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PROGRAMME OF PRINCESS ANNE'S VISIT  
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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ANNE, MRS MARK PHILLIPS, IS DUE TO ARRIVE FROM TOKYO TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A FOUR-DAY PRIVATE VISIT.

SHORTLY AFTER HER ARRIVAL, PRINCESS ANNE WILL SPEND ABOUT AN HOUR VISITING AP LEI CHAU WHERE SHE WILL INSPECT ONE OF THE LATEST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

WHILE AT AP LEI CHAU, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL ALSO SEE FROM A TERRACE THE BOAT POPULATION OF ABERDEEN HARBOUR AND THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE HER LAST VISIT IN 1971.

ON SATURDAY (APRIL 30) AFTERNOON, PRINCESS ANNE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE AND LADY YOUDE, WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE CENTENARY BUILDING OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

ON SUNDAY (MAY 1), PRINCESS ANNE WILL HAVE NO OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS.

BUT ON MONDAY (MAY 2) THE LAST DAY OF HER VISIT, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS IN THE COMPANY OF THE GOVERNOR, WILL CALL ON THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

AFTER HER MEETING WITH THE UMELCO, PRINCESS ANNE WILL INSPECT THE QUEEN'S GURKHA SIGNALS AT SHEK KONG AND THEN VISIT THE HMS TAMAR.

IN THE EVENING, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL DEPART FOR KARACHI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS FACILITIES

ARRIVAL AT KAI TAK AIRPORT

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE ARRIVAL OF PRINCESS ANNE SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING ONE HOUR BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF HER FLIGHT CX 501 (ETA 2.30 PM) ON FRIDAY (APRIL 29). THEY WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE PRESS POSITION BY GIS OFFICERS. (NOTE: NO PRESS BADGES ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT).

VISIT TO AP LEI CHAU HOUSING ESTATE

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK AT 3.15 PM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 29). GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST (NOTE: PRESS BADGES MUST BE DISPLAYED).

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CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM FOR HK'S TRADE PROSPECTS

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM SEEMED AN APPROPRIATE MOOD FOR HONG KONG'S TRADE PROSPECTS FOR THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO.

ADDRESSING THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON, HE EXAMINED HONG KONG'S TRADE PROSPECTS IN RELATION TO RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS AND MEASURES WHICH MIGHT PREVENT HONG KONG TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE EXPECTED UPTURN IN WORLD ECONOMY.

HE SAID THAT THE PRESSURE FOR 'SAFEGUARDS' - MEANING THE AUTHORISATION OF SELECTIVE RESTRAINTS - AT THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) MINISTERIAL MEETING LAST YEAR WAS STILL UNDER STUDY, BUT THE THREAT WHICH IT POSED OF TEXTILE AND CLOTHING STYLE RESTRAINTS BEING EXTENDED TO OTHER PRODUCTS NOW SEEMED LESS REAL.

+IN PARTICULAR, THE USA IS NOW LESS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SAFEGUARDS; AND THE UPTURN IN WORLD ECONOMY SHOULD HOPEFULLY LIFT THE PRESSURE SOMEWHAT IN OTHER COUNTRIES TOO.

+SO FAR AS NON-CLOTHING AND TEXTILE EXPORTS ARE CONCERNED, THE PROSPECTS ARE REASONABLY BRIGHT THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EXPAND WITHOUT FORMAL OR INFORMAL RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS ARTIFICIALLY LIMITING THEIR POTENTIAL. THE ONLY DANGER HERE IS THAT WE MAY GRADUALLY LOSE SOME OF THE TARIFF CONCESSIONS THAT WE ENJOY, ALONG WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS EXPORTED TO CERTAIN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.+

HE EMPHASISED THAT HONG KONG HAD TO DATE EFFECTIVELY RESISTED AGREEING TO ANY RESTRAINT ON EXPORTS OF GOODS OTHER THAN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT HONG KONG WAS ONE OF THE FEW COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES WITH A GENUINELY FREE MARKET FOR OTHER COUNTRIES' EXPORTS.

+ANOTHER REASON IS THE EXISTENCE OF THE GATT, WITH ITS RULES AGAINST SELECTIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS - THAT IS TO SAY SELECTIVE AS BETWEEN ONE COUNTRY AND ANOTHER.

+ONE OF THE DANGERS HAS BEEN THAT AS HONG KONG DIVERSIFIES AND BEGINS TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPETITIVE EXPORTER OF NON-TEXTILE AND CLOTHING PRODUCTS - LIKE WATCHES - THE PRESSURE GROWS TO MODIFY THE GATT IN SOME WAY SO THAT SELECTIVE RESTRAINTS ON SUCH PRODUCTS CAN BE IMPOSED ON HONG KONG. HENCE OUR CONCERN OVER THE PRESSURE AT THE GATT MINISTERIAL MEETING LAST YEAR FOR ACTION ON 'SAFEGUARDS',+ HE REMARKED.

TURNING TO THE TEXTILES AND CLOTHING TRADE, MR MACLEOD STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO DO ALL IT COULD TO OBTAIN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENTS FOR HONG KONG.

PUTTING THESE AGREEMENTS IN PERSPECTIVE HE POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE RESTRAINT UNDER THE MFA SINCE 1974, AND UNDER OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEARS BEFORE THAT, HONG KONG STILL HAD A HEALTHY INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY IN THE CLOTHING SECTOR.

+AND DESPITE VERY RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENTS ON OUR TWO MAJOR MARKETS, THE USA AND THE EEC, THERE WILL STILL BE ROOM FOR TRADE TO GROW OVER 1982 LEVELS, ALTHOUGH IN THE 'HOTTEST' CATEGORIES THE POSITION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE VERY TIGHT.

+THE AGREEMENTS ARE IN TERMS OF QUANTITY. HENCE THEY HAVE THE PARADOXICAL RESULT OF FORCING HONG KONG TO CONTINUALLY MOVE UP-MARKET, SO BECOMING MORE DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE WITH THE DOMESTIC PRODUCTS OF THE IMPORTING COUNTRY - SURELY NOT THEIR INTENTION.+ MR MACLEOD CONCLUDED.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH  
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HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS IN MARCH 1983 INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT OVER MARCH 1982 TO REACH \$10 620 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR VISIBLE TRADE RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE TOTAL COMPRISED \$6 620 MILLION FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND \$4 000 MILLION FOR RE-EXPORTS WHICH GREW BY ONE PER CENT, OR \$43 MILLION, AND EIGHT PER CENT, OR \$286 MILLION, RESPECTIVELY OVER THE SAME MONTH OF 1982.

LAST MONTH'S IMPORTS INCREASED BY ONLY TWO PER CENT, OR \$262 MILLION, LEAVING A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$1 820 MILLION FOR THE MONTH.

THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP -- THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS -- THUS NARROWED TO 14.6 PER CENT FROM 15.5 PER CENT OF MARCH LAST YEAR.

PUTTING LAST MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE VALUES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WERE UP BY SIX PER CENT AND FIVE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER LAST YEAR'S CORRESPONDING PERIOD. THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS THUS INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT.

AS THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WAS ONLY TWO PER CENT HIGHER, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP IN THE FIRST QUARTER STOOD AT 12.8 PER CENT, SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER THAN THE 15.8 PER CENT FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID BOTH DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS THUS SHOWED SOME SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WHEN COMPARED WITH THE LAST QUARTER OF 1982.

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+IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE US AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN PARTICULAR HAVE INCREASED, AS THESE TWO ECONOMIES STARTED TO RECOVER,+ HE SAID.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1983 :

<u>MERCHANDISE:</u>	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$ 6 620 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$ 4 000 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$10 620 MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$12 440 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 1 820 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	<u>JAN - MAR 1983</u>	<u>JAN - MAR 1982</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	18 629 (62.6%)	17 504 (62.2%)	+1 125	+ 6.4
RE-EXPORTS	11 153	10 627	+ 526	+ 4.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	29 782	28 131	+1 651	+ 5.9
IMPORTS	34 143	33 411	+ 732	+ 2.2
TRADE BALANCE	- 4 361	- 5 280	+ 919	
 <u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	 <u>MARCH 1983</u>	 <u>MARCH 1982</u>	 <u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6 620 (62.3%)	6 577 (63.9%)	+ 43	+ 0.7
RE-EXPORTS	4 000	3 714	+ 286	+ 7.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	10 620	10 291	+ 329	+ 3.2
IMPORTS	12 440	12 178	+ 262	+ 2.2
TRADE BALANCE	- 1 820	- 1 887	+ 67	

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LAST MONTH	MARCH 1983	FEB 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6 620 (62.3%)	5 569 (61.9%)	+1 051	+18.9
RE-EXPORTS	4 000	3 435	+ 565	+16.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	10 620	9 004	+1 616	+17.9
IMPORTS	12 440	10 166	+2 274	+22.4
TRADE BALANCE	- 1 820	- 1 162	- 658	

LAST 12 MONTHS	APRIL 1982 TO MARCH 1983	APRIL 1981 TO MARCH 1982	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	84 157	81 863	+2 294	+ 2.8
RE-EXPORTS	44 879	42 841	+2 038	+ 4.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	129 036	124 704	+4 332	+ 3.5
IMPORTS	143 624	140 706	+2 918	+ 2.1
TRADE BALANCE	-14 588	-16 002	+1 414	

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PRODUCT INNOVATION IS IMPORTANT TO OUR COMPETITIVENESS

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A WORKING PARTY OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD WAS EXPLORING WAYS TO ESTABLISH A PRODUCT INNOVATION AND DESIGN SERVICE TO HELP LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS MAINTAIN THEIR COMPETITIVENESS IN A RECOVERING WORLD ECONOMY.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1983 HONG KONG NEW PRODUCTS COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, MR HO CALLED ON LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS TO KEEP UP THEIR EFFORTS IN PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY UPTURN.

+ BESIDES DEVELOPING NEW PRODUCTS TO MEET NEW MARKET NEEDS OR IMPROVING EXISTING PRODUCTS TO GAIN A BETTER MARKET POSITION, A HIGH STANDARD OF QUALITY ASSURANCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR MANUFACTURERS TO ATTRACT REPEATED ORDERS FOR THEIR PRODUCTS.

+A CONFERENCE ON QUALITY ASSURANCE WILL BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT, TO AROUSE THE QUALITY CONSCIOUSNESS OF INDUSTRIALISTS IN HONG KONG AND ENCOURAGE THE PRACTICE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY ON A MUCH WIDER SCALE,+ MR HO SAID.

MR HO REITERATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN MAINTAINING INDUSTRY'S COMPETITIVE POSITION WAS TO PROVIDE THE BASIC INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, SUPPORT SERVICES AND A FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR INDUSTRY. +IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDUSTRIALIST TO PROVIDE THE INNOVATIONS IN HIS PRODUCT LINE WHICH WILL WIN NEW MARKETS. HONG KONG'S SUCCESS IN EXPORTING IS A TRIBUTE TO THE WILLINGNESS AND RESOURCEFULNESS OF OUR INDUSTRIALISTS TO TAKE UP THIS TASK,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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### WAGES INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1982

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED WAGE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1982. THESE WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT COVERING BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING WORKERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR.

TAKING MARCH 1982 AS 100, THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX STOOD AT 105 FOR DECEMBER 1982, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1982, AND OF 3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1982.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR JUNE, SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 1982 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN BELOW:

INDEXES (MARCH 1982=100)

<u>SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTOR</u>	<u>JUNE 1982</u>	<u>SEPT 1982</u>	<u>DEC 1982</u>
MANUFACTURING	102	103	105
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	100	102	104
TRANSPORT SERVICES	106	110	110
BUSINESS SERVICES	102	103	103
PERSONAL SERVICES	102	103	104
<u>ALL SECTORS ABOVE</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>105</u>

/WHEN DECEMBER .....

WHEN DECEMBER 1982 IS COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1982, THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT (PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED TABLE FOR MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWNS), FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 2 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 1 PER CENT. THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

WITH MARCH 1982 TAKEN AS 100, THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX STOOD AT 99 FOR DECEMBER 1982. THE INDEX REMAINED THE SAME WHEN COMPARED WITH THAT OF BOTH JUNE 1982 AND SEPTEMBER 1982.

THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR JUNE, SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 1982 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN BELOW:

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982=100)		
	JUNE 1982	SEPT 1982	DEC 1982
MANUFACTURING	99	98	98
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	98	97	98
TRANSPORT SERVICES	103	105	103
BUSINESS SERVICES	99	98	96
PERSONAL SERVICES	99	98	98
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	99	99	99

WHEN DECEMBER 1982 IS COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1982, THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES AND FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR DECLINED, EACH BY 2 PER CENT. THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR DURING THE SAME PERIOD. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

BOTH THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX AND THE REAL WAGE INDEX MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES BY HOLDING THE STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE LABOUR FORCE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SEX AND MODE OF PAYMENT THE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 1982, WHICH IS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEXES. WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED AS WAGES (ALTHOUGH THE SAME DEFLATOR IS USED FOR EACH INDUSTRY TO DERIVE THE REAL WAGE INDEX FROM ITS NOMINAL COUNTERPART, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOVEMENTS OF THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX AND THE REAL WAGE INDEX BETWEEN ANY TWO TIME PERIODS MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRY DUE TO ROUNDINGS).

APART FROM BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, WAGE RATE IS DEFINED TO INCLUDE ALSO COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSION AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS, NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS. ESSENTIALLY, THE WAGE INDEXES, WHICH MEASURE THE CHANGES OF THE PRICE OF LABOUR, ARE CONCERNED WITH THE MOVEMENTS OF WAGE RATES WHICH INDICATE THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL TIME OF WORK. ON THE OTHER HAND, INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED ARE AFFECTED BY CHANGES IN WAGE RATES, AS WELL AS CHANGES IN SUCH OTHER FACTORS AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ACTUALLY WORKED, THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND THE INCIDENCE OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY. AS A RESULT, THE MOVEMENTS OF THE WAGE INDEXES DO NOT NECESSARILY AGREE WITH THOSE OF THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN BELOW:

INDUSTRY	INDEXES (MARCH 1982=100)		
	JUNE 1982	SEPT 19 2	DEC 1982
GARMENTS	102	103	105
GLOVES	102	103	105
HANDBAGS	100	101	102
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	101	102	102
KNITTING	104	104	106
BLEACHING AND DYEING	102	103	103
PRINTING	104	105	106
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	102	102	105
METAL PRODUCTS	101	102	103
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	101	103	102
ELECTRONICS	101	103	105
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	100	103	106
MANUFACTURING	102	103	105

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE 5-452703.

PROPERTY REVIEW 1983 TO GO ON SALE  
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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT'S 1983 PROPERTY REVIEW WILL GO ON SALE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT \$65 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, G.P.O. BUILDING.

THE REVIEW COVERS THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1982, AND PROVIDES DETAILS OF SUPPLY, TAKE-UP, VACANCIES, RENTAL AND PURCHASE PRICE MOVEMENTS IN ALL MAJOR SECTORS OF THE PROPERTY MARKET.

THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY THE PROPERTY REVIEW:

GENERAL COMMENTS: THE SUPPLY OF ACCOMMODATION IN 1982 EXCEEDED EFFECTIVE DEMAND IN ALL SECTORS AND VACANCIES HAVE INCREASED IN CONSEQUENCE. OFFICES AND FLATTED FACTORIES SHOWED THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN VACANCIES. THE INCREASE IN RESPECT OF LARGE FLATS AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES WAS ALSO SUBSTANTIAL. THE SMALLEST INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE RESIDENTIAL SECTOR AS A WHOLE.

REFLECTING THE IMBALANCE BETWEEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND, PRICES HAVE FALLEN SIGNIFICANTLY IN ALL SECTORS. RENTS TOO HAVE FALLEN IN MOST SECTORS, THOUGH GENERALLY LESS THAN PRICES.

DOMESTIC (ALL CLASSES)

	<u>NO. OF UNITS</u>
SUPPLY IN 1982	23 900
TAKE-UP IN 1982	19 600
VACANT AS AT 31.12.82	31 700 - 6.0 PER CENT OF STOCK
FORECAST SUPPLY IN 1983	24 100

THE PRICE INDEX FELL BY 18 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR, WHEREAS THE RENTAL INDEX REMAINED STEADY.

DOMESTIC (LARGER UNITS)

	<u>NO. OF UNITS</u>
SUPPLY IN 1982	2 500
TAKE-UP IN 1982	1 200
VACANT AS AT 31.12.82	3 800 - 8.7 PER CENT OF STOCK
FORECAST SUPPLY IN 1983	3 600

/THE PRICE .....

THE PRICE INDEX FELL BY 25 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR, WHEREAS THE RENTAL INDICES FELL BY BETWEEN 8 AND 15 PER CENT.

COMMERCIAL

	<u>AREA IN SQUARE METRE</u>
SUPPLY IN 1982	368 000
TAKE-UP IN 1982	198 000
VACANT AS AT 31.12.82	545 000 - 10.7 PER CENT OF STOCK
FORECAST SUPPLY IN 1983	245 000

THE PRICE INDEX FELL BY JUST UNDER 30 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR WHEREAS THE RENTAL INDEX REMAINED STEADY.

OFFICES

	<u>AREA IN SQUARE METRE</u>
SUPPLY IN 1982	518 000
TAKE-UP IN 1982	253 000
VACANT AS AT 31.12.82	545 000 - 16.9 PER CENT OF STOCK
FORECAST SUPPLY IN 1983	580 000

THE RENTAL INDEX FELL BY ALMOST 20 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR. THE PRICE INDEX SHOWS A LESSER FALL, OF ABOUT 8 PER CENT, WHICH DOES NOT ACCORD WITH MARKET SENTIMENT. WHILE THE INDEX IS 'CORRECT' TO THE EXTENT THAT IT ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE FEW RECORDED TRANSACTIONS, IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE FALL IN MARKET VALUES DURING 1982.

FLATTED FACTORIES

	<u>AREA IN SQUARE METRE</u>
SUPPLY IN 1982	1 041 000
TAKE-UP IN 1982	571 000
VACANT AS AT 31.12.82	1 219 000 - 10.5 PER CENT OF STOCK
FORECAST SUPPLY IN 1983	734 000

THE PRICE INDEX, WHICH EXCLUDES NEW TERRITORIES PROPERTIES, FELL BY JUST OVER 25 PER CENT DURING THE YEAR. THE EQUIVALENT RENTAL INDEX FELL BY ABOUT 20 PER CENT.

CONCLUSION: 1982 CLEARLY WAS NOT A GOOD YEAR FOR THE PROPERTY MARKET, THOUGH AS HONG KONG ENTERED 1983 THERE WERE SOME SIGNS OF MORE STABLE TIMES AHEAD. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY SO FOR SMALLER DOMESTIC UNITS. IT CONTINUES TO BE SELF-EVIDENT THAT THERE IS A CONTINUING DEMAND FOR SUCH UNITS AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE.

IN CONTRAST, THE OUTLOOK FOR SALES OF LARGER FLATS IS LESS GOOD. THE RECORD SUPPLY FORECAST FOR 1983 SEEMS LIKELY TO EXERT FURTHER DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON BOTH PRICES AND RENTS.

THE INCREASE IN TAKE-UP IN BOTH THE COMMERCIAL AND OFFICE SECTORS WAS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN, AND INDICATES THAT LOWER PRICES AND RENTALS HAVE HELPED TO STIMULATE DEMAND. NEVERTHELESS, IN RESPECT OF OFFICES AT LEAST, A RECORD SUPPLY IS FORECAST FOR 1983, WHICH, AS WITH LARGER FLATS, IS LIKELY TO HAVE A DAMPENING EFFECT ON PRICES AND RENTS.

FOR FLATTED FACTORIES DECLINING TAKE-UP RATHER THAN RECORD SUPPLY LEVELS HAS CAUSED THE BUILD-UP IN VACANCIES. THE SUPPLY NOW FORECAST FOR 1983 IS DOWN BY ALMOST 60 PER CENT ON PREVIOUS EXPECTATIONS. GIVEN AN UPTURN IN HONG KONG'S MAIN EXPORT MARKETS, TAKE-UP SEEMS LIKELY TO INCREASE.

THE LARGE STOCK OF VACANT ACCOMMODATION IN ALL SECTORS WILL CONTINUE TO FAVOUR END-USERS AND SHOULD PROVIDE A DISINCENTIVE TO SPECULATORS LOOKING FOR QUICK TRADING PROFITS. SUCH STOCKS, PARTICULARLY IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, PLACE HONG KONG IN A FAVOURABLE POSITION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY UPTURN IN THE WORLD ECONOMY. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD ALSO SEEM TO PRECLUDE AN EARLY RECOVERY OF THE MARKET.

THE ABILITY OF END-USERS TO TRADE UP IN TERMS OF QUALITY, QUANTITY AND LOCATION SEEMS LIKELY TO BE A FACTOR IN THE COMING YEAR. IN THIS REGARD, HONG KONG'S TRADERS AND ENTREPRENEURS EXHIBIT AN ENVIABLE MOBILITY.

CLEARLY, TOO, PRICES HAVE FALLEN MORE THAN RENTALS WITH THE RESULT THAT INITIAL YIELDS NOW LOOK MORE ATTRACTIVE VIS-A-VIS ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF INVESTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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## INDUSTRIAL MISSION TO SWEDEN AND GERMANY

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NINE HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TOMORROW NIGHT (FRIDAY) ON A 12-DAY MISSION TO SWEDEN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

THE MISSION, ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, IS BEING LED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR PAUL WONG, WHO IS ASSISTED BY TWO PRINCIPAL CONSULTANTS, MAJOR C.G. BERNARD AND MR JOSEPH YIP.

IT WILL ENABLE LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS TO MEET POTENTIAL PARTNERS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THEY WILL SPEND THE FIRST WEEK IN SWEDEN BEFORE VISITING THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

MEETINGS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED TO ENABLE MISSION PARTICIPANTS TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES OF JOINT VENTURES, LICENSING OF TECHNOLOGY KNOW-HOW AND SUBCONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN STOCKHOLM AND GOTHENBERG, AS WELL AS IN STUTTGART AND MUNICH.

THE NINE INDUSTRIALISTS ARE REPRESENTING THEIR OWN COMPANIES, WITH THE MAJORITY OF THEM COMING FROM THE ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES. THE OTHERS PRODUCE INJECTION MOULDING MACHINES, SAFES, FIRE-PROOF FILING CABINETS, FURNITURE, CABLE AND UNIFORMS.

DURING THE MISSION, FOUR INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT SEMINARS WILL BE HELD IN CO-OPERATION WITH SWEDISH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENT TRADE AND INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS.

THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SENT TWO SIMILAR MISSIONS TO THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

BOTH RETURNED WITH +VERY ENCOURAGING RESULTS+, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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## CHIEF SECRETARY IMPRESSED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY WAS IMPRESSED BY THE MUCH-IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT IN THE HANG ON STREET REAR LANE IN KWUN TONG WHICH, JUST A MONTH AGO, WAS CRAMMED WITH SQUATTER HUTS POSING SERIOUS FIRE HAZARDS AND OTHER NUISANCES TO NEARBY RESIDENTS.

DURING A TOUR OF THE AREA, SIR PHILIP LEARNED THAT THE LANE WOULD SOON BE TURNED INTO A REST GARDEN FOR THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

CLEARANCE OF THE STRUCTURES, CARRIED OUT A FORTNIGHT AGO, WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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+I AM IMPRESSED BY THE GOOD TEAM WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO THIS EXERCISE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

THE CLEARANCE WILL ALSO ENABLE THE NING PO COLLEGE TO CARRY OUT ITS PLANNED SCHOOL EXTENSION WHICH HAD BEEN DELAYED PREVIOUSLY BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF SQUATTERS.

ACCOMPANYING THE CHIEF SECRETARY WERE THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG SHEK-FU, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE POLICE, HOUSING AND LANDS DEPARTMENTS.

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#### CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS NGAU TAU KOK JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE NGAU TAU KOK JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, AND SAW HOW VARIOUS MEDICAL SERVICES WERE RENDERED TO RESIDENTS IN THE FAST DEVELOPING EAST KOWLOON AREA.

SINCE IT WAS OPENED IN JANUARY 1982, THE CLINIC HAS PROVIDED VALUABLE SERVICES TO THE 250 000 RESIDENTS OF THE FIVE ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES OF PING SHEK AND KAI YIP, NGAU TAU KOK EAST AND WEST, TING ON AND KWUN TONG TOWN AND INDUSTRIAL AREA.

THE SEVEN-STOREY CLINIC, WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 4 000 SQUARE METRES, WAS BUILT AT A COST OF \$11.5 MILLION, OF WHICH \$8.5 MILLION WAS DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WITH THE REMAINING \$3 MILLION FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE CLINIC PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES INCLUDING A GENERAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT, WHICH AT PRESENT TREATS ABOUT 320 PATIENTS A DAY.

OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE, A MATERNITY WARD, A GERIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL, A PSYCHIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE.

A PILOT PROJECT OFFERING HEALTH EDUCATION TO THE PUBLIC IS ALSO BEING CONDUCTED AT THE CLINIC WHERE SLIDE SHOWS ARE MOUNTED IN THE WAITING AREA OF THE OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT.

SIR PHILIP WAS VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE WHICH PROVIDES ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, FAMILY PLANNING ADVICE, INFANT AND TODDLER SESSIONS AND DEVELOPMENT SCREENING OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE OBSERVATION SCHEME.

IN ADDITION, THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE HAS A 24-BED MATERNITY UNIT ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CLINIC, WHICH IS WELL USED WITH AN AVERAGE MONTHLY BIRTH OF ABOUT 30.

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY SPENT SOME TIME IN THE GERIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL WITH A SCHEDULED ACCOMMODATION OF 40 PLACES FOR ELDERLY PATIENTS WHO REQUIRE BOTH MEDICAL AS WELL AS INTENSIVE PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.

HE ALSO VISITED THE PSYCHIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL IN THE CLINIC WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 40 PATIENTS AT ANY ONE TIME. THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF THIS DAY HOSPITAL IS THAT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY WHERE PATIENTS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR WORK AND HABIT TRAINING, MENTAL STIMULATION THROUGH DISCUSSION, SOCIALISATION, DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING FOR SOCIAL SKILLS, SELF-AWARENESS AND INDEPENDENCE.

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SECRETARY FOR CIVIL SERVICE VISITS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND ITS VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS IN WAN CHAI.

DURING HIS VISIT, MR ROWLANDS HELD TALKS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE AND OTHER STAFF OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

HE FIRST MET THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, AT THE LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WHICH HOUSES THE DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT, TRAINING UNIT, JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SECTION AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION.

DURING HIS STAY AT THE CENTRE, MR ROWLANDS TALKED TO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PLANNING AND BUILDING), MR ROBERT LO AND HEADS OF THE VARIOUS UNITS AND SECTIONS ON THEIR DAILY WORK AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR LEUNG, MR ROWLANDS LATER WENT TO THE TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN OI KWAN ROAD WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SCHOOLS), MR T.L. LAM AND THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL, MR PAUL LUI.

DURING HIS TOUR OF THE SCHOOL, MR ROWLANDS EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN THE WIDE SCOPE OF CURRICULUM AND ACTIVITIES ARRANGED FOR THE PUPILS.

NEXT MR ROWLANDS WENT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS WHERE HE HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH MR HAYE, AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF.

TODAY'S VISIT TO THE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS THE FIRST OF THE SECOND ROUND OF VISITS BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE TO MAJOR DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO REINFORCE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SECRETARIAT AND DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE IS ORGANISING WITH THE NARCOTICS DIVISION TWO WEEKS OF ACTIVITIES TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 15 AND 24 YEARS OF AGE.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT, AN OPEN-AIR CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (MAY 1) AT 1.30 PM AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT. THE CONCERT IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT AN AUDIENCE OF SOME 10 000 PEOPLE.

OTHER PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION ON +WAR AGAINST DRUGS+, A SEMINAR ON +YOUTHS AND DRUGS+, A TELE-MATCH, PAINTING AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS, FILM SHOWS, CAMPING AT FANLING AND A VISIT TO THE POLICE ANTI-NARCOTICS BUREAU IN ARSENAL ETTREET.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS YEAR, PUBLICITY ON ANTI-NARCOTICS WILL BE DONE ON A DISTRICT BASIS.

+BEING THE FIRST URBAN DISTRICT TO LAUNCH THESE ACTIVITIES, WE WILL EMPHASISE ON EDUCATION, AND OUR TARGET GROUP IS THOSE BETWEEN 15 AND 24 YEARS OF AGE,+ HE SAID.

+THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, WE HOPE TO WARN THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE DANGER OF TAKING DRUGS, TO CORRECT THEIR HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARDS FORMER ADDICTS, AND TO MAKE KNOWN THE AVAILABLE SERVICES FOR ADDICTS TO KICK OFF THE HABIT,+ HE ADDED.

AN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR LEUNG SIK-WAH, HAS BEEN FORMED IN MARCH TO PLAN THE ACTIVITIES.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM; THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TONY COOPER; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE, EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, MR KARL STUMPF, WILL BE PRESENT AT AN OPENING CEREMONY PRIOR TO THE OPEN-AIR CONCERT ON SUNDAY.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CROWN LAND TENANCY  
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF TWO PIECES OF CROWN LAND IN KOWLOON.

THE LARGER SITE, OF ABOUT 5 780 SQUARE METRES AT THE SHAM SHUI PO RECLAMATION, IS TO BE USED AS A FEE PAYING GOODS VEHICLE PARK.

THE TENANCY WILL BE FOR TWO YEARS INITIALLY AND THEREAFTER MONTHLY.

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THE REMAINING SITE IS AT HOI BUN ROAD, KWUN TONG. IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1 480 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR OPEN STORAGE BUT EXCLUDING THE STORAGE AND PARKING OF VEHICLES.

THE TENANCY FOR THIS SITE IS FOR ONE YEAR AND THEN QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

TENDERS FOR BOTH SITES WILL CLOSE AT 12 NOON ON MAY 13.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES, AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ABOVE SITES 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 EAST) AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH AND 10TH FLOORS, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES INVITING APPLICATIONS  
FOR EVENING COURSES

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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES MANAGED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ARE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THEIR PART-TIME EVENING COURSES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.

THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, NAMELY MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, HAKING WONG, KWUN TONG AND LEE WAI LEE, WILL OFFER 92 PART-TIME EVENING COURSES IN THEIR 12 DISCIPLINES.

THE COURSES OFFERED ARE MAINLY AT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVEL, SUITABLE FOR PEOPLE WORKING IN THE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES.

THE 12 DISCIPLINES COVER HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, MARINE AND FABRICATION, TEXTILES INDUSTRIES, CLOTHING INDUSTRIES AND DESIGN.

WHILE THE ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS FOR THESE COURSES DEPEND ON THE LEVELS OF THE PROGRAMMES, RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT IS NEVERTHELESS REQUIRED OF THE APPLICANTS FOR CERTAIN COURSES.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES ARE OBTAINABLE DURING OFFICE HOURS FROM ANY OF THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND ALSO THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

APPLICATION, WHICH IS ALSO OPEN TO CURRENT FORM FIVE STUDENTS, WILL CLOSE ON MAY 16.

DETAILS OF THESE COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN LOCAL ENGLISH AND CHINESE NEWSPAPERS ON SATURDAY (APRIL 30).

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TSUEN WAN DC CALLS ON RURAL COMMITTEE

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CONTINUED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DISTRICT OFFICES AND RURAL COMMITTEES WILL BE MAINTAINED DESPITE THE RECENT ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, MR HSU PAID A COURTESY CALL TO THE TSUEN WAN RURAL COMMITTEE THIS MORNING AND HELD TALKS WITH THE MEMBERS.

HE ASSURED MEMBERS THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE STILL HAD AN IMPORTANT COORDINATING ROLE TO PLAY TO ENSURE THAT THE WELFARE OF THE VILLAGERS WAS NOT AFFECTED.

+THERE IS A GOOD RECORD OF CLOSE RELATIONSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN RURAL COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT OFFICES, AND THIS HAS RESULTED IN ALL PROJECTS BEING COMPLETED IN TIME,+ HE SAID.

+YOUR VALUABLE SUPPORT IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, CLEAN-UP AND ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGNS HAVE HELPED ACHIEVE GREAT SUCCESS.

+IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE BE MAINTAINED TO STRIVE FOR THE BENEFIT AND WELFARE OF THE VILLAGERS. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL DO ITS BEST AND I COUNT ON YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ADVICE AS YOU HAVE BEEN GIVING IN THE PAST,+ HE SAID.

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SINGAPORE FIRE CHIEF VISITS HONG KONG

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FIVE SENIOR OFFICERS FROM THE SINGAPORE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS VISITING HONG KONG TO STUDY THE LATEST TECHNIQUE IN FIRE FIGHTING AND THE FIRE SAFETY MEASURES IN THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

THE DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT MR LOH KOH-LOON. THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE A DIVISIONAL OFFICER AND THREE ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

THE GROUP WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU AND THE MTR STRIKE FORCE, FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE RETURNING HOME.

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING IN SAI WAN HO

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAI WAN HO MTR STATION, TRAFFIC ON A SECTION OF HOI AN STREET BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND HING MAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND FROM SATURDAY (APRIL 30).

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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PLB CLEARWAY AT TAI TUNG STREET

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 30), THE SECTION OF TAI TUNG STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI SHING STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A PLB CLEARWAY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 2) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, POTTINGER STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND ICE HOUSE STREET.

ON THE SAME DAY, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FOR WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE ALONG BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, CLOUD VIEW ROAD AND YEE KING ROAD.

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