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NT CIRCULAR ROAD CONTRACTS SIGNED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AWARDED TWO CONTRACTS TOTALLING MORE THAN \$100 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SECTIONS OF THE FUTURE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD.

ONE OF THE CONTRACTS, WORTH MORE THAN \$65 MILLION, WAS WON BY KUMAGAI GUMI LTD. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE ON TAI PO ROAD AND THE OTHER, VALUED AT JUST OVER \$40 MILLION, WAS AWARDED TO TOBISHIMA CORPORATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND AU TAU.

MR TOM ARMOUR, CHIEF ENGINEER, HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION, OF THE PWD'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SIGNED BOTH CONTRACTS FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

MR ARMOUR SAID THE TWO PROJECTS FORMED PART OF THE FUTURE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1984 AT A COST OF ABOUT \$2 500 MILLION.

WORK ON THE WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE, DESIGNED BY THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGE WHICH WILL HAVE TWO BRIDGES, VARIOUS APPROACH ROADS AND SLIP ROADS AS WELL AS A BRIDGE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS. FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS WILL ALSO BE BUILT ON EITHER SIDE OF THE INTERCHANGE.

ALTHOUGH THE WHOLE INTERCHANGE PROJECT WOULD NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL 1983, MR ARMOUR SAID, THE BRIDGE WHICH WOULD SEPARATE TRAFFIC FLOW FROM THE RAILWAY WOULD BE FINISHED NEXT YEAR, THUS ELIMINATING THE EXISTING LEVEL CROSSING IN TAI PO ROAD IN TIME FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

REFERRING TO THE OTHER CONTRACT, WHICH WAS AWARDED TO TOBISHIMA CORPORATION, HE SAID THE ROAD TO BE BUILT BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND AU TAU MEASURED ABOUT 1 600 METRES.

THE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY, SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION LATE NEXT YEAR, WILL RUN FROM THE EXISTING EASTERN ROUNDABOUT IN YUEN LONG TO THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KAM TIN ROAD AT AU TAU.

MR ARMOUR SAID THAT CYCLE TRACK AND FOOTPATHS WOULD BE BUILT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD WITH PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS SEPARATED FROM VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BY CRASH BARRIERS AND A LANDSCAPED ROADSIDE VERGE.

SAFE CROSSING OF THE ROAD WILL BE PROVIDED BY THREE STRATEGICALLY PLACED FOOTBRIDGES AND SUBWAYS UNDER A NEW ROUNDABOUT AT AU TAU.

+RAMPS IN ADDITION TO STEPS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL FOOTBRIDGES AND SUBWAYS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THESE TWO ALTERNATIVES SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO PEOPLE VISITING POK OI HOSPITAL WHICH IS SERVED BY ONE OF THE FOOTBRIDGES,+ SAID MR ARMOUR.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, PWD.

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BIG BOOST FOR CHILD CARE

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS SET ASIDE MORE THAN \$37.8 MILLION FOR SUBSIDISING AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CHILD CARE PLACES IN 1981-82.

THIS IS NEARLY \$6 MILLION MORE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND 3 700 TIMES MORE THAN THE \$10 000 PROVIDED IN 1957.

MR LAU KAI-CHUEN, HEAD OF THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE NEED TO INCREASE THE SERVICE AND HAD PROVIDED 1 875 MORE SUBVENTED NURSERY PLACES FOR WORKING PARENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH LOW-INCOMES.

+THESE NEW PLACES WILL INVOLVE A TOTAL ANNUAL RECURRENT SUBVENTION OF \$4.1 MILLION, WITH CAPITAL COSTS TO BE MET BY LOTTERIES FUND GRANTS IN MOST CASES,+ HE SAID.

THEY WILL BOOST THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBVENTED CHILD CARE PLACES TO 13 556, HE ADDED.

PLANS ARE ALSO IN HAND TO EXTEND TWO RESIDENTIAL CENTRES RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE AN EXTRA 74 SUBVENTED PLACES FOR CHILDREN AGED UP TO SIX YEARS.

MR LAU SAID ABOUT \$24.6 MILLION WOULD BE SPENT ON SUBSIDISING 10 093 EXISTING PLACES IN 91 DAY NURSERIES IN 1981-82, \$3.2 MILLION ON 913 PLACES IN 19 DAY CRENCHEs AND \$5.1 MILLION ON 384 PLACES IN FOUR RESIDENTIAL CENTRES.

HE SAID THE MONTHLY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY FOR EACH CHILD IN A DAY NURSERY HAD GONE UP TO \$194, COMPARED WITH THE \$10 IN 1967.

AT PRESENT, ABOUT 17 250 CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING PROPER CARE IN 208 REGISTERED CHILD CARE CENTRES, INCLUDING 82 PRIVATELY RUN AND SIX NON-PROFIT MAKING SELF-SUPPORTING CENTRES.

+ALL REGISTERED CHILD CARE CENTRES ARE REGULARLY VISITED BY OUR INSPECTORATE STAFF TO ENSURE THEIR STANDARDS OF SERVICE ARE ADEQUATE AND OF BENEFIT TO CHILDREN UNDER CARE,+ HE SAID.

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HONG KONG INDUSTRIES IN 1978

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THE JANUARY 1981 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS - NOW ON SALE - CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ENTITLED +HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES IN 1978+.

THE ARTICLE PRESENTS SOME OF THE SALIENT FINDINGS OBTAINED FROM THE 1978 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BETWEEN 1979 AND 1980 ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

THE 1978 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS THE SECOND BENCHMARK ECONOMIC CENSUS OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG SINCE 1973. IT COVERED THE ACTIVITIES OF MINING AND QUARRYING, MANUFACTURING, AND THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER.

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THE MAIN TOPICS SURVEYED INCLUDE: TYPE OF OWNERSHIP- NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED- MAN-HOURS WORKED- LABOUR COST- PURCHASES OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, FUEL, ELECTRICITY AND WATER, AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES- OPERATING EXPENSES- SALES AND WORK DONE- OTHER BUSINESS RECEIPTS- STOCKS- CAPITAL EXPENDITURE- DEPRECIATION AND BOOK VALUE OF FIXED ASSETS- AND EFFECTIVE FLOOR AREA OF FACTORY PREMISES.

SUCH INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR ESTIMATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF INDUSTRIES TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, FOR ANALYSING INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE, FOR POLICY FORMULATION BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE BUSINESS, AND FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH.

THE ARTICLE ALSO CONTAINS A NUMBER OF TABLES ANALYSING THE PRINCIPAL STATISTICS ACCORDING TO THE AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT, INDUSTRY GROUP, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, CENSUS DISTRICT, TYPE OF PREMISES, EFFECTIVE FLOOR AREA, VALUE OF GROSS OUTPUT AND CENSUS VALUE ADDED OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS. IT ALSO COMPARES THE RESULTS OF THE 1978 SURVEY WITH THOSE OBTAINED FROM PREVIOUS INDUSTRIAL CENSUSES.

THE DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS ON SALE AT \$14 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, HONG KONG. ENQUIRIES ON RESULTS OF THE 1978 SURVEY MAY BE MADE WITH THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 5-274203).

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ANOTHER SECTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD TO BE WIDENED

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ANOTHER SECTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD FROM THE WEST ENTRANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TO POKFIELD ROAD BUS TERMINUS IS TO BE WIDENED SHORTLY.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE SECTION MEASURES ABOUT 620 METRES. IT FORMS PART OF THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME TO WIDEN THE WHOLE LENGTH OF POK FU LAM ROAD TO A FOUR-LANE CARRIAGEWAY.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE HIGHWAYS (HONG KONG) DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DESIGNED THE WORK AND WILL SUPERVISE ITS CONSTRUCTION.

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BARBADOS INDUSTRIAL MISSION ARRIVES TOMORROW
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AN OFFICIAL MISSION FROM BARBADOS WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (THURSDAY) ON A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO STUDY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT HERE.

THE MISSION OF 17 SENIOR COMPANY EXECUTIVES OF VARIOUS INDUSTRIES IN BARBADOS IS LED BY THE HON H.B. ST. JOHN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM. ALSO WITH THE TEAM ARE DR RICHARD CHELTENHAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE BARBADOS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND MR RAWLE CHASE, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BARBADOS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

THEIR PROGRAMME, ARRANGED BY THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, BEGINS WITH A VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT WHERE THE MISSION MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED BY MR PAUL WONG, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE GROUP WILL THEN PROCEED TO THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

MEETINGS ARE ALSO ARRANGED WITH THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CORPORATION.

THE GROUP WILL ALSO VISIT AN ELECTRONICS FACTORY AND THE ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

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RATES FOR SECOND QUARTER
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RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT RATES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1981 MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON APRIL 30.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT LATE PAYMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE AND A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT ON ACCOUNTS STILL OUTSTANDING SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

HE NOTED THAT RATEPAYERS SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER.

ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE SHOULD APPLY FOR A COPY WITH THE RATES SECTION OF THE TREASURY ON 9TH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET.

+NON-RECEIPT OF A DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT RATES MUST BE PAID BY THE DUE DATE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO AVOID QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THAT RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PREMISES BUT REFUNDABLE UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE RATING ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REFUNDS IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES, UNLESS IT IS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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BIGGER COMPENSATION FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND
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THE COMPENSATION RATE FOR OLD SCHEDULED AGRICULTURAL LOTS RESUMED IN NEW KOWLOON OR ON HONG KONG ISLAND HAS BEEN INCREASED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT FROM \$97.90 PER SQ. FT. TO \$113.30 PER SQ. FT., A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE RATE FOR THE URBAN AREA IS PEGGED TO THE RATE FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH IS REVISED EVERY SIX MONTHS.

THE NEW TERRITORIES RATE WAS REVISED RECENTLY TO \$103 PER SQ. FT.

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NT CHAMBER MEMBERS TAKE OFFICE
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NEW TERRITORIES' CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY INCREASES WITH THE MOVEMENT OF POPULATION TO THE NEW TOWNS, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR CHUI WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE NINTH TERM OF THE EXECUTIVE AND SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE, NEW TERRITORIES GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

HE SAID THE POPULATION MOVE TO THE NEW TOWNS, WITH THEIR NEW INDUSTRIES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES, MEANT AN EXPANSION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+IN EXPLOITING THESE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE AND PROFIT, THE WELFARE OF THE WIDER COMMUNITY MUST BE REMEMBERED,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW TERRITORIES GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, FORMED IN 1959 WITH NINE AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS AND CHAMBERS, NOW HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 17.

MR DEACON CHIU, A PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN, IS PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER.

+THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CAN BE VERY SIGNIFICANT, NOT ONLY IN BRINGING MEMBERS TOGETHER TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THEIR BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, BUT IN THE ORDINARY AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN - THE MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, BUILDINGS, SHOPS AND OFFICES, AND IN THE GENERAL EFFORT TO GIVE OUR TOWNS A SAFE, HEALTHY AND HAPPY ENVIRONMENT,+ MR CHUI SAID.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, 48 COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE INAUGURATED FOR A TERM OF TWO-YEAR.

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COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS VISITS NEW REFUGEE CAMP

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR THOMAS GARNER, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED THE NEWLY-OPENED JUBILEE RECEPTION CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN SHAM SHUI PO, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY STAFF OF THE PRISON SERVICE SECONDED TO THE SECURITY BRANCH.

THE CENTRE NOW HOLDS 575 REFUGEES. IT CAME INTO OPERATION LAST WEEK, WITH THE CLOSURE OF THE CANTON ROAD RECEPTION CENTRE. NEWLY-ARRIVED REFUGEES WILL BE PLACED THERE FOR ABOUT SEVEN DAYS FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, IMMIGRATION PROCESSING AND DOCUMENTATION BY THE UNHCR BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO OPEN CAMPS.

MR GARNER WAS MET AT THE CENTRE BY MR RICHARD BROOKS, SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE. HE TOURED THE CENTRE AND SAW THE FACILITIES PROVIDED, INCLUDING THE ACCOMMODATION, SICK BAY AND RECREATION ROOMS.

HE ALSO TALKED TO VOLUNTEERS FROM THE WORLD RELIEF ORGANISATION, WHO HELP WITH RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EDUCATIONAL CLASSES FOR THE REFUGEES.

MORE THAN 80 PRISON OFFICERS HEADED BY MR BROOKS HAVE BEEN SECONDED TO ADMINISTER GOVERNMENT CAMPS FOR REFUGEES. APART FROM THE RECEPTION CENTRE, THE OTHER CAMPS ARE THE ARGYLE STREET CAMP AND THE MA TAU WAI CAMP.

MOST OF THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE COME SINCE 1979, HAVE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, BEEN IN THE CARE OF PRISON OFFICERS.

STAFF OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ARE ALSO STATIONED IN THE CENTRE TO PROCESS THE REFUGEES.

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NICHES AVAILABLE AT KWAI CHUNG COLUMBARIUM

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT PLACING OF ASHES OF DECEASED IN THE COLUMBARIUM OF KWAI CHUNG CREMATORIUM AS FROM APRIL 15.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) A TOTAL OF 3 508 NICHES AT THE KWAI CHUNG COLUMBARIUM WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE CHARGE FOR EACH STANDARD NICHE IN THE KWAI CHUNG COLUMBARIUM, CAPABLE OF HOLDING TWO CINERARY URNS, IS \$1 000. AN ADDITIONAL \$50 WILL BE CHARGED FOR A COMMEMORATIVE TABLE TO BE FIXED ON THE WALL OF THE NICHE.

+NO STANDARD NICHE CAPABLE OF HOLDING FOUR URNS IS AVAILABLE AT KWAI CHUNG COLUMBARIUM AT THIS STAGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE KWAI CHUNG CREMATORIUM, PUT INTO OPERATION 17 MONTHS AGO, IS OPEN TO RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND URBAN AREAS.

WRITTEN APPLICATIONS, WITH DETAILS OF THE DECEASED AND A COPY OF THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (CREMATION), CAN BE MADE TO THE CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA OFFICE OF NTSD AT 6 CHEONG HANG ROAD, HUNG HOM PUBLIC FUNERAL PARLOUR, HUNG HOM.

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CRAFT CONTEST WINNERS TO GET PRIZES AT OPEN DAY
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KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL HOLD ITS OPEN DAY ON FRIDAY (APRIL 3) AND THE PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ANNUAL ENGINEERING CRAFT COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE INSTITUTE AT 25 HIU MING STREET, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON, BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 5 PM AND SEE ITS STUDENTS AT WORK IN THE VARIOUS WORKSHOPS AND LABORATORIES.

THE WINNING DESIGNS OF THE CRAFT COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED IN THE HALL OF THE INSTITUTE.

CURRENTLY THERE ARE 4 240 STUDENTS ATTENDING VARIOUS FULL-TIME, PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE AND EVENING COURSES IN KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHICH ALSO RUNS A VARIETY OF SHORT COURSES FOR CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS IN INDUSTRY.

THERE ARE FIVE TEACHING DEPARTMENTS IN THE INSTITUTE, INCLUDING CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, PRINTING AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

NINE WINNERS OF THE MECHANICAL FITTING SKILLS COMPETITION, THE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CRAFT COMPETITION AND THE MACHINING SKILLS COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE CASH PRIZES RANGING FROM \$1 000 TO \$300 DONATED BY CHEN HSONG MACHINERY CO. LTD.

WINNERS OF THE BASIC ELECTRICAL CRAFT COMPETITION AND THE BASIC MECHANICAL SKILLS COMPETITION WILL ALSO RECEIVE AWARDS.

ALL FINALISTS IN THE FIVE COMPETITIONS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

MR CHIANG CHEN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CHEN HSONG MACHINERY CO. LTD. WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPEN DAY OF KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 25 HIU MING STREET, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON ON FRIDAY BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 5 PM.

THE PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ANNUAL ENGINEERING CRAFT COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM IN THE HALL OF THE INSTITUTE.

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RETIRES
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MR H.H. ROSS, MBE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LICENSING, OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL SOON PROCEED ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE, AFTER MORE THAN 27 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MR ROSS JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1954 AS A REVENUE INSPECTOR CLASS I, AND WAS APPOINTED EXECUTIVE OFFICER CLASS II IN 1956. HE WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH THE RANKS TO BECOME CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

HE SERVED MAINLY IN THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

WHILE WITH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN 1972, HE CO-ORDINATED THE FIRST AND VERY SUCCESSFUL +KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN+ CAMPAIGN. HE WAS AWARDED THE MBE IN 1974.

A FORMER CHIEFTAIN OF THE HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, MR ROSS IS ALSO A VERY KEEN OFFSHORE RACING YACHTSMAN. HE CAPTAINED THE HONG KONG ADMIRAL'S CUP TEAM WHICH FINISHED THIRD OUT OF 19 COUNTRIES IN 1979, BEHIND AUSTRALIA AND THE USA.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW (THURSDAY) THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT, WILL PRESENT A FAREWELL GIFT TO MR ROSS ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT 10 AM TOMORROW (THURSDAY). YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SHORTER RESTRICTED ZONE ON CAUSEWAY ROAD
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WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 3), THE EXISTING RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF CAUSEWAY ROAD WILL BE SHORTENED BY ABOUT EIGHT METRES FROM A POINT 80 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HING FAT STREET TO A POINT 72 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THIS MEASURE IS BEING INTRODUCED TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE SHORTENED RESTRICTED ZONE, WHERE ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS, WILL BE INDICATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS.

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