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URBAN VOTER REGISTRATION EXCEEDS HALF-MILLION TARGET

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THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE REGISTERING AS VOTERS FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER HAS EXCEEDED THE TARGET FIGURE OF HALF A MILLION, TWO WEEKS BEFORE REGISTRATION ENDS ON APRIL 30.

UP TO 12 NOON TODAY (TUESDAY), THE TOTAL FIGURE REACHED 527 000, INCLUDING THE 81 000 PEOPLE WHO HAD REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR AND ABOUT 30 000 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTORS WHOSE NAMES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE REGISTER.

THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WAS GIVEN THESE FIGURES TODAY WHEN HE VISITED THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE AT MERCURY HOUSE, TO SEE HOW THE REGISTRATION FORMS WERE BEING SORTED OUT, CHECKED AND PROCESSED.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID: +THE FIGURE REPRESENTS MORE THAN 25 PER CENT OF THE TWO MILLION ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

+BUT IT IS NOT SO MUCH A QUESTION OF TARGET FIGURE OR STATISTICS. IT INDICATES WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN, AND CONCERN FOR, THE OBJECTIVES OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE HOPE THAT BY JOINING IN THE ELECTIONS PEOPLE MAY MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES.+

MR AKERS-JONES ALSO APPEALED TO OTHER ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO HAD NOT YET REGISTERED TO DO SO IN THE REMAINING TWO WEEKS.

IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS WOULD REACH 600 000 BY THE CLOSING DATE, HE SAID.

HE SAID HE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY IF HALF OF THE PEOPLE REGISTERED WOULD CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER.

MR AKERS-JONES, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MRS REGINA IP, WAS BRIEFED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ELECTORAL SERVICES, MR ANTHONY WOO, AND THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR C.W. WONG, ON HOW THE LARGE NUMBER OF REGISTRATION FORMS WERE DEALT WITH BY ABOUT 200 SPECIALLY-DEPLOYED STAFF.

MR AKERS-JONES PERSONALLY THANKED THE OFFICERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK SINCE THE CURRENT PHASE OF REGISTRATION BEGAN ON MARCH 19.

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IMMEDIATE BAN ON IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS MADE REGULATIONS TO BAN ALL IMPORTS OF GOODS FROM ARGENTINA IN SUPPORT OF SIMILAR ACTION BY BRITAIN.

THE IMPORT PROHIBITION (ARGENTINA) REGULATIONS 1982 WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE. THE BAN TAKES IMMEDIATE EFFECT. FROM TODAY IMPORTATION OF ALL GOODS FROM ARGENTINA WILL BE PROHIBITED UNLESS THEY WERE FOR TRANSHIPMENT OR RE-EXPORT TO CHINA.

ANYONE WHO CONTRAVENES THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$500 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH ARGENTINA ACCOUNTED FOR LESS THAN 0.2 PER CENT OF OUR TOTAL TRADE IN GOODS.

IN 1981, IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA WERE VALUED AT HK\$128 MILLION, MOSTLY RAW COTTON, MEAT AND LEATHER. THESE COMMODITIES COULD BE REPLACED FROM OTHER SOURCES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SALT WATER MAINS WORK

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREA IN FUNG WONG VILLAGE WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 15) TO FACILITATE MAINS REPAIRS WORK AT FUNG TAK ROAD.

AREAS AFFECTED ARE SHUNG WAH STREET, WAN FUNG STREET, LUNG FUNG STREET, SHEUNG FUNG STREET, NGAN FUNG STREET, KAM FUNG STREET, TSUI FUNG STREET, MING FUNG STREET AND FEI FUNG STREET.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND  
FOR FEBRUARY 1982

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED STATISTICS FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF FEBRUARY 1982, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED ON A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES (CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979) AS WELL AS OF THE 43 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, BUT SHOULD GIVE USEFUL INDICATIONS OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT RUN.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DROPPED BECAUSE OF LABOUR TURNOVER IN SOME FACTORIES.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES SECTORS IN FEBRUARY WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1982, BECAUSE BONUSES AND DOUBLE PAY WERE AWARDED IN THE PRECEDING MONTH TO EMPLOYEES IN MANY COMPANIES SURVEYED.

THE OVERALL VOLUME OF ORDERS HELD BY THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN FEBRUARY 1982. THEY ROSE IN THE PLASTICS, TEXTILES, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES (WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE FOR PLASTICS), BUT DECLINED IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY AND THE +OTHERS+ CATEGORY OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT, PER CAPITA EARNINGS AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1982 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7221914).

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## FOLLOWING IS THE STATISTICAL TABLE:

A. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

<u>INDUSTRY/SERVICE</u>	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED			PER CAPITA EARNINGS			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR FEB. 1982 (HK\$)
	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)						
	DEC. 1981	JAN. 1982	FEB. 1982	DEC. 1981	JAN. 1982	FEB. 1982	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	-1	-1	-2	14	35	-32	2 004
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	-1	1	8	40	-34	2 546
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	*	*	14	19	-26	1 733
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	-1	*	15	46	-41	1 823
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-4	-1	*	26	22	-35	1 684
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-1	-3	9	42	-35	1 723
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-1	-2	-4	9	55	-32	2 001
OTHERS	*	-2	-2	15	26	-27	2 794
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	*	-1	1	4	36	-27	3 095
<u>SERVICES</u>	*	*	*	25	34	-36	3 535
BANKS	1	*	*	57	8	-38	3 164
HOTELS	*	-2	1	65	43	-51	2 302
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	9	49	-38	3 354
OTHERS	*	*	*	10	44	-24	5 691

/B. ORDERS-ON-HAND .....

**B. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING**

INDUSTRY	(% CHANGE OVER THE THE PRECEDING MONTH)			ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR FEB. 1982
	DEC. 1981	JAN. 1982	FEB. 1982	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-2	-2	-2	4.5
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	5	4	2.4
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3	6	14	4.0
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-3	-3	3	3.2
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	*	2	2	4.9
OTHERS	*	*	-3	3.5
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	-2	*	3	4.1

\* CHANGES OF LESS THAN 0.5%

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**OFFICIALS TO REPLY AT LEGCO**

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ELEVEN OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES AT THE RESUMED BUDGET DEBATE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND ON THURSDAY.

TOMORROW'S SPEAKERS ARE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

THE OTHER FIVE OFFICIAL MEMBERS WHO WILL SPEAK ON THURSDAY ARE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, THE SECRETARY FOR CIVIL SERVICE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

THE SITTINGS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG ON RADIO 1 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 3 (ENGLISH) FROM 2.30 PM.

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DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS VICE PROBLEMS  
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING ON THURSDAY (APRIL 15) AT 4 PM AT THE YAU MA TEI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXISTENCE OF VICE ESTABLISHMENTS AND OTHER DUBIOUS ENTERTAINMENT PLACES IN THE DISTRICT AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE TACKLED.

THE PLANNING MANAGER OF THE PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATION SECTION, KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, MR S.S. CHOY WILL BRIEF THE MEMBERS ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT ON THE MONG KOK RAILWAY STATION RE-MODELLING EXERCISE.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF CULTURAL FACILITIES IN MONG KOK AND THE WEST KOWLOON REGION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SECOND MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD ON THURSDAY (APRIL 15). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU MA TEI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490-492, NATHAN ROAD BEFORE 3.50 PM.

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EIGHT OFFICER CADETS PROMOTED  
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THE ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (OPERATIONS), MR T.A. HANDLEY TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT TO EIGHT OFFICER CADETS RECENTLY PROMOTED TO OFFICERS.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, MR HANDLEY REMINDED THE OFFICERS THAT IN DEALING WITH PRISONERS THEY HAD TO BE HUMANE, AND HAD TO ENSURE THAT THEIR SUBORDINATES CARRIED OUT THEIR JOBS EFFECTIVELY AND WITH COMPASSION.

+YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE NOW MUCH GREATER AND YOU HAVE TO MAKE DECISIONS WHICH AT TIMES MAY BE VERY DIFFICULT,+ HE SAID.

IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THEY BE TACTFUL, OBJECTIVE, FAIR, IMPARTIAL AND LOYAL TO THE DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

ALL RECIPIENTS WERE MALE ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

ONE OF THE OFFICERS, MR TSANG FEI-YU, WHO JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN DECEMBER, 1975, RECEIVED THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION FOR HIS EFFORTS IN THE TRAINING OF THE GIRL PIPERS OF TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR POLYCLINIC BLOCK  
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WORK ON THE SECOND PHASE OF THE KOWLOON EAST POLYCLINIC AT HAMMER HILL ROAD, NGAU CHI WAN, WILL BEGIN SHORTLY.

THE PROJECT IS AN EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING POLYCLINIC WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDING GENERAL OUT-PATIENT, CHILD HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND CHEST CLINIC SERVICES.

THE EXTENSION WILL ADD SUBSTANTIALLY TO THESE BY PROVIDING SPECIALIST UNITS - MEDICAL, ORTHOPAEDIC, PAEDIATRIC, OBSTETRIC AND GYNAECOLOGY, OPHTHALMIC AND EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH MAINLY INVOLVES THE BUILDING OF A SINGLE BLOCK, ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK WILL START IN MAY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 14 MONTHS.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWUN TONG  
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THREE ROADS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 16).

THEY ARE:

- \* HING YIP STREET BETWEEN HOI YUEN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES TO THE EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI YUEN ROAD;
- \* HOW MING STREET BETWEEN HOI YUEN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES TO THE WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI YUEN ROAD;
- \* SHING YIP STREET BETWEEN HOI YUEN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES TO THE EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI YUEN ROAD.

WITHIN THESE CLEARWAYS, ALL VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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WATER FIGURES  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 207.459 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 35.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, EQUIVALENT TO 165 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 233.531 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 40.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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