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MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND
FOR APRIL 1982

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED STATISTICS FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY FOR APRIL 1982, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED ON A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES (CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979) AS WELL AS OF THE 43 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, BUT SHOULD GIVE USEFUL INDICATIONS OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED IN THE PLASTICS, FOOD AND DRINKS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES BUT DECLINED IN THE TEXTILES AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES IN APRIL 1982 AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH.

THE DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE CLOSURE OF TWO FACTORIES SURVEYED.

IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN GENERAL ROSE, NOTABLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY, FOLLOWED BY THE PLASTICS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. IN THE CASE OF FOOD AND DRINKS, THE INCREASE WAS DUE TO WAGE AND SALARY ADJUSTMENTS IN A NUMBER OF FACTORIES SURVEYED. HOWEVER, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DROPPED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AS A RESULT OF LESS OVERTIME WORKED IN A LARGE FACTORY.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN HOTELS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES ON ACCOUNT OF SALARY REVISION AND THE AWARD OF BONUSES IN A FEW COMPANIES SURVEYED.

THE OVERALL VOLUME OF ORDERS (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) HELD BY THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REMAINED STABLE IN APRIL 1982 AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH.

ORDERS ROSE IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY BUT DECLINED IN THE PLASTICS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT, PER CAPITA EARNINGS AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR APRIL 1982 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1.50 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7221914).

/STATISTICAL TABLE

Statistical Table of Monthly Survey of Employment, Payroll
and Orders-On-Hand for April, 1982

A. Employment and earnings

<u>Industry/Service</u>	<u>Persons engaged by the companies surveyed</u>			<u>Per capita earnings</u>			<u>Per capita earnings for April 1982 (HK\$)</u>
	<u>(% change over the preceding month)</u>						
	<u>Feb. 1982</u>	<u>Mar. 1982</u>	<u>April 1982</u>	<u>Feb. 1982</u>	<u>Mar. 1982</u>	<u>April 1982</u>	
<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-32</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2 118</u>
Food and drinks	1	*	1	-34	6	5	2 830
Wearing apparel, except footwear	*	-2	*	-26	4	1	1 813
Textiles, except wearing apparel	*	-2	-1	-41	10	1	2 030
Plastic products	*	2	2	-35	12	3	1 941
Fabricated metal products	-3	*	1	-35	7	-3	1 793
Electrical and electronic products	-4	-4	-3	-32	-1	3	2 034
Others	-2	-2	-2	-27	4	*	2 914
<u>Construction</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-27</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3 304</u>
<u>Services</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>-36</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3 794</u>
Banks	*	*	1	-38	5	2	3 416
Hotels	1	*	-1	-51	*	11	2 562
Public utilities	*	1	*	-38	2	5	3 580
Others	*	1	*	-24	*	6	6 047

B. Orders-on-hand in manufacturing

<u>Industry</u>	<u>(% change over the preceding month)</u>			<u>Orders-on-hand (in terms of months) for April 1982</u>
	<u>Feb. 1982</u>	<u>Mar. 1982</u>	<u>April 1982</u>	
Wearing apparel, except footwear	-2	-2	2	4.5
Textiles, except wearing apparel	4	*	*	2.4
Plastic products	14	5	-7	3.9
Fabricated metal products	3	-6	-3	2.9
Electrical and electronic products	2	*	*	4.9
Others	-3	-6	*	3.3
All above industries	3	-2	*	4.0

* Changes of less than 0.5%

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GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND
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ABOUT \$2 MILLION FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION IS TO BE ALLOCATED FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY) A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT WHICH ADMINISTERS THE FUND, SAID ORGANISATIONS NEEDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS CAPITAL FACILITIES SHOULD NOW APPLY FOR GRANTS.

CRITERIA FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS ARE THAT PROJECTS SHOULD BE PRINCIPALLY FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES= THEY SHOULD BENEFIT A LARGE SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON REASONABLE REQUEST= THEY SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY OF THE +BRICK AND MORTAR+ TYPE= THEY SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO DEVELOP THE INDIVIDUAL AND ENCOURAGE PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE TIME= AND THEY SHOULD PRIMARILY BENEFIT YOUNG PEOPLE.

IN ORDER TO ENABLE A REASONABLE NUMBER OF GRANTS TO BE APPROVED EACH YEAR, THE AMOUNT SOUGHT SHOULD NOT EXCEED \$200 000 EACH AND THE MORE EXPENSIVE PROJECT WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A STRICTER BASIS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT PREFERENCE WOULD BE GIVEN TO INITIATION OF NEW PROJECTS OF NEW AGENCIES WHICH HAVE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION OR ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER MAJOR SOURCES.

REQUESTS FROM SCHOOLS WILL GENERALLY BE REFERRED FOR COMMENTS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SIMILARLY APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECTS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE RELEVANT SPONSORING DEPARTMENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES, THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND ALSO FROM THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN DUPLICATE AND SENT TO THE SECRETARY, COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 3RD FLOOR, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG BEFORE AUGUST 1.

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TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT
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A FURTHER 51 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME THERE.

THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

ABOUT 48.6 HECTARES OF THE LAND TO BE FORMED WILL BE IN THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF TUEN MUN, FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR ABOUT 68 000 PEOPLE AND FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION, COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USES.

THE REMAINING 2.5 HECTARES WILL BE FORMED IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE TOWN, TO BE USED AS A VILLAGE RESITE AREA.

CONSTRUCTION OF MAIN DRAINAGE CULVERTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT WORK.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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TRAINING COURSES ON LABOUR LAWS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT TWO TRAINING COURSES ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE FOR EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, TRADE UNION OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE (LRS), THE COURSES ARE AIMED AT ENABLING THE PARTICIPANTS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROVISIONS AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS.

MR CHAN WING-KIT, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LRS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT RESPONSE FROM TRADE UNIONS, EMPLOYER'S ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WAS OVERWHELMING, AND ABOUT 900 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

AS THE COURSES CAN ACCOMMODATE ONLY 160 APPLICANTS, SEVEN MORE SIMILAR COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED LATER IN THE YEAR.

THE COURSES, CONSISTING OF TWO EVENING SESSIONS EACH, WILL COVER SUCH MATTERS AS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, PAYMENT OF AND DEDUCTION FROM WAGES, TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, SEVERANCE PAYMENT, REST DAYS, STATUTORY HOLIDAYS, ANNUAL LEAVE, SICK LEAVE AND MATERNITY LEAVE.

THE FIRST COURSE WILL BEGIN AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AT 5.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (JUNE 16 AND 17), AND LECTURES WILL BE GIVEN BY OFFICERS FROM THE LRS'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT. THE SECOND COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY (JUNE 22 AND 24) AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE.

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OBJECTIVE TESTING FOR CANDIDATES OF PLEASURE VESSEL
CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY
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APPLICANTS FOR PLEASURE VESSEL CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY WILL BE SUBJECTED TO AN 'OBJECTIVE' WRITTEN TEST LASTING 50 MINUTES STARTING FROM NEXT MONTH.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY) A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE TEST WAS BEING INTRODUCED IN VIEW OF THE LARGE DEMAND FOR SUCH CERTIFICATES.

HE SAID EXAMINATIONS FOR PLEASURE VESSEL MASTER CERTIFICATES WILL BEGIN IN JULY WHILE THOSE FOR PLEASURE VESSEL ENGINEER CERTIFICATES WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID HE ANTICIPATED THAT ALL EXISTING APPLICANTS FOR THE MASTER CERTIFICATE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE EXAMINED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

HE URGED CANDIDATES INTERESTED IN OBTAINING THESE CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY TO REPLY TO MARINE DEPARTMENT LETTERS ADVISING THEM OF THEIR APPOINTMENT FOR A TEST.

+THESE LETTERS ARE DESPATCHED BY RECORDED DELIVERY AND FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN THE APPLICATION BEING CANCELLED, AND THE FEE FORFEITED AS IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE CANDIDATE IS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN OBTAINING THE CERTIFICATE,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE SAID THAT OF THE FIRST 500 LETTERS DESPATCHED SOME 250 PEOPLE HAD NOT REPLIED BY THE REQUIRED DATE.

THIS, HE SAID, HAD RESULTED IN THE NECESSITY TO DESPATCH FURTHER LETTERS TO FILL THE VACANCY.

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT AND FORFEITURE OF THE FEE DUE TO INCORRECT ADDRESS, CANDIDATES WERE BEING ASKED TO FORWARD A SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH THE RECEIPT NUMBER AND DATE OF THEIR ORIGINAL APPLICATION WRITTEN ON IT.

ANY PERSON WHO HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN AN APPOINTMENT DATE AND IS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN TAKING THE EXAMINATION MAY CANCEL THEIR APPLICATION AND APPLY FOR A REFUND.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NORTH POINT

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN NORTH POINT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 16).

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, CHEUNG HONG STREET BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND FORT STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND WHILE THE SECTION OF NORTH VIEW STREET BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND FORT STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

THE SECTION OF FORT STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG HONG STREET AND NORTH VIEW STREET WILL ALSO BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

MEANWHILE, THE BUS-ONLY LANE ON THE WESTBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN MANSION STREET AND LAU LI STREET WILL BE RESCINDED FROM 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 16).

THIS WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE EASTBOUND KERBSIDE BUS-ONLY LANE OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN POWER STREET AND NORTH POINT ROAD.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WONG NAI CHUNG GAP-ROAD

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THE NORTH-BOUND SECTION OF WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN END OF THE STUBBS ROAD FLYOVER AND THE TAI HANG ROAD ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 12.30 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 15) FOR ROAD WORKS.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5.30 AM DAILY FOR SEVEN MORNINGS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE THE STUBBS ROAD FLYOVER.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 56.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 323.805 MILLION CUBIC METRES, EQUIVALENT TO 226 DAYS' COMSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 227.555 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 39.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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