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GOVERNOR RETURNS
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, RETURNED TO HONG KONG THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING AFTER ATTENDING THE SEVENTEENTH ROUND OF SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

HE WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DENIS BRAY, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND THE VICE-CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR EDWARD'S REMARKS TO WAITING REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT:

+IT'S NICE TO BE BACK, IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU ALL.

WELL, I'VE COME BACK AFTER QUITE A SHORT VISIT THIS TIME, BUT IT'S SIMPLY THAT BY COMING BACK THIS EVENING, I CAN GET AN EXTRA DAY IN HONG KONG. AND AS YOU PROBABLY GATHERED FROM MY PROGRAMME, I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ALL THAT MANY DAYS IN HONG KONG THESE DAYS. SO AN EXTRA ONE IS QUITE USEFUL.

SOME OF YOUR COLLEAGUES, I THINK, GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT SOMETHING SPECIAL WAS GOING ON. BUT IT WAS IN FACT -- THIS ROUND WAS A PERFECTLY NORMAL SESSION. WE ARE OF COURSE NOW WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORKING GROUP.

NEXT WEEK I SHALL BE OFF TO LONDON, ON TUESDAY. THIS IS ONE OF THE VISITS IN THE PATTERN OF VISITS I HAVE BEEN PAYING TO LONDON OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS, AND IT FITTED NEATLY IN BETWEEN TWO ROUNDS. SO I SHALL BE MEETING SIR RICHARD THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTERS.

AND THEN I SHALL BE BACK IN HONG KONG OVER THE WEEKEND, IN TIME TO GO BACK UP TO PEKING FOR THE NEXT ROUND.

IN THE MEANWHILE THE WORKING GROUP IS HARD AT IT. I HAVE SEEN THEM ALL, AND THEIR WORK WILL, I AM SURE, BE VERY HELPFUL TO OUR NEGOTIATIONS.

SO I WISH YOU ALL WELL AND I WILL SEE YOU NO DOUBT ON TUESDAY.+

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EXPORT GROWTH KEEPS UP
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THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN MAY 1984 ROSE BY 46 PER CENT OR \$3 709 MILLION, OVER THE MAY 1983 FIGURE, TO REACH \$11 712 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR THE MONTH PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED, BY 57 PER CENT OR \$2 404 MILLION, TO \$6 662 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TAKEN TOGETHER, AT \$18 374 MILLION, WAS 50 PER CENT OR \$6 113 MILLION HIGHER THAN THE FIGURE A YEAR AGO.

COMMENTING ON THESE COMPARATIVE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STRONG GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS SUSTAINED IN MAY AS THE ECONOMIES OF SEVERAL OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE.

+THE WEAKNESS OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR, COMPARED WITH THE EARLY PART OF 1983, HAS ALSO ENHANCED HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL COMPETITIVENESS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IMPORTS REACHED \$18 869 MILLION IN MAY 1984, AN INCREASE OF 35 PER CENT OR \$4 936 MILLION OVER THE FIGURE FOR MAY LAST YEAR.

THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR MAY THIS YEAR WAS \$495 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$1 672 MILLION IN MAY LAST YEAR.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED AT A FASTER RATE THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, NARROWED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THREE PER CENT IN MAY 1984 FROM 12 PER CENT IN MAY 1983.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1984 WAS \$80 749 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$50 275 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$30 474 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1983, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY \$26 922 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$16 034 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT, AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$10 888 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY \$24 585 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT, TO \$86 181 MILLION.

AS THE GROWTH RATE OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS FASTER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP NARROWED TO SIX PER CENT IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 13 PER CENT IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1983.

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR MAY 1984:

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS RELEASED THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR MAY:

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$11 712 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$ 6 662 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$18 374 MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$18 869 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 495 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	MAR - MAY 1984	MAR - MAY 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN	\$ MN	\$ MN	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	32 662	22 233	+10 429	+46.9
RE-EXPORTS	19 405	12 533	+ 6 872	+54.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	52 067	34 666	+17 401	+50.2
IMPORTS	55 534	39 893	+15 641	+39.2
TRADE BALANCE	- 3 467	- 5 227	+ 1 760	

<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	MAY 1984	MAY 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN	\$ MN	\$ MN	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	11 712 (63.7%)	8 003 (65.3%)	+3 709	+46.3
RE-EXPORTS	6 662	4 258	+2 404	+56.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	18 374	12 261	+6 113	+49.9
IMPORTS	18 869	13 933	+4 936	+35.4
TRADE BALANCE	- 495	- 1 672	+1 177	

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<u>LAST MONTH</u>	MAY 1984	APRIL 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN	\$ MN	\$ MN	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	11 712 (63.7%)	10 449 (63.2%)	+1 263	+12.1
RE-EXPORTS	6 662	6 090	+ 572	+ 9.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	18 374	16 539	+1 835	+11.1
IMPORTS	18 869	18 529	+ 340	+ 1.8
TRADE BALANCE	- 495	- 1 990	+1 495	

<u>CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE</u>	JAN - MAY 1984	JAN - MAY 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN	\$ MN	\$ MN	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	50 275 (62.3%)	34 241 (63.6%)	+16 034	+46.8
RE-EXPORTS	30 474	19 586	+10 888	+55.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	80 749	53 827	+26 922	+50.0
IMPORTS	86 181	61 596	+24 585	+39.9
TRADE BALANCE	- 5 432	- 7 769	+ 2 337	

<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	JUNE 1983 TO MAY 1984	JUNE 1982 TO MAY 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN	\$ MN	\$ MN	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	120 439	86 388	+34 051	+39.4
RE-EXPORTS	67 182	45 969	+21 213	+46.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	187 621	132 357	+55 264	+41.8
IMPORTS	200 028	147 461	+52 567	+35.6
TRADE BALANCE	- 12 407	- 15 104	+ 2 697	

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JOB, PAYROLL SURVEY STARTS JULY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL BE CARRYING OUT A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN JULY.

THIS SURVEY IS CONDUCTED QUARTERLY AND THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY WILL COVER ABOUT 140 000 ESTABLISHMENTS DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS - INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING, MANUFACTURING, ELECTRICITY AND GAS) AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES, COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES) WITH FULL ENUMERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS).

INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON JUNE 29 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF APRIL - JUNE 1984.

QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

RESPONDENTS WHO FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS, WHICH ARE ALSO PRINTED AT THE BACK OF QUESTIONNAIRES:

5-436551	5-444301
5-455661	5-455668

ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT DURING APRIL - JUNE WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED, IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE.

FIELDS OFFICERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, EXISTING VACANCIES, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NATURE OF BUSINESS AND DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS COMMENCED. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PEOPLE HAVING QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE FIELD VISITS SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT 5-444364.

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RETAIL SALES VALUE UP
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THE VALUE OF SALES FOR THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR IN APRIL 1984 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$5 402 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT 159, THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX INCREASED BY TWO POINTS, OR ONE PER CENT, OVER MARCH 1984, AND BY 27 POINTS, OR 20 PER CENT, OVER APRIL 1983.

THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX, HOWEVER, REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 111 WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1984, BUT ROSE BY NINE POINTS, OR NINE PER CENT, OVER APRIL 1983.

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, AT SIX PER CENT AND THREE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY FOUR PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR BY TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS, WHILE THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR BY ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR BY TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. THOSE OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS ALSO WENT DOWN BY TWO PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1983, BOTH CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS, AND CONSUMER DURABLES RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASES IN SALES VALUE, EACH AT 30 PER CENT.

IN TERMS OF SALES VOLUME, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 16 PER CENT AND CONSUMER DURABLES BY 11 PER CENT.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR BY EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

FUELS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF EIGHT PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS BUT A DECLINE OF ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS OVER MARCH 1984, WHILE SALES AT SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES RECORDED SLIGHT INCREASES.

RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES, HOWEVER, DROPPED SLIGHTLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

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WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1983, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS AND MODERATELY IN VOLUME TERMS.

SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES GOODS AS WELL AS CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES ALSO RECORDED LARGE INCREASES IN VALUE TERMS BUT SMALLER INCREASES IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE REVISED FIGURE FOR MARCH 1984 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR APRIL 1984 OF TOTAL SALES ARE PRESENTED IN THE TABLE BELOW.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE APRIL 1984 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 3-7216024.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR APRIL 1984 (PROVISIONAL FIGURE) = HK\$ 5 402 MILLION
 FOR MARCH 1984 (REVISED FIGURE) = HK\$ 5 346 MILLION

VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR MARCH AND APRIL 1984

R ITEM	INDEX OF RETAIL SALES	(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)				APRIL 1984	
		MARCH 1984	APRIL 1984	APRIL 1984 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1984	APRIL 1984 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1983	POINTS	%
		(REVISED FIGURES)	(PROVIS- IONAL FIGURES)	POINTS	%	POINTS	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES							
	VALUE	157	159	2	1	27	20
	VOLUME	111	111	*	*	9	9
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS							
FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	VALUE	168	171	3	2	23	16
	VOLUME	109	110	1	1	7	7

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FUELS	VALUE	190	187	-3	-1	15	8
	VOLUME	122	120	-2	-2	- 1	- 1
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	VALUE	175	186	11	6	43	30
	VOLUME	121	125	4	3	17	16
CONSUMER DURABLES	VALUE	142	148	6	4	34	30
	VOLUME	108	110	2	2	11	11
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	VALUE	153	150	-3	-2	24	19
	VOLUME	110	108	-2	-2	8	8
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES -----							
SUPERMARKETS	VALUE	260	265	5	2	67	34
	VOLUME	160	162	2	1	23	16
MOTOR VEHICLES	VALUE	45	67	22	48	23	53
	VOLUME	28	41	13	47	11	35
CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES	VALUE	208	204	-4	-2	41	25
	VOLUME	164	158	-6	-3	11	8
DEPARTMENT STORES	VALUE	138	139	1	1	31	29
	VOLUME	99	100	1	1	15	17

- NOTES: 1. +FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO+ INCLUDES
+SUPERMARKETS+
2. +CONSUMER DURABLES+ INCLUDES +MOTOR VEHICLES+.
3. +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCLUDES +DEPARTMENT STORES+.
4. FIGURES DENOTING CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM THE UNROUNDED
INDEX FIGURES.
5. * DENOTES NO CHANGE.

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PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE RECOGNISED

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THE GROWING AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO PRESERVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE HONG KONG'S CULTURAL HERITAGE HAS RESULTED IN MORE MONUMENTS AND HISTORICAL BUILDINGS BEING FORMALLY DECLARED IN 1983 THAN IN ANY PREVIOUS YEAR.

AMONG THE 13 NEW MONUMENTS, HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES DECLARED OR GAZETTED FOR PROTECTION DURING THE YEAR WERE THE POTTERY KILNS IN WUN YIU VILLAGE, TAI PO; THE SITE OF THE FORMER CHINESE CUSTOMS STATION ON JUNK ISLAND; THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY BUILDING IN TSIM SHA TSUI; THE MAN KOK TSUI ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE ON LANTAU; AND THE EXTERIOR OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING IN CENTRAL.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, MR GRAHAM BARNES, IN HIS REPORT FOR 1983 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR BARNES SAID THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW ALSO SAW THE SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST YEAR'S WORK OF THE FULL-TIME ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE WHOLE TERRITORY WHICH STARTED IN AUGUST 1982.

THE SURVEY AIMED TO ASSESS AND ACCORD ORDERS OF PRIORITY TO ALL KNOWN AND POTENTIAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND TO ADVISE ON A POLICY FOR EXCAVATION.

HITHERTO, EXCAVATION HAS TENDED TO BE PIECEMEAL, OFTEN AS A HURRIED RESCUE OPERATION IN THE FACE OF THREATENED DEVELOPMENT, SAID MR BARNES.

+THE PRESENT SURVEY, TOGETHER WITH LEGAL PROTECTION FOR SPECIAL SITES OF ARCHEOLOGICAL INTEREST, SHOULD HELP PRODUCE A MORE ORDERLY AND SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO THE PRESERVATION AND RESEARCH OF HONG KONG'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE,+ HE SAID.

+ALREADY THE SURVEY HAS YIELDED EXCELLENT RESULTS IN IDENTIFYING MORE THAN 20 NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES, ESTABLISHING A SERIES OF COMPUTERISED SITE RECORDS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH AND IN MAKING PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PRESERVATION OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES.

+THE PHYSICAL WORK OF THE SURVEY WAS HELPED CONSIDERABLY BY A GENEROUS DONATION OF A FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE, FROM THE AMERICAN EXPRESS FOUNDATION.+

TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR, MR BARNES CONTINUED, INITIAL PHASES OF THE RESTORATION OF THE SHEUNG YIU VILLAGE, SAI KUNG WERE SATISFACTORILY CONCLUDED.

THIS MONUMENT HAS NOW BEEN TURNED INTO A FOLK MUSEUM DEPICTING ITS HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT IN AN AUTHENTIC TRADITIONAL HAKKA VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FREE ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC.

PLANS ARE ALSO IN HAND TO CONVERT THE SAM TUNG UK VILLAGE, TSUEN WAN, INTO A FOLK MUSEUM.

IN ITS CONTINUOUS SEARCH AND IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORICAL ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE PRESERVATION, MR BARNES SAID, THE BOARD WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE MAINTENANCE BRANCH OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN DRAWING UP A SHORT AND MEDIUM-TERM RESTORATION PROGRAMME.

ON THE BOARD'S ADVICE, HE POINTED OUT, A TOTAL OF NINE PROJECTS WERE ACTIVELY PURSUED OR COMPLETED DURING 1983.

AMONG THESE WERE SURVEYS OF OLD CHINESE VILLAGES IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE RE-ERECTION OF SIX GRANITE COLUMNS SALVAGED FROM THE FORMER KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TERMINUS AT THE URBAN COUNCIL EAST TSIM SHA TSUI OPEN SPACE, AND THE RESTORATION OF THE RACE COURSE FIRE CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL AT SO KON PO, HONG KONG.

THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, A STATUTORY BODY SET UP IN 1976, ADVISES ON ANY MATTERS RELATING TO ANTIQUITIES OR MONUMENTS.

THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES IS THE EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

THE REPORT OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD 1983 HAS BEEN PRINTED WITH A GENEROUS DONATION FROM AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES INC. - HONG KONG.

IT IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AT THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AT KOWLOON PARK AND AT THE URBAN COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN ICE HOUSE STREET.

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INTELPOST EXTENDED TO BELGIUM

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INTELPOST (INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC POST) SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO BELGIUM FROM MONDAY (JULY 2), THE TENTH COUNTRY TO BE EXTENDED WITH THIS SERVICE FROM HONG KONG, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

FROM THAT DAY, INTELPOST ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG BEFORE 6 PM WILL BE DELIVERED THE SAME DAY IN ANY MAJOR CITY IN BELGIUM. ITEMS FOR OTHER AREAS WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE FOLLOWING WORKING DAY.

+INTELPOST IS AN ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICE AND THAT EXPLAINS WHY IT IS SO FAST AND SO INEXPENSIVE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS THEREFORE IDEAL FOR SENDING URGENTLY NEEDED LETTERS, REPORTS, CHARTS OR CONTRACTS,+ HE SAID.

THE DOCUMENTS, WHICH ARE HANDLED WITH CARE AND CONFIDENTIALITY ARE SCANNED, CONVERTED INTO HIGH SPEED ELECTRONIC IMPULSES AND TRANSMITTED DIRECT TO THE RECEIVING STATION.

IN BELGIUM THE COPY IS ENVELOPED AND DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE BY POST OFFICE MESSENGER. ALTERNATIVELY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR COLLECTION FROM A POST OFFICE.

THE CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE TO BELGIUM WILL BE -

- * FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER \$65
- * FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME \$30

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SERVICE IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA AND MALAYSIA.

+INTELPOST IS ALREADY ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST PUBLIC ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICES, AND IT IS STILL GROWING FAST,+ HE SAID.

PEOPLE WHO USE THE SERVICE MAY POST THEIR DOCUMENTS AT EITHER THE GENERAL POST OFFICE OR THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 10 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

IF THEY ALREADY HAVE FACSIMILE MACHINES IN THEIR OFFICES, ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO TRANSMIT THEIR ITEMS DIRECT TO THE POST OFFICE INTELPOST TERMINAL IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST REPRESENTATIVE ON TELEPHONE 5-2671148.

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WIDER VOCATIONAL TRAINING CHOICES OFFERED

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SECONDARY SCHOOL-LEAVERS WILL THIS SUMMER HAVE A WIDER CHOICE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WHICH PROVIDE A KEY TO EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRY, SAID MR MORRIS MORGAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE FOUR KOWLOON BAY INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES UNDER THE COUNCIL WILL ENROL THE FIRST GROUP OF 385 ONE-YEAR, FULL-TIME TRAINEES THIS SEPTEMBER.

FORM THREE AND FORM FIVE SCHOOL-LEAVERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE FIVE TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT COURSES IN PRINTING, METAL-WORKING, ELECTRONICS AND PLASTICS.

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TOGETHER WITH THE HOTEL TRAINING CENTRE WHICH OFFERS SHORT COURSES ONLY, THE TRAINING CENTRES OF THE PRINTING, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, ELECTRONICS AND PLASTICS INDUSTRIES, WILL LATER BE HOUSED IN THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX BEING BUILT IN TAI YIP STREET.

A VARIETY OF SHORT COURSES ON FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME BASES WILL BE OFFERED ON COMPLETION OF THE COMPLEX AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

MEANWHILE, THE FIVE ONE-YEAR COURSES WILL BE HELD AT VARIOUS TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

+TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PERSONS TO TAKE UP INDUSTRIAL TRAINING BEFORE ENTERING EMPLOYMENT, WEEKLY ALLOWANCE WILL BE PAID TO FULL-TIME TRAINEES IN THE CENTRES.

+PLACEMENT SERVICE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO HELP TRAINEES TO FIND EMPLOYMENT IN RELATED INDUSTRY ON COMPLETION OF THEIR TRAINING,+ MR MORGAN SAID.

THE FIVE CENTRES WILL EVENTUALLY PRODUCE ABOUT 4 200 TRAINEES AT OPERATIVE, CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS ANNUALLY.

MR MORGAN ALSO STRESSED THAT YOUNG PERSONS SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SKILLS IN ORDER TO START A CAREER IN OUR HIGHLY INDUSTRIALISED AND SOPHISTICATED SOCIETY.

THE \$110 MILLION COMPLEX WILL EMBODY THE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRIALISTS' COMMITMENT TO THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MR MORGAN CONTINUED.

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SIU HONG COURT FINAL PHASE ON SALE

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SITUATED AT THE NORTHERN FRINGE OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, THE LARGEST HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PROJECT, SIU HONG COURT, WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

THIS IS CONSIDERED A MAJOR LANDMARK IN THE FAST DEVELOPING INDUSTRIAL-RESIDENTIAL NEW TOWN.

THE COURT OCCUPIES 9.5 HECTARES OF LAND AND WILL ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 20 000 PEOPLE UPON FULL COMPLETION.

ITS FINAL PHASE, WHICH CONSISTS OF SIX 25 TO 35-STOREY BLOCKS, WILL BE ON SALE UNDER THE CURRENT PHASE VIA SALES EXERCISE.

FLAT SIZES VARY BETWEEN 46.4 AND 63.7 SQUARE METRES. THERE ARE 1 432 TWO-BEDROOM AND THREE-BEDROOM UNITS WITH PRICES RANGING FROM \$114 700 TO \$188 200.

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THE COURT'S RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDE AN ARTIFICIAL LAKE, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, BASKETBALL COURTS, FOOTBALL PITCH AND A JOGGING TRACK. HORTICULTURISTS HAVE SPECIALLY DESIGNED THE PLACE TO BE RESTFUL AND INTERESTING.

MR LAU HANG-SIN, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF OVERSEAS CHINESE VOICE IN VANCOUVER, CANADA, WAS IMPRESSED BY THE COURT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT IN HONG KONG.

+THIS SELF CONTAINED ESTATE, WHICH PROVIDES AN IDEAL LIVING ENVIRONMENT, COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES, SPACIOUS OPEN AREAS AND GOOD EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN, MEANS A GOOD BUY FOR HOME OWNERS,+ MR LAU SAID.

HIS REPORT ABOUT THE COURT ON THE RADIO STATION AROUSED AN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM THE AUDIENCE. THE STATION HAS DECIDED TO ORGANISE AN EXHIBITION ABOUT HONG KONG AND HOS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SAID STREAMS OF PEOPLE HAD VISITED THEIR SAMPLE FLATS IN SIU HONG COURT IN THE PAST TWO WEEKENDS.

THE SAMPLE FLATS WILL BE OPEN AGAIN BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON THE COMING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. HOUSING STAFF WILL BE ON THE SPOT TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM INTERESTED APPLICANTS.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE FLATS AT SIU HONG COURT TOGETHER WITH THOSE AT MAY SHING COURT IN SHA TIN, TAI PO PLAZA IN TAI PO AND CHOI PO COURT IN SHEK WU HUI WILL CLOSE ON TUESDAY (JULY 3).

THE HOUSING SPOKESMAN SAID THAT POTENTIAL BUYERS OF THE FLATS SHOULD SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS TO THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN.

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CHILD CARE SERVICES IN BIG DEMAND

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HONG KONG HAS DEVELOPED A VARIETY OF CHILD CARE SERVICES, WHICH ARE IN GREAT DEMAND AMONG ITS PREDOMINANTLY YOUNG POPULATION, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION FOR PARTICIPANTS IN A TWO-WEEK EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, WHICH BROUGHT TOGETHER CHILD CARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND HONG KONG TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ABOUT THEIR WORK.

THE PROGRAMME IS SPONSORED BY UNICEF.

/MR CHAMBERS

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE CAME INTO FORCE IN 1976, REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL CHILD CARE CENTRES AND NURSERIES IN HONG KONG.

AT THE SAME TIME, A CHILD CARE CENTRE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE WAS SET UP IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO OPERATORS OF THESE CENTRES.

AT THE END OF APRIL THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 238 REGISTERED CHILD CARE CENTRES, PROVIDING MORE THAN 23 000 PLACES FOR CHILDREN UNDER SCHOOL AGE. THERE ARE ALSO 66 CHILD CARE CENTRES THAT ACCEPT HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT IN 1981, THE GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED A FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME TO ENABLE LESS WELL-OFF FAMILIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED.

+EACH YEAR, THERE IS A STEADY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CHILD CARE PLACES PROVIDED, MANY OF THEM IN THE HOUSING ESTATES BUILT IN OUR NEW TOWNS,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WILL BE STUDIED IN THE PROGRAMME, MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT NOT EVERYONE WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO LIVE IN THE FINE NEW ESTATES BEING BUILT IN THE NEW TOWNS.

IN THE LESS DEVELOPED PARTS OF HONG KONG, LIKE THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, SQUATTER AREAS AND THE REMAINING RURAL AREAS OF THE TERRITORY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WAS +AN IMPORTANT PROGRAMME WHICH ENSURES THAT THE NEEDS OF OUR LESS FORTUNATE CITIZENS ARE NOT LOST SIGHT OF.+

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STUDENTS INVITED TO APPLY FOR AID
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THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE 1984-85 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE ADMINISTERS THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR NEEDY STUDENTS IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

+THE SCHEME PROVIDES OUTRIGHT GRANTS AND INTEREST-FREE LOANS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING FULL-TIME COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITIES, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE NEW CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, AS WELL AS FULL-TIME POST-ADVANCED LEVEL STUDENTS OF THE BAPTIST COLLEGE,+ A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/STUDENTS MEETING

STUDENTS MEETING ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITIES MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AT THE COMMITTEE'S OFFICE IN BASKERVILLE HOUSE, MEZZANINE FLOOR 1, 22 ICE HOUSE STREET. THEY MUST BRING ALONG THE RESULTS SLIPS OF THEIR ADVANCED OR HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION.

STUDENTS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE CAN OBTAIN THE FORMS DIRECTLY FROM THEIR INSTITUTIONS AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS AND THOSE TAKING A HIGHER DEGREE OR DIPLOMA COURSE MAY ALSO APPLY. BUT THEY SHOULD NOT EXCEED THEIR MINIMUM PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF REGISTRATION BY SEPTEMBER 30.

THE PERIOD FOR A MASTER'S DEGREE IS NORMALLY TWO YEARS AND FOR A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE, THREE YEARS.

+ALL APPLICANTS MUST HAVE RESIDED OR HAVE HAD THEIR HOMES IN HONG KONG CONTINUOUSLY SINCE JULY 1981,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CLOSING APPLICATION DATES FOR NEW STUDENTS ARE: JULY 15 FOR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, JULY 31 FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, OCTOBER 10 FOR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG AND SEPTEMBER 20 FOR BAPTIST COLLEGE.

THE DEADLINE FOR NEW POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS IS JULY 31 FOR BOTH THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

STUDENTS SEEKING ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED FORMS TO ITS OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS.

ALL OTHER STUDENTS SHOULD RETURN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE OFFICES FROM WHICH THE FORMS ARE OBTAINED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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COURSES FOR ASPIRING TEACHERS

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YOUNG PEOPLE INTENDING TO JOIN THE TEACHING CAREER ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION -- NORTHCOTE, GRANTHAM AND SIR ROBERT BLACK -- OFFER A FULL-TIME TWO-YEAR TEACHER TRAINING COURSE IN ENGLISH.

IN ADDITION, BOTH NORTHCOTE AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGES OF EDUCATION OFFER A THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE IN ENGLISH; WHILE THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ALSO OFFERS A THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE IN CHINESE.

/+THE OBJECTIVES

+THE OBJECTIVES OF THESE COURSES ARE TO TRAIN STUDENTS TO BECOME QUALIFIED TEACHERS TO TEACH GENERAL SUBJECTS AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL AND TO TEACH TWO ELECTIVE SUBJECTS UP TO FORM 3,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALL THE COURSES WILL COMPRISE A COMPULSORY PROGRAMME OF STUDIES AND TWO SUBJECTS ON AN ELECTIVE BASIS.

APPLICANTS FOR THE THREE-YEAR ENGLISH COURSE SHOULD NORMALLY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION AT AN ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL, AND THOSE FOR THE CHINESE COURSE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION AT A CHINESE MIDDLE SCHOOL. THEY SHOULD HAVE REACHED 17 YEARS OF AGE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1984.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE ATTAINED AT LEAST GRADE E IN SIX DIFFERENT SUBJECTS, INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CHINESE LANGUAGE AT THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) IN ONE SITTING.

THE GRADES ATTAINED IN THESE SUBJECTS SHOULD INCLUDE AT LEAST GRADE C IN TWO SUBJECTS, PLUS AT LEAST GRADE D IN ONE OTHER SUBJECT.

APPLICANTS FOR THE TWO-YEAR COURSE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED TWO YEARS OF EDUCATION BEYOND FORM 5 IN AN ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL, AND SHOULD HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 18 BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1984.

THEY ALSO SHOULD HAVE ATTAINED AT LEAST GRADE E IN SIX DIFFERENT SUBJECTS, INCLUDING ENGLISH AND CHINESE LANGUAGE, IN THE HKCEE IN ONE SITTING.

IN ADDITION, THEY SHOULD HAVE ATTAINED GRADE E OR ABOVE IN AT LEAST TWO SUBJECTS AT ADVANCED LEVEL IN THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION, PLUS AT LEAST GRADE D IN ONE OTHER SUBJECT AT THE HKCEE.

APPLICANTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS COMPARABLE TO THOSE STATED ABOVE MAY ALSO APPLY FOR ENROLMENT IN THE COURSES OFFERED BY THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS, THE PRINCIPALS OF THEIR SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF APPLICATION FORMS FOR EACH TYPE OF COURSE AND RETURN THEM TO GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 42-44, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

APPLICANTS WHO HAVE ALREADY LEFT SCHOOL CAN OBTAIN THE FORMS AND INFORMATION SHEETS FROM THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS, 3/F, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG, AND THE KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT 405 NATHAN ROAD.

THESE APPLICANTS MUST PRESENT THE COMPLETED FORMS IN PERSON AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST REACH THE COLLEGE BY 1 PM ON AUGUST 17.

AN APPLICANT SHOULD APPLY FOR ONLY ONE COURSE OFFERED BY THE THREE COLLEGES AND SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION. ANY APPLICANT WHO HAS SUBMITTED MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO THE COURSES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A TUITION FEE OF \$800 A YEAR. THEY MAY APPLY FOR INTEREST-FREE LOANS AND MAINTENANCE GRANTS.

UPON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, COLLEGE GRADUATES ARE ELIGIBLE TO HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED INTO THE OFFICIAL REGISTER OF TEACHERS, BUT NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE COLLEGES CAN GUARANTEE EMPLOYMENT FOR THEM.

THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE PREPARES STUDENTS TO BECOME QUALIFIED TEACHERS TO TEACH EITHER DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY OR COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE COURSES OFFERED BY THE COLLEGE WILL BE ON A FULL-TIME THREE-YEAR BASIS. APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE REACHED 17 YEARS OF AGE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1984.

THEY SHOULD HAVE TAKEN AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENT SUBJECTS AT HKCEE LEVEL, ATTAINING AT LEAST GRADE C IN TWO SUBJECTS, GRADE D IN ONE OTHER SUBJECT AND GRADE E IN THE REMAINING SUBJECTS.

FOR ENROLMENT TO THE COURSE ON DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, THE SIX SUBJECTS MUST INCLUDE CHINESE LANGUAGE, ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B), MATHEMATICS OR A SCIENCE SUBJECT, AND A TECHNICAL SUBJECT SUCH AS DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, METALWORK AND WOODWORK.

FOR THE COURSE ON THE TEACHING OF COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS, THE SIX DIFFERENT SUBJECTS MUST INCLUDE CHINESE LANGUAGE, ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B), AND TWO COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS SHORTHAND, TYPING, PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS AND COMMERCE.

THE TUITION FEE FOR THE COURSES IS \$800 A YEAR. STUDENTS CAN APPLY FOR INTEREST-FREE LOANS AND MAINTENANCE GRANTS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG; OR THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY HAND BEFORE 5 PM ON AUGUST 17.

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BOARD MEMBERS TO STUDY UC PROJECTS
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON A NUMBER OF URBAN COUNCIL PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE PROJECTS WILL INCLUDE A COOKED FOOD CENTRE AT NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON REPULSE BAY BEACH, A CYCLING PARK, A PUBLIC TOILET, AND A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IN ABERDEEN.

SOME OF THE OTHER PROJECTS ARE A PLAYGROUND IN WAH FU, A REST GARDEN AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN TIN WAN, AND A RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SHEK O.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE COUNCIL'S POLICY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF HAWKERS, AND REVIEW THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT STRATEGY 1983 AND THE BOARD'S MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL BE THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S LITTER HOT-LINE, A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND AND A REPORT ON A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR FOR SOCIAL WORKERS HELD IN THE DISTRICT LAST MONTH.

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REFUSE BOOM AT REPULSE BAY

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A REFUSE BOOM WAS TODAY INSTALLED AT REPULSE BAY AS AN EXPERIMENT TO KEEP THE BEACH AND SWIMMING AREA POLLUTION-FREE.

THE BOOM, STRETCHING ABOUT 800 METRES, IS DESIGNED TO STOP REFUSE, WHETHER FLOATING ON THE SURFACE OR BELOW THE SURFACE, FROM ENTERING THE SWIMMING AREA.

THE BOOM COMPRISES A CLOSELY PACKED STRING OF BUOYS BOUNDED BY MESH NETTING THAT IS WEIGHTED DOWN TO ABOUT ONE METRE BELOW THE SURFACE.

THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR AMENITIES OFFICER (SWIMMING), MR PAUL CHEUNG SAID THIS PARTICULAR DESIGN HAD PROVED QUITE SUCCESSFUL DURING THE TESTING OF VARIOUS BOOMS.

+THE MAIN AIM IS TO KEEP OUT FLOATING RUBBISH, SUCH AS PLASTIC BAGS AND OTHER REFUSE, THAT HAS BEEN POLLUTING THE BEACHES,+ HE SAID.

+THE EXPERIMENT WILL LAST THROUGH THE SWIMMING SEASON, AND IF IT PROVES SUCCESSFUL WE WILL INSTALL SIMILAR BOOMS OFF GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE URBAN AREAS.+

MR CHEUNG SAID THE COST OF THE REFUSE BOOM, AT ABOUT \$250 000, IS ONE THIRD THE COST OF AN OIL BOOM WHICH IS USED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO TACKLE OIL POLLUTION.

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CERTIFICATES FOR TAI TAM GIRLS

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FIVE YOUNG WOMEN WHO PASSED VARIOUS EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS WHILE RECEIVING TRAINING AT TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION WERE AWARDED THEIR CERTIFICATES TODAY.

THEY RECEIVED THE CERTIFICATES FROM THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, DR ROBERT ANDRY, AT A CEREMONY HELD AT PHOENIX HOUSE, A HALF-WAY HOUSE OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE FIVE HAD TAKEN LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXAMINATIONS IN ELEMENTARY BOOKKEEPING AND TYPEWRITING AND PITMAN INTERMEDIATE TYPEWRITING AND ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS LAST NOVEMBER AND FEBRUARY.

ONE OF THEM HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCHARGED, THREE ARE RESIDENTS OF THE HALF-WAY HOUSE, AND ONE IS STILL UNDERGOING TRAINING AT TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 7 FOR TUEN MUN ESTATES

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WORK IS TO START NEXT WEEK BUILDING A SEVENTH PRIMARY SCHOOL AT ON TING AND YAU OI ESTATES, TUEN MUN.

THE ONE-YEAR CONTRACT, VALUED AT \$5.9 MILLION, WAS AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO HUNG YUE AND COMPANY.

THE SIX-STOREY SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT ON A 0.39-HECTARE SITE ON RECLAIMED LAND IN THE VICINITY OF YAU OI ESTATE AND THE TEMPORARY HOVERFERRY PIER.

IT WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A COVERED PLAY AREA AND AN EXTERNAL PLAY AREA WITH BASKETBALL AND VOLLEY BALL COURTS.

THERE ARE 33 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WHERE 190 000 PEOPLE AT PRESENT LIVE.

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DRAGON BOAT TEAM BRINGING BACK TROPHIES

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THE SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT TEAM WILL RETURN AT 9.30 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 30) BY CX 280, AFTER WINNING TWO TROPHIES IN A SERIES OF RACES HELD IN FRANKFURT, WEST GERMANY RECENTLY.

THE RACES WERE HELD ON JUNE 23 AND 24 AS PART OF THE COUNTRY'S FESTIVAL CELEBRATION PROGRAMME.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES XWILL MEET THE 28 MEMBERS OF THE TEAM AT THE AIRPORT.

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GOOD RESPONSE TO SINGING CONTEST

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE HAS DRAWN 759 ENTRANTS - THE LARGEST NUMBER AMONG THE 18 DISTRICTS - FOR ITS AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST.

ON SATURDAY (JUNE 30), 12 OF THESE CONTESTANTS CHOSEN BY AUDITION WILL COMPETE IN THE CONTEST TO BE HELD AT THE LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE.

THE WINNER WILL REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN A SEMI-FINAL TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 11 AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

KWUN TONG IS THE 14TH DISTRICT TO HOLD THE AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST SINCE LATE APRIL AS PART OF A PUBLICITY PROGRAMME FOR THE FORTHCOMING VOTERS REGISTRATION EXERCISE.

FOUR OTHER DISTRICTS -- WAN CHAI, WONG TAI SIN, EASTERN AND NORTH -- WILL HOLD THEIR PRELIMINARY CONTESTS ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS UNTIL LATE JULY.

GUEST PERFORMERS AT SATURDAY'S KWUN TONG CONTEST WILL BE A LOCAL SINGER, MR KEN CHOI, AND THE KWUN TONG DANCE GROUP.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CLAYMON LAI, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE CONTEST ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE OR ANY OF ITS FIVE SUB-OFFICES.

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CAS HOLDING BIG KOWLOON EXERCISE
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OVER 700 MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES KOWLOON REGION WILL HOLD A LARGE SCALE EXERCISE FROM 4 PM TO MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY (JUNE 30) TO TEST ITS EFFICIENCY DURING A NATURAL DISASTER.

THE EXERCISE WILL BE A SIMULATION OF THE EFFECT OF A SEVERE TYPHOON CAUSING DESTRUCTION TO LIVES AND PROPERTY.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EXERCISE WILL BE FROM 9 PM TO 10 PM AT 'INCIDENT AREAS' ON DEVIL'S PEAK, AND NEAR KOWLOON PARK, WHERE CAS VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ENGAGED IN EXTRICATING 'TRAPPED PERSONS', AND CASUALTY HANDLING AND EVACUATION, A CAS SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PUBLIC HELP URGED FOR CLEAN HK DRIVE
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE URGED TODAY TO CONTINUE THEIR GOOD WORK TO HELP MAKE THE CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE A SUCCESS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TAI PO, MR PONG KIN-HONG, AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE ANNUAL TAI PO DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS HELD AT THE TIN HAU TEMPLE FUNG SHUI SQUARE IN TAI PO.

WITH THE HELP OF 100 CHILDREN FROM FOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS, SOME 300 YOUNG EVERGREEN TREES WERE PLANTED AT THE SQUARE.

MR PONG SAID THE NTSD HAD PLANTED MORE THAN 80 000 PLANTS, INCLUDING 1 200 TREES AND OTHER FLOWERING SHRUBS IN TAI PO LAST YEAR, AND WOULD BE PLANTING MORE IN THE COMING YEAR.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN CHUN-YUEN, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER (TAI PO AND FANLING), MR ROBERT HANNA, MR PONG LATER HELPED PLANT A YOUNG TREE TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT.

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INDOOR GAMES HALL TO GET RETRACTABLE SEATS
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RETRACTABLE SEATS ARE TO BE INSTALLED AT KWAI CHUNG INDOOR GAMES HALL NOW BEING BUILT ON A 3 800 SQUARE-METRE-SITE AT WO YI HOP ROAD.

THE SEATS WILL BE PORTABLE AND MANUALLY-OPERATED, WITH AISLES IN BETWEEN.

A CONTRACT VALUED AT \$213 400 HAS BEEN AWARDED TO CLARIDGE HOUSE LIMITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO DESIGN AND SUPPLY THE 350 SEATS.

WORK WILL START IN JULY AND BE COMPLETED IN FOUR MONTHS.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A GAMES HALL MEASURING 36 SQUARE METRES, THREE SQUASH COURTS, TWO GAMES ROOMS, SPECTATOR STANDS AND CHANGING FACILITIES.

BUILDING WORK ON THE \$16 MILLION PROJECT STARTED IN JUNE LAST YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF AUGUST.

SIR SHIU-KIN TANG DONATED \$10 MILLION TOWARDS THE COST OF THE PROJECT.

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SHORT TERM TENANCY OFFERED
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR TENANCY OF A SITE AT STANLEY BAY FOR STORING WINDSURFING EQUIPMENT AND CANOES.

THE TENANCY PERIOD FOR THE 71-SQUARE METRE SITE, OFF WONG MA KOK ROAD IS FOR ONE YEAR INITIALLY, AND QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

THE TENDER PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THESE LOCATIONS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS JULY 13.

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EARLIER OPENING FOR SWIMMERS

FROM SUNDAY (JULY 1), THE KWAI SHING AND SHA TIN PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL OPEN HALF AN HOUR EARLIER, AT 6.30 AM DAILY UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

THIS IS TO ALLOW MORE BATHERS TO HAVE THEIR EARLY MORNING DIP DURING THE PEAK SWIMMING SEASON, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE NEW OPENING HOURS OF THE TWO SWIMMING COMPLEXES ARE 6.30 AM TO 9.15 AM, 9.45 AM TO 12 NOON, 1 PM TO 4 PM, 4.30 PM TO 6.45 PM AND 7.45 PM TO 10 PM.

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CLEARWATER BAY ROAD WORKS, SPEED LIMIT

THE SECTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, BETWEEN FUNG SHING STREET AND JAT'S INCLINE, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORK.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, THE SECTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN FUNG SHING STREET AND JAT'S INCLINE WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON CLEARWATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND, HEADING FOR SAI KUNG AREA, WILL BE DIVERTED TO PROCEED VIA FUNG SHING STREET, NGAU CHI WAN STREET AND JAT'S INCLINE BEFORE JOINING CLEARWATER BAY ROAD.

AND FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 30), A SPEED LIMIT OF 40 MILES PER HOUR WILL BE INTRODUCED ON THE SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 800 METRES SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH HANG HAU ROAD.

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