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STUDY TO TACKLE AIRPORT NOISE PROBLEM BEING CONDUCTED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONDUCTING A STUDY ON HOW TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF NOISE FROM THE AIRPORT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE END OF HIS SECOND DISTRICT VISIT, TO KWUN TONG, SIR DAVID SAID PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WERE VERY CONCERNED WITH THE NOISE FROM THE AIRPORT AND THE NOISE OF AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING.

+THERE IS A STUDY GOING ON AT THE MOMENT BY THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO DEAL WITH THAT PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

ASKED IF THE AIRPORT SHOULD BE MOVED AWAY FROM THE DENSELY-POPULATED DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID: +YOU ALWAYS FEEL DANGEROUS AS YOU FLY INTO KAI TAK, SO LOW OVER TOWN, BUT IT HAS ACTUALLY HISTORICALLY BEEN A VERY SAFE AIRPORT.+

ON WHETHER THE AIRPORT SHOULD BE MOVED TO ANOTHER LOCATION, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS VERY EXPENSIVE TO +PICK UP AN AIRPORT AND MOVE IT+.

+THERE IS OF COURSE THOUGHT BEING GIVEN IN THE LONGER TERM FUTURE TO WHETHER OR NOT HONG KONG SHOULD HAVE A NEW AIRPORT DESIGNED FOR INCREASED TRAFFIC IN 1990'S AND LATER, BUT THAT IS, I THINK, A LONGER TERM PROJECT,+ HE SAID.

+FOR THE MOMENT, THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR DEVELOPMENT IN KAI TAK ITSELF,+ SIR DAVID ADDED.

DESCRIBING HIS VISIT TO KWUN TONG AS INTERESTING, SIR DAVID SAID THE IMPRESSION THAT HE CAME AWAY WITH WAS ONE OF CONTRAST AND ONE OF CHANGE.

BY CONTRAST, HE MEANT THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE OLD AREAS AND THE OLD RESETTLEMENT BLOCKS AND THE VERY NEW ONES AND THE TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF HOUSING.

+AND CHANGE, LIKE THE ENORMOUS CHANGE TAKING PLACE THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, AN IMMENSE PROJECT, AND ALL THE ROAD WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT AND ALL THE SCHEMES GOING AHEAD FOR NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

+AND ONE THIRD IMPRESSION TO SHARE IS OF A COMMUNITY WHICH IS DETERMINED TO TRY TO HELP ITSELF,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS TOLD THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL HAD A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND A LARGE PART OF THE MONEY FOR THAT HAD COME FROM THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ITSELF.

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+AND THAT I THINK IS VERY STRIKING EVIDENCE OF A DISTRICT WHICH HAS A SENSE OF LOYALTY TO THE DISTRICT AND A DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT BY THEIR OWN ACTIONS,+ HE SAID.

ON THE HAWKER PROBLEM, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICER AND WITH A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

+IT'S OBVIOUSLY A VERY LARGE PROBLEM AND PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD FEEL THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT INDEED TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF HYGIENE, PARTICULARLY OF FOOD.+

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT PEOPLE IN KWUN TONG WERE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE DANGER OF HAVING UNHYGIENIC HAWKER FOOD STALLS.

+REMEMBER, FOR INSTANCE, THAT IN THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK LAST YEAR, EIGHT OF THE 20-ODD CASES IN HONG KONG CAME FROM KWUN TONG ITSELF, SO THEY ARE VERY ANXIOUS THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THE HAWKER PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE IN KWUN TONG, AND WAS PLEASED BY THE FRIENDLINESS OF EVERYBODY THERE.

ASKED HOW HE HANDLED PETITION LETTERS HE RECEIVED, SIR DAVID SAID WHEN A VISITOR CAME TO A DISTRICT, IT WAS A VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO PUT DOWN ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS THEY HAD ON PAPER AND HAND IT OVER, AND ALL PETITIONS WERE OF COURSE LOOKED AT VERY CAREFULLY.

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GOVERNOR LOOKS AT DEVELOPMENT IN KWUN TONG

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) TOURED KWUN TONG TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, SIR DAVID FIRST WENT TO THE KWUN TONG HIGH LEVEL RESERVOIR AND WAS MET BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN.

ON TOP OF THE RESERVOIR, SIR DAVID GOT A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE DISTRICT AND WAS BRIEFED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER ON KWUN TONG IN GENERAL.

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THE PARTY THEN LEFT FOR THE JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE WHERE SIR DAVID PAID A VISIT TO A FAMILY OF SEVEN AT BLOCK 9 OF THE ESTATE.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT THE ESTATE, BUILT IN 1959, WAS ONE OF THE OLDEST GROUP +B+ ESTATES IN THE DISTRICT. CURRENTLY HOUSING 8 391 PEOPLE FROM 1 924 FAMILIES, THE ESTATE WOULD BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE PROVISION OF A SIZEABLE DISTRICT OPEN SPACE ON COMPLETION OF THE NEW JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ESTATE IN 1990.

LATER THE PARTY PROCEEDED TO THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING SITE AT SAI CHO WAN WHERE SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED ON THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT BY DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, AND GOVERNMENT ENGINEER, EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, MR JOHN TURNER.

WORK ON THE \$3.4 BILLION PROJECT STARTED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1989-90. THE CROSSING WILL LINK CHA KWO LING IN KWUN TONG WITH QUARRY BAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

AT THE SITE, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE CROSSING IS WORK ON THE KWUN TONG BYPASS WHICH WILL CATER FOR THROUGH TRAFFIC FROM THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE JUNK BAY TUNNEL, WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN MID-1990, TO OTHER PARTS OF KOWLOON.

WORK ON PHASE I OF THE KWUN TONG BYPASS HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO THE NEW HONG KONG TUNNEL COMPANY LTD IN ORDER TO TIE IN WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE CROSSING.

DEPARTING FROM THE WORK SITE, SIR DAVID WENT TO SHUI WO STREET IN KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE AND TOOK A WALK IN THE AREA.

SIR DAVID LEARNT THAT SHUI WO STREET WAS ONE OF THE HAWKER CONCENTRATION AREAS IN THE DISTRICT. IN DECEMBER 1985, A HAWKER RE-ORDERING EXERCISE WAS LAUNCHED IN WHICH MORE THAN 300 HAWKERS WERE ALLOCATED PITCH SITES AT SHUI WO STREET AND SHUNG YAN STREET. THESE HAWKERS WILL BE RESITED TO THE SHUI WO STREET MARKET COMPLEX WHEN IT IS COMPLETED IN EARLY 1988.

BEFORE WINDING UP HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID ATTENDED A TEA RECEPTION IN THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE WHERE HE MET MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND CHAIRMEN OF THE 14 AREA COMMITTEES.

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FS HAS 'USEFUL' VISIT TO CHINA
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT HE HAD A +USEFUL AND ENJOYABLE+ VISIT TO CHINA.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN AT THE AIRPORT, MR JACOBS SAID THE VISIT WAS ESSENTIALLY A +FAMILIARISATION+ ONE AND THAT DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN GENERAL.

MR JACOBS SAID HE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE, MR JI PENGFEI, THE VICE-MINISTER OF THE CHINESE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, MR LI PENG, AND OFFICIALS OF THE BANK OF CHINA, THE PEOPLE'S BANK OF CHINA AS WELL AS THE CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRUST AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION (CITIC).

MR JACOBS SAID HE HAD BRIEFED THEM ON THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG, THE BUDGET, THE STATE OF PUBLIC FINANCE, AS WELL AS THE LINK OF THE DOLLAR.

HE ADDED THAT MR JI HAD REITERATED TO HIM MR DENG XIAOPING'S RECENT REMARKS THAT THERE WAS NO REASON NOT TO EXTEND THE 50 YEARS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION FOR ANOTHER 50 YEARS IF EVERYTHING WENT WELL IN HONG KONG.

MR JACOBS ALSO SAID VICE-MINISTER LI HAD STRESSED TO HIM THAT CHINA'S OPEN-DOOR POLICY WOULD CONTINUE WHEN HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ON THE MATTER.

HE EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD BE MORE CONTACTS SUCH AS HIS VISIT AS BOTH SIDES RECOGNISED THAT THESE CONTACTS WERE USEFUL.

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BUTTERFLY BEACH FINALLY CLEANED UP
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TUEN MUN'S BUTTERFLY BEACH, ONCE HEAVILY POLLUTED, HAS AT LAST BEEN CLEANED UP, ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT REPORT.

THE REPORT, DETAILING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT'S MONITORING OF SOME 50 OF THE TERRITORY'S POPULAR BEACHES SHOWS THAT ONLY THREE ARE AT PRESENT UNACCEPTABLE FOR SWIMMING.

COMMENTING ON THE FINDINGS, THE HEAD OF EPD'S WATER POLICY GROUP, MR PAUL HOLMES, SAID +BUILDING UP THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FOR TUEN MUN, PLUS THE DIVERSION OF STREAM FLOWS WHICH ARE HEAVILY CONTAMINATED BY LIVESTOCK WASTES, HAS TAKEN TIME TO HAVE AN EFFECT BUT WE ARE NOW SEEING THE BENEFITS. THERE IS HOWEVER STILL A LOT OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT+.

/CASTLE PEAK

CASTLE PEAK BEACH, ONE OF THE THREE +UNACCEPTABLE+ BEACHES, IS AFFECTED BY LIVESTOCK WASTES AND SEWAGE, AND THE REPORT SHOWS THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME IMPROVEMENT, ALTHOUGH NOT ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE +NO SWIMMING+ SIGNS TO BE TAKEN AWAY.

THE OTHER +UNACCEPTABLE+ BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT, AND SILVERMINE BAY ON LANTAU ISLAND.

ANGLERS' BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED TO SWIMMERS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SILVERMINE BAY BEACH HAS FAILED THE GOVERNMENT TEST.

MR HOLMES EXPLAINED THAT THIS BEACH HAS BEEN GETTING WORSE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE SAID THAT A NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT HAS BEEN BUILT AT A COST OF \$11 MILLION AND WILL START OPERATION THIS MONTH. THIS SHOULD BRING ABOUT PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT AS MORE OF MUI WO IS CONNECTED DURING 1987 AND 1988. BUT POLLUTION DUE TO LIVESTOCK WASTE ON LANTAU IS LIKELY TO REMAIN UNCONTROLLED FOR SOME TIME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT A DECISION ON WHETHER TO DISCOURAGE SWIMMING AT SILVERMINE BAY WOULD BE TAKEN SOON BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON SIX OTHER GAZETTED BEACHES WHICH ARE POLLUTED TO A LESSER EXTENT. A NEW TRUNK SEWER BEING BUILT ALONG THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM TUEN MUN TO SO KWUN WAT WILL ALLOW SOURCES OF POLLUTION TO BE REMOVED FROM BEACHES IN THAT AREA FROM 1988 ONWARDS.

POLLUTED DRAINS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN REMOVED FROM REPULSE BAY AND SHEK O BEACHES. THIS YEAR, A \$2.9 MILLION SCHEME WILL REMOVE POLLUTION FROM REMAINING STORMWATER DRAINS AT REPULSE BAY AND STANLEY MAIN BEACH.

THE EPD SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT A SYSTEM OF CATEGORISATION OF BEACHES ACCORDING TO WATER QUALITY COULD BE INTRODUCED THIS SUMMER. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN BEACH WATER QUALITY WOULD NOT BE ACHIEVED UNTIL CURRENT PLANS FOR IMPROVED SEWERAGE AND THE CONTROL OF LIVESTOCK WASTE WERE IMPLEMENTED.

ANSWERING CRITICISM ABOUT THE STANDARDS THE GOVERNMENT USED FOR ASSESSING THE SUITABILITY OF BEACHES FOR SWIMMING, THE EPD SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION RECOMMENDATIONS, ON WHICH THE HONG KONG STANDARDS ARE BASED, WERE NOT NECESSARILY RELEVANT TO LOCAL CONDITIONS AND WERE NOT DERIVED FROM QUANTITATIVE DATA ON THE RISK OF CATCHING A DISEASE. IN FACT, INFORMATION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SICKNESS AND BEACH WATER QUALITY HAS ONLY RECENTLY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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MR HOLMES ADDED: +THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SWIMMING IN POLLUTED WATER POSES A RISK TO HEALTH. WE ARE TRYING TO ESTABLISH EXACTLY WHAT THOSE RISKS ARE SO THAT THEY CAN BE KEPT WITHIN ACCEPTABLE BOUNDS+.

HE WAS REFERRING TO A THREE-YEAR INVESTIGATION BEING CARRIED OUT BY HIS DEPARTMENT WITH THE SUPPORT OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE.

IT INVOLVES A PROGRAMME OF INTERVIEWS WITH SWIMMERS AND INTENSIVE MEASUREMENT OF THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF THE WATER AT A NUMBER OF BEACHES.

AS HONG KONG HAS RELATIVELY FEW BEACHES SERVING A LARGE POPULATION, RECOMMENDATIONS TO RESTRICT ALREADY LIMITED AMENITIES MUST BE BASED ON THE BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

EARLY INDICATIONS ARE THAT RISK OF INFECTION IS LOW COMPARED WITH THE FINDINGS OF A SIMILAR STUDY CARRIED OUT IN THE UNITED STATES. THE STUDY CONTINUES THIS YEAR.

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SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS RELEASED
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IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986, 3 663 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 21.9 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS (NRT) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 276 (OR 8 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 8 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985, ACCORDING TO THE HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT.

WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+163) AND OIL TANKERS (+102), WHILE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONVENTIONAL CARGO VESSELS (-59) AND ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF VESSELS (-29).

INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE RECORDED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+267), PANAMA (+50) AND LIBERIA (+12), BUT DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE REGISTERED IN THE U.S. (-15) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (-14). THE NUMBER OF SHIPS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 10 000 DWT (DEADWEIGHT TONS) INCREASED (+155).

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IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986, THERE WERE 3 672 OUTGOING SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 22.1 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 288 (OR 9 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 8 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) ROSE BY 24 PER CENT. ABOUT 65 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING SHIPS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, 86 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS IMPORTS AND 14 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO. OF THE CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, 59 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AND 41 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TONNAGE TERMS WERE SINGAPORE (17 PER CENT), CHINA (14 PER CENT), JAPAN (14 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (10 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (9 PER CENT), WHILE THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S. (20 PER CENT), CHINA (15 PER CENT), TAIWAN (11 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (6 PER CENT).

TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN CHINA (32 PER CENT) AND U.S. (15 PER CENT); AND WAS MAINLY DISCHARGED IN CHINA (15 PER CENT) AND U.S. (12 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986 WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985, INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+93 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+58 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+52 PER CENT), CHINA (+46 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+29 PER CENT); BUT A DECREASE IN TONNAGE WAS NOTED FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN (-7 PER CENT). AS A WHOLE, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 24 PER CENT.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (+101 PER CENT), TEXTILES OF MAN-MADE FIBRES (+65 PER CENT) AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (+58 PER CENT); BUT A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR THE IMPORTS OF TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD, ALL KINDS (-15 PER CENT).

DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT. INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+129 PER CENT), THE PHILIPPINES (+63 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+40 PER CENT).

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AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (+343 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, N.E.S. (+173 PER CENT), INORGANIC CHEMICALS (+104 PER CENT) AND NON-FERROUS METALS (+102 PER CENT), BUT DECREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER (-47 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (-38 PER CENT) AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (-19 PER CENT).

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIPOWNERS OF AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT. PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS IS USED FOR COMPILING THE STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES IN THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986 ARE CONTAINED IN THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT+ FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1986, WHICH IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT CENTRE AT \$14 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234887.

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UNIT SET UP TO PROMOTE SAFETY AT WORK
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A SPECIAL UNIT, THE SAFETY PROGRAMME PROMOTION UNIT, HAS BEEN SET UP WITHIN THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

ITS MAIN TASK IS TO PROMOTE VOLUNTARY SAFETY MOVEMENT IN INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), THE DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID THAT TO FOSTER AN ATTITUDE OF MIND FAVOURABLE TO SAFE PRACTICE IN THE WORKPLACE, CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WAS NECESSARY.

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+IT IS VITAL THAT EMPLOYERS PROVIDE A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND ADEQUATE TRAINING IN SAFETY MATTERS FOR THEIR WORKERS,+ HE SAID.

+THE EMPLOYEES TOO HAVE A DUTY TO CO-OPERATE WITH HIS EMPLOYER IN IMPLEMENTING SAFETY MEASURES, FOR EXAMPLE BY OBSERVING NO-SMOKING SIGNS, BY WEARING PROTECTIVE CLOTHING PROVIDED, AND BY NOT REMOVING THE GUARDS FROM MACHINERY.

+IT POINTS SUCH AS THESE WERE SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED, THE ACCIDENT RATE COULD BE CUT DRAMATICALLY.+

FOR A START, THE NEW UNIT IS COMPOSED OF A DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR AND TWO EXPERIENCED FACTORY INSPECTORS.

THEY WILL CALL AT FACTORIES TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP A STRONG SENSE OF SELF-REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES AMONG EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION AT WORK.

THEY WILL ALSO OFFER ADVICE ON THE FORMATION OF IN-PLANT SAFETY COMMITTEES, ORGANISATION OF SAFETY PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE SAFETY MANAGEMENT.

THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT ROOM 609, SIXTH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523229.

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KOWLOON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES FACE DEMOLITION
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY IN THE DISTRICT COURT, SHA TIN, ON JUNE 17 FOR A CLOSURE ORDER TO BE ISSUED IN RESPECT OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KOWLOON.

THE STRUCTURES ARE ON THE MAIN ROOF AND IN THE LIGHTWELL OVER FLAT A ON THE FIFTH FLOOR AND ALSO THE LIGHTWELLS IN FLATS A AND B ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF 9, NAM KOK ROAD.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY CONSIDERS THAT ALL THE STRUCTURES SHOULD BE CLOSED SO THAT DEMOLITION CAN TAKE PLACE WITHOUT DANGER TO THEIR OCCUPIERS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

AN ORDER FOR THE STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED WAS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE LAST JULY BUT HAD BEEN IGNORED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAID OCCUPANTS OF THE STRUCTURES HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THE CLOSURE ORDER NEXT MONTH THROUGH NOTICES PLACED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES.

HE SAID IT WAS THE INTENTION THAT DEMOLITION WOULD PROCEED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ORDER WAS OBTAINED.

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LAST TREE PLANTING DAY ON SUNDAY
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT SUNDAY (MAY 10) WOULD BE THEIR LAST CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN THE 1987 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD GO TO DESIGNATED PLANTING SITES BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM ON THAT DAY WHEN TREE SEEDLING WOULD BE AVAILABLE FREE FOR PLANTING.

THE SEVEN COUNTRY PARK PLANTING SITES ARE TAI MO SHAN, BRIDE'S POOL, MUI WO, POKFULAM, QUARRY BAY, PAK TAM CHUNG AND CLEAR WATER BAY.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR S.P. LAU, SAID THAT UP TO LAST SUNDAY, MORE THAN 16 500 PEOPLE HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE SCHEME TO PLANT MORE THAN 20 000 TREES.

THE 1987 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR ALL SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN APRIL, WAS EXTENDED TO COVER THE FIRST TWO SUNDAYS IN MAY TO MEET INCREASING REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

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RETIRING OFFICER'S SERVICE COMMENDED

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A SENIOR ENGINEER, MR TONG TAK-LEUNG, WAS PRESENTED A LETTER OF VALEDICTION TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR HIS 29 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS, PRAISED MR TONG FOR HIS GOOD AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

MR TONG FIRST JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN APPRENTICE ENGINEER IN THE THEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1958. TWO YEARS LATER, HE BECAME ASSISTANT ENGINEER AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK IN SEPTEMBER 1981.

HE FIRST RETIRED IN 1984 WHEN HE WAS 55, BUT WAS RE-EMPLOYED AS SENIOR ENGINEER IN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT, MR TONG HAS BEEN HANDLING TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS ON HONG KONG ISLAND PARTICULARLY IN THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS.

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OUTLINE OF STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED AN ANNUAL BOOKLET ENTITLED +AN OUTLINE OF STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT, 1987+.

IT CONTAINS TWO PARTS. PART I DESCRIBES THE ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. PART II DELINEATES THE MAIN LINES OF CURRENT STATISTICAL ACTIVITY BEING UNDERTAKEN, AS WELL AS FORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS MATERIALS DESCRIPTIVE OF THE PAST AND THE PRESENT FOR EASY READING.

THE REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATION ON THE DISPOSITION OF STATISTICAL STAFF AND A LIST OF STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS. IT IS A USEFUL REFERENCE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT IN IMPROVING STATISTICAL SERVICES.

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SUMMER WORK FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS

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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IS INVITING EMPLOYERS IN THE INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND SERVICE SECTORS TO OFFER ATTACHMENT PLACES FOR SOME 2 300 TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS THIS SUMMER.

FULL-TIME TECHNICIAN STUDENTS FROM THE SEVEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL BE SENT TO WORK IN ESTABLISHMENTS RELATED TO THE FIELDS OF CHEMICALS, CLOTHING, TEXTILES, COMMERCIAL, COMPUTING, DESIGN, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND PRINTING.

+PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IS A VITAL PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND EXPOSURE TO INDUSTRIAL OF REAL-LIFE WORKING ENVIRONMENTS WILL HELP STUDENTS APPLY WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID.

THE SUMMER ATTACHMENT SCHEME WOULD BENEFIT BOTH STUDENTS AND EMPLOYERS IN THE LONG RUN, HE ADDED.

OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS, UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDY, VERY OFTEN SECURED PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT FROM EMPLOYERS WHO OFFERED THEM WORK IN THE PREVIOUS SUMMER.

EMPLOYERS WILLING TO OFFER PRACTICAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDENTS BETWEEN MID-JULY AND MID-SEPTEMBER SHOULD CONTACT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE DIRECT ON THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS: MORRISON HILL (5-745321), KWAI CHUNG (0-246221), KWUN TONG (3-7274331), HAKING WONG (3-615161), LEE WAI LEE (3-383611), TUEN MUN (0-830066), AND SHA TIN (0-6066227).

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES
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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS TWO NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED TO INTRODUCE THE TWO NEW ROUTES FROM MONG KOK MTR STATION TO HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD AND FROM HUNG HOM TO MONG KOK BY THE END OF THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT AN EXTENSIVE SURVEY ON TRAFFIC NEEDS IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A REVIEW ON TRAFFIC SITUATION AFFECTED BY THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KENNEDY TOWN
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TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF BELCHER'S STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, A SERIES OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KENNEDY TOWN FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 9) FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, ALL VEHICLES WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING COLLINSON STREET AND THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF BELCHER'S STREET BETWEEN HOLLAND STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

AFFECTED VEHICLES ON NORTHBOUND BELCHER'S STREET HEADING FOR QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOLLAND STREET AND KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA.

ROUTEINGS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED. FOR JOURNEYS LEAVING KENNEDY TOWN, CMB ROUTES 5A, 5B, 5M, 10 AND 47, CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES 101, 104, 105, 113 AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 12 WILL BE REROUTED VIA COLLINSON STREET, KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA, TO REJOIN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. TEMPORARY BUS STOPS WILL BE SET UP ON BELCHER'S STREET SOUTH OF COLLINSON STREET.

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IN ADDITION, CMB ROUTES 5A, 5B AND 5M ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA AND SAI CHEUNG STREET TO REJOIN BELCHER'S STREET, WHILE CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE 113 HEADING FOR SANDS STREET WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA.

TEMPORARY BUS STOPS WILL BE PROVIDED ON SAI CHEUNG STREET FOR ROUTES 5A, 5B AND 5M AND ON KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA SOUTH OF COLLINSON STREET FOR ROUTE 113. THESE DIVERSIONS WILL, HOWEVER, LAST FOR ONE MONTH ONLY.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL METERED PARKING SPACES AT HOLLAND STREET AND THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SAI CHEUNG STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

MEANWHILE, ALL VEHICLES WILL BE BANNED FROM STOPPING ON A NUMBER OF ROADS IN KENNEDY TOWN FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SAI CHEUNG STREET WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY WHILE A 35-METRE STRETCH OF THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH COLLINSON STREET WILL BECOME URBAN CLEARWAY OPERATING ROUND THE CLOCK.

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- * QUEEN'S ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA TO A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF BELCHER'S STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF BELCHER'S STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF BELCHER'S STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH COLLINSON STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN WAN CHAI
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TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF DUCTS, THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF FENWICK STREET BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 4 PM ON SATURDAY (MAY 9) TO 6 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 11).

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON HENNESSY ROAD HEADING FOR INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL HAVE TO USE LUARD ROAD, LOCKHART ROAD AND FENWICK STREET.

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