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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR 1978  
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THE TOTAL ANNUAL TRADE VALUE FOR 1978 SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1977.

STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SHOWED IMPORTS RISING FROM \$48,701 MILLION TO \$63,056 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 29 PER CENT WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT, RISING FROM \$35,004 MILLION TO \$40,711 MILLION.

RE-EXPORTS SHOWED AN ACCELERATED GROWTH OF 34 PER CENT, REACHING \$13,197 MILLION.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO RELEASED DETAILED MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1978.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE:

	<u>1977</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>1978</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
U.S.A.	13,552	15,125	+1,573	+12
F.R. OF GERMANY	3,669	4,426	+ 758	+21
UNITED KINGDOM	3,035	3,871	+ 836	+28
JAPAN	1,386	1,856	+ 470	+34
AUSTRALIA	1,247	1,494	+ 247	+20
CANADA	1,171	1,271	+ 100	+ 9
SINGAPORE	904	1,104	+ 200	+22
NETHERLANDS	763	937	+ 173	+23
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	572	683	+ 111	+19
NIGERIA	461	581	+ 120	+26

BY COUNTRY, EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ROSE BY 12 PER CENT, DUE MAINLY TO INCREASED SHIPMENTS OF ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$6,268 MILLION, +16 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (\$968 MILLION, +11 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$796 MILLION, +48 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$746 MILLION, +11 PER CENT).

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BUT DECLINES WERE RECORDED IN DELIVERIES OF PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (\$1,192 MILLION, -TWO PER CENT) AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS (\$476 MILLION, - 8 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.K. WERE BOOSTED BY INCREASES IN ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$1,904 MILLION, +24 PER CENT), TEXTILE PRODUCTS (\$471 MILLION, +30 PER CENT) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$262 MILLION, +86 PER CENT).

EXPORTS TO THE F.R. OF GERMANY SHOWED A GROWTH OF 21 PER CENT DURING THE YEAR. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN SHIPMENTS OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$2,608 MILLION, +19 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING EQUIPMENT (\$480 MILLION, +13 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$207 MILLION, +129 PER CENT).

RISES IN SHIPMENTS OF CLOTHING (\$537 MILLION, +34 PER CENT) AND WATCHES (\$125 MILLION, +81 PER CENT) TO JAPAN HAD LARGELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE OVERALL INCREASE OF 34 PER CENT IN EXPORT SALES TO JAPAN FOR 1978.

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS IS PRESENTED BELOW:

	<u>1977</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>1978</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	13,908	15,709	+1,800	+13
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	5,734	6,634	+ 901	+16
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,131	3,263	+1,132	+53
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2,696	2,869	+ 173	+6
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,769	2,819	+ 50	+2

**ELECTRICAL MACHINERY,  
APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES  
(MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND  
DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD  
TYPE APPLIANCES)**

1,744 2,109 +365 +21

APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES CONTINUED TO SHOW THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN VALUE TERMS (\$15,709 MILLION, +13 PER CENT). OTHER EXPORT ITEMS WHICH ALSO REGISTERED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WERE TEXTILE PRODUCTS (\$2,869 MILLION, +SIX PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (\$2,109 MILLION, +21 PER CENT) AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (\$913 MILLION, +28 PER CENT).

BUT SLIGHT DECLINES WERE RECORDED IN DELIVERIES OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND PARTS FOR COMPUTERS (\$678 MILLION, -ONE PER CENT) AND ALSO PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING APPARATUS (\$120 MILLION, -32 PER CENT).

**THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE:**

	<u>1977</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>1978</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
JAPAN	11,547	14,405	+2,857	+25
CHINA	8,082	10,550	+2,468	+31
U.S.A.	6,093	7,519	+1,426	+23
TAIWAN	3,254	4,257	+1,004	+31
SINGAPORE	2,888	3,219	+ 331	+11
UNITED KINGDOM	2,192	2,975	+ 783	+36
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	1,292	2,115	+ 823	+64
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,463	2,072	+ 610	+42
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,682	1,793	+ 110	+ 7
AUSTRALIA	956	1,274	+ 317	+33

IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ROSE BY 25 PER CENT, DUE MAINLY TO INCREASED SHIPMENTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (\$1,900 MILLION, +22 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$1,303 MILLION +34 PER CENT, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (\$1,263 MILLION, +44 PER CENT), AND ROAD VEHICLES (\$881 MILLION, +62 PER CENT).

INCREASED IMPORTS FROM CHINA WERE ALSO REGISTERED IN ITEMS SUCH AS TEXTILE PRODUCTS (\$2,138 MILLION, +68 PER CENT), LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (\$1,152 MILLION, +FOUR PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (\$782 MILLION, +24 PER CENT) AND PETROLEUM AND RELATED MATERIALS (\$753 MILLION, +55 PER CENT).

THE RISE IN IMPORTS FROM U.S.A. COULD BE ACCOUNTED FOR MAINLY BY INCREASES IN SHIPMENTS OF TEXTILE FIBRES (\$827 MILLION, +27 PER CENT), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$764 MILLION, +75 PER CENT) AND ALSO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (\$637 MILLION, +15 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES (\$604 MILLION, +15 PER CENT).

THERE WAS ALSO A RISE IN SHIPMENTS OF TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS (\$1,720 MILLION, +22 PER CENT) FROM TAIWAN AND IN SHIPMENTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (\$276 MILLION, +37 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$166 MILLION, +67 PER CENT) FROM SINGAPORE.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS:

	1977 (HK\$ MN)	1978 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND DIAMONDS)	14,612	20,498	+5,886	+40
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	9,541	12,467	+2,925	+31
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS AND ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	6,356	8,884	+2,529	+40
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	7,234	8,207	+ 973	+13
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,641	4,606	+ 965	+27

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REMARKABLE GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN IMPORTS OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS (\$8,681 MILLION, +31 PER CENT) AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$4,271 MILLION, +77 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE ALSO REGISTERED IN ARRIVALS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (\$3,896 MILLION, +30 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$3,179 MILLION, +44 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING EQUIPMENT (\$2,057 MILLION, +36 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (\$2,018 MILLION, +47 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES (\$1,425 MILLION, +47 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECLINES WERE SIGHTED IN IMPORTS OF OTHER TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (\$339 MILLION, -29 PER CENT) AND COFFEE, TEA, COCOA AND SPICES (\$263 MILLION, -14 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS PROSPERED IN 1978 AND AN UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH OF 34 PER CENT WAS RECORDED. THE MAIN IMPORTING COUNTRIES INCLUDED JAPAN (\$2,282 MILLION, +70 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (\$1,390 MILLION, +31 PER CENT), INDONESIA (\$1,302 MILLION, +23 PER CENT), U.S.A. (\$1,232 MILLION, +39 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (\$1,221 MILLION, +40 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE FOUND LARGELY IN DELIVERIES OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS (\$1,815 MILLION, +51 PER CENT), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$1,739 MILLION, +52 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$874 MILLION, +15 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (\$664 MILLION, +30 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (\$464 MILLION, +50 PER CENT).

THE TRADE INDEX NUMBERS FOR NOVEMBER, 1978 (1973=100) WERE RELEASED AS FOLLOWS:

	VALUE INDEX	UNIT VALUE INDEX	QUANTUM INDEX
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	234	144	162
IMPORTS	266	147	180

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX FOR NOVEMBER WAS 98.

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POLL CARDS ISSUED FOR MARCH 8 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION

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POLL CARDS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE SPEEDY ISSUE OF BALLOT PAPERS TO VOTERS ON URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 8 ARE IN THE POST TODAY (TUESDAY).

EACH CARD BEARS THE VOTER'S ELECTRAL NUMBER, HIS NAME AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE POLLING STATION AT WHICH HE IS REGISTERED TO VOTE.

THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR. KUO KET-CHEN SAID 31,481 POLL CARDS WERE POSTED.

HE REMINDED VOTERS THAT TO VOTE WITH THE MINIMUM OF DELAY, THEY SHOULD PRODUCE THEIR POLL CARDS AND IDENTITY CARDS TO THE STAFF AT THE POLLING STATIONS.

HE ADDED THAT IF AN ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO PRODUCE HIS POLL CARD, HE IS STILL ENTITLED TO VOTE IF HIS NAME IS ON THE FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS AND HE IS ABLE TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

+BUT THIS WILL NO DOUBT CAUSE INCONVENIENCE TO THE ELECTOR HIMSELF,+ MR. KUO SAID.

IF VOTERS HAVE MOVED THEIR RESIDENCES AND HAVE NOT NOTIFIED THE REGISTRATION OFFICER OF THE CHANGE, IT IS LIKELY THEIR POLL CARDS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.

ANY PERSON WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE HIS POLL CARD WITHIN THREE DAYS SHOULD CONTACT MR. LI KENG-HEI AT TELEPHONE NO. 5-769567 SO THAT A POLL CARD CAN BE DELIVERED TO HIM.

ENQUIRIES ALSO MAY BE MADE CALLING ON MR. LI AT 4 SUNNING ROAD, KA CHEONG BUILDING, SEVENTH FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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NEW NURSERY TO OPEN IN SAU MAU PING ESTATE  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE WILL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS' SIXTH GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED NURSERY IN SAU MAU PING ESTATE, KOWLOON.

MR. LEE WILL GIVE A SPEECH AT THE CEREMONY WHILE MRS. LEE WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE NURSERY'S FACILITIES.

FINANCED BY THE LOTTERIES FUND THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE NEW NURSERY CATERS FOR 120 CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN TWO AND SIX YEARS FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS' SIXTH GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED NURSERY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2.45 P.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT BLOCK 42, SAU MAU PING ESTATE. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE AT 2 P.M. FROM THE EASTERN ENTRANCE OF LEE GARDENS, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR AIRPORT CONTRACT  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT TO A JAPANESE FIRM TO SUPPLY AND INSTAL STAGE TWO OF THE SEMI-AUTOMATED DEPARTURE BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH MORE THAN \$13 MILLION, WILL BE SIGNED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SIGNING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE, CAROLINE HILL, SECOND FLOOR, AT NOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR STAGE II SEMI-AUTOMATED DEPARTURE BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM FOR THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE, CAROLINE HILL, SECOND FLOOR, AT NOON TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE TRANSPORT FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE RECEPTION OFFICE AT MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, NOT LATER THAN 11.15 A.M.

OFFICERS FROM PWD'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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SUPREME COURT ANNEXE

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HIGH COURT JUDGES WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR MORE CASES WHEN THE NEW SUPREME COURT ANNEXE OPENS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, MR. SIMON MAYO SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE ANNEXE WHICH COMPRISES FOUR COURTS (11-14) IS AT THE FORMER CENTRAL MAGISTRACY IN ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

MR. MAYO SAID THE ANNEXE WAS INTENDED AS A TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT PENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF FURTHER ACCOMMODATION.

+UNFORTUNATELY,+ HE ADDED, +THERE WILL BE NO PARKING FACILITIES FOR LAWYERS AND WITNESSES.+

PROMINENT NOTICES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE NEW ANNEXE TO ENSURE THAT PERSONS HAVING RECOURSE TO THE COURTS KNOW WHERE TO ATTEND.

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POINTERS TO SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT

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MR. COLVYN HAYE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, TODAY (TUESDAY) OPENED A SERIES OF SEMINARS ON MANAGEMENT IN EDUCATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF SENIOR STAFF IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY IN THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, MR. HAYE SAID: +THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT IS THE ABILITY NOT ONLY TO DEAL WITH ONESELF BUT ALSO WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

+IN A PHRASE, MANAGEMENT IS PEOPLE.+

MR. HAYE FELT THAT MANAGEMENT WAS LARGELY A MATTER OF COMMON SENSE, AND THAT TEACHERS BY DEFINITION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WERE MANAGERS.

+THEY FIRST LEARN TO MANAGE THEIR THINKING, TO MANAGE THEMSELVES, TO MANAGE THEIR PUPILS AND, BY EXTENSION, TO MANAGE OTHER PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

LISTING A NUMBER OF MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES, MR. HAYE PLACED ORDERLY THINKING AT THE TOP, CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY TACT, DISCRETION, CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS AND A SENSE OF HUMOUR.

THREE GROUPS WILL BE ATTENDING THE SEMINARS BETWEEN TODAY AND MARCH 15.

THE SEMINARS CENTRE AROUND THE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ASPECT, AND TOPICS TO BE COVERED ARE RECRUITMENT AND INDUCTION OF NEW STAFF, STAFF DEVELOPMENT, ESTIMATION OF FUTURE STAFF REQUIREMENTS, AND CONFIDENTIAL REPORT WRITING.

SENIOR STAFF FROM THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE ADDRESSING THE GROUPS.

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SWD HELPS STREET SLEEPERS

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A FRAGILE OLD MAN, WHO USED TO SLEEP IN THE STREET IN SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES, IS NOW IN GOOD CARE OF AN INSTITUTION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE PLIGHT OF THIS 72-YEAR-OLD MAN, WHO HAS DIFFICULTIES IN MOVING, HEARING AND TALKING, IS AMONG THE 178 CASES OF STREET SLEEPERS BEING HELPED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THROUGH ITS VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE VOLUNTARY WELFARE SECTOR, THE DEPARTMENT HELPS SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF STREET SLEEPERS EITHER KNOWN OR REFERRED TO IT.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CO-ORDINATOR OF SERVICES FOR STREET SLEEPERS, MR. BASIL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT STREET SLEEPERS COULD BE PROVIDED WITH PUBLIC HOUSING AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICE, INCLUDING CASH ASSISTANCE, COUNSELLING, PLACEMENT AND ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING JOBS.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, A NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS PROVIDE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STREET SLEEPERS.

MR. LEUNG SAID THE CASE OF THE OLD MAN IN SHEUNG SHUI, WHICH WAS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH, WAS AN EXAMPLE OF THE MULTIPLE EFFORTS THAT ARE OFTEN NEEDED IN SOLVING A STREET SLEEPER'S PROBLEMS.

HE SAID THE CASEWORKER HELPED THE OLD MAN TO HAVE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS, MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND OLD AGE ALLOWANCE AND LOOKED FOR A SPACE IN AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME TO MEET HIS NEED FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE.

+NOW HE IS LIVING COMFORTABLY UNDER CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IN KAM TIN. OUR HELP DOES NOT END THERE AS AT PRESENT WE ARE TRYING TO GET A WHEELCHAIR FOR HIM,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEUNG SAID EVERY STREET SLEEPER KNOWN OR REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT WAS VISITED BY ITS SOCIAL WORKERS WHO INVARIABLY MADE KNOWN TO THEM THE FULL RANGE OF SERVICES AVAILABLE AND ASSISTING THEM IN OBTAINING THESE SERVICES IF THEY SO WISHED.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, NOT ALL ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT HELP AND IN FACT SOME OF THEM HAVE EITHER IGNORED OR REFUSED OFFERS BECAUSE THEY PREFER TO LIVE IN THEIR OWN STYLE.

HE POINTED OUT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STREET SLEEPERS IN HONG KONG AS THEY WANDER FROM PLACE TO PLACE.

+WE WELCOME ANYONE WHO REFERS THE WHEREABOUTS OF STREET SLEEPERS AND OUR SOCIAL WORKERS WILL GO OUT TO HELP THEM WITH THEIR PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON CHAN PING-KUEN ON OCTOBER 5, 1977, BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

CHAN WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF DETECTIVE CONSTABLE TSOI KOON-LOI IN KOWLOON ON OCTOBER 12, 1976.

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VIEWS OF RESIDENTS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION

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THE GOVERNMENT WISHED TO MAKE SURE THE VIEWS OF LOCAL PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION IN ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THEIR WELL BEING, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR. JOHN TODD, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE SAID THAT TO ACHIEVE THIS THERE MUST BE REGULAR CLOSE CONTACTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITIES.

MR. TODD WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE +PANORAMA OF SHA TIN+ PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION WHICH SHOWS THE RAPID TRANSFORMATION OF SHA TIN FROM A TRADITIONAL VILLAGE COMMUNITY TO A SELF-CONTAINED NEW TOWN.

+THE GOVERNMENT REALISES THAT ALL THIS LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT HAS MEANT THAT THE DAILY LIVES OF A LARGE NUMBER OF SHA TIN RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING AFFECTED,+ HE SAID.

MR. TODD THANKED THE SHA TIN RESIDENTS AND SAID, +THEIR CO-OPERATION HAS ENABLED WORK ON SHA TIN NEW TOWN TO TAKE PLACE IN THE IMPRESSIVE SCALE WHICH WE CAN SEE TODAY.+

MR. TODD PRAISED THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD FOR SETTING UP A PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP BETTER CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE LOCAL PEOPLE, AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BY ALL PEOPLE IN SHA TIN.

THE EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, HELD AT THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL TILL THURSDAY, FEATURES ILLUSTRATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF SHA TIN IN THE MING AND CHING DYNASTIES, ITS SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE OLD DAYS AND THE PRESENT DAYS.

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BACK FROM ASIA AQUATECH 79 CONFERENCE

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MR. WONG KWOK-LAI, GOVERNMENT ENGINEER (SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION), OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, HAS RETURNED AFTER ATTENDING A THREE-DAY REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE ON WATER SUPPLY.

IT WAS THE FIRST REGIONAL MEETING SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL WATER SUPPLY ASSOCIATION (IWSA) WHICH HOLDS AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS.

THE CONFERENCE, ENTITLED ASIA AQUATECH 79 CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION, AIMS TO PROMOTE TECHNOLOGY IN WATER AND MANAGEMENT. IT WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 120 DELEGATES FROM 25 COUNTRIES.

AT THE CONFERENCE, MR. WONG PRESENTED A PAPER ON STAFF TRAINING AT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

AMONG OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF WATER WORKS, WATER CONSUMPTION AS A DESIGNED CRITERIA AND WATER ENGINEERING IN THE PREVENTION OF TROPICAL WATER RELATED DISEASES.

WHILE IN SINGAPORE, MR. WONG DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE SINGAPORE WATER DEPARTMENT ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

HE ALSO VISITED THE EXHIBITION, STAGED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONFERENCE, AND SOME OF THE WATER WORKS INSTALLATIONS IN SINGAPORE.

THE NEXT IWSA CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN PARIS.

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SNT LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF  
YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE SECONDARY SCHOOL  
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THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IS VITAL FOR THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN COMMUNITY, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG TAOIST ASSOCIATION YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE NO. 1 SECONDARY SCHOOL AT WO YIP HO ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, MR. HAYES SAID: +IN PURSUIT OF THIS AIM, FIVE NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS WERE COMPLETED IN TSUEN WAN LAST YEAR AND ANOTHER FIVE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

+TEN OTHERS ARE INCLUDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WITH SITE RESERVED, WITH MORE SECONDARY SCHOOLS PROJECTED FOR AREAS SCHEDULED FOR DEVELOPMENT OR RE-DEVELOPMENT.+

MR. HAYES PRAISED THE INSTITUTE AND THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROVISION OF A WIDE RANGE OF SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING A HOME AT LO WAI FOR THE ELDERLY AND TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS, ONE OF WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE KWAI SHING ESTATE OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

TODAY'S FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES.

THE NEW SCHOOL, AT A COST OF \$8 MILLION, WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR MANAGEMENT ON COMPLETION IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

IT WILL CONSIST OF A SCHOOL HALL, 24 CLASSROOMS AND 12 SPECIAL LECTURE ROOMS FOR 1,250 STUDENTS.

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PREVOCATIONAL STUDENTS COMPETE IN RACES

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MORE THAN 7,000 STUDENTS WILL BE ATTENDING A JOINT ATHLETIC MEET OF THE 13 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STADIUM.

MR. Y.T. LI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND BUILDING) WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AND PRESENT TROPHIES TO THE WINNERS AFTER THE EVENT.

ABOUT 700 ATHLETES FROM THE SCHOOLS WILL BE TAKING PART IN OVER 40 EVENTS, INCLUDING TRACK EVENTS, RELAY RACES, HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP AND SHOT PUT.

PRELIMINARY RACES WERE HELD ON JANUARY 13.

THE 13 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ARE:

BISHOP HALL MEMORIAL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL- CARITAS ST. FRANCIS  
PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL- CARITAS ST. GODFREY PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL-  
CARITAS ST. JOSEPH PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL- CARITAS ST. PAUL  
PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL- C.C.C. ROTARY PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL- CMA  
PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL- COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION PREVOCATIONAL  
SCHOOL- HOLY CARPENTER PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL- MARDEN FOUNDATION  
CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL - CHAI WAN- MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS  
PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL - SHATIN- MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS  
PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL - TUEN MUN- AND TANG KING PO SCHOOL  
PREVOCATIONAL SECTION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE JOINT ATHLETIC MEET OF THE 13 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT THE SOUTH CHINA ASSOCIATION STADIUM, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FROM 9.15 A.M. THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M.

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ROAD RE-ROUTED

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THE SECTION OF PO YAN STREET BETWEEN NEW STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY AND NEW STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE STREETS ARE BEING RE-ROUTED ON COMPLETION OF ROADWORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND PO YAN STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE STOPPED FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

PREMISES AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY LYTTTELTON ROAD, BABINGTON ROAD AND OAKLANDS PATH, INCLUDING BREEZY PATH, PO YUEN LANE, BREEZY TERRACE, 12-30 BONHAM ROAD, 6A-10 PARK ROAD, HONITON ROAD, AND UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

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