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POLL CARDS FOR URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION

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A TOTAL OF 34 381 POLL CARDS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE SPEEDY ISSUE OF BALLOT PAPERS TO VOTERS ON URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1981 WILL BE IN THE POST TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY MR KUO KET-CHEN, REGISTRATION OFFICER, URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

EACH CARD WILL BEAR THE VOTER'S ELECTORAL NUMBER, HIS NAME, AND ADDRESS OF THE POLLING STATION AT WHICH HE IS REGISTERED TO VOTE.

MR KUO REMINDED VOTERS THAT IN ORDER TO VOTE WITH THE MINIMUM OF DELAY, THEY SHOULD PRODUCE THEIR POLL CARDS AS WELL AS IDENTITY CARDS TO THE STAFF AT THE POLLING STATION.

+IF AN ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO PRODUCE HIS POLL CARD, HE IS STILL ENTITLED TO VOTE PROVIDED THAT HIS NAME APPEARS ON THE 1981 FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS AND HE IS ABLE TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER, BUT THIS WILL NO DOUBT CAUSE INCONVENIENCE,+ HE ADDED.

+IF VOTERS HAVE MOVED THEIR RESIDENCES SINCE THE COMPILATION OF THE FINAL REGISTER AND HAVE NOT NOTIFIED THE REGISTRATION OFFICER OF THE CHANGE, IT IS LIKELY THAT THEIR POLL CARDS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.+

ANY PERSON WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE FINAL REGISTER BUT WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE HIS POLL CARD WITHIN THREE DAYS MAY CONTACT MR LI KENG-HEI AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-769567 SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR A POLL CARD TO BE DELIVERED TO HIM BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

ENQUIRIES MAY ALSO BE MADE IN PERSON AT 7TH FLOOR, 4 SUNNING ROAD, KA CHEONG BUILDING, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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POPULAR DEMAND FOR PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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MORE AND MORE PARENTS AND PUPILS ARE TURNING TO PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION TO MEET THE NEW PATTERN OF SOCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LIFE IN HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR HAYE WAS SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE PO LEUNG KUK C.W. CHU PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT TIN SAM, SHA TIN.

HE SAID THAT THE POPULARITY OF THIS TYPE OF EDUCATION WAS WELL ILLUSTRATED IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SCHEME WHERE FOR EVERY FORM I PLACE IN A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL, THERE WERE SIX PRIMARY VI APPLICANTS.

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+NOT SO LONG AGO, PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION WAS VIEWED BY PARENTS WITH SUSPICION. THEY SAW IT AS A DEAD-END, A BLEAK PROMISE OF NOTHING MORE THAN A MONOTONOUS JOB IN A FACTORY.

+THAT THINKING HAS NOW CHANGED AS PARENTS SEE WITH THEIR OWN EYES THE VARIED DEMAND FOR SKILLED CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS IN INDUSTRY,+ MR HAYE SAID.

FOR THE LESS ACADEMIC INCLINED PUPILS, THIS FORM OF EDUCATION OFFERS AN ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE AS THEY CAN SEEK POST FORM III EDUCATION THROUGH THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE POLYTECHNIC.

AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE CAPABLE OF COMPLETING THEIR ACADEMIC EDUCATION, THERE ARE NOW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

TO MEET POPULAR DEMAND FOR THIS TYPE OF EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING 12 MORE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, MAINLY IN THE NEW TOWNS, AT A COST OF ABOUT \$200 MILLION. THESE SCHOOLS WILL BE COMING INTO STREAM BY 1982.

MR HAYE COMMENDED THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE KUK, FOR THEIR FORESIGHT IN BREAKING NEW GROUND IN THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

IN THE EDUCATION FIELD, THE KUK IS OPERATING 17 SCHOOLS - THREE SECONDARY, EIGHT PRIMARY, THREE SPECIAL AND THREE KINDERGARTENS.

+THIS IS YOUR FIRST PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL WHICH I AM SURE WILL NOT BE YOUR LAST. I AM ALSO CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL OPERATE IT WITH GREAT SUCCESS AS WITH YOUR OTHER 17 SCHOOLS,+ MR HAYE SAID.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START ON THE PO LEUNG KUK C.W. CHU PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WITH COMPLETION EXPECTED BY DECEMBER 1982. THE SCHOOL OCCUPIES A SITE OF ABOUT 5 480 SQUARE METRES.

CAPITAL COST OF THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED AT \$16 MILLION WITH AN EXTRA \$1.6 MILLION REQUIRED FOR FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT.

THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE 25 CLASSROOMS WITH AN ENROLMENT OF ABOUT 1 000 PUPILS. IN ADDITION IT WILL HAVE A LARGE HALL, NINE WORKSHOPS AND A NUMBER OF SPECIAL ROOMS, EQUIPPED WITH MODERN MACHINERY.

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SURVEYS ON SERVICES INDUSTRY

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STARTING IN APRIL THIS YEAR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL UNDERTAKE A BENCHMARK ECONOMIC SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES ESTABLISHMENTS AND A MUCH SIMPLIFIED ECONOMIC SURVEY OF TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1980.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDERS AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF THESE TWO SURVEYS WERE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE ON JANUARY 27, 1981, AND WERE GAZETTED ON JANUARY 30, 1981.

TRADES AND SERVICES COVERED IN THESE TWO SURVEYS WILL INCLUDE:-

- (A) STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING FACILITIES FOR HIRE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC-
- (B) POSTAL, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, RADIO AND CABLE COMMUNICATION, MESSAGE DELIVERY AND MESSAGE EXCHANGE SERVICES-
- (C) ALL FINANCE (EXCEPT BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES, LOAN, MORTGAGE AND DISCOUNT COMPANIES, DEALERS/BROKERS AND EXCHANGES IN STOCKS AND SHARES, COMMODITY FUTURES, GOLD BULLION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGES, PAWNSHOPS, MONEY CHANGERS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL UNDERTAKINGS-
- (D) INSURERS, RE-INSURERS, AGENTS AND BROKERS OF ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE AND RELATED INSURANCE SERVICES-
- (E) ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING, ADVERTISING, DATA PROCESSING, EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, EQUIPMENT LEASING AND MACHINERY RENTAL, LEGAL, NEWS AGENCY, SECRETARIAL AND OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES- AND
- (F) TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPORTING SERVICES BY LAND, WATER OR AIR, TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND AGENCIES, MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, BRANCH OR REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF ESTABLISHMENTS PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BY LAND, WATER OR AIR.

THE SURVEYS WILL GATHER DATA ON EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR COSTS, OTHER OPERATING COSTS, BUSINESS TURNOVER, CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND CAPITAL STOCK. THESE STATISTICS ARE REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL PROVIDE BASIC DATA FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE OPERATIONAL AND STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SECTORS CONCERNED, AND FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SECTORAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

ABOUT 16 000 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE SELECTED FOR THE SURVEYS OUT OF A TOTAL OF SOME 40 000 ESTABLISHMENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDERS, THOSE SELECTED FOR THE SURVEYS ARE LEGALLY OBLIGED TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN IT TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31, 1981.

ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED
ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 1980 AS FOLLOWS:

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>DEC 1979</u>	<u>NOV 1980</u>	<u>DEC 1980</u>
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	5.1	5.0	4.8
TEXTILE, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	3.2	2.3	2.2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4.2	3.6	3.8
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	4.1	3.7	3.7
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	5.1	5.0	5.0
OTHERS	3.9	3.6	3.8
ALL MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.2	4.2

THE GENERAL DECREASE IN ORDERS-ON-HAND COMPARED WITH 12 MONTHS
AGO MAY NOT SUGGEST A SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE IN BUSINESS VOLUMES BUT
RATHER A TENDENCY FOR ORDERS RECEIVED BY THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED
TO HAVE BECOME SHORTER AND MORE FREQUENT.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE BASED ON AN UPDATED AND ENLARGED
PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SELECTED BY THEIR
EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979. AS THE PANEL IS NOT A
SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED SAMPLE, RESULTS OBTAINED WILL BE
REPRESENTATIVE ONLY OF THE COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE PANEL, BUT IT
IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL GENERALLY INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE
IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.

THIS SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED MONTHLY, ALSO ASKS QUESTIONS
ON EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL AND COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED
SERVICES SECTORS BESIDES MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1980 IS NOW ON SALE AT \$1 A
COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE.
ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL
PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS
DEPARTMENT (TEL: 5-274203).

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SHA TIN GETS TOWN HALL
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WORK WILL START THIS YEAR ON A TOWN HALL FOR SHA TIN, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

DR HASE, WHO WAS SPEAKING AT A SPRING FESTIVAL RECEPTION FOR 300 GUESTS, INCLUDING LOCAL LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SAID WORK WOULD ALSO START THIS YEAR ON A SPORTSGROUND.

+FURTHERMORE, THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND SQUASH COURTS CLOSE TO LEK YUEN ESTATE WILL BE PARTIALLY OPEN FOR USE BY MID-APRIL,+ HE SAID.

+I AM VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THESE PROJECTS TODAY AS I AM FREQUENTLY BEING ASKED WHEN BETTER FACILITIES WILL BE READY IN SHA TIN,+ HE ADDED.

OUTLINING OTHER NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS, DR HASE SAID MA ON SHAN RECLAMATION WAS UNDER PLANNING AND WORK ON THE TAI PO COASTAL TRUNK ROAD WOULD START SOON TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

+A VILLAGE HOUSE LAYOUT PLAN IS READY AND DETAILS WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH THE RURAL COMMITTEE,+ DR HASE SAID.

+THE PLAN PROVIDES FOR A GOOD LIVING ENVIRONMENT= PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE COMFORTABLY AND THUS FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE NEW TOWN.+

BESIDES CONSTRUCTION WORK, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK WAS ALSO IMPORTANT. BOTH SHOULD BE INTER-DEPENDENT AND PROGRESS AT THE SAME PACE. GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WERE PLAYING THEIR PART IN THIS.

CLEAN-UP AND FIGHT-CRIME CAMPAIGN WOULD START THIS YEAR AND A FULL-SCALE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN WOULD BE LAUNCHED IN A YEAR'S TIME.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ORGANISED IN EACH DISTRICT EACH MONTH.

DR HASE SAID BESIDES ORGANISING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND BUILDING OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS, IT WAS PLANNED TO SET UP THREE SUB-DISTRICT COMMITTEES TO CARRY OUT LOCAL AFFAIRS.

IT WAS ALSO HOPED, FOLLOWING THE SETTING UP OF SPORTS AND ARTS ASSOCIATIONS, TO GET LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SPONSOR AND PARTICIPATE IN AN +ARTS AND SPORTS FORTNIGHT+ TO BE HELD NEXT CHRISTMAS.

+THIS EVENT SHOULD HELP TO UNITE OLD AND NEW RESIDENTS AND TO DEVELOP A LOCAL COMMUNITY SPIRIT,+ HE SAID.

DR HASE MADE AN APPEAL FOR +ZEALOUS SUPPORT+ FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR.

+THE SUCCESS OF THE BOARD DEPENDS ON THE SUPPORT OF ALL PUBLIC SPIRITED RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

ALL EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN HOLDING RECEPTIONS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS TO CELEBRATE THE SPRING FESTIVAL. BESIDES TODAY'S RECEPTION AT SHA TIN, A SIMILAR RECEPTION ATTENDED BY ABOUT 400 GUESTS WAS HELD AT YUEN LONG HOSTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG.

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VARIETY SHOW TO CELEBRATE FIRST FULL MOON FESTIVAL

A VARIETY SHOW TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST FULL MOON FESTIVAL IS BEING HELD FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT ST. SIMON'S LUI MING CHOI TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

THE SHOW IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE AND TUEN MUN ARTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.

THOSE ATTENDING THE SHOW WILL BE INVITED TO SOLVE RIDDLES WRITTEN ON LANTERNS, A TRADITIONAL PRACTICE TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH ON THE LUNAR CALENDAR.

PERFORMANCES, WHICH START AT 7 PM, WILL INCLUDE DANCE, MAGIC AND ACROBATICS SHOWS, A LION DANCE AND LUCKY DRAWS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SARAH WU, AND HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

ADMISSION IS FREE. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE AT TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IS PROVIDING \$50 000 FOR THE CELEBRATIONS AND A FURTHER \$50 000 HAS BEEN RAISED FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS TO MEET THE REMAINING COSTS.

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KCR TIMETABLES REVISED

A NUMBER OF EARLY MORNING TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE CANCELLED AND DELAYS ARE EXPECTED DUE TO MAJOR ENGINEERING WORKS BETWEEN MONG KOK AND SHA TIN STATIONS STARTING ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 21).

APOLOGISING FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE TO COMMUTERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THE JOB WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME.

HE URGED COMMUTERS TO USE OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORT WHENEVER POSSIBLE ON THAT DAY.

HE ADDED THAT ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 22), A REVISED TIMETABLE WILL COME INTO OPERATION.

THE NEW TIMETABLES ARE DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS.

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RESERVOIRS TO BOOST SUPPLIES
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) LET A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AND A SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AT TAI WO TSUEN, TSUEN WAN.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH ABOUT \$4 MILLION, WAS SIGNED BY MR LEE GUN-CHEUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION) OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF LAW CHI YIP CONSTRUCTION CO LTD.

LOCATED ON A HILLSIDE AT TAI WO TSUEN, THE FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 4 800 CUBIC METRES AND THE ONE FOR SALT WATER, 200 CUBIC METRES.

WHEN COMPLETED, THEY WILL FORM PART OF THE FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS TO THE TAI WO TSUEN DEVELOPMENT.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START THIS WEEK AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW DUMP NEAR TAMAR
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT A PUBLIC DUMP EAST OF H.M.S. TAMAR BASIN WOULD BE OPENED TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

ACCESS TO THE NEW DUMP WILL BE FROM FENWICK PIER STREET VIA HARCOURT ROAD.

HOLDERS OF VALID DUMPING LICENCE FOR PUBLIC DUMPS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THIS DUMP.

DUMPING LICENCES MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE ON APPLICATION TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

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

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