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ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS FOR MARCH 1981

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) RELEASED ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS FOR MARCH 1981 AS FOLLOWS :

INDUSTRY GROUP	ORDERS-ON-HAND IN TERMS OF MONTHS		
	MAR. 1980	FEB. 1981	MAR. 1981
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	5.1	4.6	4.7
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	3.2	2.3	2.5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4.7	4.1	4.1
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	4.6	3.7	3.9
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	5.1	5.1	5.3
OTHERS	4.0	3.8	3.8
ALL MANUFACTURING	4.6	4.2	4.3

AT 4.3 MONTHS, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS HELD BY MANUFACTURERS IN MARCH WAS AGAIN HIGHER THAN THAT IN FEBRUARY, REPRESENTING THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONTH OF INCREASE. SO THE TREND OF DECREASING VOLUME OF ORDERS HELD BY MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED WHICH WAS APPARENT DURING 1980 APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REVERSED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE BASED ON AN UPDATED AND ENLARGED PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SELECTED BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979. AS THE PANEL IS NOT A SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED SAMPLE, RESULTS OBTAINED WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY OF THE COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE PANEL, BUT IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL GENERALLY INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.

THIS SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED MONTHLY, ALSO ASKS QUESTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL AND COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS BESIDES MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR MARCH 1981 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7213578).

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## PRIME SITE FOR SALE

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A VALUABLE SITE AT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 42 520 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING A SHOPPING CENTRE.

IT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$120 MILLION AND SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1986.

TENDER FORMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICES IN MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

THE SALE PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE TWO OFFICES.

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## WORK OF STANDING CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY

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DENSE URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE INCREASE IN POPULATION AND THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD PLACED HEAVY DEMANDS ON HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN THE EARLY 70'S. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS CORRESPONDINGLY INCREASED UNTIL THE SITUATION BECAME UNTENABLE.

IN ORDER TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM, THE GOVERNMENT SUGGESTED IN 1972 THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR A STANDING CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY (SCRS) TO CO-ORDINATE ACTION BY CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

THE SUGGESTION WAS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING YEAR AND THE STANDING CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY WAS ESTABLISHED. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DIRECTED THAT THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (OPERATIONS) BE THE CHAIRMAN AND OTHER CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND MEETINGS.

THESE DEPARTMENTS WERE THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT. THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, SUCH AS THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS AND THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, WERE ASKED TO JOIN THE CONFERENCE LATER.

THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE STANDING CONFERENCE IS THE RECENTLY FORMED ROAD SAFETY DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE ARE TO CO-ORDINATE ACTION BY THE VARIOUS INTERESTED PARTIES ON ROAD SAFETY- TO ASSIST THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN CONDUCTING ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS AND IN DISSEMINATING ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION- TO ADVISE, PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION OF PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND TO MITIGATE THEIR CONSEQUENCES- TO LIAISE WITH SIMILAR COUNCILS AND ASSOCIATIONS AND TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO SUCH COUNCILS AND ASSOCIATIONS AS MIGHT BE NECESSARY.

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THERE IS A PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SCRS WHICH CARRIES OUT THE PLANNING AND RUNNING OF PUBLICITY MATTERS AND TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN ROAD SAFETY. PUBLICITY INCLUDES THE PRODUCTION OF TV APIS (ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST), RADIO MESSAGES, ROAD SAFETY POSTERS, DOCUMENTARY FILMS, PRESS RELEASES AND THE ORGANISING OF SEMINARS. THE PURPOSE IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA OF THE DANGERS ON ROADS AND TO EDUCATE THEM ON ROAD SAFETY.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS STATISTICS FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS REVEALED THAT MORE THAN 4 000 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND NEARLY 180 000 PEOPLE WERE INJURED. LAST YEAR ALONE, ROAD ACCIDENTS CLAIMED A TOTAL OF 402 LIVES.

THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, BUT THE MAIN REASON IS THE +CARELESSNESS+ OF BOTH THE MOTORISTS AND THE PEDESTRIANS. MANY CARELESS PEDESTRIANS TAKE UNNECESSARY RISKS IN CROSSING ROADS BY CLIMBING OVER THE ROAD CENTRE FENCE OR DISOBEYING TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS AND IGNORING ZEBRA CROSSINGS.

AS TO THE FAULTS OF MOTORISTS, MOST CRASHES ARE DUE TO THE IMPATIENCE OF DRIVERS, WHO OFTEN RACE ON THE ROADS, JUMP TRAFFIC LIGHTS, OVERTAKE ON A DOUBLE WHITE LINE AND CHANGE LANES FREQUENTLY WITHOUT SIGNALLING.

IN FACT, BOTH PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT THEY DO IS DANGEROUS, BUT THEY STILL TAKE THE RISKS. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO HELP PEOPLE CHANGE THESE ATTITUDES, ESPECIALLY BY MEANS OF PUBLICITY.

DURING THE YEARS MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY THE CONFERENCE. A ROAD SAFETY TOWN WAS CONSTRUCTED AT SAU MAU PING ESTATE, WHICH ATTRACTED SOME 9 000 VISITING STUDENTS AND OTHER PARTIES LAST YEAR. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE POLICE, TWO ROAD SAFETY MOBILE EXHIBITION BUSES HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION PAYING VISITS TO SCHOOLS, HOUSING ESTATES AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY, PRIMARILY TO YOUNG CHILDREN. LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER OF VISITORS EXCEEDED 110 000.

IN ADDITION, ROAD SAFETY TEAMS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN VARIOUS POLICE STATIONS TO EXPLAIN ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE TO STUDENTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH LECTURES, SEMINARS, DOCUMENTARY FILM SHOWS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. LAST YEAR ALONE, NEARLY 2 500 LECTURES WERE GIVEN BY THESE TEAMS, WITH OVER 220 000 PEOPLE ATTENDING.

THE ROAD SAFETY TEAMS ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORGANISING AND TRAINING OF SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROLS. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 174 SUCH PATROLS IN HONG KONG INVOLVING 6 000 STUDENT MEMBERS, COMPARED TO THE 115 PATROLS AND 4 388 MEMBERS AT THE END OF 1977.

A ROAD SAFETY DAY IS ALSO DESIGNATED EACH YEAR TO HIGHLIGHT THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN. THIS YEAR THE EVENT WILL BE ON MAY 24 (SUNDAY) AT VICTORIA PARK, WHERE THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING AN EXHIBITION ON ROAD SAFETY.

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BIRTH REGISTRY FOR TSUEN WAN  
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RESIDENTS IN TSUEN WAN AND NEARBY AREAS WILL HAVE A NEW BIRTH REGISTRY ON MONDAY (MAY 18) TO REGISTER THE BIRTHS OF THEIR NEWLY-BORN CHILDREN.

THE NEW REGISTRY WILL BE LOCATED AT FAR EAST BANK BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN AND WILL REPLACE THE OLD TSUEN WAN BIRTH REGISTRY AT THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING.

+ IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTH OF NEWLY-BORN CHILDREN, THE REGISTRY ALSO DEALS WITH APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES, ALTERATION OR ADDITION OF CHILD'S NAME, SEARCH OF BIRTH RECORDS AND CORRECTION OF ERRORS+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES CAN TELEPHONE 12-449155.

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TSUEN WAN LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE COMPLETES FIRST YEAR  
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THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN HAS HANDLED NEARLY 400 CASES SINCE STARTING LAST MAY.

THE CENTRE IS OPERATED BY THE LAW SOCIETY TO HELP PEOPLE SEEKING LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

IT IS SITUATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE IN HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN.

IT IS MANNED BY TWO LAWYERS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING FROM 6.30 - 9.30.

DURING EACH THREE-HOUR SESSION, THE LAWYERS ARE ABLE TO HANDLE 10 CASES BETWEEN THEM.

THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF CASES BEING DEALT WITH ARE LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTES, MATRIMONIAL MATTERS AND COMMERCIAL AND PROPERTY DISPUTES.

ANYONE WISHING TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE SHOULD FIRST APPROACH THEIR LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE OR PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE WHERE DETAILS OF THEIR CASES WILL BE TAKEN DOWN AND APPOINTMENTS WITH THE LAWYERS MADE.

THE LAWYERS ADVISE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON STEPS WHICH MAY BE OPEN TO THEM, BUT CANNOT REPRESENT THEM IN COURT.

BESIDES TSUEN WAN, THE LAW SOCIETY OPERATES CENTRES AT MONGKOK, WONG TAI SIN, WAN CHAI, EASTERN DISTRICT AND SHA TIN.

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SITTING-OUT AREA TO BE BUILT  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A SITTING-OUT AREA AT BERWICK STREET, SHEK KIP MEI, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL HAVE AN AREA OF 900 SQUARE METRES AND INCLUDE ARBOURS, PLANTING AREAS AND BENCHES.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PWD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN JULY.

ON COMPLETION IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR TEN HOURS, FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 19) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAIN CONNECTION.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED INCLUDE ALL PREMISES ALONG TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN KOWLOON HANG AND SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD- THE SAN TIN SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD AND LOK MA CHAU- FAN KAM ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD AND CHIU KENG VILLAGE- JOCKEY CLUB ROAD BETWEEN FANLING ROUND-ABOUT AND SAN FUNG AVENUE INCLUDING SHEK WU HUI- MAN KAM TO ROAD- SHA TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN FANLING ROUND-ABOUT AND SHA TAU KOK MARKET INCLUDING LUEN WO HUI- AND PING CHE ROAD AT TA KWU LING.

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