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ADVICE ON PRECAUTIONS AGAINST SUMMER DISEASES

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST CHOLERA AND OTHER GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH WARM WEATHER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE MOST EFFECTIVE PREVENTION METHOD WAS TO OBSERVE PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

HE WARNED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN NO CHOLERA CASES IN HONG KONG SINCE AUGUST LAST YEAR, THE PUBLIC MUST CONTINUE TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ITS REAPPEARANCE IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING PRESENCE OF THE DISEASE IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID BOTH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE STEPPING UP ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES AGAINST THE OUTBREAK OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES WHICH ARE PREVALENT IN SUMMER.

+FOR INSTANCE, THE TESTING OF NIGHT SOIL AND STOOL SAMPLES OF ALL CASES OF DIARRHOEA HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT SO THAT ANY SUSPECTED CASES OF CHOLERA THAT COME TO LIGHT ARE IMMEDIATELY ISOLATED,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE IS SUFFICIENT STOCK OF ANTI-CHOLERA VACCINE AND ISOLATION FACILITIES ARE ADEQUATE TO DEAL WITH ANY EMERGENCY SITUATION.

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ANTI-CHOLERA VACCINE BY ITSELF WOULD ONLY GIVE PARTIAL PROTECTION TO THE INDIVIDUAL.

+EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH HAVE SHOWN THAT THE MOST RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES ARE TO ENSURE CLEANLINESS IN THE PREPARATION AND CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND WATER AND GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL IN THEIR CHOICE OF FOOD AND DRINK AS CHOLERA AND OTHER DIARRHOEA DISEASES ARE SPREAD THROUGH CONTAMINATED FOOD AND WATER.

ALL TYPES OF FOOD SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY COOKED AND IF NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY, IT SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE OPEN AND EXPOSED TO CONTAMINATION, HE SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THESE PROTECTIVE MEASURES WERE EFFECTIVE NOT ONLY AGAINST CHOLERA BUT OTHER INTESTINAL DISEASES SUCH AS TYPHOID AND DYSENTERY.

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## EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY - MARCH

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THE TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE VALUE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WAS \$31,882 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 36 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1978.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 31 PER CENT TO \$10,116 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 34 PER CENT TO \$17,559 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 59 PER CENT TO \$4,207 MILLION.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) RELEASED DETAILED MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1979.

## DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE:

	<u>JAN-MAR 79</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-MAR 78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
U.S.A.	3,262	2,790	+ 472	+ 17
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,215	833	+ 382	+ 46
U.K.	1,144	638	+ 506	+ 79
JAPAN	516	311	+ 205	+ 66
AUSTRALIA	379	307	+ 72	+ 23
CANADA	303	251	+ 52	+ 21
SINGAPORE	275	216	+ 59	+ 27
NETHERLANDS	263	178	+ 85	+ 48
SWEDEN	190	109	+ 81	+ 75
SWITZERLAND	169	151	+ 18	+ 12

THE INCREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. WAS DUE MAINLY TO IMPROVED SHIPMENTS OF CLOTHING (\$1,186 MILLION, + 12 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (\$268 MILLION, + 36 PER CENT), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (\$259 MILLION, + 48 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$195 MILLION, + NINE PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$175 MILLION, + 28 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, SALES OF RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVERS (\$105 MILLION, - 12 PER CENT) AND PLASTIC ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS (\$46 MILLION, - 20 PER CENT) TO THE U.S.A. CONTINUED TO DECLINE.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO THE F.R. OF GERMANY ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY TO \$723 MILLION (+ 54 PER CENT), ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 66 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL INCREASE TO THAT COUNTRY.

INCREASES IN DELIVERIES TO THE U.K. WERE FOUND MAINLY IN CLOTHING (\$618 MILLION, + 88 PER CENT), TEXTILES (\$115 MILLION, + 78 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$59 MILLION, + 88 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (\$59 MILLION, + 124 PER CENT).

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INCREASES WERE ALSO REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING (\$113 MILLION, + 51 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$58 MILLION, + 163 PER CENT) TO JAPAN.

THERE WAS A DECREASE IN SALES OF CLOTHING (\$97 MILLION, - THREE PER CENT) TO AUSTRALIA BUT THIS WAS MORE THAN OFFSET BY THE INCREASE IN OTHER PRODUCTS, IN PARTICULAR, TEXTILES (\$93 MILLION, + 42 PER CENT).

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS IS PRESENTED AS FOLLOWS :-

	<u>JAN-MAR 79</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-MAR 78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,718	2,857	+ 861	+ 30
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	1,590	1,174	+ 416	+ 35
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	835	591	+ 244	+ 41
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	792	572	+ 220	+ 38
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS	689	558	+ 131	+ 23
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSE-HOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	590	427	+ 163	+ 38

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$701 MILLION, + 46 PER CENT), TEXTILE FABRICS (\$621 MILLION, + 46 PER CENT), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (\$579 MILLION, + 41 PER CENT), RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVERS (\$339 MILLION, + 11 PER CENT), AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (\$231 MILLION, + 36 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A SLIGHT DECLINE WAS RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND PARTS FOR COMPUTERS (\$171 MILLION, - FOUR PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS :-

	JAN-MAR 79 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-MAR 78 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
JAPAN	4,048	2,905	+1,143	+ 39
CHINA	2,875	2,136	+ 739	+ 35
U.S.A.	2,062	1,617	+ 445	+ 28
TAIWAN	1,240	822	+ 418	+ 51
SINGAPORE	896	716	+ 180	+ 25
U.K.	788	573	+ 215	+ 38
F.R. OF GERMANY	595	445	+ 150	+ 34
SWITZERLAND	554	388	+ 166	+ 43
REP. OF KOREA (S. KOREA)	542	416	+ 126	+ 30
FRANCE	322	225	+ 97	+ 43

IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ROSE BY 39 PER CENT, DUE MAINLY TO INCREASED ARRIVALS OF TEXTILES (\$617 MILLION, + 20 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (\$423 MILLION, + 98 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (\$356 MILLION, + 71 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$351 MILLION, + 48 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (\$265 MILLION, + 28 PER CENT), AND IRON AND STEEL (\$232 MILLION, + 24 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM CHINA ALSO ROSE BY ABOUT 35 PER CENT, ATTRIBUTED CHIEFLY TO LARGER DEMAND FOR RAW MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS INCLUDING TEXTILES (\$626 MILLION, + 82 PER CENT), PETROLEUM AND RELATED MATERIALS (\$242 MILLION, + 52 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUITS (\$176 MILLION, + 10 PER CENT), MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (\$134 MILLION, + SEVEN PER CENT) AS WELL AS LIME, CEMENT AND FABRICATED CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (\$50 MILLION, + 71 PER CENT). IMPORTS OF CHINESE CLOTHING ALSO WENT UP BY NEARLY 25 PER CENT TO \$134 MILLION.

IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. RECORDED A GROWTH OF 28 PER CENT, DUE MAINLY TO INCREASED ARRIVALS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$227 MILLION, + 78 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$189 MILLION, + 29 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (\$173 MILLION, + 24 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUITS (\$129 MILLION, + 17 PER CENT) AND TEXTILES (\$65 MILLION, + 59 PER CENT).

ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF THE RISE IN SHIPMENTS FROM TAIWAN WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE INCREASE IN TEXTILE PRODUCTS (\$530 MILLION, + 55 PER CENT) WHILE THE GROWTH IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE WAS DUE LARGELY TO THE UPWARD DEMAND FOR PETROLEUM AND RELATED MATERIALS (\$474 MILLION, + SEVEN PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (\$92 MILLION, + 61 PER CENT) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$39 MILLION, + 12 PER CENT).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS :-

	<u>JAN-MAR 79</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-MAR 78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND DIAMONDS)	5,810	4,011	+1,799	+ 45
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	3,800	2,578	+1,222	+ 47
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	2,394	1,668	+ 726	+ 44
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	2,052	1,838	+ 214	+ 12
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,301	930	+ 371	+ 40
CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS	999	929	+ 70	+ 8

SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (\$1,698 MILLION, + 65 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$837 MILLION, + 43 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (\$672 MILLION, + 78 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (\$565 MILLION, + 48 PER CENT), ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (\$420 MILLION, + 72 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, A SLIGHT DECLINE WAS RECORDED IN ARRIVALS OF TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTE (\$501 MILLION, - TWO PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED ON THEIR UPWARD TREND WITH SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES RECORDED IN SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN (\$734 MILLION, + 70 PER CENT), U.S.A. (\$378 MILLION, +60 PER CENT), TAIWAN (\$365 MILLION, + 55 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (\$196 MILLION, + 54 PER CENT), PHILIPPINES (\$184 MILLION, + 73 PER CENT), CHINA (\$162 MILLION, + 292 PER CENT), BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (\$117 MILLION, + 154 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (\$652 MILLION, + 133 PER CENT), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$588 MILLION, + 60 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$236 MILLION, + 24 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (\$229 MILLION, + 87 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (\$149 MILLION, + 88 PER CENT).

THE TRADE INDEX NUMBERS FOR FEBRUARY 1979 (1973=100) WERE RELEASED AS FOLLOWS :-

	<u>VALUE INDEX</u>	<u>UNIT VALUE INDEX</u>	<u>QUANTUM INDEX</u>
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	150	152	99
IMPORTS	232	155	150

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX FOR FEBRUARY 1979 WAS 98.

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#### CONSTRUCTION NOISE BAN INTERIM MEASURE

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A BAN ON THE USE OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 P.M. AND 7 A.M. DUE TO COME INTO FORCE ON JULY 1 UNDER THE NOISE PREVENTION SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1978 IS AN INTERIM MEASURE STEMMING FROM THE LARGE VOLUME OF COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE BAN, WHICH ALSO APPLIES TO SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, HAD ALREADY BEEN DELAYED FOR TWO YEARS FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE BUILDING CONTRACTOR'S ASSOCIATION (BCA), THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT EXEMPTIONS FROM THE BAN MAY BE GRANTED TO CONTRACTORS IN CASES WHERE IT WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO DO SO. AND MANUAL WORK WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS WERE FORMULATED BY THE NOISE POLLUTION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION (EPCOM) WHICH HAD KEPT THE BCA FULLY INFORMED ABOUT ITS PROPOSALS SINCE THEIR INCEPTION IN 1974.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN 1976 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAD WRITTEN TO REGISTERED CONTRACTORS, AUTHORISED PERSONS AND OTHERS CONNECTED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY INFORMING THEM OF THE PROPOSED BAN AND ASKING FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN MAKING HONG KONG A QUIETER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

GOVERNMENT FOR ITS PART, ON THE LARGE NUMBERS OF CONTRACTS IT LETS, HAS ALREADY TAKEN THE LEAD BY LIMITING THE HOURS OF WORK TO THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE NEW LEGISLATION.

HE ADDED THAT GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THAT A WHOLESALE BAN ON THE OPERATION OF CONSTRUCTION NOISE AT NIGHT AND ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS MUST BE A STOP-GAP MEASURE AND WAS NOT AN IDEAL WAY OF TACKLING THE PROBLEM OF CONSTRUCTION NOISE.

HE EMPHASISED, HOWEVER, THAT A NEW NOISE ABATEMENT BILL HAS BEEN DRAFTED AND PROVISION WAS BEING SOUGHT FOR THE TRAINED STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE MORE SOPHISTICATED CONTROLS THIS WOULD CONTAIN.

THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP THESE MEASURES WILL DEPEND VERY MUCH ON THE CO-OPERATION OF THE BCA, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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**\$300 MILLION MARINA-RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX FOR SAI KUNG  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED A UNIQUE \$300 MILLION PROJECT TO DEVELOP A SITE IN SAI KUNG AS A LUXURY MARINA-RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX SIMILAR TO THE WORLD RENOWNED PORT GRIMAUD IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE FINAL CONDITIONS OF GRANT FOR 25 HECTARES OF LAND AND SEA BED HAD BEEN AGREED TO ENABLE THE BEST HOME LTD. TO START WORK IMMEDIATELY.

THE PROJECT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT FIVE YEARS TO COMPLETE, INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF 400 THREE-STOREY LUXURY-TYPE HOME UNITS.

THEY WILL BE BUILT ON A 65,000-SQUARE METRE SITE IN LANDSCAPED SURROUNDINGS WITH UNINTERRUPTED VIEWS ACROSS HEBE HAVEN.

EACH UNIT WILL HAVE TWO CAR PARKING SPACES AND A MARINE BERTH, MOST OF WHICH WILL HAVE A SEAFRONTAGE WITH INDIVIDUAL MOORING.

A WIDE RANGE OF COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, SUCH AS SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, AND WORKSHOPS FOR BOATS, WILL BE BUILT.

IN ADDITION, A YACHT CLUB WITH A MAXIMUM AREA OF 3,700 SQUARE METRES WILL CARRY AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS FOR HOME BUYERS.

COMMENTING ON THE PROJECT TODAY, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY PLEASED THAT AFTER YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE GRANT CONDITIONS HAD BEEN FINALISED AND THE COMPANY WAS READY TO GO AHEAD AT FULL STEAM.

+THIS IS THE FIRST SUCH MAGNIFICENT MARINA-CUM-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT EVER PLANNED FOR HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+WE CERTAINLY HOPED THAT IT WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS EASING THE HEAVY DEMAND FOR THIS TYPE OF HIGH CLASS HOUSING AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES.

+IT IS ALSO EXPECTED TO CATER FOR THE LEISURE BOOM THAT HAS TOUCHED HONG KONG AT EVERY LEVEL,+ MR. AKERS-JONES ADDED.

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE GRANT, THE COMPANY HAS PAID A \$45 MILLION PREMIUM AND SURRENDERED SOME 65,000 SQUARE METRES OF LAND IN YUEN LONG TO THE GOVERNMENT.

WHILE THE COMPANY HAS NOT YET SUBMITTED ITS FINAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS, IT EXPECTS TO SPEND OVER \$300 MILLION ON THE WHOLE PROJECT.

ONE OF THE MAJOR EXPENDITURE ITEMS WILL BE ON RECLAMATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALLS REQUIRED TO FORM THE SITE.

/+RECLAMATION .....

+RECLAMATION HAS ALREADY STARTED AND ANCILLARY WORKS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALLS, JETTIES, SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS AND INTERNAL ROADS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT YEAR,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

+THE CONDITIONS OF GRANT ALSO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPER TO PROVIDE POLLUTION EFFLUENT FACILITIES TO CLEAN UP THE DISCHARGE FROM NEARBY STREAM COURSE BY BUILDING AN UNDERWATER NULLAH LEADING OUT TO SEA,+ HE ADDED.

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**\$14.4M FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM FOR CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL**  
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WORK ON THE COVERED FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM FOR CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL IS MORE THAN ONE THIRD COMPLETE.

THE \$14.4 MILLION PROJECT CONSISTS OF A 480-METRE-LONG ELEVATED WALKWAY RUNNING FROM PEDDER STREET TO GILMAN STREET AND TWO FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS CONNUAGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT 12 COVERED ESCALATORS AND COVERED STAIRWAYS WILL BE PROVIDED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE SECTION BETWEEN THE EXISTING PROMENADE AT THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS AND GILMAN STREET, WITH CROSSINGS LEADING TO THE PAVEMENT IN FRONT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING AND INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, WOULD BE COMPLETED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

+MOST OF THE SUPPORTING COLUMNS FOR THIS SECTION HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED AND SOME OF THE PRECAST BEAMS HAVE BEEN ERECTED,+ HE SAID.

+PRECAST SLABS WILL BE PUT INTO POSITION TO PROVIDE A SEVEN-METRE-WIDE FOOTPATH. ACCESS TO THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE BY MEANS OF COVERED ESCALATORS AND STAIRCASES.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ANOTHER SECTION OF THE FOOTBRIDGE, FROM THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS TO THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE LINKING CONNAUGHT CENTRE WITH SWIRE HOUSE WOULD BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

THE COVERED FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM, THE BIGGEST PROJECT OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WOULD PROVIDE A SAFE AND DIRECT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS BETWEEN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS AREA AND THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINALS, HE ADDED.

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1978 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION COMMENCES

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 1978 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, THE SECOND LARGE-SCALE BENCHMARK INDUSTRIAL CENSUS FOLLOWING THE ONE CONDUCTED FOR 1973.

SMALL-SCALE ANNUAL FOLLOW-UP SURVEYS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE INTERVENING YEARS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE 1978 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS TO COLLECT ECONOMIC DATA WHICH WILL BE OF USE FOR ESTIMATING HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, REVIEWING CHANGES IN OUTPUT MIX OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR AND MAKING COMPARISONS WITHIN AND BETWEEN INDUSTRIES.

SOME 15,000 QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN SENT TO INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS BELONGING TO THE MINING, MANUFACTURING, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER SECTORS, SELECTED FROM AMONG 40,000 ESTABLISHMENTS.

INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING 20 OR MORE PEOPLE WILL BE ENUMERATED FULLY WHILE AN EXTENSIVE SAMPLE IS DRAWN FOR THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING LESS THAN 20 PEOPLE.

INFORMATION SOUGHT INCLUDES TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, EMPLOYMENT, WORKING DAYS AND HOURS, OVERTIME WORK, LABOUR COST, CONTRACT AND COMMISSION WORK, MATERIAL PURCHASES, OPERATING EXPENSES, SALES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES RENDERED, OTHER INCOMES, STOCKS, CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, DEPRECIATION, VALUE OF FIXED ASSETS, PAID-UP CAPITAL, FLOOR AND SO ON.

+THIS INFORMATION IS INDISPENSABLE FOR STUDYING THE STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS AND PERFORMANCE OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES. DATA OF THIS KIND HAVE BEEN USED EXTENSIVELY FOR PURPOSES OF ANALYSING INDUSTRIAL DIVERSIFICATION, IMPORT SUBSTITUTION AND PRODUCTIVITY CHANGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR 1978) ORDER 1978, WHICH WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE, 1978.

+EVERY INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT RECEIVING A SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH ACCURATE AND COMPLETE DATA ACCORDING TO THE SPECIFICATIONS GIVEN AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM PROMPTLY TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY, CENSUS OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE AVAILABLE (BY CALLING 5-444716) TO GIVE ASSISTANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN THE SURVEY.

HE STRESSED THAT PROMPT ATTENTION TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE WAS ESSENTIAL FOR SPEEDY PROCESSING AND EARLY RELEASE OF SURVEY RESULTS.

UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE, INFORMATION RENDERED BY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND ONLY SUMMARY STATISTICAL TABLES WILL BE PUBLISHED OR RELEASED.

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TECH INSTITUTE STUDENT TO COMPETE  
IN TOKYO TRACK AND FIELD CONTEST  
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A 20-YEAR-OLD TOURISM COURSE STUDENT AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, MISS CECILIA TSE, AGAIN HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN TWO TRACK EVENTS AT THE ASIAN TRACK AND FIELD COMPETITION IN TOKYO.

HONG KONG WILL BE SENDING 14 ATHLETES TO THE GAMES WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN MAY 31 AND JUNE 3.

KNOWN TO FELLOW STUDENTS AS +HONG KONG'S FASTEST GIRL,+ MISS TSE WILL TAKE PART IN THE 100 AND 200-METRE SPRINT.

SHE IS THE RECORD-HOLDER IN THE 100 AND 200-METRE EVENTS IN HONG KONG, CLOCKING IN AT 12.25 SECS. AND 25.5 SECS. RESPECTIVELY.

THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME SHE HAS REPRESENTED HONG KONG HAVING MADE HER FIRST INTERNATIONAL DEBUT IN 1975. SHE FINISHED SECOND RUNNER-UP IN BOTH EVENTS AT THE PHILIPPINES INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1976.

THE HEAD OF THE HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF THE INSTITUTE, MR. PETER KERRISON, DESCRIBED MISS TSE AS AN +EXCELLENT STUDENT.+

WE ARE CONFIDENT SHE WILL BE A GOOD AMBASSADOR FOR HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MISS TSE WILL GRADUATE FROM THE INSTITUTE NEXT MONTH WHEN SHE WILL BECOME A FULLY QUALIFIED TOURISM CO-ORDINATION OFFICER.

THE HAKING WONG INSTITUTE IS THE ONLY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHICH OFFERS COURSES IN HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM.

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REGISTRATION TEAM IN WONG CHUK HANG  
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS FROM WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE OFFICE BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. FROM TUESDAY FOR FOUR DAYS.

THIS IS TO ENABLE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO REGISTER CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 11 AND 17 FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18.

PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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