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HK'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN JANUARY

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1980 ROSE BY 31 PER CENT TO \$4 997 MILLION, RE-EXPORTS BY 56 PER CENT TO \$2 047 MILLION AND IMPORTS BY 52 PER CENT TO \$8 132 MILLION.

ACCORDING TO EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) THE TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE VALUE FOR THE MONTH AMOUNTED TO \$15 176 MILLION, UP 45 PER CENT OVER JANUARY 1979.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE IN VALUE OF 37 PER CENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

	JANUARY 80 (HK\$ MN.)	JANUARY 79 (HK\$ MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	1 515	1 237	+ 278	+ 22
WEST GERMANY	635	470	+ 165	+ 35
UK	528	448	+ 80	+ 18
AUSTRALIA	183	155	+ 28	+ 18
JAPAN	181	186	- 5	- 3
NETHERLANDS	135	99	+ 36	+ 36
SINGAPORE	132	100	+ 32	+ 32
CANADA	119	112	+ 7	+ 6
CHINA	109	17	+ 92	+ 541
FRANCE	95	62	+ 33	+ 53

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO USA WERE REGISTERED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$67 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$46 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$36 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$31 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DEMAND FOR PLASTIC PRODUCTS CONTINUED TO DECLINE. EXPORTS OF PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS DECREASED BY \$0.1 MILLION OR 0.1 PER CENT AND PLASTIC ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, BY \$2 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY WERE ATTRIBUTED LARGELY TO THE ACTIVE DEMAND FOR CLOTHING (BY \$93 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$20 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$17 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

THE GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO UK WAS MODERATE. MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$39 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$20 MILLION OR 89 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECLINE WAS REGISTERED IN EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$3 MILLION OR TWO PER CENT).

/DOMESTIC EXPORTS

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN DECLINED BY THREE PER CENT OVERALL. DECREASES WERE MAINLY FOR FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS (BY \$10 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$5 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT), MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$2 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT), AND BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$1 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

	<u>JANUARY 80</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JANUARY 79</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	1 742	1 459	+ 283	+ 19
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	791	631	+ 160	+ 25
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	434	285	+ 149	+ 52
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	409	249	+ 160	+ 64
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	372	269	+ 103	+ 38
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	320	207	+ 113	+ 55

A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS REVEALED THAT INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$130 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT), RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVERS (BY \$84 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT), TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$59 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT), AND PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$31 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE NOTED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$17 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT), AND IRON AND STEEL (BY \$5 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT).

/THE CHANGES

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:-

	JANUARY 80 (HK\$ MN.)	JANUARY 79 (HK\$ MN.)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
CHINA	1 636	977	+ 659	+ 67
JAPAN	1 600	1 008	+ 592	+ 59
USA	873	636	+ 237	+ 37
SINGAPORE	697	321	+ 376	+ 117
TAIWAN	582	424	+ 158	+ 37
UK	436	266	+ 170	+ 64
SOUTH KOREA	291	195	+ 96	+ 49
WEST GERMANY	265	195	+ 70	+ 36
SWITZERLAND	177	172	+ 5	+ 3
FRANCE	129	91	+ 38	+ 42

REMARKABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, PARTICULARLY OF ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$71 MILLION OR 90 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$62 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$63 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT) AS WELL AS IRON AND STEEL (BY \$46 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM CHINA ALSO ROSE TREMENDOUSLY, MAINLY IN PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$125 MILLION OR 142 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$93 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (BY \$78 MILLION OR 204 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM USA WERE ATTRIBUTED LARGELY TO THE BIGGER DEMAND FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$59 MILLION OR 210 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$39 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$27 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE ALSO REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$313 MILLION OR 173 PER CENT) FROM SINGAPORE AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$29 MILLION OR 84 PER CENT) FROM TAIWAN.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTION:-

	JANUARY 80 (HK\$ MN.)	JANUARY 79 (HK\$ MN.)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND DIAMONDS)	2 351	1 671	+ 680	+ 41
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	1 672	1 118	+ 554	+ 50

/MISCELLANEOUS

MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	1 083	652	+ 431	+ 66
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	881	736	+ 145	+ 20
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	733	287	+ 446	+ 155
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	690	397	+ 293	+ 74

BY COMMODITY, INCREASES IN IMPORTS WERE DUE MAINLY TO PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$440 MILLION OR 161 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$214 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$198 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$167 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$153 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT).

A RECORD GROWTH OF \$163 MILLION OR 417 PER CENT WAS RECORDED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA. RE-EXPORTS TO USA, TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE ALSO SHOWED INCREASES OF \$77 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT, \$62 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT, AND \$33 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

VERY ACTIVE DEMAND FOR RE-EXPORTS WAS RECORDED, PARTICULARLY FOR NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$101 MILLION OR 602 PER CENT), METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$53 MILLION OR 2 942 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$50 MILLION OR 96 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$49 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$44 MILLION OR 140 PER CENT).

THE TRADE INDICES FOR DECEMBER 1979 (1973 = 100) WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>VALUE INDEX</u>	<u>UNIT VALUE INDEX</u>	<u>QUANTUM INDEX</u>
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	345	171	202
IMPORTS	345	178	194

THE TRADE INDEX FOR DECEMBER 1979 WAS 96.

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THE QUEEN AND THE QUEEN MOTHER
CONSENT TO BE PATRONS OF HK GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION
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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER HAVE GRACIOUSLY CONSENTED TO BE PATRONS OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, WHICH CEASED TWO YEARS AGO TO BE A BRANCH OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION AND BECAME AUTONOMOUS.

THE FORMATION OF THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION IN HONG KONG GOES BACK TO 1915. IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1968 THAT REAL EXPANSION BEGAN. IN 1968 THERE WERE 2 900 MEMBERS. PRESENT FIGURES SHOW THE NUMBER THIS YEAR TO BE OVER 15 000 REPRESENTING A 600 PER CENT INCREASE.

THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION WAS FORMERLY A +BRANCH+ OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

AS THE NUMBERS GREW AND THE MOVEMENT EXPANDED, THIS BECAME AN UNTENABLE SITUATION AND IN FEBRUARY 1978 HONG KONG WAS RELEASED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION AND BECAME AUTONOMOUS.

THE NEXT STEP WAS TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS - THE INTERNATIONAL BODY REPRESENTING 98 COUNTRIES AND WITH MORE THAN SEVEN MILLION MEMBERS.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS WORLD BODY WAS GRANTED TO HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER 1978. AT PRESENT THERE IS AN APPLICATION BEING FORMULATED FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS, AND THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN FRANCE NEXT YEAR.

+A PROUD MOMENT FOR THE ASSOCIATION WAS THE NEWS RECEIVED THAT HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER HAVE GRACIOUSLY CONSENTED TO BE PATRONS OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ASSOCIATION SAID.

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RECORD NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS
FOR TRADE MARK REGISTRATIONS MADE LAST YEAR
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THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRY HANDLED A RECORD TOTAL OF 4 792 APPLICATIONS FOR TRADE MARK REGISTRATIONS LAST YEAR, 630 MORE THAN THOSE IN 1978.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRY SAID DURING THE YEAR A TOTAL OF 1 680 TRADE MARKS WERE REGISTERED. TOPPING THE LIST OF 37 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN WAS USA WITH 417 TRADE MARKS REGISTERED TO BE FOLLOWED BY HONG KONG WITH 389. OTHER PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN WERE JAPAN (188), UNITED KINGDOM (168), WEST GERMANY (137), FRANCE (107), SWITZERLAND (77), ITALY (43), AUSTRALIA (30) AND THE NETHERLANDS (20).

/THE TOTAL

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRADE MARKS ON THE REGISTER AT DECEMBER 31, 1979 WAS 34 275.

DURING THE YEAR, 2 260 APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING MANY MADE IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WERE INITIALLY ACCEPTED AND THEIR TRADE MARKS WERE ADVERTISED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TO SEE WHETHER THERE WAS ANY OPPOSITION TO THE REGISTRATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +ANY NOTICE OF OPPOSITION MUST BE LODGED WITH THE REGISTRY WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE ADVERTISEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF THE TRADE MARKS RULES UNDER THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE.+

AT PRESENT, THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE PROVIDES THE INITIAL REGISTRATION TO BE VALID FOR SEVEN YEARS AND THEREAFTER RENEWABLE FOR A FURTHER SUBSEQUENT PERIOD OF 14 YEARS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO ORIGINAL GRANT OF PATENTS IN HONG KONG, THE REGISTRATION OF PATENTS ORDINANCE PROVIDES THAT ANY GRANTEE OF A UNITED KINGDOM PATENT OR EUROPEAN PATENT (UK) MAY, WITHIN FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ITS GRANT, APPLY TO HAVE THE PATENT REGISTERED IN HONG KONG.+

+REGISTRATION OF A UNITED KINGDOM PATENT OR EUROPEAN PATENT (UK) IN HONG KONG CONFERS ON THE GRANTEE THE SAME PRIVILEGES AND RIGHTS AS IF THE PATENT HAD BEEN GRANTED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH AN EXTENSION TO HONG KONG.

+A TOTAL OF 893 PATENTS WERE REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR, COMPARED WITH 758 IN 1978,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CONTRACT FOR RAILWAY DEPOT TO BE SIGNED TOMORROW

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL AWARD A MAJOR CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY DEPOT AT HO TUNG LAU, SHA TIN, TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE CONTRACT, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE \$2 000 MILLION MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, IS THE BIGGEST SO FAR AWARDED UNDER THE SCHEME.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR, AT 3.15 PM TOMORROW.

OFFICERS OF THE PWD PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

TV CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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REMOTE COMMUNITY'S PIER TO BE REBUILT

A REMOTE SAI KUNG COMMUNITY'S MAJOR LINK WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD - A SMALL PIER WHICH WAS EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED WHEN STRUCK BY TYPHOON HOPE LAST YEAR - IS TO BE REBUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE COMMUNITY LIVES AT THE SMALL VILLAGE OF NAI CHUNG, FACING PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR, WHOSE NEAREST LARGE TOWN IS TAI PO, REACHED BY FERRY OR +KAIDO+ ACROSS TOLO HARBOUR.

WITHOUT A PIER, THE VILLAGERS ARE ISOLATED, ALTHOUGH BOTH TAI PO AND SAI KUNG CAN BE REACHED BY ROAD.

IN LEARNING THE PLIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF NAI CHUNG THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE DECIDED THAT THE PIER NEEDED TO BE RE-CONSTRUCTED. TENDERS FOR THE WORK WILL SOON BE INVITED.

THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS (LPW) PROGRAMME.

A NTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE PIER WAS VERY MUCH A PART OF THE DAILY LIFE OF VILLAGERS.

+ALTHOUGH THERE ARE PUBLIC PIERS AT NEIGHBOURING WU KWAI SHA AND KEI LING HA, THEY ARE IN PLACES WHICH CANNOT BE REACHED BY MOTOR TRANSPORT,+ HE SAID.

+HEAVIER USE HAS THUS HAD TO MAKE OF THE NAI CHUNG PIER WHICH HAS WELL SERVED LOCAL RESIDENTS AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF PICNICKERS WHO FLOCK TO THE AREA DURING HOLIDAYS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COLLAPSE OF THE PIER HAD PREVENTED THE TOLO HARBOUR FERRY SERVICE FROM CALLING AT NAI CHUNG. DESPITE A KAIDO SERVICE WHICH STILL OPERATED, THE RESIDENTS HAD BEEN INCONVENIENCED.

TO ENSURE EARLY RESUMPTION OF FERRY SERVICES, HE SAID, THE PIER NEEDED TO BE REBUILT AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.

ENGINEERING SKETCHES FOR THE PROJECT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO A DESIGN WORKED OUT BY NTA ENGINEER, MR WONG KAI-WING.

WORK WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER A TENDER HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND WILL BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

KOREAN OFFICIALS STUDY HK PRISONS

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TWO SENIOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICIALS FROM THE KOREAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ARE ON A SPECIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG TO STUDY OUR MAXIMUM-SECURITY PENAL INSTITUTIONS.

THEY ARE MR LEE SANG-HAE, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTALLATION DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY'S CORRECTION BUREAU AND HIS DEPUTY, MR SEO JONG-YOUNG.

KOREA IS PLANNING TO BUILD A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON IN SEOUL NEXT YEAR, ACCORDING TO MR LEE.

TODAY (THURSDAY), THE VISITORS TOURED THE LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE, PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND PIK UK PRISON. THEY WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE INSTITUTIONS, ESPECIALLY THE MODERN ELECTRONIC SECURITY DEVICES AT THE RECEPTION CENTRE WHICH IS ONE OF THE FEW HIGH-RISE PENAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLD.

BEFORE THE TOUR THEY HAD TALKS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR T.G. GARNER.

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FIRE PREVENTION CHECK IN ABERDEEN

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MORE THAN 100 FACTORIES IN ABERDEEN WILL BE SERVED WITH FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES, MOSTLY FOR CAUSING OBSTRUCTION IN COMMON AREAS AND ON STAIRCASES, AS A RESULT OF A CHECK BY FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OFFICERS THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SAID: +THESE FACTORIES ARE REQUIRED TO REMOVE THE HAZARDS WITHIN A STIPULATED PERIOD OR ELSE BE SUMMONSED.+

IN ADDITION, SUMMONSES WILL BE SERVED ON THREE FACTORIES FOR THE RECURRENCE OF FIRE HAZARDS. THESE FACTORIES HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ISSUED WITH FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES.

MORE THAN 1 100 FACTORY UNITS IN 57 INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS CHOSEN AT RANDOM WERE INSPECTED BY A PARTY OF 25 FIREMEN HEADED BY DIVISIONAL OFFICER, MR KWAN SAI-YIU.

AT TODAY'S OPERATION THEY ALSO FOUND 55 CASES OF ILLEGAL ROOFTOP STRUCTURES USED FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, UNLICENSED CANTEENS AND UNAUTHORISED BUILDING ALTERATIONS. THESE CASES WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR ACTION.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES TO HOLD OPEN DAYS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THREE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DURING THEIR RESPECTIVE OPEN DAYS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THE OPEN DAY AT KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 24 (MONDAY), THAT FOR KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON MARCH 28 (FRIDAY) AND FOR HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON APRIL 2 (WEDNESDAY).

EACH OF THE THREE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES RUNS FIVE TEACHING DEPARTMENTS, OFFERING FULL-TIME AS WELL AS PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE AND EVENING COURSES AT BOTH TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT LEVELS.

WORKSHOPS AND LABORATORIES AT THE INSTITUTES WILL BE OPEN TO VISITORS ON THE OPEN DAYS.

KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS LOCATED AT HING SHING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG- KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 25 HIU MING STREET, KWUN TONG- AND HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN.

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PLB PROHIBITED ZONE IN TAI KOK TSUI

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A NUMBER OF STREETS IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 23).

THEY ARE TAI CHING STREET, A SECTION OF TAI TSUN STREET BETWEEN TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND KOK CHEUNG STREET AND A SECTION OF FIFE STREET BETWEEN FA YUEN STREET AND SAI YEE STREET.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING A PLB PROHIBITED ZONE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAU KEI WAN

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THE JUNCTION OF ALDRICH STREET AND FACTORY STREET IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 24) FOR SEWAGE WORK.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE BUS TERMINUS FOR ROUTE 84 WILL BE TEMPORARILY SITED AT WANG WAH STREET. BUSES WILL RUN FROM THE TEMPORARY TERMINUS TO CHAI WAN VIA KAM WAH STREET, SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND CHAI WAN ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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