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FEBRUARY MONETARY STATISTICS OUT  
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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS CONTINUED TO GROW FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH FOLLOWING THE STABILISATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE LAST OCTOBER, ACCORDING TO MONETARY STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 1984 RELEASED TODAY.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS FELL MODESTLY DURING THE MONTH.

THE TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION FELL SUBSTANTIALLY, REFLECTING MAINLY A REDUCTION IN THE PUBLIC'S CASH HOLDING AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON BROADER DEFINITIONS RECORDED MODERATE INCREASES, WITH THE INCREASE IN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR COMPONENTS MORE THAN OFFSETTING THE DECLINE IN THE FOREIGN CURRENCY COMPONENTS.

LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING THOSE FOR FINANCING VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG, SHOWED SOME INCREASE DURING THE MONTH.

A TABLE WHICH SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1984 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS, WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY FACSIMILE AND BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS CONTINUED TO GROW RAPIDLY BY 6.5 PER CENT FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 5.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, THEY INCREASED BY 16.5 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, THE INCREASE WAS BY 26.4 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS FELL BY 1.2 PER CENT FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 0.9 PER CENT IN JANUARY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, THEY ROSE BY 2.1 PER CENT AND THE INCREASE OVER THE 12 MONTHS WAS 33.7 PER CENT.

THESE FIGURES SHOW CONTINUED CONFIDENCE IN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

THE NARROWEST DEFINITION OF HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY, HK\$M1, FELL BY 8.2 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY, AGAINST THE 17.8 PER CENT RISE IN JANUARY. THIS CONTRACTION REFLECTED A REDUCTION IN THE PUBLIC'S CASH HOLDING AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 CONTINUED TO GROW RAPIDLY, BY 5.6 PER CENT AND 4.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, FOLLOWING THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN JANUARY OF 7.6 PER CENT AND 6.8 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, HK\$M1 ROSE BY 10.6 PER CENT, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ROSE BY 17.8 PER CENT AND 15.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE 12 MONTHS, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 10.6 PER CENT, 27.3 PER CENT AND 23.9 PER CENT.

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TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL M1 FELL BY 8.1 PER CENT COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 16.4 PER CENT IN JANUARY. THE FALL REFLECTED CONTRACTIONS IN BOTH THE PUBLIC'S HONG KONG DOLLAR CASH HOLDING AND FOREIGN CURRENCY DEMAND DEPOSITS.

TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 GREW BY 1.5 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THEIR CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN JANUARY WERE HIGHER, AT 4.3 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 9.1 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 GREW BY 9.3 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 9.6 PER CENT. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES OVER THE 12 MONTHS WERE 11.8 PER CENT, 26.8 PER CENT AND 27.8 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES GREW BY 0.4 PER CENT, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 0.2 PER CENT IN JANUARY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, THESE FELL BY 0.1 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS, A RISE OF 16.4 PER CENT WAS RECORDED.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG ROSE BY 0.3 PER CENT AFTER A CONTRACTION OF 1 PER CENT IN JANUARY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, THE GROWTH WAS 1.3 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS, THE GROWTH WAS 11.2 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 0.6 PER CENT, SLIGHTLY FASTER THAN THE 0.1 PER CENT RECORDED IN JANUARY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, THESE FELL BY 1.7 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS, THESE ROSE BY 9 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITION

BOTH THE SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE MONETARY SECTOR INCREASED IN FEBRUARY.

BUT AS THERE WAS A LARGER INCREASE IN SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS, THE NET FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITION OF THE MONETARY SECTOR SHOWED A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE DURING THE MONTH FROM A NET LIABILITY OF \$12.5 BILLION AT THE END OF JANUARY TO \$4.1 BILLION AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES OF \$0.6 BILLION AND \$3.5 BILLION RESPECTIVELY.

STATISTICS COLLECTED (ON THE BASIS OF SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SHOW A SIMILAR REDUCTION IN NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES FROM \$11.9 BILLION AT THE END OF JANUARY TO \$3.5 BILLION AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

THE MONETARY SECTOR'S FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITION SHOWS NET ASSETS OF \$34.4 BILLION.

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LIQUIDITY RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS FELL TO 48.6 PER CENT FROM 49.6 PER CENT IN JANUARY.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL TO 54.5 PER CENT FROM 57.6 PER CENT IN JANUARY.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS REPORTING MONETARY STATISTICS REMAINED UNCHANGED IN FEBRUARY WITH 134 LICENSED BANKS, 30 LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND 317 REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

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WELFARE WORK TO COST \$2.4 BILLION  
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OVER \$2 400 MILLION WILL BE SPENT ON SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN 1984/85, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY.

THIS AMOUNTS TO ABOUT FIVE AND A HALF PER CENT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET AND IS AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 19 PER CENT OVER THE REVISED ESTIMATE FOR LAST YEAR, MR CHAMBERS SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE SEVENTH GATHERING OF SCOUT OFFICIALS AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL THIS EVENING, HE SAID: +WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT THE OVERALL INCREASE IN THE BUDGET IS ONLY ABOUT NINE AND A HALF PER CENT, WE CERTAINLY CANNOT COMPLAIN ABOUT THE PROVISION FOR OUR WELFARE SERVICES.+

+NOT ONLY HAS OUR SHARE OF THE TOTAL BUDGET INCREASED, BUT ALLOWING FOR INFLATION, WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT REAL INCREASE IN OUR BUDGET ALLOCATIONS.

+NOT BAD FOR WHAT IS GENERALLY ADMITTED TO BE NOT A VERY GOOD YEAR,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT OF THE \$2 400 MILLION, ABOUT \$1 300 MILLION, - BY FAR THE BIGGEST ELEMENT - WOULD BE IN SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS.

HE SAID THAT +WELFARE SERVICES PROPER+ WAS AN AREA +WHERE THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES' CONTRIBUTION BECOMES VITALLY IMPORTANT.+

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THERE ARE SIX SPECIFIC AREAS OF WELFARE SERVICE - SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS, FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES, SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY CENTRES AND OTHER COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES, SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTRIBUTION IN THESE AREAS WAS CONCENTRATED MAINLY IN SERVICES WHERE THERE WAS A STATUTORY LEGAL ELEMENT, SUCH AS THE PROBATION SERVICE, REMAND HOMES AND REFORMATORY SCHOOLS, THE OVERSEAS ADOPTION SERVICE AND SOME FAMILY CASEWORK CENTRES WHICH DEALT WITH CHILD ABUSE AND CARE AND PROTECTION CASES.

+IN SOME AREAS WHERE THERE IS NO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT, THE DEPARTMENT UNDERTAKES TO PROVIDE SOME SERVICES SO THAT, AS IT WERE, WE CAN KEEP OUR HAND IN AND NOT LOSE TOUCH WITH DEVELOPMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THIS, SINCE AN IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTION IS THE EVALUATION OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AS A BASIS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF SUBVENTIONS, AND WE CAN HARDLY DO THIS EFFECTIVELY IF WE HAVE NO DIRECT EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING SUCH SERVICES,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WERE PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, BOTH RESIDENTIAL HOMES AND HOSTELS OF VARIOUS TYPES AND OTHER SERVICES SUCH AS HOME HELP AND SOCIAL CENTRES.

IN 1984-85, THE DEPARTMENT EXPECTED TO PROVIDE RECURRENT SUBVENTIONS FOR 12 NEW SOCIAL CENTRES, THREE CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES AND SIX HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY, PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL 1 200 RESIDENTIAL PLACES.

MR CHAMBERS GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT +WE SHALL BE MOVING AHEAD IN THE COMING YEAR WITH EXPANSION PLANS IN MOST SERVICES.+

MR CHAMBERS SAID ALSO THAT THE SHORTAGE OF TRAINED STAFF WAS A PROBLEM FACED BY WELFARE SERVICES.

THE VERY RAPID EXPANSION OF SERVICES HAD MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS TO MATCH THE DEMAND FOR TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS.

MOST OF THE INSTITUTIONS ARE EXPANDING THE NUMBERS ON THEIR COURSES AND THE NEW CITY POLYTECHNIC WILL ALSO BE STARTING A DIPLOMA COURSE IN SOCIAL WORK THIS AUTUMN.

+TO TRY TO TAP A NEW SOURCE OF GRADUATE SOCIAL WORKERS, WE HAVE RECENTLY DECIDED TO TAKE IN GRADUATES IN SUBJECTS OTHER THAN SOCIAL WORK, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WILL TAKE PART-TIME COURSES LEADING TO POST-GRADUATE SOCIAL WORK QUALIFICATIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE FIRST ADVERTISEMENTS PRODUCED OVER 700 APPLICANTS FOR INTERVIEW.

ANOTHER PROBLEM WAS THAT OF SPACE. +IT IS VERY HARD TO FIND SUITABLE SITES FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS,+ HE SAID.

+BUT WE ARE HELPED A GREAT DEAL BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S POLICY OF PROVIDING SPACE IN THEIR NEW HOUSING ESTATES FOR A VARIETY OF WELFARE SERVICES.+

EACH NEW ESTATE NOW CONTAINS A SELECTION OF PREMISES EARMARKED FOR SUCH SERVICES AS DAY NURSERIES, HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY, YOUTH CENTRES AND A VARIETY OF REHABILITATION CENTRES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR RETURNING TOMORROW  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL RETURN FROM LONDON TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THEY WILL BE ARRIVING ON FLIGHT BR 382, ETA 6.20 PM.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO COVER THEIR ARRIVAL. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ASSIGNED TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 5.20 PM TOMORROW.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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WARNING ABOUT SMOKING TO BE EXTENDED  
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THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING AGAINST SMOKING WILL BE CARRIED MORE WIDELY IN CIGARETTE ADVERTISEMENTS UNDER PROPOSED LEGISLATION PUBLISHED TODAY.

AT PRESENT, A LOCALLY-PRINTED NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE IS EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO CARRY THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING ON ITS CIGARETTE ADVERTISEMENTS, PROVIDED THAT NOT LESS THAN 80 PER CENT OF ITS CIRCULATION IS OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

UNDER THE PERCENTAGE CRITERION, A LOCALLY PRINTED PUBLICATION COULD BE EXEMPTED FROM CARRYING THE HEALTH WARNING DESPITE A WIDE CIRCULATION IN HONG KONG. IN ORDER TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION, IT IS INTENDED THAT EXEMPTION SHOULD BE GRANTED ONLY TO THOSE LOCALLY PRINTED PUBLICATIONS WHOSE CIRCULATION IS 80 PER CENT OR MORE OUTSIDE HONG KONG, AND LOCAL CIRCULATION IS BELOW AN ABSOLUTE NUMERICAL LIMIT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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UNDER THE SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, A LOCALLY PRINTED PUBLICATION WILL ONLY BE EXEMPTED FROM THE HEALTH WARNING REQUIREMENT IF ITS CIRCULATION IN HONG KONG IS LESS THAN 20 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL AND DOES NOT EXCEED A LIMIT TO BE SET BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

THIS LIMIT WILL BE SET AT 10 000 COPIES AND WILL TAKE EFFECT THREE MONTHS AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THE BILL. THIS WILL ALLOW PUBLISHERS SUFFICIENT TIME TO NOTIFY ADVERTISERS ABOUT THE NEW REQUIREMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT FURTHER RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE IMPOSED ON THE PRESENT LIST OF EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT FOR CIGARETTE ADVERTISEMENTS TO CARRY THE HEALTH WARNING.

CIGARETTE ADVERTISEMENTS WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED IN OR UPON THE PREMISES OF CIGARETTE RETAILERS, OR ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLES BELONGING TO A MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR A WHOLESALE DEALER OF CIGARETTES OR CIGARETTE TOBACCO. ADDITIONALLY CIGARETTE ADVERTISEMENTS IN OR UPON THE PREMISES OF A MANUFACTURER OR WHOLESALE DEALER OF CIGARETTES OR CIGARETTE TOBACCO WILL IN FUTURE HAVE TO CARRY THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING IF THE ADVERTISEMENTS ARE VISIBLE FROM OUTSIDE THE PREMISES.

THESE MEASURES ARE PROPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIC PRINCIPLE THAT CIGARETTE ADVERTISEMENTS WHICH ARE DISPLAYED TO THE PUBLIC MUST CARRY THE HEALTH WARNING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR MODIFICATIONS, THE REMOVAL OF EXEMPTION FOR ADVERTISEMENTS ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WILL TAKE EFFECT SIX MONTHS AFTER LEGISLATION IS ENACTED, AND THE MORE RESTRICTIVE REQUIREMENT ON ADVERTISEMENTS ON THE PREMISES OF RETAILERS, MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALERS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ENACTMENT.

ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM THE HEALTH WARNING, FOR ADVERTISEMENTS ON SMALL PORTABLE OBJECTS, CLOTHING AND UMBRELLAS, WHICH CONSIST ONLY OF A BRAND NAME OR LOGO, WILL BE RETAINED. THIS EXEMPTION HOWEVER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE TO REGULATIONS TO BE MADE IF THE BILL IS PASSED, TO FACILITATE ANY FUTURE AMENDMENT.

THE BILL IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 2 AND IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS THIRD READING ON MAY 16.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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HONG KONG TO REFER TWO U.S. TEXTILES CALLS  
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HONG KONG HAS ASKED THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY (TSB) IN GENEVA TO CONSIDER THE UNITED STATES' IMPOSITION OF EXPORT RESTRAINT LIMITS ON TWO GARMENT CATEGORIES (CAT. 652 AND 637) CALLED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HONG KONG WAS EXERCISING ITS RIGHTS UNDER THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT AND THE HK-US BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT.

DURING INCONCLUSIVE CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH WITH THE UNITED STATES, THE HONG KONG DELEGATION DID NOT AGREE THAT THE U.S. HAD MADE A CASE OF MARKET DISRUPTION OR THREAT THEREOF IN EITHER CATEGORY AND REQUESTED THAT BOTH CALLS BE LIFTED.

SINCE THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION DISAGREED WITH HONG KONG'S ARGUMENT, IT IMPOSED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT HK-US TEXTILES AGREEMENT, RESTRAINT LIMITS ON EXPORTS IN 1984 OF 3 513 103 DOZEN ON CAT. 652 (MAN-MADE FIBRE UNDERWEAR) AND 45 502 DOZEN ON CAT. 637 (MAN-MADE FIBRE PLAYSUITS ETC).

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT THE DECISION TO REFER THE MATTER TO THE TSB WAS MADE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, AND AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE U.S. BEFORE AND DURING THE MARCH CONSULTATIONS.

HE SAID THAT THIS INFORMATION INCLUDED U.S. INDUSTRY PRODUCTION DATA, STATISTICS RELATING TO HONG KONG IMPORTS, AND COMPARATIVE PRICE DATA. IN HONG KONG'S VIEW THERE WAS NO CASE FOR RESTRAINT IN EITHER CATEGORY AND IT HAD THEREFORE BEEN DECIDED TO REFER THE U.S. ACTION TO THE TSB FOR CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS. IT WAS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE TSB IN EARLY MAY.

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TEXTILE TALKS WITH FINLAND START MONDAY  
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CONSULTATIONS WITH FINLAND WITH A VIEW TO REACHING A BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY (APRIL 9) IN HELSINKI.

THE CURRENT TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WHICH EXPIRES ON JULY 31, PROVIDES FOR EXPORT RESTRAINT ON THREE CATEGORIES OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION ARRANGEMENT COVERING ANOTHER SIX CATEGORIES.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION, LED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL LEAVE FOR FINLAND THIS EVENING (FRIDAY).

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EMPLOYMENT SURVEY UNDERWAY  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 83 000 ESTABLISHMENTS DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS.

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AT THE END OF MARCH, AND REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON MARCH 30, 1984 FROM EACH ESTABLISHMENT.

RECIPIENTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRES MAY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT TELEPHONE 5-436551, 5-444301, 5-455661 OR 5-455668.

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PAWNBROKERS' LICENCE RULES GAZETTED  
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REGULATIONS FOR THE ISSUE AND RENEWAL OF PAWNBROKERS' LICENCES ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THEY REPLACE THREE SETS OF EXISTING REGULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN REVOKED BY THE PAWNBROKERS ORDINANCE WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 15.

THE NEW REGULATIONS PRESCRIBE THE FORMS, FEES, CONDITIONS AND METHODS OF APPLICATION FOR LICENCES AND RENEWAL OF LICENCES.

ONE OF THE CONDITIONS IS A REQUIREMENT ON THE PAWNBROKER TO DISPLAY A WARNING NOTICE STATING THAT HIS FINANCIAL LIABILITY IN CASE OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PAWNED GOODS RESULTING FROM HIS NEGLIGENCE SHALL NOT EXCEED, IN RESPECT OF ANY ONE ARTICLE, THE MAXIMUM LOAN LIMIT SPECIFIED IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH WILL BE \$25 000.

THE ANNUAL PAWNBROKING LICENCE FEE OF \$2 500 FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON AND \$1 000 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, LAST REVISED IN 1960, WILL BE INCREASED TO \$4 000.

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TREE PLANTING SCHEME TO BE LAUNCHED  
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THE 1984 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL BE LAUNCHED AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

DURING THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, WILL LEAD A PARTY OF GUESTS TO PLANT THE FIRST TREES IN THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK IN TAI PO.

THE GUESTS WILL INCLUDE TWO UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR CHARLES YEUNG AND MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG.

ABOUT 120 CIVIL AID SERVICES CADETS, POLICE CADETS, SCOUTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AND A SCHOOL INVOLVED IN A FOREST PROJECT AT BRIDE'S POOL IN TAI PO WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO PLANT TREES.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO PLANT THEIR OWN TREES IN SIX OF THE COUNTRY PARKS ON THREE CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS, STARTING ON APRIL 8.

TREE SEEDLINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FOR PLANTING IN COUNTRY PARKS AT TWISK, BRIDE'S POOL, CLEAR WATER BAY AND PAK TAM CHUNG IN SAI KUNG, NAM SHAN ON LANTAU ISLAND AND QUARRY BAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND ON APRIL 8, 15, 22.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING OF THE 1984 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME IN THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 10.30 AM.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 393 CANTON ROAD IN KOWLOON AT 9 AM SHARP TOMORROW (SATURDAY). INFORMATION UNIT OFFICERS WILL ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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### NEW NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL TO BE BUILT

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WORK ON BUILDING A GENERAL NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL IN LAI KING HILL ROAD WILL START LATER THIS MONTH.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$49.5 MILLION CONTRACT TO CHEUNG HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED FOR THE PROJECT.

THE NEW SCHOOL, WHICH IS FOR 400 STUDENT NURSES, WILL OCCUPY TWO LOWER STOREYS OF A 16-STOREY BUILDING.

THE REMAINING FLOORS WILL BE USED AS QUARTERS FOR 750 GENERAL AND STUDENT NURSES TO RELIEVE THE DEMAND FOR QUARTERS IN PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF THE BUILDING WILL BE 22 800 SQUARE METRES.

THERE WILL BE DINING, COMMUNAL AND CAR PARKING FACILITIES.

THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

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### YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS

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FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) 40 YOUNG MONG KOK MEN AND WOMEN WILL BE EXCHANGING VIEWS ON COMMUNITY MATTERS IN A SIX-MONTH PROJECT SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CLEMENT TAO, SAID THE AIM OF THE +COMMUNITY IN PERSPECTIVE+ PROJECT IS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENGAGE MORE ACTIVELY IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

+IT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE DISTRICT BOARD TO KNOW THE VIEWS OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE SO THAT THE BOARD CAN PLAY ITS ROLE MORE EFFECTIVELY AND BE TRUELY REPRESENTATIVE OF PUBLIC OPINIONS,+ HE ADDED.

TOMORROW, A TWO-DAY ORIENTATION CAMP WILL BE HELD AT THE SILVERMINE BEACH HOTEL FOR THE 42 PARTICIPANTS TO HOLD GROUP ACTIVITIES, TALKS AND DEBATES.

FROM APRIL 10, 10 SEMINARS WILL BE HELD IN THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE ONCE A WEEK UNTIL JUNE 10.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINARS WILL INCLUDE LECTURERS FROM THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, AN ACCOUNTANT, A BARRISTER AND A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST.

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DISCUSSION TOPICS WILL INCLUDE SMALL BUSINESS, URBAN RENEWAL, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY GROUPS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN AN OPEN FORUM IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STANLEY WONG, SAID:  
+THE SEMINARS AND STUDY GROUPS ARE AIMED AT FINDING OUT HOW DIFFERENT GROUPS OF LOCAL PEOPLE VIEW MONG KOK AS A COMMUNITY, THE PROBLEMS THEY ARE MOST CONCERNED WITH AND WHAT THEY CAN DO TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY.

+THE RESULTS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION.+

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TRANSPORT FORUM SEEKS RESIDENTS' VIEWS  
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AN OPEN FORUM TO COLLECT RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON THE STUDY OF TRAFFIC REQUIREMENTS IN THE MID-LEVELS AND CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (APRIL 8).

CONDUCTED BY A WORKING GROUP OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, THE FORUM WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL OF CARITAS IN CAINE ROAD, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

THE TWO-HOUR FORUM WILL FEATURE A BRIEFING ON THE STUDY BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

VIEWS COLLECTED WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD AT THE COMING MEETING ON APRIL 19 AND THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE FORUM WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR VINCENT KO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 8) AT THE COMMUNITY HALL OF CARITAS IN CAINE ROAD.

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ANOTHER CLINIC FOR EAST KOWLOON

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RESIDENTS OF EAST KOWLOON WILL BE PROVIDED WITH ADDITIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES NEXT WEEK WHEN ANOTHER GOVERNMENT CLINIC OPENS ON TUESDAY (APRIL 10).

THE SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION LEUNG KAU KUI CLINIC, LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, WILL PROVIDE GENERAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW CLINIC, THERE WILL BE 11 GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND HEALTH CENTRES IN THE AREA.

THE LEUNG KAU KUI CLINIC OCCUPIES 600 SQUARE METRES AND HAS SIX CONSULTATION ROOMS. IT WILL BE OPEN FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM, AND ON SATURDAYS FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM, AND WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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UK TOUR OFFER TO YOUNG MUSICIANS

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YOUNG LOCAL CHINESE MUSICIANS ARE NOW INVITED TO APPLY TO JOIN THE 1984 HONG KONG JING YING CONCERT TOUR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN SUMMER, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

THE GROUP WILL PERFORM AT THE BILLINGHAM INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL, ARTS FESTIVALS AT SIDMOUTH AND MAIDSTONE, AND POSSIBLY IN CONCERTS IN LONDON BETWEEN AUGUST 1 AND 28.

HOWEVER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID TODAY THE PROPOSED TOUR MAY ONLY PROCEED ON RECEIPT OF THE NECESSARY APPROVAL AND THE VOTING OF FUNDS BY THE GOVERNMENT.

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT THE PROGRAMME AND PLACES OF PERFORMANCES IN THE ITINERARY ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY OVERSEAS AUTHORITIES, HE ADDED.

THE MUSIC OFFICE, UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES THE GROUP WILL TRAVEL, UNDERTAKES TO MEET ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND THE SELECTION OF APPLICANTS.

YOUNG MUSICIANS AGED 23 OR BELOW BUT NOT YOUNGER THAN 14 PLAYING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS MAY APPLY: DI-ZI, SIU, SHENG, ER-HU, BAN-HU, GAO-HU, ZHONG-HU, YANG CHIN, CHENG, PI-PA, ZHONG-RUAN, DI-RUAN AND CHINESE PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WITH A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS' CHINESE ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE.

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MEANWHILE, APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND ALL OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 16. AUDITION WILL BE ARRANGED TOWARDS THE END OF APRIL.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING TEL: 5-283257.

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### ESTATE RECLAMATION IN FINAL STAGE

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE FINAL RECLAMATION CONTRACT AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

UNDER THE CONTRACT 17.3 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE ESTATE TO ALMOST 81 HECTARES.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS CALLING FOR TENDERS FOR THE WORK WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTING 550 METRES OF RUBBLE MOULD, 210 METRES OF SEAWALL AS WELL AS ASSOCIATED ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE CONTRACT WILL COMMENCE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY MARCH, 1987.

RECLAMATION AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO FOUR PHASES. IT STARTED EARLY IN 1976.

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### CHILDREN URGED TO HELP KEEP HK CLEAN

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SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE URGED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, TO HELP KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN.

PRESENTING PRIZES FOR A PAINTING COMPETITION AT BEACON HILL SCHOOL, MR HEYWOOD URGED THE CHILDREN, WHO HAD SHOWN CONCERN ABOUT POLLUTION OF THE RIVER INDUS, TO MAINTAIN THEIR INTEREST IN POLLUTION CONTROL.

MR HEYWOOD ALSO SAID THAT NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT CLEANSING STAFF COLLECTED A DAILY 1 000 TONNES OF LITTER IN THE NEW TERRITORIES EACH DAY. HOWEVER PIGS DAILY DISCHARGED SOME 2 000 TONNES OF WASTE WHICH HAD YET TO BE COLLECTED.

THE PAINTING COMPETITION, WITH POLLUTION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AS ITS THEME, HAD BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SCHOOL AND THE NTSD TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE STUDENTS INTEREST IN HELPING KEEP HONG KONG FREE FROM REFUSE.

FOURTEEN PRIMARY 3 TO PRIMARY 6 WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION FROM AMONG 120 PARTICIPANTS WERE TODAY AWARDED BOOK TOKENS FOR THEIR WORK.

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FOOTBRIDGE FOR PING SHEK RESIDENTS

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A STEEL FOOTBRIDGE IS TO BE BUILT ACROSS CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD NEAR PING SHEK ESTATE.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE BRIDGE WILL LINK PING SHEK ESTATE WITH THE NEW NGAU CHI WAN MARKET COMPLEX AT ITS FIRST-FLOOR LEVEL.

THE TOTAL SPAN OF THE BRIDGE IS 40.5 METRES.

WORK WILL START IN MAY AND TAKE 10 MONTHS TO FINISH.

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TUNNEL APPROACH ROAD WORK

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FROM 11 PM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM CANAL ROAD FLYOVER TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO NORTH POINT, VICTORIA PARK ROAD EASTBOUND, GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND AND THE FLYOVER LEADING TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

THE MEASURES WILL BE REPEATED ON THE NIGHTS OF APRIL 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20 AND 21.

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WAN CHAI WATER WORKS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 9) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LOCKHART ROAD, CANAL ROAD EAST, HENNESSY ROAD AND EAST POINT ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SURVEY ON ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING  
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THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING TRAINING OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 10.30 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 9) AT ROOM 1405, 14/F., HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

AT THE CONFERENCE MR B.F.R. LEWIS, COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN, WILL PRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE 1983 MANPOWER SURVEY ON THE ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING INDUSTRY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DB MEMBERS TO SEE VOLUNTEERS IN TRAINING  
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FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL VISIT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) SPRING CAMP IN SAP SZE HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES ON MONDAY (APRIL 9) TO SEE THE VOLUNTEERS BEING TRAINED IN HELICOPTER TROOP MOUNT AND FIRING OPERATIONS.

THE ANNUAL 10-DAY CAMP IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR'S TRAINING FOR THE REGIMENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT. TWO 14-SEATER VANS WILL LEAVE THE REGIMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY AT 8.30 AM FOR THE CAMP AND WILL RETURN AT 12.30 PM. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

GIS OFFICERS AND REGIMENT PR STAFF WILL ASSIST THE PRESS.

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