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MORE UC VENUES AVAILABLE FOR DB ELECTIONS
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THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS AGREED TO MAKE AVAILABLE 49 OF ITS VENUES TO CANDIDATES FOR THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS AND CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 19 OVER THE NUMBER OF VENUES DESIGNATED IN THE 1982 ELECTION.

HE SAID THE VENUES ARE LOCATED AT VARIOUS PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND GARDENS THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREAS.

+CANDIDATES WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THESE VENUES BETWEEN NOW AND THE ELECTION DATE SHOULD SEND THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE,+ HE SAID.

+IF THE VENUES CONCERNED ARE BALL GAMES PITCHES, ONLY ONE SESSION WOULD BE ALLOWED FOR ANY ONE CANDIDATE IN RESPECT OF ANY ONE VENUE.+

BANNERS, PLACARDS AND POSTERS DISPLAYED IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMPAIGN MUST BE REMOVED BY THE CAMPAIGNING PARTIES AND SHOULD NOT BE HUNG ON TREES AND PLANTS.

THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR FOLLOWERS SHOULD ALSO OBSERVE ALL LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE PROPER USE OF, AND THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER, IN THESE VENUES.

IN THE EVENT THAT MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE APPLY FOR THE USE OF THE SAME VENUE AT THE SAME TIME, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE THE REGULATING BODY WITH RESPECT TO THE ALLOCATION OF THE VENUE AND THE ALLOTMENT OF DATE AND TIME TO THE CANDIDATES.

THE FOLLOWING IS A FULL LIST OF THE 49 UC VENUES:

CENTRAL AND WESTERN:

KAU U FONG CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND
KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK
FORBES STREET TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND
CHATER GARDEN
BLAKE GARDEN

WAN CHAI:

MORETON TERRACE TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND
SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND

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STANLEY PLAYGROUND
SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE PLAYGROUND NO. 1
AP LEI CHAU PLAYGROUND

EASTERN:

HEALTHY VILLAGE PLAYGROUND
FACTORY STREET PLAYGROUND
FOOTBALL PITCH AT HING WAH ESTATE STAGE I
MINI-SOCCER PITCH AT TIN CHIU STREET PLAYGROUND
ALDRICH STREET PLAYGROUND

KOWLOON CITY:

MA TAU WAI PLAYGROUND
WUHU STREET TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND
HOI SHAM PARK
ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND
PAVILION AT KOWLOON TSAI PARK
HUNGHOM ESTATE PLAYGROUND
FAT KWONG STREET PLAYGROUND
TSING CHAU STREET PLAYGROUND
JUNCTION ROAD PARK
KO SHAN ROAD PARK
SUNG WONG TOI PARK

KWUN TONG:

LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE PLAYGROUND NO. 8
FOOTBALL PITCH NO. 1 AT HONG NING ROAD
RECREATION GROUND
TWO HARD-SURFACE FOOTBALL PITCHES AT THE
KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND
SAU MAU PING ESTATE (STAGE II) PLAYGROUND NO. 10
BASKETBALL COURT AT SAU MAU PING ESTATE
(STAGE II) PLAYGROUND NO. 23
HARD-SURFACE FOOTBALL PITCH AT LAM TIN ESTATE
(AREA B) PLAYGROUND NO. 6
LEI YUE MUN ROAD PLAYGROUND
YAU TONG PLAYGROUND

MONG KOK:

MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND
ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND
THISTLE STREET REST GARDEN
WILLOW STREET PLAYGROUND

SHAM SHUI PO:

HARD-SURFACE FOOTBALL PITCH AT
PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND
BASKETBALL COURT AND VOLLEYBALL COURT AT
SHEK KIP MEI CENTRAL PLAYGROUND
MINI-SOCCER PITCHES AT FA HUI PARK
MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND
UN CHAU STREET ESTATE PLAYGROUND NO. 2
CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND

WONG TAI SIN:

TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE CENTRAL PLAYGROUND
TUNG TAU ESTATE PLAYGROUND NO. 2

YAU MA TEI:

HARD-SURFACE MINI-SOCCER PITCH AT KING GEORGE V
MEMORIAL PARK
URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN (SITE 10)
HARD-SURFACE MINI-SOCCER PITCH AT KOWLOON PARK

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INTERCHANGE FOR NT CIRCULAR ROAD SYSTEM PROPOSED
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO PROVIDE
A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGE AT THE EXISTING JUNCTION OF LOK MA
CHAU ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE INTERCHANGE IS TO CONNECT TWO TRUNK ROADS WHICH HAVE BEEN
PROPOSED AS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD SYSTEM.

ONE OF THE PROPOSED TRUNK ROADS WILL FORM A SECTION OF THE
NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD. IT WILL STRETCH FOR ABOUT
12 KILOMETRES FROM AU TAU TO FAN KAM ROAD AND PASS THROUGH MAI PO,
SAN TIN AND KWU TUNG.

INITIALLY, THIS WILL BE A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH
SERVICE ROADS. ADDITIONAL LANES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE CENTRAL
RESERVATION IF THERE IS A NEED AT A LATER DATE TO WIDEN THE
CARRIAGEWAY TO DUAL THREE LANES.

WITH THE RECENT PROPOSAL FOR A VEHICULAR BORDER LINK AT
LOK MA CHAU, THE SOUTHERN END OF WHICH WILL JOIN THE NEW
TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF LOK MA CHAU ROAD
AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, IT IS NECESSARY TO AMEND THE AUTHORISED
PLAN AND SCHEME FOR THE FIRST PROJECT TO INCLUDE A GRADE-SEPARATED
INTERCHANGE FOR CONNECTING THE TWO TRUNK ROADS.

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THE PROPOSED INTERCHANGE WILL CONSIST OF AN ELEVATED ROUNDABOUT ABOVE THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD AND WILL CONNECT TO THE TRUNK ROAD AND SERVICE ROADS BY MEANS OF SLIP ROADS AND RAMPS.

THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE PROPOSED VEHICULAR BORDER LINK WILL ALSO BE RAISED TO CONNECT TO THE ROUNDABOUT.

THE INCLUSION OF THE INTERCHANGE WILL NOT AFFECT THE ALIGNMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, BUT WILL REQUIRE AMENDMENTS TO THE SERVICE ROADS, PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS.

ADDITIONAL RESUMPTION OF LAND WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE THE INTERCHANGE.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE AUTHORISED PLAN AND SCHEME ARE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

PLANS SHOWING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NINTH FLOOR, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, ENQUIRY OFFICE, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 1985.

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BETTER LIVING FOR ESTATE HOME OWNERS

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A PLEASANT AND TRANQUIL ENVIRONMENT, SPACIOUS LANDSCAPED SITTING-OUT AREAS PLUS A VARIETY OF MODERN RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES ARE ALL ESSENTIAL FACTORS FOR AN IDEAL LIVING THAT CAN BE ENJOYED BY MOST RESIDENTS IN TODAY'S HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATES.

IN FACT, MANY OF THE LATEST HOS DEVELOPMENTS, SUCH AS THE THREE PROJECTS CURRENTLY ON SALE UNDER PHASE VIIA OF THE SCHEME, HAVE INCORPORATED ALL THESE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF COMFORTABLE LIVING.

OF THE THREE PHASE VIIA PROJECTS, FUNG SHING COURT IN SHA TIN IS THE LARGEST AND IS LOCATED IN THE SCENIC SHA TIN VALLEY AMIDST A GREEN AND TRANQUIL SETTING.

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ITS THREE 35-STOREY TRIDENT BLOCKS, WHICH HAVE ALL BEEN COMPLETED, PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 2 448 OPEN-PLAN FLATS WITH ALL NECESSARY BUILT-IN FACILITIES. FLAT OWNERS CAN PARTITION THEIR FLATS INTO TWO-BEDROOM OR THREE-BEDROOM UNITS ACCORDING TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS.

DAILY NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS WILL BE WELL CATERED FOR, WITH TWO COMMERCIAL CENTRES AND A NUMBER OF SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE ADJOINING CHUN SHEK AND SUN TIN WAI ESTATES.

IN TERMS OF SPORT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, FUNG SHING COURT WILL HAVE A SOCCER PITCH, VOLLEY-BALL COURTS, BADMINTON COURTS AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, AS WELL AS A FOUNTAIN BEING PROVIDED IN THE HEART OF THE ESTATE.

IT ALSO ENJOYS ANOTHER ADVANTAGE OF BEING CONVENIENTLY PLACED ALONGSIDE THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD WHERE BUS ROUTES TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE READILY AVAILABLE. ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES ARE ALSO PROVIDED AT ITS DOORSTEP AND IN THE NEIGHBOURING ESTATES, WHILE THE TAI WAI RAILWAY STATION IS JUST WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE.

BEING DEVELOPED AS THE FIRST HOS PROJECT ON TSING YI ISLAND, CHING SHING COURT IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF AN IDEAL HOME CAPITALISING ON A PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT AND A FULL RANGE OF EXISTING AMENITIES.

ITS 35-STOREY TRIDENT BLOCK RISES ON AN ELEVATED LEVEL OVERLOOKING THE RAMBLER CHANNEL AND CONTAINS 800 OPEN-PLAN FLATS SIMILAR TO THOSE AT FUNG SHING COURT.

AS PART OF THE FULLY SELF-CONTAINED CHEUNG HONG ESTATE, CHING SHING WILL BE WELL SERVED BY A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF EXISTING FACILITIES. THEY INCLUDE THREE MODERN COMMERCIAL CENTRES, ONE OF WHICH TO BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR, AND AS MANY AS SIX PRIMARY AND TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN CHEUNG HONG AND THE NEIGHBOURING CHEUNG CHING ESTATES.

FROM CHEUNG CHING ESTATE JUST WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK, RESIDENTS CAN TRAVEL BY BUS OR MAXI-CAB TO THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION, TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER, AND VARIOUS PARTS OF URBAN KOWLOON.

THE THIRD PHASE VIIA PROJECT, CHOI PO COURT IN SHEUNG SHUI, HAS ALREADY CAUGHT THE EYE OF MANY HOME-SEEKERS.

LOCATED ON A PRIME SITE OPPOSITE THE SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATION WITH GREEN AND QUIET SURROUNDINGS, CHOI PO FORMS A SELF-CONTAINED ENTITY TOGETHER WITH ITS ADJOINING CHOI YUEN ESTATE AND HOS YUK PO COURT.

THE THREE BLOCKS IN ITS FIRST PHASE, WHICH ARE ALL COMPLETED, HAVE PROVED POPULAR WITH HOME-PURCHASERS IN THE PREVIOUS SALES. ANOTHER 34-STOREY TOWER BLOCK IN THE LAST PHASE, NOW ON SALE, HAVE 528 ONE-BEDROOM AND TWO-BEDROOM UNITS.

APART FROM A COMMERCIAL CENTRE, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTENS AND A COVERED GAMES AREA PROVIDED IN THE NEIGHBOURING ESTATES, CHOI PO WILL ALSO HAVE A VARIETY OF SPORT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING AN IMPRESSIVE FOUNTAIN SURROUNDED BY FLOWER BEDS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ESTATE'S MULTI-STOREY CARPARK.

THROUGH A NETWORK OF COVERED WALKWAYS, RESIDENTS CAN HAVE EASY ACCESS TO ALL MAJOR FACILITIES, INCLUDING A BUS TERMINUS, IN THE NEIGHBOURING ESTATES AND TO THE RAILWAY STATION, FROM WHICH IT ONLY TAKES ABOUT 30 MINUTES TO TRAVEL TO KOWLOON.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR THE 3 776 FLATS AT THE THREE HOS PROJECTS WHICH ARE PRICED FROM \$96 600 TO \$186 200 EACH AND HAVE GROSS AREAS BETWEEN 41.9 AND 64.5 SQUARE METRES.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JANUARY 18.

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OLDER ESTATE BLOCKS GET MORE ATTENTION

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MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT KWAI FONG ESTATE ARE PART OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S LONG-TERM, ON-GOING PROGRAMMES TO MODERNISE AND IMPROVE CONDITIONS OF THE OLDER ESTATES, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SAID INSPECTION CARRIED OUT ON THE 11 BLOCKS IN THE ESTATE CONFIRMED THEY WERE ALL STRUCTURALLY SAFE, BUT SOME OF THE BLOCKS REQUIRED EXTENSIVE REPAIRS.

+THESE ARE BLOCK 6 WHERE MAJOR REPAIRS ARE NEARING COMPLETION, AS WELL AS BLOCKS 5 AND 10.+

HE SAID IN ESTATE BLOCKS WHICH REQUIRED MAJOR REPAIR, OPPORTUNITY WAS NORMALLY TAKEN TO INCORPORATE FACILITIES COMPARABLE TO NEW ESTATES.

+FOR EXAMPLE, IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE BLOCK 6 INCLUDE REWIRING AND REINFORCEMENT OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES, INSTALLATION OF COMMUNAL AERIAL BROADCAST DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, IMPROVEMENT TO WATER SUPPLIES AND SANITARY SERVICES, PROVISION OF GAS SUPPLY AND THE INSTALLATION OF AN ADDITIONAL LIFT TO SERVE EVERY FLOOR.+

THE TYPES OF MAINTENANCE WORKS THAT NEED TO BE CARRIED OUT VARY ON THE BASIS OF COST EFFECTIVENESS AND ACCORDING TO EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM PREVIOUS WORKS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE TO REPAIR AND IMPROVE BLOCK 5 IN THE SAME WAY AS TO BLOCK 6 AND THEREFORE IT IS CONSIDERED MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO REDEVELOP IT IN ORDER TO MEET THE PRESENT STANDARD OF ESTATE LIVING.+

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HE SAID TENANTS AFFECTED WERE BEING OFFERED NEW FLATS OR FLATS IN ESTATES OF THEIR OWN CHOICE WHERE SUITABLE VACANCIES WERE AVAILABLE.

+MORE THAN HALF OF THE 777 FAMILIES OF 3 800 PEOPLE IN BLOCK 5 HAVE ALREADY MOVED TO ESTATES ACCORDING TO THEIR PREFERENCE.

+EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO ASSIST THE REMAINING 300 FAMILIES COMPRISING ABOUT 1 500 PEOPLE IN THEIR REHOUSING. THEY CAN CHOOSE TO MOVE TO SUITABLE FLATS IN THE SAME ESTATE OR ESTATES IN OTHER DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FLATS.+

HE SAID TENANTS WERE ENTITLED TO DOMESTIC REMOVAL ALLOWANCE, OF WHICH THE EXISTING RATES WERE \$800 FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF ONE TO TWO PERSONS, \$1 000 FOR FAMILIES OF THREE TO FIVE PERSONS, AND \$1 200 FOR FAMILIES OF SIX PERSONS OR MORE.

+A SPECIAL EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE TO COVER TELEPHONE REMOVAL CHARGE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR AFFECTED TENANTS.+

HE SAID THE AUTHORITY PLACED PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF ESTATE BLOCKS AND REGULAR INSPECTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT TO ENSURE THEY WERE KEPT IN GOOD SHAPE AT ALL TIMES.

+THIS YEAR, THE AUTHORITY IS SPENDING \$473 MILLION IN MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS TYPES ON 500 BLOCKS IN 80 ESTATES.

+ESTATE BLOCKS COMPLETED IN RECENT YEARS ARE BUILT TO HIGHER STANDARDS OF DESIGN AND QUALITY WITH BETTER FACILITIES AND LOWER MAINTENANCE COSTS, BUT WITH WEARS AND TEARS THERE IS A NEED FOR INCREASED ATTENTION TO THE OLDER ESTATES.

+AS THE BUILDINGS CONTINUE TO AGE, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT WE WILL HAVE TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THEIR CONDITION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NOVEMBER EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - NOVEMBER 1984, VALUED AT \$402 988 MILLION, INCREASED BY 34 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 35 PER CENT TO \$126 063 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 29 PER CENT TO \$202 440 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 49 PER CENT TO \$74 484 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY 40 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

/A COMPARISON

A COMPARISON OF THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1984 WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1983 SHOWS THAT DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES ROSE BY 44 PER CENT IN VALUE. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$7 122 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$2 118 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 777 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSISTORS AND DIODES (BY \$21 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCA, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$9 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA INCREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 081 MILLION OR 162 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$422 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$331 MILLION OR 128 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY \$94 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), AND OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$22 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$957 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$801 MILLION OR 313 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$101 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$334 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT) AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$8 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF CLOTHING (BY \$926 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$249 MILLION OR 111 PER CENT) AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF CLOTHING (BY \$726 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$4 269 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$2 783 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1 141 MILLION OR 172 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$713 MILLION OR 115 PER CENT) AND BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$645 MILLION OR 176 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 340 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 602 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD AND AIR-CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$30 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT) AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCA, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$16 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 409 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$959 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT), AND TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$436 MILLION OR 192 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$249 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT), AND COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES (BY \$100 MILLION OR 100 PER CENT).

MEANWHILE, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$30 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$185 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$1 695 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), AS DID IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS FROM SINGAPORE (BY \$631 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY SECTIONS.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 5.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$13 508 MILLION OR 130 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$3 920 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$1 409 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$1 300 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$979 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (BY \$478 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$420 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$311 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO NIGERIA (BY \$322 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT) AND PHILIPPINES (BY \$187 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 6.

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$4 447 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$3 197 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$2 018 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 774 MILLION OR 90 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$143 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD AND AIR-CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$69 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AND MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$28 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

THE NOVEMBER 1984 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE AROUND JANUARY 20 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1984, WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY FEBRUARY AT THE CENTRE AT \$12 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 5-214375). ENQUIRIES CONCERNING TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 5-444436).

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN.-NOV. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-NOV. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	56 933	39 495	+17 438	+44
CHINA	9 836	5 501	+ 4 334	+79
U.K.	9 480	7 542	+ 1 939	+26
F.R. OF GERMANY	8 450	6 969	+ 1 481	+21
JAPAN	4 765	3 510	+ 1 255	+36
CANADA	4 103	3 381	+ 722	+21
AUSTRALIA	3 522	2 588	+ 934	+36
SINGAPORE	2 419	2 009	+ 410	+20
NETHERLANDS	2 152	1 710	+ 442	+26
SWITZERLAND	1 797	1 479	+ 319	+22

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TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN.-NOV. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-NOV. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	42 372	30 594	+11 778	+38
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS, JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND PLASTIC ARTICLES)	20 206	15 062	+ 5 144	+34
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY HOUSEHOLD-TYPE APPLIANCES AND SEMI-CONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS)	10 594	7 358	+ 3 237	+44
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	10 120	7 568	+ 2 552	+34
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	9 578	8 530	+ 1 048	+12
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	7 944	6 316	+ 1 627	+26

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TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

MAJOR SOURCES	JAN.-NOV. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-NOV. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
CHINA	50 636	37 626	+13 010	+35
JAPAN	47 386	36 060	+11 326	+31
U. S. A.	22 080	17 233	+ 4 848	+28
TAIWAN	15 562	11 024	+ 4 538	+41
SINGAPORE	11 203	9 354	+ 1 849	+20
U. K.	7 991	6 775	+ 1 217	+18
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	6 466	4 479	+ 1 987	+44
F. R. OF GERMANY	4 969	4 197	+ 772	+18
AUSTRALIA	3 088	2 488	+ 600	+24
SWITZERLAND	3 047	2 870	+ 176	+ 6

TABLE 4 : IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY SECTIONS

COMMODITY SECTIONS	JAN.-NOV. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-NOV. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	58 346	43 973	+14 374	+33
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	51 590	35 341	+16 249	+46

/MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED

MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	35 916	28 308	+ 7 608	+27
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	18 280	16 864	+ 1 416	+ 8
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	14 175	11 564	+ 2 611	+23
MINERALS FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	11 225	10 482	+ 743	+ 7

TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN.-NOV. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-NOV. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
CHINA	23 920	10 413	+13 508	+130
U.S.A.	11 044	7 124	+ 3 920	+ 55
TAIWAN	4 477	3 069	+ 1 409	+ 46
SINGAPORE	4 185	4 079	+ 107	+ 3
JAPAN	4 136	2 836	+ 1 300	+ 46
INDONESIA	3 380	3 562	- 182	- 5
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	3 177	2 198	+ 979	+ 45
MACAU	2 113	1 693	+ 420	+ 25
PHILIPPINES	1 336	1 523	- 187	- 12
AUSTRALIA	1 314	835	+ 478	+ 57

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TABLE 6 : RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN.-NOV. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-NOV. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	11 401	6 954	+4 447	+64
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	7 549	4 352	+3 197	+73
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5 684	4 038	+1 646	+41
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	4 841	2 823	+2 018	+71
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4 617	3 779	+ 838	+22
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3 741	1 966	+1 774	+90

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE SET UP IN EASTERN

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A SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT TO PROMOTE WIDER PARTICIPATION BY SCHOOLS IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE LINKS BETWEEN LOCAL SCHOOLS, THE DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

THE COMMITTEE, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE DISTRICT, WAS SET UP WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL REGISTERED KINDERGARTENS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

TWO SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, MRS JEANNIE CHOW SUN FONG-CHUNG, AND MR LEUNG SAU-CHI, HAVE BEEN ELECTED CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY OF THE FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPRISES 14 HEADS FROM KINDERGARTENS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE HONORARY ADVISORS IN THE COMMITTEE WHILE AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL BE A REGULAR MEMBER AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE FIRST TERM OF OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 15) AT THE SCHOOL HALL OF KIANGSU AND CHEKIANG PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NORTH POINT.

THE WINNERS OF AN ESSAY COMPETITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION WILL ALSO BE AWARDED PRIZES AT THE CEREMONY. THE COMPETITION, HELD LAST MONTH, WAS ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE EASTERN DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

THE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE CONTEST, WHICH WERE CHOSEN FROM MORE THAN 300 SUBMISSIONS BY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, WILL ALSO BE PUT ON DISPLAY AT THE VENUE.

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FU SHAN CREMATORIUM READY

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THE NEWLY BUILT FU SHAN CREMATORIUM AND COLUMBARIUM WITH TWO CEREMONIAL HALLS WILL BE IN OPERATION FROM WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 16), AND ADVANCE BOOKING FOR CREMATION SERVICES THERE WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THE SAME DAY.

THIS THIRD PUBLIC CREMATORIUM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OCCUPIES 2.5 HECTARES OF LAND AT LOWER SHING MUN ROAD IN SHA TIN.

ITS FOUR COMPUTERISED CREMATORS, THE FIRST OF THEIR KIND IN HONG KONG, CAN HANDLE 12 CREMATIONS A DAY.

/THESE CREMATORS

THESE CREMATORS ARE GAS-OPERATED TO ENSURE THAT NO SMOKE, ODOUR OR DUST WILL BE GENERATED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE COLUMBARIUM IS A SEVEN-STOREY BUILDING WITH THE PROVISION OF 9 700 PERMANENT CINERARY NICHES.

THE CHARGE IS \$1 300 FOR EACH STANDARD NICHE, CAPABLE OF HOLDING TWO CINERARY URNS, AND \$5 200 FOR EACH FAMILY NICHE WITH FOUR URNS.

ANOTHER \$50 WILL BE CHARGED FOR A COMMEMORATIVE TABLET.

THERE IS A GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE WITH ARBOURS WHERE ASHES OF THE DECEASED MAY BE SCATTERED. NO FEE IS CHARGED.

HOWEVER, \$50 WILL BE LEVIED IF A TREE IS PLANTED IN THE GARDEN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PEOPLE WHO WISH TO USE THE CREMATION SERVICE ARE ADVISED TO:

- * OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH FROM THE DEATH REGISTRY OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT;
- * OBTAIN A CREMATION PERMIT, PRESCRIBING THE PARTICULAR PLACE WHERE THE CREMATION WILL TAKE PLACE, FROM THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT; AND
- * MAKE BOOKING OF CREMATION AT THE CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA OFFICE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE JOINT OFFICE OF THE THREE DEPARTMENTS WILL BE LOCATED AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 21).

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URBCO HOLDS ANNUAL CONVENTIONAL DEBATE
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THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL CONVENTIONAL DEBATE OVER TWO DAYS THIS WEEK AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN EDINBURGH PLACE.

THE TWO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY.

THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WILL MOVE A MOTION ON TUESDAY TO ENDORSE THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF AIMS FOR THIS YEAR. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A DEBATE DURING WHICH 14 COUNCILLORS WILL SPEAK ON THE MOTION.

THE MEETING WILL THEN BE ADJOURNED TO THURSDAY WHEN ANOTHER 14 COUNCILLORS WILL SPEAK.

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FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY NEEDS MORE SKILLED WORKERS
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MANUFACTURERS HAVE EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY.

THIS AMONG THE FINDINGS CONTAINED IN A MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT JUST PUBLISHED BY THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

IF THIS SITUATION COULD NOT BE RECTIFIED IN TIME, THE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY WOULD BE FACED WITH A MORE SEVERE SHORTAGE OF SKILLED MANPOWER WHEN THE PRESENT OLDER WORKERS RETIRE, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT.

+THEREFORE, THE PROVISION OF PROPER MANPOWER TRAINING IS TIMELY AND VITAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY,+ SAID MR FRANCIS TIEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD.

AND EMPLOYERS SHOULD START IMMEDIATELY TO ORGANISE TRAINING SCHEMES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES OR TO SPONSOR THEM TO ATTEND RELATED TRAINING COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, HE SAID.

AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY, THE INDUSTRY EMPLOYED ABOUT 8 743 WORKERS AND 50 TRAINEES OR APPRENTICES.

SOME 7 307 OF THEM WERE EMPLOYED IN THE SHOE AND SOFT-SOLE BRANCHES, REPRESENTING ABOUT 83.5 PER CENT OF THE INDUSTRY'S TOTAL WORK FORCE WHILE THE REMAINING 16.5 PER CENT, NUMBERING ABOUT 1 446 WORKERS, WERE WITH THE RUBBER SHOE BRANCH.

IT IS FORECAST THAT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, THE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE FOR THE INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER WILL BE ONE PER CENT AT THE TECHNICIAN, 1.1 PER CENT AT THE CRAFTSMAN AND 1.1 PER CENT AT THE OPERATIVE LEVEL.

BUT AT THE TECHNOLOGIST LEVEL, IT IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN STABLE, THE REPORT SAYS.

TO COPE WITH FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, THE BOARD SUPPORTED A PROPOSAL FROM THE HONG KONG RUBBER AND FOOTWEAR MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION FOR SETTING UP TWO OPERATIVE TRAINING COURSES AT THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY.

THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OFFERS COURSES AT TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT LEVELS FOR THE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY. THE REPORT URGES EMPLOYERS TO USE THE FACILITIES IN THIS INSTITUTE BY SPONSORING THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND THESE COURSES.

THE PROPOSED METHODS FOR TRAINING THE MANPOWER REQUIRED, STATISTICAL DATA ON THE MANPOWER SITUATION OF THE INDUSTRY AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAINING BOARD ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT.

THE REPORT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$11.50 A COPY.

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FEWER SQUATTER FIRES IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE NUMBER OF SQUATTER FIRES IN WONG TAI SIN HAS DROPPED IN RECENT YEARS AS A RESULT OF BETTER FIRE PREVENTION KNOWLEDGE AMONG SQUATTER DWELLERS AND THE FORMATION OF MORE FIRE WATCH TEAMS THERE.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF KOWLOON COMMAND, MR WOO KWAN-KUEN, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW FIRE WATCH TEAM FOR THE DISTRICT.

MR WOO SAID 50 SQUATTER FIRES IN WONG TAI SIN RENDERED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HOMELESS LAST YEAR.

+EVERY MAJOR FIRE STARTS AS A SMALL FIRE. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DEAL WITH A FIRE IN ITS INITIAL STAGE,+ HE SAID.

PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT FIRE WATCH TEAMS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN EDUCATING RESIDENTS ON PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND IN GETTING THEM TO REPORT FIRES TO THE FIRE SERVICES IMMEDIATELY, MR WOO SAID.

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PHOTO CONTEST FOR WAN CHAI

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PEOPLE WHO LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN WAN CHAI ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A PHOTO COMPETITION TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE DISTRICT AND TO PROMOTE THE MARCH 7 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION.

THE +WAN CHAI AND I+ PHOTO COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARTS, CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

PARTICIPANTS, WHO MAY JOIN EITHER THE 'OPEN GROUP' OR THE 'STUDENT GROUP', SHOULD SEND IN THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS BEFORE FEBRUARY 6.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION AND AN EXHIBITION OF WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE HELD AT THE HENNESSY CENTRE DISPLAY AREA ON MARCH 1.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES WILL COMPRISE MR RAYMOND YOUNG, AN ASSISTANT WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER; MR WATER POON, MR POON KAN, MR CHAN HOI AND MR WU SAI-KONG, PHOTOGRAPHERS; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FUJI FILM AND PHOTO COMPANY.

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AND THE FUJI FILM AND PHOTO, WITH THE LATTER DONATING ATTRACTIVE PRIZES.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND VARIOUS YOUTH CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT, AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-752477 AND 5-742281.

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SPORTS PROGRAMMES FOR YOUTH YEAR
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THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT HAS LAUNCHED A VARIETY OF YOUTH PROGRAMMES IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (IYY).

MORE THAN 20 PROGRAMMES IN ATHLETICS, WATER SPORTS, DANCING AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE TERRITORY IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

ABOUT 6 000 STUDENTS AND WORKING YOUTHS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 30 ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THESE EVENTS.

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE IYY'S THEME +PARTICIPATION+, WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING.

YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE ACTIVITIES MAY OBTAIN DETAILS AT THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF WING ON CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL OR BY DIALLING 5-458511.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CROWN LAND MAINTENANCE
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING CONTRACTORS BY TENDER TO CARRY OUT WORK WHICH INCLUDES CLEARANCE AND MAINTENANCE OF CROWN LAND.

THE WORK IS TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER TWO SEPARATE CONTRACTS, ONE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND INCLUDING AP LEI CHAU, AND THE OTHER FOR KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON.

THE CONTRACTS ARE FOR ONE YEAR, STARTING IN APRIL.

THE CONTRACTORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT DEMOLITION OF SMALL BUILDINGS AND CLEARANCE OF SITES OF VARIOUS MATERIALS, GOODS AND RUBBISH AS WELL AS THEIR REMOVAL TO DUMPS, INCINERATORS OR OTHER LOCATIONS FOR DISPOSAL, LEVELLING OR GRADING.

TENDERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 8.

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MORE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR STALL SITES FOR LEASE
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A TOTAL OF 460 STALL SITES FOR SELLING FLOWERS, DRY GOODS AND SOFT DRINKS AT THE FORTHCOMING LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN KWAI CHUNG, SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG WILL BE PUT UP FOR LEASE AT PUBLIC AUCTIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

THESE FAIRS TOGETHER WITH THOSE IN TUEN MUN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN AND NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE HELD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 13 AND 20, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

ON MONDAY, 112 STALL SITES AT THE KWAI CHUNG FAIR WILL BE AUCTIONED AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL, LAI FONG STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

ON WEDNESDAY, 148 SITES AT YUEN WO ROAD PLAYGROUND IN SHA TIN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING AT LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL, LEK YUEN ESTATE.

TWO HUNDRED SITES AT THE YUEN LONG FAIR WILL BE AUCTIONED AT YUEN LONG TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 18).

ALL THREE AUCTIONS WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM, AND THE UPSET RENT WILL BE \$100 EACH.

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MAINS WORK IN CAUSEWAY BAY, NORTH POINT
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND NORTH POINT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9.30 AM TO 2 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 16) TO FACILITATE MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY HING FAT STREET, THE SEA FRONT, MODEL LANE AND KING'S ROAD.

PREMISES ALONG FORTRESS HILL ROAD WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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LEAKAGE TESTS IN NORTH POINT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 16) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, CLOUD VIEW ROAD AND 190-216 TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, INCLUDING YEE KING ROAD AND 6-74 KAI YUEN STREET.

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