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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR JANUARY RELEASED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED TRADE VALUE STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 1987. COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1986, TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY 1987, VALUED AT \$49 574 MILLION, GREW BY 31 PER CENT. DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 33 PER CENT TO \$14 053 MILLION IN JANUARY 1987 WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 40 PER CENT TO \$12 005 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1987 TO \$26 057 MILLION, 36 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY 1986. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT TO \$23 516 MILLION IN JANUARY 1987.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BETWEEN JANUARY 1986 AND JANUARY 1987. THE GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG TO THE NETHERLANDS (+95 PER CENT), JAPAN (+80 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+57 PER CENT), CHINA (+48 PER CENT) AND FRANCE (+43 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, THE U.S., GREW LESS RAPIDLY (+17 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT.

IMPORTS FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS GENERALLY INCREASED BETWEEN JANUARY 1986 AND JANUARY 1987, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+67 PER CENT), FRANCE (+45 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+44 PER CENT), ITALY (+43 PER CENT) AND CHINA (+34 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE (-8 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE U.S., THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 78 PER CENT, 69 PER CENT, 58 PER CENT, 58 PER CENT AND 37 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1987 WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1986, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT TO \$157 506 MILLION. THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS AT \$125 988 MILLION WAS 20 PER CENT HIGHER. TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, TOTAL EXPORTS ROSE BY 21 PER CENT. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT TO \$280 664 MILLION. AS A WHOLE, TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY 1987 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY APRIL 1987.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1 WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TOGETHER WITH OTHER STATISTICAL TABLES BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND ALSO BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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COMPARING JANUARY 1987 WITH JANUARY 1986, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$197 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$177 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$168 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$12 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT); AS WELL AS POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$7 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 48 PER CENT IN VALUE. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$141 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$107 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT); AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$80 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$6 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ELECTRIC CURRENT (BY \$3 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 57 PER CENT IN VALUE. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$273 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$41 MILLION OR 128 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR FURNITURE AND PARTS THEREOF (BY \$0.4 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE UP BY 29 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN CLOTHING (BY \$147 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$21 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED BY 80 PER CENT, WITH GROWTH IN CLOTHING (BY \$167 MILLION OR 166 PER CENT); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$42 MILLION OR 117 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$37 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

IMPORTS FROM CHINA INCREASED BY 34 PER CENT IN VALUE IN JANUARY 1987 AS COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1986. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$566 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$282 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$228 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$61 MILLION OR 82 PER CENT); AS WELL AS PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$30 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM JAPAN INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$162 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$111 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); AS WELL AS IRON AND STEEL (BY \$94 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN TEXTILES (BY \$45 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT); AND MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$34 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WAS UP BY 44 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$220 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$127 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR IRON AND STEEL (BY \$36 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE UP BY 14 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$58 MILLION OR 226 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$54 MILLION OR 89 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ROSE BY 67 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN TEXTILES (BY \$90 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$77 MILLION OR 99 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. OF INORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$27 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY 1987 WITH JANUARY 1986, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 37 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$237 MILLION OR 335 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$186 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$111 MILLION OR 146 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN IRON AND STEEL (BY \$43 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$35 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 69 PER CENT IN VALUE. COMMODITIES WITH INCREASES INCLUDED CLOTHING (BY \$403 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$204 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$85 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS, TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS (BY \$20 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT); AS WELL AS NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$8 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN WAS UP BY 33 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$69 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$26 MILLION OR 120 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$10 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ROSE BY 58 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN TEXTILES (BY \$103 MILLION OR 94 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$38 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT). THE INCREASE TO JAPAN WAS 14 PER CENT, WITH GROWTH IN CLOTHING (BY \$54 MILLION OR 221 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$22 MILLION OR 84 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$2 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE JANUARY 1987 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS-SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND MARCH 20, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5.50 PER COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1987 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY APRIL AT \$15 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG, ON 5-214375 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234915.

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Table 1: Domestic exports by ten major markets

Major Market	January 1987 (HKD Mn.)	January 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
U.S.A.	5,313	4,538	775	17
China	1,726	1,162	563	48
F.R. of Germany	1,202	765	436	57
U.K.	891	689	203	29
Japan	649	361	288	80
Canada	458	355	102	29
Netherlands	341	175	166	95
Australia	265	281	-15	-6
France	257	180	77	43
Singapore	247	199	48	24

Table 2: Domestic exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	January 1987 (HKD Mn.)	January 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4,969	3,819	1,150	30
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	2,082	1,602	481	30
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,142	670	472	70
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	1,074	812	263	32
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	1,049	635	414	65
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	957	746	211	28

/Table 3: Imports

Table 3: Imports from ten major suppliers

Major Supplier	January 1987 (HKD Mn.)	January 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
China	7,868	5,892	1,977	34
Japan	4,233	3,726	507	14
Taiwan	2,203	1,533	670	44
U.S.A.	1,767	1,553	214	14
Republic of Korea	1,052	630	423	67
Singapore	828	902	-73	-8
U.K.	745	584	161	28
F.R. of Germany	657	586	71	12
France	370	255	115	45
Italy	326	228	98	43

Table 4: Imports by major commodity division

Commodity division	January 1987 (HKD Mn.)	January 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	3,442	2,874	568	20
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	2,037	1,313	724	55
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,909	1,305	604	46
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,293	750	542	72
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	1,221	849	372	44
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	1,173	1,095	78	7

/Table 5: Re-exports

Table 5: Re-exports by ten major markets

Major Market	January 1987 (HKD Mn.)	January 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
China	3,790	2,776	1,014	37
U.S.A.	2,545	1,502	1,044	69
Taiwan	602	452	150	33
Republic of Korea	584	369	215	58
Japan	576	503	72	14
Singapore	453	435	18	4
F.R. of Germany	311	175	136	78
U.K.	221	140	81	58
Macau	215	200	14	7
Indonesia	195	159	36	23

Table 6: Re-exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	January 1987 (HKD Mn.)	January 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	1,750	1,361	389	29
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,607	892	715	80
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	975	567	408	72
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	918	636	282	44
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	677	371	306	83
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	575	380	195	51

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STOCK EXCHANGE ANNUAL FEE SET
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT THE ANNUAL FEE TO BE PAID BY THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED WILL BE SET AT \$8 MILLION FOR 1987-88.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE LEVEL OF THE FEE FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE FEE, CHARGED UNDER THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION ORDINANCE, WAS DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF RELATING IT TO COST AS APPLICABLE TO FEES SET UNDER A STATUTORY POWER.

+AS THE RELEVANT COSTS ARE THOSE INCURRED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING IN REGULATING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE, A DETAILED COSTING EXERCISE WAS CARRIED OUT AND THE AMOUNT SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED.

+WHILE ADHERING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL POLICY OF FULL COST RECOVERY WHEREVER APPROPRIATE, DETERMINATION OF THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE STOCK EXCHANGE ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE EXCHANGE COMPANY.

+IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE CHARGING OF THE ANNUAL FEE WOULD NOT LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF TRANSACTION LEVY PRESENTLY BORNE BY INVESTORS,+ THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

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MANAGEMENT CONTROL OF BANK RETURNED
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FOLLOWING THE ACQUISITION OF THE ENTIRE SHARE CAPITAL OF HONG NIN BANK LIMITED BY FIRST PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED, AND THE APPOINTMENT BY FIRST PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED OF NEW DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF HONG NIN BANK LIMITED, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS DECIDED THAT IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING TO REMAIN IN CONTROL OF AND CARRY ON THE BUSINESS OF HONG NIN BANK LIMITED.

ACCORDINGLY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 57(1) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE, RETURNED THE MANAGEMENT CONTROL OF HONG NIN BANK LIMITED TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (THURSDAY).

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CIVIC EDUCATION BECOMING EVERYONE'S CONCERN
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CIVIC EDUCATION HAS BECOME EVERYBODY'S CONCERN AS A COROLLARY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF AN EXHIBITION ENTITLED +WE LOVE OUR HOME+ AT THE SHUN TAK CENTRE, MR LAM SAID THAT CIVIC EDUCATION NOW MEANT MUCH MORE THAN A TOPIC IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

HE SAID THAT THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WAS A LONG-TERM TASK AND SUCCESS HINGED ON THE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL TO COMPLEMENT THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

HE ADDED THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENTHUSIASM IN PUTTING UP SUCH A MEANINGFUL EXHIBITION.

MR LAM ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE COUNCIL OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS AND THE 13 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO ORGANISED AND ASSISTED IN THE PROJECT.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OCCASION, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO, SAID THE BOARD SPENT ABOUT \$100 000 LAST YEAR TO SUPPORT VARIOUS CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER GUESTS INCLUDED THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS, MR LEE SHUNG-TAK, A SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR WONG WING-TIM, AND THE MANAGER OF THE SHUN TAK ENTERPRISES CORPORATION LIMITED, MR SHUM YUE-TIM.

THREE SCHOOLS - THE HENRIETTA SCHOOL, THE ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE AND THE YING WA GIRLS' COLLEGE - WERE AWARDED PRIZES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PRESENTATION WHILE OTHERS RECEIVED SOUVENIRS AT THE CEREMONY.

SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SHUN TAK ENTERPRISES CORPORATION LIMITED, THE PROJECT WAS ORGANISED BY THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AND ASSISTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ICAC.

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE SHUN TAK CENTRE UNTIL SATURDAY.

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MORE DETAILS REQUIRED FROM EXPORTERS
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS TO REQUIRE EXPORTERS OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF TEXTILES TO THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILS ON THEIR EXPORT LICENCE APPLICATION TO FACILITATE THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS PREPARATION FOR POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. ON THE HARMONISED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM (HS).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (MARCH 16), EXPORTERS OF INFANT'S WEAR, KNIT SHIRT-BLOUSE-SWEATER, SCARF-HANDKERCHIEF AND SUITS ARE REQUIRED TO DECLARE ON THE EXPORT LICENCES AND EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

THE INFORMATION WILL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS PREPARATION FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. PRIOR TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HS WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1988.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE HS DEFINITIONS OF PRODUCTS COULD RESULT IN A CHANGE OF CLASSIFICATION OF SOME TEXTILE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THE CURRENT HONG KONG-U.S. BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT. HONG KONG WILL SEEK CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. TO RESOLVE ANY CLASSIFICATION PROBLEMS.

A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS HAS BEEN ISSUED TO INFORM THE TRADE OF THE ADDITIONAL DETAILS WHICH ARE REQUIRED. COPIES OF THE NOTICE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE U.S. SECTION OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, 15TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

EXPORTERS ARE REQUESTED TO ENSURE THAT THE REQUIRED ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROPERLY DECLARED ON THE EXPORT LICENCES AND EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN THE EXPORT LICENCES AND EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS BEING REJECTED.

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NORTH BRIDGE DUE FOR OCTOBER COMPLETION
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THE \$200 MILLION TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE TOOK A STEP TOWARDS COMPLETION TODAY (THURSDAY) WITH THE JOINING OF THE MID-SPAN FOR ONE OF ITS TWO CARRIAGEWAYS.

WORK FOR THE DUAL TWO-LANE BRIDGE STARTED IN SEPTEMBER 1984 AND IT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER TO PROVIDE A SECOND DIRECT LINK BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND TSING YI ISLAND.

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OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S JOINING CEREMONY WERE THE PROJECT MANAGER (TSUEN WAN), DR E.G. PRYOR, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CONTRACTOR, MAEDA-ORIENTAL JOINT VENTURE, AND THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS.

THE BRIDGE CROSSES THE NORTHERN END OF RAMBLER CHANNEL BETWEEN NGA YING CHAU IN TSING YI AND SAM PAK TSIN IN TSUEN WAN.

IT WILL HAVE TWO CARRIAGEWAYS, EACH MEASURING 7.3 METRES IN WIDTH, AND TWO TWO-METRE-WIDE PEDESTRIAN FOOTWAYS WITH SERVICES DUCTS UNDERNEATH CARRYING GAS PIPES AND TELEPHONE CABLES.

THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE BRIDGE STRUCTURE WILL BE 1 015 METRES, HAVING 19 SPANS FOR ITS MAIN CROSSING AND APPROACH VIADUCTS. IT IS SUPPORTED BY TWO PIERS CONSTRUCTED IN THE CHANNEL.

AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED ALONG THE BRIDGE AND WILL BE LINKED DIRECTLY TO NEARBY POLICE STATIONS SO THAT DRIVERS IN DISTRESS CAN CALL FOR ASSISTANCE.

APPROACH ROADS LINKING THE NEW ROAD NETWORKS ON NORTHERN TSING YI AND THE EXISTING TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT IN TSUEN WAN WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSING YI, THE NORTH BRIDGE WILL NOT ONLY SERVE NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE AREA, THE FIRST OF WHICH WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION BY THE END OF 1987, BUT WILL PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO ALL AREAS ON THE ISLAND.

IT WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 2 500 VEHICLES AN HOUR IN EACH DIRECTION, GREATLY IMPROVING ACCESS TO AND FROM THE ISLAND AND ENHANCING ITS RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE POPULATION ON TSING YI WILL INCREASE FROM THE EXISTING 80 000 TO 220 000 BY EARLY 1990.

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TWO SITES TO LET BY TENDER
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TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCIES ON TWO SITES IN SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN.

THE SHA TIN SITE, MEASURING 3 175 SQUARE METRES, IS AT LAI PING ROAD. IT IS FOR A BUILDING CONTRACTOR'S PLANT (EXCEPT A ROCK CRUSHING PLANT), MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE DEPOT FOR THE STORAGE OF BUILDING MATERIAL, PLANT, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, GOODS (EXCLUDING CONTAINERS) AND VEHICLES BELONGING TO THE TENANT.

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THE INITIAL TENANCY IS 15 MONTHS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE TUEN MUN LOT, AT LUNG MUN ROAD, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 7 800 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR OPEN STORAGE (EXCLUDING STORAGE OF CONTAINERS).

THE INITIAL TENANCY IS ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR BOTH SITES IS NOON ON MARCH 27.

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A UNIQUE MAP DRAWN ON SILK SHOWING POSITIONS AT STANLEY DURING THE FINAL DAYS OF THE 1941 BATTLE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) IS AT PRESENT MAKING AN APPEAL FOR ITEMS FOR A MUSEUM WHICH IT HOPES TO SET UP TO ILLUSTRATE THE HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT.

COLONEL JEREMY HUTCHINS, COMMANDING OFFICER, EXPLAINED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE APPEAL THE SILK MAP, MEASURING ABOUT 10 INCHES BY 15 INCHES, HAD BEEN UNCOVERED.

+THIS MUST HAVE BEEN DRAWN IN A PRISONER OF WAR CAMP AFTER THE SURRENDER,+ HE SAID. +IT IS EXTREMELY INTERESTING IN THAT IT GIVES PRECISE POSITIONS FOR THE VARIOUS UNITS AND DEFENCES AT STANLEY - WHERE SOME OF THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING AGAINST THE JAPANESE TOOK PLACE.+

THE MAP SHOWS PILLBOXES, MACHINE GUN, ANTI-TANK GUN AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN POSITIONS, FIGHTING LIGHTS AND THE AREAS HELD BY NUMBER ONE BATTERY AND NUMBER TWO COMPANY OF THE OLD HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

DESPITE BEING CONCEALED DURING THE LONG YEARS OF CAPTIVITY THE MAP IS REMARKABLY WELL PRESERVED AND MOST FEATURES CAN EASILY BE MADE OUT.

IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BATTLE AT STANLEY, BOTH TO THE REGIMENT AND TO HONG KONG'S GENERAL HISTORY, THIS MAP IS A FIND OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE, SAID COLONEL HUTCHINS.

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+I WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT OUR APPEAL TO ANYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE SIMILAR MATERIAL TO GET IN CONTACT WITH THE REGIMENT. WE ARE LOOKING FOR ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST - MAPS, PHOTOGRAPHS, PIECES OF KIT, BADGES AND MEDALS,+ HE SAID.

+OF COURSE, PEOPLE MAY NOT WANT TO PART PERMANENTLY WITH OBJECTS OF SENTIMENTAL VALUE SO WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE COPIES AND RETURN THE ORIGINALS IF DESIRED.+

THE ORIGINS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT CAN BE TRACED BACK TO 1854 WHEN 99 INDIVIDUALS JOINED A VOLUNTEER FORCE TO PROTECT HONG KONG AGAINST AN ATTACK BY THE RUSSIANS AT A TIME WHEN BRITAIN AND THAT COUNTRY WERE AT WAR. IT IS THUS ONE OF THE OLDEST OF ANY OF THE MODERN VOLUNTEER UNITS.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WEEK SET TO START
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THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WEEK ORGANISED BY THE TRIPARTITE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD IS ONLY DAYS AWAY BEFORE ITS OPENING THIS SATURDAY (MARCH 14).

FINISHING TOUCHES ARE BEING PUT TO A BUS, A TRAM, A TUG BOAT AND A HELICOPTER WHICH WILL TOUR ROUND THE TERRITORY CARRYING MESSAGES ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DURING THE SEVEN-DAY PERIOD.

THE BUS WILL VISIT INDUSTRIAL AREAS WHERE THREE CANTONESE SONGS WITH LYRICS SPECIALLY WRITTEN TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK SAFETY WILL BE BROADCAST TO THE PUBLIC. PAMPHLETS AND SOUVENIR CUPS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR YIU YAN-NANG, SAID SPONSORSHIP OF THESE ACTIVITIES IS PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING.

+THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMPANIES HAVE PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT BY EITHER PROVIDING THESE FACILITIES FREE OR AT A NOMINAL FEE,+ MR YIU SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS HAVE ALSO PUT IN A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORTS IN ORGANISING THE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES, THUS EXAMPLIFYING THE TRIPARTITE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE GOVERNMENT IN THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MOVEMENT.

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MORE AUTOMOBILE WORKERS NEEDED TO MEET DEMAND
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THE WORKFORCE IN THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SECTOR WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AT A STEADY RATE, ACCORDING TO THE 1986 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG AND ACROSS THE BORDER WOULD INCREASE THE DEMAND FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, SAID THE REPORT RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY THE COUNCIL'S AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD.

HOWEVER, MANPOWER REQUIRED IN THE PRIVATE CAR MAINTENANCE SECTOR WOULD REMAIN STAGNANT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE BECAUSE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE PRIVATE CAR POPULATION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANNUAL COMPULSORY INSPECTION, A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SURVEY REVEALED THAT THE TOTAL WORKFORCE OF THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY REMAINED STAGNANT FROM 1984 TO 1986 AT 12 223, MAINLY BECAUSE OF WEAKER DEMAND FOR REPAIRING SERVICES AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE CARS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, THE BOARD FORECAST THAT AN ADDITIONAL 340 CRAFTSMEN, 30 TECHNICIANS AND SIX TECHNOLOGISTS WOULD BE REQUIRED EACH YEAR UP TO 1992 TO MEET MANPOWER DEMAND.

THE BOARD CONSIDERED THAT THE COUNCIL'S AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING ABOUT AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF PROPERLY TRAINED TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT TRAINEES FOR THE INDUSTRY.

THE CENTRE PROVIDES FULL-TIME BASIC TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT COURSES OF ONE YEAR AND SIX-MONTH DURATION TO SOME 30 TECHNICIANS AND 310 CRAFT TRAINEES.

OTHER DETAILS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT ARE MANPOWER STRUCTURE, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON TRAINING ROUTES.

THE REPORT IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$10 PER COPY.

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SAI KUNG YOUTH CIVIC DAY FOR SATURDAY
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THE SAI KUNG YOUTH CIVIC DAY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (MARCH 14) AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CIVIC DAY IS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING KNOWLEDGE ON CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES AND DEVELOPING A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE PROGRAMME WILL START AT 9.30 AM WITH A SEMINAR TO BE CONDUCTED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MRS ROSANNA TAM, AND THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE ACTION COUNCIL, MR MAK HOI-WAH.

THE TWO WILL DISCUSS TOPICS RELATING TO YOUTH CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES IN SOCIETY AND THEIR ROLE IN ASSISTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

OTHER PROGRAMMES OF THE DAY INCLUDE GROUP DISCUSSIONS, QUIZ, PERFORMANCES, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND A VISIT TO THE SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT FARM AT TSIU HANG.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE YOUTH CIVIC DAY ARE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WORKERS RECOMMENDED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT ON SATURDAY AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, NEXT TO STAR FERRY, BY 8.30 AM.

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GYMNASTIC COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS
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MORE THAN 330 PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART IN A FOUR-DAY GYMNASTIC COMPETITION AT THE SHA TIN JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE ON MARCH 14, 20, 21 AND 27.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

CHILDREN FROM 35 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL COMPETE IN MORE THAN 40 EVENTS, INCLUDING FLOOR EXERCISE, HORIZONTAL BAR, PARALLEL BARS, VAULTING AND BEAM BENCH.

WINNERS OF THE EVENTS WILL RECEIVE PRIZES AT A CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR CHEUNG WAI-CHUNG, AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AT 4 PM ON MARCH 27.

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CANADIAN BAND TO GIVE FREE CONCERT
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THE NEIL MCNEIL HIGH SCHOOL BAND FROM TORONTO, CANADA, WHICH ARRIVED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY, WILL GIVE A FREE CONCERT AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN ON SUNDAY (MARCH 15) FROM 1 PM TO 2 PM.

DURING THEIR NINE-DAY STAY, IT WILL GIVE SCHOOL CONCERTS AT GOOD HOPE SCHOOL TOMORROW, ST. FRANCIS CANOSSIAN COLLEGE ON MONDAY AND MARYKNOLL CONVENT SCHOOL NEXT WEDNESDAY.

IT WILL ALSO HAVE MUSIC EXCHANGE WITH THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED BY MR RUSSELL STACHIW AND MR MICHAEL GEREMIA, MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR OF NEIL MCNEIL HIGH SCHOOL, WILL ALSO BE HELD FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE'S DISTRICT YOUTH BANDS.

THE BAND HAS PERFORMED EXTENSIVELY OVERSEAS INCLUDING JAPAN IN 1970, IRELAND AND NORTHERN FRANCE IN 1972, MONTE CARLO, ITALY AND FRANCE IN 1975, BRITAIN IN 1977, TRINIDAD IN 1979, HAWAII IN 1983 AND BERMUDA IN 1985.

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U.S. CAMP TRAINING FOR YOUNG MUSICIAN
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A TALENTED YOUNG STRING PLAYER WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE INTENSIVE TRAINING IN SYMPHONIC MUSIC BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE WORLD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN THE 1987 NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP TO BE HELD NEAR MICHIGAN IN THE UNITED STATES FROM JUNE 21 TO AUGUST 17.

THE ANNUAL CAMP, CELEBRATING ITS 60TH SEASON, WILL INCLUDE MASTERCLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND PERFORMANCES BY SOME OF THE GREATEST ARTISTES IN THE WORLD.

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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS INVITING INTERESTED MUSICIANS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 18 WHO HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS, AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE VIII (PRACTICAL) IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION OR EQUIVALENT TO APPLY.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE AND APPLICANTS WILL ALSO HAVE TO ATTEND AN AUDITION ARRANGED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN EARLY APRIL.

FEES FOR THE NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP WILL BE MET BY THE CAMP ORGANISER, BUT THE CANDIDATE WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR HIS OR HER PERSONAL INSURANCE ABROAD, AND TO PLACE A SUM OF U.S. \$200 IN THE CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL ACCOUNT WITH THE NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP TO MEET MINOR PERSONAL EXPENSES.

THE FINAL DECISION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE PARTICIPANT RESTS WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE. APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE TSUEN WAN MUSIC CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, CHEONG YIU BUILDING, 167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, NEW TERRITORIES, BY MARCH 25.

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DEBATE COMPETITION FINAL THIS SUNDAY
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THE FINAL OF THE INTER POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE DEBATE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE FEDERATION OF STUDENTS, WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (MARCH 15) AFTERNOON.

THE FINALISTS ARE TEAMS REPRESENTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS INCLUDE HIGH COURT JUDGE, JUSTICE WONG, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR CHAN YING-LUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, MRS PEGGY LAM, DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON (DESIGNATE), MR PAUL LEUNG, AND THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR NG MING-LAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DEBATE TO BE HELD AT THE VICTORIA PARK BANDSTAND AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY.

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EXHIBITION ON +COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL+
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AN EXHIBITION ON THE +COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL+ PROGRAMME OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

IT IS PART OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE THEME OF NURTURING THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN THE DISTRICT.

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS INCLUDE THE PRODUCTION OF TEACHING AIDS, STUDY OF THE GROWTH OF PLANTS AND KNITTING FOR THE ELDERLY.

APART FROM THE DISPLAY OF VARIOUS PRODUCTIONS, PARTICIPANTS OF THE PROGRAMME WILL ALSO ATTEND A DISCUSSION SESSION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAMME.

THE EXHIBITION AND DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD AT 4.30 PM IN THE HALL OF THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 TAI HO ROAD.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EVENT INCLUDE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, TSUEN WAN, MR WILLIAM SHIU.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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PO LAM ROAD REOPENS TO TRAFFIC

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THE SECTION OF PO LAM ROAD BETWEEN MA YAU TONG AND MAU WU TSAI IN JUNK BAY, WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS, WILL REOPEN TO TRAFFIC AT NOON ON MONDAY (MARCH 16).

THE REOPENING MARKS THE COMPLETION OF WORK TO IMPROVE AND EXTEND PO LAM ROAD TO PROVIDE A LINK BETWEEN SAU MAU PING ROAD AND JUNK BAY. THIS WILL BE THE MAIN ACCESS TO THE NEW TOWN UNTIL THE OPENING OF THE JUNK BAY TUNNEL IN 1990.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORK ALSO INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUS TERMINUS IN AREA 10 TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF PO LAM HOUSING ESTATE, THE FIRST ESTATE IN JUNK BAY.

TO TIE IN WITH THE ROAD REOPENING, KMB ROUTE 90 AND NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 10 AND 10A WILL BE REROUTED BACK TO THIS SECTION OF PO LAM ROAD ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO AND FROM RENNIE'S MILL.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF JUBILEE STREET

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JUBILEE STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 15) AND MONDAY (MARCH 16) FOR THE HOISTING OF A LARGE AIR CONDITIONING MACHINE.

VEHICLES ON DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL HEADING FOR CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED TO PEDDER STREET.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE ACCESS ROAD TO MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK WILL BE EXTENDED WESTWARDS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 14) FOR ABOUT 30 METRES TO A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH COTTON TREE DRIVE.

WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

MEANWHILE, ST. FRANCIS STREET IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY TO 7 AM ON MARCH 16 TO FACILITATE THE REPAIR OF CABLES.

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