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MORE FOREIGN COMPANIES COME TO HONG KONG

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A TOTAL OF 257 FOREIGN COMPANIES SET UP BUSINESS IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE COMMERCIAL DIVISION OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

WITH 84 DELETIONS FROM THE REGISTRY OVER THE YEAR, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FOREIGN BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT FROM 1 699 TO 1 872, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, POINTED OUT.

OF THE NEW ESTABLISHMENTS, 78 COME UNDER +MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES+, THE LARGEST SINGLE NUMBER.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY INSURANCE WITH 51 ESTABLISHMENTS, FINANCIAL TRUST AND INVESTMENT WITH 19, THE LAND AND BUILDINGS SECTOR WITH 11, ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OPERATION WITH 10 AND BANKING WITH 9.

FOUR NEW COMPANIES ARE ENGAGED IN THE TEXTILES SECTOR.

THE REST COVER A BROAD ARRAY OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS, RANGING FROM SHIPPING, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, ADVERTISING AND NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING TO HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS, TOURISM AND TRANSPORT.

THE UNITED STATES LEADS WITH 64 NEW ESTABLISHMENTS, THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH 60, JAPAN WITH 41 AND SINGAPORE WITH 13.

OF THE 1 872 FOREIGN COMPANIES REGISTERED, THE UNITED STATES TOPS THE LIST WITH 436 COMPANIES, FOLLOWED BY THE UK WITH 279 COMPANIES, JAPAN WITH 223 AND SINGAPORE WITH 106.

THE REGISTRY SHOWS THAT THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN AND LOCAL COMPANIES COMBINED INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT LAST YEAR, FROM 108 302 TO 118 680.

EXISTING COMPANIES INCREASED THEIR NOMINAL CAPITAL BY \$12.928 BILLION, COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF \$19.451 BILLION IN 1982.

THE NOMINAL CAPITAL OF NEW COMPANIES INCORPORATED LAST YEAR TOTALLED \$3.469 BILLION, COMPARED WITH \$3.939 BILLION FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE AMOUNT SECURED BY CHARGES REGISTERED ON THE ASSETS OF COMPANIES INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT, FROM \$46.880 BILLION TO \$51.921 BILLION.

THE AMOUNT REPAID ON CHARGES, AS SHOWN BY CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION, DECREASED BY 36 PER CENT, FROM \$14.729 BILLION TO \$9.356 BILLION.

DURING THE YEAR, 35 PROSPECTUSES OF NEW PUBLIC COMPANIES, INCLUDING 11 FOR MUTUAL FUNDS, WERE APPROVED, AS AGAINST 28 PROSPECTUSES, INCLUDING 13 FOR MUTUAL FUNDS, IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

DURING THE YEAR 6 206 APPLICATIONS FOR TRADE MARKS WERE RECEIVED, DOWN FROM 6 384 IN 1982.

AT 2 802, THE NUMBER OF NEW TRADE MARKS REGISTERED IN HONG KONG WAS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN IN 1982, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 40 915.

HONG KONG COMMUNITY GROWING STRONGER

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES TODAY (SUNDAY) STRESSED THAT HONG KONG WAS A STRONG COMMUNITY AND WAS GROWING STRONGER.

+HONG KONG IS NOW A MUCH MORE COMPLETE COMMUNITY THAN IT WAS 10 YEARS AGO,+ HE SAID.

BUT HE ADDED THAT THE WORK OF BUILDING THE COMMUNITY HAD NOT FINISHED.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURAL BALL OF THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR AKERS-JONES SAID HONG KONG HAD CHANGED FROM A RELATIVELY UNSOPHISTICATED MANUFACTURING CENTRE INTO A HIGHLY ORGANISED MODERN METROPOLIS.

+WE ARE AN ARTICULATE COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE A PROVEN SYSTEM FOR MAKING OUR VIEWS KNOWN, AND THIS SYSTEM IS CAPABLE OF BEING FURTHER DEVELOPED,+ HE SAID.

+WE ARE AN EDUCATED AND HIGHLY TRAINED COMMUNITY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADVANCED TRAINING ARE BEING EXPANDED.

+WE ARE AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, A PLACE OF LIFE, TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE WORLD.

+WE ARE A CULTURAL CROSSROADS AND THE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ARE NOW ENRICHING OUR LIVES AS NEVER BEFORE.

+LET US RESOLVE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS NEW YEAR OF 1984 THAT WE WILL BE STEADFAST IN OUR RESOLVE TO CONTINUE WITH THIS GREAT WORK,+ HE SAID.

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TRAFFIC PLAN FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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SPECIAL TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY (THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2) WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE DISPLAY IS TO TAKE PLACE IN VICTORIA HARBOUR. IT WILL START AT 8 PM AND LAST 30 MINUTES.

ON BOTH HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON THERE WILL BE SPECIAL PEDESTRIAN-ONLY AREAS TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO VIEW THE FIREWORKS FROM GOOD VANTAGE POINTS.

THERE WILL BE EXTRA BUS, TRAM, FERRY AND MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY SERVICES TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASED PUBLIC DEMAND BEFORE AND AFTER THE DISPLAY.

TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS AMPLE SPACE FOR ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO SEE THE DISPLAY AND THAT DISRUPTION TO TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC IS KEPT TO A MINIMUM, A NUMBER OF ROAD CLOSURES AND OTHER ALTERATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ARE REQUIRED.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN GAVE DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISPLAY.

IN CENTRAL, THE SUNDAY-PUBLIC HOLIDAY PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT AT CHATER ROAD AND ICE HOUSE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT.

IN THE PEAK AREA, UPHILL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, MAXICABS, PRIVATE OMNIBUSES AND TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF PEAK ROAD WEST OF MAGAZINE GAP ROAD FROM 6 PM UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED. HOWEVER, DOWNHILL TRAFFIC WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

PEAK RESIDENTS REQUIRING EMERGENCY ACCESS TO THE AREA DURING THE CLOSURE MAY CONTACT THE PEAK POLICE STATION ON 5-96242.

A NUMBER OF ROADS IN THE WAN CHAI WATERFRONT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6.30 PM. MANY OTHERS ON COASTAL TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 7 PM AND 10 PM. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH TRAFFIC SIGNS.

ADDITIONAL TRIPS WILL BE OPERATED ON CMB ROUTE 15 AND ITS FREQUENCY WILL BE STRENGTHENED TO SIX MINUTES.

HYF WILL CANCEL ITS WAN CHAI-JORDAN ROAD SERVICE AFTER 7.20 PM, AND WILL RESUME NORMAL SERVICE AT 8.40 PM. AND FOR THE WAN CHAI-HUNG HOM SERVICE, SAILINGS WILL BE CANCELLED BETWEEN 7 PM AND 8.45 PM.

FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM, ALL ENTRANCES OF THE TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION EXCEPT THE CAMERON ROAD ENTRANCE WILL BE RESERVED FOR OUT-GOING PASSENGERS ONLY. AFTER 8 PM, ALL EXCEPT THE CARNAVON ROAD ENTRANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO IN-COMING PASSENGERS ONLY. THE HUMPHREYS AVENUE ENTRANCE WILL BE CLOSED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING. TO AVOID CONGESTION, PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO USE JORDAN STATION.

SPECIAL ENTRY AND EXIT ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED AT JORDAN STATION IN THE EVENT OF OVERCROWDING.

THE STAR FERRY BUS TERMINUS IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 7 PM AND 10 PM. TERMINAL FACILITIES WILL BE REPROVISIONED AT THE KMB COACH TERMINUS AT PEKING ROAD AND THE TEMPORARY LAY-OVER AREAS AT SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD AND GRANVILLE ROAD.

ACCESS TO CAR PARKS AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL, NEW WORLD CENTRE, KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION AND MIDDLE ROAD WILL BE BANNED BETWEEN 6.30 PM AND 10 PM.

CROWDS ARE EXPECTED TO GATHER ON THE ROOFS OF THE CAR PARKS AT CITY HALL, STAR FERRY AND RUMSEY STREET TO WATCH THE DISPLAY. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO REMOVE THEIR VEHICLES FROM THESE CAR PARKS BEFORE 7 PM TO AVOID BEING DAMAGED.

ALL PARKING FACILITIES AT THE PEAK AND IN TSIM SHA TSUI COASTAL AREAS WILL BE SUSPENDED AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

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HOLIDAY RUSH AT HONG KONG AIRPORT

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THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED PEOPLE WHO WILL BE TRAVELLING BY AIR DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD TO OBSERVE A FEW SIMPLE GUIDELINES TO HELP EASE CONGESTION AT HONG KONG AIRPORT.

FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), THE DEPARTING PASSENGER TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY AND WILL REACH ITS PEAK ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

THE ARRIVING PASSENGER TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO BUILD UP GRADUALLY ON THE THIRD OR FOURTH DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

+PASSENGERS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT EARLY AND CHECK-IN EARLY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT SAID.

HE ALSO URGED THEM TO TRAVEL TO THE AIRPORT BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT INSTEAD OF PRIVATE CARS, AND TO KEEP THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SEEING THEM OFF TO THE MINIMUM.

A SPECIAL CHECK-IN AREA FOR GUANGZHOU-BOUND PASSENGERS ON EXTRA FLIGHTS WILL BE SET UP AT THE WESTERN-END OF THE DEPARTURES HALL TO PROCESS THE LARGE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE PLACED TO GUIDE THESE PASSENGERS TO DISEMBARK FROM VEHICLES AT THE FAR END OF THE DEPARTURE LEVEL FRONTAGE ROAD NEAREST TO THE SPECIAL CHECK-IN AREA.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL HELP REDUCE UNNECESSARY CROSS-FLOW OF PEOPLE AND BAGGAGE MOVEMENT IN THE DEPARTURES HALL.

+CONGESTION IS UNAVOIDABLE DURING THIS HEAVY TRAFFIC HOLIDAY PERIOD. HOWEVER, THE AIRPORT WILL BE MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE IF PASSENGERS WILL ADHERE TO THE GUIDELINES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE EFFICIENCY OF AIRPORT OPERATION WILL DEPEND GREATLY ON THE DEGREE OF CO-OPERATION FROM THE PUBLIC,+ HE ADDED.

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RESIDENTS TOLD ABOUT FIRE DANGER

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IN THE TWO MONTHS FROM NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE TUEN MUN FIRE STATION RESPONDED TO OVER 130 CALLS.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF NEW TERRITORIES FIRE COMMAND, MR CHEUNG SHU-SHING WHEN HE OFFICIALLY OPENED THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIRE PREVENTION DAY IN YAN OI SQUARE, TUEN MUN.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FIRE SERVICES, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

THE FIRES, WHICH WERE MOSTLY CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS, RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF ONE LIFE AND MUCH PROPERTY, AND IN SIX CASUALTIES, MR CHEUNG SAID.

HE REMINDED TUEN MUN RESIDENTS TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST FIRE AT ALL TIMES, AND NEVER TO SLACKEN THEIR EFFORTS, BECAUSE +A MOMENT OF CARELESSNESS COULD LEAD TO TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES+.

+I BELIEVE THAT YOU ALL HAVE LEARNT FROM THE NEWSPAPERS ABOUT THE MAJOR FIRE CATASTROPHIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES RECENTLY. THE SHOCKING DEATH TOLL IS INDEED APPALLING AND CAN SERVE AS A CAUTION TO US,+ MR CHEUNG WARNED.

THE NEW TUEN MUN FIRE STATION WAS BUILT AND COMMISSIONED IN 1980, TO REPLACE THE OLD SAN HUI FIRE STATION. THE STATION NOW HAS 12 FIRE APPLIANCES WITH OVER 70 FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL.

IT IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH THE MOST ADVANCED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT, AND AN AMBULANCE DEPOT.

LAST YEAR ALONE THE STATION HAD RESPONDED TO A TOTAL OF 444 CALLS.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, MRS BETTY SHUM, AND CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK AND TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

LUNAR NEW YEAR FIRE PREVENTION ADVICE

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THE PUBLIC WERE URGED TODAY (SUNDAY) TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO FIRE RISKS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID, +PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE SPECIAL CARE AGAINST FIRE DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD WHEN HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND COOKING STOVES ARE FREQUENTLY USED, AND TRADITIONAL WORSHIPPING RITUALS HELD.+

+IF THERE IS A DROP IN HUMIDITY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, THE RISK OF FIRE OUTBREAKS WILL BE EVEN HIGHER,+ HE ADDED.

FIRES CAUSED BY ELECTRICAL FAULTS AND BY CARELESS HANDLING OF CIGARETTES, MATCHES, JOSS STICKS AND CANDLES ACCOUNTED FOR 45 PER CENT OF THE 10 585 FIRE CALLS IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1983.

+MANY OF THEM COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF ONLY THE BASIC FIRE PREVENTION RULES HAD BEEN OBSERVED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THESE RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * MAKE SURE ALL HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES ARE IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION ;
- * AVOID OVERLOADING THE POWER POINTS ;
- * ATTEND TO COOKING FACILITIES IN USE ;
- * SWITCH OFF ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES BEFORE LEAVING HOME ;
- * KEEP MATCHES AND LIGHTERS OUT OF CHILDREN'S REACH ;
- * BURN JOSS-STICKS, JOSS-CANDLES, PAPER MONEY AND OTHER ITEMS IN METAL CONTAINERS AND KEEP THEM FROM ANY INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL ;
- * PROVIDE VISITORS WITH ENOUGH ASHTRAYS AND BEFORE YOU EMPTY AN ASHTRAY, MAKE SURE THE ASHES AND ALL CIGARETTE BUTTS ARE EXTINGUISHED ;
- * NEVER STORE MORE THAN ONE CONTAINER OF FUEL AT ONE TIME AND KEEP IT WELL AWAY FROM ANY SOURCE OF HEAT ;
- * DO NOT FILL A KEROSENE STOVE OR HEATER WHEN IT IS ALIGHT, AND
- * KEEP THE CORRIDORS AND STAIRCASES FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION.

THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO ADVISED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE WHEN THEY VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE.

/PICNICKERS MUST

PICNICKERS MUST USE DESIGNATED AREAS FOR BARBECUE AND THEY MUST ENSURE ALL FIRES ARE COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED BEFORE THEY LEAVE. BETTER STILL, THEY SHOULD BRING PRE-COOKED FOOD.

+ANYONE WHO CAUSES A FIRE IN THE COUNTRY PARK IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT. THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING A FIRE ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IS \$2 000,+ THE SPOKESMAN WARNED.

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NEED FOR VENTILATION STRESSED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, IN ITS ON-GOING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH CAMPAIGNS, IS GIVING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE PREVENTION OF POISONING BY TOXIC GASES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE VENTILATION IN WORKPLACES.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THREE SPECIAL TV API'S (ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTERESTS) NAMELY, +VENTILATION+, +TOXIC CHEMICALS+ AND +CORROSIVE CHEMICALS+ ARE CURRENTLY BEING SCREENED ON BOTH THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE CHANNELS OF ATV AND TVB.

A SPECIAL POSTER ON +VENTILATION+ HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE TV API ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, CONTINUES TO ADVISE FACTORY PROPRIETORS ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADEQUATE VENTILATION OF WORKROOMS AND AT THE SAME TIME TO ENFORCE THE SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS CONCERNING GENERAL VENTILATION OF WORKROOMS AND LOCAL EXHAUST SYSTEMS FOR SPECIAL PROCESSES UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS.

DURING THEIR INSPECTIONS TO FACTORIES, THEY PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO PROCESSES WHICH MAY GENERATE TOXIC GASES WITHOUT ADEQUATE VENTILATION, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO ASSIST INDUSTRY IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING SAFETY AND HEALTH.

+ANY INDUSTRIALIST WHO HAS ANY DOUBTS ON ANY SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARD RELATING TO HIS PLANT OR MACHINERY IS STRONGLY URGED TO CONSULT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WHOSE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FREE AT ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE, LOCATED IN MOST OF THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR,+ HE ADDED.

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PROPER DISPOSAL OF REFUSE URGED

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RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE URGED TODAY TO DISPOSE OF REFUSE AND OLD ARTICLES PROPERLY WHILE CLEANING UP THEIR HOMES FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

MEANWHILE, WITH THE APPROACH OF THE LUNAR FESTIVAL, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS LAUNCHED A SIX-DAY CLEAN-UP OPERATION THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE OPERATION, WHICH STARTED ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 27), WILL LAST UNTIL NEW YEAR'S EVE ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 1), A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALL REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED MORE THAN 100 SITES WHERE NT RESIDENTS MAY DISPOSE OF BULKY OLD ARTICLES.

INDUSTRIAL REFUSE AND BUILDING DEBRIS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE CONTROLLED TIP AT JUNK BAY FOR DISPOSAL. NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE NO REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE BY THE DEPARTMENT ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY WHICH FALLS ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 2).

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SITE PREPARATION FOR NEW PLAYGROUND

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THE FORMER KAI TAK AMUSEMENT PARK SITE IS TO BE DEVELOPED INTO A DISTRICT PLAYGROUND.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SITE PREPARATION WORK.

THIS WILL START IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN THREE MONTHS.

A FAN-SHAPED PLAYGROUND MEASURING 20 000 SQUARE METRES WILL THEN BE BUILT IN TWO STAGES UNDER SEPARATE CONTRACTS.

IN STAGE I, A 420-METRE-LONG JOGGING TRACK, TWO MINI-SOCCER PITCHES, A CHINESE PAVILION AND SITTING-OUT AREAS WILL BE BUILT.

WORK IN STAGE II WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STOREY BUILDING WITH 82 COOKED FOOD STALLS ON THE LOWER FLOORS AND AN INDOOR GAMES HALL ON THE UPPER FLOORS. THERE WILL BE A CHILDREN'S LIBRARY AND PLAY AREAS, SIX INDOOR BADMINTON COURTS, FIVE TENNIS COURTS, TWO BASKET BALL COURTS, A VOLLEY BALL COURT, A HAND BALL PITCH AND A REST GARDEN.

LANDSCAPING WORK WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE PLAYGROUND.

THE WHOLE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1986.

THE PLAYGROUND WILL SERVE THE APPROXIMATELY 400 000 RESIDENTS OF WONG TAI SIN.

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LABORATORY SAFETY SEMINAR

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A SEMINAR ON SCHOOL LABORATORY SAFETY WILL BE HELD FOR CHEMISTRY TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS ON MARCH 24.

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAFETY OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE CHEMISTRY THEATRE, CHEMISTRY BUILDING, G/F, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, POKFULAM ROAD.

THE SEMINAR WILL FEATURE TALKS ON THE SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF A SCHOOL LABORATORY AND THE COMMON HAZARDS IN A CHEMISTRY LABORATORY.

OWING TO LIMITED SEATING, ONLY 250 TEACHERS WILL BE ACCEPTED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR. APPLICATIONS WILL THEREFORE BE TREATED ON A +FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED+ BASIS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WISHING TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (CHEMISTRY), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 5/F., HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TAI PO ROAD PROJECT

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THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A ROAD PROJECT AT TAI PO NEW TOWN.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF 300 METRES OF DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AND A 250-METRE-LONG SINGLE ROAD TO FU SHIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON TAI PO RECLAMATION.

ALSO TO BE PROVIDED AT THE ESTATE AS PART OF THE CONTRACT ARE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ROADS, A TEMPORARY BUS STATION, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS.

KWONG FUK ROAD BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED AND EVENTUALLY DEMOLISHED WHEN A NEW BRIDGE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS ACROSS LAM TSUEN RIVER IS BUILT.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES REALIGNMENT OF LAM TSUEN RIVER AND ALTERATIONS TO ROADS AT TAI PO MARKET AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAI PO CENTRAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME.

ALSO PLOVER COVE ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED AND TAI PO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET WILL BE REPROVISIONED TO A NEW SITE AT YIM TIN TSAI.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN APRIL.

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HANDBOOK ON TAI PO PUBLISHED

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD HAS PUBLISHED A HANDBOOK CONTAINING INFORMATION ON SERVICES AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE 44-PAGE PUBLICATION, ENTITLED +HOME IN TAI PO+, COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING HOUSING, SCHOOLING, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, TRANSPORT AND PASTIME.

WRITTEN IN CHINESE AND ILLUSTRATED WITH COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND CHARTS, THE HANDBOOK ALSO COVERS DISTRICT'S HISTORY, POPULATION AND SCENIC SPOTS.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND FACILITIES, WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICES ORGANISATIONS ARE LISTED.

+THROUGH THE HANDBOOK, RESIDENTS WILL KNOW BETTER THEIR DISTRICT WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERGOING DRAMATIC CHANGES FROM A RURAL FISHING VILLAGE INTO A MODERN COMMUNITY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID.

+INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE PUBLICATION WILL ALSO ENABLE PEOPLE TO TAKE PART MORE ACTIVELY IN LOCAL ACTIVITIES SO THAT THE OLD AND NEW RESIDENTS CAN BLEND TOGETHER TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY.+

THE BOARD HAS SPENT \$60 000 TO PRINT 250 000 COPIES OF THE HANDBOOK FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION TO FAMILIES IN TAI PO.

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TSUEN WAN BRIGHTENING UP

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THE TOWN CENTRE OF TSUEN WAN BRIGHTENED UP THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING FOLLOWING THE SWITCHING ON OF THE FESTIVE LIGHTINGS BY MRS OPHELIA MACPHERSON, WIFE OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FESTIVE DECORATIONS, PUT UP BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AT \$65 000 ARE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND KWAI CHUNG ROUNDABOUTS AND ALONG MAJOR ROADS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE LIGHTINGS AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ROUNDABOUT FEATURE A HEXAGONAL CHINESE PALACE LANTERN WITH FESTIVE GREETINGS, WHILE THE DECORATIONS AT THE KWAI CHUNG ROUNDABOUT DISPLAY THE THREE +GODS OF FORTUNE+.

ABOUT 9 000 LIGHT BULBS AND BANNERS WITH THE SEASON'S GREETINGS ARE ALSO MOUNTED AT MAJOR ROADS.

THE LIGHTS WILL BE ON BETWEEN 6 PM AND MIDNIGHT EVERY NIGHT UNTIL THE EIGHTH DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, AND UNTIL 6 AM ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.

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CHILDREN'S FORTNIGHT ENDS WITH CONCERT

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A GALA CONCERT MARKING THE CLOSE OF THE COLOURFUL +KOWLOON REGION CHILDREN'S FORTNIGHT+ WAS HELD AT THE ACADEMIC HALL TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE FORTNIGHT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WAS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS, AND SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PROGRAMME WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING CHILDREN'S CHORAL MUSIC AND DEVELOPING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN CHOIR MEMBERS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS AS WELL AS ENHANCING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY BELONGING AMONG DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

MUSIC CLASSES, LECTURES, SEMINARS AND FILM SHOWS WERE ALSO HELD DURING THE TWO-WEEK PERIOD.

COMMENTING ON TODAY'S CONCERT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE CHILDREN PERFORMED IN A CONCERT HALL FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THEIR GENERAL PERFORMANCE AND STAGE MANNER.

+MANY OF THESE CHILDREN POSSESS GREAT MUSICAL POTENTIAL AND WITH MORE PROPER TRAINING AND HARD WORK, THEY COULD BE THE MUSIC MAKERS OF TOMORROW,+ HE ADDED.

A TOTAL OF EIGHT CHILDREN'S CHOIRS FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S CONCERT. THEY WERE HEEP WOH PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHAM SHUI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR, ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN SCHOOL, YAUMATEI-TSIM SHA TSUI CHILDREN'S CHOIR, HEEP YAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, MARYKNOLL CONVENT SCHOOL AND KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS (SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE).

IN ADDITION, THE SYMPHONIC BAND OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE FAMOUS PRESENTERS OF TVB'S CHILDREN PROGRAMME +430 SPACE SHUTTLE+ BROUGHT EXTRA FUN AND JOY TO THE AUDIENCE AS GUEST PERFORMERS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT AT KENNEDY ROAD

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KENNEDY ROAD FROM HOUSE NOS 4 TO 20 WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ONE LANE FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 3 AM TO 5 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 31) FOR ROAD WORK.

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