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CJ'S WORKING PARTY EXPECTED TO COMPLETE WORK THIS SUMMER
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THE WORKING PARTY SET UP BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR JUSTICE T.L. YANG IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE ITS WORK THIS SUMMER.

THE WORKING GROUP HAS HAD NINE MEETINGS SINCE NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AND ITS TASK IS TO STUDY THE METHODS BY WHICH SUSPECTS' CONFESSION STATEMENTS ARE TAKEN BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURE FOR DECIDING ON THEIR ADMISSIBILITY AS EVIDENCE.

THE GROUP WILL RECOMMEND ANY CHANGES IT DEEMS DESIRABLE.

VIEWS FROM A NUMBER OF PERSONS AND BODIES INCLUDING THE BAR ASSOCIATION, THE JUDICIARY, URBAN COUNCILLORS AND CERTAIN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, HAVE BEEN SOUGHT AND RECEIVED.

THE CHAIRMAN, MR JUSTICE YANG IS REPEATING HIS REQUEST FOR ADVICE AND IDEAS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE WORKING PARTY'S ADDRESS IS: CHAIRMAN, CHIEF JUSTICE'S WORKING PARTY ON VOIR DIRE PROCEEDINGS AND JUDGES' RULES, SUPREME COURT, BATTERY PATH.

THE SECRETARY IS MR W.L. YIP (TEL: 5-236535), AT THE SAME ADDRESS.

MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE : MR C. D'ALMADA, MR BERNARD DOWNEY, MR C.D. ST. Q. FLETCHER, MR ROBERT KOTEWALL, MISS JACQUELINE LEONG, MR MAX LUCAS, THE HON DAVID NEWBIGGING, MR NORMAN WHITELEY, AND THE HON ALEX WU.

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DUKE OF GLOUCESTER ARRIVES ON SUNDAY
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THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER WILL STOP OVER IN HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (APRIL 20) EN ROUTE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CHINA.

THE DUKE, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH CONSULTANTS' BUREAU, WILL CARRY OUT A FIVE-DAY PROGRAMME OF ENGAGEMENTS IN CHINA AT THE INVITATION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL ARRIVE AT KAI TAK AT 1600 HOURS ON SUNDAY AND WILL TRAVEL TO CHINA ON THE THROUGH TRAIN ON MONDAY (APRIL 21).

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DURING HIS 24-HOUR STOPOVER IN HONG KONG, THE DUKE WILL STAY AT FANLING LODGE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE ARRANGED AT KAI TAK TO ENABLE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE DUKE'S ARRIVAL.

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FISH LANDING NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY OIL PRICES

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) HIGH OIL COSTS HAD NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE AMOUNT OF FISH LANDED AT FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION MARKETS.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH ABOUT FOUR PER CENT OF THE FISHING FLEET HAD NOT YET RETURNED TO FISHING SINCE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, THE TOTAL CATCH LANDED AT FISH MARKETS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1980 HAD ONLY DROPPED BY ABOUT EIGHT PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF THE LANDINGS HAD INCREASED BY OVER 20 PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HIGHER OPERATING COSTS HAD FORCED FISHERMEN TO MAKE THE MOST ECONOMICAL USE OF FUEL AND TO BE MORE SELECTIVE IN CHOOSING FISHING GROUNDS AND THE TIMING AND METHODS OF THEIR OPERATIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT WAS HELPING FISHERMEN BY STUDYING FUEL SAVING TECHNIQUES AND BY TESTING FUEL ADDITIVES AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET. LOANS WERE ALSO AVAILABLE TO HELP FISHERMEN IN THE PURCHASE OF FUEL AND TO ASSIST THEM TO PURCHASE MODERN NAVIGATIONAL AND ACOUSTIC EQUIPMENT SO THAT THEY CAN INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY.

THE SPOKESMAN AGREED THAT A LIMITED AMOUNT OF CHEAPER FUEL WAS AVAILABLE IN CHINA FOR VESSELS WITH DUAL REGISTRATION, BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FISH SOLD IN CHINA TO PAY FOR THE FUEL FETCHED A MUCH LOWER PRICE THERE THAN SALES OF SIMILAR FISH IN HONG KONG.

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ORDERS-ON-HAND SURVEY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) RELEASED ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS FOR THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY FOR FEBRUARY 1980.

THE STATISTICS DERIVED FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND ARE BASED ON AN UP-DATED AND ENLARGED LIST OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SELECTED BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT AS THE LIST WAS NOT A SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED SAMPLE, RESULTS OBTAINED WOULD BE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY OF THE COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY.

+BUT IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL GENERALLY INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

FOLLOWING ARE ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS OBTAINED IN THE FEBRUARY SURVEY COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH:

INDUSTRY GROUP	ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS)	
	JANUARY 1980	FEBRUARY 1980
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	5.0	5.0
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	2.9	2.8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4.7	4.5
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	4.2	4.7
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC MACHINERY APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	5.0	5.0
OTHERS	4.0	4.0
ALL MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.5

APART FROM THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, THE SURVEY ALSO COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND SELECTED SERVICES.

THE FEBRUARY 1980 SURVEY REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND, PRICED AT \$1 EACH, WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY IN THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL: 5-274203).

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CAUSEWAY BAY BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED NOS 7 AND 8 DRAGON TERRACE IN CAUSEWAY BAY TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND NO 148A TUNG LO WAN ROAD LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAID THE MASONRY RETAINING WALL SUPPORTING NOS 7 AND 8 DRAGON TERRACE HAD BEEN UNDER REGULAR OBSERVATION SINCE MAY 1979.

HE SAID, +THE CONDITION HAS RAPIDLY DETERIORATED RECENTLY AND THERE IS A DANGER OF COLLAPSE. NO 148A TUNG LO WAN ROAD SITUATED IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE RETAINING WALL WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED IF A COLLAPSE OCCURRED. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE THESE BUILDINGS.+

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT WERE POSTED TODAY. IN THE CASE OF NOS 7 AND 8 DRAGON TERRACE, THE CLOSURE ORDER APPLICATION WILL BE MADE AT 9.30 AM ON APRIL 22 AND 148A TUNG LO WAN ROAD AT 9.30 AM ON MAY 12.

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PLAN FOR MTR WORK

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A PLAN WHICH SHOWS THE AREA OF WORKS COMPLETED FOR THE WONG TAI SIN STATION OF MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE MASS TRANSIT OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN ROOM 416, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WONG TAI SIN STATION IT WAS NECESSARY TO CLOSE MING TAK STREET BETWEEN OCTOBER 10, 1975 AND NOVEMBER 5, 1979.

PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS WITHIN THIS PERIOD SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS BEFORE NOVEMBER 5, 1980.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE STEWARD RETIRING
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY (MONDAY) PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DEDICATED WORK OF ONE OF HIS STEWARDS WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

AT A CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON, SIR MURRAY PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO MR LUI KAM AND WISHED HIM A VÉRY HAPPY RETIREMENT.

MR LUI, AGED 55, BEGAN HIS SERVICE IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE IN 1946 AND HAS SERVED FIVE GOVERNORS.

MR LUI WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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MORE WATER FOR SHA TIN
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A NEW FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AND A SALT WATER RESERVOIR WILL BE BUILT IN SHA TIN TO COPE WITH DEMAND FROM DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EASTERN PART OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO RESERVOIRS WHICH COST MORE THAN \$24.6 MILLION WAS SIGNED TODAY (MONDAY) BETWEEN THE CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION), MR LEE GUN-CHEUNG OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MCCONNELL DOWELL CONSTRUCTORS LTD.

LOCATED IN TO SHEK IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TOWN, THE FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 36 300 CUBIC METRES AND THE SALT WATER RESERVOIR 4 400 CUBIC METRES.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT IS THE LAYING OF ABOUT 400 METRES OF WATER MAINS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS TO START THIS WEEK AND WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FIREMEN TO COMPETE IN TRACK AND FIELD

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THE FIRE SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS FIFTH ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET TOMORROW (APRIL 15) AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

MORE THAN 500 FIREFIGHTERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE ATHLETIC MEET WHICH WILL BE OFFICIALLY DECLARED OPEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR F.M. WATSON.

ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SPORTS AND WELFARE CLUB, THE MEET WILL HAVE 19 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

A TEAM OF 22 MACAU FIREMEN LED BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE MACAU FIRE BRIGADE, MR R.F. DE ASSIS, WILL BE TAKING PART IN FOUR TRACK EVENTS.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM 10 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL COMPETE IN THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL 4 X 100 METRE RELAY FOR THE INVITATION TROPHY.

NOTE TO SPORTS EDITORS:

THE FIRE SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS FIFTH ATHLETIC MEET TOMORROW (APRIL 15) AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM AT 10.30 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THIS EVENT.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO GIVE CONCERT

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THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE A CONCERT ON APRIL 21 IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL IN CELEBRATIONS OF THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

THE CONCERT IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOL MUSIC AND SPEECH ASSOCIATION.

PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE 'WATER MUSIC' BY HANDEL AND 'POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE MARCH OP. 39 NO 1' BY ELGAR. A WINNER OF THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL, MISS KO SIU-WAH WILL PLAY BEETHOVEN'S PIANO CONCERTO NO 1 IN C MAJOR WITH THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF THE ORCHESTRA.

IN ADDITION THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY CHINESE MUSIC IN THE CONCERT.

TICKETS AT \$3 AND \$5 ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN SUB-OFFICES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, TOM LEE PIANO CO AND TSANG FOOK PIANO CO.

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