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SURVEY OF RETAIL SALES FOR JANUARY

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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES FOR THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR IN JANUARY 1983 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$4 617 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT 136, THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX FOR JANUARY 1983 DECREASED BY 4 POINTS OR 3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1982, AND BY 7 POINTS OR 5 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1982.

THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX FOR JANUARY 1983, AT 109, WAS 3 POINTS OR 3 PER CENT LOWER THAN THAT FOR DECEMBER 1982, AND 14 POINTS OR 11 PER CENT LOWER THAN THAT FOR JANUARY 1982.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1982, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, HAVING BEEN STAGNANT FOR A LONG TIME, INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS, AND OF CONSUMER DURABLES ALSO INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE TERMS; THEIR CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN VOLUME TERMS WERE 4 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER GOODS, DEPARTMENT STORES, AND FUELS EACH DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

ALTHOUGH THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS REMAINED UNCHANGED, THEIR VOLUME DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1982, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, BUT DECLINED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS, WHILE THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS BUT DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE VALUE AND VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES FOR THE OTHER MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES ALL RECORDED DECREASES.

IN VALUE TERMS, MOTOR VEHICLES SHOWED THE SHARPEST REDUCTION OF 41 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY CONSUMER DURABLES OF 19 PER CENT, AND CONSUMER GOODS AND SUPERMARKETS, EACH OF 6 PER CENT. THEIR RESPECTIVE DECREASES IN VOLUME TERMS WERE 51 PER CENT, 22 PER CENT, 13 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT.

RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES AND OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ALSO WENT DOWN BY 2 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE TERMS, BUT IN VOLUME TERMS THEY SHOWED DECLINES OF 10 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT LUNAR NEW YEAR IN 1983 FELL IN FEBRUARY, WHEREAS IN 1982 IT FELL IN JANUARY.

TABLES 1 AND 2 PRESENT THE REVISED FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1982 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1983 OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES, AND OF RETAIL SALES VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES BY SELECTED TRADES AND MAJOR TRADE GROUPS.

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 ARE TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF THE JANUARY 1983 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF THE PRECEDING MONTH AND OF THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1982 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TEL. NO.: 3-7216024.

TABLE 1 : VALUE INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR  
JANUARY 1983 AND DECEMBER 1982

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	DEC 1982 (REVISED FIGURES)	JAN 1983 (PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	JAN 1983 COMPARED WITH DEC 1982		JAN 1983 COMPARED WITH JAN 1982*	
			PTS	%	PTS	%
TOTAL RETAIL SALES (HK\$ MILLION)	4 750	4 617				
RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEXES:						
(I) <u>FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</u>	140	136	- 4	- 3	- 7	- 5
(II) <u>BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</u>						
FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	143	149	+ 6	+ 4	+ 1	+ 1
FUELS	168	162	- 6	- 4	+15	+10
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	172	177	+ 5	+ 3	- 1	- 1
CONSUMER GOODS	144	129	-15	-10	- 8	- 6
CONSUMER DURABLES	109	113	+ 4	+ 4	-26	-19
(III) <u>BY SELECTED TRADES .</u>						
MOTOR VEHICLES	55	65	+10	+18	-46	-41
DEPARTMENT STORES	173	163	-10	- 6	- 4	- 2
SUPERMARKETS	192	192	SAME	SAME	-13	- 6

\* FINAL REVISED ESTIMATES

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TABLE 2 : VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR  
JANUARY 1983 AND DECEMBER 1982

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	DEC 1982 (REVISED FIGURES)	JAN 1983 (PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	JAN 1983 COMPARED WITH DEC 1982		JAN 1983 COMPARED WITH JAN 1982*		
			PTS	%	PTS	%	
RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEXES:							
(I) <u>FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</u>	112	109	- 3	- 3	-14	-11	
(II) <u>BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</u>							
FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	107	114	+ 7	+ 7	- 7	- 6	
FUELS	123	118	- 5	- 4	- 1	- 1	
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	133	138	+ 5	+ 4	-12	- 8	
CONSUMER GOODS	116	104	-12	-10	-15	-13	
CONSUMER DURABLES	96	98	+ 2	+ 2	-27	-22	
(III) <u>BY SELECTED TRADES</u>							
MOTOR VEHICLES	40	47	+ 7	+18	-49	-51	
DEPARTMENT STORES	140	131	- 9	- 6	-15	-10	
SUPERMARKETS	147	146	- 1	- 1	-20	-12	

\* FINAL REVISED ESTIMATES

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ELECTRIFIED TRAINS TO GET STRONG FEEDER SUPPORT  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO HAVE PREPARED A COMPLETE FEEDER NETWORK TO COINCIDE WITH THE EXTENSION OF ELECTRIFIED TRAIN SERVICES TO TAI PO TOMORROW (MAY 2).

KMB ROUTE 72K LINKING THE NEW RAILWAY STATION WITH TAI YUEN WILL BEGIN OPERATION FROM TOMORROW AT A FREQUENCY OF 12 MINUTES. A FARE OF 60 CENTS WILL BE CHARGED.

THREE OTHER BUS ROUTES AT PRESENT SERVING TAI PO MARKET WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE STATION ON THE SAME DAY: NO. 65 FROM SHEUNG TSUEN IN SHEK KONG, NO. 75 FROM TAI MEI TUK AND NO. 69 FROM CHOI YUEN. THEY WILL BE RENUMBERED 65K, 75K AND 69K RESPECTIVELY.

KMB ROUTES 64K FROM YUEN LONG WEST AND 74K FROM SAM MUN TSAI WERE EXTENDED TO THE STATION A FEW WEEKS AGO. SO WERE MAXICABS NO. 20K FROM SAM MUN TSAI, 21K FROM TAI PO TAU, 22K FROM KAM SHAN, 23K FROM WUN YIU AND 25K FROM LAM TSUEN.

+THE NEW FEEDER NETWORK WILL PROVIDE GOOD SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTRIFIED TRAIN SERVICE WHICH, WITH IMPROVED FREQUENCY AND A JOURNEY TIME OF ONLY 23 MINUTES TO KOWLOON, WILL PROVE TO BE A BOON TO A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMUTERS IN TAI PO,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

+THE RAILWAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OTHER TRANSPORT MODES MUST BE COORDINATED IN SUPPORT OF TRAIN SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

ALL FEEDER SERVICES WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED AND REVISIONS WILL BE MADE WHENEVER NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY WHEN MORE PEOPLE MOVE INTO THE NEW HOUSING ESTATES IN TAI PO.

MEANWHILE IN SHA TIN, PLANS ARE BEING PREPARED TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE FEEDER NETWORK WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THE PLANS WILL INVOLVE THE INTRODUCTION OF THREE NEW BUS ROUTES IN THE NEW TOWN:

NO. 80K BETWEEN SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION AND SUN TIN WAI WILL SERVE AS A MAJOR INTERNAL LINK BETWEEN HOUSING ESTATES IN SHA TIN VALLEY AND THE TWO SHA TIN RAILWAY STATIONS, INCLUDING TAI WAI TEMPORARY STATION.

THE INTERNAL ROUTE 81K WILL LINK SHA KOK AND POK HONG AREA WITH SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION.

ROUTE 82K BETWEEN YUEN CHAU KOK AND SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION WILL CONNECT THE HOUSING ESTATES SOUTH OF SHING MUN RIVER WITH THE TWO RAILWAY STATIONS.

THE PROPOSED ROUTES ARE IN ADDITION TO KMB NO. 84K AND 88K, AND MAXICAB ROUTE 60K, WHICH ARE ALREADY IN OPERATION IN SHA TIN.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
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THE NUMBER OF YOUNG ADDICTS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 24 HAS BEEN INCREASING IN THE PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS, ACCORDING TO THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON, MR LAM POINTED OUT THAT IN 1980, 20 PER CENT OF THE ADDICTS WERE YOUNG PEOPLE. +AND UP TO THE FIRST HALF YEAR OF 1982, THE FIGURE HAS GONE UP TO 22 PER CENT,+ HE SAID.

+THIS TREND IS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE CONCERN. WE THEREFORE NEED MORE TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS TO EDUCATE AND WARN THE YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT THE DANGER OF TAKING DRUGS.+

THE OPENING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN ALSO HERALDS THE LAUNCHING OF A SERIES OF SIMILAR ACTIVITIES, TO BE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND URBAN AREAS, AND THE NARCOTICS DIVISION IN THE COMING MONTHS.

+THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, WE HOPE TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE,+ MR LAM ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE: THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TONY COOPER; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE, EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, MR KARL STUMPF; CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG SIK-WAH; CENTRAL POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR R.C. LIDSTER; THE WESTERN POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR B.J. DEEGAN, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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SAFETY SEMINAR FOR PLASTICS INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED EMPLOYERS OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR STAFF TO ATTEND A ONE-DAY SAFETY SEMINAR.

ORGANISED BY THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD, THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT MAKING EMPLOYEES IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY MORE AWARE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A., WATERLOO ROAD CENTRE, ON MAY 20, 1983. MR WONG PO-YAN, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

SAFETY PROFESSIONALS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO GIVE TALKS ON VARIOUS TOPICS.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS ARE MR HO KWOK-WAH, DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHO WILL SPEAK ON FIRE PREVENTION, AND MR HO SIU-LUN, PRESIDENT OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON PLASTIC PRODUCTS MERCHANTS UNITED ASSOCIATION LIMITED, WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS SAFETY PROMOTION.

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE MR LEUNG SING-KIT, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON RUBBER AND PLASTIC WORKERS GENERAL UNION; MR NGAN KWAN-LEUNG, AN ENGINEER OF HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED; MISS CAROL NG, SENIOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT; AND MR HO SING-CHUEN, DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

A RECENTLY PRODUCED FILM, FEATURING FIRE HAZARDS IN FACTORIES, WILL ALSO BE SHOWN DURING THE SEMINAR.

THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE SEMINAR IS \$50 PER PERSON.

THOSE WISHING TO JOIN THE SEMINAR SHOULD CONTACT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 3-688111 EXT 401 OR 326, OR WRITE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PLASTICS INDUSTRY SAFETY SEMINAR, C/O FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KOWLOON.

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ANTI-MOSQUITO DRIVE IN TAI PO  
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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS LAUNCHED A THREE-MONTH LONG ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN IN TAI PO TO RID THE AREA OF POTENTIAL MOSQUITO BREEDING PLACES.

THE CAMPAIGN, LAUNCHED TO COINCIDE WITH THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS ON MOSQUITO CONTROL MEASURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

SINCE EARLY LAST WEEK, PEST CONTROL STAFF OF THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE HAVE BEEN VISITING A NUMBER OF VILLAGES IN TAI PO TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE TO VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES AND TO URGE THEM TO BRING HOME THE MESSAGE TO THEIR FELLOW VILLAGERS.

NEXT MONTH, THE OFFICERS WILL CALL ON MULTI-STOREY BUILDING RESIDENTS IN THE BUILT-UP AREAS AND TAI PO TOWN.

APART FROM DISTRIBUTING PUBLICITY POSTERS AND LEAFLETS, THE VISITING OFFICERS ARE ALSO OFFERING TECHNICAL ADVICE TO THE RESIDENTS ON THE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO TACKLE THE MOSQUITO NUISANCE.

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DURING THE DRIVE, THE ANTI-MOSQUITO TEAM WOULD SPRAY INSECTICIDE OR POUR A LAYER OF DIESEL OIL IN PLACES WHERE MOSQUITO LARVAE OR PUPAE HAD BEEN DETECTED.

IN CASES WHERE MOSQUITOES ARE FOUND AT PRIVATE PREMISES, THE OCCUPIERS OR OWNERS WILL BE ASKED TO TAKE ACTION TO STAMP OUT THE NUISANCE.

BUILDING CONTRACTORS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO ALLOW MOSQUITOES TO BREED AT THEIR CONSTRUCTION SITES. OFFENDERS MIGHT FACE A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT NTSD HEALTH STAFF IN OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC TO DETECT AND ELIMINATE MOSQUITO NUISANCES AND NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT ANY MOSQUITO NUISANCE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE URBAN SERVICES OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING ISLANDS.

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#### ROAD PROJECT IN YUEN LONG

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT A ROAD PROJECT AT THE EASTERN JUNCTION OF THE NORTHERN BYPASS IN YUEN LONG.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG NEW TOWN.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE ALTERATION OF THE EXISTING YUEN LONG EASTERN ROUNDABOUT AND SECTIONS OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, ON LOK ROAD AND FUNG CHEUNG STREET, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND FUNG CHEUNG STREET AND A COMBINED PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE BRIDGE OVER THE YUEN LONG EASTERN NULLAH AND ON LOK ROAD.

WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL PROVIDE A MORE DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THE NORTHERN BYPASS AND THE YUEN LONG TO AU TAU DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AND WILL ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON THE YUEN LONG SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WITHIN 60 DAYS.

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DANGER OF RESIDUAL FLAMMABLE SUBSTANCE  
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A USED CONTAINER OF FLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES LOOKS HARMLESS, BUT THE RESIDUAL SUBSTANCES INSIDE MIGHT BE QUITE DANGEROUS.

ON COMING INTO CONTACT WITH FLAMES, THE RESIDUAL SUBSTANCES MIGHT GIVE RISE TO AN EXPLOSION.

THIS WARNING WAS GIVEN BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE ON HONG KONG ISLAND LAST MONTH IN WHICH TWO WORKERS WERE INJURED WHILE CUTTING A 200-LITRE METAL DRUM USED TO STORE FLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES WITH OXYGEN-ACCETYLENE GAS.

DURING THE CUTTING PROCESS, AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED WHEN THE RESIDUAL FLAMMABLE VAPOUR INSIDE THE DRUM WAS IGNITED BY HEAT FROM THE PROCESS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE ACCIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IF PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN.

HE ADVISED WORKERS DOING SIMILAR WORK TO REMOVE THE LID OF THE DRUM TO ENABLE THE RESIDUAL VAPOUR TO DISPERSE AND THEN CLEAN THE DRUM WITH LOW PRESSURE STEAM UNTIL IT IS FREE OF RESIDUAL SUBSTANCES.

THE ALTERNATIVE MEASURE, HE ADDED, WAS TO FILL THE DRUM WITH WATER TO SLIGHTLY BELOW THE LEVEL WHERE THE DRUM IS TO BE CUT.

+ANYONE HANDLING USED CONTAINERS OF FLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES SHOULD EXERCISE CARE. IF ANY FACTORY PROPRIETOR OR BUILDING CONTRACTOR NEEDS ANY ADVICE, HE CAN CONTACT ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TIN HAU FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS  
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THE ANNUAL TIN HAU FESTIVAL WILL FALL ON THURSDAY, MAY 5, THIS YEAR AND LAVISH CELEBRATIONS WILL BE HELD IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FESTIVAL HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO BOAT PEOPLE WHO PRAY TO THE GODDESS OF TIN HAU FOR FAIR WEATHER AND GOOD TIDINGS ALL YEAR ROUND.

THE MAJOR ATTRACTION WILL BE IN YUEN LONG WHERE A GRAND PROCESSION WITH 7 000 PEOPLE FROM 32 ORGANISATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE.

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STARTING AT 10 AM, A TWO-HOUR PROCESSION WITH A PARADE OF DRAGONS, UNICORNS, LIONS, LANTERN-BEAUTY TROUPES, CHIU CHOW GONGS AND DRUMS, PUPPET SHOW, AND CHINESE FOLK DANCES WILL SET OFF FROM THE EASTERN BUS TERMINUS.

IT WILL PASS ALONG FUNG CHEUNG, CASTLE PEAK AND TAI YUK ROADS BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND HIS WIFE WILL BE GUESTS OF HONOUR AT THE FESTIVAL PROCESSION.

A TRADITIONAL +FA PAU+ DRAW WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE THE TAI SHU HA TEMPLE AT 3 PM.

IN TUEN MUN AND ON THE ISLANDS DISTRICT, CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCES WILL BE STAGED FROM MAY 3 TO 7 AT YUNG SHUE WAN IN NORTH LAMMA, AND FROM MAY 2 TO 6 NEAR THE HAU KOK TIN HAU TEMPLE IN TUEN MUN.

A +FA PAU+ DRAW, OFFICIATED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI, WILL ALSO BE HELD IN TUEN MUN ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 5.

IN SAI KUNG, ABOUT 50 000 WORSHIPPERS ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT JOSS HOUSE BAY TIN HAU TEMPLE ON MAY 4 AND 5. SPECIAL FERRY SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED.

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FIRE SERVICES DELEGATION TO ATTEND MACAU CELEBRATION  
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THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR F.M. WATSON HAS LEFT HONG KONG WITH A 12-MEMBER DELEGATION FOR MACAU TO ATTEND THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE MACAU FIRE BRIGADE.

THE DELEGATION WAS MET ON ARRIVAL IN MACAU BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE BRIGADE, MR ROGERIO FRANCISCO DE PAULA DE ASSIS, AND MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE.

THE CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD OFFICIALLY TOMORROW (MONDAY). IT WILL INCLUDE A FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY AT THE MACAU FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS TO BE FOLLOWED BY A MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE FIREMEN MAUSOLEUM.

THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU, REAR ADMIRAL VASCO DE ALMEIDA E COSTA WILL ARRIVE AT THE MACAU FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS BUILDING TO TAKE THE SALUTE AT A MARCH-PASS AND REVIEW OF FIRE APPLIANCES.

HE WILL ALSO UNVEIL A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE TO MARK THE OCCASION.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON TUESDAY.

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### RECONSTRUCTION OF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO WIDEN AND RECONSTRUCT A SECTION OF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD BETWEEN THE WONG CHUK HANG INTERCHANGE AND NAM LONG SHAN ROAD TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL LANE FOR TRAFFIC IN EACH DIRECTION.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE WIDENING AND EXTENSION OF HEUNG YIP ROAD TO JOIN UP WITH THE RECENTLY COMPLETED OCEAN PARK ROAD.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, 6TH FLOOR, NEW WORLD TOWER, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ABERDEEN CENTRE, MEI FUNG COURT, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WITHIN 60 DAYS.

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### WATER CUT ON HK ISLAND

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 4) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

PREMISES WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED ARE HOUSES NO. 2-24, NO. 3-45 REPULSE BAY ROAD, NO. 2 ISLAND ROAD, THE HONG KONG COUNTRY CLUB AND ALL THOSE ALONG SHOUSON HILL ROAD, SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST, SHOUSON HILL ROAD WEST AND DEEP WATER BAY ROAD.

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