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REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY FOR APRIL  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) RELEASED THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY CONDUCTED IN APRIL, THIS YEAR.

ABOUT 830 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981, AND THEIR BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1981.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY INDICATE THAT THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981 WAS QUITE DIFFERENT AS BETWEEN THE MANUFACTURING AND NON-MANUFACTURING SECTORS.

ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES EXPERIENCED A SEASONALLY LOW FIRST QUARTER, AT A LEVEL SLIGHTLY BELOW THOSE OF PREVIOUS YEARS, AND THE DEGREE OF DETERIORATION FROM THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1980 WAS SOMEWHAT MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN HAD BEEN PREDICTED BEFORE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, NON-MANUFACTURING SECTORS, TAKEN TOGETHER, REPORTED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BUSINESS SITUATION TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EXPECTED, BUT NOT TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT THEY IMPROVED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1980 OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE SAME YEAR.

FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE PRINTING, PLASTICS AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES, EXPECT BETTER PERFORMANCE IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND GAS AND ELECTRICITY INDUSTRIES ARE CONFIDENT OF FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

FIRMS IN THE NON-MANUFACTURING SECTORS ALSO ANTICIPATE IMPROVEMENTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RESTAURANTS AND THOSE IN THE WHOLESALÉ AND RETAIL TRADE, WHICH EXPECT FURTHER DETERIORATION IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION BUT THIS MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO SEASONAL EFFECTS.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE +FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO+ INDUSTRY WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY PREDICTED SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER, REPORTED DETERIORATION INSTEAD.

THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY EXPERIENCED A SOMEWHAT MORE SIGNIFICANT DECLINE THAN PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED.

THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY, ON THE OTHER HAND, REPORTED A LESS DRASTIC DECLINE THAN ORIGINALLY FORECAST.

AS FOR IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS, MOST INDUSTRIES EXPECT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER IN LINE WITH PREVIOUS YEARS.

A MORE SURPRISING RESULT IS FORECAST FOR THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY. AFTER SEVERAL CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS OF DETERIORATION IN THE BUSINESS SITUATION, AN IMPROVEMENT IS PREDICTED BY RESPONDENTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1981.

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THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR REPORTED CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981, TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN PREVIOUSLY PREDICTED. IT LOOKS FORWARD TO FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1981.

AS FOR THE SERVICES SECTORS, RESTAURANTS HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED DETERIORATIONS IN THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER, BUT REPORTED SOME IMPROVEMENTS INSTEAD. BECAUSE OF SEASONAL EFFECTS, A LOW SECOND QUARTER IS PREDICTED. HOTELS ARE MOVING OUT OF A LOW FIRST QUARTER INTO A HIGH SECOND QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE EXPERIENCED SOME DETERIORATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER AS AGAINST AN EARLIER EXPECTATION OF IMPROVEMENT. THEY EXPECT FURTHER DETERIORATION IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

THE DEPARTMENT STATED THAT THE SURVEY DATA, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WAS BASICALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

APART FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REQUIRING ANSWERS IN QUANTITATIVE TERMS, FIRMS WERE ASKED TO COMPARE THE QUARTER JUST PAST WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND SIMILARLY FOR THE FORTHCOMING ONE, AND ONLY HAD TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, A CERTAIN VARIABLE WAS +UP+, +SAME+ OR +DOWN+.

BALANCE OF OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE THEY WERE INTERPRETED ALONG WITH RESULTS OBTAINED IN EARLIER SURVEYS.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN THE INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS AND STATISTICAL TABLES ON VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES FROM GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, CENTRAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3 PER COPY.

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TUEN MUN HOS SITE AWARDED

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A LARGE SITE IN TUEN MUN FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR A PREMIUM OF \$303.3 MILLION.

THE 5.3 HECTARE SITE, SITUATED NEAR BUTTERFLY BEACH AND LUNG MUN ROAD, WAS PUT UP FOR CASH TENDER IN JANUARY FOLLOWING FAILURE TO ATTRACT BIDS WHEN OFFERED PREVIOUSLY TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A AND B).

GOLD QUEEN LIMITED, A SUBSIDIARY OF NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED, OUTBID FOUR OTHER COMPANIES FOR THE SITE.

SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED A LETTER, MAKING THE FORMAL AWARD, TO MR CHENG YU-TUNG, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

WORK ON THE SCHEME WILL BEGIN AROUND THE END OF THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY JULY, 1983. THE SITE CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$216 MILLION.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO BUILD 2 100 TO 2 300 RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN SIZES FROM 50 SQUARE METRES TO 80 SQUARE METRES.

SHOPPING FACILITIES AND PARKING SPACES WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE FLATS WILL BE SOLD AT PRICES TO BE FIXED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING.

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TAI HING WEEK BEGINS TOMORROW

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A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SEVEN-DAY PROGRAMME IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND A TRANSPORT GROUP OF TAI HING ESTATE FOR THE SEVEN BLOCKS' 40 000 RESIDENTS.

A VARIETY SHOW, THE FIRST EVENT OF TAI HING WEEK, WILL BE OPENED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, IN AN AREA NEAR TAI HING COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AT 3.30 PM.

PERFORMANCES WILL INCLUDE LION DANCES, SINGING, DRAMA, MARTIAL ARTS, FENCING AND A POLICE DOG DEMONSTRATION. THERE WILL ALSO BE A LUCKY DRAW.

AN EXHIBITION ON TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TOWN WILL BE HELD.

OTHER EVENTS DURING THE WEEK INCLUDE A CONCERT, FOLK SONG NIGHT, CHILDREN'S GAMES DAY AND ESSAY AND LOGO DESIGN COMPETITIONS.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON MAY 30 (SATURDAY) AT THE CARITAS HALL.

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STUDENTS URGED TO JOIN YOUTH CLUB EFFORT  
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STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY 4 TO FORM 7 ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) MOVEMENT, WHICH AIMS AT INFORMAL EDUCATION WITHIN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, WITH PARTICULAR COMMITMENT TO MORAL EDUCATION AND THE TRAINING OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN CITIZENSHIP.

THE MOVEMENT IS ADMINISTERED BY THE CYC SECTION IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

+IT IS HOPED THAT BY PARTICIPATING IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE MOVEMENT, STUDENTS WILL BECOME MORE AWARE OF THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES AND WILL SHOW AN ACTIVE CONCERN TOWARDS THEIR COMMUNITY,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

CYC ENGAGES IN A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, HE SAID.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VISITS, TALKS, DEBATES, TELEGAMES, SEMINARS, SURVEYS, COMPETITIONS, EXHIBITIONS AND TELEVISION GAMES RELATED TO VARIOUS THEMES WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO +COMMUNITY BUILDING+ IN HONG KONG, SUCH AS CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS, FIRE PREVENTION, CONSUMER EDUCATION, ROAD SAFETY AND KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.

CYC GROUPS TAKE THE FORM OF SCHOOL CLUBS ENGAGED IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF CYC MEMBERS A SCHOOL MAY RECRUIT. THE SCHOOL HEAD SHOULD ALSO APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL STAFF TO OVERSEE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CYC GROUPS WITHIN THE SCHOOL,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATIONS TO FORM CYC GROUPS MAY BE MADE THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE CYC SECTION AT CAROLINE MANSION, 4TH FLOOR, 8 YUN PING ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG. ENQUIRIES MAY ALSO BE MADE ON TELEPHONE NUMBERS 5-779007 OR 5-7902993.

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SIX NT SITES FOR LETTER A/B TENDER  
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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FROM REGISTERED OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A AND B) FOR THE GRANT OF SIX LOTS TOTALLING 1.82 HECTARES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FOUR SITES ARE IN SHA TIN, ONE IS IN TAI PO AND THE REMAINING SITE IS IN YUEN LONG.

THE TAI PO SITE, ONE OF NINE SITES IN THE TOWN CENTRE, IS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

IT MEASURES 5 320 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$52 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS.

ALTOGETHER, THE TOWN CENTRE, MUCH OF WHICH WILL BE LAND RECLAIMED FROM TOLO HARBOUR, WILL OCCUPY AN AREA OF 41.6 HECTARES WHEN COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THIS DECADE.

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NEARLY 6 500 FLATS PROVIDING HOMES FOR 29 000 PEOPLE WILL BE BUILT.

OF THE FOUR SHA TIN SITES, TWO MEASURING BETWEEN 3 000 SQUARE METRES AND 3 440 SQUARE METRES ARE FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL USE. THEY CARRY BUILDING COVENANTS OF \$18.04 MILLION AND \$20.63 MILLION.

THE OTHER TWO SITES ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT. THEY MEASURE 1 540 SQUARE METRES AND 1 881 SQUARE METRES.

THE YUEN LONG SITE, COVERING 3 020 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND PETROL FILLING STATION.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 12 NOON ON JUNE 19, 1981. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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CROWN LAND TO BE SOLD  
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FIVE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 18.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 2.30 PM.

THREE OF THE SITES OFFERED ARE ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AND ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES. THEY MEASURE ABOUT 1 695, 4 600 AND 7 786 SQUARE METRES.

A FOURTH SITE, LOCATED AT SMITHFIELD ROAD, HONG KONG, MEASURES ABOUT 691 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE REMAINING LOT, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 527 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED AT SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND IS ALSO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SOCCER CUP PRESENTATION

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SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL PRESENT THE AKERS-JONES CUP TO SAI KUNG, WINNERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SOCCER LEAGUE, AT YUEN LONG STADIUM ON SUNDAY (MAY 24) AT 6 PM.

BEFORE THE CUP PRESENTATION CEREMONY, SAI KUNG WILL PLAY A REPRESENTATIVE TEAM FROM THE OTHER SEVEN NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS IN AN EXHIBITION MATCH STARTING AT 4.30 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE CEREMONY. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 3 PM AND RETURN AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SAILING BOAT LAUNCHING CEREMONY

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SHUI-JEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT A SAILING BOAT LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION'S PAK SHA WAN SEA ACTIVITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY (MAY 24) AT 11 AM.

THE SEA ACTIVITY TRAINING COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION, EAST KOWLOON REGION, FOR 1981/82 WILL ALSO BE INAUGURATED.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE CEREMONY. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER FOR SAI KUNG AT 9.45 AM. MR DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST.

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PLAN TO CLOSE PARTS OF WYLIE PATH  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CLOSE PARTS OF WYLIE PATH AND THE FOOTWAY FROM WYLIE PATH AS FROM DECEMBER 27.

THE PROPOSED CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WYLIE COURT, 15 WYLIE PATH, ON A JOINT VENTURE BASIS.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE MADE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IN WRITING BEFORE JUNE 22 AND CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE JULY 22.

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TREES PLANTED AT KWAI CHUNG  
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A TOTAL OF 70 ASSORTED EVERGREEN TREES, INCLUDING BAUHINIA BLACKKEANA AND ACACIA, WERE PLANTED ALONG KWAI CHUNG ROAD TODAY (FRIDAY) TO MARK THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY.

AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF PLANTING AND CARING FOR TREES, THE OCCASION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIATING AT THE TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY, MR HO TZE-PING, CHAIRMAN OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE, APPEALED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT GREENER.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE EVENT WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE NTSD (SOUTH REGION), MR JAMES WILSON, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER, KWAI CHUNG, MR FAN PUI-LAM, AND MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

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PRIVATE CARS RISE TO 198 000  
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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS IN HONG KONG ROSE TO MORE THAN 198 000 AT THE END OF APRIL, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THIS IS AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 25 300 OR 14.6 PERCENT OVER THE PAST YEAR AND COMPARES WITH A RISE OF ABOUT 24 300 DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING APRIL, 1980.

+SOME 2 146 NEW CARS WERE REGISTERED DURING APRIL WHILE THE NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS WHICH LAPSED TOTALLED 816,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THIS GIVES A NET INCREASE OF 1 330 PRIVATE CARS AND BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER TO 198 102,+ HE SAID.

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