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COUNTRY AND COMMODITY BREAKDOWN FIGURES  
FOR HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY-OCTOBER 1979  
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THE MERCHANDISE TRADE VALUE FOR JANUARY TO OCTOBER THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$130 435 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 40 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1978.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 38 PER CENT TO \$44 995 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 39 PER CENT TO \$69 309 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 53 PER CENT TO \$16 132 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER AMOUNTED TO \$61 127 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 42 PER CENT.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) RELEASED THE DETAILED STATISTICS.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

	JAN.-OCT. 79 (HK\$ M.)	JAN.-OCT. 78 (HK\$ M.)	INCREASE (HK\$ M.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	15 323	12 431	+ 2 892	+ 23%
F.R. OF GERMANY	5 007	3 397	+ 1 610	+ 47%
U.K.	4 797	3 024	+ 1 773	+ 59%
JAPAN	2 243	1 436	+ 807	+ 56%
AUSTRALIA	1 439	1 206	+ 233	+ 19%
CANADA	1 313	1 019	+ 294	+ 29%
SINGAPORE	1 148	868	+ 280	+ 32%
NETHERLANDS	1 084	710	+ 374	+ 53%
SWEDEN	763	441	+ 322	+ 73%
FRANCE	751	424	+ 327	+ 77%

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. CONTINUED TO RISE STEADILY WITH CLOTHING, SHOWING AN INCREASE OF \$758 MILLION OR 15 PERCENT FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN DELIVERIES OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$426 MILLION OR 54%), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$360 MILLION OR 35%), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$204 MILLION OR 32%), AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$195 MILLION OR 32%).

PROMINENT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING (BY \$834 MILLION OR 41%), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$254 MILLION OR 170%), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS (BY \$185 MILLION OR 51%) TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

/DOMESTIC EXPORTS .....

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.K. CONTINUED ON AN UPWARD TREND, IN PARTICULAR, FOR CLOTHING (INCREASED BY \$795 MILLION OR 51%), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS (BY \$203 MILLION OR 125%), TEXTILES (BY \$148 MILLION OR 44%), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$99 MILLION OR 49%).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO JAPAN ALSO SHOWED INCREASES OF \$281 MILLION OR 67% AND \$80 MILLION OR 86% RESPECTIVELY.

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION IS PRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:-

	<u>JAN.-OCT. 79</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>JAN.-OCT. 78</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	16 348	12 675	+ 3 673	+ 29%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	7 644	5 347	+ 2 297	+ 43%
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4 028	2 518	+ 1 510	+ 60%
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 226	2 242	+ 984	+ 44%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3 201	2 272	+ 929	+ 41%
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	2 608	1 704	+ 904	+ 53%

REMARKABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1 311 MILLION OR 63%), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$863 MILLION OR 41%), TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$773 MILLION OR 46%), ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL HOUSEHOLD TYPE EQUIPMENT (BY \$345 MILLION OR 55%), AND TEXTILE MADE-UP ARTICLES (BY \$138 MILLION OR 54%).

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ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN SALES OF PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS (BY \$20 MILLION OR 19%) AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$5 MILLION OR 8%).

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS :-

	<u>JAN.-OCT. 79</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>JAN.-OCT. 78</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
JAPAN	15 683	11 362	+ 4 321	+ 38%
CHINA	11 897	8 315	+ 3 582	+ 43%
U.S.A.	8 469	6 090	+ 2 379	+ 39%
TAIWAN	4 781	3 328	+ 1 453	+ 44%
SINGAPORE	3 925	2 618	+ 1 307	+ 50%
U.K.	3 579	2 301	+ 1 278	+ 56%
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 284	1 631	+ 653	+ 40%
SWITZERLAND	2 083	1 612	+ 471	+ 29%
REP. OF KOREA	2 029	1 408	+ 621	+ 44%
AUSTRALIA	1 281	1 021	+ 260	+ 25%

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM JAPAN WERE MAINLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE RISE IN DEMAND FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$601 MILLION OR 62%), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS (BY \$522 MILLION OR 63%), TEXTILES (BY \$457 MILLION OR 24%), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$412 MILLION OR 41%), IRON AND STEEL (BY \$260 MILLION OR 35%), AND ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$233 MILLION OR 34%).

INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE FOLLOWING IMPORTS FROM CHINA: TEXTILES (BY \$755 MILLION OR 46%), PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$580 MILLION OR 96%), CLOTHING (BY \$318 MILLION OR 67%) AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS (BY \$145 MILLION OR 46%).

IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. ALSO WENT UP SIGNIFICANTLY, PARTICULARLY IN ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$327 MILLION OR 177%), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$290 MILLION OR 59%), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$234 MILLION OR 46%), AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$116 MILLION OR 19%).

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTION :-

	<u>JAN.-OCT. 79</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>JAN.-OCT. 78</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>INCREASE</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND DIAMONDS)	21 773	16 114	+ 5 659	+ 35%
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	15 158	9 654	+ 5 504	+ 57%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	9 978	6 818	+ 3 160	+ 46%
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	7 779	6 594	+ 1 185	+ 18%
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5 466	3 720	+ 1 746	+ 47%
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	4 072	2 620	+ 1 452	+ 55%

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN ARRIVALS OF TEXTILES (BY \$2 686 MILLION OR 39%), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$1 690 MILLION OR 56%), PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$1 419 MILLION OR 56%), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 067 MILLION OR 69%), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1 062 MILLION OR 44%).

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$768 MILLION OR 465%), U.S.A. (BY \$642 MILLION OR 64%), TAIWAN (BY \$472 MILLION OR 49%), SINGAPORE (BY \$337 MILLION OR 30%) AND THE PHILIPPINES (BY \$249 MILLION OR 61%).

ACTIVE DEMAND CONTINUED FOR RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (INCREASED BY \$815 MILLION OR 57%), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$431 MILLION OR 82%), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$429 MILLION OR 30%), CLOTHING (BY \$367 MILLION OR 97%), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$276 MILLION OR 38%).

THE TRADE INDEX NUMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER 1979 (1973 = 100) WERE RELEASED AS FOLLOWS :-

	<u>VALUE</u> <u>INDEX</u>	<u>UNIT VALUE</u> <u>INDEX</u>	<u>QUANTUM</u> <u>INDEX</u>
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	328	171	192
IMPORTS	316	176	180

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX FOR SEPTEMBER 1979 WAS 97.

\$10 MILLION DONATION FOR PROMOTION OF MUSIC  
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON RECEIVED A FURTHER \$10 MILLION DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR THE PROMOTION OF MUSIC IN HONG KONG AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUSICAL TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

ACCEPTING THE MONEY ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS WHO WILL BE THE TRUSTEE OF THE NEW JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND, SIR JACK DESCRIBED THE DONATION AS +IMAGINATIVE AND TIMELY.+

+IT MEANS A CONSIDERABLE BOOST TO THE MUSICAL EDUCATION OF FUTURE GENERATIONS OF YOUNG MUSICIANS, AND AN ADDED IMPETUS TO POTENTIAL ASPIRING PERFORMERS WHO MAY OTHERWISE HAVE HAD LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENT FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OTHERS,+ HE SAID.

TODAY'S DONATION CEREMONY TOOK PLACE DURING A CONCERT IN PENFOLD PARK, SHA TIN. THE CONCERT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY, IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF OUTDOOR CONCERTS TO BE STAGED THERE.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR JACK'S SPEECH AT THE CEREMONY:

+THE LINK BETWEEN THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND MUSICAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG WHICH MAY NOT, AT FIRST SIGHT, SEEM OBVIOUS, WAS IN FACT FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN 1977.

+IN THAT YEAR, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB PROVIDED FOR THE FIRST TIME AN INITIAL GRANT OF \$600 000 AS WORKING CAPITAL FOR THE PROMOTION OF MUSIC IN HONG KONG IN GENERAL AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUSICAL TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

+THE INITIAL GRANT HAS SINCE BEEN AUGMENTED BY TWO SUCCESSIVE ANNUAL GRANTS OF \$800 000 EACH, MAKING TO DATE A TOTAL DONATION OF \$2.2 MILLION.

+TODAY, I HAVE VERY GREAT PLEASURE IN ACCEPTING A FURTHER DONATION OF \$10 MILLION. THIS WILL PROVIDE THE CAPITAL FOR ESTABLISHING A TRUST FUND, THE INTEREST ACCRUING TO WHICH WILL BE APPLIED TO MAKING GRANTS TO SCHOOLS AND TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN FULFILLING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND.

+THIS MOST GENEROUS INFUSION OF FUNDS INTO MUSICAL ACTIVITY IS IMAGINATIVE AND TIMELY. IT MEANS A CONSIDERABLE BOOST TO THE MUSICAL EDUCATION OF FUTURE GENERATIONS OF YOUNG MUSICIANS, AND AN ADDED IMPETUS TO POTENTIAL ASPIRING PERFORMERS WHO MAY OTHERWISE HAVE HAD LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENT FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OTHERS.

+ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, WHO IS TO BE CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE OF THE JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND, I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE FUND WILL BE PUT TO FULL USE IN ENCOURAGING AND DEVELOPING HONG KONG'S FUTURE MUSICIANS.+

DSW CALLS ON PARENTS TO HAVE PATIENCE  
IN CARING FOR CHILDREN  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON PARENTS TO BE PATIENT WITH THEIR CHILDREN IN TIMES WHEN THEY APPEARED TO BE PERSISTENTLY DIFFICULT AND TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND THEIR NEEDS AND PROBLEMS.

MR. LEE SAID IT WAS IMPROPER FOR CHILDREN TO BE NEGLECTED, REJECTED OR MADE AS AN OUTLET FOR FRUSTRATION.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A +HAPPY FAMILY+ CARNIVAL JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AS PART OF THE CURRENT COMMUNITY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION. THE THEME OF THE CAMPAIGN IS +THE CHILD AND THE FAMILY+.

HUNDREDS OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN ENJOYED THEMSELVES AT THE HALF-DAY CARNIVAL IN THE KOWLOON WAH YAN COLLEGE.

THE CARNIVAL FEATURED A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMMES INCLUDING CHILDREN'S SHOWS, STALL GAMES, MOBILE THEATRE PERFORMANCES, AND DISPLAYS ON CHILDREN'S TOYS AND BOOKS, AS WELL AS ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MESSAGES.

MR. LEE POINTED OUT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATION OF PARENTS TO PROPERLY BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN AND TO SHOW THEM LOVE AND CARE.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, CHILDREN SHOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY AND ROLE IN THE FAMILY IN ORDER TO MAKE USEFUL CONTRIBUTIONS,+ HE SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT CHILDHOOD WAS THE MOST FORMATIVE STAGE OF LIFE AND HOW THE CHILD WAS TAUGHT AND WHAT HE RECEIVED AT HOME WAS SIGNIFICANT TO HIS DEVELOPMENT AS AN ADULT.

+BROKEN FAMILIES, INADEQUATE PARENTAL CARE AND ATTENTION, INAPPROPRIATE METHODS OF ENFORCING DISCIPLINE AND STRAINED FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ON THE GROWTH OF THE CHILD,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE POINTED OUT THAT RAPID SOCIAL CHANGES, ARISING OUT OF INDUSTRIALISATION AND MODERNISATION, HAD LED TO MISUNDERSTANDING BY SOME PEOPLE TOWARDS THE FAMILY CONCEPT, ITS DEFINITION AND SIGNIFICANCE.

THIS SOMETIMES HAS RESULTED IN FAMILY BREAKDOWN AND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE GOING ASTRAY FOR LACK OF CARE AND PROPER TEACHING AT HOME, HE ADDED.

+FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION THEREFORE COMES IN AS AN IMPORTANT TOOL IN STRENGTHENING FAMILY TIES, BY INCREASING THE UNDERSTANDING OF SELF, OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE FAMILY, AND OF THE ROLE EACH FAMILY MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO PLAY,+ HE SAID.

THE ULTIMATE AIM, HE SAID, IS TO FOSTER HARMONIOUS FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, THUS CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE PREVENTION OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

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### FISHERMEN HOUSED IN SAI KUNG

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THE LAST GROUP OF FISHERMEN AFFECTED BY THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME ARE TO BE ALLOCATED FLATS BY BALLOT ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 21).

A TOTAL OF 178 FLATS HAS BEEN BUILT FOR THE REMAINING FAMILIES AT A COST OF \$8 MILLION, EXCLUDING THE COST OF LAND OR SITE FORMATION.

THE FLATS IN FOUR-STOREY BLOCKS ARE AT TUI MIN HOI, SAI KUNG.

EACH MEASURES 46.4 SQUARE METRES IN AREA AND HAS A LIVING AREA, KITCHEN, BATHROOM AND TOILET FACILITIES.

SPACIOUS OPEN AREAS SURROUND THE SIX BLOCKS.

AMONG THE FACILITIES ARE A POLICE POST, CAR PARKS AND A 279 SQUARE METRE COMMUNITY HALL.

FACILITIES TO BE BUILT SOON INCLUDE A MINI-SOCCER PITCH AND A FRESH FOOD MARKET.

THE BALLOT ON FRIDAY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER SAI KUNG, MR. COLIN BOSHER- MR. LEE YUN-SAU, UNOFFICIAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, AND MR. CHUNG POON, CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE.

KEYS WILL BE HANDED TO FAMILIES AFTER THE BALLOT RESULTS ARE KNOWN.

UNDER AN EARLIER PHASE OF THE SCHEME, 30 FLATS WERE BUILT FOR 260 PEOPLE.

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### APPLICATION FOR GRANTS FROM RECREATION FUND INVITED

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VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION, FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1980-81.

THE FUND WAS SET UP IN 1970 WITH A \$3 MILLION DONATION TO COMMEMORATE THE GOVERNORSHIP OF SIR DAVID TRENCH. IT IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, OTHER THAN THOSE ORGANISED FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAMME. THIS PROGRAMME ALREADY ATTRACTS CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

PRIORITY FOR ALLOCATION FROM THE FUND IS GIVEN TO PROJECTS YIELDING CONSTRUCTIVE AND LONG-TERM BENEFITS, AND WHICH HELP DEVELOP THE INDIVIDUAL, AND ENCOURAGE PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE TIME BY YOUNG PEOPLE.

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SINCE IT WAS SET UP, OVER \$3 MILLION IN GRANTS, DERIVED FROM INTEREST EARNED FROM INVESTMENTS, HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO FINANCE VARIOUS COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

IN 1978-79, GRANTS AMOUNTING TO SOME \$448 400 WERE MADE TO 92 AGENCIES TO START NEW PROJECTS AND TO PURCHASE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR GRANTS IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT WHICH ADMINISTERS THE FUND.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY, COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, WING ON CENTRE, 11TH FLOOR, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1980.

ALLOCATION OF GRANTS IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN LATE JULY 1980.

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 FIRST REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR GIRL GUIDES OPENED

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING OFFICIALLY OPENED THE FIRST REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION IN PING SHEK ESTATE, KOWLOON.

THE EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS THE FIRST OF THE FOUR PLANNED BY THE ASSOCIATION TO MORE EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT ITS GIRL GUIDE ACTIVITIES AND RECRUITMENT EXERCISE ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR. LEE SAID GIRL GUIDING WAS A WORLD-WIDE YOUTH MOVEMENT AND PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS VIGOROUS PROMOTION AND ACHIEVEMENTS.

+IT IS GRATIFYING TO LEARN THAT THE ASSOCIATION NOW HAS MORE THAN 14 000 MEMBERS IN HONG KONG, AND IN THE EAST KOWLOON REGION ALONE, THERE ARE MORE THAN 2 000 MEMBERS AS GUIDERS, RANGERS, YOUNG LEADERS, GUIDES AND BROWNIES,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE SAID THE FOUR REGIONS UNDER THE ASSOCIATION SCHEME -- EAST KOWLOON, WEST KOWLOON, HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, COINCIDED WITH THE FOUR UNDER THE REGIONALISATION SCHEME OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

+WHEN THE ASSOCIATION IS FULLY REGIONALISED, THIS WILL NO DOUBT INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUCH CLOSER LIAISON, NOT ONLY WITH MY DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, LOCAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES OPERATING IN THE REGIONS,+ HE SAID.

WATER CUT IN NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES

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WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES AND VILLAGES ALONG A NUMBER OF ROADS IN NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 19) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO ENABLE ESSENTIAL WATERWORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE PREMISES AND VILLAGES TO BE AFFECTED ARE ALONG:

- \* TAI PO ROAD, BETWEEN LAM TSUEN AND SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD, INCLUDING THOSE ON LAM KAM ROAD-
- \* CASTLE PEAK ROAD, BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD AND LOK MA CHAU, SAN TIN-
- \* FAN KAM ROAD, BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD AND CHUI KENG TSUEN-
- \* JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING CROSS ROAD AND SAN FUNG AVENUE, INCLUDING SHEK WU HUI AND SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN-
- \* MAN KAM TO ROAD BETWEEN SAN FUNG AVENUE AND MAN KAM TO POLICE POST, INCLUDING LO WU RAILWAY STATION AND MUK WU PUMPING STATION-
- \* SHA TAU KOK ROAD, BETWEEN FANLING CROSS ROAD AND SHA TAU KOK MARKET, INCLUDING LUEN WO MARKET AND ON LOK TSUEN, AND
- \* PING CHE ROAD, BETWEEN SHA TAU KOK ROAD AND TA KWU LING POLICE STATION, FANLING.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN SHA TIN AND KOWLOON TONG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 19) TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN WORKS.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE FO TAN TSUEN, THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE, HO TUNG LAU, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, LOK LO HA VILLAGE AND THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 PM ON THE SAME DAY (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL ALSO BE CUT OFF TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN REPAIRS.

TO BE AFFECTED ARE PREMISES IN LANCASHIRE ROAD BETWEEN LA SALLE ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD- OXFORD ROAD BETWEEN LANCASHIRE ROAD AND DURHAM ROAD, AND SELKIRK ROAD.

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**SUNG WONG TOI ROAD TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT**  
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THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SUNG WONG TOI ROAD BETWEEN PAK TAI STREET AND KOWLOON CITY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 17) AND TUESDAY (DECEMBER 18).

DURING THE CLOSURE, WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MA TAU KOK ROAD AND PAK TAI STREET TO RE-JOIN SUNG WONG TOI ROAD WEST OF PAK TAI STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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