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EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) PUBLISHED EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1979.

THE SERIES IS DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE COMMODITY ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED.

FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THE FIVE INDUSTRY GROUPS HAVING THE HIGHEST CONTRIBUTIONS WERE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT. ALTOGETHER THEY ACCOUNTED FOR 81 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER THIS YEAR.

INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1978 WERE HIGHEST IN THE CASE OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (73 PER CENT), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (68 PER CENT), LEATHER PRODUCTS (66 PER CENT), AND FOOTWEAR (57 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, A DECREASE IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS RECORDED FOR MINING AND QUARRYING PRODUCTS (-49 PER CENT).

CONCERNING IMPORTS, GOODS PRODUCED BY THE TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, CHEMICAL PRODUCTS AND METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS FROM MINING AND QUARRYING, TOGETHER TOOK UP 51 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1979. THE HIGHEST INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE FOUND IN MINING AND QUARRYING PRODUCTS (577 PER CENT), TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (86 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (80 PER CENT), FORESTRY AND LOGGING PRODUCTS (67 PER CENT), WEARING APPAREL (64 PER CENT) AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (62 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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SWD PAYS OUT OVER \$2.34 MILLION UNDER +NO FAULT+ TAVA SCHEME
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT MORE THAN \$2.34 MILLION AS QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR PEOPLE APPLYING UNDER THE +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME IN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS SINCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION ON MAY 1.

THE PAYMENTS WERE MADE TO 111 CASES INVOLVING DEATHS AND 713 CASES INVOLVING INJURIES WHICH HAD CAUSED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS' LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

/MRS. DIANA.....

MRS. DIANA LEE, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SECTION, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS FOR THE FATAL CASES TOTALLED \$594 200, AND THAT FOR THE INJURY CASES, OVER \$1.75 MILLION.

SHE SAID THE GRANTS FOR THE INJURY CASES INCLUDED FURTHER PAYMENTS IN 203 CASES WHEREBY THE APPLICANTS WERE MEDICALLY CERTIFIED TO REQUIRE EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.

IN THE CASES ALREADY PROCESSED, SHE SAID, THE HIGHEST PAYMENT WAS \$15 400 MADE IN ONE FATAL CASE, WHILE OTHER PAYMENTS RANGED FROM \$800 TO \$14 800.

+AT PRESENT, 318 OTHER APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS IN A FAIRLY SHORT TIME,+ SHE SAID.

THE NON-MEANS TESTED SCHEME AIMS AT PROVIDING QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

MRS. LEE SAID PEOPLE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON OR AFTER MAY 1 THIS YEAR COULD APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE TAVA SECTION ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING AT 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG OR BY TELEPHONING 5-222392 OR 5-223254.

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IMPORTANCE OF PROPER CHILD CARE STRESSED * * * * *

CHILDREN MUST BE GIVEN PROPER CARE SO THAT THEY COULD ACHIEVE A BALANCED PHYSICAL AND MENTAL GROWTH, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A CHILDREN'S FUN FAIR AT THE TUNG WAH CHEN ZAO MEN COLLEGE IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE FUN FAIR, FEATURING VARIOUS GAMES AND PROGRAMMES OF ENTERTAINMENT, WAS ORGANISED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.

MR. LEE TOLD THE GATHERING THAT MANY WORKING PARENTS GAVE HARDLY ENOUGH TIME AND ATTENTION FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

IN ORDER TO STEER THEM AWAY FROM EVIL TEMPTATIONS, HE SAID, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT DURING THEIR FORMATIVE GROWTH, CHILDREN ARE GIVEN PROPER GUIDANCE IN THE CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME.

+THE YEAR 1979 HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED AS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD WHICH AIMS AT FOCUSING ATTENTION ON CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT.

+BOTH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT VARIOUS ACTIVITIES GEARED TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE,+ HE SAID.

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TOWN HOUSE SITE IN SHA TIN FOR SALE

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THE FIRST TOWN HOUSE SITE IN ONE OF SHA TIN'S BEST RESIDENTIAL AREAS ORIGINALLY SET FOR SALE EARLY LAST MONTH BUT POSTPONED DUE TO TYPHOON HOPE WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION NEXT THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 6).

THE PRIME SITE ON THE NORTH-WESTERN SIDE OF SHA TIN VALLEY, MEASURING 724 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED MIDWAY BETWEEN THE WESTERN END OF SHA TIN RACE COURSE AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, IN AN AREA KNOWN AS +THE JARDINE'S LOOKOUT OF SHA TIN.+

THE CHIEF ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR. ROGER THOMPSON SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO DEVELOP THIS AREA INTO A LOW-DENSITY TOP-CLASS RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

+IT COMMANDS AN EXCELLENT VIEW OF THE RACE COURSE AND TIDE COVE IN ADDITION TO BEING SURROUNDED BY A GREEN BELT,+ HE SAID.

THE SITE, EARMARKED FOR TWO-STOREY HIGH CLASS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AND HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO KOWLOON AND OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES VIA THE SHA TIN TRUNK ROAD.

IT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$110 000 OVER 36 MONTHS AND A PLOT RATIO OF 0.4 WHICH RESTRICTS THE BUILDING AREA TO 674 SQUARE METRES.

MR. THOMPSON SAID LOCAL DEVELOPERS HAVE LONG SHOWN INTEREST IN SHA TIN AS AN IDEAL AREA FOR HIGH CLASS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

+AND THE RECENT SIGNING OF THE LEASE CONDITIONS OF THE YEE PANG HOUSING SCHEME ABOVE THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT IN SHA TIN HAS RENEWED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN PROPERTY INVESTMENT IN THE NEW TOWN,+ HE SAID.

AS SHOWN BY THE AUCTION OF THE SHAM TSENG RESIDENTIAL SITE LAST THURSDAY WHICH FETCHED \$5.1 MILLION - MORE THAN TWELVE TIMES THE OPENING BID - MR. THOMPSON SAID THERE WAS HEAVY DEMAND IN THE MARKET FOR LAND THAT COULD PROVIDE LOW DENSITY LUXURY FLATS.

+TO MEET THE DEMAND,+ HE SAID, +WE ARE ALSO SELLING BY TENDER ANOTHER SIX LOTS IN THE SAME AREA TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS THIS MONTH.

+THEY VARY IN SIZES FROM 740 TO 9 960 SQUARE METRES AND ARE DESIGNED FOR TWO-STOREY TOWN HOUSE DEVELOPMENT,+ HE ADDED.

THE AUCTION ON THURSDAY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 A.M. AT THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND ANY OF ITS SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH
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A NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING OFFERED, UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN, BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, SRI LANKA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, NIGERIA, MALAYSIA, JAMAICA AND UGANDA.

THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE PRIMARILY AVAILABLE FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITIES NORMALLY EXTENDING OVER A PERIOD OF TWO ACADEMIC YEARS.

THE EMOLUMENTS WILL COVER APPROVED EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL, LIVING AND STUDY DURING THE TENURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE COMMONWEALTH CITIZENS NORMALLY RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG, NOT OVER 35 YEARS OF AGE AND GRADUATES OF RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES OR HOLDERS OF EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS.

+THOSE RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARDS MUST SATISFY CERTAIN LANGUAGE, HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER PARTICULARS CONCERNING THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 29, 1979.

+LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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