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SUMMARY OF BENCHMARK ECONOMIC CENSUS
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THE OCTOBER 1982 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A REVIEW ARTICLE ON THE SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE FIRST BENCHMARK ECONOMIC CENSUS OF HONG KONG'S STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS, AND OF A SIMPLIFIED SURVEY OF TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE REFERENCE YEAR 1980.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE TWO STATISTICAL ENQUIRIES WAS TO PROVIDE BASIC STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE, AND PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMIC SECTORS CONCERNED, AND AN EVALUATION OF THE SECTORS' CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED.

THE ARTICLE PRESENTS THE SUMMARY RESULTS IN TWO PARTS, PART I ON THE CENSUS OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES AND PART II ON THE SURVEY OF TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS.

WHILE PART I CONTAINS AN ANALYSIS OF THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE CENSUS RESULTS BY SECTOR, WITH SEPARATE TABLES OF PRINCIPAL STATISTICS ANALYSED BY SERVICE GROUP, EMPLOYMENT SIZE, AND INCOME AND RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING ESTABLISHMENTS, PART II PROVIDES A DETAILED ANALYSIS BY SERVICE GROUP OF TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING TABLES OF PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR REPORTING ESTABLISHMENTS.

A TABLE SUMMARISING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE VARIOUS SECTORS AS REVEALED IN THE ARTICLE, IS ATTACHED.

IN 1980, 183 STORAGE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND IN OPERATION, WITH A WORKFORCE OF 4 064 PERSONS.

THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED \$665 MILLION OF INCOME AND RECEIPTS, PAID OUT \$117 MILLION IN COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$350 MILLION IN OPERATING EXPENSES, AND CONTRIBUTED \$354 MILLION TO VALUE ADDED.

IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR, 50 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND IN OPERATION DURING 1980, ENGAGING 16 010 PERSONS. TOTAL INCOME AND RECEIPTS GENERATED BY THE SECTOR WERE \$2 814 MILLION, WITH \$643 MILLION SPENT ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$641 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES. THEIR VALUE ADDED AMOUNTED TO \$2 164 MILLION.

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THERE WERE 1 847 FINANCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION DURING 1980, INCLUDING BILL DISCOUNTING COMPANIES, CREDIT INSTITUTIONS, LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANIES, PAWNSHOPS, INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES, SECURITY, COMMODITY AND GOLD BULLION BROKERS AND DEALERS, MONEY CHANGERS, AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE BROKERS AND DEALERS, BUT EXCLUDING BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES. THIS SECTOR, WITH A WORKFORCE OF 15 582 PERSONS, GENERATED \$8 417 MILLION OF INCOME AND RECEIPTS, AND PAID OUT \$647 MILLION IN COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$1 931 MILLION IN OPERATING EXPENSES. THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO VALUE ADDED WAS \$1 568 MILLION.

DURING 1980, 540 INSURANCE COMPANIES, ENGAGING 7 016 PERSONS, GENERATED \$1 467 MILLION OF GROSS OUTPUT, SPENT \$327 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$242 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES. VALUE ADDED WAS \$323 MILLION.

1 885 BUSINESS SERVICES ESTABLISHMENTS WERE IN OPERATION IN 1980. THIS SECTOR, WITH A WORKFORCE OF 26 482 PERSONS, COMPRISED LEGAL, ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND DATA PROCESSING FIRMS; BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING, ADVERTISING, DESIGNING, SECRETARIAL AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES; AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND LEASING SERVICES. THEIR TOTAL INCOME AND RECEIPTS AMOUNTED TO \$3 629 MILLION. \$940 MILLION WERE SPENT ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$1 652 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES. THE SECTOR CONTRIBUTED \$1 957 MILLION TO VALUE ADDED.

26 156 TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS HAD OPERATED DURING 1980, ENGAGING A TOTAL OF 110 784 PERSONS. TOTAL INCOME AND RECEIPTS OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE ESTIMATED TO BE \$22 246 MILLION, WITH \$3 069 MILLION SPENT ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$16 961 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES. VALUE ADDED GENERATED BY THE SECTOR AMOUNTED TO \$6 691 MILLION.

MORE DETAILED ANALYSES ARE INCLUDED IN THE OCTOBER 1982 ISSUE OF THE MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS, NOW AVAILABLE AT \$18 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

Summary statistics for reporting establishments in the
transport, storage, communications, financing, insurance and business services sectors

Sector	Number of establishments	Number of persons engaged	Number of employees	Compensation of employees	Operating expenses	Income and receipts/ gross output	Value added
				\$ million	\$ million	\$ million	\$ million
Storage	183	4 064	4 031	117	350	665	354
Communications	50	16 010	15 993	643	641	2 814	2 164
Financing	1 847	15 582	14 145	647	1 931	8 417	1 568
Insurance	540	7 016	6 797	327	242	1 467	323
Business services	1 885	26 482	24 603	940	1 652	3 629	1 957
Transport	26 156	110 784	83 927	3 069	16 961	22 246	6 691

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KCRC BOARD APPOINTED
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION ORDINANCE 1982 IS BROUGHT INTO OPERATION WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY. A FURTHER NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION AND ITS MANAGING BOARD.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD IS TO BE MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, WHO HAS HELD MANY PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS IN HIS CAREER AND IS AT PRESENT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE:-

MR T.J. BEDFORD, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG LAND COMPANY LIMITED, AND HOLDER OF SEVERAL OTHER PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS;

MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, WHO IS THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CABLE AND WIRELESS (HONG KONG) LTD AND AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ;

MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, WHO IS A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, AND HOLDS A NUMBER OF OTHER PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING BEING AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ;

MISS LYDIA DUNN, WHO IS AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ALSO HOLDS MANY OTHER PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS.

THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION AND ITS MANAGING BOARD. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION IS UNDER THE ORDINANCE AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE CORPORATION AND ITS MANAGING BOARD.

BRINGING THE ORDINANCE INTO OPERATION CREATES THE CORPORATION AND ENABLES IT TO PREPARE ITSELF FOR ASSUMING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OPERATING THE KCR. THE CORPORATION CAN THEREFORE AT ITS FIRST MEETINGS TAKE STEPS TO APPOINT VARIOUS OFFICERS, SPECIFY AND DELEGATE ITS POWERS TO ITS OFFICERS, APPROVE FINANCIAL PROCEDURES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR STAFF, AND SO ON.

AT A LATER DATE, AT PRESENT INTENDED TO BE FEBRUARY 1, THE CORPORATION WILL BE VESTED WITH THE ASSETS OF THE RAILWAY, SUCH AS THE LAND, BUILDINGS, ROLLING STOCK AND WORKING CAPITAL, AND WILL FROM THAT DATE BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RAILWAY. THIS STAGE WILL BE FORMALLY NOTIFIED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE ORDINANCE DECLARING +THE APPOINTED DAY+ ON WHICH THE PROPERTY, RIGHTS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE RAILWAY WILL BE VESTED IN THE CORPORATION.

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INCREASED SECURITY AT FERRY TERMINALS
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NEW REGULATIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY AT TERMINALS USED FOR FERRY SERVICES OPERATING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND BOTH CHINA AND MACAU.

THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (HONG KONG - CHINA AND MACAU FERRY TERMINALS) REGULATIONS 1982, WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW, WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON A DAY TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THEY ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO EXERCISE GREATER CONTROL THAN ALREADY EXISTS WITH HONG KONG - MACAU SERVICES BY THE DECLARATION OF CERTAIN PARTS OF THE TERMINALS AS RESTRICTED AREAS AND BY THE ISSUE OF DIFFERENT PASSES FOR ENTRY TO SUCH AREAS. THEY ALSO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF CONTROL TO INCLUDE EXTERNAL FERRY SERVICES TO CHINA.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IMPROVED SECURITY WOULD, IN PARTICULAR, MAKE ATTEMPTS TO ENTER HONG KONG ILLEGALLY THROUGH THE TERMINALS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

THE NEW REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR A MORE STRINGENT PASS SYSTEM IN RESPECT OF ENTRY TO RESTRICTED AREAS OF BOTH HONG KONG - MACAU AND HONG KONG - CHINA FERRY TERMINALS.

A NEW PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUE OF ALL PASSES WILL BE INTRODUCED. THERE WILL BE THREE TYPES OF PASSES:

- CREW PASSES, FOR THE CREWS OF THE VESSELS CONCERNED;
- RESTRICTED AREA PASSES, FOR PERSONS WHO BY THE NATURE OF THEIR WORK REQUIRE FREQUENT AND REGULAR ACCESS TO A RESTRICTED AREA; AND
- POOL PASSES, FOR AUTHORISED OFFICERS AND PERSONS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACCESS FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A NEW PROCEDURE FOR THE DISPLAY, LOSS, REPLACEMENT, REVOCATION AND VALIDITY OF PASSES.

A RANGE OF NEW OFFENCES IS CONTAINED IN THE REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES ARE RAISED, THE MAXIMUM BEING A FINE OF \$20 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY PROVIDED FOR AT THE MOMENT IS A FINE OF \$2 000.

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+AMNESTY+ RUMOURS CIRCULATE AGAIN
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THE RUMOUR MONGERS ARE AT IT AGAIN.

AND THIS TIME THEY HOPE TO CASH IN BY DECEIVING PEOPLE THAT THERE WILL BE AN +AMNESTY+ FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS OVER THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

+ONE WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTREMELY FOOLISH TO FALL FOR THIS ONE,+ THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, REMARKED TODAY.

+THIS TIME THE SNAKEHEADS REALLY ARE STRETCHING THE IMAGINATION, BUT IT DOES INDICATE THAT THESE UNSCRUPULOUS PEOPLE WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO MAKE A PROFIT OUT OF OTHERS, REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES TO THEIR VICTIMS,+ HE SAID.

THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, WAS QUITE CLEAR. +THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE COURSE WE HAVE ADOPTED SINCE THE ABOLITION OF THE 'REACHED BASE' POLICY IN OCTOBER 1980.

+THIS MEANS THAT ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE RETURNED NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE APPREHENDED IN HONG KONG. NEITHER WILL THEY BE ISSUED WITH IDENTITY CARDS, NOR WILL THEY BE ALLOWED TO WORK HERE,+ HE STRESSED.

MR WILLIAMSON SAID THAT FAR FROM RELAXING THEIR GUARD, THE SECURITY FORCES AT THE BORDER, SEA APPROACHES AND THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WOULD BE MAINTAINING THEIR VIGILANCE DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.

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WARNING ON USE OF GAS WATER HEATERS
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THE GOVERNMENT IS MAKING A RENEWED APPEAL TO GAS WATER-HEATER USERS TO UPGRADE THE UNSAFE INSTALLATIONS THEY MAY NOW BE USING IN THEIR BATHROOMS.

A NEW SAFETY MESSAGE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR TELEVISION AND RADIO, AND WILL BE BROADCAST FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THE COLD SEASON TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT WHEN GAS WATER-HEATERS ARE USED, BATHROOMS MUST BE WELL VENTILATED TO PREVENT THE PRODUCTION OF DEADLY CARBON MONOXIDE, BY HAVING THE WINDOW OR DOOR OPEN WIDE, UNLESS THE HEATER IS ONE OF THE ROOM-SEALED TYPES.

MODELS OF THESE POTENTIALLY UNSAFE HEATERS, THE SINK (OR FLUELESS) TYPE AND THE CONVENTIONAL (OR OPEN) FLUE TYPE, WILL BE SHOWN FOR IDENTIFICATION ON TV. VIEWERS USING THEM WILL BE URGED TO REPLACE THEM WITH ONE OF THE NEW TYPES DEVELOPED FOR HONG KONG WHICH CAN BE EASILY INSTALLED, OR IN SOME CASES TO HAVE THEM MODIFIED AND MADE SAFER.

THE GOVERNMENT'S GAS ADVISER HAS WRITTEN TO GAS APPLIANCE DEALERS, INFORMING THEM OF THE SPECIFIC BRANDS OF HEATERS WHICH THEY CAN RECOMMEND TO CUSTOMERS, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS PERMISSIBLE TO RELOCATE FLUELESS HEATERS, AS WELL AS THE PROPER WAY TO DO SO.

THE PUBLIC AND DEALERS ARE REMINDED THAT WATER HEATERS SHOULD ONLY BE INSTALLED BY PERSONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED SPECIALISED TRAINING FROM THE SUPPLIERS.

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BILL TO IMPROVE CONTROL ON OPERATION OF OIL STORAGE
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THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL WHICH AIMS TO EXTEND THE CONTROL OVER ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE BILL, IF ENACTED, WOULD GIVE THE BUILDING AUTHORITY CONTROL OVER CAVERNS ADAPTED OR CONSTRUCTED FOR THE STORAGE OF OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, AND WOULD ALSO GIVE THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL THE POWER TO MAKE MORE STRINGENT REGULATIONS TO IMPROVE THE BUILDING AUTHORITY'S CONTROL OVER THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF OIL STORAGE INSTALLATIONS.

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APPLICATIONS FOR LARGER PLBS CONSIDERED
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OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL HAVE A WIDER SELECTION OF VEHICLES TO CHOOSE FROM FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT WITH LARGER VEHICLES, NOT ONLY WILL JOURNEYS BE MORE COMFORTABLE BUT AIR CONDITIONERS MAY ALSO BE INSTALLED.

+AND OWNERS OF OLDER PLBS CAN NOW HAVE A WIDER SELECTION TO RENEW THEIR VEHICLES,+ HE ADDED.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOW CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR THE APPROVAL OF NEW TYPES OF 14-SEATER BUSES OF UP TO 4 000 KILOGRAMMES IN GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT.

THE FOLLOWING MAXIMUM DIMENSIONS WILL ALSO APPLY:

- * MAXIMUM OVERALL LENGTH - 7 METRES
- * MAXIMUM OVERALL WIDTH - 2.3 METRES
- * MAXIMUM OVERALL HEIGHT - 3 METRES

ONCE PLANS ARE APPROVED, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ONE VEHICLE TO BE SUBMITTED FOR INSPECTION.

+THIS INSPECTION WILL INCLUDE A STABILITY CHECK BASED ON A STATIC TILT TEST TO 35 DEGREES FOR WHICH THE VEHICLE MUST BE FULLY LOADED,+ HE SAID.

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BIG SHOWS FOR HOLIDAY MAKERS
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THOUSANDS OF HOLIDAY MAKERS WILL FLOCK TO TWO LARGE SCALE VARIETY SHOWS IN WONG TAI SIN AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST TOMORROW EVENING TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS EVE.

THE TWO EVENTS WILL BE THE MAJOR ATTRACTION IN A SERIES OF FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY DISTRICT BOARDS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE URBAN AREA DURING THE FESTIVAL.

IN WONG TAI SIN, A THREE-HOUR +D.J. VARIETY SHOW+ WILL BEGIN AT 8.30 PM AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE, FEATURING ENTERTAINMENT PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR RADIO D.J.'S AND SINGERS.

THE SHOW AT PIAZZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WILL START AT 9.30 PM, ALSO FEATURING TOP SHOW-BUSINESS NAMES IN A THREE-HOUR PRESENTATION.

SOME ROADS IN THE AREA WILL BE RESTRICTED TO PEDESTRIANS ONLY, IN ANTICIPATION OF LARGE CROWDS. IN ADDITION, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO EXTEND PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED DEMAND.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE MAJOR EVENT WILL BE A TELEVISION VARIETY SHOW WHICH WILL BE OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN AT 9 PM.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES ORGANISED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE WILL INCLUDE:

- + A SOCIAL DANCE AT THE EAST KAI TAK INDOOR GAMES HALL, SAN PO KONG, BEGINNING AT 8.30 PM.
- + A VARIETY SHOW AT THE KWONG FAI CIRCUIT PLAYGROUND, KWAI CHUNG, AT 8 PM.
- + A CHRISTMAS FAMILY PARTY ORGANISED BY THE TAI HING YIN NGAI SOCIETY AT THE TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL, TUEN MUN, AT 7.30 PM.
- + CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MUSIC, ORGANISED BY CHURCHES IN CHAI WAN, AT THE WAN TSUI COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AT 7.30 PM.
- + A CHRISTMAS CAROL NIGHT ORGANISED BY THE POKFULAM GARDENS OWNERS' COMMITTEE AT THE PODIUM OF THE ESTATE AT 8 PM.
- + A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN AT THE YWCA KWUN LUNG LAU SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE IN KENNEDY TOWN AT 2.30 PM.
- + A CHRISTMAS EVE CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE TAI O GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AT THE TAI O CENTRE ON LANTAU AT 7.30 PM.

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REMINDER ON STATUTORY HOLIDAY
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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT NEW YEAR DAY (JANUARY 1) IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS EMPLOYED LOCALLY OR FROM OVERSEAS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$7 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638; KOWLOON WEST 3-201652; KOWLOON SOUTH 3-319454; KWUN TONG 3-898520; TSUEN WAN 0-422096; TAI PO 0-6577111 EXT. 114; TUEN MUN 0-818442; HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) 5-268671 AND HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST) 5-282213.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR LANTAU TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVITING TENDERS FOR 20 LANTAU TAXI LICENCES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TENDER FORMS FOR THE LICENCES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM EITHER THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STORY CAR PARK, CENTRAL, OR THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE IN DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

DUE TO THE ROAD CONDITIONS IN PART OF LANTAU, CLOSED ROAD PERMITS ISSUED TO LANTAU TAXIS WILL INITIALLY RESTRICT THEIR OPERATION TO SOUTH LANTAU, THAT IS, ALL ROADS ON LANTAU EXCEPT THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM SHAM WAT ROAD TO PO LIN MONASTERY IN NGONG PING.

LOCATION MAPS OF THE RESTRICTED ROADS ON LANTAU WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE ABOVE OFFICES.

TENDERERS MUST DEPOSIT \$15 000 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR EACH LANTAU TAXI LICENCE.

IF A TENDER IS SUBMITTED FOR MORE THAN ONE LANTAU TAXI LICENCE, ONLY ONE FIXED UNIT PREMIUM SHOULD BE OFFERED.

A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERERS WHO OFFER THE SAME UNIT PREMIUM.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE IN SEALED ENVELOPES, ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX LABELLED +GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX+ IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1983.

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ED UNIT CLOSES ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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THE MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SITUATED AT 182 CANTON ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON, WILL CLOSE FROM THIS SATURDAY (DECEMBER 25) TO NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 27) AND ON JANUARY 1, 1983 (SATURDAY).

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE UNIT CAN BE MADE AT 3-660881 OR 5-8392359.

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HK STUDENTS WIN INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

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HONG KONG PRIMARY STUDENTS HAVE WON A GOLD MEDAL AND A NUMBER OF AWARDS AT THE 24TH WORLD SCHOOL CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION HELD RECENTLY IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA.

THE GOLD MEDAL WAS PRESENTED TO CHEUNG CHI-WAH, A 10-YEAR-OLD BOY FROM THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SHAUKIWAN PRIMARY A.M. SCHOOL. HIS PAINTING, ENTITLED +TIN HAU TEMPLE+, DEPICTS AN OLD TEMPLE IN YAU MA TEI AND WAS COMPLETED DURING AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF HIS ART TEACHER.

THE OTHER AWARDS PRESENTED TO HONG KONG STUDENTS INCLUDE TWO SILVER MEDALS, FIVE BRONZE MEDALS, SIX CERTIFICATES FOR GOOD WORK AND NINE CERTIFICATES FOR SELECTED WORK.

THE SILVER MEDALS WENT TO 11-YEAR-OLD VIRGINIA TAM OF SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN SCHOOL (PRIMARY SECTION) AND LAM MO-CHI, A NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY FROM SHEK PAI WAN ST. PETER'S P.M. SCHOOL. VIRGINIA'S WINNING ENTRY WAS NAMED +INSECT+ WHILE MO-CHI'S WAS ENTITLED +FLYING KITES+.

THE EXHIBITION ORGANISERS HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 6 701 ENTRIES FROM 61 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BRITAIN AND U.S.A., AND SELECTED 287 FOR DISPLAY.

THESE PAINTINGS HAD BEEN DISPLAYED AT THE KOREAN CHILDREN'S CENTRE IN SEOUL SINCE SEPTEMBER AND WILL BE SHOWN IN OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN SOUTH KOREA UNTIL JUNE NEXT YEAR.

ACCORDING TO THE ORGANISERS, THE EXHIBITION WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG CHILDREN OF THE WORLD AND AT AROUSING GREATER INTEREST IN ART EDUCATION.

IN RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION FROM THE EXHIBITION ORGANISERS EARLY THIS YEAR, 78 LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS SUBMITTED PAINTINGS TO THE ART SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR PRELIMINARY SELECTION AND 85 ENTRIES WERE LATER SENT TO SEOUL.

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CAS CADETS ANNUAL CAMP

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL CAMP AT THE YMCA WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE FROM DECEMBER 27 TO 30.

MORE THAN 670 CADETS FROM 21 UNITS, WILL TAKE PART IN THE CAMP WHICH AIMS TO DEVELOP THEIR LEADERSHIP, SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, ORGANISING ABILITY, CO-OPERATION AND GOOD COMRADESHIP.

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ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAMP WILL BE AN OPEN YOUTH FORUM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 28) MORNING.

OVER 110 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 11 DIFFERENT UNIFORMED YOUTH GROUPS REPRESENTING 50 000 YOUNG PEOPLE WILL ATTEND.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, MR R.H. LOBO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CAMP'S OPENING CEREMONY ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 28). MR LOBO TOGETHER WITH MRS CHAN WONG SHUI, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB ASSOCIATION, WILL LATER ADDRESS THE FORUM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAS CADET CORPS ANNUAL CAMP AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 28) AT THE YMCA WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE.

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD CONTACT MR LIU CHI-KEUNG, CAS TRAINING OFFICER, AT 7.30 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 28) AT THE CAS HEADQUARTERS, 100 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, HONG KONG; OR MR IP MAN-KWONG, CAS CADET OFFICER AT 8 AM AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE, 204 ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON.

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**DISABLED GUIDES AND BROWNIES HELP WITH CLEAN UP
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A TOTAL OF 64 DISABLED GUIDES AND BROWNIES PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN BY CLEANING THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK RECENTLY.

THE GROUP WHO ASSISTED IN REMOVING LITTER FROM THE PARK AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT WERE PROVIDED WITH POLYTHENE BAGS BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

A TOTAL OF 25 BAGS OF LITTER WERE COLLECTED.

AFTER THE CLEAN-UP, THE GROUP PAID VISITS TO THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE AND THE ABERDEEN RESERVOIR.

+ORGANISED GROUPS OF VOLUNTEERS AND HIKERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE CLEAN-UP OF COUNTRY PARKS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY YOUTHS, ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH CIVIC-MINDED ACTIVITIES. THESE CLEAN-UP PROGRAMMES HELP TO KEEP THE COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN,+ HE ADDED.

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