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COUNCIL MEMBERS FRANK WITH VIEWS - GOVERNOR
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ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF THE HONG KONG SYSTEM IS HAVING EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS AS THEY SEE THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE WAS RESPONDING TO REPORTERS AFTER TOURING THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT THIS AFTERNOON.

IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS ABOUT MR T.S. LO'S RESIGNATION, HE SAID: +I ISSUED A STATEMENT YESTERDAY ABOUT MR LO LEAVING THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. I DON'T THINK I HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO THAT STATEMENT THIS AFTERNOON.+

SIR EDWARD SAID MOST OF THE ISSUES WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED HAD BEEN WIDELY DEBATED IN HONG KONG OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR.

+I WOULD SAY THIS, THAT THE MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND I THINK BY THAT I MEAN ALL MEMBERS, DO GIVE THEIR VIEWS AND ADVICE VERY COURAGEOUSLY, AND VERY FRANKLY, AND VERY CONSCIENTIOUSLY. AND I THINK THAT IS ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF THE HONG KONG SYSTEM THAT WE ARE FORTUNATE IN HAVING EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, ALL OF THEM, IN EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS AS THEY SEE THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY.+

ON A QUESTION THAT THE UK GOVERNMENT HAS DENIED ITS RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS HONG KONG PEOPLE WITH REGARD TO NATIONALITY, HE SAID: +THE QUESTION OF NATIONALITY HAS BEEN VERY WIDELY DEBATED AND THE VIEWS OF EVERYBODY IN HONG KONG WERE OF COURSE CLEARLY EXPRESSED IN THE ASSESSMENT REPORT WHICH WAS SENT TO THE UK PARLIAMENT. SO THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN VERY WIDE DEBATE ON THAT SUBJECT.+

+I THINK, AS I HAVE SAID, THE ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED HAVE BEEN WIDELY DEBATED, AND THERE HAVE BEEN MANY STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT BOTH IN HONG KONG AND BY HMG, AND IN THE UK PARLIAMENT. SO I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY NEW ISSUE BEING RAISED,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED IF HE THOUGHT THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY ADVERSE REPERCUSSION, HE REPLIED: +THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE AS IT HAS ALWAYS CONTINUED, AND SO WILL THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. AND AFTERALL, THIS YEAR WE SHOULD BE ENTERING A NEW PHASE WITH THE INDIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. SO NO DOUBT, WE SHALL SEE SOME NEW AND UP-AND-COMING LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS APPEARING LATER IN THE YEAR.+

HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO INDICATION THAT OTHER UMELCO MEMBERS WOULD WANT TO RESIGN.

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NEW CENTRE ADDS TO TUEN MUN BUILD-UP - GOVERNOR
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THE TAI TUNG PUI MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE, BEING THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, WOULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE STEADY BUILD-UP OF FACILITIES IN TUEN MUN, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THIS MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AT TUEN MUN, HE SAID THAT THE CENTRE WOULD PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG AND OLD, FOR THE HEALTHY AND THE HANDICAPPED.

'IN BRINGING THEM TOGETHER, IT WILL EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONCERN, WHICH IS SO ESSENTIAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY IN A NEW TOWN,' SIR EDWARD SAID.

HE NOTED THAT WORK ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN INTO A NEW TOWN BEGAN ONLY TEN YEARS AGO AND THE TOWN NOW HOUSED 250 000 PEOPLE, HALF WAY TO ITS TARGET POPULATION OF HALF A MILLION.

THE POPULATION OF TUEN MUN CONSISTED MAINLY OF YOUNG FAMILIES AND IT WAS A LONG JOURNEY FROM TSUEN WAN AND KOWLOON, HE POINTED OUT.

'IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THERE SHOULD BE A BALANCED PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES,' HE SAID.

TO THIS END, THE GOVERNOR WAS PLEASED TO SAY THAT MANY LARGE PROJECTS - THE TOWN PARK, THE TOWN HALL, A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND A GAMES CENTRE - WOULD BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR.

'THESE FACILITIES WILL DO MUCH TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS.

'OTHER VITALLY IMPORTANT MATTERS SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF SCHOOLS, TRANSPORT AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE TOWN ARE CONTINUING TO RECEIVE THE CLOSE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT,' HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD PAID TRIBUTE TO MRS TAI FOR HER GENEROUS DONATION OF \$5 MILLION IN MEMORY OF HER LATE HUSBAND, AND TO SIR SHIU KIN TANG FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THIS MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE PROJECT.

HE ALSO CONGRATULATED THE DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS FOR THEIR ENTERPRISE IN PROVIDING TUEN MUN WITH THIS IMAGINATIVE NEW CENTRE.

'I HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE NEW TOWNS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY GENERALLY,' THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), DR JAMES HAYES AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER (TUEN MUN), MR RICKY FUNG, PROCEEDED TO THE YAU OI ESTATE.

THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN TUEN MUN AT THE ROOFTOP OF OI HEI HOUSE WHERE THEY HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE PARTY LATER VISITED AN ELECTRONICS FACTORY AT LUNG MUN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR 1984

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR 1984, VALUED AT \$444 811 MILLION, INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH 1983, ACCORDING TO TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 32 PER CENT TO \$137 936 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 27 PER CENT TO \$223 370 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 48 PER CENT TO \$83 504 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY 38 PER CENT.

COMPARING 1984 WITH 1983, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY 40 PER CENT IN VALUE. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$7 472 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$2 174 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 736 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSISTORS AND DIODES (BY \$22 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$12 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA INCREASED IN VALUE, PARTICULARLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 284 MILLION OR 168 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$544 MILLION OR 490 PER CENT) AND TEXTILES (BY \$429 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY \$100 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT), AND OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$22 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$972 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$880 MILLION OR 275 PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$83 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$312 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT) AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$10 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF CLOTHING (BY \$967 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$267 MILLION OR 102 PER CENT); AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF CLOTHING (BY \$727 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT).

DEMAND FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG IN 1984. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$4 118 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$2 853 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1 162 MILLION OR 152 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$786 MILLION OR 110 PER CENT) AND BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$694 MILLION OR 167 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 420 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 910 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD AND AIR-CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$32 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT) AND GAS, NATURAL AND MANUFACTURED (BY \$14 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 334 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 215 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT), AND TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$432 MILLION OR 158 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$172 MILLION OR 26 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 \$35 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$184 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$1 820 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), AS DID IMPORTS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$564 MILLION OR 254 PER CENT).

IN 1984, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$15 882 MILLION OR 130 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$4 081 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$1 457 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$1 413 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$1 000 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (BY \$486 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$468 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$312 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO NIGERIA (BY \$332 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT) AND INDONESIA (BY \$230 MILLION OR SIX PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH IN 1984, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$4 886 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$3 458 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 377 MILLION OR 107 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$2 195 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$150 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD AND AIR-CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$56 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AND VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$50 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT).

THE DECEMBER 1984 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE ON SALE LATER THIS MONTH 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 DECEMBER 1984 WILL BE ON SALE NEXT MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$12 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT 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).

FOLLOWING ARE RELATED TABLES:

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN.-DEC. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-DEC. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
U.S.A.	61 374	43 802	+17 573	+40
CHINA	11 283	6 223	+ 5 060	+81
U.K.	10 497	8 538	+ 1 959	+23
F.R. OF GERMANY	9 522	8 043	+ 1 479	+18
JAPAN	5 151	3 910	+ 1 241	+32
CANADA	4 510	3 731	+ 779	+21
AUSTRALIA	3 824	2 927	+ 896	+31
SINGAPORE	2 627	2 228	+ 399	+18
NETHERLANDS	2 418	1 963	+ 454	+23
FRANCE	2 007	1 660	+ 347	+21

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TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN.-DEC. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-DEC. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	46 714	34 365	+12 349	+36
MISCELLANEOUS MANU- FACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS, JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND PLASTIC ARTICLES)	21 838	16 642	+ 5 196	+31
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES AND SEMI- CONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS)	11 479	8 203	+ 3 276	+40
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	11 002	8 410	+ 2 592	+31
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	10 408	9 399	+ 1 009	+11
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	8 908	5 144	+ 3 764	+73

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TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

MAJOR SOURCES	JAN.-DEC. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-DEC. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	55 753	42 821	+12 932	+30
JAPAN	52 620	40 333	+12 286	+30
U.S.A.	24 377	19 179	+ 5 198	+27
TAIWAN	17 347	12 448	+ 4 899	+39
SINGAPORE	12 229	10 482	+ 1 748	+17
U.K.	8 703	7 456	+ 1 247	+17
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	7 289	5 050	+ 2 239	+44
F.R. OF GERMANY	5 510	4 556	+ 954	+21
AUSTRALIA	3 349	2 764	+ 585	+21
SWITZERLAND	3 346	3 287	+ 59	+ 2

TABLE 4 : IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY SECTIONS

COMMODITY SECTIONS	JAN.-DEC. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-DEC. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	63 844	49 500	+14 345	+29
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	57 741	39 424	+18 317	+46
MISCELLANEOUS MANU- FACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	39 715	31 783	+ 7 932	+25
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	20 134	18 911	+ 1 224	+ 6

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CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	15 523	12 942	+ 2 581	+20
MINERALS FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	12 263	11 657	+ 606	+ 5

TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN.-DEC. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-DEC. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	28 064	12 183	+15 882	+130
U.S.A.	12 109	8 028	+ 4 081	+ 51
TAIWAN	4 868	3 454	+ 1 413	+ 41
JAPAN	4 633	3 176	+ 1 457	+ 46
SINGAPORE	4 511	4 523	- 12	- *
INDONESIA	3 654	3 884	- 230	- 6
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	3 440	2 440	+ 1 000	+ 41
MACAU	2 354	1 885	+ 468	+ 25
PHILIPPINES	1 478	1 632	- 154	- 9
AUSTRALIA	1 423	937	+ 486	+ 52

* LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 6 : RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN.-DEC. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-DEC. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	12 708	7 822	+ 4 886	+62

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	8 389	4 931	+ 3 458	+70
ARTICLES AND APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6 184	4 495	+ 1 689	+38
MISCELLANEOUS MANU- FACTURED ARTICLES	5 378	3 183	+ 2 195	+69
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	5 089	4 258	+ 831	+20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	4 590	2 213	+ 2 377	+107

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PEOPLE MORE WILLING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT TRANSPORT

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THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVED 5 370 COMPLAINTS OR SUGGESTIONS IN THE 12 MONTHS UP TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

THIS WAS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN WHICH THE FIGURE EXCEEDED 5 000 SINCE THE TCU WAS SET UP IN OCTOBER 1980.

THE INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, STEMMED MAINLY FROM RISING DEMAND FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, ESPECIALLY FOR THE NT NEW TOWNS, AND GRIEVANCES ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION.

IN A FOREWORD TO THE UNIT'S LATEST ANNUAL REPORT, CHAIRMAN OF THE TAC, MR GERALD FORSGATE OBSERVED THAT WHILE FIGURES DID NOT TELL THE WHOLE STORY, THEY DID REFLECT THE INCREASING WILLINGNESS OF THE PUBLIC TO SEND IN THEIR VIEWS AND TO BE INVOLVED IN MATTERS THAT ARE OF CONCERN TO THEM.

MR STEPHEN CHEONG, WHO CHAIRS THE TAC SUB-COMMITTEE OVERSEEING THE WORK OF THE UNIT, SAID THAT MORE COULD BE ACHIEVED IF THE PUBLIC MADE MORE USE OF THE UNIT AS A FORUM FOR DEVELOPING TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

THE TCU ANNUAL REPORT NOTED THAT COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WERE STILL PREDOMINANT, ACCOUNTING FOR 2 476 CASES OR 46 PER CENT OF ALL COMPLAINTS RECORDED IN THE YEAR. ANOTHER 990 CASES OR NEARLY ONE-FIFTH OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH ROAD CONGESTION. OTHER PROMINENT COMPLAINT AREAS WERE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ROAD CONDITIONS.

+ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, THE MAIN AREAS OF CONCERN AS REFLECTED IN THE COMPLAINTS WERE THAT SERVICES SHOULD BE PROVIDED ON THE RIGHT ROUTES, AT ACCEPTABLE FREQUENCIES AND WITH REASONABLE FARES. FRANCHISED BUSES, BEING THE LARGEST SINGLE CARRIER IN HONG KONG, ATTRACTED A HIGHER NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS,+ EXPLAINED MR STEPHEN PANG, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE TCU.

AS IN THE YEAR BEFORE, NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS WERE ABOUT BUS SERVICES. ALTOGETHER THERE WERE 1 734 CASES, AND INADEQUATE SERVICE AND STANDARD OF SERVICE WERE THE MAIN SUBJECTS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES ROSE BY 39 PER CENT, FROM 566 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO 787.

+THE UPWARD TREND WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASED DEMAND FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENT FOR SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN. ALSO COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INADEQUATE CROSS HARBOUR BUS SERVICES HAD INCREASED,+ MR PANG ADDED.

DURING THE YEAR, HE EXPLAINED, BUS SERVICES FOR THE TWO NEW TOWNS HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED. FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS WERE EXPECTED AS PART OF THE 1984-86 BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

+FOR CROSS HARBOUR BUS SERVICES, THE UNIT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE TRANSPORT BRANCH THAT ALTHOUGH IN THE PEAK HOURS THERE IS A SHORTFALL IN THE CAPACITY OF THESE SERVICES, THE SHORTFALL OCCURS ONLY FOR SHORT PERIODS. THE TOTAL CAPACITY OF CROSS HARBOUR PASSENGER SERVICES AS PROVIDED BY BUSES, FERRIES AND MTR IS CONSIDERED TO BE ADEQUATE,+ HE SAID.

THE UNIT HAS ALSO BEEN ADVISED THAT THERE ARE OTHER AREAS SUCH AS NEW TOWNS AND INDUSTRIAL ESTATES WHICH ARE NOT SO WELL SERVED BY BUSES AND FOR THE TIME BEING IT IS IN THESE AREAS THAT IMPROVEMENTS HAVE A HIGHER PRIORITY. THE UNIT FURTHER NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN DEMAND, AS REFLECTED BY COMPLAINTS, FOR ADDITIONAL CROSS HARBOUR BUS SERVICES.

+THIS DEMAND HAS TO BE EXAMINED AGAINST THE NEEDS OF OTHER AREAS AS WELL AS THE INCREASED CAPACITY OF THE MTR IN MID-1985 WITH THE ADDITION OF THE ISLAND LINE.

+IN THE MEANTIME,+ MR PANG SAID, +THE UNIT WILL CONTINUE TO FORWARD COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON CROSS HARBOUR SERVICES TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.+

MR PANG POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE FEWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF THE FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES.

THERE WERE 784 CASES RECORDED, AGAINST 904 IN 1982-83, A DECREASE OF 13 PER CENT.

COMPLAINTS INVOLVING THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY TOTALLED 367.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY, WITH TWICE THE FLEET SIZE AND RIDERSHIP OF CMB'S, HAD A LOWER NUMBER OF 347.

WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S COMPLAINTS, THE 367 COMPLAINTS ABOUT CMB'S STANDARD OF SERVICE SHOWED A DROP OF 129 CASES OR 26 PER CENT.

THE MAJOR REDUCTION WAS IN COMPLAINTS AGAINST BUS DRIVERS. THE NUMBER FELL FROM 292 TO 190, BUT STILL ACCOUNTED FOR OVER 50 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL COMPLAINTS CONCERNING CMB.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT CMB BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY ALSO WENT DOWN FROM 146 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO 96. ON THE OTHER HAND, COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CLEANLINESS OF BUSES, PASSENGER FACILITIES AND GENERAL STANDARD INCREASED. EIGHTY-ONE CASES WERE RECORDED, AS AGAINST 58 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, MR PANG SAID.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT KMB'S STANDARD OF SERVICE WERE NEARLY THE SAME IN THE LAST TWO YEARS - 358 IN 1982-83 AND 357 IN 1983-84.

BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY WERE THE MAIN SUBJECT DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW. THEY ACCOUNTED FOR 148 CASES, AN INCREASE OF 26 CASES OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CLEANLINESS OF BUSES, PASSENGER FACILITIES AND GENERAL STANDARD ALSO INCREASED BY 10 CASES, TO 105. BUT COMPLAINTS AGAINST BUS CAPTAINS MADE UP 94 CASES ONLY (27 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL OF 357), REPRESENTING A DROP OF 37 CASES OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

MR PANG POINTED OUT THAT ROAD CONGESTION WAS AT THE ROOT OF MANY PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY THOSE WHO COMPLAINED TO THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT. DURING THE YEAR, 2 159 COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WERE RECEIVED.

OF THESE, 990 OR NEARLY 20 PER CENT, WERE RELATED TO ROAD CONGESTION, HE SAID.

+MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT CONGESTION WERE GENERATED FROM THE URBAN AREAS. COMPLAINTS OF THIS NATURE RECEIVED FROM ROAD USERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES MADE UP ABOUT 15 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL OF 990 COMPLAINTS. THE MAIN SUBJECTS WERE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION. A SMALL PROPORTION OF THE COMPLAINTS INVOLVED HAWKER OBSTRUCTION AND LEARNER DRIVERS.

+OF THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT CONGESTION FEWER WERE CAUSED BY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS. THE NUMBER DROPPED FROM 647 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO 522.

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+THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT CONGESTION CAUSED BY VEHICLES BEING LOADED OR UNLOADED AT CROWDED KERBSIDE LOCATIONS ROSE FROM 113 IN 1982-83 TO 281 IN 1983-84. COMPLAINTS DIRECTED TOWARDS PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ACCOUNTED FOR 133 CASES OR ALMOST ONE HALF OF THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION,+ MR PANG ADDED.

THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT WAS SET UP UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AND MONITOR COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS.

COMPLAINTS CAN BE MADE TO THE UNIT BY TELEPHONING 5-776866, THE UNIT'S HOTLINE, ANY TIME. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WRITE IN UNLESS THEY PREFER TO DO SO. AFTER INVESTIGATING THE COMPLAINTS, THE UNIT WILL REPLY VERBALLY OR IN WRITING.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY COMPLETES RENT REVIEW

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS COMPLETED A BIENNIAL RENT REVIEW FOR SIX ESTATES, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RISING COSTS OF MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS AS WELL AS INCREASES IN RATES OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

FROM APRIL 1, NET RENTS FOR THE ESTATES WILL BE INCREASED BY \$2.25 PER SQUARE METRE. FOR THE MAJORITY OR 86 PER CENT OF THE TENANTS, IT MEANS AN EXTRA OF ONLY \$62 TO \$97 A MONTH.

+NEW INCLUSIVE RENT LEVELS WILL STILL REMAIN REASONABLE AT \$12.37 TO \$12.88 A SQUARE METRE AND SHOULD BE AFFORDABLE BY TENANTS WHO WOULD BE PAYING LESS THAN 10 PER CENT OF THEIR INCOME AS RENT,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID THE REVISED RENTS ALREADY INCLUDED RATES WHICH HAD BEEN INCREASED TWICE SINCE APRIL 1983. FOR TYPICAL FLATS SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES OF 4 TO 6 PERSONS OF THESE SIX HOUSING ESTATES, THE BREAKDOWN OF MONTHLY NET RENT AND RATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>ESTATE</u>	<u>FLAT AREA</u>	<u>NET RENT</u>	<u>RATES</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE RENT</u>
	2 M	\$	\$	\$
CHOI HUNG	30.6	324	63	387
FUK LOI	30.2	315	59	374

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MA TAU WAI	30.0	320	67	387
PING SHEK	30.6	330	64	394
WAH FU (PH. IV)	33.1	359	66	425
WO LOK	30.3	318	66	384

+THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS ABSORBED FOR THIS GROUP OF TENANTS A TOTAL OF \$7.2 MILLION ON RATES AND HAS NOT PASSED ONTO THEM THE INCREASED RATES UNTIL THIS RENT REVIEW.

+RATES COLLECTED GO DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AND DO NOT FORM PART OF THE REVENUE OF THE AUTHORITY.

+TENANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RENTS AND RATES BOTH AT EXISTING AND NEW LEVELS, TOGETHER WITH AN EXPLANATORY NOTE.+

THE RENT REVISION WILL APPLY TO 22 140 FLATS IN THE SIX FORMER HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES OF CHOI HUNG, FUK LOI, MA TAU WAI, PING SHEK, WAH FU (PHASE IV) AND WO LOK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE ESTATES WERE AMONG THE BEST OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES, CENTRALLY LOCATED WITH SELF-CONTAINED FLATS AND FACILITIES UPGRADED TO MODERN STANDARDS.

+A TOTAL OF \$9 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS ON THE UPGRADING OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY, RE-ROOFING, INSTALLATION OF COMMUNAL AERIAL BROADCASTING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND PIPED GAS SYSTEM IN MOST OF THE ESTATES.+

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO BRIEF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OFFICIALS, LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNING THIS RENT INCREASE.

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TRAINING CENTRE TO BE SET UP FOR SEAMEN * * * * *

A SEAMEN'S TRAINING CENTRE WILL BE SET UP BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AT TAI LAM CHUNG, TO PROVIDE PRE-SEA TRAINING FOR ABOUT 500 NEW RATINGS A YEAR FROM 1987.

IT IS ONE OF THE MANY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE MERCHANT NAVY TRAINING BOARD OF THE COUNCIL, FOLLOWING A MANPOWER SURVEY IN MARCH LAST YEAR.

THE CENTRE WILL HAVE CAPACITY TO TRAIN ABOUT 125 PRE-SEA ENTRANTS ON A 16-WEEK COURSE AND WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER SPECIALIST TRAINING MODULES FOR +IN-SERVICE+ SEAFARERS.

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AT PRESENT, ONLY THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL (PRE-SEA) IN LITTLE SAI WAN AND THE SEAMEN'S TRAINING TEMPORARY CENTRE (IN-SERVICE) IN STANLEY PROVIDE FULL TIME TRAINING WITH ADEQUATE FACILITIES.

THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC PROVIDES THE ONLY FACILITIES IN HONG KONG FOR TRAINING OFFICERS AND IS ABLE TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF TRAINING OFFICERS THAT THE INDUSTRY REQUIRES.

HOWEVER, SOME ASPECTS OF OFFICER TRAINING, SUCH AS FIRE-FIGHTING TRAINING ARE NOT AVAILABLE WITHIN THE POLYTECHNIC.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE PERMANENT TRAINING CENTRE WILL NOT BECOME AVAILABLE BEFORE 1987, THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT THE TASK OF PROVIDING TRAINING TO POTENTIAL NEW RATINGS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE INTERIM BY THE SEAMEN'S TRAINING TEMPORARY CENTRE.

THIS WILL MEET THE TRAINING NEEDS IDENTIFIED AS REQUIRED FOR 1985 AND 1986 WITHOUT A FURTHER BACKLOG DEVELOPING.

IN THE REPORT, THE TRAINING BOARD SAYS THAT THE DEMAND FOR PROPERLY TRAINED AND CERTIFICATED SEAFARING PERSONNEL WILL CONTINUE TO GROW.

THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION'S CONVENTION OF STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS 1978, WHICH LAYS DOWN TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION CRITERIA FOR WATCHKEEPING OFFICERS AND RATINGS, APPLIES TO HONG KONG WITH EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 3 LAST YEAR.

+IN ORDER THAT HONG KONG CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY ITS PRESENT STATUS AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING CENTRES OF SHIP OPERATION ACTIVITY, OF WHICH THE SUPPLY OF TRAINED SEAMEN IS AN INTEGRAL PART, A NUMBER OF OBLIGATIONS ENTAILING MINIMUM STANDARDS LAID DOWN IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME AGREEMENTS, MUST BE MET BY HONG KONG,+ THE TRAINING BOARD SAYS.

THIS MEANS THAT PERMANENT TRAINING FACILITIES MUST BE PROVIDED IN HONG KONG TO TRAIN SEAFARERS.

THE REPORT SAYS THAT THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE HONG KONG SEAFARERS, THAT IS, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AT SEA OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS, HAS DECLINED FROM 44 534 IN 1979 TO 16 681 IN 1984.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD THE NUMBER OF POSTS OCCUPIED BY HONG KONG SEAFARERS PER SHIP ALSO DROPPED FROM 15.8 PER SHIP TO 13.3 PER SHIP.

+THIS IS DUE TO EXISTING SHIPS BEING REPLACED BY MODERN SHIPS THAT HAVE AUTOMATION AND OTHER LABOUR SAVING ARRANGEMENTS INCORPORATED,+ THE REPORT EXPLAINS.

THE 1984 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE MERCHANT NAVY, PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$16.50 A COPY.

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SECOND BORDER CROSSING OPENING SOON

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THE SECOND ROAD BORDER CROSSING POINT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL BE JOINTLY OPENED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR J.D.I. BOYD, AND THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF SHENZHEN, MR ZHEN XIPEI, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, AT 10.30 AM.

THE NEW CROSSING POINT IS SITUATED AT SHA TAU KOK, AND ITS OPENING FOLLOWS THE APRIL 30, 1982 SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SHENZHEN AND HONG KONG ON OPENING UP NEW LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

IT WILL OFFER A LESS CONGESTED OPTION TO MAN KAM TO FOR VEHICLES BOUND FOR SHENZHEN, AND PROVIDE A MORE DIRECT LINK FOR VEHICLES HEADING TOWARDS DAYA BAY AND OTHER PARTS OF CHINA TO THE NORTH-EAST.

THE NEW FACILITY WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON MARCH 1 AND WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM DAILY, FOR USE BY COACHES, PRIVATE CARS, AND GOODS VEHICLES POSSESSING APPROPRIATE SHA TAU KOK CROSS BORDER PERMITS.

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JANUARY CLOUDIER THAN USUAL

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JANUARY WAS CLOUDIER THAN USUAL. THE TOTAL DURATION OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE WAS ONLY 106.9 HOURS, WHICH WAS 46.6 HOURS BELOW THE NORMAL VALUE, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

THE MONTH'S 13.8 MM OF RAINFALL WAS 49 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND SUNNY FROM JANUARY 1 TO 3 UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE CONTINENTAL ANTICYCLONE.

A WEAK SURGE OF WINTER MONSOON REACHED HONG KONG ON JANUARY 4 AND BROUGHT CLOUDY WEATHER WHICH LASTED UNTIL JANUARY 7.

ANOTHER SURGE OF WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED ON JANUARY 8. NORTHERLY WINDS PREVAILED FROM JANUARY 8 TO 12 AND LIGHT RAIN OCCURRED FROM TIME TO TIME.

THE TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO A MINIMUM OF 8.8 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JANUARY 10, THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH. IT REMAINED CLOUDY BUT BECAME MILDER ON JANUARY 13.

THE WEATHER WAS FINE ON JANUARY 14 BUT CLOUDY WEATHER RETURNED ON JANUARY 15 AND CONTINUED UP TO THE MORNING OF JANUARY 18. SOME RAIN OCCURRED ON JANUARY 17 AND 18.

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FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER RETURNED IN THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 18, AS A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE BECAME ESTABLISHED OVER THE SOUTHEASTERN COAST OF CHINA. SUNNY WEATHER CONTINUED UP TO JANUARY 23 WHEN THE TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 23.3 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

A COLD FRONT PASSED HONG KONG LATE ON JANUARY 24 AND THE WEATHER BECAME CLOUDY WITH RAIN FROM JANUARY 24 TO 26.

FROM JANUARY 27 TO 31, THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND SUNNY EXCEPT FOR SOME CLOUDY PERIODS ON JANUARY 29 TO 30.

TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC DURING THE MONTH. TROPICAL STORM FABIAN DEVELOPED ABOUT 600 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF GUAM ON JANUARY 6 AND REMAINED SLOW-MOVING. TROPICAL STORM ELSIE FORMED NEAR THE CAROLINE ISLANDS ON JANUARY 7. IT MOVED NORTHWESTWARDS AND PASSED CLOSE TO GUAM DURING THE EVENING OF JANUARY 9. UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ELSIE, FABIAN MOVED SOUTHEASTWARDS ON JANUARY 9. ELSIE RECURVED NORTHEASTWARDS AWAY FROM FABIAN AND DISSIPATED ABOUT 560 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF GUAM ON JANUARY 11. FABIAN THEN WEAKENED INTO AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE WHEN IT MOVED NEAR YAP ON JANUARY 13. HOWEVER, ON THE SAME DAY, A NEW CIRCULATION CENTRE DEVELOPED IN THE REMNANT OF FABIAN AND RE-INTENSIFIED INTO A TROPICAL DEPRESSION. IT REMAINED ALMOST STATIONARY ABOUT 650 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF MANILA AND FINALLY DISSIPATED EARLY ON JANUARY 14.

NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER DURING THE MONTH. THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 13 AND 14. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 4, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 27, 28, 30 AND 31.

THE ONLY SIGNAL HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WAS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JANUARY 10 2 AM	JANUARY 10 6 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	106.9 HOURS	=	46.6 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	13.8 MM	=	13.1 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	73%	=	14% MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	75%	=	4% HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	17.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	=	0.9 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL

MEAN TEMPERATURE	15.4 DEGREES CELSIUS	=	0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	13.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	=	0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	11.0 DEGREES CELSIUS	=	1.2 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	69.0 MM	=	35.6 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JANUARY 23

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 8.8 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JANUARY 10

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COMMITTEE REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR STANLEY
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AT TODAY'S MEETING OF THE RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MEMBERS REVIEWED THE POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE STANLEY AREA.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS WERE DESIGNED TO TAKE AWAY ALMOST ALL THE ROADSIDE TREES NOT ONLY WITHIN STANLEY BUT ADJACENT TO THE ROADS WHICH MAKE UP THE STANLEY APPROACHES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL SAID THAT THIS MATTER CAME INTO FOCUS AFTER THE PROPOSAL TO FELL A BANYAN TREE AT STANLEY MARKET ROAD WAS BROUGHT TO COUNCIL'S NOTICE BY A MEMBER.

+IT WAS POINTED OUT BY DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES THAT IN ITS PRESENT STATE THE TREE WAS UNLIKELY TO LAST FOR TOO MANY YEARS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HOWEVER, MEMBERS CONSIDERED THAT REMEDIAL TREATMENT, INCLUDING THE RAISING OF GROUND AROUND THE BASE OF THE TREE AND THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL TOPSOIL, MIGHT WELL ALLOW THIS TREE TO BE A FEATURE OF THE LANDSCAPE FOR PERHAPS 20 YEARS OR MORE.

+IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COUNCIL WILL BE APPROACHING THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH TO SEE IF THE LAND ON WHICH THE TREE STANDS COULD BE RE-ZONED AS PUBLIC OPEN SPACE SO THAT IT COULD TAKE THE NECESSARY REMEDIAL ACTION, AND TO MEET THE CLEARLY EXPRESSED VIEWS OF THE RESIDENTS OF STANLEY.+

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STATUTORY HOLIDAY REMINDER

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, WHICH FALL ON FEBRUARY 20, 21 AND 22, ARE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

HE SAID ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$9 500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAYS AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAYS-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUALLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT COULD BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS TO 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

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

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY OF THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR POSTAL SERVICE

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LETTERS AND PARCELS WILL ONLY BE DELIVERED ON FEBRUARY 21 DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

ON FEBRUARY 21, 38 POST OFFICES INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI IN KOWLOON, AND TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN CENTRAL AND TAI PO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

ALL POST OFFICE COUNTERS WILL BE CLOSED AND THERE WILL BE NO DELIVERIES ON FEBRUARY 20 AND 22.

DETAILS OF THE POST OFFICES WHICH WILL BE OPEN DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LOCAL POST OFFICE OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT 5-231071/2.

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VOTERS GET THEIR POLL CARDS

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REGISTERED VOTERS WILL, BY NOW, HAVE RECEIVED POLL CARDS TELLING THEM WHERE THEY SHOULD GO TO CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID, HOWEVER THAT THE CARD WAS MERELY A NOTICE AND DID NOT CONSTITUTE A CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY.

+A VOTER MUST BRING ALONG HIS OR HER HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD FOR IDENTIFICATION AT THE POLLING STATION,+ HE SAID.

+THE PRODUCTION OF THE POLL CARD AT THE STATION IS NOT MANDATORY BUT IT WILL FACILITATE CHECKING AND AVOID ANY DELAY,+ HE ADDED.

IF A REGISTERED VOTER HAS NOT RECEIVED HIS POLL CARD BY FEBRUARY 15 (FRIDAY), HE MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION ON 5-270369 OR 5-270380.

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DB TO DISCUSS TIES WITH URBCO

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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE RESUMPTION OF FOUR PRIVATE STREETS IN TO KWA WAN, AND THE RESPONSE OF THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME.

THEY WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE WIDENING OF CARPENTER ROAD AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A PROJECT IN CHATHAM ROAD.

TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME ON DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND THE DISPLAY OF THE DISTRICT BOARD LOGO AT THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET.

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SHA TIN HERALDS NEW YEAR WITH LIGHTS
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SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE WAS BRIGHTLY LIT UP TO HERALD THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH DECORATIVE LIGHTS THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

AT THE FLICK OF A SWITCH, UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG SWITCHED ON THE FESTIVE LIGHTINGS ALONG THE 200-METRE SAND MARTIN BRIDGE ACROSS THE SHING MUN RIVER.

THE DECORATIVE LIGHTS DEPICT A FARMER WITH HIS OX, SYMBOLISING HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY IN THE YEAR OF THE OX.

THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY DRAGON AND LION DANCES. MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM WOON-KWONG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVE LIGHTING ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOI KAN-PUI PERFORMED THE EYE-DOTTING.

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SAI KUNG GETS YEAR-END FACE-LIFT
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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTS WILL GIVE A YEAR-END FACE-LIFT TO CHUNG MEI TUK IN SAI KUNG DURING A CLEAN-UP EXERCISE ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARRIE CHENG WILL JOIN MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AND BOAT DWELLERS IN CLEANING UP THE SHORELINE AND COLLECTING REFUSE FROM THE WATERS.

STAFF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO COLLECT REFUSE IN OTHER AREAS.

THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE FOR CHUNG MEI TUK, WHICH HAS A FLOATING POPULATION OF ABOUT 1 000, IS SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY AT THE PING SHEK MTR EXIT. A GOVERNMENT LANDROVER WILL LEAVE AT 10.10 AM TO TAKE REPRESENTATIVES TO CHUNG MEI TUK.

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RADIATION SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS
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THREE SEMINARS ON RADIATION PROTECTION FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

TOPICS ON THE EFFECTS OF IONIZING RADIATIONS, THE CHARACTERISTICS OF RADIOACTIVE SOURCES USED IN SCHOOLS, THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN HANDLING AND USING THESE SOURCES AND THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SEMINARS.

DR C.B. POON, PHYSICIST, RADIATION HEALTH UNIT, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WILL SPEAK ON THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF RADIATION PROTECTION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS; AND MR M.W. CHAN, SENIOR LECTURER, INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WILL BE GIVING DEMONSTRATIONS ON A LEAKAGE TEST FOR SEALED RADIOACTIVE SOURCES.

THE SEMINARS, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD ON THREE SATURDAY MORNINGS ON MARCH 16, APRIL 13 AND MAY 11.

ENROLMENT FOR EACH SEMINAR IS LIMITED TO 30. HEADS OF SCHOOLS WISHING TO NOMINATE THEIR SCIENCE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS SHOULD APPLY TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICS), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE MARCH 6.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE PHYSICS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON 5-8392474 OR 5-8392470.

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MORE REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS TO BE SET UP
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THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL SET UP 102 TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING 230 PERMANENT ONES THROUGHOUT THE 11 URBAN DISTRICTS DURING THE SIX-DAY +YEAR-END CLEAN-UP+ CAMPAIGN STARTING FROM TOMORROW.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO MAKE USE OF THESE FACILITIES WHEN THEY CARRY OUT THE TRADITIONAL CLEAN-UP IN THEIR PREMISES.

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A LIST SHOWING THE DATES OF OPERATION AND LOCATIONS OF THESE REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS IN EACH DISTRICT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OR OWNERS INCORPORATIONS OF ALL RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+SIMILAR INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED BY DIALING THE LITTER HOTLINE AT 5-95555 OR FROM DISTRICT OFFICES OF BOTH THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION,+ HE ADDED.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT AND CLEANSING STAFF WILL BE DEPLOYED TO COLLECT AND REMOVE REFUSE AND JUNK FROM VARIOUS RCPS.

TO TIE IN WITH THE CLEAN-UP OF DOMESTIC PREMISES, MEMBERS OF PUBLIC ARE ALSO URGED TO KEEP THE COMMON PARTS OF BUILDINGS CLEAN.

LEAFLETS AND POSTERS IN THIS REGARD HAVE ALSO BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL BUILDINGS AND ARE OBTAINABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE ANNUAL DRIVE WAS WELL SUPPORTED LAST YEAR WHEN A TOTAL OF 1 367 TONNES OF JUNK WAS REMOVED.

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CLIMATOLOGICAL TABLES OFFERED
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A SET OF TABLES ON CLIMATOLOGICAL CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG IS BEING OFFERED FREE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

MEAN AND EXTREME VALUES OF PRESSURE, TEMPERATURE, WIND, RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND RAINFALL ARE TABULATED.

INFORMATION ON THUNDERSTORMS, FOG, SOLAR RADIATION, EVAPORATION, SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE, TROPICAL CYCLONE AND STRONG MONSOON SIGNALS IS ALSO GIVEN.

THE SET IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN CHINESE.

IT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LIBRARY OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS, 134A NATHAN ROAD EITHER IN PERSON OR BY WRITTEN REQUEST WITH SELF-ADDRESSED RETURN ENVELOPES (WITH 40-CENT STAMP FOR LOCAL MAIL).

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CANDIDATES TOLD ABOUT ADS ON TAXIS
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DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES WHO WANT TO POST ELECTION POSTERS ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES MUST FIRST OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO DO SO, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY.

ALTHOUGH COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, CANDIDATES WHO WANT TO POST ELECTION POSTERS ON PLBS, CAN OBTAIN A SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

NO FEE WOULD BE CHARGED FOR SUCH A PERMIT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SINCE FEBRUARY 1, TAXIS WERE ALLOWED TO CARRY COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENTS, BUT TAXI OPERATORS WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN A PERMIT, COSTING \$100, FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES SECTION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO DO SO.

+DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES CAN POST ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN POSTERS ON TAXIS, BUT THE ADVERTISING FEE CHARGED FOR THIS PURPOSE MUST BE INCLUDED AS ELECTION EXPENSES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SHORT TERM TENANCY FOR TWO YUEN LONG SITES
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCIES OF TWO SITES AT YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ONE OF THE SITES, AT KIN TAK STREET, MEASURES 755.5 SQUARE METRES. THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR AND IS RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE OTHER SITE, THE TENANCY OF WHICH IS FOR THREE YEARS AND IS RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER, IS AT KIK YEUNG ROAD AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1 270 SQUARE METRES.

BOTH SITES ARE FOR USE AS FEE PAYING CAR PARKS AND-OR CAR SALES YARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 1.

/TENDER FORMS,

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM,
AND PLANS INSPECTED AT:

- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING,
5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK
BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT
OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG,
NEW TERRITORIES.

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A SEMINAR ON THE MANAGEMENT OF MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS
FOR FACTORY OWNERS, MANUFACTURERS AND MEMBERS OF OWNERS'
INCORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG
AND TSING YI DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 15)
AFTERNOON.

IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF KWAI
CHUNG, MR LAU LAI-CHIU.

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KEEPING FIT THE TAI-CHI WAY

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A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES FOR WAN CHAI RESIDENTS HAS BEEN ORGANISED
BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE
DEPARTMENT.

ON FEBRUARY 24 (SUNDAY), AN EXCURSION FEATURING A FERRY TRIP
AND LAND EXPEDITION AT TAI O, ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE HELD FOR
ABOUT 500 PEOPLE. ALL PERSONS BETWEEN FOUR AND 60 MAY JOIN. THE
FEE IS \$10.

THOSE KEEN ON KEEPING-FIT MAY JOIN TAI-CHI CLASSES AND AEROBIC
DANCE COURSES TO BE HELD IN MARCH.

/TAI-CHI CLASSES

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TAI-CHI CLASSES WILL BE HELD FROM 7 TO 8 AM ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS STARTING MARCH 4, AND FROM 8 TO 9 PM ON TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS FROM MARCH 5.

ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 200 PARTICIPANTS. THE COURSE FEE IS \$20.

AEROBIC DANCE COURSES WILL START ON MARCH 1 AND 25 ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS. ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 50 PARTICIPANTS AND THE COURSE FEE IS \$30.

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT RSS WAN CHAI OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, DOMINION CENTRE, 55-57 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST OR BY TELEPHONE 5-274815.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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10-HOUR MAINS WORK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN YUEN LONG DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 10 HOURS FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 15) TO FACILITATE MAINS WORK.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD, FROM LAM TEI PUMPING STATION TO AU TAU, INCLUDING ALL VILLAGES IN LAU FAU SHAN, WANG CHAU INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND YUEN LONG.

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PARKING SPACES SUSPENDED
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GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES ALONG KING FUK STREET, SZE MEI STREET, LUK HOP STREET AND TSAT PO STREET AT SUN PO KONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 16) TO 8 AM ON FEBRUARY 23.

THIS IS DUE TO THE HOLDING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR AT KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND.

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