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ACTING GOVERNOR PRESENTS INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AWARDS

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING TOLD HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS THAT THE DAYS WHEN THE MOTTO 'YOU MAKE IT WE FAKE IT', FOR THE UNSCRUPULOUS FEW, WERE HOPEFULLY LONG OVER.

SIR JACK WAS SPEAKING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR GOOD PRODUCT DESIGNS PROMOTED BY THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL DESIGN COUNCIL. THE PREMIER 'GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HONG KONG DESIGN' WAS HOWEVER WITHHELD THIS YEAR ON THE DECISION OF THE PANEL OF JUDGES.

SIR JACK NOTED THAT COMPARATIVELY FEW MANUFACTURERS HAD FELT SUFFICIENTLY CONFIDENT TO SUBMIT THEIR PRODUCTS FOR SCRUTINY, MAY BE BECAUSE SOME OF THEM WERE CHARY OF PUTTING NEWLY-DESIGNED PRODUCTS ON DISPLAY FOR FEAR OF PIRATING, OR BECAUSE THEY LACKED CONFIDENCE OR SIMPLY COULD NOT BE BOTHERED.

+WHATEVER THE REASON, IT IS A PITY: A PITY BECAUSE, IN THOSE LONG YEARS AGO IN 1969, IT SEEMED TO THOSE OF US INVOLVED IN SETTING UP THE DESIGN COUNCIL THAT HONG KONG FOR FAR TOO LONG HAD BEEN A WORKSHOP, THAT WE RELIED TOO MUCH ON MANUFACTURING TO ORDER, OFTEN UNDER LICENCE: WE WERE KEEN TO SEE HONG KONG MOVING AWAY FROM ITS CONTRACTING ROLE TO PRODUCING GOODS OF OUR OWN DESIGN, AS WELL AS MANUFACTURE.

+THERE HAVE BEEN NOTABLE SUCCESSES, AND I AM PLEASED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM: BUT HONESTY REQUIRES US THIS EVENING TO ADMIT TOO THAT WE REMAIN STILL VERY MUCH IN THE OLD PATTERN — SELLING PRODUCTION.+

THIS WAS CLEARLY STILL VERY PROFITABLE, HE SAID, OTHERWISE HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS WOULD NOT BE DOING IT, BUT THE WAY AHEAD LAY WITH IMPROVING QUALITY, MARKET DIVERSIFICATION AND, NOT ONLY UP-GRADING OUR TECHNOLOGY, BUT ALSO OUR DESIGN STANDARDS.

ALTHOUGH OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST TEN YEARS HAD BEEN REMARKABLE +BY ANY STANDARDS — EVEN HONG KONG'S+, SIR JACK SAID, WE COULD NOT AND MUST NOT BE COMPLACENT.

+PROTECTIONISM AMONG OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS IS ON THE INCREASE= COMPETITION FROM OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE FAR EAST AND ELSEWHERE IS UNDOUBTEDLY GOING TO INCREASE.+

FORTUNATELY, HE SAID, WE HAVE A LOT GOING FOR US TOO — ABLE AND COMPETENT ENTREPRENEURS, A WORK-FORCE SECOND TO NONE FOR ITS HARD WORK AND FLEXIBILITY AND A MUCH IMPROVED AND IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA.

THERE WAS ALSO THE WORK OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION. +DIVERSIFICATION CAN AND DOES TAKE THE FORM OF CHANGES AND INNOVATIONS WITHIN EXISTING PRODUCT GROUPS, IN TERMS OF BOTH THE RANGE AND THE QUALITY OF PRODUCTS. IT IS WITHIN THIS CONTEXT THAT NEW IDEAS IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN ARE OF IMPORTANCE TO INDUSTRY,+ HE ADDED.

/MR. JAMES WU, .....

MR. JAMES WU, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES WHICH ORGANISED THE ANNUAL DESIGN COMPETITION, ALSO SPOKE DURING THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

FIVE AWARDS AND FIVE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT WERE PRESENTED TO OUTSTANDING DESIGNS. THE AWARDS WERE:

- \* FOR THE MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED PRODUCT, WHICH WENT TO GP ELECTRONICS LTD FOR THEIR 'GP-714 CAR STEREO SYSTEM' -
- \* FOR GOOD DESIGN IN THE ELECTRICAL CATEGORY, TO HO-NU-GO INTERNATIONAL LTD FOR THEIR 'SUPER CLEANER' -
- \* FOR GOOD DESIGN IN THE JEWELLERY, WATCHES AND CLOCKS CATEGORY, TO MS MARILYN HUI HANG-CHUNG FOR HER 'CHAIN WITH PENDANT' -
- \* FOR GOOD DESIGN IN THE METAL CATEGORY, TO UNION METAL WORKS LTD FOR THEIR 'BARBERACK' - AND
- \* FOR GOOD DESIGN IN THE TOYS CATEGORY, TO VIDEO TECHNOLOGY LTD FOR THEIR '4 COMPUTER GAME'.

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BILL TO EXTEND RENT CONTROL  
TO BE INTRODUCED INTO LEGCO TOMORROW  
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THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 WHICH SEEKS TO EXTEND RENT CONTROL TO ALL POST-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE BILL TOGETHER WITH THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT AND THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2 WILL BE TABLED AT TOMORROW'S SITTING.

DURING QUESTION TIME, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL RAISE 12 QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS.

ON SAFETY IN CONSTRUCTION SITES, THE HON PETER C. WONG WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO STATE THE STEPS TAKEN TO CHECK THE SAFETY OF CRADLES AND LIFTS USED ON SITES - THE FREQUENCY OF SAFETY CHECKS AND WHETHER NEW SAFETY MEASURES AND CHECKING PROCEDURES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LIGHT OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES ON THE SITES.

HE WILL ALSO ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER IMPOSING SOME FORM OF CONTROL ON THE HONG KONG GOLD AND SILVER MARKET.

THE HON ANDREW SO WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT CIVIL SERVICE DISPUTES AND INDICATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED AND WHETHER EARLY PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS ARE IN SIGHT.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED CONCERN POSSESSION AND USE OF FIRE-ARMS BY OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS, THE NEED FOR AN EXHIBITION CENTRE, REFUSE COLLECTING VEHICLES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, FRINGE BENEFITS FOR MARRIED FEMALE OFFICERS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, CONTROL OF ELECTRIC AND OXY-ACETYLENE WELDING IN PUBLIC PLACES, REMOVAL OF BROKEN-DOWN AND ABANDONED VEHICLES, ADOPTION OF UNIFORM CHINESE TITLES FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS BILL.

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### ISSUE OF 300 MORE TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVITING TENDERS FOR A FURTHER BATCH OF 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 18).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT TENDER FORMS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM FRIDAY FROM EITHER THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE, MEZZANINE FLOOR, MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, OR FROM THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, DUNDAS STREET.

HE SAID THAT TENDER FORMS FOR THIS EXERCISE WOULD BE IN PINK COLOUR AND ADVISED INTENDING TENDERERS NOT TO USE ANY OTHER TYPE OF FORMS ISSUED PREVIOUSLY, AS OTHERWISE THEIR TENDERS MAY BE DECLARED VOID.

AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THE TENDER WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A PREMIUM IN RESPECT OF ONE OR MORE HONG KONG OR KOWLOON TAXI.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A TENDERER MAY SUBMIT ONE TENDER FORM FOR ONE OR MORE LICENCE BUT NOT EXCEEDING 300. THE TENDERER MAY ALSO SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE TENDER FORM, BUT IF A SINGLE TENDER FORM IS SUBMITTED FOR MORE THAN ONE LICENCE THEN THE PREMIUM OFFERED FOR EACH LICENCE MUST BE THE SAME.

HE ADDED: +IF THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE LICENCES IS LESS THAN THE NUMBER REQUIRED BY A TENDERER THEN A SMALLER NUMBER OF LICENCES MAY BE ALLOCATED TO HIM AS APPROPRIATE.+

A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE TENDERS IF THE UNIT PREMIA WHICH THEY HAVE OFFERED ARE IDENTICAL.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS TOGETHER WITH THE ORIGINAL RECEIPT MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX AT THE ENTRANCE HALL ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERS WILL BE ISSUED TAXI LICENCES AT THE RATE OF 100 PER MONTH STARTING FROM THE MIDDLE OF MARCH WITH THE HIGHEST TENDERS RECEIVING PRIORITY.

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS RETIRES  
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STAFF OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID FAREWELL TO THEIR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, MR ROY HATTON, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS' SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

ON THEIR BEHALF, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE'S MESS, PRESENTED MR HATTON WITH A TYPEWRITER AND TOKENS OF A SET OF GARDEN TOOLS.

AT THE PRESENTATION, MR JORDAN THANKED MR HATTON FOR THE GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINED DIRECTION HE HAD GIVEN TO HIS OFFICERS, AND ATTRIBUTED MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF THE SERVICE TO MR HATTON'S EFFORTS AND PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT.

+UNDER YOUR DIRECTION THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAS ACHIEVED REMARKABLE OPERATIONAL SUCCESSES IN ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK, IN COPYRIGHT PROTECTION, IN REVENUE PROTECTION AND IN OTHER FIELDS,+ SAID MR JORDAN. +IN CONSEQUENCE IT IS HELD IN HIGH REGARD NOT ONLY IN HONG KONG BUT INTERNATIONALLY.

+SOME OF ITS ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN RECOGNISED IN TANGIBLE TERMS, SUCH AS THE RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STAFF WELFARE FUND BY AN APPRECIATIVE RECORDING INDUSTRY.+

MR HATTON FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1950 AS A POLICE SUB-INSPECTOR. HE WAS APPOINTED A REVENUE INSPECTOR IN 1952 AND ROSE THROUGH THE REVENUE INSPECTORATE GRADE TO THE RANK OF CHIEF REVENUE INSPECTOR IN 1964.

HE WAS APPOINTED A SENIOR INDUSTRY OFFICER IN 1965 TO TAKE COMMAND OF THE NEWLY-FORMED TRADE INVESTIGATION BRANCH OF THE TICD.

IN 1972, MR HATTON RE-JOINED THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE AS A SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN SEPTEMBER 1974, AND SINCE THEN HAS HEADED THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE, MR HATTON WAS AWARDED THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL IN JUNE 1977, AND WAS HONOURED BY THE AWARD OF THE IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER IN THE 1980 NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST.

MR HATTON WILL SETTLE IN WALES AFTER HIS RETIREMENT.

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AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING BLIND PEOPLE ON HK ISLAND  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING AN AWARD SCHEME FOR OUTSTANDING BLIND PEOPLE IN ALL DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION OFFICES IN THE HONG KONG ISLAND REGION, THE SCHEME AIMS AT PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE BLIND.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FROM WELFARE AGENCIES, ORGANISATIONS OR RESIDENTS AGED OVER 21 YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) BLIND PEOPLE TO BE NOMINATED MUST HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND RESIDED ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

HE SAID CANDIDATES WOULD BE JUDGED ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS OR ACHIEVEMENTS MADE IN THE FIELDS OF ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT, ART, FAMILY CAREER, WELFARE FOR THE BLIND, LEADERSHIP OR HELPFULNESS TO OTHERS.

AWARDS WILL BE MADE TO FIVE OUTSTANDING BLIND PERSONS, HE SAID, AND EACH WILL RECEIVE \$500 AND A SOUVENIR.

SELECTION WILL BE MADE BY A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING MR K.L. STUMPF, DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND- MR K.J. MARSHALL, PRINCIPAL OF EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND- SISTER ROSA HONG, PRINCIPAL OF CANOSSA SCHOOL FOR THE VISUALLY DISABLED- MR BRIAN LUI, REHABILITATION DIVISION OFFICER FOR THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE- AND MISS LUCY CHING, SOCIAL WORK OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 29 AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE AT FOUR OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT ON HONG KONG ISLAND OR BY TELEPHONING 5-498087 OR 5-497032. THE FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BEFORE FEBRUARY 5.

THE FOUR DISTRICT OFFICES ARE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AT WESTERN STREET, SAI YING PUN- CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 230 CHAI WAN ROAD- EASTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE AT ROOM 707, CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING- AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE AT 52-64 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, ABERDEEN.

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SHA TIN SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL HAVE NEW LIBRARY

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SHA TIN SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL HAVE ANOTHER QUIET PLACE TO READ AND TO BORROW BOOKS WHEN A MINI LIBRARY IS OPENED IN LEK YUEN ESTATE IN MARCH.

THE LIBRARY, OCCUPYING SOME 56 SQUARE METRES (600 SQUARE FEET) ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD OFFICE IN SAU CHUEN HOUSE, WILL ALSO BE USED AS A STUDY ROOM.

THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH IS MAKING FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OPENING, WILL FINANCE THE \$30 000 PROJECT.

THE BOARD IS STOCKING BOOKS AND PERIODICALS AND IS RECRUITING PART-TIME STAFF TO RUN IT.

OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 5 PM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT TUESDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SUNDAY.

A SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT EXPANSION OF LIBRARY SERVICE IN SHA TIN WAS NECESSARY TO SERVE THE RAPIDLY INCREASING POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN. +WE ARE SURE THIS MINI LIBRARY WILL BE VERY POPULAR,+ HE SAID.

AT PRESENT THERE IS A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN SHA TIN OPERATED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE FOUR SMALLER LIBRARIES RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND A MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN THE NEW TOWN.

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NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR FOR POKFULAM

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A NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL BE BUILT SHORTLY TO IMPROVE THE WATER SUPPLY TO THE POKFULAM HIGH LEVEL AREAS ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

IT WILL BE LOCATED SOUTH-EAST OF THE EXISTING NO 2 SERVICE RESERVOIR IN POKFULAM AND WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 8 000 CUBIC METRES.

A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT WHICH COSTS MORE THAN \$8 MILLION WAS SIGNED THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING BETWEEN THE CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION), MR LEE GUN-CHEUNG, OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WAN HIN AND CO LTD.

ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, THE NEW RESERVOIR TOGETHER WITH TWO OTHER EXISTING SERVICE RESERVOIRS IN THE DISTRICT WILL SERVE DEVELOPMENTS ALONG POKFULAM ROAD FROM THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY TO CHI FU FA YUEN.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START NEXT WEEK AND WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 19) AT 10 AM IN THE LECTURE HALL OF CITY HALL.

A TOTAL OF 30 NUMBERS WILL BE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC. THEY ARE:

CB 733	CB 1813	CB 1811	CB 2822	CB 7202
CB 980	CB 299	CB 5224	CB 8319	CB 7383
CB 690	CB 998	CB 7728	AA 107	CC 113
CB 9928	CB 336	CB 368	CC 133	CC 285
CC 121	CB 1	CC 50	CC 1	CC 329
CA 8	CC 323	CA 88	CB 3900	CC 1931

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SITE GRANTED FOR BUILDING CEMENT PLANT IN TUEN MUN

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PRIVATE TREATY DOCUMENTS FOR THE GRANT OF A SITE AT SIU LANG SHUI, NEAR TUEN MUN, ON WHICH A CEMENT PLANT IS TO BE BUILT WILL BE SIGNED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 4.30 PM AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS.

THE DOCUMENTS WILL BE SIGNED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, AND MR LI KA-SHING, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHINA CEMENT COMPANY (HONG KONG) LTD WHICH WILL BUILD AND OPERATE THE PLANT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE SIGNING CEREMONY. THEY SHOULD BE AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON, BY 4.15 PM TOMORROW.

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# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT

Tuesday, January 15, 1980

## ACTING GOVERNOR PRESENTS INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AWARDS

The following is the full text of the speech by the Acting Governor, Sir Jack Cater, at the presentation of the 1980 Awards for Hong Kong Design at Government House this evening:

Mr Wu, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to welcome you here this evening to this annual event when we acknowledge the efforts of our industry to advance the quality and design of Hong Kong products.

This occasion brings back fond memories of my association with the Hong Kong Industrial Design Council. Mr Wu has mentioned that I was in the judging panel for the first Governor's Award Design Competition. I recall that the product selected for the Award was the aluminium frame window developed by Petman Ltd. That was in 1969. Of course there have been many changes since then: our products have come a long way in terms of improvement of design and quality.

I was somewhat surprised to learn that the Panel of Judges had decided to withhold the "Governor's Award for Hong Kong Design" this year. The Judges are perfectly entitled to do this. The Governor's Award is something special and it would be wrong to assume that it has to be awarded each year. Indeed, by withholding the Award on this occasion the Judges have enhanced the Award's status, and, in the process, perhaps given an additional incentive to our designers to match the high standards associated with it. The Judges have clearly served notice on our designers

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that they will accept nothing but the highest international standards for the Governor's Award.

You have expressed your regret, Mr Chairman, that comparatively few manufacturers have felt sufficiently confident to submit their products for scrutiny of the judging panel: it may be lack of confidence, it may be that some were chary of putting newly-designed products on display for fear of pirating - don't they know that the days when the motto for those few (never many) unscrupulous Hong Kong manufacturers was "you make it we fake it" are - hopefully - long over? It may, of course, be that others simply could not be bothered. Whatever the reason, it is a pity: a pity because, in those long years ago in 1969, it seemed to those of us involved in setting up the Design Council that Hong Kong for far too long had been a workshop, that we relied too much on manufacturing to order, often under licence: we were keen to see, as you have indicated Mr Wu, Hong Kong moving away from its contracting role to producing goods of our own design, as well as manufacture. There have been notable successes, and I am pleased to acknowledge them: but honesty requires us this evening to admit too that we remain still very much in the old pattern - selling production. It is clearly still very profitable otherwise Hong Kong manufacturers would not be doing it: but looking to the future, Mr Chairman, there can be no doubting that your Council still has a great deal to do. The way ahead lies still with improving quality, market diversification, and, I agree with you, not only up-grading our technology but our design standards too.

As we move into the '80s, it is of interest to look back briefly to what has been achieved in the past 10 years. In 1969 our domestic exports were valued at \$10 000 million: in 1979 it looks like being some \$56 000 million - an increase of 432 per cent, or, in real terms 132 per cent. Remarkable by any standards - even Hong Kong's.

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But we cannot, must not, be complacent: although our manufacturing industry is in good shape as we go into the eighties there can be no denying the problems, the challenges ahead: protectionism among our major trading partners is on the increase; competition from other developing countries in the Far East and elsewhere is undoubtedly going to increase. Fortunately we have a lot going for us too: able and competent entrepreneurs, and a work-force second to none for its hard work and flexibility. We have too a much improved and improving relationship with China: there can be no doubting our value to China in terms of helping to earn foreign exchange and, in the long term perhaps equally important, our role - yet to be fully explored - in assisting, in helping that great Country with its four modernisations.

You have referred, Mr Wu, to the diversification and broadening of our industrial base. I would have been surprised if you hadn't. To many, diversification would perhaps mean venturing into new product groups. But those who are associated with industry have long recognised that diversification can and does take the form of changes and innovations within existing product groups, in terms of both the range and the quality of products. It is within this context that new ideas in industrial design are of importance to industry.

The Advisory Committee on Diversification's Report contains a number of recommendations concerning the provision of better organised and more extensive "industry support facilities" and "technical back-up services" for our manufacturing industries. This fine report is presently under intensive study: it is timely: a most valuable contribution as we go into the eighties.

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Since its establishment in 1969, the Design Council has actively promoted the development of products, of new designs and of improvements in quality. It has encouraged local design talents to contribute to our industry, and instilled an awareness of the importance of good design in manufacturing. The present design competition is a concrete example of the Council's work in this direction. I am sure that the Council will continue vigorously with its vital task: and we all wish the Council further success in it. I need hardly add that the Council can continue to count on Government support in the future as it has in the past.

Finally may I extend my congratulations to the winners of the various prizes this year and wish them every success in the future.

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