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TAI PO TAKING SHAPE AS MAJOR NEW TOWN
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A MODERN NEW TOWN IS BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE AT TAI PO.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE TOWN'S FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE - A DEVELOPMENT WHICH THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS NG, RECENTLY DESCRIBED AS A TURNING POINT - WAS COMPLETED IN MAY AND TENANTS ARE NOW MOVING IN.

TWO FACTORIES ON THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION SITE A FEW KILOMETRES FROM THE TOWN CENTRE ARE ALREADY IN OPERATION AND TEN WILL BE FUNCTIONING BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. RECLAMATION WORK IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETED.

THE GO AHEAD HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE COAST ROAD LINKING TAI PO WITH SHA TIN AND THE URBAN AREAS. THIS TRUNK ROAD WILL EXTEND EVENTUALLY ROUND THE OTHER NEW TERRITORIES NEW TOWNS.

BOAT SQUATTERS AT YUEN CHAU TSAI HAVE LONG GONE AND THE AREA ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD LEADING INTO TAI PO IS BEING RECLAIMED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING. ONLY LAST YEAR, DRAGON BOAT RACES WERE HELD IN THIS AREA.

THE PRESENT POPULATION OF TAI PO IS 47 000, BUT WILL GROW TO 220 000 BY THE END OF THE 1980'S.

ABOUT 68 000 PEOPLE WILL BE LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING IN TWO ESTATES - TAI YUEN, DUE TO BE FULLY COMPLETED NEXT MARCH, AND AN ESTATE NOT YET NAMED TO BE BUILT IN THE SAME AREA ON LAND RECLAIMED FROM TOLO HARBOUR.

THE BALANCE OF HOUSING WILL BE PRIVATE AND THERE WILL ALSO BE A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME DEVELOPMENT FOR 4 500 PEOPLE.

A TOTAL OF ABOUT 80 HECTARES WILL BE FOR INDUSTRY, PROVIDING JOBS FOR 116 000 PEOPLE. THE MAJORITY OF THIS LAND - 64.5 HECTARES - IS FOR HEAVY INDUSTRY, WHILE THE BALANCE IS FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY.

LAND FOR GOVERNMENT USES WILL BE MORE THAN 47 HECTARES TO PROVIDE SITES FOR SCHOOLS, A 1 400-BED POLYCLINIC, A MARKET, A SPORTS STADIUM, POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES BUILDINGS, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, A CULTURAL COMPLEX AND SEWAGE WORKS.

OPEN SPACE WILL TAKE NEARLY 32 HECTARES.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO NEW TOWN BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN NINE PACKAGES COSTING AT LEAST \$2 600 MILLION. THE TOWN WILL COVER AN AREA OF 2 715 HECTARES, MUCH OF IT - AS WITH OTHER NEW TOWNS - RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA.

VARIOUS STUDIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME INCLUDING ENGINEERING, LANDSCAPE AND RECREATION AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

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REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1979

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THE +HONG KONG REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1979+ IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE GPO BUILDING AT CONNAUGHT PLACE.

AT \$25 A COPY, IT CONTAINS A BRIEF TEXT, 12 GRAPHS AND 33 STATISTICAL APPENDICES WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE PREVIOUS YEARS.

INTRODUCING THE REVIEW, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT IT GIVES A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE DIRECTION AND COMPOSITION OF HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1979, INCLUDING A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF TRADE BY MAJOR TRADING PARTNER AND BY COMMODITY CATEGORY.

+IN VIEW OF THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF AIRBORNE TRADE, TABLES HAVE BEEN ADDED, ANALYSING THE PERFORMANCE OF AIRBORNE TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND HER TRADING PARTNERS BY COMMODITY CATEGORY.

+THE REVIEW ALSO ILLUSTRATES THE MOVEMENTS IN COMMODITY PRICES AND THE REAL GROWTH IN EXTERNAL TRADE BY MEANS OF TRADE INDEXES.

+INCLUDED IN THE PUBLICATION IS A COMPARISON OF HONG KONG'S EXPORT PERFORMANCE IN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS WITH THAT OF HER MAIN COMPETITORS,+ HE ADDED.

SEVERAL SPECTACULAR DEVELOPMENTS IN OVERSEAS TRADE TOOK PLACE LAST YEAR. AMONG THE SUPPLYING COUNTRIES WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN IMPORTS IN 1979 COMPARED WITH 1978 WERE EGYPT (UP 2 242 TIMES TO HK\$10.8 MILLION) AND BULGARIA (UP 28 TIMES TO HK\$5.8 MILLION).

AMONG THE OVERSEAS MARKETS WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE YUGOSLAVIA (UP 11 TIMES TO HK\$13.5 MILLION) AND CHINA (UP 6 TIMES TO HK\$603.3 MILLION).

AS REGARDS TRADE PERFORMANCE BY COMMODITY, THE COMMODITY GROUPS WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN IMPORTS WERE WASTE, SCRAP AND SWEEPINGS OF PRECIOUS METALS OTHER THAN OF GOLD (UP 380 TIMES TO HK\$6.6 MILLION)- WHEREAS THE COMMODITY GROUP WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS TIN (UP 20 TIMES TO HK\$46.9 MILLION).

IMPORTS FROM BAHRAIN BY AIR SHOWED THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GROWTH -- UP 637 TIMES TO HK\$45.9 MILLION. IN RESPECT OF COMMODITY GROUPS, IMPORTS BY AIR WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GROWTH WERE REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (UP 302 TIMES TO HK\$75.2 MILLION).

THE UNIT VALUE AND QUANTUM INDEXES ARE USED TO ASSESS THE MOVEMENTS IN COMMODITY PRICES AND THE REAL CHANGE IN TRADE VOLUME. DURING 1979, WHILE THE IMPORT VALUES OF RAW COTTON AND HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT BOTH INCREASED, THE IMPORT VOLUME, AS MEASURED BY THE QUANTUM INDEXES, FELL BY 12 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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CHINESE ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

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THE EAST KOWLOON YOUTH ORCHESTRA, THE FIRST SUCH ORCHESTRA FORMED AND TRAINED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN THE DISTRICT, WILL PRESENT TWO CONCERTS IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS MONTH.

THE FIRST CONCERT, JOINTLY PRESENTED WITH THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT RECREATION AND CULTURE PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, IS BILLED AS A 'MID-SUMMER CHINESE MUSIC NIGHT' AND WILL BE HELD IN KWUN TONG MARYKNOLL COLLEGE ON AUGUST 22 (FRIDAY).

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE SUB-OFFICE AT 100 TING FU STREET, SECOND FLOOR, YAN HAU MANSION, NGAU TAU KOK AND FROM THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN TUNG YAN STREET.

THE SECOND CONCERT, JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE SAME ASSOCIATION AND TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 24 (SUNDAY) AT 8 PM IN THE TOWN HALL.

AT THIS INAUGURAL CONCERT, THE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY MANY CLASSICAL AS WELL AS CONTEMPORARY PIECES.

TICKETS AT \$5 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN HALL AND THE FOUR DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED ON TEL. 3-411328.

THE EAST KOWLOON YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA IS FOUNDED FOR CHINESE MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS IN THE DISTRICT. IT GIVES OPPORTUNITY FOR SYSTEMATIC ORCHESTRAL TRAINING TO THE YOUNG PLAYERS AND PROMOTES INTEREST IN MUSIC AMONG THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THE CONDUCTORS, AIK YEW-GOH AND LIU LI-CHUAN, ARE CHINESE MUSIC INSTRUCTORS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE ORCHESTRA HAS 80 MEMBERS WHO ARE YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 25 AND EITHER LIVE OR WORK IN THE EAST KOWLOON AREA.

THEY STARTED THEIR FIRST REHEARSAL IN SPRING 1979= SINCE THEN REGULAR REHEARSALS HAVE BEEN HELD.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO SALT WATER PUMPS
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD A TEMPORARY SALT WATER PUMPING STATION WITHIN THE EXISTING ELLIOT TREATMENT WORKS TO IMPROVE FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY IN THE CENTRAL HIGH LEVEL AREA OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED.

THE NEW STATION WILL HOUSE TWO ELECTRIC PUMP SETS, EACH WITH A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 4 550 CUBIC METRES DAILY, TO DRAW WATER FROM ELLIOT SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR TO THE ONE AT HATTON ROAD.

INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT IS THE LAYING OF ABOUT 800 METRES OF WATER MAIN FROM THE NEW STATION TO HATTON ROAD SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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LAND AUCTION IN SEPTEMBER
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TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE AUCTIONED BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MARINA ROOM OF THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL ON SEPTEMBER 4 AT 2.30 PM.

ONE OF THE LOTS, MEASURING ABOUT 6 000 SQUARE METRES, IS IN SOUTH BAY ROAD, HONG KONG. IT IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE SITE CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$43 MILLION AND SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1984.

THE OTHER LOT, A NON-INDUSTRIAL SITE IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, MEASURES ABOUT 1 470 SQUARE METRES. CARRYING A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$15.5 MILLION, IT SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BEFORE THE SAME DATE.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

SALE PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE PLACES.

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SHA TIN WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO SEVERAL AREAS IN SHA TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 13) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE ALONG THE TRUNK ROAD BETWEEN THE JUNCTION OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD WITH TAI PO ROAD AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, TIN LIU, SHEUNG HA WO CHE, PAI TAU AND LOK LO HA VILLAGES, WO CHE ESTATE, LEK YUEN ESTATE, FO TAN, AND HO TUNG LAU, INCLUDING THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, THE RACE COURSE AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

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