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NEW COMMUNITY ORGANISATION NEEDED TO MEET THE GROWTH
OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON, TODAY (MONDAY) FORECAST THE GROWTH OF A NEW COMMUNITY ORGANISATION STRUCTURE TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

HE TOLD A NEW TERRITORIES ROTARY CLUB MEETING THAT THE NEW ORGANISATION WOULD BE NEEDED TO COMPLEMENT EXISTING ORGANISATIONS WHICH WERE ALREADY DOING MUCH VALUABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE WORK.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FIRST +IMPORTANT AND SUCCESSFUL+ STEP IN THIS DIRECTION HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN WITH THE FORMATION OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

+THIS REGIONAL APPROACH HAS MUCH TO COMMEND, BUT IT WILL SHORTLY NEED TO BE COMPLEMENTED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WITH THE ASSISTANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT, ORGANISING ITSELF INTO REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS SO THAT A SOUND FRAME-~~WORK~~ OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CAN BE BUILT TO BRING TOGETHER IN A DEVELOPING TOWN PEOPLE OF SIMILAR INTEREST,+ MR. HIGGINSON SAID.

+THE SUCCESS OF THIS FORM OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RELIES ON THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE COMMUNITY LEADERS THEMSELVES -- THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

+I SEE, THEREFORE, THE NEED IN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO FOR THE FORMATION OF VARIOUS SHA TIN COMMUNITY AND LEISURE ORGANISATIONS AND, SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THIS IS HOW WE SHALL PROCEED.+

HE CITED AS EXAMPLES DISTRICT-WIDE SPORTS AND ARTS ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING THE VARIOUS INTERESTS OF SUCH ACTIVITIES AND BRINGING THEM UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF A CONTROLLING BODY CO-ORDINATING INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS.

BY DEVELOPING THIS TYPE OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATION FRAMEWORK, HE ADDED, THE VARIOUS REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING SMALLER DISTRICTS OR PARTICULAR INTERESTS.

+THE AIM THEREFORE, MUST BE TO ASSURE THAT THERE IS AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE COMING TO LIVE IN SHA TIN QUICK AND WELCOME MEMBERSHIP OF AN ORGANISATION, CLUB OR ASSOCIATION IN WHICH THEY HAVE A PARTICULAR INTEREST AND, BY SO DOING, ENABLING THEM TO MEET OTHER PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS.

+IN THIS WAY, THE INDIVIDUALS COMING INTO THE NEW TOWN CAN ACHIEVE THIS TRANSFORMATION FROM NEWCOMER TO BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY.

+THE GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO ASSIST THIS DEVELOPMENT, BUT ITS SUCCESS HAS TO RELY ON THE DEDICATION, ENTHUSIASM AND PUBLIC SPIRITEDNESS OF THE SHA TIN COMMUNITY.+

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'PAY YOUR TAX ON TIME' ADVICE
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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED SALARIES AND PROFITS TAXPAYERS WISHING TO PAY BY INSTALMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE FIRST PAYMENT IS MADE ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE SHOWN ON THE DEMAND NOTES.

REFERRING TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S 1978-79 BUDGET SPEECH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT WITH EFFECT FROM THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, NOTICES FOR PAYMENT OF PROVISIONAL SALARIES AND PROFITS TAX WILL CARRY A WARNING THAT, IF THE FIRST INSTALMENT WAS NOT PAID BY THE DUE DATE, THE SECOND INSTALMENT WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BECOME DUE IMMEDIATELY.

+THIS WILL BE STRICTLY APPLIED AND PLEAS OF OVERSIGHT WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, IF TAX WAS NOT PAID BY THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE, THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE MAY, UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE, ORDER THAT A SUM OF UP TO FIVE PER CENT BE ADDED TO THE TOTAL TAX UNPAID AND THIS ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE WOULD ALSO BE IMMEDIATELY DUE FOR PAYMENT.

+TAXPAYERS ARE INFORMED THAT THE SURCHARGE WILL BE ADDED IF TAX IS NOT PAID ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE, UNLESS EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SHOWN IN ANY CASE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE AT THE THREE COLLECTION OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OR BY POST BY SENDING A CROSSED CHEQUE WITH THE DEMAND NOTE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, G.P.O. BOX 132, HONG KONG.

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BUILDING SITE AT TSIM SHA TSUI SOLD FOR \$145 MILLION
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A BUILDING SITE AT THE CORNER OF HING CHEUNG ROAD AND MING KWONG ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON, WAS SOLD FOR \$145 MILLION AT AN AUCTION IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SALE PRICE IS EQUIVALENT TO \$61,702.13 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SITE, FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, WAS BOUGHT BY ROCOCO ESTATES LTD. AND MOON COURT LTD.

TWO OTHER LOTS, BOTH FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USES, WERE ALSO SOLD.

ONE OF THEM, AT NO. 287-289 RECLAMATION STREET, KOWLOON, WAS BOUGHT BY KOON HO CO. LTD. FOR \$4.1 MILLION.

THE OTHER, AT QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, WAS SOLD TO RUDYARD ESTATES LTD. FOR \$49 MILLION.

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\$92,894 MILLION IN TOTAL TRADE VALUE FOR FIRST 10 MONTHS

HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE VALUE FOR THE FIRST 10 MONTHS THIS YEAR WAS \$92,894 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 23 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1977, ACCORDING TO EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY).

TOTAL EXPORTS ROSE BY 19 PER CENT TO \$43,154 MILLION, DUE TO INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS (\$32,582 MILLION, UP 15 PER CENT) AND RE-EXPORTS (\$10,572 MILLION, UP 32 PER CENT). IMPORTS ALSO ROSE BY 26 PER CENT TO \$49,740 MILLION.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE:

	<u>JAN.-OCT.77</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN.-OCT.78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
U.S.A.	11,165	12,431	+1,266	+11
F.R. OF GERMANY	2,849	3,397	+ 548	+19
UNITED KINGDOM	2,344	3,024	+ 680	+29
JAPAN	1,138	1,436	+ 298	+26
AUSTRALIA	1,048	1,206	+ 158	+15
CANADA	965	1,019	+ 54	+ 6
SINGAPORE	730	868	+ 138	+19
THE NETHERLANDS	591	710	+ 119	+20
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	461	549	+ 88	+19
NIGERIA	351	497	+ 146	+41

EXPORTS TO U.S.A. ROSE BY 11 PER CENT, MAINLY DUE TO INCREASED DELIVERIES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING (\$5,145 MILLION, +15 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$791 MILLION, +12 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$628 MILLION, +50 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECLINES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (\$1,021 MILLION, -3 PER CENT), RADIO RECEIVERS (\$497 MILLION, -37 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE YARN AND FABRICS (\$362 MILLION, -11 PER CENT).

INCREASED EXPORTS TO F.R. OF GERMANY WERE BOOSTED BY A RISE IN SHIPMENTS OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING (\$2,016 MILLION, +20 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING EQUIPMENT (\$366 MILLION, +10 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$149 MILLION, +124 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (\$117 MILLION, +39 PER CENT).

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SHIPMENTS OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING (\$1,547 MILLION, +33 PER CENT) FABRICS (\$318 MILLION, +31 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$201 MILLION, +99 PER CENT) TO THE UNITED KINGDOM ALSO ROSE.

DELIVERIES APPAREL AND CLOTHING TO JAPAN, AT \$422 MILLION, INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT AND THOSE TO SINGAPORE, AT \$105 MILLION, INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT. AS FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS, THE RISE IN SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN WAS 80 PER CENT, REACHING \$93 MILLION WHILE THAT TO SINGAPORE WAS 34 PER CENTG, REACHING \$63 MILLION.

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION IS PRESENTED BELOW:

	JAN.-OCT.77	JAN.-OCT.78	INCREASE/ DECREASE	PERCENTAGE
	(HK\$ MN.)	(HK\$ MN.)	(HK\$ MN.)	CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	11,227	12,675	+1,448	+13
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	4,721	5,347	+ 626	+13
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,648	2,518	+ 870	+53
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,288	2,272	- 15	- 1
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2,174	2,242	+ 67	+ 3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS, DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	1,411	1,704	+ 292	+21

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN EXPORTS OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING (\$12,675 MILLION, +13 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$2,093 MILLION, +61 PER CENT), TEXTILE FABRICS (\$1,695 MILLION, +10 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$888 MILLION, +19 PER CENT) AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (\$739 MILLION, +27 PER CENT). THESE INCREASES HAD MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECLINES IN EXPORTS OF RADIO RECEIVERS (\$1,240 MILLION, -30 PER CENT), TEXTILE YARN (\$290 MILLION, -18 PER CENT), TEXTILE MADE-UP ARTICLES (\$257 MILLION, -8 PER CENT) AND PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENTS (\$102 MILLION, -31 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE:

	<u>JAN.-OCT.77</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN.-OCT.78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
JAPAN	9,215	11,362	+2,147	+23
CHINA	6,454	8,315	+1,860	+29
U.S.A.	5,020	6,090	+1,070	+21
TAIWAN	2,673	3,328	+ 655	+25
SINGAPORE	2,418	2,618	+ 200	+ 8
UNITED KINGDOM	1,764	2,301	+ 537	+30
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,178	1,631	+ 453	+38
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	1,031	1,612	+ 581	+56
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,354	1,408	+ 54	+ 4
AUSTRALIA	780	1,021	+ 240	+31

DELIVERIES FROM JAPAN WERE 23 PER CENT HIGHER IN VALUE, WITH INCREASED ARRIVALS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (\$1,524 MILLION, +21 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$993 MILLION, +29 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (\$972 MILLION, +40 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING EQUIPMENT (\$829 MILLION, +30 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES (\$687 MILLION, +59 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM CHINA WERE 29 PER CENT HIGHER, DUE MAINLY TO A RISE IN SHIPMENTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (\$891 MILLION, +91 PER CENT), PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (\$604 MILLION, +60 PER CENT), AND APPAREL AND CLOTHING (\$477 MILLION, +34 PER CENT). INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN IMPORTS OF FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS LIVE ANIMALS (\$954 MILLION, +5 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUITS (\$600 MILLION, +20 PER CENT), MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (\$395 MILLION, +22 PER CENT), CEREALS (\$331 MILLION, +16 PER CENT) AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCA (\$313 MILLION, +12 PER CENT).

SHIPMENTS FROM U.S.A. ROSE BY 21 PER CENT, REFLECTING HIGHER DELIVERIES OF TEXTILE FIBRES (\$712 MILLION, +30 PER CENT), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$598 MILLION, +73 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$513 MILLION, +12 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$490 MILLION, +13 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUITS (\$449 MILLION, +22 PER CENT), TOBACCO (\$261 MILLION, +37 PER CENT) AS WELL AS LEATHER AND DRESSED FURSKINS (\$148 MILLION, +26 PER CENT).

THE LARGE AMOUNT OF DELIVERIES OF TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS AND MADE-UP ARTICLES (\$1,330 MILLION, +14 PER CENT) ACCOUNTED FOR THE 25 PER CENT GROWTH IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN, WHILE INCREASED ARRIVALS OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$218 MILLION, +27 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$132 MILLION, +72 PER CENT) TOGETHER WITH PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$76 MILLION, +27 PER CENT) ACCOUNTED FOR AN 8 PER CENT INCREASE IN ARRIVALS FROM SINGAPORE.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS:

	JAN.-OCT. 77 (HK\$ MN.)	JAN.-OCT.78 (HK\$ MN.)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND DIAMONDS)	11,795	16,114	+4,319	+37
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	7,740	9,654	+1,914	+25
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	5,010	6,818	+1,808	+36
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	5,908	6,594	+ 686	+12
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2,967	3,720	+ 753	+25

DELIVERIES OF NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES ROSE IN VALUE BY 64 PER CENT, MAINLY DUE TO LARGER SHIPMENTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$3,330 MILLION, +73 PER CENT). INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN IMPORTS OF FABRICS (\$4,294 MILLION, +34 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$3,020 MILLION, +24 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$2,394 MILLION, +37 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (\$1,617 MILLION, +45 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (\$1,131 MILLION, +44 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS VEGETABLES AND FRUITS (\$1,627 MILLION, +22 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECLINE WAS RECORDED IN ARRIVALS OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (\$247 MILLION, -37 PER CENT) AND COFFEE, TEA, COCOA AND SPICES (\$190 MILLION, -26 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED ON AN UPWARD TREND.

THERE WERE INCREASES IN DEMAND FROM JAPAN (\$1,885 MILLION, +69 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (\$1,114 MILLION, +30 PER CENT), INDONESIA (\$1,054 MILLION, +26 PER CENT), U.S.A. (\$999 MILLION, +42 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (\$961 MILLION, +38 PER CENT).

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THE MOST DOMINANT RE-EXPORT ITEMS INCLUDED PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$1,442 MILLION, +52 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$720 MILLION, +21 PER CENT), TEXTILE FABRICS (\$631 MILLION, +58 PER CENT), CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (\$579 MILLION, +33 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$526 MILLION, +28 PER CENT), APPAREL AND CLOTHING (\$376 MILLION, +49 PER CENT) AND ALSO ROAD VEHICLES (\$227 MILLION, +63 PER CENT).

THE TRADE INDEX NUMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1978 (1973=100) WERE RELEASED AS FOLLOWS:

	VALUE INDEX	UNIT VALUE INDEX	QUANTUM INDEX
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	230	141	163
IMPORTS	228	144	158

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX FOR SEPTEMBER WAS 98.

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GOVERNMENT SIGNS CONDITIONS FOR \$100 MILLION DOCKYARD
PROJECT ON TSING YI
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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD, TODAY (MONDAY) SIGNED THE CONDITIONS OF GRANT FOR A 9.6-HECTARE SITE ON THE WEST COAST OF TSING YI ISLAND WHERE A LOCALLY-BASED CONSORTIUM PLANS TO BUILD A \$100 MILLION SHIPYARD COMPLEX.

THE COMPANY, EUROASIA DOCKYARD ENTERPRISE AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED -- A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN ISLAND NAVIGATION CORPORATION LTD. AND CHUNG WAH SHIPBUILDING AND ENGINEERING CO. LTD. -- PLANS TO START WORK ON THE PROJECT IMMEDIATELY.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS GRANTED THE AREA -- MOST OF IT SEA BED -- ON A PRIVATE TREATY BASIS IN LINE WITH THE POLICY OF ENCOURAGING SPECIAL AND HIGH-TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY TO BROADEN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL BASE.

SIGNING ON BEHALF OF EUROASIA WERE MR. C.H. TUNG, CHAIRMAN OF EUROASIA AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ISLAND NAVIGATION, AND MR. PETER WONG, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CHUNG WAH.

/MR. TODD.....

MR. TODD SAID LATER THE COMPANY PLANNED TO BUILD A MAJOR DOCKYARD COMPLEX CAPABLE OF BUILDING MARINE VESSELS OF UP TO 15,000 TONS DEADWEIGHT.

+MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FACILITIES FOR LARGER SEA-GOING VESSELS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMPANY'S 100,000 TONS DEADWEIGHT FLOATING DOCK, THE CHUNG SHAN, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN POSITIONED NEAR THE MAIN SITE,+ MR. TODD SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEA WALLS AND EXTENSIVE RECLAMATION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO FORM THE SITE, AND THIS WOULD BE THE COMPANY'S FIRST PRIORITY.

ANCILLARY WORKS INCLUDED BUILDING AN ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM THE MAIN WEST COAST DISTRIBUTOR LINK SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION LATE NEXT YEAR.

+THE CONDITIONS OF GRANT STIPULATE THAT SITE FORMATION WORK MUST BE COMPLETED IN 84 MONTHS, AND THE COMPANY INFORMS US THAT IT EXPECTS TO FINISH THIS WELL WITHIN THAT PERIOD,+ MR. TODD SAID.

+WHILE THE COMPANY HAS NOT YET DETAILED ITS FINAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS, IT EXPECTS TO SPEND ABOUT \$100 MILLION TO ACCOMMODATE THE MANY INTER-RELATED FUNCTIONS REQUIRED WITHIN A SHIP BUILDING/REPAIRING COMPLEX.

+ONE OF THE MAJOR EXPENDITURES WILL BE ON A SHIPBUILDING BERTH, WHICH EUROASIA SEES AS ONE OF THE MAINSTAYS OF ITS OPERATION.

+IT WILL BE DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOTH CONVENTIONAL VESSELS AND THE MORE SPECIALISED FORMS OF MARINE TRANSPORT REQUIRED BY THE OIL INDUSTRY.

+ALSO IN THE PLANS ARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, ENGINEERING WORKSHOPS AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS PROVIDING THE SOPHISTICATED INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED IN AN OPERATION OF THIS TYPE.+

MR. TODD SAID EUROASIA PLANNED TO EMPLOY ABOUT 2,000 PEOPLE ON THE COMPLETED PROJECT -- +AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT VIEWPOINT AND ONE THAT FORMED AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE GRANT.+

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY PLEASED THAT AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE GRANT CONDITIONS HAD BEEN FINALISED AND THE COMPANY WAS READY TO GO AHEAD AT FULL STEAM.

HE SAID THE SIGNING MEANT THAT THREE BIG COMPANIES WOULD NOW BE BUILDING DOCKYARDS ON THE WEST COAST OF TSING YI.

HONGKONG UNITED DOCKYARD AND YIU LIAN MACHINERY REPAIRING WORK LTD. WERE ALREADY WELL ADVANCED WITH SITE FORMATION WORK, AND WHEN ALL THREE COMPLEXES WERE IN OPERATION, +HONG KONG WILL HAVE A GREATLY EXPANDED CAPACITY FOR PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES TO THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN THE FACE OF STRONG COMPETITION FROM OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.+

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MR. FOU TS'ONG TO CONDUCT PIANO MASTER CLASS

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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE HAS INVITED WORLD-FAMOUS PIANIST, MR. FOU TS'ONG TO CONDUCT A PIANO MASTER CLASS AT 5.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 15) IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY CHAPEL, BAPTIST COLLEGE, WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON.

MR. FOU TS'ONG RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM ENGLAND TO GIVE TWO CHARITY CONCERTS.

HIS PROGRAMME ON FRIDAY INCLUDES:

- * CONCERTO NO. 18 IN B FLAT MAJOR, K456 MOZART
- * BALLADE NO. 3 IN A FLAT MAJOR OP. 47 CHOPIN
- * ETUDE NO. 2 IN A MINOR OP. 10 NO. 2 CHOPIN

THE MASTER CLASS IS AIMED AT BROADENING THE MUSICAL SCOPE OF TRAINEES OF THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND. FREE ADMISSION CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, NINTH FLOOR, ARTS CENTRE, WANCHAI ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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NEW CDO (EASTERN) TO MEET KAIFONG OFFICIALS

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THE NEW CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN), MR. CHARLES GATELY, WILL PAY A COURTESY VISIT TO THE SHAU KEI WAN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING.

THIS IS MR. GATELY'S FIRST OFFICIAL CALL TO THE ASSOCIATION AFTER HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS CDO FOR EASTERN DISTRICT AND IS PART OF A SERIES OF SCHEDULED VISITS TO KAIFONG BODIES AND CIVIC ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (LIAISON), MR. WILLIAM CHAN.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT COVERS VICTORIA PARK, NORTH POINT, SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT OF THE NEW CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN), MR. CHARLES GATELY, TO THE SHAU KEI WAN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION AT 135, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, AT 6 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF WATERLOO ROAD BETWEEN HEREFORD AND JUNCTION ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 12.30 A.M. TO 5.15 A.M. ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (DECEMBER 14-15).

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE A BEAMING LAUNCHING OPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CORNWALL STREET INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION.

ALL NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG THIS SECTION OF WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED AT THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND HEREFORD ROAD TO TRAVEL VIA HEREFORD ROAD, RENFREW ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD TO REJOIN WATERLOO ROAD.

ALL SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED AT THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD TO TRAVEL VIA JUNCTION ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD TO REJOIN WATERLOO ROAD.

ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE ROUTE IS VIA JUNCTION ROAD, RENFREW ROAD, HEREFORD ROAD, LA SALLE ROAD, LANCASHIRE ROAD TO REJOIN WATERLOO ROAD.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD BETWEEN HING WAH STREET AND TONKIN STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 5.30 A.M. FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS STARTING WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 13) TO FACILITATE THE DEMOLITION OF THE FOOTBRIDGE NEAR FAT TSEUNG STREET IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

DURING THESE PERIODS, BUS ROUTE NOS. 4, 37, 44A, 45, 102 AND 105 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HING WAH STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND TONKIN STREET TO REJOIN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD ON EASTBOUND JOURNEYS.

FOR WESTBOUND JOURNEYS, BUS ROUTE NOS. 6B, 12, 12B, 31B, 33, 35A, 36A, 37, 44A, 45, 102 AND 105 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TONKIN STREET, UN CHAU STREET AND HING WAH STREET TO REJOIN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD.

TEMPORARY BUS STOPS WILL BE SET UP ALONG THE DIVERTED ROUTES.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FINDLAY ROAD ON THE PEAK WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING TWO TONS IN UNLADEN WEIGHT FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 15).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN ALL THESE AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 14) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY KA LOK STREET, SHUI WO STREET, HIP WO STREET AND YUET WAH STREET, INCLUDING TSZ LOI LANE, PING SHING LANE AND BLOCK NOS. 1 TO 11 OF WO LOK ESTATE.

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