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EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY 1981

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HONG KONG'S TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY 1981, VALUED AT \$20 359 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 34 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1980.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 27 PER CENT TO \$6 346 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 31 PER CENT TO \$10 685 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 63 PER CENT TO \$3 328 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 37 PER CENT.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) THE RELEVANT DETAILED TRADE STATISTICS.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE AS FOLLOWS :

	<u>JAN 1981</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN 1980</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
USA	2 222	1 515	+707	+47
F.R. OF GERMANY	668	635	+ 33	+ 5
UK	555	528	+ 27	+ 5
AUSTRALIA	213	183	+ 30	+16
CHINA	202	109	+ 94	+86
JAPAN	198	181	+ 16	+ 9
CANADA	163	119	+ 44	+37
NETHERLANDS	150	135	+ 15	+11
SINGAPORE	147	132	+ 16	+12
NIGERIA	134	68	+ 66	+96

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. CONTINUED TO GROW. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$440 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$69 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$47 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT).

A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS NOTED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO WEST GERMANY (BY \$54 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT DECLINED (BY \$16 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT).

AS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UK, AN INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$16 MILLION OR 83 PER CENT) - BUT DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$10 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

/DOMESTIC EXPORTS

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA GREW STEADILY. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN CLOTHING (BY \$7 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$4 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA ALSO SHOWED SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH, THE MAJOR COMMODITIES BEING WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$21 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$21 MILLION OR 183 PER CENT).

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION IS PRESENTED BELOW:

	<u>JAN 1981</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN 1980</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2 45 7	1 742	+715	+41
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	890	791	+ 99	+13
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	561	434	+128	+29
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	422	409	+ 13	+ 3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	420	320	+100	+31
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	399	372	+ 27	+ 7

THE CHANGES

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

	<u>JAN 1981</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN 1980</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
JAPAN	2 254	1 600	+654	+41
CHINA	2 227	1 636	+591	+36
USA	1 120	873	+247	+28
SINGAPORE	973	697	+276	+40
TAIWAN	914	582	+332	+57
UK	470	436	+ 33	+ 8
SOUTH KOREA	432	291	+141	+49
F.R. OF GERMANY	299	265	+ 34	+13
SWITZERLAND	180	177	+ 3	+ 2
AUSTRALIA	160	113	+ 47	+41

LOCAL DEMAND FOR JAPANESE GOODS REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE NOTED PARTICULARLY FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$102 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$99 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$63 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$58 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA, INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$130 MILLION OR 111 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$127 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$44 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (BY \$39 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT), AND MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$33 MILLION OR 151 PER CENT).

INCREASE IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE LARGELY OF ORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$44 MILLION OR 535 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$43 MILLION OR 90 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$32 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (BY \$21 MILLION OR 400 PER CENT) AND MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$13 MILLION OR 114 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$240 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT) FROM SINGAPORE, AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$172 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT) AND IRON AND STEEL (BY \$33 MILLION OR 224 PER CENT) FROM TAIWAN.

/THE FOLLOWING

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

	<u>JAN 1981</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN 1980</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	3 223	2 351	+872	+37
MACHINERY AND TRANS- PORT EQUIPMENT	2 254	1 672	+582	+35
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	1 545	1 083	+461	+43
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	1 186	881	+305	+35
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	990	733	+258	+35
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	775	690	+ 85	+12

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$505 MILLION OR 250 PER CENT), USA (BY \$185 MILLION OR 99 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$133 MILLION OR 89 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$110 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$58 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT), NIGERIA (BY \$58 MILLION OR 140 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (BY \$32 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), AND MACAU (BY \$25 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, A DECLINE WAS REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO SWITZERLAND (BY \$47 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$356 MILLION OR 163 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$110 MILLION OR 145 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$108 MILLION OR 95 PER CENT), METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$102 MILLION OR 185 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$92 MILLION OR 153 PER CENT), AND CLOTHING (BY \$89 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT).

+THE HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+, A SUMMARY REPORT ON HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN JANUARY 1981, WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$3 PER COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE MONTH'S IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY APRIL AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG. (TEL. NO. : 5-214375).

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UNIVERSITY GRANTS FOR 1981-84 APPROVED

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AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED RECURRENT BLOCK GRANTS TOTALLING \$1 840 MILLION TO THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE POLYTECHNIC IN 1981-84 TRIENNIUM.

IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1981-82, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE PROVIDING \$426 MILLION TOWARDS THE RUNNING COSTS OF THE THREE INSTITUTIONS. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE EXPENDITURE ON THE NEW DENTAL SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, WHICH IN THE NEXT YEAR WILL REACH \$57 MILLION.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO BE PROVIDING \$8 MILLION FOR NEW CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS IN THE THREE INSTITUTIONS IN 1981-82, IN ADDITION TO THE \$182 MILLION WHICH IT IS PROVIDING FOR THE EXISTING APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THIS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE IS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING, BY 1983/84, PLACES FOR 11 620 STUDENTS AT THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND FOR 12 000 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS AT THE POLYTECHNIC.

HOWEVER, THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME EXTENDS BEYOND 1983/84 AND ASSUMES CONTINUED ANNUAL GROWTH AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF FOUR PER CENT UP TO 1986/87. THIS GROWTH RATE IS BEING APPRAISED IN THE CONTEXT OF HONG KONG'S OVERALL EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE SET UP TO REVIEW POST SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR KENNETH TOPLEY.

THE GRANTS INCLUDE PROVISION FOR DEGREE COURSES AT THE POLYTECHNIC IN A NUMBER OF SUBJECT AREAS. THESE DEGREE PROPOSALS WILL BE ASSESSED BY THE UK COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

THE GRANTS ALSO INCLUDE AN EARMARKED GRANT OF \$4.6 MILLION FOR THE 1981-84 TRIENNIUM FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF PART-TIME DEGREES AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG IN SOCIAL WORK, ENGLISH AND CHINESE, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MUSIC.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OVERSEAS MATRICULATION COURSE

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HONG KONG STUDENTS WITH GOOD ACADEMIC RECORDS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED BY LEADING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR A TWO-YEAR MATRICULATION COURSE IN OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHOLARSHIPS, EACH WORTH ABOUT \$100 000 FOR TWO YEARS, ARE TENABLE THIS SEPTEMBER AT ATLANTIC COLLEGE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR PEARSON COLLEGE IN CANADA.

THE COURSE WILL LEAD TO THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE, WHICH IS RECOGNISED FOR UNIVERSITY ENTRY IN HONG KONG AND IN MOST OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA.

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SINCE THE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE FIRST INTRODUCED TO HONG KONG IN 1972, A TOTAL OF 54 STUDENTS HAD BEEN GRANTED AWARDS UP TO SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

+COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON TO THE SECTION ON OR BEFORE APRIL 13,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS MUST BE OVER 16 AND UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1981, AND HOLD A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION WITH AT LEAST FIVE SUBJECTS AT GRADE C OR ABOVE, INCLUDING GOOD RESULTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, OR EQUIVALENT.

APPLICANTS WHO WILL SIT FOR THE 1981 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

SELECTION WILL BE BASED ON PAST ACADEMIC RECORDS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCHOOL HEADS, PERSONALITY AND PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH.

+SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE COLLEGES IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. THE ACADEMIC AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMES IN THE COLLEGES ARE INTERWOVEN FOR STUDENTS' DEVELOPMENT.

+STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING COMMUNITY SERVICES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE \$100 000 SCHOLARSHIP WILL COVER PART OF THE TUITION AND BOARDING FEES DURING THE TWO YEARS.

IT WILL, HOWEVER, NOT BE ADEQUATE TO COVER EXPENSES SUCH AS AIR FARES, PERSONAL ALLOWANCES AND OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE, AND INTENDING APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THESE EXPENSES.

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\$28.6 MILLION PAID TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS * * * * *

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT MORE THAN \$28.6 MILLION AS QUICK CASH RELIEF TO 7 316 CASES UNDER THE +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SCHEME SINCE THE SCHEME STARTED IN MAY 1979.

MR SIU KING-CHIU, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) ANOTHER \$375 000 HAD BEEN AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT TO 163 CASES.

MR SIU SAID GRANTS ALREADY MADE WERE PAID TO 662 CASES INVOLVING DEATH, AND TO 6 654 CASES INVOLVING INJURIES CAUSING AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS' LOSS OF EARNING.

PAYMENTS FOR DEATH GRANTS AMOUNTED TO NEARLY \$5 MILLION, HE SAID, WHILE INJURY PAYMENTS TOTALLED \$23.6 MILLION, OF WHICH \$5.8 MILLION WERE FOR FURTHER PAYMENTS TO THOSE WHO REQUIRED EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.

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MR SIU SAID THE HIGHEST PAYMENT SO FAR WAS \$26 100 IN ONE FATAL CASE, WHILE OTHER PAYMENTS RANGED FROM \$800 TO \$25 040.

+AT PRESENT, 269 APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS SHORTLY,+ HE SAID.

THE TAVA SCHEME IS NON-MEANS TESTED AND PROVIDES QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

UNDER THE SCHEME, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS MUST HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE.

PEOPLE INVOLVED CAN APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT AT THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE AT 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG (TEL. NOS. 5-779421 AND 5-7903650).

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CLOSURE OF CHAI WAN KOK SPORTS CENTRE * * * *

TWO SCHOOLS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE USED AS TEMPORARY SPORTS CENTRES FOLLOWING CLOSURE OF CHAI WAN KOK SPORTS CENTRE TODAY (SUNDAY).

THEY WILL OPEN IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH AND PROVIDE LIMITED FACILITIES IN THE INTERIM UNTIL A REPLACEMENT SPORTS CENTRE IN THE HEART OF THE NEW TOWN IS READY FOR USE BY AUGUST.

THE SCHOOLS ARE THE PO ON COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION WONG SIU CHING SECONDARY SCHOOL NEAR TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER AND THE HO CHUEN YIU MEMORIAL COLLEGE IN SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS FENCING, DANCING, ARCHERY, BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS WILL BE AVAILABLE: (I) AT HO CHUEN YIU MEMORIAL COLLEGE FROM 5.30 PM TO 9.30 PM EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY- (II) AT WONG SIU CHING SECONDARY SCHOOL THE SAME HOURS, BUT EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.

BOTH SCHOOLS WILL ALSO OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 9 PM ON SUNDAYS AND ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME AND ALL FACILITIES ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

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REST GARDEN FOR KWUN TONG * * * *

TENDERS HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VACANT SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD AND WIP WO STREET, KOWLOON, INTO A REST GARDEN.

THE GARDEN WILL HAVE A FEW ARBOURS, A CIRCULAR FLOWER BED AND SOME PARK BENCHES.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE PROJECT, BEING FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL BEGIN IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED BY JULY.

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CHING MING - A STATUTORY HOLIDAY
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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE CHING MING FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 5 IS ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THAT SUNDAY, HE POINTED OUT, IS PROBABLY ALSO A REST DAY FOR MANY EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE ORDINANCE, AND IF THIS IS THE CASE AN EMPLOYER MUST APPOINT AN ALTERNATIVE REST DAY BECAUSE A REST DAY CANNOT BE COUNTED AS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IN THE CASE OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS EMPLOYED IN INDUSTRY, IF THE CHING MING STATUTORY HOLIDAY FALLS ON THEIR REST DAY, THE HOLIDAY SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE REST DAY.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$6 000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE WAS REQUIRED TO WORK ON THE HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WAS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WAS TO BE GIVEN AFTER STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY COULD BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY, HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS COULD BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE : 3-205638 FOR KOWLOON EAST- 3-201652 FOR KOWLOON WEST- 3-898520 FOR KWUN TONG- 12-422096 FOR TSUEN WAN- 12-818443 FOR TUEN MUN AND 5-282523 EXT. 60 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND.

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MACLEHOSE TRAIL ROUTE MAPS ON SALE

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LARGE ROUTE MAPS OF THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL GIVING DETAILS OF EACH OF THE 10 STAGES CAN NOW BE PURCHASED FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE MAPS GIVE DETAILS OF THE LOCATION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS WELL AS THE DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY FOR HIKERS AT EACH STAGE.

THEY ALSO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE ESTIMATED TIME NEEDED TO COVER EACH STAGE.

ROUTES JOINING WITH THE TRAIL ARE ALSO SHOWN ON THE MAPS.

THE MAPS ARE SOLD BY THE STAGES AND EACH MAP COSTS \$8.50. THE COMPLETE SET OF 10 MAPS COSTS \$85.

THE MAPS SHOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO HIKERS AND GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS, WHO CAN MOUNT THEM FOR EASY REFERENCE.

THEY ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE CARTOGRAPHIC OFFICE AT ROOM 1452 ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN KOWLOON.

THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL IS HONG KONG'S FIRST LONG-DISTANCE HIKING TRAIL AND TRAVERSES THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM SAI KUNG IN THE EAST TO TUEN MUN IN THE WEST.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSUEN WAN

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TSUEN WAN FROM 11 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 31) FOR THE OPENING OF THE INTERCHANGE AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD TO TRAFFIC.

EASTBOUND VEHICLES ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD PROCEEDING TO TSUEN WAN (NORTH) SHOULD TURN LEFT INTO SHING MUN ROAD AND TRAVEL ALONG TEXACO ROAD. THOSE HEADING FOR THE SECTION OF TEXACO ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD SHOULD TURN LEFT INTO THE NEW LINK ROAD ABOUT 150 METRES DOWNSTREAM OF THE NEW FLYOVER AND PROCEED BY KWOK SHUI ROAD AND THE NEW FLYOVER.

THE UN-NAMED ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI WO HAU ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD LINKING TEXACO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY TOWARDS CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

SHING MUN ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL AT THE JUNCTION OF SHING MUN ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE REMOVED AND THE EXISTING GAPS AT THE CENTRAL DIVIDER OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED.

WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON KWOK SHUI ROAD WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT AT ITS JUNCTION WITH TEXACO ROAD.

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AT ABOUT 200 METRES NORTH OF THE NEW FLYOVER, NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON TEXACO ROAD HEADING FOR CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE, LO WAI, SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE AND SHING ON ESTATE SHOULD USE THE NEW VEHICULAR UNDERPASS. RIGHT TURNING AT THIS LOCATION WILL BE BANNED.

ACCORDINGLY, THE ROUTES OF THE FOLLOWING KMB ROUTES WILL ALSO BE REVISED:

- * NOS. 32 AND 32A ON THEIR OUTWARD JOURNEYS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TEXACO ROAD AND SHING MUN ROAD, AND VIA SHING MUN ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD ON THEIR INWARD JOURNEYS.
- * 32B WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHING MUN ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD ON ITS WAY TO TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER.
- * NOS. 30, 46A AND 46B TO JORDAN ROAD, LAI YIU AND LAI KING HEADLAND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI HO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD INSTEAD OF SHA TSUI ROAD, TEXACO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.
- * NOS. 31, 31A AND 35 TO SHEK LEI AND SHEK YAM WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TEXACO ROAD, SHING MUN ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.
- * NO 36 TO LEI MUK SHU WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI HO ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KWOK SHUI ROAD, AND VIA KWOK SHUI ROAD, TEXACO ROAD AND SHA TSUI ROAD ON ITS INWARD JOURNEY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP AND POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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REFUSE DUMPING GROUNDS TO BECOME GREEN PLOTS

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A NUMBER OF REFUSE DUMPING GROUNDS ALONG THE WATERFRONT OF CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND WILL BE TURNED INTO COLOURFUL AND PLEASANT LOOKING PLOTS SHORTLY.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF ISLANDS, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF THE ISLANDS GAVE A FACE LIFT TO MORE THAN FIVE PLOTS OF LAND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RECENT MONTH-LONG CLEAN-UP, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SITES ARE BEING BRIGHTENED UP WITH THE PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS BY STAFF OF THE NTSD.

THE CHAIRMAN OF CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE, MR FUNG PEI-TAI, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE, RECENTLY VISITED THE AREA AND WAS IMPRESSED BY THE CLEAN-UP AND GREENERY OPERATIONS. ACCOMPANYING MR FUNG ON THE TOUR WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF ISLAND, MR ANDREW LUK, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF ISLANDS, MR YUNG CHING-FONG, AND THE DISTRICT AMENITIES OFFICER OF ISLANDS, MR NG SZE-KWONG.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF STUBBS ROAD/TAI HANG ROAD ROUNDABOUT
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THE SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN STUBBS ROAD/TAI HANG ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND BLUE POOL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 0.30 AM TO 5.30 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 31) AND WEDNESDAY (APRIL 1), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

ON APRIL 2, 3, AND 4, A 300-METRE NORTH SECTION OF STUBBS ROAD/TAI HANG ROAD ROUNDABOUT WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 0.30 AM TO 5.30 AM.

MOTORISTS WISHING TO GO TO TUNG SHAN TERRACE AND CRAIGMOUNT WILL USE QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND STUBBS ROAD. OTHER TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO TAI HANG ROAD.

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURES ARE IMPOSED TO FACILITATE FLYOVER CONSTRUCTION WORK.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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