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MORE DOCTORS QUICKLY NEEDED, GOVERNOR SAYS

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HONG KONG MUST HAVE MORE DOCTORS, AND THE QUICKER THE BETTER, SAID THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE IN DECLARING OPEN THE CHOH-MING LI BUILDING FOR BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES, AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG THIS AFTERNOON (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AS CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY, SIR MURRAY WELCOMED +THIS FURTHER STEP IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LARGE NEW FACULTY OF MEDICINE THAT WILL FILL A LONG-FELT GAP IN THE UNIVERSITY'S EDUCATIONAL ARRAY.+

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH:

+SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN, DR MA LIN, DR LI, FELLOW MEMBERS OF THIS UNIVERSITY, HONOURED GUESTS,

+IT NOW FALLS TO ME TO PERFORM THE PURELY MANUAL TASK OF OPENING THIS BUILDING.

+AS CHANCELLOR I WELCOME THIS FURTHER STEP IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LARGE NEW FACULTY OF MEDICINE THAT WILL FILL A LONG-FELT GAP IN THE UNIVERSITY'S EDUCATIONAL ARRAY.

+AS GOVERNOR I WELCOME IT TOO BECAUSE, QUITE SIMPLY, HONG KONG MUST HAVE MORE DOCTORS, AND THE QUICKER THE BETTER.

+LIKE MODERN HONG KONG ITSELF, OUR UNIVERSITY IS MAINLY CHINESE AND CHERISHES ITS CHINESE TRADITION, BUT ALSO IT OWES MUCH TO MEN AND THOUGHT AND EXPERTISE FROM OTHER LANDS. SO, TYPICALLY, MANY MEN OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE FORMATION OF THIS NEW FACULTY AND THE VICE-CHANCELLOR HAS ELOQUENTLY PAID TRIBUTE TO THEM. BUT IT IS ENTIRELY RIGHT THAT IT SHOULD BEAR THE NAME OF DR CHOH-MING LI, WHO PLANNED FOR THIS FACULTY WHILE PRESIDING OVER THE FIRST DECADE OF OUR UNIVERSITY WITH SUCH SKILL, DEDICATION, AND PANACHE.

+IT IS NOW MY VERY GREAT PLEASURE TO DECLARE OPEN THE CHOH-MING LI BUILDING FOR BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES, AND I WISH ALL SUCCESS TO THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WHO WORK IN IT.+

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MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS

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THE MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 1981 ARE PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE MONEY SUPPLY (ON THE BROADEST DEFINITIONS) ROSE IN NOVEMBER BY LESS THAN IN OCTOBER, THOUGH TOTAL CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY INCREASED IN NOVEMBER FASTER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, AS DOMESTIC INTEREST RATES WERE REDUCED.

IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1981 HK$M3 ROSE BY 1.8 PER CENT, WHILE LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 7.4 PER CENT. THESE GROWTH RATES WERE SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS (2.5 PER CENT AND 7.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY), AND EQUIVALENT TO AN ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF SOME 7 PER CENT IN HK$M3, AND OF SOME 33 PER CENT IN LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG.

TABLE 1 BELOW SETS OUT THE DETAILED FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 1981, AND FOR EARLIER MONTHS, FROM THE NEW SERIES OF STATISTICS NOW BEING COLLECTED UNDER THE MONETARY STATISTICS ORDINANCE 1980. THE NEW SERIES IS BEING PUBLISHED EACH MONTH.

TABLE 2 BELOW SETS OUT THE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 1981 FROM THE ORIGINAL SERIES OF MONEY AND BANKING FIGURES, COLLECTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING/COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

MONEY SUPPLY - NEW SERIES

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON THE BROADEST DEFINITIONS IN THE NEW SERIES ROSE ONLY SLIGHTLY IN NOVEMBER, WITH M3 - TOTAL UP BY 0.8 PER CENT AND HK$M3 UP BY 0.4 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE INCREASES OF 1.5 PER CENT AND 1.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN OCTOBER. DEPOSITS WITH BANKS ROSE BY 2.7 PER CENT IN THE MONTH, WHILE DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 2.1 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG - NEW SERIES

LOANS BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE IN NOVEMBER BY 2.8 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 0.9 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. LOANS BY BANKS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE IN NOVEMBER BY 3.0 PER CENT, AFTER REMAINING UNCHANGED IN OCTOBER, WHILE LOANS BY DTCS ROSE BY 2.3 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A RISE OF 3.1 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

FOREIGN ASSETS

THE NET IDENTIFIABLE FOREIGN ASSETS OF ALL BANKS (CALCULATED FROM THE ORIGINAL SERIES OF STATISTICS) FELL IN NOVEMBER BY $570 MN. AND THOSE OF DTCS FELL BY $686 MN., INDICATING A NET OUTFLOW OF FUNDS FROM THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR OF $1 256 MN., AFTER A NET INFLOW OF $695 MN. IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

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BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE, FOR ALL BANKS IN HONG KONG ROSE IN NOVEMBER TO 54.3 PER CENT FROM 53.9 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. THE RATIO OF THEIR LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG TO THEIR DEPOSITS ROSE TO 98.4 PER CENT AT THE END OF NOVEMBER FROM 98.1 PER CENT AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL TO 44.8 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER FROM 46.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. THE RATIO OF THEIR LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG TO THEIR DEPOSITS ROSE TO 63.9 PER CENT AT THE END OF NOVEMBER FROM 61.2 PER CENT AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS ROSE BY 1 IN NOVEMBER TO 119, AND THE NUMBER OF REPORTING DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ALSO INCREASED BY 1 TO 349.

THE DEFINITIONS OF THE MONEY SUPPLY

ORIGINAL SERIES

M1 NOTES AND COINS WITH THE PUBLIC, PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, WITH LICENSED BANKS.

M2 M1 PLUS SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DTCS, WITH LICENSED BANKS.

M3 M2 PLUS DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DTCS, WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

NEW SERIES

M1 - TOTAL NOTES AND COINS WITH THE PUBLIC, PLUS CUSTOMERS' DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS.

M2 - TOTAL M1 PLUS CUSTOMERS' SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS, PLUS NEGOTIABLE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT ISSUED BY LICENSED BANKS AND HELD OUTSIDE THE MONETARY SECTOR.

M3 - TOTAL M2 PLUS CUSTOMERS' DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES PLUS NEGOTIABLE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT ISSUED BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND HELD OUTSIDE THE MONETARY SECTOR.

HK$M1)
HK$M2) NOTES AND COINS PLUS THE HONG KONG DOLLAR-DENOMINATED ELEMENT OF THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES
HK$M3) OF DEPOSIT AND NEGOTIABLE CD AS APPROPRIATE.

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TABLE 1

MONETARY STATISTICS - NEW SERIES : END OF NOVEMBER 1981 (HK$ MN)

		FIGURES FOR EARLIER MONTHS (% CHANGE)	
MONEY SUPPLY	NOV 1981	OCT 1981	AUG 1981
M1 - TOTAL	24 149	23 671 (+2.0%)	23 973 (+0.7%)
HK$	22 893	22 570 (+1.4%)	22 910 (-0.1%)
M2 - TOTAL	110 972	108 330 (+2.4%)	106 571 (+4.1%)
HK$	91 757	90 390 (+1.5%)	90 338 (+1.6%)
M3 - TOTAL	171 928	170 601 (+0.8%)	166 556 (+3.2%)
HK$	141 719	141 196 (+0.4%)	139 156 (+1.8%)
BANKS' BALANCE SHEETS			
DEPOSITS	99 619	96 956 (+2.7%)	95 759 (+4.0%)
NEGOTIABLE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT OUTSTANDING	4 417	3 903 (+13.2%)	3 338 (+32.3%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES :			
FOR USE IN HONG KONG	97 988	95 090 (+3.0%)	91 595 (+7.0%)
FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG	28 467	29 000 (-1.8%)	29 511 (-3.5%)
DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES' BALANCE SHEETS			
DEPOSITS	60 101	61 367 (-2.1%)	59 426 (+1.1%)
NEGOTIABLE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT OUTSTANDING	1 356	1 353 (+0.2%)	980 (+38.4%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES :			
FOR USE IN HONG KONG	38 402	37 529 (+2.3%)	35 387 (+8.5%)
FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG	35 092	35 874 (-2.2%)	33 277 (+5.5%)

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TABLE 2

MONEY AND BANKING FIGURES - END OF NOVEMBER 1981 (HK$ MN)

		FIGURES FOR EARLIER MONTHS (% CHANGE)		
	NOV 1981	OCT 1981	AUG 1981	NOV 1980
M1	24 030	23 522 (+2.2%)	23 820 (+0.9%)	24 394 (-1.5%)
M2	113 043	110 326 (+2.5%)	108 134 (+4.5%)	95 058 (+18.9%)
M3	174 386	172 939 (+0.8%)	168 432 (+3.5%)	134 117 (+30.0%)
BANKS				
DEPOSITS	103 914	100 976 (+2.9%)	98 926 (+5.0%)	86 816 (+19.7%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	124 901	121 743 (+2.6%)	118 665 (+5.3%)	90 865 (+37.5%)
LOAN/ DEPOSIT RATIO	120.2%	120.6%	120.0%	104.7%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO	54.3%	53.9%	50.1%	48.2%
DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES				
DEPOSITS	61 343	62 613 (-2.0%)	60 298 (+1.7%)	39 059 (+57.1%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	45 746	45 513 (+0.5%)	42 043 (+8.8%)	28 689 (+59.5%)
LOAN/ DEPOSIT RATIO	74.6%	72.7%	69.7%	73.5%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO	44.8%	46.5%	44.6%	46.6%
BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES				
TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	170 647	167 256 (+2.0%)	160 708 (+6.2%)	119 554 (+42.7%)

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SCHEME IMPROVED
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SEVERAL IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME (TAVA) ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE SEVEN-DAY SICK LEAVE QUALIFICATION HAS BEEN RELAXED TO A THREE-DAY REQUIREMENT FOR INJURY CASES, TO ENABLE MORE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS SUSTAINING MINOR INJURIES TO QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SCHEME.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE LEVEL OF PAYMENTS HAS BEEN RAISED BY 35 PER CENT IN LINE WITH THE INCREASE IN PAYMENT RATES UNDER THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND PAYMENT SCHEDULE, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT LAST MONTH.

FROM MAY 1 THIS YEAR, LEVIES ON VEHICLE AND DRIVING LICENCES WHICH GO INTO THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND WILL BE REDUCED BY 60 PER CENT.

THIS MEANS THAT FOR VEHICLE LICENCES, THE LEVY WILL BE REDUCED FROM $75 TO $30 A YEAR AND THAT FOR DRIVING LICENCES, THE LEVY WILL BE CUT FROM $25 TO $10 PER YEAR.

THE REVISED LEVIES WERE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THESE MEASURES WERE INTRODUCED TO ENSURE A BALANCED POSITION BETWEEN REVENUE AND PAYMENTS UNDER THE SCHEME.

+SINCE THE SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED ON MAY 1, 1979, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON IT IS EXCESSIVE,+ HE SAID.

+THE APPLICATION RATE FOR ASSISTANCE AGAINST THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC CASUALTIES REPORTED TO THE POLICE HAS ALSO BEEN LOWER THAN ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED.+

BETWEEN MAY 1979 AND MARCH 1980 THERE WERE 3 832 APPLICATIONS (OR 21.1 PER CENT) AGAINST 18 128 TOTAL CASUALTIES AND BETWEEN APRIL 1980 AND MARCH 1981, 4 964 APPLICATIONS (OR 23 PER CENT) WERE RECEIVED AGAINST 21 556 REPORTED CASUALTIES.

REFERRING TO THE RELAXATION OF THE SEVEN-DAY SICK LEAVE REQUIREMENT TO A THREE-DAY QUALIFICATION, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT BETWEEN MAY 1979 AND MARCH 1980, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 194 APPLICATIONS REJECTED, 129 (OR 66.5 PER CENT) WERE DUE TO THE FACT THAT SICK LEAVE WHICH THE INJURED PARTY WAS GIVEN WAS LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS.

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BETWEEN APRIL 1980 AND MARCH 1981, THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REJECTED ON THIS GROUND WAS 214 (OR 60.8 PER CENT) OUT OF A TOTAL OF 352 CASES TURNED DOWN.

+IT IS THEREFORE FELT THAT THE SEVEN-DAY REQUIREMENT SHOULD BE RELAXED TO ALLOW MORE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE THREE-DAY RULE IS ALSO IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT PROVISIONS UNDER THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME,+ HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO THE REDUCTION IN LEVIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER PRESENT REGULATIONS, DRIVING AND VEHICLE LICENCES MAY BE RENEWED AT ANY TIME FOUR MONTHS BEFORE EXPIRY AND THAT SUCH RENEWAL IS EFFECTIVE FROM THE DATE OF EXPIRY.

THEREFORE, WHERE DRIVING OR VEHICLE LICENCES ARE RENEWED IN ADVANCE BEFORE MAY 1, 1982, THE REDUCED LEVY WILL BE CHARGED IN THE CASE OF THOSE RENEWALS WHICH ARE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER THAT DATE.

IN ALL OTHER CASES, WHERE THE LICENCES ISSUED ARE EFFECTIVE FROM A DATE UP TO AND INCLUDING APRIL 30, 1982, THE CURRENT RATES OF THE LEVY WILL APPLY.

THERE IS NO STATUTORY PROVISION FOR REFUNDS OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CURRENT AND REVISED RATES IN CASES WHERE PAYMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR RENEWALS EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER MAY 1, 1982.

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NEW TERRITORIES TAXI TENDERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT 2 774 TENDERS SEEKING 2 998 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES WERE RECEIVED WHEN THE OFFER CLOSED ON DECEMBER 4 LAST YEAR.

THE HIGHEST TENDER WAS $61 200 AND THE LOWEST ACCEPTED BID WAS $35 000.

DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THE AMOUNTS OFFERED WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE AVERAGE PREMIUM IN THE LATEST TENDER WAS $41 142.22, COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE PREMIUM OF $53 019.87 IN THE PREVIOUS TENDER IN SEPTEMBER, A DECREASE OF ABOUT 22 PER CENT.

LETTERS WILL BE SENT OUT TODAY TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS.

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CHALET-TYPE BUILDINGS NEEDED FOR COUNTRY PARKS

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SERVICE CLUBS COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTRY PARKS PROGRAMME BY DEDICATING SMALL BUILDINGS SUCH AS SIMPLE CHALET-TYPE ACCOMMODATION FOR BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO HOLIDAY IN, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR JOHN WHOLEY, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IDEALLY THESE SHOULD BE FUNDED, DESIGNED, SUPERVISED AND CONSTRUCTED BY THE SPONSORS, USING THE SKILLS AND PROFESSIONAL TALENT USUALLY AVAILABLE IN SUCH CLUBS, MR WHOLEY ADDED.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR.

MR WHOLEY SAID: +SUCH CHALETS MIGHT COST $100 000 EACH, EXCLUSIVE OF LAND, AND THE SPONSORSHIP OF ONE OR MORE UNITS MIGHT PROVIDE A SERIOUS BUT WORTHWHILE CHALLENGE TO FUND-RAISING OFFICERS IN CLUBS SUCH AS LIONS.+

HE ADDED THAT PARTICIPATION IN COUNTRY PARKS WORK BY PERSONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE WAS ALREADY FINDING ACCEPTANCE IN SOME SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AS THE STATUTORY COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE 40 000 HECTARES OF LAND NOW DESIGNATED AS COUNTRY PARKS.

LAST YEAR MORE THAN 6.8 MILLION VISITOR DAYS WERE RECORDED IN THE COUNTRY PARKS SYSTEM, WHERE SOME 2 500 TONNES OF LITTER WERE LEFT BEHIND AND 196 HILLFIRES HAD TO BE DEALT WITH.

THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT THESE TOTALS WILL BE EXCEEDED THIS YEAR, MR WHOLEY SAID.

+WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE OR TWO REMOTE AREAS, ALL THE COUNTRY PARKS ARE NOW UNDER PROPER MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION, AND WORK IS CONTINUING TO PROVIDE THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WHICH ARE SO POPULAR WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

WHILE ALL THE MANAGEMENT WORK IS DONE BY PUBLIC SERVANTS WITH PUBLIC FUNDS, THERE ARE AREAS OF WORK WHERE PUBLIC FUNDS ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE AND WHERE PRIVATE PARTICIPATION BY WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS OR COLLECTIVELY, BY PUBLIC-SPIRITED SERVICE CLUBS SUCH AS LIONS COULD MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITIES AND MANAGEMENT OF COUNTRY PARKS, HE SAID.

SEVERAL ORGANISATIONS HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED ASSISTANCE WITH PUBLICITY BY SPONSORING DESCRIPTIVE COUNTRY PARKS PAMPHLETS.

GENEROUS ASSISTANCE HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN BY THE LIONS CLUB AND OTHER SERVICE CLUBS IN PROVIDING TRADITIONAL CHINESE-STYLE PAGODAS IN SOME OF THE COUNTRY PARKS.

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+A MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENT WAS THE LIONS WOOD PROJECT AT QUARRY BAY WHERE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL AND MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF LIONS CLUBS IN HONG KONG HAVE PLEDGED ASSISTANCE IN A TREE PLANTING FESTIVAL TO BE HELD THIS SPRING.

+PARTICIPATION BY PERSONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE IS A NEW IDEA WHICH IS NOW FINDING ACCEPTANCE ALBEIT RATHER SLOWLY IN SOME SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY.

+NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE INCREASE AS OUR PARK RANGER SERVICE GAINS STRENGTH AND NUMBERS TO SUPERVISE AND ASSIST GROUPS OF VOLUNTARY WORKERS,+ MR WHOLEY SAID.

LAST SUMMER 1 400 SCHOOL CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT/EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FORESTRY WORK CAMPS DURING WHICH THEY SPENT AT LEAST HALF A DAY PICKING LITTER IN A COUNTRY PARK.

FOLLOWING A SEMINAR ON CONSERVATION, 28 HIKING GROUPS REGISTERED AND HAVE AGREED TO ASSIST IN THE CLEANING OF THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL AND OTHER REMOTE FOOT-PATHS.

IN NOVEMBER 1 900 PEOPLE FROM 19 GROUPS ASSISTED IN THIS WAY WHILE LAST MONTH 4 834 PEOPLE FROM 17 GROUPS JOINED IN THE WORK.

MR WHOLEY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE AND MORE GROUPS TAKING PART IN +LITTER COLLECTION WALKS+ OR +PATH CLEARING EXPEDITIONS+ AS A PERSONAL SERVICE TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY PARKS.

HE SAID: +SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP WILL BE NEEDED FOR TRANSPORT, LUNCHES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THESE ACTIVITIES.

+ULTIMATELY WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS OR PART TIME LEADERS FOR SUCH GROUP FOR THERE IS NO REASON WHY GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE THESE ON THE SCALE NEEDED.+

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SALT WATER SUPPLY CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN INDUSTRIAL ZONE AREA 12, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CUT OFF FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 9) TO 4 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 11) FOR WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

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SHA TIN HOSPITAL SITE FOR TENDER

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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS OFFERING FOR SALE BY TENDER A SHA TIN SITE FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A PRIVATE HOSPITAL.

THE SITE, LOCATED CLOSE TO THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, MEASURES 1.922 HECTARES.

UNDER THE SALE CONDITIONS THE PURCHASER IS REQUIRED TO BUILD A 200 TO 600-BED HOSPITAL AND STAFF QUARTERS, TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

TENDERS OFFERING PREMIUM OF LESS THAN $30 MILLION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

ALSO BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER IS A YUEN LONG SITE MEASURING 4 774 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS RESTRICTED TO DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN AND GENERAL GOODS GODOWN USE AND IS SITUATED IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA.

THE BUILDING COVENANT IS $32 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

APPLICATIONS FOR BOTH SITES CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 19.

TWO OTHER TUEN MUN SITES ARE BEING DISPOSED OF BY LETTER A/B TENDER AND SHORT TERM TENANCY.

ONE, MEASURING 24 407 SQUARE METRES IN THE NEW TOWN CENTRE, IS FOR NON INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THERE IS A BUILDING COVENANT OF $250 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS.

BIDS SHOULD REACH THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION BEFORE NOON ON MARCH 12.

THE OTHER, MEASURING 8 400 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR OPEN STORAGE USE, INCLUDING NEW MOTOR VEHICLES AND EMPTY CONTAINERS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR MINIMUM AND APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON JANUARY 22.

SALE CONDITIONS AND TENDER NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY LEADERS COURSE
BEING HELD IN SHA TIN
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A ONE-WEEK TRAINING COURSE TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY LEADERS IS NOW BEING HELD IN SHA TIN.

THE COURSE, WHICH IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE LOCALITY, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE COMMUNITY WORK SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

IT IS BEING ATTENDED BY 65 OFFICE-BEARERS OF PUBLIC HOUSING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OF THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY. THE ORIGINAL PLAN FOR THE COURSE WAS TO CATER FOR 60 PARTICIPANTS.

THE COURSE STARTED WITH A SEMINAR LAST MONDAY. THERE WILL BE A SECOND SEMINAR THIS EVENING (THURSDAY) AT LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL AND A CLOSING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 10) AT THE CHUNG CHI COLLEGE, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AT WHICH UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR HO KAM-FAI, WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO PARTICIPANTS.

EMPHASIS OF THE COURSE IS ON LEADERSHIP TRAINING, AND TOPICS INCLUDE COMMUNITY BUILDING, DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT, COMMITTEE WORK, PUBLIC SPEAKING, CHAIRMANSHIP, PROGRAMME PLANNING AND GROUP DYNAMICS.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AND LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, MR ANDREW WONG WANG-FAT, A SENIOR LECTURER OF THE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, MRS EVA KO= ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG= AND AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, MISS MARGARET CHOW.

THE COST OF RUNNING THE COURSE IS JUST UNDER $4 000 WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

AN EVALUATION OF THE COURSE WILL BE HELD LATER TO DECIDE WHETHER SIMILAR COURSES SHOULD BE RUN IN THE FUTURE.

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SPECIAL RUSH-DAY STAMP COUNTERS

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SPECIAL STAMP COUNTERS WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR NORMAL BUSINESS IN A NUMBER OF POST OFFICES ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 12), IN EXPECTATION OF THE RUSH FOR THE SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE ON THE +PORT OF HONG KONG-- PAST AND PRESENT+, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

ALTHOUGH STAFF WILL BE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND FOR THE STAMPS, LONG QUEUES ARE BOUND TO EXIST AND THE PUBLIC ARE ASKED TO SHOW THEIR USUAL TOLERANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO TRANSACT THEIR BUSINESS ON THE DAY BEFORE OR AFTER THE STAMPS GO ON SALE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SPECIAL COUNTERS FOR NORMAL BUSINESS WILL BE SET UP AND NOTICES TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE FOLLOWING POST OFFICES:

ON HONG KONG ISLAND:

GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HENNESSY ROAD, MORRISON HILL, NORTH POINT, QUEEN'S ROAD AND SHEUNG WAN.

IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES:

KOWLOON CENTRAL, CHEUNG SHA WAN, GILLIES AVENUE, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI AND TSUEN WAN.

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EXHIBITION OF CREATIVE WORK OPEN TO ALL

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AN EXHIBITION OF CREATIVE WORK BY SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE IN NORTH POINT.

+ONE SECTION OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE DEVOTED TO SELECTED ART WORK BY FORM FIVE AND MIDDLE FIVE STUDENTS AND SHOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN ART,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER CREATIVE WORKS ON DISPLAY WILL INCLUDE PAINTINGS, NEEDLEWORK AND OTHER CRAFTS BY PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS, AND PAINTINGS BY KINDERGARTEN PUPILS, HE SAID.

WINNING ENTRIES, PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS FOR THE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMME 1981 WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBITION, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF PAINTINGS BY JAPANESE CHILDREN.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE ALL WELCOME TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE OPEN DURING OFFICE HOURS FROM JANUARY 28 TO FEBRUARY 13.

THE ADDRESS OF THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE IS 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, AND THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON THE FOURTH AND FIFTH FLOORS.

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VIOLIN RECITAL AT TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL

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LOCAL VIOLINIST JULIA HSIAO WILL GIVE A RECITAL FOR THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL ON FEBRUARY 9 AT 7.30 PM IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL.

JULIA HSIAO WON A SCHOLARSHIP IN 1973 TO FURTHER HER MUSIC STUDIES IN THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

SHE STUDIED UNDER VIOLINIST CLARENCE MYERSCOUGH, WHOSE TYPICAL FRENCH STYLE HAS A STRONG INFLUENCE ON HER PLAYING.

SHE HAS GIVEN SEVERAL RECITALS AND IS NOW ASSOCIATE CONCERTMASTER IN THE STRING SECTION OF THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

IN THE COMING RECITAL, SHE WILL PLAY A NUMBER OF MASTER WORKS INCLUDING CESAR FRANCK'S +SONATA IN A MAJOR+, SARASATE'S +ROMANZA ANDULUZA+ AND +ZIGEUNERWEISEN+, CHAN KONG'S +THE GOLDEN MANTELPIECE+, +MORNING AT MIAO LING+ AND +SUNSHINE ON TA ZA KU ER GAN+.

TICKETS AT $7 ARE ON SALE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE, SPACE MUSEUM ASTRONOMY BOOKSHOP AND THE NEW TERRITORIES MOBILE LIBRARY.

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VARIETY SHOW FUN AT KWUN TONG

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KWUN TONG RESIDENTS WILL SHARE THE FUN IN A VARIETY SHOW WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 9) FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM AT THE DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL HALL, IN YUET WAH STREET, KWUN TONG.

ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE SHOW IS AIMED AT AROUSING THE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, ESPECIALLY WITH THE APPROACH OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A LION DANCE, SONGS BY EMI SINGERS AND THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, A DRAMA, +HAY KUNG+ PERFORMANCES AND AN ORIENTAL DANCE.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NIGHT WILL BE THE PRESENTATION OF THE MODEL CITIZENS' AWARD AS WELL AS THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO WINNERS OF BOTH THE POSTER AND SLOGAN-DESIGN COMPETITIONS.

OFFICIATING WILL BE MR PETER PANG SING-TONG, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KWUN TONG) AND MR R.T. SULLIVAN, POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, TOGETHER WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

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KWAI CHUNG LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES

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ONE-HUNDRED-AND-THREE OUT OF 126 STALL SITES FOR THE FORTHCOMING KWAI CHUNG LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WERE LEASED AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY).

MOST OF THE SITES WERE LEASED AT ABOVE THE UPSET PRICE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR A SITE FOR THE SALE OF FLOWERS AND OTHER WET GOODS WAS $330. THE UPSET PRICE WAS $50.

THE AUCTION, ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, WAS HELD AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL AT LAI FONG STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

THE REMAINING 23 SITES WILL BE OFFERED FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. TRADERS SHOULD CONTACT THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT 4TH FLOOR, SHING WAH BUILDING, 31 SHING FONG STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

THE KWAI CHUNG LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE HELD AT KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND BETWEEN JANUARY 18 AND 25.

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