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1980 GROSS MANUFACTURING OUTPUT TOTALS \$107 890 MILLION

SOME \$107 890 MILLION WORTH OF GROSS OUTPUT WERE PRODUCED WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN 1980, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OF THE TOTAL, \$72 281 MILLION (67%) WERE SPENT ON MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES CONSUMED IN THE PROCESS OF PRODUCTION, WHILE ANOTHER \$19 883 MILLION (18%) WERE PAID OUT AS COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES.

THE REMAINDER WAS MADE UP OF MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES (\$9 148 MILLION OR 9%), AND OPERATING SURPLUS (\$6 578 MILLION OR 6%).

THE STATISTICS WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE REFERENCE YEAR 1980, COVERING ESSENTIALLY THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, BUT INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN MINING AND QUARRYING, AND IN THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER.

THE 1980 SURVEY WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED TO ASCERTAIN THE STRUCTURAL AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS AND TO UPDATE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

THE SALIENT FINDINGS RELATING TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:-

A. ANALYSIS BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUP

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>NO. OF MFG. EST.</u>	<u>COMP. OF EMPLOYEES</u> (\$MN)	<u>CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES</u> (\$MN)	<u>GROSS OUTPUT</u> (\$MN)	<u>NAT. ACCTS. VALUE ADDED</u> (\$MN)
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	884	557	2 620	4 315	1 275
TEXTILES (INCLU- DING KNITTING)	4 356	2 808	12 501	17 626	4 052
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT KNITWEAR AND FOOTWEAR	8 090	5 611	15 933	24 619	7 158
LEATHER, WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS	2 898	620	1 677	2 658	775

/PAPER PRODUCTS,

PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	4 062	1 025	2 665	4 655	1 583
CHEMICALS, RUBBER AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	1 148	384	2 601	3 672	805
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4 284	1 569	4 407	7 207	2 204
BASIC METALS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	10 532	4 038	14 460	21 317	5 603
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	1 749	2 521	13 010	18 168	3 855
OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	2 656	751	2 407	3 653	1 021
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	40 660	19 883	72 281	107 890	28 331

NOTES: (1) THE STATISTICS PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE COVER ALL MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS THAT WERE IN OPERATION AT THE TIME OF SURVEY ENUMERATION, WHICH WAS GENERALLY SOME MONTHS AFTER THE END OF THE SURVEY REFERENCE YEAR OF 1980. THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS THAT WERE CLOSED PRIOR TO THE ENUMERATION PERIOD ARE NOT INCLUDED HEREIN. NEVERTHELESS, A SEPARATE SET OF STATISTICS INCLUDING THE IMPUTED ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

(2) FOR THIS TABLE AS WELL AS ALL SUBSEQUENT TABLES, INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES MAY NOT ADD UP EXACTLY TO THE RESPECTIVE TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING.

IN TERMS OF CONTRIBUTION TO VALUE ADDED, A TOTAL OF \$28 331 MILLION WERE GENERATED BY THE ENTIRE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN 1980.

THE MORE IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS, RANKED ACCORDING TO THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO VALUE ADDED, WERE : WEARING APPAREL (\$7 158 MILLION OR 25% OF THE CORRESPONDING TOTAL FOR MANUFACTURING), METAL PRODUCTS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (\$5 603 MILLION OR 20%), TEXTILES (\$4 052 MILLION OR 14%), ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (\$3 855 MILLION OR 14%), AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS (\$2 204 MILLION OR 8%).

REGARDING THE VALUE ADDED CONTENT IN GROSS OUTPUT FOR THE VARIOUS INDUSTRY GROUPS, THOSE HAVING A HIGHER-THAN-AVERAGE LEVEL RELATIVE TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS A WHOLE WERE : PAPER PRODUCTS AND PRINTING (34%), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (31%), FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO (30%), LEATHER AND WOODEN PRODUCTS (29%), AND WEARING APPAREL (29%). INDUSTRY GROUPS HAVING A HIGHER-THAN-AVERAGE CONTENT OF COMPENSATION TO EMPLOYEES IN VALUE ADDED WERE : LEATHER AND WOODEN PRODUCTS (80%), WEARING APPAREL (78%), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (71%), AND METAL PRODUCTS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (72%).

B. ANALYSIS BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NO. OF MFG. EST.</u>	<u>COMP. OF EMPLOYEES</u> (\$MN)	<u>CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES</u> (\$MN)	<u>GROSS OUTPUT</u> (\$MN)	<u>NAT. ACCTS. VALUE ADDED</u> (\$MN)
HONG KONG ISLAND	6 753	3 003	11 002	16 723	4 516
KOWLOON	9 259	3 034	8 723	13 560	3 883
NEW KOWLOON	14 158	8 099	28 746	42 703	11 169
TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI	7 571	4 564	18 624	27 471	6 952
REST OF N.T.	2 921	1 182	5 186	7 433	1 812
ALL DISTRICTS	40 660	19 883	72 281	107 890	28 331

REGARDING THE LOCATIONS OF INDUSTRIES, NEW KOWLOON WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT MANUFACTURING ZONE, FOLLOWED BY THE TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT. THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR \$70 174 MILLION WORTH OF GROSS OUTPUT (OR 65% OF THE CORRESPONDING TOTAL OF MANUFACTURING) AND \$18 121 MILLION WORTH OF VALUE ADDED (OR 64% OF THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED GENERATED FROM MANUFACTURING).

C. ANALYSIS BY TYPE OF OWNERSHIP

<u>TYPE OF OWNERSHIP</u>	<u>NO. OF MFG. EST.</u>	<u>COMP. OF EMPLOYEES</u> (\$MN)	<u>CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES</u> (\$MN)	<u>GROSS OUTPUT</u> (\$MN)	<u>NAT. ACCTS. VALUE ADDED</u> (\$MN)
LIMITED COMPANY	6 440	13 107	54 666	79 532	19 574

SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP	27 141	4 219	10 707	17 534	5 556
PARTNERSHIP	7 078	2 557	6 908	10 825	3 201
TOTAL	40 660	19 883	72 281	107 890	28 331

MOST OF THE MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES WERE CARRIED OUT BY LIMITED COMPANIES. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL GROSS OUTPUT AND VALUE ADDED IN MANUFACTURING WERE \$79 532 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT, AND \$19 574 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL VALUE ADDED IN MANUFACTURING BY SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP UNDERTAKINGS WERE 20 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

D. ANALYSIS BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE RANGES

<u>NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED</u>	<u>NO. OF MFG. EST.</u>	<u>COMP. OF EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES</u>	<u>GROSS OUTPUT</u>	<u>NAT. ACCTS. VALUE ADDED</u>
		(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)
1 - 9	25 650	1 888	4 218	7 691	2 764
10 - 19	6 190	1 814	5 199	8 140	2 335
20 - 49	5 063	3 477	10 922	16 350	4 300
50 - 99	2 138	3 290	11 549	17 041	4 397
100 - 199	989	2 924	11 681	16 752	4 042
200 - 499	466	2 999	14 167	20 025	4 623
500 - 999	117	1 813	8 786	12 476	2 961
1 000 AND OVER	45	1 676	5 759	9 414	2 909
TOTAL	40 660	19 883	72 281	107 890	28 331

MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING 500 OR MORE PERSONS TOGETHER GENERATED 21 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED IN MANUFACTURING, WHILE MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING FEWER THAN 20 PERSONS PROVIDED 18 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED. MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SIZE GROUPS OF 20 TO 49 PERSONS, 50 TO 99 PERSONS, 100 TO 199 PERSONS, AND 200 TO 499 PERSONS ACCOUNTED FOR 15 PER CENT, 16 PER CENT, 14 PER CENT AND 16 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED.

SUMMARY STATISTICS FROM THE 1980 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE FORTHCOMING DECEMBER 1982 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS. A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THE 1980 SURVEY WILL BE GIVEN IN ITS SURVEY REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

FURTHER STATISTICAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7213578).

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NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS IN SAI KUNG

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THE ANNUAL SAI KUNG FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 16) WITH A FULL-DAY PROGRAMME INCLUDING LION AND UNICORN DANCES, A BEER DRINKING COMPETITION, FILM AND VARIETY SHOWS AND A LUCKY DRAW.

THE OPENING DAY WILL ALSO FEATURE A DRAWING COMPETITION FOR MORE THAN 400 CHILDREN, A POTTERY EXHIBITION AND GAMES STALLS.

COSTING \$80 000, THE FESTIVAL IS BEING ORGANISED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WITH DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORSHIP.

OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

- * A SPECTACULAR ROAD RACE FROM NAI CHUNG TO SAI KUNG TOWN, A VARIETY SHOW, A CHILDREN'S DRAWING EXHIBITION, A MINI ATHLETIC MEET FOR CHILDREN, AN OUTING AND A TELE-MATCH ON FEBRUARY 17;
- * OPENING OF THE HO CHUNG SPORTSGROUND ON FEBRUARY 18;
- * A CONCERT AND A VARIETY SHOW ON FEBRUARY 19; AND
- * A CHILDREN DRAWING COMPETITION ON FEBRUARY 26.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL AT MAN YI PLAYGROUND, SAI KUNG, ON FEBRUARY 16 (WEDNESDAY) AT 12 NOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY REMINDER

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WHICH FALL ON FEBRUARY 13 TO 15 ARE THREE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

AS THE FIRST DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FALLS ON A SUNDAY, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE LUNAR NEW YEAR EVE ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 12) SHOULD BE A STATUTORY HOLIDAY ACCORDING TO THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS EMPLOYED LOCALLY OR FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$7 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAYS, HE SAID.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING A STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, INCLUDING WAGES AND ALLOWANCES BUT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE : FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638 ; KOWLOON WEST 3-201652 ; KOWLOON SOUTH 3-319454 ; KWUN TONG 3-898520 ; TSUEN WAN 0-422096 ; TAI PO 0-6577111 EXT. 114 ; TUEN MUN 0-818443 ; HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) 5-268671 AND HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST) 5-282523.

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BOOKKEEPING COURSES FOR SCHOOL CLERKS

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CLERKS WORKING IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES CONCERNING SCHOOLS.

AS FROM MARCH, THE DEPARTMENT'S ACCOUNTS DIVISION WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF FOUR-DAY SEMINARS UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR TO HELP SCHOOL CLERKS TO MAINTAIN A SOUND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM BASED ON THE MODEL DEVELOPED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SEMINARS WILL ALSO IMPROVE THE CLERKS' GENERAL ACCOUNTING SKILL AND ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CODE OF AID, THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE AND RELEVANT CIRCULARS OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THE CONTENTS OF THE SEMINARS, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT LUI KEE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTRE AT 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WILL INCLUDE LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS AND EXERCISES.

AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS WHO WISH TO SEND THEIR CLERKS TO THESE SEMINARS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE TREASURY ACCOUNTANT, ACCOUNTS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 4/F, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 23.

OWING TO LIMITED SEATING CAPACITY, EACH SCHOOL SHOULD NOMINATE NOT MORE THAN TWO CLERKS AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SEMINARS MAY BE MADE TO THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER (TRAINING), MR GREG LI, AT 5-8392413.

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SWIMMING POOL 'BUBBLE' OPENS TUESDAY

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CONSTRUCTION OF HONG KONG'S FIRST EVER AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE ERECTED OVER THE MAIN POOL OF THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND THE FACILITY WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 8) AFTERNOON.

THE STRUCTURE PROVIDES SHELTER FOR WINTER BATHERS AT THE HEATED MAIN POOL OF THE SWIMMING COMPLEX, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE \$2.3-MILLION PROJECT WAS BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NTSD.

/A CEREMONY

A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 8) AT 11 AM TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE STRUCTURE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

JOINTLY OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR BRIAN WILSON, THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR MOK WAI-TAK; THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH REGION) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF NORTH, MR STUART HARBINSON.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE HONOURABLE CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; LOCAL LEADER MR LIU YUN-SUM AND THE CHAIRMEN OF FOUR RURAL COMMITTEES IN NORTH DISTRICT, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG, MR LAW CHAK-TONG, MR CHAN YAU-CHOI AND MR YIP SHING.

THE MAIN POOL OF THE COMPLEX WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FROM 12.30 PM.

FROM WEDNESDAY, THERE WILL BE FOUR SESSIONS DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM, 12.30 PM TO 3 PM, 3.30 PM TO 6 PM AND 7 PM TO 9 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE AT THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL HELD AT 11 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 8).

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT :

- (1) THE OPEN CAR PARK OUTSIDE THE RECEPTION OFFICE OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT 9.30 AM;
- (2) THE WHITEFIELD BARRACK CAR PARK AT AUSTIN ROAD OPPOSITE LONDON THEATRE AT 9.30 AM.

A PRESS TOUR WILL BE CONDUCTED INSIDE THE AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE RIGHT AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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CUTTING OF TREES AND PLANTS ON CROWN LAND ILLEGAL
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NINE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED FOR ILLEGALLY CUTTING PLANTS IN COUNTRY PARKS SINCE APRIL, 1982. FINES IMPOSED ON THEM BY THE COURTS TOTALLED \$2 225.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED THE PUBLIC NOT TO CUT TREES OR ANY PLANTS ON CROWN LAND OR IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, ESPECIALLY FOR DECORATIVE USE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

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OFFENCES BROUGHT UNDER THE COUNTRY PARKS AND SPECIAL AREAS REGULATION AND THE FORESTS AND COUNTRYSIDE ORDINANCE ARE PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, AND \$2 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT RESPECTIVELY, HE ADDED.

PLANTS INVOLVED IN THE CASES PROSECUTED HAVE INCLUDED GARDENIA, GLABROUS GREENBRIER, BAMBOO SHOOTS AND DAISIES.

HOWEVER, FLOWERS FOR DECORATION DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, INCLUDING +TIU CHUNG+ HAVE ALSO BEEN CUT IN THE PAST.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT NO PLANTS ON ANY CROWN LAND SHOULD BE CUT. THE PUBLIC SHOULD HELP CONSERVE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, HE SAID.

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REALIGNMENT OF ROAD JUNCTION IN TSUEN WAN * * * *

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT THE REALIGNMENT OF THE JUNCTION OF TAI HO ROAD AND YEUNG UK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, TO CONSTRUCT A NEW ACCESS TO THE TSUEN WAN TRANSPORT COMPLEX, CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE ADJACENT RECLAIMED LAND IN TSUEN WAN BAY.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS TAI HO ROAD OPPOSITE SAN TSUEN STREET.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 7, 1983.

AN AMENDMENT OF THE PLAN AND SCHEME HAS SINCE BEEN MADE AND A NOTICE OF THE AMENDMENT PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE AMENDED PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 9-1/2 MILESTONE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD; HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR; AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WITHIN SIXTY DAYS FROM TODAY.

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MORE METERS FOR MOTORISTS

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A TOTAL OF 290 PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED IN SHAM SHUI PO TO REGULATE THE USE OF ON-STREET PARKING SPACES.

FROM 9 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 8), METERS WILL BE IN OPERATION ALONG FUK WING STREET, FUK WA STREET AND KIU KIANG STREET.

THE METERS ON KWEILIN STREET, APLIU STREET, KI LUNG STREET AND TAI NAN STREET WILL OPERATE FROM 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 9).

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NEW TRAFFIC PLAN FOR LUNG CHEUNG ROAD

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 8), WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO HAMMER HILL ROAD.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, MOTORISTS HEADING FOR TSZ WAN SHAN WILL HAVE TO TURN LEFT INTO HAMMER HILL ROAD AND PROCEED VIA CHOI HUNG ROAD ROUNDABOUT.

AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WILL BE VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND THE PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD INTERCHANGE.

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VEHICULAR SUBWAY TO BE CLOSED

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THE WUHU INTERCHANGE VEHICULAR SUBWAY LINKING CHATHAM ROAD WITH GILLIES AVENUE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 8 AND 9) FOR MAINTENANCE WORKS.

TRAFFIC FROM TSIM SHA TSUI AND YAU MA TEI HEADING FOR HUN HOM WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHEONG WAN ROAD, WAN ROAD, TO RE-JOIN CHEONG WAN ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE.

AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WILL BE VIA GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, PAK KUNG STREET, SHUN YUNG STREET, FAT KWONG STREET AND MA TAU WAI ROAD.

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