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BRITAIN AWARE OF HONG KONG CONCERNS: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING HE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL SHOW THEMSELVES TO BE FULLY ALIVE TO THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG DURING THE DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM PEKING, SIR EDWARD SAID ALTHOUGH HE WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT THE DEBATE, HE IS EXPECTING TO RECEIVE AN EARLY HANSARD WHICH WILL ENABLE HIM TO STUDY IT CAREFULLY.

HE SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY JOURNALISTS IN PEKING ABOUT THE STATEMENT MADE BY UMEICO MEMBERS.

+I HAVE EMPHASISED THAT THAT WAS A UMEICO STATEMENT, AND IT IS OF COURSE FOR UMEICO MEMBERS RATHER THAN FOR ME TO COMMENT ON IT,+ HE SAID.

+AS I READ IT, IT WAS INTENDED TO VOICE ANXIETIES WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED TO THEM IN HONG KONG, BUT WAS IN NO WAY INTENDED TO CAST ANY DOUBT ON THE NEED FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE WAS NOTHING VERY SURPRISING IN THE FACT THAT HE HAD COME BACK TO HONG KONG A LITTLE EARLY THIS TIME.

+IT IS SIMPLY THAT I HAVE TO GO OFF TO LONDON ON SATURDAY MORNING. THE FLIGHT TOMORROW DOESN'T ARRIVE TILL THE AFTERNOON, AND THAT WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN ME THE WORKING DAY I NEEDED TO PREPARE FOR MY DEPARTURE FOR LONDON,+ HE SAID.

+I SHALL BE AWAY FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AND WHILE I AM IN LONDON, I SHALL BE CALLING ON THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

+BUT I SHAN'T BE SPENDING ALL MY TIME THERE. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A SHORT BREAK.

+BUT I WILL BE BACK IN TIME FOR THE 15TH ROUND WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, IS ON THE 30TH AND 31ST.

+AND I AM EXPECTING THOSE DISCUSSIONS TO BE OUR USUAL BUSINESS-LIKE DISCUSSIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE.

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SIR PHILIP VISITS BRITISH COUNCIL
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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, VISITED THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN WAN CHAI THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL, HONG KONG, MR OLIVER SIDDLER.

FOLLOWING A BRIEFING BY MR SIDDLER, SIR PHILIP MET THE COUNCIL'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE OFFICER, MR PETER FALVEY, THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID LEE, AND THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, MR ANTHONY BEHAN.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL, SET UP IN HONG KONG IN 1948, AIMS TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF BRITAIN THROUGH CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION.

IN 1976, THE COUNCIL OPENED A SMALL ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, WHICH HAS EXPANDED RAPIDLY, WITH ENROLMENT REACHING 8 600 LAST YEAR.

AMONG OTHER ACTIVITIES, IT HAS SPONSORED THE VISITS TO HONG KONG BY THE ROYAL BALLET AND LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE BRITISH FILM WEEK.

SIR PHILIP ALSO LEARNT THAT THE COUNCIL PROVIDED REFRESHER LANGUAGE COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS TRAINING COURSES FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS.

DURING HIS VISIT HE MET A GROUP OF ABOUT 20 PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO WERE TAKING A LANGUAGE TRAINING COURSE.

HE ALSO TOURED THE LIBRARY, WHICH HAS PROVED TO BE INCREASINGLY POPULAR, THE COMPUTER-ASSISTED LANGUAGE LEARNING CLASSROOM, THE RESOURCES SECTION AND THE AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTION UNIT.

SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD THAT THE BRITISH COUNCIL IS CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR AND A SERIES OF COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN BRITAIN FROM MAY. AMONG THEM IS A VISIT TO ITS OFFICES IN LONDON BY THE QUEEN, WHO IS THE COUNCIL'S PATRON.

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS TO BE ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL IN HONG KONG INCLUDE A SPONSORED HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CONCERT IN JUNE.

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FIRST QUARTER EXPORTS RISE 50 PER CENT

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - MARCH THIS YEAR, VALUED AT \$94 621 MILLION, INCREASED BY 48 PER CENT COMPARED WITH TRADE FOR THE SIMILAR PERIOD IN 1983, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 51 PER CENT TO \$28 115 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 43 PER CENT TO \$48 784 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 59 PER CENT TO \$17 722 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY 54 PER CENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, ROSE BY 69 PER CENT IN VALUE.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 882 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$629 MILLION OR 113 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$591 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSISTORS AND DIODES (BY \$33 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$23 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING CLOTHING (BY \$444 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$51 MILLION OR 148 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$32 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$251 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$235 MILLION OR 1 266 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$56 MILLION OR 83 PER CENT) AND TEXTILES (BY \$36 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY \$181 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$142 MILLION OR 114 PER CENT); AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF CLOTHING (BY \$127 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT).

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DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$1 836 MILLION OR 131 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$774 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$307 MILLION OR 267 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$145 MILLION OR 160 PER CENT) AND VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$119 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$737 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT), AND TEXTILES (BY \$626 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$11 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT), AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATION THEREOF (BY \$5 MILLION OR SIX PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$524 MILLION OR 100 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$196 MILLION OR 352 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$169 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$19 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$10 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$13 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$36 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$473 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT); AND IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS FROM SINGAPORE ALSO INCREASED (BY \$340 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$2 934 MILLION OR 163 PER CENT), U.S. (BY \$1 128 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$573 MILLION OR 96 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$520 MILLION OR 92 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$298 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (BY \$147 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$141 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT) AND MACAU (BY \$138 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO NIGERIA (BY \$216 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT) AND INDONESIA (BY \$177 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

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MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$1 245 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$931 MILLION OR 113 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$598 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (NOT MANUFACTURED INTO YARN OF FABRIC) (BY \$297 MILLION OR 176 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$65 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$9 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AND EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTS (BY \$7 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT).

THE MARCH 1984 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE ON SALE LATER THIS MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 A COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN MARCH 1984 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY JUNE AT \$12 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-214375). ENQUIRIES CONCERNING TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-444436).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOUR PAGES CONTAINING SIX STATISTICAL TABLES ARE ATTACHED.

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HK'S EXTERNAL TRADE TABLES FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1984Table 1 : Domestic exports by ten major markets

Major market	Jan.-Mar. 1984 (\$ Mn)	Jan.-Mar. 1983 (\$ Mn)	Increase/ (\$ Mn)	Percentage change (%)
U.S.A.	12,068	7,133	+4,935	+69
F.R. of Germany	2,223	1,554	+ 669	+43
U.K.	2,089	1,476	+ 613	+42
China	1,984	1,063	+ 922	+87
Japan	996	714	+ 281	+39
Canada	910	626	+ 284	+45
Australia	842	525	+ 316	+60
Singapore	621	444	+ 177	+40
Netherlands	537	411	+ 127	+31
Switzerland	446	328	+ 118	+36

Table 2 : Domestic exports by major commodity divisions

Commodity division	Jan.-Mar. 1984 (\$ Mn)	Jan.-Mar. 1983 (\$ Mn)	Increase/ (\$ Mn)	Percentage change (%)
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9,459	6,164	+3,295	+53
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly plastic toys and dolls, jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares, and artificial flowers)	3,893	2,750	+1,143	+42
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances (mainly transistors and diodes and household type appliances)	2,441	1,533	+ 908	+59
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	2,207	1,322	+ 886	+67

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<u>Commodity divisions</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1984</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>change</u> <u>(%)</u>
Photographic apparatus, equipment, supplies and optical goods, watches and clocks	2,114	1,891	+223	+12
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	2,055	1,343	+713	+53

Table 3 : Imports from ten major sources

<u>Major sources</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1984</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>change</u> <u>(%)</u>
China	12,524	8,070	+4,454	+55
Japan	11,146	7,728	+3,418	+44
U.S.A.	5,015	3,670	+1,346	+37
Taiwan	3,541	2,325	+1,216	+52
Singapore	2,833	2,124	+ 709	+33
U.K.	2,131	1,632	+ 498	+31
Republic of Korea (South Korea)	1,487	951	+ 536	+56
F.R. of Germany	1,123	914	+ 209	+23
Switzerland	817	642	+ 175	+27
Australia	734	496	+ 238	+48

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Table 4 : Imports by commodity sections

<u>Commodity sections</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1984</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>change</u> <u>(%)</u>
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (mainly textile products, diamonds, iron and steel, and paper)	14,486	8,903	+5,583	+63
Machinery and transport equipment	11,572	7,754	+3,818	+49
Miscellaneous manu- factured articles (mainly watches and clocks, articles of apparel)	8,132	6,054	+2,078	+34
Food and live animals chiefly for food	4,788	4,005	+ 783	+20
Chemicals and related products n.e.s.	3,504	2,462	+1,041	+42
Minerals fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,807	2,681	+ 126	+ 5

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Table 5 : Re-exports by ten major markets

<u>Major markets</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1984</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>Decrease</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>change</u> <u>(%)</u>
China	4,738	1,804	+2,934	+163
U.S.A.	2,592	1,464	+1,128	+ 77
Taiwan	1,167	594	+ 573	+ 96
Singapore	1,131	990	+ 141	+ 14
Japan	1,085	565	+ 520	+ 92
Indonesia	1,022	1,199	- 177	- 15
Republic of Korea (South Korea)	792	494	+ 298	+ 60
Macau	532	395	+ 138	+ 35
Australia	328	181	+ 147	+ 81
Thailand	320	232	+ 88	+ 38

Table 6 : Re-exports by major commodity divisions

<u>Commodity divisions</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1984</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>Decrease</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>change</u> <u>(%)</u>
Textile yarn, fabrics made-up articles and related products	2,695	1,451	+1,245	+ 86
Electrical machinery apparatus and appliances	1,751	821	+ 931	+113
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,460	862	+ 598	+ 69
Photographic apparatus, equipment, supplies, and optical goods, watches and clocks	1,103	873	+ 230	+ 26
Miscellaneous manu- factured articles	913	616	+ 297	+ 48
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	748	474	+ 274	+ 58

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GENERAL TO INSPECT VOLUNTEERS
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THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL DEREK BOORMAN, WILL INSPECT A PASSING OUT PARADE OF NEW RECRUITS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY (MAY 13), AT THE REGIMENT'S HEADQUARTERS, SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

HE WILL ALSO PRESENT EFFICIENCY DECORATIONS AND MEDALS TO VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE REGIMENT FOR AT LEAST 12 YEARS.

A TOTAL OF 31 WOMEN VOLUNTEERS - MAKING UP THE FIRST GROUP OF WOMEN RECRUITS IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT SINCE THE WOMEN'S CORPS WAS DISBANDED IN 1967 - AND 51 MEN, WILL TAKE PART IN THE PARADE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT; GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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PUBLIC URGED TO HELP MAKE PLACE GREENER
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PROSPECTS OF A +GREENER PROFILE+ FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES' NEW TOWNS DEPENDED VERY MUCH ON PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, DR TANG SIU-TONG, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG EXERCISE SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING DURING A TOUR OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT, DR TANG CALLED ON PEOPLE TO PLANT MORE EVERGREEN AND FLOWERING PLANTS IN THE CURRENT PLANTING SEASON, AS PART OF THE MEI FA SCHEME TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN.

DR TANG NOTED THE DAMAGE CAUSED TO PLANTS THROUGH VANDALISM AND FLOWER PICKING, AND URGED PEOPLE TO LEAVE THE PLANTS AND FLOWERS FOR OTHERS TO ENJOY.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF YUEN LONG, MR CHAN TING-POR.

DURING HIS TWO-HOUR TOUR, DR TANG HEARD THAT SOME 17 000 TREES, SHRUBS, CREEPERS, GROUND COVER PLANTS AND SEASONAL FLOWERS HAD BEEN PLANTED IN YUEN LONG LAST YEAR TO TURN SOME OF THE BARE, NEWLY-DEVELOPED LAND INTO GREEN SPOTS FOR THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING TOWN AREA.

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IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, SOME 20 000 MORE PLANTS WILL ALSO BE PLANTED AT VARIOUS PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS, AMENITY PLOTS AND ROADSIDES IN THE DISTRICT.

DR TANG ALSO SAW CLEAN-UP WORK ON STREAMS AT YAU TAM MEI TSUEN AND WAI TSAI TSUEN.

THIS ON-GOING WORK ON A FEW SELECTED STREAMS AND RIVERS IS AIMED AT CLEARING AWAY REFUSE AND HELPING TO PREVENT RIVER FLOODING OF VARIOUS AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

DR TANG ALSO VISITED FAN TIN TSUEN VILLAGE IN SAN TIN, AND OBSERVED THAT THE NTSD AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE HAD RECENTLY MOUNTED A JOINT CLEAN-UP DRIVE OF THE AREA WITH THE HELP OF THE VILLAGERS.

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LAND EXECUTIVE WHO'S A STANDOUT

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THE FIRST WOMAN LAND EXECUTIVE TO WORK IN THE LANDS DEPARTMENT HAS PASSED THE LAND ADMINISTRATION COURSE.

MRS WONG WU SIU-YING, WHO JOINED THE LAND EXECUTIVE GRADE IN 1981, WAS ONE OF 26 LAND EXECUTIVES PRESENTED WITH THEIR CERTIFICATES TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, MR JOHN TODD.

THE LAND ADMINISTRATION COURSE IS A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSE RUN JOINTLY BY HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

SUBJECTS COVERED INCLUDE LAND SURVEYING AND MAP INTERPRETATION, VALUATION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, LAW RELATING TO LAND ADMINISTRATION, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT, ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT, AND ECONOMICS.

PRESENTING THE CERTIFICATES, MR TODD COMMENDED THE GRADUATES FOR HAVING WORKED HARD FOR THEIR EXAMINATION WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CONTINUING WITH THEIR NORMAL DAY-TO-DAY JOBS.

HE SAID THE ACADEMIC BOARD OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC HAD UPGRADED THE COURSE TO HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN LAND ADMINISTRATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE HIGH STANDARD OF THE COURSE.

SINCE THE COURSE STARTED IN 1974, A TOTAL OF 180 SERVING LAND EXECUTIVES, INCLUDING THE PRESENT 26, HAVE COMPLETED IT SUCCESSFULLY.

ANOTHER 40 ARE STILL ATTENDING THE COURSE.

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SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT FOR KWUN TONG
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A SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT IS BEING BUILT ON A 9 780-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF WAI YIP AND WING YIP STREETS, KWUN TONG, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF WATER IN EASTERN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

A CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACT VALUED AT \$26.5 MILLION HAS BEEN AWARDED TO MITSUI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT STARTED EARLY THIS MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED TOWARDS THE END OF 1986.

THE PLANT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR A POPULATION OF 940 000 AND 122 HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN NGAU TAU KOK, SAU MAU PING, LAM TIN AND KWUN TONG.

WHEN THE PLANT IS COMPLETED, EFFLUENT FROM DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA WILL BE TREATED BY SCREENING, GRIT REMOVAL AND SEDIMENTATION PROCESSES BEFORE BEING DISCHARGED INTO THE SEA THROUGH A SUBMARINE OUTFALL CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE OUTFALL, WHICH CONSISTS OF TWIN PIPELINES OF 2 100 MM IN DIAMETER, IS BEING LAID ON THE SEABED OFF WAI YIP STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 1 400 METRES OUT INTO VICTORIA HARBOUR.

THE TREATED SEWAGE WILL THEN BE DILUTED AND DISPERSED IN DEEP WATER, REDUCING POLLUTION OF THE HARBOUR.

THIS PART OF THE PROJECT, COSTING ABOUT \$35.5 MILLION, WILL BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER.

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MUSIC OFFICE TELLS ABOUT WORK
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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL BE SPENDING A WEEK FROM MONDAY (MAY 14) MAKING KNOWN ITS WORK.

IT WILL BE STAGING AN EXHIBITION AT THE KWUN TONG MUSIC CENTRE WHICH WILL INCLUDE VIDEO-TAPE DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISPLAYS OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND CHARTS ABOUT ITS VARIOUS TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND TERRITORY-WIDE MUSIC ACTIVITIES.

THE MUSIC OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1977 TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN MUSIC, ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE KWUN TONG MUSIC CENTRE IS LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF YAN HAU MANSION, 100 TING FU STREET, NGAU TAU KOK.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 7 PM, AND ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

GUIDED TOURS CAN BE ARRANGED BY APPOINTMENT FOR SCHOOLS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS. ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO 3-7561328.

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CLEARANCE ON PENG CHAU BEGINS
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ILLEGAL CANOPIES, DEBRIS, REFUSE AND UNWANTED ARTICLES WERE REMOVED TODAY (THURSDAY) FROM STREETS ON PENG CHAU DURING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DRIVE.

TODAY'S OPERATION IS THE START OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT'S LARGE-SCALE STREET OBSTRUCTION CLEARANCE EXERCISE JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

+FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSE, THE AREA NORTH OF THE OLD PENG CHAU FERRY PIER HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS SO THAT STREET OBSTRUCTIONS IN EACH SECTION CAN BE CLEARED WITHIN ONE DAY.

+THERE WILL BE ONE OPERATION DAY EVERY FORTNIGHT AND THE WHOLE CLEARANCE OPERATION FOR PENG CHAU FIRST PRIORITY ZONE WILL BE COMPLETED IN EIGHT WEEKS' TIME,+ MR RAYMOND WONG, ASSISTANT ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, SAID.

THE CLEARANCE EXERCISE, INITIATED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT STREET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND ENDORSED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, IS AIMED AT IDENTIFYING AREAS OF STREET OBSTRUCTION IN THE WHOLE DISTRICT AND CLEARING THEM STEP BY STEP.

FOR THE EXERCISE, THE FOUR ISLANDS OF CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU, LANTAU AND LAMMA ARE DIVIDED INTO 17 ZONES.

+CLEARANCES ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN PRIORITY OF HAZARDS AND OFFENSIVENESS, PROXIMITY AND THE EXTENT OF THE AREA,+ MR WONG SAID.

THE FIRST PHASE WAS CARRIED OUT ON THE FIRST PRIORITY ZONE OF CHEUNG CHAU BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

+WHEN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE OPERATION FOR THE FIRST PRIORITY ZONES OF THE FOUR ISLANDS IS COMPLETED, THE DRIVE WILL MOVE ONTO THE SECOND PRIORITY ZONES ON THE FOUR ISLANDS,+ HE SAID.

MR WONG ALSO URGED SHOP OWNERS AND THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO CO-OPERATE BY REMOVING THEIR ARTICLES AND GOODS THAT CAUSE OBSTRUCTION, AS WELL AS ILLEGAL CANOPIES.

+STRICT ENFORCEMENT WILL BE OBSERVED AND THE OBSTRUCTIONS IN QUESTION WILL BE REMOVED AGAIN IF THEY REAPPEAR,+ HE ADDED.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1984

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOUTH AWARD SCHEME

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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCHING OF A YOUTH AWARD SCHEME TO PROMOTE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED, WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (MAY 12) AT 3 PM AT KELLETT ROOM, EXCELSIOR HOTEL, THIRD FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE SCHEME, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PENINSULA JAYCEES AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AND SPONSORED BY THE SHELL COMPANY, IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SERIES OF PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ON REHABILITATION THIS YEAR.

AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE MR CHAN HOI-WAN AND MISS CONNIE CHIU OF THE PENINSULA JAYCEES, MRS MABLE HARVEY AND MR LAW KWOK-KEUNG OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND MR PETER NG OF THE SHELL COMPANY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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CHOSEN 12 TO SING FOR PRIZE

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST WILL BE HELD AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE ON SATURDAY (MAY 12) EVENING.

TWELVE CONTESTANTS, AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 32, HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FROM AMONG 300 ENTRANTS LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE CONTEST.

A LOCAL SINGER, MR TERRENCE CHOI, AND STUDENTS FROM THE BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL WILL BE GUEST PERFORMERS AT THE CONTEST.

ADJUDICATORS FOR THE CONTEST WILL BE A LYRICIST, MR CHENG KWOK-KWONG, A DISC JOCKEY FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, MR CHEUNG MAN-SUN, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED, MR KWAN SING-YAU.

THE CHAMPION OF THE NIGHT WILL REPRESENT KOWLOON CITY TO COMPETE WITH WINNERS OF OTHER 17 DISTRICTS IN A SEMI-FINAL ON AUGUST 11.

THE 18-DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST IS BEING HELD SINCE LATE MARCH TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND TO PUBLICISE THE COMING REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY (MAY 12) IN THE KO SHAN THEATRE.

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INDOOR GAMES HALL RE-OPENS SUNDAY

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THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON SUNDAY (MAY 13), ON COMPLETION OF MAINTENANCE WORK.

THE OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM DAILY, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ON-THE-SPOT BOOKINGS FOR INDIVIDUAL USE OF THE FACILITIES OF THE GAMES HALL FOR PLAYING BASKET-BALL, VOLLEY-BALL, BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS AND GYMNASTICS CAN BE ACCEPTED SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE.

ALLOCATION OF THE VENUE WILL BE MADE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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PROHIBITED ZONE

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THE TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE, FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 12).

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS TERMINUS.

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EARLY MORNING ROAD CLOSURE

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THE SECTION OF ROAD 4B BETWEEN THE BUS STOP FOR KMB ROUTES NOS. 50M, 53, 61 AND 67M AND ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH ROAD D9 WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5.45 AM FROM FRIDAY TO SUNDAY (MAY 11 TO 13) FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE HOURS OF CLOSURE, NO THROUGH TRAFFIC WILL BE ALLOWED ON ROAD 4B, AND DRIVERS ARE ADVISED TO OPERATE ALONG ROAD D9 TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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