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EMPLOYMENT CHANGES IN DECEMBER 1977

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A TOTAL OF 755,100 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR -- A DECLINE OF 3,200 OR 0.4 PER CENT COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER, ACCORDING TO THE FOURTH QUARTER SURVEY OF 1977 BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1976, THE FIGURE SHOWS A DECREASE OF 18,600 OR 2.4 PER CENT.

THE NUMBER OF MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN DECEMBER 1977, HOWEVER, INCREASED BY 433 WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER, AND AN INCREASE OF 1,265 COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1976.

IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, THE FIVE LARGEST INDUSTRY GROUPS REMAINED WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, PLASTICS PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS.

A COMPARISON OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1977 AND DECEMBER 1977 ARE GIVEN BELOW :

INDUSTRY GROUPS	PERSONS ENGAGED IN DEC. 1976	PERSONS ENGAGED IN SEPT. 1977	PERSONS ENGAGED IN DEC. 1977	CHANGE OF DEC. 1977 OVER SEPT. 1977	
				PERSONS ENGAGED	% CHANGE
WEARING APPAREL	265,913	248,737	251,273	+2,536	+1.0
TEXTILES	115,912	104,500	102,461	-2,039	-2.0
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	88,057	91,776	89,525	-2,251	-2.5
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	76,994	81,476	78,449	-3,027	-3.7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	69,781	71,027	70,931	-96	-0.1

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MAIN INCREASES AND DECREASES AT THE INDUSTRY SECTOR LEVEL
BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1977 AND DECEMBER 1977 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

INDUSTRY SECTOR	PERSONS ENGAGED IN DEC. 1976	PERSONS ENGAGED IN SEPT. 1977	PERSONS ENGAGED IN DEC. 1977	CHANGE OF DEC. 1977 OVER SEPT. 1977	
				PERSONS ENGAGED	% CHANGE
GARMENTS	211,098	194,449	198,519	+4,070	+2.1
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	12,880	14,401	15,326	+925	+6.4
HANDBAGS	13,139	11,575	12,215	+640	+5.5
CONTAINERS AND BOXES OF PAPER AND PAPERBOARD	6,956	6,590	7,205	+615	+9.3
HAND TOOLS AND GENERAL HARDWARE	6,599	6,855	7,440	+585	+8.5
ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	70,998	72,210	70,188	-2,022	-2.8
WOOL KNITTING	16,789	17,782	15,796	-1,986	-11.2
PLASTIC TOYS	41,119	43,992	42,369	-1,623	-3.7
KNITWEAR FROM YARN	21,403	22,743	21,516	-1,227	-5.4
MISCELLANEOUS PLASTIC PRODUCTS	28,990	30,118	29,215	-903	-3.0
GLOVES	12,256	12,048	11,395	-653	-5.4
JOB PRINTING	14,661	15,131	14,554	-577	-3.8

DETAILED FIGURES OF EMPLOYMENT BROKEN DOWN BY OTHER INDUSTRY
GROUPS OR INDUSTRY SECTORS ARE OBTAINABLE ON REQUEST FROM THE
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS
DEPARTMENT.

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VISIT BY SIR ANTHONY AND LADY ROYLE

SIR ANTHONY ROYLE, M.P. (CONSERVATIVE) AND LADY ROYLE WILL BE MAKING A PRIVATE VISIT TO HONG KONG THIS WEEK.

THEY ARE DUE TO ARRIVE TODAY (THURSDAY) AND WILL STAY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AS THE GUESTS OF THE GOVERNOR.

DURING HIS FOUR-DAY STAY, SIR ANTHONY, WHO WAS PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS FROM 1970 TO 1974, WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF RENEWING OLD ACQUAINTANCES AND UPDATING HIMSELF ON DEVELOPMENTS HERE IN RECENT YEARS.

HE WILL VISIT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HAVE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

SIR ANTHONY WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, UMELCO MEMBERS, URBAN COUNCILLORS, CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS, BUSINESS LEADERS AND OTHER LOCAL PERSONALITIES AS TIME PERMITS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIR ANTHONY IS DUE TO ARRIVE BY QF027 TODAY (THURSDAY), E.T.A. 1855 HOURS. A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THE PRESS TO COVER SIR ANTHONY'S ARRIVAL. THOSE WISHING TO DO SO ARE ASKED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING AT LEAST HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE ARRIVAL TIME. G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS CONFERENCE ON TSUEN WAN
AND MTR EXTENSION PLANS
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR NORTH TSUEN WAN AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EXTENSION TO THE NEW TOWN WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT WILL BE THE MASS TRANSIT ADVISER, MR. ALAN WILKINS- THE TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER, TSUEN WAN, MR. JIMMY HAYES- THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (ACTING), MR. BERNARD WILLIAMS- THE PROJECT MANAGER, TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN, MR. EDDIE SHORT- AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, MR. JOHN GOLD.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND.

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16 LAND EXECUTIVES RECEIVE CERTIFICATES
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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD, HAD A PIECE OF GOOD NEWS FOR HIS LAND EXECUTIVES WHEN HE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES THIS AFTERNOON TO 16 OF THEM WHO HAD COMPLETED A TWO-YEAR COURSE IN LAND ADMINISTRATION.

MR. TODD TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH HAD AGREED TO REDUCE THE PROBATION PERIOD FOR LAND EXECUTIVES FROM THREE TO TWO YEARS.

+THIS WILL MEAN THAT AN EARLIER CONFIRMATION INCREMENT WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO JOINED THE LAND EXECUTIVE GRADE IN EARLY 1975 AND SIMILARLY WILL BENEFIT NEW APPOINTEES,+ HE SAID.

THE 16 GRADUATES WERE THE SECOND GROUP OF LAND EXECUTIVES TO HAVE COMPLETED THE PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

MR. TODD SAID THE COURSE WAS DESIGNED TO EQUIP NEWLY-APPOINTED LAND EXECUTIVES WITH THE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND TRAINING TO DEAL WITH THE COMPLEXITY OF THE DAY-TO-DAY WORK OF A DISTRICT OFFICE.

+WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TOWNS THAT ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE SAID.

HE TOLD THE GRADUATES: +THOSE OF YOU IN DISTRICT OFFICES WILL BE CALLED UPON TO EXERCISE THE SPECIALISED KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE WHICH I AM SURE THIS COURSE HAS HELPED TO PROVIDE.+

AT PRESENT, 70 OTHER LAND EXECUTIVES ARE ATTENDING THE THIRD AND FOURTH COURSES, WHICH INCLUDE TRAINING IN VALUATION OF LAND AND BUILDING, LAND SURVEYING AND MAP INTERPRETATION AND LAW RELATED TO LAND ADMINISTRATION.

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HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR GOVERNMENT CLINICS

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT ALL GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 7 AND 8 DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

BUT, ON FEBRUARY 9, ONLY SIX GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL BE OPENED FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

THESE ARE THE VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC (SHAU KEI WAN) ON THE ISLAND- THE ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINICS IN KWUN TONG AND YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON- AND THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC IN TSUEN WAN, THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN CLOSED ON THAT DAY.

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DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE VISITS
CHEUNG CHAU HOME FOR THE AGED

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING VISITED THE CHUNG SHEK HEI HOME FOR THE AGED ON CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND AND DISTRIBUTED SWEETS AND CAKES TO THE RESIDENTS.

THIS WAS PART OF HIS SERIES OF VISITS TO VOLUNTARY WELFARE ORGANISATIONS TO SEE THEIR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION.

MR. LEE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY MR. CHE YUE-KEE, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF OLD PEOPLE WELFARE UNIT. ON ARRIVAL THEY WERE MET BY MRS. SIU HON-SUM, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOME'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

CHUNG SHEK HEI HOME FOR THE AGED WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1969 WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND AND IT HAS BEEN RECEIVING SUBVENTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT SINCE 1972.

AT PRESENT, THE HOME CAN ACCOMMODATE 145 ELDERLY PEOPLE.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES IN TUEN MUN

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A SERIES OF RECREATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES WILL START OVER THE WEEKEND IN TUEN MUN TO GIVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THE WORKERS, A GOOD TIME DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE PROGRAMMES ARE VARIED AND DESIGNED TO CATER FOR EVERYONE FROM THE OLDEST TO THE YOUNGEST.

THEY FEATURE A YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP, ATHLETIC MEET, CROSS-COUNTRY TRAINING AND COMPETITION, MINI-SOCCER MATCH, BARBECUE, TABLE-TENNIS COMPETITION AND A VARIETY SHOW FOR THE AGED.

THEY ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, RURAL COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY SOME OF THE PROGRAMMES WERE STILL OPEN FOR REGISTRATION AND PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WERE WELCOME TO TAKE PART.

THOSE WHO WISH TO JOIN IN THE PROGRAMMES COULD RING UP THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 12-813210, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THE ACTIVITIES WOULD LAST UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH, AND MOST OF THEM WOULD BE FREE OF CHARGE. ONLY TOKEN FEES ARE TO BE CHARGED FOR SOME OF THEM TO HELP WITH THE NECESSARY EXPENSES.

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PART-TIME EVENING SHORT COURSES

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THE KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ARE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO NINE PART-TIME EVENING SHORT COURSES.

FIELDS OF STUDY INCLUDE COURSES IN HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES. THE COURSES WILL ALL START IN MARCH.

APPLICATIONS FORMS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE IN PERSON FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. AND 7 P.M. TO 8 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON ON SATURDAYS:-

- * MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
6, 01 KWAN ROAD, WANCHAI, HONG KONG-
- * KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
HING SHING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES-
- * KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
25, HIU MING STREET, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON- AND
- * HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
702, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON.

DULY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE RESPECTIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OFFERING THE COURSES NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 16.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONE IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS ON THE NEW ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO SHA TIN MARKET FROM SHA TIN BY-PASS FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 4).

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE NEW ROAD IS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE RESTRICTION.

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