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MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR APRIL 1982

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MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR APRIL 1982, PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY) SHOW THAT THE GROWTH PATTERN OF THE MONETARY AGGREGATES WAS STILL AFFECTED BY THE SPECIAL FACTORS MENTIONED IN MARCH, NAMELY THE REMOVAL OF WITHHOLDING TAX ON INTEREST ON FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, THE EXEMPTION OF LARGE SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS WITH BANKS FROM THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS' INTEREST RATE RULES AND ADJUSTMENTS BY REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO RUN DOWN THEIR SHORT-TERM DEPOSIT BASE.

IN CONSEQUENCE, TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON THE BROADER DEFINITIONS (M2 AND M3) CONTINUED TO GROW FASTER THAN ITS HONG KONG DOLLAR COMPONENT, AND THERE WAS A CONTINUING SHIFT FROM DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO BANKS IN THE SECTORAL DISTRIBUTION OF DEPOSITS, CAUSING M3 TO GROW BY LESS THAN M2.

THE ATTACHED MONETARY TABLE SETS OUT THE DETAILED FIGURES FOR APRIL 1982, AND FOR EARLIER MONTHS, FROM THE STATISTICS COLLECTED UNDER THE MONETARY STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

THE HK\$ MONEY SUPPLY, ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, M1, ROSE BY 3 PER CENT IN APRIL, AFTER FALLING BY 1.1 PER CENT IN MARCH, WITH THE RISE LARGELY REFLECTING A RISE IN DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH BANKS. HK\$ M2 GREW BY 2.4 PER CENT IN APRIL, AFTER INCREASING BY 3.8 PER CENT IN MARCH. HK\$ M3 ROSE BY 0.3 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A FALL OF 1 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS HK\$ M1 HAS FALLEN BY 6.7 PER CENT, HK\$ M2 HAS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT, AND HK\$ M3 HAS FALLEN BY 1.9 PER CENT. OVER A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES ARE INCREASES OF, RESPECTIVELY, 6.8 PER CENT, 15.8 PER CENT AND 12.8 PER CENT.

TOTAL (ALL CURRENCIES) MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL M1 ROSE BY 2.4 PER CENT IN APRIL AFTER A FALL OF 1.1 PER CENT IN MARCH. TOTAL M2 GREW BY 8.2 PER CENT COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 11.2 PER CENT IN MARCH, AND TOTAL M3 BY 5.2 PER CENT AS AGAINST AN INCREASE OF 4.6 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO THE END OF APRIL, M1 FELL BY 6.8 PER CENT WHILE M2 AND M3, GREW BY, RESPECTIVELY, 19.7 PER CENT AND 10.1 PER CENT. OVER A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD THESE THREE AGGREGATES ROSE BY 9.4 PER CENT, 41.8 PER CENT, AND 33.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG

LOANS BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE IN APRIL BY 3.4 PER CENT, AGAINST AN INCREASE OF 3.1 PER CENT IN MARCH. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS TOTAL LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG EXPANDED BY 10.4 PER CENT, AND OVER THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS BY 47.3 PER CENT.

LOANS BY BANKS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW IN APRIL BY 3.5 PER CENT, AND THOSE BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY 3.2 PER CENT, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 4.1 PER CENT AND 0.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN APRIL OF \$8.5BN., TO \$425.4BN., IN THE SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES OF THE MONETARY SECTOR: THIS WAS A CONSIDERABLY SMALLER INCREASE THAN THAT OF \$25.3BN RECORDED IN MARCH, WHEN THE EXEMPTION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS FROM INTEREST WITHHOLDING TAX, WHICH CAME INTO FORCE FROM FEBRUARY 25, APPEARS TO HAVE HAD ITS MAIN IMPACT. THE SECTOR'S SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS ALSO ROSE IN APRIL, BY \$4.2BN. TO \$421.8BN. THUS, THE SECTOR AS A WHOLE HAD NET FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES AT THE END OF APRIL OF \$3.5BN: WITHIN THIS, BANKS HAD NET ASSETS OF \$2.4BN., WHILE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD NET LIABILITIES OF \$5.9BN.

BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS IN HONG KONG FELL IN APRIL TO 48.5 PER CENT FROM 51.1 PER CENT IN MARCH. THE RATIO OF THEIR LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG TO THEIR DEPOSITS FELL TO 90.9 PER CENT AT THE END OF APRIL FROM 95.6 PER CENT AT THE END OF MARCH, REFLECTING THE RAPID EXPANSION IN DEPOSITS WITH BANKS DURING THE MONTH.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE SLIGHTLY TO 49.4 PER CENT IN APRIL FROM 49.3 PER CENT IN MARCH. THE RATIO OF THEIR LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG TO THEIR DEPOSITS ROSE TO 80.7 PER CENT AT THE END OF APRIL FROM 76.1 PER CENT AT THE END OF MARCH, AS DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES CONTINUED TO FALL.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS IN APRIL REMAINED AT 122. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 2 TO 7 AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY 2 TO 351.

Monetary Statistics - New Series : End of April, 1982

<u>Money Supply</u>	<u>April, 1982</u>	<u>Figures for Earlier Months (% change)</u>	<u>March, 1982</u>	<u>January, 1982</u>	<u>HK\$ Mn</u>
					<u>April, 1981</u>
M1 - Total	25,563		24,968 (+2.4%)	27,426 (-6.8%)	23,368 (+9.4%)
HK\$	24,058		23,348 (+3.0%)	25,785 (-6.7%)	22,529 (+6.8%)
M2 - Total	144,103		133,143 (+8.2%)	120,432 (+19.7%)	101,611 (+41.8%)
HK\$	103,004		100,546 (+2.4%)	99,012 (+4.0%)	88,986 (+15.8%)
M3 - Total	199,156		189,354 (+5.2%)	180,837 (+10.1%)	149,289 (+33.4%)
HK\$	145,676		145,245 (+0.3%)	148,493 (-1.9%)	129,121 (+12.8%)
<u>Banks' Balance Sheets</u>					
Deposits	130,419		119,688 (+9.0%)	105,906 (+23.1%)	91,445 (+42.6%)
Negotiable certificates of deposit outstanding	7,231		6,733 (+7.4%)	4,801 (+50.6%)	2,713 (+166.5%)
Loans and advances :					
For use in Hong Kong	118,500		114,463 (+3.5%)	105,935 (+11.9%)	81,971 (+44.6%)
For use outside Hong Kong	32,416		32,834 (-1.3%)	32,749 (-1.0%)	30,818 (+5.2%)
Domestic loan/Deposit Ratio	90.9%		95.6%	100.0%	89.6%
Average Liquidity Ratio	48.5%		51.1%	54.2%	47.6%
<u>Deposit-taking Companies' Balance Sheets</u>					
Deposits	54,329		55,843 (-2.7%)	59,532 (-8.7%)	47,329 (+14.8%)
Negotiable certificates of deposit outstanding	1,088		651 (+67.1%)	1,432 (-24.0%)	663 (+64.1%)
Loans and advances :					
For use in Hong Kong	43,844		42,504 (+3.2%)	41,062 (+6.8%)	28,205 (+55.4%)
For use outside Hong Kong	46,456		46,543 (-0.2%)	45,767 (+1.5%)	34,513 (+34.6%)
Domestic loan/Deposit Ratio	80.7%		76.1%	69.0%	59.6%
Average Liquidity Ratio	49.4%		49.3%	46.5%	45.6%

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NEED TO DISPLAY CORRECT BUILDING NUMBERS STRESSED  
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FAILURE TO DISPLAY CORRECT BUILDING NUMBERS WILL NOT ONLY CAUSE INCONVENIENCE AND CONFUSION IN DAILY LIFE BUT MAY LEAD TO MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE USE OF INCORRECT NUMBERS AND THE REMOVAL OR DEFACING OF CORRECT ONES MAY AFFECT THE EFFICIENCY OF MAIL DELIVERIES AND THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES SUCH AS GAS OR ELECTRICITY. WORSE STILL, IT COULD CAUSE UNNECESSARY DELAYS IN THE ARRIVAL OF FIRE-ENGINES OR AMBULANCES, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT CORRECT BUILDING NUMBERS ARE THOSE THAT ARE ALLOCATED TO BUILDINGS EITHER BY THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION OR BY THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION OF THE BUILDING.

THE SIZE AND STYLE OF THE NUMBERS DEPEND ON THE NATURE OF THE BUILDING, BUT THEY SHOULD BE AT LEAST 50 MM HIGH AND THE COLOUR MUST STAND OUT FROM THE BACKGROUND.

BUILDING NUMBERS SHOULD BE DISPLAYED IN PROMINENT PLACES EITHER ON THE SIDE OF OR ABOVE THE ENTRANCE, PREFERABLY WITH THE NAME OF THE STREET IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, FAILURE TO DISPLAY A BUILDING NUMBER IS AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY FINES OR IMPRISONMENT.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING TO MAKE SURE THAT PROPER NUMBERS ARE DISPLAYED, HE SAID.

HE WARNED THAT SPOT-CHECKS WILL BE MADE LATER THIS YEAR TO SEE WHETHER PROPER BUILDING NUMBERS ARE PUT UP. BUILDING OR FLAT OWNERS WHO HAVE NOT DONE SO MAY BE PROSECUTED.

A LEAFLET EXPLAINING THE IMPORTANCE OF DISPLAYING PROPER BUILDING NUMBERS WILL SOON BE ISSUED TO ALL RATEPAYERS OF GROUND FLOOR SHOPS. FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 5-7957666 FOR PROPERTIES IN URBAN AREAS, OR CONTACTING THE RELEVANT DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE FOR BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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## BIG STEP TAKEN IN LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE IN SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY TOOK A MAJOR STEP FORWARD LAST WEEK WHEN THE LEASE FOR THE PREMISES ON THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S NEW INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION (ILE) WAS SIGNED.

SITUATED IN THE PARK-IN COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN MONG KOK, THE INSTITUTE IS PART OF THE \$320-MILLION LANGUAGE PACKAGE ANNOUNCED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO SPEND \$120 MILLION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTE AS A +CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE+ ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO LANGUAGE TEACHING IN SCHOOLS.

SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT PACKAGE 12 MONTHS AGO, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS GENERATED A LOT OF EFFORTS IN IMPLEMENTING THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE PACKAGE, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ILE.

THE MAN BEHIND THE SCENE CO-ORDINATING ALL THESE EFFORTS IS MR ANDREW FOK, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS.

MR FOK DISCLOSED TODAY THAT THE ILE WILL PROVIDE ITS FIRST 16-WEEK INTENSIVE REFRESHER COURSE IN SEPTEMBER FOR A TOTAL OF 100 NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH OR CHINESE FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

A SIMILAR COURSE FOR ANOTHER 100 LANGUAGE TEACHERS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE STARTED IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE INSTITUTE, WHICH AIMS TO RAISE SUBSTANTIALLY THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE IN SCHOOLS, EXPECTS TO RETRAIN 3 000 LANGUAGE TEACHERS, MOST OF THEM IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, DURING ITS FIRST FIVE YEARS OF OPERATION.

EVENTUALLY, ALL LANGUAGE TEACHERS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE CAPABILITY AND DEVELOP THEIR TEACHING SKILLS IN THE INSTITUTE, WHICH WILL OPERATE AT FULL STRENGTH IN FIVE YEARS' TIME, MR FOK SAID.

THE ILE ALSO PLANS TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE COURSES FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS OF OTHER SUBJECTS BECAUSE OF THE KEY ROLE OF LANGUAGE AS A TOOL OF COMMUNICATION IN EDUCATION.

MR FOK SAID THAT RESPONSE TO THE SETTING UP OF THE ILE HAS BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING, AND MORE THAN 1 700 PRIMARY SCHOOL LANGUAGE TEACHERS HAD APPLIED TO TAKE PART IN THE INSTITUTE'S FIRST COURSE.

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HE GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT ALTHOUGH ONLY 200 OF THEM CAN ATTEND THE REFRESHER COURSES IN 82/83, THE TEACHERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO STUDY IN THE INSTITUTE AT A LATER DATE.

TO ENSURE THAT TEACHERS CAN BE RELEASED BY THEIR SCHOOLS TO ATTEND THE ILE COURSES, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE SUBVENTIONS TO THE SCHOOLS CONCERNED TO EMPLOY FULL-TIME REPLACEMENT TEACHERS, WHOSE SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN DUE RECOGNITION.

TO ACHIEVE ITS ENVISAGED ROLE AS A +CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE+ ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO LANGUAGE TEACHING IN THE SCHOOLS, MR FOK SAID, THE ILE WILL BE ADEQUATELY STAFFED BY PROFESSIONALS OF HIGH CALIBRE WITH RELEVANT EXPERIENCE.

AS A START WITH, 10 EXPERTS IN LANGUAGE TEACHING ARE BEING RECRUITED FOR THE INSTITUTE, WHICH WILL BE HEADED BY AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION. SOME OF THE STAFF HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPOINTED, AND ARE BUSY PREPARING THE ILE CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES.

WHEN OPERATING AT FULL STRENGTH IN FIVE YEARS' TIME, ABOUT 50 PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS AND 20 SUPPORTING STAFF WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE INSTITUTE.

DURING THE COURSE, THE 100 TEACHERS OF LANGUAGE (50 ENGLISH AND 50 CHINESE) WILL UNDERGO INTENSIVE TRAINING TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND TEACHING METHODOLOGY AND MATERIALS.

FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS, THE COURSE WILL COVER THE NATURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, A PEDAGOGICAL GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, PRINCIPLES OF LANGUAGE COURSE DESIGN, APPROACHES TO LANGUAGE TEACHING, LESSON PLANNING, THE USE OF TEACHING AIDS AND OTHER AREAS RELATING TO THE TEACHING OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TO PUPILS IN HONG KONG.

AS FOR TEACHERS OF CHINESE, THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE THE UPDATING OF CONCEPTS IN CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING, IMPROVEMENT IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF AND PROFICIENCY IN THE CHINESE LANGUAGE, IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHING STRATEGIES AND TECHNIQUES, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE IN PUTONGHUA.

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#### PARKING METERS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED IN HILL ROAD AND SMITHFIELD IN WESTERN DISTRICT FROM 8 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 54.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 312.287 MILLION CUBIC METRES, EQUIVALENT TO 221 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 230.304 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 39.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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FREE SERVICE FOR PROSPECTIVE BUYERS OF SECOND-HAND CARS

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FOLLOWING A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECENTLY, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS AGAIN URGED PEOPLE INTENDING TO BUY SECOND-HAND CARS TO ENSURE BEFOREHAND THAT ALL OUTSTANDING FIXED PENALTIES OR COURT ORDERS HAVE BEEN SETTLED.

+THIS CAN EASILY BE DONE BY CHECKING WITH OUR LICENSING OFFICES WHICH WILL ISSUE CERTIFICATES TO INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT THE VEHICLE HAS ANY IMPENDING LIABILITIES, + THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (LICENSING), MR COLLIN PRISTON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THESE CERTIFICATES ARE ISSUED FREE ON APPLICATION, HE ADDED. MR PRISTON WARNED THAT APART FROM OUTSTANDING FIXED PENALTIES, A PROSPECTIVE BUYER COULD LAND UP PURCHASING A CAR THAT MAY SOON BE IMPOUNDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER A SECTION OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, A DRIVER CONVICTED OF USING A VEHICLE FOR THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE OR REWARD, OR SOLICITING FOR HIRE IS LIABLE TO HAVE HIS, OR THE REGISTERED OWNER'S, CAR IMPOUNDED.

IMPOUNDING IS THREE MONTHS FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE AND SIX MONTHS FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE IN RESPECT OF THE SAME VEHICLE.

+PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR FREE SERVICE BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO BUYING A VEHICLE, SINCE THEY MAY FIND THEMSELVES LIABLE TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING COURT ORDERS OR EVEN TO HAVING THE VEHICLES IMPOUNDED IF THEY HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THE TRANSACTION, + MR PRISTON SAID.

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CARGO SHIP PIER AND HANDLING AREA IN KENNEDY TOWN  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A LEASE OF AN AREA OF ABOUT 13 100 SQUARE METRES OF SEABED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PIER IN THE VICINITY OF THE KENNEDY TOWN BUS TERMINUS NEAR VICTORIA ROAD, KENNEDY TOWN.

THIS IS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CARGO SHIP PIER AND CARGO HANDLING AREA IN THE DISTRICT.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN LAST WEEK'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA INVOLVED MAY BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD OR THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, 205A DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, HONG KONG.

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EXHIBITION ATTRACTS 20 000 VISITORS  
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MORE THAN 20 000 VISITORS, MOST OF THEM CHILDREN, SAW THE RECENT SIX-DAY 'CLEAN HONG KONG VISUAL PRESENTATION' AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL.

THE BIGGEST ATTRACTION AT THE EXHIBITION WAS THE DISPLAY PHOTOS FROM THE CLEAN HONG KONG PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION, WHICH WERE SEEN BY THE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME.

BUT DRAWINGS FROM THE CLEAN HONG KONG CARTOON COMPETITION AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS OF CAMPAIGN CLEAN-UPS WERE ALSO ON SHOW.

SOME OF THE VISITORS WERE TREATED TO TALKS AND DEMONSTRATIONS ON PHOTOGRAPHY AND BONSAI CULTIVATION.

THE PRESENTATION CLOSED TODAY (MONDAY) BUT THOSE WHO MISSED IT STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE PORTIONS OF IT AT ANOTHER SHOWING LATER THIS MONTH AT WORLD-WIDE PLAZA.

AND ORGANISERS OF THE EXHIBITION ARE CONSIDERING MOVING IT LATER TO TSUEN WAN AND KOWLOON.

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NEW POST OFFICE FOR SHA TIN  
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A NEW POST OFFICE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, SHA KOK ESTATE, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AT NOON ON THURSDAY (JUNE 10), THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

EARLIER, AT 11 AM MR WAI HON-LEUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE WILL PERFORM A BRIEF OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY, TOGETHER WITH THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR T.H. BARMA, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, SHA TIN, DR P.H. HASE.

THIS WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG TO 85.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW POST OFFICE AT THE SHA KOK ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, SHA TIN ON THURSDAY, JUNE 10 AT 11 AM.

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