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GOVERNOR AFFIRMS FAITH IN HK INDUSTRIALISTS  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT LOCAL MANUFACTURERS WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAN ENERGETICALLY TO MEET THE DEMANDS ON INDUSTRY IN ADAPTING TO THE USE OF MORE SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY, AND IN WORKING FOR THE CONTINUING PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

INDUSTRIALISTS' FAITH IN THE FUTURE IS ESSENTIAL NOW BECAUSE THE HEALTH OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY TOMORROW MUST NECESSARILY DEPEND ON INVESTMENTS MADE TODAY, SIR EDWARD SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION'S NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN CENTRAL, SIR EDWARD SAID, +THIS FINE NEW OFFICE BUILDING WHICH OPENS TODAY VIVIDLY DEMONSTRATES THE CMA'S FIRM CONFIDENCE IN OUR FUTURE. I WELCOME THIS KIND OF COMMITMENT.+

THE CMA'S MEMBERSHIP OF 2 800 ENTREPRENEURS REPRESENTED THE FULL RANGE OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, HE SAID.

EXPLAINING THAT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WAS THE BACKBONE OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMY, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICY OF MINIMUM INTERFERENCE WITH THE WORKINGS OF THE MARKET PLACE WAS WELL-KNOWN.

+BUT AN ESSENTIAL, THOUGH MUCH LESS WELL RECOGNISED, ELEMENT OF THIS POLICY IS THE PROVISION BY GOVERNMENT OF AN EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE IN WHICH TRADE AND INDUSTRY CAN FLOURISH.

+IN PURSUING THAT END, THE GOVERNMENT REGARDS CONSULTATION WITH SUCH INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AS THE CMA AS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE,+ HE ADDED.

SIR EDWARD NOTED THAT THE CMA REGULARLY PROVIDED MEMBERS FOR CONSULTATIVE BODIES APPOINTED BY GOVERNMENT, AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE HAD BEEN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION. THE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN APPOINTED IN 1977 TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE MODIFICATION OF EXISTING POLICIES OR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICIES MIGHT FACILITATE THE PROCESS OF DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ECONOMY, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

+THE COMMITTEE PUT FORWARD 47 RECOMMENDATIONS. ALL HAD FUNDAMENTAL AND FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ECONOMY. ALL EXCEPT ONE WERE ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. OF THESE, 35 HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED. ACTION IS BEING TAKEN ON THE OTHER 11,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

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REVIEWING THE PROGRESS OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, SIR EDWARD SAID: +THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, RESPONDED PROMPTLY TO THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS BY SETTING UP IN 1982 FOUR OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICES: IN LONDON, TOKYO, SAN FRANCISCO AND STUTTGART. THESE OFFICES HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO ENCOURAGE OVERSEAS BUSINESSMEN TO SET UP MANUFACTURING FACILITIES IN HONG KONG, OR TO ENTER INTO LICENSING OR JOINT VENTURE ARRANGEMENTS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSMEN TO MANUFACTURE THEIR PRODUCTS HERE.

+JUDGING FROM THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS WHO HAVE BEEN ATTRACTED TO HONG KONG OR WHO HAVE EXPANDED THEIR OPERATIONS, THIS INITIATIVE HAS PAID GOOD DIVIDENDS,+ HE SAID.

THESE OVERSEAS OFFICES ARE BACKED UP BY THE ONE-STOP UNIT IN THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, WHICH PROVIDES A FOCAL POINT WHERE ALL QUERIES FROM BOTH OVERSEAS AND LOCAL BUSINESSMEN ON INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES CAN BE ANSWERED. IN 1983, THE UNIT HANDLED SOME 500 QUERIES, WHICH INDICATES THE ENCOURAGING LEVEL OF INTEREST IN WHAT HONG KONG HAS TO OFFER.

+THESE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE AIMED NOT ONLY AT ATTRACTING NEW INVESTMENT FOR ITS OWN SAKE: THEY ALSO SEEK TO BROADEN OUR INDUSTRIAL BASE BY ATTRACTING TO HONG KONG NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND IMPROVED TECHNIQUES,+ HE ADDED.

SIR EDWARD SAID OTHER PERCEPTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL BACK-UP SERVICES TO INDUSTRY INCLUDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDARD AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY, WHICH WILL START OPERATIONS THIS SUMMER, AND THE LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO ACCREDIT ITS FIRST LABORATORIES LATER THIS YEAR.

A MORE DIRECT FORM OF SUPPORT HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN, THROUGH THE WORK OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, TO TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK, THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND THE DISSEMINATION OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION. THE CENTRE'S MICRO-PROCESSOR LABORATORY HAS DEVELOPED A NUMBER OF SYSTEMS BEING USED SUCCESSFULLY IN MANUFACTURING PROCESSES.

IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RESEARCH PROJECTS RELATED TO ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING PROCESSES AND COMPUTER DEVELOPMENT TECHNIQUES WERE BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC. THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE HAD ALSO ORGANISED STUDIES OF THE METAL AND LIGHT ENGINEERING INDUSTRY AND OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

+THE RESULTS OF ALL THESE STUDIES ARE NOW BEING EXAMINED, ALONG WITH THE FINDINGS OF A TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER STUDY AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AIMED AT MAKING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE TO OUR MANUFACTURERS, SO THAT THEY CAN BRANCH OUT INTO THE PRODUCTION OF A WIDER RANGE OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY GOODS,+ HE SAID.

+THE PURPOSE OF THIS WORK IS TWO-FOLD. FIRST, THE AVAILABILITY OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED STANDARDS AND TESTING FACILITIES WILL IMPROVE THE ACCEPTABILITY OF OUR PRODUCTS WORLDWIDE. SECOND, IT WILL ENABLE HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIALISTS TO ENTER THE EXPANDING MARKETS FOR MORE SOPHISTICATED CONSUMER AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS OF A HIGH QUALITY.

+TO DO THIS, AND TO MAINTAIN OUR EDGE IN THE FACE OF INCREASINGLY STIFF COMPETITION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, INDUSTRIALISTS MUST BE PREPARED TO INVEST IN THESE NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND MASTER THEIR APPLICATION. THEIR PAST WILLINGNESS TO REINVEST CONSISTENTLY IN NEW AND MORE MODERN PLANT AND EQUIPMENT HAS PAID HANDSOME DIVIDENDS, AS EVIDENCED BY OUR PHENOMENAL GROWTH RATE OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY TO HONG KONG. +IT IS THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY, AND ACCOUNTS FOR AN ESTIMATED 25 PER CENT OF OUR GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT. IT IS AN IMPORTANT FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNER.

+IN 1982, THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURED GOODS AMOUNTED TO \$83 BILLION OR SOME 30 PER CENT OF TOTAL TRADE IN THAT YEAR. THE FIGURE FOR 1983 WAS \$104 BILLION, OR 31 PER CENT OF TOTAL TRADE. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IS ALSO OUR LARGEST EMPLOYER: ACCOUNTING FOR SOME 35 PER CENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.+

SIR EDWARD SAID THE CMA WAS ONE OF THE OLDEST AND LARGEST INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS IN HONG KONG.

FOUNDED IN 1934, ITS EXPANSION MIRRORED THE DRAMATIC GROWTH IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY IN THE PAST FOUR DECADES.

+IT ALSO BEARS TESTIMONY TO THE CMA'S ENERGETIC ROLE IN REPRESENTING THE INTEREST OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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#### 1983 EXPORT VOLUME UP 15 PER CENT

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PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND TOTAL EXPORTS ALL ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 10 PER CENT IN 1983 AS COMPARED WITH 1982, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 12 PER CENT.

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

/THE VOLUME .....

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 14 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT. MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE EXPLAINED ALSO THAT 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 IN TABLE 1.

AS SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE EXPORT PRICES OF ALL COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM TWO PER CENT FOR RADIOS OF ALL KINDS TO 22 PER CENT FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP.

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME IN NEARLY ALL COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+142%), ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+58%), TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+40%), TEXTILE FABRICS (+29%) AND DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+27%). HOWEVER, A SLIGHT DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR FOOTWEAR (-2%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED, RANGING FROM NINE PER CENT FOR FUELS TO 14 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEA AND COFFEE, SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD, SUGAR, WHEAT AND FLOUR, AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF VEGETABLES, LIVE POULTRY AND BOVINE ANIMALS DECREASED MODERATELY.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR WATCHES, RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS, CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES. HOWEVER, SLIGHT DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AND PASSENGER MOTOR CARS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE, AMONG WHICH SILK FABRICS, THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS, MAN-MADE FIBRES, YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES, CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS, COTTON YARN AND THREAD, WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR, AND PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK, AND CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, EXCEPT GLASS, DROPPED MODERATELY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF OFFICE MACHINES, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, TEXTILE MACHINERY AND SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS INCREASED, WHILE THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY OTHER THAN TEXTILE AND ELECTRICAL TYPES DECREASED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED, RANGING FROM 10 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 17 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE DECEMBER 1983 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES COMPARING 1983 WITH 1982 OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	EXPORT VALUE	EXPORT UNIT VALUE	EXPORT VOLUME
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+ 19%	+ 12%	+ 6%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 40%	+ 8%	+ 29%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+ 49%	+ 6%	+ 40%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+ 31%	+ 16%	+ 13%
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	+ 2%	+ 2%	INSIGNIFICANT
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+ 72%	+ 8%	+ 58%
FOOTWEAR	+ 4%	+ 6%	- 2%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 22%	+ 7%	+ 15%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+194%	+ 22%	+142%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 15%	+ 3%	+ 12%
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	+ 13%	+ 11%	+ 1%
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	+ 35%	+ 6%	+ 27%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 26%	+ 10%	+ 14%

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TABLE 2 : CHANGES COMPARING 1983 WITH 1982 OF IMPORTS BY  
END-USE CATEGORY

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 18%	+ 12%	+ 5%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 21%	+ 14%	+ 6%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 33%	+ 11%	+ 20%
FUELS	+ 1%	+ 9%	- 7%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 13%	+ 12%	+ 1%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 23%	+ 12%	+ 10%

TABLE 3 : CHANGES COMPARING 1983 WITH 1982 OF RE-EXPORTS  
BY END-USE CATEGORY

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 24%	+ 13%	+ 10%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 26%	+ 10%	+ 14%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 27%	+ 9%	+ 17%
FUELS	+ 29%	+ 15%	+ 12%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 29%	+ 12%	+ 15%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 27%	+ 10%	+ 15%

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21 LAND SITES FOR SALE IN NEXT SIX MONTHS

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO OFFER 21 SITES FOR SALE IN THE URBAN AREA AND NEW TERRITORIES IN THE SIX MONTHS BEGINNING APRIL 1, THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, MR JOHN TODD, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THIS COMPARES WITH A FIGURE OF 53 SITES FOR THE OCTOBER - MARCH PERIOD.

MR TODD SAID THE SITES IN THE PROVISIONAL LAND SALES FORECAST TOTALLED 17.3 HECTARES, WITH A FURTHER 28 HECTARES AVAILABLE ON THE APPLICATION LIST.

TWO SITES FOR COMMERCIAL AND/OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE URBAN AREA WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO DEVELOPERS ARE IN SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, AND CANTON ROAD.

BOTH ARE TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE CANTON ROAD SITE COVERING 2.4 HECTARES IS TO INCLUDE A FERRY TERMINAL COMPLEX IN THE PODIUM WHICH IS TO BE HANDED BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT WHEN COMPLETED.

THREE NEW TOWN CENTRE SITES ARE TO BE OFFERED DURING THE PERIOD.

THEY ARE AT YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN, THE LATTER BEING CLOSE TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

ONE UNUSUAL SITE IS FOR A FLOATING RESTAURANT ON THE SHING MUN RIVER AT SHA TIN.

TWO SITES IN THE URBAN AREA REQUIRE THE PURCHASER TO PROVIDE PARKING FACILITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT.

THEY ARE AT SING WOO ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY, AND KWONG CHEUNG STREET, KOWLOON.

TWO RESIDENTIAL SITES IN TAI PO AND SHA TIN ARE FOR DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME.

THE SHA TIN SITE COVERS ABOUT SEVEN-AND-A-HALF HECTARES OF THE MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

THEY ARE BOTH FOR SALE BY TENDER.

DUE TO LOW DEMAND FOR INDUSTRIAL SITES ONLY FOUR WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE DURING THE PERIOD, THREE OF WHICH ARE IN THE URBAN AREA.

/MR TODD .....

MR TODD REAFFIRMED GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO REDEEM OUTSTANDING LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

HE SAID AN INCREASING NUMBER OF SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD THEREFORE BE OFFERED FOR SALE UNDER THE PRESENT +VINTAGE+ SYSTEM WITH THE ALTERNATIVE OF TENDERING MONETISED LETTER B ON A CASH EQUIVALENT BASIS.

PROSPECTIVE TENDERS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN THE OPTION OF PAYING THE PREMIUM FOR THE SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD SITE BY MONETISED LETTER B.

THIS IS ONE OF THE MAJOR URBAN SITES WHICH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID WOULD BE SUITABLE TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR LETTER B HOLDERS TO SURRENDER THEIR ENTITLEMENTS IN THIS MANNER.

MR TODD SAID IN ADDITION TO THE 21 SITES ON THE PROVISIONAL SALES FORECAST THERE WERE MORE THAN 50 SITES ON THE APPLICATION LIST WHICH COULD BE PROCESSED FOR SALE BY AUCTION OR TENDER WHERE GENUINE INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED.

A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER SHOULD INITIALLY APPROACH EITHER THE CHIEF ESTATE SURVEYOR/DISPOSAL IN LANDS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OR THE LANDS OFFICE IN THE DISTRICT WHERE A SITE WAS LOCATED, HE SAID.

MR TODD POINTED OUT THAT THE APPLICATION LIST INCLUDED SITES FOR WHICH THERE WAS LITTLE DEMAND IN THE PRESENT MARKET OR WHICH HAD BEEN OFFERED UNSUCCESSFULLY IN THE PAST.

A LARGE PROPORTION WERE FOR INDUSTRIAL USE OR FOR LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

HE SAID DUE TO THE DICTATES OF THE MARKET AND THE GOVERNMENT'S FLEXIBLE APPROACH IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE APPLICATION LIST, INTRODUCED A YEAR AGO, WOULD REMAIN A FEATURE OF THE LAND SALES PROGRAMME IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

MR TODD EMPHASISED THAT THE SALE PROGRAMME WAS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND DETAILS WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND MAJOR NEWSPAPERS.

COPIES OF THE LAND SALES FORECAST ARE AVAILABLE FROM LANDS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, MURRAY BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG= OR AT ANY OF THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

PLANS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE VARIOUS LOTS CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE OFFICES.

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'SAFETY ON BUSES' PUBLICITY DRIVE STARTING SOON  
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A TWO-WEEK PUBLICITY EXERCISE WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONDAY (MARCH 12) TO EDUCATE BUS PASSENGERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF COURTESY AND SAFETY ON BUSES.

THE EXERCISE, CO-ORDINATED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, IS A JOINT EFFORT BY CMB, KMB AND THE POLICE TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL OPERATING ENVIRONMENT BY URGING PASSENGERS TO BE PATIENT AND CONSIDERATE WHEN AWAITING AND BOARDING BUSES AND NOT TO OVERLOAD THEM.

ANNOUNCING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MARCH 5), THE ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT (HONG KONG AND ISLANDS), MRS DOROTHY CHAN SAID ONLY WITH THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC, COULD THIS EFFORT BE A SUCCESS.

MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT APART FROM THE OBVIOUS RISKS OF AN OVER-LOADED BUS, DELAYS AND BREAKDOWNS FREQUENTLY RESULT.

+RIDING ON BUSES NEED NOT BE AN UNPLEASANT, UNCOMFORTABLE AND STIFLING EXPERIENCE IF COMMUTERS SIMPLY EXERCISE A LITTLE PATIENCE AND DISCIPLINE BY CATCHING THE NEXT BUS.

+BUS CAPACITY IS RAPIDLY CATCHING UP WITH DEMAND DUE TO EXPANSION OF THE KMB AND CMB FLEET.

+THE LONG-STANDING PROBLEM OF BUS OVERLOADING SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE, BOTH IN TERMS OF SAFETY AND PASSENGER COMFORT, PARTICULARLY, IN VIEW OF MUCH IMPROVED SERVICES AND REDUCED CONGESTION ON ROADS,+ SHE SAID.

DURING THIS EXERCISE, POSTERS AND STICKERS PRODUCED BY BOTH FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT TERMINI, BUS STOPS AND ON THE VEHICLES WITH THE MESSAGE - +A SAFER JOURNEY IS WORTH WAITING FOR - CATCH THE NEXT BUS+.

THE TWO BUS COMPANIES WILL DEPLOY MORE STAFF AT BUS STOPS TO HELP PUT ACROSS THE COURTESY AND SAFETY MESSAGE TO THE PASSENGERS.

IN SUPPORTING THE EXERCISE, THE POLICE WILL BE BROADCASTING THE BUS SAFETY THEME ALONG THE MORE BUSY ROUTES FROM MARCH 12 FOR TWO WEEKS.

KMB AND CMB WILL ALSO BE PUTTING ADDITIONAL REGULATORS AND INSPECTORS TO CONTROL PASSENGERS ON THEIR MORE CROWDED ROUTES.

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+PUBLIC HELP VITAL IN SAFETY EFFORT+  
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THE ESSENCE OF SAFETY PROMOTION LIES NOT ONLY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT BUT ALSO IN EDUCATION AND THE WILLING CO-OPERATION OF ALL CONCERNED, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, DR J.W. HAYES SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

DR HAYES, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD, WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A +TEXTILES INDUSTRY SAFETY DAY+ JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

HE SAID +SAFETY DAY+ WAS A MEANINGFUL EVENT AND WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND ORGANISED FOR THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG TO PROMOTE SAFETY AT WORK IN THE INDUSTRY.

IT ALSO SIGNIFIED THE EFFORT BY THE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE COMMON GOAL OF PROMOTING SAFETY AND PREVENTING ACCIDENTS.

JUDGING FROM THE GOOD EFFORT PUT IN BY THE ORGANISERS AND THE STRONG SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION RECEIVED FROM ALL SIDES, THE SAFETY DAY FUNCTION HAD FULLY ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVE, HE SAID.

+I AM ALSO CONFIDENT THAT BY KEEPING UP OUR EFFORT SUFFICIENT IMPETUS WILL BE GENERATED WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY MAKE SAFE WORKING JUST A WAY OF LIFE,+ HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS MR ROBERT LAI, CHAIRMAN OF THE SAFETY DAY ORGANISING SUB-COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT THE SAFETY DAY CONSISTED MAINLY OF THREE COMPETITIONS AND WOULD CONCLUDE WITH A GALA NIGHT TO BE HELD ON MARCH 15, AT 8 PM AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE COMPETITIONS WERE KNOWN AS: +SAFETY SLOGAN+, +SAFETY FACTORY+ AND +SAFETY QUIZ+, AND WERE OPEN TO ALL FACTORIES AND WORKERS IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

THE FIRST TWO COMPETITIONS WERE WON BY MR YAU KIN-FAT OF ISLAND DYEING AND PRINTING COMPANY LIMITED AND THE FIRST NATIONAL TRADING COMPANY LIMITED RESPECTIVELY, WHILE WINNERS OF THE +SAFETY QUIZ+ WILL BE DECIDED BY A LUCKY DRAW AT THE GALA NIGHT.

AS FOR THE GALA NIGHT, MR LAI SAID IT WOULD FEATURE LOCAL POPULAR SINGERS AS WELL AS A +POLY DESIGN HALF AN HOUR+ FASHION SHOW OF GARMENTS DESIGNED BY STUDENTS OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

HE ALSO REVEALED THAT FOUR TEXTILE FACTORIES, IN SUPPORT OF THE SAFETY DAY, WOULD ALSO BE MAKING SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO ORGANISE THEIR OWN SAFETY DAY ACTIVITIES IN THEIR FACTORIES ON MARCH 15 TO BRING HOME TO THEIR EMPLOYEES THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

THE FACTORIES ARE KOWLOON TEXTILE INDUSTRIES LIMITED, ISLAND DYEING AND PRINTING COMPANY LIMITED, CENTRAL TEXTILES (HONG KONG) LIMITED, AND WINSOR INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION LIMITED.

## SCHOOLS TO GET REPLACEMENT PLAYGROUNDS

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A SUM OF ABOUT \$4.8 MILLION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR REPLACEMENT COVERED PLAYGROUNDS IN EIGHT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLAYGROUNDS - FIVE IN TUEN MUN AND THREE IN SHA TIN - WILL START SHORTLY AND IS LIKELY TO BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

THREE OF THE SCHOOLS ARE IN ON TING ESTATE, TUEN MUN, AND ONE EACH IN YAU OI AND WU KING ESTATES, ALSO IN TUEN MUN. THE OTHER THREE SCHOOLS ARE IN LUNG HANG, SUN TSUI AND CHUN SHEK ESTATES IN SHA TIN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE ORIGINAL COVERED PLAYGROUNDS OF THESE SCHOOLS HAD BEEN CONVERTED INTO CLASSROOMS TO PLACE THE LARGE NUMBER OF THE 6-11 AGE GROUP IN THE LOCALITY.

+THE REPLACEMENT PLAYGROUNDS WILL BE USED TO CONDUCT PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS, FOR PLAY DURING RECESS, AND FOR ASSEMBLY PURPOSE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL, PARTICULARLY ON RAINY DAYS,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO THESE EIGHT SCHOOLS, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PLANS TO PROVIDE REPLACEMENT PLAYGROUNDS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHERE THEIR COVERED PLAYGROUNDS WILL BE CONVERTED INTO CLASSROOMS TO MEET A SHORT-TERM DEMAND.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES TO TACKLE THE SHORTAGE OF PRIMARY PLACES IN THE NEW TOWNS, RESULTING FROM A CHANGE IN THE POPULATION PATTERN.

+ONE SOLUTION IS USING SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEMPORARILY AS PRIMARY SCHOOLS. ANOTHER IS TO BUILD +FLEXI-SCHOOLS+ WHICH CAN BE USED AS PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AND THEN COVERTED INTO SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS THE AGE STRUCTURE OF THE POPULATION CHANGES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SINCE LAST YEAR ADOPTED A REVISED PLANNING STANDARD IN THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT LOCAL VARIATIONS IN THE AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE NEW STANDARD WILL MORE ACCURATELY GAUGE PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES REQUIREMENT IN THE NEW TOWNS.

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+AVIATION+ STAMPS ON SALE WEDNESDAY

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STAMP COLLECTORS ARE REMINDED THAT A SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE WITH THE THEME +AVIATION IN HONG KONG+, WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 7).

IN ADDITION TO A SPECIALLY DESIGNED FIRST DAY COVER, A SET OF POSTCARDS BEARING ENLARGED REPRODUCTIONS OF THE STAMPS HAVE BEEN ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICE COUNTERS SINCE FEBRUARY 22.

THESE POSTCARDS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FIRST TIME BY THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE AND HAVE BEEN VERY FAVOURABLY RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID TODAY.

CONGESTION IS THEREFORE EXPECTED AT ALL POST OFFICES WHEN THE FIRST DAY COVERS AND POSTCARDS ARE PRESENTED FOR HAND-STAMPING ON WEDNESDAY, HE SAID.

STAFF WILL BE INCREASED AT THE POST OFFICES TO COPE WITH THE RUSH, BUT PEOPLE WISHING TO TRANSACT NORMAL BUSINESS SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, DO SO ON THE DAY BEFORE, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, TO HELP CUSTOMERS WHO WILL BE TRANSACTING NORMAL BUSINESS, SPECIAL COUNTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING POST OFFICES:

POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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GENERAL POST OFFICE  
CAUSEWAY BAY  
HENNESSY ROAD  
MORRISON HILL  
NORTH POINT  
QUEEN'S ROAD  
SHEUNG WAN

POST OFFICE IN KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES

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KOWLOON CENTRAL  
CHEUNG SHA WAN  
GILLIES AVENUE  
KOWLOON CITY  
KWUN TONG  
MONG KOK  
SHAM SHUI PO  
TSIM SHA TSUI  
TSUEN WAN

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

'BETTER MANAGEMENT' SEMINAR ARRANGED  
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A SEMINAR ON +BETTER MANAGEMENT, PRODUCTION AND MARKETING+, FOR FACTORY OWNERS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 7).

GUEST SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE MR TAM WING-PONG, THE DISTRICT OFFICER FOR KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, MR CHIU KAM-LING OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S TSUEN WAN OFFICE, AND MR ANDY NG OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL SPEAK AT THE END OF THE SEMINAR.

THE SEMINAR, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S TSUEN WAN OFFICE, AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

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AMENITY AREA FOR CENTRAL  
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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO TURN A VACANT 49-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE IN CENTRAL INTO AN AMENITY AREA.

THE SITE WAS FORMERLY A RECRUITMENT CENTRE FOR THE POLICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE BENCHES AND RAILINGS, AND PROVISION OF FLOWER BEDS, LIGHTING AND LAWNS AND IS INTENDED TO MEET THE PUBLIC NEED FOR LOCAL PASSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

WORK WILL BEGIN IN MAY AND TAKE FOUR MONTHS TO FINISH.

TENDERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOX IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE 12 NOON ON MARCH 23.

FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 13TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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WONG CHUK HANG LEAKAGE TEST

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, WELFARE ROAD, POLICE SCHOOL ROAD, SHUM WAN ROAD, INCLUDING WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE AND POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 81.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 474.906 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 439.560 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 75.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
SIR EDWARD YOUDE GCMG MBE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY  
OF THE NEW HONG KONG CHINESE MANUFACTURERS'  
ASSOCIATION'S BUILDING IN CENTRAL  
ON MONDAY, MARCH 5 1984 AT 2.30 PM

Mr Ngai, Ladies and Gentlemen,

"It gives me great pleasure to be here this afternoon for the opening of the new Headquarters Building of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong.

"The CMA is one of the oldest and largest industrial associations in Hong Kong. From the handful of far-sighted entrepreneurs who first founded it in 1934, membership has grown over the years to some 2,800 now, representing the full range of our manufacturing industry. This expansion mirrors the dramatic growth in Hong Kong's economy in the past four decades. It also bears testimony to the CMA's energetic role in representing the interests of local industries.

"The importance of manufacturing industry to Hong Kong must be clear to us all. It is the backbone of our economy, and accounts for an estimated 25% of our Gross Domestic Product. It is an important foreign exchange earner. In 1982, the value of Hong Kong's domestic exports of manufactured goods amounted to \$83 billion or some 30% of total trade in that year. The figure for 1983 was \$104 billion, or 31% of total trade. Manufacturing industry is also our largest employer: accounting for some 35% of total employment.

"The Government's economic policy of minimum interference with the workings of the market place is well-known. But an essential, though much less well recognised, element of this policy is the provision by Government of an efficient infrastructure in which trade and industry can flourish.

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"In pursuing that end, the Government regards consultation with such industrial organisations as the CMA as of great importance. The CMA has regularly provided members for consultative bodies appointed by Government. One of the most important of these in recent years has been the Advisory Committee on Diversification. The Committee was appointed in 1977 in recognition of the need to broaden Hong Kong's industrial base, to determine whether, with particular reference to the manufacturing sector, the modification of existing policies or the introduction of new policies might facilitate the process of diversification of the economy. The Committee put forward 47 recommendations. All had fundamental and far-reaching implications for the economy. All except one were accepted by the Government. Of these, 35 have already been implemented. Action is being taken on the other 11.

"It is fitting on an occasion like this to review the progress made in pursuit of those recommendations. Industrial investment promotion involves alerting overseas industrialists to the exceptional opportunities which Hong Kong offers as a manufacturing base. The Government, through the Industry Department, responded promptly to the Committee's recommendations by setting up in 1982 four overseas industrial promotion offices : in London, Tokyo, San Francisco and Stuttgart. These offices have been working hard to encourage overseas businessmen to set up manufacturing facilities in Hong Kong, or to enter into licensing or joint venture arrangements with local businessmen to manufacture their products here. Judging from the number of foreign manufacturers who have been attracted to Hong Kong or who have expanded their operations, this initiative has paid good dividends. These overseas offices are backed up by the One-Stop Unit in the Industry Department, which provides a focal point where all queries from both overseas and local businessmen on industrial activities can be answered. In 1983, the Unit handled some 500 queries, which indicates the encouraging level of interest in what Hong Kong has to offer. These promotional activities are aimed not only at attracting new investment for its own sake : they also seek to broaden our industrial base by attracting to Hong Kong new technologies and improved techniques.

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"The Advisory Committee on Diversification also made a number of perceptive recommendations designed to improve support and technical back-up services to industry. Action taken to implement these includes the establishment of a Standard and Calibration Laboratory, which will start operations this summer, and the Laboratory Accreditation Scheme, which is expected to accredit its first laboratories later this year. A more direct form of support has also been given, through the work of the Hong Kong Productivity Centre, to technical research and development work; the transfer of technology; and the dissemination of technical information. The Centre's micro-processor laboratory has developed a number of systems which are being used successfully in manufacturing processes.

"In line with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, research projects related to electronics manufacturing processes and computer development techniques are being carried out in the two universities and the Hong Kong Polytechnic. The Hong Kong Productivity Centre has also organised studies of the metal and light engineering industry and of the electronics industry. The results of all these studies are now being examined, along with the findings of a technology transfer study and other recommendations aimed at making the latest technology available to our manufacturers, so that they can branch out into the production of a wider range of high technology goods.

"The purpose of this work is two-fold. First, the availability of internationally recognised standards and testing facilities will improve the acceptability of our products worldwide. Second, it will enable Hong Kong's industrialists to enter the expanding markets for more sophisticated consumer and industrial products of a high quality. To do this, and to maintain our edge in the face of increasingly stiff competition from other countries in the region, industrialists must be prepared to invest in these new technologies and master their application. Their past willingness to reinvest consistently in new and more modern plant and equipment has paid handsome dividends, as evidenced by our phenomenal growth rate over the past 30 years. Similar faith in the future is essential now because the health of our manufacturing industry tomorrow must necessarily depend on investments made today.

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"This fine new office building which opens today vividly demonstrates the CMA's firm confidence in our future. I welcome this kind of commitment. I am confident that local manufacturers will continue to plan energetically to meet the demands on industry in adapting to the use of more sophisticated technology, and in working for the continuing prosperity of Hong Kong.

"I now have much pleasure in declaring the new CMA building open; and I wish the Association continued success in the future."

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