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9,436 SHIPS VISITED HK LAST YEAR

A TOTAL OF 9,436 OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ARRIVED IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF SIX PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURE.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY), THE TOTAL INCLUDED 2,549 PANAMANIAN, 1,012 JAPANESE AND 495 BRITISH REGISTERED VESSELS.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD CARGO HANDLED IN THE HARBOUR TOTALLED 25.7 MILLION TONNES, A JUMP OF EIGHT PER CENT OVER THE 1977 TOTAL.

CONTAINERISED CARGO REPRESENTED 43.6 PER CENT OR 8.5 MILLION TONNES OF THE TOTAL DISCHARGED AND LOADED LAST YEAR, COMPARED WITH 48.9 PER CENT IN 1977.

IN TERMS OF 20-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS (TEU'S), TOTAL CONTAINER THROUGHPUT WAS 1.23 MILLION, A DROP OF 0.5 PER CENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS DUE TO SOME FALL-OFF IN TRANS-SHIPMENTS, DOWN BY ABOUT NINE PER CENT.

ON RIVER TRADE (MAINLY BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU), 72,589 VESSELS ENTERED AND LEFT HONG KONG. THIS SHOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S 71,433 VESSELS.

CARGO FROM THE RIVER TRADE LOADED AND DISCHARGED HERE AMOUNTED TO 2.1 MILLION TONNES COMPARED WITH 1.8 MILLION TONNES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS TRAVELLING TO AND FROM MACAU NUMBERED 5.4 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF SIX PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

IN ADDITION, 11,897 PASSENGERS TRAVELLED BY THE HONG KONG-CANTON HOVERFERRY SERVICE WHICH STARTED IN NOVEMBER 1978.

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TSIM SHA TSUI SITE REALISES \$400 MILLION

A 4,500-SQUARE METRE SITE AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON, WAS SOLD FOR \$400 MILLION AT AN AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SITE, WHICH IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, WAS BOUGHT BY TUNG CHEONG INVESTMENT AND CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. AT \$88,888.89 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SITE CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$24.5 MILLION AND SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BEFORE JUNE 30, 1983.

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FIRST CHILD CARE CENTRE FOR AP LEI CHAU

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING THAT CHILD CARE SERVICES WERE IN BIG DEMAND AS MANY HOUSEWIVES WERE TURNING TO JOBS IN THE LIGHT OF HONG KONG'S RAPID INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

MR. LEE WAS ADDRESSING THE GATHERING AT A CANTONESE OPERA AT THE CITY HALL ORGANISED BY THE WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB, WESTERN DISTRICT, TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ITS NURSERY PROJECT IN AP LEI CHAU, ABERDEEN.

HE PRAISED THE CLUB FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF WELFARE SERVICE DURING ITS 24 YEARS OF OPERATION.

+THE CLUB HAS BEEN ONE OF THE PIONEERS IN CHILD CARE SERVICES, OPENING ITS FIRST NURSERY IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT AS FAR BACK AS IN 1959,+ HE SAID.

THIS NURSERY IS WELL-EQUIPPED AND NOW CARES FOR 170 CHILDREN, HE POINTED OUT.

HE ADDED IT WAS GRATIFYING TO LEARN THAT THE CLUB PLANS TO OPEN ANOTHER NURSERY FOR 100 CHILDREN WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST IN AP LEI CHAU.

BOTH NURSERIES ARE SUBSIDISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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TIC OFFICIALS TOUR FACTORIES

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THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. WILLIAM DORWARD AND THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR. LAWRENCE MILLS TODAY (MONDAY) TOURED FACTORIES IN KOWLOON AND KWAI CHUNG AS PART OF THEIR REGULAR VISITS TO LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

THEY VISITED SONCA INDUSTRIES LTD. AT LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED BY SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, CHAIRMAN, ON HOW THE FACTORY HAD DIVERSIFIED FROM PRODUCTION OF FLASHLIGHTS TO MANUFACTURING OF ELECTRONIC AND MACHINERY PRODUCTS IN THE PAST 10 YEARS.

SONCA INDUSTRIES LTD. ESTABLISHED IN 1953 AND NOW EMPLOYS MORE THAN 3,300 PEOPLE, IS THE LARGEST MANUFACTURER OF BATTERY-OPERATED LIGHTING PRODUCTS IN THE WORLD. ITS MAIN PRODUCT LINE INCLUDES FLASHLIGHTS, MINIATURE BULBS, BATTERY LANTERNS, ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS, BATTERY CHARGERS, ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND PARTS, PRECISION MACHINERY, TOOLS, DIES AND MOULDS.

MR. DORWARD AND MR. MILLS ALSO WENT TO KWAI CHUNG TO SEE THE VACCUM PACKAGING PLANT AT TEXPORT TERMINALS (HK) LTD. WHICH PROVIDES SERVICE TO FIRMS DEALING IN TEXTILE PRODUCTS.

ACCORDING TO THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE PLANT, MR. H.H. DAVIES, VACCUM PACKAGING WAS INTRODUCED INTO HONG KONG LESS THAN A YEAR AGO.

THE PLANT, INVOLVING A CAPITAL OUTLAY OF \$10 MILLION IN 1978, IS THE FIRST COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD FOLLOWING SOME NINE YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONCEPT.

+THE VACCUM PACKAGING PROCESS INVOLVES CONDITIONING TEXTILE PRODUCTS BY CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY CHANGES, AND ENCAPSULATING THESE PRODUCTS IN A SEALED MEMBRANE IMPERVIOUS TO DAMPNES,+ MR. DAVIES EXPLAINED.

+THE PROCESS CAN REDUCE THE VOLUME OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS BY 50-80 PER CENT DEPENDING ON THE MATERIAL AND THE ARTICLE. ON UNPACKING, THE VACCUM PACKED GOODS RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION WRINKLE FREE.+

+THE MAJOR BENEFIT OF THIS PROCESS IS THAT THE QUALITY AND CONDITION OF THE PRODUCT IS MAINTAINED, ALSO THE PROCESS CAN REDUCE THE BULKS OF THE PRODUCTS THEREBY CUTTING DOWN FREIGHT, HANDLING AND WAREHOUSE COSTS,+ MR. DAVIES ADDED.

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NEW FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT

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THE FAST-DEVELOPING TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL HAVE ITS OWN FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT EARLY NEXT MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT WORK ON THE SAN HUI FIRE STATION AND TUEN MUN AMBULANCE DEPOT IN PUI TO ROAD IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE.

THE FOUR-STOREY DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION CONSISTS OF FIVE DOUBLE BAYS FOR 10 APPLIANCES, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONAL OFFICES AND A LECTURE ROOM ON THE GROUND AND MEZZANINE FLOORS AND BARRACK ACCOMMODATION ON THE FIRST FLOOR, A RANK AND FILE CANTEEN, OFFICERS' DINING ROOM, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND STAFF QUARTERS ON THE TOP FLOOR.

THE STATION SHARES A COMMON DRILL YARD WITH THE AMBULANCE DEPOT.

IN ADDITION TO FOUR AMBULANCE BAYS, THE DEPOT HAS FACILITIES SIMILAR TO THOSE PROVIDED IN THE FIRE STATION.

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REPORT ON MANPOWER SURVEY OF ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY

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THE REPORT ON THE FIFTH MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CENTRAL.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE REPORT CONTAINS DETAILED STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY AND A FORECAST OF THE INDUSTRY'S TRAINING NEEDS.

IT ALSO CONTAINS RECOMMENDATIONS, MADE TO BOTH THE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS, ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO COPE WITH THE MANPOWER NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE REPORT, WHICH IS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, SELLS AT \$10 A COPY.

THE MANPOWER SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN JUNE 1978 BY THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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AUSTRALIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM IN HK

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL WILL JOINTLY PRESENT A CONCERT BY THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA ON FRIDAY.

THE ORCHESTRA, NOW TOURING CHINA, WILL PERFORM UNDER THE BATON OF MR. JOHN HOPKINS AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL AT 8 P.M.

MR. HOPKINS, POPULAR AMONG YOUTHFUL GENERATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN MUSIC LOVERS, IS A CONDUCTOR FAMILIAR TO MUSIC LOVERS IN HONG KONG.

BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1927, MR. HOPKINS STUDIED MUSIC AT THE ROYAL MANCHESTER COLLEGE OF MUSIC, THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC, LONDON, AND IN AUSTRIA.

FOR EIGHT YEARS HE WAS RESIDENT CONDUCTOR OF TWO BBC ORCHESTRAS AND CONDUCTED WIDELY IN EUROPE, RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

HE BECAME CONDUCTOR OF THE NEW ZEALAND BROADCASTING COMMISSION'S NATIONAL ORCHESTRA IN 1957 AND MOVED TO AUSTRALIA IN 1963 TO JOIN THE AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION.

SINCE 1963, AS GUEST CONDUCTOR, MR. HOPKINS HAS REGULARLY TAKEN PART IN NATIONAL MUSIC CAMPS ORGANISED BY THE NATIONAL CAMP ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, PARENT BODY OF THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA.

THE ORCHESTRA IS LED BY SANDRA TANCIBUDEK, A YOUNG AUSTRALIAN VIOLINIST WHO WON THE AUSTRALIA-WIDE CONCERTO COMPETITION ORGANISED ANNUALLY BY THE AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION IN 1977.

THE PROGRAMME FOR FRIDAY NIGHT'S CONCERT WILL INCLUDE MOZART'S +MAGIC FLUTE OVERTURE,+ HANDEL'S +WATER MUSIC SUITE,+ LISZT'S +PIANO CONCERTO NO. 1 IN E FLAT+ AND DVORAK'S +SYMPHONY NO. 8 IN G.+

TICKETS AT \$3 EACH ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL- TOM LEE PIANO COMPANY OFFICES IN CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, TSIM SHA TSUI AND YAU MA TEI- AND SING TAO NEWSPAPER OFFICES IN LI YUEN STREET WEST, MINDEN PLAZA, OCEAN CENTRE, HUNG HOM RAILWAY TERMINAL AND MEI FOO SUN CHUEN.

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**SWD'S +RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD+ EXHIBITION FOR CHAI WAN
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS TO HOLD A TWO-DAY PUBLIC EXHIBITION IN CHAI WAN THIS WEEKEND ON PROPER PARENTAL CARE.

THE EXHIBITION, ENTITLED +RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD,+ WILL FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTAL INFLUENCE ON THE PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN.

IT WILL BE STAGED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL, CHAI WAN ROAD, BETWEEN 2 P.M. AND 10 P.M. ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

WITH VARIOUS DISPLAY MATERIALS, THE EXHIBITION WILL GIVE PARENTS AN INSIGHT INTO THEIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY, AS WELL AS PROPER CHILD-REARING.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE FAMILY PLANNING, PREPARATION FOR PREGNANCY, PRE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CARE, BEHAVIOURAL GUIDANCE, STAGES OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT, NUTRITION, RECREATION AND HOME-SAFETY.

THE EXHIBITION WAS FIRST STAGED LATE LAST YEAR AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY-WIDE FAMILY EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO FOSTER STRONGER FAMILY TIES TO AND HELP PREVENT FAMILY BREAKDOWNS.

AS A RESULT OF THE ENCOURAGING PUBLIC RESPONSE, THE EXHIBITION HAS GONE MOBILE, ENABLING MORE PEOPLE IN OTHER DISTRICTS TO BENEFIT FROM THE SHOW.

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**BRITISH COUNCIL TO RUN REFRESHER COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH
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IN-SERVICE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO ATTEND REFRESHER COURSES DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO RUN THE COURSES, EACH OF 54 HOURS DURATION, ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM JULY 19 TO AUGUST 29.

+THE OBJECTIVES OF COURSES ARE TWOFOLD,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+THE FIRST IS TO IMPROVE THE PARTICIPANTS' CONFIDENCE IN USING ENGLISH IN THE CLASSROOM, FOCUSING IN PARTICULAR ON ORAL FLUENCY AND ACCURACY,+ HE SAID.

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SECOND, THE COURSES AIM TO EXPOSE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO A WIDE RANGE OF LANGUAGE TEACHING PROCEDURES, INCLUDING TECHNIQUES DEVELOPED RECENTLY ALONG FUNCTIONAL AND COMMUNICATIVE LEVELS.

THE COURSE WILL ALSO INCLUDE A FORUM FOR TEACHERS TO CONSIDER THE APPLICABILITY OF THE TECHNIQUES TO THEIR OWN SITUATION.

+MATERIALS TO BE USED ON THIS COURSE ARE BEING SPECIALLY PREPARED BY THE COURSE STAFF AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR 25 TEACHERS ON EACH COURSE AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS WITH PRIORITY BEING GIVEN TO TEACHERS OF JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMS.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL, 253-261 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS MUST REACH THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (ENGLISH) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 29. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-774001 EXT. 30.

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BUILDINGS IN DANGEROUS CONDITION
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED NOS. 61, 63 AND 65 NAM ON STREET, HONG KONG TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

THE FIVE-STOREY BUILDINGS WERE FIRST INSPECTED LAST YEAR FOLLOWING A REPORT THAT A CANOPY HAD COLLAPSED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE THREE BUILDINGS WERE CONSTRUCTED WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENTS AND WERE COMPLETED IN 1954.

+THE REINFORCED CONCRETE THROUGHOUT THE BUILDINGS WAS FOUND TO BE IN EXTREMELY POOR CONDITION AND, ON INVESTIGATION, FOUND TO BE BEYOND REASONABLE REPAIR,+ HE SAID.

+THERE ARE CLEAR SIGNS THAT SERIOUS SETTLEMENT IS OCCURRING,+ HE ADDED. +AS THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE, THE CLOSURE AND DEMOLITION OF THESE BUILDINGS IS NECESSARY.+

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON JULY 16 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE SECTION OF PEEL RISE BETWEEN THE ACCESS ROAD BESIDE ST. PETER'S SECONDARY SCHOOL AND NO. 7 PEEL RISE WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR WORKS.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 1 A.M. TO 5 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, THE SECTION OF WOH CHAI STREET BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND SHEK KIP MEI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS GOING TO TAI HANG TUNG CAN USE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE VIA SHEK KIP MEI STREET OR TAI HANG SAI STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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