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GOVERNOR STRESSES NEED FOR ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

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THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG OWES MUCH TO THE ENTHUSIASM AND HARD WORK OF ITS PEOPLE BUT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY, THOUGH ESSENTIAL FOR A STABLE SOCIETY, CANNOT ALONE MEET HUMAN NEEDS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH ARTS ADMINISTRATORS AT THE FURAMA HOTEL, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED EXPANSION OF ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG, WITH GROWING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND APPRECIATION.

+WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO RESPOND TO THIS DEVELOPMENT AND WE SHALL DO ALL WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE THE CREATIVE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG IS HOSTING THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE, WHICH IS BEING ATTENDED BY 28 DELEGATES FROM 14 COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES. PREVIOUS CONFERENCES WERE HELD IN ENGLAND IN 1979 AND CANADA IN 1981.

SIR EDWARD SAID THE CONFERENCE IS BY NOW A WELL-ESTABLISHED BIENNIAL EVENT, WHOSE VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AS RESPECTED AND INFLUENTIAL AS ITS DELEGATES.

HE SAID: +THE CONFERENCE PROVIDES AN INVALUABLE FORUM FOR A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION ON THE ARTS, AND A RARE CHANCE FOR ARTS ADMINISTRATORS FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS.

+HONG KONG IS INDEED VERY HAPPY TO HOST THIS CONFERENCE. WE ARE KEEN TO LEARN, AND AT THE SAME TIME, WE FEEL THAT WE HAVE OUR OWN CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE. WE ARE A PLACE WHERE THE CULTURES OF EAST AND WEST SUCCESSFULLY COMBINE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING OUR EXPERIENCE WITH YOU.+

EARLIER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, MR ALEX WU, SAID ALTHOUGH ARTS ADMINISTRATION COULD HARDLY BE CALLED A HIGHLY DEVELOPED PROFESSION HERE, THE PEOPLE WERE PROBABLY MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR A PROFESSIONAL APPROACH TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARTS THAN MOST SOCIETIES, AND MORE APPRECIATIVE OF WHAT AN ENLIGHTENED ADMINISTRATION COULD DO FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS.

+WE KNOW VERY WELL THAT IN HONG KONG ESPECIALLY, WHERE WE MUST LOOK AT ARTS ADMINISTRATION SO VERY MUCH FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, THE TIME HAS COME FOR AN ENTIRELY PROFESSIONAL APPROACH.

+WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS WE SHALL BE ABLE TO ADVANCE THE TRAINING OF OUR PEOPLE IN THE ARTS WITH EVERY PROSPECT OF REWARDING CAREERS,+ HE POINTED OUT.

MR WU ALSO READ OUT A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL, SIR SHRIDATH RAMPHAL, WHO EXPRESSED HIS REGRETS AT BEING UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

THE SECOND SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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GOVERNOR TO LEAVE FOR PEKING

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A FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, FOR PEKING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

SIR EDWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, WILL BE LEAVING ON FLIGHT CA 102, ETD 1 PM.

PLEASE ADVISE THOSE ASSIGNED TO COVER THE DEPARTURE TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 11.45 AM TOMORROW. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CHIEF SECRETARY EXAMINES HONG KONG'S
DECISION-MAKING PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY SPOKE IN DETAIL ON +THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG SET, AS IT IS, IN THE CONTEXT OF A SYSTEM OF CONSULTATION AND CONSENSUS.+

ADDRESSING THE 25TH CONGREGATION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SIR PHILIP SAID: +WHETHER ONE REGARDS THAT SYSTEM AS AN ENTIRELY ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR PARLIAMENTARY STYLE DEMOCRACY, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT IT IS, TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM, ONE OF THE THREE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THIS FREE SOCIETY, THE FUTURE OF WHICH IS OF SUCH CONCERN TO US ALL.+

AT THE CONGREGATION, SIR PHILIP AND SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WERE CONFERRED WITH THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS.

SIR PHILIP SAID THAT THE WAY IN WHICH HONG KONG IS GOVERNED HAS ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION RECENTLY, AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE TWO REASONS HE CHOSE TO SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT.

THE FIRST REASON WAS THAT IT HAPPENS TO BE RELEVANT TO HIS PRESENT DUTIES AS CHIEF SECRETARY.

SIR PHILIP SAID THE ENSUING DEBATE HAS CENTRED ON RATHER VAGUE CALLS FOR GREATER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THE CONCEPT OF ACCOUNTABILITY, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING CHANNELS FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF VIEWS, THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIVENESS TO PUBLIC OPINION AND A VAGUE FEELING OF UNEASE STEMMING FROM EXTERNAL CRITICISM AT THE LACK OF AN ELECTIVE SYSTEM.

HE SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN A TENDENCY TO OVERLOOK THE ULTIMATE DECISION-MAKING OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT, +DEFINED FOR THIS PURPOSE TO BE THE GOVERNOR AND THE CIVIL SERVICE, THAT IS TO SAY, THE ADMINISTRATION.+

/SIR PHILIP

SIR PHILIP EXPLAINED THAT BENEATH THE GOVERNOR AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE ADMINISTRATION IS HEADED BY HIS THREE PRINCIPAL ADVISERS: THE CHIEF SECRETARY, WHO HEADS THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, WHO IS THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISER ON BUDGETARY AND FISCAL POLICY, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO IS THE GOVERNOR'S LEGAL ADVISER.

SIR PHILIP, HOWEVER, STRESSED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL +DOES NOT OPERATE WITHIN THE SYSTEM OF CONSULTATION AND CONSENSUS, BUT UNDER THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW.+

+HE MAY BE PERSUADED BY ARGUMENT, BUT NOT BY PUBLIC OPINION,+ THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

IT IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THESE THREE PRINCIPAL ADVISERS THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE PLAYS ITS ROLE IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, HE SAID.

THIS ROLE COULD BE DIVIDED INTO FIVE TASKS.

- * THE FIRST IS TO PRESENT IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION
- * THE SECOND IS TO ENSURE THAT THE RESULTANT POLICY PROPOSALS GO FORWARD TO ADEQUATE CONSULTATION, WITH THE RIGHT PUBLICITY
- * THE THIRD IS TO ASSESS PUBLIC OPINION ON POLICY PROPOSALS AND EXECUTIVE ACTION AND TO EXAMINE IT CAREFULLY AND LOGICALLY
- * THE FOURTH IS TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS FOR ACTION TO THE CHOSEN INSTRUMENT FOR ADVICE TO THE GOVERNOR, AND
- * THE FIFTH IS TO CARRY OUT WHATEVER DECISIONS ARE MADE OR IMPOSED FAITHFULLY, INTELLIGENTLY AND WITH DUE REGARD TO THEIR POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR POLICY DECISIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN LATER ON.

+PRESENTLY,+ SIR PHILIP SAID, +WE ALL LIVE UNDER THE STRAIN OF MANY ANXIETIES, BUT THE CIVIL SERVICE IS DUTY BOUND TO CARRY ON WITH ITS DAILY TASKS REGARDLESS AND IT CAN BE RELIED UPON, SIR, TO DO SO.+

SIR PHILIP SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG BY AND LARGE DIRECT VERY LITTLE OF THEIR MENTAL ENERGIES TOWARDS POLITICAL THEORY, +IT IS AT LEAST ARGUABLE THAT THEIR SENSE OF IDENTIFICATION WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT IS RATHER LIMITED.+

+BUT IN MODERN TIMES, GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME SUCH AN INFLUENCE IN THE DAILY LIVES OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG AS TO GENERATE AN ALMOST INTUITIVE RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ROLE OF CONSULTATION IN THE ORDERING OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS HERE,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

THERE HAS ALSO EMERGED A PUBLIC EXPECTATION OF CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF SPECIFIC MAJOR ISSUES AND THE GENERALITY OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES THAT DETERMINES THE NATURE AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN HONG KONG.

/SIR PHILIP

SIR PHILIP EXPLAINED THE TWO LEVELS AND AREAS OF DECISION-MAKING IN GOVERNMENT - LOWER LEVEL AND UPPER LEVEL - AND HOW CONSULTATION IS A PART OF EACH.

AT THE LOWER LEVEL, DECISIONS ARE FOUNDED ON ADVICE FROM FUNCTIONAL, OR SUBJECT-ORIENTED, ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND FROM GEOGRAPHICALLY BASED ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

HE ALSO SAID THAT A REVIEW OF THE PRESENT PATTERN OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION TO SEE WHETHER IT NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE AND CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IS NOW IN HAND.

AT THE UPPER LEVEL, THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IS FOUNDED ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE POWERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, HE SAID, ARE A CHECK EVEN ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL -- SINCE THERE ARE FEW MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT RESOURCES.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SIR PHILIP POINTED OUT, IS:

- * A CREATIVE BODY, GIVING UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS A CHANCE TO HELP FORMULATE PUBLIC POLICY
- * A CRITICAL BODY, ALLOWING UNOFFICIALS TO QUESTION OFFICIALS, AND
- * A SUPREME BODY, WITH POWERS TO VOTE FUNDS AND MAKE LEGISLATION.

AS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE BRITISH CABINET, ITS DELIBERATIONS +ALWAYS LIE BEHIND A SHROUD OF CONFIDENTIALITY.+

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR PHILIP ADDED, ALSO HAS A LARGER NUMBER OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS -- 11 OUT OF 17 -- AND ALL OF THEM ARE BOUND TO GIVE THEIR ADVICE FREELY FOR THE GOOD GOVERNANCE OF HONG KONG.

+THE GOVERNOR IS REQUIRED TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON ALL MAJOR ISSUES OF POLICY- AND, SHOULD HE EVER FEEL OBLIGED TO GO AGAINST THAT ADVICE, HE MUST REPORT HIS DECISION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN LONDON,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT WHATEVER MAY BE THE PERCEPTION OF OUR SYSTEM OF CONSULTATION AND CONSENSUS IN THEORY, HE BELIEVES THAT THE SYSTEM +HAS NURTURED AND SUSTAINED THE LEGITIMATE SOCIO-POLITICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.+

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ARTS ACADEMY WILL HELP BRING OUT TALENT: BRAY
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THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, WHICH WILL BE READY IN 1985, IS DESTINED TO BECOME NOT ONLY A MAJOR ADDITION TO HONG KONG'S CULTURAL LIFE, BUT ALSO TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF TEACHING CENTRES, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER MEETING OF THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH ARTS ADMINISTRATORS, MR BRAY SAID THE AIM WAS TO +GIVE TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO DEVELOP THEIR ARTISTIC POTENTIAL, AND TO EQUIP THEM WITH THE SKILLS NEEDED TO ENTER THE WORLD OF THE PERFORMING ARTS AS PROFESSIONALS.+

MR BRAY SAID THAT ONE OF THE UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE ACADEMY WOULD BE THAT WESTERN AND CHINESE ARTS FORMS WOULD BE TAUGHT THERE WITH EQUAL EMPHASIS.

MR BRAY SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCE HAD ALL BENEFITED FROM POSITIVE SUPPORT FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

+THIS SUPPORT CAN BE SEEN NOT ONLY AS A PROOF OF OUR BELIEF IN THE INTRINSIC VALUE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO AS AN INDICATION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY BUILDING,+ HE SAID.

THE ARTS BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER AND HONG KONG HAD SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT HEARTS AND MINDS TOGETHER THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

+ART CANNOT BE CREATED BY GOVERNMENT FIAT NOR CAN GENUINE ART BE SUBORNED TO SERVE STATE PROPAGANDA FOR IT THEN CEASES TO HAVE REAL MEANING.

+THE TRADITION OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THE ARTS IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED IN THE COMMONWEALTH BUT IS NOT FOUND EVERYWHERE,+ MR BRAY SAID.

+WE ARE FORTUNATE TO ENJOY IT IN HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

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SURVEY OF TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS COMPLETED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED A SURVEY ON WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS.

THE SURVEY COLLECTED DATA RELATING TO THE YEAR 1981 AND WAS THE THIRD ANNUAL FOLLOW-UP ENQUIRY AFTER THE BENCHMARK CENSUS FOR 1977.

DATA COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDED TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE, STOCK, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

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ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY, 79 470 WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS WERE IN OPERATION DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1981, WITH A TOTAL OF 508 910 PERSONS ENGAGED. THEY GENERATED \$303 356 MILLION IN SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AND SPENT \$13 773 MILLION ON COMPENSATION TO EMPLOYEES, \$24 441 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES, AND \$252 994 MILLION ON PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE. WHEN COMPARED WITH 1980, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT, WHILE THE EXPENDITURES ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE WENT UP BY 27 PER CENT, 25 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE VALUE ADDED BY THE SECTOR, COMPRISING COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, INTEREST PAYMENTS AND OPERATING SURPLUS, GREW BY 19 PER CENT TO \$31 528 MILLION IN 1981 FROM \$26 570 MILLION IN 1980. THIS VALUE ADDED REPRESENTED THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

THE SURVEY ALSO REVEALED THAT IN 1981, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE RECORDED THE LARGEST SALE AND OTHER RECEIPTS AT \$194 857 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT OF THE SECTOR TOTAL. RETAIL TRADE ACCOUNTED FOR ANOTHER 18 PER CENT, WHILE WHOLESALE TRADE TOOK UP 13 PER CENT, RESTAURANTS FOUR PER CENT, AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES ONE PER CENT OF THE SECTOR TOTAL.

IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE CONTRIBUTED 50 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED IN THE SECTOR. THE REMAINING CONTRIBUTION WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY RETAIL TRADE (22 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (14 PER CENT), WHOLESALE TRADE (NINE PER CENT) AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES (FIVE PER CENT).

WHEN COMPARED WITH 1980, RESTAURANTS ATTAINED THE LARGEST INCREASE OF 31 PER CENT IN SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, FOLLOWED BY HOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES (30 PER CENT), IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE (23 PER CENT), RETAIL TRADE (22 PER CENT) AND WHOLESALE TRADE (12 PER CENT).

IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED, RESTAURANTS AGAIN RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE OF 32 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY HOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES (25 PER CENT), IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE (17 PER CENT), RETAIL TRADE (16 PER CENT) AND WHOLESALE TRADE (12 PER CENT).

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW PREPARING A REPORT ON THE 1981 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, WHICH WILL CONTAIN A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS BY MAJOR TRADE GROUP AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO WHOLESALE-RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 3-7216024).

Summary statistics for all establishments analysed by activity for 1980 and 1981

Activity		No. of persons engaged \$ Million	Compensation of employees \$ Million	Operating expenses \$ Million	Purchases of goods for sale \$ Million	Changes in stocks \$ Million	Sales and other receipts \$ Million	Value added \$ Million	Interest* payments \$ Million
Wholesale trade	1980	55,681	1,059	1,637	31,577	608	35,000	2,500	184
	1981	57,766	1,243	1,694	35,578	499	39,302	2,797	320
	% change	+ 4%	+ 17%	+ 3%	+ 13%	- 18%	+ 12%	+ 12%	+ 74%
Retail trade	1980	148,197	2,396	3,867	35,709	1,458	43,700	5,821	366
	1981	156,922	2,976	4,747	42,987	1,096	53,101	6,767	440
	% change	+ 6%	+ 24%	+ 23%	+ 20%	- 25%	+ 22%	+ 16%	+ 20%
Import/export trade	1980	123,281	4,246	11,195	136,651	2,642	158,076	13,523	2,517
	1981	136,827	5,478	14,080	168,341	2,426	194,857	15,814	2,917
	% change	+ 11%	+ 29%	+ 26%	+ 23%	- 8%	+ 23%	+ 17%	+ 16%
Restaurants	1980	124,816	2,671	2,065	4,564	36	10,035	3,448	28
	1981	135,182	3,438	2,916	5,775	33	13,186	4,558	49
	% change	+ 8%	+ 29%	+ 41%	+ 27%	- 8%	+ 31%	+ 32%	+ 75%
Hotels/boarding houses	1980	19,620	453	717	257	7	2,232	1,277	45
	1981	22,213	638	1,004	314	12	2,910	1,591	94
	% change	+ 13%	+ 41%	+ 40%	+ 22%	+ 71%	+ 30%	+ 25%	+109%
Total	1980	471,594	10,825	19,481	208,758	4,751	249,043	26,570	3,139
	1981	508,910	13,773	24,441	252,994	4,066	303,356	31,528	3,820
	% change	+ 8%	+ 27%	+ 25%	+ 21%	- 14%	+ 22%	+ 19%	+ 22%

* Included in operating expenses.

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CHINA BEING ASKED TO REDUCE WATER SUPPLY

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS APPROACHED THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES REQUESTING THEM TO REDUCE THE PRESENT LEVEL OF WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA.

THE REQUEST WAS MADE OVER THE WEEKEND FOLLOWING RECENT RAINS WHICH HAVE FURTHER IMPROVED THE STORAGE IN THE RESERVOIRS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT DESCRIBED THE REDUCTION AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE.

+AS WE ARE ENTERING THE DRY SEASON, WHEN FURTHER HEAVY RAINFALL IS UNLIKELY AND THE RESERVOIRS WILL BE DRAWN DOWN, WE EXPECT TO CATCH UP WITH THE ORIGINAL LEVEL OF SUPPLY FROM CHINA LATER IN THE YEAR,+ HE SAID.

AT 9 AM TODAY, THE STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS STOOD AT 580.884 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 99.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

OF HONG KONG'S 17 RESERVOIRS, 12 ARE FULL.

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WORK RULES FOR CHILDREN EXPLAINED

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CHILDREN WITHIN THE COMPULSORY EDUCATION AGE GROUP WHO HAVE REACHED 13 YEARS, MAY WORK PART-TIME OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS IN NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, WITH THE CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS AND ON PRODUCTION OF VALID SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES.

UNDER THE EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1979, ALL CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 15 WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED FORM III, MUST ATTEND SCHOOL, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE ENFORCEMENT OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, THE EMPLOYMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION) ORDINANCE 1979 AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS 1979 HAVE BEEN ENACTED WHICH PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF 15 IN INDUSTRIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

HOWEVER, 13-YEAR OLD CHILDREN MAY WORK PART-TIME IN NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS AND ON PRODUCTION OF VALID SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES.

+BUT THESE CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED IN ANY PROHIBITED OCCUPATIONS AS SPECIFIED IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE MAY BE EMPLOYED IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, SUBJECT TO STRINGENT CONTROLS AND WITH PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, HE SAID.

/ALL CHILDREN

ALL CHILDREN WITHIN THE COMPULSORY EDUCATION AGE GROUP, INCLUDING ENTERTAINERS, WHO WISH TO WORK PART-TIME MUST POSSESS VALID SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE SCHOOLS WHERE THEY ARE ATTENDING A FULL SECONDARY OR PRIMARY COURSE.

THEY MUST ALSO HAVE THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES MUST ALSO BE MADE BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS DIRECT TO THE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS.

ALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE DATES OF ISSUE, ARE VALID ONLY UP TO SEPTEMBER 30 EACH YEAR, AFTER WHICH RE-APPLICATION WILL BE NECESSARY.

CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED BY LAW REGARDING THE WORKING HOURS AND CONDITIONS TO SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH AND STUDIES OF CHILDREN WHO ARE WORKING PART-TIME.

A CHILD SHOULD NOT BE AT WORK BEFORE 7 AM OR AFTER 7 PM ON ANY DAY, AND DURING SCHOOL HOURS ON ANY SCHOOL DAY.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM, A CHILD SHOULD NOT WORK FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS ON ANY SCHOOL DAY OR MORE THAN FOUR HOURS ON OTHER DAYS. DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS THE CHILD SHOULD NOT WORK FOR MORE THAN EIGHT HOURS ON ANY DAY.

HOWEVER, CHILDREN WORKING AS ENTERTAINERS MAY BE EMPLOYED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 12 MIDNIGHT BUT NOT DURING SCHOOL HOURS OR FOR MORE THAN EIGHT HOURS ON ANY DAY. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE EMPLOYED FOR MORE THAN FOUR DAYS IN A WEEK, AND DURING SCHOOL TERM, MORE THAN THREE DAYS FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

+CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE AT WORK CONTINUOUSLY FOR MORE THAN FIVE HOURS AFTER WHICH THEY MUST HAVE AN INTERVAL OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HOUR FOR A MEAL OR REST.

+ALSO, THEY MUST NOT LIFT OR CARRY ANY LOAD EXCEEDING 18 KILOGRAMS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TWO RECLAMATION SITE TENANCIES OFFERED
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCIES OF TWO SITES AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AND A SITE IN YUEN LONG.

ONE OF THE SITES AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 4 750 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR OPEN STORAGE.

THE OTHER KOWLOON BAY LOT, WHICH IS FOR THE STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, AND SALE OF CEMENT AND NATURAL SAND AND AGGREGATE, MEASURES ABOUT 3 180 SQUARE METRES.

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THE REMAINING SITE IS SITUATED AT TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA OF YUEN LONG. IT IS OF ABOUT 400 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR THE STORAGE AND REPAIR OF TENANT'S GOODS AND THE REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE (INCLUDING PAINT SPRAYING) OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR THE ABOVE SITES IS 12 NOON ON OCTOBER 28.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON EAST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AND THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SUBSTRUCTURE WORK
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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUBSTRUCTURE OF A MULTI-STOREY URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX IN WESTERN.

THE SITE, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 3 000 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED AT THE JUNCTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, MORRISON STREET, AND BONHAM STRAND.

THE PRESENT CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CARRYING OUT OF FOUNDATION AND DRAINAGE WORK AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR AND GROUND FLOOR.

WORK ON THE SUBSTRUCTURE WILL START IN DECEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

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NOTE TO SPORTS EDITORS:

THE HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC PAIRS 1983
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HONG KONG WILL ONCE AGAIN STAGE A LAWN BOWLS INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC PAIRS TOURNAMENT, FROM NOVEMBER 22 TO 27, AT THE KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

A PRESS LUNCH ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 20) AT 12.30 PM AT THE CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB (C.C.C.) IN HAPPY VALLEY.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION, MR KEN WALLIS, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE FOR THE TOURNAMENT-DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER TSAO WILL SPEAK AT THE LUNCH.

THE TOURNAMENT IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION AND JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE HONGKONG BANK FOUNDATION, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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MAXICAB FARES TO RISE
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FARES ON MAXICAB ROUTES 4, 5 AND 35, LINKING SHEK PAI WAN WITH YUN PING ROAD AND ABERDEEN WITH CAUSEWAY BAY AND WAN CHAI RESPECTIVELY, WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$2.5 TO \$3 AS FROM WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 19).

HOWEVER, THE NEW FARE WOULD STILL BE WITHIN THE MAXIMUM FARE LIMIT APPROVED BY GOVERNMENT IN JULY 1982 FOR THESE ROUTES, WHICH IS \$3, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CHOI HUNG WATER MAINS WORK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CHOI HUNG ESTATE WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 20) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY HUNG MUI AVENUE, LUK LAU AVENUE, CHANG FA AVENUE, CHING YEUNG AVENUE, LAM CHUNG AVENUE, WONG KUK AVENUE AND TSE WAI AVENUE, INCLUDING HUNG NGOK HOUSE, KAM HON HOUSE, KAM WAN HOUSE, KAM PIK HOUSE, CHUI KING HOUSE, PAK SUET HOUSE, TAN FUNG HOUSE, KAM WAH HOUSE, LUK CHING HOUSE AND CHI MEI HOUSE.

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EDINBURGH PLACE TRAFFIC PLAN
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EDINBURGH PLACE EAST BETWEEN THE EASTERN END OF URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND QUEEN'S PIER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM TOMORROW (OCTOBER 18) FOR THE EIGHTH ASIAN ARTS FESTIVAL.

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