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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND
FOR MARCH 1982
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) RELEASED STATISTICS FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY FOR MARCH 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 SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ON ACCOUNT OF MORE ORDERS-ON-HAND. HOWEVER, EMPLOYMENT DECLINED IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND, MORE NOTABLY, THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES AS A RESULT OF LABOUR TURNOVER AND THE LAY-OFF OF WORKERS BY ONE ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS FACTORY SURVEYED.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS ROSE GENERALLY IN THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES SECTORS AS A RESULT OF WAGE ADJUSTMENTS. IN THE CASE OF MANUFACTURING, THE INCREASE WAS ALSO DUE TO MORE DAYS BEING WORKED BY OPERATIVES DURING THE MONTH.

WITHIN MANUFACTURING, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED FOR THE PLASTICS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES, FOLLOWED BY FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND FOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. A SLIGHT DECREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS HOWEVER RECORDED FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

THE OVERALL VOLUME OF ORDERS (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) HELD BY THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN MARCH 1982 AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH. ORDERS ROSE IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY BUT DECLINED IN THE WEARING APPAREL 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 (WHICH WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY FACSIMILE).

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR MARCH 1982 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1.5 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).

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MORE MONEY FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS DONATED \$4 MILLION FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE AMOUNT, REPRESENTING A 33 PER CENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S DONATION OF \$3 MILLION, WAS RECEIVED RECENTLY BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION.

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR FRANCIS OZORIO, SAID THE DONATION WOULD HELP INJECT MORE ACTIVITIES INTO THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

+IT WILL ALSO MEAN BETTER ACTIVITIES AND WILL ENABLE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TWO-MONTH LONG PROGRAMME,+ MR OZORIO SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SAY AT THIS STAGE HOW MANY ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ORGANISED AS NUMEROUS ORGANISATIONS, BOTH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING.

IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THE COST OF THE WHOLE PROGRAMME WOULD EXCEED \$10 MILLION, HE SAID.

THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR D. AKERS-JONES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON JUNE 26.

THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S MUSIC CAMP, FORESTRY WORK CAMPS, DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME AND VARIETY SHOW.

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MORE PARKING METERS FOR WESTERN DISTRICT

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PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED IN HOLLAND STREET AND SAI CHEUNG STREET IN WESTERN DISTRICT FROM 8 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 19).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ADDED THAT MORE METERS WOULD ALSO BE INSTALLED IN WAN CHAI, TAI HANG AND SMITHFIELD IN WESTERN DISTRICT SHORTLY.

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OFFICERS PRAISED FOR HANDLING CHI MA WAN DISTURBANCE
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A SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT AND TWO ASSISTANT OFFICERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE TODAY (MONDAY) AWARDED THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM, COURAGE AND INITIATIVE DURING A DISTURBANCE AT CHI MA WAN CAMP HOUSING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS LAST DECEMBER.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION TO SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT I.K. BHAGAT FOR EXCEPTIONAL INITIATIVE AND THE PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN WHICH HE DIFFUSED A DANGEROUS SITUATION WHEN A NUMBER OF STAFF WERE AT RISK INSIDE A BUILDING AT CHI MA WAN CAMP, AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS FONG SAI-KONG AND TSE KWONG-MAN FOR THEIR COURAGE AND RESOURCEFULNESS IN ASSISTING AN INJURED FELLOW OFFICER DURING THE DISTURBANCE, AT GREAT RISK TO THEMSELVES.

DURING THE INCIDENT, 32 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WERE INJURED.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DISTURBANCE, OFFICERS SEARCHED THE CAMP AND RECOVERED A LARGE NUMBER OF WEAPONS, WHICH INCLUDED HOMEMADE DAGGERS, PIECES OF METAL TAKEN FROM DOUBLE-BUNK BEDS AND WATER-PIPING TORN FROM THE WALLS OF THE BATHROOMS.

AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT WAS LATER CHARGED AND FOUND GUILTY OF WOUNDING AN OFFICER AND WAS SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

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AIR SERVICE DISCUSSIONS IN SINGAPORE
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MR NORMAN LATHAM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, LEFT HONG KONG FOR SINGAPORE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON TO REPRESENT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AT AIR SERVICES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.

AMONG THE MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE THE REGIONAL AIR SERVICES OPERATED BY SINGAPORE AIRLINES THROUGH HONG KONG AND THOSE OPERATED BY CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS THROUGH SINGAPORE.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON CAR SERVICE INDUSTRY

THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT THE 1982 MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE INDUSTRY BETWEEN JUNE 1 AND 26 TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON MANPOWER SITUATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

THE SURVEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY DOCUMENTS ARE BEING SENT OUT TO ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY- AND EMPLOYERS ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS UNDER TRAINING, THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES, AND A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

WHEN THE SURVEY BEGINS ON JUNE 1, ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE SURVEYED AND ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

AS THE INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR FORMULATING MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY, IT IS HOPED THAT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY WILL CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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WATER FIGURES

STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 39.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 230.5 MILLION CUBIC METRES, EQUIVALENT TO 177 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 229.5 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 39.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR AMBULANCEMEN
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS LAUNCHED A RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR AMBULANCEMEN TO FILL EXISTING AND NEW VACANCIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEED FOR MORE AMBULANCEMEN WAS DUE TO THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

IN 1981, THE AMBULANCE COMMAND RESPONDED TO MORE THAN 250 000 CALLS, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF SOME 34 000 CALLS OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

DURING THE YEAR MORE THAN 329 060 SICK OR INJURED PERSONS WERE CARRIED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S AMBULANCE FLEET.

A RECORD NUMBER OF 885 CALLS WERE RECORDED BY THE COMMAND DURING THE 24-HOUR PERIOD ON DECEMBER 23, 1981.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ORDERED A TOTAL OF 64 NEW AMBULANCES, 25 OF WHICH ARE FOR REPLACEMENTS, AND ALL ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

+THESE NEW VEHICLES ARE TO MEET THE KNOWN AND PROJECTED INCREASED DEMANDS FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE POST OF AN AMBULANCEMAN REQUIRES A MINIMUM EDUCATION QUALIFICATION AT PRIMARY 6, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, AND THE STARTING SALARY RANGES FROM \$2 550 TO \$3 840.

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A GOOD PHYSIQUE AND CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO PASS A PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL UNDERGO EIGHT WEEKS OF BASIC TRAINING AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

AMBULANCEMEN ARE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE UNDER THE FIRE SERVICES ORDINANCE. THEY MAY BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM OTHER DUTIES SUCH AS DRIVING AMBULANCE IN ADDITION TO ATTENDING AMBULANCE CALLS.

APPLICATION FORMS (GF 340) ARE AVAILABLE AT CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES, AND ALL AMBULANCE DEPOTS AND FIRE STATIONS.

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CENTRAL-SHAM SHUI PO FERRY SERVICES
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FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN SHAM SHUI PO AND CENTRAL ARE NOW OPERATING AT 16-MINUTE FREQUENCIES DURING PEAK PERIODS, TO COPE WITH HIGH PASSENGER DEMAND.

HOWEVER, DURING OFF-PEAK PERIODS, THE FREQUENCY WILL BE EVERY 20 MINUTES.

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ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION AT YUEN LONG
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THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TO MOUNT AN ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION AT YUEN LONG TOWN HALL NEXT WEEKEND (MAY 22 AND 23).

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 10.30 AM TO 4 PM, AIMS TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE +NEVER SAY YES TO SMOKING+ THROUGH VISUAL DISPLAY, SLIDE AND FILM SHOWS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS SHOWING WHAT HARM SMOKING CAN DO TO PEOPLE'S HEALTH.

EDUCATIONAL LEAFLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE TO VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION.

THE EVENT IS PART OF THE ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN SPECIALLY ORGANISED BY THE UNIT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FORM 3 STUDENTS IN THE REGION ARE ALSO INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS ARRANGED IN THE TWO WEEKS STARTING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL.

THE WORKSHOP PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO THE EXHIBITION, FILM AND SLIDE SHOWS, DISCUSSION SESSIONS, ALL OF WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO ILLUSTRATE THE HEALTH HAZARDS OF SMOKING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS TO DISSUADE THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY YOUTHS, FROM PICKING UP THIS HARMFUL HABIT.

+IF THEY ARE SMOKERS ALREADY, THEY SHOULD QUIT SMOKING FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR OWN HEALTH AND THE HEALTH OF OTHERS,+ HE ADDED.

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DRAWING AND DESIGN COMPETITIONS
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THE STUDENTS GUIDANCE SECTION (KOWLOON WEST) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING A SERIES OF DRAWING, BOOK MARK DESIGN AND ART AND CRAFT COMPETITIONS FOR STUDENTS STUDYING IN WESTERN KOWLOON TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SPEND THEIR LEISURE IN MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES.

STUDENTS WHO WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITIONS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR WORKS VIA HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE STUDENTS GUIDANCE SECTION (KOWLOON WEST) AT PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 10/F, 56 DUNDAS STREET ON OR BEFORE JUNE 21.

PRIMARY 1 AND 2 STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE DRAWING COMPETITION, WHILE THE BOOK MARK DESIGN AND ART AND CRAFT COMPETITIONS ARE FOR STUDENTS OF PRIMARY 3 TO 4 AND PRIMARY 5 TO 6 RESPECTIVELY. EACH SCHOOL CAN ONLY SUBMIT A MAXIMUM OF THREE ENTRIES IN EACH COMPETITION.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT A FUNFAIR TO BE HELD AT THE TONG MEI ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL ON JULY 11.

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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND SOLD
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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND WERE SOLD AT AN AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE TODAY (MONDAY).

THE FIRST LOT, MEASURING ABOUT 4 734 SQUARE METRES IN BLACK'S LINK, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

IT WAS SOLD TO CONQUER ENTERPRISES LTD. FOR \$17 MILLION OR \$3 591.04 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE REMAINING THREE LOTS ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE LARGER SITE IN TUEN MUN, MEASURING ABOUT 4 710 SQUARE METRES, WAS SOLD TO KAMINA REALTY LTD. FOR \$7 MILLION OR \$1 486.2 PER SQUARE METRE.

ANOTHER SITE, ALSO IN TUEN MUN, OF ABOUT 2 875 SQUARE METRES, WAS SOLD TO GOOD HARVEST ENTERPRISES LTD. FOR \$5.7 MILLION OR \$1 982.61 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE REMAINING LOT IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA, MEASURING ABOUT 1 198 SQUARE METRES, WAS SOLD TO SHIN CHAK DEVELOPMENT LTD. FOR \$4.4 MILLION OR \$3 672.79 PER SQUARE METRE.

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