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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS FOR MARCH WAS \$6 787 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT \$4 585 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$2 202 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

WITH IMPORTS AT \$8 959 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR MARCH WAS \$2 172 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1979, INCREASES BY VALUE WERE RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS, UP \$771 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT- RE-EXPORTS \$643 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT- TOTAL EXPORTS \$1 414 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT AND IMPORTS \$2 477 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DROP FROM THE 70 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1979 TO A 20 PER CENT INCREASE IN MARCH THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH MARCH 1979 WAS LARGELY THE RESULT OF SEASONAL FACTORS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT, IN MARCH LAST YEAR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS HAD ALREADY RECOVERED FULLY FROM THE LUNAR-NEW-YEAR LULL. BUT IN MARCH THIS YEAR THEY WERE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF RECOVERING BECAUSE LUNAR NEW YEAR WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY, COMPARED WITH THE END OF JANUARY IN 1979.

MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND HALF OF FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE REFLECTED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN MARCH, COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIAL, PARTICULARLY AS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF COMPANIES EXTENDED THE HOLIDAY PERIOD FOR THEIR WORKERS.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S STATISTICS INTO CONTEXT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE VALUES OF TOTAL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WERE BOTH 38 PER CENT HIGHER THAN FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1979.

THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+, THAT IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, WAS 18.4 PER CENT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1979. THUS, AS ENVISAGED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH, THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS IS CATCHING UP WITH TOTAL EXPORTS, WITH THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+ CEASING TO NARROW, INVOLVING A REVERSAL, FOR THE TIME BEING, OF RECENT TRENDS.

THE FOLLOWING ARE COMPARATIVE TRADE FIGURES:

LATEST THREE MONTHS	JAN-MAR 1980	JAN-MAR 1979	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	13 712 (69.4%)	10 116 (70.6%)	+ 3 596	+ 35.6
RE-EXPORTS	6 037	4 207	+ 1 830	+ 43.5

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TOTAL EXPORTS	19 749	14 323	+ 5 426	+ 37.9
IMPORTS	24 215	17 559	+ 6 656	+ 37.9
TRADE BALANCE	- 4 466	- 3 236	- 1 230	

<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	MARCH 1980	MARCH 1979	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	4 585 (67.6%)	3 814 (71.0%)	+ 771	+ 20.2
RE-EXPORTS	2 202	1 559	+ 643	+ 41.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	6 787	5 373	+ 1 414	+ 26.3
IMPORTS	8 959	6 482	+ 2 477	+ 38.2
TRADE BALANCE	- 2 172	- 1 109	- 1 063	

<u>LAST MONTH</u>	MARCH 1980	FEBRUARY 1980	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	4 585 (67.6%)	4 131 (69.8%)	+ 453	+ 11.0
RE-EXPORTS	2 202	1 788	+ 414	+ 23.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	6 787	5 919	+ 867	+ 14.7
IMPORTS	8 959	7 124	+ 1 835	+ 25.8
TRADE BALANCE	- 2 172	- 1 205	- 967	

<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	APRIL 1979 TO MARCH 1980	APRIL 1978 TO MARCH 1979	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	59 508	43 122	+16 386	+ 38.0
RE-EXPORTS	21 852	14 758	+ 7 094	+ 48.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	81 360	57 880	+23 480	+ 40.6
IMPORTS	92 494	67 538	+24 955	+ 36.9
TRADE BALANCE	- 11 134	- 9 658	- 1 476	

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LAW TO CONTROL PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONS PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF CONTROL OVER PROFESSIONS SUPPLEMENTARY TO MEDICINE, OR WHAT ARE COMMONLY KNOWN AS PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONS.

PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY IS THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS BILL 1980 WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE ADEQUATE STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AMONG THE VARIOUS PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONS.

THE PARAMEDICALS ARE THOSE OTHER THAN DOCTORS AND DENTISTS WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE CARE OF PATIENTS IN THE OPERATION OF HEALTH SERVICES. AMONG THOSE ARE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, RADIOGRAPHERS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT EXCEPT FOR THE PHARMACISTS AND THE NURSING PROFESSION, THERE IS AT PRESENT NO STATUTORY CONTROL OVER PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONS IN HONG KONG.

+WITH THE ADVANCE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, LABORATORY TESTS AND X-RAY EXAMINATIONS ARE RELIED UPON MORE AND MORE FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF DISEASES. SIMILARLY, RADIOTHERAPY, PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ARE OFTEN PRESCRIBED AS PART OF A TREATMENT PROGRAMME. IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTERESTS THAT SUCH TESTS AND TREATMENT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED UNDER PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE BILL WILL PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE OF THE PROFESSIONS, THE ISSUE OF PRACTISING CERTIFICATES AND CODES OF PRACTICE.

A SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS COUNCIL WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO SUPERVISE AND CO-ORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONS.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL WILL COMPRISE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR: A CHAIRMAN- A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN- NOT MORE THAN FOUR PUBLIC OFFICERS- ONE PERSON NOMINATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG- ONE PERSON NOMINATED BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG- ONE PERSON NOMINATED BY THE POLYTECHNIC- ONE PERSON FROM EACH PROFESSION TO WHICH THE BILL APPLIES- AND FOUR OTHER PERSONS, NOT BEING PUBLIC OFFICERS.

THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE BOARD FOR EACH PARAMEDICAL PROFESSION CONSISTING OF NOT LESS THAN NINE AND NOT MORE THAN 12 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL WILL COVER THE FOUR PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONS LISTED IN THE SCHEDULE.

AS IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION AND TO SET UP THE REGISTRATION MACHINERY, IT IS INTENDED THAT THE CONTROL SHOULD BE BROUGHT IN BY PHASES, STARTING WITH MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY RADIOGRAPHERS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, HE SAID.

THE DATES FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE BILL TO ANY PARTICULAR PROFESSION WILL BE DECIDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, HE ADDED.

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH REMAIN UNCHANGED
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES (A) AND (B) FOR LAST MONTH (MARCH) WERE 158 AND 157 RESPECTIVELY, EACH BEING THE SAME AS IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

CPI(A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1 499 A MONTH AND CPI(B) FROM THOSE SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 500 AND \$2 999 A MONTH, AS DETERMINED IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY OF 1973/74.

THE COMPONENTS OF THE TWO INDICES FOR MARCH COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1979 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COMPONENT	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	MAR 80	FEB 80	MAR 79	MAR 80	FEB 80	MAR 79
FOODSTUFFS	153	152	129	154	154	130
HOUSING	148	148	139	149	148	139
FUEL AND LIGHT	263	259	144	247	244	142
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	181	181	155	174	174	150
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	118	118	105	115	116	104
DURABLE GOODS	133	131	122	129	128	119
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	166	165	140	164	164	137
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	192	191	147	192	191	153
SERVICES	163	165	143	167	168	145
ALL ITEMS	158	158	133	157	157	133

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI(A). PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT WERE THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS, BEEF AND FRESH-WATER FISH. THE COST OF MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS ALSO WENT UP.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH, FRESH VEGETABLES AND LIVE POULTRY DECREASED. MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE ONE POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR HOUSING IN CPI(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER MAINTENANCE FEES IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

HIGHER CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY INCREASED THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT BY FOUR POINTS IN CPI(A) AND BY THREE POINTS IN CPI(B).

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES FOR WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN CPI(A) AND BY ONE POINT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

FOLLOWING HIGHER PRICES FOR MEDICINES AND TOYS, THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI(A).

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY ONE POINT EACH IN CPI(A) AND (B), REFLECTING THE IMPACT OF THE UPWARD REVISION IN BUS FARES SINCE FEBRUARY AS WELL AS HIGHER CHARGES FOR PEAK TRAM FARES AND MACAO FERRY AND HYDROFOIL FARES. OFFSETTING THESE RISES WERE THE DECREASES IN PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES WHICH WENT UP DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES DECREASED BY TWO POINTS IN CPI(A) AND BY ONE POINT IN CPI(B) AS THE CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR MARCH 1980, WHICH WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$2 EACH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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EIGHT NT SITES AVAILABLE NEXT MONTH * * * *

THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS TO OFFER EIGHT SITES BY TENDER NEXT MONTH TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS.

SEVEN OF THE SITES ARE IN SHA TIN AND THE REMAINING ONE IS IN TUEN MUN.

OF THE SEVEN SHA TIN SITES FIVE ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. FOUR ARE IN AREA 46 AND HAVE PLOT RATIOS OF ONLY 0.4 WHILE THE OTHER SITE IS IN AREA 43 WITH A PLOT RATIO OF 1.

THE AREAS OF THE FIVE SITES RANGE FROM 928 SQUARE METRES TO 13 160 SQUARE METRES AND ARE FOR TWO-STOREY OR FOUR-STOREY DEVELOPMENT.

THE OTHER TWO SHA TIN SITES ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. LOCATED IN FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA, THEY ARE FOR MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES. THEY MEASURE 4 370 SQUARE METRES AND 5 147 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY AND BOTH HAVE A PLOT RATIO OF 9.5.

THE BUILDING COVENANT FOR THE LARGER SITE IS \$36.7 MILLION AND \$31.1 MILLION FOR THE SMALLER SITE, BOTH TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

THE TUEN MUN SITE MEASURING 1 060 SQUARE METRES IS TO BE DEVELOPED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE, WITH COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS.

THE BUILDING COVENANT IS \$2.2 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN THREE YEARS.

A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID THE TENDER WOULD CLOSE AT NOON ON MAY 23. APPLICATIONS TOGETHER WITH A CHEQUE FOR \$50 000 PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX IN THE RECEPTION LOBBY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, FIFTH FLOOR, HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS, BEFORE MAY 23.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE ARE AVAILABLE FROM NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS OR FROM ANY OF ITS EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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LICENCE REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES
DEALING WITH DOMESTIC SERVANTS FROM JULY 1
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ALL EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES DEALING SOLELY WITH DOMESTIC SERVANTS WILL BE BROUGHT UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONTROL FROM JULY 1.

THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980, WHICH PROVIDES FOR SUCH CONTROL, WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THAT DATE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THAT FROM JULY 1 ANYONE OPERATING AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY DEALING SOLELY WITH DOMESTIC SERVANTS WOULD REQUIRE A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THOSE OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENCE WOULD BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE AND LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$5 000.

+APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE LICENCE ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, FIRST FLOOR, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, WAN CHAI.+

+IT IS ADVISABLE FOR OPERATORS TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THEY INTEND TO START THEIR BUSINESS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALSO COMING INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1 WOULD BE THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS 1980.

FROM THAT DAY THE HOURS DURING WHICH INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 17 MIGHT BE EMPLOYED WOULD BE ADJUSTED TO BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM IN LINE WITH STANDARDS SET BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

ALL PERMISSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS GRANTED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS WOULD REMAIN VALID AFTER JULY 1 UNTIL THEY WERE CANCELLED BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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RECLAMATION AT SAM KA TSUEN PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM 1.34 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT SAM KA TSUEN SHELTERED ANCHORAGE ADJACENT TO LEI YUE MUN VILLAGE.

THE WORK WILL COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALL, THE RECLAMATION OF LAND FROM THE SEA AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND ROAD WORKS.

THE RECLAIMED LAND IS INTENDED TO BE USED AS SITES FOR A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, A MARKET, A LATRINE AND BATHHOUSE, A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND A PROMENADE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS, FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTIFICATION.

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

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG- THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING- OR ITS SUB-OFFICE IN KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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TOWN PLAN FOR PEAK AREA REVISED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED A REVISED DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR THE PEAK AREA, INCORPORATING TWO AMENDMENTS.

ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS INVOLVES THE DESIGNATION OF THE POK FU LAM COUNTRY PARK IN THE PLAN AND THE OTHER CONCERNS THE RE-ZONING OF AN AREA FROM RESIDENTIAL TO RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C) USE WHICH CARRIES A PLOT RATIO OF 0.5.

PROPOSALS WERE ALSO MADE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF NOTES.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN ARE ON SALE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AT \$5 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$25 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD TO REACH HIM BEFORE MAY 15, 1980.

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OLD CHARITABLE BODY ADOPTS NEW WAYS TO SERVE

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THE PACE OF PROGRESS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IS A GREAT CHALLENGE TO ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONS AND IN THIS TIME OF RAPID CHANGE WE NEED TO LOOK FOR NEW WAYS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE SWEARING IN OF NEW DIRECTORS OF THE YAN OI TONG, A TUEN MUN-BASED CHARITABLE BODY FORMED MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO AND RE-CONSTITUTED LAST YEAR. IT PROVIDES MEDICAL, WELFARE AND A RANGE OF OTHER SERVICES FOR THE GROWING POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID PERFORMANCE OF TRADITIONAL DUTIES IN CONVENTIONAL FORMS WAS NOT ALWAYS ENOUGH AND HE THEREFORE CONGRATULATED THE TONG FIRST OF ALL IN RE-CONSTITUTING ITSELF AND IN SUBSEQUENTLY ADJUSTING TO THIS NEW ENVIRONMENT THROUGH A NEW AND UNCONVENTIONAL APPROACH.

+I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE, IN THIS NEW YAN OI TONG, PEOPLE FROM TUEN MUN AND FROM THE URBAN AREAS, AND FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE JOINING IN THIS REFORMED ORGANISATION,+ HE SAID.

+YOU HAVE SET YOURSELVES A GREAT TASK, BUT I AM SURE THAT THE YAN OI SPORTS CENTRE, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL BE A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND ENJOYMENT TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF TUEN MUN, AND YOUR OTHER PROJECTS WILL BRING HEALTH AND HAPPINESS TO THOUSANDS.+

HE ASSURED THE TONG OF FULL SUPPORT BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE +NEW AND UNCONVENTIONAL APPROACH+ REFERRED TO BY MR AKERS-JONES WAS OUTLINED BY THE NEWLY-ELECTED CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

REFERRING TO TODAY'S CEREMONY, HE SAID +THIS SIMPLE BUT DIGNIFIED OCCASION SYMBOLISES OUR UNPRETENTIOUS, DOWN-TO-EARTH DETERMINATION TO WORK TOWARDS OUR OBJECTIVES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.+

MR LAU SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE YAN OI TONG HAD A LONG HISTORY IN TUEN MUN, +WE ARE NOT A STATIC ORGANISATION WHICH SIMPLY DWELLS UPON OUR PAST AND FOLLOWS PREVAILING SOCIAL RULES.

+WE MOVE WITH TIME AND CONVENTIONS. TO KEEP PACE WITH GOVERNMENT'S VIGOROUS AND RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN INTO A NEW TOWN, OUR PAST DIRECTORS HAVE REALISED THE NEED FOR THE TONG TO BRANCH OUT INTO A WIDER RANGE OF ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE TONG WAS ACCORDINGLY RE-CONSTITUTED LAST NOVEMBER: ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS INCREASED FROM 21 TO 31 TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO SHARED A COMMON INTEREST IN PROVIDING BETTER COMMUNITY SERVICES TO BOTH THE TUEN MUN AREA AND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. THE TONG NOW ALSO HAS AN ADVISORY BOARD.

MR LAU SAID THAT IN THE COMING YEAR THERE WOULD BE A VARIETY OF PROJECTS, THE SCOPE AND SIZE OF WHICH WOULD CALL FOR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO BRING TO COMPLETION. THEY INCLUDED THE COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE COSTING \$32 MILLION, FOR WHICH RAISING FUNDS WOULD BE A MAJOR TASK. +WE MUST PRESS AHEAD IMMEDIATELY AND LOSE NO TIME IN OUR FUND-RAISING EFFORTS,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE TONG WAS ABLE TO RAISE \$4 MILLION LAST YEAR FOR THE YAN OI POLYCLINIC, THE FOUNDATION STONE OF WHICH MR AKERS-JONES WOULD LAY NEXT MONDAY (APRIL 28).

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY, THE TONG HELD A MEETING AT WHICH THE COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE PROJECT WAS DISCUSSED. THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS DONATED \$8 MILLION TOWARDS THE COST AND THE LOTTERIES FUND \$9 MILLION. THE BALANCE IS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED BY THE SALE OF TONG PROPERTY AND BY PRIVATE DONATIONS.

THE MEETING ALSO DISCUSSED THE POLYCLINIC, WHICH IS TO BE NAMED YAN OI IN RECOGNITION OF THE TONG CONTRIBUTION.

THE TONG HAS SET UP FOUR SUB-COMMITTEES - GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNITY SERVICE (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT), FUND RAISING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CONSTRUCTION).

THE DIRECTORS OF THE YAN OI TONG FOR 1980/81 ARE :

MR LAU WONG-FAT (CHAIRMAN), MR CHAN CHUNG-HANG (VICE-CHAIRMAN), MR ANTONY H.S. LO, MR TIN HING-SIN, MR YIP HING-CHUNG, MR WONG HOK-YEE, MR ALEX WAI TZE-HANG, MRS SABINA Y.C. CHEN, MR HO SUN-KUEN, MR SIU WANG-NGAI, MR HO SUN-WING, MR CHONG SHUI-KIT, MR DAVID CHIU TAT-CHEONG, MR LI YIP-WANG, MR LEUNG HAY-MAN, MR TANG TUNG-CHIU, MR KOO TOO-SHING, MR LEUNG HONG-KIT, MR PHILIP CHAN FEI-LUNG, MISS ANNIE WU SUK-CHING, MR WOO PING, MR DOMINIC CHEUNG KAI-MAN, MR KEVIN MA AND MR CHAN WING-HING.

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WATER SUPPLIES DIRECTOR INSPECTS WAN CHAI DEPOT
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THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR W. TUCKER, TODAY (FRIDAY) INSPECTED HIS DEPARTMENT'S DEPOT IN WAN CHAI WHICH SERVES 260 000 REGISTERED CONSUMERS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND OUTLYING ISLANDS.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER (SUPPLY), MR LEUNG KWOK-WAI, DURING THE INSPECTION.

THE DEPOT, IN BULLOCK LANE, HAS 500 PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL STAFF WORKING IN SIX SECTIONS.

ITS MECHANICAL WORKSHOP IS THE LARGEST IN THE DEPARTMENT AND IS EQUIPPED TO MAINTAIN AND REPAIR WATERWORKS PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT.

ALSO HOUSED IN THE DEPOT IS THE ISLAND TECHNICAL COMPLAINTS CENTRE, TEL: 5-726311, WHICH HELPS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS.

IT COMPLEMENTS THE WORK OF COMPLAINTS CENTRES IN KOWLOON, TEL: 3-960210 OR 3-960219, AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, TEL: 12-900322 (FANLING), 12-662368 (TAI PO) AND 12-762626 (YUEN LONG).

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SNT TO OPEN BONSAI SHOW
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE 1980 BONSAI (MINIATURE TREE) SHOW AT TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND, TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2.30 PM.

ABOUT 300 TREES WILL BE ON DISPLAY INCLUDING ENTRIES BY LOCAL STUDENTS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE EVENT. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE (AM 3214) WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 1 PM SHARP. MR DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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AMS DRILL COMPETITION

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THE FINALS OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE'S BIENNIAL DRILL COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PARADE GROUND OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS, HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI ON SUNDAY (APRIL 27).

THE COMPETITION WILL INCLUDE INSPECTION AND TURNOUT, SQUAD AND STRETCHER DRILLS, FIRST AID AND NURSING TECHNIQUES.

THE AMS BAND WILL PROVIDE MUSIC FOR THE OCCASION.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, WHO IS ALSO THE AMS UNIT CONTROLLER, WILL PRESENT TROPHIES TO THE WINNING TEAMS AND CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO 52 AMS MEMBERS. HE WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE AMS DRILL COMPETITION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 27) AT THE PARADE GROUND OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS, HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11.30 AM.

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PLB PROHIBITED ZONE

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A NUMBER OF STREETS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 28).

THEY ARE CLAYMORE AVENUE, HOLLAND STREET, A SECTION OF HIGH STREET BETWEEN POK FU LAM ROAD AND THE UPPER LEVELS POLICE STATION, A SECTION OF WESTERN STREET BETWEEN THIRD STREET AND HIGH STREET AND A SECTION OF CENTRE STREET BETWEEN THIRD STREET AND HIGH STREET.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THESE AREAS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON NINE DAYS NEXT MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MAY 2 (FRIDAY)	9 AM - 4 PM
MAY 8 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 4.30 PM
MAY 9 (FRIDAY)	10 AM - 5 PM
MAY 15 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 4.30 PM
MAY 19 (MONDAY)	9 AM - 11 PM
MAY 20 (TUESDAY)	9 AM - 11 PM
MAY 21 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 11 PM
MAY 22 (THURSDAY)	9 AM - 11 PM
MAY 23 (FRIDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM

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