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RETAIL SALES UP

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THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF SALES FOR THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR IN JULY 1984 WAS $5 693 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT 168, THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX INCREASED BY 10 POINTS OR SIX PER CENT OVER JUNE 1984, AND BY 29 POINTS OR 21 PER CENT OVER JULY 1983.

THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX, AT 116, WAS UP SEVEN POINTS OR SEVEN PER CENT OVER JUNE 1984, AND UP 10 POINTS OR 10 PER CENT OVER JULY 1983.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984, RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS IN JULY INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, THOSE OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS BY SIX PER CENT, CONSUMER DURABLES BY THREE PER CENT, AND FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO BY TWO PER CENT. IN VOLUME TERMS, THEIR CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE 12 PER CENT, EIGHT PER CENT, TWO PER CENT AND THREE PER CENT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS REMAINED UNCHANGED IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1983, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT IN VALUE OR 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

THOSE OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS ROSE BY 22 PER CENT IN VALUE OR 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

BOTH CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS AND FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 21 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE.

IN TERMS OF SALES VOLUME, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY NINE PER CENT AND FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO BY EIGHT PER CENT.

FUELS RECORDED THE LOWEST INCREASE IN RETAIL SALES -- SIX PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS OVER JUNE 1984.

RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKET GOODS, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND DEPARTMENT STORE GOODS, HOWEVER, ONLY RECORDED SLIGHT INCREASES.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1983, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKET GOODS AND MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, WHILE THOSE OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND DEPARTMENT STORE GOODS RECORDED RELATIVELY MODERATE INCREASES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

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TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL SALES FIGURE FOR JUNE 1984 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JULY 1984. 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 JULY 1984 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF JUNE 1984 AND JULY 1983 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

GRAPHS 1 AND 2 (WHICH ARE BEING SENT BY FACSIMILE) DEPICT THE INDEX MOVEMENTS OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES FROM JANUARY 1981 TO JUNE 1984 (WITH AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 = 100).

AS SHOWN IN GRAPH 1, OVER THE PAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS, THE VALUE INDEX OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY BUT DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

THESE MOVEMENTS WERE LARGELY DUE TO THE FESTIVE SPENDING AT CHRISTMAS AND CHINESE NEW YEAR.

HOWEVER, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SALES VALUE INDEX AND THE TREND HAVE GENERALLY FOLLOWED A STEADY UPWARD COURSE OVER THE YEARS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 1982.

THE VOLUME INDEX OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES, AS DEPICTED IN GRAPH 2, SHOWS A SIMILAR PATTERN OF FLUCTUATING MOVEMENTS TO THE VALUE INDEX.

HOWEVER, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SALES VOLUME INDEX AND THE TREND ARE MUCH MORE STABLE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1983 AS COMPARED WITH THE GRADUAL UPTREND IN SALES VALUE.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JULY 1984 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT $1.00 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).

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR JULY 1984 (PROVISIONAL FIGURE)

= HK$5 693 MILLION

FOR JUNE 1984 (REVISED FIGURE)

= HK$5 363 MILLION

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TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR JUNE AND JULY 1984

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	INDEX OF RETAIL SALES	JUNE 1984 (REVISED FIGURES)	JULY 1984 (PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	JULY 1984 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984 POINTS	JULY 1984 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984 %	JULY 1984 COMPARED WITH JULY 1983 POINTS	JULY 1984 COMPARED WITH JULY 1983 %
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES	VALUE	158	168	+10	+ 6	+29	+21
	VOLUME	109	116	+ 7	+ 7	+10	+10
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS							
FOOD-STUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	VALUE	176	180	+ 4	+ 2	+31	+21
	VOLUME	112	115	+ 3	+ 3	+ 9	+ 8
FUELS	VALUE	191	191	*	*	+11	+ 6
	VOLUME	122	122	*	*	+ 1	+ 1
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	VALUE	161	171	+10	+ 6	+30	+21
	VOLUME	106	114	+ 9	+ 8	+ 9	+ 9
CONSUMER DURABLES	VALUE	158	162	+ 4	+ 3	+31	+23
	VOLUME	118	121	+ 3	+ 2	+11	+10
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	VALUE	144	160	+16	+11	+28	+22
	VOLUME	102	114	+12	+12	+12	+12

(C) BY SELECTED .....

(C) BY SELECTED TRADES

SUPER-MARKETS	VALUE	326	336	+10	+ 3	+107	+47
	VOLUME	200	206	+ 6	+ 3	+ 47	+30
MOTOR VEHICLES	VALUE	68	76	+ 9	+13	+21	+37
	VOLUME	41	46	+ 5	+12	+ 9	+23
CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES	VALUE	220	221	+ 2	+ 1	+37	+20
	VOLUME	170	172	+ 1	+ 1	+12	+ 8
DEPARTMENT STORES	VALUE	135	136	+ 1	+ 1	+17	+15
	VOLUME	96	97	+ 1	+ 1	+ 5	+ 5

NOTES : (1) +FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO+ INCLUDES +SUPERMARKETS+.

(2) +CONSUMER DURABLES+ INCLUDES +MOTOR VEHICLES+.

(3) +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCLUDES +DEPARTMENT STORES+.

(4) FIGURES DENOTING CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM THE UNROUNDED INDEX FIGURES.

(5) * DENOTES NO CHANGE.

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QUARTERLY ECONOMIC SURVEY SET FOR OCTOBER

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING THIS MONTH A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO THOSE WHICH HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRES.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 82 000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANT AND HOTELS) AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES), WITH FULL ENUMERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS).

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT FROM EACH ESTABLISHMENT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND VACANCIES EXISTING ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1984.

SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THE SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JULY - SEPTEMBER 1984.

ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR ARE ALSO ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAJOR KIND OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THE FORMS MAY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT 5-436551, 5-444301, 5-455661 OR 5-455668.

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PARENTS REMINDED TO RETURN APPLICATION FORMS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED PARENTS WISHING TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY 1 PLACE FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 1985 THAT THEY MUST RETURN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS BETWEEN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND FRIDAY (OCTOBER 12).

PARENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN A PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL SHOULD RETURN THEIR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TO THAT SCHOOL DIRECT DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

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THOSE WHO HAVE NO PARTICULAR SCHOOL IN MIND SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED FORMS DURING OFFICE HOURS TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION CENTRES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

* LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE, 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, 2/F, HONG KONG.

* EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 6/F, KOWLOON.

* EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE, TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 8/F, 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON.

* SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, N.T.

* TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, N.T.

* TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOU WAH CENTRE, 2/F, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, N.T.

* TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, 1/F, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, N.T.

* YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, N.T.

* NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE FANLING SUB-OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING, N.T.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY REMINDED PARENTS THAT THEY MAY ONLY SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION FORM.

+IF PARENTS ARE FOUND TO HAVE APPLIED FOR MORE THAN ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOL, THEIR CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE WILL BE FORFEITED,+ HE SAID.

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SPECIAL COUNTER TO COLLECT VIEWS ON WHITE PAPER

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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL SET UP A TEMPORARY COUNTER TO COLLECT VIEWS FROM RESIDENTS ON THE WHITE PAPER ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), MEMBERS WILL TAKE TURNS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO MEET RESIDENTS AND COLLECT THEIR VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE WHITE PAPER.

THE COUNTER WILL BE OPEN ONLY ON WEEKDAYS (MONDAY TO FRIDAY) FROM 5.30 PM TO 7.30 PM AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

RESIDENTS WISHING TO MEET THE MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTER ON 5-8933292 OR 5-752477.

WRITTEN COMMENTS CAN BE HANDED IN OR MAILED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

ALL VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS COLLECTED WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE.

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MOBILE TEAMS TO HANDLE NEW I.D. CARDS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1955 AND 1956 THAT A MOBILE TEAM, DEALING WITH APPLICATIONS FOR NEW I.D. CARDS, WILL OPERATE IN MUI WO FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO OCTOBER 13 (SATURDAY).

THE TEAM WILL BE STATIONED AT THE MUI WO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE IN SOUTH LANTAU ROAD FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM.

WOMEN IN THESE AGE GROUPS WHO ARE EITHER WORKING OR RESIDING ON LANTAU ARE WELCOME TO USE THE SERVICE.

THOSE BORN BETWEEN 1957 AND 1965 WHO MISSED THEIR TURNS TO OBTAIN A NEW I.D. CARD MAY STILL APPLY NOW.

THEIR NEW I.D. CARDS CAN BE COLLECTED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 26 AND 30 FROM THE SAME OFFICE OR MOBILE TEAM HANDLING THEIR APPLICATIONS.

RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR OLD CARDS REPLACED BECAUSE OF LOSS, DAMAGE OR ADMENDMENTS, OR TO APPLY FOR JUVENILE OR ADULT CARDS FOR THE FIRST TIME, MUST GO TO THE REGULAR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES.

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THERE WILL BE THREE OTHER MOBILE TEAMS OPERATING AT THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES AND PLACES:

* OCTOBER 15 - 20: NORTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, YUNG SHU WAN MAIN STREET, NORTH LAMMA.

* OCTOBER 8 - 20: CHEUNG CHAU FIELD OFFICE, KWAN YAM WAN ROAD, CHEUNG CHAU.

* OCTOBER 8 - 20: SAI KUNG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE MOBILE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES CONCERNED.

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85 000 ENTER CAREERS QUIZ

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S THIRD ANNUAL CAREERS QUIZ, ORGANISED BY ITS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE, HAS ATTRACTED 85 000 STUDENTS FROM 175 SCHOOLS THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID 75 000 STUDENTS FROM 150 SCHOOLS TOOK PART LAST YEAR.

THE QUIZ AIMS TO MAKE STUDENTS AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREER PLANNING AND IT ENCOURAGES THEM TO INVESTIGATE CAREERS AND FURTHER STUDIES.

THIS YEAR'S QUIZ IS BEING SPONSORED BY ATARI HOME COMPUTER SYSTEM. PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS WITH GOOD RESULTS WILL BE AWARDED HOME COMPUTERS, SOUVENIRS AND TROPHIES.

THE QUIZ COMPRISES TWO ROUNDS, AND IN THE FIRST ROUND, STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER 30 QUESTIONS WITHIN 15 MINUTES IN RELATION TO CAREERS INFORMATION, INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, INFORMATION ABOUT FURTHER STUDIES AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT EMPLOYMENT LAWS.

THE STUDENT WHO SCORES THE HIGHEST MARKS IN HIS CLASS WILL BE AWARDED A SOUVENIR, AND THE THREE SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL AVERAGE MARKS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH TROPHIES.

IN THE SECOND ROUND, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH, STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO RETURN ANSWER SHEETS AT A CAREERS EXHIBITION TO BE HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL FROM NOVEMBER 10 TO 19.

THE THREE STUDENTS WHO SCORE THE HIGHEST MARKS IN THIS ROUND WILL EACH BE AWARDED A HOME COMPUTER, AND THE NEXT 100 STUDENTS WITH HIGH MARKS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIRS.

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HOTLINE FOR REPORTING FIRES

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THERE IS A HOTLINE -- NO. 5-281224 -- FOR REPORTING FIRE HAZARDS.

+THE PUBLIC SHOULD REPORT SUSPECTED FIRE HAZARDS IMMEDIATELY,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEY MAY DO SO THROUGH THE HOTLINE OR TO THEIR NEARBY FIRE STATIONS.

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TUEN MUN TO HAVE SECOND AMBULANCE DEPOT

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO BUILD THE SECOND AMBULANCE DEPOT AT TUEN MUN.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTING A FOUR-STOREY STANDARD AMBULANCE DEPOT WITH FOUR APPLIANCES BAYS, BARRACK ACCOMMODATION, OFFICES, A RECREATIONAL AREA AND A DRILL YARD.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID COMPLETION OF THIS DEPOT WOULD EXPAND THE MUCH NEEDED AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 13TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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RECREATION FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

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A FUN-FILLED LAND AND WATER SPORTS RECREATION CAMP DESIGNED FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL BE HELD IN SAI KUNG IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

THE CAMP, ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE ON NOVEMBER 3 AND 4.

IT OFFERS PARTICIPANTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY THEIR HANDS AT VARIOUS LAND AND WATER SPORTS INCLUDING WINDSURFING, CANOEING, BOAT AND SAMPAN ROWING, ARCHERY, CYCLING AND KITE-FLYING.

ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 40 PERSONS AND ALL THE APPLICANTS HAVE TO ATTEND A SWIMMING TEST. THE CAMP FEE IS $20.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE RSS HEAD OFFICE ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF WING ON CENTRE IN CENTRAL. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-458511.

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NEW BLOCKS FOR LEI CHENG UK

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THREE NEW BLOCKS HAVE RISEN FROM THE AGING LEI CHENG UK ESTATE, MARKING A SIGNIFICANT STAGE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE RESETTLEMENT ESTATE.

INTERIOR FITTINGS ARE BEING INSTALLED IN THE NEW HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS WHICH WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN DECEMBER.

DWARFING THE ADJACENT OLD STYLE HOUSING, THE THREE BLOCKS - ONE A 26-28-STOREY DOUBLE-H AND TWO 19-STOREY SLAB BLOCKS - WILL PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 2 254 FLATS FOR ABOUT 9 000 PEOPLE.

+THE MODERN FLATS IN THESE BLOCKS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO TENANTS AFFECTED IN THE COMING PHASE OF REDEVELOPMENT, THUS ENABLING FURTHER REDEVELOPMENT WORKS ON THE ESTATE TO PROCEED,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS WERE UNDERWAY FOR TENANTS LIVING IN BLOCKS 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8 WHICH WERE SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION NEXT YEAR.

APART FROM THE NEW BUILDINGS, A SHOPPING CENTRE AND A RESTAURANT STRUCTURE HAVE ALSO BEEN BUILT UNDER THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ESTATE'S REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AND IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR TENANTS.

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IN LINE WITH THE AUTHORITY'S DETERMINATION TO HAVE ALL THE 12 MARK I/II ESTATES COMPLETELY REDEVELOPED BY EARLY 1990'S, THE SPOKESMAN SAID REDEVELOPMENT WORKS WERE BEING SPED UP IN THIS ESTATE.

+UNDER A NEW PROGRAMME, THE REMAINING OLDER BLOCKS ON THE ESTATE WILL BE DEMOLISHED WITHIN A SHORTER TIME SPAN OF FIVE YEARS, TO BE REPLACED BY NEW ONES,+ HE SAID.

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MARKET STALLS IN SAI KUNG FOR RENT

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NINE VACANT STALLS AT TUI MIN HOI MARKET IN SAI KUNG WILL BE PUT UP FOR BIDDING ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 12).

THE BIDDING WILL START AT 10 AM AT THE OFFICE OF SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, GROUND FLOOR, 1 PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTS RANGE FROM $250 TO $550.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 1 ON A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT AND MUST PAY THE RENT QUARTERLY.

BIDDERS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON 3-2813707.

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OPEN SPACE AT STANLEY BEACH ROAD

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF OPEN SPACE AT STANLEY BEACH ROAD.

THE CONTRACT, INVOLVING WORK AT EACH END OF THE CAR PARK AT THE ROAD, WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE AREA AT ONE END IS ABOUT 440 SQUARE METRES AND FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE A SITTING-OUT AREA, BENCHES AND WOOD ARBOURS.

THE OTHER SITE IS ABOUT 530 SQUARE METRES AND FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WITH EQUIPMENT, A SITTING-OUT AREA AND A STOREROOM.

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WORK ON THE TWO SITES IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND COMPLETED IN AUGUST 1985.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX SITUATED IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 13TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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PUBLIC TOILET IN NORTH POINT

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC TOILET AT THE NORTH POINT PASSENGER FERRY CONCOURSE.

THE TWO-STOREY LAVATORY, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A CUBICLE FOR THE DISABLED, WILL BE BUILT ON A 43-SQUARE-METRE SITE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN JULY NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOX SITUATED IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 13TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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RESTRICTED ZONE INTRODUCED

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 9), THE SECTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND PORTLAND STREET WILL BE MADE A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

WITHIN THE ZONE, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS; OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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