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EMPLOYMENT UP IN MARCH 1978

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EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS WELL AS IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES HAS RISEN SLIGHTLY, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS CONDUCTED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978 BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A TOTAL OF 766,230 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS AS AT MARCH 15, 1978, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 11,000 PEOPLE OR 1.5 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 755,108 IN DECEMBER 1977. WHEN COMPARED WITH THE EMPLOYMENT FIGURE OF MARCH 1977, IT SHOWS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 9,900 PEOPLE OR 1.3 PER CENT.

IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, THE FIVE LARGEST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WERE WEARING APPAREL= TEXTILES= ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES= PLASTIC PRODUCTS= AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS.

A COMPARISON OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN MARCH 1978 AND DECEMBER 1977 IS GIVEN BELOW:-

INDUSTRY GROUP	PERSONS ENGAGED IN MAR. 1977	PERSONS ENGAGED IN DEC. 1977	PERSONS ENGAGED IN MAR. 1978	CHANGE OF MAR. 1978 OVER DEC. 1977	
				PERSONS ENGAGED	% CHANGE
WEARING APPAREL	259,380	251,273	256,564	+5,291	+2.1
TEXTILES	110,144	102,461	99,791	-2,670	-2.6
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	85,828	89,525	88,601	- 924	-1.0
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	77,156	78,449	81,508	+3,059	+3.9
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	68,635	70,931	71,605	+ 674	+1.0

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THE MORE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT AT THE INDUSTRY SECTOR LEVEL BETWEEN MARCH 1978 AND DECEMBER 1977 ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

INDUSTRY SECTOR	PERSONS ENGAGED IN MAR. 1977	PERSONS ENGAGED IN DEC. 1977	PERSONS ENGAGED IN MAR. 1978	CHANGE OF MAR. 1978 OVER DEC. 1977	
				PERSONS ENGAGED	% CHANGE
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>					
WOOLLEN KNITTING INCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN	39,682	37,372	40,669	+3,357	+9.0
PLASTIC PRODUCTS OTHER THAN TOYS AND PLASTIC FLOWERS	29,276	29,215	30,952	+1,737	+5.9
HANDBAGS	11,796	12,215	13,533	+1,318	+10.8
PLASTIC TOYS	41,108	42,369	43,511	+1,142	+2.7
LEATHER FOOTWEAR	4,602	5,001	5,760	+759	+15.2
HAND TOOLS AND GENERAL HARDWARE	6,777	7,440	8,149	+709	+9.5
ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	68,490	70,188	68,661	-1,527	-2.2
COTTON KNITTING	6,410	6,052	5,216	-836	-13.8
GARMENTS OTHER THAN KNITWEAR FROM YARN	205,633	198,519	197,885	-634	-0.3

THERE WERE 84,458 PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES AS AT FEBRUARY 15, 1978.

OF THESE, 30,572 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED IN MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS, AND 13,323 IN REAL ESTATE COMPANIES.

WHEN COMPARED WITH THE EMPLOYMENT FIGURE OF NOVEMBER 1977, THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 1,400 PEOPLE OR 1.7 PER CENT. WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE OF FEBRUARY 1977, THE INCREASE WAS ABOUT 9,400 PEOPLE OR 12.5 PER CENT.

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THE MAIN INCREASES FROM NOVEMBER LAST YEAR TO FEBRUARY THIS YEAR OCCURRED IN REAL ESTATE COMPANIES= FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN BANKS= AND ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND BOOK-KEEPING SERVICES= AS SHOWN BELOW:-

INDUSTRY SECTOR	PERSONS ENGAGED IN FEB. 1977	PERSONS ENGAGED IN NOV. 1977	CHANGE OF FEB. 1978 OVER NOV. 1977		
			PERSONS ENGAGED IN FEB. 1978	PERSONS ENGAGED	% CHANGE
<u>FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES</u>					
REAL ESTATE	10,788	12,837	13,323	+486	+3.9
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN BANKS	9,125	9,493	9,847	+354	+3.7
ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND BOOK-KEEPING SERVICES	3,250	4,188	4,445	+257	+6.1
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	3,705	4,432	4,505	+73	+1.6

DETAILED FIGURES OF EMPLOYMENT FOR OTHER INDUSTRY GROUPS AND BREAKDOWNS BY INDUSTRY SECTORS CAN BE OBTAINED ON REQUEST FROM THE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY TO ATTEND DRAGON BOAT RACES
AT TAI PO
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MORE THAN 50,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO WATCH THE DRAGON BOAT RACES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON JUNE 10 TO MARK THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL.

TEAMS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, RURAL DISTRICTS, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE HONG KONG GARRISON WILL COMPETE FOR TROPHIES AT RACES AT TAI PO, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG, TAI O ON LANTAU ISLAND AND CHEUNG CHAU.

THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR. IAN LIGHTBODY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE TAI PO RACE AND WILL PRESENT TROPHIES TO WINNING TEAMS. THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, JOHN TODD, WILL ALSO ATTEND.

HEATS FOR THE TAI PO RACE WILL START AT 9.30 A.M.. MR. LIGHTBODY WILL ARRIVE AT 10.30 A.M. TO WATCH AN INVITATION RACE AND THE CHAMPION CUP FINAL.

THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES MAJOR GENERAL ROY REDGRAVE WILL OFFICIATE AT TUEN MUN RACE AND PRESENT THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES CUP TO THE WINNING TEAM AT 1 P.M. THE TUEN MUN RACE WILL START AT 9.30 A.M.

RACE AT TAI O WILL START AT 12.30 P.M. AND RACE AT CHEUNG CHAU WILL START AT 3 P.M. THE DISTRICT OFFICER, ISLANDS, MR. VICTOR YUNG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNING TEAMS.

AT SAI KUNG MORE THAN 40 TEAMS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE RACE STARTING AT 8.30 A.M. THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. COLIN BOSHER, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNING TEAMS AT 1.30 P.M.

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NEW FLYOVER TO BE BUILT FROM UPPER GLENEALY TO
ROBINSON ROAD
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CONDUIT ROAD WILL BE OPEN TO ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ONLY BETWEEN
ROBINSON ROAD AND CASTLE ROAD FROM JUNE 12.

THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT, BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. ON THAT
DATE, ARE BEING INTRODUCED TO ALLOW WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE
NEW FLYOVER FROM UPPER GLENEALY TO ROBINSON ROAD.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

DURING THIS PERIOD RESIDENTS OF THE MID-LEVELS WHO USUALLY
DRIVE FROM CONDUIT ROAD TO ROBINSON ROAD DOWN UPPER GLENEALY WILL
HAVE TO TRAVEL IN THE REVERSE DIRECTION TO CASTLE ROAD AND THEN
INTO ROBINSON ROAD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY:
+OF COURSE, APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO ASSIST
MOTORISTS.

+AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES FOR
UPPER GLENEALY.+

THE NEW FLYOVER AT THE GLENEALY - ROBINSON ROAD JUNCTION
WILL CONSIST OF AN ELEVATED ROAD SPANNING ABOUT 130 METRES OVER THE
INTERSECTION.

THE P.W.D. SPOKESMAN SAID: +THIS WILL PROVIDE FREE TRAFFIC
FLOW FROM CONDUIT ROAD TO ROBINSON ROAD.+

A TWO-LANE BRIDGE STRUCTURE OVER GLENEALY VALLEY IS ALSO
BEING BUILT TO PROVIDE A NEW EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FOR ROBINSON
ROAD.

+THIS WILL LEAVE THE EXISTING GROUND LEVEL FREE FOR
WESTBOUND TRAFFIC,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THESE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE THE SETTING DOWN AND COLLECTION OF
CHILDREN AT NEARBY SCHOOLS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE UNDERTAKING IS PART OF THE P.W.D.'S
MID-LEVELS TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, WHICH INCLUDES ANOTHER
FLYOVER COMPLEX AT THE GARDEN ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND A FLYOVER AT THE
BOTTOM OF GARDEN ROAD WHERE IT JOINS QUEENSWAY.+

HE SAID THAT WHILE WORK AT THE UPPER GLENEALY-ROBINSON ROAD
JUNCTION WAS EXPECTED TO TAKE A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE,
EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO SHORTEN THIS PERIOD.

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FO TAN NULLAH WORK TO BE COMPLETED SOON
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WORK ON THE FO TAN NULLAH WHICH RUNS FROM PAT TSZ WO VILLAGE TO SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN AUTUMN THIS YEAR.

THE NULLAH, WHICH IS BEING CONSTRUCTED BY P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WILL CARRY STORM WATER DURING FLOODS.

THE 1,000-METRE LONG, CONCRETE-LINED NULLAH HAS A MAXIMUM DEPTH OF SIX METRES AND A MAXIMUM WIDTH OF 25 METRES. IT HAS A CAPACITY OF CARRYING A FLOW UP TO 225 CUBIC METRES PER SECOND.

THE FO TAN VALLEY IN WHICH THE NULLAH IS LOCATED IS BEING DEVELOPED MAINLY FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES. SITES ARE BEING FORMED AND SERVICES ARE BEING PROVIDED IN THIS 19 HECTARE AREA OF DEVELOPMENT.

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YOUTHS LEAD THE WAY IN CLEAN BEACH CAMPAIGN
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FOUR YOUTH GROUPS SET A FINE EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT TO PEOPLE IN THE BEACHES TODAY (SUNDAY) BY SHOWING THEM THE PROPER WAY OF DISPOSING LITTER ON THE BEACH.

TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS YEAR'S CLEAN BEACH CAMPAIGN, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED OFFICIALLY TODAY AT SHEK O, ABOUT 75 MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS (CYC'S), THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION, THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME, CONDUCTED A SERIES OF CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AT THREE POPULAR BEACHES SIMULTANEOUSLY.

HOLIDAY-MAKERS AT REPULSE BAY, DEEP WATER BAY AND SHEK O TOOK THE CUE FROM THE YOUTHS AND VOLUNTEERED TO HELP IN COLLECTING RUBBISH ON THE BEACHES.

BEFORE THE CLEAN-UP STARTED, THE YOUTHS ASSEMBLED AT SHEK O FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WAS OFFICIATED BY MRS. GRACE HO, CHAIRMAN OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. DURING THE CEREMONY THEY PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN IN HELPING TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY.

ALSO PRESENT WERE TWO URBAN COUNCILLORS, MR. KIM CHAM AND MR. HOWARD YEUNG.

ANNOUNCING THE START OF THE CLEAN BEACH CAMPAIGN, MRS. HO CALLED ON THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO DO THEIR PART IN KEEPING THEIR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

THE YOUTHS THEN LEFT IN THREE GROUPS - ONE REMAINING AT SHEK O AND OTHER TWO HEADED FOR REPULSE BAY AND DEEP WATER BAY - TO BEGIN THEIR CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS.

SWIMMERS AT SHEK O WERE ALSO TREATED TO A COLOURFUL BEACH SHOW COMPRISING DANCES, SONGS AND A DRAMA FEATURING THE CLEAN BEACH MESSAGE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI KOK TSUI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (JUNE 6) TUNG CHAU STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI BETWEEN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND WILLOW STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME AN URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF TUNG CHAU STREET BETWEEN TONG MI ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY. ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTED HOURS.

THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE THE MOTORISTS.

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