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NT LICENCE AND PERMIT FEES REVISED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED AN INCREASE OF FEES FOR A NUMBER OF LICENCES AND PERMITS ISSUED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE AND PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE WITH EFFECT FROM JUNE 1.

THE REVISED FEES, WHICH APPLY TO GENERAL RESTAURANTS, LIGHT REFRESHMENT RESTAURANTS, FOOD FACTORIES AND OTHER FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, FACTORY CANTEENS, FRESH PROVISION SHOPS, SIU MEI AND LO MEI SHOPS, OFFENSIVE TRADES, SWIMMING POOLS, CINEMAS OR THEATRES, PUBLIC BOWLING ALLEYS, PUBLIC TABLE TENNIS OR BILLIARD SALOONS AND PUBLIC SKATING RINKS, ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE INCREASES BRING THE FEES IN LINE WITH THOSE IN THE URBAN AREA AND COVER MOST OF THE COST OF PROVIDING THE LICENSING SERVICES, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE MAJORITY OF LICENCE FEES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE NOT BEEN REVISED SINCE 1976 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME RESTAURANT LICENCE FEES WHICH WERE INCREASED IN 1979 AND FACTORY CANTEEN LICENCES WHICH WERE FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1980.

THE SPOKESMAN REVEALED THAT NEW LICENCE FEES REPRESENTED A FLAT RATE CHARGE PER SQUARE METRE FOR FOOD PREMISES, TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SLIDING SCALE OF CHARGES WHICH SUBSIDISES SMALL OPERATORS AT THE EXPENSE OF LARGER BUSINESSES.

THE RATIONALE FOR THIS WAS TO STANDARDISE THE BASIS OF THE CHARGES SO THAT THE LARGER PREMISES WOULD NOT BE SUBSIDISING THE SMALLER ONES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MUCH OF THE LARGE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN FEES APPLICABLE TO SMALL FOOD PREMISES RESULTS FROM THE REMOVAL OF THIS SUBSIDY, AND THE INCREASE IN MONEY TERMS IS STILL LESS THAN FOR LARGE PREMISES.

IN RELATION TO THE ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS OF SUCH BUSINESSES, THE INCREASE IS SMALL AND IS NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE HARDSHIP TO THE OPERATORS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REVISED AND EXISTING ANNUAL FEES OF VARIOUS LICENCES AND PERMITS:

	<u>EXISTING FEES</u>		<u>REVISED FEES</u>	
GENERAL AND MARINE RESTAURANT	\$200	- \$35 000	\$840	- \$42 000
LIGHT REFRESHMENT RESTAURANT	\$150	- \$5 000	\$600	- \$30 000
FOOD FACTORY	\$200	- \$3 000	\$840	- \$42 000

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FROZEN CONFECTION FACTORY	\$200	- \$3 000	\$840	- \$42 000
MILK FACTORY	\$200	- \$3 000	\$840	- \$42 000
BAKERY	\$150	- \$1 500	\$600	- \$30 000
COLD STORES	\$1 000	- \$3 000	\$1 680	- \$42 000
FACTORY CANTEENS	\$150	- \$5 000	\$600	- \$30 000
FRESH PROVISION SHOP				
- PORK	\$500		\$800	
- BEEF	\$500		\$800	
- MUTTON	\$500		\$800	
- FISH (INCLUDING LIVE FISH)	\$500		\$800	
- POULTRY (INCLUDING LIVE POULTRY)	\$500		\$800	
- REPTILES	\$500		\$800	
- MAXIMUM FEE	\$2 000		\$3 200	
SIU MEI AND LO MEI SHOP	\$300		\$600	
PERMITS				
- TO SELL FOOD BY MEANS OF A MACHINE	\$120		\$300	
- ALL OTHER PERMITS	\$50		\$120	
TRADE AND OTHER LICENCES				
- SWIMMING POOL	\$200		\$1 200	
- OFFENSIVE TRADE	\$500		\$1 125	
- PUBLIC BOWLING ALLEY	\$300		\$375 (PER LANE)	
- PUBLIC TABLE TENNIS SALOON	\$300		\$450	
- PUBLIC SKATING RINK	\$300		\$450	
- PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOON	\$300 (PER TABLE)		\$750 (PER TABLE)	
- PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (EXCL. THEATRE/CINEMA)	\$10 - \$1 000		\$20 - \$2 400	
- THEATRE/CINEMA LICENCE	\$1 000 - \$1 500		\$2 400 - \$3 600	

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HONG KONG — A PLACE OF OPPORTUNITIES
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT INSTEAD OF MERELY COMPLAINING ABOUT THE SHABBY TREATMENT WE RECEIVE FROM SOME OF OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS, WE SHOULD MAKE GREATER EFFORT +TO BRING HOME TO THEM THE SCOPE AND SIZE OF THE BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES THEY CAN AND DO ENJOY IN HONG KONG+.

IN THIS WAY, HE SAID, PERHAPS THE ADVANTAGES OF ENLIGHTENED SELF INTEREST OVER POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY WILL GRADUALLY SINK IN.

+WE CAN, AFTER ALL, ONLY BUY WITH WHAT WE EARN FROM WHAT WE SELL,+ HE SAID.

IN AN ADDRESS TO THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG, MR DORWARD SAID THAT HONG KONG SHOULD BE VIEWED BY OTHER COUNTRIES NOT AS A THREAT, BUT AS AN OPPORTUNITY WAITING AND WILLING TO BE EXPLOITED.

HE SAID, +FROM ITS BEGINNINGS, HONG KONG HAS BEEN A FACILITY FOR USE BY OTHERS. THE RECENT DRAMATIC RESURGENCE IN OUR RE-EXPORT TRADE REMINDS US FORCIBLY OF OUR ORIGINS. IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, RE-EXPORTS HAVE INCREASED OVER 400 PER CENT AND IN 1981 WERE WORTH \$42 000 MILLION.

+THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS REPRESENTED BY RE-EXPORTS REACHED MORE THAN ONE-THIRD BY 1981 WHEREAS FIVE YEARS AGO THEY WERE AROUND ABOUT ONE QUARTER.

+THIS TRADE EMPHASISES THE VALUE OF HONG KONG TO THE MAJOR TRADING NATIONS OF THE WORLD. NO ONE CAN QUANTIFY TO WHAT EXTENT IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE ANYWAY OR TO WHAT EXTENT IT IS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF HONG KONG. BUT IT IS SURELY BEYOND DOUBT THAT THE FACILITIES OF OUR COMMUNITY MADE IT EASIER, MORE EFFICIENT AND ALMOST CERTAINLY MORE PROFITABLE FOR ALL CONCERNED.

+ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT AREA OF OPPORTUNITY, AND ONE WHICH STILL OFFERS CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR EXPANSION,+ SAID MR DORWARD, +IS THE FACILITY HONG KONG OFFERS AS A MANUFACTURING BASE.+

HE OUTLINED THE PATTERN OF OVERSEAS PRESENCE IN HONG KONG INDUSTRY, REVEALED IN A RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE SURVEY FOUND THAT AMERICAN OWNED FACTORIES EXPORTED ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THEIR PRODUCTION. THE JAPANESE FACTORIES, BY CONTRAST, MADE ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN HALF OF THEIR SALES OVERSEAS, THE LOCAL MARKET TAKING 45 PER CENT- AND ONLY ABOUT FIVE PER CENT OF THEIR TOTAL SALES WERE EXPORTED TO JAPAN.

+THIS LAST FACT RATHER UNDERMINES THE THEORY WE HAD BEEN EVOLVING THAT ONE WAY TO BOOST OUR EXPORTS TO JAPAN WAS TO STIMULATE JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG INDUSTRY.+

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN HONG KONG INDUSTRY REMAINED VERY WELCOME AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A PRIME AIM OF HONG KONG'S PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

/+THESE ACTIVITIES,

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+THESE ACTIVITIES, IN JAPAN AND ELSEWHERE, WILL, I HOPE, INCREASINGLY SPREAD AWARENESS AMONG OVERSEAS INDUSTRIALISTS OF THE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH HONG KONG OFFERS THEM.+

MR DORWARD CAUTIONED THAT AT THIS TIME OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, WE MUST BE CONSCIOUS OF THE UNDERSTANDABLE SENSITIVITIES, AMONG BOTH BUSINESSMEN AND WORKERS, AT ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT SUGGEST THAT THEY WERE BEING INDUCED TO EXPORT SOME OF THEIR REMAINING JOBS.

+THE ANSWER WE GIVE TO THAT ALLEGATION IS THAT WE OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMPLEMENTARY PRODUCTION- FOR THE EXPANSION OF SALES IN MARKETS WHICH COULD NOT BE SERVED, FOR REASONS OF DISTANCE OR COMPETITIVENESS, FROM THE HOME BASED OPERATION- AND FOR THE INCORPORATION OF COMPONENTS FROM THE PARENT UNIT IN A NEW RANGE OF PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED HERE,+ HE SAID.

HE MENTIONED THE UNITED KINGDOM AS AN EXAMPLE TO ILLUSTRATE THE OPPORTUNITIES HONG KONG OFFERED AS A MARKET IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

ON A PER CAPITA BASIS, HE SAID, THE UK PERFORMANCE IN THIS MARKET WAS REALLY QUITE REMARKABLE. IN 1980 HONG KONG TOOK 105 POUNDS STERLING WORTH OF BRITISH GOODS FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN THIS COMMUNITY. BY COMPARISON, THE FRG, WHICH IS BRITAIN'S BIGGEST EXPORT MARKET, TOOK ONLY 89 POUNDS STERLING PER CAPITA. AND BRITISH EXPORTS TO HONG KONG LAST YEAR WERE HIGHER THAN THOSE TO JAPAN, WHICH HAS 20 TIMES OUR POPULATION.

+EVEN THESE REMARKABLE FIGURES DO NOT TELL THE FULL STORY. FOR EXAMPLE, SINCE 1978, A TOTAL OF ABOUT 22 SHIPS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR HONG KONG OWNERS IN BRITISH YARDS.+

CATHAY PACIFIC, WHICH IS THE ONLY MAJOR AIRLINE IN THE WORLD COMPLETELY USING ROLLS-ROYCE-ENGINES HAS BOUGHT 34 MAIN ENGINES, PLUS SPARES, FOR ITS 747 AND TRI-STAR FLEET.

THESE PURCHASES TAKEN TOGETHER WITH ROLLING STOCK, POWER SIGNALLING EQUIPMENT FOR THE MTR AND KCR, POWER STATION GENERATING PLANT, BUSES, FERRIES AND BUILDING EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN WORTH SOMETHING LIKE 1 400 MILLION POUNDS STERLING OR HK\$14 420 MILLION (AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE) OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HE SAID.

+THESE FIGURES REFLECT MUCH CREDIT ON BRITISH INDUSTRY, AND ON THE EFFORTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE BY SOME VERY DEDICATED REPRESENTATIVES TO BOOST SALES IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. THERE IS CLEARLY MUCH MORE TO BE DONE, NOT MERELY BY THE BRITISH, BUT BY OTHERS WHO MAY HAVE TENDED TO UNDERESTIMATE THE DIMENSIONS OF THIS MARKET.

+THAT HONG KONG AS A MARKET SHOULD BE UNDERESTIMATED IS PERHAPS NOT SURPRISING. WITHOUT SOME SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF ITS POSSIBILITIES, IT WOULD BE EASY FOR SOMEONE IN EUROPE OR NORTH AMERICA TO BE DAZZLED BY THE RELATIVE SIZE OF OTHER MARKETS, BOTH IN TERMS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREA AND POPULATION. BUT THE FACT IS THAT FOR MANUFACTURES HONG KONG RATES AS THE 15TH LARGEST IMPORT MARKET IN THE WORLD- THE 10TH LARGEST, IF THE EEC COUNTRIES ARE TAKEN AS ONE BLOC- AND THE FIFTH LARGEST IN THE WORLD ON A PER CAPITA BASIS.

+THE MARKET IS NOT ONLY LARGE, BUT FAST GROWING. IN THE FIVE YEARS 1976 TO 1980, WORLD TRADE GREW BY NEARLY 100 PER CENT. HONG KONG IMPORTS GREW BY OVER 150 PER CENT,+ MR DORWARD SAID.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MARCH 1982

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MARCH 1982. THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR MARCH 1982 WERE 127 AND 126 RESPECTIVELY, EACH BEING THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE PRECEDING MONTH.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1981, CPI (A) INCREASED BY 14 POINTS OR 12.4 PER CENT AND CPI (B) BY 13 POINTS OR 11.5 PER CENT.

DURING MARCH, DECREASES IN FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF LIVE POULTRY, FRESH VEGETABLES AND SALT-WATER FISH, WERE OFFSET TO A LARGE EXTENT BY INCREASES IN OTHER COMMODITY PRICES AND SERVICE CHARGES.

THE CPI (A) AND CPI (B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. AT THAT TIME, THE CPI (A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI (B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

THE INDEXES FOR MARCH 1982 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR FEBRUARY 1982 AND MARCH 1981.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>CPI (A)</u>			<u>CPI (B)</u>		
	<u>MAR 81</u>	<u>FEB 82</u>	<u>MAR 82</u>	<u>MAR 81</u>	<u>FEB 82</u>	<u>MAR 82</u>
FOODSTUFFS	115	131	130	115	131	130
HOUSING	109	121	121	109	121	121
FUEL AND LIGHT	135	136	137	136	137	138
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	111	123	124	110	122	122
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	111	122	123	111	122	123
DURABLE GOODS	105	108	109	105	110	110
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	107	120	120	107	117	117

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TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	115	137	137	116	134	134
SERVICES	114	129	130	114	129	129
ALL ITEMS	113	127	127	113	126	126

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B). REDUCTIONS WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY, FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH AND FRESH FRUITS, AS A RESULT OF SLACKENED DEMAND FOR LIVE POULTRY AND INCREASED SUPPLY OF THE OTHERS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS WENT UP. THE EFFECT OF THE MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

HIGHER CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY CAUSED THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT TO INCREASE BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B).

THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI (A) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND PACKAGE TOURS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR MARCH 1982, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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INDOOR GAMES HALL FOR KWAI CHUNG * * *

AN INDOOR GAMES HALL IS TO BE BUILT AT WO YI HOP ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEXT TO A NEW SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX BY THE SIDE OF SHEK YAM ESTATE.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CAISSON FOUNDATION WORK OF THE ABOVE PROJECT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE NEW INDOOR GAMES HALL WOULD HAVE ONE 36 METRE X 36 METRE GAMES HALL, THREE SQUASH COURTS, TWO GAMES ROOMS, SPECTATOR STANDS AND CHANGING FACILITIES.

THE CAISSON FOUNDATION WORK WILL START IN JUNE AND THE WHOLE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

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DB MEMBERS URGED TO SERVE DISTRICT +AS A WHOLE+
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ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED TO DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO WORK FOR THE WELL BEING OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE.

IN SO DOING, THE BOARD BY ITSELF WILL BE A GOOD EXPONENT OF A SENSE OF LOCAL IDENTITY, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING AT A DINNER MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF PENINSULA.

SPEAKING ON +COMMUNITY BUILDING IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT+, HE POINTED OUT THAT A NARROW AND INSULAR OUTLOOK WAS BOUND TO PERPETUATE THE UNHEALTHY LACK OF IDENTITY, AND FULFILLING THE OBJECTIVES OF COMMUNITY BUILDING WAS MOST UNLIKELY.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT BOARD MEMBERS WOULD NOT CLING TO THE INTEREST OF THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE ISLANDS BUT SHOULD LOOK AT MATTERS WITH A WIDER PERSPECTIVE.

+NO DOUBT+, MR FUNG NOTED, +THE ELECTED MEMBERS ARE ANSWERABLE TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND MUST BE A GUARDIAN AND CAMPAIGNER FOR WHAT THEIR CONSTITUENTS WANT.

+HOWEVER, AS MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT, THEY ARE OBLIGED TO ADVISE ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE ENTIRE DISTRICT. IN OTHER WORDS, THEIR CONCERTED WISDOM IS CALLED FOR TO MAKE ISLANDS DISTRICT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN AS A WHOLE.+

HE SAID COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPRISED TWO MAJOR INTER-RELATED ELEMENTS — COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

+COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INVOLVES PROMOTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CITIZENS' ORGANISATIONS, PROVIDING PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND ANCILLARY SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY PURPOSES AND INSTILLING INTO CITIZENS CONCEPTS OF MUTUAL CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH EDUCATION, GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK, AND COUNSELLING.

+COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS CONCERNED WITH PROMOTING CITIZENS' INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY. IT INVOLVES ENCOURAGING CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES, PERSUADING CITIZENS AND THEIR ORGANISATIONS TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED CAMPAIGNS AND PROMOTING RECREATION AND SPORTS.

+THE PROCESS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING ALSO INVOLVES CONSULTING THE PUBLIC ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND MEASURES.

+THE SETTING UP OF DISTRICT BOARDS FORMALISES THE MACHINERY AND PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT FORUM FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING.+

HOWEVER, MR FUNG POINTED OUT THAT COMMUNITY BUILDING IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WAS NOT EASY, DUE TO THE SCATTERED NATURE OF THE POPULATION AND THE PHYSICAL ALIENATION OF THE VARIOUS ISLANDS, ALTHOUGH MANY MIGHT UNDERESTIMATE THE PROBLEM IN THE DISTRICT ON THE BASIS OF ITS SMALL POPULATION AND ITS RURAL SETTING.

THE FIRST STEP TO SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY BUILDING WAS TO INSTILL IN THE RESIDENTS THE SENSE OF IDENTITY OF WHICH THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY.

+WITHOUT THIS SENSE OF IDENTITY, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO FOSTER MUTUAL CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY,+ HE STRESSED.

AS FOR THE GOVERNMENT SIDE, HE SAID THE MEASURE TO TAKE WOULD BE TO PROVIDE MORE FACILITIES WHICH WERE SUITABLE FOR ORGANISING DISTRICT-WIDE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

+SO FAR, THE DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA AND THE DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET HAVE BEEN HELD AT THE KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL AND THE WONG CHUK HANG PLAYGROUND RESPECTIVELY. THIS IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE HANDICAP SUFFERED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY BUILDING,+ MR FUNG SAID.

+THE PROVISION OF SUCH FACILITIES IS INCORPORATED IN THE PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, AND IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISTRICT BOARD TO SEE TO IT THAT THE PROGRAMMES DO NOT SLIP AND ARE IMPLEMENTED ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE.+

IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING EFFORTS, MR FUNG SAID HE HOPED TO ESTABLISH AN ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF MORE DISTRICT-WIDE ORGANISATIONS.

+YOUTH GROUPS, IN MY OPINION,+ HE ADDED, +ARE VERY ESSENTIAL UNITS IN COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK, AND ONE OF MY GOALS FOR 1982/83 IS TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY SERVICES.+

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NEWS TRANSLATION WORKSHOP * * * *

THE NEWS TRANSLATION WORKSHOP AT THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE WILL BE OPENED ON MONDAY (APRIL 26) BY DR SALLY AW SIAN, CHAIRPERSON OF SING TAO NEWSPAPERS LTD.

THE WORKSHOP IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT OF THE BAPTIST COLLEGE AT THE REQUEST OF THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD AND WILL BE HELD UNTIL MAY 14.

ABOUT 25 WORKING JOURNALISTS FROM THE CHINESE PRESS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE WORKSHOP.

THE WORKSHOP WILL USE THE +POST-MORTEM+ METHOD OF REVIEWING AND CRITICISING SELECTED SAMPLES OF PUBLISHED TRANSLATIONS. IT IS HOPED BY THIS METHOD TO HELP RAISE THE STANDARD OF TRANSLATION WORK.

IF THE WORKSHOP PROVES SUCCESSFUL, MORE SUCH WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD IN THE FUTURE, PROBABLY TWICE A YEAR.

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TEXTILES ARE MAINSTAY OF ECONOMY, TICD CHIEF SAYS
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THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IS GOING TO BE THE MAINSTAY OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY FOR A LONG TIME TO COME DESPITE THE THREAT FROM SHORT SIGHTED, SELF-DEFEATING ATTITUDES SUCH AS THOSE SHOWN RECENTLY BY THE EEC, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF WING TAI EXPORTERS LTD AT HING YIP STREET, KWUN TONG, MR DORWARD ASSURED THE INDUSTRY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD FIGHT TO DEFEND ITS INTERESTS AGAINST PROTECTIONISM.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR CHRISTOPHER CHENG, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY AND HIS FAMILY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID: +THE WING TAI STORY IS, IN A WAY, A LIVING PARALLEL TO THE HONG KONG STORY. EXPANSION FROM A HANDFUL OF WORKERS IN THE MID-FIFTIES, TO 8 000 IN A MILLION SQUARE FEET OF FACTORY SPACE TODAY, IS ONLY PART OF THE STORY. IN BEING IMPRESSED BY THE QUANTITY, LET US NOT OVERLOOK THE QUALITY.

+THE PERSISTENT MYTH OF SWEAT SHOPS AND CHEAP LABOUR - WHICH IS CYNICALLY USED TO SUPPORT CLAIMS OF UNFAIR COMPETITION FROM HONG KONG - IS A DISHONEST DENIAL OF THE TRUTH THAT BUYERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD KEEP COMING BACK IN LARGE NUMBERS BECAUSE THEY, AND EVENTUALLY THAT MOST IMPORTANT LINK IN THE CHAIN, THE CONSUMER, GET VALUE FOR MONEY. NOT CHEAPNESS, VALUE.+

MR DORWARD WAS OF THE OPINION THAT OF THE FACTORIES BEING ARTIFICIALLY PRESERVED BY PROTECTIONISM IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA TODAY, THERE WERE MORE WHICH COMPARED WITH THE WING TAI OF 1957 THAN THE WING TAI OF 1982, +AND FOR WING TAI YOU CAN READ HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

HE REFERRED TO THE COMPANY'S RECENT CAPITAL INVESTMENT WHICH INCLUDED THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER CONTROLLED CUTTING MACHINE TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY AND COMPETITIVENESS. MR DORWARD SAID THAT THIS MACHINE - ONE OF FOUR EITHER OPERATING OR ABOUT TO BE INSTALLED BY LEADING GARMENT FACTORIES IN HONG KONG AT A COST OF OVER \$2 MILLION EACH - SYMBOLISED THE DETERMINATION OF OUR GARMENT MANUFACTURERS TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN THEIR PRE-EMINENCE IN WORLD MARKETS.

+I SUBSCRIBE FULLY TO THE CONCEPT OF DIVERSIFICATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE SHOULD STOP OR DISCOURAGE THE PRODUCTION OF WHAT WE MAKE BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD, THE KIND OF GARMENTS CONSUMERS EVERYWHERE WANT TO BUY,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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TV STARS TO HELP PUSH VOTING
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POPULAR TV ARTISTES MISS LISA WANG AND MR ROMAN TAM WILL BE PRESENT AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REGISTRATION COUNTER AT KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK AT 5.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REGISTER AS DISTRICT BOARD ELECTORS.

THE REGISTRATION WILL BE FROM 5.30 PM TO ABOUT 6.30 PM, BEFORE THE START OF THE +82-18+ SHOW SPONSORED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE. MISS WANG AND MR TAM WILL PERFORM IN THE SHOW AFTER REGISTRATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CDO SAID, +BY REGISTERING AS AN ELECTOR, ONE CAN HAVE A SAY IN THE CHOICE OF A PERSON WHO WILL REPRESENT THEM IN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DO HIS PART IN THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY.+

MORE THAN 600 000 PEOPLE HAVE SO FAR REGISTERED AS ELECTORS IN THE URBAN AREA.

+ANYONE WHO IS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, HOLDS A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD AND HAS LIVED HERE FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS IS ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXISTING URBAN COUNCIL ELECTORS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER AGAIN AS THEIR NAMES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE INCLUDED IN THE REGISTER FOR DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE URBAN AREA REGISTRATION IS APRIL 30. ANYONE WHO WISHES TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION HELD IN SEPTEMBER MUST HAVE REGISTERED BY THE END OF APRIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REGISTRATION AT 5.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK, EASTERN STREET, HONG KONG.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE AIRPORT FLYOVER
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THE AIRPORT FLYOVER OUTSIDE BLACKDOWN BARRACKS ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 25) FOR DRAINAGE WORKS.

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RABIES INFECTED AREA REDUCED
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RECENT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE MOVEMENT OF DOGS INTO AND OUT OF MOST OF THE RABIES INFECTED AREA OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE CANCELLED BY AN ORDER IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

HOWEVER, THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA WILL REMAIN A RABIES-INFECTED ZONE.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THE ORDER TO DEGAZETTE MOST OF THE AREA WAS MADE AS SIX MONTHS HAD LAPSED SINCE THE LAST RABIES CASE WAS REPORTED. IN FACT, THAT WAS THE SOLE CASE WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

HOWEVER, HE EMPHASISED THERE WOULD BE NO LET UP IN THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE DISEASE FROM RECURRING, AND DOG CONTROL UNITS WOULD CONTINUE TO CATCH STRAY DOGS AND INOCULATE OTHERS.

SINCE THE FIRST RABIES CASE IN 25 YEARS WAS CONFIRMED IN OCTOBER 1980, SOME 133 261 DOGS HAVE BEEN INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES AND ANOTHER 93 544 DOGS ELIMINATED. AS A RESULT OF THESE EFFORTS, HONG KONG NOW HAS A LARGELY IMMUNE DOG POPULATION.

DOG OWNERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR DOGS MUST BE LICENSED AND INOCULATED EVERY THREE YEARS AND FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RENDER THE OWNER LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000.

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ISLANDS TREE PLANTING DAY
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SOME 70 EVERGREEN TREES PLANTED AT LAMMA ISLAND TODAY WILL ADD MORE COLOUR TO THE POPULAR HOLIDAY RESORT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

THE TREES - ALEURITES MOLUCCANA - WERE PLANTED BY SOME 100 CIVIC-MINDED STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY TO COINCIDE WITH THE +MEI FA+ PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THE EVENT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS HELD AT THE SOUTH LAMMA COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOK KWU WAN, LAMMA ISLAND.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, SAID THE EXERCISE WOULD AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANTING AND CARING OF TREES TO TURN THE ENVIRONMENT MORE ATTRACTIVE.

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NOTING THAT SOME PEOPLE FROM URBAN AREA ARE INCLINED TO VANDALISE TREES WHEN THEY VISIT THE HOLIDAY RESORT, MR SWEETMAN SAID IT WOULD BE WASTED EFFORT IN PLANTING MORE TREES ON THE ISLANDS.

HE THEREFORE URGED THE HOLIDAY MAKERS TO STOP SUCH MALPRACTICE AND LEAVE THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE UNTOUCHED.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF ISLANDS, MR RICKY FUNG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SOUTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAU YUK-TONG, MR SWEETMAN THEN PLANTED A YOUNG TREE TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY WERE THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF ISLANDS, MR LAW TAK-LAU, AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF SOUTH LAMMA ISLAND RURAL COMMITTEE, MR KWOK CHOI-DOR.

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RESITING OF YAU MA TEI COOKED FOOD STALLS

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THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD IN ITS MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY) HAS DECIDED THAT 24 ON-STREET COOKED FOOD STALLS LOCATED IN ONE OF THE MOST BUSY PARTS OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT WILL HAVE TO BE RESITED SHORTLY AS PART OF THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN THE AREA.

THESE COOKED FOOD STALLS WHICH WILL BE REMOVED TO A TEMPORARY LOCATION AT WOOSUNG STREET HAVE LONG BEEN ON TOP PRIORITY FOR RESITING BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY DENSE DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR VICINITY.

+SOME OF THESE STALLS HAVE ALSO BEEN SUBJECTS OF REGULAR COMPLAINTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE YAU MA TEI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

+THEY WILL LATER BE MOVED TO A PERMANENT COOKED FOOD CENTRE PLANNED AT KWUN CHUNG MARKET WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1984/85,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ANOTHER TOPIC DISCUSSED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT THE MEETING, THE SECOND HELD SINCE ITS INAUGURATION, WAS A SURVEY ON THE LUNCH SITUATION OF WORKERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AS A RESULT OF THE FAST INTAKE OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA WHICH HAD CAUSED THE WORKING POPULATION TO RISE.

DURING THE MEETING THE BOARD ALSO DISCUSSED A WIDE RANGE OF OTHER MATTERS, INCLUDING THE WAYS TO MAKE UP FOR THE EXPECTED DEFICIENCY OF INDOOR SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES DUE TO THE IMPENDING CLOSURE OF THE INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AT THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK.

THE BOARD ALSO APPROVED A BUDGET OF \$445 000 FOR VARIOUS MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS DURING 1982/83 FINANCIAL YEAR.

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MAKING THE BEST USE OF COMMUNITY AREAS

MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED TWO SITES IN WAN CHAI TO DETERMINE HOW THEY COULD BE BEST USED FOR RECREATION AND RESTING PURPOSES.

TAKING PART IN THE VISIT WERE OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR A.G. COOPER, THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (WAN CHAI).

THEY FIRST VISITED THE SITE NEXT TO THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WHICH WAS RECENTLY VACATED BY A CONTRACTOR AND WILL EVENTUALLY BE DEVELOPED AS LANDSCAPED OPEN SPACE.

PENDING THIS DEVELOPMENT, IT IS INTENDED THAT THE SITE BE USED AS A TRACK FOR BICYCLING, AN ACTIVITY WHICH HAS LONG CAUSED PROBLEMS IN THE OI KWAN ROAD AREA.

THE COMMITTEE THEN VISITED THE SITE AT JUNCTION OF BOWEN ROAD AND WAN CHAI GAP ROAD, WHERE THEY DISCUSSED THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING AN URBAN PARK, SITTING-OUT AREA AND CHINESE STYLE BRIDGE TO LINK THE TWO AREAS OF OPEN SPACE IN THIS VICINITY.

MR COOPER EXPLAINED THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE BOWEN ROAD COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION SCHEME NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD.

BOTH PROJECTS, IF APPROVED, WOULD BE FINANCED WITH DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, AND CONSTRUCTION WOULD START VERY SOON, HE SAID.

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NEW GUIDE TO PROMOTE USE OF CHINESE

A NEW GUIDE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED TO HELP PROMOTE THE USE OF CHINESE IN MATTERS CONNECTED WITH HOUSING AND LAND.

THE GUIDE GIVES STANDARDISED CHINESE TRANSLATIONS OF COMMON ENGLISH TERMS AND IS THE SECOND SUCH VOLUME TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ABOUT 2 300 ENTRIES OF SPECIAL TERMS, WORDS AND PHRASES ARE CONTAINED IN +AN ENGLISH-CHINESE GLOSSARY OF TERMS COMMONLY USED IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUME TWO - HOUSING AND LAND+ WHICH IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

THE GLOSSARY, WHICH COSTS \$9, AIMS TO PROVIDE TRANSLATORS WITH AN EASY REFERENCE THAT WILL HELP STANDARDISE THE CHINESE FORMS OF TERMS IN THE HOUSING AND LAND FIELDS.

LIKE VOLUME ONE, WHICH DEALS WITH EDUCATION, THE GLOSSARY HAS BEEN COMPILED BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE DIVISION OF THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

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FOUR LOTS CROWN LAND TO BE OFFERED

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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT ON MAY 17 AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

ONE LOT, MEASURING ABOUT 4 734 SQUARE METRES IN BLACK'S LINK, IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE REMAINING THREE LOTS ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

TWO OF THE SITES, MEASURING 4 710 AND 2 875 SQUARE METRES, ARE AT HO TIN STREET AND TSUN WEN ROAD, TUEN MUN.

THE OTHER LOT IS IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA AND MEASURES ABOUT 1 198 SQUARE METRES.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE DISTRICT LAND OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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PERMANENT DISPLAY OF CHINESE TEACHING MATERIALS

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A PERMANENT DISPLAY OF CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING MATERIALS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS HAS BEEN OPENED AT THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+THE EXHIBITS ARE OF TWO TYPES, THE FIRST ARE THE TEACHING MATERIALS AND AIDS OF THE VARIOUS TEACHING AREAS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE, AND THE SECOND ARE THE REFERENCE MATERIALS AND PUPILS' EXERCISES OF SUPPLEMENTARY READING IN CHINESE,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THESE TWO TYPES OF EXHIBITS ARE DISPLAYED AT THE KOWLOON CENTRE, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, AND THE HONG KONG CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, FIRST FLOOR RESPECTIVELY.

THE KOWLOON CENTRE IS OPEN TO TEACHERS ON WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAY MORNINGS, AND THE HONG KONG CENTRE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS AND FRIDAYS.

NO PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS NEED BE MADE WITH THE CENTRE TO VISIT THE DISPLAYS. HOWEVER, SCHOOLS WISHING TO ARRANGE GROUP VISITS AND TO HOLD ON-THE-SPOT DISCUSSIONS WITH INSPECTORS OF THE CENTRE SHOULD CONTACT THE CENTRE IN ADVANCE AT 3-7128404 (KOWLOON CENTRE) AND 5-485348 (HONG KONG CENTRE).

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON NINE DAYS AT THE
HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE NEXT MONTH.

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

PRACTICE TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MAY 5 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM TO 4.30 PM
6 (THURSDAY)	9 AM TO 4 PM
7 (FRIDAY)	8 AM TO 4.30 PM
12 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM TO 11 PM
13 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM TO 4.30 PM
14 (FRIDAY)	8 AM TO 4 PM
18 (TUESDAY)	9 AM TO 4.30 PM
20 (THURSDAY)	9 AM TO 4 PM
21 (FRIDAY)	8 AM TO 4 PM

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