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MID-YEAR SURVEY OF ECONOMIC PROSPECTS 1981

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR TO ASCERTAIN THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR FROM A SAMPLE OF SOME 500 PROMINENT MANUFACTURERS.

SURVEYS OF ECONOMIC PROSPECTS ARE CONDUCTED TWICE A YEAR BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, LARGELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WITH ORGANISED FEEDBACK FROM INDUSTRY, AS ONE OF MANY SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR ASSESSING THE SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK OF THE ECONOMY.

THE MID-YEAR SURVEY WAS DESIGNED TO REVIEW THE OPINIONS OF THOSE MANUFACTURERS WHO WERE COVERED IN A PRECEDING SURVEY CONDUCTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR ON EXPORT ORDERS AND OTHER RELATED BUSINESS TOPICS.

MANUFACTURERS INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY EXPECTED THE VOLUME OF THEIR EXPORT ORDERS IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR TO BE TWO PER CENT MORE THAN IN THE SECOND HALF OF LAST YEAR. THIS IS LOWER THAN WAS IMPLIED IN THE REVISED FORECAST GROWTH RATE OF SEVEN PER CENT IN REAL TERMS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR THE YEAR AS A WHOLE GIVEN BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS MID-YEAR ECONOMIC REVIEW SPEECH.

WHILE OPINIONS NECESSARILY DIFFER DEPENDING ON THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION, EXPERIENCE OF SIMILAR SURVEYS CONDUCTED IN THE PAST SHOWS THAT MANUFACTURERS TEND TO BE RATHER CONSERVATIVE ABOUT THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK. FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR MANUFACTURERS EXPECTED THE VOLUME OF EXPORT ORDERS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1981 TO BE TWO PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1980, BUT THE ACTUAL GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TURNED OUT TO BE SIX PER CENT. ALLOWING FOR THIS, THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE MANUFACTURERS IN THE MID-YEAR SURVEY WERE BROADLY CONSISTENT WITH THE OFFICIAL FORECAST.

THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED EXPECTED THAT BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTHS AHEAD MIGHT BE BETTER IN THE UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM AND JAPAN THAN IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THEY ALSO EXPECTED THAT THE PLASTICS, ELECTRONICS, FOOD AND PRINTING INDUSTRIES WOULD FARE BETTER THAN THE WATCHES AND CLOCKS, TEXTILES AND METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN LINE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF ORDERS, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FACTORIES SURVEYED WAS ALSO EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY TWO PER CENT IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1981 COMPARED WITH THE SECOND HALF OF 1980. CORRESPONDINGLY, THE WAGE RATES OF OPERATIVES WERE EXPECTED TO RISE BY 10 PER CENT, THE PRICE OF MATERIAL INPUTS BY SEVEN PER CENT, AND THE PRICES OF PRODUCTS FOR EXPORTS BY FIVE PER CENT.

FIFTY-SIX PER CENT OF THE MANUFACTURERS COVERED BY THE SURVEY EXPECTED THEIR PROFIT MARGINS TO BE NARROWER AS A RESULT OF THESE PRICE TRENDS, BUT 17 PER CENT OF THEM LOOKED FORWARD TO BETTER PROFIT MARGINS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

/MOST MANUFACTURERS

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MOST MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED DID NOT, HOWEVER, ENVISAGE MUCH CHANGE IN THEIR LABOUR RECRUITMENT SITUATION.

PRODUCTION CAPACITY, AS MEASURED BY MACHINERY INSTALLATIONS AND FACTORY FLOOR SPACE, SHOULD EXPAND BY ABOUT FIVE PER CENT IN 1981 ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED. THEY EXPECTED TO UTILISE 86 PER CENT OF THEIR TOTAL CAPACITY ON THE AVERAGE DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR.

SIXTY-TWO LEADING CONTRACTORS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR WERE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY.

THEIR EMPLOYMENT WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY NINE PER CENT IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1981 COMPARED WITH THE SECOND HALF OF 1980, WHILE BUILDING MATERIAL PRICES WERE EXPECTED TO RISE BY NINE PER CENT AND THE WAGE RATES OF OPERATIVES BY 12 PER CENT. THE CONTRACTORS SURVEYED EXPECTED TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF THEIR MACHINERY BY 13 PER CENT DURING 1981.

A REPORT ON THE MID-YEAR SURVEY OF ECONOMIC PROSPECTS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, HONG KONG, AT \$2 A COPY TOMORROW. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTIONS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7221914).

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SYSTEM

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A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON +RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SYSTEM+ IS CONTAINED IN THE JULY 1981 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

AS HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ECONOMIC STATISTICS SYSTEM, A HIGH PRIORITY IS PLACED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THEIR EFFECTIVE PRODUCTION AND TIMELY RELEASE.

THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES IN DETAIL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN IMPROVING THE COMPLETENESS, RELIABILITY, TIMELINESS AND INTERNATIONAL COMPARABILITY OF TRADE STATISTICS, AND IN PROVIDING BETTER MEASURES OF CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, PRICES AND VOLUMES.

THE BASIC DOCUMENTS USED IN PROCESSING AND COMPILING TRADE STATISTICS ARE TRADE DECLARATIONS AND CARGO MANIFESTS.

UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE REQUIRED TO LODGE WITH THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE IMPORT AND EXPORT/RE-EXPORT DECLARATIONS WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION OF THE GOODS, AND SIMILARLY, SHIPPING AND AIRLINE COMPANIES AND AGENTS ARE REQUIRED TO LODGE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE CARGO MANIFESTS WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE OF THE CARRIERS.

A PENALTY CHARGE IS PAYABLE IF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT/RE-EXPORT DECLARATIONS ARE LODGED AFTER THE SPECIFIED 14-DAY PERIOD.

TO ENSURE COMPLETE COVERAGE OF THE TRADE STATISTICS, THE TRADE DECLARATIONS RECEIVED FROM IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE CHECKED AGAINST THE CARGO MANIFESTS RECEIVED FROM SHIPPING AND AIRLINE COMPANIES AND AGENTS, IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY UNDECLARED SHIPMENTS AND TO ISSUE REMINDERS FOR OUTSTANDING DECLARATIONS.

THE DATA ELEMENTS PROVIDED BY IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ON THE TRADE DECLARATIONS ARE CHECKED FOR ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS BEFORE BEING PUT INTO THE COMPUTER.

THE CHECKERS ARE EXPERIENCED IN COMMODITY AND COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION, AS WELL AS TRADE FLOWS AND PRICE RANGE CHECKS. IN CASES WHERE DECLARATIONS ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING UNDERVALUED, THE IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS CONCERNED ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT INVOICES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR VERIFICATION.

AS A RESULT OF VARIOUS MEASURES ADOPTED TO INCLUDE AS MUCH VALIDATED TRADE DATA AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE CURRENT MONTH'S TRADE STATISTICS, A VERY HIGH PROPORTION OF SHIPMENT COVERAGE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, WITH THE CURRENT MONTH'S DATA USUALLY REPRESENTING OVER 90 PER CENT OF THE ACTUAL SHIPMENTS. THE REMAINDER REPRESENTS LATE DECLARATIONS IN RESPECT OF SHIPMENTS EFFECTED IN EARLIER MONTHS.

PROVISIONAL TOTAL VALUES FOR EACH TYPE OF TRADE ARE USUALLY AVAILABLE WITH THREE TO FOUR WEEKS AFTER THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

A PRESS RELEASE GIVING THE TRADE VALUES OF THE LARGEST TRADING PARTNERS AND THE MAIN COMMODITIES TRADED, IS PUBLISHED FIVE TO SIX WEEKS AFTER THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ IS ON SALE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE PRESS RELEASE, AND THE +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+ REPORT ABOUT TWO TO THREE WEEKS LATER.

TO GIVE AN INDICATION OF TRADE CHANGES IN REAL TERMS, QUANTUM INDEXES ARE COMPILED BY DEFLATING TRADE VALUE INDEXES BY UNIT VALUE INDEXES.

A NEW MEASURE OF CHANGES IN THE PHYSICAL VOLUME AND WEIGHT OF TRADE WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE SHIPPING/PORTS/CARGO STATISTICS SYSTEM, AT PRESENT BEING PLANNED, IS IMPLEMENTED.

THE JULY 1981 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT HK\$14 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, HONG KONG.

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INDUSTRIALISTS URGED TO SAVE WATER

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THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WILLIAM TUCKER, TODAY APPEALED TO ALL INDUSTRIALISTS TO PLAY THEIR PART IN THE COMMUNITY'S EFFORT TO SAVE WATER.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR FACTORIES IN INDUSTRIAL ZONES TO CONTINUE RECEIVING FULL SUPPLY DURING WATER RESTRICTIONS, THIS DID NOT RELIEVE THEM OF THEIR DUTY TO ECONOMISE ON THE USE OF WATER AND AVOID WASTE.

LETTERS WOULD BE SENT TO ALL INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ENLISTING THEIR CO-OPERATION AND SUGGESTING VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH THEY COULD HELP SAVE WATER.

+WE HAVE ALSO SET UP A HOT LINE (5-7900212) SO THAT INDUSTRIALISTS WHOSE FACTORIES ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE INDUSTRIAL ZONES CAN CONTACT US IF THEY EXPERIENCE ANY DIFFICULTY DURING RESTRICTION HOURS,+ HE SAID.

MR TUCKER URGED FACTORY OWNERS TO EDUCATE THEIR EMPLOYEES IN SAVING WATER.

IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT REGULAR LEAKAGE TESTS WERE MADE PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO CONCEALED PIPING TO AVOID WASTE, HE SAID.

CHECKS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE FOR OVERFLOWING TANKS, WORN TAP WASHERS AND OTHER POSSIBLE DEFECTS.

THE INDUSTRIAL ZONES WHICH WILL RECEIVE FULL WATER SUPPLY ARE AS FOLLOWS :

HONG KONG

A WONG CHUK HANG

NORTH BOUNDED BY YIP KAN STREET AND TONG BIN LANE

EAST BOUNDED BY YIP FAT STREET

SOUTH BOUNDED BY HEUNG YIP ROAD

WEST BOUNDED BY ABERDEEN POLICE STATION

B QUARRY BAY

(A) INDUSTRIAL AREA ON BOTH EAST AND WEST SIDE OF WESTLAND ROAD

(B) INDUSTRIAL AREA ON THE NORTH, EAST AND WEST SIDE OF SHIPYARD LANE

C CHAI WAN

- (A) INDUSTRIAL AREA BOUNDED BY HONG MAN STREET,
NING FOO STREET AND KUT SHING STREET
- (B) INDUSTRIAL AREA BOUNDED ON THE EAST AND WEST
SIDE OF SUN YIP STREET AND ON YIP STREET

D NORTH POINT

INDUSTRIAL AREA ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDE OF
HEALTHY STREET EAST AND BOUNDED BY JAVA ROAD
ON THE NORTH AND KING'S ROAD ON THE SOUTH

E TIN WAN

- (A) INDUSTRIAL AREA BOUNDED BY TIN WAN PRAYA ROAD
AND SEA FRONT
- (B) INDUSTRIAL AREA BOUNDED BY YUE WOK STREET,
YUE KO STREET AND YUE LEI STREET

KOWLOON

A CHEUNG SHA WAN

NORTH BOUNDED BY CHING CHEUNG ROAD

EAST BOUNDED BY TSAP FAI STREET
KWONG CHEONG STREET AND
CHEUNG SHA WAN PATH

SOUTH BOUNDED BY LAI CHI KOK ROAD

WEST BOUNDED BY KOM TSUN STREET AND
CHEUNG MOU STREET

B SAN PO KONG

NORTH BOUNDED BY CHOI HUNG ROAD

EAST BOUNDED BY SZE MEI STREET

SOUTH BOUNDED BY PRINCE EDWARD ROAD

WEST BOUNDED BY SHEUNG HEI STREET AND
TSEUK LUK STREET

/C YAU TONG

C YAU TONG

NORTH BOUNDED BY KO FAI ROAD
EAST BOUNDED BY CHA KWO LING ROAD
SOUTH BOUNDED BY SHUNG SHUN STREET
WEST BOUNDED BY HARBOUR FRONTAGE

D KWUN TONG

NORTH BOUNDED BY KWUN TONG ROAD, HONG TAK ROAD
AND TAI YIP STREET
EAST BOUNDED BY KING YIP STREET
SOUTH BOUNDED BY HOI BUN ROAD AND ITS NEW EXTENSION
WEST BOUNDED BY A NEW ROAD BETWEEN WAI YIP STREET
AND SIU YIP STREET

NEW TERRITORIES

A CHAI WAN KOK

NORTH BOUNDED BY CASTLE PEAK ROAD
EAST BOUNDED BY TAI CHUNG ROAD
SOUTH BOUNDED BY HARBOUR FRONTAGE
WEST BOUNDED BY CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT MILESTONE 10

B TSUEN WAN

NORTH BOUNDED BY CASTLE PEAK ROAD
EAST BOUNDED BY TEXACO ROAD
SOUTH BOUNDED BY TEXACO ROAD
WEST BOUNDED BY MA TAU PA STREET, LUEN YAN STREET
AND KWAN MUN KAU STREET

C KWAI CHUNG

NORTH BOUNDED BY WO YI HOP ROAD
EAST BOUNDED BY WO YIP HOP ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD
SOUTH BOUNDED BY TAI LIN PAI ROAD
WEST BOUNDED BY KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND CHEUNG WING STREET

D HA KWAI CHUNG

NORTH BOUNDED BY TEXACO ROAD, GIN DRINKER BAY ROAD
AND KWAI FUK ROAD

EAST BOUNDED BY KWAI CHUNG ROAD

SOUTH BOUNDED BY HARBOUR FRONTAGE

WEST BOUNDED BY HARBOUR FRONTAGE

E FO TAN

NORTH-EAST BOUNDED BY WO SHUI STREET

SOUTH-EAST BOUNDED BY KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY

SOUTH-WEST BOUNDED BY FO TAN NULLAH

NORTH-WEST BOUNDED BY WO LIU HANG ROAD

F TAI PO

NORTH BOUNDED BY TING KOK ROAD

EAST BOUNDED BY HARBOUR FRONTAGE

SOUTH BOUNDED BY HARBOUR FRONTAGE

WEST BOUNDED BY DAI FAT STREET

G YUEN LONG

(KIU TAU WAI INDUSTRIAL AREA)
DD 127 LOTS 354-363 AND 384

H TUEN MUN

NORTH BOUNDED BY SHEK PAI TAU ROAD

EAST BOUNDED BY RIVER CHANNEL

SOUTH BOUNDED BY HUNG CHEUNG ROAD

WEST BOUNDED BY MING KUM ROAD

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TEXTILE INDUSTRY'S TRAINING NEEDS SURVEYED
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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY BEGAN TODAY (THURSDAY) TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE 16-DAY SURVEY, THE SIXTH IN A SERIES, IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR FEI LEE, SAID THAT BASED ON THE SURVEY FINDING, THE BOARD WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANPOWER PLANNING AND TRAINING TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO 700 TEXTILE MILLS TO BE COVERED IN THE SURVEY.

SURVEY INTERVIEWING OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT EACH OF THE MILLS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING AND TO COLLECT THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE INFORMATION WHICH EMPLOYERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INCLUDES:

- (I) THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT PRESENT EMPLOYED,
- (II) THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT PRESENT UNDER TRAINING,
- (III) THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES, AND
- (IV) A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES REQUIRED FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

MR LEE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL MILL.

+AS THE INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM THIS SURVEY WILL ASSIST THE TRAINING BOARD IN DRAWING UP TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY, ALL EMPLOYERS COVERED IN THE SURVEY ARE REQUESTED TO OFFER THEIR FULL CO-OPERATION,+ HE ADDED.

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SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD SPENDS \$75 000 ON ARTS FORTNIGHT
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SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD IS TO SPEND \$75 000 ON AN ARTS FORTNIGHT TO BE HELD IN THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER.

THE ALLOCATION WAS APPROVED AT A BOARD MEETING YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) WHEN A PROGRAMME FOR THE FORTNIGHT WAS DISCUSSED.

IT WAS AGREED THAT AN EXHIBITION OF SHA TIN HISTORY, CONCERTS, CANTONESE OPERAS, PUPPET AND ACROBATIC SHOWS AND DANCE AND DRAMA PERFORMANCES WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME.

THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION, THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE IS \$300 000. APART FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD ALLOCATION, THE BALANCE WILL BE MET BY TICKET SALES AND PRIVATE DONATIONS.

MORE THAN 25 000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL BE HELD IN SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY HALLS, PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS AND OPEN SPACES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THE FORTNIGHT WOULD BE THE FORERUNNER TO A LARGE SCALE ARTS FESTIVAL NEXT YEAR.

HE SAID IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD A LARGE NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE 240 000 PEOPLE WHO WILL BE LIVING IN THE NEW TOWN BY 1984 WHEN A CULTURAL COMPLEX AND LIBRARY IN THE CENTRAL AREA ARE COMPLETED.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM WITH 1 400 SEATS, AN EXHIBITION AREA, LECTURE ROOMS, A LIBRARY WITH A FLOOR AREA OF 3 300 SQUARE METRES AND A RESTAURANT.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE \$160 MILLION PROJECT WILL BEGIN SOON.

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SHA TIN SLIP ROAD TO CLOSE FOR WEEK

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THE WESTBOUND SLIP ROAD OFF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD, NEAR LEK YUEN ESTATE, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM SATURDAY (OCTOBER 3) TO OCTOBER 10 TO FACILITATE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE SHA TIN STATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, WESTBOUND KMB ROUTES NO. 70, 70A, 70M, 71, 72, 72A, 86, 87, 88, 88A, 88B, 89 AND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS NO. 170 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA YUEN WO ROAD AND ROAD P6 TO REJOIN TAI PO ROAD.

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CANTONESE OPERAS AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL

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EXTRACTS FROM SIX WELL-KNOWN CANTONESE OPERAS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE HON FUNG CANTONESE OPERA INSTITUTE, AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM ON OCTOBER 5 AND 6, AT 7.30 PM.

THE OPERAS WILL INCLUDE THE WELL-KNOWN +RETRIEVAL OF CHIU'S JADE+, +MISTRESS S'U+, +THE CAPITULATION OF KING LI+, AND +BUTTERFLY LOVERS+.

+RETRIEVAL OF CHIU'S JADE+ TAKES PLACE IN THE WARRING YEARS AND TELLS HOW A DIPLOMAT'S SKILL HELPS TO PRESERVE HIS LIFE, PEACE BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF CHIN AND CHIU AS WELL AS THE PRECIOUS JADE OF CHIU.

+MISTRESS S'U+ UNFOLDS A TRAGIC LOVE STORY BETWEEN A SOUGHT-AFTER BELLE AND A YOUNG MASTER.

+THE CAPITULATION OF KING LI+, DEPICTS THE HISTORICAL FACT OF THE CAPITULATION AND DISGRACE WHICH AWAIT KING LI, THE LAST KING OF THE SOUTH TANG KINGDOM.

THE +BUTTERFLY LOVERS+ TELLS OF THE LOVE OF LIANG SHAN BAI AND CHUK YIN TAI, AND DESCRIBES HOW THEY TRANSFORM INTO A PAIR OF BUTTERFLIES.

TICKETS AT \$5, \$10, \$15 AND \$20 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT (OCTOBER 3) AT 7.30 PM, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WILL PRESENT A PIANO RECITAL BY WOLFRAM LORENZEN AT THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF THE TOWN HALL. TICKETS AT \$7 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE.

THE URBAN COUNCIL'S HONG KONG REPERTORY THEATRE WILL STAGE TWO CANTONESE DRAMAS, +DRAGON DANCE+ AND +CHI-WAI AND HIS ROBOT+, AT THE YUEN LONG LUT SAU HALL ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 4) AT 3 PM. TICKETS AT \$5 AND \$10 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE AND YUEN LONG PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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WATERLOO ROAD TO BE CLOSED THREE MORNINGS

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WATERLOO ROAD, BETWEEN YIM PO FONG STREET AND PEACE AVENUE, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON OCTOBER 4, 7 AND 8, TO ALLOW WORK ON DEMOLITION OF A KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO DUNDAS STREET, KWONG WA STREET, YIM PO FONG STREET AND ARGYLE STREET. WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO HO MAN TIN STREET, HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD, WYLIE ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD.

YIM PO FONG STREET AND WYLIE ROAD WILL REMAIN OPEN TO BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH-BOUND TRAFFIC.

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