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP SPORTS AND PHYSICAL RECREATION IN HONG KONG.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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DB CULTURE COMMITTEE TO STUDY PROGRESS REPORTS

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS THIRD MEETING FOR 1989-90 ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 13).

AT THE MEETING, A MEMBER WILL ASK THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON THE VARIOUS FACILITIES OF LUT SAU HALL.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO STUDY PROGRESS REPORTS ON ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, LIBRARY EXTENSION ACTIVITIES AND DISTRICT BOARD-SPONSORED CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 64.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 379.875 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 263.927 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 45 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

WATER CUT IN CHEUNG SHA WAN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

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