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53 LAND SITES OFFERED

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SELL 53 SITES IN THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE SIX MONTHS FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR DUNCAN SCOTT-WILL, SAID THAT THE PROVISIONAL LAND SALES FORECAST COMPRISED A TOTAL OF ABOUT 24.7 HECTARES.

IN ADDITION, 22 HOUSES AT NGAU CHI WAN, NOT TAKEN UP BY VILLAGERS AFFECTED BY MTR WORKS AT CHOI HUNG, WILL ALSO BE PUT UP FOR SALE.

IN THE URBAN AREA, AN ITEM OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS THE OLD MARKET SITE AT ABERDEEN WHICH CAN BE DEVELOPED FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES. THIS SITE WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION.

SITES TO BE OFFERED IN THE NEW TOWNS INCLUDE THREE IN TUEN MUN AND ONE EACH IN TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO FOR COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL USES.

FOUR SITES IN THE URBAN AREA AND ONE IN YUEN LONG WILL BE SOLD BY TENDER WITH A REQUIREMENT THAT THE PURCHASER PROVIDES PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT.

A TOTAL OF 13 SITES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, EIGHT OF WHICH ARE SITUATED IN YUEN LONG, FOUR IN SHA TIN AND ONE IN KOWLOON. IN GENERAL, MR SCOTT-WILL SAID, THESE SITES WERE RATHER SMALLER IN SIZE THAN THOSE MARKETED IN THE PAST.

+A MORE FLEXIBLE RANGE OF PLOT RATIOS FOR INDUSTRIAL LOTS IS ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDE A GREATER SELECTION OF DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS TO DEVELOPERS AND, MORE PARTICULARLY, POTENTIAL OWNER-OCCUPIER INDUSTRIALISTS WHOSE NEEDS MAY BE FOR RELATIVELY LOW DENSITY BUILDINGS,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO INVITE TENDERS FOR THREE FURTHER SITES FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME. ONE OF THESE SITES IS IN SHA TIN, ONE IN NGAU CHI WAN AND THE OTHER, MEASURING FOUR AND A HALF HECTARES, IN KOWLOON BAY ADJACENT TO THE KAI YIP ESTATE.

+THIS FORM OF SALE HAS PROVED POPULAR WITH DEVELOPERS DURING THE CURRENT PERIOD OF SLACK MARKET CONDITIONS,+ MR SCOTT-WILL SAID.

WITH REGARD TO SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE ADDED, THERE WOULD BE EVEN MORE EMPHASIS ON SALES BY LETTER B TENDER IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION OF REDEEMING THE OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONAL SALES FORECAST, A NUMBER OF AVAILABLE SITES ARE INCLUDED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON AN APPLICATION LIST.

+GENERALLY SPEAKING, THESE ARE SITES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED SURPLUS TO DEMAND AT THE PRESENT TIME,+ MR SCOTT-WILL SAID.

+THE INTENTION IS TO MAKE THIS LIST AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPERS AND OTHER PARTIES WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN A SITE FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE AT A CERTAIN LOCATION.+

THESE SITES INCLUDE THOSE PREVIOUSLY OFFERED FOR SALE BUT FOR WHICH NO BIDS, OR UNACCEPTABLE BIDS, HAD BEEN RECEIVED. THEY ALSO INCLUDE HIGH-CLASS HOUSING SITES WHICH ARE NOT IN DEMAND AT PRESENT.

PERSONS OR COMPANIES INTERESTED IN A SITE ON THE LIST SHOULD INITIALLY APPROACH THE LANDS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TO MAKE KNOWN THEIR INTEREST AND REQUIREMENTS.

+IF THESE CAN BE MET, AND THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER IS WILLING TO GUARANTEE A BID AT A LEVEL ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT, THE SITE WILL BE PROCESSED FOR SALE,+ MR SCOTT-WILL SAID.

+IT IS PROPOSED THAT FOR MORE VALUABLE SITES ONE REQUIREMENT WILL BE FOR THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER TO LODGE A DEPOSIT WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE A SALE TO THE APPLICANT IF NO HIGHER BID IS RECEIVED.+

DETAILS OF THIS ARRANGEMENT ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT. MEANWHILE, INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD INITIALLY CONTACT THE CHIEF ESTATE SURVEYOR (DISPOSAL), MR PETER JENNINGS, IN THE LANDS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, SECOND FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING.

MR SCOTT-WILL SAID: +TO ENSURE THAT SITES ON THE LIST DO NOT LIE IDLE, IT IS INTENDED, WHERE PRACTICABLE, TO PUT SITES TO USE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS EITHER TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR OPEN STORAGE OR OTHER SUITABLE USES ON SHORT TERM TENANCIES BY TENDER.+

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE SALES PROGRAMME WAS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. SALE DETAILS WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND MAJOR NEWSPAPERS IN THE USUAL WAY.

COPIES OF THE LAND SALES FORECAST MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, MURRAY BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR AT ANY OF THE DISTRICT LAND OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. PLANS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE VARIOUS LOTS CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE OFFICES.

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LAND EXCHANGE SYSTEM ABOLISHED
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO ABOLISH THE LAND EXCHANGE SYSTEM, ALSO KNOWN AS LETTER B SYSTEM, WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DECISION WAS REACHED AFTER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND HEUNG YEE KUK.

HE SAID THAT NO MORE LETTER B WOULD BE OFFERED FOR FUTURE RESUMPTIONS ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HONOUR ANY OFFERS OF LETTER B MADE IN RESPECT OF RESUMPTIONS ALREADY ORDERED.

IN NEW CASES, HE ADDED, THE BASIC EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION RATE FIXED BY THE Y.K. KAN REPORT WOULD BE ENHANCED BY 20 PER CENT TO COMPENSATE FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE LETTER B OFFER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW RATES FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND RESUMED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD ALSO APPLY TO AGRICULTURAL LAND RESUMED IN THE URBAN AREA.

HE SAID THAT PROPOSALS WERE BEING CONSIDERED TO AMEND THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE TO ALLOW STATUTORY COMPENSATION TO BE ASSESSED ON THE BASIS OF WHAT A WILLING BUYER WOULD PAY TO A WILLING SELLER IN THE OPEN MARKET.

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HONG KONG/SWEDEN TEXTILES TALKS ADJOURNED
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THE TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SWEDEN WHICH BEGAN IN STOCKHOLM ON MARCH 2 WERE ADJOURNED ON TUESDAY (MARCH 8).

THIS WAS THE SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE TWO SIDES DID NOT REACH A SETTLEMENT FOR A NEW AGREEMENT TO REPLACE THE CURRENT TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT DUE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 31.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE EXPECTED TO RESUME IN MAY OR JUNE.

MEANWHILE, THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO EXTEND THE CURRENT AGREEMENT BY FIVE MONTHS TO AUGUST 31.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY ANNOUNCE THE DETAILS OF THE CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING EXPORTS OF TEXTILES TO SWEDEN UNDER THE EXTENDED RESTRAINT PERIOD.

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1982 PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE
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PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BOTH ROSE BY SIX PER CENT IN 1982 OVER 1981, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) REMAINED AT THE LEVEL OF 100.

THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT WHILE THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY THREE PER CENT. THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT, WITH VOLUME DOWN BY THREE PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES ROSE BY SEVEN PER CENT AND VOLUME DROPPED BY THREE PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAIN COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN BELOW:-

PERCENTAGE CHANGES COMPARING 1982 WITH 1981

| | <u>EXPORT VALUE</u> | <u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u> | <u>EXPORT VOLUME</u> |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR) | + 2 | +10 | - 7 |
| TEXTILE FABRICS | - 5 | + 5 | -10 |
| TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD | + 6 | - 6 | +12 |
| TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES | -10 | +14 | -21 |
| ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS | -13 | - 5 | - 9 |
| FOOTWEAR | -10 | + 8 | -17 |
| METAL MANUFACTURES | + 2 | + 8 | - 6 |
| METAL ORES AND SCRAP | -24 | - 7 | -18 |
| WATCHES AND CLOCKS | + 1 | -20 | +26 |
| ALL COMMODITIES | + 3 | + 6 | - 3 |

THE EXPORT PRICES OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM FIVE PER CENT FOR TEXTILE FABRICS TO 14 PER CENT FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EXPORT PRICES OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS, TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD, METAL ORES AND SCRAP, AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS DECLINED BY FIVE PER CENT, SIX PER CENT, SEVEN PER CENT AND 20 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS RECORDED FOR TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+12 PER CENT) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+26 PER CENT). HOWEVER, THE EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS DECLINED, FROM SIX PER CENT FOR METAL MANUFACTURES TO 21 PER CENT FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN BELOW:-

PERCENTAGE CHANGES COMPARING 1982 WITH 1981

| | <u>IMPORT VALUE</u> | <u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u> | <u>IMPORT VOLUME</u> |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| FOODSTUFFS | +14 | + 7 | + 7 |
| CONSUMER GOODS | + 4 | + 5 | INSIGNIFICANT |
| FUELS | + 5 | - 2 | + 7 |
| RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES | - 1 | + 5 | - 6 |
| CAPITAL GOODS | + 6 | +12 | - 6 |
| ALL COMMODITIES | + 3 | + 6 | - 2 |

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUELS, THE PRICES OF WHICH DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY INCREASED MODERATELY, RANGING FROM FIVE PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS AND FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 12 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS.

MOST OF THE IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS ROSE IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS AND FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FRUIT, AS WELL AS TEA AND COFFEE, DECLINED.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TOBACCO MANUFACTURES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. THE IMPORT VOLUME OF PASSENGER MOTOR CARS FELL.

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IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DROPPED, AMONG WHICH THE PURCHASES OF YARN OF MAN-MADE FIBRES, WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR, AND MAN-MADE FIBRES DECREASES SUBSTANTIALLY. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF IRON AND STEEL, FABRICS AND WOOL AND MIXTURES, AND COTTON YARN AND THREAD INCREASED.

AS FOR CAPITAL GOODS, MAJOR INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND OFFICE MACHINES. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND TEXTILE MACHINERY SO THAT THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CAPITAL GOODS DECLINED BY SIX PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN BELOW:-

| | PERCENTAGE CHANGES COMPARING 1982 WITH 1981 | | |
|--|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | RE-EXPORT VALUE | RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE | RE-EXPORT VOLUME |
| FOODSTUFFS | +26 | +13 | +12 |
| CONSUMER GOODS | + 5 | + 8 | - 3 |
| FUELS | +24 | + 6 | +17 |
| RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES | INSIGNIFICANT | +10 | - 8 |
| CAPITAL GOODS | +21 | +15 | + 6 |
| ALL COMMODITIES | + 6 | +10 | - 3 |

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORT VOLUME VARIED AMONG THE FIVE END-USE CATEGORIES, RANGING FROM AN EIGHT PER CENT DECREASE FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO A 17 PER CENT INCREASE FOR FUELS.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE DECEMBER 1982 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$2 PER COPY.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR OPERATION OF CAR PARKS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL AND OVERSEAS OPERATORS TO RUN AND MANAGE THE NINE GOVERNMENT-OWNED, MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS.

THIS WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE CAR PARKS HAVE A TOTAL OF 5 203 SPACES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THIS WAS A FIRST STEP TO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO SELECT A LIST OF QUALIFIED OPERATORS TO TENDER FOR THE MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER FOR INCLUSION IN THE LIST OF QUALIFIED OPERATORS ANY BUSINESS WITH A NUMBER OF YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN CAR-PARK MANAGEMENT OR A TRANSPORT-RELATED OPERATION WHICH INVOLVES REVENUE COLLECTION OR TOLL PAYING.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- * SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION TO ENABLE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICANT'S SUITABILITY;
- * WHERE THE APPLICANT IS CURRENTLY MANAGING CAR PARKS, THE NUMBER OF PARKS, AND THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES AND EMPLOYEES INVOLVED SHOULD BE STATED;
- * IN THE CASE OF A TRANSPORT-RELATED OPERATION, DETAILS OF HOW EXPERIENCE COULD BE APPLIED TO CAR PARK MANAGEMENT;
- * THE PROPOSED MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AND SIZE OF STAFF;
- * THE PROPOSED METHOD OF OPERATION, INCLUDING OUTLINE ARRANGEMENT FOR CASH COLLECTION, SECURITY AND ENTRY/EXIT CONTROL EQUIPMENT;
- * WHETHER THE APPLICANT WOULD ONLY BE INTERESTED IN MANAGING ALL THE CAR PARKS OR IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER MANAGING INDIVIDUAL CAR PARKS IF NECESSARY; AND,
- * WHERE THE APPLICANT IS A SUBSIDIARY COMPANY, DETAILS OF THE PARENT COMPANY AND THE RELATIONSHIP.

THOSE WISHING TO BE LISTED AS QUALIFIED OPERATORS SHOULD APPLY IN WRITING IN ENGLISH TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, 5TH AND 6TH FLOORS, WAN CHAI BEFORE APRIL 15, 1983 BY REGISTERED POST.

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LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

THE NINE GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS TO BE PRIVATISED ARE STAR FERRY CAR PARK; MIDDLE ROAD CAR PARK; CITY HALL CAR PARK; GARDEN ROAD CAR PARK; RUMSEY STREET CAR PARK; YAU MA TEI CAR PARK; MURRAY ROAD CAR PARK; KWAI FONG CAR PARK; AND ABERDEEN CAR PARK.

A FURTHER GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK IN TSUEN WAN IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN MID-1983. THIS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PRIVATISATION PROPOSALS.

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FOUR SHORT-TERM LAND TENANCIES AVAILABLE

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCIES OF FOUR PIECES OF LAND.

TWO OF THE SITES ARE IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, ONE IS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE OTHER IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST SITES ARE LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD AND MODY ROAD AND ARE OF ABOUT 5 192 SQUARE METRES AND 2 875 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THE LARGER SITE IS INTENDED FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CAR PARK FOR PRIVATE CARS AND TAXIS ONLY, WHILE THE SMALLER FOR A FEE-PAYING COACH AND GOODS VEHICLE PARK.

THE HONG KONG ISLAND SITE IS AT THE NEW TEMPORARY MACAU FERRY TERMINAL ON CENTRAL RECLAMATION AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3.75 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS USED FOR A KIOSK SELLING NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, CONFECTIONERY AND SOFT DRINKS BUT EXCLUDING COOKED FOOD, SANDWICHES AND HOT DRINKS.

THE REMAINING SITE IS IN SHEUNG SHUI AND COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 6 500 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR CAR PARKING PURPOSES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON MARCH 25.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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DEMAND IN MAINTENANCE WORK FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES TO GROW
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THE MAINTENANCE WORKFORCE OF THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY THE COMMERCIAL, HEAVY AND PASSENGER VEHICLES SECTOR, WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN GREAT DEMAND IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THIS IS THE CONCLUSION MADE BY THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IN A MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT WHICH WAS PUBLISHED TODAY.

DESPITE THE ECONOMIC RECESSION AND THE MEASURES TAKEN TO CURB THE GROWTH OF PRIVATE CARS, THE DEMAND FOR MAINTENANCE WORK FOR COMMERCIAL, HEAVY AND PASSENGER VEHICLES WILL INCREASE DUE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS AND BETTER ROAD SYSTEMS, THE INCREASING USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND THE INCREASE IN HONG KONG BASED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES OVER THE BORDER, THE REPORT REVEALED.

THE LABOUR FORCE COUNT WAS 13 303 WHEN THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN JUNE, 1982, AS COMPARED TO 11 599 DURING THE PREVIOUS SURVEY HELD TWO YEARS EARLIER.

THE AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE IS, THEREFORE, 7.1 PER CENT AND TO MEET FURTHER MANPOWER DEMAND, THE INDUSTRY WILL NEED A MINIMUM OF 542 ADDITIONAL SKILLED WORKERS TO FILL VARIOUS PRINCIPAL JOB VACANCIES IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE REPORT ALSO REVEALED THAT THE TRAINING BOARD HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ESTABLISH A TRAINING CENTRE.

THE PROPOSED TRAINING CENTRE, PLANNED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL IN 1985, WILL BE HOUSED IN A MULTI-DISCIPLINE TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX IN KWAI CHUNG.

IT WILL PROVIDE ONE YEAR OFF-THE-JOB BASIC SKILL TRAINING TO 310 CRAFT AND 30 TECHNICIAN TRAINEES ANNUALLY.

THE REPORT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, ALSO CONTAINED STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER STRUCTURE OF THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH PRINCIPAL JOB, A FORECAST OF THE TRAINING NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS.

IT SELLS AT \$12 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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AZALEAS ON SHOW TO PUBLIC

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THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SUNDAY (MARCH 13) FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM FOR PEOPLE TO SEE THE AZALEAS IN BLOOM.

THIS IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN THE FLOWERS ARE AT THEIR COLOURFUL BEST.

THE ANNUAL OPEN DAY OF THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE HAS BEEN HELD SINCE 1968.

VISITORS SHOULD ENTER BY THE MAIN GATE AND LEAVE BY THE SIDE GATES SO THAT ALL CAN ENJOY THE FLOWERS WITHOUT CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO OTHERS.

THEY ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT ONLY THE GARDENS WILL BE OPEN, AND THEY SHOULD NOT ENTER THE HOUSE ITSELF.

SCOUTS AND POLICEMEN WILL BE PRESENT AND VISITORS ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEM TO AVOID OVERCROWDING.

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COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL FOR 34 OFFICERS

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR T.G. GARNER, WILL PRESENT FIRST AND SECOND CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL TO 34 OFFICERS FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AT A PARADE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE PARADE WILL BE HELD AT THE GROUND OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

ON PARADE WILL BE SEVEN CONTINGENTS COMPRISING 205 OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, COMMANDED BY SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT, MR ALOYSIUS WONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PARADE AND PRESENTATION OF CLASPS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR T.G. GARNER, AT 4 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE PARADE GROUND OF THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32, 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 3.15 PM SHARP.

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STUDENT CONCERT FOR KWUN TONG AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICTS
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THE KWUN TONG MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL STUDENT CONCERT FOR THE KWUN TONG AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICTS ON SATURDAY (MARCH 12) AT 3.30 PM AT THE LEE KAU YAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL, 596, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

MRS NG CHU LIEN-FUN, A MEMBER OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, MR ALBERT LI, A MEMBER OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND MR CLIVE OXLEY, MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO THE PERFORMERS DURING THE CONCERT.

THIS STUDENT CONCERT IS AN ANNUAL EVENT OF THE KWUN TONG MUSIC CENTRE AIMED AT REVIEWING THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY ITS INSTRUMENTAL TRAINEES AND AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TRAINEES TO PERFORM IN PUBLIC.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE ER-HU ENSEMBLE, OBOE AND CELLO SOLOS, AND FLUTE AND VIOLA DUETS. THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED AS A GUEST PERFORMING GROUP TO ADD VARIETY TO THE FUNCTION.

THE CONCERT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG MUSIC CENTRE, YAN HAU MANSION, SECOND FLOOR, 100, TING FU STREET, NGAU TAU KOK, KOWLOON. FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 3-7561328.

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MAXICAB SERVICE WITHDRAWAL
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HONG KONG ISLAND MAXICAB ROUTE 34 RUNNING BETWEEN HOLLAND STREET AND ROBINSON ROAD WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM SUNDAY (MARCH 13) DUE TO LOW PATRONAGE.

NOTICES OF THE CANCELLATION WILL BE PUT UP AT THE TERMINAL POINTS.

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PLB PROHIBITED ZONE
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FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO USE KING HONG STREET IN SAN PO KONG, BETWEEN KING FUK STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST.

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