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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS SOAR

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS INCREASED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR BY \$8.6 BILLION - THE LARGEST MONTHLY INCREASE ON RECORD.

THIS IS REVEALED IN THE MONETARY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

PART OF THE INCREASE, WHICH COMES AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A STABILISED EXCHANGE RATE, REFLECTED A SWITCH FROM FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WHICH, INCLUSIVE OF SWAP DEPOSITS, FELL BY ABOUT \$1.7 BILLION.

THE \$8.6 BILLION INCREASE WAS ENCOURAGED BY STABILITY IN THE EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR AND THE REMOVAL OF THE INTEREST WITHHOLDING TAX ON HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

DURING THE MONTH, TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON THE BROADER DEFINITIONS, M2 AND M3, ROSE. IN EACH CASE, THE INCREASE WAS MADE UP OF A SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR COMPONENT, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET A CONTRACTION IN THE FOREIGN CURRENCY COMPONENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES RECORDED ONLY A MODERATE INCREASE. THOSE FOR FINANCING VISIBLE TRADE FELL, WHILE OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE, BUT NOT SUBSTANTIALLY.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON THE BROADER DEFINITIONS, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3, CONTINUED TO GROW AT FAIRLY RAPID RATES, AT 4.6 PER CENT AND 5.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN OCTOBER WERE 0.9 PER CENT AND 3.1 PER CENT. HK\$M1 FELL BY 0.5 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE IN OCTOBER OF 0.7 PER CENT. THERE WAS SOME CONTRACTION IN THE PUBLIC'S HOLDING OF NOTES AND COIN.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO NOVEMBER, HK\$M1 GREW BY 1.1 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 5.2 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 8.2 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 10.2 PER CENT, 13.6 PER CENT AND 10.1 PER CENT.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL M1 WAS VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 ROSE BY 1.2 PER CENT AND 2.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, IN CONTRAST TO THE CORRESPONDING DECLINES IN OCTOBER OF 2.5 PER CENT AND 1.7 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO NOVEMBER, TOTAL M1 GREW BY TWO PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 2.3 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 4.4 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THEY GREW BY 7.9 PER CENT, 24.3 PER CENT AND 22.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE SHARPLY DURING THE MONTH, BY 6.2 PER CENT, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE IN OCTOBER OF 3.9 PER CENT. THESE INCREASES WERE NO DOUBT ENCOURAGED BY STABILITY IN THE EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR AND THE REMOVAL OF THE INTEREST WITHHOLDING TAX ON HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

THE INCREASE IN NOVEMBER, AMOUNTING TO \$8.6 BILLION, IS THE LARGEST MONTHLY INCREASE ON RECORD. PART OF THIS INCREASE REFLECTED A SWITCH FROM FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WHICH FELL BY 1.2 PER CENT OR \$1.7 BILLION.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO NOVEMBER, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 9.3 PER CENT, WHILE THERE WAS NO NET CHANGE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 0.9 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER, OFFSETTING THE DECREASE OF THE SAME ORDER IN OCTOBER. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO NOVEMBER, THESE GREW BY 5.4 PER CENT. LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG FELL BY 0.9 PER CENT, AFTER FALLING BY 0.4 PER CENT IN OCTOBER.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO NOVEMBER, THEY GREW BY 2.8 PER CENT. ALTHOUGH HONG KONG'S TRADE HAS BEEN EXPANDING RAPIDLY, THE ASSOCIATED BUOYANCY OF NET EXPORT EARNINGS MAY EXPLAIN THE ONLY MODEST DEMAND IN THIS CATEGORY OF LENDING. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 0.9 PER CENT COMPARED WITH A FALL OF 0.3 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO NOVEMBER, THE GROWTH RATE WAS 3.9 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITION

THE NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES OF THE MONETARY SECTOR FELL FROM \$23.2 BILLION AT THE END OF OCTOBER TO \$17.8 BILLION AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES OF \$13.0 BILLION AND \$4.8 BILLION RESPECTIVELY AT THE END OF NOVEMBER.

STATISTICS COLLECTED (ON THE BASIS OF SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SHOW A SIMILAR REDUCTION FROM \$26.2 BILLION AT THE END OF OCTOBER TO \$18.7 BILLION AT THE END OF NOVEMBER.

THEY ALSO SHOW A REDUCTION OF SIMILAR MAGNITUDE IN THE MONETARY SECTOR'S NET FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS FROM \$49.1 BILLION TO \$42.9 BILLION. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE REDUCTION IN FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, REFERRED TO EARLIER, MAY HAVE LARGELY COMPRISED SWAP DEPOSITS.

LIQUIDITY RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS FELL TO 51.8 FROM 52.9 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL TO 61.7 PER CENT FROM 67.7 PER CENT IN OCTOBER.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS IN OPERATION WAS UNCHANGED AT 134. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 1 TO 31 AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WAS UNCHANGED AT 318.

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GOVERNOR LEAVES TOMORROW FOR NEW YORK

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE WILL LEAVE FOR NEW YORK TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO PARTICIPATE IN A SERIES OF TRADE PROMOTIONAL EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE WILL BE SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND LEADER OF THE MISSION, MR MICHAEL SANDBERG, MISS LYDIA DUNN, MR Q.W. LEE, MR ALLEN LEE, MR C.H. TUNG AND DR PHILIP KWOK.

THE PARTY WILL BE LEAVING ON FLIGHT PA 22, ETD 1 PM.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE GROUP'S DEPARTURE. THOSE ASSIGNED TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM NOT LATER THAN 11.45 AM.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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BUSY DAY FOR SIR PETER

SIR PETER BLAKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP WHO IS ON AN 11-DAY VISIT HERE, HAD A BUSY DAY TODAY, BRINGING HIMSELF UP-TO-DATE ON HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

HE BEGAN WITH A MEETING THIS MORNING WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, MR PETER WILLIAMS, IN HIS OFFICE.

HE THEN VISITED THE UMELCO OFFICE AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS THERE.

AFTER HAVING LUNCH WITH THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SIR PETER HELD A MEETING WITH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE.

FOLLOWING THE MEETING, SIR PETER TOOK AN AERIAL TOUR OF HONG KONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ON BOARD AN RHKAAF HELICOPTER, ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, DR PATRICK HASE.

SIR PETER WILL JOIN UMEICO MEMBERS AGAIN THIS EVENING FOR DINNER.

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SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) A FURTHER SERIES OF SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

MR CHAU CHAM-SON TO BE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT. HE HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER IN THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SINCE MARCH 1978.

MR J.T. THORPE TO BE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION. HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION SINCE MARCH 1979 AND WILL SUCCEED MR B.D. KEEP WHO IS RETIRING FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

DR RUDY KHOO KIAN-KANG TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (MEDICAL SERVICES). HE HAS BEEN A CONSULTANT SINCE MARCH 1973 AND WILL SUCCEED DR LAM SIM-FOOK WHO IS RETIRING FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

MR LEI MENG-CAN TO BE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT. HE HAS BEEN A GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT SINCE DECEMBER 1978.

MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES. SHE IS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING ON SECONDMENT TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MR DAVID LAN HONG-TSUNG TO BE DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL. HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, HOUSING DEPARTMENT SINCE JANUARY 1981.

MR T.H. BARMA TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE (APPOINTMENTS). HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL SINCE MARCH 1981.

MR JOHN CHAN CHO-CHAK TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR GENERAL DUTIES. HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE SINCE APRIL 1983.

MR DOMINIC WONG SHING-WAH TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE (PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE). HE HAS BEEN POLICE CIVIL SECRETARY SINCE JANUARY 1981.

MR NICHOLAS YEK CHEK-MING TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE. HE HAS BEEN COUNSELLOR (HONG KONG AFFAIRS) BRUSSELS SINCE JULY 1980.

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NEW LEGISLATION PROVIDES FOR COMPETITION
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AS A FURTHER STEP TOWARDS PROVIDING FOR COMPETITION IN TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, NEW SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION COMES INTO FORCE TODAY, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED.

HE RECALLED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE IT KNOWN IN DECEMBER 1982 THAT CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT WHICH WERE NOT PART OF THE PUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE, WOULD BE OPEN TO COMPETITION PROGRESSIVELY WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1983.

THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1984 PROVIDES INTER ALIA, FOR

- * THE GRANT OF PUBLIC NON-EXCLUSIVE TELECOMMUNICATION LICENCES BY THE TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY AND THE FEES PAYABLE ON THE GRANT OR RENEWAL OF THIS TYPE OF LICENCE;
- * POWERS FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY TO ENSURE THAT TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IS USED PROPERLY BY PERSONS LEGALLY IN POSSESSION OF SUCH EQUIPMENT; AND
- * A LICENSEE TO OFFER A PUBLIC NON-EXCLUSIVE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE, AND TO POSSESS, USE, DEAL IN AND MAINTAIN THE REQUISITE APPARATUS FOR THE SERVICE.

THE NEW REGULATIONS DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE RENEWAL OF PUBLIC NON-EXCLUSIVE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE LICENCES BEYOND JUNE 30, 1995.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THIS PROVISION HAD BEEN MADE, BECAUSE, UNDER THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE, THE TELEPHONE COMPANY WAS AUTHORISED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION UP TO THAT DATE.

IT WAS ANTICIPATED, HE ADDED, THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD WISH TO CARRY OUT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW, WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE EXPIRY OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S FRANCHISE, OF ALL INTERNAL PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, IT WAS LOGICAL THEREFORE TO STIPULATE, IN THE NEW REGULATIONS, A DETERMINATION DATE FOR THE NEW CATEGORY OF LICENCE.

IT WAS ALSO REASONABLE THAT ALL PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS LIMITATION FROM THE OUTSET.

THE TELECOMMUNICATION (PUBLIC NON-EXCLUSIVE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE CUSTOMERS) (EXEMPTION FROM LICENSING) ORDER 1984, AS ITS TITLE INDICATES, EXEMPTS CUSTOMERS OF PUBLIC NON-EXCLUSIVE SERVICES FROM THE NEED TO OBTAIN THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL LICENCES.

+THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PRESENT POSITION IN LAW OF CUSTOMERS OF EXCLUSIVE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES WHO ARE ALREADY EXEMPTED FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS,+ HE SAID.

HOLIDAYS FOR 1984 AND 1985
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GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR THIS YEAR AND THE NEXT ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE GAZETTE NOTICE ALSO ADVISES THAT THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED THIS YEAR (1984) ON SATURDAY, JUNE 16, AS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, INSTEAD OF THE DATES PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WILL NOW FALL ON JUNE 18.

AND, NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT, IN 1985, AS CHING MING FESTIVAL AND GOOD FRIDAY FALL ON THE SAME DAY, AN ADDITIONAL GENERAL HOLIDAY FOR THE YEAR WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND NOTIFIED BY ORDER IN THE GAZETTE.

FOLLOWING ARE THE HOLIDAYS LISTS :

GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1984

THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JANUARY	MONDAY, JANUARY 2
LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2
THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3
THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
CHING MING FESTIVAL	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, APRIL 20
THE DAY FOLLOWING GOOD FRIDAY	SATURDAY, APRIL 21
EASTER MONDAY	MONDAY, APRIL 23
TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL	MONDAY, JUNE 4
THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN	SATURDAY, JUNE 16
THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	MONDAY, JUNE 18
THE SATURDAY PRECEDING THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST	SATURDAY, AUGUST 25
THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST, WHICH SHALL BE LIBERATION DAY	MONDAY, AUGUST 27
THE DAY FOLLOWING CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3
CHRISTMAS DAY	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25
THE FIRST WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1985

THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JANUARY	TUESDAY, JANUARY 1
LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21
THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22
CHING MING FESTIVAL	FRIDAY, APRIL 5
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, APRIL 5
THE DAY FOLLOWING GOOD FRIDAY	SATURDAY, APRIL 6
EASTER MONDAY	MONDAY, APRIL 8
THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN	SATURDAY, JUNE 8
THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	MONDAY, JUNE 10
TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL	SATURDAY, JUNE 22
THE SATURDAY PRECEDING THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST	SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST, WHICH SHALL BE LIBERATION DAY	MONDAY, AUGUST 26
THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
CHRISTMAS DAY	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
THE FIRST WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

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DOOR STILL OPEN TO CAPUT SCHOOLS
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AN INVITATION WAS ISSUED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, TO ALL CAPUT SCHOOLS -- WHICH ARE NON-PROFIT-MAKING SCHOOLS RECEIVING PARTIAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE -- TO BECOME FULLY-AIDED INSTITUTIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF MAN KIU COLLEGE, MR HAYE SAID: +THE DOOR INTO THE FULLY-AIDED PUBLIC SECTOR IS STILL OPEN TO MAN KIU AND THE REMAINING CAPUT SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE SO FAR HESITATED TO ACCEPT FULL GOVERNMENT AID WITH THE MINIMAL CONTROLS THAT AID IMPLIES.+

+I AM NOW HAPPY TO INVITE YOUR SUPERVISOR AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO COME IN OUT OF THE COLD SO AS TO ENJOY THE WARM BENEFITS OF FULL GOVERNMENT AID,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

HE SAID THAT NOW WAS A PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE TIME TO RENEW HIS INVITATION, BECAUSE CAPUT SCHOOLS WITH GOVERNMENT-BOUGHT PLACES COULD TRULY BENEFIT FROM MORE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

+MORE MONEY MEANS BETTER PAY FOR QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND MORE SCOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES. MORE MONEY CAN MEAN MORE AND BETTER EDUCATION FOR THE STUDENTS OF THIS AND OTHER CAPUT SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE YET TO COME IN, AS SO MANY HAVE DONE, TO THE AIDED PUBLIC SECTOR.+

MR HAYE ADDED THAT ANOTHER REASON WHY IT WAS SO TIMELY TO ASK CAPUT SCHOOLS TO BECOME FULLY AIDED WAS THE IMMINENT REVIEW OF THE SENIOR SECONDARY CURRICULUM AND EXAMINATIONS.

MR HAYE RECALLED HE HAD MADE A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE CURRICULUM IN FORMS FOUR AND FIVE AND THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION TO MAJOR SCHOOLS COUNCILS AND ASSOCIATIONS, THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AND THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

HE ADDED: +WITHOUT PRE-EMPTING THE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THESE PROPOSALS, I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO WORK TO A MORE RELEVANT AND MEANINGFUL CURRICULUM AND EXAMINATION IN FORMS FOUR AND FIVE - SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION THAT RECOGNISES THE ABILITY RANGE AND APTITUDE OF CHILDREN COMPLETING THEIR STUDIES IN SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.+

+IF THIS COLLEGE IS FULLY AIDED IT WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO AFFORD TO COPE WITH ANY CHANGES MADE IN THE SENIOR SECONDARY CURRICULUM AND EXAMINATIONS,+ HE SAID.

SO FAR, 59 CAPUT SCHOOLS HAVE BECOME FULLY AIDED SINCE THE GOVERNMENT FIRST OPENED THE DOOR TO A PHASED CONVERSION OF CAPUT SCHOOLS.

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HK-NORWAY TEXTILE TALKS TO RESUME

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CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN NORWAY AND HONG KONG REGARDING HONG KONG'S TEXTILES EXPORTS TO NORWAY WILL RESUME IN OSLO ON MONDAY (JANUARY 9).

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MR HAMISH MACLEOD, DIRECTOR OF TRADE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THREE ROUNDS OF TALKS HAD BEEN HELD IN 1983 WITH A VIEW TO CONCLUDING A BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT. IN THE LAST ROUND HELD IN DECEMBER, CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE, ALTHOUGH THE TWO SIDES HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT.

+IN THE MEANTIME,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, +THE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE EXTENDED THEIR IMPORT CONTROLS ON CERTAIN TEXTILE AND GARMENT ITEMS FROM HONG KONG AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO JUNE 30, 1984.+

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COURT TO LOOK INTO 'OSPREY' LOSS
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A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ADVISED THIS MORNING THAT THE GOVERNOR, UNDER SECTION 52 OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF A MARINE COURT TO INVESTIGATE INTO THE LOSS OF THE +BARQUENTINE OSPREY+.

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NT RECREATION FACILITIES FEES REVISED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED AN INCREASE OF ADMISSION FEES AND HIRING CHARGES FOR PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS, INDOOR GAMES HALL, TENNIS COURTS AND SQUASH COURTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

DETAILS OF THE REVISED CHARGES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS (NT)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1984 AND PLEASURE GROUNDS (NT)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

+THIS IS THE FIRST REVISION OF HIRING CHARGES FOR SQUASH COURTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES SINCE 1977, WHILE THE LAST INCREASE IN ADMISSION AND HIRING CHARGES FOR PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS, INDOOR GAMES HALL AND TENNIS COURTS WAS IN 1980,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE REVISION BRINGS CHARGES TO THE SAME LEVEL AS THOSE FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE URBAN AREA WHICH HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE SINCE EARLY LAST YEAR (1983), THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE NEW CHARGES TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INCREASING GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE FACILITIES.+

+HOWEVER, THERE WILL STILL BE A CONSIDERABLE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY FOR THESE RECREATION FACILITIES AS THE REVISION OF CHARGES IS EXPECTED TO BRING IN ADDITIONAL INCOME OF ONLY \$3.3 MILLION OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

QUOTING TWO EXAMPLES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SUBSIDY FOR THE INDOOR GAMES HALL WILL STILL BE 86 PER CENT AFTER THE INCREASE OF CHARGES, AND IT WILL BE 69 PER CENT FOR PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS.

OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, SOME \$6 MILLION IS EXPECTED TO BE RECOVERED THROUGH ADMISSION FEES AND HIRING CHARGES AGAINST A TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF \$17 MILLION. THIS REPRESENTS A DEFICIT OF \$11 MILLION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE NEW ADMISSION FEE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS OLD TO THE FOUR PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AT KWAI CHUNG, YUEN LONG, FANLING AND SHA TIN IS INCREASED FROM \$1 TO \$2. AN ADULT BATHER WILL PAY \$5 COMPARED WITH THE OLD RATE OF \$2.

TENNIS PLAYERS WHO HIRE ONE OF THE 13 HARD-SURFACE COURTS AT BOTH TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN WILL PAY \$9 (OLD RATE \$3) FOR ONE HOUR DURING THE OFF-PEAK PERIOD AND \$12 (OLD RATE \$6) DURING THE NORMAL PERIOD. HIRING CHARGES FOR FLOODLIT COURT AT NIGHT ARE INCREASED FROM \$12 TO \$24.

TO HIRE A SQUASH COURT AT ONE OF THE 14 COURTS AT SHA TIN, YUEN LONG AND KWAI CHUNG, PLAYERS WILL PAY \$6 (OLD RATE \$3) FOR 30 MINUTES DURING THE CHEAP RATE PERIOD AND \$8 (OLD RATE \$4) DURING THE ORDINARY PERIOD.

FOR THE TWO AIR-CONDITIONED SQUASH COURTS AT FANLING, THE NEW HIRING CHARGES FOR 30 MINUTES USE WILL BE \$8 AND \$10 FOR THE CHEAP RATE AND ORDINARY PERIOD RESPECTIVELY COMPARED WITH THE OLD RATES OF \$3 AND \$4.

TO HIRE THE WHOLE MAIN ARENA OF THE ONLY INDOOR GAMES HALL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT KWAI CHUNG - THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL - WILL COST FROM \$15 TO \$45 FOR A SESSION DEPENDING ON WHETHER THE SESSION IS IN PEAK OR OFF-PEAK HOURS (THE OLD RATE RANGED FROM \$5 TO \$15).

HIRERS WHO ONLY USE PART OF THE HALL'S ARENA FOR PLAYING BADMINTON WILL BE CHARGED \$12 AN HOUR FOR EACH COURT (OLD RATE \$4).

TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS WILL PAY \$3 PER TABLE FOR AN HOUR IN THE TABLE TENNIS ROOM OF THE HALL (OLD RATE \$1).

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REVISED AND THE OLD ADMISSION FEES AND HIRING CHARGES FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

	<u>REVISED FEES</u>	<u>OLD FEES</u>
(A) <u>NT PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS</u>		
(1) <u>ADMISSION FEES</u>		
ADULT	\$5	\$2
CHILDREN UNDER 14	\$2	\$1
(2) <u>RESERVED USE</u>	\$14 - \$216	\$8 - \$80
(3) <u>EXCLUSIVE USE</u>	\$5 - \$2 016	\$2 - \$1 050
(4) <u>PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM</u>		
(I) FIRST HOUR	\$50	\$25
(II) ANY SUBSEQUENT HOUR OR THEREOF	\$17	\$10

/(B) NT TENNIS

(B) NT TENNIS COURTS (PER HOUR)

NORMAL	\$12	\$6
OFF-PEAK	\$9	\$3
FLOODLIGHTING	\$24	\$12

(C) NT SQUASH COURTS (30 MINUTES)**(1) NON AIR-CONDITIONED COURT**

ORDINARY PERIOD	\$8	\$4
CHEAP RATE PERIOD	\$6	\$3

(2) AIR-CONDITIONED COURT

ORDINARY PERIOD	\$10	\$4
CHEAP RATE PERIOD	\$8	\$3

(D) NT INDOOR GAMES HALL

(1) USE OF WHOLE MAIN ARENA (PER SESSION)	\$15 - \$45	\$5 - \$15
(2) USE OF PART OF THE HALL		
(I) BADMINTON COURT (PER HOUR)	\$12	\$4
(II) TABLE TENNIS (PER HOUR PER TABLE)	\$3	\$1
(3) USE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM (PER SESSION)	\$45	\$15

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FIRST TIME EXAM ENTRIES MUST APPLY
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SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER FORM-MIDDLE V AND +ENGLISH ONLY+ CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN 1985, MUST APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE SAME PROCEDURE APPLIES TO SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR CERTAIN PRACTICAL SUBJECTS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THESE SUBJECTS INCLUDE SHORTHAND, TYPING, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, POTTERY, HOME ECONOMICS, NEEDLEWORK/DRESS, DRESSMAKING, WOODWORK, METALWORK, PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, TECHNICAL DRAWING, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING SCIENCE, HUMAN BIOLOGY, COMPUTER STUDIES AND ART PAPER 9 (COURSE WORK).

APPLICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11/F, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON. APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SAME OFFICE.

HANDBOOKS OF REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUSES FOR THE 1985 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS) ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY'S PUBLICATIONS UNIT AT 17 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALE CENTRE, AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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ADMIRALTY II SITE AUCTION

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THE ADMIRALTY II SITE WILL BE AUCTIONED ON FEBRUARY 15 AT THE FURAMA HOTEL, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE 6 312-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A HOTEL.

IT WILL NOT BE SOLD FOR GODOWN, RESIDENTIAL OR CAR PARKING PURPOSES.

EARLIER THIS WEEK THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, MR JOHN TODD, SAID THE SALE HAD BEEN PUT BACK FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE OF JANUARY 18 IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS' ASSOCIATION. THE ASSOCIATION WANTED MORE TIME TO CONSIDER THE MATTER FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON DECEMBER 16 THAT THE SITE COULD BE DEVELOPED AS A HOTEL AS WELL AS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

MR TODD SAID THAT BASIC TERMS FOR THE SALE WOULD REMAIN THE SAME, EXCEPT THAT THE BALANCE OF THE PURCHASE PRICE WOULD BECOME PAYABLE BY MARCH 23, INSTEAD OF MARCH 1.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PACIFICA ROOM OF THE FURAMA AT 2.30 PM.

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PRIVATE STREET TO BE RESUMED AND REPAIRED
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GOVERNMENT PLANS TO RESUME AND RECONSTRUCT PART OF A PRIVATE STREET IN NORTH POINT WHICH IS IN A DILAPIDATED STATE.

THE STREET, COMFORT TERRACE, LINKS KING'S ROAD WITH TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE STREET WAS UNDER MULTIPLE SUB-DIVIDED OWNERSHIP AND WAS NOT BEING PROPERLY MAINTAINED.

AFTER RESUMING A 90-METRE-LONG SECTION, GOVERNMENT WILL REPAIR IT AND AFTERWARDS ENSURE THAT IT IS MAINTAINED TO A PROPER STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN THE DRAINS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL COST \$170 000 AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE STATE OF THE STREET HAD GIVEN RISE TO SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT THE SITUATION.

HE SAID OBSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE STREET AND AS A RESULT EMERGENCY VEHICLES HAD FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO GAIN ACCESS. THIS HAD POSED SERIOUS SAFETY RISKS.

+EFFECTIVE STREET MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS TO ALLEVIATE THESE PROBLEMS COULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN BECAUSE OF THE STATUS OF THE STREET AS PRIVATE LAND,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RESUMPTION IS PART OF A PILOT SCHEME TO SOLVE PROBLEMS ARISING IN STREETS WHICH ARE ON PRIVATE LAND AND WHICH ARE UNDER MULTIPLE SUB-DIVIDED OWNERSHIP. JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD BE RESUMING PART OF SAM PAN STREET IN WAN CHAI FOR THE SAME REASONS.

IT IS PLANNING TO RESUME OTHER PRIVATE STREETS AS PART OF THE SCHEME UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS AND LAND RESUMPTION CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 884-886 KING'S ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG. A NOTICE APPEARED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY NOT LATER THAN MARCH 6.

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SHEUNG SHUI LUNAR YEAR FAIR SITES SOLD
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ALL 113 STALL SITES AT THE COMING SHEUNG SHUI LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WERE LEASED AT ABOVE THE UPSET PRICE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TOWN HALL, SHEUNG SHUI.

THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR A FLOWER STALL WAS \$1 700 AND THE LOWEST WAS \$250, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$650 WAS OFFERED FOR A DRY GOODS STALL. THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$300 COMPARED WITH THE UPSET PRICE OF \$100.

ALL THE STALL SITES WILL AGAIN BE ERECTED AT THE SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND BETWEEN JANUARY 26 AND FEBRUARY 2.

ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 11), 112 STALL SITES FOR THE SALE OF FLOWERS AND DRY GOODS WILL BE AUCTIONED AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL AT LAI FONG STREET IN KWAI CHUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

VEGETARIAN FEAST FOR OLD FOLK
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ABOUT 400 OLD PEOPLE IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE TREATED TO A VEGETARIAN FEAST AT FUNG YIN TSIN KOON IN FANLING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE FEAST IS ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY ACTIVITIES.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE ENTERTAINED WITH SINGING, FOLK DANCES AND DRAMA SHOWS BY MEMBERS OF TSUNG PAK CLUB OF THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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ADVICE FOR YOUNG PIANISTS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE BRITISH COUNCIL WILL JOINTLY PRESENT A LECTURE ON 'HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN OPEN PIANO COMPETITION' BY MARIAN THORPE FOR YOUNG PIANISTS IN HONG KONG ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 10) AT 5.30 PM AT THE RECITAL HALL, CITY HALL. THE LECTURE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH.

MARIAN THORPE HAS BEEN INVITED TO HONG KONG AS THE GUEST ADJUDICATOR OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S YOUNG PIANIST OF THE YEAR COMPETITION, 1984.

SHE IS CO-FOUNDER AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE LEEDS INTERNATIONAL PIANOFORTE COMPETITION, AND A MEMBER OF THE MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL AND OF THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION.

FOR FREE ADMISSION TICKETS, PLEASE TELEPHONE 5-283257.

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SURVEY ON JOBS UNDERWAY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS THIS MONTH CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 48 000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES) AND THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS).

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AT THE END OF DECEMBER. REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS NOT RESPONDING TO THE INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON 5TH MARCH 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON DECEMBER 30, 1983 FROM EACH ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THE SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1983.

RESPONDENTS WHO FIND DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, MAY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS (PRINTED AT THE BACK OF THE SURVEY FORMS):-

5-436551

5-444301

5-455661

5-455668.

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DOGS TO SHOW HOW IT'S DONE
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A DEMONSTRATION BY POLICE DOGS ON PROPER PEDESTRIAN PRACTICES SUCH AS USING ZEBRA CROSSINGS AND FOOTBRIDGES, WILL BE A HIGHLIGHT AT THE OPENING OF A TWO-WEEK KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 8).

THE OPENING WILL FEATURE AN EXHIBITION OF ACCIDENT PHOTOGRAPHS AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE SEAT BELT CONVINCER, VISION TEST VEHICLE, REACTION TEST MACHINE. A CRASHED CAR WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE BAND, DRAMA AND TAE-KWON-DO PERFORMANCES BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, CAPTAIN SAFETY AND GURKHA FIELD FORCE.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE SELECTION OF MODEL PEDESTRIANS, A SLOGAN CONTEST, ASSISTANCE TO ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS AND DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS ON A ROAD SAFETY DAY.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR RICHARD LIDSTER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT 2.15 PM IN THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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CERTIFICATES FOR OFFICERS

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CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO 149 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, WHO HAVE COMPLETED A ONE-YEAR ORIENTATIONAL COURSE.

THE TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED BY THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE INCLUDED SIX MONTHS TRAINING IN VARIOUS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

AT A CEREMONY HELD IN THE INSTITUTE, SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR JOHNNY WONG PRESENTED THE TRAINING CERTIFICATES TO THE OFFICERS.

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ANTI-DRUG DRIVE IN YAU MA TEI
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A WEEK-LONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN IN YAU MA TEI, FEATURING AN EXHIBITION, A SEMINAR, A VARIETY SHOW AND A VISIT TO THE SHEK KWU CHAU TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRE, WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, AND THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE DRIVE IS MAINLY AIMED AT PEOPLE IN THE 15 TO 24 AGE GROUP.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN YUM-TONG, SAID THE SERIES OF PREVENTIVE EDUCATIONAL EXERCISES WOULD HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DRUGS.

+WE MUST ALSO ALERT YOUTHS AGAINST STARTING TO TAKE DRUGS,+ HE STRESSED.

TO THIS END, A SEMINAR HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR MORE THAN 500 SECONDARY STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 11).

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, FEATURING A DISPLAY OF VARIOUS PARAPHERNALIA FOR TAKING DRUGS AND A POLICE DOG SHOW.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILFRED WONG, THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR LUI TING-YIU, AND MR CHAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 3 PM AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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TSUEN WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT TSUEN WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

UNDER THE AMENDMENT, A SITE OF ABOUT 0.5 HECTARES AT ROUTE TWISK NEAR THE SERVICE RESERVOIR TO THE NORTH OF TSO KUNG TAM HAS BEEN REZONED FROM 'OPEN SPACE' TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)', WHICH IS LOW-DENSITY DEVELOPMENT.

THE AMENDED PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (TSUEN WAN), SECOND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY AMENDMENT OF THE PLAN SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, BEFORE JANUARY 26.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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APPRENTICESHIP BRANCH OFFICE MOVING

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THE TSUEN WAN BRANCH OFFICE OF THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION UNDER THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES ON MONDAY (JANUARY 9).

+THE NEW OFFICE IS AT 10/F, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, ADJACENT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE TSUEN WAN BRANCH OFFICE WAS SET UP IN 1978 TO ENFORCE THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE WHICH HAD BECOME EFFECTIVE SINCE 1976.

THE ORDINANCE IS TO ENSURE THAT PROPER TRAINING IS OFFERED TO TECHNICAL WORKFORCE AT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS TO MEET MANPOWER DEMAND FROM THE INDUSTRY.

APART FROM TSUEN WAN BRANCH OFFICE, THERE ARE FOUR OTHER BRANCH OFFICES LOCATED AT WAN CHAI, SAN PO KONG, KWUN TONG AND TSIM SHA TSUI OFFERING THE SAME SERVICES TO EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICES.

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SUBSTRUCTURE WORK TO START
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WORK ON THE SUBSTRUCTURE OF A MULTI-STOREY URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL START NEXT MONTH.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED A \$16.8 MILLION CONTRACT TO HING WAH CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. FOR THE PROJECT.

THE COMPLEX WILL STAND ON A 3 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, MORRISON STREET AND BONHAM STRAND.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES FOUNDATION AND DRAINAGE WORK, AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION OF THE GROUND FLOOR AND BASEMENT WHICH WILL BE USED FOR UNLOADING OF GOODS.

WORK WILL TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IN NORTH POINT
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A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IS TO BE BUILT ON A 165-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT MANSION STREET, NORTH POINT.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING CALLED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK WILL START IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING OFF-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-STOREY REINFORCED CONCRETE ONE ON THE SAME SITE.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE A REFUSE COLLECTION AREA, LOADING BAYS, TOILETS, AN OFFICE AND STOREROOM.

THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL HELP IMPROVE HYGIENIC CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

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KING'S ROAD FOOTBRIDGE WORK AFFECTS TRAFFIC
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TRAM SERVICES WILL BE CURTAILED AND A SECTION OF KING'S ROAD CLOSED TOMORROW (JANUARY 7) NIGHT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

THE LAST TRAMS WILL DEPART FROM SHAU KEI WAN FOR HAPPY VALLEY AT 10.30 PM AND FOR WESTERN MARKET AT 10.35 PM, THE LAST DEPARTURES FROM NORTH POINT FOR WHITTY STREET WILL BE AT 10.57 PM, FROM HAPPY VALLEY FOR SHAU KEI WAN AT 10 PM- FROM WESTERN MARKET FOR SHAU KEI WAN AT 9.45 PM, AND FROM WHITTY STREET FOR NORTH POINT AT 10.10 PM.

IN ADDITION, KING'S ROAD BETWEEN OIL STREET AND SHU KUK STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, DURING WHICH THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED :

- * JAVA ROAD BETWEEN NORTH POINT ROAD AND SHU KUK STREET WILL BE REROUTED TWO WAYS.
- * NORTH POINT ROAD BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * OIL STREET BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND JAVA ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC INCLUDING FRANCHISED BUSES ON KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHU KUK STREET, JAVA ROAD, NORTH POINT ROAD TO REJOIN KING'S ROAD.
- * KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN SHU KUK STREET AND TONG SHUI ROAD WILL BE RESTRICTED TO VEHICLES REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS.
- * ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC INCLUDING FRANCHISED BUSES ON KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR QUARRY BAY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA OIL STREET AND JAVA ROAD TO REJOIN KING'S ROAD.
- * KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN OIL STREET AND TONG SHUI ROAD WILL BE RESTRICTED TO VEHICLES REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS.
- * ALL VEHICLES OVER 2-1/2 TONS UNLADEN ON FORTRESS HILL ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR JAVA ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KING'S ROAD AND TIN CHEONG STREET.
- * TRAFFIC FROM CAUSEWAY BAY HEADING FOR THE FORTRESS HILL AREA SHOULD USE TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD.
- * ALL PARKING METERS ON JAVA ROAD BETWEEN NORTH POINT ROAD AND TONG SHUI ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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EARLY MORNING CLOSURE

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THE WUHU VEHICULAR UNDERPASS LEADING FROM NORTHBOUND CHATHAM ROAD NORTH TO SOUTHBOUND GILLIES AVENUE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON SUNDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY (JANUARY 8-10), TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS FROM TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI, AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL PROCEEDING TO HUNG HOM ARE ADVISED TO USE EITHER CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHEONG WAN ROAD, ON WAN ROAD, CHEONG WAN ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE OR GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, PAK KUNG STREET, SHUN YUNG STREET, FAT KWONG STREET AND MA TAU WAI ROAD.

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ROAD CLOSURE

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FROM 10 AM TO 10.30 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 8), THE SECTION OF JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND MAN KAM TO ROAD BETWEEN FUNG KAI SCHOOL AND SNAKE FENCE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO FACILITATE THE +1983/84 WALK FOR A MILLION IN NORTH DISTRICT+.

DURING THIS PERIOD, KMB ROUTE NO. 73K WILL ALSO BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

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