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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JUNE 1981
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE IN JUNE 1981.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR JUNE WAS \$10 097 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT \$6 831 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$3 266 MILLION.

WITH IMPORTS AT \$11 441 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR JUNE WAS \$1 344 MILLION.

SO THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1981 WAS \$55 145 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$35 608 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$19 536 MILLION. WITH IMPORTS AT \$65 639 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1981 WAS \$10 494 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1980, THERE WERE THE FOLLOWING INCREASES BY VALUE: \$4 486 MILLION OR 14.4 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, \$6 299 MILLION OR 47.6 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, \$10 785 MILLION OR 24.3 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS AND \$13 666 MILLION OR 26.3 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, WAS 16 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 14.6 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1980.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT SHOWED A FAIR DEGREE OF STABILITY IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR WITH THE GROWTH RATE OF TOTAL EXPORTS ROUGHLY IN LINE WITH THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS. HE ADDED THAT THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+ IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR WAS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY OUT OF LINE WITH THAT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1980.

THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DOMESTIC EXPORT SECTOR WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE.

THE GROWTH RATE IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, ALTHOUGH LOW BY RECENT EXPERIENCE, WAS QUITE RESPECTABLE IN VIEW OF THE UNFAVOURABLE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AS THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS HAVE BEEN STABLE SINCE THE END OF LAST YEAR, A LARGE PROPORTION (ABOUT HALF) OF THE 14.4 PER CENT GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS REPRESENTED GROWTH IN REAL TERMS.

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CONCERNING THE FAIRLY RAPID GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN JUNE THIS YEAR (29.7 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH JUNE 1980), THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS WAS PARTLY A REFLECTION OF THE CONTINUING RAPID GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS (BY 37.4 PER CENT, JUNE THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH JUNE 1980). HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AN AEROPLANE (A JUMBO 747) VALUED AT OVER \$300 MILLION WAS IMPORTED IN JUNE.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS RELEASED THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR JUNE:-

MERCHANDISE :	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$ 6 831 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$ 3 266 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$10 097 MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$11 441 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 1 344 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	APRIL-JUNE	APRIL-JUNE	INCREASE OR	
	1981	1980	DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	19 544	17 414	+ 2 131	+ 12.2
RE-EXPORTS	10 011	7 201	+ 2 809	+ 39.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	29 555	24 615	+ 4 940	+ 20.1
IMPORTS	34 559	27 761	+ 6 797	+ 24.5
TRADE BALANCE	- 5 004	- 3 146	- 1 858	

<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	JUNE	JUNE	INCREASE OR	
	1981	1980	DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6 831 (67.7%)	6 079 (71.9%)	+ 751	+ 12.4
RE-EXPORTS	3 266	2 378	+ 888	+ 37.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	10 097	8 457	+ 1 639	+ 19.4
IMPORTS	11 441	8 824	+ 2 617	+ 29.7
TRADE BALANCE	- 1 344	- 367	- 977	

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<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>JUNE</u> 1981	<u>MAY</u> 1981	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6 831 (67.7%)	6 880 (66.8%)	- 49	- 0.7
RE-EXPORTS	3 266	3 422	- 156	- 4.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	10 097	10 302	- 205	- 2.0
IMPORTS	11 441	11 737	- 296	- 2.5
TRADE BALANCE	- 1 344	- 1 435	+ 91	
<u>CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE</u>	<u>JAN-JUNE</u> 1981	<u>JAN-JUNE</u> 1980	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	35 608 (64.6%)	31 122 (70.2%)	+ 4 486	+ 14.4
RE-EXPORTS	19 536	13 237	+ 6 299	+ 47.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	55 145	44 359	+10 785	+ 24.3
IMPORTS	65 639	51 973	+13 666	+ 26.3
TRADE BALANCE	- 10 494	- 7 614	- 2 880	
<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	<u>JULY 1980</u> <u>TO</u> <u>JUNE 1981</u>	<u>JULY 1979</u> <u>TO</u> <u>JUNE 1980</u>	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	72 657	63 626	+ 9 031	+ 14.2
RE-EXPORTS	36 371	24 063	+12 308	+ 51.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	109 028	87 689	+21 339	+ 24.3
IMPORTS	125 317	99 295	+26 022	+ 26.2
TRADE BALANCE	- 16 289	-11 606	- 4 683	

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SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH OTHERS

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THE EXHIBITION OF ART AND CRAFT BY SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS IS AN IDEAL EXAMPLE DEMONSTRATING THAT EVERYONE, WHETHER HANDICAPPED OR NOT, HAS SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH OTHERS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR HAYE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION AT THE PAO SUI LOONG GALLERIES, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, ORGANISED BY THE ART SECTION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO MARK THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

+IN ALL ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES, A GENUINE FEELING FOR BEAUTY IS MOST IMPORTANT AND IT IS WELL WORTH CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT ALTHOUGH A PERSON MAY HAVE A DISABLEMENT OF SIGHT OR OF HEARING OR OF BODILY MOVEMENT, THE ABILITY TO APPRECIATE BEAUTY CAN BE SHARED BY EVERYONE,+ MR HAYE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT SOME OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ARTISTS WERE DISABLED BUT IN ALL SUCH CASES, DISABILITY HAD BY NO MEANS IMPAIRED SENSITIVITY- INDEED, ARTISTIC ENDEAVOUR HAD BEEN ENHANCED BY AN INTENSE FEELING FOR ALL THINGS BEAUTIFUL.

THE EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY, MR HAYE SAID, SHOW THAT ART IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER CAN BE PRODUCED BY THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES TO BE ENJOYED BY EVERYONE.

+ART IS FOR ALL AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SHARE THEIR INSIGHT AND ARTISTIC VISION,+ MR HAYE SAID.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN DAILY TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM UNTIL AUGUST 4.

ON DISPLAY ARE 1 000 ART AND CRAFT ITEMS FROM 60 SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND TEN ORDINARY SCHOOLS WITH SPECIAL CLASSES.

THEY INCLUDE PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, GRAPHIC DESIGNS, THREE-DIMENSIONAL DESIGNS, SCULPTURE, POTTERY, AND BATIK.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S WORK 'FORWARD LOOKING'

OVER THE YEARS, THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HAS EMBARKED ON A NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES WHICH REFLECT THE ENLIGHTENED AND FORWARD-LOOKING APPROACH OF THE PRISON SERVICE IN HONG KONG, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE HON LYDIA DUNN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 105 RECRUIT ASSISTANT PRISON OFFICERS AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, AT WHICH SHE TOOK THE SALUTE.

GIVING AN EXAMPLE, SHE SAID THAT THE DETENTION CENTRE PROGRAMME HAD PROVED VERY EFFECTIVE. +OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE PROGRAMME, 95 PER CENT HAVE NOT BEEN RECONVICTED OF ANY OFFENCE IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING RELEASE, AND NEARLY 80 PER CENT HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED DURING THE THREE YEARS FOLLOWING RELEASE.+

THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT PERFORMED ITS DUTIES EFFECTIVELY AND UNOBSTRUSIVELY, SHE SAID.

+YOU WILL FIND YOUR CAREERS CHALLENGING AND FULFILLING,+ SHE TOLD THE RECRUITS.

THE PRISON INDUSTRIES, SHE SAID, WERE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMME, ACHIEVING TWO IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES.

+FIRSTLY IT PROVIDES TRAINING OF INMATES SO THAT THEY MAY BE BETTER ABLE TO GET AND KEEP A JOB ON RELEASE. SECONDLY IT PROVIDES, ECONOMICALLY, GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE GOVERNMENT BY USING THE RESOURCES OF PRISON LABOUR,+ SHE REMARKED.

THE RECRUITS COMPRISING 84 MEN AND 21 WOMEN ASSISTANT OFFICERS II, RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR SIX-MONTH BASIC TRAINING IN THE INSTITUTE.

MISS DUNN PRESENTED GOLDEN WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS, MR LUI YAM WOON AND MR FAN KONG SUI.

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LANTAU ISLAND CAMP-SITE OPENED

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THE FIRST CAMP-SITE ON BEACHES FOR YOUNG HOLIDAY-MAKERS HAS BEEN OPENED TO CAMPERS AT PUI O, ON LANTAU ISLAND BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MORE CAMP-SITES WITH PROPER FACILITIES ALONG THE SOUTH SHORE OF LANTAU WILL BE BUILT TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND OF THIS POPULAR OUT-DOOR ACTIVITY DURING THE SUMMER, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

TWO MORE CAMP-SITES FOR CHEUNG SHA ON THE ISLAND ARE NOW BEING PLANNED, WHILE TWO MAJOR BEACH PARKS IN THE HINTERLAND OF PUI O AND CHEUNG SHA WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE VERY MUCH LARGER NUMBERS AND CATER TO A WIDER RANGE OF TASTES ARE ALSO BEING PLANNED.

THE BEAUTIFUL PUI O CAMP-SITE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THERE ARE 20 CAMPING SPACES, EACH SEPARATED BY NATURAL SHRUBS.

AN UMBRELLA, A LONG BENCH WITH SEAT, A BARBECUE PIT AND A LITTER BIN ARE PROVIDED AT EACH SPACE.

AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CAMP-SITE, A PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE BOARD IS SET UP TO ENABLE THE CAMPERS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR FRIENDS BY SIMPLY STICKING A MESSAGE ON THE BOARD.

CAMPERS ARE URGED TO FOLLOW THE CAMP KEEPER'S INSTRUCTION IN HELPING TO KEEP THE SITE CLEAN AND TIDY TO PROTECT THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE AREA. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED NOT TO VANDALISE ANY CAMPING FACILITIES.

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CHINESE-STYLE PAVILION TO BE BUILT AT TAI PO
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PICNICKERS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF A CHINESE-STYLE PAVILION AT BRIDE'S POOL, TAI PO, BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

COSTING \$200 000 WHICH IS BEING DONATED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES LIONS CLUB, THE PAVILION IS ABOUT 10 MINUTES WALK FROM PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR.

AT A STONE-LAYING CEREMONY TODAY (SATURDAY), THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER NORTH, MR NICKY LO, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CLUB FOR ITS GENEROSITY.

+THE PAVILION PROVIDES NOT ONLY SHELTER AND A RESTING PLACE FOR PICNICKERS, BUT WILL ALSO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID IF THE CLUB'S APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF A PUBLIC TELEPHONE AT THE PAVILION WAS SUCCESSFUL, IT WOULD MEAN CONVENIENCE TO PICNICKERS IN EMERGENCIES.

THE CLUB WAS SET UP IN 1977 AND HAS AT PRESENT 59 MEMBERS.

THE PRESIDENT, MR HO YUNG-SANG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU YAM-MAN, WERE ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY.

LAST MONTH, THE CLUB DONATED \$100 000 FOR A PAVILION TO BE BUILT AT SHA TIN.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION
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THIRTY-FOUR SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$346 700 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER BS 8888 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$55 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER BY 1 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$46 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR CL 2866, CL 165, CL 1023, BD 1771, CK 9960, CL 512, CL 443.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES :

	\$		\$		\$
CM 2800	5 600	CL 337	1 500	AN 909	9 000
HK 4200	4 700	CM 399	2 000	CN 500	29 000
CK 8828	8 200	CM 3828	6 000	CM 130	3 900
CL 669	2 000	CK 8288	7 500	CL 280	6 000
CL 899	8 000	AR 818	6 200	CL 183	2 500
CL 168	24 000	CP 678	5 500	CL 203	1 300
AA 2828	40 000	CL 2818	5 200	CL 668	16 000
578	35 000	AG 3500	1 600	CL 213	2 500
CL 166	5 500				

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 66TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$20 093 732.

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MORE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR TSUEN WAN

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A NUMBER OF URBAN CLEARWAYS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TSUEN WAN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY, JULY 27.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID 24-HOUR CLEARWAYS WOULD COME INTO FORCE:

- * IN TEXACO ROAD FROM A POINT 20 METRES BEFORE SHA TSUI ROAD ACROSS THE NEW FLYOVER TO A POINT 20 METRES BEYOND THE JUNCTION WITH SHING MUN ROAD-
- * ON ALL LINK ROADS AND SLIP ROADS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TEXACO ROAD-CASTLE PEAK ROAD INTERCHANGE- AND
- * IN TAI WO HAU ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TEXACO ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 210 METRES TOWARDS KWAI CHUNG.

TEXACO ROAD, FROM THE END OF THE TSUEN WAN BY-PASS TO A POINT 20 METRES BEFORE THE SHA TSUI ROAD JUNCTION, ALSO WOULD BECOME A CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP OR PICK UP PASSENGERS AND GOODS WITHIN THESE CLEARWAYS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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EARLY MORNING WATER PIPE TESTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 27) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER LEAKAGE TESTS.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE ALONG HYSAN AVENUE, SUNNING ROAD, HOI PING ROAD, SUN WUI ROAD, IRVING STREET, KESWICK STREET, LINK ROAD, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, FROM YEE WO STREET TO CAROLINE HILL ROAD, INCLUDING THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT, HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FOUR HOURS, FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 27) TO FACILITATE PIPE CONNECTION WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREA WILL INCLUDE 155-269 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND 129-157 CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST (BETWEEN EASTERN STREET AND WESTERN STREET).

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SWIMMING GALA HELD IN TAI PO

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TAI PO PEOPLE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SPORT, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR LO, WHO WAS SPEAKING AT TAI PO DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA AT FANLING SWIMMING COMPLEX, SAID LAST YEAR THERE WERE MORE THAN 20 000 PARTICIPANTS IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

+THIS YEAR, GOVERNMENT WILL SPEND \$100 000 ON PROVIDING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT AND I HOPE MORE PEOPLE WILL PARTICIPATE,+ HE SAID.

+PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN TAI PO WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED AND EXPANDED,+ HE SAID.

MAJOR PROJECTS INCLUDED A TEMPORARY SOCCER PITCH, A SWIMMING COMPLEX AND AN INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE.

+WORK ON A WATER SPORTS CENTRE AT TAI MEI TUK HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND CANOEING AND DINGHY COURSES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED THERE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO MAKE FULL USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES AT LOCAL SCHOOLS AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES.

ORGANISED BY TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE GALA ATTRACTED 120 ENTRANTS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG (NORTH) RURAL COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHUN-WAI, THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG WAI-LAM, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR HO YUNG-SANG, AND THE NEW TERRITORIES (EAST) REGIONAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR KWAN PING-YUEN, WERE AMONG THE GUESTS AT TODAY'S CEREMONY.

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WORK OF CHEUNG CHAU LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION PRAISED
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THE ENTHUSIASM AND VOLUNTARY SERVICE OF CHEUNG CHAU LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION WAS PRAISED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY ISLANDS ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MICHAEL ROWSE.

MR ROWSE WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE 14TH TERM.

+WITH SERVICES RENDERED BY YOUR ASSOCIATION, MANY ACCIDENTS ARE AVOIDED,+ HE SAID.

BESIDES PROVIDING LIFE-SAVING SERVICES AT WEEKENDS AND ON HOLIDAYS, THE ASSOCIATION ALSO RAN SWIMMING, LIFE-SAVING AND CANOEING TRAINING COURSES.

ESTABLISHED IN 1958, THE ASSOCIATION HAS MORE THAN 700 MEMBERS AT PRESENT.

IT HAS ORGANISED FOUR TEAMS OF LIFE-GUARDS, EACH COMPRISING EIGHT MEMBERS, TO SERVE LOCAL BEACHES IN TURN.

IT HAS ALSO SET UP A 22-MEMBER RESCUE TEAM TO HELP DURING TYPHOONS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR YEUNG YUK-LUN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE, MR FUNG PAK-TAI, WERE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY DURING WHICH 28 MEMBERS WERE INAUGURATED FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE.

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