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HONG KONG'S TIES WITH MACAU STRESSED BY SIR MURRAY  
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MACAU AND HONG KONG HAD MUCH IN COMMON AND WERE ESSENTIALLY CHINESE CITIES AND DEPENDED ON CHINA IN MANY SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WAYS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID IN MACAU TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU, REAR-ADMIRAL VASCO DE ALMEIDA E COSTA, SIR MURRAY SAID THE TWO TERRITORIES ALSO DEPENDED FOR THEIR PROSPERITY ON INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS, OR PROVISION OF SERVICES OF ALL SORTS, WHICH WERE OVERSEAS-ORIENTED AND WORLD-WIDE IN THEIR SCOPE.

+IN PLANNING OUR FUTURE ACCOUNT MUST BE TAKEN OF BOTH THESE TWO ELEMENTS ON WHICH OUR PROSPERITY AND OUR VERY EXISTENCE DEPEND,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU AND SAID THIS REFLECTED THE STRONG AFFECTION AND AFFILIATION HONG KONG FELT FOR MACAU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH:

+YOUR EXCELLENCY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

+MY WIFE AND I WERE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S VERY KIND INVITATION TO MAKE THIS FAREWELL VISIT TO MACAU. I AM PARTICULARLY GLAD THAT IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE FOR SIR S Y CHUNG, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND MR ROGER LOBO, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, TO ACCOMPANY ME. THEIR PRESENCE EMPHASISES THE GOOD RELATIONS THAT CONTINUE BETWEEN MACAU AND HONG KONG.

+RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO TERRITORIES ARE INDEED CLOSE. QUITE RIGHTLY THERE HAS BEEN REGULAR PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNORS AND THESE HAVE BEEN OF PARTICULAR VALUE AND PLEASURE TO ME. THIS SITUATION REFLECTS THE STRONG AFFECTION AND AFFILIATION HONG KONG PEOPLE FEEL FOR MACAU, FORGED OVER A CENTURY AND A HALF, AND WHICH HAS DEVELOPED AS THE TWO ECONOMIES HAVE GROWN AND PROSPERED.

+MACAU, LIKE HONG KONG, HAS KNOWN RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE LAST 10 YEARS. I BELIEVE YOUR REVENUE HAS INCREASED 7-FOLD AND YOUR TRADE BETWEEN 8- AND 9-FOLD. I HAVE NOTED THE GOOD USE TO WHICH THIS PROSPERITY HAS BEEN PUT AND CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE FAR SIGHTED POLICIES THAT HAVE BEEN USED TO ATTACK THE BASIC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF MACAU - WHICH ARE SO SIMILAR TO THOSE OF HONG KONG.

/+MACAU AND .....

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+MACAU AND HONG KONG HAVE MUCH IN COMMON: THEY ARE ESSENTIALLY CHINESE CITIES. THEY DEPEND ON CHINA IN MANY SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WAYS. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND THEY ALSO DEPEND FOR THEIR PROSPERITY ON INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS, OR PROVISION OF SERVICES OF ALL SORTS, WHICH ARE OVERSEAS-ORIENTED AND ARE WORLD-WIDE IN THEIR SCOPE. IN PLANNING OUR FUTURE ACCOUNT MUST BE TAKEN OF BOTH THESE TWO ELEMENTS ON WHICH OUR PROSPERITY AND OUR VERY EXISTENCE DEPEND.

+SINCE THE REVOLUTION IN CHINA HONG KONG HAS TENDED TO LOOK TO TRADING PARTNERS IN AMERICA, WESTERN EUROPE AND THE PACIFIC RIM, BUT WITH THE MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES IN CHINA AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE CREATION OF THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AT SHENZHEN, HONG KONG MUST ALSO INCREASINGLY LOOK NORTH TO GUANGDONG AND BEYOND.

+I AM PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS OF MUTUAL COOPERATION THAT HAS DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS BETWEEN THE AGENCIES OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND OUR BUSINESSMEN. THERE HAS BEEN MUCH INVESTMENT BY THESE AGENCIES IN HONG KONG AND MUCH HONG KONG INVESTMENT NOT ONLY IN SHENZHEN, BUT IN OTHER MAJOR CITIES.

+I AM SURE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE THE SUCCESS OF THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES AND DEEPEN ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH CHINA.

+YOUR EXCELLENCY, I AM SORRY TO BID FAREWELL TO YOU AND MACAU. I THANK YOU FOR THE COOPERATION OF MACAU EXTENDED OVER MY PERIOD AS GOVERNOR, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR OWN KIND HOSPITALITY TODAY AND WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR HIGH OFFICE. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOUR HEALTH AND THE FUTURE OF MACAU.+

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FOR BETTER SERVICE

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THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT HAS REVISED ITS WORKING HOURS AND HAS ALSO INTRODUCED STAGGERED LUNCH BREAKS SO THAT ITS SERVICES REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES DURING OFFICE HOURS.

THE NEW WORKING HOURS ARE FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM BETWEEN MONDAY AND FRIDAY, AND 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAY.

THE CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS BEGAN FROM MARCH 1 AND WILL BE CARRIED ON FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS.

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SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT RATES TO GO UP FROM JUNE  
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PAYMENT RATES FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEED ALLOWANCES WILL BE RAISED BY ABOUT 29 PER CENT FROM JUNE 1 THIS YEAR, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

AT THE SAME TIME, THE LIMIT OF DISREGARDED EARNINGS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR WORK AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING ASSISTANCE WILL BE INCREASED BY ABOUT 70 PER CENT.

IN LINE WITH THESE IMPROVEMENTS, THE SAVINGS LIMIT UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME WILL GO UP BY ABOUT 29 PER CENT TO RECOGNISE THE INCREASE IN PRICES SINCE THE LAST REVISION IN SEPTEMBER, 1980.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE BASIC SCALE RATES OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WERE KEPT UNDER REGULAR REVIEW AND THAT THE PRESENT REVISION WAS DESIGNED TO RESTORE THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE BASIC SCALE.

+THIS WILL BE THE EIGHTH INCREASE IN PAYMENT RATES SINCE THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG IN 1971,+ HE SAID. +THE LAST INCREASE WAS MADE IN JULY LAST YEAR WHEN THE BASIC SCALE RATES WERE IMPROVED BY 25 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS.+

FOR A FULL YEAR, THE INCREASE IS EXPECTED TO COST AN ADDITIONAL \$78 MILLION FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, \$39.7 MILLION FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCE AND \$103.4 MILLION FOR OLD AGE ALLOWANCE.

THE NEW PAYMENT RATES PER MONTH ARE AS FOLLOWS :

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

	<u>NEW RATE</u>	<u>EXISTING RATE</u>
FOR A SINGLE PERSON OF HIS OWN	\$450	(\$350)
FOR A FAMILY :		
FIRST TO THIRD ELIGIBLE MEMBER	\$325	(\$250)
FOURTH TO SIXTH ELIGIBLE MEMBER	\$280	(\$215)
SEVENTH AND ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE MEMBER THEREAFTER	\$215	(\$165)
OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT (FOR ANY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT AGED 60 AND ABOVE)	\$225	(\$175)

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DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT (FOR ANY PARTIALLY DISABLED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT)	\$225	(\$175)
LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT PER YEAR (FOR THOSE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR 12 MONTHS OR MORE)		
(A) SINGLETON	\$570	(\$440)
(B) FAMILY	\$1 140	(\$880)

SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

OLD AGE ALLOWANCE	\$225	(\$175)
DISABILITY ALLOWANCE	\$450	(\$350)

REFERRING TO DISREGARDED EARNINGS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FROM APRIL 1978, TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE TO WORK, PART OF THE EARNINGS OF THOSE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WHO WERE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING ASSISTANCE WAS DISREGARDED.

AT PRESENT, THE FIRST \$50 AND 50 PER CENT OF THE NEXT \$200 OF EARNINGS ARE DISREGARDED, THUS ALLOWING A MAXIMUM DISREGARDED INCOME OF \$150 PER MONTH.

+NEARLY FOUR YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE INCENTIVE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED AND IT IS NOW CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO REVISE THE LIMIT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE LIMIT IS TO BE RAISED BY 70 PER CENT. THIS MEANS THAT THE FIRST \$85 AND 50 PER CENT OF THE NEXT \$340 WILL BE DISREGARDED, THUS ALLOWING MAXIMUM DISREGARDED EARNINGS OF \$255 AS AGAINST THE PRESENT MAXIMUM OF \$150 PER MONTH.

TURNING TO THE SAVINGS LIMIT UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WOULD BE INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT \$4 500 TO \$5 700 FOR A SINGLE PERSON, AND FROM \$3 000 TO \$3 800 FOR A PERSON IN A FAMILY.

CITING AN EXAMPLE OF HCW NEEDY PEOPLE WERE ASSISTED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EXISTING RATES, AN ELIGIBLE FAMILY OF FOUR WOULD RECEIVE \$965 A MONTH. WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW RATES, IT WOULD RECEIVE \$1 255 A MONTH. INCLUDING RENT, SUPPLEMENTS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL EXPENSES WHICH ARE PROVIDED SEPARATELY, A FOUR-MEMBER HOUSEHOLD ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CAN RECEIVE AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT \$1 670 PER MONTH.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT NOW HANDLES ABOUT 46 000 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 172 000 OLD AGE ALLOWANCE CASES AND 31 000 DISABILITY ALLOWANCE CASES.

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## TRANSPORT DOCUMENTATION COMPUTERISED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLE DOCUMENTATION AND LICENSING OPERATIONS BECAME FULLY COMPUTERISED THIS (MONDAY) MORNING WITH THE INAUGURATION OF THE FINAL STAGE OF THE VEHICLE AND LICENSING INTEGRATED DATA (VALID) SYSTEM.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE SYSTEM, ALL VEHICLE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS AND OTHER LICENCES WILL BE PRODUCED BY COMPUTER, INCLUDING HIRE CAR PERMITS AND TEMPORARY DRIVING LICENCES.

SWITCHING ON THE LAST PHASE OF VALID IN THE MURRAY ROAD LICENSING OFFICE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S THREE LICENSING OFFICES WOULD SHARE A SINGLE COMPUTER MASTER FILE CONTAINING FULL INFORMATION CONCERNING DRIVERS AND THEIR VEHICLES, THUS ELIMINATING THE NEED OF CROSS CHECKING.

SINCE THE VALID II SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED IN JUNE 1980 THERE HAD BEEN A 30 PER CENT INCREASE IN TRANSACTIONS CONCERNING VEHICLE AND DRIVING LICENCES AND A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS ADDED, TO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE. THIS HAD BEEN DONE WITH MINIMAL INCREASE IN STAFF RESOURCES, BECAUSE OF THE USE OF THE COMPUTER.

MEANWHILE THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE LICENSING OFFICE AT MURRAY ROAD, MR SIMON SIT, SAID VALID WOULD ALSO MINIMISE HUMAN ERRORS IN TRANSCRIPTION AND DETER FORGERIES AND OTHER UNAUTHORIZED ALTERATION OF VEHICLE PARTICULARS.

ONE OF THE MAJOR INNOVATIONS IS THE +RANDOMISED+ ALLOCATION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS BY THE COMPUTER INSTEAD OF MANUALLY AS AT PRESENT. LUCKY NUMBERS, HOWEVER, WOULD STILL BE AUCTIONED AS AT PRESENT.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 57 COMPUTER TERMINALS INSTALLED AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S THREE LICENSING OFFICES - 31 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 22 IN KOWLOON AND FOUR IN KWUN TONG.

OTHER FACILITIES THE COMPUTER SYSTEM CAN PROVIDE ARE:

- \* A BASIC ON-LINE REALTIME SYSTEM TO HANDLE VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING FUNCTIONS;
- \* AUTOMATIC CHECKS ON OUTSTANDING COURT ORDERS DUE TO MOVING OR PARKING OFFENCES DURING VEHICLE RELICENSING OR TRANSFER;
- \* AN ENQUIRY AND UPDATE SYSTEM ON WANTED AND MISSING/STOLEN VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE; AND
- \* ON-LINE RETRIEVAL OF INFORMATION ON ALL VEHICLES CURRENTLY AND PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY ANY PERSON.

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COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION PRAISED

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HONG KONG STUDENTS OWED A GREAT DEAL TO THE COMMUNITY FOR ITS GENEROUS SUPPORT OF EDUCATION, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

ON ITS PART, THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONTINUALLY EXAMINING NEW WAYS OF IMPROVING EDUCATION, WHICH WAS ONE OF ITS LARGEST FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS, MR BRAY TOLD THE GATHERING AT THE 13TH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE JU CHING CHU ENGLISH COLLEGE, AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL THIS AFTERNOON.

MR BRAY SAID THE GOVERNMENT ALSO GAVE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS WISHING TO PURSUE THEIR STUDIES ABROAD AND HAD STARTED A LOAN SCHEME TO ASSIST UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN BRITAIN.

HE NOTED THAT THE COLLEGE HAD EXPANDED RAPIDLY IN THE 16 YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE WITH THE OPENING OF THREE ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING SOME 6 000 STUDENTS IN VARIOUS NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS, AND SAID HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH COULD NOT BE SUSTAINED WITHOUT AN INFLOW OF TECHNOLOGY WHICH COULD ONLY BE EXPLOITED BY TRAINED AND EDUCATED MEN AND WOMEN.

+I HOPE THAT YOU, THE STUDENTS, WHO WERE BORN AND EDUCATED HERE WILL DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE PLACE THAT BROUGHT YOU UP AND WILL USE YOUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND SKILLS TO PROMOTE THE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG,+ MR BRAY SAID.

HE WAS GLAD TO LEARN, HE ADDED, THAT THE SCHOOL AIMED TO INCULCATE THE SAME OBJECTIVES IN STUDENTS IN THEIR DAILY SCHOOL LIFE.

HE SAID ALSO THAT IT WAS UP TO THE STUDENTS TO DO MORE TO MAKE HONG KONG A CITY TO BE PROUD OF.

MR BRAY NOTED ALSO THAT THE COLLEGE WAS FOUNDED 16 YEARS AGO BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HEADED BY MR DEACON CHIU, WHO WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS KEEN INTEREST IN THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION, AND CONGRATULATED THE GRADUATES RECEIVING THEIR CERTIFICATES, AND THE STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

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NEW STOCK EXCHANGE WILL BE WORLD LANDMARK, BREMRIDGE SAYS  
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HONG KONG'S NEW STOCK EXCHANGE WILL BE A WORLD LANDMARK -- A FITTING PHYSICAL CENTRE FOR OUR INVISIBLE EARNINGS, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE KAM NGAN STOCK EXCHANGE AT THE FURAMA HOTEL THIS EVENING, MR BREMRIDGE SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW STOCK EXCHANGE WAS ON SCHEDULE AND THE DEVELOPERS WERE GOING WELL BEYOND THE SPECIFICATIONS LAID DOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT -- AS WAS CHARACTERISTIC.

+THEIR MASTER PLAN HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. THEIR MODEL OF THE WAY THE SITE WILL BE DEVELOPED SHOWS THAT THE IMAGINATION OF THEIR ARCHITECTS IS IN TUNE WITH HONG KONG'S NEED AND OPPORTUNITY,+ MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

MR BREMRIDGE URGED THAT THE PACE OF DEVELOPMENT BE MAINTAINED.

+THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE IN THE TECHNICAL BACKGROUND OF DEVELOPING THIS NEW EXCHANGE.

+WE HAVE A CHANCE SELDOM GIVEN TO MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRES TO DEVELOP AFRESH IN THIS WAY,+ HE SAID.

WORK THIS YEAR ON THE EXCHANGE WOULD BE CRUCIAL IF THE TIMETABLE WAS TO BE MET AND THE CENTRE WAS TO BE WORTHY OF THE OPPORTUNITY GIVEN.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ALSO SAID HE HOPED THAT THE STOCK MARKET AND THE WIDER BASE OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS WOULD ACCEPT THAT THE MEASURES HE INTRODUCED IN THE BUDGET WERE DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN GROWTH AND GENERAL PROSPERITY.

+THE MEASURES PROPOSED SHOULD WORK THROUGH THE ECONOMY IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR TO GIVE THE RIGHT SORT OF STIMULUS IN THE RIGHT SORT OF PLACES TO ACHIEVE AIMS WHICH I AM SURE ARE HELD IN COMMON BY THE GOVERNMENT, BY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AND BY YOUR EXCHANGE,+ HE SAID.

MR BREMRIDGE STRESSED THAT THE MAIN STRATEGIC AIM WAS TO PROMOTE HONG KONG +AS AN ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.+

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JANUARY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) RELEASED STATISTICS FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY FOR JANUARY 1982, CONDUCTED ON A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES (CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979) AS WELL AS OF THE 43 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, BUT SHOULD GIVE USEFUL INDICATIONS OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT RUN, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

EMPLOYMENT DROPPED SLIGHTLY IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED ON ACCOUNT OF LABOUR TURNOVER AFTER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS. PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF BONUSES AND DOUBLE PAY IN A NUMBER OF FACTORIES AT THE END OF THE CHINESE CALENDAR YEAR.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ALSO INCREASED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES SECTORS BECAUSE OF THESE YEAR-END AWARDS.

THE OVERALL VOLUME OF ORDERS HELD BY THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REMAINED STABLE IN JANUARY 1982 AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH. THE FEWER ORDERS HELD BY THE WEARING APPAREL AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES WERE OFFSET BY MORE ORDERS HELD BY THE TEXTILES, PLASTICS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT, PER CAPITA EARNINGS AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1982 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 3-7221914).

A. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICE	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED			PER CAPITA EARNINGS			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR
	NOV 1981	DEC 1981	JAN 1982	NOV 1981	DEC 1981	JAN 1982	JAN 1982 (HK\$)
	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)						
MANUFACTURING	-1	-1	-1	-2	14	35	2 934
FOOD AND DRINKS	-3	*	-1	-4	8	40	3 843

/WEARING APPAREL, .....

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WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-1	*	*	1	14	19	2 332
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	*	-1	-4	15	46	3 112
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	-4	-1	-5	26	22	2 583
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-1	-1	*	9	42	2 639
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-1	-1	-2	-1	9	55	2 953
OTHERS	-1	*	-2	-2	15	26	3 813
CONSTRUCTION	1	*	-1	4	4	36	4 211
<u>SERVICES</u>	1	*	*	-2	25	34	5 553
BANKS	1	1	*	*	57	8	5 070
HOTELS	*	*	-2	*	65	43	4 715
PUBLIC UTILITIES	1	*	*	-5	9	49	5 405
OTHERS	*	*	*	-2	10	44	7 534

B. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			<u>ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR JAN 1982</u>
	<u>NOV 1981</u>	<u>DEC 1981</u>	<u>JAN 1982</u>	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-2	-2	-2	4.6
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	-4	*	5	2.3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	*	3	6	3.5
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	3	-3	-3	3.1
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	*	2	4.8
OTHERS	-3	*	*	3.6
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	*	-2	*	4.0

\* CHANGE OF LESS THAN 0.5%

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TANNERY OPERATORS GIVEN LICENCES TO OPERATE AT NEW SITE

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TWENTY-ONE TANNERIES WHICH FORMERLY OPERATED FROM TIN SHEDS IN SHEUNG SHUI WERE TODAY GIVEN LICENCES TO CARRY ON THEIR BUSINESS IN TWO INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AT KWAI CHUNG.

THE OPERATORS HAVE NOW ERECTED THEIR OWN WASTE TREATMENT PLANTS IN THE WING LOI AND WING SHING INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AT GIN DRINKER'S BAY.

UNDER THE OFFENSIVE TRADE REGULATIONS, CERTAIN HEALTH REQUIREMENTS ARE IMPOSED ON TANNERY OPERATORS TO MINIMISE THE NUISANCES AND OFFENSIVENESS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRADE.

WITH THE PROPER WASTE WATER TREATMENT DEVICES INSTALLED THE OPERATORS ARE NOW ABLE TO CARRY ON THEIR BUSINESS WITHOUT DISCHARGING LARGE QUANTITIES OF TRADE EFFLUENTS INTO THEIR SURROUNDING AREAS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

HE SAID TO DATE, 28 APPLICATIONS FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND OF THEM, FIVE HAVE WITHDRAWN AS A RESULT OF WINDING UP OF BUSINESS OR CHANGING TO OTHER TRADES.

LICENCE WILL BE GRANTED TO ONE OF THE REMAINING APPLICANTS AS SOON AS HE COMPLIES WITH THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE WARNED THAT ANYONE WHO WISHED TO RUN A TANNERY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES MUST GET A LICENCE FOR OFFENCE TRADES BEFORE PUTTING HIS PLANT INTO OPERATION OR HE WOULD END UP IN COURT.

THE PURPOSE OF LICENSING OFFENSIVE TRADES IS AIMED AT BRINGING THE FACTORIES UNDER PROPER CONTROL AS IT IS NOT UNCOMMON THAT THE TRADE WOULD LEAD TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THIS INCLUDES DUST AND FLY NUISANCE, FOUL SMELL AND POLLUTION OF SEWERS STREAM AND COASTAL WATER.

APPLICATION FORMS OR INFORMATION ON THE TRADE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LICENSING OFFICE OF NTSD AT GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 136-138 AUSTIN ROAD, 7TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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TSUEN WAN HEALTH WEEK BEGINS

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TEN NURSES FROM YAN CHAI HOSPITAL TODAY (MONDAY) BEGAN A WEEK-LONG VISIT TO FIVE FACTORIES AND FOUR SCHOOLS IN TSUEN WAN TO CARRY OUT HEALTH TESTS ON WORKERS AND STUDENTS.

THE PROGRAMME OF VISITS IS THE MAIN FEATURE OF A TSUEN WAN HEALTH WEEK TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD HEALTH.

THE NURSES WILL CARRY OUT BLOOD AND URINE TESTS, AND CHECK BLOOD PRESSURE.

EACH TEST TAKES ONLY A FEW MINUTES.

FACTORY WORKERS OR STUDENTS FOUND IN NEED OF FURTHER TESTS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE HOSPITAL.

A SPECIAL TESTING CENTRE WILL ALSO BE SET UP AT PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE ON FRIDAY (MARCH 19) SO THAT RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT CAN MAKE USE OF THE FREE SERVICE.

THE HEALTH WEEK IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, YAN CHAI HOSPITAL AND THE TSUEN WAN CULTURAL INTEREST PROMOTION COMMITTEE, WITH THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD CONTRIBUTING \$10 000 TO SPONSOR THE EVENT.

THE PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES HEALTH TALKS TO BE GIVEN BY STAFF OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT CHAN NAM CHEONG MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN KWAI CHUNG ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 17) AND THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY (MARCH 19).

IN ADDITION, TWO ESSAY COMPETITIONS ARE BEING HELD FOR THE DISTRICT'S SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, ON THE THEMES +HOW A HEALTHY MAN GAINS HIS SUCCESS IN BUSINESS+ AND +HOW SMOKING IS BAD FOR HEALTH.+

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 40.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 231.158 MILLION CUBIC METRES, EQUIVALENT TO 194 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 251.738 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 43.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WORKSHOPS ON LISTENING COMPREHENSION  
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TWO WORKSHOPS ON THE TEACHING OF LISTENING COMPREHENSION WILL BE HELD FROM APRIL 20 TO MAY 1 FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

CONTENTS OF THE WORKSHOPS WILL INCLUDE SHORT TALKS AND DEMONSTRATION OF VARIOUS LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXERCISES. PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO DESIGN A LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXERCISE SUITABLE FOR USE IN THEIR OWN CLASSES.

THE WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND WILL EACH CONSIST OF THREE MEETINGS.

A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE AWARDED TO TEACHERS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A WORKSHOP.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO SEND IN A LIST OF TEACHERS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOPS BEFORE APRIL 2 TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

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DEEP WATER BAY ROAD TRAFFIC  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT TRAFFIC USING THE SECTION OF DEEP WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN NAM FUNG ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO HOUSE NO. 8 WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 17).

ANOTHER SECTION OF DEEP WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROUNDABOUT AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO HOUSE NO. 5 WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES IN THE AREA.

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