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MARCH EXPORT FIGURES RISE SHARPLY

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THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN MARCH 1984 ROSE BY 59 PER CENT OR \$3 883 MILLION, OVER THE MARCH 1983 FIGURE, TO REACH \$10 503 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS ALSO INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 66 PER CENT OR \$2 653 MILLION, TO \$6 653 MILLION.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TAKEN TOGETHER, AT \$17 156 MILLION, WAS 62 PER CENT OR \$6 536 MILLION HIGHER THAN A YEAR EARLIER.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS REACHED \$18 144 MILLION IN MARCH 1984, AN INCREASE OF 46 PER CENT OR \$5 704 MILLION OVER THE CORRESPONDING MONTH LAST YEAR.

THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR MARCH THIS YEAR WAS \$988 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$1 820 MILLION IN MARCH LAST YEAR.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED AT A MUCH FASTER RATE THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, NARROWED CONSIDERABLY TO FIVE PER CENT IN MARCH 1984, FROM 15 PER CENT IN MARCH 1983.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 WAS 54 PER CENT OR \$16 057 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

THIS OVERALL INCREASE WAS MADE UP OF AN INCREASE OF 51 PER CENT OR \$9 487 MILLION FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND AN INCREASE OF 59 PER CENT OR \$6 570 MILLION FOR RE-EXPORTS. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS 43 PER CENT OR \$14 651 MILLION HIGHER. AS A RESULT, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WAS ONLY SIX PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 13 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983.

COMMENTING ON THESE COMPARATIVE FIGURES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE LARGE GROWTH RATES IN MONEY TERMS PARTLY REFLECTED THE WEAK TRADE PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983, SINCE THE EXPORT RECOVERY DID NOT REALLY BEGIN UNTIL THE SECOND QUARTER OF THAT YEAR.

+NEVERTHELESS, EVEN AFTER ALLOWING FOR PRICE INCREASES, THE GROWTH RATES IN REAL TERMS WOULD STILL BE SUBSTANTIAL, INDICATING THAT THE STRONG TRADE PERFORMANCE HAS CONTINUED,+ HE SAID.

/THE FOLLOWING

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1984:-

<u>MERCHANDISE:</u>	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$10 503 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$ 6 653 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$17 156 MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$18 144 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 988 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	JAN.-MAR. 1984	JAN.-MAR. 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	28 116 (61.3%)	18 629 (62.6%)	+ 9 487	+50.9
RE-EXPORTS	17 722	11 152	+ 6 570	+58.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	45 838	29 781	+16 057	+53.9
IMPORTS	48 791	34 140	+14 651	+42.9
TRADE BALANCE	-2 953	-4 359	+ 1 406	
	MARCH 1984	MARCH 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	10 503 (61.2%)	6 620 (62.3%)	+ 3 883	+58.7
RE-EXPORTS	6 653	4 000	+ 2 653	+66.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	17 156	10 620	+ 6 536	+61.5
IMPORTS	18 144	12 440	+ 5 704	+45.9
TRADE BALANCE	- 988	-1 820	+ 832	

LAST MONTH

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<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>MARCH</u> 1984	<u>FEBRUARY</u> 1984	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	10 503 (61.2%)	6 822 (57.3%)	+ 3 681	+54.0
RE-EXPORTS	6 653	5 093	+ 1 560	+30.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	17 156	11 915	+ 5 241	+44.0
IMPORTS	18 144	14 748	+ 3 396	+23.0
TRADE BALANCE	- 988	-2 833	+ 1 845	

<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	<u>APRIL 1983</u> TO <u>MARCH 1984</u>	<u>APRIL 1982</u> TO <u>MARCH 1983</u>	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	113 892	84 157	+29 735	+35.3
RE-EXPORTS	62 864	44 878	+17 986	+40.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	176 756	129 035	+47 721	+37.0
IMPORTS	190 094	143 621	+46 473	+32.4
TRADE BALANCE	-13 338	-14 586	+ 1 248	

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TWO KOWLOON OUTLINE ZONING PLANS AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) GAVE DETAILS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS FOR TSIM SHA TSUI AND HUNG HOM.

ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE TSIM SHA TSUI PLAN INVOLVES TWO SITES AT THE JUNCTION OF SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD AND MODY ROAD WHICH HAVE BEEN REZONED FOR COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE SITES, MEASURING 5 600 AND 2 800 SQUARE METRES, ARE TO BE SOLD FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT.

A FURTHER AMENDMENT INVOLVES ADJUSTING THE PLANNING BOUNDARIES FOR THE AREA UNDER WHICH THE NORTH-EASTERN CORNER HAS BEEN SHIFTED SOUTHWARDS SO THAT IT ACCORDS WITH THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BOUNDARIES.

AS A RESULT OF THIS AMENDMENT THE HUNG HOM FERRY CONCOURSE AREA HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE TSIM SHA TSUI PLANNING AREA AND IS NOW INCLUDED AS AN EXTENSION TO THE DRAFT HUNG HOM OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WHICH IS DULY AMENDED.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT TO THE TSIM SHA TSUI PLAN INVOLVES REZONING AN EXISTING WATER PUMPING STATION OFF HARBOUR CITY DEVELOPMENT FROM +GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY USES+ TO +SALT WATER PUMPING STATION+.

THE AMENDED PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED AT:

- * THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE;
- * THE DISTRICT OFFICE (YAU MA TEI), 490-492, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, FOR THE TSIM SHA TSUI PLAN; AND
- * THE DISTRICT OFFICE (KOWLOON CITY), 141-143, KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, 1ST FLOOR, KOWLOON, FOR THE HUNG HOM PLAN.

ANYONE AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS CAN OBJECT BY WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 FOR EACH UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR EACH COLOURED COPY.

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ELECTRICAL CONTRACT AWARDED FOR AIRPORT EXPANSION
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THE FIRST GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION USING GAS TURBINE GENERATORS TO SUPPLY STANDBY POWER IS TO BE BUILT AT KAI TAK AIRPORT AS PART OF ITS EXPANSION.

THE SUB-STATION IS ONE OF THREE TO BE INSTALLED THERE.

AN \$8.3 MILLION CONTRACT TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL THE EQUIPMENT WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY), WITH CHINA ENGINEERS LIMITED.

THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, SIGNED FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND MR C.K. TSANG SIGNED FOR THE CONTRACTOR.

CHINA ENGINEERS WILL SUPPLY AND INSTALL 11 KV EQUIPMENT AND TWO SETS OF GAS TURBINE GENERATORS UNDER THE CONTRACT.

MR OSBORNE SAID STANDBY POWER AT THE AIRPORT MAKES UP A MUCH LARGER ELEMENT OF SUPPLIES THAN IN OTHER TYPES OF BUILDINGS.

THE CONTRACT IS PART OF THE AIRPORT'S STAGE V DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WHICH WILL BOOST EXISTING HANDLING CAPACITY OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BY MORE THAN 50 PER CENT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT STAGE V WILL BE FULLY COMMISSIONED BY 1987.

SITE WORK FOR THE PRESENT CONTRACT WILL START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OFFER EVENING COURSES
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THE FIVE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE NOW INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR PART-TIME EVENING COURSES DUE TO START IN SEPTEMBER.

THE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL OFFER 96 PART-TIME EVENING COURSES IN 13 DISCIPLINES.

+THE COURSES OFFERED ARE MAINLY AT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS, PROVIDING ONE TO THREE YEARS COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION FOR POEPL E WORKING IN THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID.

THE 13 DISCIPLINES COVER HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, MARINE AND FABRICATION, DESIGN AND MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING.

/+IN ADDITION,

+IN ADDITION, THIS YEAR WE WILL OFFER A NEW PREPARATORY CRAFT COURSE FOR PEOPLE WHO DO NOT POSSESS THE MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO CRAFT COURSES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS COURSE IS TO ENABLE MATURE PERSONS TO OBTAIN KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED TO STUDY CRAFT COURSES, HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS FOR THIS COURSE SHOULD BE OVER 25 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF WORKING EXPERIENCE.

DETAILS OF ALL PART-TIME EVENING COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE LOCAL PRESS TOMORROW (SATURDAY). APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND DISTRICT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS SATURDAY (MAY 12). CURRENT FORM FIVE STUDENTS MAY ALSO APPLY.

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MEDICAL FEES REVISED

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CHARGES AT GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND OUTPATIENT CLINICS WILL BE REVISED FROM MAY 1, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PATIENT STAYING IN A GENERAL WARD WILL BE CHARGED \$15 A DAY INSTEAD OF THE EXISTING \$10. THE DAILY RATE FOR SPECIAL ASIAN DIET WILL BE INCREASED TO \$30 AND FOR EUROPEAN DIET TO \$45.

CONSULTATION FEES AT A GENERAL CLINIC WILL BE REVISED FROM \$5 TO \$7 A VISIT AND FROM \$6 TO \$10 AT A SPECIALIST CLINIC.

HOWEVER, CHARGES AT FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS AND METHADONE CLINICS WILL REMAIN AT \$1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THAT EVEN WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW FEES, THE GOVERNMENT STILL HAS TO PROVIDE A HEAVY SUBSIDY FROM PUBLIC FUNDS FOR EACH PATIENT ATTENDING A HOSPITAL OR A CLINIC.

+FOR EXAMPLE, THE INCREASED RATE OF \$15 A BED IN THE GENERAL WARD ONLY REFLECTS THE COST OF PROVIDING THREE MEALS A DAY IN THE HOSPITAL BUT DOES NOT COVER THE COSTS OF DRUGS, SURGERY, LABORATORY TEST AND X-RAYS,+ HE SAID.

IN CASES OF GENUINE HARDSHIP, THERE ARE ALSO PROVISIONS TO REDUCE OR WAIVE THE CHARGES, HE ADDED.

THE FULL DAILY MAINTENANCE COST FOR EACH BED FOR 1982-83 RANGED FROM \$450 IN QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL TO \$720 IN QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL.

THE AVERAGE COST FOR EACH ATTENDANCE WORKED OUT TO ABOUT \$40 AT A GENERAL CLINIC AND TO ABOUT \$90 AT A SPECIALIST CLINIC.

THE LAST REVISION OF HOSPITAL AND CLINIC FEES WAS IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

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FINANCIAL SCHEME TO HELP SQUATTER RESIDENTS
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RESIDENTS IN SQUATTER AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN SHAM SHUI PO CAN APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND SQUATTERS ASSISTANCE SCHEME HAS RECENTLY BEEN SET UP BY A GROUP OF COMMUNITY LEADERS IN SHAM SHUI PO TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE 14 000 SQUATTER RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

UNDER THE SCHEME, RESIDENTS CAN APPLY THROUGH THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE FOR FUNDS TO CARRY OUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS, RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES, COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES OR FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF.

AN INITIAL SUM OF \$100 000 HAS BEEN RAISED FOR THE SCHEME.

ACCORDING TO THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, HONORARY ADVISER OF THE SCHEME, THE PROJECT WILL REINFORCE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE SQUATTERS.

+THERE IS ALWAYS A LIMIT TO WHAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN PROVIDE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE SQUATTER RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

+THIS MEANINGFUL PROJECT WILL APTLY COMPLEMENT ANY AREAS OF INADEQUACY OR INFLEXIBILITY ARISING FROM THE RIGID CONSTRAINT ON GOVERNMENT SPENDING.+

THERE ARE 26 SQUATTERS AND FIVE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN SHAM SHUI PO.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE SCHEME WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE PAK TIN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CARPARK OF THE PAK TIN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN SHAM SHUI PO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LADY YOUDE TO OPEN LIBRARY

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LADY YOUDE WILL OPEN THE YAU SIN STUDY LIBRARY IN YUEN LONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE 150-YEAR-OLD STUDY LIBRARY HAS RECENTLY UNDERGONE ITS SECOND RENOVATION, PRESERVING MOST OF THE EXTERNAL APPEARANCE AND THE STYLE OF THE BUILDING.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT 11 AM AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIBRARY AT SAN WAI VILLAGE IN HA TSUEN, YUEN LONG.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9.45 AM FOR HA TSUEN.

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TUEN MUN SITE FOR SALE

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A 6 802-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN TUEN MUN FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE FISHING INDUSTRY IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER.

UNDER THE SALES CONDITIONS, THE DEVELOPER WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED TO CARRY OUT MARINE-ORIENTED INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES ON THE SITE, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE NEW TOWN, NEXT TO THE EXISTING SEAWALL.

THE BUILDING COVENANT IS \$12 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1988.

ALL TENDERS ARE TO BE SENT IN BY MAY 25.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

- * THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250, SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

THE TENDER PLAN CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE ABOVE LOCATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

NEW VILLAGE OFFICE

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, WILL OPEN A NEW VILLAGE OFFICE AT SHUI HAU ON SOUTH LANTAU TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE OFFICE WAS BUILT BY LOCAL VILLAGERS, WITH PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION COST CONTRIBUTED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10.30 AM. A MARINE LAUNCH +CLEMENTI+ WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER, NEXT TO THE OUTLYING ISLANDS FERRY PIER, AT 9 AM SHARP.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SPORTS CENTRE TO BE OPENED

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HONG KONG'S NEW SPORTS CENTRE AT TO KWA WAN WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING BY THE ICAC COMMISSIONER, MR PETER WILLIAMS.

THE TO KWA WAN SPORTS CENTRE, COVERING 7 000 SQUARE FEET, IS THE REPLACEMENT FOR THE HUNG HOM CARPARK SPORTS CENTRE WHICH WAS RETURNED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT THE END OF 1982.

THE NEW CENTRE, RUN BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, IS THE LARGEST AND OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES - FROM FITNESS CLASSES TO BALLET LESSONS FOR CHILDREN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE SITUATED ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE TO KWA WAN MARKET COMPLEX AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AT 10.45 AM TOMORROW.

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200 ENTER SIX-KILOMETER RACE
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ABOUT 200 MEN AND WOMEN WILL TAKE PART IN A SIX-KILOMETER RACE ON SOUTH LANTAU ON SUNDAY (APRIL 29), STARTING AT 9 AM.

THE CONTESTANTS WILL START FROM THE MUI WO POLICE STATION, RUN ALONG SOUTH LANTAU ROAD, AND FINISH AT THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP IN SAN SHEK WAN.

THE RACE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE (ISLANDS), RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICE, ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INVITATION RACE FOR TEAMS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND SCHOOLS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP; DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT (ISLANDS), MR M.J. HARRIS; SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR MARCUS LEE; CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR S.K. YUEN; AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HK Y.W.C.A. CAMP COMMITTEE, MISS MAY CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT 11.45 AM.

BEFORE THAT, AT 10.45 AM, MR YAP WILL OPEN A MINI-SOCCER PITCH FOR RESIDENTS OF SHUI HAU ON SOUTH LANTAU.

THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH WAS BUILT AT A COST OF \$230 000, OF WHICH \$200 000 WAS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION AND THE REST FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE'S LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH AT SHUI HAU ON SOUTH LANTAU AT 10.45 AM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 29) AND A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF A LONG-DISTANCE RACE AT 11.45 AM AT THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP AT SAN SHEK WAN.

THE LAUNCH +CLEMENTI+ WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER, NEXT TO THE OUTLYING ISLANDS FERRY PIER IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, AT 9 AM SHARP FOR SOUTH LANTAU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

NEW OFFICE FOR OLD VILLAGE
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A NEW OFFICE FOR THE TAI HANG OLD VILLAGE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE WILL BE OPENED ON SUNDAY (APRIL 29) AFTERNOON BY THE ASSISTANT EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG.

LOCATED IN TAI HANG ROAD, THE 23-SQUARE-METRE OFFICE WAS BUILT THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE LOCAL VILLAGERS AND THE DISTRICT BOARD, WHICH CONTRIBUTED \$10 000 TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION COST.

THE TAI HANG OLD VILLAGE MAC WAS SET UP IN 1980, AND HAS BEEN PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE 700 VILLAGERS.

OTHER GUESTS ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE BOARD MEMBERS, MR CHOY WING-ON, MR PAUL YIN AND MR YUE HEI-KWONG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI HANG OLD VILLAGE MAC, MR WONG CHUN-HING.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM IN THE PUBLIC CAR PARK OUTSIDE THE TIGER BALM GARDEN IN TAI HANG ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOUNG MARTINS VIE FOR BASEBALL TITLE
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THE SHA TIN MARTINS, A BASEBALL TEAM FORMED LAST SEPTEMBER BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE PLAYING IN THE ALL HONG KONG CHAMPIONSHIPS ON SUNDAY (APRIL 29) AFTERNOON, AT THE KGV SPORTSGROUND IN TIN KWONG ROAD, KOWLOON.

THOUGH IN ITS FIRST SEASON, THE TEAM WON ITS WAY INTO THE FINALS AND WILL BE COMPETING WITH THE 'BUFFALOES' - A JAPANESE TEAM.

THE TEAM IS MADE UP OF 30 MEMBERS WHO ARE BETWEEN SEVEN AND 11 YEARS OF AGE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GAME, WHICH STARTS AT 1 PM.

A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE FOR THE VENUE FROM OUTSIDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT 12 NOON.

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