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53 URBAN, NT SITES TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SELL 53 SITES IN THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE SIX MONTHS FROM OCTOBER TO MARCH 1984.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR DUNCAN SCOTT-WILL SAID THAT THE PROVISIONAL LAND SALES FORECAST COMPRISED A TOTAL OF 23.4 HECTARES.

AMONG THE LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED IS ONE AT THE OLD MARKET SITE AT ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD WHICH WILL BE SOLD FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. UNDER THE SALE CONDITIONS, THE DEVELOPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC CAR PARK WITHIN THE SITE.

SITES TO BE OFFERED IN THE NEW TOWNS INCLUDE SIX IN YUEN LONG, TWO IN SHA TIN AND ONE EACH IN TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN. THEY ARE FOR COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL USES.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABERDEEN SITE, FOUR SITES IN THE URBAN AREA AND THREE IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SOLD BY TENDER WITH A REQUIREMENT THAT THE PURCHASER PROVIDE PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT.

FIVE INDUSTRIAL SITES WILL BE OFFERED IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

ONE OF THESE, MEASURING 2.1 HECTARES, IS IN SHA TIN AND HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC APPLICATION. TWO FURTHER SITES WILL BE TENDERED FOR DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN USE. TO MAKE THESE SITES MORE ATTRACTIVE TO POTENTIAL OWNER OCCUPIER INDUSTRIALISTS AND CONSISTENT WITH MARKET CONDITIONS THEY WILL BE SOLD FOR DEVELOPMENT AT A LOW PLOT RATIO.

THE TENDER SALES PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A SITE OF ABOUT 1.6 HECTARES IN TAI PO FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME. SUCH SALES HAVE PROVED POPULAR WITH DEVELOPERS DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS AND THIS SITE IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT A NUMBER OF COMPETITIVE TENDERS.

IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION OF REDEEMING THE OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, 20 SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY LETTER B TENDER DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

MR SCOTT-WILL EMPHASISED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL PROGRAMME OF SALES BY AUCTION, CASH TENDER AND LETTER B TENDER THERE WERE A FURTHER 23 SITES WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 21 HECTARES ON THE +APPLICATION LIST+.

+THESE SITES CAN BE PROCESSED FOR AUCTION OR TENDER AT THE INSTIGATION OF INTERESTED PARTIES WHO MAY HAVE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND WHO ARE PREPARED TO DEPOSIT A SUM WITH GOVERNMENT TO GUARANTEE A MINIMUM BID,+ HE ADDED.

THE +APPLICATION LIST+, WHICH IS PUBLISHED AS PART OF THE LAND SALES PROGRAMME, INCLUDES A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL AND LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL SITES.

ANY PARTY INTERESTED IN A SITE ON THE +APPLICATION LIST+ SHOULD INITIALLY CONTACT THE CHIEF ESTATE SURVEYOR (DISPOSAL) AT LANDS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, SECOND FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING OR THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER OF THE AREA IN WHICH THE SITE IS LOCATED.

MR SCOTT-WILL STRESSED THAT THE SALES PROGRAMME WAS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. SALE DETAILS WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND MAJOR NEWSPAPERS IN THE USUAL WAY.

COPIES OF THE LAND SALES FORECAST MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, MURRAY BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR AT ANY OF THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. PLANS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE VARIOUS LOTS CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE OFFICES.

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AIR CARGO GROWTH SHOWS IMPROVED TRADE

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THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DOUGLAS BLYE TODAY NOTED THAT HONG KONG'S IMPROVEMENT IN TRADE PERFORMANCE HAD BEEN BORNE OUT BY AIR CARGO MOVEMENTS, WHICH SHOWED THAT EXPORTS BY AIR IN AUGUST WERE A MASSIVE 38.2 PER CENT OVER THE AUGUST 1982 FIGURE.

SPEAKING AT A TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY OF AN EXTENSION TO THE HONG KONG AIR CARGO TERMINALS LTD (HACTL) BUILDING, MR BLYE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, AIR CARGO MOVEMENTS HAD GROWN BY 17.9 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR, MADE UP OF A GROWTH OF 27.4 PER CENT IN EXPORTS AND 6.9 PER CENT IN IMPORTS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE LATEST OFFICIAL TRADE FIGURES SHOWED A 16.5 PER CENT INCREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JANUARY TO JULY 1983 OVER THE CORRESPONDING SEVEN MONTHS IN 1982.

+FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, THE IMPROVEMENT WAS EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE, WITH DOMESTIC EXPORTS VALUED AT \$9 853 MILLION, OR SOME 28 PER CENT OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. INCIDENTALLY, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 28 PER CENT OF THIS TOTAL WAS BY AIR,+ HE SAID.

MR BLYE ALSO NOTED THAT HACTL WAS INVESTING \$230 MILLION IN THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE A THROUGHPUT CAPACITY OF 670 000 TONNES A YEAR, MAKING THE TERMINAL ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

+THIS IS ABOUT DOUBLE THE THROUGHPUT CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING TERMINAL, BUT EVEN WITH A CONTINUATION OF RECENT GROWTH RATES IT WILL BE SOME YEARS BEFORE IT WILL ALL BE UTILISED.

+SO THE INVESTMENT IS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE CONFIDENCE THAT THE COMPANY'S SHAREHOLDERS, WHICH INCLUDE THE GOVERNMENT, HAVE IN THE FUTURE OF HACTL AND IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS,+ MR BLYE SAID.

/HE PAID

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMPLETION OF THE EXTENSION WITHIN ONE YEAR OF BEGINNING THE FOUNDATION WORK AND DESPITE THE APPALLINGLY WET WEATHER.

+IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THE HONG KONG SYSTEM - WHICH IS THE BEDROCK OF OUR PROSPERITY - THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THIS PROJECT HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB WITHIN AN EXTREMELY TIGHT TIME SCHEDULE,+ HE SAID.

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LYDIA DUNN NAMES NEW HONG KONG PATROL CRAFT
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, OFFICIALLY NAMED THE HMS STARLING AT A COLOURFUL — AND BLUSTERY — CEREMONY IN ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE STARLING IS THE THIRD OF FIVE VESSELS BEING BUILT BY THE HALL RUSSELL SHIPYARD IN THE NORTHERN CITY FOR SERVICE WITH THE ROYAL NAVY IN HONG KONG WATERS. IT IS DUE FOR COMPLETION IN THE LATE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR.

THE CEREMONY YESTERDAY WAS TO BE THE LAUNCHING OF THE PATROL CRAFT, BUT STRONG WINDS PREVENTED THIS AND AS A RESULT MISS DUNN PERFORMED THE NAMING OF STARLING ONLY. SHE WILL BE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED LATER.

IN HER ADDRESS MISS DUNN SAID: +IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO UNDERTAKE THE DUTIES OF SPONSOR AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUING ASSOCIATION WITH HMS STARLING AND HER SHIP'S COMPANIES FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. I AM ALSO VERY PLEASED TO FIND THAT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST SHIP OF THE NAME AND THAT STARLING'S PREDECESSOR SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN ESCORTING CONVOYS IN THE LAST WORLD WAR.

+IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PREVIOUS SHIP HERE TODAY AND FROM SEFTON COUNCIL. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE AND PRIDE THAT I HAVE LAUNCHED THIS SHIP AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SHE WILL SERVE AS A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL UNIT OF THE FLEET, CARRYING FORWARD THE VERY FINE TRADITIONS OF THE ROYAL NAVY.

+I AM ALSO GLAD TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MANY OF THE SKILFUL PEOPLE FROM HALL RUSSELL WHOSE HARD WORK AND EXPERTISE HAVE COMBINED TO BUILD THIS FINE SHIP. INDEED THE WORK OF BRITISH SHIPBUILDERS IS WELL KNOWN IN HONG KONG, WHERE EVIDENCE OF YOUR SKILLS CAN BE SEEN DAILY IN OUR HARBOUR. THE WORLD'S BIGGEST INDEPENDENTLY-OWNED MERCHANT FLEETS ARE CONTROLLED FROM HONG KONG, AND IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS ALONE MORE THAN TWENTY OF THEIR SHIPS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FROM BRITISH SHIPBUILDERS' YARDS.

/+THIS IS,

+THIS IS, HOWEVER, BUT ONE ASPECT OF THE TRADE LINKS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND HONG KONG. IN 1982, FOR INSTANCE, HONG KONG WAS BRITAIN'S LARGEST EXPORT MARKET IN ASIA, LARGER EVEN THAN JAPAN. IN THE OTHER DIRECTION, BRITAIN REMAINS HONG KONG'S SECOND LARGEST EXPORT MARKET, AFTER THE U.S.A. SO BRITAIN AND HONG KONG HAVE A PARTNERSHIP IN TRADE THAT BENEFITS THE INDUSTRIES AND CONSUMERS OF BOTH PLACES.+

FOLLOWING PRAYERS BLESSING THE STARLING MISS DUNN SMASHED A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE AGAINST THE SIDE OF THE SHIP WHILE THE SCOTTISH DIVISION BAND PLAYED TO THE 200-STRONG ASSEMBLY OF GUESTS AND SHIPYARD WORKERS.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT THE NAMING WERE THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, SIR JACK CATER, AND LADY CATER, THE MAYOR OF SEFTON, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION JOHN SWIRE, SECOND SEA LORD SIR SIMON CASSELS AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HALL RUSSELL JAMES MILNE.

AN OFFICIAL LUNCH AFTER THE NAMING WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 80 GUESTS INCLUDING SIX WHO HAD DONE SERVICE WITH THE PREVIOUS HMS STARLING DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

MR MILNE POINTED OUT THE STARLING WAS A NAME WHICH HAD A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED HISTORY.

AND SIR SIMON SAID AS FAR AS HE UNDERSTOOD MISS DUNN WAS THE FIRST HONG KONG RESIDENT TO SPONSOR ONE OF HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS. +SHE MAY GET INTO THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS,+ HE QUIPPED.

GUINNESS OR NO, THE STARLING WILL CERTAINLY REMAIN IN HONG KONG FOR MANY YEARS -- IN MINIATURE FORM. AT THE LUNCH MISS DUNN WAS PRESENTED WITH A SILVER BROOCH IN THE FORM OF A (FEATHERED) STARLING AND SHE ANNOUNCED THAT THIS WOULD BE DISPLAYED IN THE CITY HALL IN HONG KONG AS SHE WAS, AFTER ALL, ACCEPTING IT ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

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RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR JUNE * * * *

THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES FOR THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR IN JUNE 1983 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$4 586 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

AT 135, THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX FOR JUNE 1983 DECREASED BY ONE POINT OR ONE PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1983, BUT INCREASED BY 15 POINTS OR 13 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1982.

THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX, AT 103, WAS 2 POINTS OR 2 PER CENT LOWER THAN THAT FOR MAY 1983, BUT IT WAS 3 POINTS OR 3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR JUNE 1982.

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COMPARED WITH MAY 1983, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO REMAINED UNCHANGED IN VALUE TERMS, BUT DECLINED BY 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS RECORDED A DECREASE OF 8 PER CENT IN TERMS OF VALUE, OR 9 PER CENT IN TERMS OF VOLUME.

THE CORRESPONDING DECREASES FOR RETAIL SALES OF FUELS WERE 1 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS WENT DOWN BY 2 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1982, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS ROSE BY 20 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO BY 14 PER CENT, CONSUMER DURABLES BY 12 PER CENT, OTHER CONSUMER GOODS BY 10 PER CENT, AND CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS BY 6 PER CENT.

IN VOLUME TERMS, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES WENT UP BY 9 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO, AND FUELS, WITH INCREASES OF 5 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS, AND CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, BOTH SUPERMARKETS AND MOTOR VEHICLES SHOWED INCREASES IN THE VALUE AND VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1983. DEPARTMENT STORES, HOWEVER, RECORDED DECREASES IN BOTH THE VALUE AND VOLUME OF SALES.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1982, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

WHILE DEPARTMENT STORE SALES SHOWED AN INCREASE IN VALUE, THERE WAS A MODERATE DECLINE IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES DROPPED IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

TABLES 1 AND 2 PRESENT THE REVISED FIGURES FOR MAY 1983 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR JUNE 1983 OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES AND RETAIL SALES VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS).

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 ARE TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF THE JUNE RESULTS WITH THOSE OF THE PRECEDING MONTH AND OF THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1982 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TEL. NO.: 3-7216024.

TABLE 1 : VALUE INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR
MAY AND JUNE 1983

ITEM	(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)		JUNE 1983 COMPARED WITH MAY 1983		JUNE 1983 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1982	
	MAY 1983 (REVISED FIGURES)	JUNE 1983 (PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	POINTS	%	POINTS	%
TOTAL RETAIL SALES (HK\$ MILLION)	4 610	4 586				
RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEXES:						
(I) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES	136	135	-1	-1	15	13
(II) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS						
FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	145	145	SAME	SAME	18	14
FUELS	179	177	-2	-1	29	20
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	147	135	-12	-8	8	6
CONSUMER DURABLES	122	127	5	4	14	12
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	130	128	-2	-2	12	10
(III) BY SELECTED TRADES						
SUPERMARKETS	206	221	15	7	52	31
MOTOR VEHICLES	56	59	3	5	-6	-9
DEPARTMENT STORES	115	113	-2	-2	10	10

NOTES: FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCLUDES
SUPERMARKETS.

CONSUMER DURABLES INCLUDES MOTOR VEHICLES.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS INCLUDES DEPARTMENT STORES.

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TABLE 2 : VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR
MAY AND JUNE 1983

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	MAY 1983	JUNE 1983	JUNE 1983 COMPARED WITH MAY 1983		JUNE 1983 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1982	
	(REVISED FIGURES)	(PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	POINTS	%	POINTS	%
RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEXES:						
(I) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES	105	103	-2	-2	3	3
(II) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS						
FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	106	103	-3	-3	5	5
FUELS	124	119	-5	-4	4	3
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	110	100	-10	-9	SAME	SAME
CONSUMER DURABLES	105	107	2	2	9	9
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	102	100	-2	-2	SAME	SAME
(III) BY SELECTED TRADES						
SUPERMARKETS	145	154	9	6	20	15
MOTOR VEHICLES	39	40	1	3	-7	-15
DEPARTMENT STORES	91	88	-3	-3	-1	-1

NOTES: FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCLUDES
SUPERMARKETS.

CONSUMER DURABLES INCLUDES MOTOR VEHICLES.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS INCLUDES DEPARTMENT STORES.

INDUSTRIAL MISSION GOING TO AUSTRALIA
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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WILL SEND ANOTHER INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION MISSION TO AUSTRALIA NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS WITH SENIOR EXECUTIVES OF AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES, BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG.

THE MISSION, THE SECOND ONE TO AUSTRALIA THIS YEAR, IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY. IT WILL VISIT SYDNEY FROM SEPTEMBER 12 TO 14, MELBOURNE FROM SEPTEMBER 15 TO 20, ADELAIDE FROM SEPTEMBER 21 TO 25 AND PERTH FROM SEPTEMBER 26 TO 30.

LED BY THE PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, MR DAVID CHEUNG, THE MISSION WILL CALL ON COMPANIES ENGAGED IN THE LIGHT AND MEDIUM ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES, ELECTRONICS, AND THOSE PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY SUPPORTING FACILITIES, SUCH AS METAL CASTING, EXTRUSION, FORGING, TOOL AND DIE MAKING AND PRECISION MACHINING.

DURING THE LAST VISIT TO SYDNEY, NEWCASTLE AND BRISBANE IN APRIL, THE MISSION CALLED ON 45 COMPANIES IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES OF WHICH 17 EXPRESSED A SERIOUS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY. SENIOR EXECUTIVES FROM NINE OF THESE COMPANIES HAVE ALREADY VISITED HONG KONG FOR FURTHER STUDIES.

AUSTRALIA RANKS SEVENTH AMONG THE LIST OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES WHICH HAVE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG. OF THE 25 AUSTRALIAN FACTORIES ESTABLISHED HERE, 13 ARE WHOLLY-OWNED, AND 12 ARE JOINT VENTURES. TOTAL INVESTMENT IN THEM AMOUNTS TO \$160 MILLION.

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SEMINAR ORGANISED FOR BIOLOGY TEACHERS
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TEACHERS OF BIOLOGY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN ANY OF THREE SEMINARS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BIOLOGY SECTION ON THE NEW SYLLABUS FOR FORM IV AND V BIOLOGY INTRODUCED LAST YEAR.

THE NEW SYLLABUS IS THE COUNTERPART OF THE AMALGAMATED BIOLOGY EXAMINATION SYLLABUS WHICH WILL BE EXAMINED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE 1984 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

THE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 7 AND 17 AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

EACH SEMINAR CAN ACCOMMODATE A MAXIMUM OF 40 TEACHERS AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (BIOLOGY), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 5TH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY BEFORE SEPTEMBER 17.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE BIOLOGY SECTION ON 5-8392464.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON NG KIN-KEUNG AND YAU SAN-MING ON AUGUST 5, 1982 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

NG AND YAU WERE BOTH FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF LEUNG KIN-SING AND HIS WIFE CHEUNG WAI-KUEN ON OCTOBER 26, 1981.

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LOW-COST DENTAL CARE FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS
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A LOW-COST MOBILE DENTAL SERVICE FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS WILL START TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A MOBILE VAN WILL BE STATIONED IN AN OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE THE OLD MARKET VILLAGE OFFICE ON TING KOK ROAD EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON AND 7 PM TO 9.30 PM.

PATIENTS WILL BE TREATED BY TWO DENTISTS ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AND CHARGED AT REDUCED FEES OF \$5 FOR CONSULTATION.

THE SERVICE IS RUN BY THE PROJECT CONCERN HONG KONG AND ASSISTED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID: +THE DENTAL SERVICE HAS PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR IN OTHER DISTRICTS, SUCH AS IN TSUEN WAN.+

+IT WILL BE MOST WELCOMED BY TAI PO RESIDENTS TOO,+ HE SAID.

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ANOTHER ROAD PROJECT FOR SHA TIN
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THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ANOTHER ROAD PROJECT AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

WORK ON THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD BRIDGE NEAR FO TAN NULLAH, A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS TAI PO ROAD NEAR THE BUS TERMINUS, A NEW ROAD IN FO TAN, AND TWO ACCESS ROADS TO THE PROPOSED BUS TERMINAL AND THE PROPOSED MAGISTRACY IN SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE.

IT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STORMWATER DRAINS AND SEWERS IN THE AREA.

ON COMPLETION, THE ROADS WILL SERVE THE ADJACENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE AND FO TAN.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS FOR SALE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 10) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

THIRTY TWO SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

DA 915	CX 100	CZ6608	DA 944
DA 891	DA 233	CH7878	CZ 5
CZ8230	CD8982	DA7879	DA 804
XX 36	AK 99	CY 8	BP 69
DA3805	DA 338	DA 435	DA 310
CZ9682	DA 168	CJ 777	CZ3333
CE 353	BK 1	DA 328	DA 172
CZ7289	DA 368	CZ6663	369

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE AUCTION WILL BE THE 86TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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WAN CHAI WATER MAINS TEST

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

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY LEE TUNG STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, GRESSON STREET AND JOHNSTON ROAD.

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 7 PM TO MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AREAS 9, 11, 37A AND 37B OF YAN OI TONG CIRCUIT, INCLUDING ON TING, YAU OI AND SHAN KING ESTATES.

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