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HONG KONG'S 1982 EXTERNAL TRADE UP FOUR PER CENT
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR 1982, VALUED AT \$270 277 MILLION, INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1981, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY THREE PER CENT TO \$83 032 MILLION, IMPORTS BY THREE PER CENT TO \$142 893 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY SIX PER CENT TO \$44 353 MILLION.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT.

CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS WERE AS FOLLOWS :

	1982 (\$ MN)	1981 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	31 223	29 200	+2 023	+ 7
U.K.	7 187	7 710	- 523	- 7
F.R. OF GERMANY	7 031	7 048	- 16	INSIGNIFICANT
CHINA	3 806	2 924	+ 882	+30
JAPAN	3 167	2 940	+ 227	+ 8
AUSTRALIA	2 832	2 710	+ 122	+ 4
CANADA	2 637	2 355	+ 282	+12
SINGAPORE	1 964	1 732	+ 233	+13
NETHERLANDS	1 692	1 598	+ 95	+ 6
FRANCE	1 507	1 483	+ 24	+ 2

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY SEVEN PER CENT.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$807 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$644 MILLION OR SIX PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$562 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$516 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$152 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

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DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$206 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CLOTHING (BY \$200 MILLION OR SIX PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECLINED IN VALUE, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$103 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$53 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES INCREASED BY \$44 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY \$315 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT), AS WELL AS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$97 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT), AND IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF CLOTHING (BY \$132 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE PRESENTED BELOW :

	<u>1982</u> (\$ MN)	<u>1981</u> (\$ MN)	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> (\$ MN)	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	28 824	28 288	+ 536	+ 2
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	15 589	13 235	+2 354	+18
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	8 148	8 101	+ 47	+ 1
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD-TYPE APPLIANCES)	6 055	5 812	+ 243	+ 4

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5 672	5 618	+ 54	+ 1
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5 052	5 302	- 250	- 5

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

	<u>1982</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>1981</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
CHINA	32 935	29 510	+3 425	+12
JAPAN	31 540	32 130	- 590	- 2
U. S. A.	15 459	14 442	+1 017	+ 7
SINGAPORE	10 207	10 627	- 420	- 4
TAIWAN	10 198	10 762	- 564	- 5
U. K.	6 892	6 283	+ 609	+10
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	4 557	5 495	- 937	-17
F. R. OF GERMANY	3 506	3 383	+ 123	+ 4
SWITZERLAND	2 669	2 848	- 179	- 6
AUSTRALIA	2 266	2 005	+ 261	+13

LOCAL DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 006 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (BY \$366 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT), MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$248 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$203 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$171 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT), AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES, SPORTING GOODS AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES) (BY \$153 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$458 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$435 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$302 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE YARN (BY \$235 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$216 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$200 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$166 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$88 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$82 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$72 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$316 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT). IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN DECLINED (BY \$715 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTION :

	1982 (\$ MN)	1981 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	39 734	40 149	- 415	- 1
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	32 029	32 298	- 269	- 1
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	24 978	23 179	+1 799	+ 8

FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	16 172	13 993	+2 179	+16
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	11 477	10 966	+ 512	+ 5
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	9 486	9 059	+ 427	+ 5

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$830 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$405 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$358 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$343 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$299 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$242 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT), THE PHILIPPINES (BY \$191 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AND MACAU (BY \$181 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.K. (BY \$253 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (BY \$226 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY \$824 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES AND JEWELLERY) (BY \$458 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$350 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AND CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$316 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$550 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$426 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT), AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$300 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT).

THE DECEMBER 1982 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN DECEMBER, WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY MARCH 1983 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TELEPHONE 5-214375).

FIRST STAFF MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE PLANNED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ORGANISING FOR THE FIRST TIME A STAFF MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE TO FURTHER ITS AIM OF IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 21 AND 22 AT THE SHERATON HOTEL. IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR MARTIN ROWLANDS, SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE AND OPENED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE, MR A.R.B. KITCHELL, SAID TODAY THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS ORGANISED IN RESPONSE TO A RECOMMENDATION BY THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE IN ITS NO. 4 REPORT FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT STAFF RESOURCES.

THE CENTRE HAS BEEN PROVIDING PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT COURSES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS ON A REGULAR BASIS BUT THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT MEMBERS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, LOCAL AND OVERSEAS TERTIARY TEACHING INSTITUTIONS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO SHARE THEIR WEALTH OF MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.

+AT THE END OF THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE A CLEARER IDEA OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON STAFF MANAGEMENT AND THE DIRECTION IT IS TAKING AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE MACHINERY SET UP TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY.

+THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE ACQUIRED SOME OF THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS NEEDED TO GET THE BEST FROM THEIR STAFF AND TO DIAGNOSE THE TYPE OF TRAINING THEIR STAFF NEED,+ MR KITCHELL SAID.

SOME 200 PARTICIPANTS FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE. THERE WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, FROM THE STAFF UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, THE STANDING COMMISSION, THE UNIVERSITIES, THE POLYTECHNIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE MADE UP MAINLY OF PANEL SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS, COVERING DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT: STAFF MANAGEMENT AND DISCIPLINE, STAFF RELATIONS, MANPOWER PLANNING AND STAFF RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, STAFF APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, EFFECTIVE USE OF INFLUENCE, MANAGEMENT OF ORGANISATIONAL CONFLICT, STRESS MANAGEMENT, AND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS AND COUNSELLING SKILLS.

EACH PANEL WILL BE LED BY AN EXPERIENCED GOVERNMENT STAFF MANAGER, A SENIOR MANAGER FROM PRIVATE BUSINESS AND A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE UNIVERSITIES. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THERE WILL BE A USEFUL CROSS-FERTILISATION OF IDEAS.

THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE HAS BEEN PROVIDING COURSES ON THE SUBJECTS COVERED IN THE CONFERENCE. THE CONFERENCE WILL HELP THE CENTRE TO EVALUATE THEIR EXISTING COURSES AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS ON THEM IF REQUIRED. THESE COURSES ARE OPEN TO MIDDLE AND SENIOR MANAGERS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

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GOVERNOR'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL DELIVER HIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1983. THE MESSAGE WILL BE BROADCAST ON:

TVB JADE AT 7 PM,

TVB PEARL AT 7.30 PM,

ATV ENGLISH AT 7.30 PM AND,

ATV CHINESE AT 8.45 PM.

RTHK RADIO 1, 2, 3 AND 4 WILL BROADCAST THE MESSAGE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE AT 8.40 PM, FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE BROADCAST ON NEW YEAR'S DAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

COMMERCIAL RADIO WILL ALSO BROADCAST THE MESSAGE IN BOTH LANGUAGES, CHINESE AT 7 PM AND ENGLISH AT 7.30 PM.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO EXTEND SERVICES ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE
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AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMPANIES WILL EXTEND THEIR SERVICES ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (FEBRUARY 12) UNTIL EARLY NEXT MORNING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

BUS SERVICES

MAJOR BUS SERVICES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR WILL EXTEND THEIR HOURS OF OPERATION. THEY WILL INCLUDE:-

KMB'S NO. 5 (STAR FERRY - CHOI HUNG), NO. 6 (STAR FERRY - LAI CHI KOK) AND NO. 70M (KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION - WO CHE) WHICH WILL OPERATE ALL NIGHT SERVICES.

CMB'S NO. 86 AND 308 (BOTH OPERATING FROM SAN HA STREET IN CHAI WAN TO CAUSEWAY ROAD), NO. 304 (WAH FU (SOUTH) - CAUSEWAY ROAD) AND NO. 305M (ADMIRALTY MTR STATION - FOOD STREET) WILL RUN SPECIAL SERVICES TO CAUSEWAY BAY ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTES 111A (CHOI HUNG - HING FAT STREET) AND 112A (MONG KOK ROAD - HING FAT STREET) WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM 12.30 AM TO 6 AM ON FEBRUARY 13.

TRAM SERVICES

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THESE WILL BE EXTENDED ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE AS FOLLOWS:-

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>LAST DEPARTURE</u>
HAPPY VALLEY	KENNEDY TOWN	12.26 AM
NORTH POINT	WHITTY STREET	4.59 AM
WHITTY STREET	NORTH POINT	4.56 AM
SHAU KEI WAN	WESTERN MARKET	1.09 AM
WESTERN MARKET	SHAU KEI WAN	1.11 AM
SHAU KEI WAN	HAPPY VALLEY	ALL NIGHT SERVICE
HAPPY VALLEY	SHAU KEI WAN	5.24 AM
KENNEDY TOWN	CAUSEWAY BAY	4.38 AM
CAUSEWAY BAY	KENNEDY TOWN	4.20 AM
WESTERN MARKET	CAUSEWAY BAY	4.38 AM
CAUSEWAY BAY	WESTERN MARKET	4.59 AM

PEAK TRAM SERVICE

THIS WILL RUN UNTIL 3 AM.

MTR

AN ALL NIGHT SERVICE WILL BE MAINTAINED.

FERRY SERVICES

THE STAR FERRY WILL MAINTAIN AN ALL NIGHT SERVICE BETWEEN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI WHILE THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY'S JORDAN ROAD TO CENTRAL SERVICE WILL LAST UNTIL 2 AM.

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THE LAST DEPARTURES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:-

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>LAST DEPARTURE</u>
<u>HONG KONG</u>	
NO. 1 (HMS TAMAR - THE PEAK)	4 AM
NO. 21 (TAI HANG DRIVE - CAUSEWAY BAY)	4 AM
NO. 25 (UPPER BRAEMAR HILL - ADMIRALTY MTR STATION)	6 AM
NO. 28 (BAGUIO VILLAS - YUN PING ROAD)	4 AM
NO. 31 (TIN WAN - JAFFE ROAD)	6 AM
<u>KOWLOON</u>	
NO. 1 (TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION - TSIM SHA TSUI EAST)	2.30 AM
NO. 3 (TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) - TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN)	2.30 AM
NO. 6 (TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) - WHAMPOA ESTATE)	4 AM
NO. 8 (TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) - HO MAN TIN ESTATE)	2.30 AM
<u>NEW TERRITORIES</u>	
NO. 1 (SAI KUNG - TELFORD GARDENS)	4 AM
NO. 60K (SHA TIN KCR STATION - FO TAN)	3 AM
NO. 61M (KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION - TAI WAI)	ALL NIGHT SERVICES
NO. 80 (TSUEN WAN (SHIU WO STREET) - CHUEN LUNG)	2 AM
NO. 81 (TSUEN WAN (SHIU WO STREET) - LO WAI)	1 AM
NO. 82 (TSUEN WAN (SHIU WO STREET) - SHING MUN RESERVOIR)	1 AM
NO. 83 (TSUEN WAN (CHUEN LUNG STREET) - SHEK YAM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA)	4.30 AM

- NO. 86 (TSUEN WAN (CHUEN LUNG STREET) - SHEK LEI) 4.30 AM
- NO. 87 (TSUEN WAN (CHUNG ON STREET) - KWAI SHING) 2 AM
- NO. 87M (TSUEN WAN (CHUNG ON STREET) - KWAI FONG MTR STATION) 2 AM
- NO. 88M (MAYFAIR GARDENS - KWAI FONG MTR STATION) 2 AM
- NO. 89, 89M AND 98 (ALL OPERATING BETWEEN HO PUI STREET IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI SHING NORTH) ALL NIGHT SERVICES
- NO. 90M (LAI KING HEADLAND - LAI WAN MTR STATION) 1.30 AM
- NO. 91 (LAI KING HEADLAND - TSUEN WAN (HAM TIN STREET) 1.30 AM
- NO. 92M (WAH YUEN CHUEN - LAI WAN MTR STATION) 1.30 AM

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HOSPITAL EXTENSION WORK STARTING LATER THIS YEAR
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WORK WILL BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR ON THE BIGGEST EXTENSION PROJECT EVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT - THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL EXTENSION.

FUNDS AMOUNTING TO \$600 MILLION HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THE EXTENSION WHICH WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 675 BEDS TO THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL, BOOSTING THE BEDSPACE CAPACITY TO 1 875 BY 1987.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT ARE TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING, IMPROVE EXISTING SERVICES, UPGRADE THE TEACHING FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING SERVICES.

THE FIRST TWO PHASES OF THE PROJECT, WHICH FORM THE MAJOR PART OF THE EXTENSION, INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO MULTI-STOREY BLOCKS.

A THIRD PHASE, TO BE UNDERTAKEN AFTER 1987, AND COSTING \$150-MILLION, INVOLVES IMPROVING ANCILLARY FACILITIES IN THE EXISTING MAIN BLOCK OF THE HOSPITAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID WORK ON THE FIRST PHASE WILL BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN 1985. THE SECOND PHASE WORK WILL THEN BEGIN, AND BE COMPLETED IN 1987.

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+THE THIRD PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE FIRST TWO STAGES ARE COMPLETED,+ HE ADDED.

HE STRESSED THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION OF ANY DELAY OR CUTBACK OF FUNDS FOR THE THIRD PHASE EXTENSION PROGRAMME AT THIS STAGE.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 23-STOREY BUILDING WITH EACH LEVEL HAVING A FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 1 200 SQUARE METRES, ON TOP OF A FIVE-LEVEL PODIUM.

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEN-STOREY STRUCTURE WHICH WILL BE BUILT OVER THE EXISTING HOSPITAL CANTEEN WITH EACH LEVEL HAVING A FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 600 SQUARE METRES.

THE TWO NEW BLOCKS WILL PROVIDE A LARGE NUMBER OF MEDICAL WARDS FOR VARIOUS MEDICAL UNITS INCLUDING PAEDIATRICS, HAEMODIALYSIS, ORTHOPAEDICS, BURNS AND RECONSTRUCTIVE, MAXILLOFACIAL (DENTAL), OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY, PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC.

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CONVERSION OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSE

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$4.5 MILLION CONTRACT TO CHUNG SHING CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. FOR THE CONVERSION OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSE IN THE FORMER VICTORIA BARRACKS INTO A TEAWARE MUSEUM.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY AT THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE BY MR TSENG KOANG-MIN, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONVERSION OF THE UPPER FLOOR OF THE BUILDING INTO GALLERIES FOR THE DISPLAY OF ABOUT 500 CERAMIC PIECES.

THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING WILL BE TURNED INTO A RECEPTION HALL WITH SALES COUNTERS, A SPECIAL SUBJECT LIBRARY, A LECTURE/ORIENTATION ROOM, EXHIBITION/PREPARATION WORKSHOP AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

MEANWHILE, THE SERVICE BLOCK OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSE WILL ALSO BE CONVERTED INTO A MUSEUM STORE, WORKSHOP AND STAFF QUARTERS.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START TOWARDS THE END OF THIS MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES

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TWO NEW TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TSUEN WAN AND CAUSEWAY BAY TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW-

FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), THE ENTIRE SECTION OF TAI HO ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND SHA TSUI ROAD IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE DESIGNAED AS A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY.

ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THIS ROAD SECTION.

AT PRESENT, CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ONLY APPLIES TO THE SECTION'S NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY DURING PEAK HOURS.

MEANWHILE, IN CAUSEWAY BAY, THE RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC ON SUGAR STREET INTO GLOUCESTER ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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VOTE OF THANKS TO FISHERMEN

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DESPITE THE MANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN HONG KONG DURING THE PAST DECADE, FISHING REMAINS A VERY IMPORTANT INDUSTRY AS LAST YEAR'S FISH PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 40 000 TONNES COMPARED WITH THAT OF 10 YEARS AGO.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY AT THE THIRD ANNUAL DINNER OF THE SEVEN FISHERMEN'S CLUBS.

HE NOTED THAT IN THE COURSE OF HONG KONG'S PROGRESS FROM AN ENTREPOT PORT TO AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND TRADING CENTRE, THERE HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE WORKING CONDITIONS AND LIFE OF THE FISHING COMMUNITY.

+BUT DESPITE ALL THESE CHANGES, THE INDUSTRY IS STILL VERY IMPORTANT; LAST YEAR 172 000 TONNES OF FISH PRODUCTS VALUED AT \$1 500 MILLION WERE LANDED COMPARED WITH 132 000 TONNES 10 YEARS AGO,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE FISHERMEN OF HONG KONG DESERVE THE GRATEFUL THANKS OF THE COMMUNITY.+

TOUCHING ON THE HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENT OF THE CLUBS, MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE CLUBS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT IN ORGANISING SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF COHESION AMONG THE FISHING COMMUNITY.

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+SOME OF THESE ACTIVITIES, NOTABLY THE VARIOUS DRAGON BOAT RACES HAVE ADDED COLOUR NOT ONLY TO YOUR MEMBERS' LIVES BUT TO THAT OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AS WELL.

+YOUR FISHERMEN'S CLUBS PERFORM A MOST USEFUL BRIDGE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND YOUR BONDS HAVE BEEN FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY THE DECISION OF THE SEVEN CLUBS TO JOIN TOGETHER IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL DINNERS,+ HE ADDED.

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NEW MACLEHOSE TRAIL LEAFLET
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A NEW EDITION OF THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL INFORMATION LEAFLET HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC.

THE LEAFLET IS NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN KOWLOON; THE MARKETING OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF BASKERVILLE HOUSE IN DUDELL STREET, CENTRAL; ALL DISTRICT OFFICES; OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE; AND MANAGEMENT CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY PARKS ALONG THE TRAIL.

IT IS SPONSORED BY HANG SENG BANK LTD AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE TO MARK THE BANK'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

THE LEAFLET IS THE THIRD EDITION SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST IN 1979 TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE TRAIL WHICH STRETCHES FROM SAI KUNG IN THE EAST TO TUEN MUN IN THE WEST AND IS LOCATED ENTIRELY INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS.

THE LEAFLET HAS AN EYE-CATCHING COVER FEATURING THE NOW-FAMILIAR SILHOUETTE OF A HIKER WITH A KNAPSACK ON HIS BACK WHICH HAS BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH THE 100-KILOMETRE-LONG HIKING TRAIL.

IT GIVES DETAILS ABOUT EACH OF THE 10 SECTIONS COMPLETE WITH THE DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY IN TACKLING THEM.

INFORMATION ON TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND LOCATION OF CAMPSITES ALONG THE TRAIL HAS ALSO BEEN UPDATED.

USEFUL HINTS FOR HIKERS WITH REGARD TO EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING ARE ALSO FOUND IN THE LEAFLET.

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REGISTRY OF THE DISABLED TO BE COMPUTERISED
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INFORMATION ON THE NEEDS OF THE HANDICAPPED WILL BE MORE READILY AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR WHEN A COMPUTERISED SYSTEM IS INTRODUCED IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF THE DISABLED.

THE SYSTEM WILL ENABLE THE REGISTRY TO MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE, UP-TO-DATE MASTER RECORD OF THE DISABLED AND TO PROVIDE STATISTICAL AND ANALYTICAL TABLES FOR RESEARCH AND FOR PLANNING AND MONITORING REHABILITATION SERVICES.

THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF THE DISABLED IS PART OF THE REHABILITATION DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH.

IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN APRIL LAST YEAR TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE ESTIMATED 400 000 DISABLED PERSONS IN HONG KONG, DATA PREVIOUSLY FRAGMENTED AND LACKING IN UNIFORMITY.

THE COMPUTERISATION OF THE RECORDS OF THE REGISTRY WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT COMPUTER COMMITTEE FOLLOWING A FEASIBILITY STUDY BY THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY.

THE REGISTRY KEEPS RECORDS OF THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED, THE DEAF AND PARTIALLY HEARING, THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, THE MENTALLY ILL, THE EX-MENTALLY ILL AND THOSE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES OF VARIOUS KINDS. THE INFORMATION IS OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES PROVIDING REHABILITATION SERVICES.

SO FAR THE REGISTRY HAS OBTAINED INFORMATION ON ABOUT 100 000 DISABLED PERSONS AND COMPILED RELEVANT DATA FOR RECORD PURPOSES ON ABOUT 16 000 OF THEM. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE 100 000 CASES WILL BE COMPLETED BY JULY THIS YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR A MANUALLY OPERATED SYSTEM TO COPE WITH THE NEED TO UPDATE EXISTING RECORDS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND WITH THE NEW CASES THAT WILL BE NOTIFIED TO THE REGISTRY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE NEW CASES WILL NUMBER SOME 150 000 OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM, THE CENTRAL REGISTRY WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TAKING PART IN THIS SCHEME:

- * AN ENQUIRY SERVICE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON A DISABLED PERSON REQUIRED BY A DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF SERVICE TO THAT PERSON; AND
- * THE REGULAR PRODUCTION OF STATISTICAL ANALYSIS ON THE DISABLED POPULATION TO ASSIST DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO ANALYSE THE VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISABLED POPULATION IN HONG KONG IN ORDER TO PLAN AHEAD FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

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NEW TAXI FARE SCALE IN EFFECT SOON

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THE NEW FARE SCALE FOR URBAN TAXIS WITH MINOR ADJUSTMENT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM FEBRUARY 18 (FRIDAY).

THIS FARE STRUCTURE IS TO MAKE IT CHEAPER AND QUICKER FOR TAXI OPERATORS TO RECALIBRATE THEIR METERS, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HOWEVER, THE 12.5 PER CENT INCREASE APPROVED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE FARE WILL STILL BE \$4.5 FOR THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES, BUT 60 CENTS FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT 266.66 METRES INSTEAD OF 90 CENTS FOR EVERY 400 METRES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONVERSION TABLE NOW IN USE WILL BE VALID UNTIL THE RECALIBRATION OF TAXI METERS.

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MTR CARPARK TO OPEN SOON

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A NEW MULTI-STOREY CARPARK NEXT TO THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION WILL BE OPEN SOME TIME IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE KWAI FONG CARPARK, LOCATED IN KWAI YI ROAD WILL HAVE SEVEN FLOORS PROVIDING 580 SPACES FOR PRIVATE CARS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE DAILY PARKING CHARGES FOR THE CARPARK WILL BE \$2 PER HOUR FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM AND \$1 PER HOUR FROM 6 PM TO 8 AM.

MONTHLY PASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT \$400 EACH.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THESE ARE TEMPORARY CHARGES AS THE CARPARK, TOGETHER WITH ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY PARKING FACILITIES, WILL BE UNDER PRIVATE MANAGEMENT LATER IN THE YEAR.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE CARPARK AND THE LOW HOURLY RATES, IT IS EXPECTED THAT ILLEGAL PARKING IN THE AREA WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED AND THE PARK-AND-RIDE PURPOSE WILL BE SERVED.

IN ADDITION, PLANS ARE IN HAND TO RE-DESIGNATE SOME ON-STREET PRIVATE CAR PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA FOR LORRY PARKING ONCE THE CARPARK IS OPERATIONAL.

ACCESS TO THE CARPARK IS FROM KWAI FOO ROAD AND KWAI FUK ROAD.

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TWO MORE FOOTBRIDGES OPENED

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PEDESTRIANS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO DODGE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND WAIT FOR THE LIGHTS TO CHANGE FOLLOWING THE OPENING TODAY OF TWO FOOTBRIDGES IN THE BUSY AREA.

THE STRUCTURES, WHICH SPAN SALISBURY ROAD AND MODY ROAD, WERE DECLARED OPEN AT A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY PERFORMED THIS AFTERNOON BY MR CHAN WAI-WANG AND MR CHIU YU-HEI, MEMBERS OF THE YAUMATI DISTRICT BOARD.

THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR EDDIE SHORT, SAID THE FOOTBRIDGES, COSTING \$21 MILLION, WOULD CATER FOR THE CONSTANT MOVEMENT OF PEDESTRIANS BETWEEN THE NEW PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS AND THE RECENTLY-COMPLETED PROMENADE IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

+DIRECT ACCESS FROM THE FOOTBRIDGES INTO SHOPPING AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES HAS ALSO BEEN PROVIDED BY THE DEVELOPERS,+ HE SAID.

THE FOOTBRIDGES, WHICH ARE ROOFED THROUGHOUT TO PROVIDE SHADE AND PROTECTION DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER, ARE OF A BOLD ARCHITECTURAL FORM AND HAVE EASY RAMPED ACCESS FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

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'DOUBLE GOOD FORTUNE' FOR SHA TIN

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AN ELDERLY LADY BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG 96 YEARS AGO SWITCHED ON THE TRADITIONAL LUNAR NEW YEAR LIGHTS IN SHA TIN THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY WOULD BRING +DOUBLE GOOD FORTUNE+ TO THE NEW TOWN IN THE COMING YEAR.

+OUR GIANT CHUBBY PIG DESIGN SIGNIFIES GOOD LUCK WHILE THE NAME OF OUR ELDERLY LADY, LAI SZE, SOUNDS JUST THE SAME AS GOOD LUCK IN CANTONESE - LYSEE.

+THE HAPPY COINCIDENCE IS INDEED A GOOD OMEN FOR THE COMING YEAR OF THE PIG,+ HE SAID.

THE CHUBBY PIG AND SOME 30 000 COLOURFUL BULBS WILL LIGHT UP THE NEW TOWN EVERY NIGHT UNTIL THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR (FEBRUARY 19), CARRYING A MESSAGE OF HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND WELL-BEING.

MEANWHILE, A PHOTO EXHIBITION OF RECENT FESTIVE LIGHTINGS IN SHA TIN IS NOW ON IN THE LOBBY OF THE SHA TIN KCR STATION. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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\$36-M LAND FORMATION CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$36-MILLION CONTRACT TO GAMMON (HONG KONG) LTD. FOR THE FORMATION OF ABOUT 4.3 HECTARES OF LAND ON THE NORTH-WESTERN COASTLINE OF PENG CHAU AND ON TAI LEI ISLAND.

THE LAND FORMED WOULD PROVIDE SITES FOR PRIVATE HOUSING, A MARKET COMPLEX, A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND PUMPING STATION, AN ABATTOIR, AND ALSO FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE LINKING TAI LEI ISLAND WITH PENG CHAU AND A JETTY ON TAI LEI ISLAND.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE PENG CHAU ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UNDERTAKEN BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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FESTIVE LIGHTING IN TUEN MUN

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TWO +GODS OF PROSPERITY+ WILL RISE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND BRING GOOD LUCK AND FORTUNE TO RESIDENTS IN TUEN MUN.

SIGNIFYING HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY, THE GODS, EACH SEVEN-METRES TALL, WILL BE ERECTED ON A KNOLL OF A PROPOSED TOWN PARK, AT THE JUNCTION OF PUI TO ROAD AND TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD. AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR DECORATIONS.

THE DECORATIONS INCLUDE SOME 4 000 COLOURFUL LIGHT BULBS ALONG MAJOR ROADS.

THE HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, WILL JOINTLY SWITCH ON THE FESTIVE LIGHTING AND FLOOD LIGHTS ON THE GODS AT 6.30 PM TOMORROW.

THE SEASONAL LIGHTING DISPLAY COVERS A WIDE AREA — ALONG TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD FROM MING NGAI STREET TO YAU OI AND ON TING ESTATES; AND ON PUI TO ROAD FROM SAN FAT ESTATE TO THE ROUNDABOUT OF TUEN MUN ROAD.

THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO HOH FUK TONG PRIMARY SCHOOL AT SAN FAT ESTATE.

THE FESTIVE LIGHTING AND DECORATIONS, COSTING THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD ABOUT \$50 000, WILL BE SWITCHED ON NIGHTLY BETWEEN 7 PM AND MIDNIGHT UNTIL FEBRUARY 15, AND THEREAFTER ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS UNTIL MARCH 6.

MEANWHILE, NUMEROUS LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE LOCAL PEOPLE, INCLUDING NEW YEAR CARNIVALS, FOLK SONG PARTIES, MODEL-CAR RACES AND BALLET DANCE PERFORMANCE.

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REFRESHER COURSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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FOUR RETRAINING COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN THE 1983-84 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR TEACHERS OF GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

HEADS OF THESE SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE TEACHERS FOR THE COURSES, WHICH WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE AND LAST FOR EIGHT WEEKS EACH.

+THE AIM OF THESE COURSES IS TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH MODERN TEACHING METHODS AND APPROACHES TO PROMOTE FURTHER UNDERSTANDING IN THE USE OF RESOURCES, AND TO INTRODUCE NEW CONCEPTS OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

+EMPHASIS WILL BE ON PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF TEACHING, HELPING TEACHERS TO DEVELOP MODERN METHODS IN PROGRAMMED LEARNING, TEAM TEACHING AND THE ACTIVITY APPROACH,+ HE ADDED.

THE MAJOR PART OF THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND TUTORIALS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN CLASSROOM SITUATIONS, THE CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN OF TEACHING AIDS, AND VISITS TO VARIOUS TEACHING CENTRES AND SCHOOLS USING THE ACTIVITY APPROACH.

THOSE NOMINATED FOR THE COURSE MUST HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS' TEACHING EXPERIENCE AFTER INITIAL TRAINING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

REPLACEMENT TEACHERS MAY BE EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL TO STAND IN FOR TEACHERS ON RETRAINING COURSES.

PARTICIPATION WILL NOT CONSTITUTE ANY QUALIFICATION BUT CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED TO THOSE WHO HAVE FOLLOWED THE COURSE WITH SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (FURTHER EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 3/F, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG BY MARCH 18.

SCHOOLS WILL BE INFORMED IN MID-APRIL WHETHER THEIR NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COURSES MAY BE MADE TO GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON ON 3-885061 EXT. 231 AND THOSE REGARDING REPLACEMENT TEACHERS TO THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER CONCERNED.

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CHAMPION FISHERMEN RECEIVE PRIZES

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FISHERMEN WHO LANDED THE MOST CATCH IN THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION'S WHOLESALE MARKETS LAST YEAR WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 12) AT A LUNAR NEW YEAR CEREMONY AT THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET ON SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, ABERDEEN.

FIVE OF THE FISHERMEN WILL ALSO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL PRIZES FOR WINNING THE TITLES OF CHAMPION FISHERMEN ON A DISTRICT BASIS.

A FURTHER FIVE FISHERMEN WHO HELPED SAVE LIVES AT SEA WILL RECEIVE AWARDS FROM DR LEE, WHILE 20 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS WILL RECEIVE LONG-SERVICE AWARDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ANNUAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET AT 102 SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, AT 10.45 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 12).

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NEW YEAR CLOSURE OF NT SPORTS FACILITIES

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A NUMBER OF RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

CLOSED FROM 4 PM ON SATURDAY TO MONDAY (FEBRUARY 14) WILL BE:

ISLANDS DISTRICT: CHEUNG CHAU SPORTSGROUND

KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT: KWAI SHING PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS, OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL, KWAI CHUNG SPORTSGROUND, WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTSGROUND;

NORTH DISTRICT: FANLING NEW TOWN SQUASH COURTS;

SHA TIN DISTRICT: SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SQUASH COURT AND TENNIS COURTS, SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB TEMPORARY SPORTSGROUND, SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD SPORTSGROUND;

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT: YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTSGROUND, SHA TSUI ROAD TENNIS COURTS; AND

YUEN LONG DISTRICT: SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURTS.

THE FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE CLOSED FROM SATURDAY TO TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 15), THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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PAY ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS
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EMPLOYERS WERE REMINDED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO INCLUDE IN STATUTORY HOLIDAY PAY ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO THE EMPLOYEE UNDER THE CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT.

THE REMINDER WAS ISSUED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF COMPLAINTS FROM EMPLOYEES WHO WERE PAID ONLY THEIR BASIC WAGES ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

HOLIDAY PAY, A SPOKESMAN SAID, SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEAL AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS ON THE DAYS WORKED DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY, HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAY PAY MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638; KOWLOON WEST 3-201652; KOWLOON SOUTH 3-319454; KWUN TONG 3-898520; TSUEN WAN 0-4980208; TAI PO 0-6577111 EXT. 114; TUEN MUN 0-818443; HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) 5-268671 AND HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST) 5-282523.

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