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MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1985

NEW MEMBERS NAMED TO TOWN PLANNING BOARD

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FOUR NEW MEMBERS - THREE OF THEM UNOFFICIALS - WERE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY.

SEVEN OFFICIALS AND SEVEN UNOFFICIALS WERE REAPPOINTED TO THE BOARD.

THE NEW MEMBERS ARE THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE); MR KEITH H.K. LAM, A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR; MR AMBROSE CHEUNG WING-SUM, A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, AND HONG KONG UNIVERSITY'S PROFESSOR REGINALD Y.W. KWOK.

THE REAPPOINTED MEMBERS ARE:

SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS (CHAIRMAN),

DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (VICE CHAIRMAN),

SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE),

REGIONAL SECRETARY (NT) (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE),

REGIONAL SECRETARY (HK AND K) (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE),

DIRECTOR OF LANDS (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE),

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE),

MR PETER P.F. CHAN, JP, AN ACCOUNTANT,

MR EDWARD S.T. HO, AN ARCHITECT,

MR CARLOS H.K. CHEUNG, A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER,

DR RONALD D.B. LEUNG, A BANKER, URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER,

MR KAN FOOK-YEE, A CHARTERED SURVEYOR,

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MR SAMUEL P.W. WONG, A CONSULTANT ENGINEER, URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, AND

MR PAO PING-WING, AN URBAN COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.

THE MEMBERS' TERM OF OFFICE IS FOR ONE YEAR FROM APRIL 1, 1985.

COMMENTING ON THE APPOINTMENTS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR NICKY CHAN, WHO IS ALSO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, SAID THE MERE FACT THAT THERE WERE MORE UNOFFICIALS THAN OFFICIALS IN THE BOARD DEMONSTRATED THE GOVERNMENT'S STATED AIM OF INVOLVING MORE COMMUNITY LEADERS IN POLICY MAKING PROCESSES.

CITING ANOTHER EXAMPLE, MR CHAN SAID THE BOARD HAD MAINTAINED CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE CONCERNED DISTRICT BOARD ON THE PREPARATION OF NEW STATUTORY TOWN PLANS FOR THEIR VIEWS AND COMMENTS PRIOR TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE PLAN.

MR CHAN SAID THAT HONG KONG, WITH LIMITED LAND RESOURCES, MUST BE PROPERLY PLANNED TO MEET COMPETING DEMANDS OF HOUSING, COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A GOOD LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT FOR ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE POPULATIONS.

+TOWN PLANS ARE THEREFORE PREPARED TO GUIDE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND REDEVELOPMENTS TO ENSURE THE PROVISION OF THE REQUIRED COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES AND CONTROL ON INDIVIDUAL SITES TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE TERRITORY'S GROWING POPULATION,+ HE SAID.

THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD IS A STATUTORY AUTHORITY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE. IT MEETS TWICE A MONTH.

DURING THE 1984-85 YEAR, THE BOARD HELD 19 MEETINGS, PUBLISHED 16 OUTLINE ZONING PLANS AND CONSIDERED 138 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 31 OUTLINE ZONING PLANS PUBLISHED BY THE BOARD, GIVING STATUTORY PLANNING CONTROL ON DEVELOPMENTS IN MOST OF THE TERRITORY.

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POLICE POISED TO CARRY ON GOOD JOB
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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY, HAS ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT THAT, GIVEN THE CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY, THE FORCE IS STRUCTURED TO PRODUCE THE RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PUBLIC AND THE RIGHT FORM OF POLICING FOR HONG KONG.

MR HENRY SAID THIS IN HIS ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE REVIEW 1984.

''THE FORCE IS WELL ESTABLISHED IN ITS VITAL ROLE AND WELL ABLE TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG EVOLVES WITHIN THE PATTERN OF THE PROPOSED POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT,'' MR HENRY SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT THIS WAS HIS LAST ANNUAL REVIEW, HE SAID :''I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF COMMANDING THIS FORCE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, HAVING SERVED A TOTAL OF 12 YEARS IN IT AND A TOTAL OF 38 YEARS IN POLICE SERVICE IN OTHER PARTS OF HER MAJESTY'S OVERSEAS POLICE FORCES.

''BECAUSE OF THIS AND BECAUSE OF MY ASSOCIATION AND CONTACT WITH MANY OTHER POLICE FORCES, I FEEL THAT I AM WELL ABLE TO COMPARE THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WITH ITS INTERNATIONAL COUNTERPARTS.

''I CAN SAY SIMPLY THIS : CERTAINLY, WE HAVE OUR FAULTS AND OUR FAILINGS, BUT THESE ARE HEAVILY OUTWEIGHED BY THE SKILLS, THE ENERGIES AND THE COMPETENCE OF THE OFFICERS OF ALL RANKS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE.''

MR HENRY SAID THE MAJOR STRIDES MADE, AND WHICH HAD CONTINUED TO BE REFLECTED YEAR AFTER YEAR OVER THE PAST DECADE WERE FUNDAMENTAL.

FUNDAMENTAL, HE SAID, BECAUSE POLICE HAD ACHIEVED RECOGNITION OF STATUS BY THE COMMUNITY IN WAYS WHICH WERE AS PROFOUND AND TANGIBLE AS THEY WERE GRATIFYING.

SUCH RECOGNITION COULD BE SEEN IN THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION THAT THE FORCE WAS DESERVING OF A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF THE HONG KONG BUDGET, BOTH IN SALARY SCALES AND IN BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT.

ALSO, HE SAID THAT MOSTLY BECAUSE OF GREAT SUPPORT ON THE PART OF THE FORCE AND THE QUALITY OF THE OFFICER IN SERVICE, POLICE HAD ACHIEVED A STANDARD OF UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION WITH THE COMMUNITY, RESULTING IN A COMBINED FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

''THE SUCCESS OF THESE EFFORTS IS PROVEN BY THE CRIME STATISTICS, PARTICULARLY FOR THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW,'' MR HENRY ADDED.

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JANUARY RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, ESTIMATED AT $5 907 MILLION, WAS ONE PER CENT LOWER THAN IN JANUARY 1984, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS TWO PER CENT LOWER, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS COMPARISON HOWEVER, WAS AFFECTED BY THE LUNAR NEW YEAR DATE, WHICH FELL ON FEBRUARY 20, THIS YEAR BUT ON FEBRUARY 2 LAST YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

RETAIL SALES FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD NOVEMBER 1984 TO JANUARY 1985 ROSE BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE AND FIVE PER CENT IN VOLUME WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO.

COMPARING JANUARY 1985 WITH DECEMBER 1984, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON WAS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, RETAIL SALES DECREASED BY FOUR PER CENT IN VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME, HE SAID.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1984, HOWEVER RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES IN JANUARY 1985 ROSE BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND SEVEN PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THOSE OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF TWO PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT A DROP OF EIGHT PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS, WITH A DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO SHOWED THE LARGEST DECREASE, OF 14 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1984 - JANUARY 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN VALUE TERMS, AT 17 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY CONSUMER DURABLES AND +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+, AT 14 PER CENT AND EIGHT PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. IN VOLUME TERMS, THEIR CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE FIVE PER CENT, 10 PER CENT AND SEVEN PER CENT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, FUELS RECORDED A DROP OF TWO PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT REMAINED UNCHANGED IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO FELL BY TWO PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

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WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES IN JANUARY 1985 ROSE BY EIGHT PER CENT IN VALUE AND SEVEN PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME. HOWEVER, RETAIL SALES OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ RECORDED DECREASES OF 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ALSO DECREASED, BY SIX PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS REGISTERED A DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1984. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES SHOWED MODERATE INCREASES. SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES, HOWEVER, RECORDED DECREASES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD NOVEMBER 1984 - JANUARY 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, WHILE CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES, SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES RECORDED MODERATE INCREASES. WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1984, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. THOSE OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE MODERATELY. HOWEVER, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES DROPPED CONSIDERABLY.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL SALES FIGURE FOR DECEMBER 1984 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JANUARY 1985.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF JANUARY 1985 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF DECEMBER 1984 AND JANUARY 1984 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1984 - JANUARY 1985 WITH THOSE IN THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO ARE ALSO GIVEN.

GRAPHS 1 AND 2 DEPICT THE INDEX MOVEMENTS OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES FROM JANUARY 1982 TO DECEMBER 1984. TABLES AND GRAPHS ARE BEING SENT BY FACSIMILE AND WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JANUARY 1985 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT $1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 3-7216024).

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NEW DISTRICT BOARD ELECTS CHAIRMAN

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MR HO TUNG-CHING WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD AT ITS FIRST MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

THE BOARD WILL HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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HONG KONG DISPLAY LAUNCHED IN LONDON

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TODAY (MONDAY) LAUNCHED A GRAPHIC DISPLAY IN LONDON, SHOWING THAT BUSINESS IS CONTINUING AS USUAL IN HONG KONG, FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT ON ITS FUTURE.

THE DISPLAY, ENTITLED +HONG KONG - INTO THE FUTURE+, IS BEING MOUNTED AT THE LONDON HEADQUARTERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS.

IT SHOWS THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN THAT HONG KONG REMAINS A DYNAMIC CITY, ATTRACTIVE TO INVESTORS AS A HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIAL CENTRE, A FINANCIAL CENTRE AND MARKET IN ITS OWN RIGHT, AND A SPRINGBOARD FOR TRADE WITH CHINA AND COUNTRIES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA.

+AS EVIDENCE OF THE RESILIENCE OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE TERRITORY GREW BY NEARLY ONE HALF BETWEEN 1982 AND 1984, IN SPITE OF WORLD RECESSION AND UNCERTAINTY THEN ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS ON 1997,+ THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR COLVYN HAYE SAID TODAY.

HE SAID MANY FOREIGN INVESTORS HAD BEEN INCREASING THEIR STAKE IN HONG KONG DURING THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS, AND THE TREND WAS CONTINUING IN 1985.

+THE TIME IS RIPE FOR BRITISH BUSINESSMEN TO CAPITALISE ON THE TRADITIONAL LINKS WITH THE TERRITORY, THE CONDUCIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT WHICH PREVAILS AS A RESULT OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S NON-INTERVENTIONIST POLICY AND THE PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH ARISING FROM THE COMMITMENT TO STABILITY AND PROSPERITY WRITTEN INTO THE AGREEMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR HAYE TODAY VIEWED THE DISPLAY WITH A NUMBER OF PROMINENT BRITISH BUSINESSMEN AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS, MR STUART WATSON.

/THE SUBJECTS .....

THE SUBJECTS COVERED BY THE DISPLAY INCLUDE THE AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, INDUSTRY, TRADE, HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE, HONG KONG AS A REGIONAL CENTRE, BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, LONG TERM PLANNING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

EACH SUBJECT IS ILLUSTRATED WITH COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS, AND THERE ARE GRAPHS, SHOWING THE MAIN AREAS OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH. THE INTRODUCTORY SECTION DEALS WITH THE AGREEMENT, AND INCLUDES QUOTES BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER AND CHINESE LEADERS DENG XIAOPING.

THE DISPLAY WILL BE MOVED TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION IN BISHOPSGATE FOR SHOWING FROM APRIL 5 TO 26, AND THEN TO THE OFFICES OF CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS IN PALL MALL FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FROM APRIL 27.

DISPLAY WILL THEN BE MOVED TO OTHER LOCATIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

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$418 MILLION START TO PUBLIC HOUSING CONTRACTS

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THE AWARD OF PUBLIC HOUSING CONTRACTS IN THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR 1985-86 GOT OFF TO A $418 MILLION START TODAY WITH THREE BUILDING CONTRACTS BEING SIGNED.

THIS FOLLOWED THE AWARD OF PUBLIC HOUSING CONTRACTS WORTH OVER $3 877 MILLION DURING THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, WHICH ENDED YESTERDAY.

SIGNED BY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR FRED PANG, TODAY'S CONTRACTS ARE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ESTATE BLOCKS TO PROVIDE MODERN HOMES FOR 26 600 PEOPLE BY 1986-87.

THE LARGEST CONTRACT, VALUED AT OVER $202 MILLION, IS FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL PHASES OF HIN KENG ESTATE - THE 10TH PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

IT COVERS THE BUILDING OF FOUR DOMESTIC BLOCKS, A COMMERCIAL CENTRE, A CARPARK, AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AND THREE COOKED FOOD STALLS, PLUS CAISSON FOUNDATIONS FOR TWO OF THE FOUR BLOCKS.

ON COMPLETION BY 1987, THE FOUR 35-STOREY TRIDENT BLOCKS WILL HOUSE 12 200 PEOPLE IN 2 652 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS.

IN ANOTHER CONTRACT WORTH $170.8 MILLION, TWO TRIDENT AND ONE SLAB BLOCKS WILL BE BUILT AT TIN PING ESTATE IN FANLING/SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWN UNDER ITS SECOND PHASE.

THE THREE MODERN BLOCKS WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 2 594 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS FOR 11 300 PEOPLE ON COMPLETION BY 1987.

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OTHER WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX COOKED FOOD STALLS AND A FIVE-STOREY COMMERCIAL CENTRE PROVIDING SHOPS, A RESTAURANT, A MARKET, A CARPARK AND AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

THE THIRD CONTRACT OF $45.8 MILLION IS FOR THE BUILDING OF A 19-STOREY SLAB BLOCK TO HOUSE 3 100 PEOPLE BY 1986 IN THE THIRD PHASE OF CHUK YUEN ESTATE IN KOWLOON.

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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS STILL A PROBLEM

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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN HONG KONG STILL PRESENTED A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM DESPITE ALL THE EDUCATIONAL, PUBLICITY AND OTHER EFFORTS CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS, MR A.J. BISLEY, PRINCIPAL LECTURER OF SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZES PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 17TH ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, MR BISLEY SAID INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS CAUSED SUFFERING, HARDSHIP AND MISERY TO THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND ALSO CAUSED CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL LOSSES TO SOCIETY.

+SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS,+ HE SAID.

MR BISLEY SAID THAT SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS WAS ESSENTIAL TO EVERY INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION, AND THE YOUNGER GENERATION SHOULD BE EDUCATED ABOUT THIS.

HE SAID THE COMPETITION AIMED AT AROUSING THE INTEREST OF THE PARTICIPANTS, WHO MIGHT SELECT THEIR FUTURE CAREERS IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, AND THE AWARENESS OF THOSE EMPLOYED IN INDUSTRY TO SHOW THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

STUDENTS FROM THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND THE LUNG KONG WORLD FEDERATION SCHOOL LTD. LAU WONG FAT SECONDARY SCHOOL WON TOP HONOURS IN THE CONTEST.

KWOK TIN-WAI OF LUNG KONG WORLD FEDERATION SCHOOL LTD. LAU WONG FAT SECONDARY SCHOOL, WINNER OF SECTION 'A', WAS AWARDED A CASH COUPON OF $1 500 WHILE LIU SUK-FAN OF LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, WINNER OF SECTION 'B' WAS AWARDED A CASH COUPON OF $3 000.

TEN ENTRIES EACH FROM 'A' AND 'B' SECTIONS WERE ALSO AWARDED CONSOLATION PRIZES OF CASH COUPONS OF $300 AND $600 RESPECTIVELY.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WERE SELECTED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE DESIGN DEPARTMENT OF LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, THE CREATIVE SUB-DIVISION OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONTINUES

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IN APRIL TO JUNE, 1985.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED MONTHLY SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPOLYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

SOME 5 000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO, WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR COOPERATION.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS, EACH CARRYING AN IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT.

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NEW SOCIAL CENTRE FOR ELDERLY IN TSZ WAN SHAN

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A NEW SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE OPENED THIS YEAR TO SERVE THE ELDERLY POPULATION IN THE FIVE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN TSZ WAN SHAN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THERE IS AT PRESENT ONE SOCIAL CENTRE IN TSZ ON ESTATE, THE NEW ONE WILL BE IN TSZ OI ESTATE.

THE SPOKESMAN WAS COMMENTING ON A STUDY ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN TSZ LOK ESTATE CARRIED OUT BY THE HONG KONG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL OF PUBLIC HOUSING POLICY AND THE TSZ WAN SHAN YOUTH CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS. THE FINDINGS WERE MADE PUBLIC EARLIER THIS MONTH.

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AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE STUDY CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN TSZ LOK ESTATE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BOTH THE EXISTING SOCIAL CENTRE IN TSZ ON ESTATE AND THE PLANNED PROJECT IN TSZ OI ESTATE WOULD SERVE ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE WHOLE TSZ WAN SHAN AREA, INCLUDING THOSE LIVING IN TSZ LOK ESTATE.

+MOREOVER,+ HE SAID, +OUR TWO ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRES IN TSZ WAN SHAN AS WELL AS THE TSZ WAN SHAN KAI FONG ASSOCIATION ARE RUNNING SOCIAL CLUBS FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT. THEY HAVE MEMBERS FROM TSZ LOK ESTATE.+

COMMENTING ON THE FINDING THAT 70 PER CENT OF THE ELIGIBLE ELDERLY PEOPLE IN TSZ LOK ESTATE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS STATEMENT WAS MISLEADING BECAUSE IT ACTUALLY REFERRED TO 11 ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED.

+OUR RECORD SHOWS THAT MORE THAN 1 000 PEOPLE FROM TSZ LOK ESTATE ARE RECEIVING OLD AGE ALLOWANCE,+ HE SAID.

+OUR DISTRICT STAFF ALWAYS TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO INTRODUCE WELFARE SERVICES TO RESIDENTS,+ HE WENT ON. +THIS IS DONE EITHER THROUGH FORMAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS OR AT INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH RESIDENTS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, IT WAS COMMON FOR PEOPLE RECEIVING WELFARE BENEFITS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER TO TELL THEIR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS ABOUT THESE BENEFITS.

+ITS SEEMS VERY UNLIKELY THAT SUCH A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF ELDERLY PEOPLE IN TSZ LOK ESTATE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE SCHEME,+ HE ADDED.

THE DEPARTMENT'S DISTRICT STAFF IN WONG TAI SIN HAVE GOT IN TOUCH IN WITH THE AGENCY THAT CONDUCTED THE STUDY TO OBTAIN THE NAMES OF THOSE ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO WERE THOUGHT TO BE IN NEED OF SERVICES BUT DID NOT SEEK HELP BECAUSE IT WAS ALLEGED THEY DID NOT KNOW ABOUT SUCH SERVICES.

+WE WILL FOLLOW UP THESE CASES TO ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED TO THEM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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DISPLAY CARRIES GAS SAFETY MESSAGE

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SOME 30 000 PEOPLE HAVE VISITED THE GAS SAFETY MOBILE EXHIBITION IN 31 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES SINCE FEBRUARY 11.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GAS ADVISER'S OFFICE SAID TODAY THAT THE FIGURE REPRESENTED A DAILY AVERAGE OF 929 VISITORS AT EACH ESTATE.

+WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESPONSE,+ HE SAID. +IT SHOWS THAT THE PUBLIC ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE SAFE USE OF GAS WATER HEATERS, RUBBER TUBING AND LPG CYLINDERS, AND THAT WE ARE PROVIDING THE INFORMATION THEY WANT.+

ABOUT 860 ENQUIRIES WERE RECEIVED MOSTLY CONCERNING THE CHOICE OF SAFE WATER HEATERS AND HOW EXISTING SUB-STANDARD ONES COULD BE UP-GRADED. ALTHOUGH THIS REPRESENTED ONLY 2.9 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS, IT WAS STILL AN ENCOURAGING START, HE SAID.

+AT THE DISPLAYS' ADVICE WAS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO DID NOT INDICATE A WISH TO REPLACE OR UP-GRADE THEIR SUB-STANDARD WATER HEATERS, TO KEEP THEIR BATHROOM WINDOWS WIDE OPEN WHEN TAKING A BATH OR SHOWER,+ HE SAID.

THE EXHIBITION, STAGED ON A ROTATION BASIS, WILL COMPLETE ITS TOUR OF 59 ESTATES BY THE END OF APRIL.

+BUT IN VIEW OF THE GOOD RESPONSE, WE ARE CONSIDERING EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF DISPLAY TO COVER MORE ESTATES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FISHING JUNK FOR SHA TIN PARK

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A FULL SIZE FISHING JUNK ESPECIALLY BUILT AS A PLAY FEATURE WAS +GROUNDED+ AT THE SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK TODAY (MONDAY).

THE $215 000 VESSEL WAS TOWED ALONG SHING MUN RIVER AND LIFTED TO THE PARK, CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, FROM THE NEARBY BANYAN BRIDGE.

THE 12-TONNE FISHING JUNK, MEASURING 13 METRES LONG AND 4.5 METRES WIDE, WAS BUILT BY SUN KWAN HING SHIPYARD.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE BOAT WOULD LATER BE PLACED ON A CONCRETE CRADLE IN ONE OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS IN THE PARK.

+THE CRADLE WILL THEN BE BURIED IN SAND, AND THE BOAT WILL STAND IN THE MIDDLE OF A SANDPIT WITH ITS BOW HANGING OVER A PADDLING POOL. MASTS AND SAILS OF THE BOAT WILL ALSO BE FITTED,+ HE SAID.

THE CENTRAL PARK, COSTING ABOUT $50 MILLION, IS BEING BUILT ON A TEN-HECTARE SITE ALONG THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE SHING MUN RIVER.

+IT IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE TOWN, BETWEEN THE TOWN CENTRE BUILDINGS AND THE RIVER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE MAJOR FEATURE OF THE PARK WILL BE A PAVED PLAZA PROVIDING A SETTING FOR THE FUTURE NEW TOWN CULTURAL COMPLEX, WITH FOUNTAINS, AN OPEN-AIR BANDSTAND THEATRE AREA WHICH WILL BE COVERED BY AN AWNING, AND ROWS OF TREES TO PROVIDE SHADE,+ HE SAID.

OTHER FEATURES WILL INCLUDE A LARGE ARTIFICIAL HILL AND WATERFALL, A TROPICAL GARDEN, ADVENTURE PLAY AREAS, POOLS, PONDS AND FOUNTAINS, PAVILIONS AND EXTENSIVE TREE AND SHRUB PLANTING AREAS.

IN ADDITION, A CONTINUOUS PROMENADE AND CYCLE TRACK WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG THE 800-METRE RIVER FRONTAGE.

+THEY WILL FORM PART OF AN EXTENSIVE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE TRACK SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE TOWN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WORK ON THE PARK, WHICH IS ONE OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS CARRIED OUT BY THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER.

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MORE 1984 ANNUAL DIGEST COPIES ON SALE

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MORE COPIES OF THE 1984 EDITION OF THE ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS HAVE BEEN PRINTED TO COPE WITH DEMAND, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE FIRST PRINT, PUT OUT IN JANUARY, HAD ALL BEEN SOLD BY THE END OF LAST MONTH, HE SAID.

THE NEW PRINT IS NOW AVAILABLE, ALSO AT $90, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PERSONS WHO HAD PLACED SUBSCRIPTION ORDERS WOULD BE RECEIVING THEIR COPIES WITHIN THIS WEEK.

THE ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS, AND BRINGS TOGETHER IN ONE VOLUME THE LATEST STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG.

INCLUDED IN ITS COVERAGE ARE STATISTICS ON POPULATION, LABOUR, INDUSTRY, TRADE, NATIONAL INCOME, PUBLIC FINANCE, MONEY AND BANKING, CONSUMER PRICES, FOOD SUPPLIES, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS, TOURISM, CONSTRUCTION, HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND LAW AND ORDER.

THE DIGEST CONTAINS 280 TABLES, AND COVERS WHEREVER POSSIBLE THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1974 TO 1983.

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URBAN COUNCIL NAMES SELECT COMMITTEE HEADS

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THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF FIVE URBAN COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEES CHANGED HANDS TODAY, WITH MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT TAKING OVER LEADERSHIP OF THE MARKETS AND STREET TRADERS SELECT COMMITTEE, MR EDMUND CHOW DISTRICT RELATIONS, MR WALTER SULKE FOOD HYGIENE, MR JOSEPH CHAN LIBRARIES AND MR HOWARD YOUNG RECREATION.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR CHAIRMANSHIP AND VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ALL OF THE COUNCIL'S 13 SELECT COMMITTEES WAS HELD AT TODAY'S MEETING OF THE COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE, HELD ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR.

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THE ELECTIONS RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

ADMINISTRATION SELECT COMMITTEE: DR KIM CHAM+, CHAIRMAN
(MRS NELLIE FONG,+ VICE CHAIRMAN).

CAPITAL WORKS: MR AUGUSTINE CHUNG+
(MR SAMUEL WONG+).

CULTURE: MR LAWRENCE FUNG+
(MR FREDERICK K.K. FUNG+).

DISTRICT RELATIONS: MR EDMUND CHOW
(MR KEVIN TONG KAM-BIU+).

ENTERTAINMENT: MR STEPHEN LAU+
(MR LO KING-MAN).

ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE: DR DENNY HUANG+
(DR RONALD D.B. LEUNG).

FINANCE: MR H.M.G. FORSGATE+
(MR B.A. BERNACCHI+).

FOOD HYGIENE: MR WALTER SULKE
(MISS CECILIA YEUNG).

LIBRARIES: MR JOSEPH Y.S. CHAN
(MR LAM CHAK-PIU).

LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD: MR PETER C.K. CHAN+
(MR KWAN LIM-HO+).

MARKETS AND STREET TRADERS: MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT
(MR LEE CHIK-YUET+).

MUSEUMS: DR PHILIP KWOK+
(MR PAO PING-WING+).

RECREATION: MR HOWARD YOUNG
(MRS MARGARET LI).

(+ INCUMBENT CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN.)

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NT, LANTAU ROAD WORKS START JUNE

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN BOTH THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON LANTAU ISLAND OVER A PERIOD OF 14 MONTHS FROM JUNE.

ON SHA TAU KOK ROAD, FROM FANLING NEW TOWN TO SHA TAU KOK, WORK WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF 30 BUS BAYS, 15 WITH LOADING AND UNLOADING BAYS, AND SEVEN KILOMETRES OF A 1.6-METRE WIDE FOOTPATH, INCLUDING THE WIDENING OF TWO HIGHWAY BRIDGES AT LUNG YEUK TAU AND MA MEI HA TO ACCOMMODATE THE FOOTPATHS.

OTHER WORKS WILL INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BENDS AT MA MEI HA AND WO HANG, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A BOX CULVERT NEAR SHEK CHUNG AU.

ON LANTAU ISLAND, IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE ON NGONG PING ROAD AND A SECTION OF SHAM WAT ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH NGONG PING ROAD TO KEUNG SHAN ROAD.

THE WORK WILL INVOLVE THE WIDENING OF A 2.5 KILOMETRE LENGTH OF CARRIAGEWAY ON NGONG PING ROAD, TO A WIDTH OF SIX METRES WHERE THE TOPOGRAPHY ALLOWS AND, WHERE THE TERRAIN IS DIFFICULT, THE PROVISION OF INTERVISIBLE PASSING PLACES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT BY WIDENING AND PROVIDING THESE PASSING PLACES, IT WAS HOPED THAT THE DANGEROUS PRACTICE OF VEHICLES HAVING TO REVERSE ON STEEP GRADES TO ALLOW VEHICLES TRAVELLING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION TO PASS WOULD BE REMOVED.

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MARKET STALLS FOR AUCTION

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TWENTY-EIGHT STALLS AT TAI PO TEMPORARY MARKET AND TAI PO MARKET WILL BE AUCTIONED AT THE OFFICE OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET IN TAI PO AT 9.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 3).

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 16 STALLS ARE AT TAI PO TEMPORARY MARKET WHILE THE REMAINING 12 ARE AT TAI PO MARKET.

/THE UPSET .....

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTALS RANGE FROM $550 TO $1 550 FOR THE TAI PO TEMPORARY MARKET STALLS AND FROM $525 TO $900 FOR THE TAI PO MARKET STALLS.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS CAN START BUSINESS ON MAY 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT AND ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE RENTALS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

POTENTIAL BIDDERS SHOULD BE OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE AND ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS.

FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OR TELEPHONE 0-6577111 EXTENSION 158.

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COUNCILLORS NOMINATED TO DISTRICT BOARDS

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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S TWO NEWEST APPOINTEES, MR MARVIN CHEUNG AND MR FAN KAM-PING TODAY ATTENDED THEIR FIRST COUNCIL MEETING, WHEN THE STANDING COMMITTEE MET THIS MORNING -- AND SOON FOUND THEMSELVES NOMINATED TO CARRY OUT IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES ON DISTRICT BOARDS.

MR CHEUNG WAS NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND MR FAN ON THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

OTHER CHANGES IN DISTRICT BOARD NOMINATIONS DECIDED AT TODAY'S MEETING WERE: MR HOWARD YOUNG TO EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND MR WALTER SULKE TO SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAM SHUI PO AND WONG TAI SIN FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, WING MING STREET WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM FROM APRIL 5 (FRIDAY) TO 8.

THE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IN YEE KUK WEST STREET, KING LAM STREET, WING HONG STREET AND TAI NAMN WEST STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM FROM APRIL 4 (THURSDAY) TO 8.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC GOING TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY ABOVE CHING CHEUNG ROAD ARE ADVISED TO USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YEE KUK WEST STREET AND KING LAM STREET. PARKING FACILITIES ARE LIMITED AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

IN WONG TAI SIN, MOTORISTS GOING TO HAMMER HILL CEMETERY ARE ADVISED TO APPROACH VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE INTERCHANGE AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD.

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MOORSOM ROAD TO BE EXTENDED

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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE EXTENSION WORK ON MOORSOM ROAD.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 300 METRES OF CARRIAGEWAY, WITH FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES.

A STEPPED FOOTWAY LINKING MOORSOM ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

ON COMPLETION, THE NEW ROAD WILL LINK UP THE EXISTING MOORSOM ROAD AND CHUN FAI ROAD AND THE STEPPED FOOTWAY WILL PROVIDE A PEDESTRIAN LINK BETWEEN MOORSOM ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE 1985 AND WILL TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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PLB PROHIBITED ZONES IN TUEN MUN

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FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 4), ROAD LA 39C IN TUEN MUN NEAR CASTLE PEAK POLICE STATION WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES PROHIBITED ZONES.

FROM THE SAME DAY, THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WO YI HOP ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TAI LOONG STREET WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE JUNCTION OF WO YI HOP ROAD AND TA CHUEN PING STREET.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 59.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 348.591 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 430.773 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 73.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 4) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

AFFECTED PREMISES ARE THOSE ALONG KENNEDY TOWN NEW PLAZA, SANDS STREET, SMITHFIELD, FORBES STREET, CADOGAN STREET, NORTH STREET, DAVIS STREET, BELCHER'S STREET, CATCHICK STREET, AND HAU WO STREET.

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