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MANUFACTURERS SEE 'STRONG UPTREND' IN SECOND QUARTER
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HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING CONCERNS EXPECT A +STRONG UPTREND+ IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO A QUARTERLY SURVEY CONDUCTED IN APRIL BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AND FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1982, CONSTRUCTION FIRMS LOOK TOWARDS ACHIEVING +A MILD IMPROVEMENT+ IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984. THIS FOLLOWS A LEVELLING OFF IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR OF THE SHARP DECLINE THAT HAD BEEN OCCURRING IN THE CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS SINCE THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1982, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY FINDINGS.

THE SURVEY RESULTS INDICATE THAT IN GENERAL, THE BUSINESS EXPERIENCE OF FIRMS ACROSS ALL SECTORS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR TURNED OUT TO BE BETTER THAN EXPECTED IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY.

IN THE SURVEY, ABOUT 800 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCES IN THE FIRST QUARTER, 1984, AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER.

RESPONDENTS IN BOTH THE 'MANUFACTURING' AND 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS' SECTORS EXPERIENCED MILD IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 OVER THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1983.

ALTHOUGH FIRMS IN THE 'CONSTRUCTION' SECTOR EXPERIENCED SOME DECLINE IN BUSINESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER, THE EXTENT OF DECLINE WAS MUCH LESS THAN EXPECTED IN THE LAST ROUND OF SURVEY. AS FOR THE 'OTHER SERVICES' SECTOR, A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS WAS EXPERIENCED BY REPORTING FIRMS IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

RESPONDENTS IN THE 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS' SECTOR EXPECT THEIR BUSINESSES IN THE SECOND QUARTER TO REMAIN LARGELY STABLE, BUT RESPONDENTS' VIEWS ACROSS DIFFERENT TRADES WERE QUITE VARIED.

FIRMS IN THE 'OTHER SERVICES' SECTOR ALSO ANTICIPATE A FAVOURABLE BUSINESS SITUATION TO CONTINUE INTO THE SECOND QUARTER.

MANUFACTURING FIRMS HAD VARYING BUSINESS EXPERIENCES IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

REPORTING FIRMS IN THE 'PLASTICS', 'FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS' AND 'ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES' INDUSTRIES EXPERIENCED IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER AND ARE VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR IMMEDIATE BUSINESS PROSPECTS.

/SOME DETERIORATION

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SOME DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS WAS REPORTED BY RESPONDENTS IN THE 'TEXTILES', 'PRINTING' AND 'WATCHES AND CLOCKS' INDUSTRIES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER. HOWEVER, THEY FORESEE AN UPTURN IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

'FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO', 'WEARING APPAREL' AND 'ELECTRONICS' FIRMS REPORTED +STABLE BUSINESS+ AND EXPECT +A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT+ IN THE FOLLOWING QUARTER.

'TRANSPORTATION' FIRMS EXPERIENCED FAIRLY STRONG RECOVERY IN THE FIRST QUARTER, CONTRARY TO THEIR EARLIER EXPECTATION OF AN UNCHANGED BUSINESS SITUATION.

FOR THE 'MANUFACTURING' SECTOR, THE PROBLEM OF HIGH MATERIALS PRICES EASED IN THE FIRST QUARTER. HOWEVER, AN INCREASING PROPORTION OF FIRMS IN THE SECTOR REPORTED HIGH LABOUR TURNOVER AND SHORTAGE OF LABOUR GENERALLY AS PROBLEMS FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS.

INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS CONTRACTS AND PRICE COMPETITION FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG WERE STILL THE MAIN PROBLEMS SEEN BY CONSTRUCTION FIRMS IN THE FIRST QUARTER, WITH LITTLE PROSPECT OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING QUARTER. FIRMS IN THE 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE', 'RESTAURANTS' AND 'HOTELS' BUSINESSES INDICATED THE PROBLEM OF PRICE COMPETITION AS THEIR MAJOR PROBLEM FOR THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS.

HOWEVER, IN ADDITION TO THE PROBLEM OF PRICE COMPETITION, RESTAURANT BUSINESSES ALSO REPORTED THAT INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS AND HIGH STAFF TURNOVER HAD EMERGED AS MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE FIRST QUARTER. THEY EXPECTED THESE PROBLEMS TO CONTINUE INTO THE SECOND QUARTER.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE SURVEY RESULTS, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WERE BASICALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR +A QUICK ASSESSMENT+ OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF HONG KONG.

FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THEY FELT THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD 'IMPROVED', 'REMAINED THE SAME' OR 'DETERIORATED' IN THE PAST QUARTER AS COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER BEFORE.

THEY WERE ALSO ASKED TO INDICATE, FOR THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER, WHETHER THE SITUATION WOULD 'IMPROVE', 'REMAIN THE SAME' OR 'DETERIORATE'.

THE BALANCE OF OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED.

/THE SURVEY

THE SURVEY REPORT ALSO CONTAINS A SECTION ON BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS AND A BREAKDOWN OF VIEWS OF FIRMS BY SIZE GROUPS.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT FOR A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CARE AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND STATISTICAL TABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND TO OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3 PER COPY.

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-423401.

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CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION PROVIDES WIDE-RANGING SERVICES
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SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS WHO NEED INFORMATION TO APPLY FOR MATRICULATION PLACES WILL BENEFIT FROM A COMPUTER JUST INSTALLED IN THE CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+WITH THE COMPUTER, WE CAN PROVIDE THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON MATRICULATION COURSES OFFERED BY SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG,+ SAID THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION, MR LEUNG HOO-WING.

THIS COMPUTER SERVICE, A VAST IMPROVEMENT ON A MATRICULATION COURSE BOOKLET FIRST PUBLISHED LAST YEAR, IS AMONG VARIOUS SERVICES OFFERED BY THE SECTION.

+OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS IN FACT TO PROVIDE A CAREERS SERVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH CAREERS EDUCATION, MR LEUNG SAID, +AND WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS.+

THE OFFICER HEADING THE SECTION ACTS AS AN EX OFFICIO SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION, WHICH HAS ALL GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AND MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF AIDED SCHOOLS AS ITS MEMBERS.

THIS RELATIONSHIP KEEPS CAREERS MASTERS ABREAST OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SECTION, AND THUS HELPS TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF CAREERS EDUCATION.

THE SERVICES INCLUDE SEMINARS AND EXPERIENCE-SHARING SESSIONS AS WELL AS ARRANGEMENT OF VISITS TO FIRMS, TERTIARY INSTITUTES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

LAST YEAR THE FIRST IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE FOR CAREERS TEACHERS WAS HELD JOINTLY WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

+THE COURSE GAVE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE ON CAREERS EDUCATION AND COUNSELLING METHODOLOGY THROUGH LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS. BECAUSE OF ITS SUCCESS, A SIMILAR COURSE WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

LAST APRIL, A CAREERS EDUCATION CENTRE WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. IT HAS A LIBRARY WITH INFORMATION ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS SET UP AN ENQUIRY SERVICE IN THE CENTRE, WITH VOLUNTARY TEACHERS-COUNSELLORS ON DUTY FROM 4 PM TO 6 PM ON WEDNESDAYS AND FROM 10 AM TILL NOON ON SATURDAYS.

STUDENTS AND PARENTS CAN SEEK PERSONAL ADVICE AND CONSULTATION ON CAREERS MATTERS FROM THESE COUNSELLORS.

SO FAR, ABOUT 7 000 PEOPLE HAVE VISITED THE CENTRE AND OVER 5 500 TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

+FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THOSE LIVING IN KOWLOON, ANOTHER ENQUIRY CENTRE HAS JUST BEEN SET UP IN LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SAN PO KONG. IT IS OPEN ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 4 TO 6 PM,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

THE ASSOCIATION ALSO GIVES STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN THEIR INTENDED FIELDS THROUGH A SUMMER WORK SCHEME.

SINCE 1976, THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN ENLISTING THE SUPPORT OF PRIVATE FIRMS AND VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING HOSPITALS AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, WHERE STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO WORK IN CLERICAL FIELDS, PERFORM LIBRARY DUTIES OR HELP WITH WORK IN A MEDICAL WARD.

MORE THAN 120 STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM THIS SCHEME EVERY YEAR.

BESIDES INFORMATION PAMPHLETS, THE ASSOCIATION ALSO SEEKS TO PROVIDE TAILOR-MADE INFORMATION FOR CAREERS MASTERS AND STUDENTS.

A SET OF INFORMATION SLIDES AND TAPES ON INDIVIDUAL JOBS, SELECTED ACCORDING TO THE STUDENTS' INTEREST, IS BEING PRODUCED.

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MORE SCHOOL CHILDREN TAKING COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS
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ABOUT 1 000 STUDENTS TOOK PART IN THIS YEAR'S COMMERCE PROJECT COMPETITION AND THIS WAS +VERY ENCOURAGING+, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR JOHN WINFIELD SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES FOR THE COMPETITION, WHICH WAS HELD AMONG FORMS FOUR TO SEVEN STUDENTS STUDYING COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS.

THE COMPETITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS, MR WINFIELD SAID, HAD MUCH TO OFFER IN PREPARING STUDENTS TO MEET CHANGES IN HONG KONG'S PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY.

+YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE 1980'S ARE GROWING UP IN A WORLD IN WHICH MODERN TECHNOLOGY IS CONSTANTLY IMPINGING UPON THEIR LIVES.

+IF ONE LOOKS AT THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF KEYBOARD SKILLS, FOR EXAMPLE, BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF MICRO-ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY, THEN IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THESE WILL PLAY AN EVER-INCREASING ROLE IN FURTHER STUDY, IN THE HOME AND AT WORK.

+HENCE, A BASIC TRAINING IN TYPEWRITING IS AN OBVIOUSLY VALUABLE SKILL FOR ANY STUDENT,+ HE SAID.

THE STUDY OF ACCOUNTING AND COMMERCIAL PRINCIPLES SHOWED HOW INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE OPERATED, AND HELPED THE STUDENTS TO APPRECIATE HOW AND WHY CERTAIN FINANCIAL DECISIONS WERE MADE, HE SAID.

MR WINFIELD SAID HE WAS PLEASED, TO NOTE THAT MORE SCHOOLS WERE OFFERING COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS IN SENIOR FORMS.

THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES ENTERING FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS ROSE FROM ABOUT 10 400 IN 1982 TO ALMOST 14 000 IN 1983, AN INCREASE OF 34 PER CENT IN ONE YEAR, HE ADDED.

THIS WAS VERY ENCOURAGING AND HE WAS SURE THAT COMPETITIONS OF THE KIND ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY WOULD HELP TO BOOST INTEREST FURTHER, HE SAID.

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FIRST MALARIA LAB TECHNIQUE COURSE STARTS
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HONG KONG'S FIRST MALARIA LABORATORY TECHNIQUE TRAINING COURSE WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED THIS MORNING AT THE KWONG WAH HOSPITAL BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (HEALTH SERVICES AND PLANNING), DR S.H. LEE.

DR LEE SAID THAT MALARIA CONTROL IN HONG KONG DEPENDS ON EFFICIENT EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE THROUGH A NETWORK OF HOSPITALS AND CLINICS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

TO BE EFFECTIVE, THIS CLINICAL SURVEILLANCE MUST BE BACKED UP BY GOOD AND EFFICIENT LABORATORY FACILITIES, DR LEE ADDED.

HE SAID THE FIRST TRAINING COURSE FOCUSES ON LABORATORY TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING THE TECHNIQUE OF BLOOD COLLECTION, STAINING AND MICROSCOPIC DIAGNOSIS.

THE 21 PARTICIPANTS OF THIS COURSE COME FROM LABORATORIES IN GOVERNMENT, SUBVENTED AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS AS WELL AS THE BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL.

+THE FACILITIES IN THESE HOSPITALS WILL FORM A STRONG NETWORK OF LABORATORIES FOR THE SURVEILLANCE OF THE DISEASE,+ HE SAID.

THIS WEEK-LONG COURSE HAS BEEN FULLY SUBSCRIBED AND ANOTHER ONE HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

DR LEE SAID IT WAS INTENDED THAT COURSES ON EPIDEMIOLOGY AND VECTOR CONTROL WOULD ALSO BE ORGANISED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO).

MR JOHN STOREY, A PARASITOLOGIST ATTACHED TO THE WHO REGIONAL MALARIA ADVISORY TEAM BASED IN KUALA LUMPUR, HAS BEEN INVITED TO HONG KONG TO GIVE LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE CURRENT COURSE.

+WITH MR STOREY'S EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN THIS FIELD, I AM SURE THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BENEFIT CONSIDERABLY FROM THIS COURSE,+ DR LEE SAID.

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AP LEI CHAU PROJECT TO HOUSE 37 000
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A SECOND PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT IN AP LEI CHAU OFF ABERDEEN HAS TAKEN A SIGNIFICANT STRIDE FORWARD WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST PHASE OF ITS \$230-MILLION SITE FORMATION WORK.

THE OCCASION WAS MARKED TODAY WITH A THANKSGIVING CEREMONY AT WHICH THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (CONSTRUCTION), MR FRED PANG, OFFICIATED.

THE LARGE PROJECT, LEI TUNG ESTATE, WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR 37 000 MORE PEOPLE ON COMPLETION BY 1988.

THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON THE ISLET, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE, ALREADY HOUSES 19 000 PEOPLE.

LEI TUNG ESTATE IS BEING DEVELOPED IN THREE PHASES ON A 16-HECTARE SITE NEAR THE AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE.

ALTOGETHER EIGHT RENTAL AND SEVEN HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME BLOCKS WILL BE BUILT, PLUS COMMUNITY, COMMERCIAL AND OTHER FACILITIES.

THE REST OF THE SITE FORMATION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR.

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KOREAN HOUSING CHIEF SEES HK WORKS
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THE VISITING PRESIDENT OF KOREA NATIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION, MR YOUNG SU PARK, TODAY LOOKED AT HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DURING A TOUR OF OLD AND NEW ESTATES.

ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (ADMINISTRATION), MISS ELAINE CHUNG, HE VISITED SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE IN SHAM SHUI PO, AND LUNG HANG ESTATE, HOME OWNERSHIP KING TIN COURT AND CHUN SHEK ESTATE IN SHA TIN.

AT SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, HE TOURED BLOCKS WHICH HAD BEEN REDEVELOPED UNDER A PROGRAMME TO UPGRADE LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND RELIEVE OVERCROWDING FOR TENANTS.

IN THE SHA TIN ESTATES, HE LOOKED AT NEWLY-COMPLETED BLOCKS AND INSPECTED THE COMMERCIAL AND OTHER FACILITIES PROVIDED.

BEFORE THE TOUR, THE VISITOR CALLED AT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND HAD A DISCUSSION MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DB TO DISCUSS PUBLIC HOUSING

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED REVIEW OF PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES AT A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF MEI FUNG COURT IN ABERDEEN CENTRE.

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KWU TUNG TO HAVE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

A PRIMARY SCHOOL AT KWU TUNG IS BEING REBUILT AT ANOTHER LOCATION TO MAKE WAY FOR IMPROVEMENT WORK TO THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD BETWEEN AU TAU AND FAN KAM ROAD.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$4.7 MILLION CONTRACT TO LOUVRE ENGINEERING LIMITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT FOR THE EXISTING OI WAH SCHOOL.

THE NEW SCHOOL WILL BE A NINE-CLASSROOM BUILDING WITH AN ASSEMBLY HALL AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES, AND WILL BE BUILT ON A 3 500-SQUARE-METRE SITE NEAR DILLS CORNER GARDEN.

THE WORK WILL TAKE ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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AUTO INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY BEGINS

FIELD WORK BEGAN TODAY ON A MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) WILL BE VITAL IN FORMULATING MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS FOR THE INDUSTRY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

EIGHT HUNDRED GARAGES AND ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED AT RANDOM WILL BE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED, OR UNDER TRAINING, AND EXISTING VACANCIES.

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CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL VISIT THEM AND HELP COMPLETE THE FORMS DURING THE 15-DAY SURVEY.

DATA COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY ARE HELPING WITH THE SURVEY.

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MORE EFFORT URGED FOR PLANTING SCHEME

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KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS WERE URGED TODAY TO GIVE MORE SUPPORT TO THE CURRENT MEI FA SCHEME TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE CALL WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHOW SUM, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE KWAI CHUNG TREE PLANTING DAY AT THE ROADSIDE ON CHING HONG ROAD, TSING YI ISLAND.

TODAY'S DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING DAY WAS THE FIFTH ANNUAL EVENT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MR CHOW ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TREE PLANTING SCHEME WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN IN THE CONTINUING EFFORTS TO MAKE THE BEAUTIFICATION SCHEME SUCCESSFUL.

ABOUT 100 CHILDREN FROM TWO LOCAL SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S EFFORT, PLANTING YOUNG EVERGREEN MELVLEUCA LEUCADENDRON PLANTS AT THE BARREN SPOT, TO ADD COLOUR TO THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING NEW TOWN.

THANKING THE CHILDREN, MR CHOW ALSO URGED THEM TO SPREAD THE MEI FA MESSAGE.

MR CHOW HIMSELF LATER PLANTED A YOUNG TREE, HELPED BY THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF KWAI CHUNG, MR LEE SHEUNG-YEE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAN TIN-SUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

EXHIBITION ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN TSUEN WAN
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A THREE-DAY PHOTO EXHIBITION ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) MORNING OUTSIDE THE KWAI HING MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

THE EXHIBITION WILL FORM PART OF THE DISTRICT'S REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER FOR KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, MR TAM WING-PONG, AND A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHENG WING-CHUN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM AT THE OPEN GROUND OUTSIDE THE KWAI HING MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

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COURSE FOR HANDBALL COACHES
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A COURSE FOR COACHES OF CHILDREN IN HANDBALL WILL BE HELD FROM JUNE 30 TO JULY 1.

THE TWO-DAY COURSE, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE AND THE ENTRY FEE IS \$20 PER PERSON.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RSS HEAD OFFICE ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF WING ON CENTRE IN CENTRAL, AND AT ALL THE 12 DISTRICT OFFICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS SAID THE AIM OF THE COURSE WAS TO PROMOTE HANDBALL AMONG CHILDREN.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY DIALLING 5-458511.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS FOR AUCTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (MAY 26) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 17 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE. THEY ARE:

DB7500	CG 1
AS2244	9882
CX 21	340
AN7487	HK1997
CL 5	XX 123
AA1188	AA 190
CX 50	BW 18
AG 813	338
846	

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE AUCTION WILL BE THE 91ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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THREE LIFTS FOR POLICE QUARTERS
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THREE PASSENGER LIFTS ARE TO BE INSTALLED AT THE POLICE RANK AND FILE MARRIED QUARTERS NOW BEING BUILT AT OLD BAILEY STREET, CENTRAL.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$1.174-MILLION CONTRACT TO GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY OF HONG KONG LIMITED FOR THE PROJECT.

WORK ON BUILDING THE 24-STORY SUPERSTRUCTURE STARTED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR AND IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

IT WILL PROVIDE 144 UNITS OF STANDARD DESIGN TWO-BEDROOM QUARTERS FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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URBAN CLEARWAY
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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 25), A SHORT SECTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL NEAR POTTINGER STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO MOTOR VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

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