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SIR EDWARD OPENS CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON OFFICIALLY OPENED THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE AT THE WEST COFFERDAM OF THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR IN SAI KUNG.

SIR EDWARD, WHO FLEW BY HELICOPTER TO THE CENTRE WAS JOINED BY LADY YOUDE BOTH OF WHOM WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMISSIONER, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE LIU CHONG HING BANK, MR LIU LIT-MAN; THE TWO VICE-CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, MR LIU LIT-FOR AND LIU LIT-MO -- THE DONORS OF THE CENTRE -- ALSO GREETED THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE ON THEIR ARRIVAL.

OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING.

IN HIS ADDRESS, MR WIGGHAM SAID THAT FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE WEST DAM OF THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, THE QUAYSIDE AND THE PIER STRUCTURE OF THE WEST COFFERDAM WERE ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO BE DISMANTLED AND THE WHOLE AREA RETURNED TO ITS NATURAL STATE.

+FORTUNATELY WE SAW THE POTENTIAL OF DEVELOPING THIS ENCLOSED BODY OF WATER, SET IN A MOST SCENIC PART OF SAI KUNG PENINSULA, INTO A WATER SPORTS CENTRE,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

+IT WAS REALISED THAT A CENTRE IN THIS LOCATION WOULD ALSO ENJOY EASY ACCESS TO THE SEA FOR MORE ORTHODOX TRAINING FOR SAILORS, CANOEISTS AND WINDSURFERS.

+SOME IDEAS GET NO FURTHER THAN THE DRAWING BOARD. IT IS OUR GOOD FORTUNE THAT, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THE CHONG HING BANK GROUP, THROUGH MR LIU LIT-MAN AND MR LIU LIT-FOR, SHARED OUR VISION OF WHAT COULD BE ACHIEVED AND CONFIRMED THEIR FAITH BY A TIMELY DONATION OF \$2 MILLION.

+THIS GENEROUS DONATION WILL BE APPRECIATED BY GENERATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, AS THEY ENJOY THE FACILITIES WE SEE TODAY,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM ADDED THAT IN THE LONGER TERM, THE ENTIRE COFFERDAM AREA HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE DEVELOPED INTO AN INTENSIVE RECREATION AREA WITHIN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

AFTER THE UNVEILING OF A PLAQUE AT THE CENTRE, SIR EDWARD THEN WALKED TO A PAGODA NEAR A LAGOON AND STARTED A MINI-DRAGON BOAT RACE BY FIRING A MINI-CANNON.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR THE DEPARTMENT, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG, THEN PRESENTED PRIZES AND MEMENTOS TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE WERE THEN TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE CENTRE WHICH CONSISTS OF TWO MAJOR SINGLE-STOREY BLOCKS HOUSING A DORMITORY, CHANGING FACILITIES, OFFICE AREA AND A CANTEEN.

/OTHER FACILITIES

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A BOAT SHED, TWO PAGODAS AND A SLIPWAY LEADING TO THE LAGOON.

THE CENTRE IS OPEN TO WATER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS AND CAMPERS FROM SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AND THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE IN PAK TAM.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 12 000 DAY AND ABOUT 3 000 RESIDENTIAL CAMPERS WILL ENJOY THE CENTRE'S FACILITIES EVERY YEAR.

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MARCH MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS

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THE MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR MARCH 1983 ARE PUBLISHED TODAY.

DURING THE MONTH, TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON THE BROADER DEFINITIONS RECORDED SOME MODERATE INCREASE.

TOTAL M1, HOWEVER, FELL, WITH INCREASED CASH HOLDING BY THE PUBLIC AHEAD OF THE EASTER HOLIDAY MORE THAN OFFSET BY A FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE IN DEMAND DEPOSITS.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED DURING THE MONTH WHILE HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS DECREASED.

THERE WAS STILL A MODEST SHIFT OF DEPOSITS FROM REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO LICENSED BANKS AND LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

LOANS AND ADVANCES EXPERIENCED FURTHER GROWTH IN MARCH, ALTHOUGH, WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE RECORDED A SLIGHT DECLINE.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR MARCH 1983 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS. TABLE 2 SETS OUT SOME FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

THE HK\$ MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS DECLINED IN MARCH.

THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, HK\$M1 FELL BY 2.5 PER CENT AFTER A RISE OF 1.1 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY.

THE BROADER DEFINITIONS, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3, BOTH FELL BY A FURTHER 1.4 PER CENT, FOLLOWING FALLS OF 0.5 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO MARCH, HK\$M1 GREW BY 3.4 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 1 PER CENT BUT HK\$M3 FELL BY 0.3 PER CENT. IN THE TWELVE MONTHS TO MARCH, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 15.5 PER CENT, 21.6 PER CENT AND 2.5 PER CENT.

/TOTAL MONEY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL M1 FELL BY 3.2 PER CENT COMPARED WITH A 2.2 PER CENT INCREASE IN FEBRUARY.

TOTAL M2 ROSE FURTHER BY 1.7 PER CENT AFTER A 0.2 PER CENT INCREASE IN FEBRUARY.

TOTAL M3 ROSE BY 1.5 PER CENT, REVERSING THE 0.2 PER CENT DECLINE IN FEBRUARY.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO MARCH, TOTAL M1 ROSE BY 4.1 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 BY 5.9 PER CENT AND 4.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. IN THE TWELVE MONTHS TO MARCH, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 14.6 PER CENT, 64.5 PER CENT AND 38.5 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE MORE RAPIDLY IN MARCH BY 2.1 PER CENT COMPARED WITH A 0.7 PER CENT INCREASE IN FEBRUARY.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO MARCH THEY ROSE BY 4.3 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS BY 26.1 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG, HOWEVER, DECLINED FURTHER, BY 0.9 PER CENT AFTER A FALL OF 0.2 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO MARCH, THE NET DECREASE WAS 1 PER CENT, BUT OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS THERE WAS A NET INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 1.3 PER CENT, THE SAME AS IN FEBRUARY.

OVER THE THREE MONTHS, THE INCREASE WAS 4.4 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, 24.6 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG ROSE SHARPLY BY 3.1 PER CENT AFTER A 0.3 PER CENT INCREASE IN FEBRUARY.

OVER THE THREE MONTHS, THE INCREASE WAS 4.8 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, 33.3 PER CENT.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR:

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983, LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ROSE BY 6.4 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR ROSE BY ONLY 1.6 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES ROSE BY 8.0 PER CENT.

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LOANS FOR PURCHASING FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY BY 22.1 PER CENT WHILE THOSE FOR PURCHASING OTHER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY GREW BY 10.9 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS (OTHER THAN BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) ROSE RAPIDLY BY 12.4 PER CENT, AFTER A SHARP DECLINE IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 1982.

FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITIONS

THERE WERE INCREASES IN BOTH THE SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE MONETARY SECTOR IN MARCH.

NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES INCREASED SLIGHTLY FROM \$19.0 BILLION AT THE END OF FEBRUARY TO \$20.8 BILLION AT THE END OF MARCH.

BANKS HAD NET LIABILITIES OF \$13.1 BILLION AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES OF \$7.7 BILLION AT THE END OF MARCH.

STATISTICS COLLECTED (ON THE BASIS OF SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SHOW THAT THE MONETARY SECTOR HAD, AT THE END OF MARCH, NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES OF \$22 BILLION, WHICH WAS MORE THAN COVERED BY NET FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS OF \$42 BILLION.

LIQUIDITY RATIO

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS ROSE IN MARCH TO 45.2 PER CENT FROM 43.9 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECLINED TO 58.3 PER CENT FROM 60 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 128.

THE NUMBERS OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WERE ALSO UNCHANGED, AT 21 AND 335 RESPECTIVELY.

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Table 1

Monetary Statistics - March 1983

Earlier months
(% change to March 1983)

HK\$mn

Money Supply	March 1983	February 1983	December 1982	March 1982
M1 - HK\$	26,963	27,649 (-2.5%)	26,086 (+3.4%)	23,348 (+15.5%)
Foreign Currency	1,647	1,919 (-14.2%)	1,319 (+17.7%)	1,620 (+ 1.7%)
Total	28,610	29,568 (-3.2%)	27,485 (+4.1%)	24,968 (+14.6%)
M2 - HK\$	122,220	123,940 (-1.4%)	120,956 (+1.0%)	100,546 (+21.6%)
Foreign Currency	96,735	91,443 (+5.8%)	85,732 (+12.8%)	32,597 (+196.8%)
Total	218,955	215,383 (+1.7%)	206,688 (+ 5.9%)	133,143 (+ 64.5%)
M3 - HK\$	148,869	151,002 (-1.4%)	149,254 (-0.3%)	145,245 (+ 2.5%)
Foreign Currency	113,320	107,274 (+5.6%)	102,293 (+10.8%)	44,109 (+156.9%)
Total	262,189	258,276 (+1.5%)	251,547 (+ 4.2%)	189,354 (+ 38.5%)
<u>Deposits</u>				
Demand deposits	15,706	16,846 (-6.8%)	16,043 (- 2.1%)	14,937 (+ 5.1%)
Savings deposits	67,899	69,804 (-2.7%)	69,590 (- 2.4%)	51,651 (+31.5%)
Time deposits with banks	117,262	111,019 (+5.6%)	104,626 (+12.1%)	53,100 (+120.8%)
Time deposits with dtcs	42,052	41,717 (+0.8%)	43,813 (- 4.0%)	55,843 (- 24.7%)
All HK\$ deposits	133,457	135,838 (-1.8%)	135,384 (- 1.4%)	133,306 (+ 0.1%)
All foreign currency deposits	109,463	103,548 (+5.7%)	98,688 (+10.9%)	42,225 (+159.2%)
Total	242,920	239,386 (+1.5%)	234,072 (+ 3.8%)	175,531 (+ 38.4%)
<u>Loans and advances</u>				
To finance Hong Kong's visible trade	26,085	26,323 (-0.9%)	26,339 (-1.0%)	23,501 (+11.0%)
To finance merchandising trade not touching Hong Kong	2,585	2,173 (+19.0%)	2,292 (+12.8%)	3,132 (-17.5%)
Other loans for use in Hong Kong	195,617	193,079 (+1.3%)	187,321 (+4.4%)	156,967 (+24.6%)
Other loans for use outside Hong Kong	105,808	102,649 (+3.1%)	100,951 (+4.8%)	79,377 (+33.3%)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	15,357	14,137 (+8.6%)	14,330 (+7.2%)	11,069 (+38.7%)
All loans in HK\$	187,731	185,213 (+1.4%)	182,095 (+3.1%)	157,496 (+19.2%)
All loans in foreign currencies	157,722	153,147 (+3.0%)	149,138 (+5.8%)	116,549 (+35.3%)
Total	345,452	338,360 (+2.1%)	331,233 (+4.3%)	274,045 (+26.1%)

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	<u>Loans and advances by banks and dtcs</u>	
	<u>Ending March 1983</u>	<u>Ending December 1982</u>
Manufacturing	18,016 (+ 6.4%)	16,935
of which textile	3,070 (+ 2.1%)	3,007
Transport and transport equipment	16,607 (+ 6.2%)	15,643
Building, construction and property development	50,307 (+ 1.6%)	49,536
Wholesale and retail trade	21,980 (+ 8.0%)	20,356
Financial concerns	13,665 (+12.4%)	12,159
Individuals:		
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	2,762 (+22.1%)	2,263
to purchase other residential property	18,682 (+10.9%)	16,842
other purposes	23,138 (- 3.8%)	24,052
Others	30,460 (+ 3.1%)	29,535
Total*	195,617 (+ 4.4%)	187,321

Figures in brackets are growth rates during the first quarter of 1983

This excludes funds advanced to banks and deposit-taking companies

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SIR S.Y. CHUNG RECEIVES HONORARY FELLOWSHIP IN UK
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SIR S.Y. CHUNG RECEIVED AN HONORARY FELLOWSHIP OF THE INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, U.K. THIS EVENING (TUESDAY) AT A LONDON DINNER GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTION.

SIR S.Y. IS THE FIRST HONG KONG RESIDENT TO RECEIVE THIS HIGH HONOUR. THERE ARE AT PRESENT A TOTAL OF ONLY 37 HONORARY FELLOWS OF THE INSTITUTION AMONGST ITS 75 000 MEMBERS ALL OVER THE COMMONWEALTH.

HE WILL RECEIVE ANOTHER HONOUR AT A FORMAL DINNER AT APOTHECARIES HALL TOMORROW EVENING FROM H.R.H. THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

SIR S.Y. WILL JOIN THE EXCLUSIVE FELLOWSHIP OF ENGINEERING AND WILL NOT ONLY BE THE FIRST HONG KONG RESIDENT BUT THE FIRST OVERSEAS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER TO RECEIVE SUCH A FELLOWSHIP.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF ENGINEERING WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1976 AND ITS FELLOWS ARE ELECTED BY A SYSTEM VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY. EACH FELLOW MUST HAVE SERVED IN HIS PARTICULAR SPECIALISATION WITH EXCEPTIONAL SUCCESS AND HAVE ACQUIRED THE VENERATED STATUS WHICH ONLY AGE CAN BESTOW.

WHILE IN THE U.K. SIR S.Y. WILL BE SEEING THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS TOMORROW MORNING AND THE PRIME MINISTER AT 10 DOWNING STREET IN THE AFTERNOON.

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TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY STATION
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THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FO TAN STATION AS PART OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

THE CONTRACT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATION BUILDING AND PLATFORMS, WORKSHOP, BARRACKS, FORECOURT, AND EXECUTION OF MISCELLANEOUS WORKS.

WORK WILL START IN JULY AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1985.

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LOCAL TRADERS URGED TO SUBSCRIBE
TO TRADE FACILITATION COUNCIL
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED LOCAL TRADERS TO SUBSCRIBE TO TRADE PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTATION OF THE TRADE FACILITATION COUNCIL IN ORDER TO CUT DOWN OPERATING COSTS.

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE PREMIERE OF THE HONG KONG TRADE FACILITATION COUNCIL FILM +MEET TRADE FACILITATION+, ATTENDED BY SENIOR EXECUTIVES FROM LOCAL COMPANIES, TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

+THE BENEFITS OF TRADE FACILITATION ARE INTANGIBLE BUT, NEVERTHELESS, OFFICIAL ESTIMATES HAVE PROVED THAT SOME SEVEN PER CENT OF THE INVOICE VALUE OF A CONSIGNMENT IS SAVED IN COSTS TO THE EXPORTER BY THE ADOPTION OF TRADE FACILITATION PROCEDURES. THESE ARE POSITIVE BENEFITS WHICH AT TIMES ARE OBSCURED OR FORGOTTEN IN THE DAY-TO-DAY PROCESS OF TRADING, AND I URGE ALL OUR MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS TO CONTACT THE COUNCIL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,+ MR HO SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE POLICY OF THE COUNCIL WAS TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SIMPLIFYING THE PROCEDURES AND SYSTEMS FOR ALL HONG KONG TRADERS WHILE, INTERNATIONALLY, PARTICIPATING IN THE UNITED NATIONS' EFFORT TO REMOVE THE MANY BARRIERS WHICH HAMPER TRADE.

+IT IS THE COUNCIL'S OBJECTIVE TO INCREASE ITS EARNINGS IN ORDER TO STAND MORE ON ITS OWN FEET FINANCIALLY; AND TO THIS END I WOULD URGE OUR TRADING COMMUNITY TO GIVE THEIR FULLEST SUPPORT - AND, MAY I SUGGEST, SUBSCRIPTIONS - TO A PROCESS WHICH, AS I HAVE ALREADY SAID, IS NOT A THEORETICAL SEARCH FOR IMPROVEMENT FOR ITS OWN SAKE, BUT CAN OFFER BUSINESSES TANGIBLE CASH SAVINGS IN THEIR OPERATING COSTS,+ MR HO CONCLUDED.

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1982 SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES
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FOLLOWING A BENCHMARK ECONOMIC SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES CONDUCTED LAST YEAR, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A FOLLOW-UP SURVEY TO COLLECT DATA RELATING TO THE YEAR 1982.

THE SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES FOR 1982 COVERS LAND, SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS PUBLIC BUSES, TRAMWAYS, TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TRUCKS, FERRIES, CONTAINER HAULAGE, SHIPPING COMPANIES, AIRLINES, AND SERVICES INCIDENTAL TO TRANSPORT, SUCH AS CAR PARKS, TRAVEL AGENTS AND CARGO FORWARDING AGENTS.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO ABOUT 4 200 ESTABLISHMENTS FROM OUT OF A TOTAL OF ABOUT 40 000 ESTABLISHMENTS. ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING 10 OR MORE PERSONS ARE FULLY COVERED IN THE SURVEY WHILE THOSE WITH LESS THAN 10 PERSONS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR COSTS, OPERATING EXPENDITURE, BUSINESS TURNOVER AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

SUCH ECONOMIC DATA WILL PROVIDE THE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR AND WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED WHICH WILL BE USEFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR FORMULATION OF DECISIONS AND POLICIES.

RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT.

A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF THIS SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 9 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 14.

SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES BY JULY 31.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALS TO MANAGERMENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM PROMPTLY, AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH SURVEY STAFF.

WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS WITH GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING QUESTIONNAIRES, IF NECESSARY.

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TIN HAU FESTIVAL CELEBRATION AT JOSS HOUSE BAY * * * *

MORE THAN 50 000 WORSHIPPERS AND SIGHTSEERS ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT JOSS HOUSE BAY IN SAI KUNG ON THURSDAY (MAY 5) FOR THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL CELEBRATION - AN ANNUAL EVENT IN HONOUR OF THE PATRON GODDESS OF SEAFARERS.

IN VIEW OF THE LARGE CROWD, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED WORSHIPPERS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TAKE SPECIAL CARE WHEN GETTING ON AND OFF FERRIES.

HE REMINDED THEM THAT SPECIAL FERRY SERVICES WOULD BE OPERATING BETWEEN JOSS HOUSE BAY AND THE WAN CHAI FERRY PIER FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY TO 4.30 PM ON THURSDAY AT INTERVALS RANGING FROM 45 MINUTES TO ONE AND A HALF HOURS.

FOR THOSE TRAVELLING BY BOATS, MR CHAN SAID BOTH THE MARINE POLICE AND MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES WOULD BE PATROLLING ALONG THE AREA. OPERATORS WOULD BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION SHOULD THE BOATS BE OVERLOADED.

+ADEQUATE POLICE AND MEDICAL FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SCENE SHOULD EMERGENCY ARISE,+ HE SAID.

THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS WOULD BE PROHIBITED AND THE OPERATOR OF ANY VESSEL SEEN DISCHARGING FIREWORKS OR HOLDING A DISPLAY WOULD BE PROSECUTED.

SIMILARLY, NO LION DANCE TEAMS WOULD BE PERMITTED TO PERFORM ASHORE OR DISEMBARK FROM VESSELS.

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THIS YEAR, THE BURNING OF JOSS STICKS WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE TEMPLE, WHILE THE BURNING OF PAPER OFFERINGS WOULD BE STRICTLY RESTRICTED TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE TEMPLE.

+THIS WILL REDUCE POSSIBLE FIRE RISKS, PARTICULARLY WHEN SO MANY WORSHIPPERS WILL BE CROWDING INSIDE THE TEMPLE,+ HE ADDED.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE SALE OR DISPLAY OF HYDROGEN-FILLED BALLOONS WOULD ALSO BE PROHIBITED, AND VENDORS OR PURCHASERS OF HELIUM GAS FILLED BALLOONS SHOULD NOT EXPOSE THEM TO OPEN FIRE BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF EXPLOSIONS.

FINALLY, MR CHAN REMINDED WORSHIPPERS TO PLACE ALL LITTERS IN RUBBISH BINS, AND PEOPLE DISCARDING RUBBISH INDISCRIMINATELY WOULD BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES DURING TIN HAU FESTIVAL
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG ON THURSDAY (MAY 5) TO COINCIDE WITH TIN HAU FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS.

AT TUEN MUN, THE SECTION OF TIN HAU ROAD BETWEEN SAN HOP LANE AND TSING WUN ROAD AND THE SECTION OF HUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN SAN ON STREET AND SAN PING CIRCUIT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM TO 5 PM.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE CAR PARKS AT SAN LIK STREET AND SAN ON STREET WILL BE RESTRICTED TO VEHICLE INVOLVED IN THE CELEBRATIONS.

AT YUEN LONG, A NUMBER OF ROADS WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM UNTIL THE PROCESSION HAS COMPLETED.

THE ROADS ARE THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) BETWEEN YUEN LONG EAST ROUNDABOUT AND SHUI PIN WAI TSUEN; FUNG CHEUNG ROAD; TAI TONG ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) AND FRASER VILLAGE; TAI YUK ROAD AND KAU YUK ROAD.

THE SOUTHERN HALVES OF THE YUEN LONG EAST AND WEST ROUNDABOUTS WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT THE SAME TIME.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

- * TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE OPERATED ON THE NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) BETWEEN THE TWO YUEN LONG ROUNDABOUTS. HOWEVER, THE RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT OF WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) INTO TUNG LOK STREET WILL BE PROHIBITED. VEHICLES FROM FOOK HONG STREET AND KUK TING STREET WILL, LIKEWISE, BE FORBIDDEN TO TURN LEFT INTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) EASTBOUND.

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- * TRAFFIC ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD (PING SHAN) HEADING FOR YUEN LONG TOWN WILL PROCEED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SHUI PIN WAI ROAD, MA WANG ROAD AND MA MIU ROAD.
- * MA MIU ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND; SHUI PIN WAI ROAD WILL BECOME ONE WAY NORTHBOUND AND MA WANG ROAD BETWEEN SHUI PIN WAI ROAD AND PING WUI STREET ONE WAY EASTBOUND.
- * THE NORTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD FROM TAI KI LENG TO TAI SHU HA WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY EASTBOUND AND THE SOUTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD ONE WAY WESTBOUND.

THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR NORTH OR SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES TO CROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN YUEN LONG TOWN.

THE CAR PARK OUTSIDE YUEN LONG STADIUM AND ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ALONG FUNG CHEUNG ROAD, KAU YUK ROAD, TAI YUK ROAD, TAI TONG ROAD AND THE SECTION OF ON NING ROAD BETWEEN KIK YEUNG ROAD AND MA MIU ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE PROCESSION.

THE BUS TERMINUS ON FUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9.30 AM UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE PROCESSION. THE BUS ROUTES NORMALLY TERMINATING AT THE TERMINUS WILL USE OTHER TERMINI.

KMB ROUTES 50M, 61 AND 68 WILL TERMINATE AT MA MIU ROAD. THEIR YUEN LONG-BOUND JOURNEY WILL BE VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SHUI PIN WAI ROAD, MA WANG ROAD AND MA MIU ROAD. THEIR TUEN MUN-BOUND JOURNEY WILL BE VIA MA MIU ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

ROUTES 53, 55, 57 AND 58 WILL USE KIK YEUNG ROAD TERMINUS. THEIR YUEN LONG-BOUND JOURNEY WILL BE VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SHUI PIN WAI ROAD, MA WANG ROAD, MA MIU ROAD, ON NING ROAD AND KIK YEUNG ROAD. THEIR OUTWARD JOURNEY WILL BE VIA KIK YEUNG ROAD, ON NING ROAD, MA MIU ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, ROUTES WILL ALSO CHANGE FOR BUSES NOW USING THE KIK YEUNG ROAD TERMINUS.

THE YUEN LONG-BOUND JOURNEY OF ROUTES 54, 64, 76 AND 77 WILL BE EXTENDED BEYOND THE WESTERN ROUNDABOUT OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) VIA SHUI PIN WAI ROAD, MA WANG ROAD, MA MIU ROAD AND ON NING ROAD TO REACH KIK YEUNG ROAD TERMINUS. THEIR AU TAU-BOUND JOURNEY WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE YUEN LONG-BOUND JOURNEY OF ROUTES 63 AND 68 WILL BE VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SHUI PIN WAI ROAD, MA WANG ROAD, MA MIU ROAD, ON NING ROAD AND KIK YEUNG ROAD. THEIR OUTWARD JOURNEY WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

ALSO FROM 9.30 AM UNTIL THE END OF THE PROCESSION, KMB ROUTES 56 WILL OPERATE A SHORT ROUTE FROM WONG NAI TUN VIA TAI TONG ROAD TO FRASER VILLAGE WHERE A TEMPORARY STOP WILL BE PROVIDED.

ALL BUS STOPS ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) BETWEEN FUNG CHEUNG STREET AND SHUI PIN WAI TSUEN WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

FROM 10 AM UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE PROCESSION, THE PLB STAND AT KAU YUK ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED, AND PLBS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER OR LEAVE THE PLB STANDS AT HONG LOK ROAD, HONG KING STREET AND TAI TONG ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, MAXICAB ROUTES 31 AND 32 WILL TERMINATE AT PING WUI STREET. THEIR YUEN LONG-BOUND JOURNEY WILL BE VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SHUI PIN WAI ROAD, MA WANG ROAD AND PING WUI STREET AND THEIR OUTWARD JOURNEY WILL BE VIA PING WUI STREET, ON NING ROAD, MA MIU ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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COMMERCIAL CENTRE FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS
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TAI PO WILL HAVE A COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF 100 000 SQUARE METRES BY 1986, THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR HAIDER BARMA SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+TOGETHER WITH THE EXISTING TAI PO MARKET, THIS COMMERCIAL CENTRE WILL CERTAINLY PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWN WHICH WILL TOTAL 250 000 WHEN DEVELOPMENT IS COMPLETED,+ HE SAID.

MR BARMA WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE TAI PO MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION'S NEW OFFICE IN SHUNG TAK STREET.

HE NOTED THAT IN THE LAYOUT PLAN OF TAI PO NEW TOWN, THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE WOULD EXTEND AS FAR AS THE RECLAMATION OFF THE ESTUARY OF LAM TSUEN RIVER.

THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES THERE WOULD BE LINKED TO ONE ANOTHER BY OVERHEAD PASSAGeways AND DIRECTLY TO TWO HOUSING ESTATES IN TAI PO AND TO THE TAI PO MARKET.

MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF THE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL LAND IN THE NEW TOWN CENTRE HAD BEEN TAKEN UP BY DEVELOPERS AND PILING AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS WERE PUSHING AHEAD VIGOROUSLY.

+I BELIEVE THAT THE VARIOUS BUILDINGS, ESTIMATED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1984-86 WILL PROVIDE GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR MEMBERS AND OTHER INVESTORS TO EXPAND THEIR BUSINESS AND TO WORK TOWARDS GREATER PROSPERITY FOR THE TOWN CENTRE OF TAI PO,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE ASSOCIATION, FOUNDED 60 YEARS AGO, HAD SPARED NO EFFORT NOT ONLY IN CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS TRADES AND BUSINESSES AND PROMOTING COMMERCE, BUT ALSO IN SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

+THE VARIETY OF TRADES AND BUSINESSES HERE IN TAI PO MARKET TODAY HAVE BECOME A PILLAR OF DEVELOPMENT TO THIS GROWING NEW TOWN,+ HE SAID.

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MORE PARKING METERS FOR KWUN TONG
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A TOTAL OF 441 PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED IN KWUN TONG TO REGULATE THE USE OF ON-STREET PARKING SPACES FOR PRIVATE CARS AND GOODS VEHICLES.

THE METERS ALONG YUET WAH STREET, TIN HEUNG STREET AND PING SHING LANE WILL COME INTO OPERATION FROM 9 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 5).

THE METERS ALONG YAN OI COURT, FU YAN STREET, SHUNG YAN STREET, SHUI NING STREET, WAN HON STREET, KA LOK STREET AND SHUI WO STREET WILL BE IN OPERATION FROM 9 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 6) AND THOSE ALONG TING ON STREET, HORSE SHOE LANE, YEE ON STREET, MING CHI STREET, HANG ON STREET, LUEN ON STREET, HONG NING ROAD AND AT NGAU TAU KOK ROAD CAR PARK WILL BEGIN TO OPERATE ON MONDAY (MAY 9) ALSO FROM 9 AM.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO MORSE PARK
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IMPROVEMENT WORKS WOULD SOON BE CARRIED OUT AT THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AREAS OF MORSE PARK IN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WITH A VIEW OF IMPROVING ITS OUTLOOK AND FACILITIES.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT IS NOW BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS, A BADMINTON COURT, TIMBER ARBOURS AND BENCHES, EARTH MOULDS AND WATER POINTS.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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COOKED FOOD MARKET FOR KWUN TONG
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A COOKED FOOD MARKET WILL SOON BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE KWUN TONG FERRY CONCOURSE TO PROVIDE BETTER MEAL FACILITIES FOR FACTORY WORKERS IN THE AREA.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARKET.

TO BE BUILT ON A 610-SQUARE-METRE SITE THE MARKET WILL BE A TWO-STOREY BUILDING WITH 29 COOKED FOOD STALLS. ANCILLARY FACILITIES SUCH AS TOILET, OFFICE AND STORE-ROOM WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START IN JUNE AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

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KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX RE-OPENS

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THE MAIN POOL OF THE KWAI SHING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF MAINTENANCE WORK.

THE OPENING HOURS ARE: FROM 7 AM TO 9.15 AM, 9.45 AM TO 12 NOON, 1 PM TO 4 PM, 4.30 PM TO 6.45 PM AND 7.45 PM TO 10 PM.

LAST MONTH A TOTAL OF 30 000 PEOPLE USED THE TRAINING FACILITIES AT THE POOL COMPLEX, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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SALT WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 6) TO FACILITATE WATER PUMP REPAIRS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE KING GEORGE V SCHOOL AND ALL PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN ESTATE, OI MAN ESTATE, VALLEY ROAD ESTATE AND THE KING'S PARK AREA.

ON THE SAME DAY SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE OF TUEN MUN AND TAI LAM CHUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL ALSO BE CUT OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

THE AFFECTED AREAS WILL INCLUDE TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL ZONE AREAS 9, 12, 26, 36, 4-B AND 10, SAN FAT ESTATE, SIU HONG COURT, TAI HING ESTATE, ON TING ESTATE, YAU OI ESTATE, WU KING ESTATE, SAM SHING ESTATE AND TUEN MUN AREA 37.

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