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MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR MARCH

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MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR MARCH PUBLISHED TODAY SHOW A FURTHER MARKED FALL IN THE GROWTH RATE OF THE MONEY SUPPLY, AND OF CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY, BEYOND THE FALL WHICH WAS APPARENT IN FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1980.

THE MONEY SUPPLY, ON ALL DEFINITIONS, DECLINED IN THE MONTH, WHILE THE INCREASE IN TOTAL CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY WAS THE SMALLEST MONTHLY INCREASE, IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, SINCE AUGUST 1979.

THE DETAILED FIGURES AND COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS MONTHS ARE SET OUT BELOW:

MONEY AND BANKING FIGURES - END OF MARCH 1980 (IN \$MILLION)

FIGURES FOR EARLIER MONTHS
(% CHANGE):

	<u>MARCH 1980</u>	<u>FEB 1980</u>	<u>DEC 1979</u>	<u>MARCH 1979</u>
M1	20 310	21 647 (-6.2%)	20 851 (-2.6%)*	18 945 (+7.2%)*
M2	76 109	78 219 (-2.7%)	75 270 (+1.1%)*	66 855 (+13.8%)*
M3	106 657	107 770 (-1.0%)	99 765 (+6.9%)	80 871 (+31.9%)
BANKS:				
<u>DEPOSITS</u>	68 393	70 065 (-2.4%)	67 985 (+0.6%)*	60 082 (+13.8%)*
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	69 560	69 306 (+0.4%)	62 227 (+11.8%)*	50 439 (+37.9%)*
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	101.7%	98.9%	91.5%	84.0%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO	52.6%	53.6%	48.0%	45.9%

/DEPOSIT-TAKING

DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES:

DEPOSITS	30 548	29 551 (+3.4%)	24 495 (+24.7%)	14 016 (+118.0%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	16 742	15 304 (+9.4%)	13 566 (+23.4%)	10 367 (+61.5%)
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	54.8%	51.8%	55.4%	74.0%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO ₹	44.6%	48.1%	₹	₹

BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES:

TOTAL CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY	86 302	84 610 (+2.0%)	75 793 (+13.9%)	60 806 (+41.9%)
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* THESE FIGURES ARE RECALCULATED TO EXCLUDE BANKS' LIABILITIES TO, AND CLAIMS ON, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

₹ THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO OBSERVE A MINIMUM LIQUID ASSETS RATIO CAME INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1980.

MONEY SUPPLY

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, M1 (NOTES AND COINS WITH THE PUBLIC, PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, WITH LICENSED BANKS) FELL BY 6.2 PER CENT DURING MARCH, AFTER A 2 PER CENT RISE IN FEBRUARY.

THE MARCH OUT-TURN REFLECTED A SHARP SEASONAL FALL IN THE TOTAL OF NOTES AND COINS HELD BY THE PUBLIC, AND ALSO A REDUCTION IN DEMAND DEPOSITS.

M2 (M1 PLUS SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, WITH LICENSED BANKS) FELL BY 2.7 PER CENT, AGAINST A 1.0 PER CENT RISE IN FEBRUARY, REFLECTING A FALL OF 2.4 PER CENT IN ALL DEPOSITS WITH BANKS.

M3 (M2 PLUS PUBLIC DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) FELL BY 1.0 PER CENT IN MARCH, AFTER RISING BY 2.6 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. THE MARCH DECLINE IS THE LARGEST RECORDED FALL IN M3 IN THE 15 MONTHS IN WHICH IT HAS BEEN CALCULATED.

M3 ROSE BY 6.9 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1980, WHICH IS A SHARP REDUCTION FROM THE INCREASE OF 9.8 PER CENT RECORDED IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 1979.

CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY

BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG ROSE IN MARCH BY 0.4 PER CENT, VERY SHARPLY DOWN FROM THE FEBRUARY RISE OF 4.6 PER CENT, AND EQUIVALENT TO THE LOWEST RECORDED INCREASE IN THIS FIGURE IN THE LAST 15 MONTHS OF 0.4 PER CENT IN AUGUST 1979.

LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE IN MARCH BY 9.4 PER CENT, WELL UP FROM THE FEBRUARY RISE OF 5.2 PER CENT.

TOTAL CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY GREW BY 2.0 PER CENT IN MARCH, AGAIN A SHARP REDUCTION FROM THE FEBRUARY INCREASE OF 4.7 PER CENT, AND THE LOWEST MONTHLY RISE SINCE AUGUST 1979.

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR TOTAL CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY ROSE BY 13.9 PER CENT, WHICH IS FASTER THAN THE INCREASE OF 10.6 PER CENT RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL BANKS IN HONG KONG FELL SLIGHTLY IN MARCH TO 52.6 PER CENT, FROM 53.6 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. THE LOANS/DEPOSIT RATIO HOWEVER CONTINUED TO RISE TO 101.7 PER CENT AT THE END OF MARCH, FROM 98.9 PER CENT AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL MORE SHARPLY IN MARCH, REACHING 44.6 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 48.1 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO AT THE END OF MARCH HOWEVER ROSE TO 54.8 PER CENT FROM 51.8 PER CENT.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LENDING IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR

LOANS TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ROSE BY 16.5 PER CENT BETWEEN DECEMBER 1979 AND MARCH 1980, WHILE LOANS TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR ROSE BY 17.9 PER CENT. LOANS TO THE TRANSPORT AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT SECTOR ROSE BY 10.3 PER CENT.

BORROWING BY INDIVIDUALS TO PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ROSE BY 7.9 PER CENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES BY 36.2 PER CENT (WITHIN THAT FIGURE LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES ROSE BY 76.0 PER CENT).

/THE DETAILED FIGURES

THE DETAILED FIGURES ARE SET OUT BELOW:

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG
(IN \$MILLION)

CATEGORY OF BORROWER	LOANS AND ADVANCES BY BANKS		LOANS AND ADVANCES BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES	
	MARCH 1980	DEC 1979	MARCH 1980	DEC 1979
MANUFACTURING OF WHICH:	9 954 (+16.6%)	8 540	1 082 (+16.1%)	932
TEXTILES	2 370 (+22.1%)	1 941	217 (+5.3%)	206
TRANSPORT AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	5 645 (+10.4%)	5 112	2 919 (+10.1%)	2 651
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	8 779 (+20.3%)	7 299	2 875 (+11.2%)	2 586
GENERAL COMMERCE	21 187 (+7.6%)	19 695	2 743 (+17.5%)	2 334
FINANCIAL CONCERNS*	2 843 (+27.0%)	2 239	865 (-21.9%)	1 108
INDIVIDUALS: TO PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY	7 729 (+2.7%)	7 524	1 605 (+42.3%)	1 128
OTHER PURPOSES	6 183 (+15.6%)	5 348	2 671 (+131.3%)	1 155
OTHERS	7 240 (+11.9%)	6 470	1 982 (+18.5%)	1 672
TOTAL*	69 560 (+11.8%)	62 227	16 742 (+23.4%)	13 566

* THIS EXCLUDES FUNDS ADVANCED BY BANKS TO DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS ROSE DURING MARCH TO 110, AS FOUR MORE OF THE BANKS WHICH WERE LICENSED IN THE COURSE OF 1979 BEGAN TO OPERATE IN HONG KONG. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WAS UNCHANGED AT 272.

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HONG KONG SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION EFFORT

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT HONG KONG WILL SUPPORT THE 1981 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS PROCLAIMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE UNITED NATIONS' THEME OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR IS +FULL PARTICIPATION AND EQUALITY+. IT HAS TWO AIMS: REALISATION OF THE RIGHT OF DISABLED PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE SOCIAL LIFE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIETIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE, AND PROMOTION OF THEIR ENJOYMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS EQUAL TO THOSE OF OTHER CITIZENS.

THE YEAR WILL BE GIVEN FULL RECOGNITION IN HONG KONG BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE LOCAL THEME FOR THE YEAR SHOULD BE +INTEGRATING THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY+.

THIS THEME RE-EMPHASIZES THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO INTEGRATE THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY AND IS IN LINE WITH THE POLICY OBJECTIVES STATED IN THE 1977 WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION.

A CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR HARRY S.Y. FANG HAS BEEN SET UP TO CO-ORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY BODIES.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, LABOUR, AND INFORMATION SERVICES.

A SERIES OF EVENTS IS NOW BEING PLANNED TO BE HELD IN 1981 TO PROMOTE THE LOCAL THEME OF INTEGRATING THE DISABLED INTO SOCIETY. AMONG THE PROPOSALS ARE AN EXHIBITION, COMPETITIONS, WORK CAMPS AND RECREATION CAMPS, SEMINARS AND TALENT QUESTS.

ALL THE EVENTS WILL BE GEARED TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE DISABLED AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY CAN HELP THEM SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS AND ACHIEVE INTEGRATION.

+THE ABILITIES OF THE DISABLED WILL ALSO BE EMPHASIZED IN THESE PROGRAMMES+, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE IS NOW WORKING CLOSELY WITH A NUMBER OF WORKING BODIES WHICH HAVE BEEN FORMED FOR THE VARIOUS EVENTS. DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

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M AND HD SETS UP STAFF RELATIONS UNIT

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AN EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATOR HAS JOINED THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HELP DEVELOP GOOD STAFF RELATIONS AND IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION PROCEDURES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

HE IS MR PETER NG, AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR 20 YEARS, WHO HAS TAKEN UP A NEWLY CREATED POST OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING A STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONS UNIT.

A SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS GROWN TO SUCH MAGNITUDE THAT IT HAS BECOME ONE OF THE LARGEST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THERE ARE NOW OVER 17 000 STAFF WORKING AS A TEAM TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR HONG KONG'S RESIDENTS.

+WITH SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF STAFF AND WITH SO MANY DIFFERENT GRADES OF PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL STAFF, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT GOOD STAFF RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATION IS MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONS UNIT INDICATES THE IMPORTANCE WHICH IS GIVEN TO STAFF MANAGEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT,+ HE ADDED.

MR NG, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE UNIT, IS ASSISTED BY ANOTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIT IN MARCH, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, HAS DIRECTED THE TEAM TO GO TO HOSPITALS AND CLINICS TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS AND SUGGEST PRACTICAL REMEDIAL MEASURES.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED THAT THE UNIT WILL FULFIL THIS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

THE UNIT'S OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE MANAGING AND DEVELOPING STAFF WELFARE, OVERSEEING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CIVIL SERVICE POLICIES SUCH AS THOSE RELATING TO RECRUITMENT AND STAFF PERFORMANCE, AND MONITORING PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS SERVICES.

THIS STAFF DEPARTMENT AND RELATIONS UNIT, SAID THE SPOKESMAN, IS THE FIRST OF SUCH UNIT SET UP IN A MAJOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

+IT WILL FORM AN IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND STAFF BY MAINTAINING FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE STAFF ASSOCIATIONS,+ HE ADDED.

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MORE WATER FOR TSUEN WAN

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ANOTHER FRESH WATER PUMPING STATION WILL BE BUILT IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN TO MEET THE INCREASE IN WATER DEMAND IN THE AREA.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION) OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR LEE GUN-CHEUNG, SAID TODAY THE NEW PUMPING STATION WOULD BE THE SIXTH TO BE BUILT IN THE NEW TOWN AND WOULD BE LOCATED ON THE HILLSIDE OFF CHING CHEUNG ROAD.

IT WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 65 000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY.

+WORK ON THE PROJECT, COSTING \$836 000, WILL START LATER THIS WEEK AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE,+ HE SAID.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT WAS SIGNED TODAY BETWEEN MR LEE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF WING MOU CONSTRUCTION CO. AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN LEIGHTON CENTRE.

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SETTING UP OF TSING YI TRADE ASSOCIATION -
A MOST TIMELY EVENT
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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TSING YI TRADE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S POINT OF VIEW A MOST TIMELY EVENT, TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER TSUEN WAN, MR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR HAYES WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE SECOND-TERM OFFICE BEARERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

HE SAID THE ASSOCIATION CAME AT THE OUTSET OF THE ISLAND'S DEVELOPMENT AND WAS THE MORE TO BE WELCOMED ON THAT ACCOUNT BECAUSE, AS DEVELOPMENT PROGRESSED, THERE WAS A GREAT NEED FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO LIAISE CLOSELY WITH THE LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS, BOTH OLD AND NEW.

+THIS WILL DRAW ATTENTION TO MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AND IS PARTICULARLY VALUABLE IN HELPING TO DETERMINE SOME OF THE DETAIL AND TIMING OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.+

MR HAYES SAID THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE ASSOCIATION, MR WONG TAK-YAN, HAD REFERRED TO +GROWING PAINS+ IN THE COURSE OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT, MENTIONING TRANSPORT, MEDICAL SERVICES AND CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AS EXAMPLES.

+ONE IS OBLIGED TO AGREE WITH HIM THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE THAT SUPPLY MEETS DEMAND AT ALL POINTS,+ HE SAID. +THIS IS PARTICULARLY APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT, THOUGH I CAN ASSURE THE ASSOCIATION AND OTHER RESIDENTS THAT THIS IS THE FREQUENT CONCERN OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS SITTING ON THE NEW TOWN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.+

CURRENTLY, PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF MAXI-CAB SERVICES BETWEEN TSING YI AND TSUEN WAN/KOWLOON AND ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES WERE ALL IN HAND, AND DISCUSSIONS WERE TAKING PLACE WITH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE RECENTLY REDUCED FERRY SERVICES.

WITH REGARD TO MEDICAL FACILITIES, A GENERAL GOVERNMENT CLINIC PROVIDING OUT-PATIENT AND CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES WOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1981-82, IF NOT EARLIER, IN ACCOMMODATION RESERVED IN THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF CHEUNG CHING ESTATE. THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED TO MAKE SPEEDY PROVISION OF SERVICES ON THE ISLAND IN VIEW OF THE ALREADY LARGE POPULATION AND RELATIVELY ISOLATED SITUATION, +AND WE WILL BRING THIS CLINIC FORWARD IF WE CAN,+ MR HAYES SAID.

HE SAID THE CHAIRMAN HAD EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SHOPS AND BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE GIVEN REASONABLE COMPENSATION. +THIS IS ALSO OUR AIM, WHETHER THOSE CONCERNED ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STATUTORY OR EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION. WE WILL KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THE SITUATION AND, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, SEEK A REVIEW OF THE EXISTING RATES WHEN THIS APPEARS TO BE WARRANTED BY CHANGES IN THE ECONOMY.+

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SAFETY HINTS FOR TIN HAU WORSHIPPERS

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR COLIN BOSHER, TODAY URGES THE 10 000 WORSHIPPERS EXPECTED TO ATTEND TIN HAU FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS AT JOSS HOUSE BAY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO USE THE SPECIAL FERRIES BEING LAID ON FOR THEM WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

HE SAID THESE FERRIES WERE A CONVENIENT WAY OF GETTING TO JOSS HOUSE BAY WHICH IS ONLY ACCESSIBLE BY SEA.

+I WOULD LIKE HOWEVER TO APPEAL TO EVERYONE, INCLUDING THOSE WHO GO BY THEIR OWN BOATS, TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE WHEN GETTING ON OR OFF THEM,+ MR BOSHER SAID.

HE SAID MARINE POLICE AND MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES WOULD KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON BOATS GOING TO JOSS HOUSE BAY AND WARNED THAT OPERATORS OF OVERLOADED VESSELS WOULD BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS WHO USUALLY OPERATE ON SUCH FESTIVE OCCASIONS. HE WARNED THAT IT WOULD BE AN OFFENCE TO POSSESS OR DISCHARGE FIREWORKS AND STRESSED THAT LION DANCES WOULD BE STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON THE SHORE.

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT ALSO URGED ALL TIN HAU FESTIVAL WORSHIPPERS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CAUSING FIRES.

A SPOKESMAN SAID SMOKERS MUST MAKE SURE THAT CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES ARE PROPERLY PUT OUT BEFORE DISPOSING OF THEM. A CHECK SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE LEAVING THE AREA TO ENSURE THAT CANDLES, JOSS-STICKS AND PAPER OFFERINGS ARE NO LONGER BURNING.

HE STRESSED THAT NO HYDROGEN-FILLED BALLOONS WOULD BE PERMITTED TO BE SOLD OR DISPLAYED.

VENDORS AND BUYERS OF HELIUM GAS-FILLED BALLOONS WERE WARNED NOT TO EXPOSE THEM TO OPEN FIRE BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF EXPLOSION.

A NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO WORSHIPPERS TO PLACE ALL LITTER IN THE LARGE CONTAINERS BEING PROVIDED IN THE AREA FOR THEIR USE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT REFUSE DISCARDED INDISCRIMINATELY MIGHT RESULT IN A FINE.

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SOCIAL STUDIES SEMINAR FOR SCHOOL HEADS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS OR THEIR DEPUTIES TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON SOCIAL STUDIES TO BE CONDUCTED BY PROFESSOR ANGUS GUNN OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.

THE SEMINAR WILL TAKE THE FORM OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING AN INTRODUCTORY TALK BY PROFESSOR GUNN ON THE TOPIC OF +SOCIAL STUDIES AS A SECONDARY SCHOOL SUBJECT+.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE SUBJECT AT THE FORM IV-V LEVEL.

THERE WILL BE TWO SEPARATE SESSIONS, ON JUNE 11 AND 14 AT THE GOVERNMENT TRAINING DIVISION, 17TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL. EACH CAN ACCOMMODATE 60 PARTICIPANTS.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (SOCIAL SUBJECTS) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY MAY 23.

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OPENING OF FLYOVER LOOP ROAD
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THE LOOP ROAD ON THE LOWER GLENEALY FLYOVER WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 9).

EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON ROBINSON ROAD MAY USE THIS LOOP ROAD TO TURN BACK WESTWARDS ALONG ROBINSON ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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