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WAGE INDEXES FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE WAGE INDEXES FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS IN SEPTEMBER 1981, DERIVED FROM HALF-YEARLY WAGE SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

AS THE SURVEYS ARE NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE RESULTS CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS ROUGHLY INDICATIVE OF HOW WAGES MAY HAVE BEEN CHANGING.

TAKING AVERAGE WAGES DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1973 TO JUNE 1974 AS 100, THE INDEX OF NOMINAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES (EXCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS) FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS IN SEPTEMBER 1981 WAS 242.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1980, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 34 POINTS OR 16.3 PER CENT. COMPARED WITH MARCH 1981, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 18 POINTS OR EIGHT PER CENT. INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS, THE INDEX IN SEPTEMBER 1981 WAS 249, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 35 POINTS OR 16.4 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1980 AND 18 POINTS OR 7.8 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1981.

THE WAGE INDEXES FOR THE LARGER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT SHOW THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER 1981 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1980 AND MARCH 1981.

NOMINAL INDEX

EXCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>SEPT 80</u>	<u>MAR 81</u>	<u>SEPT 81</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u> <u>SEPT 81 OVER</u>	
				<u>MAR 81</u>	<u>SEPT 80</u>
MANUFACTURING	208	224	242	+ 8.0	+16.3
TEXTILES	213	231	247	+ 6.9	+16.0
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	216	217	226	+ 4.1	+ 4.6
ELECTRONICS	216	251	258	+ 2.8	+19.4
GARMENTS	197	208	231	+11.1	+17.3
GLOVES	179	178	188	+ 5.6	+ 5.0
HANDBAGS	195	206	220	+ 6.8	+12.8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS OTHER THAN FLOWERS AND TOYS	238	254	279	+ 9.8	+17.2
PLASTIC TOYS	204	219	228	+ 4.1	+11.8
PRINTING	254	261	298	+14.2	+17.3

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INDUSTRY	SEPT 80	MAR 81	SEPT 81	% CHANGE SEPT 81 OVER	
				MAR 81	SEPT 80
MANUFACTURING	214	231	249	+ 7.8	+16.4
TEXTILES	217	233	248	+ 6.4	+14.3
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	225	229	238	+ 3.9	+ 5.8
ELECTRONICS	226	263	272	+ 3.4	+20.4
GARMENTS	208	221	244	+10.4	+17.3
GLOVES	188	188	197	+ 4.8	+ 4.8
HANDBAGS	208	220	236	+ 7.3	+13.5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS OTHER THAN FLOWERS AND TOYS	231	249	272	+ 9.2	+17.7
PLASTIC TOYS	200	216	223	+ 3.2	+11.5
PRINTING	264	271	307	+13.3	+16.3

THE INDEX OF NOMINAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES MEASURES CHANGES IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED AS WAGES BY WORKERS IN LARGE ESTABLISHMENTS IN 25 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. THE INDEX OF NOMINAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGES AS WELL AS IN SUCH FRINGE BENEFITS AS CASH BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES, FREE OR SUBSIDISED FOOD AND PAID HOLIDAYS.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO PUBLISHED INDEXES OF REAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES (WITH AND WITHOUT FRINGE BENEFITS) FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS.

THE INDEXES OF REAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES MEASURE CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF WAGES RECEIVED AND ARE OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THEIR RESPECTIVE NOMINAL COUNTERPARTS BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A). THE NEW CPI(A) HAS BEEN USED IN COMPILING THE INDEXES OF REAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES, STARTING RETROSPECTIVELY FROM MARCH 1981. AS A RESULT, THE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1981 HAVE BEEN REVISED BUT THE REVISIONS ARE INSIGNIFICANT.

EXCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS, THE INDEX OF REAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS IN SEPTEMBER 1981 WAS 132, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF TWO POINTS OR 1.5 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1980 AND NO CHANGE OVER MARCH 1981.

INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS, THE INDEX IN SEPTEMBER 1981 WAS 136, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF THREE POINTS OR 2.3 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1980 AND NO CHANGE OVER MARCH 1981.

DETAILS OF WAGE MOVEMENTS IN THE INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCLUDED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1981 SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE WAGES AND LABOUR COST STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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MORE EFFORTS ON SHELTERED WORKSHOPS URGED

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THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WERE URGED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO PUT GREATER EFFORTS INTO SETTING UP SPECIAL WORKSHOPS WHERE THE SEVERELY DISABLED CAN PERFORM SATISFYING JOBS AT A PACE SUITABLE FOR THEIR LIMITED POTENTIAL.

THE CALL CAME FROM DR HARRY FANG, MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, AT THE OPENING OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S PAK TIN SHELTERED WORKSHOP IN UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO.

DR FANG ALSO CALLED FOR THE CO-OPERATION OF INDUSTRIALISTS.

+FOR, WITHOUT THEIR EXPERTISE IN THE INDUSTRIAL FIELD, SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS, ORDERS AND SALES OUTLETS, NO WORKSHOP CAN FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY,+ HE SAID.

DR FANG SAID HONG KONG DEPENDED ON EXPORT MARKETS AND HONG KONG PRODUCTS WERE NOTED FOR HIGH QUALITY AND COMPETITIVENESS IN THE WORLD MARKET.

+OUR DISABLED WORK FORCE, UNDER SUITABLE GUIDANCE, POSSESSES THAT SAME HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL WHICH IMPRESSES SO MANY COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID.

DR FANG DESCRIBED THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISABLED AS +THE ULTIMATE TEST OF REHABILITATION.+

HE SAID HE WAS HEARTENED TO SEE THAT MANY EMPLOYERS HAD COME TO REALISE THE POTENTIAL OF THE DISABLED WORKERS AND HAD HAPPILY ACCEPTED THEM INTO THEIR FIRMS AND FACTORIES.

MORE AND MORE DISABLED PEOPLE ARE IN ORDINARY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SETTINGS, WORKING SUCCESSFULLY SIDE BY SIDE WITH ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE WORK FORCE. BUT THERE ARE MANY DISABLED PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DISABILITIES TOO SEVERE FOR THEM TO WORK IN A NORMAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

+FOR THESE PEOPLE, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT SPECIAL WORKSHOPS ARE SET UP FOR THEM AND THAT A WIDE VARIETY OF INTERESTING AND SUITABLE OCCUPATIONS IS PROVIDED,+ DR FANG SAID.

+IT IS THE RIGHT OF EVERY ADULT TO ENJOY THE DIGNITY OF WORK,+ HE ADDED.

DR FANG DESCRIBED THE REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED AS A +PERMANENT COMMITMENT.+

/THE HOST .....

THE HOST AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY WAS THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE. GUESTS INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, INDUSTRIALISTS AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PAK TIN SHELTERED WORKSHOP, ONE OF SIX RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HAS CAPACITY FOR 140 DISABLED PEOPLE WHO CANNOT COMPETE IN THE OPEN JOB MARKET.

PEOPLE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE WORKSHOP MAY APPLY TO THE NEAREST FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

BOTH THE SHAM SHUI PO AND LAI CHI KOK FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES ARE AT 202, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, 7TH FLOOR.

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#### MORE MEN FOR FIRE SERVICES

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+THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES ARE PROUD OF THE HIGH STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONALISM AND SERVICE THEY PROVIDE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ SAID MR JOHN MARCH, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU.

SPEAKING TO 62 NEWLY-GRADUATED OFFICERS AND MEN AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE HELD AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL IN PAT HEUNG, MR MARCH REMINDED THE NEW RECRUITS THAT IT WAS THEIR +PROUD DUTY+ TO ENSURE THAT THE REPUTATION IS UPHELD.

HE ADVISED THE GRADUATES THAT THEY SHOULD ALWAYS TURN TO THEIR SENIOR OFFICERS AND THE MORE-EXPERIENCED COLLEAGUES FOR ADVICE AND GUIDANCE WHEN IN DOUBT.

+AFTER SERVING ON A FIRE STATION WATCH FOR A SHORT TIME, I AM SURE YOU WILL COME TO APPRECIATE THE TRUE VALUES OF COMRADESHIP, THE BENEFITS OF EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK AND A SATISFYING VOCATION IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

+YOUR SELF-DISCIPLINE WILL BE TESTED TO THE FULL IN HAVING TO MEET, WITHOUT QUESTION, THE MANY AND VARIED DEMANDS WHICH INEVITABLY WILL BE MADE ON YOU FROM BOTH WITHIN AND FROM OUTSIDE THE SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

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SCHOOLS COMPETITION TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING

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ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE 1982 SCHOOLS' HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE THEMES FOR THE PROJECT ARE +LET'S CLEAN OUR CITY, SAFETY OF DRINKING WATER, AND A HEALTHY SCHOOL LIFE.+

+IT IS HOPED THAT TEACHERS WILL MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THEIR PUPILS TO MATTERS RELATED TO HEALTHY LIVING BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS MAY CHOOSE ANY ONE OF THE THEMES TO PRODUCE AN INTERESTING AND EYE-CATCHING DISPLAY IN A FLOOR AREA MEASURING 3.5 METRES SQUARE, AND WITH A HEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING 2.5 METRES.

THE DISPLAY MAY INCLUDE PICTURES, PHOTOGRAPHS, MODELS, SPECIMENS, GRAPHS, CHARTS, FEATURE ARTICLES AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CAPTIONS MAY BE IN EITHER CHINESE OR ENGLISH, OR BOTH.

FIVE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES RANGING FROM \$1 800 TO \$700, TOGETHER WITH A TROPHY. THERE WILL ALSO BE 10 MERIT PRIZES OF \$500 EACH TO BE AWARDED AT THE JUDGES' DISCRETION.

THE EXHIBIT WITH THE BEST ARTWORK DESIGN WILL ALSO BE AWARDED A TROPHY, WHILE A SOUVENIR PLAQUE WILL BE PRESENTED TO EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMPETITION SHOULD SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 8 TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR (HEALTH EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 5TH FLOOR, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR (HEALTH EDUCATION) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE 5-774001 EXT. 33 AND 43, OR THE SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR (HEALTH EDUCATION), URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ON TELEPHONE 5-729361 EXT. 34.

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN MARCH 1 AND 5, WHEN PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SET UP THE PROJECT ON THEIR SCHOOL PREMISES.

A JOINT EXHIBITION OF THE PRIZE-WINNING PROJECTS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL FROM MARCH 25 TO 29.

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AVENUE FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK OUT

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL HAVE AN AVENUE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON MATTERS AFFECTING THEIR WELL-BEING THROUGH A NEW +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME WHICH WAS DISCUSSED AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SCHEME IS AIMED AT IMPROVING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE DISTRICT BOARD UNOFFICIALS.

IT WILL ENABLE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND THE WORK OF THE BOARD, AND, RECIPROCALLY ENABLE DISTRICT BOARD UNOFFICIALS TO UNDERSTAND PROBLEMS MORE FULLY AND CONSEQUENTLY TO MAKE KNOWN THESE PROBLEMS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

SIMILAR SCHEMES ARE BEING TRIED OUT IN WONG TAI SIN AND KWUN TONG.

A ROSTER SYSTEM WILL LATER BE WORKED OUT FOR UNOFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS TO RECEIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

IN ADDITION, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL VISIT VARIOUS HOUSING ESTATES, SQUATTER AREAS, SCHOOLS, CLINICS, MARKETS AND POLICE COMMUNICATION CENTRE IN THE DISTRICT TO GET TO KNOW THE PROBLEM AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT LOCAL ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS THROUGH CONTACTS WITH THESE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS WAS DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING THE ORGANISING OF A +HI-FI+ CONCERT FOR THE WAH FU ESTATE RESIDENTS BY THE SOUTHERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE MUSIC OFFICE AT WAH FU ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL ON FEBRUARY 21 (SUNDAY).

IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE INTRODUCED ALONG BOTH THE SOUTHBOUND AND NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD (SECTION BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD AND OLD MAIN STREET) AS PART OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN ABERDEEN.

A WORKING GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SOUTHERN) AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WOULD BE SET UP TO CONSIDER WAYS TO IMPROVE THE PROVISION OF READING ROOM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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OTHER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE BOARD INCLUDE A RESEARCH TO BE DONE ON THE SOCIAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN TIN WAN, +BASKETBALL FRIENDS '82+ PROJECT, AND THE PROVISION OF A MOBILE STAGE FOR OPEN AIR FUNCTIONS.

IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, THE BOARD ALSO HAD PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SITTING OUT AREA IN FRONT OF POKFULAM VILLAGE KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION AND THE SITE FORMATION WORKS RELATED TO THE TAI WAN NEW VILLAGE FIBRE GLASS TOILET INSTALLATION PROJECT.

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### PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN HELP WITH CLEAN UP

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TWO-HUNDRED-AND-FORTY CHILDREN FROM 24 PRIMARY SCHOOLS TOOK PART TODAY (FRIDAY) IN A DISTRICT-WIDE, CLEAN-UP COMPETITION IN THE NORTH DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT AROUSING CLEANLINESS AS WELL AS A SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE STUDENTS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, SAID THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH REGION) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG.

THE SUCCESS OF THE CAMPAIGN WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON THE CO-OPERATION OF AND PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, HE SAID.

THE SCHOOL CHILDREN, ARMED WITH BRUSHES AND BASKETS, CONVERGED ON THE TOWN CENTRE OF SHEK WU HUI AND TWO TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING.

THEY CLEARED AWAY A LARGE QUANTITY OF REFUSE AND JUNK, WHILE CLEANSING STAFF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROVIDED A BACK-UP SERVICE.

MEMBERS OF THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHONG KAM-LING, THE CHAIRMAN OF SHEUNG SHUI RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SHEK WU HUI ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE, MR CHEUNG KUEN, VISITED VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO PICK OUT THE WINNERS.

SHIELDS WERE PRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR PANG HANG-YIN TO THREE WINNING SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES AT A CEREMONY AT THE END OF THE CLEAN-UP, WHILE SOUVENIR BANNERS WERE GIVEN TO OTHERS.

ALSO TAKING PART WERE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, NORTH, MR DAVID WILMSHURST, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER, NORTH, MR LAW WAI-MING, AND THE HOUSING MANAGER OF TEMPORARY HOUSING, NEW TERRITORIES, MR LAU CHI-SHING.

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FIFTH WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

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THE FIFTH WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, (JANUARY 19) AT 2.30 PM IN FUNG MING HALL, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS A PAPER ON DISTRICT STRATEGY FOR WONG TAI SIN, SETTING OUT THE MAJOR GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY PLANS FOR THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL GIVE ADVICE ON VARIOUS PROGRAMMES AND THEIR OBJECTIVES, MONITOR THEIR PROGRESS, IDENTIFY MAJOR SHORTFALLS AND PROPOSE ALTERNATIVES WHERE OBJECTIVES ARE NOT BEING REALISED.

PROGRESS ON THE PROPOSED SLIP ROAD FROM KING FUK STREET INTO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WILL BE REPORTED AT THE MEETING.

THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE AN OPEN MEETING, AND THE PRESS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. EDITORS ARE ASKED TO NOTE THAT THE AGENDA AND PAPERS FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION ON MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18 FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM. EDITORS WHO REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE MEETING SHOULD TELEPHONE MISS AMY CHOW (TEL. 3-222261) AT CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, WONG TAI SIN.

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CLOSED TO LEARNER DRIVERS

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LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE CAR PARK AND BUS TERMINUS FROM 12.01 AM ON MONDAY UNTIL 11.59 PM ON JANUARY 25 AS A LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE HELD IN THE AREA.

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**EVENING OF CHINESE ART SONGS**

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A CONCERT OF CHINESE ART SONGS WILL BE FEATURED IN THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 22 TO FEBRUARY 13.

THE CREATIVITY AND RICHNESS OF CHINESE ART SONGS WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE AUDIENCES BY SEVERAL LEADING LOCAL VOCALISTS AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM ON JANUARY 26 STARTING AT 7.30 PM.

MEZZO SOPRANO CECILIA CHU, BARITONE CHOU YUN-CHEN, TENOR YUNG KEUNG AND SOPRANO ANNA CHENG WILL RENDER AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME OF MELODIES IN THE CONCERT.

THE TSUEN WAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR, TSUEN WAN GIRL'S CHOIR AND TSUEN WAN CHOIR WILL ALSO PERFORM.

TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT AT \$15, \$10, \$5 AND \$3 (STUDENT TICKETS) ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE.

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**BUILDINGS IN DANGEROUS CONDITION**

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED THE TWO-STOREY ANNEXES AT NOS. 199, 201 AND 203 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, HONG KONG TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THESE SEVEN-STORY EARLY POST-WAR BUILDINGS WITH TWO-STORY ANNEXES AT THE REAR HAD BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION FOR SOME TIME.

+RECENT INSPECTION FOLLOWING A COMPLAINT REVEALED THAT THESE TWO-STORY ANNEXES SHOW SIGNS OF EXTENSIVE MOVEMENT.

+IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE AND IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE ANNEXES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON FEBRUARY 12, 1982 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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FOLKSONGS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE MUSIC OFFICE ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING A +FOLKSONG FROM THE CLASSROOM+ SINGING SESSION AT THE CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL IN FORTRESS HILL ROAD IN NORTH POINT FROM 7.30 PM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 17).

THE EVENT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING INTEREST IN FOLKSONG SINGING AMONG EASTERN DISTRICT STUDENTS AND FOSTERING A STRONGER SENSE OF COMMUNITY BUILDING AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS.

FOUR SPECIAL GUESTS, MESSRS CHUNG LAI-SHEUNG, TANG WAI-YUN, TO CHAN-SUN AND WONG AH-MAN AS WELL AS FOLKSONG TEAMS FROM EIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE INVITED TO PERFORM.

THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE INVITED ARE THE HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB HIOE TJO YOENG SCHOOL, ISLAMIC COLLEGE, PRECIOUS BLOOD GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOL, CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL, SALESIAN SCHOOL, ST. JOHN'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE, CHEUNG CHUK SHAN COLLEGE AND WESLEY COLLEGE.

ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKETS WHICH WILL BE ISSUED FREE, AND LOCAL RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN THE SHOW CAN OBTAIN THEM FROM THE EASTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR THE MUSIC OFFICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE SAID SOME 800 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT.

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