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IMPROVED SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FROM TODAY

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TWO SOCIAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS ARE IMPLEMENTED FROM TODAY (APRIL 1) TO PROVIDE EXTRA SUPPORT TO THE PROFOUNDLY DEAF AND THE PARTIALLY DISABLED.

THE DISABILITY ALLOWANCE IS NOW EXTENDED TO COVER THE PROFOUNDLY DEAF, AND A DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT IS INTRODUCED UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR THE PARTIALLY DISABLED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID APPLICATIONS MAY BE MADE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS, AND IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PROCESSING, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO APPLY IN WRITING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DISABILITY ALLOWANCE, AT \$230, AND THE DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT, AT \$115 A MONTH, BOTH NON-CONTRIBUTORY, ARE PAYABLE ON TOP OF ANY NORMAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENT.

HE SAID THE NON-MEANS-TESTED DISABILITY ALLOWANCE, COVERS THOSE PROFOUNDLY DEAF PERSONS WITH A HEARING LOSS OF 85 DECIBELS OR MORE, OR OF 75 TO 85 DECIBELS BUT WITH OTHER PHYSICAL HANDICAPS INCLUDING LACK OF SPEECH.

AS TO THE DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT IS PAYABLE TO THE PARTIALLY DISABLED WHO ARE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS.

THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY RECEIVING AN OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT UNDER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, OR A SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE AS THESE PAYMENTS ARE INTENDED TO COVER SIMILAR NEEDS, HE SAID.

PARTIAL DISABILITY, HE EXPLAINED, MEANS A 50 PER CENT OR MORE LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY AS DEFINED IN THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, OR A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL CONDITION MEDICALLY CERTIFIED AS BEING BROADLY EQUIVALENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE TWO SOCIAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS WOULD COST A TOTAL OF \$8.9 MILLION IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, AND WOULD BENEFIT AN ESTIMATED 3 800 PROFOUNDLY DEAF PEOPLE AND 1 000 PARTIALLY DISABLED PEOPLE.

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NEW POSTER AND LEAFLET TO PROMOTE
PRISON RECRUITMENT

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IS STEPPING UP ITS RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN BY PRODUCING A POSTER AND A LEAFLET TO HELP ATTRACT YOUNG MEN OF RIGHT CALIBRE TO JOIN THE PRISON SERVICE.

THE COLOUR POSTER SHOWS A BOY WITH A PRISON CAP SITTING NEXT TO A PRISON OFFICER IN UNIFORM, WITH THE WORD +SECURITY+ IN LARGE BOLD TYPE ON IT.

THE WORD +SECURITY+ HAD A DOUBLE MEANING, A PRISONS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID. +IT MEANS A SECURITY JOB AND JOB SECURITY THAT THE PRISON SERVICE OFFERS.+

THE LEAFLET WITH A COVER OF THE SAME DESIGN LISTS THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME A PRISON OFFICER AND THE CONDITIONS OF PRISON SERVICE INCLUDING ITS EXCELLENT PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND WELFARE. THE LEAFLET ALSO CONTAINS AN APPLICATION FORM FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE DECIDED TO APPLY.

THE NEW RECRUITMENT POSTER HAS BEEN PUT UP AT VARIOUS GOVERNMENT POSTER SITES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG- AND THE NEW LEAFLET, IS OBTAINABLE FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

+RESPONSIBLE AND INTELLIGENT YOUNG MEN LOOKING FOR A REWARDING AND SECURE CAREER WITH GOOD PROSPECTS CAN NOW APPLY TO JOIN THE PRISON SERVICE AS THERE ARE VACANCIES FOR BOTH OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS II,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THEY CAN APPLY IN PERSON OR BY COMPLETING THE FORM IN THE LEAFLET AND RETURNING IT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY. AN APPOINTMENT WILL BE ARRANGED ACCORDINGLY,+ HE SAID.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE AND PREFERABLY BE UNDER 35 YEARS OF AGE. THE SALARY FOR AN ASSISTANT OFFICER II STARTS AT \$1 610 AND RISES TO \$2 440 WHILE THAT FOR OFFICER AT \$3 250 RISING TO \$6 000.

+A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT HAS TO UNDERGO A ONE-YEAR TRAINING PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDES FIELD TRAINING AT THE DEPARTMENT'S VARIOUS PENAL INSTITUTIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ORDERS-ON-HAND SURVEY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS FOR THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY FOR JANUARY 1980.

THE STATISTICS DERIVED FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND ARE BASED ON AN UP-DATED AND ENLARGED LIST OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SELECTED BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT AS THE LIST WAS NOT A SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED SAMPLE, RESULTS OBTAINED WOULD BE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY OF THE COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY.

+BUT IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL GENERALLY INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

FOLLOWING ARE ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS OBTAINED IN THE JANUARY SURVEY COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH:

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS)</u>	
	<u>DECEMBER 1979</u>	<u>JANUARY 1980</u>
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	5.1	5.0
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	3.2	2.9
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4.2	4.7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	4.1	4.2
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	5.1	5.0
OTHERS	3.9	4.0
ALL MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.5

APART FROM THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, THE SURVEY ALSO COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND SELECTED SERVICES.

THE JANUARY 1980 SURVEY REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND, PRICED AT \$1 EACH, WILL BE ON SALE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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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SNT OPENS NEW HEUNG YEE KUK HALL
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FOR SEVERAL DECADES THE HEUNG YEE KUK HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE OPENING OF A NEW HALL AT THE HEUNG YEE KUK'S HEADQUARTERS AT CUMBERLAND ROAD, KOWLOON TONG.

+THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS NEW HALL WILL FACILITATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE KUK AND ENABLE ITS DISCUSSIONS OF MATTERS AFFECTING THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TO BE HELD IN DIGNIFIED SURROUNDINGS AND TO PROVIDE A VENUE FOR A RANGE OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW HALL, BUILT AT A COST OF \$750 000, HAS AN AREA OF 2 200 SQUARE FEET AND IS EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST AUDIO/VISUAL FACILITIES.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HOLDS OPEN DAY TOMORROW
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN CHEUNG SHA WAN ON ITS OPEN DAY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

AT PRESENT MORE THAN 4 000 STUDENTS ARE ENROLED IN THE INSTITUTE IN VARIOUS FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE AND EVENING COURSES RUN BY THE FIVE TEACHING DEPARTMENTS, NAMELY MARINE AND FABRICATION, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, AND HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES.

VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES IN WORKSHOPS AND LABORATORIES, AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE TRAINING RESTAURANT AND HOTEL-KEEPING TRAINING FACILITIES.

THE INSTITUTE AT 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, IS OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON, AND FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM TOMORROW.

DURING THE OPEN DAY WINNERS OF A CRAFT COMPETITION HELD AMONG CRAFT STUDENTS OF BASIC MECHANICAL COURSES FROM HAKING WONG, MORRISON HILL, KWUN TONG AND KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES.

THE COMPETITION, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, INVOLVED THE MAKING OF A WORKPIECE NAMED SNAP GAUGE WHICH IS USED FOR MEASUREMENT PURPOSES.

FOUR PRIZE WINNERS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FROM AMONG THE 10 FINALISTS BY A JUDGING PANEL CHAIRED BY MR Y.W. YANG, HEAD OF THE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

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THE CHAMPION IS MR YIP WAI-YAN OF KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE- FIRST RUNNER-UP MR LAU CHI-WAI OF HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE- SECOND RUNNER-UP MR WU CHOI-MING OF KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE- AND THIRD RUNNER-UP MR CHAN HOK-LEUNG OF KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THE WORKPIECES MADE BY THE 10 FINALISTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE INSTITUTE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPEN DAY OF HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE CRAFT COMPETITION. THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 702 LI CHI KOK ROAD.

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CONTRACTS AWARDED IN FEBRUARY
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AWARDED A TOTAL OF 22 CONTRACTS WORTH MORE THAN \$207 MILLION IN FEBRUARY.

OF THESE, 11 WERE AWARDED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND THE OTHERS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PWD TENDER BOARD.

ONE OF THE LARGEST CONTRACTS WAS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CONTROLLED TIP AT MA YAU TONG. IT IS WORTH MORE THAN \$28.8 MILLION.

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EIGHT CLINICS REMAIN OPEN DURING EASTER

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EIGHT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS FROM APRIL 4 TO 7.

OF THESE TWO ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND. THEY ARE THE VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC IN WAN CHAI AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN SHAU KEI WAN.

IN KOWLOON, THREE CLINICS, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINICS IN KWUN TONG AND YAU MA TEI, AND THE ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE IN SAN PO KONG, WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM APRIL 4 TO 7.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, CLINICS TO REMAIN OPEN DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS ARE THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC IN TSUEN WAN, THE YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND THE SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC.

ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY

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PENNINGTON STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH LEIGHTON ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 4).

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ZONE.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF JARDINE'S BAZAAR WILL BE EXTENDED FROM OUTSIDE HOUSE NO 57 TO END AT OUTSIDE HOUSE NO 45.

FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY, THREE SECTIONS OF JARDINE'S BAZAAR WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR ALL VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THEY ARE THE NORTHERN KERB SIDE OF JARDINE'S BAZAAR BETWEEN HOUSE NO 38 AND ITS JUNCTION WITH HENNESSY ROAD- THE SOUTHERN KERB SIDE BETWEEN HOUSE NO 19 AND ITS JUNCTION WITH HENNESSY ROAD- AND THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE SOUTHERN KERB SIDE NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH PENNINGTON STREET WILL BE EXTENDED FROM HOUSE NO 57 TO HOUSE NO 45 WESTWARDS.

WITHIN THE CLEARWAYS, ALL PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN OF PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING OF GOODS ARE PROHIBITED.

ALL THE RESTRICTED ZONES WILL BE INDICATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS.

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