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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY
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THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1985 GREW BY FOUR PER CENT OR \$375 MILLION OVER THE FIGURE FOR JANUARY LAST YEAR, TO REACH \$11 166 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 50 PER CENT OR \$2 982 MILLION TO \$8 958 MILLION.

THUS, TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, AT \$20 124 MILLION, WAS 20 PER CENT OR \$3 357 MILLION HIGHER THAN A YEAR EARLIER.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS REACHED \$19 119 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT OR \$3 220 MILLION OVER THE VALUE FOR THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS GREATER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT RECORDED A SURPLUS OF \$1 005 MILLION.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT COMPARING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1985 WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1984, OVERALL TRADE HAD GROWN BY 30 PER CENT. FURTHER, THE GROWTH RATE OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, AT 34 PER CENT, WAS FASTER THAN THAT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, AT 26 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP (THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS) NARROWED TO ONE PER CENT IN THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1985, FROM SEVEN PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD.

COMMENTING ON THESE COMPARATIVE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TRADE FIGURES FOR THE BEGINNING MONTHS OF THE YEAR ARE, AS USUAL, INFLUENCED BY THE TIMING OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR. THE SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN JANUARY 1985 (OVER JANUARY 1984) WAS IN PART DUE TO ANTICIPATION OF HIGHER RETAIL SALES DURING THE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1985:-

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$11 166 MILLION
-----	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$ 8 958 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$20 124 MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$19 119 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 1 005 MILLION (IN SURPLUS)

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COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	NOVEMBER 1984 TO JANUARY 1985	NOVEMBER 1983 TO JANUARY 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	34 740	32 105	+ 2 635	+ 8.2
RE-EXPORTS	25 985	17 939	+ 8 046	+44.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	60 725	50 044	+10 681	+21.3
IMPORTS	59 796	51 856	+ 7 940	+15.3
TRADE BALANCE	+ 929	-1 812	+ 2 741	

<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	JANUARY 1985	JANUARY 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	11 166 (55.5%)	10 791 (64.4%)	+ 375	+ 3.5
RE-EXPORTS	8 958	5 976	+ 2 982	+49.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	20 124	16 767	+ 3 357	+20.0
IMPORTS	19 119	15 899	+ 3 220	+20.3
TRADE BALANCE	+1 005	+ 868	+ 137	

<u>LAST MONTH</u>	JANUARY 1985	DECEMBER 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	11 166 (55.5%)	11 873 (56.8%)	- 707	- 6.0
RE-EXPORTS	8 958	9 020	- 62	- 0.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	20 124	20 893	- 769	- 3.7
IMPORTS	19 119	20 930	- 1 811	- 8.7
TRADE BALANCE	+1 005	- 37	+ 1 042	

/LAST 12 MONTHS

LAST 12 MONTHS	FEBRUARY 1984 TO JANUARY 1985	FEBRUARY 1983 TO JANUARY 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	138 311	108 757	+29 554	+27.2
RE-EXPORTS	86 487	58 552	+27 935	+47.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	224 798	167 309	+57 489	+34.4
IMPORTS	226 590	179 804	+46 786	+26.0
TRADE BALANCE	-1 792	-12 495	+10 703	

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1984 EXPORTS STATISTICS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN RELEASED
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THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF 1984 DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE -- ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, AND METAL PRODUCTS.

TOGETHER, THEY ACCOUNTED FOR 87 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

THE INDUSTRIES ALSO RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASES IN ABSOLUTE VALUE OVER 1983: ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS ROSE BY \$8 493 MILLION, WEARING APPAREL BY \$7 684 MILLION, TEXTILES BY \$6 471 MILLION, PLASTIC PRODUCTS BY \$4 402 MILLION, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT BY \$1 057 MILLION, AND METAL PRODUCTS BY \$933 MILLION.

IN RELATIVE TERMS, INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASES OVER 1983 WERE PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL (+806%); MINING AND QUARRYING (+177%); ELECTRICITY (+95%); MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (+73%); NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (+72%); AND TOBACCO (+69%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FROM 1983 WERE RECORDED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (-\$278 MILLION OR -65%), AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION (-\$5 MILLION OR -31%), AND LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (-\$101 MILLION OR -17%).

/THE ABOVE

THE ABOVE ARE SOME OF THE STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR 1984. THIS SERIES IS DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (I.S.I.C.), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (S.I.T.C.) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT WHEN INTERPRETING THE RE-CLASSIFIED FIGURES, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE OVERALL VALUE OF A MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEM REQUIRING SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH IT IS FINALLY PRODUCED, ALTHOUGH THE INDUSTRY IS NOT REALLY THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE VALUE.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF A MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEM TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE VALUE OF THE ITEM IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES, HE SAID.

FURTHER DETAILS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE SEEN IN THE ATTACHED TABLE, WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT TEL. NO. 3-7224504). A TABLE ON THESE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, DECEMBER 1984+.

VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR MERCHANDISE,
RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR 1983 AND 1984

(VALUES IN HK\$ MILLION)

MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS

INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN OF THE COMMODITIES EXPORTED	1983	1984	VALUE CHANGE	% CHANGE
----- AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHING -----				
AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION	18	12	- 5	- 31

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FORESTRY AND LOGGING	-	0.007	0.007	-
OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING	180	241	61	34
<u>MINING AND QUARRYING</u>	2	4	3	177
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>				
FOOD	1 252	1 219	-33	- 3
BEVERAGES	97	137	40	41
TOBACCO	310	522	213	69
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING)	18 810	25 281	6 471	34
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND KNITWEAR	23 979	31 663	7 684	32
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	589	488	-101	-17
FOOTWEAR	343	522	178	52
WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	610	779	169	28
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	1 619	2 144	525	32
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	1 097	1 433	336	31
PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL	0.222	2	2	806
RUBBER PRODUCTS	154	200	46	30
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	7 416	11 819	4 402	59
NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	327	563	236	72
BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5 644	6 577	933	17

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MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	1 119	1 932	813	73
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	24 928	33 421	8 493	34
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	427	149	-278	-65
PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT	9 514	10 571	1 057	11
OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	5 727	7 881	2 154	38
<u>ELECTRICITY</u>	160	312	152	95
<u>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</u>				
(E.G. DEVELOPED PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATES AND FILM, ANTIQUES, AND WORKS OF ART)	83	64	-18	-22

TOTAL	104 405	137 936	33 531	32

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES OF A COLUMN MAY NOT ADD UP EXACTLY TO THE CORRESPONDING TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

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PROTECTION FOR CHEUNG CHAU SEAWALLS

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ADDITIONAL MARINE PROTECTION WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO THE SEAWALLS IN CHEUNG CHAU.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF ADDED PROTECTION AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF STORM WAVES ON SEAWALLS SURROUNDING THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED INCINERATOR AT TAI KWAI WAN, AND ON THE SEAWALLS ON THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED ABATTOIR AND FUTURE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

FURTHER SLOPE PROTECTION WORK WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT TO THE SLOPES BENEATH THE CHEUNG KWAI PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND TAKE NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL BEING BUILT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS IN TUEN MUN.

THE CONSTRUCTION WORK, BEING PART OF THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL PROJECT, WILL INCLUDE :-

- * A 17-STOREY BUILDING WITH A NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL, A STUDENT'S QUARTERS AND A TUNNEL LINK TO THE HOSPITAL ;
- * A 17-STOREY BUILDING WITH COMMUNAL FACILITIES AND QUARTERS FOR NURSING STAFF ;
- * A FOUR-STOREY BUILDING WITH BARRACKS ACCOMMODATION FOR MINOR STAFF ; AND
- * CAR PARKING AND EXTERNAL WORKS.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS WILL BE BUILT ON A SITE ADJACENT TO THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE TENDER DEADLINE IS MARCH 29.

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SAI KUNG BOARD TO DISCUSS WORK

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A REVIEW OF THE PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION BY BOARD MEMBERS AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (MARCH 5).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF AN ENGLISH SPEAKING SCHOOL FOR EXPATRIATE PRIMARY STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR J.W. HAYES, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 5) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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SINGLES APPLY FOR PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING
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A TOTAL OF 2 391 SINGLE PERSONS HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE FIRST MONTH SINCE A SEPARATE WAITING LIST WAS OPENED FOR THEM IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

+DURING THE SAME PERIOD, 2 402 TWO-PERSON HOUSEHOLDS HAVE ALSO REGISTERED ON THE GENERAL WAITING LIST UNDER REVISED ALLOCATION POLICIES,+ SAID A HOUSING SPOKESMAN TODAY.

HE SAID THEIR APPLICATIONS WOULD BE PROCESSED WHEN THEIR TURN CAME UP ON THE WAITING LISTS.

+AT PRESENT, PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS CONTINUES FOR THOSE SINGLE PERSONS AND TWO-PERSON FAMILIES WHO LIVE IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND IN MARK 1/11 ESTATES AFFECTED BY REDEVELOPMENT. PRIORITY IN THE ALLOCATION OF HOUSING IS BEING GIVEN TO THESE TWO GROUPS OF SMALL FAMILIES.+

PREVIOUSLY APART FROM FAMILIES OF THREE OR MORE PERSONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ONLY MARRIED COUPLES AND ELDERLY PERSONS COULD APPLY FOR PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING.

+UNDER ALLOCATION POLICIES REVISED LAST YEAR, SINGLE PERSONS AND TWO-MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS MAY ALSO APPLY PROVIDED THEY SATISFY OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

+THESE TWO-PERSON FAMILIES MAY COMPRISE TWO RELATED PERSONS SUCH AS PARENT AND CHILD, BROTHER AND SISTER LIVING AWAY FROM PARENTS, OR THE APPLICANT AND A RELATIVE WHO IS DEPENDENT ON AND LIVING WITH HIM.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICANTS MUST BE OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS' RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR FLAT ALLOCATION.

+THE TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE SET LIMITS AT THE TIME OF INVESTIGATION. THE CURRENT LIMIT IS \$2 700 A MONTH FOR SINGLE PERSONS AND \$4 000 A MONTH FOR TWO-MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS.

+OWNERS OF DOMESTIC PROPERTY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.+

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MARKET RATE FOR OVERSEAS HELPERS REVISED
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WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 11, EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR FOREIGN DOMESTIC HELPERS ATTESTED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR MUST CARRY A MONTHLY WAGE OF NOT LESS THAN THE \$1 800 TO \$1 950 RANGE.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION WOULD, FROM THAT DATE, ONLY CONSIDER THE ENTRY OF FOREIGN DOMESTIC HELPERS WHO WERE PAID AT THIS MARKET RATE.

RE-ENGAGEMENT CONTRACTS ATTESTED BEFORE MARCH 11 MAY CARRY THE OLD RATE OF \$1 650 TO \$1 800 IF THEY TAKE EFFECT ON OR BEFORE APRIL 4, 1985, HE SAID.

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REPORT MISSING HIKERS EARLY, PEOPLE TOLD
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DELAYED REPORTS OF PEOPLE FAILING TO RETURN FROM MOUNTAIN WALKS OR HIKES COULD BE A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH, THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, MR J.A. FORTUNE, SAID TODAY.

THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL INCIDENTS THIS WINTER WHEN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS FOR LOST GROUPS OF PEOPLE HAD BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE GROUP LEADERS OR ORGANISERS NOT TAKING PART IN THE ACTUAL WALKS OR HIKES HAD DELAYED MAKING REPORTS TO THE AUTHORITIES, HE SAID.

IN SOME CASES LATE REPORTS HAD DELAYED FOR SEVERAL HOURS THE START OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND IN PARTICULAR, THE WORK OF THE CAS MOUNTAIN SEARCH AND RESCUE UNIT, HE SAID.

HE URGED PEOPLE TO CALL THE POLICE BY DIALLING 999 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ABOUT OVERDUE GROUPS.

HE ALSO URGED ORGANISERS OF WALKING GROUPS TO REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING BASIC SAFETY POINTS :

- * PLAN THE ROUTE CAREFULLY
- * INFORM RELIABLE PERSONS OF WHERE YOU ARE GOING AND THE EXPECTED TIME OF COMPLETION OF THE JOURNEY
- * WEAR CORRECT CLOTHING AND CARRY CORRECT EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS : SOME EMERGENCY FOOD, TORCHLIGHT, WHISTLE, A WARM WIND-PROOF JACKET, SOME THIN NYLON ROPES, WATER, MAP AND COMPASS, A NOTE-BOOK, AND SOME MONEY.
- * ALWAYS KEEP A COOL HEAD.

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MUTUAL AID GROUP'S CIVIC ROLE STRESSED

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MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN COMMUNITY BUILDING AND REFLECTING VIEWS OF RESIDENTS ON PROBLEMS AFFECTING THEIR WELL-BEING, ACTING TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MS ANISSA WONG SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE KWONG FUK GALA AND THE OPENING OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OFFICES IN KWONG FUK ESTATE, MS WONG SAID MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES HAD AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY, AS HONG KONG MOVED TOWARDS MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

SHE SAID THE NEW MAC OFFICES WOULD +ENHANCE THE RELATIONSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG RESIDENTS OF THE ESTATE+.

MS WONG SAID THAT SHE HOPED THE COMMITTEES WOULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, AND ENCOURAGED REGISTERED VOTERS +TO GO TO THE POLLS ON MARCH 7 TO CHOOSE A DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATE WHO CAN GENUINELY REPRESENT THE PEOPLE+.

THE KWONG FUK GALA IS PART OF THE TWO-WEEK TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY 13 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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CHILDREN HELP PUBLICISE ELECTIONS

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MORE THAN 100 000 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KWUN TONG WILL HELP PUBLICISE THE ELECTION MESSAGE BY BRINGING HOME A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, MR KEVIN MAK, CALLING ON THEIR PARENTS TO VOTE ON THURSDAY (MARCH 7).

+APART FROM BRINGING A REMINDER TO THE PARENTS, THE EXERCISE WILL ALSO BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS,+ MR MAK SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

IN THE LETTER, PARENTS WILL BE GIVEN A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE WORK OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

MEANWHILE, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS CONTAINING THE SLOGAN OF THE DISTRICT'S ELECTIONS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO THE PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS.

MORE THAN 70 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION IN KWUN TONG LIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

+ON POLLING DAY, FOUR BROADCASTING VANS WILL TOUR KWUN TONG FROM 7 AM TO 10.30 PM TO URGE RESIDENTS TO VOTE,+ MR MAK SAID.

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SHA TIN BOARD MEMBERS GO ON WALK

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SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM WOON-KWONG, WILL TAKE A WALK ALONG THE NEWLY-COMPLETED ASSESS PATH LEADING FROM THE TOWN CENTRE TO THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK TOMORROW (MONDAY) MORNING.

INFORMATION BOARDS AND MARKERS, AS WELL AS BENCHES AND OTHER RECREATION FACILITIES, ARE PROVIDED ALONG THE SEVEN-KILOMETRE ROUTE.

THE WALK IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE WALK SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 6TH FLOOR OF KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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RECLAMATION AND ACCESS ROAD FOR JUNK BAY

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FOURTEEN HECTARES OF LAND IS TO BE RECLAIMED AND AN ACCESS ROAD BUILT AT AP TSAI PENINSULA IN THE NORTHERN SIDE OF JUNK BAY AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE USED FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WHILE THE 600-METRE-LONG ACCESS ROAD WILL CONNECT THE ESTATE WITH THE REST OF THE ROAD NETWORK SYSTEM IN THE AREA.

DRAINAGE WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECLAMATION, WHICH IS ALSO PART OF THE PROJECT, WILL INCLUDE THE LAYING OF 550 METRES OF STORMWATER CULVERT, 1 500 METRES OF TRUNK SEWER, 400 METRES OF WHICH WILL BE A SUBMARINE PIPE.

THE SUBMARINE PIPE ACROSS HANG HAU BAY WILL CONNECT TO A SEWAGE TUNNEL AND A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE NEW TOWN..

SLOPES OF AP TSAI PENINSULA ADJACENT TO THE RECLAMATION WILL BE LANDSCAPED AND SHAPED TO FORM PART OF A PROPOSED FRINGE PARK IN THE AREA.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH 1985 AND TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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BEACH KIOSK OPERATOR NEEDED
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FOR OPERATION OF A LIGHT REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT KADOORIE BEACH IN TUEN MUN FROM APRIL 1.

KADOORIE BEACH, LOCATED AT THE WESTERN COAST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, ATTRACTED MORE THAN 130 000 BEACH-GOERS IN THE LAST SWIMMING SEASON, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON OR THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 'TOP COURT', 60-70 TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN.

THE TENDER DEADLINE IS 9 AM ON MARCH 15.

FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OR TELEPHONE 0-820800 EXT. 301, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MODEL RADIO CARS COMPETE
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MORE THAN 100 MODEL CARS TOOK PART IN THE 1985 RADIO CONTROLLED ELECTRIC RACING CAR COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG RACING MODEL ASSOCIATION, IN TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND TODAY.

THE AIM WAS TO FURTHER BOOST THE SPORT AND PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT TO RESIDENTS OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR CHOI YING-WAI, SAID.

BUILT TO A SCALE OF 1:12, THE RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL RACING CARS RACED OVER A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 145 METRES IN THE PLAYGROUND, BRINGING NO LESS THRILL AND FUN TO BOTH THE RACERS AND AUDIENCES.

AFTER THE EVENTS, TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENTED AWARDS TO THE WINNERS.

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WATER MAINS WORK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN LAMMA ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 6) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREAS AFFECTED ARE ALL PREMISES IN HUNG SHING YE WAN AND SOK KWU WAN, INCLUDING LAMMA ISLAND POLICE POST AND FAR EAST CEMENT CO.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 9 PM TO 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG TAI PO ROAD FROM WAN TAU STREET TO TAI PO KAU, INCLUDING KWONG FUK ESTATE, WANG FUK COURT, WONG YI AU, MEI WOON SAN TSUEN, YIN TZE LANE, STRAFFORD HOUSE, TAI PO KAU, TAI PO KAU SAN WAI, LOOKOUT LANE, ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOME AND ISLAND HOUSE.

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ROAD WORK IN WAN CHAI
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STONE NULLAH LANE BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND CROSS STREET IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 6) FOR ROAD REPAIRS.

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NOTE TO TV NEWS EDITORS:

PLEASE BROADCAST THE ABOVE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YOUR MORNING BULLETINS.

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