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NEW FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL COMMISSIONED

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A NEW FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WAS COMMISSIONED BY LADY CATER IN A TRADITIONAL CEREMONY AT JOSS HOUSE BAY TODAY.

THE \$10 MILLION COMBINATION SEINER-TRAWLER, THE TAI SHUN, WILL REPLACE THE 28-YEAR-OLD CAPE ST MARY, WHICH HAD BEEN SUPPLYING HONG KONG FISHERMEN WITH INFORMATION ON INSHORE FISHING GROUNDS FOR A DECADE.

SPEAKING AT THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER SAID THE NEW VESSEL WAS A FURTHER EXAMPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TOWARDS MAINTAINING AN EFFICIENT, VIABLE FISHING FLEET.

+THE LOCAL FISHING FLEET NOW NUMBERS SOME 5 500 VESSELS -- OF WHICH 96 PER CENT ARE MECHANISED -- AND LANDS SOME 88 000 METRIC TONNES OF FISH PER ANNUM VALUED AT NEARLY HK\$400 MILLION.

+THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 64 PER CENT IN FISH LANDED SINCE THE FIRST MODERN HULL-FORM VESSELS WERE INTRODUCED IN 1965,+ HE SAID.

SIR JACK NOTED THAT INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY HAD BROUGHT GREATER PROSPERITY TO FISHERMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND DESPITE ESCALATING FUEL PRICES THE NEW TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT INTRODUCED AND CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF LOW-INTEREST LOANS WOULD ENABLE ENTERPRISING FISHERMEN TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE REWARDS FOR THEIR LABOUR.

LADY CATER MARKED THE OCCASION BY PULLING A CORD TO BREAK THE SHIP'S PENNANT AND BY UNVEILLING A PLAQUE.

SHE SAID SHE HOPED THE TAI SHUN WOULD HAVE A LONG AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER AND EXTENDED GOOD FORTUNE TO ALL WHO SERVE ON BOARD THE VESSEL.

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE MASTER OF THE TAI SHUN, PAID HOMAGE TO TIN HAU, THE GODDESS OF ALL SEAFARERS.

FITTED OUT WITH THE LATEST NAVIGATIONAL AIDS INCLUDING SATELLITE NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT, THE TAI SHUN WILL SEARCH DEEPER WATERS WHERE FISH ARE ABUNDANT AND WILL BE ABLE TO DETECT THE TYPE AND QUANTITY OF FISH BY ECHO SOUNDS. THIS INFORMATION IS THEN RELAYED TO HONG KONG'S 35 700 FISHERMEN VIA THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE 32-METRE VESSEL WHICH CAN CRUISE AT 11 KNOTS INCLUDE A CONTROLLED PITCH PROPELLER, MULTI-VANE RUDDER AND FIXED NOZZLE.

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THE SOPHISTICATED ACOUSTIC EQUIPMENT, ON PERMANENT LOAN FROM THE PHILIPPINES-BASED SOUTH CHINA SEA FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT AND CO-ORDINATION PROGRAMME ADMINISTERED BY THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION (FAO) OF THE UNITED NATIONS, HAS ALREADY BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE CAPE ST MARY TO THE 867-TONNE TAI SHUN.

THE FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING GEAR AND WILL TRY TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF FISHING METHODS NOW IN USE. IT WILL ALSO STUDY THE SUITABILITY OF FISHING TECHNIQUES CURRENTLY BEING USED IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

THIS AREA HAS BEEN USED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE HONG KONG FISHING FLEET AND REPRESENTS A FISHING GROUND THAT LOCAL VESSELS ARE CAPABLE OF EXPLOITING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT STRESSED THAT RESEARCH WAS NECESSARY AS FISH IS A MAJOR PROTEIN FOOD SOURCE FOR MOST PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

+THE PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD AND ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF LOCAL CONSUMPTION OF FRESH MARINE FISH IS CURRENTLY MET BY THE HONG KONG FLEET,+ HE SAID.

DESIGNED IN CANADA AND BUILT BY THE CHUNG WAH SHIPBUILDING AND ENGINEERING CO. LTD. IN HONG KONG, THE TAI SHUN HAS A CRUISING RANGE OF 8 000 NAUTICAL MILES AND IS ABLE TO STAY AT SEA FOR UP TO ONE MONTH. IT WILL BE MANNED BY A CREW OF 17 AND FIVE SCIENTISTS WHO WILL WORK FROM TWO LABORATORIES.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE: JANUARY TO AUGUST
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO AUGUST 1980, VALUED AT \$132 874 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 32 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1979.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 28 PER CENT TO \$43 963 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 32 PER CENT TO \$70 560 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 47 PER CENT TO \$18 351 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 33 PER CENT.

CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY AS FOLLOWS:

/U.S.A.

	<u>JAN-AUG 80</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>JAN-AUG 79</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
U.S.A.	14 919	11 635	+3 284	+28
F.R. OF GERMANY	4 844	3 889	+ 955	+25
U.K.	4 284	3 715	+ 569	+15
JAPAN	1 457	1 706	- 249	-15
AUSTRALIA	1 260	1 095	+ 165	+15
SINGAPORE	1 159	893	+ 266	+30
CANADA	1 129	1 019	+ 110	+11
NETHERLANDS	1 028	855	+ 173	+20
CHINA	925	269	+ 656	+244
FRANCE	857	566	+ 291	+51

GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. REMAINED STRONG, WITH SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN CLOTHING (BY \$884 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$465 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$383 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$319 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT), AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$267 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE NOTED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING (BY \$552 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$85 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$72 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT) TO THE WEST GERMAN MARKET.

AS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.K., INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$203 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$57 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$88 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT).

THE DOWNWARD TREND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN CONTINUED. DECREASES WERE NOTED MAINLY FOR FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND THEIR PREPARATIONS (BY \$75 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (BY \$91 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

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THE FOLLOWING IS AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION:

	<u>JAN-AUG 80</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>JAN-AUG 79</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>INCREASE</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	15 185	12 772	+2 413	+19
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	7 382	5 785	+1 597	+28
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4 313	2 937	+1 376	+47
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3 242	2 365	+ 877	+37
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2 897	2 479	+ 418	+17
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	2 863	1 969	+ 894	+45

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CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>JAN-AUG 80</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>JAN-AUG 79</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK M.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
JAPAN	15 984	12 166	+3 818	+31
CHINA	13 236	8 983	+4 253	+47
U.S.A.	8 899	6 627	+2 272	+34
TAIWAN	4 924	3 693	+1 231	+33
SINGAPORE	4 631	2 967	+1 664	+56
U.K.	3 430	2 802	+ 628	+22
R. OF KOREA	2 328	1 574	+ 754	+48
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 946	1 769	+ 177	+10
SWITZERLAND	1 803	1 616	+ 187	+12
AUSTRALIA	1 084	1 009	+ 75	+ 7

IN CONTRAST WITH DECLINING DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, LOCAL DEMAND FOR JAPANESE GOODS REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE NOTED PARTICULARLY FOR ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$650 MILLION OR 90 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$488 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (BY \$371 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$382 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$353 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA, INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$679 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$635 MILLION OR 114 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$597 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (BY \$196 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT), AND MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$149 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE LARGELY OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$344 MILLION OR 96 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$299 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$297 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$162 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$1 335 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT) FROM SINGAPORE AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$232 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$134 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT) FROM TAIWAN.

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

	<u>JAN-AUG 80</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>JAN-AUG 79</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>INCREASE</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	21 044	16 782	+4 262	+25
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	16 011	11 909	+4 102	+34
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	10 523	7 589	+2 934	+39
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	7 111	5 978	+1 133	+19
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5 446	4 237	+1 209	+29
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	5 072	2 906	+2 166	+75

AS FOR RE-EXPORTS, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THOSE TO CHINA (BY \$1 813 MILLION OR 277 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$672 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$501 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$420 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$386 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT), THE U.K. (BY \$306 MILLION OR 186 PER CENT), NIGERIA (BY \$247 MILLION OR 134 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$239 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT), AND THE F.R. OF GERMANY (BY \$177 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, A DECLINE WAS REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN (BY \$357 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$780 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$552 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$516 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$385 MILLION OR 139 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$373 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$358 MILLION OR 95 PER CENT), AND NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$227 MILLION OR 117 PER CENT).

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+THE HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ ON HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN AUGUST, 1980, WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$3 A COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE MONTH'S IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$10.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE MADE TO THE SALES OF PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 5-214375).

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MR ALLEYNE BECOMES DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE
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FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY SUCCEEDED MR THOMAS LEE AS DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

MR LEE HAS GONE ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE.

MR ALLEYNE PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THE RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

HE WAS ALSO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN 1962 AND 1963.

MR ALLEYNE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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CONTRACTS LET FOR MAJOR ENGINEERING WORKS
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED TWO MAJOR ENGINEERING CONTRACTS TOTALLING ABOUT \$53.7 MILLION.

THE FIRST CONTRACT, WORTH MORE THAN \$26.7 MILLION, IS FOR SITE FORMATION, ROAD, AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN AS PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, ABOUT EIGHT HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED AT PAK TIN.

OF THESE, 5.5 HECTARES WILL BE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, 0.5 HECTARE FOR OPEN SPACE, 0.8 HECTARE FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES AND 1.2 HECTARES FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW LAND WOULD EVENTUALLY PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR 17 920 PEOPLE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING.

THIS CONTRACT, HE ADDED, WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO BOX CULVERTS, SURFACE WATER DRAINS AND SEWERS, NEW ROADS AND A BRIDGE OVER SHING MUN RIVER.

WORK WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS.

THE SECOND CONTRACT, VALUED AT ABOUT \$26.9 MILLION, WILL EXTEND THE EXISTING SUBMARINE OUTFALL AT THE SEAWARD END OF KAI TAK RUNWAY BY 700 METRES.

ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, SCREENED SEWAGE FROM EAST KOWLOON BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK AND HUNG HOM WILL BE DISCHARGED THROUGH THE NEW OUTFALL INTO DEEPER WATERS FOR BETTER DILUTION AND DISPERSAL.

WORK ON THIS CONTRACT WILL TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS.

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PART OF TSUEN WAN VILLAGE TO MAKE WAY FOR BUS TERMINUS
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THE EASTERN HALF OF MUK MIN HA VILLAGE, TSUEN WAN, IS TO BE CLEARED ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 20) TO MAKE WAY FOR A BUS TERMINUS WHICH WILL BE LINKED TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

THE 4 600 SQUARE METRE SITE HAS TO BE HANDED OVER TO THE DEVELOPER SO THAT THE BUS TERMINUS WILL BE READY WHEN THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY STATION IS OPENED IN MID-1982.

THE TERMINUS IS A VITAL PART OF THE TRANSPORT NETWORK IN TSUEN WAN WHICH WILL HAVE A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION BY THE MID-1980'S.

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A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAJORITY OF FAMILIES LIVING IN THE AREA TO BE CLEARED HAD ALREADY MOVED INTO PUBLIC OR TEMPORARY HOUSING AND THE REMAINDER WERE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING SO.

HE SAID THE OCCUPANTS WERE FIRST TOLD OF THE CLEARANCE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, SINCE THEN STAFF OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE HAD MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEM TO ENSURE SMOOTH REMOVAL TO HOUSING DEPARTMENT ACCOMMODATION.

MOST OF THE INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS HAD ALSO MOVED.

ELIGIBLE FACTORY AND SHOP OPERATORS LOCATED ON PRIVATE BUILDING LAND HAD RECEIVED STATUTORY COMPENSATION, WHILE THOSE NOT ELIGIBLE HAD BEEN PAID EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES TO HELP THEM WITH THE COST OF REMOVAL.

FACTORY OPERATORS WHOSE TRADES COULD BE ADMITTED INTO A GOVERNMENT FACTORY HAD BEEN OFFERED SPACE IN THE KWAI ON GOVERNMENT FLATTED FACTORY AND ALL BUT TWO HAD ACCEPTED.

+DISCUSSIONS ARE STILL TAKING PLACE DAILY WITH THESE REMAINING TWO OPERATORS AND WE HOPE THEY WILL VACATE THEIR PREMISES BEFORE MONDAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ONE HAD INSISTED ON SPACE ON A LOWER FLOOR OF THE KWAI ON FACTORY, BUT ALL THE UNITS HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN UP. HE HAD BEEN OFFERED A UNIT ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE 14-STOREY BUILDING AND IT WAS HOPED HE WOULD ACCEPT.

THE OTHER HAD INSISTED ON INCREASED COMPENSATION FOR HIS SECOND FACTORY, BUT THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT COMPENSATION LEVELS HAD BEEN ASSESSED BY AN EXPERIENCED ESTATE SURVEYOR AND ACCEPTED BY ALL THE OTHER OPERATORS.

+IT WOULD BE GROSSLY UNFAIR TO THESE OTHER OPERATORS IF AN EXCEPTION WAS MADE IN THIS CASE AND THERE IS NO INTENTION OF DOING SO,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+WE HOPE THESE TWO REMAINING OPERATORS WILL ACCEPT THE FAIRNESS OF GOVERNMENT'S OFFER AS EVERYBODY ELSE HAS DONE AND VACATE BEFORE THE CLEARANCE BEGINS,+ HE SAID.

CLEARANCE HAD BEEN POSTPONED PREVIOUSLY, BUT THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF FURTHER POSTPONEMENT BECAUSE WORK ON DEVELOPING THE SITE FOR A VITAL PUBLIC FACILITY COULD NOT BE HELD UP ANY LONGER.

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BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE IN TSUEN WAN

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TSUEN WAN'S SIZE AND EVER-GROWING POPULATION MAKE IT VERY IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES TO HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES.

TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER, DR JAMES HAYES SAID THIS TODAY AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE THIRD TERM TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION.

+THE ASSOCIATION PLAYS A LEADING PART IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK, AND THE COMMITTEES PROMOTING DRAMA, MUSIC, DANCE AND CULTURE HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY WITH LOCAL BODIES AND SPONSORS TO PROVIDE A CONTINUALLY IMPROVING RANGE OF PROGRAMMES,+ DR HAYES SAID.

ONE MILESTONE ALONG THE WAY WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IN NOVEMBER, 1977.

+THESE BODIES WERE PROVIDED WITH PUBLIC FUNDS IN ORDER TO ASSIST ORGANISATIONS LIKE YOURS TO REALISE THEIR POTENTIAL,+ HE SAID.

ANOTHER MILESTONE WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL. THE FIRST AND SECOND FESTIVALS WERE HELD IN 1978 AND 1979 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR CHAN PO-FONG, THE ASSOCIATION'S OUTGOING CHAIRMAN, AND THE EVENT WOULD PROCEED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

DR HAYES SAID ANOTHER SIGNPOST TO PROGRESS WAS THE BUILDING OF THE TOWN HALL WHICH DURING ITS CONSTRUCTION +ACTED AS A STIMULUS TO OUR EFFORT AND WHICH NOW AFTER COMPLETION PROVIDED HIGHLY SUITABLE PREMISES FOR OUR ACTIVITIES+.

HE SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT UNDER ITS NEW CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN LAU-FONG, AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MANY OF WHOM HAD BEEN ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SINCE ITS FORMATION, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES TO BETTER SERVE THE LOCAL PUBLIC.

HE ASSURED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WERE ALWAYS ANXIOUS TO ASSIST IN SOLVING PROBLEMS, WHETHER OF A SHORT OR LONG TERM NATURE.

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CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN OF PIECE-KNITTED GARMENTS

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AT THE REQUEST OF THE INDUSTRY, AND ON THE ADVICE OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO ADOPT FROM TODAY (OCTOBER 16) THE 'COMPLETE MAKING-UP' RULE FOR THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES OF HONG KONG ORIGIN FOR PIECE-KNITTED GARMENTS FOR ALL MARKETS.

PREVIOUSLY THIS RULE WAS APPLICABLE TO PIECE-KNITTED GARMENTS DESTINED FOR THE EEC MARKET ONLY.

DETAILS OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT ARE ANNOUNCED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN CIRCULAR NO. 7/80 DATED TODAY.

COPIES OF THE CIRCULAR ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RECEPTIONIST COUNTER OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF OCEAN CENTRE, 5 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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LAND AUCTION

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FIVE LOTS OF CROWN LAND, TOTALLING SOME 9 100 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MARINA ROOM OF THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL ON NOVEMBER 14 AT 2.30 PM.

ONE LOT MEASURING ABOUT 1 133 SQUARE METRES IN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE REMAINING FOUR LOTS, MEASURING ABOUT 2 349, 2 245, 1 894 AND 1 496 SQUARE METRES, ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES. THEY ARE LOCATED ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION.

IN THE SAME AUCTION, A FLAT IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR SALE.

THE PREMISES, HAVING AN AREA OF ABOUT 44 SQUARE METRES, IS AT FLAT C, PERCIVAL HOUSE, 8TH FLOOR, 77-83 PERCIVAL STREET, HONG KONG.

INSPECTION OF THE FLAT MAY BE MADE ON OCTOBER 29 AND NOVEMBER 5 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 12 NOON.

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

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY QUIZ WINNERS

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WINNERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY QUIZ HELD BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH WITH SPONSORSHIP BY THE HONG KONG DAILY NEWS AND REDIFFUSION TELEVISION WERE PRESENTED THEIR PRIZES TODAY.

THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DAVID LIN, THE CHIEF EDITOR OF HONG KONG DAILY NEWS, MR JOSEPH LAW, AND AN RTV ARTISTE, MISS MILDRED CHEUNG, AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

IN A SPEECH AT THE PRESENTATION, MR LIN POINTED OUT THAT THE QUIZ WAS AIMED AT MAKING WORKERS, SPECIALLY THOSE IN FACTORIES AND AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

+THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS SPARED NO EFFORTS IN PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN HONG KONG THROUGH VARIOUS WAYS AND MEANS, INCLUDING HOLDING EXHIBITIONS, DISTRIBUTING PUBLICITY POSTERS AND LEAFLETS AS WELL AS SHOWING TELEVISION FILMS ON LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS.

+IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT CO-OPERATES CLOSELY WITH OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, IN A BID TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY,+ HE SAID.

MR LIN THANKED THE HONG KONG DAILY NEWS AND RTV FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE QUIZ AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR HELPING TO ORGANISE IT.

THE FIRST PRIZE, TWO RETURN AIR TICKETS TO THE PHILIPPINES PLUS FOOD AND LODGING, BY COURTESY OF THE HKDN, WAS PRESENTED BY MR LIN TO MR CHEUNG CHEUK-YIN.

MR LIN ALSO PRESENTED THE SECOND PRIZE - A COLOUR TELEVISION SET - AND THE THIRD PRIZE - A WRIST WATCH - TO MR PANG SAI-FUNG AND MISS CHEN MEI-YING RESPECTIVELY.

MR LAW PRESENTED LUCKY PRIZES TO FIVE WINNERS WHILE MISS CHEUNG PRESENTED THE RTV SPECIAL PRIZE - A GOLD SAFETY HELMET MODEL - TO MISS LIU PO-LIN.

THE QUIZ WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD EACH MONTH UNTIL NEXT JANUARY WITH THE QUESTIONNAIRE PUBLISHED IN THE HKDN DAILY.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICER RECRUITS
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF ANOTHER GROUP OF RECRUITS AT ITS STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 18).

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR TOM ECOB, WHO WILL BE RETIRING EARLY NEXT MONTH, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT GOLDEN WHISTLES TO THE BEST TWO.

ON PARADE WILL BE 12 OFFICERS AND 96 ASSISTANT OFFICERS, 27 OF WHOM ARE WOMAN OFFICERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICERS TO BE HELD AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 18).

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED, LEAVING THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 9 AM SHARP.

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