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INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION MUST CONTINUE

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IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT HONG KONG CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE EDUCATION OF ITS YOUNG PEOPLE SO THAT THEY WILL BE WELL TRAINED AND EQUIPPED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING WHICH HE PERFORMED FOR THE NEW CAMPUS OF HONG KONG SHUE YAN COLLEGE, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT SHUE YAN WAS MAKING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG IN THIS RESPECT.

THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING +MARKS A NEW PAGE IN THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE, AND CONSTITUTES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

THE NEW CAMPUS PROJECT IS BEING ERECTED ON A SITE IN NORTH POINT GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AT NO PREMIUM.

SIR EDWARD PAID TRIBUTE TO DR HENRY H.L. HU AND DR CHUNG CHI-YUNG, WHO FOUNDED THE COLLEGE IN 1971 AND TO THE TING FAMILY.

+THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN PERSONAL ENTHUSIASM AND IN FINANCIAL TERMS ARE CONSIDERABLE, AS ARE THOSE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

+WITHOUT THEIR ENERGY, FORESIGHT AND DETERMINATION, SHUE YAN WOULD NOT HAVE COME INTO BEING AND THIS PROJECT WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN REALISED,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE TEXT OF SIR EDWARD'S SPEECH FOLLOWS:

+MR TING, DR HU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

+I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY TO LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE NEW CAMPUS OF HONG KONG SHUE YAN COLLEGE. THIS EVENT MARKS A NEW PAGE IN THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE; AND CONSTITUTES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

+I AM PLEASED TO LEARN THAT, SINCE ITS FOUNDATION IN 1971 AS A LIBERAL ARTS POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE, SHUE YAN HAS EXPANDED RAPIDLY IN BOTH STUDENT NUMBERS AND IN THE NUMBER OF COURSES OF STUDY OFFERED. INDEED BY 1977 IT HAD OUTGROWN THE PREMISES IN SING WOO ROAD AND HAD TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL PREMISES IN MONMOUTH PATH, WAN CHAI, TO ACCOMMODATE THE TOTAL ENROLMENT OF 3 500 STUDENTS.

+THE NEED FOR PURPOSE-BUILT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE COLLEGE ON A PERMANENT CAMPUS WAS RECOGNISED FROM THE OUTSET BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND DETAILED PLANNING COMMENCED AS EARLY AS 1972 FOR A NEW CAMPUS TO BE ERECTED ON THIS SITE, WHICH WAS GRANTED BY GOVERNMENT AT NIL PREMIUM. THE CAPITAL COST OF BUILDING AND EQUIPPING THE COLLEGE'S NEW FACILITIES IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$35 MILLION AND WILL BE MET BY DONATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO PAY PARTICULAR TRIBUTE TO DR HU AND DR CHUNG, WHO FOUNDED THE COLLEGE IN 1971 AND TO THE TING FAMILY. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN PERSONAL ENTHUSIASM AND IN FINANCIAL TERMS ARE CONSIDERABLE, AS ARE THOSE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. WITHOUT THEIR ENERGY, FORESIGHT AND DETERMINATION, SHUE YAN WOULD NOT HAVE COME INTO BEING AND THIS PROJECT WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN REALISED.

+THE DEMAND FOR POST-SECONDARY PLACES IN HONG KONG IS EVIDENT AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE EDUCATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SO THAT THEY WILL BE WELL TRAINED AND EQUIPPED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE. SHUE YAN IS MAKING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG IN THIS RESPECT.

+ONCE AGAIN, I CONGRATULATE THE COLLEGE ON GETTING THIS FINE PROJECT OFF THE GROUND AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ITS COMPLETION IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.+

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EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS IN DECEMBER 1982
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN DECEMBER 1982.

THESE WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1981 AND SEPTEMBER 1982, ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	DEC. 81	SEPT. 82	DEC. 82	DEC. 82 ON DEC. 81	DEC. 82 ON SEPT. 82
MANUFACTURING	905 900	856 100	847 200	-6.5	-1.0
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	88 900	81 200	82 100	-7.7	+1.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	483 800	502 800	517 700	+7.0	+3.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	154 800	167 700	166 100	+7.3	-0.9

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1982 WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1981 SHOWED THAT THERE WERE INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. AT 166 100, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WAS 7.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1981.

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EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 517 700, WAS 7.0 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1981.

ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DECREASED BY 6.5 PER CENT AND 7.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1982, EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT AND 3.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES WAS DUE TO THE INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT AT HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS SITES. ON THE OTHER HAND, MODERATE DECREASES OF 1.0 PER CENT AND 0.9 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

TOGETHER WITH THE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDED VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR IN DECEMBER 1982. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1981 AND SEPTEMBER 1982, ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	DEC. 81	SEPT. 82	DEC. 82	DEC. 82 ON DEC. 81	DEC. 82 ON SEPT. 82
MANUFACTURING	44 100	29 900	23 800	-46.0	-20.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	6 500	4 500	3 900	-41.1	-14.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 300	1 700	1 800	-20.9	+ 7.2

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COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1981, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR DECEMBER 1982 DECREASED IN ALL OF THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS. THE DECREASES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WERE 46.0 PER CENT, 41.1 PER CENT AND 20.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RELATIVE TO SEPTEMBER 1982, DECREASES OF 20.4 PER CENT AND 14.9 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES WERE REGISTERED RESPECTIVELY IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR REPORTED AN INCREASE OF 7.2 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		PERCENTAGE CHANGE *
	4TH QTR. 1981	4TH QTR. 1982	4TH QTR. 1982 ON 4TH QTR. 1981
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	5 076	5 111	+ 0.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	2 981	3 530	+18.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 671	2 017	+20.7

RELATIVE TO THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT, 18.4 PER CENT AND 20.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE INCREASES IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 18.4 PER CENT AND 20.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WERE PARTICULARLY RAPID. SUCH SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE IN PART DUE TO A RAPID INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT.

BY ADJUSTING FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL PAYROLL OUTLAYS ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED. TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. VALUES OF THESE TWO INDICES ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW :-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	DEC. 81	DEC. 82	DEC. 82 ON DEC. 81
MANUFACTURING	138.4	150.7	+8.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	155.6	168.7	+8.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	172.9	194.9	+12.7

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	DEC. 81	DEC. 82	DEC. 82 ON DEC. 81
MANUFACTURING	114.0	113.1	-0.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	128.2	126.7	-1.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	142.4	146.3	+2.7

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COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1981, INCREASES OF 8.9 PER CENT, 8.4 PER CENT AND 12.7 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED SHOWED DECREASES OF 0.8 PER CENT AND 1.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR. ON THE OTHER HAND, AN INCREASE OF 2.7 PER CENT WAS REGISTERED IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLES.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS: MR AU HOO-KIT -- 5-434185, MR NG KUNG-TAK -- 5-455661, AND MR CHOI FUN-TAI -- 5-455668.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES

I. MANUFACTURING SECTOR

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE *</u>	
	<u>DEC. 81</u>	<u>SEPT. 82</u>	<u>DEC. 82</u>	<u>DEC. 82 ON DEC. 81</u>	<u>DEC. 82 ON SEPT. 82</u>
WEARING APPAREL (EXCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	259 700	251 400	257 300	- 0.9	+ 2.3
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	122 600	111 600	111 900	- 8.8	+ 0.3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	124 800	118 800	113 100	- 9.4	- 4.9
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	89 100	83 000	80 700	- 9.4	- 2.8
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	82 400	73 500	70 800	-14.1	- 3.7

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II. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR
(MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)

<u>CONTRACTING PARTY</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE *</u>	
	<u>DEC. 81</u>	<u>SEPT. 82</u>	<u>DEC. 82</u>	<u>DEC. 82 ON DEC. 81</u>	<u>DEC. 82 ON SEPT. 82</u>
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	16 500	16 300	17 600	+ 6.6	+ 8.3
OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS +	20 300	18 100	19 000	- 6.7	+ 4.8
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION ++	2 000	4 300	5 000	+150.9	+16.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	50 000	42 600	40 500	-19.1	- 5.0

+ INCLUDING BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

++ CONSTRUCTION SITES UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION REFER TO M.T.R. CONTRACTS FOR WHICH WORK WAS IN PROGRESS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD

III. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT,
AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE *</u>	
	<u>DEC. 81</u>	<u>SEPT. 82</u>	<u>DEC. 82</u>	<u>DEC. 82 ON DEC. 81</u>	<u>DEC. 82 ON SEPT. 82</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	53 300	55 900	57 200	+ 7.2	+ 2.3
RETAIL TRADE	156 500	161 900	167 700	+ 7.1	+ 3.5
IMPORT/EXPORT BUSINESS	124 000	130 500	132 600	+ 7.0	+ 1.6
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS	128 600	132 400	137 600	+ 7.0	+ 3.9
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	21 400	22 100	22 600	+ 5.9	+ 2.4

IV. FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	DEC. 81	SEPT. 82	DEC. 82	DEC. 82 ON DEC. 81	DEC. 82 ON SEPT. 82
MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS	49 400	52 300	52 400	+ 6.1	+ 0.1
REAL ESTATE COMPANIES	23 100	26 500	25 400	+10.0	- 4.1
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	26 200	26 800	25 500	- 2.8	- 5.1
ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FIRMS	5 700	6 600	6 600	+16.2	+ 0.6
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	10 300	11 700	11 400	+10.1	- 3.2

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

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NEW ROLE OF CNTA
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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS THE +EYES AND EARS+ OF THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH AN EXTENSIVE LIAISON NETWORK OF ITS 70 ADMINISTRATIVE AND 500 EXECUTIVE AND LIAISON OFFICERS.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) IN A LUNCHEON SPEECH ON THE NEW ROLE OF THE CNTA TO THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG EAST AND LIONS CLUB OF THE PEAK.

+THROUGH THESE OFFICERS, THE GOVERNMENT KEEPS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY, THAT IS TO SAY, THE PEOPLE'S WISHES, ASPIRATIONS AND NEEDS.

+THE CNTA IS OFTEN CALLED UPON TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE, AND WHAT IS NOT,+ MR LAM SAID.

/+WE ALSO

+WE ALSO ENSURE THAT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF EACH DISTRICT IS PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED IN A BALANCED AND SENSIBLE MANNER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WHAT THE PEOPLE REALLY WANT, AS OPPOSED TO WHAT THE GOVERNMENT THINK THEY WANT.+

UNDER A MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANISATION, THE CNTA WAS FORMED IN DECEMBER 1981 THROUGH THE AMALGAMATION OF THE FORMER HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

MR LAM SAID STAFF OF THE 18 DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY MET AND TALKED TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE EVERY DAY.

+IN THIS WAY, CNTA KEEPS ITSELF AND THE REST OF GOVERNMENT INFORMED OF WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE SAYING, OR WORRIED ABOUT, SO THAT THE DECISION-MAKERS OF GOVERNMENT CAN TAKE PUBLIC OPINION INTO ACCOUNT WHEN INTRODUCING NEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AND CHANGE OUTDATED OR UNSATISFACTORY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES,+ HE SAID.

ANOTHER MAJOR ROLE OF THE CNTA, MR LAM ADDED, WAS TO ENSURE THAT DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES OPERATED EFFECTIVELY AND DEVELOPED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND THAT THEIR ADVICE RECEIVED PROMPT ATTENTION FROM THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES.

+IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE DONE MUCH TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE DISTRICTS, AND HAVE RENDERED MUCH VALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENT IN VARIOUS WAYS,+ HE SAID.

COMMITTEES AND VARIOUS OTHER BODIES HAD BEEN FORMED TO TACKLE A LARGE NUMBER OF LOCAL ISSUES, RESULTING IN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, AND BETTER PUBLIC SERVICES ALL ROUND, HE SAID.

THE CNTA, ALONG WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, ALSO TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN PROMOTING AND ORGANISING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

HE SAID A LOT OF WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE COMING FOUR WEEKS TO PUBLICISE THE BY-ELECTIONS FOR THE TIN WAN/SHEK PAI WAN AND QUARRY BAY DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MAY 12.

IT WAS ALSO THE AIM OF THE CNTA TO FOSTER AND DEVELOP GOOD COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN THE DISTRICTS, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES WERE IMPLEMENTED WITH IMAGINATION, CARE, AND WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE IN EACH DISTRICT, HE SAID.

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NEW HOSPITAL FOR TUEN MUN NEW TOWN
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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL INVITE TENDERS IN AUGUST THIS YEAR FROM PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL NEAR THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL IN THE NORTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE NEW HOSPITAL WILL HAVE 1 600 BEDS AND SERVE THE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TOWN AS WELL AS THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

BUILDING WORK IS EXPECTED TO START TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 42 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE HOSPITAL WILL COMPRISE FOUR 10-STOREY MAIN WARD BLOCKS, A 10-STOREY OPERATING THEATRE BLOCK, A THREE-STOREY PATHOLOGY BLOCK AND A FOUR-STOREY BLOCK TO HOUSE VARIOUS SPECIAL FACILITIES AND SUNDRY ANCILLARY AREA.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS.

WORK ON THE PRESENT CONTRACT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL BLOCKS, FINISHES, SERVICES INSTALLATIONS INCLUDING AIR-CONDITIONING, VENTILATION, FIRE PREVENTION, ELECTRICAL, AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS.

WORK ON THE NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY SEPARATE CONTRACTS.

GROUP 'C' CONTRACTORS AND OVERSEAS CONTRACTORS IN THE BUILDING WORKS CATEGORY OF THE LANDS AND WORKS APPROVED CONTRACTORS LIST I AND II ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR THE MAIN BUILDING CONTRACT.

AND SPECIALIST BUILDING SERVICES CONTRACTORS ON THE LANDS AND WORKS APPROVED LISTS OF SUPPLIERS AND SPECIALIST CONTRACTORS MAY APPLY FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR SERVICES INSTALLATION CONTRACTS.

APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION ON THE LISTS MUST REACH THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 12TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 29.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE CONTRACTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT.

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CAREERS EDUCATION CENTRE TO SERVICE PUPILS, PARENTS
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CAREERS EDUCATION IS FOR LIFE, MR COLVYN HAYE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN HE OPENED THE CAREERS EDUCATION CENTRE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HONG KONG.

+IT IS IN THIS RECOGNITION THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR CAREERS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR PUPILS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS,+ MR HAYE NOTED.

THE CENTRE, WHICH WILL BE MATCHED BY ANOTHER SERVING KOWLOON BY THE END OF THE YEAR, WILL PROVIDE PERSONAL ADVICE AND CONSULTATION ON CAREERS MATTERS, AND A CAREERS LIBRARY THAT MAY BE DRAWN UPON BY PUPILS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS.

THE ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND MISTRESSES, WHICH NOW HAS 350 MEMBER SCHOOLS, WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED WITH A ROOM IN WHICH TO MOUNT AN ENQUIRY SERVICE EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND SATURDAY MORNING FROM JUNE, WHEN EXAMINATION RESULTS BRING HUNDREDS OF ANXIOUS ENQUIRIES TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+IT IS VITAL THAT BOYS AND GIRLS GET CAREERS COUNSELLING BY THE AGE OF 15 BECAUSE THAT IS WHEN THEY MUST DECIDE WHETHER IT IS WORTH PURSUING AN ACADEMIC OR TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION,+ MR HAYE SAID.

TOO OFTEN ANXIOUS PARENTS FORCED THEIR CHILDREN INTO UNSUITABLE MOULDS OR INTO OVER-ACHIEVING, WHICH MEANT UNHAPPINESS AND FRUSTRATION. +THIS IS WHY THEY TOO NEED CAREERS EDUCATION,+ MR HAYE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE CENTRE WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A FOCAL POINT FOR CAREERS TEACHERS TO MEET AND EXCHANGE IDEAS. +IT IS HOPED THAT MORE CAREERS TEACHERS WILL COME AND MAKE USE OF THE ABUNDANT MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN THE CENTRE,+ MR HAYE SAID.

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HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP
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YOUNG MUSIC LOVERS WHO WISH TO JOIN THE 4TH HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP THIS SUMMER ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION FORMS TO THE MUSIC OFFICE BY APRIL 15.

THE MUSIC CAMP, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY, FROM JULY 30 TO AUGUST 14.

APART FROM INVITING LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS TO JOIN THE CAMP, INVITATIONS ARE ALSO EXTENDED TO OVERSEAS INSTRUMENTALISTS.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING IN BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE INSTRUMENTS IN A SUMMER CAMP ATMOSPHERE, THE MUSICAL CAPABILITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BE DEVELOPED AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE BE FOSTERED,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

MUSIC TRAINING IN THE FORM OF WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, MASTER-CLASSES, HI-FI MUSIC APPRECIATION, SECTIONAL AND ORCHESTRAL REHEARSALS ETC. WILL BE CONDUCTED BY BOTH RENOWNED LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MUSICIANS.

FOR RELAXATION DURING THE CAMP PERIOD, THERE WILL BE SPORT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SWIMMING, TRAMPOLINING, CANOEING, TENNIS, ARCHERY, FOLK DANCE, BALL GAMES AND THE LIKE.

CLIMAX OF THE MUSIC CAMP WILL BE A FINALE CONCERT SET TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL ON AUGUST 13.

CANDIDATES APPLYING TO JOIN THE SYMPHONY/CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE CAMP SHOULD BE UNDER 24 YEARS OF AGE WITH AN ATTAINED GRADE V OR ABOVE IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION, OR EQUIVALENT, IN WESTERN ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS- OR THOSE WHO HAVE REACHED AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE IN CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE).

CANDIDATES APPLYING TO JOIN THE JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA OF THE CAMP SHOULD BE UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE WITH AN ATTAINED GRADE IV IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION OR EQUIVALENT.

QUALIFIED CANDIDATES MAY BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION TO BE HELD IN MAY. CAMP FEE WILL BE \$200, INCLUSIVE OF TUITION FEES, THREE MEALS EACH DAY AND ACCOMMODATION.

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(A) MUSIC OFFICE

- (I) HEAD OFFICE 9TH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE,
2 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI,
HONG KONG. (TEL. : 5-283257)
- (II) KWUN TONG MUSIC CENTRE 3RD FLOOR, YAN HAU MANSION,
100 TING FU STREET,
NGAU TAU KOK,
KOWLOON. (TEL. : 3-7561328)
- (III) YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE 2ND TO 3RD FLOORS,
GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING,
138 AUSTIN ROAD,
KOWLOON. (TEL. : 3-7226240)
- (IV) MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE 1ST FLOOR, CAMBRIDGE COURT,
84 WATERLOO ROAD,
KOWLOON. (TEL. : 3-7149255)
- (V) TSUEN WAN MUSIC CENTRE 2ND TO 3RD FLOORS,
CHEUNG YIU BUILDING,
167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD,
TSUEN WAN,
NEW TERRITORIES. (TEL. : 0-428127)
- (VI) YUEN LONG MUSIC CENTRE 2ND TO 3RD FLOORS,
YUEN LONG CENTRE,
SAU FU STREET,
YUEN LONG,
NEW TERRITORIES. (TEL. : 0-750465)
- (B) HEADQUARTERS, RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICES, 11TH FLOOR,
WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG AND
ALL ITS DISTRICT OFFICES.
- (C) ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES
ADMINISTRATION.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD REACH THE MUSIC OFFICE,
HEAD OFFICE, 9TH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 2 HARBOUR ROAD,
WAN CHAI, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15.

NORTH DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN OPENS ON SUNDAY

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER WILL OPEN THE 1983/84 NORTH DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN THIS SUNDAY (APRIL 10) AT 3 PM AT THE FANLING PLAYGROUND IN FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

IT IS ALSO THE FIRST MAJOR PROJECT OF THE YEAR-LONG INTENSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-NARCOTICS EXERCISE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS LAUNCHING AS A TOP PRIORITY IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A POP CONCERT PRODUCED BY RADIO 2 OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FUNCTION WILL BE ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS OF YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE CONCERT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 10) AT THE FANLING PLAYGROUND IN FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

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WARNING ON BUSH-CUTTERS

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PORTABLE GASOLINE BUSH-CUTTERS COULD PROVE TO BE LETHAL IF THEY ARE NOT PROPERLY DESIGNED OR OPERATED BY UNTRAINED WORKERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WARNED TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS COMMENTING ON AN ACCIDENT IN WHICH AN UNTRAINED WORKER WAS KILLED WHEN HE CAME INTO CONTACT WITH THE REVOLVING BLADE OF A BUSH-CUTTER.

+PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT, THE WORKER HAD BEEN USING THE BUSH-CUTTER, BUT HE LATER PUT IT ON THE GROUND WITHOUT TURNING OFF THE THROTTLE LEVER TO STOP THE BLADE TURNING,+ HE NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT MANY MODERN PORTABLE GASOLINE BUSH-CUTTERS HAVE A SAFETY THROTTLE SYSTEM WHICH ENSURES THAT THE BLADE IS STATIONARY WHEN THE ENGINE IS IDLING. UNDER THIS SYSTEM THE BLADE WILL REVOLVE ONLY WHEN THE USER PRESSES A LEVER WHILE USING THE ENGINE.

+ALTHOUGH THIS ACCIDENT CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO LACK OF TRAINING, IT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IF THE BUSH-CUTTER HAD THE NECESSARY SAFETY THROTTLE SYSTEM.

+IT IS ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY FOR A BUSH-CUTTER TO BE INCORPORATED WITH A SAFETY THROTTLE SYSTEM BUT ALSO ALL USERS BE PROPERLY TRAINED,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION TAX INCREASED

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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED HOTEL PROPRIETORS THAT HOTEL ACCOMMODATION TAX HAVE BEEN INCREASED FROM FOUR TO FIVE PER CENT.

THE INCREASE WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL 1 FOLLOWED THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S BUDGET PROPOSALS IN FEBRUARY WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN SHEUNG WAN

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FROM 10 AM NEXT MONDAY (APRIL 11), MORRISON STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS.

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE RENEWAL OF TRAM TRACKS IN THE AREA, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ALONG DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL HEADING FOR CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL HAVE TO USE MAN WA LANE OR RUMSEY STREET.

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