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MARGINAL RISE IN NEW ENTRIES TO DRUGS REGISTRY

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WAS TOLD THAT THERE WAS A MARGINAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS NEWLY REPORTED TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE (CRDA) IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

AT THE 64TH MEETING OF THE ACAN TODAY (FRIDAY), MEMBERS WERE INFORMED THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS OF ALL AGES NEWLY REPORTED TO CRDA IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1987, AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR, HAD INCREASED BY 3.6 PER CENT FROM 694 TO 719. THE NUMBER OF NEWLY REPORTED YOUNG PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 ALSO INCREASED BY 30.7 PER CENT, FROM 199 TO 260.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, SAID THIS LARGE INCREASE WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INCREASE IN REPORTS BY OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAMS, REFLECTING A LARGER NUMBER OF USERS OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS RATHER THAN AN INCREASE IN HEROIN USERS.

ALTHOUGH THE DOWNWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS NEWLY REPORTED TO THE CRDA WHICH BEGAN IN 1984 DID NOT CONTINUE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, MR MULLOY SAID IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO DRAW ANY FIRM CONCLUSIONS FROM ONE QUARTER'S FIGURES.

MEANWHILE, THE COMMISSIONER ALSO REPORTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS PROSECUTED FOR ALL DRUG OFFENCES HAD DECREASED BY 7.8 PER CENT FROM 3,059 TO 2,820 AND PROSECUTIONS OF YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 21 ALSO DECREASED BY 26.1 PER CENT, FROM 272 TO 201, NEVERTHELESS THE NUMBER OF PERSONS PROSECUTED FOR MAJOR DRUG OFFENCES INCREASED BY 13.6 PER CENT FROM 1,238 TO 1,406.

MR MULLOY SAID THAT DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, A TOTAL OF 122 KILOGRAMS OF ILLICIT OPIATES, MAINLY NUMBER 3 HEROIN, 331 KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS RESIN AND 1,950 MANDRAX TABLETS HAD BEEN SEIZED BY POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

ON PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES, HE NOTED THAT THE PUBLICITY STRATEGY FOR 1987 WOULD CONTINUE TO AIM AT STOPPING YOUNGSTERS FROM STARTING DRUGS AND TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF OUR MOST SERIOUS DRUG PROBLEM - THE ABUSE OF HEROIN.

"HOWEVER, PUBLICITY AIMED AT PREVENTING YOUNGSTERS FROM TAKING MANDRAX AND CANNABIS WILL BE INTENSIFIED," HE SAID.

PUBLICITY FOR 1987 WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON AN UNDIMINISHED SCALE THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA, THROUGH POSTERS AND OTHER PUBLICITY AND THROUGH COMMUNITY BASED DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS AND SCHOOL TALKS AND ACTIVITIES.

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REPORTING ON HIS ATTENDANCE TOGETHER WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN, PROFESSOR GERALD CHOA, AT THE RECENT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING (ICDAIT), IN VIENNA BETWEEN JUNE 17 AND 26, MR MULLOY SAID HONG KONG'S REMARKABLE WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN CURBING THE DRUG PROBLEM HAD BEEN ACCORDED EXTENSIVE RECOGNITION AT THE WORLD'S FIRST MINISTERIAL-LEVEL CONFERENCE.

HE FURTHER NOTED THAT HONG KONG WAS AHEAD OF MANY OTHER COUNTRIES AND WAS AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

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FIREMAN'S JOB ONE OF MIXED ELEMENTS: CS

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY RECRUIT FIREMEN WERE TOLD THAT THEIR WORK COULD ENTAIL DANGER AND FRUSTRATION WHEN THEY PARTICIPATED IN A PASSING OUT PARADE HELD AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, WHO TOOK THE SALUTE AT THE PARADE, SAID THAT A FIREMAN'S JOB WAS NOT ALWAYS A GLAMOROUS ONE.

"WHEN THE FLAMES AND EXCITEMENT HAVE DIED DOWN AND THE SIGHTSEERS HAVE GONE HOME TO THEIR BEDS YOU WILL OFTEN HAVE TO REMAIN ALL NIGHT LONG IN THE DARK AND WET CONFINES OF A GUTTED BUILDING, SOAKED TO THE SKIN, OFTEN HUNGRY UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT YOU WILL BE RELIEVED OR YOUR JOB IS COMPLETED," HE SAID.

MR FORD ALSO SAID THAT WHILE A FIREMAN'S LIFE COULD INDEED BE EXCITING AND SOMETIMES DANGEROUS, THERE WERE ALSO SOME OTHER ELEMENTS THEY WOULD HAVE TO COPE WITH.

FOR INSTANCE, FIREMEN COULD SOMETIMES BE CRITICISED, OFTEN UNFAIRLY, BY THOSE WHO DID NOT APPRECIATE THAT THEIR BEST EFFORTS COULD NOT ALWAYS BE SUCCESSFUL.

AS FIREMEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO WORK LONG HOURS, OFTEN WHEN OTHER PEOPLE WERE ENJOYING HOLIDAY PERIODS, AND SOMETIMES ALSO HAVE TO DEAL WITH TRAGIC INCIDENTS.

IN SPITE OF THESE DIFFICULTIES, MR FORD SAID, "YOU WILL SOON COME TO REALISE THAT NO ONE ELSE IS EQUIPPED, OR COMPETENT, TO DO YOUR JOB."

"THE PUBLIC WILL CALL UPON YOUR SERVICES AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY OR NIGHT IN ALL KINDS OF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS, IN THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS YOU AND ONLY YOU THAT THEY CAN TURN TO FOR HELP."

AFTER REVIEWING THE PARADE, MR FORD PRESENTED THE AWARD FOR THE BEST RECRUIT TO FIREMAN TONG TAK-YAN.

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FIRE SERVICES EXPANSION WELL AHEAD

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT PLANS FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE FIRE SERVICES WERE GOING AHEAD QUITE FAST -- FIVE NEW FIRE STATIONS WERE TO BE BUILT THIS YEAR TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE NEW TOWNS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL IN PAT HEUNG, MR FORD SAID THAT OVERSEAS TRAINING FOR FIRE SERVICES OFFICERS, TO BUILD UP THEIR STRENGTH AND EXPERIENCE, WOULD CONTINUE.

"I THINK, ALL IN ALL, WE ARE EXTREMELY LUCKY WITH THE QUALITY OF THE FIRE SERVICES THAT WE HAVE IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

ASKED IF HE WAS REFERRING TO THE MEDIA WHEN HE SAID IN HIS SPEECH THAT SOMETIMES FIREMEN WERE UNFAIRLY CRITICISED BY PEOPLE WHO DID NOT APPRECIATE THEIR WORK, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THAT WAS NOT WHAT HE MEANT.

"I THINK THE POINT OF ISSUE HERE IS THAT SOMETIMES THE DIFFICULTIES THAT FIREMEN OPERATE UNDER ARE NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD BY THE COMMUNITY.

"THEY ARE SOMETIMES EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE MIRACLES WHERE MIRACLES ARE NOT QUITE POSSIBLE, AND I THINK FROM WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN TODAY, THE EFFORTS THEY DO PUT IN ARE REALLY TREMENDOUS," HE SAID.

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APRIL RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS PUBLISHED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN APRIL 1987, ESTIMATED AT \$6,326 MILLION, WAS 13 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN APRIL 1986 WHILST THEIR VOLUME WAS 7 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1986, RETAIL SALES OF "CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS" AND "CONSUMER DURABLES" INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT AND 18 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND 14 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME. "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" WENT UP BY 13 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME, WHILE THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR "FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO" WERE 10 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT.

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FUELS INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS ROSE VERY SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

SALES BY SUPERMARKETS RECORDED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN VALUE AND A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS REGISTERED MODERATE INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

COMPARING THE THREE MONTHS FEBRUARY TO APRIL 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES AND "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE WHILE THEIR INCREASES IN SALES VOLUME WERE BOTH 8 PER CENT. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FUELS DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT WENT UP BY 4 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS ROSE VERY SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

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

WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1987, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR APRIL 1987 DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND HAD ALMOST NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY 1 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

FUELS WENT DOWN BY 3 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME WHILE "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 11 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

DEPARTMENT STORES REGISTERED A SLIGHT RISE IN SALES VALUE BUT A SLIGHT DROP IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS AND SUPERMARKETS RECORDED MODERATE DECREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

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TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR MARCH 1987 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR APRIL 1987.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES IN MARCH 1987 AND APRIL 1987 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF APRIL 1987 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR MARCH 1987 AND WITH THOSE FOR APRIL 1986 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE THREE MONTHS FEBRUARY TO APRIL 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

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

A REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE APRIL 1987 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

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

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for April 1987 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$6 326 million
for March 1987 (Revised Figure) = HK\$6 548 million

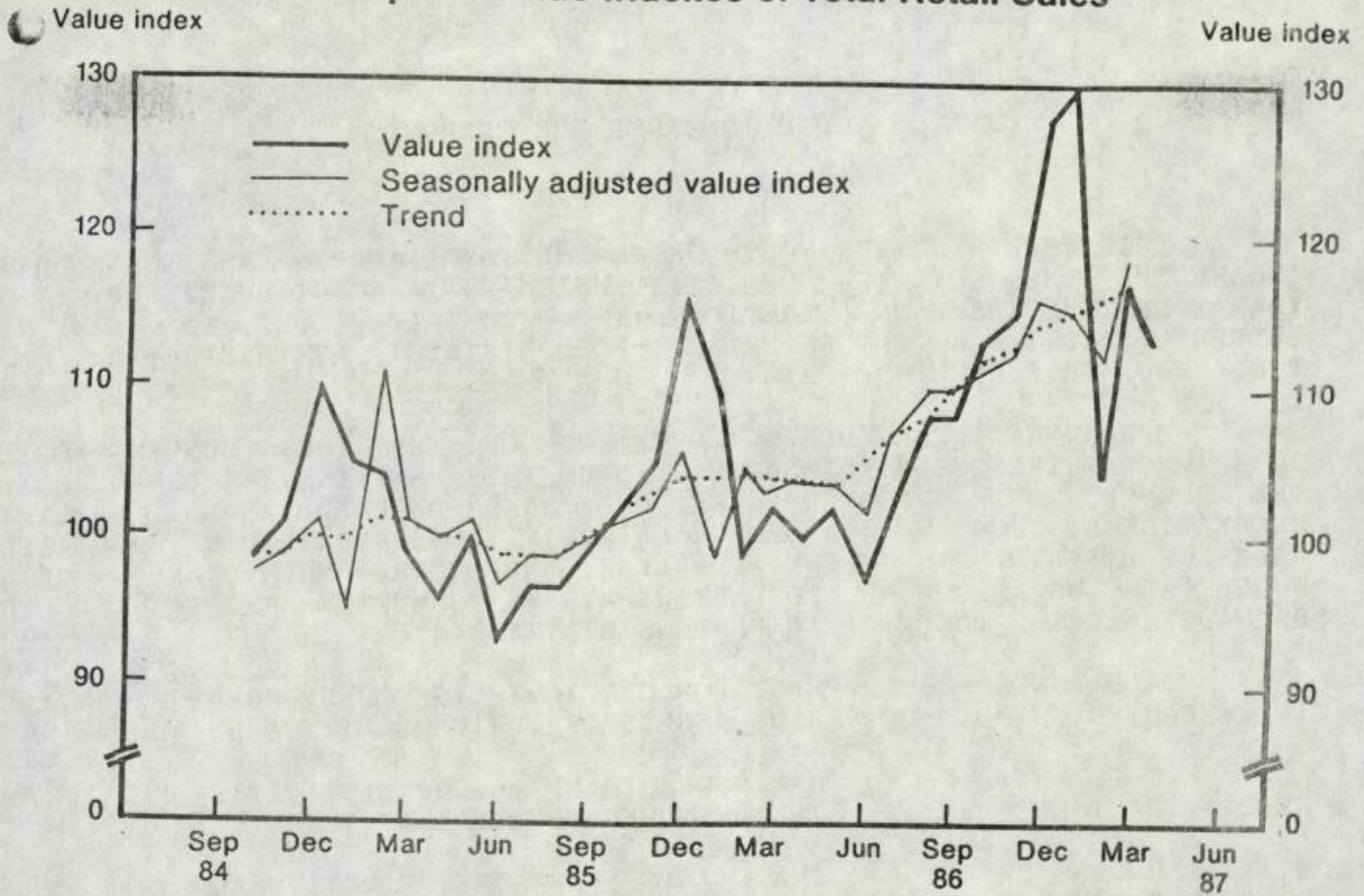
TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR MARCH AND APRIL 1987

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

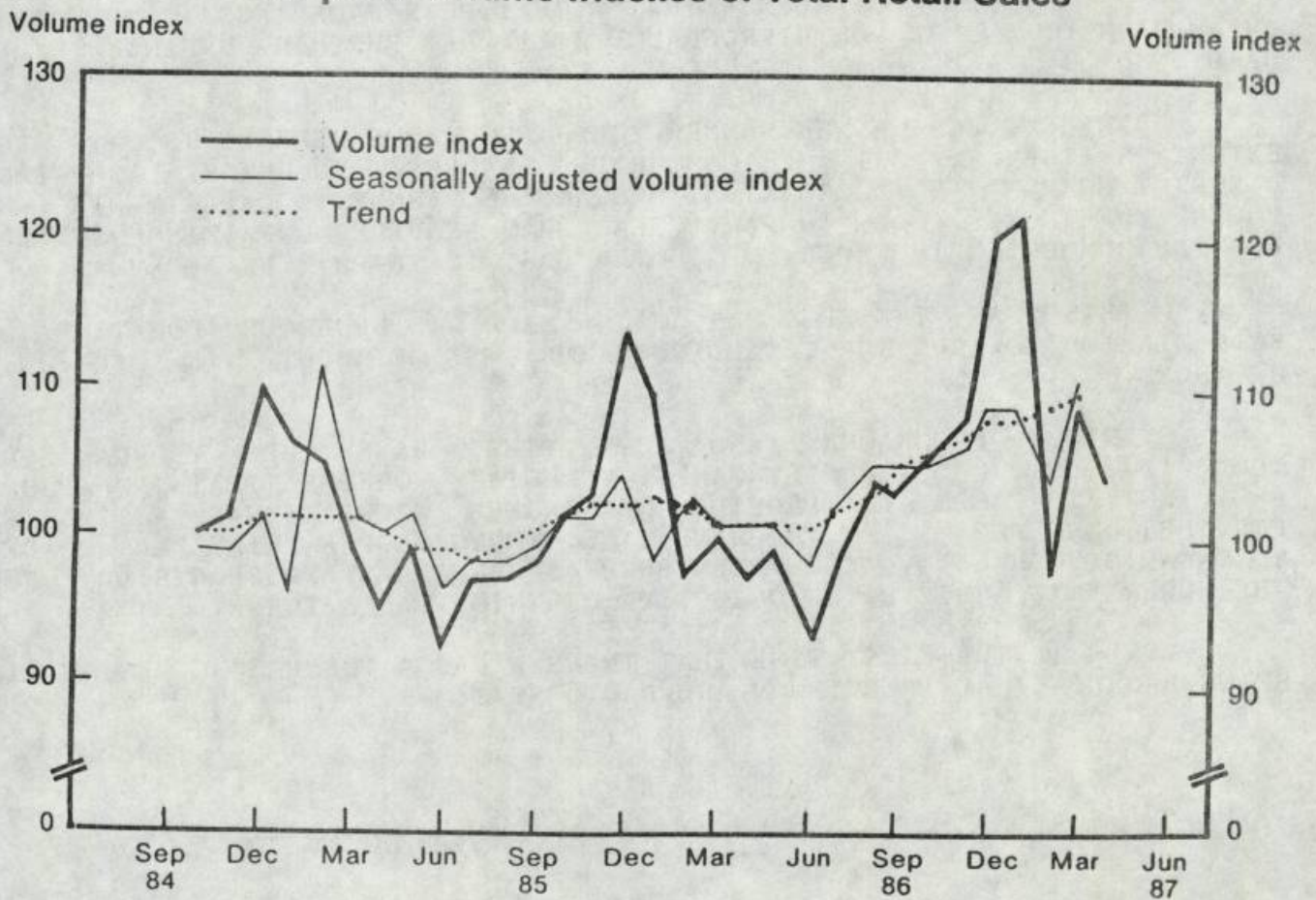
Item	Index of Retail Sales	March 1987	April 1987	April 1987 compared with March 1987		April 1987 compared with April 1986		Feb. - Apr. 1987 compared with Feb. - Apr. 1986	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	116	113	- 4	- 3	+ 13	+ 13	+ 11	+ 11
	Volume	109	104	- 5	- 5	+ 7	+ 7	+ 6	+ 6
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	113	114	+ 2	+ 2	+ 10	+ 10	+ 6	+ 6
	Volume	110	110	*	*	+ 5	+ 5	+ 3	+ 3
Fuels	Value	97	94	- 3	- 3	+ 2	+ 2	- 3	- 3
	Volume	108	104	- 4	- 3	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	126	133	+ 7	+ 5	+ 22	+ 20	+ 7	+ 7
	Volume	116	117	+ 1	+ 1	+ 14	+ 14	+ 1	+ 1
Consumer durables	Value	117	119	+ 2	+ 1	+ 18	+ 18	+ 16	+ 16
	Volume	104	105	+ 1	+ 1	+ 11	+ 11	+ 7	+ 8
Other consumer goods	Value	119	108	- 11	- 10	+ 13	+ 13	+ 15	+ 15
	Volume	108	97	- 12	- 11	+ 6	+ 6	+ 8	+ 8
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
Supermarkets	Value	127	122	- 5	- 4	+ 22	+ 21	+ 11	+ 10
	Volume	121	115	- 6	- 5	+ 17	+ 17	+ 7	+ 6
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	149	166	+ 17	+ 12	+ 54	+ 48	+ 41	+ 39
	Volume	120	133	+ 13	+ 11	+ 35	+ 36	+ 24	+ 25
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	107	104	- 3	- 3	+ 7	+ 7	+ 8	+ 8
	Volume	99	96	- 3	- 3	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2
Department stores	Value	103	104	+ 1	+ 1	+ 16	+ 18	+ 10	+ 11
	Volume	94	92	- 2	- 2	+ 10	+ 13	+ 4	+ 5

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

Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Graph 2: Volume Indexes of Total Retail Sales



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

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

CALL ON YOUTH TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

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THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) ADOPTS THE THEME OF 'SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY' WHICH IS A CONTINUITY OF LAST YEAR'S CENTRAL THEME OF 'CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY, GET TO KNOW IT BETTER', SAID THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR T.H. CHAU, THIS EVENING (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1987 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM THIS EVENING, MR CHAU SAID THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ON ONE HAND OFFERED AMPLE HEALTHY RECREATIONAL, SPORTIVE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO JOIN IN FUN AND RELAX, AND ON THE OTHER HAND, YOUTH SHOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND TO BE MADE AWARE OF THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES.

"A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR YOUTH IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL IN PREPARING THEM TO BE USEFUL ASSETS OF THE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MORE THAN 10,000 ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD ATTRACTING OVER ONE MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE THIS YEAR.

MR CHAU EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR THAT THE PROGRAMME CAME UNDER THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND ITS SYP COMMITTEE.

"I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE THAT WITH INPUTS FROM THESE COMMITTEES, THE SPIRIT OF SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE FURTHER ENHANCED," HE SAID.

"THE SUCCESS OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DEPENDS TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY LEADERS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, DISTRICT BOARDS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND YOUTH. THE JOCKEY CLUB, IN PARTICULAR, HAS PROVIDED UNFAILING SUPPORT FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN THE LAST 18 YEARS," HE ADDED.

"THIS YEAR, THE CLUB HAS AGAIN MADE A GENEROUS DONATION OF \$6.5 MILLION TOWARDS THE TOTAL PROGRAMME COST OF ABOUT \$15 MILLION," HE ADDED.

VARIOUS PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED, INCLUDING MUSIC CAMP, FAMILY CAMPS, VOLUNTARY WORKERS TRAINING CAMPS AND FIRST AID CAMPS, TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE. AT THE SAME TIME, YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE GUIDED TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CARNIVALS AND SPORTS DAY FOR THE ELDERLY TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS YEAR'S THEME.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE SYP HAS A THEME SONG WHICH IS BEING BROADCAST BY TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS.

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THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A TELEVISION ANNOUNCEMENT IN PUBLIC INTEREST (API) BASED ON THE THEME SONG.

IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE POPULARITY OF THIS SONG, THE MESSAGE OF 'SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY' CAN BE CARRIED ACROSS LOUD AND WIDE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND URBAN COUNCIL.

BOTH THE VARIETY SHOW AND THE OPENING CEREMONY HAD BEEN RECORDED AND WILL BE BROADCAST ON TVB-JADE ON SUNDAY, JULY 19.

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PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO OFFER SIXTH FORM COURSES IN 1991

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PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WILL START OFFERING SIXTH FORM COURSES COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1991, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF BISHOP HALL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL TODAY, MR LI SAID THE PLAN WOULD OFFER FORM 5 GRADUATES OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE SIXTH FORM STUDIES IN THE SAME SCHOOLS. THIS WOULD ALSO PROVIDE THEM A CHANNEL TO ENTER EITHER A UNIVERSITY OR A POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION OR TO OBTAIN OTHER EXIT QUALIFICATIONS SO THAT THEY COULD START A CAREER WITH A SPECIAL TECHNIQUE OR KNOWLEDGE.

MR LI SAID THE PLAN TO OPERATE SIXTH FORM IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WAS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN REPORT NO.2 OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION. TO IMPLEMENT THIS RECOMMENDATION, TWO WORKING PARTIES HAD BEEN SET UP TO CO-ORDINATE CLASS RESTRUCTURING AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WORK IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. IT WAS EXPECTED A NEW ESTABLISHMENT SYSTEM AND A NEW CLASS STRUCTURE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN ALL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 1989.

"THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, IS ALSO WORKING TOWARDS THE GOAL OF STRENGTHENING THE LINK BETWEEN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PLANS WITH A VIEW TO SHORTENING THE DURATION OF APPRENTICESHIP OR TECHNICAL COURSES," MR LI SAID.

"PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION HAS NOW BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM. IT PROVIDES PRACTICAL INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF HONG KONG'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY," MR LI SAID.

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SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE CENTRE THIS AFTERNOON, MR FRANKOWSKI SAID: "EMPLOYERS ARE RELUCTANT TO TAKE IN NEW EDP RECRUITS BECAUSE MOST EMPLOYERS CANNOT AFFORD TO SPEND THREE TO SIX YEARS TO TURN THEM INTO EXPERIENCED STAFF, OR ALLOW THEM TO LEISURELY GAIN THEIR EXPERIENCE ON THE JOB. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO BE PRODUCTIVE IMMEDIATELY."

THE RAPIDLY INCREASING USE OF COMPUTER IN ALL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY HAS SPURRED HIGH DEMAND FOR TRAINED EDP PERSONNEL IN HONG KONG. THE TIGHT LABOUR MARKET FOR EXPERIENCED STAFF HAS BEEN FURTHER AGGRAVATED AS A RESULT OF BRAIN DRAIN OF THIS TYPE OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES, HE ADDED.

ALSO PRESIDING AT THE CEREMONY, THE COUNCIL'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR HORACE KNIGHT, SAID THAT OTHER THAN THE PROVISION OF TRAINING FOR FRESH GRADUATES TO EQUIP THEM TO BECOME USEFUL EDP PROFESSIONALS, ANOTHER AIM OF THE CENTRE IS TO PROVIDE SHORT UPDATING AND UPGRADING COURSES FOR ALL LEVELS OF PRACTISING EDP PERSONNEL INCLUDING EDP MANAGERS, SYSTEM ANALYSTS, PROGRAMMERS AND OPERATORS TO ENABLE THEM TO KEEP ABREAST WITH THE PHENOMENAL PACE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE TECHNOLOGY.

ALTHOUGH THE CENTRE HAS STARTED OPERATIONAL FOR FOUR AND A HALF MONTHS, THE FEEDBACK FROM BOTH EMPLOYERS AND POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS INDICATES QUITE CLEARLY THAT THE CENTRE IS HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, MR KNIGHT SAID.

"BOTH THE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT REGARD THE CENTRE AS A WISE INVESTMENT AND A TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ENSURING THE CONTINUING COMPETITIVENESS OF HONG KONG'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY," MR KNIGHT SAID.

EIGHTEEN PARTICIPANTS OF THE 14-WEEK "BASIC EDP TRAINING COURSE FOR GRADUATES" WERE PRESENTED COMPLETION CERTIFICATES AT THE CEREMONY.

A TOTAL OF 330 PERSONS FROM 170 ORGANISATIONS HAVE ALREADY ATTENDED VARIOUS FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME COURSES OFFERED BY THE CENTRE. IT IS TARGETED TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING TO 120 FRESH GRADUATES AND UPGRADING TRAINING TO ANOTHER 1,000 EDP EMPLOYEES ANNUALLY.

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SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT INSPECTED

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE LARGEST PRIMARY SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT IN THE TERRITORY.

ARRIVING AT THE KWUN TONG SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT AT KING YIP STREET, MR GREWAL WAS MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES, DR K.F. NIP, AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CESD).

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE OPERATION OF THE PLANT, WHICH WAS DESIGNED AND HAD ITS CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PLANT CURRENTLY SCREENS AN AVERAGE OF 340,000 CUBIC METRES OF SEWAGE FLOW EACH DAY, ALTHOUGH IT HAS A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF ABOUT THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT. THE CATCHMENT AREA IT SERVES COVERS 120 HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AND ONE MILLION RESIDENTS.

MR GREWAL LATER VISITED THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF ITS GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE, WHICH DEALS WITH PLANNING AND DESIGN, AND THE WORK OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, WHICH LOOKS AFTER PORT WORKS AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT.

HE ALSO HELD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SATFF REPRESENTATIVES OF CESD.

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LONG SERVICE BADGES FOR 70 POSTMEN

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR H.G. ARDLEY, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED LONG SERVICE BADGES TO 70 POSTMEN IN A CEREMONY HELD AT THE POST OFFICE TRAINING CENTRE.

ALL THE 70 POSTMEN HAVE EACH SERVED IN THE POST OFFICE FOR OVER 20 YEARS. THE LONG SERVICE BADGES WERE PRESENTED TO THEM AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR THEIR LONG AND LOYAL SERVICE.

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YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS CONTEST EXHIBITION

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MORE THAN 450 WINNING ENTRIES OF THE 12TH HONG KONG YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS COMPETITIONS WILL BE ON DISPLAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND SUNDAY (JULY 5) IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF CITY HALL, LOW BLOCK, CENTRAL.

THE EXHIBITS FEATURE WINNING ENTRIES OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF THE COMPETITION, SUCH AS CHINESE AND WESTERN PAINTINGS, POSTERS, CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY, ESSAY WRITING, TRANSLATIONS, CREATIVE STORY WRITING AND SLOGAN DESIGN.

THREE VIDEOS FEATURING NEWS AND ACADAMIC QUIZ, DEBATE AND CHINESE SPEECH PRESENTATION WILL ALSO BE SHOWN AT THE EXHIBITION HALL.

THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS BY RENOWNED ARTISTS AND CALLIGRAPHISTS ON BOTH DAYS. ADMISSION IS FREE AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITION.

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR FRANKIE LUI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE EXHIBITION OPENING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW.

ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE ANNUAL EVENT ATTRACTED MORE THAN 8,000 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO TOOK PART IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF THE COMPETITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE EXHIBITION HALL, LOW BLOCK OF CITY HALL, CENTRAL.

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REMINDER TO PAY RATES

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RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT RATES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON JULY 31, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

LATE PAYMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE AND A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT ON ACCOUNTS STILL OUTSTANDING SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

HE SAID RATEPAYERS SHOULD HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES SHOULD APPLY FOR A COPY AT THE RATES SECTION OF THE TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), NINTH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG; THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD (MARKET STREET ENTRANCE); OR THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON.

NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DID NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT RATES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE DUE DATE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RATEPAYERS ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE AMOUNT PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE IS INDICATED ON THE DEMAND NOTE BY AN ARROW-HEAD IN THE "TOTAL AMOUNT DUE" BOX.

HE ADDED THAT RATES WERE PAYABLE ON VACANT PREMISES BUT WERE REFUNDABLE UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE RATING ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE NO REFUND IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES, UNLESS IT WAS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT RATEPAYERS WHO HAD SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION SHOULD NOTE THAT PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY POST OR IN PERSON AS STIPULATED IN THE DEMAND NOTE UNLESS THE WORDING "PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY AUTOPAY" WAS SHOWN IN THE NOTE.

IN THIS CASE THEIR PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON JULY 31, 1987.

IN THIS CONNECTION, RATEPAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR ACCOUNTS CONTAINED THE NECESSARY FUNDS ON THAT DATE.

TO AVOID QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PIONEER SET FOR COMEBACK

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THE POPULAR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PIONEER DOCUMENTARY-DRAMA SERIES WHICH MADE ITS DEBUT LAST YEAR, IS MAKING A COMEBACK NEXT WEEK.

IT IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED AS PART OF THE 1987/88 INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THE PROGRAMME WHICH RECEIVED VERY HIGH RATING LAST YEAR, WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB JADE "ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT" EVERY MONDAY STARTING FROM MONDAY (JULY 6), TO BE FOLLOWED BY A SHORT QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION ON MATTERS RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE NEW SERIES CONTAINS EIGHT EPISODES FEATURING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT.

THE FIRST EPISODE WILL HIGHLIGHT THE AREAS OF RISK IN THE WORKING WORLD FOR SUMMER JOB SEEKERS. TOPICS TO BE FEATURED IN OTHER EPISODES INCLUDE WORKING AT HEIGHT, CONSTRUCTION WORK, SAFE HANDLING OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES, FIRE PREVENTION IN FACTORIES, WORKING IN CONFINED SPACE, HEARING CONSERVATION, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

"MOST OF THE STORYLINES ARE BASED ON ACCIDENTS THAT OCCURED IN THE PAST," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THIS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME, WE CAN CREATE A CONSTANT SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE PUBLIC, EDUCATE EMPLOYEES TO WORK SAFELY, AND REMIND EMPLOYERS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY OF PROVIDING A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT FOR WORKERS," HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, THE TWO ARTISTES WHO PLAY LEADING ROLES IN THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POINEER SERIES, MR LAU TAN AND MR CHING SZE-CHUN, PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS THIS MORNING.

THEY WERE SHOWN AROUND AND BRIEFED BY THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN, ON THE WORK OF THE CENTRE WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, OFFERED 358 SAFETY TRAINING COURSES TO MORE THAN 10,700 PEOPLE LAST YEAR.

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SINGING CONTEST TO DISCOVER TALENTS

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AMATEUR SINGERS AND POTENTIAL SONG-WRITERS ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE 'MID-SUMMER'S NIGHT SINGING CONTEST' ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE CONTEST IS AIMED AT DISCOVERING TALENT AND TO ENHANCE GENERAL SINGING STANDARDS.

IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS: SOLO AND GROUP SINGING, SONG OR LYRIC COMPOSITION AND POP MUSIC BAND PERFORMANCE.

CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 30 ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART.

THE PROJECT IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND URBAN COUNCIL.

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 1 AND 2. THE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS WILL BE HELD IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AT WESTERN STREET AND THE HONG KONG CARITAS AT CAINE ROAD ON AUGUST 16 AND 23 RESPECTIVELY.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND PRIZES. ALL SEMI-FINALISTS WILL BE GIVEN SOUVENIRS.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 24. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, HONG KONG CARITAS AT CAINE ROAD OR SHEK TONG TSUI CARITAS CENTRE. THE ENTRY FEE IS \$10 EXCEPT FOR BANDS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PAY \$25.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523462 OR 5-8523108.

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SUMMER YOUTH FUN STARTS SATURDAY

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SUMMER YOUTH FUN WILL START IN KWUN TONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHEN THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG OFFICIALLY INAUGURATES THE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

AS A PRELUDE TO THE GRAND OPENING, A BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED BUS WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT IN THE MORNING TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

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IN THE AFTERNOON, SOME 600 YOUTHS WILL GATHER IN THE KWUN TONG SWIMMING POOL IN TSUI PING ROAD TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPENING, A WATER CARNIVAL FEATURING WATER SAFETY AND LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATIONS, ACQUATIC GAMES AND FREE SWIMMING SESSIONS WILL BE HELD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2 PM AT THE KWUN TONG SWIMMING POOL, TSUI PING ROAD. INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS IRENE LAU WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS BEACH CONCERT ON SUNDAY

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS AS WELL AS BEACH-GOERS WILL BE TREATED TO AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND MUSIC AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS BEACH CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE MACDONALD'S RESTAURANT AT REPULSE BAY BEACH AT 12.30 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 5).

THE CONCERT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR TO KEEP AWAY FROM DRUGS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTHY PURSUITS.

THE TWO-HOUR-LONG CONCERT, WHICH MARKS THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN, WILL BE PRODUCED AND BROADCAST LIVE BY COMMERCIAL RADIO 2.

GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDE THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, THE DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN), MR SIMON LORD AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DFCC, MR KAN MAN-LEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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YAU MA TEI SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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MORE THAN 100 RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN YAU MA TEI DISTRICT THIS SUMMER.

THE ACTIVITIES, TO BE HELD FROM JULY 12 TO SEPTEMBER 12, ARE ORGANISED BY 14 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND CO-ORDINATED BY THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

CENTRED ON THE THEME OF 'SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY', THE PROGRAMME COVERS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TRAINING COURSES, EXHIBITIONS, CARNIVALS, FILM SHOWS AND VARIETY SHOWS.

THE PROGRAMME COSTS \$190,000, WITH \$155,400 DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, \$30,000 FROM DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AND THE REMAINDER BY PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP.

BOOKLETS WITH DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD AND TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-695259.

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WAN CHAI SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENS WITH A CARNIVAL

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A CARNIVAL THAT PROMISES TO BE FULL OF FUN AND ACTION WILL BE HELD IN THE LOCKHART ROAD PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN WAN CHAI THIS YEAR.

YOUNGSTERS FROM VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT WILL PERFORM SINGING, FOLK DANCES, BALLET, CANTONESE OPERA, MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PLAYING, AND OTHER INTERESTING SHOWS DURING THE CARNIVAL.

GAME STALLS WILL BE SET UP AT THE VENUE AND A COMPETITION WILL BE HELD FOR THE BEST DESIGNED UNITS.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BE PRECEDED BY A BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG HO-YIN, AND ATTENDED BY WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE, MR LEE SHUNG-TAK.

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THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL RUN FROM EARLY JULY TO MID-AUGUST. MORE THAN 100 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED DURING THE PERIOD AND ABOUT 40,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW (JULY 4) IN THE LOCKHART ROAD PLAYGROUND. INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS ELLEN CHAU WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SPORTS CARNIVAL AT YUEN LONG STADIUM

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AN ACTION-PACKED SPORTS CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE YUEN LONG STADIUM TO LAUNCH THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT 1987 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

MORE THAN 2,000 YOUTHS WILL TAKE PART IN THE CARNIVAL WHICH FEATURES JUDO DEMONSTRATION, TRAMPOLINE, MINI TENNIS AND VARIOUS OTHER SPORTS.

VARIOUS RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN YUEN LONG TOWN AS WELL AS IN THE RURAL AREAS DURING THE TWO-MONTH LONG PROGRAMME WITH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS STUDY CAMPS, PICNICS, VISITS, CONCERTS, MOVIES, SPORTS AND FUN FAIRS.

ABOUT HALF OF THE DISTRICT'S 149 ACTIVITIES WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS DONATED \$130,000 FOR THE YUEN LONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS CONTRIBUTED \$30,000 FOR THE SPORTS CARNIVAL. THE REST OF THE EXPENDITURE ARE SHARED BY SOME 26 PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS.

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THE THEME FOR THE 1987 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IS "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY". IT AIMS AT PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENRICH THEMSELVES DURING THE SUMMER VACATION THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN MEANINGFUL SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN WONG CHI-KONG; AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE YUEN LONG STADIUM, TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE SPORTS CARNIVAL. INFORMATION OFFICER, MRS BRENDA RUMJAHN WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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KWAI TSING SYP BEGINS TOMORROW
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THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT 1987 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI AND REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR CHARLES LEUNG SZE-HUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING AND CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG WING-CHUN.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SEVEN AREAS IN THE DISTRICTS WHICH INCLUDE AEROBIC AND CLASSICAL DANCING, TAE KUAN DAO, BAND PERFORMANCES, AND GROUP SINGING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SYP OPENING CEREMONY AND THE SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 5.00 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND (NEAR KWAI FONG MTR STATION). INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS DIANA KAM WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS VISIT THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT REHABILITATIVE SERVICES PROMOTING COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) ORGANISED A TOUR FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO VISIT MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE WORKING OR LIVING IN THE DISTRICT.

TAKING PART IN THE VISIT WERE MEMBERS OF AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, YIN NGAI SOCIETIES AND THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

MORE THAN 30 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THESE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS JOINED THE VISIT TO LEARN ABOUT THE WAY OF LIVING OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AT THE SHEK YAM PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE HOSTEL, THEIR EDUCATION PROGRAMME AT THE SAM SHUI NATIVES ASSOCIATION THIRD SCHOOL AND THEIR WORK IN THE KWAI HING WORKSHOP.

TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON MENTAL HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, THE REHABILITATIVE SERVICES PROMOTING COMMITTEE WILL ORGANISE AN ESSAY COMPETITION IN THE NEW SCHOOL TERM, A CHARITY WALK IN NOVEMBER AND FUN FAIR IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

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PRESS CONFERENCE TO RELEASE SURVEY FINDINGS

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (JULY 6) TO ANNOUNCE THE FINDINGS OF A SECOND SURVEY ON THE FEE REDUCTION SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE DISTRICT WITH ABOUT 500 OLD PEOPLE TO FIND OUT THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF AND INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME.

SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SCHEME IN JUNE 1985, ABOUT 4,300 ENTITLEMENT CARDS WERE ISSUED TO PEOPLE AGED OVER 60, REPRESENTING ABOUT SEVEN PER CENT OF THE TOTAL ELDERLY POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT.

THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER WAYS TO IMPROVE THE SCHEME AND TO INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION RATE BASED ON THE INFORMATION GATHERED FROM THIS AND A PREVIOUS SURVEY.

AT PRESENT, THE SCHEME OFFERED FEE REDUCTION TO THE ELDERLY BY PARTICIPATING DOCTORS, DENTISTS, DISPENSARIES, LABORATORIES AND MAXI-CABS.

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CHAIRING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG; CONVENOR OF THE SURVEY WORKING GROUP, MR MICHAEL LEE; AND THE SENIOR STATISTICIAN OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DOMINIC CHEUNG.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR LI YUK-WAH; AND MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM AND MISS MARGARET HONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (JULY 6) AT 3 PM AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, AT 4/F., SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICES

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THE MAXIMUM LIMITS OF WEIGHT AND SIZE FOR SPEEDPOST ITEMS TO BAHRAIN AND THAILAND WILL BE INCREASED FROM MONDAY (JULY 6), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR A SPEEDPOST ITEMS WILL BE INCREASED TO 20 KILOGRAMS AND THE MAXIMUM SIZE EXTENDED TO 1.5 METRES IN LENGTH AND 3 METRES FOR THE LENGTH AND GIRTH COMBINED.

"SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES, MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE," HE SAID.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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SITE OFFERED FOR LETTERS A/B HOLDRES
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING A SITE AT TUEN MUN TO REGISTERED LETTERS A/B HOLDRES.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 19,460 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT AREA 39 IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE FOOTHILLS OPPOSITE CHI LOK FA YUEN, AND IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 38,530 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1991.

APPLICANTS CAN SUBMIT EITHER A "VINTAGE" TENDER OR A "MONETISED LETTER B" TENDER CALCULATED BY REFERENCE TO A LIST OF CURRENCY VALUES PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON MARCH 20, 1987. "VINTAGE" TENDERS WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOON ON JULY 31.

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TWO LOTS OFFERED FOR SALE
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A RESIDENTIAL SITE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND AN INDUSTRIAL SITE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE TO BE AUCTIONED ON JULY 27.

THE RESIDENTIAL SITE IS AT TAI HANG DRIVE, NEAR THE TIGER BALM GARDEN, AND MEASURES ABOUT 1 568 SQUARE METRES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE PURCHASER WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 4,700 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1991.

THE NEW TERRITORIES SITE, AT ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, BUT EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADES.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 2,841 SQUARE METRES ON THE 947-SQUARE-METRE SITE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1990.

THE AUCTION, TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF KING FOOK FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986.

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TSUEN WAN WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF ON SUNDAY (JULY 5) FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM CHAI WAN KOK STREET TO TING KAU, INCLUDING KONG NAM INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AND SHUN KEI FACTORY ESTATE.

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