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MONEY STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 1980

A FURTHER OUTFLOW OF FUNDS FROM THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR DURING NOVEMBER 1980 CONTRIBUTED TO A FALL IN THE GROWTH RATES OF THE MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS, SOMEWHAT OFFSET BY THE FACT THAT LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG BY BOTH BANKS AND DEPOSIT-COMPANIES ROSE FASTER IN THAT MONTH THAN IN OCTOBER.

THE NOVEMBER MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS, PUBLISHED TODAY, AND COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS MONTHS, ARE SET OUT AS FOLLOWS:

MONEY AND BANKING FIGURES - END OF NOVEMBER 1980 (HK\$M)

| | FIGURES FOR EARLIER MONTHS (% CHANGE): | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | NOV 1980 | OCT 1980 | AUG 1980 | NOV 1979 |
| M1 | 24 394 | 25 575 (-4.6%) | 24 074 (+1.3%) | 20 039 (+21.7%)* |
| M2 | 95 058 | 95 636 (-0.6%) | 93 004 (+2.2%) | 72 957 (+30.3%)* |
| M3 | 134 117 | 131 311 (+2.1%) | 124 207 (+8.0%) | 95 833 (+39.9%)* |
| <u>BANKS -</u> | | | | |
| DEPOSITS | 86 816 | 87 407 (-0.7%) | 85 016 (+2.1%) | 66 028 (+31.5%)* |
| LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HK | 90 865 | 85 278 (+6.6%) | 76 764 (+18.4%) | 58 653 (+54.9%)* |
| LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO | 104.7% | 97.6% | 90.3% | 88.8% |
| AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO | 48.2% | 46.8% | 48.6% | 48.9% |
| <u>DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES --</u> | | | | |
| DEPOSITS | 39 059 | 35 675 (+9.5%) | 31 203 (+25.2%) | 22 876 (+70.7%) |
| LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HK | 28 689 | 27 149 (+5.7%) | 24 784 (+15.8%) | 13 085 (+119.3%)* |
| LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO | 73.5% | 76.1% | 79.4% | 57.2% |
| AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO ₹ | 46.6% | 47.9% | 46.4% | ₹ |

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BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES -

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| TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HK | 119 554 | 112 427 (+6.3%) | 101 548 (+17.7%) | 71 738 (+66.7%) |
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* THESE FIGURES ARE RECALCULATED TO EXCLUDE BANKS' LIABILITIES TO, AND CLAIMS ON, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

☉ THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO OBSERVE A MINIMUM LIQUID ASSETS RATIO CAME INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1980.

MONEY SUPPLY

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, M1 (NOTES AND COINS WITH THE PUBLIC, PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, WITH LICENSED BANKS) FELL BY 4.6 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER, AFTER HAVING REMAINED UNCHANGED IN OCTOBER.

THERE WAS A SHARP FALL IN THE VOLUME OF DEMAND (NON-INTEREST EARNING) DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS DURING THE MONTH, PRESUMABLY REFLECTING RISING INTEREST RATES AVAILABLE ON OTHER DEPOSITS.

M2 (M1 PLUS SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, WITH LICENSED BANKS) FELL BY 0.6 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER, AFTER A 0.1 PER CENT RISE IN OCTOBER.

M3 (M2 PLUS DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) ROSE BY 2.1 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER, SLIGHTLY DOWN FROM AN INCREASE OF 2.2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. THE NOVEMBER GROWTH WAS CAUSED BY A 9.5 PER CENT RISE IN DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, AGAIN PRESUMABLY REFLECTING INTEREST RATE MOVEMENTS DURING THE MONTH.

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M1 ROSE BY ONLY 1.3 PER CENT AND M2 BY 2.2 PER CENT, MUCH LESS THAN THE 14.9 PER CENT INCREASE (ON BOTH DEFINITIONS) IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M3 GREW BY 8.0 PER CENT, ALSO WELL DOWN FROM AN 11.0 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

LOANS IN HONG KONG

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG EXPANDED BY 6.3 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER, UP FROM A 5.6 PER CENT RISE IN OCTOBER. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 17.7 PER CENT, SHARPLY UP FROM AN INCREASE OF 10.9 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG INCREASED BY 6.6 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER, AFTER A RISE OF 6.0 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 5.7 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER, AFTER RISING BY 4.3 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG GREW BY 18.4 PER CENT AND LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY 15.8 PER CENT, WELL UP FROM THE INCREASE OF 9.8 PER CENT AND 14.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

FOREIGN ASSETS

THE NET IDENTIFIABLE FOREIGN ASSETS OF ALL BANKS FELL IN NOVEMBER BY \$4 699 MILLION, WHILE THOSE OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY \$1 928 MILLION, SUGGESTING AN OUTFLOW OF FUNDS FROM THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR OF \$2 771 MILLION, AS COMPARED WITH AN OUTFLOW OF \$1 782 MILLION IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL BANKS IN HONG KONG ROSE IN NOVEMBER TO 48.2 PER CENT FROM 46.8 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO ALSO ROSE TO 104.7 PER CENT AT THE END OF NOVEMBER FROM 97.6 PER CENT AT THE END OF OCTOBER, REFLECTING THE RAPID GROWTH IN BANK LENDING DURING THE MONTH.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL IN NOVEMBER TO 46.6 PER CENT FROM 47.9 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO FELL FURTHER TO 73.5 PER CENT AT THE END OF NOVEMBER FROM 76.1 PER CENT AT THE END OF OCTOBER, REFLECTING THE SHARP INCREASE IN DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DURING THE MONTH.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS WAS UNCHANGED IN NOVEMBER AT 113. TWO MORE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BEGAN TO REPORT DURING THE MONTH, BRINGING THEIR TOTAL TO 300.

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TUEN MUN ON WAY TO BECOMING A CITY

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THIS YEAR WILL SEE TUEN MUN ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING A CITY THAT WILL MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY BY TUEN MUN PROJECT MANAGER, MR STAN BARDEN, WHEN HE, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, GAVE A DETAILED BRIEFING TO LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILDING THE NEW TOWN.

THE OCCASION WAS THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF AN \$85 000 PAVILION WHICH COMMANDS A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE GROWING +CITY+.

THE PAVILION, NAMED TSING SHAN PAVILION, WAS COMPLETED IN JANUARY, 1980, AND HAS SINCE BECOME A FAVOURITE SPOT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS.

/MR BARDEN

MR BARDEN SAID ALREADY TUEN MUN'S POPULATION HAD GROWN TO FOUR TIMES THAT OF THE ORIGINAL VILLAGES WHICH MADE UP +CASTLE PEAK+, AND THIS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING.

+THE FIRST REALLY LARGE ESTATES BUILT BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, ON TING AND YAU OI, ARE ALREADY TAKING SHAPE AND WILL BE NEARING COMPLETION BY THE END OF THE YEAR, WHILE THE NEXT ONE, BUTTERFLY ESTATE, IS BEGINNING TO EMERGE.

+THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING TYPE OF ESTATE BUILT BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR SALE, CHI LOK FA YUEN, WILL ALSO BE COMPLETED, WHILE A START WILL BE MADE ON ANOTHER NEAR BUTTERFLY BEACH FOR OUR +MIDDLE CLASS+ CITIZENS.

+YET ANOTHER, IN THE FORM OF A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, IS TAKING SHAPE AT THE NORTH OF THE TOWN AND SHAN KING ESTATE HAS STARTED TO THE WEST. PROGRESS IS BY NO MEANS LIMITED TO PUBLIC HOUSING, HOWEVER, AND WORK WILL START DURING THE YEAR ON THE GREATER PART OF TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE, WHICH INCLUDES FLATS FOR SOME 25 000 PEOPLE,+ THE BOARD MEMBERS WERE TOLD.

FOUR OF THE SEVEN LOTS THAT MAKE UP THIS PRESTIGIOUS PROJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN SOLD BY THE YEAR'S END, INCLUDING ONE THAT WOULD PROVIDE COMMERCIAL AND SHOPPING FACILITIES RIVALLING THOSE TO BE FOUND ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE FAST GROWING POPULATION HAVE NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN, THOUGH PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED ON SITE FORMATION AND OTHER WORKS HAVE PREVENTED THE MAIN 1 400 BED HOSPITAL REACHING COMPLETION AS EARLY AS WAS ORIGINALLY HOPED.

NEVERTHELESS, MR BARDEN SAID, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT PILING WORK FOR THE FIRST BUILDINGS OF THE HOSPITAL WOULD START THIS YEAR, WHILE THE YAN OI POLYCLINIC, TO BE OPENED THIS YEAR, WOULD HELP TO BRIDGE THE GAP.

ON THE CULTURAL FRONT, THE BOARD MEMBERS HEARD THAT BUILDING TUEN MUN'S 1 500 SEAT AUDITORIUM WAS EXPECTED TO START THIS YEAR, USING A DESIGN THAT HAD BEEN TESTED AND FOUND SUCCESSFUL IN TSUEN WAN, THOUGH IT WOULD HAVE ITS OWN CHARACTERISTICS MAKING IT CLEARLY PART OF THE TUEN MUN SCENE.

CLOSE BY, THE FIRST BLOCK OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES WOULD ALSO BE STARTED, PROVIDING A MUCH NEEDED FOCAL POINT FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICES THAT HAVE TO BE PROVIDED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

AMONG WHAT MR BARDEN DESCRIBED AS +THE MORE MUNDANE ACHIEVEMENTS, BUT AS IMPORTANT AS ANY+ WOULD BE THE COMPLETION OF THE LINING OF THE LARGE NULLAH THAT RUNS THROUGH TUEN MUN, AND COMPLETION OF ITS MAIN SEWER.

EVENTUALLY, THE CONTENTS OF THE NULLAH WOULD, DURING DRY PERIODS, BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SEWAGE SYSTEM, WHILE THE SEWAGE WOULD BE GIVEN PRIMARY TREATMENT AT PILLAR POINT AND DISCHARGED INTO THE SEA WELL OFF-SHORE SO THAT THE PRESENT EFFECT ON BATHING FACILITIES WOULD BE MUCH REDUCED.

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TO THE SOUTH OF THE TOWN, THE BIGGEST TYPHOON SHELTER IN THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES IS TAKING SHAPE AND BY THE END OF THE YEAR MAY PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PROTECTION TO VESSELS TO MAKE A START ON CLEARING THE TEMPORARY SHELTER.

TO THE WEST OF THE TOWN, THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TWO MASSIVE POWER STATIONS TO BE BUILT AT TAP SHEK KOK, THAT WOULD TOGETHER PROVIDE OVER 60 PER CENT OF ALL THE POWER CONSUMED IN HONG KONG, WOULD COME +ON STREAM+ IN 1981, LESS THAN THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE THAT THE FIRST PIECE OF EARTH MOVING PLANT MOVED ON TO THE SITE.

THIS IS A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT, EVEN FOR HONG KONG, WHERE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS ARE NOT UNUSUAL, BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HELP MEET THE RAPIDLY GROWING DEMAND FOR POWER WITHOUT WHICH THE TERRITORY CANNOT SURVIVE, MR BARDEN SAID.

THE PAVILION OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY IS IN TRADITIONAL CHINESE STYLE AND HAS A MAP SHOWING THE LAYOUT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN. IT COVERS AN AREA OF 25 SQUARE METRES.

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RESULTS OF LATEST LABOUR FORCE SURVEY * * * * *

THE RESULTS OF A SAMPLE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATE THAT THERE WERE AT THAT TIME 101 900 UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN HONG KONG.

THIS NUMBER REPRESENTED 4.3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL LABOUR FORCE.

THESE FIGURES COMPARE WITH 74 600 OR 3.4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 1979 AND 73 000 OR 3.2 PER CENT IN MARCH 1980.

IN COMMENT ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 1.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS.

+HOWEVER, THERE ARE USUALLY SUBSTANTIALLY MORE FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) IN SEPTEMBER THAN IN MARCH,+ HE SAID.

+THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS IN THE SEPTEMBER 1980 SURVEY WAS 18 600 AS COMPARED WITH 6 600 IN THE MARCH 1980 SURVEY (AN INCREASE OF 12 000 PERSONS).

+IF THE SEPTEMBER 1980 RATE IS ADJUSTED FOR THE SEASONAL INFLUENCE TO PUT IT ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE MARCH 1980 RATE, IT BECOMES 3.8 PER CENT.

+THE CORRECTED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS AND THE MARCH 1980 FIGURE OF AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF 0.6 PERCENTAGE POINT IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.+

/HE SAID

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THERE WAS AN ACTUAL INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT (AN ABSOLUTE INCREASE IN THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS OF 16 900) OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THERE WAS ALSO AN INCREASE IN JOB OPPORTUNITIES TAKEN UP BECAUSE THE SIZE OF THE LABOUR FORCE ROSE BY 94 700.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, PERSONS AGED BETWEEN 15 - 64 WHO WERE NOT IN EMPLOYMENT, OR WHO HAD WORKED FOR LESS THAN 15 HOURS IN THE SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE SURVEY DATE, BUT WERE LOOKING FOR WORK, WERE CLASSIFIED AS UNEMPLOYED.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO THE VARIOUS DEFINITIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT USED BY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

IN HONG KONG, 'UNEMPLOYED' INCLUDED PEOPLE WHO HAD JUST LEFT SCHOOL AND WHO REALLY HAD NOT MUCH CHANCE TO FIND A JOB- OR WHO HAD JUST, BUT ONLY JUST, TAKEN UP WORK- OR WHO HAD TEMPORARILY BEEN LAID OFF WORK (WORKING LESS THAN 15 HOURS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS)- OR WHO WERE AVAILABLE FOR WORK, BUT WERE NOT ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR WORK BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THERE WAS NONE TO BE HAD OR BECAUSE THEY WERE TEMPORARILY SICK.

A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE SURVEY IS NOW AVAILABLE AND COPIES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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TUEN MUN HOME OWNERSHIP SITE FOR CASH TENDER
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THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR A LARGE SITE IN TUEN MUN FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME DEVELOPMENT.

DETAILS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE 5.303 HECTARE SITE, SITUATED NEAR BUTTERFLY BEACH AND LUNG MUN ROAD, WAS PUT UP FOR TENDER TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, BUT NO OFFERS WERE RECEIVED WHEN IT CLOSED ON JANUARY 2.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE SITE WAS NOW OFFERED FOR DISPOSAL BY CASH TENDER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS IS APRIL 10.

HE SAID A PROBABLE REASON FOR THE FIRST TENDER FAILING TO ATTRACT ANY OFFERS WAS THE VERY RAPID INCREASE IN LETTER 'B' PRICES DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

THE SITE CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$216 MILLION.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUILD 2 100 TO 2 300 RESIDENTIAL UNITS RANGING BETWEEN 50 SQUARE METRES AND 80 SQUARE METRES IN COVERED AREA.

THE TOTAL GROSS RESIDENTIAL FLOOR AREA WILL NOT EXCEED 155 900 SQUARE METRES.

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THE UNITS WILL BE SOLD AT PRICES TO BE FIXED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING.

DETAILS OF THE TENDER AND TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND ISLANDS, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICES.

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PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL FOR YUEN LONG
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A \$31 MILLION SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND GARDEN WILL BE BUILT NEXT TO YUEN LONG STADIUM IN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS LET A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT TO WOON LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

MR C.S. LEE, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE PWD'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE SAID THE WORK WOULD BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN JULY NEXT YEAR.

THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX TO THE SOUTH OF THE STADIUM WILL COMPRISE A MAIN AND A SECONDARY POOL, AND POOLS FOR TEACHING, DIVING AND PADDLING. THERE WILL ALSO BE A SPECTATOR STAND.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS, A LIGHT REFRESHMENT SHOP AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

THE GARDEN, TO BE BUILT TO THE NORTH OF THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, WILL FEATURE A PLANTING AND SITTING-OUT AREA, A SHALLOW POOL AND A FOUNTAIN.

A TEMPORARY RECREATION GROUND WITH TWO BASKETBALL COURTS AND A SMALL REST GARDEN WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED BY THE SIDE OF THE COMPLEX.

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POSTER DESIGN FOR THE YEAR OF THE DISABLED
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SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS ARE INVITED TO JOIN A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION INTENDED TO AROUSE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS (IYDP).

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE UNITED NATIONS' DECISION TO PROCLAIM 1981 AS IYDP.

ENTRIES SHOULD SHOW THE IDEA OF INTEGRATION OF THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY, OR THE DISABLED AND THE ABLE-BODIED JOINING HANDS IN MEANINGFUL PUBLIC SERVICE WORK.

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POSTERS SHOULD BEAR THE WORDS +INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS - 1981+ IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH, OR BOTH= AND SHOULD SHOW THE UNITED NATIONS EMBLEM FOR THE IYDP IN BLUE COLOUR.

THEY MAY BE IN THE FORM OF PHOTOGRAPH, COLLAGE, PHOTOGRAM, PRINT, PAINTING OR DRAWING= AND SHOULD MEASURE EITHER 420 BY 594 MM OR 297 BY 420 MM.

THERE WILL BE SEPARATE SECTIONS FOR SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS. ANY NUMBER OF ENTRIES MAY BE SUBMITTED BY ONE PERSON.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FORM OF BOOK OR STATIONERY TOKENS RANGING FROM \$500 TO \$50.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 3RD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG BY JANUARY 20.

A PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE HELD AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL CONCOURSE ON FEBRUARY 14 AND 15.

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CHANGE OF POLLING STATION
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REGISTERED VOTERS FOR URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO POLL AT THE DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN KWUN TONG WILL INSTEAD HAVE TO DO SO AT KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY MR KUO KET-CHEN, REGISTRATION OFFICER FOR THE ELECTIONS.

KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL IS AT 240 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD. IT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A NEW POLLING STATION.

THE CHANGE WILL AFFECT A TOTAL OF 1 453 REGISTERED ELECTORS. THEY WILL RECEIVE A LETTER INFORMING THEM OF THE CHANGE.

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SCHOOL SITE FOR SALE
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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING A SITE AT HIP WO STREET, KWUN TONG FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 1 120 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 13.

TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD AND IN KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE PLACES.

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CATERERS WANTED FOR AIRPORT

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TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE OPERATION OF A SNACK BAR AT THE PASSENGER TERMINAL AND A CANTEEN AT THE AIR CARGO TERMINAL OFFICE BLOCK OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE SNACK BAR, LOCATED AT THE ARRIVALS LEVEL OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING, WILL SELL SNACKS AND BEVERAGES INCLUDING ALCOHOLIC DRINKS TO AIRPORT VISITORS. THE TENANCY WILL BE FOR FOUR YEARS FROM THIS APRIL, OR A LATER DATE AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT.

THE CANTEEN WILL BE ON THE 6TH FLOOR OF THE AIR CARGO TERMINAL OFFICE BLOCK. IT WILL SERVE AS A STAFF CANTEEN AND PROVIDE MEALS, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, LIQUOR AND NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS TO PERSONNEL OF THE AIR CARGO TERMINAL COMPLEX. THE TENANCY WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS BEGINNING FROM MARCH.

TENDERERS FOR EITHER OR BOTH FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE MORE THAN THREE YEARS CATERING EXPERIENCE. THEIR TENDERS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX BY 12 NOON ON JANUARY 30, FRIDAY.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG OR FROM THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SUPPLY OF MOTOR BOATS

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF AT LEAST THREE MOTOR BOATS ON HIRE FOR A YEAR FROM THIS APRIL.

THE BOATS, TO BE ON HIRE AT ONE TIME AT HOURLY RATES, WILL BE USED TO TAKE OFFICERS OF THE SERVICE BETWEEN THE SHORE AND SHIPS AT ANCHOR IN THE HARBOUR AND FOR PATROLS WITHIN HONG KONG WATERS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TOTAL SAILING TIME PER MONTH WILL NOT BE LESS THAN 200 HOURS AND THE TOTAL WAITING TIME 500 HOURS.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SUPPLIES SECTION OF THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1321, 13TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, 5 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

NOTICE OF THE TENDER IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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