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HONG KONG'S EXPORTS FOR JANUARY-APRIL UP NEARLY 9 PER CENT

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS (JANUARY - APRIL) THIS YEAR ROSE BY 8.7 PER CENT TO $10,752 MILLION COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO TRADE FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE FIGURES ALSO SHOWED THAT THE VALUE OF IMPORTS BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL THIS YEAR INCREASED BY 18.3 PER CENT TO $18,064 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS UP BY 22.4 PER CENT TO $3,651 MILLION AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TEN MAJOR MARKETS:-

	JAN.-APR.77 (HK$ MN)	JAN.-APR.78 (HK$ MN)	INCREASE/DECREASE (HK$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	3,617	4,003	+387	+ 11%
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,081	1,135	+ 55	+ 5%
UNITED KINGDOM	872	922	+ 50	+ 8%
AUSTRALIA	403	406	+ 3	+ 1%
JAPAN	364	429	+ 65	+ 18%
CANADA	338	349	+ 11	+ 3%
SINGAPORE	252	293	+ 41	+ 16%
THE NETHERLANDS	226	239	+ 12	+ 5%
NIGERIA	116	235	+119	+103%
SWITZERLAND	189	203	+ 14	+ 7%

EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES WERE BOOSTED BY INCREASED DELIVERIES OF ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES ($1,562 MILLION, +12.9 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (193 MILLION, +56.1 PER CENT).

EXPORTS TO NIGERIA ROSE TO $235 MILLION, GAINING AN IMPRESSIVE GROWTH RATE OF 103.1 PER CENT, EXPORTS TO F.R. OF GERMANY AND UNITED KINGDOM TOOK A MODEST UPTURN BECAUSE OF IMPROVED SALES PERFORMANCE OF CLOTHING AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS. EXPORTS OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES TO THESE TWO COUNTRIES WERE VALUED AT $636 MILLION (+5.3 PER CENT) AND $490 MILLION (+14.6 PER CENT) RESPECTIVELY. THE VALUE OF EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO F.R. OF GERMANY AT $51 MILLION REPRESENTED A SIZEABLE INCREASE OF 113.8 PER CENT.

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EXPORTS TO JAPAN AND SINGAPORE ALSO RECORDED IMPRESSIVE GROWTH RATES.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:-

	JAN.-APR.77 (HK$ MN)	JAN.-APR.78 (HK$ MN)	INCREASE/DECREASE (HK$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,856	4,048	+191	+ 5%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	1,588	1,666	+ 78	+ 5%
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	522	797	+275	+53%
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	834	782	- 52	- 6%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	804	778	- 26	- 3%
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPES EQUIPMENT)	511	583	+ 73	+14%

IN TERMS OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS, AT $644 MILLION (+61.1 PER CENT) CONTRIBUTED STRONGLY TO THE INCREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF THE INCREASE OF 8.7 PER CENT IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE INCREASED SHIPMENT OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES.

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DEMAND FOR TEXTILE YARN ($111 MILLION, -12 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FABRICS ($580 MILLION, -3.5 PER CENT) REMAINED FAIRLY SLUGGISH.

EXPORTS OF RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVERS CONTINUED TO SHOW A DOWNTREND ($429 MILLION, -29.4 PER CENT), ACCOUNTING MAINLY FOR A 3.2 PER CENT DROP IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING APPARATUS.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:-

	JAN.-APR.77 (HK$ MN)	JAN.-APR.78 (HK$ MN)	INCREASE/DECREASE (HK$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
JAPAN	3,555	4,072	+517	+ 15%
CHINA	2,426	2,912	+487	+ 20%
U.S.A.	2,014	2,297	+283	+ 14%
TAIWAN	1,095	1,150	+ 54	+ 5%
SINGAPORE	874	984	+109	+ 13%
UNITED KINGDOM	660	794	+134	+ 20%
SOUTH KOREA	496	539	+ 43	+ 9%
F.R. OF GERMANY	445	605	+160	+ 36%
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	382	539	+157	+ 41%
AUSTRALIA	298	333	+ 35	+ 12%

IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ADVANCED SIGNIFICANTLY WITH INCREASED ARRIVALS OF TEXTILE FABRICS ($542 MILLION, +13.6 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS ($328 MILLION, +26.4 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES ($263 MILLION, +65.4 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE YARN ($198 MILLION, +46.8 PER CENT).

DELIVERIES FROM CHINA IN GENERAL INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY ESPECIALLY IN TEXTILE FABRICS ($292 MILLION, +59.7 PER CENT) AND PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ($203 MILLION, +81.7 PER CENT).

SHIPMENTS FROM U.S.A. ROSE BY 14 PER CENT, PARTLY REFLECTING HIGHER IMPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES ($204 MILLION, +56.4 PER CENT).

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS :-

	JAN.-APR.77 (HK$ MN)	JAN.-APR.78 (HK$ MN)	INCREASE/DECREASE (HK$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND DIAMONDS)	4,503	5,635	+1,132	+ 25%
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	3,069	3,547	+ 478	+ 16%
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	2,315	2,492	+ 177	+ 8%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	1,770	2,323	+ 553	+ 31%
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,151	1,301	+ 151	+ 13%

IN TERMS OF COMMODITIES, INCREASED IMPORTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS ($1,476 MILLION, +21.0 PER CENT), PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ($958 MILLION, +12.6 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS ($803 MILLION, +31.9 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES ($432 MILLION, +45.7 PER CENT) WERE THE MAJOR FACTORS INFLUENCING THE RISING OF IMPORTS IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

OTHER MAJOR INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE IMPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT ($375 MILLION, +35.3 PER CENT) AND ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ASSESSORIES ($326 MILLION, +39.5 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORT ACTIVITY EXPANDED BRISKLY WITH THE BULK OF INCREASE RECORDED IN PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES ($530 MILLION, +46.4 PER CENT), PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS ($366 MILLION, +25.8 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES ($88 MILLION, +219.8 PER CENT).

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IN CONTRAST, RE-EXPORTS OF COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES AND MANUFACTURES DECLINED FROM $142 MILLION IN JANUARY - APRIL 1977 TO $22 MILLION IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

BY MARKET, RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN ($605 MILLION, +23.6 PER CENT), SINGAPORE ($416 MILLION, +31.7 PER CENT), INDONESIA ($409 MILLION, +95.1 PER CENT) AND U.S.A. ($339 MILLION, +30.8 PER CENT) RECORDED SIZEABLE INCREASES.

THE TRADE INDEX NUMBERS FOR FEBRUARY 1978 WERE AS FOLLOWS:-

	VALUE INDEX	UNIT VALUE INDEX	QUANTUM INDEX	(1973=100)
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	131	134	98	
IMPORTS	162	138	117	

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX FOR FEBRUARY WAS 97.

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RESULTS OF MARCH 1978 LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

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A SAMPLE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SHOWED THAT THERE WERE 60,000 UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE IN HONG KONG IN MARCH THIS YEAR, REPRESENTING THREE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL LABOUR FORCE.

PREVIOUS SURVEYS SHOWED THAT THERE WERE 86,000 UNEMPLOYED OR 4.5 PER CENT OF THE LABOUR FORCE IN MARCH 1977, AND 80,000 OR 4.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAD DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS -- A REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF 1.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS OR 20,000 IN THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE DECLINE IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS, WHICH IS USUALLY SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER IN SEPTEMBER THAN IN MARCH.

THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS AS FOUND IN THE SEPTEMBER 1977 SURVEY WAS 15,100, COMPARED WITH 7,100 IN THE MARCH 1978 SURVEY. THESE FIGURES SHOW A REDUCTION OF 8,000 PEOPLE OR TWO-FIFTHS OF THE TOTAL REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1977 AND MARCH 1978.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF THE SEPTEMBER 1977 RATE IS ADJUSTED BY REFERENCE TO THE SEASONAL EFFECT, IT BECOMES 3.6 PER CENT.

+THE CORRECTED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS FIGURE AND THE ONE FOR MARCH THIS YEAR IS THUS LESS BUT IS STILL STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, THOSE WHO WERE AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 64 AND WERE NOT IN EMPLOYMENT OR HAD WORKED LESS THAN 15 HOURS IN THE SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE SURVEY DATE BUT WERE LOOKING FOR WORK, WERE CLASSIFIED AS UNEMPLOYED.

HE FURTHER DREW ATTENTION TO THE VARIATION IN THE DEFINITION OF +UNEMPLOYMENT+ IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

HE SAID THAT IN HONG KONG, +UNEMPLOYED+ INCLUDES THOSE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL AND WHO REALLY HAVE NOT HAD MUCH CHANCE TO FIND A JOB= WHO HAVE JUST, BUT ONLY JUST, TAKEN UP WORK= WHO HAVE TEMPORARILY BEEN LAID OFF WORK (WORKING LESS THAN 15 HOURS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS)= WHO ARE AVAILABLE FOR WORK, BUT NOT ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR WORK BECAUSE THEY THINK THERE IS NONE OR BECAUSE THEY ARE TEMPORARILY SICK.

THE NEXT SIX-MONTHLY LABOUR FORCE SURVEY WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO BEGIN THIS SUNDAY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE TENTH SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT ERSKINE CAMP, SAI KUNG AT 3 P.M. ON SUNDAY (JUNE 18).

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION, MR. NORMAN OEI.

ALSO ATTENDING WILL BE SIR KENNETH PING-FAN FUNG, STEWARD OF ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WHO WILL PRESENT A CHEQUE FOR $1.76 MILLION TO THE GOVERNOR AS THE CLUB'S DONATION TOWARDS THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, ABOUT 120 YOUTHS WILL GUIDE GUESTS ON A TOUR OF THE VARIETY OF OUTDOOR AND INDOOR ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION ILLUSTRATING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE TENTH SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY (JUNE 18) AT ERSKINE CAMP, SAI KUNG. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT COACH WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER, CENTRAL AT 1.30 P.M. SHARP FOR SAI KUNG.

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LAST TWO WEEKS FOR RE-REGISTRATION OF URBCO VOTERS

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THERE ARE TWO MORE WEEKS FOR URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION VOTERS TO RE-REGISTER BEFORE THE SEXENNIAL INQUIRY CLOSES ON JUNE 30, THE REGISTRATION OFFICER FOR THE 1978 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION REGISTRATION AND SEXENNIAL INQUIRY, MR. KUO KET-CHEN, REMINDED TODAY.

+OF THE 37,174 NOTICES OF SEXENNIAL INQUIRY SENT OUT IN MID-FEBRUARY, SO FAR 21,766 PEOPLE HAVE RETURNED THE FORMS FOR RE-REGISTRATION,+ SAID MR. KUO.

+THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED NOTICES OF SEXENNIAL INQUIRY ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT US AT 5-765912 OR WRITE TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE, CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR, HONG KONG SO THAT NOTICES COULD BE SENT TO THEM WITHOUT DELAY.

+I HOPE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECEIVED THESE NOTICES WOULD COMPLETE THE SEXENNIAL INQUIRY FORMS AND RETURN TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT,+ HE ADDED.

THE SEXENNIAL INQUIRY IS CARRIED OUT EVERY SIX YEARS TO FIND OUT WHETHER PREVIOUS ELECTORS ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO REMAIN ON THE REGISTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUALIFICATION AND WHETHER THEY WISH TO CHANGE THEIR POLLING STATIONS.

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BLOOD DONATIONS HAVE TO BE DOUBLED BY 1982 -- DR. THONG

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DONATIONS OF BLOOD FOR HOSPITAL USE WILL HAVE TO BE DOUBLED BY 1982 TO MEET THE INCREASING NEED WITH THE GRADUAL EXPANSION OF HOSPITAL FACILITIES IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

DR. K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, STATED THIS TODAY AT THE ANNUAL DONOR AWARD PRESENTATION ORGANISED BY THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS.

HE SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT 74,000 DONATIONS OF BLOOD WERE GIVEN TO RED CROSS FOR USE BY 18 GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS DURING THE YEAR 1977/78.

AS MORE HOSPITALS WERE BEING BUILT, HE SAID, ONE MUST EXPECT A GREAT STRAIN ON FUTURE RESOURCES.

DR. THONG SAID THAT IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE NEED A NEW BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE CENTRE WOULD BE BUILT NEAR QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL PROVIDING ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES FOR RECEIVING, TESTING AND PROCESSING OF BLOOD.

+IT FOLLOWS THAT MORE AND MORE DONORS WILL BE NEEDED AND BY 1982 WE SHALL BE LOOKING FOR SOME 140,000 DONATIONS A YEAR,+ HE SAID.

DR. THONG STRESSED THAT THE SUCCESS IN BUILDING WHAT WILL BECOME A FULL SCALE BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE WOULD DEPEND VERY MUCH ON THE GOODWILL OF ALL BLOOD DONORS.

+NO AMOUNT OF PLANNING DONE BY DOCTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS WILL PRODUCE A BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE WITHOUT THE DONORS AND WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS THE REGULAR DONORS,+ HE SAID.

+THIS IS THE ESSENTIAL FACTOR WHICH HOLDS TOGETHER A GOOD BLOOD DONATION PROGRAMME,+ HE ADDED.

DR. THONG SAID ALTHOUGH BLOOD DONORS RECEIVED NO FINANCIAL REWARD THERE WAS THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING THAT BY GIVING SOME BLOOD +YOU HAVE SHOWN THE DEEPEST POSSIBLE CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF YOUR FELLOW MAN.+

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AUSTRIAN ARCHITECTS AND TOWN PLANNERS VISIT THE NEW TERRITORIES

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SEVEN VISITING AUSTRIAN ARCHITECTS AND TOWN PLANNERS SAID TODAY THEY WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE MAGNITUDE AND DRAMATIC PROGRESS OF THE NEW TOWNS AND MARKET TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE REMARK WAS MADE AFTER THEY TOOK A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE DEVELOPMENTS IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN, TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN AND TAI PO MARKET TOWN AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE GROUP, HEADED BY MR. EUGENE A. GROSS, STARTED THEIR DAY-LONG PROGRAMME WITH A BRIEFING BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD, AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES (DEVELOPMENT), MR. ROBERT UPTON, AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT), MISS FRANCESCA SIDNEY, THE GROUP DROVE TO A VANTAGE POINT IN SHA TIN WAI TO HAVE A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON, AND THE DISTRICT'S CHIEF ENGINEER, MR. KWEI SEE-KAN, ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO TURN THE NEW TOWN INTO A BALANCED, SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY OF HALF-A-MILLION PEOPLE BY MID-1980S.

THE GROUP THEN WENT TO TAI PO WHERE THEY WERE MET BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. CLIVE OXLEY, AND THE DISTRICT'S ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER, MR. BOSCO KEOWN. THEY WERE TOLD THAT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN TAI PO WOULD EVENTUALLY SWELL THE TOWN'S PRESENT POPULATION OF 32,000 TO 220,000.

AFTER LUNCH, THE VISITORS CALLED AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND WERE BRIEFED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT), MR. JAMES BLACK, AND THE TSUEN WAN PROJECT MANAGER, MR. F.E. SHORT.

IN TSUEN WAN, THE GROUP TOURED SAM TUNG UK VILLAGE, ITS MANY FACTORIES AND A TEMPORARY MARKET SITE. THEY ALSO INSPECTED WORK ON THE NEW TOWN CENTRE AND NEW HOUSING ESTATES IN SHEK WAI KOK AND LEI MUK SHUE.

THEY ALSO FOUND OUT FOR THEMSELVES THE LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENTS OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE OLD VILLAGE AND THE NEW ESTATES WITH THE MANY MODERN FACILITIES.

THE PARTY THEN BOARDED THE GOVERNMENT LAUNCH THE +TIN HAU+ TO SAIL BACK TO QUEEN'S PIER IN CENTRAL.

THE ARCHITECTS AND TOWN PLANNERS ARE AMONG A GROUP OF 27 WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON TUESDAY AFTER A VISIT TO CHINA. THEY WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (JUNE 17).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CHIEF OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT TO VISIT P.W.D. SITES

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MR. DAVID STEAD, P.W.D.'S DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT WILL INSPECT SOME OF THE WORK SITES IN KOWLOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS P.W.D. PROJECTS.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEERS OF VARIOUS OFFICES CONCERNED. AMONG THE SITES TO BE VISITED WILL BE THE WESTERN KOWLOON CORRIDOR AND THE WESTERN APPROACH ROAD TO AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE OPEN CAR PARK OUTSIDE THE RECEPTION OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AT 9.10 A.M. A NINE-SEATER-VAN WILL LEAVE MURRAY BUILDING AT 9.15 A.M. SHARP.

OFFICERS OF THE P.W.D.'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

WORKSHOP ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS. EVELYN DOE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A WORKSHOP ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AT 9.30 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JUNE 17) AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE, 44, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE WORKSHOP, ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, WILL BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 80 TEACHERS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND NURSERY STAFF IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT.

LECTURES ON THE HISTORY, CONCEPT, CONTENTS, TARGET GROUPS AND TRENDS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THIS COMMUNITY PROGRAMME WILL BE DELIVERED BY EXPERIENCED WORKERS IN THE MORNING, WHILE GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND A PRESENTATION OF RESOURCE MATERIALS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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WATER CUT IN WESTERN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TEMPORARILY CUT OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON SATURDAY (JUNE 17).

THIS IS TO ENABLE STAFF OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT WORK ON WATER MAINS CONNECTION IN THE AREA.

PREMISES AFFECTED ARE NOS. 14 TO 80 AND 108 TO 132 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND REAR BLOCKS OF HOUSES NOS. 14 TO 40 AND THE CHARTERED BANK BUILDING IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

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