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QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS OUT
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY CONDUCTED IN JANUARY 1983.

ABOUT 800 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1982, AND THEIR BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY INDICATE THAT IN GENERAL, FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR CONTINUED TO EXPERIENCE A DOWNTREND IN BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1982.

SINCE THE LAST QUARTER OF 1981, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR HAS BEEN RATHER UNFAVOURABLE AND PESSIMISM IN BUSINESS OUTLOOK CONTINUED TO PREVAIL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, WHICH HAD REPORTED A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1982, REPORTED A FURTHER SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1982.

SUCH EXPERIENCE WAS IN LINE WITH THE FIRMS' EARLIER EXPECTATIONS RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND OF THE SURVEY.

FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR EXPERIENCED SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER, LARGELY DUE TO SEASONAL FACTORS.

AS REGARDS FIRMS IN THE OTHER SERVICES SECTOR, THEY EXPERIENCED VERY LITTLE IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS, CONTRARY TO THEIR EARLIER EXPECTATION FOR A SUBSTANTIAL UPTURN AS INDICATED IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND OF THE SURVEY.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983 REMAINED PESSIMISTIC AMONG FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTORS. HOWEVER, SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS ARE ANTICIPATED BY FIRMS IN THE OTHER SERVICES SECTOR.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, FIRMS IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES, PRINTING AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRIES ACHIEVED SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1982 BUT EXPECT A DETERIORATION FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983.

RESPONDENTS IN THE PLASTICS, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES EXPERIENCED A SIGNIFICANT DOWNTURN IN BUSINESS AND EXPECT THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION TO REMAIN SOMEWHAT UNFAVOURABLE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983.

/RESPONDING FIRMS

RESPONDING FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR EXPERIENCED A SUBSTANTIAL DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1982 AND PREDICT THAT THE DOWNTREND WILL QUITE DEFINITELY CONTINUE INTO THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983.

FIRMS IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE REPORTED SOME IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, BUT EXPECT A DECLINE IN BUSINESS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER.

AS FOR RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, BUSINESS DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER IMPROVED MAINLY DUE TO SEASONAL FACTORS, BUT, A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS IS EXPECTED BY RESPONDENTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER.

AS REGARDS THE OTHER SERVICES SECTOR, BUSINESS EXPERIENCE OF FIRMS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER IN GENERAL FELL SHORT OF THEIR PREVIOUS EXPECTATION, PARTICULARLY FOR THE 'BANKS' BUSINESS, WHICH EXPERIENCED A DETERIORATION, CONTRARY TO THEIR PREVIOUS EXPECTATION OF IMPROVEMENTS.

FOR THE TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS, THE IMPROVEMENT TURNED OUT TO BE ONLY MODERATE.

LOOKING INTO THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983, FIRMS IN THIS SECTOR EXPECT A BUSINESS LEVEL SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1982 TO BE MAINTAINED.

INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS ORDERS, UNCERTAINTIES IN EXCHANGE RATES AND PRICE COMPETITION FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG WERE THE MAJOR PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN GENERAL DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1982 AND THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO PERSIST IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS ORDERS WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM FOR BOTH THE FOURTH QUARTER AND FIRST QUARTER. THE PROBLEM IS PARTICULARLY SERIOUS IN THE CASE OF THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND PLASTICS INDUSTRIES.

APART FROM INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES ALSO FACE THE PROBLEM OF UNCERTAINTIES IN EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS.

SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR REMAINED A PROBLEM OF THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY IN THE FOURTH QUARTER AND IS EXPECTED TO PREVAIL IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FACED BY FIRMS WERE PRICE COMPETITION FROM LOCAL COMPANIES AND INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS CONTRACTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER AND THEY EXPECT THESE PROBLEMS TO CONTINUE INTO THE FIRST QUARTER. IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, PARTICIPATING FIRMS CONSIDERED UNCERTAINTIES ARISING FROM EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS, PRICE COMPETITION AND INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS AS THE MAJOR PROBLEMS BOTH FOR THE FOURTH AND THE FIRST QUARTERS.

AS FOR RESTAURANTS, PROBLEMS OF INCREASING PROMINENCE WERE HIGH STAFF TURNOVER, PRICE COMPETITION AND INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS.

RESPONDENTS IN THE HOTELS BUSINESS CONTINUED TO INDICATE PRICE COMPETITION AS THEIR MAJOR PROBLEM FOR BOTH QUARTERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SURVEY RESULTS, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WERE BASICALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF HONG KONG.

PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER IN THEIR OPINIONS, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD IMPROVED, REMAINED THE SAME OR DETERIORATED IN THE IMMEDIATE PAST QUARTER, AS COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER BEFORE. FOR THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER, THEY WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION WOULD IMPROVE, REMAIN THE SAME OR DETERIORATE.

THE BALANCE OF OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WAS TABULATED AND ANALYSED.

THE SURVEY REPORT ALSO CONTAINS A SECTION ON BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS AND A BREAKDOWN OF VIEWS OF FIRMS BY SIZE GROUPS.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT FOR A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CARE AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND STATISTICAL TABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND TO OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

COPIES MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3 EACH.

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. (TEL. NO. 5-423401)

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LUNAR NEW YEAR TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CAUSEWAY BAY ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE AS A LARGE TURN-OUT IS EXPECTED AT THE FLOWER FAIR IN VICTORIA PARK.

AS A NUMBER OF ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO MOTORISTS TO AVOID THIS AREA, ADDING THAT MOST PUBLIC SERVICES WILL EXTEND THEIR HOURS OF OPERATION AND SPECIAL SERVICES WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED.

THE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE:

ROAD CLOSURES

(FROM 6 PM ON FEBRUARY 12 TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY)

- * LOCKHART ROAD AND JAFFE ROAD EAST OF THEIR JUNCTIONS WITH PERCIVAL STREET;
- * KESWICK STREET (EXCEPT MAXICAB ROUTE 21);
- * CANNON STREET;
- * PATERSON STREET BETWEEN KINGSTON STREET AND YEE WO STREET;
- * GREAT GEORGE STREET;
- * SUGAR STREET;
- * KINGSTON STREET BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND CLEVELAND STREET;
- * GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN CAUSEWAY ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER;
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN COTTON PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD;
AND
- * ROXY ROUNDABOUT.

OTHER ROAD CLOSURES

(FROM 8 PM ON FEBRUARY 12 TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY)

- * PERCIVAL STREET BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD;
- * TUNG LO WAN ROAD BETWEEN MORETON TERRACE AND TAI HANG ROAD (EXCEPT TRAFFIC HEADING FOR TAI HANG);

/* ELECTRIC ROAD

- * ELECTRIC ROAD FROM YACHT STREET TO HING FAT STREET AND HING FAT STREET FROM ELECTRIC ROAD TO LAU LI STREET (EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES);
- * CAUSEWAY ROAD WESTBOUND FROM TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD TO MORETON TERRACE AND HING FAT STREET FROM CAUSEWAY ROAD TO ELECTRIC ROAD (EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND MAXICABS).

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES:

- * YEE WO STREET EASTBOUND;
- * CAUSEWAY ROAD EASTBOUND;
- * PENNINGTON STREET BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND IRVING STREET;
- * JARDINE'S BAZAAR;
- * KAI CHIU ROAD BETWEEN YUN PING ROAD AND JARDINE'S BAZAAR;
AND
- * KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN CAUSEWAY ROAD AND LAU LI STREET.

URBAN CLEARWAYS

FROM 6 PM ON FEBRUARY 12 TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY, CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON:

- * THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF CAUSEWAY ROAD FROM MORETON TERRACE TO LEIGHTON ROAD;
- * THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD FROM PERCIVAL STREET TO GREAT GEORGE STREET; AND
- * MORETON TERRACE.

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 6 PM ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

TRAFFIC ON HYSAN AVENUE BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND YUN PING ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND, WHILE THOSE ON KESWICK STREET AND LINK ROAD FROM CAROLINE HILL ROAD TO BROADWOOD ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO REACH CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL VIA CANAL ROAD WEST.

WESTBOUND VEHICLES ALONG LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO MARSH ROAD.

HOWEVER, VEHICLES (EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES) ALONG TIN LOK LANE WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ALONG LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING IRVING STREET, WHILE THOSE ALONG PENNINGTON STREET WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO YEE WO STREET EASTBOUND.

VEHICLES ALONG QUEENSWAY AND HENNESSY ROAD HEADING FOR NORTH POINT MAY TRAVEL VIA THE FLYOVERS AT ARSENAL STREET, FLEMING ROAD OR MARSH ROAD, OR THEY MAY USE PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD AND CANAL ROAD WEST FLYOVER.

THOSE HEADING FOR TAI HANG AREA MAY USE QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND STUBBS ROAD OR TRAVEL VIA PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND BLUE POOL ROAD.

VEHICLES ALONG KING'S ROAD HEADING FOR WAN CHAI AREA MAY USE TSING FUNG STREET FLYOVER OR TRAVEL VIA TUNG LO WAN ROAD, MORETON TERRACE, CAUSEWAY ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD.

SPECIAL BUS SERVICES TO CAUSEWAY BAY WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED:

- * CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTE 111A (CHOI HUNG - HING FAT STREET) AND 112A (MONG KOK ROAD - HING FAT STREET) FROM 12.30 AM TO 6 AM ON FEBRUARY 13 AT A FARE OF \$3;
- * NO. 86 (CHAI WAN (SAN HA STREET) - CAUSEWAY ROAD) FROM 8 PM ON FEBRUARY 12 TO 12.40 AM THE NEXT DAY AT A FARE OF \$1.40;
- * NO. 304 (WAH FU SOUTH - CAUSEWAY ROAD) FROM 12.45 AM TO 5.15 AM ON FEBRUARY 13 AT A FARE OF \$2;
- * NO. 305M (ADMIRALTY MTR STATION - FOOD STREET) FROM 8 PM ON FEBRUARY 12 TO 5.30 AM THE NEXT DAY AT A FARE OF \$1.40; AND
- * NO. 308 (CHAI WAN (SAN HA STREET) - CAUSEWAY ROAD) FROM 12.10 AM TO 5 AM ON FEBRUARY 13 AT A FARE OF \$2.



KEY:

- Entrance and exit to the Park
- Road closure with effect from 6.00 p.m.
- Road closure with effect from 8.00 p.m.
- Prohibited zones
- Re-routing
- General traffic
- Urban Clearway

**SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
IN CAUSEWAY BAY
LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR
12TH FEBRUARY 1983**

TIPS ON FIRE PREVENTION OVER LUNAR NEW YEAR

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THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY (WEDNESDAY) URGED TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO FIRE RISKS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID, +ALTHOUGH THE HUMIDITY LEVEL THIS WINTER IS HIGHER THAN NORMAL, PEOPLE SHOULD STILL BE ON THEIR GUARD AGAINST FIRE, ESPECIALLY DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD WHEN HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND COOKING STOVES ARE FREQUENTLY USED.+

+ELECTRICAL FAULTS AND CARELESS HANDLING OF CIGARETTES, MATCHES AND WORSHIPPING ITEMS CAUSED NEARLY 50 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FIRE OUTBREAKS IN 1982,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED RESIDENTS TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING BASIC FIRE PREVENTION RULES:

- * MAKE SURE ALL HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES ARE IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION.
- * AVOID OVERLOADING THE POWER POINTS.
- * COOKING FACILITIES IN USE MUST BE ATTENDED TO.
- * SWITCH OFF ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES BEFORE LEAVING HOME.
- * KEEP MATCHES AND LIGHTERS OUT OF CHILDREN'S REACH.
- * BURN JOSS-STICKS, JOSS-CANDLES, AND PAPER MONEY ETC. IN METAL CONTAINERS AND KEEP THEM AWAY FROM ANY INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL.
- * PROVIDE VISITORS WITH ENOUGH ASHTRAYS AND BEFORE YOU EMPTY AN ASHTRAY, MAKE SURE THE ASHES AND ALL CIGARETTE BUTTS ARE EXTINGUISHED.
- * NEVER STORE MORE THAN ONE CONTAINER OF FUEL AT ONE TIME AND KEEP IT WELL AWAY FROM ANY SOURCE OF HEAT.
- * DO NOT FILL A KEROSENE STOVE OR HEATER WHEN IT IS ALIGHT.
- * KEEP THE CORRIDORS AND STAIRCASES FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION.

HE ALSO ADVISED COUNTRYSIDE VISITORS AND PICNICKERS TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE.

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF 1982, 28 PEOPLE WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$10 700 FOR LIGHTING FIRES ILLEGALLY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, HE POINTED OUT.

/+PICNICKERS

+PICNICKERS SHOULD BRING ALONG PRE-COOKED FOOD WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IF THEY BARBECUE, THEY MUST USE DESIGNATED AREAS AND BEFORE LEAVING, THEY MUST ENSURE ALL FIRES ARE COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ANYONE WHO CAUSES A FIRE IN THE COUNTRY PARK IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT. THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING A FIRE ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IS \$2 000.

HE ALSO REMINDED FARMERS WHO BURN OFF AGRICULTURAL WASTE AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR TO AVOID LIGHTING A FIRE NEAR BUILDINGS OR DURING WINDY WEATHER.

+THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS ALWAYS READY TO HELP THOSE WHO NEED ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE,+ HE SAID.

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LEGAL POWER SUPPLY TO LUK HOP VILLAGE

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LEGAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY WAS CONNECTED TO LUK HOP VILLAGE IN SHA TIN TODAY (WEDNESDAY) WHEN ASSISTANT SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, PRESSED THE BUTTON AT A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY.

WORK ON THE LEGAL CONNECTIONS TO THE VILLAGE, LOCATED AT SHA TIN HEIGHTS AREA OF TAI PO ROAD, BEGAN IN THE MIDDLE OF LAST YEAR AND WAS COMPLETED BY THE END OF DECEMBER.

ACCORDING TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LUK HOP VILLAGE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE, MR KWAN YIU-FAI, ALL THE 26 HOUSEHOLDS COMPRISING ABOUT 200 PEOPLE RELIED ON ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY BEFORE THE VILLAGE WAS INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF LEGAL SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO SQUATTER AREAS IN SHA TIN.

+NOW, ALL THE ILLEGAL POWER TAPS ARE DISCONNECTED BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND WELL THAT ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS CONSTITUTE A FIRE HAZARD,+ SAID MR KWAN.

DESCRIBING THE POWER SUPPLY AS THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT OF THE LUK HOP VILLAGE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE, HE ADDED THAT THE MAC AIMED TO CARRY OUT OTHER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SUCH AS LIGHTING, FIRE SAFETY MEASURES, AND THE PROVISION OF SEWAGE AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

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THREE MEN COMMENDED FOR SAVING BOY FROM FIRE

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THREE RESIDENTS OF A HOUSING ESTATE WERE TODAY PRESENTED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES'S COMMENDATION FOR THEIR INITIATIVE, COURAGE AND DETERMINATION IN RESCUING A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOY FROM A BURNING FLAT IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE TO MR LIU FU-WING, MR LEUNG WAI AND MR LAU KI-TIM, BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, MR M. KINGDOM, AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE YAU TONG FIRE STATION.

THE BOY, LAI CHEUNG-WAH, HAD BEEN ALONE IN THE FLAT AT ROOM 1125, BLOCK 15, LAM TIN ESTATE, 11TH FLOOR, ON DECEMBER 3, 1982, WHEN THE RESCUE WAS CARRIED OUT.

HIS MOTHER HAD GONE OUT AND HE WAS PLAYING WITH MATCHES AND A CANDLE WHEN THE BED CAUGHT FIRE, AND HE FOUND HIMSELF TRAPPED BY A LOCKED GATE. THE THREE RESCUERS, ALL NEIGHBOURS, RESPONDED QUICKLY TO THE BOY'S SHOUTS.

MR LAU PICKED UP AN AXE AND TRIED TO BREAK OPEN THE GATE WHILE MR LEUNG PROVIDED PROTECTION TO THE BOY WITH A PIECE OF WET CLOTH. MEANWHILE MR LIU CALLED THE FIRE SERVICES AND THEN HELPED THE OTHER TWO MEN RESCUE THE BOY BEFORE THE FIRE SERVICES ARRIVED.

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NT BUILDING FOUND IN DANGEROUS CONDITION

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) DECLARED A SINGLE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING AT HANG TAU VILLAGE IN SHEUNG SHUI TO BE IN DANGEROUS CONDITION.

THE BUILDING, LOCATED AT NO. 12, SECTION 1 OF THE VILLAGE, IS MADE OF LOAD-BEARING BRICKS WITH MUD-BLOCK WALLS AND A TILED ROOF SUPPORTED BY CHINA FIRS.

A RECENT INSPECTION REVEALED THAT A PORTION OF A WALL AND THE ROOF HAD COLLAPSED, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR SAID.

ALTHOUGH EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO REPAIR THE BUILDING, THE WALLS WERE SO WEAK AND FRACTURED AND THE CHINA FIRS SO DECAYED THAT THERE COULD BE A FURTHER COLLAPSE, HE EXPLAINED.

FOR THIS REASON, IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE BUILDING, HE ADDED.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON FEBRUARY 23 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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CALL ON GOVERNOR

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THE US SECRETARY OF STATE, MR GEORGE SHULTZ, CALLED ON THE GOVERNOR AT NOON TODAY AND WAS ENTERTAINED AFTERWARDS TO LUNCH.

MR SHULTZ WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS, MR PAUL WOLFOWITZ, THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, MR THOMAS SHOESMITH AND THE US CONSUL-GENERAL IN HONG KONG, MR BURTON LEVIN.

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+HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY+ FOR TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS

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HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY -- THE TWIN THEMES OF TSUEN WAN'S FIRST DECORATION AND LIGHTING DISPLAY FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR -- WERE ILLUMINATED TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY) AT A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY PERFORMED BY LADY HADDON-CAVE, WIFE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

LIGHTS ENCIRCLING TWO FIVE-METRE-TALL +GODS OF PROSPERITY+, SOME 1 200 COLOURFUL LIGHT BULBS FORMING A FOUR-METRE-HIGH CHINESE VASE WITH PEACH BLOSSOMS AND 750 MORE LIGHT BULBS IN THE SHAPE OF A PIG WENT AGLOW AT 6 PM AND WILL STAY ON EVERY NIGHT UNTIL FEBRUARY 27.

THE UNVEILING OF THE TWO GODS WAS PERFORMED AT THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE OUTSIDE FOU WAH CENTRE, WHILE THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ELEVATED WALKWAY.

TSUEN WAN ALSO GREETED THE FESTIVITY WITH AN ARRAY OF RED AND GOLD LANTERNS, BANNERS OF THE SEASON'S GREETINGS AND A PAIR OF CHINESE NORTHERN LIONS ON MAJOR ROADS, WALKWAYS AND ON THE TSING YI BRIDGE.

THE LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS, COSTING \$90 000 AND FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE SWITCHED ON BETWEEN 6 PM AND MIDNIGHT EVERY DAY.

SPEAKING AT THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY, THE ACTING DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, SAID THE DECORATIONS NOT ONLY ADDED COLOUR TO THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE BUT WERE ALSO A SYMBOL OF HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY.

+DESPITE THE FLOODS, STRIKES AND FACTORY CLOSURES DURING THE YEAR OF THE DOG, TSUEN WAN HAS GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING AND DISTRICT SPIRIT,+ SHE SAID.

IN ADDITION, MORE THAN 60 PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING A VARIETY SHOW BY A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION, A LANTERN FESTIVAL, DANCING PARTIES, OUTINGS AND DINNERS FOR THE ELDERLY WOULD BE HELD, TOGETHER WITH THE FIFTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL OPENED LAST FRIDAY.

FREE TICKETS TO THE VARIETY SHOW, TO BE HELD AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTSGROUND AT 8 PM ON FEBRUARY 19, MAY BE OBTAINED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AT THE DISTRICT'S TOWN HALL AND PUBLIC ENQUIRIES COUNTERS FROM FEBRUARY 16.

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NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS IN TAI PO
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A SERIES OF FESTIVE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THESE INCLUDE PARTIES FOR THE AGED, A GRAPHIC EXHIBITION ON +LIVING IN TAI PO+, FUN FAIRS, A CHINESE CONCERT, VARIETY SHOWS, ORIENTEERING, A +DISCO NIGHT+ PARTY, A RADIO PROGRAMME ON TAI PO WORKERS AND INDUSTRY AND A TOWN GALA.

A BOARD SPOKESMAN ESTIMATED THAT \$280 000 WOULD BE SPENT ON THE PROGRAMMES BETWEEN FEBRUARY 18 AND 27.

+THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL SUBSIDISE ABOUT \$165 000 AND THE BALANCE WILL BE MET BY LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS,+ HE SAID.

+SIMILAR EVENTS IN PREVIOUS YEARS HAD PROVED POPULAR AMONG LOCAL PEOPLE, AND SUCCESSFUL IN PROVIDING THEM WITH ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND AT THE SAME TIME PROMOTING A SENSE OF BELONGING AND SOLIDARITY IN THE DISTRICT.+

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES THANKED FOR GIFT OF COMPUTER
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECENTLY DONATED A MICRO COMPUTER SYSTEM TO THE MARGARET TRENCH MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE IN KWUN TONG AS PART OF ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THE COST WAS MET FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL AUTUMN FAIR.

AT A CEREMONY HELD IN THE CENTRE TODAY, MR RAYMOND LAI, CHAIRMAN OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SPORTS ASSOCIATION WHICH ORGANISED THE FAIR, FORMALLY HANDED OVER THE SYSTEM TO THE CENTRE'S MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, DR HO KAM-CHUEN.

DR HO THANKED THE DEPARTMENT AND SAID THE SYSTEM WOULD +PROVIDE BETTER AND QUICKER RETRIEVAL OF PATIENTS' DATA, AND WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR RESEARCH AND LONG TERM PLANNING+.

IT WOULD ALSO HELP IN ACCOUNTING AND INVENTORY CONTROL OF THE CENTRE, HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, MR RAYMOND LAI PERSONALLY DONATED A BIG AQUARIUM TO THE CENTRE, WHILE THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICERS' CLUB DONATED OVER 70 LIVE FISHES AS WELL AS A GUARD RAIL IN FRONT OF THE AQUARIUM TO PREVENT IT FROM BEING BUMPED AGAINST BY WHEEL-CHAIRS.

THE REHABILITATION CENTRE IS OPERATED UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION. IT IS AN 80-BED IN-PATIENT CENTRE PROVIDING AN INTENSIVE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME DESIGNED FOR MAINLY ADULTS.

THE AIM OF THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IS TO HELP PATIENTS RECOVER THEIR MAXIMUM PHYSICAL POTENTIAL AND RETURN TO A USEFUL LIFE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY IN THE SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR LAND TENANCIES
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCIES OF FOUR PIECES OF CROWN LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TWO OF THE SITES ARE ON TSING YI ISLAND AND THE OTHER TWO IN THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA.

BOTH SITES ON TSING YI ARE FOR THE PARKING OF LICENSED CONTAINER TRACTORS, TRAILERS AND GOODS VEHICLES.

THEY ARE NEAR THE WESTERN END OF TSING YI BRIDGE AND ARE OF ABOUT 17 000 SQUARE METRES AND 4 675 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THE TENANCIES FOR BOTH SITES ARE FOR ONE YEAR INITIALLY, RENEWABLE MONTHLY THEREAFTER.

ONE OF THE SITES IN YUEN LONG IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF EMPTY CONTAINERS EXCLUDING ANY CONTAINER-CARGO CONSOLIDATION OR HANDLING PROCESS, WHILE THE OTHER SITE IS FOR CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT INCLUDING THE MANUFACTURE OF CONCRETE PRODUCTS AND STORAGE OF AGGREGATE.

BOTH SITES ARE OF ABOUT 2 387 SQUARE METRES AND THE TENANCIES ARE FOR TWO YEARS INITIALLY AND FOR QUARTERLY PERIODS THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON FEBRUARY 25, 1983.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (TSUEN WAN) FOR THE TSING YI SITES AND AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (YUEN LONG) FOR THE YUEN LONG SITES.

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CHANGE OF TERMINUS FOR BUS ROUTES

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BUS ROUTES NO. 5B, 7A AND 12A WILL TERMINATE AT THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY'S HUNG HOM STATION INSTEAD OF THE HUNG HOM FERRY PIER FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE HUNG HOM RAILWAY BUS TERMINUS HAS BEEN RECONSTRUCTED TO INCLUDE A NEW TAXI STAND WITH 38 SPACES, WHICH WILL BE OPEN FOR USE AT THE SAME TIME.

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HOLIDAY CLOSURE

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT AT 182 CANTON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 12 AND 15.

TEACHERS WHO HAVE ANY ENQUIRIES CAN TELEPHONE THE UNIT AT 3-660881 OR THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION AT 5-8392359.

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