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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR NOVEMBER 1981

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 9 PER CENT AND THOSE OF IMPORTS BY 14 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER 1981 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1980. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY 4 PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY LESS THAN 1 PER CENT WHILE THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 9 PER CENT. THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT, WITH VOLUME UP BY 25 PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES ROSE BY 9 PER CENT AND VOLUME ROSE BY 14 PER CENT.

FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD TO NOVEMBER 1981 AS COMPARED WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS TO NOVEMBER 1980, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 9 PER CENT, THOSE OF IMPORTS BY 11 PER CENT AND THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS BY 9 PER CENT. THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 7 PER CENT AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS BY 31 PER CENT, GIVING A 14 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS AS AGAINST A 13 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN BELOW:-

CHANGES COMPARING NOVEMBER 1981 WITH NOVEMBER 1980

	<u>EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUME</u>
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+25%	+ 9%	+15%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+17%	+10%	+ 6%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+30%	+ 9%	+19%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+26%	+11%	+13%
ALL TRANSISTORIZED RADIOS	+15%	+18%	- 2%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+19%	+ 9%	+ 9%

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FOOTWEAR	+35%	+19%	+14%
METAL MANUFACTURES	-4%	+ 1%	- 5%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-40%	-12%	-32%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	INSIGNIFICANT CHANGE	-14%	+17%
COMMODITY GROUPS NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE	+25%	+15%	+ 9%
ALL COMMODITIES	+19%	+ 9%	+ 9%

THE EXPORT PRICES OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM 9 PER CENT FOR CLOTHING TO 19 PER CENT FOR FOOTWEAR. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EXPORT PRICES OF METAL ORES AND SCRAP, AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS, DECLINED BY 12 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS RECORDED FOR TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+19%), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+17%) AND CLOTHING (+15%). HOWEVER, THE EXPORT VOLUME OF RADIOS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AS WELL AS METAL ORES AND SCRAP DECLINED BY 2 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT AND 32 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN BELOW:-

CHANGES COMPARING NOVEMBER 1981 WITH NOVEMBER 1980

	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+24%	+22%	+ 2%
CONSUMER GOODS	+11%	+ 9%	+ 1%
FUELS	+20%	+17%	+ 3%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI- MANUFACTURES	+12%	+13%	- 1%
CAPITAL GOODS	+21%	+22%	INSIGNIFICANT CHANGE
ALL COMMODITIES	+15%	+14%	INSIGNIFICANT CHANGE

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WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOODSTUFFS AND CAPITAL GOODS, THE PRICES OF WHICH JUMPED BY 22 PER CENT, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY INCREASED MODERATELY, RANGING FROM 9 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 17 PER CENT FOR FUELS.

ONLY SOME MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS ROSE IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE AS WELL AS FISH AND FISH PREPARATION DECLINED.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. THE IMPORT VOLUME OF PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES DECLINED.

IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECREASED. WHEREAS PURCHASES OF DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS, CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS, AS WELL AS PAPER AND PAPERBOARD ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY, DEMAND FOR YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES, CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS, AND RAW COTTON FELL.

AS FOR CAPITAL GOODS, MAJOR INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR OFFICE MACHINES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN BELOW:-

CHANGES COMPARING NOVEMBER 1981 WITH NOVEMBER 1980

	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+73%	+27%	+36%
CONSUMER GOODS	+25%	- 2%	+27%
FUELS	+94%	+27%	+52%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+36%	+12%	+21%
CAPITAL GOODS	+49%	+22%	+22%
ALL COMMODITIES	+35%	+ 8%	+25%

THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES SHOWED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES, RANGING FROM 21 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 52 PER CENT FOR FUELS.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE NOVEMBER 1981 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

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BIG TURNOUT EXPECTED FOR SHA TIN ANTI-NARCOTICS DRIVE
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MORE THAN 100 000 RESIDENTS IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A WIDE VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES DURING AN INTENSIVE, THREE-WEEK-LONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT STARTING ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 7).

SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN AT 2 PM AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SHA TIN PUBLIC SPORTS GROUND IN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, SHA TIN.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR WAI HON-LEUNG.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WERE MR KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF ACAN, MR C.M. LEUNG, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS AND DR PATRICK HASE, DISTRICT OFFICER (SHA TIN).

MR WAI SAID THE CAMPAIGN WILL START OFF WITH A +FLAG HOISTING+ CEREMONY, AND THERE WILL BE AN EXCITING TELEMATCH TO HIGHLIGHT THE ACTIVITIES. TAKING PART IN THE MATCH WILL BE TEAMS FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, HK-TV8, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AREA COMMITTEES AND FOOTBALL STARS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY A GURKHA MILITARY BAND AND THE SHA TIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AS WELL AS LION AND DRAGON DANCES.

ABOUT 10 000 RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS FROM THE DISTRICT WILL ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY.

OTHER PROGRAMMES DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD WILL INCLUDE VARIETY SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, SEMINAR CAMPS, FILM SHOWS, SCHOOL TALKS, VISITS TO SHEK KWU CHAU TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRE AND THE TRAINING SCHOOL OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IN TAI LAM CHUNG, A HORSE-RIDING DAY AND A DISCO-NIGHT, SPEECH AND PAINTING CONTESTS, A TABLE-TENNIS COMPETITION AND A MODEL CAR RACE.

THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE HAS ALSO PREPARED A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLICITY MATERIAL FOR DISTRIBUTIONS.

+THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE HAS DEVOTED SOME FIVE MONTHS' HARD WORK IN THE PLANNING AND ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMMES AND HAS MOBILISED THE MANPOWER AND RESOURCES OF ALL LEADING ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRES AND COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

+THE COMMITTEE, OF COURSE, WORKS CLOSELY WITH AND HAS FULL ASSISTANCE FROM ACAN, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,+ MR WAI SAID.

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DR PATRICK HASE, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE CONFERENCE, SAID THAT SHA TIN IS+ A FAST DEVELOPING NEW TOWN ATTRACTING A LARGE MIGRATION OF URBAN DWELLERS TO THE DISTRICT.+

AMONG THESE NEW COMERS, HE POINTED OUT, THERE ARE THOSE UNFORTUNATE ONES WHO FIND THE PACE OF LIFE AND PROBLEMS TOO MUCH, SO THAT SOME OF THEM MAY TURN TO DRUGS.

+PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE. THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS CAMPAIGN IS TO DISSUADE OUR RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER ONES, FROM EVER EXPERIMENTING WITH DRUGS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE PART IN HEALTHY AND MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

MR C.M. LEUNG TOLD THE CONFERENCE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD IN SHA TIN.

HE ADDED THAT THE ACAN HAD PROVIDED \$150 000 TOWARDS CAMPAIGN EXPENSES WHILE THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL RESIDENTS HAD DONATED A FURTHER \$30 000.

MR KARL STUMPF PRAISED THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FOR ITS HARD WORK AND SAID THAT THE CAMPAIGN PROGRAMMES WOULD ENLIST THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

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PROPERTY TAX NOTES FOR NEW KOWLOON

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PROPERTY TAX PAYERS IN NEW KOWLOON (NORTH OF BOUNDARY STREET) SHOULD HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES FOR TAX FOR THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT 1981/82.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE DEMAND NOTES HAD BEEN SENT TO PROPERTY TAX PAYERS - OWNERS, AGENTS OR OCCUPIERS - WHO PAID RATES ON PROPERTIES IN THE DISTRICT.

+THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPLY TO THE PROPERTY TAX SECTION OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT AT WINDSOR HOUSE, 17TH FLOOR, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG FOR A COPY,+ HE SAID.

THE AMOUNT PAYABLE BY FEBRUARY 26 IS INDICATED ON THE DEMAND NOTE BY AN ARROW-HEAD.

+TO AVOID QUEUEING, PROPERTY TAX PAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER BY POST OR BY GOING EARLY TO ANY OF THE TREASURY'S COLLECTION OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THOSE WHO WISH TO SEEK ADVICE CAN CONTACT THE PROPERTY TAX SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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ENQUIRIES OFFICE OPENED IN TUEN MUN

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A PERMANENT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE (CABO) WAS OPENED IN TUEN MUN TODAY (MONDAY) TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF TWO LOCAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME DEVELOPMENT.

THE OFFICE IS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF TING LUNG HOUSE IN ON TING ESTATE.

IT WILL OPEN FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEK-DAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO GO THERE TO MAKE STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, FILE COMPLAINTS, GET ANSWERS TO GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND OBTAIN GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS AND FORMS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SEEKING FREE LEGAL ADVICE CAN ALSO APPROACH THE BRANCH OFFICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID A TEMPORARY CABO HAD BEEN OPENED IN ON TING ESTATE OFFICE FOUR MONTHS AGO AND HAD SERVED THE LOCAL POPULATION WELL, BUT THERE WAS A NEED FOR A PERMANENT SITE.

HE SAID BESIDES PROVIDING FACILITIES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF A PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE, THE CABO WOULD ALSO ARRANGE DISTRICT-WIDE CULTURAL EVENTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE CABO OPENED TODAY IS THE SECOND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE FIRST BEING OPENED IN MUI WO LAST SEPTEMBER. IT WILL SERVE THE 30 000 RESIDENTS OF ON TING AND YAU OI PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND SIU ON COURT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

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TUEN MUN ROAD TO BE CLOSED FOR THREE NIGHTS

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MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED THAT FROM 9 PM TONIGHT, THE SECTION OF TUEN MUN ROAD BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND SHAM TSENG WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC UNTIL 5.30 AM TOMORROW.

THE SAME TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT WILL BE ENFORCED TOMORROW AND ON WEDNESDAY FOR ROAD SURFACING WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS, EASTBOUND OR TSUEN WAN-BOUND TRAFFIC ON TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED AT THE SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE VIA THE SLIP ROAD ONTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

WESTBOUND OR TUEN MUN-BOUND TRAFFIC INTENDING TO USE TUEN MUN ROAD WILL HAVE TO USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED VIA THE SLIP ROAD AT THE SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE ONTO TUEN MUN ROAD.

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ARTS FESTIVAL YOUTH CONCERT TO FEATURE WORLD-PREMIERE WORK
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THE MUSIC OFFICE TODAY ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF THE CONCERT TO BE GIVEN ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 9) IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL AS PART OF THE 10TH HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL. THE CONCERT WILL INCLUDE A WORLD PREMIERE OF A SPECIALLY COMMISSIONED WORK.

COMBINING FORCES WILL BE THE 73-STRONG HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE 60-MEMBER HONG KONG ISLAND YOUTH CHOIR IN A RICH AND VARIED PROGRAMME OF CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL WORKS, CONDUCTED BY DAVID STONE.

DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH'S 'FESTIVAL OVERTURE', A BRIGHT, CHEERFUL WORK OPENS THE CONCERT AS A GESTURE OF WELCOME TO THE COMPOSER'S SON AND GRANDSON, WHO ARE ALSO TAKING PART IN THE 1982 ARTS FESTIVAL.

FOLLOWING THIS, THE FIRST PERFORMANCE WILL BE GIVEN OF HONG KONG BASED COMPOSER TIMOTHY WILSON'S WORK, 'DRUM THAT SHOOK HEAVEN'. COMMISSIONED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE FOR THIS ARTS FESTIVAL CONCERT, THE MUSIC IS SCORED FOR WESTERN ORCHESTRA AND DESCRIBES A TRADITIONAL CHINESE LEGEND IN MUSICAL SOUNDS. THE ADVENTURES OF WONG SAN, THE YOUNG FARMER, WHO FALLS IN LOVE WITH ONE OF THE IMMORTALS AND HIS FIGHT WITH THE MONKEY TROUPE ARE VIVIDLY PORTRAYED BY DRUM AND PERCUSSION PLAYING.

IN QUIET CONTRAST, THE WELL-KNOWN CHANDOS ANTHEM 'O PRAISE THE LORD', BY HANDEL, WILL FEATURE THE HONG KONG ISLAND YOUTH CHOIR, UNDER ITS CONDUCTOR SILAS NG. SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1980, THE CHOIR HAS GIVEN A NUMBER OF HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCES, AND MOST RECENTLY TOOK PART IN MENOTTI'S 'AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS'. MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR ARE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND A QUARTER OF THE SINGERS ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING MUSIC.

THE FINAL WORK IN THE CONCERT WILL BE DVORAK'S 8TH SYMPHONY, WHICH REFLECTS THE WARMTH OF HIS SALVONIC TEMPERAMENT WITH ITS LYRICAL AND TUNEFUL DANCES.

CONDUCTING THIS SPECIAL CONCERT WILL BE DAVID STONE WHO IS TODAY MUSIC CONSULTANT TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, A ROLE WHICH HAS RAPIDLY EXPANDED SINCE HIS FIRST APPOINTMENT FOUR YEARS AGO. NOW RESIDENT IN HONG KONG, MR STONE'S DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS A MUSICIAN HAS TAKEN HIM TO MORE THAN 30 COUNTRIES WHERE HE HAS APPEARED AS A SOLOIST, CONDUCTOR AND FOR TWELVE YEARS, A PRINCIPLE PLAYER WITH THE YEHUDI MENUHIN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. IN ADDITION TO THIS CONCERT WITH THE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE HONG KONG ISLAND YOUTH CHOIR, MR STONE HAS CONDUCTED THE HONG KONG JING YING CHAMBER ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT TOURS TO ISRAEL AND TO AUSTRALIA.

TICKETS FOR THIS CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 9 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE AT CITY HALL AND COST \$10, \$5 AND \$3 FOR STUDENTS.

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TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL SITE FOR TENDER
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TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A TUEN MUN SITE INTO AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WITH VARIOUS ANCILLARY AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE SITE, MEASURING 2.939 HECTARES, IS LOCATED IN THE NEW TOWN AREA CLOSE TO ON TING AND YAU OI ESTATES.

SALE CONDITIONS PERMIT A TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 150 000 SQUARE METRES OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WILL BE CONNECTED BY PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES WITH THE ANCILLARY AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO BE GROUPED IN A CENTRAL SERVICES BUILDING.

IN THIS BUILDING THERE WILL BE 2 000 SQUARE METRES OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, A CAR PARKING AREA, A CANTEEN, A REFUSE-COLLECTION POINT, A NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UNIT, A PUBLIC TOILET AND A RECREATIONAL AREA INCLUDING GAMES AND CHANGING ROOMS.

IN ADDITION, THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FACILITIES INCLUDING A BANKING AREA OF 800 SQUARE METRES, A SMALL SHOPPING AREA OF 400 SQUARE METRES, A PRIVATE NURSERY OR CHILD CARE CENTRE OF 330 SQUARE METRES AND A SMALL CLINIC.

A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BY PROVIDING PARKING SPACES IN THE SERVICE CORE OF THE LOT, THE LOWER FLOORS OF VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR MORE INTENSIVE INDUSTRIAL USE AND LOADING AND UNLOADING.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS MARCH 26.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE MASTER LAYOUT PLANS AND LANDSCAPING PLANS FOR APPROVAL AS NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENTS.

TENDER FORMS AND SALE CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIR PHILIP TO SPEAK IN LONDON
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, NOW VISITING LONDON, WILL ADDRESS THE OVERSEAS BANKERS' CLUB AT THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET AT GUILDHALL TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING LOCAL TIME.

SIR PHILIP WILL SPEAK ON +PUBLIC POLICY AND ECONOMIC SUCCESS+.

COPIES OF HIS SPEECH ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS BOXES, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR.

EDITORS ARE REMINDED THAT THE SPEECH IS EMBARGOED UNTIL 5 AM TOMORROW.

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TUEN MUN TO HOLD SPRING FEAST AND VARIETY SHOW FOR THE AGED
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FIVE HUNDRED TUEN MUN OLD PEOPLE WILL ATTEND A SPRING FEAST AND VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE MADAM LAU KAM LUNG SECONDARY SCHOOL OF MIU FAT BUDDHIST MONASTERY TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE FUNCTION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT RESPECT FOR THE AGED ASSOCIATION WITH PART OF THE COST BEING PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE VARIETY SHOW WILL INCLUDE DANCING, SINGING, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS, AND A PERFORMANCE BY THE OLD PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

WINNERS OF A RESPECT FOR THE AGED SLOGAN WRITING COMPETITION WHICH ATTRACTED 350 ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES. THREE LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS JUDGED THE ENTRIES.

THE COMPETITION INCLUDED SECTIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, AN OPEN SECTION AND ONE FOR PEOPLE AGED 60 AND OVER.

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ROAD SECTION TO BE WIDENED
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A SECTION OF CHEUNG WING ROAD, BETWEEN WO YI HOP ROAD AND THE GYRATORY JUNCTION AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD, WILL BE WIDENED SHORTLY.

A \$5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WAS AWARDED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) TO WING FAI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

ON COMPLETION, CHEUNG WING ROAD WILL BECOME A TWO-WAY ROAD TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC FROM TSUEN WAN TO KWAI CHUNG NORTH AND WILL THUS RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT PRESENT EXPERIENCED AT THE GYRATORY JUNCTION AND LEI MUK ROAD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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KWAI CHUNG FESTIVAL

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DETAILS OF THIS YEAR'S KWAI CHUNG FESTIVAL, WHICH IS TO BE HELD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 6 AND 21, WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE SUN KWONG RESTAURANT IN KWAI CHUNG AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FRED TING, AND MEMBERS OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL BE PRESENT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 2.30 PM.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 43.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 251.134 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO 212 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 281.918 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 48.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TAI PO ROAD TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT

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A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION WILL TEMPORARILY BE CONVERTED TO TWO-LANE TRAFFIC, BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 5) FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK ON A RAILWAY STATION BRIDGE.

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