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HK MAY NEED ANOTHER LOAN, ADB TOLD

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, TODAY TOLD A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK THAT HONG KONG MIGHT NEED TO SEEK AGAIN TO INVOKE ITS BORROWING RIGHTS WITH THE BANK.

IN HIS FIRST ADDRESS AS ADB GOVERNOR FOR HONG KONG, TO THE 15TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD BEING HELD IN MANILA, MR BREMRIDGE SAID THE PRICE OF LAND IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN FALLING RECENTLY, PARTLY AS A RESULT OF THE LARGE AMOUNT OF LAND SOLD BY THE GOVERNMENT IN RECENT YEARS AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY HIGH INTEREST RATES.

+THIS IS A WELCOME SHORT TERM ADJUSTMENT WHICH SHOULD FACILITATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AS MUCH LAND AS POSSIBLE.

+BUT IT ALSO MEANS THAT LAND SALES REVENUE HAS BECOME LESS BUOYANT, AND THAT WE HAVE CONSCIOUSLY BROUGHT OURSELVES NEARER TO THE POSITION IN WHICH WE MAY HAVE TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF FINANCE TO SUSTAIN EXPENDITURE ON OUR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME,+ HE SAID.

MR BREMRIDGE RECALLED THAT AT THE TWO PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETINGS, WE HAD SAID WE DID NOT PROPOSE TO SEEK ANY FURTHER LOANS FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT THAT WE RESERVED OUR POSITION AS A DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRY WITH BORROWING RIGHTS.

WE WERE ABLE TO SAY THIS BECAUSE BUOYANT LAND SALES REVENUE HAD IN RECENT YEARS GREATLY ASSISTED US IN FINANCING OUR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, HE EXPLAINED.

+BUT WE ALSO SAID THAT AS A CLOSER BALANCE BETWEEN THE DEMAND FOR AND THE SUPPLY OF LAND WAS ACHIEVED, THE SITUATION MIGHT CHANGE AND THAT WE MIGHT THEN HAVE TO LOOK TO LOAN FINANCE TO MEET THE EXPANDING COMMITMENTS ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN LEVELS OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE CONSISTENT WITH THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF OUR COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

MR BREMRIDGE EXPECTED THAT IN THE PRESENT FINANCIAL YEAR, REVENUE FROM LAND SALES AND ELSEWHERE WOULD BE ADEQUATE TO FINANCE A MAJOR PART OF OUR EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL WORKS.

+THIS VIEW IS REINFORCED BY A SUBSTANTIAL BUDGETARY SURPLUS IN OUR LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, WHILE THIS YEAR WE ARE AGAIN SO BUDGETING.

+BUT GIVEN THE UNFAVOURABLE CONDITIONS OF WORLD TRADE AND HONG KONG'S DEPENDENCE THEREON, THE PRESENT TREND IN LAND PRICES COULD BE PROLONGED. IN SOME AREAS INDUSTRIAL LAND PRICES HAVE ALREADY DROPPED IN THE PAST YEAR BY OVER 50 PER CENT, THUS EMPHASISING THE VIRTUES OF THE FREE MARKET PROCESS,+ HE SAID.

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HE ADDED THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE MIGHT NEED TO CONSIDER OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCE, AND IN THIS CONTEXT SEEK AGAIN TO INVOKE OUR BORROWING RIGHTS WITH THE BANK, WHILE BEARING IN MIND THE BANK'S OBLIGATIONS TO THE REGION AS A WHOLE.

IN HIS ADDRESS, MR BREMRIDGE RESTATED THAT HONG KONG WAS COMMITTED IN PRINCIPLE AND SUBJECT TO USUAL PROCEDURES TO SUPPORTING A THIRD CAPITAL INCREASE IN THE BANK'S CAPITAL STOCK IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN ITS LENDING CAPACITY IN THE MID 1980'S. AT THE SAME TIME, HE CONSIDERED THAT THERE WAS A CLEAR NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE BANK'S FINANCIAL POLICIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO OR AT LEAST IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS INCREASE.

HE CONFIRMED THAT HONG KONG WOULD BE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINING SOME OTHER DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES IN CONTRIBUTING A TOKEN AMOUNT TO THE CURRENT ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND REPLENISHMENT.

SUBJECT TO THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATURE WE SHALL IN DUE COURSE BE OFFERING A CONTRIBUTION -- IN THE ORDER OF US \$1 MILLION -- TO THE FUND, HE SAID

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NEW RAILWAY STATIONS FOR MONG KOK AND SHA TIN * * * *

TWO NEW STATIONS WILL BE PARTIALLY OPENED BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE START NEXT THURSDAY (MAY 6) OF THE STAGE 1 INNER SUBURBAN ELECTRIFIED SERVICE BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN.

A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A NEW SHA TIN STATION WILL BE PARTIALLY OPENED TO THE PUBLIC TOMORROW (APRIL 30) WHILE THE NEW MONG KOK STATION IS EXPECTED TO BE PARTIALLY OPENED ON MONDAY (MAY 3).

THE TWO STATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY REBUILT UNDER KCR'S MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME AND ARE DESIGNED TO CATER FOR THE EXPECTED BIG INCREASE IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

EACH STATION HAS A STATION MANAGER'S OFFICE, A CONTROL ROOM, A MINIBANK, A POLICE REPORTING CENTRE, TICKET OFFICES, AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINES AND TOILETS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A RESTAURANT AT THE MONG KOK STATION.

KCR COMMUTERS TO THE SHA TIN STATION CAN USE AN ACCESS ROAD NEAR THE BUS TERMINUS AT THE SHA TIN MARKET CENTRE OR VIA AN OVERHEAD BRIDGE FROM PAI TAU VILLAGE.

ACCESS TO THE NEW MONG KOK STATION AT LUEN WAN STREET IS BY WAY OF ARGYLE STREET OR BUTE STREET.

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ELECTRIC TRAIN SERVICE STARTS NEXT THURSDAY

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THE FIRST STAGE OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY INNER SUBURBAN ELECTRIFIED SERVICE BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN WILL START OPERATING FROM NEXT THURSDAY (MAY 6) AFTERNOON.

THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE WILL DECLARE HONG KONG'S NEW RAILWAY OPEN AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM, AT 10 AM, AND WILL FOLLOW THIS UP IMMEDIATELY WITH ANOTHER BRIEF CEREMONY AT THE NEW SHA TIN STATION IN THE MORNING.

THE EAGERLY-AWAITED FIRST ELECTRIC TRAIN FOR THE PUBLIC WILL START RUNNING AT 2 PM ON THAT DAY.

SIR PHILIP AND LADY HADDON-CAVE WILL BE WELCOMED ON ARRIVAL AT KOWLOON STATION BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR A.J. SCOTT AND MRS SCOTT- THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (DESIGNATE), KCRG, MR BOBBY HOWES AND MRS HOWES AND THE KCR GENERAL MANAGER, MR U.L. WONG AND MRS WONG.

TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION, SIR PHILIP WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE AT KOWLOON STATION, AND WILL THEN PROCEED WITH A PARTY OF GUESTS BY ELECTRIC TRAIN TO SHA TIN STATION TO UNVEIL A SIMILAR PLAQUE.

THE BAND OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WILL PROVIDE THE MUSIC AS THE INAUGURAL TRAIN LEAVES THE STATION, BREAKING THROUGH A LARGE BANNER ON THE WAY TO SHA TIN. AS THE TRAIN ENTERS SHA TIN STATION, IT WILL DRIVE THROUGH ANOTHER BANNER AT THE PLATFORM.

AFTER UNVEILING THE PLAQUE AT SHA TIN STATION, SIR PHILIP AND THE GUEST PARTY WILL RETURN BY THE SAME ELECTRIC TRAIN TO KOWLOON STATION FOR A RECEPTION MARKING THE OCCASION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 6).

THE NEWS MEDIA ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT NOT LATER THAN MAY 3 BY TELEPHONING KCR'S PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION AT THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS:

MR DENNIS LEUNG - 3-697520
MRS ANNA NGAI - 3-696658
MR SIMON TAM - 3-682716

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PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF 1981 POPULATION CENSUS
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HONG KONG'S POPULATION IS BECOMING OLDER, WITH ITS MEDIAN AGE INCREASING FROM 22 IN 1971 TO 26 IN 1981.

THIS FACT IS AMONG THE BROAD FINDINGS OF THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS CONTAINED IN A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS, WHICH IS ON SALE TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE ARTICLE PRESENTS THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION AS REVEALED BY THE CENSUS WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN MARCH LAST YEAR.

ACCORDING TO THE 1981 CENSUS, THERE WERE 5.11 MILLION RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG IN MARCH 1981. SOME 4 986 560 PERSONS WERE ENUMERATED IN THE CENSUS, BUT THE FIGURE EXCLUDES TRANSIENTS AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, AND 123 252 RESIDENTS WHO WERE AWAY FROM HONG KONG ON THE REFERENCE DATE. THE POPULATION COUNT SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 1.05 MILLION PEOPLE OVER THE 1971 CENSUS COUNT, GIVING AN AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF 2.4 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT OF CHANGES BOTH IN THE AGE-SEX STRUCTURE OF THE POPULATION AND IN THE LEVELS OF LABOUR PARTICIPATION, HONG KONG HAD A MUCH LARGER LABOUR FORCE THAN IN 1971, THE LABOUR FORCE GROWING AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF 4.5 PER CENT IN THE PERIOD FROM 1971 TO 1981.

THE CENSUS SHOWED ALSO THAT HONG KONG'S FAMILIES ARE BECOMING SMALLER, WITH THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE DECREASING STEADILY FROM 4.5 IN 1971 TO 3.9 IN 1981.

SIMPLE NUCLEAR FAMILIES WERE MOST COMMON, COMPRISING 54 PER CENT OF ALL DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLDS.

LAST YEAR 39 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION WERE IN PUBLIC AND AIDED HOUSING AS AGAINST THE 38 PER CENT IN 1971. THE PERCENTAGE IN TEMPORARY HOUSING, HOWEVER, REMAINED EFFECTIVELY UNCHANGED DURING THE 10-YEAR PERIOD.

THE 1981 CENSUS ALSO PROVIDED A GLIMPSE OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE CHINESE IMMIGRANT POPULATION (THOSE WHO CAME TO HONG KONG DURING THE PERIOD 1976-80). ABOUT A QUARTER OF THEM WERE LIVING IN TEMPORARY HOUSING, AS COMPARED WITH A CORRESPONDING FIGURE OF 7.5 PER CENT FOR THE LOCAL POPULATION.

IT SHOWED ALSO THAT A LARGER PROPORTION OF IMMIGRANTS THAN OF THE LOCAL POPULATION AT ALL AGES, WERE IN THE LABOUR FORCE. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS A HIGHER PROPORTION OF MALE IMMIGRANTS AGED 20 TO 34 IN THE LABOUR FORCE (99 PER CENT) THAN IN THE CASE OF THEIR LOCAL COUNTERPARTS (95 PER CENT). THE DIFFERENCE WAS PARTICULARLY MARKED AMONG FEMALES.

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THE CENSUS ALSO REVEALED THAT THERE WERE FEWER UNEMPLOYED IMMIGRANTS.

HOWEVER, THERE WERE RELATIVELY FEWER IMMIGRANTS IN ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGERIAL, PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL, AS WELL AS CLERICAL AND SALES OCCUPATIONS.

THE JANUARY 1982 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS WILL SHORTLY BE ON SALE IN THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, AT CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1982

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE IN MARCH 1982.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR MARCH WAS \$10 291 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT \$6 577 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$3 714 MILLION.

WITH IMPORTS AT \$12 178 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR MARCH WAS \$1 887 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1981, THERE WERE THE FOLLOWING INCREASES BY VALUE: \$793 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, \$388 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, \$1 181 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS AND \$852 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT FOR IMPORTS. THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, AT 15 PER CENT IN MARCH THIS YEAR, WAS SIGNIFICANTLY NARROWER THAN IN MARCH 1981 AT 20 PER CENT.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT RETAINED IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE PICKED UP IN MARCH AS THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS, AT EIGHT PER CENT IN MARCH, WAS MUCH THE SAME AS IN THE PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE GROWTH RATE IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN MARCH, AT 14 PER CENT, WAS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE SIX PER CENT RECORDED IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1982 TAKEN TOGETHER, INDICATING PROBABLY A SLOW RECOVERY FROM THE LUNAR NEW YEAR LULL.

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY \$2 549 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT, COMPRISING INCREASES OF \$1 445 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND OF \$1 104 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ALSO INCREASED BY \$2 340 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT.

THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+ IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, AT 16 PER CENT, WAS NARROWER THAN IN THE CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF 1981, AT 18 PER CENT.

TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH, 1982

The Census and Statistics Department has released the following provisional merchandise trade figures for March:-

<u>MERCHANDISE:</u>	Domestic Exports	:	\$ 6,577 million
	Re-exports	:	\$ 3,714 million
	Total Exports	:	\$ 10,291 million
	Imports	:	\$ 12,178 million
	Trade balance	:	\$ 1,887 million (in deficit)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>Latest 3 months</u>	<u>January-March 1982</u> \$ Mn.	<u>January-March 1981</u> \$ Mn.	<u>Increase or decrease</u> \$ Mn. %	
Domestic Exports (% of Total Exports)	17,509 (62.2%)	16,064 (62.8%)	+ 1,445	+ 9.0
Re-exports	10,629	9,526	+ 1,104	+ 11.6
Total Exports	28,139	25,590	+ 2,549	+ 10.0
Imports	33,421	31,081	+ 2,340	+ 7.5
Trade balance	- 5,282	- 5,491	+ 209	

<u>Same month last year</u>	<u>March 1982</u> \$ Mn.	<u>March 1981</u> \$ Mn.	<u>Increase or decrease</u> \$ Mn. %	
Domestic Exports (% of Total Exports)	6,577 (63.9%)	5,784 (63.5%)	+ 793	+ 13.7
Re-exports	3,714	3,326	+ 388	+ 11.7
Total Exports	10,291	9,111	+ 1,181	+ 13.0
Imports	12,178	11,326	+ 852	+ 7.5
Trade balance	- 1,887	- 2,215	+ 328	

<u>Last month</u>	<u>March 1982</u> \$ Mn.	<u>February 1982</u> \$ Mn.	<u>Increase or decrease</u> \$ Mn. %	
Domestic Exports (% of Total Exports)	6,577 (63.9%)	4,694 (56.6%)	+ 1,883	+ 40.1
Re-exports	3,714	3,597	+ 118	+ 3.3
Total Exports	10,291	8,290	+ 2,001	+ 24.1
Imports	12,178	11,220	+ 958	+ 8.5
Trade balance	- 1,887	- 2,930	+ 1,043	

<u>Last 12 months</u>	<u>April 1981 to March 1982</u> \$ Mn.	<u>April 1980 to March 1981</u> \$ Mn.	<u>Increase or decrease</u> \$ Mn. %	
Domestic Exports	81,869	70,526	+ 11,343	+ 16.1
Re-exports	42,843	33,562	+ 9,281	+ 27.7
Total Exports	124,712	104,088	+ 20,624	+ 19.8
Imports	140,715	118,519	+ 22,196	+ 18.7
Trade balance	- 16,003	- 14,431	- 1,572	

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1981 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND
IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING ITS SERIES OF ANNUAL SURVEYS OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, COLLECTING ECONOMIC DATA RELATING TO 1981.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SURVEY IS TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SECTOR AND TO ANALYSE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ITS STRUCTURE SINCE THE LAST SURVEY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

INFORMATION SOUGHT INCLUDES TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, WAGES AND SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASES, SALES, STOCKS AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

SURVEY RESULTS ARE REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN DECISION-MAKING, TRADE PROMOTION AND MARKET ANALYSIS. THEY WILL ALSO FORM A BASIS FOR ESTIMATING THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO SOME 6 000 WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SELECTED FOR ENUMERATION IN THE SURVEY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ALL ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING 50 OR MORE PERSONS AND A SAMPLE OF SMALLER ESTABLISHMENTS RANDOMLY SELECTED. MANAGERMENTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING THE QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORMS TO THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE JULY 31, IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID REPLY ENVELOPES. CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS BEARING GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS WILL, UPON REQUEST, VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED AND ASSIST RESPONDENTS IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE 1981 SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) ORDER 1981 MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE ON JANUARY 27, 1981 AND GAZETTED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 19 OF 1981 ON JANUARY 30, 1981.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THAT ORDINANCE, INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, AND ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL THE DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE RELEASED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALS TO MANAGERMENTS RECEIVING THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO RETURN THE COMPLETED FORMS PROMPTLY AND TO COOPERATE WITH THE CENSUS STAFF DURING THE SURVEY ENUMERATION PERIOD.

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INDUSTRIALISTS URGED TO HELP SOLVE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS
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TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIALISTS WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) CALLED UPON TO HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND LORRY PARKING, WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO LOCAL INDUSTRY.

IN A LUNCHEON SPEECH TO THE FEDERATION OF TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIES, THE TOWN MANAGER, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID HE WOULD WELCOME A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH THE FEDERATION, AND A WIDENING OF DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACTS TO INCLUDE MORE INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN.

HE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO DEVELOP SUCH AN EXISTING CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION AS THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL SUB-COMMITTEE.

+WE ARE OF COURSE ALREADY AWARE OF SOME OF THE PROBLEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO INDUSTRY, AND ARE INVOLVED IN TRYING IN CONCERT WITH RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO RESOLVE THEM,+ HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD POINTED OUT THAT SOME IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS WERE ON THE WAY, EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT NOT ENTIRELY RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS.

THESE WOULD INCLUDE THE OPENING OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TSUEN WAN EXTENSION NEXT MONTH, THE THREE PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF BUSES SERVING THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR, THE COMPLETION OF THE SECOND STAGE OF TSUEN WAN BY-PASS LINKING SOUTH TSUEN WAN RECLAMATION WITH THE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY, AND THE BUILDING OF A SECOND TSING YI BRIDGE.

ON OTHER PROBLEMS, MR MACLEOD SAID: +WE STILL HAVE A CONSIDERABLE WAY TO GO TO BRING UP TO STANDARD THE LEVEL OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND IN PARTICULAR OF THE OPEN SPACE WHICH IS SO BADLY NEEDED IN TSUEN WAN.

+THE FACT THAT PARTS OF TSUEN WAN ARE LIKE A VAST BUILDING SITE IS A HOPEFUL SIGN OF IMPROVEMENTS TO COME, BUT MEANWHILE LIVING NEAR A BUILDING SITE IS NOT VERY COMFORTABLE.+

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT TSUEN WAN WAS MORE HIGHLY INDUSTRIALISED THAN OTHER PARTS OF HONG KONG -- THE WORKING POPULATION IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS 55 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE OVERALL 41 PER CENT; AND, AT 3.6 PER CENT, TSUEN WAN HAD A SLIGHTLY LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE THAN THE OVERALL AVERAGE OF 3.7 PER CENT.

ON HOUSING, HE SAID TSUEN WAN BENEFITED FROM AN UNUSUALLY HIGH PROPORTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING -- ABOUT 70 PER CENT IN THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE, RISING TO A STAGGERING 83 PER CENT IN KWAI CHUNG.

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HE SAID SOME \$830 000 WAS SPENT ON CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT AND \$1.7 MILLION ON RECREATION AND SPORTS LAST YEAR. FURTHERMORE A WHOLE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WAS BEING CARRIED OUT BY BOTH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS AND AGENCIES.

DESPITE ALL THESE, HE SAID, TSUEN WAN WAS FACING A CONSIDERABLE TASK IN TAKING THOUSANDS OF NEWCOMERS INTO ITS COMMUNITY AND MAKING THEM FEEL PART OF IT.

+WHILE WE WILL TACKLE THIS TASK WITH VIGOUR, WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP, AND WE SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE TASK: THE POPULATION OF TSUEN WAN MAY WELL REACH ONE MILLION BY THE END OF THIS DECADE,+ HE ADDED.

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POLICE CHIEF TO INSPECT CAS PARADE
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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY, WILL INSPECT THE 25TH CIVIL AID SERVICES PASSING-OUT PARADE ON SATURDAY (MAY 1) AND PRESENT SPECIAL CERTIFICATES TO 240 NEW ADULT AND YOUNG RECRUITS.

THE PARADE WILL BE HELD AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE HEADQUARTERS, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG, STARTING AT 7 PM.

THE RECRUITS HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR BASIC TRAINING IN FIRST AID, LIGHT RESCUE, FOREST FIRE FIGHTING, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, TYPHOON DUTIES AND OTHER USEFUL SKILLS.

THEY WILL BE POSTED TO VARIOUS CAS UNITS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WHERE THEIR SKILLS WILL BE PUT TO GOOD USE.

MR HENRY WILL ALSO PRESENT CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE CLASPS TO A NUMBER OF OTHER CAS MEMBERS.

THE CAS BAND WILL PERFORM AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 25TH CAS PASSING-OUT PARADE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (MAY 1) STARTING AT 7 PM, AT THE RHKAPF HEADQUARTERS, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG.

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PIANO WORKSHOP
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THE MUSIC OFFICE, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL PRESENT A PIANO WORKSHOP TO BE GIVEN BY THE SWISS PIANIST, NICOLE WICKIHALDER. THE WORKSHOP WILL TAKE PLACE ON MAY 6 AT 5.30 PM AT THE MUSIC OFFICE, 9TH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

NICOLE WICKIHALDER GRADUATED FROM THE MUSIC ACADEMY OF VIENNA, WHERE SHE STUDIED UNDER PROFESSOR HAUSER. HER FURTHER STUDIES WERE UNDER NICKITA MAGALOFF, AND SHE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF MANY PRIZES IN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITIONS.

HER DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS A SOLOIST HAS TAKEN HER ALL OVER THE WORLD. ORCHESTRAS WITH WHOM SHE HAS APPEARED AS A GUEST ARTIST INCLUDE THE ORCHESTRA DE LA SUISSSE ROMANDE, THE ZURICH TONHALLE, AND IN THE FAR EAST, SHE HAS PLAYED WITH THE MANILA CCP ORCHESTRA AND THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

DURING THE WORKSHOP, WHICH IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ADMISSION FREE), YOUNG PIANISTS WILL BE PLAYING WORKS BY BACH, CHOPIN AND DEBUSSY. ENQUIRIES REGARDING THIS EVENT MAY BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 5-296105.

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LABOUR LAW OFFENCES
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SIX EMPLOYERS WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$23 100 BY THE COURTS LAST MONTH FOR EMPLOYING EIGHT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES NOT ALLOWED TO WORK IN HONG KONG.

THE EIGHT SUMMONSES AGAINST THE EMPLOYERS WERE AMONG A TOTAL OF 987 TAKEN OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LEGISLATION. THE FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS TOTALLED MORE THAN \$922 000.

MOST OF THE CASES CONCERNED BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS TOTALLED 292, WITH \$445 950 IN FINES. THESE INCLUDED 152 CASES (WITH \$218 200 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 79 CASES (WITH \$154 950 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

CASES RELATING TO BREACHES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS ACCOUNTED FOR 570 WITH \$385 700 IN FINES.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, 28 CASES WERE RELATED TO FAILURE TO KEEP RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES, LEADING TO \$21 225 IN FINES.

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DISTRICT BOARDS TO HOLD JOINT SEMINAR
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THE SHAM SHUI PO AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARDS WILL ORGANISE A JOINT SEMINAR AT THE UNITED COLLEGE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY ON SATURDAY (MAY 1) TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND THEIR EXPERIENCES ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

MR WONG LAM, A MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, AND MR K.F. CHOY, SENIOR TRAINING OFFICER OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT'S CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING DIVISION, WILL GIVE TALKS BEFORE BOARD MEMBERS GO INTO GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

MR WONG WILL SPEAK ON HIS EXPERIENCE AS A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AND ON HOW TO DEAL WITH MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE PAPERS. MR CHOY WILL GIVE HIS OPINION ON HOW TO MAKE THE BOARD COMMITTEES MORE EFFECTIVE.

MR LEE LAP-SUN, THE KOWLOON CITY CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, WILL MAKE THE OPENING ADDRESS AT THE SEMINAR, AND MR STEPHEN IP, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, SHAM SHUI PO, WILL MAKE THE CONCLUDING ADDRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT SEMINAR WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE UNITED COLLEGE STAFF COMMON ROOM OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (MAY 1).

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MOVING OFFICE
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THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE IN KWUN TONG WILL MOVE ON MONDAY (MAY 3) TO AMOY PLAZA, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON, NEAR THE KOWLOON BAY MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW OFFICE WILL BE 3-7554233.

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LIDO BEACH BUILDING OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

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A TWO-STOREY BEACH BUILDING OF MODERN DESIGN AT LIDO BEACH IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC THIS SATURDAY (MAY 1).

COSTING ABOUT \$1 MILLION, THE BEACH BUILDING CAN ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 60 BATHERS IN TWO CHANGING ROOMS FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

THE CHANGING FACILITIES ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND THE OPENING HOURS ARE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM.

LIFEGUARDS AND FIRST AID SERVICES ARE ALSO PROVIDED AT THE BEACH DURING THE OPENING HOURS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SHOWERING FACILITIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO BATHERS AT THE BEACH.

A KIOSK SELLING LIGHT REFRESHMENT, LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE BUILDING, WILL SOON BE OPERATIONAL.

BEACH-GOERS ENJOYING A DIP AT NEARBY CASAM BEACH CAN ALSO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES AT LIDO BEACH.

DURING THE LAST BATHING SEASON, MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION LIDO BEACH-GOERS WERE RECORDED WHILE ABOUT 200 000 WERE AT CASAM BEACH.

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PUBLIC DUMP IN CHEUNG SHA WAN OPENED

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A PUBLIC DUMP AT CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION STAGE II WAS OPENED TODAY (THURSDAY), THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

DUMPING MAY BE CARRIED OUT AT THE SITE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ACCESS TO THE NEW DUMP WILL BE FROM THE JUNCTION OF TUNG CHAU STREET AND FAT TSEUNG STREET.

DUMPING LICENCES MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE ON APPLICATION TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PORT WORKS DIVISION OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AT 8TH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, KOWLOON.

HOLDERS OF VALID DUMPING LICENCES FOR PUBLIC DUMPS IN KOWLOON WILL BE PERMITTED TO DISCARD APPROVED SOFT EARTH, BUILDING DEBRIS AND CERTAIN SIZES OF STONES THAT ARE WELL MIXED WITH EARTH.

DUMPING MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE DUMP SUPERVISORS.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL DUMPING LICENCES AT ANY TIME OR TO CLOSE THE DUMP WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

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