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+HONG KONG IS NO TAX HAVEN,+ SIR PHILIP  
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HONG KONG HAS NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF ADAPTING ITS REVENUE LAWS SPECIFICALLY TO ATTRACT PARTICULAR TYPES OF BUSINESS OR INVESTMENT, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+WE HAVE ALWAYS RESISTED SPECIAL PLEADINGS TO ABANDON OUR NON-DISCRIMINATORY APPROACH AND INTEND TO GO ON AVOIDING PREFERENTIAL FISCAL DISTORTIONS AND, I WOULD ADD, OTHER DISTORTIONS AS WELL,+ HE TOLD THE OPENING SESSION OF THE HONG KONG INVESTMENT SEMINAR 1981.

SIR PHILIP WAS ADDRESSING THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE WORLD MONEY SEMINARS LTD, IN HIS CAPACITY AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, HONG KONG IS NO TAX HAVEN.

+WE MAY HAVE A NARROWLY BASED SYSTEM OF DIRECT TAXES WITH LOW RATES OF CHARGE, BUT THAT IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE NO-TAX SYSTEM OF REAL TAX HAVENS,+ HE SAID.

EXPLAINING WHY HE FELT SENSITIVE WHEN HONG KONG IS DESCRIBED AS A TAX HAVEN, SIR PHILIP SAID : +THAT PHRASE HAS SUCH A PEJORATIVE RING TO IT.

THIS PLACE IS NEITHER A HAPPY HUNTING GROUND FOR TAX LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS DEVISING SCHEMES TO SHELTER THEIR CLIENTS' INCOME (AND ASSETS) FROM A HOSTILE FISCAL ADMINISTRATION- NOR IS IT A COCONUT ISLAND FISCAL PARADISE WITH BRASS PLATES CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED.+

THE TOUCHSTONE OF THE LIABILITY TO TAX IN HONG KONG, HE SAID, IS ECONOMIC ACTIVITY HERE (FOR EXAMPLE, EMPLOYMENT OR THE CARRYING ON OF BUSINESS) AND NOT THE TAXPAYER'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

+IN A SITUATION IN WHICH PUBLIC EXPENDITURE HAS INCREASED BY NINE TIMES OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS WITHOUT RECOURSE TO DEBT AND OUR FISCAL RESERVES (NET OF COVER FOR CONTINGENT LIABILITIES) STAND PRESENTLY AT OVER 40 PER CENT OF EXPENDITURE BUDGETED FOR IN 1981-82, WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE A FISCAL SYSTEM AND ONE WHICH IS PRODUCTIVE OF REVENUE.+

REFERRING TO DIRECT TAXES WHICH CONTRIBUTE 45 PER CENT TO RECURRENT REVENUE, SIR PHILIP NOTED, +WE HAVE A SCHEDULAR SYSTEM ..... THAT IS TO SAY, WE DO NOT AGGREGATE, EXCEPT WHEN TAXPAYERS OPT FOR THE ADVANTAGES OF PERSONAL ASSESSMENT. SO SALARIES, PROFITS, INTEREST AND INCOME FROM PROPERTY ARE TAXED SEPARATELY.+

+EACH OF OUR FOUR EARNINGS AND PROFITS TAXES IS BASED ON A TERRITORIAL SOURCE, NOT A RESIDENCE, CRITERION,+ HE SAID.

+WE SEEK TO ENSURE THAT THE TAX SYSTEM IS AS NEUTRAL AS POSSIBLE AS REGARDS ITS EFFECTS ON THE INTERNAL COST/PRICE STRUCTURE, THE SUPPLY OF HUMAN EFFORT AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT DECISIONS.+

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF SIR PHILIP'S SPEECH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM GIS PRESS ROOM.

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TRADE PRICE AND VOLUME CHANGES IN 1980  
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ACCORDING TO ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND OF IMPORTS ROSE IN 1980 BY 10 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER 1979.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) IMPROVED SLIGHTLY, BY 1 PER CENT. A LARGER INCREASE IN VOLUME WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS (+19%) THAN FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS (+11%). ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT, WITH VOLUME UP BY 37 PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES ROSE BY 10 PER CENT AND VOLUME BY 18 PER CENT.

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 VALUES, UNIT VALUES AND VOLUMES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN BELOW:

CHANGES COMPARING 1980 WITH 1979

	<u>EXPORT VALUES</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUES</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUMES</u>
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+ 16%	+ 11%	+ 4%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 11%	+ 6%	+ 5%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+ 9%	+ 7%	+ 2%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+ 15%	+ 12%	+ 3%
ALL TRANSISTORIZED RADIOS	+ 30%	+ 5%	+ 23%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+ 45%	+ 13%	+ 28%
FOOTWEAR	+ 20%	+ 10%	+ 10%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 33%	+ 17%	+ 13%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+108%	+ 11%	+ 88%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 44%	- 6%	+ 54%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 22%	+ 10%	+ 11%

APART FROM A DECLINE OF 6 PER CENT FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS, THE EXPORT PRICES OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED AT VARYING RATES, FROM A 5 PER CENT INCREASE FOR RADIOS TO A 17 PER CENT INCREASE FOR METAL MANUFACTURES.

CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS NOTED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+88%) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+54%).

POSITIVE, THOUGH SMALL, GROWTH RATES WERE REGISTERED IN THE EXPORT VOLUMES OF CLOTHING AND TEXTILES.

BY MARKET, EXPORT VOLUMES TO THE U.S. AND THE F.R. OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THE EXPORT VOLUME TO THE U.K. GREW MARGINALLY BY LESS THAN 1 PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS TO THE U.S. (+35%), FOOTWEAR TO THE F.R. OF GERMANY (+47%) AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS TO THE U.K. (+54%).

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

	CHANGES COMPARING 1980 WITH 1979		
	IMPORT VALUES	IMPORT UNIT VALUES	IMPORT VOLUMES
FOODSTUFFS	+ 21%	+ 10%	+ 10%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 37%	+ 2%	+ 35%
FUELS	+ 62%	+ 49%	+ 9%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 24%	+ 9%	+ 13%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 32%	+ 7%	+ 24%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 30%	+ 9%	+ 19%

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUELS, THE PRICES OF WHICH JUMPED BY 49 PER CENT, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY INCREASED MODERATELY, RANGING FROM 2 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 10 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS.

MOST IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS ROSE IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING LIVE POULTRY AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUMES OF WHEAT AND FLOUR FELL.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING, RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS AND TAPE RECORDERS, HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, FOOTWEAR AND PASSENGER MOTOR CARS. THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DECLINED.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE IMPORT VOLUMES OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING WOOLLEN YARN, WOOLLEN AND ANIMAL HAIR, COTTON YARN AND THREAD, CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BASE METALS AND FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES. ON THE OTHER HAND, IMPORT DEMAND FOR DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS, CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS, AND PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS DECLINED.

AS FOR CAPITAL GOODS, MAJOR INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

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

CHANGES COMPARING 1980 WITH 1979

	RE-EXPORT VALUES	RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUES	RE-EXPORT VOLUMES
FOODSTUFFS	+ 21%	+ 5%	+ 15%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 52%	+ 6%	+ 43%
FUELS	+ 48%	+ 54%	- 4%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 53%	+ 13%	+ 36%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 50%	+ 10%	+ 37%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 50%	+ 10%	+ 37%

APART FROM FUELS, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF WHICH DECLINED BY 4 PER CENT, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS, RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES, AND CAPITAL GOODS ALL SHOWED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES (AT 43%, 36% AND 37% RESPECTIVELY). RE-EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS ALSO INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

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CIVIL SERVANTS' FINANCE ADVISORY OFFICE TO OPEN ON THURSDAY  
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THE CIVIL SERVANTS' FINANCE ADVISORY OFFICE — AN INDEPENDENT OFFICE SET UP TO ASSIST INDEBTED CIVIL SERVANTS TO RESOLVE THEIR FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES — WILL OPEN ON THURSDAY (MARCH 12).

ITS MAIN FUNCTIONS ARE TO ARRANGE FOR INDIVIDUAL CIVIL SERVANTS TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON THEIR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, AND ARRANGING FOR THE REFINANCING OF DEBTS BY MEANS OF LOANS FROM ONE OF THE VARIOUS BANKS OR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN THE REFINANCING SCHEME.

DEALINGS BETWEEN THE OFFICE AND INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.

OFFICERS WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS SERVICE MAY OBTAIN COPIES OF A PAMPHLET +A GUIDE TO THE REFINANCING SCHEME FOR CIVIL SERVANTS+ FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICE ENQUIRY COUNTER.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SERVICES OFFERED MAY BE MADE TO THE KOWLOON BRANCH OFFICE OPENING ON THURSDAY (MARCH 12) AT ROOMS 1001-1002, 10TH FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI CENTRE, WEST WING, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST (TEL. 3-699373) OR THE HONG KONG BRANCH OFFICE WHICH WILL OPEN ON THURSDAY, APRIL 2 ON 8TH FLOOR, CAPITOL CENTRE, JARDINE'S BAZAAR, CAUSEWAY BAY (TEL. 5-765667).

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#### TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH SWEDEN

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DETAILS OF A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SWEDEN, WHICH WILL REPLACE THE CURRENT TEXTILE RESTRAINT AGREEMENT, WILL BE REPORTED TO NEXT THURSDAY'S (MARCH 12) MEETING OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THE TRADE WOULD BE ADVISED OF THE DETAILS NEXT FRIDAY.

THE NEW AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN GENEVA LAST WEEK FOLLOWING FOUR DAYS OF NEGOTIATION BY THE HONG KONG DELEGATION LED BY COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR PETER TSAO.

THE CURRENT TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT EXPIRES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

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#### FEBRUARY WAS WARM AND MISTY

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FEBRUARY WAS MARKED BY WARM AND MISTY DAYS, ACCORDING TO THE MONTH'S WEATHER SUMMARY ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (MONDAY).

AND IT WAS THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH WITH BELOW NORMAL RAINFALL.

THIS WINTER HAS BEEN QUITE MILD WITH THE MEAN TEMPERATURE FROM DECEMBER 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 BEING 17.3 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE SIXTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 17.6 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE SIXTH HIGHEST AND THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 15.9 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE THIRD HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR FEBRUARY.

/FEBRUARY'S RAINFALL .....

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FEBRUARY'S RAINFALL OF 11.8 MM WAS 30.1 MM BELOW NORMAL. TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS AMOUNTED TO ONLY 12.5 MM MAKING THE PERIOD THE FOURTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD.

DURING THE MONTH, THERE WERE 17 MISTY DAYS AND COASTAL FOG WAS REPORTED ON NINE OF THESE DAYS. A TOTAL OF 90.1 HOURS OF SUNSHINE WAS RECORDED, WHICH WAS 18.6 HOURS BELOW NORMAL.

APART FROM SOME MORNING MIST, THE WEATHER WAS SUNNY ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH. IT BECAME COOLER WHEN A COLD FRONT ARRIVED IN THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 3 CAUSING FRESHENING NORTHERLY WINDS AND A TRACE OF RAIN ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR (FEBRUARY 5 AND 6), FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER WAS EXPERIENCED BUT THE PASSAGE OF ANOTHER COLD FRONT ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 6 BROUGHT BACK NORTHERLY WINDS AND RAIN.

CLOUDY WEATHER PERSISTED THE NEXT DAY BUT IT BECAME MILD AND SUNNY BETWEEN FEBRUARY 8 AND 11.

ON FEBRUARY 12, THERE WAS A TRACE OF RAIN AND SOME MIST FORMED ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THE MISTY SPELL PERSISTED UNTIL FEBRUARY 25, WHILE COASTAL FOG WAS REPORTED ON EIGHT DAYS DURING THIS PERIOD.

FOG WAS WIDESPREAD ON FEBRUARY 14 AND THE VISIBILITY AT HONG KONG AIRPORT WAS REDUCED TO 600 METRES AROUND 6 AM.

BUT DESPITE SOME EARLY MORNING DRIZZLE THAT DAY, IT TURNED OUT TO BE SUNNY AND WARM LATER ON WHEN THE TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 25.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH.

IT BECAME CLOUDY ON FEBRUARY 15 AND WAS DULL WITH RAIN BETWEEN FEBRUARY 16 AND 22.

A COLD FRONT DURING THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 17 BROUGHT COOLER WEATHER, BUT WIDESPREAD MIST PERSISTED. ON FEBRUARY 19 AND 20, VISIBILITY AT TAI O AND CHEK LAP KOK WAS REDUCED TO 20 METRES AND 300 METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ON FEBRUARY 24, AN INTENSE COLD FRONT PASSED HONG KONG AROUND NOON BRINGING FRESH EASTERLY WINDS, OVERCAST SKIES AND RAIN. WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY ON THE FOLLOWING DAY AND TEMPERATURES DROPPED. THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 9.5 DEGREES CELSIUS RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 27 WAS THE LOWEST THIS WINTER.

THE WEATHER REMAINED OVERCAST WITH OCCASIONAL RAIN AND MIST UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH, FOUR AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO FOG. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON 11 DAYS WHILE THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS EFFECTIVE ON FOUR DAYS.

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RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR PRISON OFFICERS  
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL STAGE A DISPLAY AND VARIETY SHOW IN KWAI CHUNG TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AS PART OF ITS RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR ASSISTANT OFFICERS II.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE OPEN GROUND NEXT TO THE KWAI WING ROAD PEDESTRIAN FLYOVER BETWEEN 5 PM AND 6.30 PM.

PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIONAL WORK AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT GROUPS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES.

PRISON OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM VISITORS AT A MOBILE RECRUITMENT CENTRE WHERE APPLICATIONS TO JOIN WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE PHYSICALLY FIT, PREFERABLY UNDER 35 YEARS OF AGE AND WITH SECONDARY EDUCATION.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR ASSISTANT OFFICERS II VARIES FROM \$1 870 TO \$2 065, DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATIONS.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL UNDERGO A ONE-YEAR TRAINING PROGRAMME, INCLUDING FIELD TRAINING AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

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GDT MEMBERS WORK FOR COMMUNITY HYGIENE  
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GENERAL DUTIES TEAM MEMBERS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT CARRY OUT THEIR JOBS TO ACHIEVE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOUTH REGION) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR JAMES WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THESE OBJECTIVES, HE SAID, ARE TO ENSURE THAT ALL FOODSTUFFS ARE SOLD IN SAFE AND HYGIENIC CONDITIONS, AND ALL STREETS AND PUBLIC AREAS ARE KEPT CLEAN AND FREE OF OBSTRUCTIONS.

MR WILSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE FOR 430 GENERAL DUTIES TEAM MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED A FIVE-WEEK BASIC TRAINING COURSE.

IN THE LONG-TERM, HE SAID, THEIR CONTRIBUTION IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND IN MAKING HONG KONG A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN.

+MORE TANGIBLE AND IMMEDIATE ARE THE SMALL-SCALE IMPROVEMENTS TO LIVING CONDITIONS IN INDIVIDUAL STREETS AND THOROUGHFARES,+ MR WILSON SAID.

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IN THIS RESPECT, GDT MEMBERS HAD A KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN THE COMING +CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN+ TO BE LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR WILSON SAID IT WAS THE INTENTION TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE MARKETING, RESTAURANT AND COOKED-FOOD PREMISES IN THE OVERALL LAYOUT OF THE NEW TOWNS SUCH AS TUEN MUN, SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN.

+WE HAVE ALSO BEEN SET THE ADDITIONAL TARGET OF KEEPING THE STREETS COMPLETELY FREE OF HAWKERS,+ HE SAID.

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LIBRARY RESOURCES SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS  
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THREE HUNDRED SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND TEACHER-LIBRARIANS WILL BE ATTENDING A TWO-DAY SEMINAR ON LIBRARY-ASSISTED TEACHING AND LEARNING ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (MARCH 11 AND 12).

THE SEMINAR WILL INTRODUCE TEACHERS TO THE WAYS AND MEANS OF MAKING THE BEST POSSIBLE USE OF SCHOOL LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING.

TALKS WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY IN EDUCATION, THE VALUE OF BASIC LIBRARY SKILLS, NEW TRENDS IN RESOURCE-BASED LEARNING, AND THE AIMS AND METHODS OF LIBRARY-ASSISTED TEACHING AND LEARNING.

A DISPLAY OF THE WORKS BY TEACHER-LIBRARIANS AND A BOOK EXHIBITION WILL ALSO BE HELD. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO THE EXHIBITION.

THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, AND WILL BE HELD AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON FROM 10 AM TO 4.30 PM ON BOTH DAYS.

MRS LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR AT 9.45 AM ON MARCH 11.

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SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO HOLD CELEBRATION CONCERT  
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THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS TO CELEBRATE ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY BY HOLDING A CONCERT ON MARCH 22 AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE CHOIR, WHICH HAS ABOUT 160 MEMBERS AGED FROM SIX TO 14, WAS INAUGURATED LAST MARCH TO ENCOURAGE MUSICAL TALENT AND TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL OUTLETS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN.

THE CELEBRATION CONCERT IS BEING ORGANISED WITH THE HELP OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEES AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE CHOIR WILL PERFORM SIX ITEMS, INCLUDING THE +SAI KUNG SUITE+ WHICH WILL BE STAGED FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE SUITE INTRODUCES THE 82 VILLAGES OF SAI KUNG AND THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS IN THE ONE-AND-A-HALF-HOUR PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE CHINESE AND WESTERN SONGS, HAKKA FOLK SONGS AND A CHILDREN'S OPERA.

BEFORE THE CONCERT STARTS THE BOARD OF CHOIR AFFAIRS WILL BE INAUGURATED TO MARK THE SUCCESSFUL REGISTRATION OF THE CHOIR AS AN INDEPENDENT BODY.

THE BOARD IS CHAIRED BY MR CHIU CHUN-BONG AND COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE RURAL COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SENIOR STAFF OFFICER, DR RICHARD BUTLER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE INAUGURATION, TOGETHER WITH THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, AND THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

THE CONCERT WILL START AT 3 PM.

TICKETS AT \$5 AND \$2 EACH ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

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MORE SPACE TO RELAX  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A SITTING-OUT AREA AT SAM KA TSUEN, LEI YUE MUN, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL BE SITUATED ON THE BREAKWATER OF SAM KA TSUEN TYPHOON SHELTER AND WILL HAVE PAVILIONS, ARBOURS, FLOWER BEDS AND BENCHES.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PWD.

WHEN COMPLETED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR, THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT.

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