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ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS NOW FACE JAIL TERMS
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ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA FOUND IN HONG KONG NOW FACE THE THREAT OF GOING TO PRISON BEFORE BEING REPATRIATED.

IN A GET-TOUGH MOVE, THE GOVERNMENT IS BEGINNING TO PROSECUTE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOR BEING IN HONG KONG ILLEGALLY.

THIS IS A MAJOR CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS POLICY UNDER WHICH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, OTHER THAN THOSE WHO HAVE COMMITTED OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENCES SUCH AS POSSESSION OF FORGED IDENTITY CARDS OR OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, WERE MERELY ARRESTED AND REPATRIATED.

EXPLAINING THIS CHANGE TODAY, MR LAWRENCE LEUNG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONTROL AND INVESTIGATION) OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, SAID THE MOVE WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS COMING TO HONG KONG, WHICH REGISTERED A DRASTIC FALL IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SCRAPPING OF THE +TOUCH BASE+ POLICY IN 1980, WAS NOW AGAIN ON THE RISE.

IN 1981, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED AND REPATRIATED WAS 11 057. THIS WENT UP TO 13 479 IN 1982. UP TO MARCH 28 THIS YEAR, THE FIGURE WAS 2 673.

+SINCE FEBRUARY 2 THIS YEAR WHEN THE FIRST CASE WAS BROUGHT TO COURT, WE HAVE SO FAR PROSECUTED 12 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOR BREAKING THE LAW BY REMAINING IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE POLICE AND OTHERS BY IMMIGRATION OFFICERS.+

THE OFFENCE CARRIES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF A \$5 000 FINE AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE YEARS.

+ALL THE 12 DEFENDANTS, INCLUDING A WOMAN, WERE JAILED AND THE MAJORITY OF THE SENTENCES WERE BETWEEN 12 AND 15 MONTHS,+ HE SAID.

+AND ALL OF THEM WILL BE REPATRIATED AFTER SERVING THEIR JAIL TERMS,+ HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT EACH CASE HAS TO BE LOOKED AT INDIVIDUALLY BEFORE A DECISION TO PROSECUTE IS REACHED.

+BUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE IN ITSELF TO COME TO HONG KONG ILLEGALLY, AND THAT THEY MAY BE JAILED FOR IT,+ HE STRESSED.

IN ONE RECENT CASE, A YOUNG ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT WAS JAILED FOR 16 MONTHS FOR THE OFFENCE - THE LONGEST JAIL SENTENCE METED OUT SO FAR.

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THE MAN HAD COME TO HONG KONG ILLEGALLY PREVIOUSLY AND HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED FOR POSSESSION OF A FORGED IDENTITY CARD.

HE WAS JAILED FOR SIX MONTHS AND WAS REPATRIATED TO CHINA AFTER SERVING HIS JAIL TERM.

HOWEVER, HE SNEAKED BACK INTO HONG KONG AGAIN LATE LAST YEAR AND WAS AGAIN ARRESTED. THIS TIME HE DID NOT HAVE A FORGED IDENTITY CARD ON HIM.

AFTER TAKING THESE AND OTHER FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT HE SHOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR REMAINING IN HONG KONG ILLEGALLY.

IN PASSING SENTENCE, THE MAGISTRATE TOLD THE DEFENDANT THAT HE HAD BEEN WARNED NOT TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ILLEGALLY.

THE FACT THAT HE WAS HERE AGAIN SHOWED THAT HE HAD DISREGARDED THE WARNING AND SHOULD RECEIVE A LONG JAIL SENTENCE, HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THIS AND THE OTHER CASES, MR LEUNG SAID THEY SHOULD CLEARLY SHOW THAT THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT IN HONG KONG.

+THERE IS ALREADY NO WAY FOR THEM TO SETTLE DOWN OR GET A JOB,+ HE SAID.

+AND NOW THE PRICE TO PAY FOR BEING DETECTED COULD BE A LONG JAIL TERM.+

MR LEUNG AGAIN DISPELLED RUMOURS THAT THERE WOULD BE AN AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO RESIDENTS.

+AS HAS BEEN STRESSED MANY TIMES BEFORE, THESE RUMOURS ARE SPREAD BY SNAKEHEADS WHO ARE MERELY TRYING TO CAPITALISE ON THE IGNORANCE OF WOULD-BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO SQUEEZE WHATEVER MONEY THEY CAN OUT OF THEM,+ HE SAID.

+BUT NOW CHANCES ARE THEY WOULD NOT ONLY LOSE THEIR MONEY. THEY COULD ALSO END UP IN JAIL,+ HE SAID.

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LAND TENDER AWARDED FOR BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A TENDER TO BAYNARD LIMITED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 40-HECTARE SITE IN SO KWUN WAT INTO A MAJOR MARINA AND HIGH-CLASS RESIDENTIAL AREA.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR DUNCAN SCOTT-WILL, SAID THAT THE DEVELOPER TENDERED JUST OVER \$8.5 MILLION FOR THE SITE WHICH CALLED FOR A FURTHER CONSTRUCTION INVESTMENT OF ABOUT \$1 BILLION.

COMMENTING ON THE AWARD OF THE TENDER, A SPOKESMAN FOR BAYNARD LIMITED SAID: +WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN AWARDED THIS TENDER AND WE FEEL SURE THAT, WITH OUR EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPING THE ABERDEEN MARINA, THIS PROJECT TOO WILL BE A MAJOR SUCCESS.

+OUR INVOLVEMENT IS INDICATIVE OF OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN AS A NEW TOWN. WE INTEND PRESSING AHEAD WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND ARE ALREADY WORKING ON PLANS FOR SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT.+

MR SCOTT-WILL SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RECOUP SOME 15 HECTARES OF FORMED AND SERVICED LAND FOR FUTURE DISPOSAL FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT AND A NEW BEACH FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC.

UNDER THE SALES CONDITIONS, THE DEVELOPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEVELOP A MARINA WITH MOORING OR BERTHING FACILITIES FOR A MINIMUM OF 300 BOATS, A YACHT CLUB AND A FULL RANGE OF ASSOCIATED MARINA FACILITIES, INCLUDING BOAT REPAIRING WORKSHOPS, CHANDLERY STORES, BOAT STACKING AREAS AND THE LIKE.

TO PROTECT THE MARINA, THE DEVELOPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUILD A BREAKWATER.

ON THE SEAWARD SIDE OF THE BREAKWATER, THE DEVELOPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FORM A NEW BEACH TO LINK UP WITH NEARBY CAFETERIA BEACH. THIS, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING, CHANGING AND OTHER BEACH FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE DEVELOPER, WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT UPON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION FOR USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

MR SCOTT-WILL SAID THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE 40-HECTARE SITE GRANTED WAS SEABED AND ABOUT HALF WOULD HAVE TO BE RECLAIMED BY THE DEVELOPER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MINIMUM OF 1 550 HIGH-CLASS RESIDENTIAL UNITS, WITH A TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT MORE THAN 200 000 SQUARE METRES, A COMMERCIAL CENTRE TO INCLUDE SHOPS, A SUPERMARKET AND RESTAURANTS, AND THE YACHT CLUB.

+THE RESIDENTIAL UNITS WHEN DEVELOPED WILL BE IN A PRIME LOCATION OVERLOOKING THE MARINA WITH READY ACCESS TO TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE AND, BY WAY OF TUEN MUN HIGHWAY, TO THE URBAN AREAS,+ HE SAID.

/+ADEQUATE CAR

+ADEQUATE CAR PARKING FOR RESIDENTS AND THEIR VISITORS AND THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE TOGETHER WITH A MINIMUM OF ONE PARKING SPACE PER MARINA BERTH IS TO BE PROVIDED.+

THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PROGRAMME OF WORK AGREED WITH THE LANDS DEPARTMENT AND THE WHOLE SCHEME IS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN SIX YEARS, MR SCOTT-WILL SAID.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO FORWARD TO GOVERNMENT FOR APPROVAL WITHIN SIX MONTHS A MASTER PLAN SHOWING THE WHOLE SCHEME IN DETAIL.

+MUCH EMPHASIS IS BEING PLACED ON LANDSCAPING OF THE OVERALL AREA AND THE DEVELOPER WILL ALSO HAVE TO SUBMIT WITHIN SIX MONTHS FOR GOVERNMENT APPROVAL A DETAILED LANDSCAPING SCHEME,+ HE SAID.

+THE DEVELOPER WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE LANDSCAPING WHEN COMPLETED.+

COMMENTING ON THE PREMIUM, MR SCOTT-WILL SAID: WE ARE QUITE SATISFIED WITH IT HAVING REGARD TO THE SUBSTANTIAL ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT WORKS WHICH THE DEVELOPER HAS TO UNDERTAKE.

+THIS IS, IN FACT, A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE NOT ONLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN BUT ALSO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

+THIS AMBITIOUS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE SOME MUCH NEEDED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE REGION AND HIGH-CLASS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TUEN MUN.

+WE HOPE THAT THIS PROJECT WILL HELP ATTRACT FURTHER PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN WHICH IS MOVING AT A RAPID PACE.+

TO PROVIDE FILL FOR THE MASSIVE AMOUNT OF RECLAMATION INVOLVED, MR SCOTT-WILL SAID, BORROW AREAS HAD BEEN DESIGNATED IN THE NEARBY HILLS AND IN CARRYING OUT BORROWING OPERATIONS THE DEVELOPER WOULD BE REQUIRED TO FORM THE DESIGNATED AREAS TO SPECIFIED LEVELS AND TO BUILD ROADS GIVING PERMANENT ACCESS TO THE PLATFORMS WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY WOULD BE SOLD BY GOVERNMENT FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT.

THESE SITES ARE REQUIRED TO BE FORMED WITHIN STIPULATED DATES TO TIE IN WITH GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE AREA.

MR SCOTT-WILL SAID, +THE TENDER ACCEPTANCE TOGETHER WITH THE RECENT DISPOSAL OF A LARGE KEY SITE IN THE TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE SCHEME REPRESENT TWO VERY IMPORTANT LAND DISPOSALS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.+

PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1983

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR FEBRUARY WAS \$9 004 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT \$5 569 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$3 435 MILLION ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR THE MONTH PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

WITH IMPORTS AT \$10 166 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR FEBRUARY WAS \$1 162 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1982, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY \$875 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS DECREASED BY \$161 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY \$714 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT. BUT THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FELL BY \$1 054 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT. IN CONSEQUENCE, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, NARROWED SIGNIFICANTLY TO 11.4 PER CENT FROM 26.1 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THESE COMPARATIVE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CAUTIONED THAT THEY WERE HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY THE TIMING OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR, WHICH FELL IN MID-FEBRUARY THIS YEAR BUT IN LATE JANUARY LAST YEAR.

PUTTING FEBRUARY'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE VALUES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WERE 10 PER CENT AND THREE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1982.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS THUS SEVEN PER CENT HIGHER. AS THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1983, AT 11.7 PER CENT, WAS SMALLER THAN IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1982, AT 16 PER CENT.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY THIS YEAR WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1982, THE INCREASES IN VALUE WERE FOUR PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, FIVE PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, FOUR PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS AND THREE PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PROVIDES FURTHER STATISTICAL DETAILS:

<u>MERCHANDISE:</u>	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$ 5 569 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$ 3 435 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$ 9 004 MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$10 166 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 1 162 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

/COMPARATIVE FIGURES

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LATEST 3 MONTHS	DECEMBER 1982 TO FEBRUARY 1983		DECEMBER 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.		\$ MN.		\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	20 399		18 715		+1 684	+9.0
RE-EXPORTS	11 650		10 814		+ 836	+7.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	32 049		29 529		+2 520	+8.5
IMPORTS	35 747		34 240		+1 507	+4.4
TRADE BALANCE	- 3 698		- 4 711		+1 013	
SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	FEBRUARY 1983		FEBRUARY 1982		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.		\$ MN.		\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	5 569		4 694		+ 875	+18.6
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(61.9%)		(56.6%)			
RE-EXPORTS	3 435		3 596		- 161	- 4.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	9 004		8 290		+ 714	+ 8.6
IMPORTS	10 166		11 220		-1 054	- 9.4
TRADE BALANCE	- 1 162		- 2 930		+1 768	
LAST MONTH	FEBRUARY 1983		JANUARY 1983		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.		\$ MN.		\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	5 569		6 440		- 871	-13.5
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(61.9%)		(63.4%)			
RE-EXPORTS	3 435		3 718		- 283	- 7.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	9 004		10 158		-1 154	-11.4
IMPORTS	10 166		11 537		-1 371	-11.9
TRADE BALANCE	- 1 162		- 1 379		+ 217	
CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JANUARY TO FEBRUARY 1983		JANUARY TO FEBRUARY 1982		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.		\$ MN.		\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	12 009		10 933		+1 076	+9.8
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(62.7%)		(61.3%)			
RE-EXPORTS	7 153		6 915		+ 238	+3.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	19 162		17 848		+1 314	+7.4
IMPORTS	21 703		21 242		+ 461	+2.2
TRADE BALANCE	- 2 541		- 3 394		+ 853	
LAST 12 MONTHS	MARCH 1982 TO FEBRUARY 1983		MARCH 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.		\$ MN.		\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	84 108		81 072		+3 036	+3.7
RE-EXPORTS	44 591		42 454		+2 137	+5.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	128 699		123 526		+5 173	+4.2
IMPORTS	143 353		139 842		+3 511	+2.5
TRADE BALANCE	- 14 654		- 16 316		+1 662	

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SIR PHILIP OPENS \$50-MILLION THEATRE-PARK COMPLEX
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THE \$50-MILLION KO SHAN THEATRE AND KO SHAN ROAD PARK, ONE OF THE MAJOR URBAN COUNCIL ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATIONAL PROJECTS COMMISSIONED FOR PUBLIC USE DURING THE COUNCIL'S CENTENARY YEAR IN 1983, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE TODAY (TUESDAY).

IN HIS OPENING SPEECH, SIR PHILIP CITED THIS THEATRE-PARK COMPLEX AS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF MAKING THE BEST USE OF HONG KONG'S LIMITED LAND RESOURCES.

HE SAID THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH THE PROFESSIONAL HELP OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THEIR CONSULTANTS, +HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET THE TECHNICAL AND CONCEPTUAL CHALLENGES OF A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT SITE AND HAVE CREATED THIS FINE OPEN-AIR THEATRE AND PARK.+

+ANY COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY A HARD-WORKING ONE, LIVING CONSTANTLY UNDER URBAN PRESSURES, MUST HAVE FACILITIES FOR LEISURE ACTIVITIES,+ THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID. +SUCH FACILITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.+

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT BOARDS, AND THE PEOPLE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY IN PLANNING, DEVELOPING AND MANAGING THESE FACILITIES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

THE RECENTLY RE-CONSTITUTED SYSTEM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT +SHOULD ENABLE DISTRICT AND REGIONAL NEEDS TO BE IDENTIFIED MORE ACCURATELY AND CATERED FOR AS QUICKLY AS FINANCIAL RESOURCES PERMIT,+ SIR PHILIP ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, SAID THE THEATRE-PARK COMPLEX +IS A DEMONSTRATION TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO A FULLER LIFE BOTH IN HEALTHY ACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND HEALTHY ACTIVE SPORTS AND RECREATION+.

+DUE TO VERY LIMITED SPACE, IN THE URBAN AREAS, HONG KONG HAS ALWAYS A TREMENDOUS DEMAND FOR MORE RECREATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES, AND THIS COMPLEX WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A GREAT VARIETY OF USAGES IS MOST WELCOME,+ HE SAID.

THE KO SHAN THEATRE, THE FIRST PURPOSE BUILT SEMI-OPEN-AIR THEATRE IN HONG KONG, COVERS AN AREA OF 2 500 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS DESIGNED AND EQUIPPED FOR THE PRESENTATION OF HIGH QUALITY CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING CANTONESE OPERA, ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS, POP AND VARIETY SHOWS, PLAYS AND DANCE PERFORMANCES.

/THE THEATRE

THE THEATRE CONTAINS 3 000 SEATS, OF WHICH 1 000 ARE UNDER COVER AND UPHOLSTERED AND 2 000 ARE IN THE OPEN AIR ON AN UPPER LEVEL.

THE SEATS ARE ARRANGED IN A FAN SHAPE TO ENSURE A GOOD VIEW OF THE STAGE AND THE COVERED PORTION OF THE THEATRE IS SERVED BY A MECHANICAL VENTILATION SYSTEM.

THE STAGE MEASURES ROUGHLY 15 X 10 METRES. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST AND MOST SOPHISTICATED LIGHTING, SOUND AND PROJECTION SYSTEMS TO GIVE IMPRESSIVE AUDIO AND VISUAL EFFECTS.

IN FRONT OF THE STAGE IS A SIZEABLE ORCHESTRA PIT FOR 70 TO 80 MUSICIANS WHICH CAN BE COVERED TO PROVIDE A FORESTAGE. THE STAGE IS NATURALLY VENTILATED BUT THE ORCHESTRA PIT HAS ITS OWN AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM.

THE TWO LEVEL BACKSTAGE AREA CONTAINS DRESSING AND STORE ROOMS, ALL OF WHICH ARE AIR-CONDITIONED. LIGHTING, SOUND AND PROJECTION CONTROL ROOMS ARE PROVIDED AT THE REAR OF THE COVERED SECTION AND THESE ARE ALSO AIR-CONDITIONED.

THE KO SHAN PARK ITSELF MAINLY CATERS FOR ACTIVE SPORTS AND IT ALSO HAS A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.

IT COMPRISES A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, FOUR TENNIS COURTS, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, AND A LANDSCAPED REST GARDEN WITH FOUNTAINS AS WELL AS OTHER ASSOCIATED PUBLIC AMENITIES.

THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH IS SURFACED WITH TARMAC AND FLOODLIT AT NIGHT TO ALLOW FOR LONGER PLAYING TIME.

ALONGSIDE IT IS A CONCRETE STAND TO SEAT 800 SPECTATORS. THE TENNIS COURTS, WHICH ARE ALSO FLOODLIT, ARE PROVIDED WITH BENCHES FOR WAITING PLAYERS AND ONLOOKERS.

WITH AN EVER INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE DEVOTING MORE OF THEIR LEISURE HOURS TO THE PURSUIT OF RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES, THE KO SHAN THEATRE AND KO SHAN ROAD PARK WILL HELP MEET THIS DEMAND BY PROVIDING A VENUE IDEALLY SUITED TO A WIDE VARIETY OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, SIR PHILIP, MR CHEONG-LEEN AND OTHER GUESTS WERE TREATED TO A PERFORMANCE BY THE COUNCIL'S HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY.

THE DANCE INCLUDED +FLOWER DRUM DANCE+, +PLUM BLOSSOM IN THE SNOW+, +SHEN+ AND +JOURNEY: FOUR SEASONS+; THE LAST THREE OF THE DANCES WERE CHOREOGRAPHED BY THE COMPANY'S ARTISTIC DIRECTOR MADAM CHIANG CHING.

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TEACHERS HOLD TALKS WITH EDUCATION OFFICIALS
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A TOTAL OF 1 048 AIDED SECONDARY, PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOL TEACHERS HELD DISCUSSIONS TODAY (TUESDAY) WITH OFFICIALS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON MATTERS CONCERNING THEIR WORK AND WELFARE.

THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE HELD EACH YEAR TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND TEACHERS OF AIDED SCHOOLS.

DURING TODAY'S MEETINGS, HELD IN 31 CENTRES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES TOUCHED ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS, INCLUDING MORAL EDUCATION, PROBLEMS ON TEACHING, TEACHING METHODS, THE PROVIDENT FUND, AND PROMOTION PROSPECTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THEIR VIEWS AND REQUESTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND NECESSARY ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN.

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FENCING CONTEST
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A BEGINNERS' FENCING (FOIL) COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD ON MAY 1 AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

THOSE WHO ARE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR ABOVE AND WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN FENCING COURSES ARE WELCOME TO APPLY. APPLICANTS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN PREVIOUS COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY HKFA ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

THE CONTEST WHICH IS LIMITED TO 100 APPLICATIONS, WILL CONSIST OF MEN AND WOMEN DIVISIONS.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CHAMPION AND THE FIVE RUNNERS-UP IN EACH DIVISION.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSS HEADQUARTERS AND ITS DISTRICT OFFICES, AND PARTICIPATION IS FREE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 5-458511.

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TENDERS FOR LAYING WATER MAINS IN NT

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF A SYSTEM OF FRESHWATER MAINS ALONG KAM TIN AND KAM SHEUNG ROADS.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF A PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE WATER SUPPLY TO KAM TIN, PAT HEUNG AND SHEK KONG.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT COMPRISES THE LAYING OF ABOUT 7 000 METRES OF MILD STEEL AND DUCTILE IRON MAINS RANGING FROM 150 MM TO 1 400 MM IN DIAMETERS.

WORK WILL START IN JUNE AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SALT WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SOME AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 31) FOR MAINS CONNECTION.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL AFFECT PREMISES IN SAN PO KONG, CHOI HUNG ESTATE, PING SHEK ESTATE, KAI YIP ESTATE, NGAU CHI WAN, AND LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE. THIS WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE KOWLOON BAY MTR STATION.

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PLB CLEARWAYS IN WAN CHAI AND SHAU KEI WAN

FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 1), THE CLEARWAY RESTRICTION FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AT LANDALE STREET IN WAN CHAI WILL BE LIFTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PLB CLEARWAY ON CHAI WAN ROAD NEAR SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARD UP TO A POINT OUTSIDE SALESIAN SCHOOL.

WITHIN THE SECTION, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

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