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GOVERNOR HAILS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING HAILED THE DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA DURING THE PAST YEAR WHICH HE SAID +HAD DOMINATED ALL OTHERS IN SIGNIFICANCE FOR THIS REGION AND FOR HONG KONG, AND ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THE WORLD AT LARGE+.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THIS DURING THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL DINNER.

+VIGOROUS IMPLEMENTATION OF A POLICY OF RAPID MODERNISATION, ACCEPTANCE OF ALL FORMS OF NORMAL INTERNATIONAL TRADING AND FINANCIAL PRACTICE= THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH JAPAN= NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES -- THESE HAVE BEEN GREAT EVENTS, INCREASING THE PROSPECTS FOR BOTH STABILITY OF ALL SORTS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND OTHER NATIONS,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE GOVERNOR EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CHINA TRADING ORGANISATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP HONG KONG AS A MARKET.

HE ALSO SAID HE COULD SEE +NO ADVANTAGE WHATEVER+ TO CHINA UNDERMINING HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY.

+MOREOVER, THE PROCESS OF BEING UNDER-CUT AT THE BOTTOM END OF THE MARKET, AND OF DISINVESTMENT FROM HONG KONG INTO LOWER-COST AREAS OF PRODUCTION, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AS CONTINUOUS A PART OF OUR ECONOMIC HISTORY AS THE PARALLEL PROCESS IN HONG KONG OF MOVEMENT INTO HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY THROUGH INVESTMENT.

+SO THERE IS NOTHING NEW, IN PRINCIPLE, OR NECESSARILY DAUNTING IN PRACTICE ABOUT THIS PROSPECT,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE GOVERNOR STRESSED THAT THIS WAS HIS ANSWER TO ONE OF THE QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY PUT TO HIM FOLLOWING RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA.

+AS HONG KONG'S ECONOMY CONTINUES TO GROW, IT WILL NEED MORE FUEL, MORE WATER AND MORE FOOD, AND THE DEMAND FOR MANUFACTURES, SEMI-MANUFACTURES, AND CONSUMER GOODS FROM CHINA'S NEW INDUSTRIES WILL EXPAND,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

AS TO WHETHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERCHANGE OF SEMI-MANUFACTURES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WOULD CALL IN QUESTION OF OUR CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN, SIR MURRAY HAD THIS TO SAY:

+THIS WOULD INDEED BE A VERY SERIOUS MATTER, BUT THE ANSWER IS THAT IT SHOULD NOT IN FACT, BECAUSE THE BASES ON WHICH OUR CERTIFICATES ARE ISSUED ARE QUITE CLEAR, INTERNATIONALLY AGREED, AND SCRUPULOUSLY ENFORCED BY THE ISSUING AUTHORITIES HERE -- OUR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON IT.+

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HOWEVER, SIR MURRAY WARNED THAT THOUGH WE SHOULD BE SAFE ON FACT, FANCY AND RUMOUR AMONG PROTECTIONIST LOBBIES OR COMPETITORS ABROAD COULD BE DAMAGING.

+SO EXPORTERS MUST BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL TO DO NOTHING WHICH COULD GIVE GROUNDS FOR SUCH RUMOURS AND, FOR OUR PART, WE MUST BE ALERT TO ANY ALLEGATIONS, HOWEVER INFORMAL AND UNFOUNDED, AND REBUT THEM AS SOON AS THEY ARE MADE,+ SIR MURRAY STRESSED.

+TO SUM UP, WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE THAT COULD AFFECT THE EXTENT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN RESPECT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY, TOURISM, COMMUNICATIONS AND FINANCE.

+THESE POSSIBILITIES ARE THE SUBJECT OF MUCH RUMOUR AND SPECULATION, AND THE DIMENSIONS OF THE POSSIBILITIES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND EVEN PROBLEMS, ARE LIKELY TO EMERGE ONLY GRADUALLY AS THE MONTHS GO BY.

+MEANWHILE, THERE ARE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES IN THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE OR WHICH WE MAY EXPECT. THE FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT BEHIND THEM IS A SOURCE OF CONFIDENCE.

+MOREOVER PEOPLE HERE WELCOME THE MODERNISATION PROGRAMME AND WELCOME THE PROSPECT OF BEING ABLE TO PLAY A PART IN IT,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

ON HONG KONG'S TRADING PROSPECTS, SIR MURRAY SAID THESE WELCOME AND ARRESTING DEVELOPMENTS COULD NOT CHANGE THE BASIC FACT OF OUR ECONOMIC LIFE, THAT HONG KONG MUST EARN ITS LIVING LARGELY BY EXPORTING.

+WITH 58 PER CENT OF OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS GOING TO THE UNITED STATES, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, OUR PROSPECTS FOR 1979 ARE GOING TO DEPEND VERY MUCH ON WHAT HAPPENS IN THESE MARKETS.

+AS USUAL THE SKY IS NOT FREE OF CLOUDS. THERE IS THE LIMITATION IMPOSED ON OUR TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING. WE ARE ALREADY FEELING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE REDUCED OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH IN THE AGREEMENTS WE WERE FORCED TO CONCLUDE IN 1977.

+THE CONTINUED HIGH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN OUR PRINCIPAL MARKETS WILL RETAIN POLITICAL PRESSURES ON GOVERNMENTS TO RESTRICT IMPORTS -- HOWEVER UNFAIR AND MISGUIDED THAT MAY BE.

+MOREOVER OUR EXPORT MARKETS MUST ABSORB THE EFFECTS OF THE INCREASES IN OIL PRICES ANNOUNCED BY THE OPEC COUNTRIES. LESS SPECIFICALLY, BUT CERTAINLY IN OUR MINDS IS THE SITUATIONS IN IRAN, THE MIDDLE EAST AND RHODESIA.

+NEVERTHELESS, THE ENCOURAGING FACT IS THAT ORDER BOOKS AND IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AT THE END OF 1978 SUGGEST THAT PROSPECTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1979 ARE REASONABLY GOOD THOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT THE LATTER HALF WILL BRING US,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

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SIR MURRAY EARLIER SAID THAT IN 1978 DOMESTIC EXPORTS UP TO NOVEMBER GREW IN MONEY TERMS BY 16 PER CENT, OVERALL EXPORTS BY 20 PER CENT, REVENUE WAS BUOYANT, AND THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FOR 1978 LOOKED AS IF IT WOULD BE COMFORTABLY OVER THE NINE PER CENT INCREASE FORECASTS.

ON SOCIAL PROGRAMMES, THE GOVERNOR STATED THEY HAVE SURGED FORWARD ON COURSE. +NEW CONSTRUCTION, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, IS UBIQUITOUS,+ HE ADDED.

+THE STATE OF THE POLICE FORCE AND LAW AND ORDER HAVE CONTINUED TO IMPROVE. THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION IS SHOWING ENCOURAGING SIGNS OF SUCCESS.

+WE HAVE DETECTED NO REGRESSION IN THE GREAT IMPROVEMENT ACHIEVED IN REDUCING CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC LIFE.

+GENERALLY SPEAKING A YEAR OF SUCCESS AND PROGRESS, WITH SOME SIGNS OF STRAIN IN THE ECONOMY.+

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1978, SHOWED A SURPLUS OF \$29.6 MILLION, COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$136.5 MILLION IN OCTOBER PREVIOUS YEAR.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS OF \$147.9 MILLION FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$507.6 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE, AT \$849.5 MILLION, WAS \$174.0 MILLION LESS THAN IN OCTOBER, 1977.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS, AT \$879.1 MILLION, WERE \$7.9 MILLION LESS THAN FOR THE SAME MONTH PREVIOUS YEAR.

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U.S.-HK TEXTILE TALKS TO CONTINUE

THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH BEGAN ON JANUARY 15 BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG DELEGATIONS HELD UNDER THE TERMS OF THE BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT WERE ADJOURNED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN A JOINT STATEMENT AMBASSADOR M. SMITH, U.S. CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR TEXTILE MATTERS, AND MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, THE HONG KONG DIRECTOR OF TRADE, SAID THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF THINGS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND WILL NOW REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

THEY SAID THAT THEY HAD ALSO AGREED TO CONTINUE THE CONSULTATIONS AT AN EARLY DATE, PROBABLY IN MID-MARCH.

THE TWO NEGOTIATORS EXPLAINED THAT SINCE THE MATTERS RAISED WERE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THEY COULD NOT, AT THIS STAGE, GIVE FURTHER DETAILS.

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NEW SHELTERED WORKSHOP FOR THE DISABLED

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP ITS EIGHTH SHELTERED WORKSHOP FOR THE DISABLED AND PLANS ARE IN THE PIPELINE FOR MORE SIMILAR PROJECTS.

THE NEW WORKSHOP, AT LEK YUEN ESTATE IN SHA TIN, REPRESENTS THE DEPARTMENT'S LATEST EFFORTS IN PROVIDING MORE FACILITIES WHERE THE DISABLED CAN CARRY ON A USEFUL WORKING LIFE AS PART OF THEIR INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY.

WITH A CAPACITY OF 100, THE LEK YUEN WORKSHOP WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON MONDAY (JANUARY 22) BY MR. JAMES WU, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE OTHER SEVEN WORKSHOPS RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT ARE PROVIDING JOBS FOR 600 DISABLED PEOPLE WHO ARE EITHER BLIND, DEAF, EX-MENTAL PATIENTS, MENTALLY RETARDED OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

LIKE THE OTHERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE LEK YUEN WORKSHOP OFFERS JOBS IN A SHELTERED ENVIRONMENT TO DISABLED PEOPLE NOT YET READY FOR OPEN EMPLOYMENT.

+THE AIM IS TO HELP THEM REGAIN CONFIDENCE AND ACQUIRE WORKING HABITS TO PREPARE THEM FOR OPEN EMPLOYMENT LATER,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID SHELTERED WORKERS ARE PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN SIMPLE INDUSTRIAL WORK, WHICH MAY BE PART-FINISHED, LABOUR-ADDED OR PACKAGING, WITH MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY MANUFACTURERS.

IN A SHELTERED WORKSHOP, WORK IS SCHEDULED, TAUGHT AND SUPERVISED BY TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP SUPERVISORS, HE SAID.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHELTERED WORKSHOP AT WING SHUI HOUSE, LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN, ON MONDAY (JANUARY 22) AT 4 P.M.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE AT 3.15 P.M. FROM OUTSIDE EAST ENTRANCE, LEE GARDENS, IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

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AUDIO-VISUAL TEACHING MATERIAL MAKES LEARNING EASIER
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APPROACHES IN TEACHING, USING A VARIETY OF MEDIA, HAVE MORE IMPACT AND A MORE LASTING EFFECT THAN STRAIGHT PRESENTATION OF FACTS TO BE LEARNED, MR. ARTHUR BROWN, SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION, MR. BROWN SAID: +MORE AND MORE TEACHERS ARE REALISING THAT, TO MAKE EDUCATION EFFECTIVE, WE NEED A WIDE VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNIQUES AND MATERIALS DESIGNED TO FIT IN WITH THE TYPE OF LEARNING SITUATION INVOLVED.+

TECHNIQUES SUCH AS DISCOVERY METHOD OF LEARNING, ACADEMIC GAMES AND SIMULATION TECHNIQUES, SUPPORTED BY APPROPRIATE LOCALLY DEVELOPED MATERIALS, INVOLVE STUDENTS PERSONALLY IN THE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY, AND DO FAR MORE THAN JUST IMPARTING INFORMATION, HE SAID.

TO THIS END, MR. BROWN SAID, THE MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT PROVIDES FACILITIES, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FOR TEACHERS TO DESIGN AND MAKE SIMPLE INEXPENSIVE AUDIO-VISUAL TEACHING MATERIALS.

LISTING ANOTHER SERVICE OF THE UNIT, HE SAID: +BECAUSE TEACHERS HAVE TO COME HERE TO PRODUCE THEIR MATERIALS THEY INEVITABLY MEET WITH TEACHERS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS AND WITH THE STAFF OF THE CENTRE, AND I AM SURE THEY WILL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND HELP EACH OTHER.+

APART FROM THE PRESENT UNIT IN CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, IT IS HOPED LATER TO OPEN A CORRESPONDING UNIT ON HONG KONG ISLAND, MR. BROWN SAID.

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VALUABLE SILVERSTRAND RESIDENTIAL SITE FOR TENDER

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL SITE AT SILVERSTRAND NORTH, SAI KUNG, FROM HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE SITE AT CLEARWATER BAY ROAD IS IN A HIGH-CLASS RESIDENTIAL AREA, CLOSE TO THE SHAW BROTHERS STUDIO AND ADJACENT TO A SIMILAR SITE SOLD LAST AUGUST FOR A LOCAL RECORD PRICE OF \$1,904 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. GREGORY LAI SAID TODAY (FRIDAY): +THE SITE COMMANDS EXCELLENT SEA VIEWS AND IS IDEAL FOR TWO-STOREY VILLA-TYPE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.+

+SAI KUNG IS ATTRACTIVE TO DEVELOPERS AS AN AREA FOR HIGH-QUALITY HOUSING AND THE HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS HAVE SHOWN A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN THE DISTRICT.+

THE LOT OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 2,870 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$1 MILLION OVER 36 MONTHS.

TENDERS WILL CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 16. THEY MUST BE PLACED IN THE APPLICATION BOX IN THE RECEPTION LOBBY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON, BEFORE NOON THAT DAY.

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DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY FOR TUEN MUN

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY FROM PUI TO ROAD TO ON TING AND YAU OI PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE WORKS, WHICH FORM PART OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 900-METRE LONG ROAD RUNNING SOUTH OF PUI TO ROAD.

+IT WILL BE A MAJOR DISTRIBUTOR ROAD TO SERVE THE FUTURE TOWN PARK, THE TOWN CENTRE AND THE CULTURAL COMPLEX NORTH OF THE HOUSING ESTATES AND THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, THE AMBULANCE DEPOT, THE FIRE STATION, THE POLICE STATION AND THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS TO THE SOUTH,+ MR. K.K. TANG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, SAID.

+A TOTAL OF 1,200 METRES OF STORMWATER DRAINS OF VARIOUS SIZES WILL BE LAID AS PART OF THE PROJECT.+

CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO START IN APRIL AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

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MORE BASKETBALL AND TENNIS COURTS FOR KOWLOON

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RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES FOR MASS RECREATION AS WELL AS FOR TEACHING, TRAINING AND COACHING PURPOSES IN THE DENSELY POPULATED WEST KOWLOON WILL RECEIVE ANOTHER BOOST THIS SUNDAY WITH THE OPENING OF SIX BASKETBALL AND TENNIS COURTS AT WAH YAN COLLEGE IN WATERLOO ROAD.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND HE WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN AN EXHIBITION MATCH.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY A GRANT OF \$249,000 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL FUND FOR RECREATION AND A SUBVENTION OF \$71,000 FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CODE OF AID FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE NEW FACILITIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS TO THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, THE NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER SCHOOLS.

+BASICALLY, COMMUNITY USE OF THESE COURTS IS CO-ORDINATED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIX NEW BASKETBALL AND TENNIS COURTS WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY THIS SUNDAY AT WAH YAN COLLEGE IN WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH BEGINS AT 11 A.M.

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LIGHT BEACONS FOR ROCKY HARBOUR
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT TWO LIGHT BEACONS TO IMPROVE NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY IN ROCKY HARBOUR, SAI KUNG.

ONE BEACON WILL BE BUILT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AN AREA OF 3,600 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED AT THE NORTH WESTERN CORNER OF FU TAU PUN CHAU AND THE OTHER TO THE SOUTH OF THE ISLAND ON WAVE ROCK, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AN AREA OF 4,900 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF NOTIFICATION.

THE NOTICE (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 692 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

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TWICE YEARLY TOWN PLANNING BOARD LIST OUT
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A LIST OF PLANS PREPARED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND NOTIFIED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE IS PUBLISHED TWICE YEARLY FOR THE GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC.

THE LIST PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE GAZETTE LISTS THOSE PLANS WHICH, AT DECEMBER 31, 1978 HAVE BEEN:-

- (I) APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.
- (II) REFERRED BACK TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR AMENDMENT OR REPLACEMENT.
- (III) EXHIBITED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AS DRAFT PLANS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FREE OF CHARGE AT THE LAND OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING).

COPIES OF APPROVED AND DRAFT PLANS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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TENDER FOR ALUMINIUM WINDOW FRAMES
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MORE THAN 940 ALUMINIUM WINDOW FRAMES FOR THE SHA TIN PERMANENT SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE TENDERS ALSO COVER THE SUPPLY OF 92 HAND-OPERATED WINDOW OPENING SYSTEMS AND THREE EXTERNAL ALUMINIUM SCREEN PANELS FOR THE ENTRANCE AND LOBBY OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS THE EIGHTH NOMINATED SUB-CONTRACT TO THE MAIN CIVIL CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1981, THE FIRST STAGE WILL SERVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 230,000 IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

SEWAGE FROM SHA TIN NOW IS BEING TREATED AT THE TEMPORARY AND INTERIM SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT PART OF THE PROJECT WAS BEING FINANCED BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND TENDERS WERE BEING INVITED FROM MANUFACTURERS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND LUXEMBOURG.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY WATSON (HONG KONG) CHARTERED CONSULTING ENGINEERS. THEY ARE THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE PROJECT UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

WATSON (HONG KONG) ARE ALSO SUPERVISING THE CONSTRUCTION WORK, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED UNDER THIS SUB-CONTRACT. THE CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTOR IS AOKI CONSTRUCTION CO.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT CONTRIBUTES TO A.C.A.N. EXHIBITION

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE A DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT DISPLAY TO A FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL FROM TOMORROW TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24.

THE DISPLAY WILL FORM PART OF THE INTER-SCHOOL DRUG EDUCATION COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES AT HEI LING CHAU AND TAI LAM PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FOR CONVICTED DRUG ADDICTS.

AT THE SAME TIME THE INSTITUTIONS WHICH CATER FOR BOTH YOUNG AND ADULT OFFENDERS OFFER THE COURTS AN ALTERNATIVE TO SENDING A DRUG ADDICT TO PRISON.

THE TREATMENT PROGRAMMES AIM AT THE TOTAL REHABILITATION OF THE DRUG DEPENDENT PERSON.

ON COMPLETION OF ONE YEAR AFTER-CARE SUPERVISION THE SUCCESS RATE IS OVER 63 PER CENT.

THE DEPARTMENT'S ADDICTION TREATMENT DISPLAY AT THE CITY HALL WILL BE MOUNTED ON EIGHT NEW PANELS SPECIALLY MADE BY THE PRISON INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT.

THE PANELS WILL CONTAIN WRITTEN GUIDES, GRAPHICS AND PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATING MAJOR ASPECTS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S ADDICTION TREATMENT FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES.

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ROAD SAFETY SPEECH CONTEST
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TWELVE PRIMARY SIX STUDENTS FROM FIVE SCHOOLS IN ABERDEEN WILL TAKE PART IN A ROAD SAFETY SPEECH CONTEST TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CONTEST, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SOUTHERN) AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, IS TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY AMONG STUDENTS.

THE CONTESTANTS CAN SPEAK ON EITHER +HOW TO USE ROADS CORRECTLY+ OR +ROAD SAFETY IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT+.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES WILL BE MR. LAM HON-KEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE- CHIEF INSPECTOR RAYMOND HSIAH, POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER (WESTERN) AND MR. LUI DING, A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE ROAD SAFETY SPEECH CONTEST AT 2.30 P.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT TANG SHIU KIN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE, ABERDEEN.

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ANTI-CRIME SEMINAR AND SPORTS DAY
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AN ANTI-CRIME SEMINAR AND RECREATION DAY FOR 30 WORKING YOUTHS WILL BE JOINTLY HELD BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO), RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO) AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

APART FROM THE SEMINAR ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, CHAIRED BY A POLICE OFFICER IN THE MORNING, PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN ARCHERY, SKATING, ROPE COURSE, FENCING AND SO ON IN THE AFTERNOON TO INTEGRATE EDUCATION WITH SPORTIVE ACTIVITIES.

THE EVENT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY DR. P.H. HASE, CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO), MR. EDWIN YEE, POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO) AND MR. TAM PAK-HANG, RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO).

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HONG KONG JURY LIST
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MR. SIMON HERBERT MAYO, REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT A FURTHER LIST OF COMMON JURORS WILL BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 5, 1979.

THIS LIST WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR 14 DAYS DURING WHICH ANY PERSON MAY APPLY BY NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE REGISTRAR REQUIRING THAT HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF SOME OTHER PERSON BE POSTED OR REMOVED UPON CAUSE DULY ASSIGNED IN SUCH NOTICE.

THE REGISTRAR SHALL IN HIS DISCRETION, POST OR REMOVE SUCH NAME ACCORDINGLY AND SHALL IF NECESSARY ALTER THE LIST.

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ROAD CLOSED TO TRAFFIC
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT KAU U FONG IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON ON SUNDAY TO FACILITATE THE SHEUNG WAN (CENTRAL) YEAR-END CLEANSING OPERATION.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CASTLE PEAK RANGE
ON 19 DAYS NEXT MONTH (FEBRUARY).

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE
AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
FEBRUARY 1 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
FEBRUARY 2 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
FEBRUARY 5 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
FEBRUARY 6 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
FEBRUARY 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
FEBRUARY 8 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
FEBRUARY 9 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
FEBRUARY 12 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
FEBRUARY 13 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 14 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 15 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
FEBRUARY 16 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
FEBRUARY 19 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 20 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 21 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 22 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 23 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
FEBRUARY 26 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
FEBRUARY 27 (TUESDAY)	9 A.M. - 5.30 P.M.

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DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT

Friday, January 19, 1979

EMBARGOED NEWS ITEM:

NOTE TO EDITORS

The following news item is embargoed
for release at 9.30 p.m. today (Friday).

SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE,
G.B.E., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., TO THE GENERAL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE : JANUARY 19, 1979

Since I last spoke to you Hong Kong has proceeded on what has been a fairly prosperous course. In 1978 our domestic exports up to November grew in money terms by 16 per cent, our overall exports by 20 per cent, revenue is buoyant, the GDP for 1978 looks as if it will be comfortably over the 9 per cent increase forecast.

Though an undesirably large proportion of this is due to domestic consumption rather than exports, and the imbalance in the economy to which I referred last year has increased--- and I will come back to this --- nevertheless for the time being most sectors of the population have enjoyed a high level of prosperity.

Our social programmes have surged forward on course. New construction, both public and private, is ubiquitous. The state of the Police Force and of law and order have continued to improve. The fight against drug addiction is showing encouraging signs of success. We have detected no regression in the great improvement achieved in reducing corruption in public life. Generally speaking a year of success and progress, with some signs of strain in the economy.

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The aspect of the year, and of our prospects, on which I wish to speak to you, is that of our economic external relations.

This is, or should be, an export-led economy, and our export performance, and factors in our domestic economy bearing on export performance are vital to our existence.

Hong Kong's exports to major markets of Europe, North America and Australasia

From the statistics available to the end of November, it looks as if in 1978 the major markets for our exports continued to be the USA, the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan, Australia and Canada in that order.

Between them they took about 70 per cent of our total domestic exports. Our prosperity is still very much going to depend on the economic prosperity of these countries and on the degree of access we can maintain to their markets.

Inevitably, the performance of our domestic exports to them varies from year to year. For example, in 1977 we did particularly well with our domestic exports to the United States.

But in 1978, as predicted this time last year, the rate of growth in the value of domestic exports slowed down and looks as if it will be around 10 per cent, largely reflecting the slower rate of growth of the US economy.

But another reason for the fall-off in the rate of growth of exports to this market was that by the end of 1978, we had fully utilised our quotas for the more important stock items of trade as a result of the more restrictive agreement operative since January 1 last year.

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By contrast, our domestic exports to the Federal Republic of Germany had actually been less in 1977 than in 1976. So there was room for considerable expansion in 1978 and we were able to take advantage of an acceleration of consumer demand in Germany, aided by the depreciation of the Hong Kong dollar against the deutschmark.

Our domestic exports increased 21 per cent by value. But, as with the United States, we eventually came up against restricted access as a result of the Agreement concluded with the EEC in 1977.

Before the end of the year, we had used up all the quotas for stock items of clothing. But we were able to improve our performance with other products, notably watches.

It was to the United Kingdom, of all our major markets, that our performance in 1978 improved most dramatically.

As with the Federal Republic of Germany, our domestic exports in 1977 had actually been below the level of 1976, but in 1978 they improved by nearly 30 per cent. But towards the end of the year we were faced with the same difficulties of restriction as with the United States and Germany, but on an even more serious scale.

We used up even more quotas, and at least one, wool sweaters, was used up as early as October.

Again, we did better in other items, particularly watches; and the United Kingdom was the only major market to which we improved our exports of transistor radios.

The rate of growth to our two other major markets outside the Far East, Australia and Canada was reasonably good, if not quite so dramatic as our performance in the United Kingdom and Germany.

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Performance in the West Pacific/SEA Region

1978 was also a good year for our trade with the countries in the Far Eastern and Southeast Asian region. Our domestic exports to the region this decade have been growing at an average of 16 per cent a year.

But last year they grew by 30 per cent in money terms as against a growth in our world-wide trade of 16 per cent. I do not know if this diversification of markets will be permanent but it is certainly welcome.

This success was achieved in spite of the fact that in the region regrettably most countries still protect their markets with trade barriers.

Even in Japan, where no governmental impediment exists, there has been some invisible factor at work that has denied our exporters the success they have achieved in other markets. It was our bewilderment at this situation that prompted Sir Y.K. Kan's economic mission.

I can only hope that after the sympathetic hearing it received, a better relationship between our businessmen can be built up that will render Hong Kong/Japan trade less lop-sided. Obviously this will take both persistence, effort and time.

China

But I am sure you will all agree, and particularly in the light of the Chamber's own visit, that developments in China during the past year dominate all others in significance for this region and for Hong Kong, and are of great importance for the world at large.

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Vigorous implementation of a policy of rapid modernisation; acceptance of all forms of normal international trading and financial practice; the Treaty of Friendship with Japan; normalisation of relations with the United States -- these have been great events, increasing the prospects for both stability and trade in the area, and for expanded contacts of all sorts between the People's Republic of China and other nations. I am sure that most of us have been pondering the implications for Hong Kong.

Of course Hong Kong has for long had the closest commercial ties with Kwangtung and other parts of China.

It is one of our major sources of imports, three quarters to two thirds of which are for consumption in Hong Kong: our major source of fresh food; a growing source of hydrocarbon fuels; likely to be the main supplier of coal for our new generation of power stations; an important source of consumer goods generally; of course an invaluable source of water on which a new Agreement has recently been signed.

I hope China trading organisations will continue to develop Hong Kong as a market. As Hong Kong's economy continues to grow, it will need more fuel, more water and more food, and the demand for manufactures, semi-manufactures, and consumer goods from China's new industries will expand.

But when the Chinese Minister for Foreign Trade was here, he appeared to envisage more than just an expansion of the sort of trade we have had over recent years.

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He spoke for instance of what businessmen in Hong Kong could do in promoting Chinese commodities overseas through their commercial capability, and experience and success in marketing techniques. So as China's modernisation programme gathers momentum, we may see the growth of re-exports accelerating.

He also mentioned other possibilities: arrangements with Hong Kong industrialists and some of their skilled workers for joint production in China; the construction by Chinese organisations of new industries in Hong Kong; the development of tourism in China via Hong Kong, and joint ventures with Hong Kong entrepreneurs in new hotels in China.

No doubt the highly sophisticated financial sector in Hong Kong could play a part in such developments. Of course the Bank of China has its own direct contacts in most of the capitals of the world, but the very wide representation here of international banks and finance houses might also prove convenient.

The new situation requires improved communications. A direct ferry service to Canton has already started; so have air services; and once the technical details have been sorted out we may soon see a through train. I welcome these trends, and the return to normality which they represent.

But there are two questions that I have been asked so frequently about all these developments that they are worth mentioning here.

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The first is: will the diversion of capital, plant, and skill from Hong Kong to China, and also the development of industry in China for export, undermine Hong Kong's prosperity through competition in third markets?

The answer is, I can see no advantage whatever to China in undermining Hong Kong's prosperity.

Moreover, the process of being under-cut at the bottom end of the market, and of disinvestment from Hong Kong into lower-cost areas of production, have always been as continuous a part of our economic history as the parallel process in Hong Kong of movement into high technology industry through investment.

So there is nothing new, in principle, or necessarily daunting in practice about this prospect.

The second is: will the development of interchange of semi-manufactures between Hong Kong and China call in question our certificates of origin?

This would indeed be a very serious matter, but the answer is that it should not in fact, because the bases on which our certificates are issued are quite clear, internationally agreed, and scrupulously enforced by the issuing authorities here --- our economic survival depends on it.

However, though we should be safe on fact, fancy --- among protectionist lobbies or competitors abroad --- fancy and rumour could be damaging.

So exporters must be particularly careful to do nothing which could give grounds for such rumours, and for our part we must be alert to any allegations, however informal and unfounded, and rebut them as soon as they are made.

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To sum up, we are in the presence of new developments of considerable significance that could affect the extent of our relations with the People's Republic of China in respect of trade, industry, tourism, communications and finance.

These possibilities are the subject of much rumour and speculation, and the dimensions of the possibilities, opportunities, and even problems, are likely to emerge only gradually as the months go by.

Meanwhile, there are obvious advantages in the developments that have already taken place or which we may expect. The friendly and constructive spirit behind them is a source of confidence.

Moreover, people here welcome the modernisation programme and welcome the prospect of being able to play a part in it. So on the basis of mutual benefit, trust and respect, I suggest our attitude should be one of constructive co-operation.

Hong Kong's Place in the Western Pacific Region

These developments have attracted to the Far East in general and China in particular more commercial and financial attention from the rest of the world than for a long time.

It is possible that this will shed on Hong Kong, too, an enhanced interest as a place of business. Events in China will highlight its importance as a place on the edge of that great country.

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Hong Kong is, of course, a very substantial market in its own right, and I am grateful for the efforts this Chamber has made to bring this point home to investors and exporters in Europe and America. They are beginning to wake up to the opportunities Hong Kong offers to exporters, and this is very much to Hong Kong's interest.

But people are apt to forget that Hong Kong is also a focal point within the countries of the Western Pacific Seaboard and Southeast Asia. These constitute one of the most dramatic growth areas in the world at present.

Growth in North America or Europe has been averaging between 2 and 4 per cent a year, whereas in this region it is more like 6 to 11 per cent, and there is every reason to suppose it will continue.

The markets of this region cannot be worked successfully from London, Frankfurt or New York whether by exporters or financiers. A base in the area is essential, for management, for stocking, even for assembly or manufacture.

Many may conclude that for such a base, as well as for keeping in touch with developments in China, no other city has the advantages of Hong Kong.

I have constantly said that Hong Kong is the right city in the right place at the right time. I suggest now is the time to keep on saying this to every worthwhile investor we meet, and I am sure that none can say it better or louder or more persistently than the members of this Chamber.

Prospects for 1979

Welcome and arresting as these developments are they cannot change the basic fact of our economic life, that Hong Kong must earn its living largely by exporting.

With 58 per cent of our domestic exports going to the United States, the Federal Republic of Germany and the United Kingdom, our prospects for 1979 are going to depend very much on what happens in these three markets.

The prospects in the United States have been consistently talked and written down by commentators, and just as consistently the signs of recession have failed to appear. However, it must be assumed that with the level of interest rates prevailing and likely to prevail, prospects for this year as a whole may not be as good as last.

But in contrast the prospects for the German economy and the United Kingdom seem reasonably good.

As usual the sky is not free of clouds. There is the limitation imposed on our trade in textiles and clothing. We are already feeling the consequences of the reduced opportunities for growth and flexibility in the Agreements we were forced to conclude in 1977.

The continued high rate of unemployment in our principal markets will retain political pressure on Governments to restrict imports --- however unfair and misguided that may be.

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Moreover our export markets must absorb the effects of the increases in oil price announced by the OPEC countries. Less specific, but certainly in our minds, is the situations in Iran, the Middle East and Rhodesia.

Nevertheless the encouraging fact is that order books and imports of raw materials at the end of 1978 suggest that prospects for the first half of 1979 are reasonably good though it is too early to say what the latter half will bring us.

The Domestic Economy

So our prospects are quite good. But to fulfil them we must bear certain basic conditions in mind.

First of all, our economy must be kept conducive to a healthy export-led posture. There must be sufficient resources of labour and capital on the right terms, to enable our export industries to fill the orders that are available; there must be sufficient flexibility in the economy to enable industrialists to adapt to new demands and opportunities; imports retained for consumption must be commensurate with our foreign exchange earnings, the bulk of which are from exports.

These, in the simplest terms, are the conditions of Hong Kong's housekeeping. But over the last year it is clear that in spite of our apparent prosperity these conditions have not been fulfilled.

The labour market has been too tight; the economy has been somewhat overstretched; the growth of domestic consumption has considerably exceeded that of exports; the visible deficit on external account has widened.

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Some adjustment is therefore necessary, and the adjustment must be to domestic demand, because it does not seem possible that external demand for our exports will be strong enough to provide a sufficient profit margin to draw resources from domestic consumption to the export sector.

Nothing very drastic is necessary, and as I said in October in the Legislative Council, our problem is not great in comparison to that faced by many other countries.

But if our ability to maintain sustained growth and prosperity is to be safeguarded, some adjustment will be necessary in both the public and private sectors.

This problem has grown over the last two years and has not been resolved through operation of the usual corrective mechanisms as we had hoped, and clearly it cannot be allowed to persist.

Another condition for our continued economic growth is provision of more land --- land for new industry, and land for both the Government and private enterprise to build the new towns in which those who man the new industry must live. And, of course, of equal importance is the communications system that makes the development of new areas possible and attractive.

These aspects of development demand high priority. The success of our Industrial Estates is indicative of the way in which a new land policy can attract new industries. This process is clearly vital to that of diversification.

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While no doubt land at reasonable prices for the sort of new industries we need, and continuation of our attractive fiscal environment, coupled with the enterprise of our businessmen, are the best aids to profitable diversification, I await with the greatest interest the report of the Advisory Committee on Diversification.

I very much hope it will point to other ways by which this process of diversification can be accelerated.

But basically we must rely on the ingenuity of our businessmen individually, and collectively in such bodies as the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, the Chinese Manufacturers' Association, the Trade Development Council, the Productivity Centre and of course this Chamber to develop both new markets and new products.

For my part I would like to pay my tribute to the men who give so much of their time and effort to making organisations such as this the dynamic forces which they are in the development of Hong Kong.