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INTERVIEW WITH GOVERNOR

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TO MARK HIS FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL GIVE AN INTERVIEW WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST ON TV AND RADIO CHANNELS ON FRIDAY EVENING (MAY 20).

SIR EDWARD WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY JIM BIDDULPH, THE FORMER DIPLOMATIC AND FAR EAST CORRESPONDENT OF THE BBC WHO HAS BEEN BASED IN HONG KONG FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE PRODUCED BY RTHK.

DETAILS OF THE TIMINGS OF THE BROADCASTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

1982 - A BETTER YEAR FOR TRANSPORT; COMMISSIONER

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EFFORTS BY THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE INTERNAL TRANSPORT SERVICES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS, SAYS IN HIS DEPARTMENT'S 1982 ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED TODAY.

+DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW, THE MANAGEMENT, CO-ORDINATION AND POLICY MAKING MACHINERY WITHIN GOVERNMENT IN THE TRANSPORT FIELD HAS BEEN STREAMLINED AND STRENGTHENED TO PROVIDE FOR A CONCERTED AND MORE EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO ACHIEVE MORE EFFICIENCY IN THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS,+ MR LEEDS SAID.

+THE TRANSPORT BRANCH IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WAS STRENGTHENED WITH THE CAPABILITY TO PLAN, LONG TERM, FOR A MORE COMPREHENSIVE, BALANCED AND INTEGRATED TRANSPORT STRATEGY.

+OF MORE IMPORTANCE TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WAS A MAJOR REORGANISATION ON A REGIONAL BASIS TO PROVIDE FOR A BETTER INTEGRATED AND MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT,+ HE SAID.

IMPROVEMENTS TOO WERE MADE TO MAJOR REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC:

\* A NEW FERRY SERVICES ORDINANCE WAS BROUGHT INTO EFFECT IN JUNE GIVING TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT POWERS TO MONITOR AND REGULATE THE SERVICES OF FRANCHISED FERRY COMPANIES AND TO LICENSE MINOR FERRY SERVICES TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF OUTLYING VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

\* A NEW ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN DECEMBER TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION WHICH HAS BECOME OUT-DATED AND FRAGMENTED.

THE YEAR ALSO SAW MAJOR PROGRESS IN OTHER MORE TANGIBLE AREAS TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS.

THESE INCLUDED THE OPENINGS OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE MODERNISATION PROGRAMME OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY'S TSUEN WAN EXTENSION LINE IN MAY.

AS A RESULT, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAD TO RE-STRUCTURE THE RELATED BUS SERVICES WHICH INCLUDED THE INTRODUCTION OF A NUMBER OF NEW SERVICES FEEDING THE RAILWAY STATIONS.

A NUMBER OF NEW COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES WERE INTRODUCED BY SCHEDULED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (MAXICAB) SERVICES AND REGULAR COMMUTER COACH SERVICES FROM RESIDENTIAL ESTATES.

SEVERAL MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WERE ALSO COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR.

ONE TUBE OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WAS OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN MARCH, GREATLY IMPROVING THE TRAFFIC MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN PARTS OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND RELIEVING THE SERIOUS TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON THE SURROUNDING SURFACE ROADS.

THE AIRPORT TUNNEL, WHICH LINKS CENTRAL KOWLOON AND KWUN TONG, WAS PARTIALLY OPENED IN JUNE AND WAS FULLY OPERATIONAL IN OCTOBER, THUS RELIEVING TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

SEVERAL VITAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES WERE INTRODUCED IN THE YEAR, A NUMBER OF WHICH HAVE HELPED TO IMPROVE THE FLOW OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN SOME OF THE MOST CONGESTED AREAS IN THE TERRITORY.

+ALTHOUGH 1982 SAW SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS, CONGESTION IS STILL COMMON AND MUCH STILL REMAINS TO BE DONE TO ACHIEVE AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY IN MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND PEOPLE,+ MR LEEDS SAID.

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#### DROP IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS CAUSING DEATH

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THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS CAUSING DEATH OR INJURY DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983 HAS DROPPED BY 11.1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE FOR THE CORRESPONDING QUARTER LAST YEAR.

REVIEWING TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/TRAFFIC, MR F.S. MCCOSH, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD STOOD AT 3 958, A DECREASE OF 493 OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1982.

/FATAL TRAFFIC .....

FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS FELL FROM 110 TO 78 (A DROP OF 29.1 PER CENT), SERIOUS INJURY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS FELL FROM 2 025 TO 1 630 (A DECREASE OF 19.5 PER CENT) AND THOSE INVOLVING SLIGHT INJURY DROPPED FROM 2 316 TO 2 250 (A 2.8 PER CENT DROP).

CASUALTIES FOR THE QUARTER AGAINST THE SAME QUARTER IN 1982 ALSO FELL FROM 5 812 TO 5 068, A DECREASE OF 12.8 PER CENT, MR MCCOSH SAID.

THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED HAS FALLEN FROM 112 TO 84, THOSE SERIOUSLY INJURED FROM 2 388 TO 1 958, AND THOSE SLIGHTLY HURT FROM 3 312 TO 3 026.

DECREASES IN THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WERE RECORDED IN ALL THREE LAND REGIONS : KOWLOON, FROM 2 243 TO 2 053 (AN 8.5 PER CENT DROP), HONG KONG ISLAND, FROM 1 170 TO 992 (A DECREASE OF 15.2 PER CENT) AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, FROM 1 031 TO 908 (AN 11.9 PER CENT DROP).

TURNING TO VEHICLES INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS, MR MCCOSH NOTED THAT THE PREDOMINANT CLASSES REMAINED PRIVATE CARS, TAXIS, GOODS VEHICLES, MOTOR CYCLES, AND FRANCHISED PUBLIC BUSES.

PRIVATE CARS WERE INVOLVED IN 38.2 PER CENT OF ALL ACCIDENTS COMPARED WITH 40 PER CENT IN THE CORRESPONDING QUARTER LAST YEAR. FATAL ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY PRIVATE CARS FELL FROM 46 TO 27, SERIOUS INJURY FROM 1 122 TO 879 AND SLIGHT INJURY FROM 1 394 TO 1 267.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, PRIVATE CAR REGISTRATION FELL BY 2 269 VEHICLES, OR 1.1 PER CENT.

TAXIS WERE INVOLVED IN 18.4 PER CENT OF ALL ACCIDENTS COMPARED WITH 14.8 PER CENT IN THE SAME QUARTER IN 1982. FATAL ACCIDENT INVOLVEMENT INCREASED FROM SIX TO NINE, AND SLIGHT INJURY INVOLVEMENT FROM 566 TO 686. HOWEVER, INVOLVEMENT IN SERIOUS INJURY ACCIDENTS DECREASED FROM 374 TO 349.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, TAXI REGISTRATION INCREASED BY 1.1 PER CENT.

THE NUMBER OF FATAL AND INJURY ACCIDENTS INVOLVING GOODS VEHICLES INCREASED BY LESS THAN ONE PER CENT. REGISTRATION OF GOODS VEHICLES DURING THE SAME PERIOD ALSO INCREASED BY LESS THAN ONE PER CENT.

THE NUMBER OF FATAL AND INJURY MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENTS DROPPED FROM 727 TO 488, REPRESENTING A 32.9 PER CENT DECREASE. FATAL ACCIDENTS DROPPED FROM 20 TO 7 (A 65 PER CENT DROP), SERIOUS INJURY FROM 313 TO 197 (A DECREASE OF 37 PER CENT) AND SLIGHT INJURY FROM 394 TO 284 (A DECLINE OF 27.9 PER CENT).

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CYCLES DECREASED BY LESS THAN ONE PER CENT.

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DURING THE QUARTER, FATAL AND INJURY ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FRANCHISED PUBLIC BUSES DECREASED FROM 457 TO 434 OR A DROP OF FIVE PER CENT.

REFERRING TO STATISTICS ON PERSONS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS, MR MCCOSH SAID PEDESTRIANS CONTINUED TO ACCOUNT FOR THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CASUALTIES -- 1 937 OUT OF THE TOTAL CASUALTY LIST OF 5 068 OR 38.2 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL. THEY ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF FATALITIES, (57 OUT OF A TOTAL 84 OR 67.9 PER CENT).

"ALTHOUGH THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF CASUALTIES HAD DECREASED BY COMPARISON WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1982, PERCENTAGES OF THE TOTAL HAVE REMAINED THE SAME FOR THE PEDESTRIAN AND THE FATAL ACCIDENTS," HE SAID.

THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MOTOR CYCLISTS KILLED AND INJURED IN THE FIRST QUARTER COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR, CASUALTIES DROPPING FROM 510 TO 349 AND FATALITIES FROM EIGHT TO FIVE. THE NUMBER OF CYCLISTS KILLED OR INJURED ALSO DROPPED FROM 189 TO 134.

THE NUMBER OF DRIVERS KILLED INCREASED FROM EIGHT TO 13 WHILE THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS KILLED DROPPED FROM 16 TO SEVEN. PASSENGERS INJURED DROPPED FROM 1 763 TO 1 492.

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#### \$500-MILLION TUEN MUN ROAD COMPLETED

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THE \$500-MILLION TUEN MUN ROAD, HONG KONG'S LONGEST HIGH-CAPACITY MODERN HIGHWAY, WAS FULLY OPENED TODAY, FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE FINAL SECTION OF THE ROAD NEAR CHAI WAN KOK, TSUEN WAN.

THE HON SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WHO OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, SAID THAT TECHNICALLY SPEAKING THE ROAD, EVEN WHEN ONLY ONE CARRIAGEWAY WAS OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC, WAS WELL DESIGNED AND SHOULD BE ONE OF THE SAFEST ROADS IN THE TERRITORY.

UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID, DUE TO POOR DRIVING THERE WERE SEVERAL DISTRESSING HEAD-ON COLLISIONS WHICH ATTRACTED MUCH ADVERSE PUBLICITY.

+FOR THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS INCREASING NUMBERS OF SECTIONS OF THE SEPARATED DUAL-CARRIAGEWAY HAVE BEEN PUT INTO OPERATION AND THE SEVERITY OF ROAD ACCIDENTS HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED,+ HE SAID.

/+HOW THAT .....

+NOW THAT TUEN MUN ROAD IS A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY THROUGHOUT ITS WHOLE LENGTH, I AM SURE THAT THE TREND OF REDUCING ROAD ACCIDENTS IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE PROVIDED DRIVERS OBSERVE THE SPEED LIMIT AND TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ROAD CONDITIONS.+

SIR SZE-YUEN RECALLED THAT THE PROJECT WAS FIRST CONCEIVED IN THE MID-1960'S WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT WHILE THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD WAS ADEQUATE FOR ACCESS TO THE MANY BEACHES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ALONG ITS LENGTH, IT WOULD BE INADEQUATE TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE PROPOSED NEW TOWN AT TUEN MUN.

+GOVERNMENT AND ITS CONSULTANTS DECIDED THAT RATHER THAN MONOPOLISING THE NARROW COASTAL STRIP, IT WOULD BE SENSIBLE TO RETAIN THE EXISTING ROAD AND MAKE USE OF THE ROUGH, STEEPLY SLOPING GROUND FOR THE NEW ROAD, AND ISOLATE IT FROM MOST OF THE EXISTING DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE ROUTE, EXCEPT FOR THE TWO INTERCHANGES AT SHAM TSENG AND SIU LAM, HE SAID.

+PHASED CONSTRUCTION WAS ALSO DECIDED ON AT THIS STAGE, AS IT WAS THOUGHT THAT A NEW SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY WOULD ADEQUATELY SERVE TUEN MUN UNTIL THE EARLY 1980'S, AND WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A CHEAPER SOLUTION, RATHER THAN CONSTRUCTING A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY IMMEDIATELY, WHICH WOULD BE UNDER-UTILISED FOR A LONG PERIOD.+

WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE, SIR SZE-YUEN SAID, WAS STARTED SOME 10 YEARS AGO AND WAS OPENED BY THE FORMER GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY NOW LORD MACLEHOSE, FIVE YEARS AGO.

SIR SZE-YUEN PAID TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN, SUPERVISION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE PROJECT.

+IT IS DUE TO THEIR ENERGY, EXPERTISE AND TENACITY THAT THIS FINE ROAD HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO REALITY,+ HE ADDED.

EARLIER, WELCOMING SIR SZE-YUEN, THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR EDDIE SHORT, SAID: +THE 17-KILOMETRE TUEN MUN ROAD LINKS THE NEW TOWNS OF TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN, AND FORMS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, ON WHICH WORK IS IN PROGRESS IN MANY AREAS.+

THE SECTIONS FROM SHA TIN TO LOK MA CHAU ARE EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR DUE TO START THIS YEAR, AS DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AND THE FINAL SECTION FROM LOK MA CHAU TO AU TAU IS NOW BEING DESIGNED.

+WHEN TSUEN WAN BY-PASS IS COMPLETE, IT WILL JOIN TUEN MUN ROAD IN CHAI WAN KOK, THUS PROVIDING A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY FROM KWUN TONG TO YUEN LONG,+ HE ADDED.

THE COST OF THE ROAD, TOTALLING ABOUT \$500 MILLION, WAS FUNDED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WHICH ALSO CARRIED OUT THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT A TWO-KILOMETRE SECTION OF THE ROAD AT THE TUEN MUN END.

## HONG KONG LEADS WORLD IN FOUR EXPORT CATEGORIES

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HONG KONG WAS, IN TERMS OF VALUE IN 1981, THE LARGEST EXPORTER OF CLOTHING, TOYS AND DOLLS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS AND FANS OF DOMESTIC TYPE IN THE WORLD.

HONG KONG WAS ALSO THE SECOND LARGEST EXPORTER OF RADIO-BROADCAST RECEIVERS AFTER JAPAN, AND THE THIRD LARGEST EXPORTER OF WATCHES AFTER SWITZERLAND AND JAPAN.

DETAILS OF THESE ARE CONTAINED IN THE +HONG KONG REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1982+, ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, AT \$20 A COPY.

THE REVIEW CONTAINS A BRIEF TEXT ON HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE, 18 GRAPHS AND 35 STATISTICAL APPENDICES WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE PREVIOUS YEARS.

THE REVIEW PRESENTS A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE DIRECTION AND COMPOSITION OF HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1982, INCLUDING A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF TRADE BY MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS AND BY COMMODITY CATEGORIES.

A NEW VERSION OF THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX, DEFINED AS THE RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT (I.E. DOMESTIC EXPORT AND RE-EXPORT) UNIT VALUE INDEX TO THE IMPORT UNIT VALUE INDEX, IS INTRODUCED IN GRAPH 4 ON HONG KONG'S MERCHANDISE TRADE INDEXES. ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PUBLICATION ARE STATISTICS ON HONG KONG'S PERFORMANCE IN WORLD TRADE AND IN PRINCIPAL OVERSEAS MARKETS, COMPARED WITH THOSE OF MAJOR COMPETITORS.

ACCORDING TO THE REVIEW, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN VALUE WERE NOTED IN IMPORTS FROM CHINA (BY \$3 425 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT) AND FROM THE U.S. (BY \$1 017 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT) IN 1982. AMONG THE OVERSEAS MARKETS WITH THE HIGHEST GROWTH IN VALUE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE THE U.S. (BY \$2 023 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT) AND CHINA (BY \$882 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO NIGERIA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DROPPED CONSIDERABLY IN VALUE (BY \$388 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT, AND BY \$523 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY).

FOR COMMODITY CATEGORIES, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN VALUE WAS REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF CLOTHING (BY \$1 237 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS AND PREPARATIONS (BY \$759 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT), WHEREAS THE COMMODITIES WITH THE HIGHEST GROWTH IN VALUE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE CLOTHING (BY \$536 MILLION OR 2 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$243 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORT TRADE ROSE BY 6 PER CENT IN 1982.

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CHINA WAS ONCE AGAIN THE LARGEST COUNTRY SUPPLYING GOODS FOR SUBSEQUENT RE-EXPORT. RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN INCREASED BY \$1 859 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE REGISTERED IN CLOTHING (BY \$873 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF JAPAN ORIGIN ALSO GREW (BY \$690 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT), PARTICULARLY FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES (BY \$91 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT).

THE U.S. WAS THE LARGEST MARKET FOR RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN, ACCOUNTING FOR 24 PER CENT OF ALL RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN THROUGH HONG KONG. THE COMMODITY WITH SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS CLOTHING (BY \$577 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT).

NEARLY ONE THIRD OF THE RE-EXPORTS OF JAPAN ORIGIN WENT TO INDONESIA WITH THE HIGHEST GROWTH IN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$102 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA FELL BY \$52 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT BUT RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ROSE BY \$830 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT.

THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE TRADE IN 1982, REPRESENTING 25 PER CENT OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE, INCREASED BY \$5 063 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT OVER 1981. IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, AIRBORNE TRADE CONSTITUTED LESS THAN 1 PER CENT OF TOTAL TRADE.

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. ROSE BY \$710 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT AND AIRBORNE EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ROSE BY \$227 MILLION OR 2 PER CENT.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, IMPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES SHIPPED BY AIR EXPERIENCED THE HIGHEST GROWTH (BY \$1 526 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), WHILST IN THE CASE OF EXPORTS BY AIR JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES RECORDED THE HIGHEST GROWTH (BY \$247 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

THE REVIEW ALSO PUBLISHES UNIT VALUE AND QUANTUM INDEXES WHICH ARE OFTEN USED TO ASSESS THE MOVEMENTS IN COMMODITY PRICES AND CHANGES IN TRADE VOLUME.

FROM JANUARY 1982, TRADE INDEXES WERE RE-BASED TO 1981 (I.E. 1981 = 100). TRADE INDEXES FOR EARLIER PERIODS WHICH WERE BASED ON 1973 AS 100, ARE SPLICED TO THE NEW SERIES USING THE 1981 ANNUAL TRADE INDEXES (1973 = 100). HOWEVER, THE TWO SERIES ARE NOT STRICTLY COMPARABLE DUE TO THE RE-CLASSIFICATION OF ITEMS AND CHANGES IN ITEM COVERAGE.

DURING 1982, THE TRADE VOLUMES FOR IMPORTS, DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT OVER 1981 RESPECTIVELY.

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE EXPORT VOLUME OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY 26 PER CENT) AND RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF FUELS (BY 17 PER CENT). SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS ALSO REGISTERED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS (BY 7 PER CENT).

CONTAINERISED EXPORTS SET ALL-TIME RECORD FOR APRIL  
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HONG KONG'S EXPORTS SHIPPED BY CONTAINER THROUGH THE KWAI CHUNG PORT LAST MONTH SET AN ALL-TIME RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL IN TERMS OF WEIGHT AND VOLUME, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE DEPARTMENT'S STATISTICS SHOW THAT THIS CONTAINERISED CARGO TOTALLED 423 268 TONS, UP BY 8.35 PER CENT IN WEIGHT OVER APRIL LAST YEAR.

VOLUME INCREASE WAS 9.05 PER CENT.

IN TERMS OF TWENTY-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS (TEU'S), LAST MONTH'S TOTAL CONTAINER THROUGHPUT HANDLED AT KWAI CHUNG INCREASED BY 6.71 PER CENT OVER APRIL 1982.

THE NUMBER OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS WHICH ENTERED PORT FROM JANUARY TO APRIL INCREASED BY 0.52 PER CENT OVER THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS LAST YEAR, FROM 3 680 TO 3 699.

HOWEVER, THEIR NET TONNAGES INCREASED BY 4.7 PER CENT, FROM 20.51 MILLION TO 21.47 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MARCH SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED STATISTICS FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR MARCH 1983.

ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) CONTINUED TO IMPROVE IN MARCH 1983.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, THE BIGGEST INCREASE OCCURRED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, FOLLOWED BY THE TEXTILES, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

TAKING ALL THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED AS A WHOLE, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN MARCH 1983, COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES SHOWED INCREASES WHILE THAT IN THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES RECORDED SLIGHT DECLINES.

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PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES AND THE +OTHERS+ CATEGORY OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS BONUSES AND DOUBLE PAY HAD BEEN GRANTED TO EMPLOYEES IN A NUMBER OF FACTORIES SURVEYED IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

THE DECLINES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE FOOD AND DRINKS, WEARING APPAREL AND THE TEXTILES INDUSTRIES WERE LESS SIGNIFICANT SINCE A BIGGER PROPORTION OF THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED HAD ALREADY ISSUED SUCH BONUSES IN JANUARY.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR ROSE WITH MORE OVERTIME AND MORE DAYS WORKED IN A NUMBER OF COMPANIES.

IN THE SERVICES SECTOR, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS DROPPED IN THE HOTELS SURVEYED AND IN FIRMS IN THE +OTHERS+ CATEGORY BECAUSE BONUSES HAD BEEN GRANTED IN A NUMBER OF COMPANIES IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED PER WEEK BY OPERATIVES INCREASED IN MOST OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, SIGNIFYING A RETURN TO NORMAL PRODUCTION AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT, PER CAPITA EARNINGS AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE.

WHEN RELEASING THE SURVEY RESULTS, THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES (CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979) AND THE 43 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR MARCH 1983 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1.5 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7212832).

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING STATISTICAL TABLES:

/A. EMPLOYMENT AND .....

## A. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICE	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED			PER CAPITA EARNINGS			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR MARCH 1983 (HK\$)
	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)						
	JAN. 1983	FEB. 1983	MARCH 1983	JAN. 1983	FEB. 1983	MARCH 1983	
MANUFACTURING	-1	-2	1	16	4	-19	2 285
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	*	*	54	-35	-9	2 931
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	-1	1	12	-9	-5	2 016
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	-2	-1	21	-10	-10	2 268
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-2	-2	-1	22	34	-29	1 957
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	*	-2	*	24	9	-25	1 940
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	*	-2	2	13	11	-26	2 170
OTHERS	-2	-1	*	5	26	-27	3 060
CONSTRUCTION**	-4	-3	-1	25	-27	3	3 602
SERVICES	*	*	*	28	-34	-3	4 089
BANKS	*	-1	*	-2	-35	*	3 750
HOTELS	-2	*	1	23	-31	-18	2 693
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	51	-39	2	3 927
OTHERS	2	-1	*	35	-20	-9	6 087

## B. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING

INDUSTRY	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR MARCH 1983
	JAN. 1983	FEB. 1983	MARCH 1983	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	1	*	*	4.79
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	1	4	2.42
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5	6	9	3.27
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-2	20	3	2.53
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	*	3	3	4.67
OTHERS	1	1	*	3.56
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	1	2	2	3.99

\* CHANGES WITHIN - 0.5%  
 \*\* PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY= SITE WORKERS  
 EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

FIRST MANPOWER SURVEY OF JEWELLERY INDUSTRY

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THE FIRST MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S JEWELLERY INDUSTRY WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN MAY 31 AND JUNE 4, BY THE JEWELLERY INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE SURVEY WILL COVER ALL JEWELLERY MANUFACTURING FIRMS WITH WORKSHOPS EMPLOYING TECHNICAL MANPOWER IN THE CUTTING AND SETTING OF PRECIOUS STONES AND JADE, GOLD AND SILVER MELTING AND JEWELLERY MAKING.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE OVER 700 JEWELLERY ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE INDUSTRY, WITH AN ESTIMATED WORKFORCE OF ABOUT 8 000.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES WILL BE SENT OUT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WHO ASSISTS IN THE SURVEY.

INCLUDED IN THE MAILING WILL BE A LIST OF DESCRIPTIONS FOR PRINCIPAL JOBS WHICH WILL HELP UNIFY JOB TITLES IN THE INDUSTRY.

INFORMATION BEING REQUESTED, INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED, THE NUMBER UNDER TRAINING, THE EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF THE INDUSTRY'S WORKFORCE IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

ON A PRE-ARRANGED DATE, INTERVIEWING OFFICERS WILL VISIT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES, OR TO HELP EMPLOYERS COMPLETE THEM.

A VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

AS THE SURVEY IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, THE SPOKESMAN URGED EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE IMPORTANT IN FORMULATING MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

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MORE MOBILE DENTAL SERVICE IN TSUEN WAN  
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ADDITIONAL LOW-COST MOBILE DENTAL SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS LATER THIS MONTH, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, SAID TODAY.

EVERY SATURDAY STARTING FROM MAY 28, A MOBILE VAN WILL BE STATIONED AT KAI CHI CLOSE, NEXT TO THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND, BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON AND 7 PM TO 9.30 PM TO PROVIDE DENTAL SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS.

PATIENTS WILL BE TREATED BY TWO DENTISTS ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AND CHARGED AT RELATIVELY LOW FEES RANGING FROM \$5 FOR CONSULTATION TO \$80 FOR FULL-SCALE TREATMENT.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT ABOUT 30 PATIENTS CAN BE TREATED IN THE MORNING AND 25 IN THE EVENING,+ MISS CHUNG SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT THE MOBILE SERVICE WOULD BE REVIEWED AT A LATER STAGE, AND IT MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK IF THERE WAS A NEED.

THE DENTAL SERVICE VAN, RUN BY THE PROJECT CONCERN HONG KONG AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, HAS BEEN STATIONED AT THE SHEK KEI ESTATE EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY SINCE JULY 1979.

+THE SERVICE THERE HAS PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR AND WE HAVE DECIDED TO EXTEND IT TO THE TOWN AREA OF TSUEN WAN,+ SHE SAID.

IN ORDER TO FIND A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR THE VAN, A SITE VISIT TO KAI CHI CLOSE WAS MADE THIS MORNING BY MISS CHUNG, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROJECT CONCERN HONG KONG, MISS LUCILLE BENETEAU.

+I CONSIDER KAI CHI CLOSE A VERY SUITABLE LOCATION,+ SHE SAID.

+IT IS A DEAD-END LANE WHERE PARKING DOES NOT OBSTRUCT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND IS IN THE HEART OF THE TOWN CENTRE WITH ONLY TWO MINUTES WALK FROM THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION AND THE TOWN HALL.+

+IT IS ALSO NEAR THE FUK LOI PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, THE MAIN TAI HO ROAD THOROUGHFARE, AND NEXT TO THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE.+

MISS CHUNG ADDED THAT THERE HAD ALWAYS BEEN A SHORTAGE OF DENTAL SERVICE IN HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO DID NOT WISH TO WAIT FOR MONTHS FOR AN APPOINTMENT AT THE GOVERNMENT DENTAL CLINICS, YET COULD NOT AFFORD EXPENSIVE TREATMENT BY PRIVATE DENTISTS.

+THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE LOW-COST DENTAL SERVICE WILL DEFINITELY HELP MEET THIS GAP AND BE MOST WARMLY WELCOMED BY THE TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS,+ SHE SAID.

SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECTOR CHECKS OVER RELIEF KITCHEN  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, TODAY (TUESDAY) CHECKED OVER THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON KITCHEN WHICH HAS, OVER THE YEARS, FED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN NEED.

THOUGH ITS MAIN FUNCTION IS TO PROVIDE NATURAL DISASTER VICTIMS WITH COOKED MEALS AND RELIEF ARTICLES, THE KITCHEN ALSO SERVES FOOD TO REFUGEES AND PEOPLE IN SOME REHABILITATION CENTRES.

A NEW EXTENSION WAS RECENTLY ADDED TO THE EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BUILDING AT CORNWALL STREET, THEREBY IMPROVING COOKING FACILITIES, INCREASING OUTPUT AND ENLARGING STORAGE CAPACITY FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF ARTICLES.

MR CHAMBERS WAS TOLD BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR KWOK NAI-SIK, THAT THE KITCHEN WAS ALSO USED AS A BASE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF OPERATIONS DURING TYPHOONS AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS.

EARLIER, MR CHAMBERS VISITED THE PAK TIN SHELTERED WORKSHOP FOR THE DISABLED AND THE O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME.

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AIR TRAFFIC TALKS  
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MR NORMAN LATHAM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION LEFT FOR JAKARTA TODAY TO REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT IN AIR SERVICES TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND INDONESIAN AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES.

CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS HAS A LONG STANDING REQUIREMENT FOR ACCESS TO BALI AND THE OPPORTUNITY WILL BE TAKEN TO SEEK THE NECESSARY TRAFFIC RIGHTS.

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**RHKAAF SEEKING RECRUITS**  
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE (RHKAAF) WILL SHORTLY BE LAUNCHING A MAJOR RECRUITMENT EXERCISE FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE TRAINED AS PILOTS AND CREWMEN ON ITS FLEET OF FIXED AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT.

THE RECRUITS, ONCE THEY ARE ENLISTED, ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO TRAINING ON THURSDAY EVENINGS AND AT WEEKENDS.

THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN A TWO-WEEK TRAINING CAMP ONCE A YEAR, USUALLY IN AUTUMN.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AS THE RHKAAF IS INVOLVED IN VARIOUS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, VOLUNTEERS FOR THE UNIT ARE CAREFULLY SELECTED AND ONE OF THE PRIME CONSIDERATIONS IS WHETHER THEY CAN PUT IN THE NECESSARY TRAINING TIME TO ATTAIN THE HIGH STANDARD OF PROFICIENCY REQUIRED FOR THE DUTIES.

BASICALLY, HE SAID, ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE YOUNG MEN AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 35, MEDICALLY FIT AND HAVE NORMAL EYESIGHT WITHOUT THE AID OF SPECTACLES. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND POSSESS THE MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS.

THOSE WHO APPLY TO BE A PILOT SHOULD POSSESS A MINIMUM OF FIVE GCE 'O' LEVEL SUBJECTS (OR EQUIVALENT), INCLUDING MATHS AND PHYSICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO CANDIDATES WITH PREVIOUS MILITARY FLYING EXPERIENCE OR HOLDING A PRIVATE PILOT'S LICENCE.

CANDIDATES FOR CREWMEN ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE GRADE E OR ABOVE IN FIVE GCE 'O' LEVEL SUBJECTS OR EQUIVALENT (INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B) OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION). GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF FIRST AID, SOME MECHANICAL/TECHNICAL APTITUDE AND A STRONG SWIMMING CAPABILITY WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE.

POTENTIAL RECRUITS SHOULD APPLY WITH FULL PERSONAL DETAILS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT TUNNEL EAST EXIT, KOWLOON.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO GO THROUGH INTERVIEWS AND MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED EMPLOYERS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR STAFF TO JOIN THE FORCE AND TO RELEASE THEM FOR THE NECESSARY TRAINING ONCE THEY ARE ACCEPTED.

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## SPORTS EVENTS FOR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS TO ORGANISE MORE THAN 100 SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 11, TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD AND OF ALL PHYSICAL ABILITIES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN A DAY OF FUN AND GAMES TO BE HELD IN 35 PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENTS SUCH AS BASKETBALL, BADMINTON, MINI-SOCCER, LAWN BOWLS, AND TABLE-TENNIS, SHOULD SUBMIT APPLICATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE 19 OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AND OTHER GUESTS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT MORSE PARK AT 9 AM. THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM WILL ALSO ATTEND.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN AND A NUMBER OF DISTRICT LEADERS WILL START THE CEREMONY AT KOWLOON PARK IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND'S VICTORIA PARK, THE PRESIDENT, AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, MR A. DE O. SALES, AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 9 AM. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER NEW TERRITORIES LEADERS WILL ATTEND THE OPENING AT FANLING AT 10 AM. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE (RECREATION AND SPORTS) MR DICKEN YUNG WILL BE THERE AS WELL.

IN WEST NEW TERRITORIES, THE CEREMONY WILL BE STARTED AT 10 AM AT THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL WHERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT WILL OFFICIATE.

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## ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW IN TUEN MUN

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THE ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW - A DISPLAY OF MORE THAN 300 MINIATURE TREES AND POTTED PLANTS - WILL BE HELD FOR 10 DAYS BEGINNING ON SATURDAY (MAY 21) AT THE CHING CHUNG KOON IN TUEN MUN.

THE CHING CHUNG KOON, A TAOIST MONASTERY IN THE NEW TOWN, HAS BEEN PROMOTING THIS TRADITIONAL ART SINCE 1980, TOGETHER WITH THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE A COLLECTION OF RARE AND VALUABLE ITEMS OF BONSAI AND FLOWER PLANTS BY THE KOON AND THE ENTRIES OF A BONSAI COMPETITION BEING HELD IN THE DISTRICT.

THE BONSAI COMPETITION IS OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC AND ALL ENTRIES SHOULD REACH THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICES IN TAI HING AND ON TING ESTATES BY FRIDAY (MAY 20).

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE 10-DAY BONSAI SHOW WILL BE TWO DEMONSTRATIONS ON BONSAI PLANTING AND TRADITIONAL DANCING PERFORMANCES TO BE HELD ON WEEKENDS.

THE SHOW OPENS DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

ON SATURDAY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR HAIDER BARMA, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AGRICULTURE) OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR THOMAS YIP, WILL OPEN THE BONSAI SHOW AT 10.30 AM.

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WATER LEAKAGE TESTS AT WESTERN  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 20) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, POK FU LAM ROAD, BONHAM ROAD AND EASTERN STREET, INCLUDING 71-79 POK FU LAM ROAD.

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KOWLOON TONG WATER MAINS WORK  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 20) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS WORK.

PREMISES AFFECTED ARE THOSE IN BEACON HILL ROAD, EASTBOURNE ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE, MARCONI ROAD, FESSINDEN ROAD AND RHONDDA ROAD, INCLUDING LUNG CHEUNG COURT.

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