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CHIEF SECRETARY SEES RHKAAF AT WORK
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE WENT ON A FLYING VISIT THIS AFTERNOON TO SEE THE WORK OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

ARRIVING AT FORCE HEADQUARTERS, KAI TAK, BY AN RHKAAF DAUPHIN HELICOPTER, SIR PHILIP WAS MET BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER, WING COMMANDER ALISTAIR ASPREY.

SIR PHILIP FIRST TOURED THE HANGAR HOUSING THE RHKAAF FLEET, WHICH CONSISTS OF FOUR FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND THREE DAUPHIN HELICOPTERS.

SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD BY WING CMDR. ASPREY THAT THE RHKAAF, ESTABLISHED IN 1949, EVOLVED FROM A CONVENTIONAL AUXILIARY AIR FORCE ADMINISTERED BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE TO A FULLY INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT WITH DIVERSE ROLES.

A COMBINATION OF 83 FULL-TIME STAFF AND 80 PART-TIME VOLUNTEERS ENABLES THE FORCE TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF FLYING SERVICES COVERING SEARCH AND RESCUE, CASUALTY EVACUATION, AIRBORNE FIRE-FIGHTING AS WELL AS REGULAR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING AERIAL SURVEYS AND ROUTINE COMMUNICATION FLIGHTS.

LAST YEAR, THE RHKAAF FLEW 481 EMERGENCY MISSIONS, FIFTY PER CENT MORE THAN IN 1982.

APART FROM FLYING COMMITMENTS, THE FORCE HAS IN RECENT YEARS BEEN PROVIDING FLYING AND OTHER SPECIALISED TRAINING FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICERS OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

SIR PHILIP LATER INSPECTED THE OPERATIONS ROOM AND ALSO THE TRAINING CENTRE, WHERE HE WAS GIVEN A REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE FORCE.

BEFORE LEAVING, ALSO BY HELICOPTER, SIR PHILIP HAD AN INFORMAL MEETING AND DISCUSSION WITH THE STAFF.

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PEOPLE URGED TO HAVE FAITH IN THEIR ABILITY
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HONG KONG PEOPLE MUST HAVE FAITH IN THEIR ABILITY TO ADJUST TO NEW SITUATIONS AND TURN THEM TO THEIR ADVANTAGE, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH, HE SAID THEIR PAST PERFORMANCE HAD DEMONSTRATED THE GREAT LATENT STRENGTH IN THE COMMUNITY.

+WE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY CONFRONTING A PERIOD OF CHANGE, BUT IT IS ALSO A PERIOD OF CHALLENGE,+ HE SAID.

+WE MUST CONCENTRATE OUR MINDS ON THE VITAL QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE WELFARE AND WELL BEING OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE AND WORK IN HONG KONG, AND WE MUST NOT BE DISTRACTED BY TALES OF DEPARTURE.+

MR AKERS-JONES POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE MANY FACTORS WHICH GAVE CAUSE FOR CONFIDENCE.

ON THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS, HE SAID IMPORTANT STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN, AND NEW MEASURES WERE BEING PROPOSED, TO STRENGTHEN THE FOUNDATIONS OF PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT AMONG THE PEOPLE AT A DISTRICT AND REGIONAL LEVEL.

+WE ARE THEREFORE DEVELOPING A MUCH MORE RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE AND SENSITIVE MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT.+

ALSO, HE SAID HONG KONG'S ECONOMY WAS PERFORMING EXTREMELY WELL IN RESPONSE TO WORLD ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND INDUSTRIALISTS ORDER BOOKS WERE LONGER THAN THEY HAD BEEN FOR SOMETIME.

AND ACCORDING TO THIS YEAR'S PROPERTY REVIEW, THERE WERE ENCOURAGING SIGNS OF RECOVERY IN EVERY SECTOR OF THE PROPERTY MARKET, EXCEPT MOST EXPENSIVE ACCOMMODATION.

REFERRING TO A REMARK THAT HONG KONG HAD NO OTHER RESOURCES EXCEPT ITS PEOPLE, MR AKERS-JONES NOTED THAT THESE HUMAN RESOURCES HAD NOT DECREASED, AND ADDED THAT THERE WERE 11 000 STUDENTS AT THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND 59 000 AT THE POLYTECHNIC AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

+OUR COMMUNITY IS BECOMING MORE HIGHLY EDUCATED AND COMPETENT TECHNICALLY THAN EVER BEFORE,+ HE SAID.

+IN THE PAST WE HAVE POWERED INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND GENERATED RESOURCES TO IMPROVE ALMOST EVERY SPHERE OF LIFE AND ACTIVITY IN HONG KONG.

+THIS WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO: WE MUST CONTINUE TO DO.+

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FEBRUARY EXPORT PRICES, VOLUME RISE
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FEBRUARY PRICES OF TOTAL EXPORTS, DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ALL ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 16 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1983 PRICES, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) REMAINED AT THE FEBRUARY 1983 LEVEL.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY SIX PER CENT AND 28 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT, MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT SINCE THE FEBRUARY FIGURES WERE AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, IT WAS MORE USEFUL TO CONSIDER THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY FIGURES TOGETHER. A COMPARISON OF THE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1984 WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR SHOWS THAT DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 27 PER CENT AND 34 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME TERMS, AFTER ALLOWING FOR THE EFFECT OF PRICE INCREASES OF 15 PER CENT EACH. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, IMPORTS RECORDED A 21 PER CENT GROWTH IN VOLUME TERMS, WITH A PRICE INCREASE OF 16 PER CENT.

AN EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY THIS YEAR WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1983, SHOWS THAT THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 11 PER CENT, 12 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT AND 20 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, THUS GIVING AN 18 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE EXPORT PRICES OF ALL COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM SEVEN PER CENT FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO 25 PER CENT FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP.

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MANY OF THE COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+90 PER CENT), TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+42 PER CENT), DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+15 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FABRICS (+13 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR METAL MANUFACTURES (-1 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-3 PER CENT), CLOTHING (-5 PER CENT), RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-7 PER CENT), TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-10 PER CENT) AS WELL AS METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-66 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED, FROM SEVEN PER CENT FOR FUELS TO 18 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

MORE THAN HALF OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING FRUIT, CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR, SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD AS WELL AS SUGAR. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR, LIVE POULTRY AS WELL AS FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING, RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AND FOOTWEAR.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF NEARLY ALL RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE, AMONG WHICH WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK, YARN AND FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES, COTTON YARN AND THREAD, WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR, IRON AND STEEL, PAPER AND PAPERBOARD, SILK FABRIC, LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS AS WELL AS THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC., EXCEPT GLASS DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY 18 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF NEARLY ALL COMMODITIES INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING OFFICE MACHINES, SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS, AND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY. HOWEVER, A SLIGHT DECREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS SHOWN IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS, RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES, AND CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT, 52 PER CENT AND 53 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHILE THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS AND FUELS DROPPED BY 10 PER CENT AND 43 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE FEBRUARY 1984 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE SOON AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES COMPARING FEBRUARY 1984 WITH FEBRUARY 1983 OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

<u>COMMODITY GROUP</u>	<u>EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUME</u>
CLOTHING	+ 15%	+21%	- 5%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 34%	+19%	+13%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+ 68%	+18%	+42%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+ 14%	+13%	+ 1%
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	+ 10%	+19%	- 7%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+106%	+ 8%	+90%
FOOTWEAR	+ 29%	+24%	+ 5%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 9%	+11%	- 1%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	- 58%	+25%	-66%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 4%	+ 7%	- 3%
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	+ 4%	+16%	-10%
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	+ 36%	+18%	+15%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 22%	+16%	+ 6%

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TABLE 2 : CHANGES COMPARING FEBRUARY 1984 WITH FEBRUARY 1983
OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+10%	+17%	- 6%
CONSUMER GOODS	+37%	+17%	+17%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+75%	+18%	+48%
FUELS	-13%	+ 7%	-18%
CAPITAL GOODS	+47%	+12%	+31%
ALL COMMODITIES	+45%	+16%	+25%

TABLE 3 : CHANGES COMPARING FEBRUARY 1984 WITH FEBRUARY 1983
OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 7%	+19%	-10%
CONSUMER GOODS	+27%	+14%	+11%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+81%	+19%	+52%
FUELS	-33%	+18%	-43%
CAPITAL GOODS	+69%	+11%	+53%
ALL COMMODITIES	+48%	+16%	+28%

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MANUFACTURERS URGED TO CONTINUE INVESTING

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MANUFACTURERS SHOULD KEEP INVESTING IN NEW MACHINERY, RESEARCH, DESIGN AND WORKFORCE, TO STAY AHEAD IN BUSINESS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY SAID TODAY.

HE WAS ADDRESSING A RECEPTION MARKING KRAS ASIA'S COMPLETION OF TEN YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL OPERATION IN HONG KONG AND THE LATEST PHASE OF EXPANSION OF THE COMPANY'S PREMISES IN KWUN TONG.

KRAS ASIA, OWNED BY AMERICAN INTERESTS, IS ONE OF THE COMPANIES WHICH USED THE SERVICES OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION UNIT WHEN ITS HONG KONG OPERATION WAS BEING SET UP IN 1973.

THE COMPANY HAS STEADILY EXPANDED AND HAS BECOME A LEADING SUPPLIER OF QUALITY PRECISION TOOLING EQUIPMENT IN THE ASIAN PACIFIC REGION.

+THE COMPANY IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW FOREIGN INVESTMENT HERE HAS BROUGHT MUTUAL BENEFIT TO THE INVESTOR THROUGH THE HIGH PROFITABILITY OF HIS LOCAL FACTORY ON THE ONE HAND AND, ON THE OTHER, TO THE ECONOMY THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNIQUES AND THE AVAILABILITY LOCALLY OF BETTER QUALITY PRODUCTS AND MORE SOPHISTICATED EXPERTISE,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

HE SAID THE PRECISION TOOLING INDUSTRY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT SUPPORTING ROLE IN THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF THE ELECTRONICS AND OTHEWR INDUSTRIES.

THE CONSTANT UPGRADING AND MODERNISATION OF KRAS ASIA'S PRODUCTION FACILITIES REFLECTED THE GROWING DEMAND FOR HONG KONG'S TOOLING INDUSTRY IN TERMS OF QUANTITY AND QUALITY.

+THIS TREND MUST CONTINUE AS MANUFACTURERS SEARCH FOR MORE EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE PRODUCTION METHODS TO KEEP THEMSELVES AHEAD OF OVERSEAS COMPETITORS. THERE IS, WITHOUT DOUBT, A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR FIRMS SUCH AS KRAS WHICH HAVE THE TECHNICAL RESOURCES AND ENTREPRENEURIAL ACUMEN TO STAY IN THE FOREFRONT OF THIS LINE OF BUSINESS,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS CONFERENCE ON NEW BILL

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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO EXPLAIN THE PROVISIONS OF A LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

THE CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD AT 11 AM IN THE GIS THEATRE, WILL BE GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR RAYMOND FRY, AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, MR KENNETH PANG TSAN-WING.

COPIES OF A PRESS RELEASE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ADVANCE READING FROM 10.30 AM. YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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SOCIAL CENTRES GROW IN NUMBERS

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SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY HAVE SEEN THE MOST RAPID DEVELOPMENT AMONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE AND THE NUMBER OF SUCH CENTRES HAS RISEN FROM 13 TO 85 OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CERMONY OF THE SALVATION ARMY'S NAM TAI SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT NAM SHAN ESTATE, KOWLOON.

+THESE CENTRES AIM TO PROVIDE THE ELDERLY WITH A NEARBY PLACE FOR SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, ENABLING THEM TO MAKE FRIENDS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY LIVING,+ SHE SAID.

STATISTICS FOR 1982-83 SHOWED THAT THESE CENTRES HAD MORE THAN 16 000 REGISTERED MEMBERS, 83 PER CENT OF THEM WOMEN.

+IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT THE NUMBER OF THOSE AGED 70 AND OVER REPRESENTED HALF OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

MOST OF THESE ELDERLY PEOPLE WERE RECEIVING CARE AND SUPPORT FROM THEIR FAMILIES.

/MRS CHAN

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MRS CHAN SUGGESTED THAT THESE CENTRES SHOULD PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE OF +CARE IN THE COMMUNITY+.

+ONE WAY WOULD BE TO TRAIN ELDERLY PEOPLE AS VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY,+ SHE SAID.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO USE THESE CENTRES FOR THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH EDUCATION AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION FOR THEIR MEMBERS TO ENSURE THAT THEY LEAD A MORE HEALTHY AND MEANINGFUL LIFE.

FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE NEW CENTRE, LOCATED AT UNITS 17-22 NAM TAI HOUSE, GROUND FLOOR, INCLUDE A READING ROOM, A COMMON ROOM, A GROUP ACTIVITIES AND CONFERENCE ROOM AND A HALL.

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SHUN LEE ESTATE TO GET FIRE STATION

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A \$4.5-MILLION CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR CONSTRUCTING A SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION AT SHUN LEE ESTATE IN NORTH-EASTERN KOWLOON.

THE FOUR-STOREY BUILDING WILL OCCUPY A 2 000 SQUARE METRES SITE IN LEE ON ROAD AND CONSIST OF AN APPLIANCE ROOM FOR FOUR FIRE ENGINES, OFFICES, A COMMUNICATIONS ROOM, AN EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT STORE, WORKSHOP, BARRACKS, AN EXERCISE ROOM AND OTHER FACILITIES.

A DRILL YARD AND DRILL TOWER WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW STATION WHICH WILL PROVIDE COVER FOR THE CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, PIK UK AND JORDAN VALLEY AREA.

WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS, KOWLOON WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 17 FIRE STATIONS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO LOUVRE ENGINEERING LIMITED.

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TWO MORE WOMEN'S GROUPS FORMED

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WIFE OF THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MRS JANE AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE JOINT INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE MING WAH DAI HA AND LAI TAK TSUEN YIN NGAI SOCIETIES ON SATURDAY (MAY 5).

THE TWO YIN NGAI SOCIETIES, THE FIRST IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT, WERE FORMED TO ENCOURAGE HOUSEWIVES TO ORGANISE AND PARTICIPATE IN LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES.

THE TWO SOCIETIES HAVE ABOUT 200 MEMBERS.

BEFORE THE CEREMONY, A PHOTO EXHIBITION ON ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE TWO SOCIETIES AND A DISPLAY OF HANDICRAFT BY MEMBERS WILL BE HELD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE JOINT INAUGURATION OF THE MING WAH DAI HA AND LAI TAK TSUEN YIN NGAI SOCIETIES AT 2.15 PM ON SATURDAY (MAY 5) AT THE SHAU KEI WAN KAIFONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, 351 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

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COURSES OFFERED ON REMEDIAL CHINESE TEACHING

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SIX COURSES ON REMEDIAL TEACHING OF CHINESE LANGUAGE WILL BE HELD BETWEEN MAY 29 AND JUNE 14 FOR GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

EACH COURSE WILL INCLUDE A TALK, A WORKSHOP AND A DISCUSSION SESSION, AND PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT THE USE OF THE LOOP SYSTEM ON REMEDIAL CHINESE TEACHING.

AS EACH CLASS IS LIMITED TO 30 TEACHERS, ONLY ONE TEACHER SHOULD BE RECOMMENDED FROM EACH SCHOOL, AND PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN REMEDIAL TEACHING OF THE SUBJECT.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WISHING TO RECOMMEND THEIR TEACHERS SHOULD SEND THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 7/F., TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, KOWLOON, ON OR BEFORE MAY 12, 1984.

THE COURSES ARE RUN BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AT THE TEACHING CENTRE'S HONG KONG AND KOWLOON UNITS. ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COURSES MAY BE MADE TO THE CENTRE ON 3-7128476 OR 5-488230.

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CALLING ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS
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YOUNG MUSICIANS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY TO JOIN ITS YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, YOUTH CHOIR AND CHINESE FOLK SINGING CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID APPLICANTS FOR THE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, YOUTH SYMPHONIC BANDS AND YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA SHOULD BE UNDER 23 YEARS OF AGE AND SHOULD HAVE ATTAINED AT LEAST GRADE V OR ABOVE IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION, OR EQUIVALENT, IN AT LEAST ONE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC INSTRUMENT.

+THOSE WHO WISH TO JOIN THE CHINESE ORCHESTRAS, SHOULD HAVE GOOD PERFORMANCE SKILL IN ONE OR MORE CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. THOSE WITH PREVIOUS ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE WILL BE FAVOURABLY CONSIDERED,+ HE SAID.

AS FOR THE YOUTH CHOIR, APPLICANTS SHOULD BE BETWEEN 17 AND 26 YEARS OF AGE, GOOD AT SIGHT-SINGING AND INTERESTED IN STANDARD CHOIR REPERTOIRE.

CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF EIGHT AND 12 INTERESTED IN CHINESE FOLK SONGS ARE WELCOME TO APPLY FOR THE CHINESE FOLK SINGING CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE.

AN AUDITION WILL BE ARRANGED FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS AT A LATER DATE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE, GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 138 AUSTIN ROAD, THIRD FLOOR, BY MAY 14.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT TEL: 3-7226240.

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PUMPING STATION CONTRACT AWARDED
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A CONTRACT TO BUILD THE NEW ELLIOT FRESH WATER AND SALT WATER PUMPING STATION AT POK FU LAM ROAD HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CHUNG SHING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

THE TWO-STOREY PUMPING STATION WILL BE BUILT BEHIND THE PREVIOUS ONE WHICH WAS DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE WIDENING OF POK FU LAM ROAD AND RE-DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

IT WILL ACCOMMODATE FOUR ELECTRICALLY-DRIVEN FRESH WATER PUMPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 26 600 CUBIC METRES A DAY, AND TWO SALT WATER PUMPS.

WORK ON THE STATION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 1985.

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BOOKLET TELLS ABOUT SHA TIN BOARD WORK
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A 16-PAGE BOOKLET OUTLINING THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES IN THE PAST TWO YEARS HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED.

PRINTED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, THE BOOKLET HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AT A COST OF \$50 000, DRAWN FROM THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD FUND.

IT GIVES A SUMMARY OF THE WORKS OF THE BOARD AND ITS NINE COMMITTEES BETWEEN APRIL 1982 AND DECEMBER 1983.

THE NINE COMMITTEES ARE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, FINANCE, RECREATION AND SPORTS, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, SAID THE BOOKLET WOULD BE A VERY USEFUL VEHICLE IN ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE COMING REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AS WELL AS NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

+RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS WITHIN A SHORT SPAN OF TWO YEARS,+ HE SAID.

A TOTAL OF 75 000 COPIES OF THE BOOKLET HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

COPIES OF THE BOOKLET, TOGETHER WITH A COLOURFUL POSTER FEATURING A CARTOON HORSE, WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, VILLAGE OFFICES AND SCHOOLS.

+A HORSE, WHICH SYMBOLISES VITALITY AND NOBILITY, IS BEING USED IN OUR LOCAL REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN,+ MR TSANG ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TWELVE SEEK SINGING PRIZE
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TWELVE PERSONS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY AUDITION TO COMPETE IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST ON SATURDAY (MAY 5).

THE CONTEST, WHICH WILL START AT 7 PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL OF SUNG TSUN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG TOWN, IS BEING ORGANISED TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

SAI KUNG IS THE SIXTH DISTRICT TO HOLD THE TERRITORY-WIDE SINGING COMPETITION WHICH BEGAN IN LATE MARCH.

ADJUDICATORS FOR THE CONTEST ON SATURDAY WILL BE A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHAN KWAI-SANG, A DISC JOCKEY FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM POLYGRAM RECORDS COMPANY.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

THE TERRITORY-WIDE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE 18 DISTRICT OFFICES, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SING TAO NEWSPAPERS LIMITED.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SINGING CONTEST.

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FLYOVER SURFACE WORK
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FROM 2 PM ON SATURDAY (MAY 5) TO 9 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE LAYING OF SKID-RESISTANT SURFACE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE ROAD NEXT TO THE FLYOVER.

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PROHIBITED ZONES
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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 5), CHUK YUEN ESTATE BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED PUBLIC BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE TERMINUS.

FROM THE SAME DAY, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN WONG TAI SIN AREA UNLESS AUTHORISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT:

- * ROAD A1 BETWEEN MA CHAI HANG ROAD AND ROAD A;
- * ROAD A BETWEEN SHATIN PASS ROAD AND ROAD A1;
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM FUNG MO INTERCHANGE TO ROAD A1.

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NT WATER MAINS WORK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY (MAY 6) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE ALL PREMISES AND VILLAGES IN SHAM TSENG AND TSING LUNG TAU.

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