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PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE  
1981 POPULATION CENSUS ON LABOUR COMPOSITION  
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PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS BASED ON SAMPLE TABULATIONS SHOW THAT THE SIZE OF THE LABOUR FORCE WAS 2 466 570 IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

OF THESE, 2 365 470 WERE EMPLOYED AND 101 100 WERE UNEMPLOYED. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN MARCH 1981 WAS, THEREFORE, 4.1 PER CENT.

BY COMPARISON, IN SEPTEMBER 1980 THERE WERE 101 900 UNEMPLOYED AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT THAT TIME WAS 4.3 PER CENT.

IN COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT THERE WAS A DECREASE IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 0.2 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER SEPTEMBER 1980. HOWEVER, THERE ARE USUALLY SUBSTANTIALLY MORE FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) IN SEPTEMBER THAN IN MARCH. IF THE SEPTEMBER 1980 RATE IS ADJUSTED FOR THE SEASONAL INFLUENCE TO PUT IT ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE MARCH 1981 RATE, IT BECOMES 3.8 PER CENT- THIS INDICATED AN INCREASE IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1980 AND MARCH 1981 (FROM 3.8 PER CENT TO 4.1 PER CENT).

IN OTHER WORDS, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS BEEN RISING GRADUALLY SINCE MARCH 1979 WHEN THE RATE WAS AT ITS LOWEST POINT OF 2.3 PER CENT.

REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, ON A SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BASIS, HAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE, A SPOKESMAN FROM THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS THE RESULT OF THE GROWTH RATE OF THE LABOUR FORCE BEING MORE RAPID THAN THE GROWTH RATE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. BUT HE EMPHASISED THAT THERE WAS NEVERTHELESS A RAPID GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF JOBS BEING TAKEN UP, AS INDICATED BY THE INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY 96 670 DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1981.

HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS PARTICULARLY REMARKABLE FOR SUCH RAPID GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT TO BE ACHIEVED DESPITE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN HONG KONG'S MAIN EXPORT MARKETS BEING GENERALLY UNFAVOURABLE.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS EXPLAINED THAT, ACCORDING TO THE 1981 CENSUS DEFINITION, PERSONS BETWEEN 15 AND 64 YEARS OF AGE WHO WERE NOT IN EMPLOYMENT, OR WHO HAD WORKED FOR LESS THAN 15 HOURS IN THE SEVEN DAYS BEFORE ENUMERATION, BUT WERE SEEKING WORK, WERE CLASSIFIED AS UNEMPLOYED.

THE COMMISSIONER FURTHER DREW ATTENTION TO THE VARIOUS DEFINITIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT USED BY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

IN HONG KONG, +UNEMPLOYED+ INCLUDED (A) PEOPLE WHO HAD JUST LEFT SCHOOL AND WHO REALLY HAD NOT MUCH CHANCE TO FIND A JOB- (B) PEOPLE WHO HAD JUST, BUT ONLY JUST, TAKEN UP WORK- (C) PEOPLE WHO HAD TEMPORARILY BEEN LAID OFF WORK (WORKING LESS THAN 15 HOURS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS)- (D) PEOPLE WHO WERE AVAILABLE FOR WORK, BUT WERE NOT ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR WORK BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS NONE TO BE HAD OR BECAUSE THEY WERE TEMPORARILY SICK.

THE SAMPLE TABULATIONS OF THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS, WHICH ARE NOW AVAILABLE, ALSO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE BASIC SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION. FINAL AND MORE DETAILED RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE LABOUR FORCE BASED ON THE PROVISIONAL FINDINGS OF THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS IS NOW AVAILABLE AND COPIES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

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JOINT WORKING SESSION OF AIRPORT MASTER PLAN  
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A WEEK-LONG JOINT WORKING SESSION WAS HELD TO REVIEW THE FIRST STAGE OF THE WORK BY RMP ENCON LTD., THE CONSULTANTS ENGAGED TO CARRY OUT THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

THE SESSION, THE FIRST IN A SERIES, WAS ATTENDED BY THE CONSULTANTS, THE PLANNING STAFF OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AND OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES CONCERNED.

AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AFTER DETAILED GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON THE CONSULTANTS' PROPOSED LOCATION AND LENGTH OF THE FIRST RUNWAY AND PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT IN GENERAL TERMS OF THE LAYOUT OF AIRPORT FACILITIES AND LOCATION AND LENGTH OF THE SECOND RUNWAY.

THE ONGOING WORK PROGRAMME OF THE CONSULTANTS TO DETERMINE AND DESIGN THE AIRPORT FACILITIES AND ROAD ACCESS WAS ALSO APPROVED AT THE JOINT WORKING SESSION.

MEANWHILE, A SERIES OF STUDIES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT AIRPORT OTHER THAN THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN CONSULTANCY ARE EITHER BEING CARRIED OUT CONCURRENTLY OR IN THE PIPELINE.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DESIGN STUDY, COMMISSIONED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN MID-APRIL, IS PROGRESSING AS SCHEDULED. THE GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS UNDERWAY WILL LEAD TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEST EMBANKMENT IN ABOUT SEPTEMBER.

THE METEOROLOGICAL AND OCEANOGRAPHIC STUDIES BEING CONDUCTED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY ARE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY.

THE SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS TO CARRY OUT BASELINE ENVIRONMENT STUDIES OF FLORA AND FAUNA AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT IS PROCEEDING.

THE FINANCIAL EVALUATION STUDY IS SCHEDULED TO BE CARRIED OUT EARLY NEXT YEAR.

RESULTS OF THESE STUDIES AS WELL AS OTHERS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED NORTH LANTAO DEVELOPMENT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION TOWARDS THE END OF 1982.

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## WAGE INDEXES FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED WAGE INDEXES FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS IN MARCH 1981. THESE ARE DERIVED FROM HALF-YEARLY WAGE SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. AS THE SURVEYS ARE NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE RESULTS CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS ROUGHLY INDICATIVE OF HOW WAGES MAY HAVE BEEN CHANGING.

TAKING AVERAGE WAGES DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1973 TO JUNE 1974 AS 100, THE INDEX OF NOMINAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES (EXCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS) FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS IN MARCH 1981 WAS 224. COMPARED WITH MARCH 1980, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 28 POINTS OR 14.3 PER CENT. COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1980, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 16 POINTS OR 7.7 PER CENT. INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS, THE INDEX IN MARCH 1981 WAS 231, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 29 POINTS OR 14.4 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1980 AND 17 POINTS OR 7.9 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1980.

THE INDEXES FOR THE LARGER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT SHOW THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FOR MARCH 1981 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1980 AND SEPTEMBER 1980:

NOMINAL INDEXEXCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>MAR. 80</u>	<u>SEPT 80</u>	<u>MAR 81</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u> <u>MAR. 81 OVER</u>	
				<u>SEPT 80</u>	<u>MAR 80</u>
MANUFACTURING	196	208	224	+ 7.7	+14.3
TEXTILES	203	213	231	+ 8.5	+13.8
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	202	216	217	+ 0.5	+ 7.4
ELECTRONICS	208	216	251	+16.2	+20.7
GARMENTS	182	197	208	+ 5.6	+14.3
GLOVES	167	179	178	- 0.6	+ 6.6
HANDBAGS	194	195	206	+ 5.6	+ 6.2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS OTHER THAN FLOWERS AND TOYS	233	238	254	+ 6.7	+9.0
PLASTIC TOYS	200	204	219	+ 7.4	+ 9.5
PRINTING	222	254	261	+ 2.8	+17.6

NOMINAL INDEX .....

NOMINAL INDEXINCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>MAR. 80</u>	<u>SEPT 80</u>	<u>MAR 81</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u> <u>MAR. 81 OVER</u>	
				<u>SEPT 80</u>	<u>MAR 80</u>
MANUFACTURING	202	214	231	+ 7.9	+14.4
TEXTILES	205	217	233	+ 7.4	+13.7
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	211	225	229	+ 1.8	+ 8.5
ELECTRONICS	218	226	263	+16.4	+20.6
GARMENTS	193	208	221	+ 6.3	+14.5
GLOVES	175	188	188	-	+ 7.4
HANDBAGS	209	208	220	+ 5.8	+ 5.3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS OTHER THAN FLOWERS AND TOYS	228	231	249	+ 7.8	+ 9.2
PLASTIC TOYS	197	200	216	+ 8.0	+ 9.6
PRINTING	226	264	271	+ 2.7	+19.9

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO PUBLISHED INDEXES OF REAL (THAT IS, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF INFLATION) AVERAGE DAILY WAGES FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS.

EXCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS, THE INDEX IN MARCH 1981 WAS 131, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 1 POINT OR 0.8 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1980 AND 1 POINT OR 0.8 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1980.

INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS, THE INDEX IN MARCH 1981 WAS 135, REPRESENTING ALSO AN INCREASE OF 1 POINT OR 0.7 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1980 AND 2 POINTS OR 1.5 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1980.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FROM THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID THAT THE LACK OF INCREASE IN MANUFACTURING WAGE RATES IN REAL TERMS WAS THE RESULT OF THE GROWTH RATE OF SUPPLY OF LABOUR CONTINUING TO BE RAPID, A DIRECT AND INDIRECT EFFECT OF RECENT IMMIGRATION.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE GROWTH RATE OF DEMAND FOR LABOUR IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS SLOWING DOWN IN RESPONSE TO UNFAVOURABLE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN HK'S MAJOR MARKETS.

THE INDEX OF NOMINAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS MEASURES CHANGES IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED AS WAGES BY WORKERS IN LARGE ESTABLISHMENTS IN 25 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. THE INDEX OF NOMINAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGES AS WELL AS IN SUCH FRINGE BENEFITS AS CASH BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES, FREE OR SUBSIDISED FOOD AND PAID HOLIDAYS.

THE INDEX OF REAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS AND THE INDEX OF REAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS ARE OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THEIR RESPECTIVE NOMINAL COUNTERPARTS BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A).

DETAILS OF WAGE MOVEMENTS IN THE INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCLUDED IN THE MARCH 1981 SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE WAGES AND LABOUR COST SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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#### 82 PASS FINAL LICENTIATE EXAMINATION

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THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT 82 CANDIDATES HAVE PASSED THE FINAL PART OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS.

THIS PART OF THE EXAMINATION, HELD BETWEEN JULY 8 TO 10, WAS AN ORAL EXAMINATION OF ABILITY TO APPLY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO CLINICAL PROBLEMS.

CANDIDATES WERE GIVEN A 30-MINUTE EXAMINATION BY TWO PANELS OF EXAMINERS IN EACH OF THE THREE DISCIPLINES -- MEDICINE, SURGERY AND OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL COMMENCE IN THE COMING SEPTEMBER AN 18-MONTH PERIOD OF EXTERNSHIP IN HOSPITALS APPROVED BY THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

THE CANDIDATES WHO FAILED IN THIS PART OF THE EXAMINATION MAY RESIT NEXT YEAR, AND ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXAMINATION BOARD, THOSE WHO FAILED IN ONE SUBJECT WILL BE REQUIRED TO RESIT ONLY THAT SUBJECT. CANDIDATES FAILING IN TWO SUBJECTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO RESIT THE WHOLE OF THIS PART OF THE EXAMINATION.

A TOTAL OF 212 CANDIDATES HAVE OBTAINED LICENCE TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG AFTER PASSING THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATIONS AND SATISFACTORILY COMPLETING AN EXTERNSHIP SINCE 1977. AT PRESENT ANOTHER 52 ARE UNDERGOING EXTERNSHIP.

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MERCHANT SHIPPING (PLEASURE VESSELS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1981  
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IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY AND IMPROVED CONTROL AT SEA AND TO COMBAT THE CONTINUING THREAT POSED BY THE USE OF SPEEDBOATS TO BRING IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, NEW REGULATIONS RELATING TO PLEASURE CRAFT ARE PUBLISHED TODAY.

THESE REGULATIONS APPLY TO PLEASURE CRAFT BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE WATER. THEY WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 17.

THEY ARE PART OF THE MEASURES INTRODUCED UNDER THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1981 WHICH WAS ENACTED LAST WEEK AFTER APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. THEY ARE INTENDED TO ENSURE THAT PLEASURE CRAFT ARE PROPERLY LICENSED AND OPERATED, ARE INSURED AGAINST THIRD PARTY RISKS AND ARE MORE EASILY IDENTIFIABLE.

THE CHANGES MADE UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS ARE:

- (A) AN INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE LICENCE NUMBER/LETTERS TO 300 MM, TO BE PAINTED AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE MIDSHIPS (THIS IS IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFICATION OF VESSELS). THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DISPLAY THE NUMBER WILL BE INCREASED.
- (B) CHANGES OF ADDRESS, OF PARTICULARS OF THE VESSEL AND OF OWNERSHIP, CHARTERING AND REMOVAL MUST BE REPORTED WITHIN 3 DAYS, INSTEAD OF 7 DAYS, AS IN THE PAST.
- (C) OTHER PENALTY INCREASES INCLUDE:  
FAILURE TO REPORT CHANGES RELATING TO PLEASURE VESSELS OR IN THE OWNERSHIP OR CHARTERING OF THEM=  
USING THE VESSEL WITHOUT HAVING ON BOARD THE HOLDER OF A LOCAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE TO ACT AS MASTER AND ENGINEER OR WITHOUT THE OWNER'S CONSENT= AND  
PERMITTING A PLEASURE CRAFT TO BE USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES, INCLUDING HIRE OR CARRIAGE OF FARE PAYING PASSENGERS.
- (D) AN UNLICENSED VESSEL, WHETHER IN OR OUT OF THE WATER, MAY BE SEIZED AND HELD UNTIL IT IS LICENSED OR ITS RELEASE ORDERED BY A MAGISTRATE. THE OWNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY REMOVAL AND STORAGE CHARGES. ANY VESSEL NOT RECLAIMED WITHIN 3 MONTHS WILL BE DISPOSED OF.

COMMENTING ON THESE MEASURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE MAJORITY OF PLEASURE VESSEL OWNERS COMPLIED WITH THE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND NO DOUBT WOULD COMPLY WITH THE REVISED REGULATIONS. HOWEVER, THE EXTENT OF ILLEGAL SPEEDBOAT OPERATION WAS SUCH THAT MORE SEVERE PENALTIES AND CERTAIN OTHER MEASURES WERE REQUIRED TO DETER THIS TRAFFIC.

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TO BE PUBLICISED ON REMOTE ISLANDS  
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ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE IS LAUNCHING A DRIVE TO PUBLICISE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

OVER THE NEXT SIX WEEKS, 20 TEMPORARY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS WILL PAY DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO THE OUTLYING ISLANDS TO EXPLAIN THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

THESE VISITS WILL COMPLEMENT A SERIES OF SEMINARS BEING HELD IN THE DISTRICT UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH.

DURING VISITS, COMMUNITY ORGANISERS WILL EXPLAIN ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS, NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES, REGISTRATION AND ELECTION DATES, AND CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES.

THEY WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE GUIDES TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SIX CONSTITUENCIES FOR THE ELECTIONS, WITH THREE ON CHEUNG CHAU AND THE OTHERS ON PENG CHAU, LANTAU AND LAMMA/PO TOI.

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REST GARDEN FOR KWUN TONG  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A 1 650 SQUARE-METRE REST GARDEN AT YAU TONG CENTRE IN KWUN TONG.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PWD IS CALLING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE GARDEN, NEAR THE JUNCTION OF KO CHIU ROAD AND CHA KWO LING ROAD, KWUN TONG, IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN HIGH DENSITY COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE ARBOURS WITH BENCHES, CONCRETE PAVING, PARK LIGHTS AND INTENSIVE PLANTING.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TUEN MUN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME LAUNCHED  
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THE ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME IN TUEN MUN WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM.

THE EVENT, WHICH HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY TUEN MUN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND LOCAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, PROVIDES YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A SERIES OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO MAKE BEST USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME.

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONTINUE UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER AND CONSIST OF MORE THAN 200 ACTIVITIES RANGING FROM TRAINING COURSES, SPORTS COMPETITIONS, OUTDOOR EVENTS, GUIDED TOURS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

OVER 20 000 LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART LAST YEAR.

THIS YEAR, THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE ITEMS FOR THOSE LIVING IN REMOTE RURAL DISTRICTS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, MR LAM GAVE SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WHOSE EFFORT AND GENEROSITY HE SAID CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROSPERITY OF TUEN MUN.

MR LAM ALSO APPEALED TO LOCAL PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION TO BE HELD IN MARCH NEXT YEAR, THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR WHICH WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 31.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WAS HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

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TEMPORARY CLEARWAY FOR TSUEN WAN  
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A SECTION OF KWAI FOONG ROAD BETWEEN KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND HING FONG ROAD IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TEMPORARILY DESIGNATED A CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY, JULY 19.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE ARRANGEMENT WOULD LAST ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO FACILITATE WORK ON REALIGNMENT OF THE ROAD.

+WITHIN THIS CLEARWAY, NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT.

+HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE SETTING-DOWN AREA FOR MOTORISTS, THE EXISTING 30-METRE CLEARWAY IN THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF HING FONG ROAD, STARTING FROM WING FONG ROAD, WILL BE RESCINDED TEMPORARILY, HE SAID.

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TECHNICAL COURSES OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS  
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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THEIR FULL-TIME, BLOCK-RELEASE AND PART-TIME, DAY-RELEASE COURSES IN THE 1981-82 SESSION.

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL 12 DISCIPLINES OF THE FIVE INSTITUTES, INCLUDING CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, MARINE AND FABRICATION, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, PRINTING AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

DETAILS OF ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION ARE CONTAINED IN A +GUIDE TO APPLICANTS+.

THE GUIDE AND APPLICATION FORMS FOR ALL COURSES, ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR BLOCK-RELEASE AND PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE INSTITUTE CONCERNED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 18.

THE ADDRESSES OF THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE AS FOLLOW :

MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE,  
6 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG-

KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE,  
20 HING SHING STREET, KWAI CHUNG, KOWLOON-

KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE,  
25 HIU MING STREET, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON-

HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE,  
702 LAI CHIK KOK ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON-

LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE,  
30 RENFREW ROAD, KOWLOON TONG, KOWLOON.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER  
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THE GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THREE NIGHTS FROM JULY 20 - 22 BETWEEN 8 PM AND 5 AM.

THE CLOSURE WILL FACILITATE WORK ON DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

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TUEN MUN ROAD SECTION TO BE WIDENED  
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A SECTION OF TUEN MUN ROAD BETWEEN THE DRAGON INN AND THE ON TING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN IS TO BE WIDENED.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE SECTION IS PART OF THE ROAD LINKING TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN AND ALSO FORMS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT NETWORK PROPOSED FOR TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE ROAD IS NOW A SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY. IT IS TO BE WIDENED TO DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WITH TWO OR THREE LANES IN EACH DIRECTION, AND WILL THEN BE ABLE TO CARRY MORE THAN TWICE THE TRAFFIC.

THE WORK INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN 850-METRE SECTION OF THE NEW WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY, INCLUDING COMPLETION OF THE WESTERN HALF OF THE SAM SHING HUI BRIDGE OVER CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TOGETHER WITH RECONSTRUCTION OF SOME PARTS OF THE EXISTING EASTERN CARRIAGEWAY.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORK IS PART OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PWD. WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS FOR THE PWD.

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WATER PIPE TEST  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CHAI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 20) TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY (JULY 21) FOR WATER LEAKAGE TEST.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE ALONG CHAI WAN ROAD, FROM A KUNG NGAM ROAD TO HONG MAN STREET JUNCTION, INCLUDING LOK MAN ROAD, CHEUNG MAN ROAD, HING WAH TSUEN, PAK SHA WAN AND SHAN TSUI COURT.

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