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FIRST STAGE OF ELECTRIFIED RAILWAY STARTS  
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SPED INTO A NEW ERA TODAY WITH THE OPENING OF ITS STAGE I ELECTRIFIED INNER SUBURBAN SERVICE BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN.

THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE UNVEILED PLAQUES AT KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AND AT THE NEW SHA TIN STATION TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION.

SIR PHILIP SAID HE HAD FOLLOWED THE PROGRESS OF THIS VERY LARGE PROJECT WITH +KEEN INTEREST+ AND PAID TRIBUTE TO THE RAILWAY STAFF.

+TO BUILD A COMPLETELY NEW RAILWAY ON THE EXISTING ALIGNMENT WHILE MAINTAINING EXISTING SERVICES IS A CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT,+ HE SAID.

+THE STAFF OF THE RAILWAY HAVE DONE EXTREMELY WELL UNDER SUCH DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES; AND I AM SURE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MANIFEST ENTHUSIASM AND SKILL AS THE RAILWAY UNDERGOES THE TRANSFORMATION FROM A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT TO A STATUTORY CORPORATION AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.+

SIR PHILIP SAID THAT THE SAFE AND SPEEDY TRANSPORT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PASSENGERS IS THE MAIN AIM OF THE MODERNISATION PROGRAMME, AND ON COMPLETION, THE NEW RAILWAY WILL BE CAPABLE OF CARRYING A MAXIMUM OF 500 000 PASSENGERS A DAY -- 10 TIMES THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING RAILWAY.

HE SAID THAT, HISTORICALLY, THE KCR WAS CONCEIVED TO PROMOTE TRADE WITH CHINA AND TO LINK HONG KONG INTO CHINA'S RAILWAY SYSTEM.

+IT HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA AND CHINA'S TRADE WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD,+ HE ADDED.

+IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE RAILWAY SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND TO PROVIDE PASSENGER AND FREIGHT FACILITIES IN KEEPING WITH THE EXPANSION OF HONG KONG'S VITAL ECONOMIC LINKS WITH CHINA.

+IN THIS CONNECTION, I SHOULD RECORD HERE HOW MUCH THE GOVERNMENT VALUES THE EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT UP BETWEEN THE RAILWAY AUTHORITIES OF CHINA AND HONG KONG. LONG MAY THIS CONTINUE,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR A.J. SCOTT, ALSO PAID WARM TRIBUTE TO ALL INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION, AND THE OPERATION OF THIS EXCITING PROJECT.

/+PERHAPS ONLY .....

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+PERHAPS ONLY IN HONG KONG WOULD A GOVERNMENT HAVE EMBARKED UPON A CONTINUOUS BUILDING SITE OF 34 KILOMETRES LONG, KEEPING A RAILWAY GOING ON IT MEANWHILE, AND COMPLETING IT ON TIME,+ HE SAID.

NOTING THAT IT WAS A VERY SIGNIFICANT DAY FOR ALL INVOLVED IN THE NEW RAILWAY, MR SCOTT SAID: +NOT ONLY IS IT IN ITSELF A VERY LARGE PROJECT BUT IT ALSO FORMS PART OF THE OVERALL TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF HONG KONG.+

+THE CHARM OF THE LARGELY RURAL RAILWAY WHICH SERVED THE NEW TERRITORIES SO WELL MUST NOW GIVE PLACE TO A MODERN, SOPHISTICATED, HIGH-SPEED SUBURBAN RAILWAY, THE BACKBONE OF TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AND CHINA.

+TODAY SEES THE OPENING OF THE FIRST PART OF THE PROJECT. THE REMAINDER BETWEEN SHA TIN AND LO WU WILL BE COMPLETED AROUND THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR,+ MR SCOTT SAID.

SIR PHILIP AND A PARTY OF GUESTS AND THE PRESS THEN BOARDED A NEW ELECTRIC TRAIN FOR SHA TIN.

THE TRAIN DROVE THROUGH A RIBBON WHEN LEAVING KOWLOON STATION AND BROKE THROUGH ANOTHER RIBBON ON ENTERING THE SHA TIN STATION PLATFORM, WHERE SIR PHILIP UNVEILED ANOTHER PLAQUE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

SIR PHILIP DESCRIBED THE 12-MINUTE JOURNEY FROM HUNG HOM TO SHA TIN AS +FAULTLESS, SPEEDY AND COMFORTABLE+.

+IT IS AN AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING FOR THIS NEW RAILWAY WHICH IS SUCH A WORTHY AND TECHNICALLY ADVANCED SUCCESSOR TO THE OLD KCR WHICH HAS EARNED SUCH A PLACE IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA,+ HE SAID.

LATER, THE PARTY RETURNED BY THE TRAIN TO KOWLOON AND ATTENDED A RECEPTION AT KOWLOON STATION, WHERE A COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME WAS DISPLAYED.

THE GUESTS ALSO SAW A SMALL DISPLAY OF VARIOUS KCR PUBLICITY MATERIALS, INCLUDING A CHART SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME ALONG THE ENTIRE RAILWAY FROM HUNG HOM TO LO WU.

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DEPARTURE OF HE THE GOVERNOR,  
SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE  
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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND LADY MACLEHOSE WILL LEAVE HONG KONG BY AIR ON THE EVENING OF MAY 8 ON BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT BA20. THE GOVERNOR WILL LEAVE GOVERNMENT HOUSE BY CAR AT 7.25 PM AND PROCEED TO EDINBURGH PLACE VIA GARDEN ROAD - DES VOEUX ROAD - PEDDER STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD.

THERE WILL BE NO GUARD OF HONOUR BUT THE BAND OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE WILL BE PRESENT AT EDINBURGH PLACE AND WILL PLAY SIX BARS OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AS THE GOVERNOR ARRIVES.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE WILL SAY FAREWELL TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND A FEW OTHER DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND WILL THEN EMBARK ON +THE LADY MAURINE+ AT 8.05 PM. ACCOMPANYING THEM WILL BE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE AND LADY HADDON-CAVE, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL CHAPPLE AND MRS CHAPPLE, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, MR AND MRS R.H. LOBO AND LADY KAN, SIR ALBERT AND LADY RODRIGUES AND SIR SIDNEY AND LADY GORDON ALL OF WHOM WILL BE BIDDING FAREWELL TO THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE AT THE AIRPORT.

ON ARRIVAL AT KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER THE PARTY WILL PROCEED BY CAR TO HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE WILL TRAVEL ALONG SALISBURY ROAD, NEW SALISBURY ROAD, THE RAMP LEADING TO CHATHAM ROAD (EASTBOUND), THE ELEVATED ROAD TO SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, OLYMPIC AVENUE TO THE AIRPORT WHERE THEY WILL ARRIVE AT ABOUT 8.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A SKETCH MAP OF THE ROUTE TO THE AIRPORT WILL BE ATTACHED TO A SUPPLEMENT OF THE DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

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SOLID PLATFORM BUILT IN 1970'S FOR HONG KONG  
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SPURRED BY DETERMINED LEADERSHIP, MEN WITH A VISION IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE, AND A WILL AND ENERGY TO ACHIEVE, HONG KONG EMBARKED ON SYSTEMATIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN ALMOST EVERY SPHERE OF HUMAN ACTIVITY IN THE 70'S.

THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) IN A SPEECH ENTITLED '+A BASIS FOR CONFIDENCE+' TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS THIS SPIRIT WHICH CREATED INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND THIS IN TURN GENERATED THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR A PLANNED IMPROVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES AND PERFORMANCE.

HE WAS REVIEWING SOME OF THE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST 10 OR 12 YEARS -- RANGING FROM EDUCATION, HOUSING TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND TRANSPORT LINKS TO CHINA -- '+AS A REMINDER OF THE SOLID PLATFORM WE HAVE BUILT IN THE 1970'S FOR THE WORK THAT IS NOW BEFORE US.+'

MR AKERS-JONES SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO REMEMBER THAT IN 1971 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WERE STILL PHYSICALLY SEPARATED AND FERRIES SERVED AS THE ONLY LINK WITH THE ISLAND.

THE NEW TERRITORIES, EXCEPT TSUEN WAN, WAS STILL PRE-DOMINANTLY RURAL, RATHER ISOLATED AND INTROSPECTIVE AND WITH THEIR OWN LIFE STYLE.

+SOMEHOW, WITH THE OPENING OF THE TUNNEL, THE HEART OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS LIFE WAS JOINED MORE SECURELY TO ITS LIVELY BODY IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. WE WERE ONE PLACE AT LAST!+', HE SAID.

HE RECALLED THAT IT WAS ONLY IN 1971 THAT FREE EDUCATION FOR BOYS AND GIRLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG WAS INTRODUCED.

+NOW WE HAVE THREE YEARS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR ALL, AND A 55 PER CENT PULL-THROUGH TO A COMPLETE SECONDARY EDUCATION.+'

TURNING TO HOUSING, MR AKERS-JONES SAID THAT IN 1970 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY PLAYED A RELATIVELY SMALL PART IN PROVIDING FOR THE HOUSING NEEDS.

+NOW WE HAVE A PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME SO LARGE THAT AT ANY ONE TIME YOU CAN SAY THAT PUBLIC HOUSING FOR HALF A MILLION PEOPLE IS IN THE COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.+'

TOGETHER WITH EFFORTS BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS TO BUILD FOR ANOTHER 300 000 PEOPLE, NEW HOUSING FOR ABOUT 800 000 WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT VARIOUS STAGES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

ON SOCIAL WELFARE, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT IT WAS ONLY IN 1970 THAT THE DRY RATION AND COOKED MEALS OF THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES WERE REPLACED BY CASH PAYMENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, AND THIS LED TO THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR SOCIAL WELFARE INTRODUCED IN 1973.

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+IT PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF HELP AND ADVICE TO ALL THOSE IN NEED, AND IT CEMENTS TOGETHER THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR IN PROVIDING THIS HELP.+

SINCE 1971, THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL, THE SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL, THE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY, THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, AND THE INITIAL SYSTEM OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND ITS EXTENSION TO TSUEN WAN HAD BEEN ACHIEVED, HE SAID.

THE CONTAINER TERMINAL, WHICH WAS NOTHING BUT WATER IN 1971, WAS NOW THE THIRD LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

AT SHA TIN, AS PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, THE SEA WAS FILLED IN AND THE SECOND RACE-COURSE BUILT.

+AMONG THE HILLS AND ISLANDS OF SAI KUNG THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR WAS CONSTRUCTED AND, OF COURSE, WE STARTED BUILDING SIX NEW TOWNS ALL AT THE SAME TIME TO BREAK THE BACK OF THE HOUSING PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

THE 1970'S ALSO SAW A +CONCERTED ATTACK+ ON THE PROBLEMS OF CRIME, POLLUTION, CLEANLINESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE CITY HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED BY THESE ACTIVITIES.

+THE SEPARATE FAMILIES LIVING IN OUR DENSELY POPULATED MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN JOINED TOGETHER TO SHARE IN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MANAGING THIS CROWDED METROPOLIS BY THE FORMATION OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES, DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES, AND CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEES,+ SAID MR AKERS-JONES.

+AND, FINALLY, BUILDING ON THIS PLATFORM OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS, IN SOME SENSE, A CULMINATION OF THESE EFFORTS IN COMMUNITY BUILDING, HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

+ELECTIONS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE FOR DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND OVER 750 000 PEOPLE HAVE COME FORWARD TO REGISTER FOR THE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, AND TO EXPRESS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO TAKE PART IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THIS GREAT CITY.+

AND DURING THE SEVENTIES THERE WAS A RENAISSANCE IN THE ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL LIFE OF THE PEOPLE.

+THE ARTS CENTRE, THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, THE MUSEUMS OF ART AND HISTORY, THE SPACE MUSEUM, THE BIRTH OF OUR ORCHESTRAS, THE ACADEMY OF BALLET, OUR ANNUAL FESTIVALS, THE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, THE COUNTRY PARKS: ALL THESE AND MANY MORE, PROVIDE THE EVIDENCE OF GREAT CHANGE IN THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.+

TRAINS, PLANES, AND FERRIES BEGAN TRAVELLING FROM HONG KONG TO MANY PARTS OF CHINA +ENDING OUR ISOLATION, STARTING A NEW ERA OF COOPERATION AND INVESTMENT,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE BUILT A GREAT CITY IN THE NINETEEN SEVENTIES -- AND WE CAN BE PROUD OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS. IT IS THIS SINGLE FACT, WHICH ENLIVENS THE MIND, WHICH GIVES US A CORPORATE LIFE AND STRENGTH, AND WHICH GIVES US THE CONFIDENCE TO GO ON BUILDING FOR OUR PEOPLE AND THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR FEBRUARY  
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PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT AND THOSE OF IMPORTS BY 12 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1982, AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1981, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DECLINED BY TWO PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT AND THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY EIGHT PER CENT. THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT, WITH VOLUME UP BY 10 PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES ROSE BY 11 PER CENT AND VOLUME BY NINE PER CENT.

FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD TO FEBRUARY 1982 AS COMPARED WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY 1981, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY NINE PER CENT, THOSE OF IMPORTS BY 12 PER CENT AND THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS BY NINE PER CENT. THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS EXPANDED BY SEVEN PER CENT AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS BY 20 PER CENT, GIVING AN 11 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS AS AGAINST AN EIGHT PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN BELOW :-

CHANGES COMPARING FEBRUARY 1982 WITH FEBRUARY 1981

(ALL FIGURES IN PERCENTAGES)

	<u>EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUME</u>
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+ 7	+ 11	- 4
TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 17	+ 8	+ 8
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+ 20	+ 1	+ 19
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+ 7	+ 29	- 17

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ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	- 17	INSIGNIFICANT	- 16
FOOTWEAR	+ 29	+ 6	+ 21
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 9	+ 9	INSIGNIFICANT
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+ 7	- 14	+ 25
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 5	- 15	+ 24
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 19	+ 10	+ 8

THE EXPORT PRICES OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM ONE PER CENT FOR TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD TO 29 PER CENT FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EXPORT PRICES OF METAL ORES AND SCRAP, AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS, DECLINED BY 14 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY.

CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+25 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+24 PER CENT) AND FOOTWEAR (+21 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-16 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE MADE-UPS (-17 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN BELOW :-

CHANGES COMPARING FEBRUARY 1982 WITH FEBRUARY 1981

(ALL FIGURES IN PERCENTAGES)

	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 27	+ 12	+ 13
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 10	+ 7	+ 3
FUELS	+110	+ 3	+104
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 22	+ 14	+ 7
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 21	+ 23	- 2
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 23	+ 12	+ 10

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CAPITAL GOODS, THE PRICES OF WHICH JUMPED BY 23 PER CENT, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY INCREASED MODERATELY, RANGING FROM THREE PER CENT FOR FUELS TO 14 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

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MOST OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS ROSE IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD, MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS AND FRUIT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WHEAT AND FLOUR, TEA AND COFFEE AND SUGAR DECLINED.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND CLOTHING. THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS, TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AND PASSENGER MOTOR CARS FELL CONSIDERABLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY 104 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED, AMONG WHICH BASE METALS AND WOVEN COTTON FABRICS ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY. THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS AND MAN-MADE FABRICS DECLINED.

AS FOR CAPITAL GOODS, MAJOR INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND OFFICE MACHINES, WHEREAS SUBSTANTIAL DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AS WELL AS SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN BELOW :-

CHANGES COMPARING FEBRUARY 1982 WITH FEBRUARY 1981  
(ALL FIGURES IN PERCENTAGES)

	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 35	+ 16	+ 16
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 15	+ 10	+ 4
FUELS	+764	+ 16	+647
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 30	+ 14	+ 14
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 23	+ 25	- 2
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 25	+ 14	+ 10

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORT VOLUME VARIED AMONG THE FIVE END-USE CATEGORIES, RANGING FROM A TWO PER CENT DECREASE FOR CAPITAL GOODS TO A 647 PER CENT INCREASE FOR FUELS.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE FEBRUARY 1982 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

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1981 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1981.

IT IS AN ABRIDGEMENT OF THE FIRST ECONOMIC CENSUS CONDUCTED FOR THESE SECTORS FOR 1979, AND IS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME TO COLLECT STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE REGARDING SUCH ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.

ACTIVITIES COVERED IN THE 1981 SURVEY ARE :-

- (A) BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION;
- (B) REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT;
- (C) ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING FIRMS; AND
- (D) REAL ESTATE LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

IT IS INTENDED TO COVER ABOUT 4 200 ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT TO BE ENGAGED IN THESE ACTIVITIES. THIS CONSTITUTES FULL COVERAGE OF THE PROMINENT CONCERNS AND A RANDOM SAMPLE OF THE SMALLER ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ENQUIRY IS TO COLLECT BASIC STATISTICS FOR ASCERTAINING THE CONTRIBUTION OF CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, FOR STUDYING THE COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS OF ESTABLISHMENTS BY TRADE, AND FOR ANALYSING CONSTRUCTION SITES AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

THESE STATISTICS ARE REQUIRED BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN THE FORMULATION OF THEIR DECISIONS.

FOUR VERSIONS OF THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE USED : FORM A FOR BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS, FORM B FOR REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS, FORM C FOR PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE SERVICES, AND FORM D FOR OTHER SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, TWO PROJECT RETURNS WILL BE USED TO OBTAIN DATA ON INDIVIDUAL CONSTRUCTION SITES AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

INFORMATION SOUGHT INCLUDES : TYPE OF OWNERSHIP; NUMBER OF DIRECT EMPLOYEES; LABOUR COSTS; CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND FITTINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION; SUB-CONTRACT WORK; OPERATING EXPENSES; VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED; VALUE OF PROPERTY UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND ITS ASSOCIATED PROJECT OUTLAYS (INCLUDING LAND VALUE); OTHER FORMS OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS; AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS) ORDER 1982, WHICH WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 316 OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG) AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 67 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF MARCH 5, 1982.

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SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT BY RECORDED DELIVERY TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED. MANAGERMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY. UPON REQUEST, CENSUS OFFICERS MAY VISIT ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO MANAGERMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH CENSUS OFFICERS IN THE COURSE OF ENUMERATION. HE EMPHASISED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL ONLY BE USED IN AN AGGREGATE FORM FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES.

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**\$53M PAID OUT TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS  
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NEARLY \$53 MILLION HAS BEEN PAID OUT TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SCHEME SINCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION THREE YEARS AGO.

ANOTHER \$542 000 IN AUTHORISED PAYMENTS IS NOW AWAITING COLLECTION.

UP TO THE END OF MARCH, PAYMENT HAD BEEN AUTHORISED FOR 12 734 APPLICATIONS OUT OF A TOTAL OF 14 965 RECEIVED, SAID THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION, MR SIU KING-CHIU.

+AT PRESENT, 414 APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS SHORTLY,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID 1 070 PAYMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO CASES INVOLVING DEATH AND 18 042 PAYMENTS TO CASES INVOLVING INJURIES.

+PAYMENTS FOR FATAL CASES AMOUNTED TO NEARLY \$9.4 MILLION, WHILE INJURY PAYMENTS TOTALLED \$43.6 MILLION, OF WHICH \$11.9 MILLION WAS PAID AS FURTHER GRANTS TO THOSE WHO SUBSEQUENTLY REQUIRED EXTENDED SICK LEAVE,+ HE SAID.

+THE HIGHEST PAYMENT SO FAR WAS \$32 900 IN ONE FATAL CASE,+ HE ADDED.

THE TAVA SCHEME, WHICH IS NON-MEANS-TESTED, PROVIDES QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT BUT IT MUST HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE.

PEOPLE INVOLVED CAN APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT AT THE SWD'S TAVA SECTION IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 14TH FLOOR, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 5-779421 AND 5-7903650.

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### LEISURE ACTIVITIES IN GREATER DEMAND

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THE OLD CHINESE SAYING OF +PLAY IS NOT BENEFICIAL AND DILIGENCE IS VIRTUOUS+ NO LONGER PREVAILS, AS MANY IN HONG KONG TODAY REGARD RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AS VALUABLE.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY IN BRITAIN BY THE HEAD OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR DAVID CHIU.

MR CHIU, WHO IS REPRESENTING THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPORT AND PEOPLE AT THE WEMBLEY CONFERENCE CENTRE, SPOKE ON +MATCHING FACILITIES TO DEMAND+.

HE SAID THAT IN A RECENT SURVEY JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY THE RSS AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ON LEISURE PATTERNS OF ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE PEOPLE, IT WAS FOUND THAT 76 PER CENT OF THE 2 500 RESPONDENTS REGARDED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AS VALUABLE.

+IT REFLECTS THAT THE WORKING PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, INCLUSIVE OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, HAVE DEVELOPED POSITIVE VIEWS ON THE COMPENSATORY EFFECTS OF LEISURE ACTIVITIES ON WORK AND PRODUCTIVITY,+ HE SAID.

+THIS CHANGE OF ATTITUDE HAS RESULTED IN THE EVER-INCREASING GROWTH OF GOVERNMENTAL CONCERN FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEISURE PURSUITS.+

MR CHIU OUTLINED VARIOUS GOVERNMENT PLANS TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION ON BOTH LAND AND SEA.

IN LAND-SHORT HONG KONG, MR CHIU EMPHASISED, THE DEPARTMENT HAD TO MAKE USE OF ANY SUITABLE OPEN SPACE FOR RECREATION, SUCH AS ROOF-TOPS, SPACES UNDER FLYOVERS AND EMPTY GODOWNS.

ANOTHER POSSIBILITY BEING LOOKED INTO BY THE GOVERNMENT IS UTILISATION OF THE SEA WHICH, ACCORDING TO MR CHIU +PROVIDES A VAST EXPANSE OF PLAYING SURFACE STILL VIRTUALLY UNTAPPED.+

+GOVERNMENT IS THEREFORE EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING 'BOAT PARKS' IN SUITABLE LOCATIONS WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN HIRE OUT BOATS OR RENT STORAGE SPACE TO KEEP THEIR BOATS,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS HOPED THAT CLUBS CAN BE STARTED AROUND THESE BOAT PARKS SO THAT THE OWNERS CAN START FORMAL OR INFORMAL RACING IN TIME,+ HE ADDED.

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HE ALSO INDICATED THAT PRIVATE DEVELOPERS WERE APPROACHING THE GOVERNMENT WITH OFFERS TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES, AND THAT A NUMBER OF SCHEMES PROPOSED WERE BEING CONSIDERED.

+JOINT VENTURE IS AN AREA WHERE THERE EXISTS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR PROVIDING MORE AND BETTER FACILITIES BY GOVERNMENT JOINING HANDS WITH THE PRIVATE SECTORS,+ MR CHIU SAID.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SPORTS CITED BY MR CHIU WAS THE COLLABORATION WITH THE JOCKEY CLUB IN COMMISSIONING THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

+THE AIM OF THE CENTRE IS TO RAISE THE GENERAL STANDARD OF SPORTS IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MORE TALENTED TO REACH THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL,+ HE SAID.

MR CHIU SAID: +BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BODIES, THE AIM IS TO REACH THE REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS OF THE PEOPLE'S RECREATIONAL NEEDS.+

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REFRESHER COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO RUN A REFRESHER COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS. THE COURSE WILL BE OF 42 HOURS DURATION AND WILL CATER FOR 200 TEACHERS.

THE MAIN AIMS OF THE COURSE ARE TO IMPROVE TEACHERS' FLUENCY AND CONFIDENCE IN USING SPOKEN ENGLISH AND TO INTRODUCE TO THEM A RANGE OF COMMUNICATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING THE TEACHING OF LISTENING COMPREHENSION.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 26 TO AUGUST 23 ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 8.45 AM TO 12.15 PM OR FROM 1.45 PM TO 5.15 PM FOR TEACHERS WHO WOULD PREFER TO ATTEND IN THE AFTERNOONS. THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR 100 TEACHERS IN THE MORNING AND ANOTHER 100 TEACHERS IN THE AFTERNOON.

HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO NOMINATE THEIR TEACHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, WHICH WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, BEFORE MAY 28.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COURSE CAN BE MADE ON 5-774001 EXT. 30.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO TAKE PART IN TREE PLANTING SCHEME  
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THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLANT TREES IN THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

ON SUNDAY (MAY 9) TREE SEEDLINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PLANTING BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INSIDE SIX COUNTRY PARKS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF HONG KONG.

VISITORS WISHING TO PLANT TREES AT THESE PARKS WILL BE ISSUED WITH SEEDLINGS BY STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AT THE SUMMIT OF ROUTE TWISK BY THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK; IN THE SOUTH LANTAU COUNTRY PARK NEAR THE NAM SHAN CAMPSITE ON LANTAU ISLAND; IN THE PAT SIN LENG COUNTRY PARK NEAR BRIDE'S POOL; IN THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK NEAR THE TAI AU MUN PUBLIC CARPARK; IN THE WEST SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK NEAR THE PUBLIC CARPARK AT PAK TAM CHUNG, AND AT THE QUARRY BAY COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE ON HONG KONG ISLAND. THESE SEEDLINGS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM 9 AM UNTIL 3 PM ON SUNDAY.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN WILL INTRODUCE THE SCHEME AT TWISK COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, COMMUNITY LEADERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION PROJECTS, ORGANISED HIKING GROUPS, SERVICE CLUBS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHO WILL PLANT SOME 300 TREES AT TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK.

APART FROM PLANTING 400 000 TREES EACH YEAR IN THE COUNTRY PARKS, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ALSO SUPPLIES TREES TO VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND WELFARE ORGANISATIONS FOR PLANTING IN THEIR OWN AREAS. SOME 3 600 TREES WERE GIVEN TO THESE ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS EITHER FREE OF CHARGE OR AT A REDUCED PRICE LAST YEAR.

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NEW PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA AT KWAI CHUNG  
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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE MR P.E.J. DAVY, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MR DEACON CHIU, WILL OPEN THE RAMBLER CHANNEL PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA AT WING SHUN STREET, KWAI CHUNG, AT 10.30 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 7).

THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA PROVIDES VALUABLE SEAFRONTAGE FOR CARGO HANDLING ACTIVITIES IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG. THE AREA WILL BE DOUBLED WHEN DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE NORTHERN PART OF THE TYPHOON SHELTER ARE COMPLETED BY 1983.

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TREE-PLANTING DAY AT TUEN MUN

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ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (THURSDAY) PLANTED SOME 30 EVERGREEN TREES AT THE PAVEMENT ALONGSIDE THE TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND AS PART OF THE +MEI FA+ PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THE DISTRICT-WIDE TREE-PLANTING DAY, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS AIMED AT ENLISTING PUBLIC SUPPORT IN MAKING THE ENVIRONMENT GREENER AND MORE ATTRACTIVE.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE PLANTING OF THE +ALEURITES MOLUCCANA+, WERE 40 STUDENTS FROM TWO LOCAL SCHOOLS.

OFFICIATING AT THE TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH REGION) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG, SPOKE OF THE URGENT NEED TO PLANT MORE TREES TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT.

MR LEUNG SAID HIS DEPARTMENT HAD DEVOTED MUCH EFFORT TO PLANTING TREES AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS DURING THE RECENT YEARS WITH THE AIM TO TURN TUEN MUN INTO A PLEASANT PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO WORK AND TO LIVE IN.

+HOWEVER, A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT WERE WASTED IN THE PAST BECAUSE SOME OF THE TREES PLANTED WERE VANDALISED,+ HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID VANDALISM HAD DELAYED TREE PLANTING IN OTHER DISTRICTS BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF SEEDLINGS AVAILABLE EACH YEAR.

HE URGED THOSE PRESENT TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO TAKE CARE OF THE TREES, AND TO SPREAD THE WORD AGAINST VANDALISM.

MR LEUNG ALSO SAID THE NTSD WOULD BE PLANTING ABOUT 600 TREES AND SHRUBS AND 2 000 CREEPING PLANTS LATER THIS YEAR AT VARIOUS GARDENS, PLAYGROUNDS, AMENITY PLOTS AND ROADSIDES THROUGHOUT THE NEW TOWN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT, THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR NG CHEUK-TAI, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR YUE KAI-CHIU, MR LEUNG LATER ALSO PLANTED A YOUNG TREE.

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SWD FIELD UNIT MOVES OFFICE

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S LAI CHI KOK SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT HAS MOVED TO LAI HO HOUSE, 1ST LEVEL, LAI KOK ESTATE, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, SHAM SHUI PO, AS FROM TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE OFFICE HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED, AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 3-708613.

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TSUEN WAN DB MEMBERS TO MEET PUBLIC

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THE 10 ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL JOIN THE 16 APPOINTED UNOFFICIALS IN THEIR +MEETING THE PUBLIC+ SESSION TO BE RESUMED FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE 26 MEMBERS WILL TAKE TURNS TO SEE RESIDENTS ON TUESDAYS FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON AND ON FRIDAYS FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM.

TWO MEMBERS WILL BE ON DUTY EACH DAY AT THE BOARD'S OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF FOU WAH CENTRE AT 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

PEOPLE WISHING TO MEET THE MEMBERS SHOULD FIRST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT AT TELEPHONE 0-445509.

THE SCHEME WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN EARLY FEBRUARY TO RECEIVE SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS TO BE RECORDED AND FORWARDED TO CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION.

THIRTY-NINE CASES WERE HANDLED BEFORE THE SESSION WAS SUSPENDED IN LATE MARCH WHEN THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE FORMER BOARD MEMBERS EXPIRED.

TWELVE OF THE CASES CONCERNED CLEARANCES, SEVEN INVOLVED HOUSING AND THE OTHERS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, TENANCY, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS.

DESCRIBING THE RESPONSE AS GOOD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID 17 OF THE CASES HAD ALREADY BEEN SETTLED WHILE THE OTHERS WERE BEING DEALT WITH.

TSUEN WAN IS THE FIRST OF THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS TO START THIS SCHEME, FOLLOWED BY SHA TIN IN MARCH.

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URBAN CLEARWAY ON WATERLOO ROAD

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THE SECTION OF WATERLOO ROAD BETWEEN SUFFOLK ROAD AND BAPTIST COLLEGE IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 7).

NO VEHICLE, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE SECTION.

THERE WILL BE SIGNS AND CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS TO INDICATE THE EXTENT OF THE CLEARWAY.

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## RURAL COMMITTEE ACTS IN RESPONSIBLE WAY IN CLEARANCES

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RURAL LEADERS IN TSUEN WAN WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) PRAISED FOR TAKING A RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS +EXTENSIVE AND DIFFICULT+ CLEARANCES FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE 21ST TERM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN RURAL COMMITTEE, THE TOWN MANAGER, MR HAMISH MACLEOD SAID THAT IN MANY OF THE CLEARANCES, THE RURAL COMMITTEE HAD ACTED +IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY IN ENSURING THAT THE ACTION TAKEN BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WAS FAIR AND REASONABLE TO THOSE INVOLVED.+

HE SAID THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE WAS BEING RECOGNISED BY THE FACT THAT ITS CHAIRMAN WAS AUTOMATICALLY A MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ON THE QUESTION OF SECURITY RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MR MACLEOD SAID SOME PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN INCREASING THE POLICE PRESENCE BY THE SPREAD OF POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD UNITS AND THE LIKE.

+HOWEVER, I AM CONCERNED THAT LACK OF CONTROL OVER SUCH MATTERS AS ILLEGAL PARKING -- PARTICULARLY BY LORRIES -- MAY PRODUCE A DISREGARD FOR THE LAW WHICH WILL SPILL OVER INTO OTHER AREAS.

+WE SHALL BE LOOKING AT THIS FURTHER IN THE COMING MONTHS BUT I DO WISH TO RECORD MY CONCERN AT THE CONTINUED ABSENCE OF A SOLUTION TO THE LORRY PARKING PROBLEM IN TSUEN WAN,+ HE ADDED.

BOTH THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN LAU-FONG, AND THE TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN, MR FU YUEN-HUNG AND MR HO WING-KWONG, HAVE BEEN RE-ELECTED FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT, AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN.

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## TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAU KEI WAN

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FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (MAY 9), HOI LEE STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO DAYS.

THIS IS TO FACILITATE TELEPHONE DUCTING WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ACCESS TO HOI LEE STREET CAN BE MADE VIA SAI WAN HO STREET.

SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT  
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THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, FORMED AND MANAGED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, WILL GIVE A CONCERT AT 8 PM ON SUNDAY (MAY 9) AT THE SHOUSON THEATRE, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

THE CONCERT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY FUNG WING-KIT, MICHAEL LAI AND PAK WING-HANG.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH INCLUDES GABRIELI'S CANZONA A 12, OCTET FOR WIND INSTRUMENTS BY STRAVINSKY, DIES NATALIS BY HOWARD HANSON, 3 CHORALES BY BACH, CONCERTO FOR TROMBONE AND BAND BY RIMSKY-KORSAKOV, SONATINA FOR TIMPANI AND BAND BY TCHEREPNIN, MARCH TO THE SCAFFOLD FROM +SYMPHONIE FANTASTIQUE+ BY BERLIOZ AND AMERICAN WE BY HENRY FILLMORE, WILL GIVE THE AUDIENCE A PANORAMIC VIEW OF BAND MUSIC FROM THE 17TH CENTURY TO THE 20TH CENTURY. A NUMBER OF THESE WORKS WILL BE PERFORMED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG.

NOTEWORTHY PIECES INCLUDE RIMSKY-KORSAKOV'S 'CONCERTO FOR TROMBONE AND BAND'. THE CONCERTO, WITH THREE MOVEMENTS: ALLEGRO, ANDANTE AND FINALE, WAS COMPOSED WHILE RIMSKY-KORSAKOV WAS INSPECTOR OF THE CZAR'S NAVY BANDS.

CHEUNG KWOK-MING WILL BE THE SOLOIST OF THE CONCERTO. HE HAS PERFORMED REGULARLY WITH THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, THE CIVIL AID SERVICES BAND AND THE MUSIC OFFICE WIND ENSEMBLE. AT PRESENT, CHEUNG STUDIES AT THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

A SECOND INTERESTING WORK WILL BE +DIES NATALIS+, COMPOSED IN 1972 BY HOWARD HANSON, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE AMERICAN MUSIC WORLD. HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC FROM 1924 TO 1964. DIES NATALIS WAS CONSIDERED BY HANSON AS ONE OF HIS MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BAND REPERTORY.

THIS WORK, BASED ON AN ANCIENT LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS CHORALE-TUNE, CONTAINS AN INTRODUCTION, CHORALE, FIVE VARIATIONS AND FINALE. IT WAS FIRST PERFORMED IN THE EASTMAN THEATRE ON APRIL 7, 1972 BY THE EASTMAN WIND ENSEMBLE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR DONALD HUMSBERGER FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL.

CONCERT TICKETS AT \$5 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE BOX OFFICE AND MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AT

- (1) 9/F., HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE=
- (2) 2/F., YAN HAU MANSION AT 100 TING FU STREET, NGAU TAU KOK= AND
- (3) 2/F., CHEONG YIU BUILDING, 167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.