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STATEMENT ON HONG KONG AT COMMONS DEBATE

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE STATEMENT DEALING WITH HONG KONG, BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, DURING THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON MARCH 22:

HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE MOST STRIKING EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. ITS SUCCESS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A UNIQUE SYNTHESIS OF BRITISH AND CHINESE TALENT. WE ARE NOW ENGAGED WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WITH THE COMMON AIM OF ENABLING THIS ENTERPRISE TO CONTINUE AND TO FLOURISH.

THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED TO BE ABLE TO PRESERVE THE VITAL ELEMENTS IN THEIR SOCIETY. WHAT THEY MOST WISH TO SEE IS THE PROSPECT OF CONTINUITY IN THE SYSTEMS AND THE FREEDOMS WHICH CHARACTERISE HONG KONG LIFE TODAY.

THEY WISH TO BE CERTAIN THAT THE ESSENTIAL FOUNDATIONS OF THEIR WAY OF LIFE WILL BE MAINTAINED INTO THE FUTURE: THAT THE BASIS OF THE CURRENT LEGAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS WILL CONTINUE; THAT HONG KONG'S ECONOMY WILL REMAIN OPEN TO WORLD MARKETS; THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND MEET AND TRAVEL AS THEY WISH. HMG FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT CONCERN.

WE MUST AND DO BEAR IN MIND THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION AND THE UNIQUE HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF HONG KONG. AT PRESENT, CONTINUITY IS ASSURED BY BRITISH ADMINISTRATION.

BUT IN 1997, BRITAIN'S LEASE OF 92 PER CENT OF THE TERRITORY COMES TO AN END. IT IS IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT IT BECOMES POSSIBLE AND INDEED DESIRABLE TO VISUALISE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH CONTINUITY CAN BE ASSURED.

OUR TASK, IN THE LIGHT OF THESE REALITIES, IS TO ENSURE THE NECESSARY CONTINUITY IN HONG KONG'S SYSTEMS. THIS WILL PRESENT MANY CHALLENGES FOR US, FOR CHINA - AND, OF COURSE, FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG THEMSELVES. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT WE ARE CONDUCTING THE NEGOTIATIONS AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; AND WITH AN AGREED COMMON OBJECTIVE: TO ENSURE THE CONTINUING STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

IN THE SECOND MORE DETAILED PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT BEGAN IN JULY LAST YEAR, TEN ROUNDS OF INTENSIVE TALKS HAVE NOW BEEN HELD. THE ELEVENTH WILL TAKE PLACE ON 26/27 OF THIS MONTH. THESE TALKS HAVE GONE AHEAD IN A USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER, NEVERTHELESS, GREAT PATIENCE IS GOING TO BE NEEDED BY BOTH SIDES SO THAT WE CAN REACH AN AGREEMENT WHICH IS SATISFACTORY TO ALL INVOLVED. OUR DETERMINATION TO PRESS AHEAD AND TO REACH THAT GOAL IS UNDIMINISHED. AND WE ARE GETTING ON WITH THE TALKS AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN. BUT I CANNOT PREDICT PRECISELY HOW LONG THEY WILL TAKE.

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WE SHALL CONTINUE TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HONG KONG OPINION, NOTABLY THROUGH THE GOVERNOR AND THROUGH HIS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WHO WILL BE VISITING LONDON AGAIN EARLY NEXT MONTH FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTERS. MY HON FRIEND, THE MEMBER FOR SHOREHAM, PAID ANOTHER VERY USEFUL VISIT TO THE TERRITORY BETWEEN 25 AND 28 FEBRUARY, WHEN HE MET AGAIN REPRESENTATIVES OF A WIDE RANGE OF LOCAL OPINION. THESE, AMONG OTHERS, INCLUDED MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF A VARIETY OF SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROUPS. SUCH VISITS ARE AN IMPORTANT MEANS, OF KEEPING IN CLOSE PERSONAL TOUCH WITH OPINION IN HONG KONG. I MYSELF SHALL BE VISITING CHINA IN MID-APRIL FOR TALKS ON HONG KONG WITH THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER CHINESE LEADERS. FROM THERE I SHALL TRAVEL ON TO HONG KONG FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO BOTH THESE VISITS.

OUR PRESENT TASK, IN SHORT, IS TO EXAMINE WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HOW THE NECESSARY CONTINUITY MAY BEST BE ASSURED. WE ARE, AND REMAIN, OPEN TO ANY PROPOSALS WHICH WILL ENSURE THE CONTINUING STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG; AND WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THIS HOUSE, TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. WE ARE STILL NEGOTIATING. THE SHAPE OF THE FINAL PACKAGE WHICH WE BRING TO THIS HOUSE FOR APPROVAL WILL BE CRUCIAL. HONG KONG HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN EVOLVING SOCIETY. IT WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLVE. OUR AIM IS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ASSURE GENUINE CONTINUITY AND AUTONOMY FOR HONG KONG AND THE PRESERVATION OF ITS WAY OF LIFE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MEMBER FOR SHOREHAM IS MR RICHARD LUCE.

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GOVERNOR, EXCO UNOFFICIALS TO VISIT LONDON
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE AND THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL MAKE ANOTHER VISIT TO LONDON FROM APRIL 3 TO APRIL 6.

WHILE IN LONDON THEY WILL CALL ON MINISTERS AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

THIS WILL BE THEIR FOURTH VISIT SINCE JULY 1983.

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VISITS STRENGTHEN HK-UK TRADE TIES
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HONG KONG AND BRITISH TRADE CONTACTS HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED FOLLOWING VISITS TO VARIOUS CITIES BY MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE, LONDON.

THE VISITS TO CARDIFF, NEWCASTLE AND GLASGOW WERE PART OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S LATEST PROMOTION IN BRITAIN, +PROJECT '84+. HONG KONG COMMISSIONER, SIR JACK CATER, WAS THE MAIN SPEAKER AT TRADE SEMINARS IN CARDIFF AND GLASGOW ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE CARDIFF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE SCOTTISH DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY COUNCIL RESPECTIVELY. HE ALSO ATTENDED A BUSINESS LUNCH IN NEWCASTLE HOSTED BY THE NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

ON HIS WAY TO GLASGOW, THE COMMISSIONER STOPPED OFF IN EDINBURGH WHERE HE ADDRESSED ANOTHER GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN FROM THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL AS GUEST SPEAKER AT A DINNER.

MORE THAN 100 INDUSTRIALISTS, EXPORTERS AND OTHER BUSINESSMEN, MANY WITH EXPERIENCE OF TRADE WITH HONG KONG ATTENDED THE FUNCTIONS. THEY WERE TOLD OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG AS A TRADING PARTNER WITH BRITAIN, OF THE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND OF THE WAYS OF ACHIEVING IT.

THE GALA EVENING IN GLASGOW LAST NIGHT (THURSDAY) BROUGHT TO A CLOSE THE SERIES OF +PROJECT '84+ ACTIVITIES WHICH BEGAN IN LONDON ON MARCH 13. THE GALA EVENINGS IN THE FOUR CITIES WERE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 2 000 MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, LEADERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, CIVIC DIGNITARIES, SENIOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE PRESENTATION OF CHINESE DANCE AND MUSIC AND A MULTI-SCREEN AUDIO VISUAL SPECTACULAR SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG WAS WELL RECEIVED AND MANY FAVOURABLE COMMENTS WERE MADE TO THE GUESTS AFTERWARDS.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE VISITS TO THE REGIONS WAS THE MEETINGS HELD WITH MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY IN NEWCASTLE WHERE ITS CHINATOWN AND CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTRE IS BARELY ONE YEAR OLD.

+PROJECT '84+ IS PART OF THE ON-GOING EVENTS BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE HONG KONG IN BRITAIN, AND INDIVIDUAL EVENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD DURING THE YEAR.

FOR EXAMPLE, A SEMINAR TO ENCOURAGE TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND BRITAIN WILL BE HELD IN MANCHESTER ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 28) AND THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY WILL LEAD A GROUP OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS ON A MISSION TO LONDON, NEWCASTLE AND EDINBURGH NEXT MONTH.

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THREE NEW MEMBERS FOR URBCO

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THE GOVERNOR HAS REAPPOINTED THREE SERVING MEMBERS AND APPOINTED THREE NEW MEMBERS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS FROM APRIL 1, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE THREE NEW MEMBERS ARE DR RONALD LEUNG DING-BONG, A BANKER AND A MEDICAL DOCTOR, MRS MARGARET LI NG SUK-KAY, A STUDENT COUNSELLOR OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY AND MR LO KING-MAN, AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

IN ANNOUNCING THE NEW APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE RETIRING MEMBERS, THE HON HU FA-KUANG, MRS GRACE HO AND THE HON SELINA CHOW, FOR THE TIME AND ENERGY THEY HAVE DEVOTED TO THE COUNCIL OVER THE YEARS AND THE EXPERIENCE THEY HAVE BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL'S DELIBERATION.

TWO OF THE NEW URBAN COUNCILLORS ARE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE OTHER IS A WELL-KNOWN FIGURE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS.

DR LEUNG, AGED 49, IS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER BY PROFESSION BUT IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE KWONG ON BANK LTD. HE IS AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF MONGKOK DISTRICT-BOARD AND A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS BOARD. HE ALSO SERVES AS THE DIVISIONAL SURGEON OF ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE (NORTH POINT) AND A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF SHUN TAK FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION.

MRS MARGARET LI HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE MID-LEVEL (WESTERN) AREA COMMITTEE SINCE 1980 AND AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD SINCE 1982. SHE HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE FORMATION OF WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, BEING A TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND FOR THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY.

SHE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR IN HONG KONG.

MR LO, AGED 46, IS THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, AND THE ACADEMIC COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL, HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS. APART FROM THAT HE ALSO SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND THE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE AND A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY.

MR LAWRENCE FUNG HING-LUN, DR KIM CHAM YAU-SUM AND DR PHILIP KWOK CHI-KUEN WHO HAVE SERVED ON THE COUNCIL SINCE 1974, 1976 AND 1980 RESPECTIVELY AND WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, HAVE BEEN REAPPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1984 TO MARCH 31, 1987.

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ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS GOODS EXPORTS RISE SHARPLY
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DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS GREW BY 45 PER CENT LAST YEAR TO REACH \$24 027 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$16 601 MILLION FOR 1982, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS INCREASE OF \$7 426 MILLION WAS THE LARGEST IN ABSOLUTE VALUE TERMS AMONG ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS, ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE WHOLE OF 1983.

TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT HEADED THE GROUPS IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGE GROWTH, INCREASING BY 170 PER CENT TO \$427 MILLION, AGAINST THE 1982 FIGURE OF \$158 MILLION.

IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS WERE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND METAL PRODUCTS. THESE ACCOUNTED FOR 86 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS, WHICH CAME TO \$104 405 MILLION IN 1983.

THE LARGEST INCREASES IN ABSOLUTE VALUE OVER 1982, IN ADDITION TO ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+\$7 426 MILLION), OCCURRED IN TEXTILES (+\$4 819 MILLION), WEARING APPAREL (+\$2 909 MILLION), METAL PRODUCTS (+\$1 469 MILLION), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (+\$1 305 MILLION), AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS (+\$872 MILLION).

IN RELATIVE TERMS, INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES WERE TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO, THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WHICH IN 1983 WERE MORE THAN DOUBLE THOSE IN 1982. ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION (-\$13 MILLION), RUBBER PRODUCTS (-\$3 MILLION), AND PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS (-\$1 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE DECREASES IN THESE THREE INDUSTRY GROUPS WERE -33 PER CENT, -4 PER CENT AND -100 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

A CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THIS SERIES IS DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE COMMODITY ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. SINCE ITS SCOPE IS CONFINED TO MERCHANDISE TRADE, TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE NOT INCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (I.S.I.C.), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (S.I.T.C.) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

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WHEN INTERPRETING THESE RE-CLASSIFIED FIGURES, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE OVERALL EXPORT VALUE OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY REQUIRING SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH IT IS FINALLY PRODUCED, ALTHOUGH THE INDUSTRY IS NOT REALLY THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE VALUE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE COMMODITY IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES, HE ADDED.

FURTHER DETAILS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT TEL. NO. 3-7224504).

A TABLE ON THESE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, DECEMBER, 1983+.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A STATISTICAL TABLE IS BEING BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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PRIVATE SECTOR ROLE IN SAFETY STRESSED
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IT IS UNREALISTIC TO THINK THAT THE TASK OF MONITORING FOR SAFETY CAN BE ACHIEVED BY GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL WITHOUT THE INTEREST AND COOPERATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES WORKING IN THE FIELD, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION THIS EVENING, DR HAYES SAID:

+THE TASK OF MONITORING FOR SAFETY IS TOO BIG FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO ACHIEVE SINGLE-HANDED.

+INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY IS CONTINUALLY CHANGING AND IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THERE TO BE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN EMPLOYERS, CONCERNED ASSOCIATIONS LIKE YOUR OWN, AND THOSE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES WHICH HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE.+

DR HAYES POINTED OUT THAT NOT ONLY MODERN INDUSTRY AND NEW PROCESSES HAD TO BE WATCHED.

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+WE MUST REMEMBER THAT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY COMPRISES, FOR THE MOST PART, VERY MANY SMALL FIRMS OFTEN SERVICING OR ASSISTING THE LARGER CONCERNS.

+MANY OF THEM OPERATE FROM UNSUITABLE PREMISES WITH A MINIMUM OF CAPITAL AND WITH THE MORE UNCERTAINTY BECAUSE THEIR BUSINESSES STAND ON CROWN LAND OR INDUSTRIAL LAND AWAITING DEVELOPMENT, OR IN RENTED NON-INDUSTRIAL ACCOMMODATION.+

DR HAYES SAID ALTHOUGH NOT ALL OF THESE SMALL FIRMS WERE BACKWARD, +THEIR OPERATIONS ARE OFTEN VERY BASIC AND OLD-FASHIONED AND THE OWNERS LACK UP-TO-DATE SAFETY AND HEALTH KNOWLEDGE IN INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES.+

THERE WAS A NEED FOR THE ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION, TO MAINTAIN A WIDE INTEREST AND TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IT COULD TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

HE CONGRATULATED THE ASSOCIATION ON ITS ENERGETIC PROGRAMME OF TALKS AND SEMINARS DURING THE PAST YEAR AND ON ITS PUBLICATION OF A NEW BI-LINGUAL MONTHLY SAFETY MAGAZINE.

HE FELT SURE THAT NOTHING BUT GOOD WOULD COME FROM A CONTINUING CLOSE LIAISON WITH HIS DEPARTMENT.

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SECOND ROUTE OF TUEN MUN TRAIL READY
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PICNICKERS AND JOGGING ENTHUSIASTS WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL TRACK IN TUEN MUN WITH THE OPENING OF THE SECOND ROUTE OF THE 11-KILOMETRE TUEN MUN TRAIL ON SUNDAY (MARCH 25).

THE 1 450-METRE LONG ROUTE 2 OF THE TRAIL STARTS FROM HOH FUK TONG SCHOOL AT TSENG TAU TSUEN CHUNG TSUEN AND CLIMBS TO AN ALTITUDE OF 250 METRES TO THE HEAD OF A VALLEY.

IT STRETCHES NORTHWARD TO WONG FUNG LENG, AND DESCENDS TO THE SERVICE RESERVOIR ROAD BEFORE REACHING THE FINISHING POINT AT BOWRING CAMP IN FU TEI.

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AS PART OF THE TUEN MUN TRAIL, ROUTE 2 LIES ON THE SOUTH-EASTERN SIDE OF TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE AND WAS BUILT AT A COST OF \$400 000 BY THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND LANDS DEPARTMENTS.

THE ROUTE IS LONGER, MORE RUGGED AND SECLUDED THAN ROUTE 1 WHICH WAS OPENED A YEAR AGO.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE ENTIRE TUEN MUN TRAIL, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 10 YEARS, IS DIVIDED INTO 11 SECTIONS.

ON COMPLETION OF WORK, THE TRAIL WILL ENCIRCLE THE NEW TOWN PASSING THROUGH GREEN-BELT AREAS, PARKS, BEACHES, WOODLANDS AND BOTANICAL GARDENS.

LOOK-OUT PAVILIONS, RAIN SHELTERS, BARBECUE PITS AND SITTING-OUT AREAS WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG THE TRAIL.

INFORMATION BOARD, MAPS AND DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED AT EACH END OF THE TRAIL AND AT THE JUNCTIONS WITH MACLEHOSE TRAIL AND OTHER SECTIONS.

A CEREMONY MARKING THE OPENING OF ROUTE 2 WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE TUEN MUN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG; AND THE FORESTRY OFFICER OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR N.J. BLANDFORD.

AFTER THE OPENING, ABOUT 200 JOGGERS WILL TAKE PART IN AN INAUGURAL WALK ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 25) AT AN OPEN SPACE AT THE ENTRANCE OF TSENG TAU HA TSUEN, TUEN MUN. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, 201 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, AT 9.30 AM FOR THE SITE OF THE CEREMONY.

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I.D. CARD SERVICE GOING TO VILLAGES
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A SERVICE FOR THE ISSUE OF NEW I.D. CARDS WILL BE BROUGHT TO RESIDENTS OF SAI KUNG, MUI WO, LAMMA AND CHEUNG CHAU BETWEEN MARCH 26 AND APRIL 7.

THE SERVICE WAS INTRODUCED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT LAST OCTOBER, AND WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED BY RESIDENTS.

AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ITS PURPOSE WAS TO SAVE THE RESIDENTS FROM THE TROUBLE OF HAVING TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES FOR THEIR I.D. CARDS.

ALTHOUGH INTENDED MAINLY FOR MEN BORN IN 1948, 1949 AND 1965, EITHER RESIDING OR WORKING IN THE AREAS, THE SERVICE IS ALSO FOR THOSE BORN BETWEEN 1950 AND 1959 WHO HAVE NOT YET OBTAINED NEW CARDS, HE SAID.

FOUR MOBILE TEAMS WILL OPERATE FROM THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS AT DIFFERENT PERIODS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
26.3.84 - 1.4.84	MUI WO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE, SOUTH LANTAO ROAD, MUI WO
2.4.84 - 7.4.84	NORTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, YUNG SHU WAN MAIN STREET, NORTH LAMMA
26.3.84 - 6.4.84	CHEUNG CHAU FIELD OFFICE, KWAN YAM WAN ROAD, CHEUNG CHAU
26.3.84 - 6.4.84	SAI KUNG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG

THESE OFFICES WILL OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM, DAILY.

APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS WHEN THEY VISIT THE OFFICES.

FOR ENQUIRIES, THEY MAY CONTACT THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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AFTER-CARE FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS NECESSARY - GARNER

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MANDATORY AFTER-CARE, FOR THE YOUNG OFFENDERS IN PARTICULAR, IS ESSENTIAL IN THE CORRECTIONAL PROCESS, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR GARNER SAID THE LEGISLATION WAS AMENDED IN 1980 TO MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR ALL YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 21 WHO ARE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS OR MORE, TO BE SUBJECT TO 12 MONTHS' AFTER-CARE ON DISCHARGE.

SINCE THEN 451 YOUNG OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED, AND 85 PER CENT OF THEM HAVE COMPLETED THE 12-MONTH SUPERVISION PERIOD WITHOUT RELAPSING TO CRIME, HE SAID.

HE DESCRIBED THE RESULT AS +MOST SATISFACTORY+ AND +FULLY JUSTIFYING+ THE IMPORTANCE OF MANDATORY AFTER-CARE.

MR GARNER ALSO SAID THAT SOME 500 YOUNG OFFENDERS RELEASED FROM TRAINING AND DETENTION CENTRES HAD USED THE PHOENIX HOUSE, A NEW HALF-WAY HOUSE FACILITY OPENED ONLY IN JULY LAST. IT WAS A LARGE NUMBER FOR SUCH A SHORT TIME, HE SAID.

MR GARNER ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE REORGANISATION OF THE HEADQUARTERS STRUCTURE, AND SAID THAT FROM APRIL, THE OPERATIONAL SIDE WOULD BE SPLIT INTO TWO SECTIONS. ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADULT OFFENDERS AND THE OTHER FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.

LAST YEAR, HE SAID, THERE WERE 7 269 CASES OF BREACHES OF DISCIPLINE BY PRISONERS, AN INCREASE OF 3.9 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

+DISCIPLINE MUST BE MAINTAINED TO A VERY HIGH STANDARD WITHIN PENAL INSTITUTIONS, IN LINE WITH THE AIMS OF GOOD CORRECTIONAL WORK,+ MR GARNER STRESSED.

+FOR EXAMPLE, THE USE OF FOUL LANGUAGE IS NOT TOLERATED,+ HE SAID. A TOTAL OF 961 PRISONERS HAD BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF THE OFFENCE OF 'SWEARING, CURSING OR USING ANY ABUSIVE, INSOLENT, THREATENING OR OTHER IMPROPER LANGUAGE' LAST YEAR,+ HE SAID.

AS A RESULT OF THESE CONTROLS THERE HAS BEEN IN RECENT YEARS A MORE COURTEOUS AND POLITE ATMOSPHERE WITHIN PENAL INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID.

MR GARNER ALSO SAID THAT THE DAILY AVERAGE PENAL POPULATION ROSE BY 7.7 PER CENT LAST YEAR, AND THAT THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS SERVING A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT HAD GONE UP TO 92.

HE SAID THAT SHEK PIK PRISON, WHICH IS BEING PREPARED FOR FULL OPERATIONAL USE AT THE END OF APRIL, HAS SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR PRISONERS SERVING LONG SENTENCES OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

WITH REGARD TO CIVIL DEBTORS, HE POINTED OUT THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS NO ONE WAS AT PRESENT BEING DETAINED IN CUSTODY FOR DEBTS, IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE RECORD NUMBER OF 430 PERSONS ADMITTED LAST YEAR.

/MR GARNER

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MR GARNER WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION OF FIRST AND SECOND CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL TO 29 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF AT A CEREMONIAL PARADE HELD AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

THE RECIPIENTS INCLUDED THREE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS, MR GARTH HYDES, MR BARRY HIGGINBOTTOM AND MR ALAN HANDLEY.

MR GARNER TOLD THE 91 NEW RECRUITS ON PARADE AFTER COMPLETING OF THEIR SIX-MONTH BASIC TRAINING THEY FACED A +CHALLENGING+ CAREER.

SEVEN CONTINGENTS, COMPRISING 204 OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE NEW RECRUITS, TOOK PART IN THE PARADE, COMMANDED BY SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT FRANCIS WONG.

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RUTTONJEE PROJECT WELL ON SCHEDULE

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THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM HAS BEEN PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY AND ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION IN HIS CAPACITY AS ITS PRESIDENT.

DR THONG SAID THAT CONTRACT WORK FOR SITE INVESTIGATION STARTED IN NOVEMBER 1983 AND A GEOTECHNICAL REPORT WOULD BE DRAWN UP SHORTLY.

ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAISSON WALLING, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS, IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN JULY, HE SAID.

+SITE FORMATION WORK WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AND ABOUT TEN MONTHS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ITS COMPLETION.+

PRELIMINARY BUILDING PLANS ARE NOW WELL IN HAND AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL AND STAFF QUARTERS IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986.

DR THONG POINTED OUT THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S RE-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME HAD BEEN TIGHTLY SCHEDULED AND THAT IT INVOLVED INTER-RELATING THE MANY PROFESSIONALS IN VARIOUS PHASES OF THE BUILDING.

+IT IS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE TARGET DATE OF COMPLETION IN 1988,+ HE SAID.

DISCUSSING TUBERCULOSIS, DR THONG SAID THAT THE COURSE OF THE DISEASE HAD REVERTED TO THE NORMAL AND EXPECTED TREND AND THE INDICES WERE FALLING.

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NOTIFICATIONS FELL FROM 7 527 IN 1982 TO 7 301 IN 1983.

+THE NOTIFICATION RATE AT 137.4 PER 100 000 POPULATION WAS THE LOWEST EVER.

+IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT DURING THE YEAR ABOUT 500 CASES OF ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS REQUIRING TREATMENT WERE IMPORTED, OF WHICH ABOUT 70 WERE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

+DEATHS ALSO FELL FROM 454 IN 1982 TO 446 IN 1983 AND THE DEATH RATE TO 8.4 PER 100 000, THE LOWEST IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG.+

HOWEVER, DR THONG ADDED THAT DESPITE THE ENCOURAGING PROGRESS, HONG KONG WAS STILL FAR FROM ERADICATING THE DISEASE, AND THAT EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS SHOULD NOT BE RELAXED.

REFERRING TO LUNG CANCER, ANOTHER CHEST DISEASE REQUIRING PRIORITY ATTENTION AND MORE RESEARCH, DR THONG SAID THAT IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1983, 1 468 PEOPLE DIED OF LUNG CANCER.

+THE NUMBER WAS 1 456 IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1982, SHOWING THAT THE PROBLEM IS STILL INCREASING.+

+THE LINK OF CIGARETTE SMOKING TO BRONCHOGENIC CARCINOMA, PARTICULARLY THE SQUAMOUS CELL TYPE, WAS STUDIED AND CONFIRMED IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

ALTHOUGH THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN MIGHT NOT BE GREAT OR SPECTACULAR, DR THONG FELT THAT IN THE LONG RUN, THE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS WERE EXPECTED TO BE REFLECTED IN A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE DYING FROM LUNG CANCER.

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MORE TRAINING FACILITIES FOR MANAGERS NEEDED * * * * *

THERE IS A NEED TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR PRACTISING MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS IN ALL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY, A SURVEY HAS SHOWN.

THE NEED IS PARTICULARLY MARKED AMONG THE SMALLER ENTERPRISES WHERE INTERNAL RESOURCES ARE GENERALLY LACKING, ACCORDING TO THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED SURVEY REPORT ON MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF OWNER-MANAGERS AND MANAGEMENT STAFF.

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THE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY TRAINING (CMST) OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) COVERED ALL 714 CORPORATE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE ECONOMY. IT ALSO SAMPLED 1 173 SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES IN SIX MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY INCLUDING CLOTHING, ELECTRONICS, PLASTICS, TEXTILES, WHOLESALE-IMPORT-EXPORT, AND RETAIL TRADES.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT THE CONCEPT OF MANAGEMENT TRAINING IS UNKNOWN TO MANY ESTABLISHMENTS ESPECIALLY THE SMALLER ENTERPRISES, SAID MR PETER BARRETT, CHAIRMAN OF THE CMST.

IN-COMPANY TRAINING FACILITIES ARE ALSO GENERALLY UNDER-DEVELOPED IN ALL TYPES OF ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY, HE ADDED.

+BUT THERE IS A STRONG INDICATION THAT OWNER-MANAGERS AND MANAGEMENT STAFF FROM SMALLER ENTERPRISES WOULD BE WILLING TO ATTEND RELEVANT MANAGEMENT COURSES,+ MR BARRETT SAID.

THE SURVEY FOUND THAT CORPORATE ESTABLISHMENTS RELY HEAVILY ON EXTERNAL COURSES TO TRAIN THEIR MANAGEMENT STAFF AS WELL.

+EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, THEREFORE, SHOULD INTRODUCE MORE TAILOR-MADE MANAGEMENT COURSES FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES,+ MR BARRETT SAID.

IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR POST-EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT COURSES FROM PRACTISING MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS OF CORPORATE ESTABLISHMENTS, THE CMST ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS SHOULD NOTE THE REQUIREMENTS AND TRY TO UPGRADE THE STANDARDS OF THEIR EXISTING COURSES TO MEET THE NEEDS.

IT REQUESTED THE VTC TO SEEK MORE FUNDS FOR INSTITUTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THESE TRAINING PROPOSALS.

THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE TO BE ESTABLISHED AND MANAGED BY THE CMST WOULD ALSO HELP WITH THE AREAS OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, COORDINATION AND PROMOTION OF MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN HONG KONG, MR BARRETT SAID.

THE SURVEY REPORT CONTAINS SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP ALLEVIATE OTHER PROBLEMS IN MANAGEMENT TRAINING, SUCH AS THE SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED TRAINERS, SCARCITY OF INFORMATION ABOUT MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY TRAINING, FRAGMENTATION AND UNCOORDINATED EFFORTS OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS.

THE REPORT PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$39.5 A COPY.

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FIRE SERVICES TO HAVE OWN BUILDING

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST IS A MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES, THE RETIRING DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR F.M. WATSON SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE-LAYING CEREMONY FOR THE \$133 MILLION BUILDING COMPLEX WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE A SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION, MR WATSON SAID THAT THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEVER HAD ITS OWN HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

HE SAID THAT WHEN HE JOINED THE HONG KONG FIRE BRIGADE IN 1955, THE HEADQUARTERS WERE HOUSED IN THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING. BUT THE BRIGADE NEVER OCCUPIED ALL OF IT.

AND WHEN THE HEADQUARTERS MOVED TO THE PRESENT BUILDING IN JAVA ROAD, NORTH POINT, THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO TO SHARE WITH MANY OTHER DEPARTMENTS FOR THE LAST 17 YEARS.

+IT IS THEREFORE WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I AM ABLE TO OFFICIATE AT THIS STONE-LAYING CEREMONY OF OUR NEW AND OWN HEADQUARTERS BEFORE MY RETIREMENT,+ MR WATSON SAID.

+AFTER MANY YEARS OF DISCUSSIONS AND PLANNING THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES IS HAVING A MODERN NEW BUILDING AS ITS HEADQUARTERS, BEFITTING ITS STATUS AS THE FOURTH LARGEST CITY FIRE SERVICES IN THE WORLD AFTER TOKYO, NEW YORK AND LONDON,+ MR WATSON SAID.

THE 14-STOREY HIGH HEADQUARTERS IS BEING BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF HONG CHONG AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROADS. WHEN COMPLETED IN EARLY 1986, THE BUILDING WILL ALSO SERVE AS THE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, THE KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE BUREAU, AMBULANCE COMMAND KOWLOON HEADQUARTERS, AND THE FIRE SERVICES COMMUNICATION CENTRE.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR CHOW CHAM-SAN.

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ABERDEEN SITE TO BE OFFERED AGAIN

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A SITE WHICH WAS WITHDRAWN FROM AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 28 DUE TO TECHNICAL REASONS, WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE AGAIN BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 18.

THE SITE IS AT ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD BETWEEN SAI ON AND WU PAK STREETS.

IT MEASURES 1 579 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

UNDER SALE CONDITIONS, THE PURCHASER WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUILD A POST OFFICE OF NOT LESS THAN 1 009 SQUARE METRES ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS OF ANY BUILDING CONSTRUCTED ON THE SITE AND HAND IT OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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ALSO TO BE PROVIDED IS A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK WITH AT LEAST 100 SPACES FOR PUBLIC USE, HALF OF WHICH ARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SHORT-TERM PARKING.

THE LOT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$26 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE JUNE 30, 1988.

TWO OTHER SITES WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT THE SAME AUCTION.

ONE IS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

IT IS AT KUT SHING STREET, CHAI WAN, AND HAS AN AREA OF 3 690 SQUARE METRES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT ON THE SITE IS \$38 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE JUNE 30, 1988.

THE OTHER IS AT SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

IT MEASURES 1 462 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR BUILDING TWO DETACHED TWO-STOREY HOUSES.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO FULFIL A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$1.4 MILLION WITHIN 36 MONTHS.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE FOR THE THREE SITES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE:

- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING,
5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE,
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING),
GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST,
YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING,
10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET,
KOWLOON; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN,
TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN,
TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

TENDER PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE ABOVE LOCATIONS.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE SHOUSON THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE AND START AT 2.30 PM.

BUDGET FEE PROPOSALS ADOPTED
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THREE BUDGET PROPOSALS ON FEES AND CHARGES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AFTER OBTAINING THE REQUIRED APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

THE PROPOSALS, EXPLAINED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS SPEECH TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 29, WERE FOR INCREASES IN BUOY AND ANCHORAGE FEES, FEES FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND FOR OVERSEAS BRANCHES AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF BANKS, AND LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLLS.

ANCHORAGE AND BUOY FEES WERE LAST REVISED IN 1979 AND 1983 RESPECTIVELY, WHILE FEES FOR REGISTERED DTCS' HAVE NOT BEEN INCREASED SINCE 1978 AND THOSE FOR LICENSED DTCS' NOT SINCE 1981. LICENCE FEES FOR AN OVERSEAS BRANCH OR REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE OF A BANK INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG AND FOR A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE OF A BANK INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG WERE NOT REVISED WHEN LICENCE FEES FOR BANKS WERE INCREASED LAST YEAR.

TOLLS FOR THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, TO BE CHARGED AT A FLAT RATE OF \$2 FOR ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES, WERE LAST REVISED IN 1975.

THE NEW FEES AND CHARGES FOR THESE SERVICES ARE GAZETTED TODAY AND WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 1.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDENS OPEN SUNDAY
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THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SUNDAY (MARCH 25) FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM TO ENABLE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SEE THE AZALEAS IN BLOOM.

THE ANNUAL OPEN DAY HAS BEEN HELD SINCE 1968.

VISITORS ARE REQUESTED TO ENTER BY THE MAIN GATE AND LEAVE BY THE SIDE GATES SO THAT ALL CAN ENJOY THE FLOWERS WITHOUT CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO OTHERS.

THEY ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT ONLY THE GARDENS WILL BE OPEN AND THEY SHOULD NOT ENTER THE HOUSE ITSELF.

SCOUTS AND POLICEMEN WILL BE PRESENT AND VISITORS ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEM TO AVOID OVERCROWDING.

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VITALITY FOR ISLANDERS
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A SPORTS DAY WILL BE HELD ON PENG CHAU ON SUNDAY (MARCH 25) TO ROUND OFF THE 10-MONTH +VITALITY FOR ALL ISLANDERS+ PROGRAMME.

STARTING AT 11.30 AM, THE LAST OF A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS ON FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, AND TABLE-TENNIS AMONG TEAMS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL BE STAGED AT VARIOUS VENUES ON PENG CHAU.

A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4.30 PM IN CHI YAN SCHOOL.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP AND SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, MR TAM PAK-HANG; URBAN SERVICES OFFICER, MR IP KI-TIT; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR YOUNG WING-YAU WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES.

THE +VITALITY FOR ALL ISLANDERS+ PROGRAMME, LAUNCHED IN MAY LAST YEAR, WAS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE +VITALITY FOR ALL ISLANDERS+ PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 4.30 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 25) IN CHI YAN SCHOOL ON PENG CHAU.

THE LAUNCH +CLEMENTI+ WILL LEAVE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER AT CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AT 3 PM SHARP FOR PENG CHAU.

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SHAU KEI WAN TRAM TRACK WORK
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TRAM SERVICES IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL START LATER THAN USUAL ON SUNDAY (MARCH 25) MORNING TO ALLOW FOR TRAM TRACK WORK AT SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

THE FIRST TRAMS FROM SHAU KEI WAN WILL DEPART FOR WESTERN MARKET AND HAPPY VALLEY AT ABOUT 8.13 AM, WHILE THOSE FROM WESTERN MARKET AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL DEPART FOR SHAU KEI WAN AT ABOUT 7.35 AM.

UNTIL THEN, TRAM SERVICE FROM WESTERN MARKET WILL OPERATE UP TO QUARRY BAY ONLY.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR UNLOADING FACILITIES
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE UNLOADING, BERTHING AND HANDLING FACILITIES AT CHEUNG SHA WAN TEMPORARY FRESH WATER FISH MARKET, WHICH WILL HAVE TO MOVE TO A NEW WATERFRONT AREA AS A RESULT OF A RECLAMATION PROJECT.

PART OF THE RECLAIMED LAND IS REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE III OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

BESIDES BUILDING A SHELTERED AREA TO ACCOMMODATE THE UNLOADING FACILITIES, THE CONTRACTOR WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT A 280-METRE-LONG ACCESS ROAD TO THE FISH MARKET.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES PAVING A 3 500-SQUARE-METRE AREA OF THE RECLAMATION AND BUILDING AN EXTENSION OF FAT TSEUNG STREET TO THE NEW WATERFRONT. THIS WILL BE 270 METRES LONG.

IN ADDITION, ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN MAY AND TAKE FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

IT FORMS PART OF STAGE II OF THE CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION PROGRAMME AND IS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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C.H. TUNG NAMED TO MTRC BOARD
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR C.H. TUNG AND RE-APPOINTED MR W.C.L. BROWN TO THE BOARD OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM MAY 1, 1984.

MR TUNG IS REPLACING SIR Y.K. PAO, ONE OF THE FOUNDER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. MR TUNG IS A DIRECTOR OF THE ORIENT OVERSEAS SERVICE (HK) LTD, AND IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION LTD. HE IS ALSO A COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF WHICH HE IS A PAST CHAIRMAN.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY MR WILFRID NEWTON, ARE MR OSWALD CHEUNG, MISS LYDIA DUNN, MR G.M. MACWHINNIE, MR D.W.A. BLYE (SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS), THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION.

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ANNUAL STATISTICAL BOOKLET PUBLISHED

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AN ANNUAL BOOKLET ENTITLED "AN OUTLINE OF STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT, 1984+", HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IT CONTAINS TWO PARTS.

PART I DESCRIBES THE ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. PART II DELINEATES THE MAIN LINES OF CURRENT STATISTICAL ACTIVITY AS WELL AS FORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MATERIAL DESCRIPTIVE OF THE PAST AND THROUGH THE CONTINUING PRESENT IS ALSO INCLUDED.

THE DISPOSITION OF STATISTICAL STAFF, TOGETHER WITH A LIST OF STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS IS GIVEN IN THE ANNEXES.

THE PUBLICATION IS NOW ON SALE AT \$10 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION

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A WEEK-LONG DENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EXHIBITION, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL HAVE A DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEO FILMS, SLIDE SHOWS, FREE CHECK-UPS AND SEMINARS.

IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM DAILY.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG DENTAL ASSOCIATION, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF DENTAL HEALTH.

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM TOMORROW.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DB TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ISSUES

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE RECENT PROPOSALS FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AT THEIR MEETING ON MONDAY (MARCH 26) AFTERNOON.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON LAW AND ORDER AND LITTER PROBLEM IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE SIX COMMITTEES UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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WATER MAINS WORK IN CENTRAL

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MARCH 26 (MONDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY ICE HOUSE STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, JACKSON ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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