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HIGH-POWERED GROUP ON CRIME TO BE SET UP

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THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IS TO SET UP A HIGH-POWERED WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE THREAT POSED BY GANGS, INCLUDING TRIADS AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN ORGANISED CRIME IN HONG KONG.

THE GROUP WILL INCLUDE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE POLICE, THE SECURITY BRANCH, THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE DECISION WAS TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY AFTER THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH A COMPREHENSIVE, 46-PAGE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT +TRIADS AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN ORGANISED CRIME+ WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID :

+THE POLICE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE FACT THAT, IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN A RESURGENCE OF TRIAD ACTIVITY.

+IT ALSO ILLUSTRATES THAT TRIADS AND OTHER GANGS HAVE SPREAD THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN ORGANISED CRIME AND HAVE USED LEGITIMATE FRONTS TO MONOPOLISE CERTAIN AREAS OF BUSINESS.+

THE GROUP WILL CONDUCT AN IN-DEPTH STUDY INTO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GANGS AND ORGANISED CRIME AND EXAMINE WHAT CO-ORDINATED ACTION IS NEEDED TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

IT WILL ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER NEW LEGISLATION IS REQUIRED TO DEAL WITH TRIAD SOCIETIES.

THE WORKING GROUP WILL REPLACE THE CO-ORDINATED GROUP AGAINST TRIADS WHICH WAS FIRST FORMED IN 1979. IT WILL REPORT TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

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EXPORTS TO U.S. RISE 40 PER CENT FOR YEAR

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR THE YEAR 1983, VALUED AT \$336 142 MILLION, INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SIMILAR PERIOD IN 1982, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 26 PER CENT TO \$104 405 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 23 PER CENT TO \$175 442 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 27 PER CENT TO \$56 294 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

/DOMESTIC EXPORTS .....

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY 40 PER CENT IN VALUE. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$4 566 MILLION OR 39%); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 278 MILLION OR 109%) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 924 MILLION OR 112%). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$211 MILLION OR 7%) AND TRANSISTORS AND DIODES (BY \$168 MILLION OR 61%).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$612 MILLION OR 740%); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$247 MILLION OR 338%) AND TEXTILES (BY \$104 MILLION OR 21%). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$28 MILLION OR 59%).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING CLOTHING (BY \$253 MILLION OR 6%) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$197 MILLION OR 303%). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF DECREASED BY \$13 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY \$654 MILLION OR 69%) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$155 MILLION OR 25%); AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$132 MILLION OR 60%).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$3 121 MILLION OR 53%); CLOTHING (BY \$1 725 MILLION OR 37%); MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$380 MILLION OR 31%); VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$341 MILLION OR 20%); AND CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$293 MILLION OR 35%).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 344 MILLION OR 74%); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1 644 MILLION OR 39%). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$494 MILLION OR 18%), AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$130 MILLION OR 9%).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 604 MILLION OR 95%), PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$505 MILLION OR 311%) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$412 MILLION OR 29%). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$147 MILLION OR 20%) AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES UNWORKED OR WORKED (BY \$103 MILLION OR 13%).

/DECREASES WERE .....

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF IRON AND STEEL (BY \$10 MILLION OR 3%) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$772 MILLION OR 11%). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$667 MILLION OR 20%); AND IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM SINGAPORE ALSO INCREASED (BY \$453 MILLION OR 66%).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$4 191 MILLION OR 52%), U.S.A. (BY \$2 413 MILLION OR 43%), SINGAPORE (BY \$875 MILLION OR 24%), TAIWAN (BY \$793 MILLION OR 30%), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$741 MILLION OR 44%), JAPAN (BY \$610 MILLION OR 24%), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$394 MILLION OR 42%), AND THAILAND (BY \$375 MILLION OR 46%). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA (BY \$731 MILLION OR 16%) AND NIGERIA (BY \$355 MILLION OR 39%). THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 5.

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 512 MILLION OR 44%); CLOTHING (BY \$1 474 MILLION OR 49%); TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$1 391 MILLION OR 22%) AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1 040 MILLION OR 32%).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$408 MILLION OR 18%), METAL-FERROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$158 MILLION OR 52%) AND NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$20 MILLION OR 3%). THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 6.

THE DECEMBER 1983 ISSUE OF +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN DECEMBER 1983 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY MARCH 1984 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-214375). ENQUIRIES CONCERNING TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-444436).

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TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	1983 (\$ MN)	1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
U.S.A.	43 802	31 223	+12 578	+40
U.K.	8 538	7 187	+ 1 351	+19
F.R. OF GERMANY	8 043	7 031	+ 1 011	+14
CHINA	6 223	3 806	+ 2 417	+64
JAPAN	3 910	3 167	+ 743	+23
CANADA	3 731	2 637	+ 1 094	+41
AUSTRALIA	2 927	2 832	+ 96	+ 3
SINGAPORE	2 228	1 964	+ 263	+13
NETHERLANDS	1 963	1 692	+ 271	+16
SWITZERLAND	1 661	1 378	+ 282	+20

TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	1983 (\$ MN)	1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	34 365	28 824	+ 5 541	+19
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS, JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS)	16 642	15 589	+ 1 053	+ 7
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	9 399	8 148	+ 1 251	+15

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	8 410	5 672	+ 2 738	+48
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	8 203	6 055	+ 2 149	+35
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	7 084	5 052	+ 2 032	+40

TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SOURCES

<u>MAJOR SOURCES</u>	<u>1983 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>1982 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE (\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)</u>
CHINA	42 821	32 935	+ 9 886	+30
JAPAN	40 333	31 540	+ 8 793	+28
U.S.A.	19 179	15 459	+ 3 720	+24
TAIWAN	12 448	10 198	+ 2 250	+22
SINGAPORE	10 482	10 207	+ 275	+ 3
U.K.	7 456	6 892	+ 564	+ 8
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	5 050	4 557	+ 492	+11
F.R. OF GERMANY	4 556	3 506	+ 1 050	+30
SWITZERLAND	3 287	2 669	+ 618	+23
AUSTRALIA	2 764	2 266	+ 498	+22

/TABLE 4 : .....

TABLE 4 : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS

COMMODITY SECTIONS	1983 (\$ MN)	1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	49 500	39 734	+ 9 766	+25
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	39 424	32 029	+ 7 395	+23
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	31 783	24 978	+ 6 805	+27
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	18 911	16 172	+ 2 738	+17
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.	12 942	9 486	+ 3 456	+36
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	11 657	11 477	+ 180	+ 2

TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	1983 (\$ MN)	1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	12 183	7 992	+ 4 191	+52
U.S.A.	8 028	5 615	+ 2 413	+43
SINGAPORE	4 523	3 648	+ 875	+24
INDONESIA	3 884	4 615	- 731	-16

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TAIWAN	3 454	2 662	+ 793	+30
JAPAN	3 176	2 566	+ 610	+24
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	2 440	1 699	+ 741	+44
MACAU	1 885	1 588	+ 297	+19
PHILIPPINES	1 632	1 485	+ 147	+10
SAUDI ARABIA	1 335	941	+ 394	+42

TABLE 6 : RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	1983 (\$ MN)	1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	7 822	6 431	+ 1 391	+22
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	4 931	3 420	+ 1 512	+44
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4 495	3 021	+ 1 474	+49
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4 258	3 218	+ 1 040	+32
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	3 183	2 412	+ 771	+32
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	2 708	2 565	+ 143	+ 6

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### CONTRACT AWARDED FOR ROAD PROJECT

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TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE HAS AWARDED A \$48-MILLION CONTRACT TO EXTEND ROADS AND BUILD FOOTBRIDGES ON TSING YI ISLAND.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, AWARDED TO MAEDA CONSTRUCTION LIMITED, CHUNG MEI ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED 600 METRES WESTWARDS AND CHING HONG ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED 750 METRES IN THE SAME DIRECTION.

THE EXTENSIONS WILL SERVE RESIDENTS OF THREE PHASES OF CHEUNG HONG ESTATE AND A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

TWO FOOTBRIDGES WILL SPAN CHUNG MEI ROAD AND TWO WILL SPAN CHING HONG ROAD. A FIFTH FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE BUILT NEAR THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATE.

ALSO UNDER THE CONTRACT, TWO OTHER ROADS WILL BE BUILT TO FORM PART OF THE TSING YI ISLAND TOWN CENTRE NETWORK AS WELL AS SERVE TSING YI ESTATE, NOW BEING BUILT.

ONE, MEASURING 700 METRES, WILL RUN FROM THE FIRE STATION AT TSING LENG TSUI TO FUNG SHUE WO TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND THE OTHER, 200 METRES LONG, WILL RUN FROM THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA TO TSING YI OLD TOWN.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT STARTED RECENTLY AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 20 MONTHS.

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### CHALLENGING YEAR FOR DISTRICT BOARD

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THE YEAR OF THE RAT PROMISES TO BE A PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING ONE FOR THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THE BOARD WOULD BE CALLED UPON TO ADVISE ON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE NORTH-WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, A CROSS-BORDER ROAD LINK AT LOK MA CHAU, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TOWN AT TIN SHUI WAI AND THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED NEW LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

MR WILSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S NEW YEAR GATHERING ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 500 LOCAL DIGNITARIES AND BOARD MEMBERS.

+CLEARLY, THE YEAR OF THE RAT WILL BE A TIME FOR ANYONE, WHO WISHES TO HAVE A SAY IN HOW HIS DISTRICT IS TO BE RUN, TO COME FORWARD AND REGISTER SUPPORT FOR HIS DISTRICT BOARD BY REGISTERING AS AN ELECTOR,+ HE SAID.

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POINTING OUT THAT A NEW REGISTRATION EXERCISE WOULD BEGIN IN AUGUST, HE APPEALED TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO COME FORWARD AND SUPPORT THE DISTRICT BOARD.

MR WILSON ALSO OUTLINED A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHICH WILL PROGRESS FURTHER DURING THE YEAR.

HE SAID THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS WOULD BE OPENED IN APRIL, TAKING THROUGH TRAFFIC OUT OF THE TOWN AND MAKING IT A MORE PLEASANT LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

+COMPLETION OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR WILL ALSO MEAN FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN JOURNEY TIMES BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND KOWLOON,+ HE SAID.

NEW ROADS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT TONG YAN SAN TSUEN, AND IN APRIL WORK ON THE NEXT PHASE OF THE N.T. CIRCULAR ROAD BETWEEN FAN KAM ROAD AND KWU TUNG WILL BEGIN.

ON RECREATION, THE FOUNDATIONS WILL BE LAID FOR AN INDOOR GAMES HALL NEXT TO THE EASTERN BUS TERMINUS.

ON HOUSING, WORK OF A SELF-CONTAINED NEW TOWN FOR 135 000 PEOPLE ON RECLAIMED LAND AT TIN SHUI WAI WILL COMMENCE.

ON EDUCATION, CONSTRUCTION OF A THIRD NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL HAS STARTED AND WILL BE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR.

MR WILSON SAID THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT INEVITABLY CAUSED SOME DISRUPTION TO BUSINESS AND TO FAMILIES.

HE THANKED LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR THEIR PATIENCE, CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING IN HELPING THE GOVERNMENT TO MEET ITS TARGETS.

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#### NEW ROAD IN TUEN MUN READY

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A NEW ROAD LEADING FROM TSING WUN ROAD TO TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD WILL BE OPENED AT 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), PROVIDING A MAJOR LINK BETWEEN LUNG MUN ROAD AND TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE.

BUT BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY, THE ROAD WILL BE AN URBAN CLEARWAY WHERE NO MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

MEANWHILE, TONG SHUI ROAD BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD IN NORTH POINT WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 11) TO 7 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 12) EXCEPT FOR VEHICLES REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS. THE MEASURE IS TO ALLOW FOR WORK ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

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DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ENTERING TONG SHUI ROAD FOR ACCESS SHOULD LEAVE VIA MARBLE ROAD. TRAFFIC HEADING FOR KING'S ROAD SHOULD PROCEED VIA JAVA ROAD AND KAM HONG STREET.

FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY, HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND FROM HOUSE NOS 133 TO 153, AND HENNESSY ROAD WESTBOUND FROM HOUSE NO. 162 TO A POINT 45 METRES WEST OF O'BRIEN ROAD, WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY FOR ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY, ALL VEHICLES ON O'BRIEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO HENNESSY ROAD WESTBOUND.

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#### TALKS ON REMEDIAL TEACHING

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE WILL HOLD A SERIES OF TALKS ON REMEDIAL CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN MARCH.

THE TALKS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE TEACHING CENTRE'S HONG KONG UNIT AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, HONG KONG.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WHO WISH TO SEND TEACHERS TO ATTEND ANY OF THE TALKS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, BY FEBRUARY 24.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE CENTRE ON 5-488230.

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#### NEW COLOUR GUIDE TO HONG KONG BIRDS

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A NEW COLOUR GUIDE TO HONG KONG BIRDS HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

THE VALUE OF THE NEW GUIDE EXTENDS BEYOND INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES, FOR THE BIRDLIFE OF HONG KONG IS A REPRESENTATION OF THAT OF SOUTH CHINA GENERALLY.

THE LATEST BOOK IS A COMPLETELY REWRITTEN AND ENLARGED EDITION OF THE +COLOUR GUIDE TO HONG KONG BIRDS+ OF WHICH MORE THAN 11 300 COPIES HAVE BEEN SOLD SINCE IT WAS FIRST PUBLISHED A FEW YEARS AGO.

IT IS AVAILABLE AT \$62 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, G.P.O. BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, DISTRICT OFFICES, AND LEADING BOOKSHOPS.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 50 NEW PLATES IN THE LATEST GUIDE. THE PAINTINGS AND THE TEXT PROVIDE READY IDENTIFICATION OF ANY BIRDS SEEN IN HONG KONG - BE IT AROUND THE PEAK OR AT THE INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT WETLAND BIRD RESERVE AT MAI PO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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THE INSTANT SUCCESS OF THE EARLIER EDITIONS CONVINCED THE AUTHORS, CLIVE VINEY AND KAREN PHILLIPPS OF THE GREAT INTEREST IN THE BIRDS OF THE REGION, AND OF THE NEED TO PRODUCE THIS COMPREHENSIVE FIELD GUIDE.

CLIVE VINEY HAS STUDIED AND WRITTEN ABOUT THE BIRDS IN THIS REGION FOR OVER 15 YEARS AND IS NOW REGARDED AS AN AUTHORITY ON THE SUBJECT.

KAREN PHILLIPPS TRAINED AS AN ILLUSTRATOR IN LONDON AND HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG SINCE 1972. HER PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED WORKS INCLUDE A +COLOUR GUIDE TO HONG KONG ANIMALS+ AND A +GUIDE TO CHINESE MARKET VEGETABLES+.

IN ADDITION TO THE MAIN BODY OF THE BOOK, CONCISE INFORMATION IS GIVEN ON GOOD BIRDWATCHING AREAS, HOW TO IDENTIFY AND WATCH BIRDS, AND ON EQUIPMENT TO USE.

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### SINGING CONTEST FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT \* \* \* \*

THE SECOND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SINGING AND SONG-WRITING CONTEST WILL BE HELD FROM FEBRUARY 17 TO MARCH 4, 1984.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO PERSONS AT THE AGE OF 15 OR ABOVE WHO LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN THE DISTRICT.

THEY MAY JOIN EITHER SOLO OR GROUP SINGING OR BOTH.

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE OF \$1 000, WITH THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP GETTING \$500 AND \$300 RESPECTIVELY.

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

A SONG-WRITING COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN SONG-WRITING.

COMPETITORS WHO SHOULD BE HONG KONG RESIDENTS, MAY EITHER COMPOSE THEIR OWN LYRICS AND MELODIES USING THE 'CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT' AS THE THEME OR SET ANY OF THE THREE LYRICS PRESENTED BY THE ORGANISERS FOR SINGING.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL AWARD AN ADDITIONAL \$1 000 CASH PRIZE FOR THE WINNING ENTRY TO BE USED AS THE DISTRICT SONG.

PRELIMINARIES OF THE CONTEST WILL BE HELD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 17 AND 19 AT THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE, THE MUSIC OFFICE, 9TH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD.

FINALISTS WILL COMPETE ON MARCH 4 AT THE HONG KONG CARITAS CENTRE, STARTING AT 8 PM.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE TILL FEBRUARY 11 AT THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND AT ANY OF THE ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY DIALLING 5-283257.

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