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QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR REMAINED LARGELY STABLE DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF LAST YEAR AS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

HOWEVER, MANUFACTURERS GENERALLY EXPECT A MILD DECLINE IN BUSINESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, PARTLY DUE TO SEASONAL FACTORS.

THIS IS PART OF THE SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

ABOUT 1 000 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY AND WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE AND EXPECTATIONS.

ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY, THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR EXPERIENCED A CONTINUED UPTREND DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985 AND EXPECT THE SITUATION TO REMAIN FAVOURABLE DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS WAS ALSO REPORTED BY FIRMS IN THE 'WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS' SECTOR AND THE SITUATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS WAS EXPERIENCED BY FIRMS IN THE 'OTHER SERVICES' SECTOR DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER AND THEY WERE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, A DECLINE IN BUSINESS WAS EXPERIENCED BY FIRMS IN THE 'FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO', 'ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES' AND 'ELECTRONICS' INDUSTRIES DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY THE CASE FOR MOST OF THE FIRMS IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY.

PARTICIPATING FIRMS IN THE 'WEARING APPAREL' AND 'TEXTILES' INDUSTRIES ACHIEVED SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER WHILE THOSE IN THE 'PRINTING', 'FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS' AND 'WATCHES AND CLOCKS' INDUSTRIES REPORTED LITTLE CHANGE.

REGARDING THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, EXPECTATIONS VARIED ACROSS DIFFERENT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

WHILE A GENERAL DECLINE IN BUSINESS WAS PREDICTED BY FIRMS IN THE 'FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO', 'WEARING APPAREL', 'TEXTILES', 'FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS' AND 'ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES' INDUSTRIES, SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS WERE ANTICIPATED BY FIRMS IN THE 'PLASTICS' AND 'ELECTRONICS' INDUSTRIES.

/RESPONDING FIRMS

RESPONDING FIRMS IN THE 'PRINTING' AND 'WATCHES AND CLOCKS' INDUSTRIES EXPECTED THE BUSINESS SITUATION TO REMAIN STABLE DURING THE FIRST QUARTER.

FIRMS ACROSS ALL TRADES IN THE 'WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS' SECTOR REPORTED IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER WITH HOTELS EXPERIENCING A STRONG SEASONAL UPTREND IN BUSINESS.

FIRMS IN BOTH THE 'WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES' AND 'RESTAURANTS' BUSINESSES EXPECTED THE BUSINESS LEVEL IN THE FIRST QUARTER TO REMAIN SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER. RESPONDENTS IN THE HOTELS BUSINESS ANTICIPATED A SEASONAL DOWNTREND DURING THE FIRST QUARTER.

WITH REGARD TO THE 'OTHER SERVICES' SECTOR, A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER WAS REPORTED BY FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY.

FIRMS IN THE 'REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES' BUSINESS AND THE BANKS WERE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WHILE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE 'TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION' BUSINESS EXPECTED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION.

THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED BUSINESS PROBLEMS FACED BY THE VARIOUS FIRMS.

FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS CONTRACTS, PRICE COMPETITION BOTH IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS WERE INDICATED BY RESPONDENTS AS THE MOST PROMINENT PROBLEMS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985 AND THESE PROBLEMS WERE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986.

THE INTENSITY OF THESE PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, HAS SHOWN A TENDENCY TO LEVEL OFF.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HIGH MATERIAL PRICES APPEARED TO EMERGE AS A PROBLEM FOR SEVERAL INDUSTRIES, ALTHOUGH THE EXTENT WAS NOT PARTICULARLY WORRYING.

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE PROBLEMS OF PRICE COMPETITION BOTH IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS WERE REGARDED AS MAJOR PROBLEMS BOTH FOR THE FOURTH AND THE FIRST QUARTERS.

AS THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR CONTINUED TO IMPROVE, THE PROMINENCE OF THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS CONTRACTS CITED IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS OF THE SURVEY DECLINED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE UNCHANGED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

AS FOR THE 'WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES' BUSINESS, PRICE COMPETITION WAS CONSIDERED AS A MAJOR PROBLEM DURING BOTH QUARTERS UNDER REVIEW.

INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS, PRICE COMPETITION AND HIGH STAFF TURNOVER REMAINED THE MAIN PROBLEMS FACED BY RESTAURANTS DURING BOTH QUARTERS.

PRICE COMPETITION AND HIGH STAFF COSTS CONTINUED TO BE THE MAIN PROBLEMS FOR HOTELS DURING THE FOURTH AND FIRST QUARTERS.

AS FOR THE 'OTHER SERVICES' SECTOR, FIRMS ACROSS DIFFERENT BUSINESSES CONSIDERED PRICE COMPETITION AS A PREDOMINANT PROBLEM DURING THE FOURTH AND FIRST QUARTERS. IN ADDITION, THE BANKS ALSO ENCOUNTERED THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS.

ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE SURVEY RESULTS, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WERE BASICALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF HONG KONG.

IN THE SURVEY, PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD 'IMPROVED', 'REMAINED THE SAME' OR 'DETERIORATED' IN THE QUARTER JUST ENDED AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER.

FOR THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER, THEY WERE ALSO ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION WILL 'IMPROVE', 'REMAIN THE SAME' OR 'DETERIORATE'.

THE BALANCE OF OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED. THE SURVEY REPORT ALSO CONTAINS A SECTION ON BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS AND A BREAKDOWN OF VIEWS OF FIRMS BY SIZE GROUPS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CARE AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND STATISTICAL TABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND TO OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3 PER COPY.

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-423401.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE IN 1985
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR 1985, VALUED AT \$466 572 MILLION, INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE 1984 FIGURE, ACCORDING TO TRADE VALUE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY SIX PER CENT TO \$129 882 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT TO \$105 270 MILLION AND IMPORTS INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT TO \$231 420 MILLION.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1985 WITH DECEMBER 1984, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT AND FIVE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, GIVING A GROWTH OF FOUR PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SINCE FEBRUARY 1985 THAT AN INCREASE IN MONTHLY DOMESTIC EXPORTS VALUE WAS RECORDED AND WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INCREASE OF OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN DECEMBER 1985 INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1984.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS ON THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR DECEMBER 1985 WILL BE RELEASED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS

COMPARING 1985 WITH 1984, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. DECREASED BY SIX PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 497 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 393 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$980 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 158 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$232 MILLION OR SIX PER CENT).

/MOST COMMODITIES

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA INCREASED RAPIDLY IN VALUE, PARTICULARLY MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS PRINTED MATTER (BY \$575 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$509 MILLION OR 108 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$421 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (NOT INCLUDING UNMILLED CEREALS) (BY \$34 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$30 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$644 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$577 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$162 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$5 MILLION OR TWO PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PRODUCTS AND PREPARATIONS (BY \$4 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$991 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$177 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO JAPAN ALSO FELL (BY \$407 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT AND BY \$99 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$11 MILLION OR THREE PER CENT), AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$23 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT).

IMPORTS

DEMAND FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM CHINA INCREASED IN 1985 AS COMPARED WITH 1984. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$1 260 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS, AS WELL AS JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS) (BY \$919 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT), AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$532 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$453 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$347 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$717 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$664 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT), AS WELL AS MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$532 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 358 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$540 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 721 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$508 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT), AS WELL AS NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$490 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR INORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$354 MILLION OR 196 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$268 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

MEANWHILE, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY \$1 399 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$515 MILLION OR 196 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$52 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT). AS FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$573 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$368 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT). HOWEVER, AN INCREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$57 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT).

RE-EXRPORTS

COMPARING 1985 WITH 1984, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 64 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$3 107 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 130 MILLION OR 104 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 028 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN MANUFACTURED FERTILIZERS (BY \$111 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$106 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

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INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS, AS WELL AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF) (BY \$1 008 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$826 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$437 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$171 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT), AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$73 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE RECORDED IN NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$315 MILLION OR 264 PER CENT), FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$124 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AS WELL AS COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$104 MILLION OR 195 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$67 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$45 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT).

DECREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$266 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$55 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FELL (BY \$565 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), AS DID CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$116 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$165 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT), AND FOR RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$194 MILLION OR 103 PER CENT).

THE DECEMBER 1985 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE ON SALE LATER THIS MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 A COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN DECEMBER 1985 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY MARCH 1986 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$13 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS AND ON TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-214375) AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-444436), RESPECTIVELY.

Table 1 : Domestic exports by ten major markets

<u>Major market</u>	<u>1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
U.S.A.	57,687	61,374	-3,687	- 6
China	15,189	11,283	+3,906	+35
U.K.	8,546	10,497	-1,950	-19
F.R. of Germany	7,998	9,522	-1,524	-16
Japan	4,480	5,151	- 670	-13
Canada	4,405	4,510	- 105	- 2
Australia	3,349	3,824	- 474	-12
Singapore	2,233	2,627	- 394	-15
Netherlands	2,083	2,418	- 335	-14
France	1,818	2,007	- 189	- 9

Table 2 : Domestic exports by major commodity division

<u>Commodity division</u>	<u>1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%) -</u>
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	44,912	46,714	-1,802	- 4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	20,769	21,838	-1,068	- 5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	10,883	10,408	+ 476	+ 5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	10,037	11,479	-1,442	-13
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	8,993	11,002	-2,010	-18
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,823	8,631	- 808	- 9

Table 3 : Imports from ten major sources

<u>Major source</u>	<u>1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
China	58,963	55,753	+3,210	+ 6
Japan	53,350	52,620	+ 730	+ 1
U.S.A.	21,896	24,377	-2,481	-10
Taiwan	20,898	17,347	+3,551	+20
Singapore	11,281	12,229	- 948	- 8
U.K.	8,450	8,703	- 253	- 3
Republic of Korea	8,293	7,289	+1,004	+14
F.R. of Germany	6,672	5,510	+1,162	+21
Switzerland	3,637	3,346	+ 291	+ 9
Italy	3,582	2,972	+ 610	+21

Table 4 : Imports by major commodity division

<u>Commodity division</u>	<u>1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	33,661	32,802	+ 859	+ 3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	19,094	22,590	-3,496	-15
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	13,655	11,907	+1,749	+15
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,071	11,509	+1,562	+14
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	12,129	10,581	+1,548	+15
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	11,373	9,895	+1,479	+15

Table 5 : Re-exports by ten major markets

<u>Major market</u>	<u>1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
China	46,023	28,064	+17,959	+64
U.S.A.	14,705	12,109	+ 2,596	+21
Japan	5,486	4,633	+ 853	+18
Singapore	4,388	4,511	- 123	- 3
Taiwan	4,325	4,868	- 543	-11
Republic of Korea	3,872	3,440	+ 432	+13
Macau	2,556	2,354	+ 202	+ 9
Indonesia	2,301	3,654	- 1,353	-37
F.R. of Germany	1,554	1,073	+ 481	+45
Philippines	1,532	1,478	+ 54	+ 4

Table 6 : Re-exports by major commodity division

<u>Commodity division</u>	<u>1985 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>1984 (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase(+) (\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change (%)</u>
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	15,999	12,708	+ 3,291	+26
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	8,989	8,389	+ 600	+ 7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7,652	6,184	+ 1,467	+24
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	7,258	5,378	+ 1,879	+35
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	6,999	4,590	+ 2,409	+52
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,575	5,089	+ 486	+10

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ONE-OFF RULE FOR BY-ELECTION
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A SET OF REGULATIONS WHICH ENABLES MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL TO REGISTER AS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORS IN THE 1986 FINAL REGISTER WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REGULATIONS, KNOWN AS THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTORAL PROVISIONS) (REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS AND APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986, PAVE THE WAY FOR ADVANCED VOTER REGISTRATION IN THAT PARTICULAR ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY.

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO THE REGULATIONS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THIS WAS A ONE-OFF EXERCISE TO MEET THE ONE-OFF SITUATION ARISING FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ON APRIL 1, 1986.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ON THE DAY THE COUNCIL IS TO COME INTO BEING, THE REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WOULD VACATE HIS SEAT.

+IT WILL THUS BE NECESSARY FOR A BY-ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING THIS SEAT,+ HE SAID.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS ARE THEREFORE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR INCOMING MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL TO BE REGISTERED IN ADVANCE OF THE NORMAL REGISTRATION PERIOD SO THAT THE BY-ELECTION COULD BE HELD IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE.

+THE SET OF REGULATIONS MAKES PROVISION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AS ELECTORS IN THEIR ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY UPON INAUGURATION OF THE COUNCIL.

+IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE MODIFICATIONS TO APPLY IN 1986 ONLY AND EXCLUSIVELY TO MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND FURTHER FOR THE NAMES OF THOSE SO REGISTERED TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE EXISTING FINAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL REGISTER,+ HE SAID.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MORE SIGNIFICANT DATES PROPOSED IN THE REGULATIONS, TOGETHER WITH DETAILS OF THE TIMETABLES FOR THE RUN UP TO THE BY-ELECTION:

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| (A) PERIOD FOR REGISTRATION OF REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS | 1.4.86 - 18.4.86 |
| (B) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF VACANCY IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTORAL COLLEGE | 18.4.86 |

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- (C) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
 - (I) APPOINTING 5.6.86 AS THE DATE OF THE ELECTION; AND
 - (II) CALLING FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO BE MADE BY 16.5.86
- (D) PERIOD FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION OF APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION
- (E) PERIOD FOR PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AND FOR DETERMINATION OF OBJECTIONS, IF ANY, BY REVISING OFFICER
- (F) PUBLICATION OF REGISTER
- DATE OF ELECTION

2.5.86

1.4.86 - 21.4.86

22.4.86 - 30.4.86

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THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL HAS BEEN CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSED TIMETABLE AND HAD AGREED TO IT.

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DRAFT MID-LEVELS WEST ZONING PLAN PUBLISHED
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A DRAFT MID-LEVELS WEST OUTLINE ZONING PLAN COVERING 235.44 HECTARES, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS BOUNDED BY BONHAM, CAINE AND KENNEDY ROADS IN THE NORTH, BOWEN DRIVE IN THE EAST, POK FU LAM ROAD IN THE WEST, AND POK FU LAM COUNTRY PARK IN THE SOUTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD EXPLAINED THAT THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE DRAFT PLAN WAS TO PROVIDE A STATUTORY LAND USE PATTERN AND ROAD NETWORK AS A BASIS FOR PROPER CONTROL AND REDEVELOPMENT OF LAND IN THIS AREA.

+IN RECOGNISING THAT MID-LEVELS WEST IS PRIMARILY A RESIDENTIAL AREA, THE LAND USE ZONINGS SHOWN ON THE DRAFT PLAN ARE INTENDED TO MAINTAIN THE RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA AND ARE LARGELY BASED ON EXISTING DEVELOPMENT AND KNOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS,+ HE SAID.

DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE CAINE ROAD - BONHAM ROAD CORRIDOR ARE PRIMARILY RESIDENTIAL WITH SOME COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BANKS, RESTAURANTS OR RETAIL SHOPS ON THE LOWER THREE FLOORS. THIS AREA IS ZONED RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A) IN WHICH CERTAIN COMMERCIAL USES ARE PERMITTED AS OF RIGHT ON THE LOWER THREE FLOORS.

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AREAS TO THE SOUTH OF ROBINSON ROAD, AND BETWEEN PARK ROAD AND KOTEWALL ROAD, AND THE AREA AROUND GARDEN ROAD - MAGAZINE GAP ROAD ARE ZONED RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B) WHICH ARE PREDOMINANTLY FOR RESIDENTIAL USE AND ANY COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD REQUIRE PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PLAN WOULD ALSO BRING SPECIAL CONTROL AREAS, DESIGNATED BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE, UNDER STATUTORY PLANNING CONTROL.

THESE AREAS HAVE NOW BEEN DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C) IN THE PLAN, AND ARE AT THE SOUTH OF THE WESTERN SECTION OF ROBINSON, CONDUIT AND PO SHAN ROADS, AND ON BOTH SIDES OF MACDONNELL ROAD.

THIS ZONE IS PRIMARILY FOR RESIDENTIAL USE AND PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD WOULD BE NEEDED FOR ANY COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, THIS ZONE IS SUBJECT TO MORE SPECIFIC CONTROL ON BUILDING HEIGHT AND MAGNITUDE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE CHARACTER OF EXISTING AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS.

THESE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS ARE SERVED BY GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH AS COMMUNITY CENTRES, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS.

A GOVERNMENT PROJECT IS PROPOSED IN THE AREA FOR A JOINT-USER BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE A POST OFFICE AND OTHER URBAN COUNCIL FACILITIES NEAR THE JUNCTION OF CAINE ROAD AND SEYMOUR ROAD.

THE SITE OF THE FORMER BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL IN BARKER ROAD IS ZONED FOR DEVELOPMENT AS AN OPEN SPACE. TWO COMMERCIAL SITES AT MAY ROAD AND NEAR THE JUNCTION OF GARDEN ROAD AND MACDONNELL ROAD ARE RESERVED FOR THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL SHOPPING CENTRES TO SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE VICINITY.

+DURING PREPARATION OF THIS OUTLINE ZONING PLAN, THE BOARD MAINTAINED CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD WHOSE COMMENTS WERE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE PLAN COULD BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND ALSO AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND AND 11TH FLOORS, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE PLAN COULD SUBMIT OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE APRIL 14, 1986.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SURVEY SECTION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION AT 382 NATHAN ROAD, AT \$10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED AND \$120 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

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ONLY THREE WORK STOPPAGES LAST YEAR
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AN ALL-TIME-LOW RECORD OF ONLY THREE WORK STOPPAGES OCCURRED LAST YEAR, RESULTING IN A LOSS OF 1 160 WORKING DAYS, A SENIOR LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THIS FIGURE IS VERY LOW BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND A POSITIVE INDICATOR OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS IN GENERAL IN HONG KONG,+ SAID MR CHOW TUNG-SHAN, CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER WHO HEADS THE LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION.

IT ALSO REFLECTED +A TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT OVER 1984, WHEN 11 WORK STOPPAGES CAUSED THE LOSS OF MORE THAN 3 000 WORKING DAYS.+

REVIEWING THE WORK OF HIS DIVISION DURING LAST YEAR, HE SAID THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE (LRS) HANDLED 155 TRADE DISPUTES IN 1985.

EIGHTY-ONE OF THESE WERE INSOLVENCY CASES, OF WHICH 66 HAD TO BE PASSED TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT FOR WINDING UP PROCEEDINGS AND 15 REFERRED TO THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL.

OF THE REMAINING 74 CASES, 69 WERE SETTLED THROUGH CONCILIATION BY LABOUR OFFICERS AND FIVE CASES BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

THE LRS ALSO PROVIDED CONCILIATION SERVICE FOR 17 928 CLAIMS IN CONNECTION WITH PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE ON TERMS OF CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT.

OF THESE, 13 015 OR 72.6 PER CENT WERE SETTLED BY CONCILIATION AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND MOST OF THE REMAINDER WERE REFERRED TO THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL FOR JUDICIAL DECISION.

OVER 21 000 WORKERS RECEIVED SOME \$57 MILLION FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS LAST YEAR, AFTER THEIR LABOUR-MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS HAD BEEN SETTLED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE LRS.

DURING THE YEAR, THE LRS HANDLED 409 679 ENQUIRIES AND CONSULTATIONS, COMPARED WITH 391 677 CASES IN 1984. MOST OF THESE CONCERNED PROVISIONS IN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING LABOUR RELATIONS.

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OPEN FORUMS FOR TUEN MUN CANDIDATES

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE TWO FORUMS FOR CANDIDATES STANDING FOR ELECTION IN THE TUEN MUN CONSTITUENCIES OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL TO EXPLAIN THEIR PLATFORMS AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THE TUEN MUN EAST CONSTITUENCY FORUM WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 17) AT THE ON TING AND YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE IN ON TING ESTATE. THE TWO CANDIDATES VYING FOR THE SEAT ARE MR SO SHIU-SHING AND MR TSANG KWONG-YUEN.

THE TUEN MUN WEST CONSTITUENCY FORUM WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM ON FEBRUARY 20 (THURSDAY) AT THE MADAM LEUNG WONG WAI FONG MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN SHAN KING ESTATE. THE CANDIDATES CONTESTING THIS CONSTITUENCY ARE MADAM WAN SHUI-LING AND MR NG MING-YUM.

LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FORUMS.

OTHER PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS INCLUDE AN APPEAL LETTER BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY TO MORE THAN 76 000 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT, URGING THEM TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 6. AND 50 000 COPIES OF A NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT OUTLINING THE CANDIDATES' ELECTION PLATFORM, ELECTION PROCEDURES, AND WORKS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS IN EARLY MARCH.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO ARRANGED FOR TWO BROADCASTING VANS TO TOUR MAJOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND OTHER PROMINENT AREAS FROM MARCH 2 TO 6, AND BANNERS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

A MINI-EXHIBITION ON THE FUNCTIONS OF REGCO AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PUT UP ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES UNTIL MARCH 6, AND TEMPORARY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS WILL HELP CONDUCT HOUSEHOLD VISITS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TWO FORUMS.

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PREPARING FOR NEW POST
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, DESIGNATE, MR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY VISITED THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS PART OF PREPARATIONS FOR TAKING ON HIS NEW POST LATER IN THE YEAR.

MR JACOBS WAS BRIEFED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MR WINKY CHAN ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CMA'S WORK, AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS.

LATER HE MET THE DIRECTOR OF THE HKGCC, MR JIMMY MCGREGOR.

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STUDENTS OF THE YEAR HONOURED
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TWELVE STUDENTS IN KOWLOON TONG AND MA TAU WAI AREAS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTER BEING SELECTED AS STUDENTS OF THE YEAR UNDER AN AWARD SCHEME.

THE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS, SIX FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND SIX FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS, WERE NOMINATED BY THEIR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN STUDY, CONDUCT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.

THE STUDENTS OF THE YEAR AWARD SCHEME, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KOWLOON TONG AND MA TAU WAI AREA COMMITTEE, WAS SET UP TO PROMOTE MORAL EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

OFFICIATING AT TOMORROW'S PRESENTATION WILL BE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, AND THE ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DIANA TONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON TONG AND MA TAU WAI AREA COMMITTEE STUDENTS OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTATION TO BE HELD AT NORTE DAME COLLEGE, 51 SHING TAK STREET, TO KWA WAN, AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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MINI-TENNIS DEMONSTRATION FOR TUEN MUN YOUNGSTERS
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MINI-TENNIS TEAMS FROM KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, AT THE INVITATION OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL GIVE A DEMONSTRATION MATCH TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE ON TING AND YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE MATCH WILL BE PRECEDED BY A DEMONSTRATION OF THE BASIC SKILLS IN PLAYING THE GAME, WHILE SPECTATORS WILL BE INVITED TO HAVE A GO. ADMISSION IS FREE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

MINI-TENNIS IS DESIGNED WITH SIMPLER PLAYING RULES AND IS SPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR YOUNG PLAYERS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 12.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MINI-TENNIS DEMONSTRATION MATCH WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE ON TING AND YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TUEN MUN.

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300 TO TAKE PART IN RACE
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MORE THAN 300 RUNNERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE SHA TIN ROAD RACE ON SUNDAY STARTING AT 10 AM.

THE 5.5 KILOMETRE RUN WILL START AND FINISH AT THE YUEN WO SPORTS GROUND IN YUEN WO ROAD.

SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM WOON-KWONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

OTHER GUESTS INCLUDE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR ANDREW WONG, MR WONG PO-MING, MR LI KWONG, MR LAM HUNG-CHIU AND THE DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR LAU TAK-SHIU.

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THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHA TIN ROAD RACE TO BE HELD AT 10 AM AT THE YUEN WO SPORTS GROUND IN YUEN WO ROAD ON SUNDAY.

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TREAT FOR TAI PO ELDERLY FOLK
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ABOUT 1 300 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN TAI PO WILL ENJOY A VERY HAPPY 'YAN YAT' - EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY, AT TWO LOCAL RESTAURANTS TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EVENT IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TAI PO FESTIVAL.

SENIOR CITIZENS AGED 73 OR ABOVE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FEAST, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, THE TAI PO TSAT YEUK RURAL COMMITTEE, THE TAI PO SOCIETIES FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION AND THE TAI PO MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

GOLD MEDALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FIVE OLDEST PERSONS AT THE BANQUET, AND ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE LAI-SEE PACKETS.

VOLUNTEERS FROM THE VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL HELP THE ELDERLY.

TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE BANQUETS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BANQUET FOR THE AGED.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE KOON NIN WAH RESTAURANT, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION IN WAH FU
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A FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE WAH HONG SQUARE IN WAH FU ESTATE ON SUNDAY FROM 12 NOON TO 3 PM.

THE EXHIBITION, THE SEVENTH ORGANISED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP THIS WINTER, AIMS TO REMIND RESIDENTS IN THE ESTATE TO TAKE HEED OF THE HIGH FIRE RISK IN THE PREVAILING DRY WEATHER.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE PANELS OF PHOTOGRAPHS PREPARED BY THE FIRE SERVICES AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FEATURING THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN THEME THAT CARELESSNESS CAUSES FIRE. THERE WILL ALSO BE FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT ON SHOW.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE A BOOKLET ON FIRE PREVENTION AT HOME AS WELL AS BOOKMARKS AND CALENDAR CARDS.

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FIRE STATION FOR SHEK KONG
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A THREE-STOREY SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION IS TO BE BUILT ON A 2 700-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT KAM TIN ROAD, ADJACENT TO PAT HEUNG POLICE STATION, TO SERVE SHEK KONG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT WILL CONSIST OF A FOUR BAY APPLIANCE ROOM, BARRACK ROOMS, AN EXERCISE ROOM, CANTEENS, A KITCHEN, LECTURE AND RECREATION AREAS AND WASHING FACILITIES.

AN EXTERNAL DRILL YARD WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED, PLUS TWO BUILDINGS FOR STORING EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES TO SERVICE FIRE APPLIANCES.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THIS PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH WILL START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 7.

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FORUM ON ELECTIONS

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A SERIES OF CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL START ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 16) WITH A FORUM ON THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE FORUM WILL BE ATTENDED BY CANDIDATES FROM SHA TIN DISTRICT.

IT IS THE FIRST OF A NUMBER OF CAMPAIGN FORUMS ON THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS WHICH CONSTITUTE THE FIRST PART OF RTHK'S CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND MR CHU PUI-HING, HEAD OF CHINESE PROGRAMME SERVICE OF RTHK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 10.30 AM ON SUNDAY AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND FORUM.

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QUILTS FOR THE ELDERLY

MORE THAN 500 RESIDENTS FROM SEVEN HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI WILL RECEIVE COTTON QUILTS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AS A LUNAR NEW YEAR PRESENT.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COTTON QUILTS IS ORGANISED BY THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY IN KWAI CHUNG AND THE ACTIVITY IS SPONSORED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD.

A BRIEF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AT 11.30 AM AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL IN LAI FONG STREET.

KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING; AND DB MEMBER YAU HON-KEE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SEVEN HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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CROSS-COUNTRY RACE SET FOR MARCH 2
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MEN AND WOMEN, AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 60, ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CROSS-COUNTRY RACE IN NORTH DISTRICT ON MARCH 2 (SUNDAY).

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE SHEUNG SHUI SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE RACE WILL COVER 10 000 METRES FOR MEN AND 8 000 METRES FOR WOMEN, STRETCHING FROM THE SING PING PUBLIC SCHOOL IN TA KWU LING TO THE SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THE FIRST 20 WINNERS IN THE MEN'S AND THE WOMEN'S SECTIONS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES AND ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS COMPLETING THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AND THE SHEUNG SHUI SPORTS ASSOCIATION. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 23 (SUNDAY).

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REFUGEES WELCOME 'YEAR OF TIGER'
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VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN CHI MA WAN CLOSED CENTRE STAGED A CONCERT TODAY (FRIDAY) TO WELCOME THE YEAR OF THE TIGER.

THE 90-MINUTE CONCERT FEATURED VIETNAMESE CULTURAL DANCES, FOLK SONGS AND DRAMA PROVIDING MUCH FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT TO THE REFUGEES.

MANY OFFICIALS FROM GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AS WELL AS FOREIGN COUNTRIES' CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES IN HONG KONG ATTENDED THE CONCERT.

AT A CEREMONY AFTERWARDS, A NEW CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN THE CENTRE WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK; TOGETHER WITH PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR KEN WOODHOUSE AND THE OFFICER COMMANDING THE SALVATION ARMY, LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LIM AH-ANG.

THE PLAYGROUND IS EQUIPPED WITH NEW PLAYING FACILITIES WHICH WERE DONATED BY A GROUP OF CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS INVOLVED IN THE HONG KONG BANK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

THE \$67 000 DONATION CONSISTS OF TWO FULL SETS OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT EACH INCLUDING A PLAYHOUSE AND A CLIMBING TOWER WITH SLIDE.

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TSUEN WAN SPRING RECEPTION FOR 600

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 17), STARTING AT 4 PM.

SOME 600 GUESTS HAVE BEEN INVITED, INCLUDING LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, AREA COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION TO BE HELD IN THE TSUEN WAN MAXIM'S CHINESE RESTAURANT AT LUK YUENG SUN CHUEN IN THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SPRING RECEPTION OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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WORKSHOP ON SELF-DEVELOPMENT

THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL ORGANISE A HALF-DAY WORKSHOP ON SELF-DEVELOPMENT NEXT THURSDAY FOR MANAGERS AND TRAINERS.

JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY MR JOHN BRIAN AND MR RICHARD WILLIAMS, SENIOR ADVISORS OF THE CENTRE, THE WORKSHOP WILL ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO EXPLORE THE CONCEPTS OF POWER AND INFLUENCE IN RELATION TO THEIR ORGANISATIONAL ROLES.

THE APPROACH OF THE WORKSHOP IS HIGHLY INTERACTIVE AND EXPERIMENTAL SO THAT PARTICIPANTS CAN OPTIMISE THEIR OWN PERSONAL LEARNING, UNDERSTAND THEMSELVES MORE CLEARLY AND ACHIEVE MORE WITHIN THEIR OWN ORGANISATIONS.

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE CENTRE ON 17TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT MR BRIAN OR MR WILLIAMS ON 5-8932341 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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FOUR AUSTRALIAN BANKS GET LICENCES
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FOUR AUSTRALIAN BANKS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BANKING LICENCES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

THEY ARE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED, COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA, NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED AND WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THESE WERE THE FIRST FOUR AUSTRALIAN BANKS LICENSED IN HONG KONG. THE GRANT OF LICENCES SIGNIFIED NOT ONLY THE ACCORD OF RECIPROCITY BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AUSTRALIA BUT ALSO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION OF HONG KONG'S BANKING SECTOR.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED SET UP A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN HONG KONG IN 1974, AND UPGRADED IT TO A REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY IN 1978, AND A LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY IN 1982. IT ACQUIRED THE UK-BASED GRINDLAYS BANK PLC IN 1984 AND NOW HAS A PRESENCE IN 45 COUNTRIES.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA, A MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH BANKING CORPORATION, HAS OVERSEAS OFFICES IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES AND HAS BEEN OPERATING A LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HERE SINCE 1983.

FORMED BY THE MERGER OF TWO LONG ESTABLISHED AUSTRALIAN BANKS, NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED HAS OVERSEAS OFFICES IN 13 TERRITORIES, INCLUDING A WHOLLY-OWNED REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY IN HONG KONG SINCE 1980.

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION, WHICH ALSO HAS OVERSEAS REPRESENTATION IN MANY COUNTRIES, SET UP A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE HERE IN 1972 AND UPGRADED IT TO A REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY IN 1979. IT HAS BEEN OPERATING A LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY IN HONG KONG SINCE 1983.

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US BANK GRANTED LICENCE
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CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO (CONTINENTAL BANK), WHICH SATISFIED THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, HAS BEEN GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED STATES, IT HAS OVERSEAS REPRESENTATION IN MORE THAN 25 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY: CONTINENTAL ILLINIS BANK LIMITED (CIBL), WHICH HAS BEEN A LICENSED BANK IN HONG KONG.

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+WHEN CONTINENTAL BANK RECEIVES ITS LICENCE, IT WILL TAKE OVER CIBL'S BUSINESS IN HONG KONG AND THE LATTER'S BANKING LICENCE WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE REVOKED,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT CONTINENTAL BANK HAD TO MAKE A FRESH APPLICATION BECAUSE THE EXISTING BANKING ORDINANCE DID NOT PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF A LICENCE.

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BANK'S LICENCE REVOKED
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THE BANKING LICENCE OF THE LLOYDS BANK INTERNATIONAL LTD HAS BEEN REVOKED UNDER A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE REVOCATION WAS NECESSITATED BY THE MERGER OF LLOYDS BANK INTERNATIONAL LTD (LBI) WITH ITS PARENT COMPANY, THE UK INCORPORATED LLOYDS BANK PLC.

AS THERE WAS NO PROVISION FOR THE TRANSFER OF LICENCE IN THE EXISTING BANKING ORDINANCE IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE NEW ENTITY - LLOYDS BANK PLC. TO APPLY FOR A SEPARATE BANKING LICENCE AND SUBMITTING THE OLD ONE FOR REVOCATION SUBSEQUENTLY.

LLOYDS BANK PLC. HAS BEEN GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG. THE TRANSFER OF BUSINESS FROM LBI TO LLOYDS BANK PLC. TOOK PLACE ON JANUARY 1, 1986 AND LBI HAS CEASED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS SINCE THEN.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 17) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY AUSTIN ROAD, KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY AND THE SEAFRONT OF TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT.

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