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HONG KONG IS A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY - SIR PHILIP  
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HONG KONG IS A VERY DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND, SIR PHILIP POINTED OUT THAT THE PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM IS NOT THE ONLY WAY OF ACHIEVING A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY +BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE IN HONG KONG ANYWAY.+

SIR PHILIP POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAS ALWAYS HAD INSTITUTIONS WHICH ARE APPROPRIATE TO ITS CIRCUMSTANCES AND THESE HAVE BEEN CHANGING OVER THE YEARS.

HE SAID THAT HONG KONG HAS DEVELOPED IN RECENT YEARS A THREE-TIER SYSTEM - THE DISTRICT BOARD SYSTEM AT THE BASE, AND THE URBAN COUNCIL ABOVE THAT BASE IN THE URBAN AREA, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL- AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON TOP.

+THE GOVERNMENT DOES SEE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE DIFFERENT TIERS AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON THE HIGHER COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT.

+AND I WOULD IMAGINE THAT PROCESS WILL CONTINUE,+ HE SAID.

+WE ARE PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN AN IN-DEPTH STUDY INTO THE WORKING OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED BY A REPORTER TO CLARIFY WHAT HE MEANT WHEN HE SAID EARLIER IN HIS ADDRESS THAT +IT IS SO REFRESHING THESE DAYS TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF ESCAPING FROM THE FUTURE INTO THE PRESENT,+ SIR PHILIP SAID, +ISN'T IT RATHER NICE TO BE CONCERNED WITH ORDINARY THINGS OCCASIONALLY AND NOT WITH SPECULATIVE MATTERS RELATING TO THE FUTURE?+

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION ON WHETHER THE GOVERNOR WILL BE DISCUSSING THE 1997 ISSUE WHILE HE IS IN NEW YORK, SIR PHILIP STRESSED THAT THE GROUP IS IN NEW YORK ON A PROMOTIONAL MISSION, COUPLED WITH AN ECONOMIC MISSION.

+THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THAT EXERCISE AND THE NEGOTIATIONS ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

+NOR WILL THE GOVERNOR BE SEEING MR ZHAO ZIYANG IN WASHINGTON,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WILL BE FLYING FROM NEW YORK TO LONDON ON THURSDAY AND WILL MEET THE PRIME MINISTER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, THE MINISTER OF STATE, AND OTHER WHITEHALL OFFICIALS BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG NEXT WEEK, HE ADDED.

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SEPTEMBER EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN SEPTEMBER 1983.

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

A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1982 AND JUNE 1983, ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	SEPT. 82	JUNE 83	SEPT. 83	SEPT. 83 ON SEPT. 82	SEPT. 83 ON JUNE 83
MANUFACTURING	856 100	903 400	865 100	+ 1.0	-4.2
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	81 200	74 400	71 200	-12.4	-4.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	502 800	520 400	527 000	+ 4.8	+1.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	167 700	163 300	162 600	- 3.0	-0.4

\* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

A COMPARISON OF THE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1983 WITH THOSE FOR SEPTEMBER 1982 SHOWS THAT EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 527 000, WAS 4.8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1982. EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, AT 865 100, WAS 1.0 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1982.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WERE DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DECREASED BY 12.4 PER CENT. AT 162 600, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1983, AN INCREASE OF 1.3 PER CENT WAS RECORDED FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR.

HOWEVER, A DECREASE OF 4.3 PER CENT WAS REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR SHOWED A DECREASE OF 4.2 PER CENT BUT THE JUNE FIGURE TENDS TO BE ON THE HIGH SIDE DUE TO SEASONAL FACTORS.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RECORDED A MARGINAL DECREASE OF 0.4 PER CENT.

TOGETHER WITH THE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDED VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE SECTORS, OTHER THAN FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION.

THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1982 AND JUNE 1983, ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	SEPT. 82	JUNE 83	SEPT. 83	SEPT. 83 ON SEPT. 82	SEPT. 83 ON JUNE 83
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MANUFACTURING	29 870	32 940	41 130	+37.7	+24.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	4 530	4 010	4 050	-10.7	+ 0.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 670	1 940	1 540	- 8.0	-20.8

\* BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES

/COMPARED WITH .....

COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1982, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR SEPTEMBER 1983 INCREASED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR BUT DECREASED IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. WHILE THE INCREASE IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS 37.7 PER CENT, THE DECREASES IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WERE 10.7 PER CENT AND 8.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RELATIVE TO JUNE 1983, HOWEVER, INCREASES OF 24.9 PER CENT AND 0.9 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR RESPECTIVELY. A DECREASE OF 20.8 PER CENT WAS RECORDED FOR THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

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

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE*
	3RD QTR. 1982	3RD QTR. 1983	3RD QTR. 1983 ON 3RD QTR. 1982
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	5 210	5 819	+11.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	3 138	3 580	+14.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 775	1 956	+10.2

\* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES

RELATIVE TO THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 11.7 PER CENT, 14.1 PER CENT AND 10.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE LARGE INCREASE IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 14.1 PER CENT, WAS IN PART DUE TO INCREASED EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR.

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

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	SEPT. 82	SEPT. 83	SEPT. 83 ON SEPT. 82
MANUFACTURING	140.3	153.1	+ 9.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	137.7	150.0	+ 8.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	138.9	156.2	+12.5

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	SEPT. 82	SEPT. 83	SEPT. 83 ON SEPT. 82
MANUFACTURING	107.3	105.8	-1.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	105.4	103.7	-1.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	106.3	107.9	+1.5

/COMPARED WITH .....

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1982, INCREASES OF 9.1 PER CENT, 8.9 PER CENT AND 12.5 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 1.5 PER CENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. ON THE OTHER HAND, SLIGHT DECREASES OF 1.4 PER CENT AND 1.6 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

(TABLES GIVING EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE BEING TRANSMITTED BY FACSIMILE. THE TABLES MAY ALSO BE COLLECTED FROM THE GIS PRESS BOXES.)

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT: MR AU HOO-KIT ON 5-434185, MR NG KUNG-TAK ON 5-455661, AND MR CHIU FOOK-CHING ON 5-439398.

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### SHA TIN IS MOST AMBITIOUS NEW TOWN

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SHA TIN IS THE LARGEST AND MOST AMBITIOUS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW TOWNS WITH THE PROVISION OF A BETTER ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN LIVE AND WORK, SAID THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEWLY COMPLETED SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND, SIR PHILIP SAID SHA TIN IS A COMMUNITY WHICH IS LARGELY SELF-CONTAINED IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, TRANSPORT AND WELFARE AND LEISURE FACILITIES.

+THE AIM OF OUR ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, IN OTHER WORDS, HAS BEEN TO BUILD TOWNS WITHIN WHICH A REAL SENSE OF COMMUNITY IDENTITY CAN DEVELOP,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

ON LEISURE FACILITIES, HE SAID THE \$25-MILLION SPORTS GROUND IS A FACILITY OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE FOR SHA TIN FOR, IN COMMON WITH OTHER NEW TOWNS, IT HAS A VERY YOUNG POPULATION, WITH MORE THAN HALF THE RESIDENTS UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE.

NOTING THAT SHA TIN HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED FROM A RURAL SETTLEMENT INTO A VIBRANT NEW TOWN AND A MODEL OF URBAN PLANNING WITHIN A SINGLE DECADE, SIR PHILIP SAID THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN HAD GROWN FROM 30 000 TO AROUND 260 000.

+THIS GROWTH RATE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE TOWN IN THE MID-1990'S WHEN THE POPULATION WILL APPROACH 850 000,+ HE ADDED.

/COMMENTING ON .....

COMMENTING ON THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AT DISTRICT LEVEL, SIR PHILIP PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, WITH THEIR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL NEEDS, FOR THEIR ADVICE ON THE DESIGN OF THE SPORTS GROUND.

+IN PARTICULAR, THE BOARD'S SUPPORT HELPED TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR A UNIQUE FEATURE OF THIS SPORTS GROUND - A MODERN UNDERGROUND IRRIGATION SYSTEM USING RECYCLED WATER FROM THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

+THIS SYSTEM ENABLES THE TURF TO GROW YEAR-ROUND EVEN IN THE DRY WEATHER WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING TO OUR DISCOMFORT RECENTLY, THUS MAXIMISING THE USE OF THE GROUND,+ SIR PHILIP ADDED.

TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO MAKE FULL USE OF ALL THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE SPORTS GROUND, WHICH INCLUDE A STANDARD TURFED SOCCER PITCH, A 400-METRE ALL-WEATHER ATHLETIC TRACK WITH EIGHT LANES AND VENUES FOR TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS, SIR PHILIP SAID MOST OF THE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES TO BE OFFERED WOULD BE LOCALLY SPONSORED.

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID THE SPORTS GROUND IS THE FIRST STANDARD SPORTS VENUE IN SHA TIN, PROVIDING GOOD FACILITIES WITH THE FULL RANGE OF TRACK AND FIELD ACTIVITIES.

+I AM CERTAIN THAT THIS SPORTS GROUND WILL BECOME A POPULAR VENUE FOR BOTH LOCAL ATHLETES AND VISITORS ALIKE,+ MR BARNES SAID.

+ALTHOUGH THIS SPORTS GROUND IS THE LAST OF THIS PARTICULAR GROUP OF FACILITIES SITED ALONG THE SHING MUN RIVER, ELSEWHERE IN THE DISTRICT OTHER RECREATION AND CULTURAL FACILITIES ARE BEING PLANNED AND DEVELOPED,+ HE SAID.

THEY INCLUDE AN ARTIFICIAL TURF FOOTBALL PITCH, A TOWN PARK, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AND A MAJOR CULTURAL COMPLEX WITH AUDITORIUMS AND LIBRARY.

LATER SIR PHILIP PERFORMED A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SPORTS GROUND.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WERE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NT, MR IAN MACPHERSON; THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD; THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHA TIN, MR DONALD TSANG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG CHAN-LAM; THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR WAI HON-LEUNG; THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LAU HON-KIT; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR DAVID WEEKS; AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HEADQUARTERS) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR HUGH BOYLE.

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### SIR PETER VISITS SCHOOL

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SIR PETER BLAKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, SPENT THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON MEETING THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR PETER FIRST VISITED BAPTIST LUI MING CHOI SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SHA TIN WHERE HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS), MR T.L. LAM. HE LATER HAD TALKS WITH THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL, MR CHAN KIN-HUNG, AND OTHER TEACHERS.

DURING THE VISIT, SIR PETER ALSO HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HEADS OF SIX OTHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SHA TIN.

THEY WERE MISS PEGGY CHIK OF SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL; MR MAK MING-CHEONG OF MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, SHA TIN; MR LO WING-KWONG OF TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS MRS FUNG WONG FUNG TING COLLEGE; MS LEUNG YUK-LING OF SHENG KUNG HUI TSANG SHIU TIM SECONDARY SCHOOL; MR CHOW TZE-SUM OF SHA TIN METHODIST COLLEGE; AND MR LAU HIN-KI OF BUDDHIST WONG WAN TIN COLLEGE.

SIR PETER LATER WENT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT CAUSEWAY BAY WHERE HE WAS GIVEN A DETAILED BRIEFING ON HONG KONG'S VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL ISSUES BY MR HAYE AND HIS DIRECTORATE STAFF.

BEFORE LEAVING THE ED HEADQUARTERS, SIR PETER HAD TALKS WITH ABOUT 10 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

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### MODEL WORKERS ON 'AMBASSADOR VISIT'

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED WORKERS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS THIS YEAR SO THAT MORE WORKERS COULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE, EITHER AS CANDIDATES OR VOTERS, IN NEXT YEAR'S TERRITORY-WIDE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

MR HSU MADE THIS CALL AT A RECEPTION FOR THE 10 SELECTED TSUEN WAN DISTRICT MODEL WORKERS BEFORE THEY STARTED THEIR FIRST +WORKER AMBASSADORS+ VISIT TO A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN TSUEN WAN AND THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

HE SAID THAT THE SUPPORT BY WORKERS IN EACH DISTRICT WOULD HELP MAKE THE DISTRICT BOARD A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION OF ABSOLUTE REPRESENTATIVENESS.

/THE VISIT, .....

THE VISIT, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE TSUEN WAN MODEL WORKERS AWARD SCHEME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE, THE FEDERATION OF THE INDUSTRIES IN TSUEN WAN, THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S TSUEN WAN OFFICE AND COMMERCIAL RADIO 1, IS TO PROMOTE GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE AMBASSADORS' VISIT WOULD BE A SUCCESSFUL AND BENEFICIAL ONE.

THE SECOND VISIT WILL BE ON JANUARY 17.

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MORE BUILDING PLANS APPROVED  
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MORE BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED DURING NOVEMBER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE NUMBER OF APPROVALS WAS 51, COMPARED WITH 34 IN OCTOBER.

TWENTY-EIGHT APPROVALS WERE FOR BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, 16 FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND SEVEN FOR THOSE IN KOWLOON.

THE PLANS INCLUDED AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE AT STANLEY, A CLUBHOUSE FOR THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB, A 16-STORY HOTEL IN YAU MA TEI, A STUDENTS' HOSTEL AND A TRANSPORT AND SECURITY OFFICE FOR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, STAGE II OF THE MAIN POWER STATION ON LAMMA ISLAND, STAFF QUARTERS AND A NURSING SCHOOL AT THE HONG KONG ADVENTIAL HOSPITAL IN TSUEN WAN, AND A FACTORY FOR THE HONG KONG OXYGEN AND ACETYLENE COMPANY AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

IN THE SAME MONTH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE AGREED TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON 53 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS.

THESE PROJECTS INCLUDED A FACTORY IN JAVA ROAD, A BUILDING FOR THE GERMAN SWISS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, TWO ELECTRICITY SUB-STATIONS, A PETROL FILLING STATION IN SHA TIN, A CLUBHOUSE AT SHA TIN FOR MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, AND A REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITY AT TAI SHANG WAI, YUEN LONG.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF THESE BUILDINGS IS 307 036.6 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 153 209.2 SQUARE METRES IS DOMESTIC AND THE REMAINDER NON-DOMESTIC.

TWENTY OF THE BUILDINGS ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE IN KOWLOON AND 24 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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ALSO IN NOVEMBER, OCCUPATION CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED IN RESPECT OF 34 BUILDING PROJECTS, OF WHICH 12 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FOUR IN KOWLOON AND 18 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE BUILDINGS INCLUDED A SLAUGHTER HOUSE AT KWAI CHUNG; A LIGHT OIL TANK, JETTY AND GUARD HOUSE FOR THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC PROJECT ON LAMMA ISLAND; A GOLF CLUB AT DISCOVERY BAY; AND AN EXTENSION TO YAN CHAI HOSPITAL IN TSUEN WAN.

THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$566.852 MILLION. THE FLOOR AREA OF THE BUILDINGS WAS 68 383 SQUARE METRES (DOMESTIC) AND 36 346 SQUARE METRES (NON-DOMESTIC).

A TOTAL OF 12 DEMOLITION ORDERS INVOLVING 21 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED DURING THE MONTH.

THE NUMBER OF BUILDING PLANS APPROVED DURING THE MONTH BRINGS THE TOTAL FOR THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1983 TO 458.

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UNHCR CONTRIBUTION FOR REFUGEE CENTRES  
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS SECURED THE AGREEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO CONTINUE THE ORGANISATION'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN GOVERNMENT CENTRES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE NEW AGREEMENT, THE FOURTH SINCE CLOSED CENTRES WERE INTRODUCED IN MID-1982, COVERS THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1984, AND THE CONTRIBUTION PROMISED BY THE UNHCR IS IN THE REGION OF HK\$9.1 MILLION.

AS IN THE PAST, THE UNHCR'S CONTRIBUTION WILL COVER EXPENDITURE ON FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, UTILITIES AND OTHER RELIEF ITEMS FOR THE 5 700 REFUGEES HELD IN GOVERNMENT CENTRES.

OF THIS FIGURE, 5 400 ARE IN THE CLOSED CENTRES AT CHI MA WAN, CAPE COLLINSON AND HEI LING CHAU AND THE REMAINDER IN THE ARGYLE STREET RECEPTION CENTRE AWAITING DEPARTURE FOR OVERSEAS RESETTLEMENT.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE OVER 7 000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE TWO OPEN CENTRES RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES UNDER UNHCR AUSPICES.

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### SIR PETER VISITS FACTORIES

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, SIR PETER BLAKER, TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED AN ELECTRONICS FACTORY AND A GARMENT FACTORY IN KOWLOON.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SIR PETER FIRST TOURED ELEC AND ELTEK CO. LTD. IN SAN PO KONG, WHERE HE WAS WELCOMED BY THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTORS, MR WILSON TAM AND MR MARCUS TSANG AND ITS DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER, MR JETT FUNG.

ELEC AND ELTEK CO. LTD. IS A LEADING ELECTRONICS FACTORY IN SOUTH EAST ASIA, ENGAGING IN THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF HIGH PRECISION PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS AND TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT WHICH IT MARKETS WORLDWIDE.

MAJOR PRODUCTS INCLUDE DOUBLE-SIZED HIGH DENSITY AND MULTI-LAYER PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS, CORDLESS PHONES, FEATURE PHONES AND MINI-MODEMS.

THE COMPANY, INCORPORATED IN 1981, IS A CONGLOMERATION OF THREE LOCALLY-OWNED ELECTRONICS FIRMS WHICH HAD OPERATED FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS.

IT OPERATES ON A 27 870 - SQUARE METRE PREMISES WITH A WORK FORCE OF OVER 3 000.

THE PARTY THEN VISITED A SMALL-SCALE GARMENT FACTORY IN YIP ON FACTORY ESTATE AT KOWLOON BAY.

AFTER A BRIEFING ON THE GOVERNMENT'S FLATTED FACTORY ESTATES BY THE CHIEF HOUSING MANAGER OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR Y.C.SO, SIR PETER TOURED NGAI FAT GARMENT FACTORY WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY THE FACTORY'S PROPRIETOR, MR S.C. LAI.

THE FACTORY OCCUPIES TWO UNITS OF THE ESTATE AND EMPLOYS ABOUT 10 WORKERS, PRODUCING TROUSERS AND JEANS MAINLY FOR EXPORT.

SPEAKING TO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES, SIR PETER SAID HE WAS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY.

THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF THE INDUSTRY HERE MUST BE BASED ON FREE ENTERPRISE WHICH SHOULD CONTINUE AFTER 1997, SIR PETER SAID.

ASKED ABOUT HIS IMPRESSIONS ON HIS VISITS TO THE TWO FACTORIES, SIR PETER SAID THE ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS HE HAD SEEN WERE VERY IMPRESSIVE AND WOULD MATCH SIMILAR PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED ELSEWHERE.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE OWNER OF THE GARMENT FACTORY FOR STARTING HIS BUSINESS IN A SMALL WAY.

SIR PETER SAID MANY SMALL BUSINESSES HAD BECOME LARGE ONES. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE CITED THE JAGUAR MOTOR CAR COMPANY IN HIS CONSTITUENCY WHICH WAS STARTED BY ONE MAN IN A SHED.

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BEHIND-THE-SCENE WORKERS OF DB'S PRAISED  
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AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BUT LITTLE-NOTICED ELEMENT CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IS THE +UNFAILING AND UNSTINTING+ SUPPORT AND HARD WORK OF A GROUP OF BEHIND-THE-SCENE WORKERS - THE STAFF OF EACH DB SECRETARIAT.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) IN A TRIBUTE TO THE BOARD SECRETARIATS FOR THEIR INDUSTRY IN COPING WITH THEIR HEAVY WORKLOAD.

IN A LUNCHEON TALK TO THE LIONS CLUB OF SOUTH KOWLOON, HE NOTED THAT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 18 DISTRICT BOARDS HAD BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE DRIVE AND INSIGHT OF THE UNOFFICIAL DB MEMBERS WHO HAD WORKED IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

+IF DB MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE LIKENED TO THE FRONT-LINE TROOPS IN THE CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THEN THE DB SECRETARIATS MAY BE CONSIDERED THE ESSENTIAL SUPPLY AND ORDNANCE BACK-UP WHOSE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION HAVE SUSTAINED THE MOMENTUM OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,+ MR LAM SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EACH SECRETARIAT COMPRISES JUST ONE SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER WHO HEADS A WORKING UNIT OF ONE TO THREE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, TWO CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS, TWO CALLIGRAPHISTS, ONE STENOGRAPHER AND ONE OFFICE ASSISTANT.

THIS TEAM, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, SHOULDERS THE HEAVY SECRETARIAL BURDEN OF THE WHOLE BOARD.

+IN ADDITION TO THE PREPARATION OF AGENDA AND PAPERS FOR MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE SECRETARIATS ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING VARIOUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND TAKING ACTION ON THE ADVICE OF THOSE COMMITTEES,+ HE SAID.

+THE SPHERES OF ACTIVITIES OF THESE COMMITTEES ARE CONSIDERABLE- THEY COVER SUCH AREAS AS CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, AND INDUSTRIAL, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

+FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1983-84 THE PLANNED NUMBER OF WORK ITEMS ON 'COMMUNITY BUILDING' ALONE TOTALS MORE THAN 2 300. SOME OF THESE ARE VERY LARGE-SCALE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE DISTRICT FESTIVALS, SPORTS FESTIVALS, ARTS FESTIVALS, OR REGULAR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT COURSES OF AN ARTS OR RECREATIONAL NATURE.

+ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE HEAVY WORKLOAD CAN BE SEEN IN THE 'MEET THE PUBLIC' SCHEME WHICH WAS INTRODUCED TO HANDLE PUBLIC COMPLAINTS RELATING TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH A FORUM FOR EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS,+ HE SAID.

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DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, HE SAID DB MEMBERS RECEIVED OVER 1 500 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN 500 INTERVIEW SESSIONS.

AS ALL DISTRICT BOARDS PLACE CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, A 'DISTRICT MANAGEMENT' TEAM COMPRISING AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OR A SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND SOME EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, HAS BEEN SET UP TO CO-ORDINATE ALL ASPECTS OF THE WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WITHIN EACH DISTRICT.

+IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS FALLING IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN ALL THE DISTRICTS TOTALS MORE THAN 500.+

BESIDES, THE SECRETARIATS ALSO ARRANGE VISITS AND FIELD INSPECTIONS BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AS PART OF THEIR ROUTINE DUTIES.

+INEVITABLY, ALL SUCH WORK GENERATES A CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY OF WRITTEN MATERIAL IN THE FORM OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS, REPORTS, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS,+ HE SAID.

MR LAM ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF OTHER GROUPS OF OFFICERS, NAMELY CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS, CALLIGRAPHISTS, SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS AND INFORMATION OFFICERS.

HE SAID THEY +PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN AIDING THAT PART OF DISTRICT BOARD WORK CONCERNED WITH ENHANCING COMMUNICATION BOTH INTERNALLY, BETWEEN BOARD MEMBERS, AND EXTERNALLY, BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC.+

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PROCEDURAL IMPROVEMENTS ON POW BENEFITS BEING CONSIDERED  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING PROCEDURAL IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH BENEFITS FOR WHICH FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR ARE ELIGIBLE.

THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER DISCONTINUING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE OF INVESTIGATING THE FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF ELIGIBLE HONG KONG APPLICANTS AND THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THEIR FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

INVESTIGATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE IN RESPECT OF BENEFICIARIES RESIDENT OVERSEAS, AS SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS VARY FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY.

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CURRENTLY, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SERVICING THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE BUT IT IS INTENDED THAT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WILL SERVICE THE COMMITTEE IN FUTURE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNMENT'S FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE PAYABLE TO BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES OF THE FAR EASTERN RELIEF FUND WHICH IS A FUND UNDERWRITTEN BY THE GOVERNMENT.

AS THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY AGREED TO UNDERWRITE THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND, FURTHER CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO WHETHER THIS ASSURANCE MIGHT BE REFLECTED IN THE LAW TOGETHER WITH AN APPEALS PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF AN APPLICANT BEING REFUSED A GRANT, OR WHERE AN EXISTING GRANT IS TERMINATED OR REDUCED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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LEGO TO DEAL WITH SIX BILLS  
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A NEW BILL, KNOWN AS THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), WITH DEBATE TO BE ADJOURNED TO JANUARY 25.

SECTION 4 OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE, WHICH PROHIBITS TRAFFICKING IN DANGEROUS DRUGS, MAKES IT A DEFENCE TO A CHARGE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT THE DRUGS ARE IN TRANSIT.

THE OBJECT OF THE BILL IS TO CONFINE THIS DEFENCE TO CASES WHERE DANGEROUS DRUGS ARE IN LAWFUL TRANSIT, HAVING REGARD TO THE CONVENTIONS REGULATING SUCH TRANSIT.

THE COUNCIL WILL RESUME DEBATE TOMORROW ON FIVE BILLS : DEBTORS (ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT) BILL 1983, SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, IMPORT AND EXPORT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1983, INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 AND CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983.

THESE BILLS WILL THEN GO THROUGH THEIR COMMITTEE STAGE AND FINAL READINGS.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE 10 QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES.

THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO DEAL WITH A NUMBER OF SESSIONAL PAPERS AND STATEMENTS.

THE STATEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE HON E.P. HO, ON THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT, AND BY THE HON CHEN SHOU-LUM ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6.

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MP TO ATTEND DB MEETING  
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THE IMPACT OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S REVISED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 1983/84 - 1987/88 ON SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW A POSTGRAMME - +MY SUGGESTION TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT+ - WHICH HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE EARLY LAST YEAR, AND THE FIRST SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH WAS HELD TWO MONTHS AGO.

A PAPER ON LITTERING AND LITTER OFFENCE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, SIR PETER BLAKER, WHO IS ON AN 11-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG, WILL JOIN THE MEETING SHORTLY AFTER 4 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

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CLIMAX OF 1984 HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS AWARDS  
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FIFTEEN FINALISTS WILL COMPETE FOR THE 1984 HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS AWARDS IN THE CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSIC SECTIONS. THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (JANUARY 14 AND 15) AT THE ACADEMY COMMUNITY HALL AT 8 PM.

THE PRELIMINARY AND SEMI-FINALS WERE HELD IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1983.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR C.K.K. WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT BOTH THE CHINESE MUSIC FINAL ON SATURDAY AND THE WESTERN MUSIC FINAL ON SUNDAY.

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR CLIVE OXLEY, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT ON THESE OCCASIONS.

THE AWARDS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND COMPOSERS AND AUTHORS SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

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THEIR AIM IS TO RAISE THE STANDARDS OF COMPOSING AND PERFORMING SERIOUS MUSIC AMONG LOCAL YOUNG AMATEUR MUSICIANS AND TO AROUSE INTEREST IN THE APPRECIATION OF SERIOUS MUSIC.

THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES EACH IN THE CHINESE MUSIC AND WESTERN MUSIC SECTIONS, ONE FOR COMPOSITION AND THE OTHER FOR CHAMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCE.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES OF \$3 000, \$1 500 AND \$500, AMOUNTING TO A TOTAL OF \$20 000.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH THE CHINESE MUSIC AND WESTERN MUSIC FINALS WHICH WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 14 AND 15 AT THE ACADEMY COMMUNITY HALL AT 8 PM.

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FOOD BAZAAR FOR KWUN TONG WORKERS  
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WORKERS IN KWUN TONG ARE TO GET ADDITIONAL EATING FACILITIES.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) AWARDED A \$5.5-MILLION CONTRACT TO WAH TAT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR BUILDING A TWO-STORY COOKED FOOD BAZAAR IN THE DISTRICT.

THE BUILDING, OCCUPYING A 1 660-SQUARE METRE SITE IN TSUN YIP STREET, WILL ACCOMMODATE 56 COOKED FOOD STALLS.

OTHER FACILITIES TO BE INCLUDED ARE A REFUSE COLLECTION CHAMBER, STOREROOMS, OFFICE SPACES, A ROOF-TOP SITTING-OUT AREA AND TOILETS.

WORK WILL TAKE NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW OFFICES FOR LABOUR DEPARTMENT UNIT  
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THE KWAI CHUNG BRANCH OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MOVED FROM EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 1ST FLOOR, TEXACO ROAD, TSUEN WAN, TO KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH FLOOR, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ARE 0-240629 AND 0-240716.

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MEANWHILE, THE TSUEN WAN BRANCH OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION UNIT, PREVIOUSLY SITUATED IN CHEUNG YIU BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, HAS TAKEN OVER THE PREMISES AT EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, VACATED BY THE KWAI CHUNG BRANCH OFFICE.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR PUBLIC ENQUIRIES AT THE TSUEN WAN BRANCH OFFICE ARE 0-467776, 0-467744, 0-4981001 AND 0-4980022.

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#### MARKET STALLS IN TAI PO FOR BIDDING

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SIXTEEN MARKET STALLS IN TAI PO WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC BIDDING ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 13).

THEY ARE LOCATED AT TAI PO MARKET, TAI PO TEMPORARY MARKET AND TAI PO KUK TENG MARKET, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE BIDDING WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF MEI TAK BUILDING, 1-17 KWONG FUK ROAD, STARTING AT 10 AM.

THE STALLS ARE DESIGNATED FOR THE SELLING OF A VARIETY OF GOODS, WITH THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTALS RANGING FROM \$500 TO \$1 550 EACH.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS ON FEBRUARY 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON 0-6577111, EXT. 158.

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#### WATER CUT IN WESTERN NT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 13) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AREAS AFFECTED ARE ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM PUI TO ROAD TO TAI LAM CHUNG, INCLUDING AREA 20, GORDON CAMP, PEROWNE CAMP, SO KWUN WAT, PEARL ISLAND, SIU SHAU TSUEN, SIU LAM, TAI LAM CHUNG TSUEN AND TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN.

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