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EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS IN SEPTEMBER 1980

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN SEPTEMBER 1980. THESE WERE DERIVED FROM EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR= THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR= THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR= AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL FIGURES, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1979 AND JUNE 1980, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY	EMPLOYMENT IN		PERCENTAGE INCREASE		
	SEP 79	JUN 80	SEP 80	SEP 80 ON SEP 79	SEP 80 ON JUN 80
MANUFACTURING	879 700	925 400	892 100	1.4	-3.6
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	80 100	85 400	86 200	7.6	0.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	417 400	440 900	447 300	7.2	1.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	109 900(*)	121 300	126 600	15.2	4.3

NOTE: (\*) REFERRING TO AUGUST 1979

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1980 WITH THOSE FOR APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME IN 1979, THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN EACH OF THE FOUR SECTORS LISTED ABOVE. THE GROWTH RATE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WAS PARTICULARLY RAPID= EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR IN SEPTEMBER 1980, AT 126 600, WAS 15.2 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN AUGUST 1979.

THE GROWTH RATE OF EMPLOYMENT OF MANUAL WORKERS ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND THE GROWTH RATE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR WERE ALSO RAPID, WITH EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER, AT 86 200 AND 447 300 RESPECTIVELY, BEING 7.6 PER CENT AND 7.2 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THOSE IN SEPTEMBER 1979.

THE GROWTH RATE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, HOWEVER, WAS RELATIVELY SLOW. AT 892 100, EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR IN SEPTEMBER 1980 WAS ONLY 1.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1979. THIS NEVERTHELESS REPRESENTS A NET INCREASE OF 12 400 WORKERS DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1980.

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COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1980 WITH THOSE FOR JUNE 1980 TO SHOW THE MORE SHORT-TERM CHANGES, WHILE A FAIRLY LARGE DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE OTHER THREE SECTORS.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY 3.6 PER CENT BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER 1980. PART OF THIS DECREASE, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN IN THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH, WAS SEASONAL.

HE POINTED OUT THAT A SIMILAR, ALBEIT LESS SUBSTANTIAL, DECREASE OCCURRED IN THE THIRD QUARTERS OF BOTH 1977 AND 1978. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT UNFAVOURABLE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG'S MAIN MARKETS MUST ALSO HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT FACTOR LEADING TO THE DECREASE.

NEVERTHELESS, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 4.3 PER CENT BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER 1980. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF MANUAL WORKERS ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW. FURTHER DETAILS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

#### DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES

##### I. MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE INCREASE	
	SEP 79	JUN 80	SEP 80	SEP 80 ON SEP 79	SEP 80 ON JUN 80
WEARING APPAREL (EXCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	254 800	269 100	255 700	0.3	-5.0
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	127 900	132 500	124 600	-2.6	-6.0
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	118 200	123 600	119 100	0.8	-3.6
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	91 600	95 100	86 300	-5.8	-9.2
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	84 200	91 500	84 800	0.6	-7.4

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II. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR  
(MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)

<u>CONTRACTING PARTY</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE INCREASE</u>	
	<u>SEP 79</u>	<u>JUN 80</u>	<u>SEP 80</u>	<u>SEP 80 ON SEP 79</u>	<u>SEP 80 ON JUN 80</u>
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	16 742	13 756	14 449	-13.7	+5.0
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	16 543	16 435	15 916	- 3.8	-3.2
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION*	5 811	4 913	4 432	-23.7	-9.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	40 986	50 341	51 389	+25.4	+2.1

\* CONSTRUCTION SITES UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION REFER TO MTR CONTRACTS FOR WHICH WORK WAS IN PROGRESS DURING SEPTEMBER 1980.

III. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT,  
AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE INCREASE</u>	
	<u>SEP 79</u>	<u>JUN 80</u>	<u>SEP 80</u>	<u>SEP 80 ON SEP 79</u>	<u>SEP 80 ON JUN 80</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	44 900	48 100	49 800	+11.1	+3.7
RETAIL TRADE	139 600	148 000	149 600	+ 7.1	+1.1
IMPORT/EXPORT BUSINESS	103 800	112 800	115 000	+10.8	+1.9
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS	110 200	113 100	114 000	+ 3.5	+0.8
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	19 000	18 900	18 900	- 0.7	-0.3

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IV. FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND  
BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE INCREASE	
	AUG 79	JUN 80	SEP 80	SEP 80 ON AUG 79	SEP 80 ON JUN 80
MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS	37 800	40 200	42 600	+12.9	+6.1
REAL ESTATE COMPANIES	16 600	18 000	18 400	+10.8	+2.4
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	15 400	17 800*	18 900	+22.7	+6.4
ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FIRMS	4 800	5 300	5 400	+12.0	+2.7
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	7 200	8 200	8 100	+12.9	-0.8

\* REVISED FIGURE

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LRS HELPS SETTLE PROBLEMS

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MORE THAN \$35 MILLION WAS PAID TO WORKERS LAST YEAR BY THEIR EMPLOYERS AFTER THEIR LABOUR MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS WERE SETTLED THROUGH THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

PAYMENTS WERE MADE TO 20 137 EMPLOYEES WHO BROUGHT THEIR LABOUR GRIEVANCES TO THE SERVICE FOR CONCILIATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) \$12 969 087 (36.7 PER CENT) WAS FOR SEVERANCE PAYMENTS TO 5 062 WORKERS WHILE THE REMAINING \$22 326 770 WAS PAID AS ARREARS OF WAGES, WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, STATUTORY HOLIDAY PAY, BONUSES AND OTHER PAYMENTS.

MORE THAN 73 PER CENT OF THE 169 TRADE DISPUTES LAST YEAR WERE SETTLED WITH THE HELP OF THE SERVICE IN WHICH ITS OFFICERS CONDUCTED 258 EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE MEETINGS AND MADE 91 VISITS TO PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT.

PAYMENTS MADE TO WORKERS INVOLVED IN TRADE DISPUTES TOTALLED \$26.7 MILLION COMPARED TO \$8.1 MILLION IN 1979.

THE SPOKESMAN ATTRIBUTED THE 225 PER CENT INCREASE IN PAYMENTS TO THE CLOSURE OF TWO MAJOR TEXTILE FACTORIES WHICH AFFECTED A LARGE NUMBER OF WORKERS.

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BESIDES HANDLING TRADE DISPUTES, THE SERVICE ALSO ASSISTED IN 12 555 CLAIMS REGARDING TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE. SOME 7 295 CLAIMS (58.1 PER CENT) WERE SETTLED AND THE BALANCE WERE REFERRED TO THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL.

OTHER DUTIES OF THE SERVICE INCLUDED THE INVESTIGATION OF 185 MAJOR COMPLAINTS CONCERNING FAILURE TO PROVIDE REST DAYS, HOLIDAYS WITH PAY, ANNUAL LEAVE PAY, IMPROPER DEDUCTIONS OF WORKERS' WAGES AND OTHER BREACHES OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING 1980, THERE WERE 37 WORK STOPPAGES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF 21 069 WORKING DAYS, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 10.16 DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES.

HE SAID THE AVERAGE WAS CONSIDERED LOW BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND WAS A POSITIVE INDICATOR OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS.

DURING THE YEAR, OFFICERS FROM THE SERVICE GAVE ADVICE ON MATTERS RELATING TO CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT IN 157 348 CONSULTATIONS SOUGHT BY WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS.

+THE INCREASE IN ENQUIRIES AND CONSULTATIONS (124 916 IN 1979) REFLECTS THE GROWING IMPORTANCE NOW ATTACHED TO LABOUR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS BY BOTH EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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#### LOTTERIES FUND GRANTS FOR WELFARE PROJECTS \* \* \* \* \*

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT APPROVED 88 GRANTS TOTTALLING MORE THAN \$28.2 MILLION FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND TO FINANCE NEW WELFARE PROJECTS AND TO IMPROVE EXISTING SERVICES DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF 1980.

THEY INCLUDED A MAJOR CAPITAL GRANT OF ABOUT \$2.8 MILLION FOR THE HONG KONG RED CROSS TO EXPAND ITS JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE WHICH PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL TRAINING FOR SEVERELY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

ANOTHER MAJOR GRANT OF \$3.5 MILLION WAS FOR THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION TO BUILD A NEW HEADQUARTERS IN KOWLOON TO COPE WITH ITS EXPANDING ACTIVITIES.

THE GRANTS WERE APPROVED ON THE ADVICE OF THE SUBVENTION AND LOTTERIES FUND SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS REPRESENTED BY COMMUNITY LEADERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) GRANTS WERE CONSIDERED ON APPLICATION BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO FINANCE NEW PROJECTS OR TO IMPROVE EXISTING SERVICES SUCH AS RENOVATION OR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.

HE SAID THE GRANT FOR THE HONG KONG RED CROSS FORMED A MAJOR PORTION OF THE \$3.2 MILLION CAPITAL COST TO EXPAND THE OVERALL FACILITIES OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE BY ADDING ONE STOREY TO THE EXISTING BUILDING.

THE CENTRE IS A RESIDENTIAL-CUM-DAY SCHOOL FOR SEVERELY DISABLED CHILDREN, WITH ITS RESIDENTIAL SECTION SUBVENTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE SCHOOL SECTION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE EXTENSION PROJECT, HE SAID, HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTS AS IT WAS IN LINE WITH THE 1979 REHABILITATION PROGRAMME PLAN REVIEW.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE \$3.5 MILLION GRANT FOR THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION WAS TO MEET PART OF THE CAPITAL COST FOR A \$10 MILLION SIX-STORY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN GASCOIGNE ROAD.

THE ASSOCIATION HAS SECURED A PLEDGED CONTRIBUTION OF \$3.5 MILLION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, AND THE BALANCE WILL BE RAISED BY THE ASSOCIATION ITSELF.

ON COMPLETION, THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL RELEASE AND RESTORE THE PRESENT HEAD OFFICE AT WONGNEICHONG GAP ROAD TO ITS ORIGINAL USE AS A TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES CENTRE.

APART FROM BEING AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS, THE NEW OFFICE WILL ALSO BE USED AS A TRAINING CENTRE WITH DORMITORY FACILITIES FOR OVERSEAS MEMBERS AND FOR GUIDES FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING ISLANDS.

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#### ART WORK BY STUDENTS WIN AWARDS IN JAPAN

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AN EXHIBITION OF PUPILS' CREATIVE WORK WILL BE HELD IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE IN NORTH POINT FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO FEBRUARY 14.

DURING THE EXHIBITION, 20 LOCAL STUDENTS WHOSE WORK HAVE WON AWARDS IN A HONG KONG-JAPAN CHILDREN ART EXCHANGE PROGRAMME WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES. THE PROGRAMME WAS CO-ORDINATED BY THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

MISS KAZUKO IINO, CONSUL, JAPANESE INFORMATION AND CULTURAL OFFICE, CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN IN HONG KONG= MR JOHN PAIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION AND MRS J.W. GILLARD, PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (CULTURAL CRAFTS) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW AT THE CENTRE.

THE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE LOCAL CHILDREN TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER 20 WINNING ENTRIES BY JAPANESE CHILDREN WILL BE SHOWN IN A SPECIAL SECTION OF THE EXHIBITION.

SELECTED ART WORK BY FORM/MIDDLE 5 STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED AT THE EXHIBITION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE SAID.

+THIS PART OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN ART,+ HE SAID.

ALSO ON SHOW WILL BE CREATIVE WORK INCLUDING PAINTING, NEEDLEWORK AND OTHER CRAFTS BY PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS.

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WINNING ENTRIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS, PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS FROM THE 1980 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE ART SECTION AND THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT- TOGETHER WITH PAINTINGS BY JAPANESE AND KOREAN CHILDREN ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBITION.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO SEE THE DISPLAY AT THE CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAY.

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#### NEW TERRITORIES BASKETBALL LEAGUE STARTS SOON

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A BASKETBALL LEAGUE, INVOLVING ALL EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS, IS TO START ON FEBRUARY 22 (SUNDAY).

THE LEAGUE, ORGANISED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT, WILL BE OFFICIALLY STARTED BY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

THE LEAGUE WILL BE RUN ON AN INTER-DISTRICT BASIS, WITH EACH DISTRICT ENTERING A MEN'S TEAM AND A WOMEN'S TEAM.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL STADIUM, KWAI CHUNG, TSUEN WAN WILL PLAY TUEN MUN IN THE FIRST MATCH OF THE NEW LEAGUE. THE FINALS WILL BE PLAYED IN JUNE.

THE BASKETBALL LEAGUE IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF LEAGUES BEING PROMOTED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SPORTS COMPETITION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

A SOCCER LEAGUE ORGANISED BY YUEN LONG DISTRICT STARTED ON DECEMBER 14. IT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL MAY WHEN THE FINALS WILL BE PLAYED.

OTHERS UNDER PLANNING INCLUDE VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, TABLE-TENNIS, AND TENNIS LEAGUES. IT IS HOPED THAT ALL WILL COMMENCE THIS YEAR.

THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, MR DICKEN YUNG, AND INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS' SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

EACH DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING ONE PARTICULAR TYPE OF SPORT.

AT PRESENT, MATCHES ARE PLAYED AT WEEKENDS AND ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AT NEW TERRITORIES PLAYGROUNDS.

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KWAI CHUNG ROAD FLYOVER DUE FOR COMPLETION

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TRAFFIC FLOW IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG SHOULD IMPROVE CONSIDERABLY WHEN A FLYOVER BYPASSING THE CENTRE OF TSUEN WAN IS COMPLETED IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE MAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING WORK ON THE FLYOVER, KNOWN AS TSUEN WAN BYPASS STAGE ONE HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND FINISHING WORK WAS IN HAND.

IT FORMS PART OF A MAJOR ROAD SCHEME TO RELIEVE THE HEAVY TRAFFIC CAUSED BY THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

THE TWO-KILOMETRE STRETCH RUNS FROM A POINT NEAR THE CONTAINER TERMINALS AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO TEXACO ROAD NEAR YEUNG UK ROAD, WITH THREE INTERCHANGES LOCATED AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD, HING FONG ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD.

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SENIOR CLERK RETIRES

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MR MAK MING-SUN, B.E.M., SENIOR CLERICAL OFFICER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL PROCEED ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 10) AFTER MORE THAN 33 YEARS SERVICE IN GOVERNMENT.

MR MAK FIRST JOINED GOVERNMENT IN JULY 1947 AS A TEMPORARY CLERK.

HE WAS LATER APPOINTED TO CLERK CLASS III AND PROMOTED IN JULY 1955 TO CLERK CLASS II.

IN APRIL 1961 HE WAS FURTHER PROMOTED TO CLERK CLASS I AND IN OCTOBER 1969 TO SENIOR CLERICAL OFFICER.

HE SPENT HIS ENTIRE 33 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE TRAFFIC POLICE AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DISTINGUISHED AND LOYAL SERVICE HE WAS AWARDED THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL (CIVIL DIVISION) IN 1975 BY THE QUEEN IN HER BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

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CARS ON THE RISE

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS TOPPED 193 000 AT THE END OF JANUARY, A RISE OF MORE THAN 27 600 OR 16.6 PER CENT OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

THIS COMPARES WITH A RISE OF ABOUT 21 600 DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1980.

THE NUMBER OF NEW CARS REGISTERED DURING JANUARY WAS 4 167 AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS WHICH LAPSED WAS 682, REPRESENTING A NET INCREASE OF 3 485 AND BRINGING THE OVERALL TOTAL TO 193 616.

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