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FS: LAND POLICY HELPS STABILISE PRICES

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THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT ITS POLICY OF PRODUCING AND SELLING MORE LAND IS THE ONLY SENSIBLE WAY TO STABILISE LAND PRICES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

TO ILLUSTRATE THAT THE POLICY CAN WORK AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CUT BACK ITS SALES PROGRAMME TO HOLD UP LAND PRICES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY POINTED TO THE RECENT PROGRAMME OF SALES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN KOWLOON BAY WHERE PRICES PEAKED EARLY ON AND HAVE SINCE FALLEN SUBSTANTIALLY.

+I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION OF MODIFYING ITS SALES PROGRAMME BECAUSE OF THIS OUTCOME, WHICH INDEED IT REGARDS AS DESIRABLE,+ MR BREMRIDGE SAID AT THE DINNER OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO ASSIGN LAND IN A FAIR AUCTION TO THE BUYER WHO OFFERS THE HIGHEST PRICE IN THE BELIEF THAT THIS ENSURES THAT IT GOES TO THE USER WHO CAN BEST PROFIT FROM IT.

+CROWN LAND IS NOT WITHHELD FROM THE MARKET IN ORDER TO RESTRICT SUPPLY WITH A VIEW TO MAINTAINING HIGH PRICES. THE PRICE AT WHICH LAND IS SOLD IS THE PRICE WHICH THE MARKET CONSIDERS THAT LAND TO BE WORTH.+

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY FIVE WITHDRAWALS FROM AUCTION THIS YEAR, WHEN BIDS FAILED TO REACH THE STARTING PRICE -- AND TWO OF THEM REFLECTED SPECIAL COVENANTS FOR DANGEROUS GOODS STORAGE.

THREE LOTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RE-AUCTIONED AND SOLD, WHILE THE OTHER TWO WILL BE RESUBMITTED TO AUCTION AND THEN BE SOLD AT A FAIR MARKET PRICE, HE SAID.

+OUR ONLY AIM IS TO AVOID ANY RISK OF A RIGGED AUCTION, FOR THE LAND AND THE SALES PROCEEDS AFTER ALL BELONG TO THE COMMUNITY.

+IT IS NOT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS A HIGH LAND PRICE POLICY, BUT RATHER THAT THERE IS AN ACTIVE DEMAND FOR COMPLETED PROPERTY IN HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

TURNING TO TECHNICAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO, AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY, MR BREMRIDGE SAID THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN AUGUST LAST YEAR TO PLAN, MONITOR AND ADVISE ON VARIOUS PROGRAMMES OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, IS ONE DEMONSTRATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES ASSIST INDUSTRY IN A POSITIVE WAY.

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IN ALL THE VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMMES CONSIDERED AND INITIATED BY THE BOARD, MR BREMIDGE SAID, THE EMPHASIS IS TO CONSOLIDATE AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE EFFORTS AND RESOURCES OF THE GOVERNMENT, ACADEMICS AND INDUSTRY TO MEET THE LONG-TERM NEEDS OF INDUSTRY.

MR BREMIDGE ALSO THANKED THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES FOR ITS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION MADE TO THE INDUSTRY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

+AT A TIME WHEN OUR INDUSTRY IS FACING INCREASING CHALLENGES WE NEED TO RELY MORE THAN EVER ON THE INITIATIVES OF INDUSTRIAL BODIES SUCH AS YOURS TO HELP IN MAINTAINING THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF THIS VITAL SECTOR OF OUR ECONOMY,+ HE SAID.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KING'S ROAD

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EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON THE SECTION OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES EAST OF TIN CHIU STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES EAST OF HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED NORTHWARDS ON TO A NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED CARRIAGEWAY FROM 2 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 6).

THIS IS ONE OF THE PHASED DIVERSIONS OF KING'S ROAD REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

AS A RESULT OF THE DIVERSION, RIGHT TURNING MOVEMENTS OF TRAFFIC FROM KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND INTO HEALTHY STREET WEST AND FROM HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL INTO KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR PAK FUK ROAD AND THE TANNER HILL AREA WILL BE DIVERTED TO MODEL LANE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE TRAFFIC LANE ON THE EASTBOUND TRAM TRACK ON KING'S ROAD, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN CHIU STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL, WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR PROHIBITED ZONE FOR ALL VEHICLES.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TRADE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS, JANUARY - JUNE
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THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1981 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1980. 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 1 PER CENT.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT WHILE THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 6 PER CENT. THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT, WITH VOLUME UP BY 36 PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES ROSE BY 8 PER CENT AND VOLUME ROSE BY 15 PER CENT.

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 JAN. - JUNE 1981
WITH JAN. - JUNE 1980

	EXPORT VALUE	EXPORT UNIT VALUE	EXPORT VOLUME
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+16%	+ 9%	+ 7%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+17%	+ 5%	+11%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	- 9%	+ 7%	-16%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+10%	+12%	- 1%
ALL TRANSISTORIZED RADIOS	- 3%	+ 8%	-10%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+45%	+17%	+24%
FOOTWEAR	+27%	+ 1%	+26%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 1%	+ 9%	- 7%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-20%	- 1%	-19%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+23%	- 6%	+30%
ALL COMMODITIES	+14%	+ 8%	+ 6%

/THE EXPORT

THE EXPORT PRICES OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM 1 PER CENT FOR FOOTWEAR TO 17 PER CENT FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EXPORT PRICES OF METAL ORES AND SCRAP, AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS FELL BY 1 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS RECORDED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+30%), FOOTWEAR (+26%) AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+24%). HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN THE EXPORT VOLUME OF METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-19%), AND TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-16%).

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

CHANGES COMPARING JAN. - JUNE 1981
WITH JAN. - JUNE 1980

	IMPORT VALUE	IMPORT UNIT VALUE	IMPORT VOLUME
FOODSTUFFS	+23%	+16%	+ 5%
CONSUMER GOODS	+37%	+ 5%	+31%
FUELS	+38%	+37%	+ 1%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+18%	+ 8%	+ 9%
CAPITAL GOODS	+29%	+ 8%	+20%
ALL COMMODITIES	+26%	+10%	+15%

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUELS, THE PRICES OF WHICH JUMPED BY 37 PER CENT, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY INCREASED MODERATELY, RANGING FROM 5 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 16 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS.

ONLY SOME MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS ROSE IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING LIVE POULTRY, VEGETABLES, AND MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD DECLINED.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING, RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS AND TAPE RECORDERS, AND HOUSEHOLD-TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED SLIGHTLY, BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE IMPORT

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF VARIOUS KINDS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES SHOWED A MIXED TREND. WHEREAS PURCHASES OF FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES, WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR, AND YARN OF MAN-MADE FIBRES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY, DEMAND FOR COTTON YARN AND THREAD AND RAW COTTON DECLINED.

AS FOR CAPITAL GOODS, MAJOR INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR OFFICE MACHINES AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

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

CHANGES COMPARING JAN. - JUNE 1981
WITH JAN. - JUNE 1980

	RE-EXPORT VALUE	RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE	RE-EXPORT VOLUME
FOODSTUFFS	+72%	+11%	+55%
CONSUMER GOODS	+43%	+ 4%	+38%
FUELS	- 3%	+37%	-29%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+48%	+12%	+33%
CAPITAL GOODS	+54%	+14%	+34%
ALL COMMODITIES	+48%	+ 9%	+36%

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUELS, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF THE MAJOR END-USE CATEGORIES SHOWED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES, RANGING FROM 33 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 55 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS.

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HARCOURT ROAD BUS LANE OPENED TO OTHER VEHICLES FOR TWO WEEKS
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THE BUS-ONLY-LANE ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HARCOURT ROAD, CENTRAL WILL BE OPENED TO ALL VEHICLES FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM 8 AM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) TO FACILITATE REPLACEMENT OF THE SOUTHERN PARAPET ON THE HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER.

THE SOUTHERN LANE OF THE HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER AND THE OFF-SIDE LANE OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HARCOURT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY AND FOR 24 HOURS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT CENTRAL DISTRICT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT.

THESE AMENDMENTS INVOLVE THE REZONING OF BOTH A +COMMERCIAL+ SITE WEST OF THE CONNAUGHT CENTRE AND A +GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY+ SITE COVERING THE EXISTING CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS TO +OTHER SPECIFIED USES+ AND ANNOTATED +PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TERMINUS WITH COMMERCIAL USES ABOVE+.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID: +THE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ALLOW FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TWO SITES, WHICH TOTAL ABOUT 1.4 HECTARES. THE DEVELOPMENT ENVISAGED WILL, LIKE THE UNITED CENTRE IN THE ADMIRALTY STATION AREA, INCLUDE A MAJOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TERMINUS AT GROUND LEVEL BELOW TWO LEVELS OF SHOPPING PODIUM WITH OFFICES ABOVE. THE INCORPORATION OF THE EXISTING BUS TERMINUS INTO THE DEVELOPMENT HELPS TO MAXIMISE THE USE OF THE BUS TERMINUS SITE AND FACILITATE THE DESIGN OF AN ENLARGED PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS/COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.+

+THE PROVISION OF A PEDESTRIAN PLAZA AND AMENITY AREA ON THE SHOPPING PODIUM WILL BE A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. THE PLAZA WILL BE AT THE SAME LEVEL OF AND CONNECTED WITH THE EXISTING ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND HARBOUR VIEW STREET. IT WILL BE WIDE ENOUGH FOR THE MASS CIRCULATION OF PEDESTRIANS AND WILL PROVIDE FOR FREE FLOW OF PEDESTRIANS BETWEEN THE TWO ELEVATED WALKWAYS.+

+THE PUBLICATION OF THIS AMENDMENT PLAN WILL NOT PREJUDICE THE CONSIDERATION OF THE OBJECTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN LODGED IN RESPECT OF THE PREVIOUS PLAN, NO. LH 4/42E, PUBLISHED ON FEBRUARY 13, 1981,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AT \$8.50 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN AND HAS OBJECTION MAY SUBMIT IT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 24, 1981.

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PEOPLE KEEN TO MOVE TO NEW TOWNS

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ALTHOUGH THE NEW TERRITORIES CAN SOMETIMES APPEAR TO BE ONE VAST BUILDING SITE, EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW TOWNS BECOME COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE LIVE FULL AND VARIED LIVES AND WHICH THEY ARE PROUD TO CALL HOME.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) BY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG CENTRAL.

MR CHUI SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE NEW TOWNS AS THEY STOOD WERE UNATTRACTIVE CONCRETE WASTELANDS.

THERE WAS NOW A FOUR-TO-FIVE YEAR WAIT FOR HOUSING IN TUEN MUN, 20 MILES FROM KOWLOON.

+MANY THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES ARE ONLY TOO EAGER TO GET AWAY FROM CROWDED CONDITIONS AND SQUALID SURROUNDINGS TO THE FRESH AIR AND FRESH OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ MR CHUI SAID.

THESE PEOPLE HAD TO BE BOUND TOGETHER IN A WEB OF RELATIONSHIPS IN THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT.

AS WELL AS HOMES TO LIVE IN, JOBS TO GO TO, AND SCHOOLS TO ATTEND, THEY MUST HAVE CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS TO JOIN WHERE THEY CAN DEVELOP THEIR INTERESTS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND ENJOY THEIR FREE TIME.

THIS MEANT THAT THE VARIOUS YOUTH GROUPS HAD TO EXPAND THEIR ACTIVITIES AND ORIENTATE THEMSELVES MUCH MORE TOWARDS THE NEW TERRITORIES THAN IN THE PAST.

+IN SOME CASES THEY MAY HAVE TO REGIONALISE THEIR ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS,+ MR CHUI SAID.

A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT WAS GOING INTO BOOSTING CULTURAL ACTIVITY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS BOOST CAME AT A TIME WHEN A RING OF AIR-CONDITIONED HALLS WAS BEGINNING TO APPEAR THERE.

IN TSUEN WAN THE TOWN HALL HAD BEEN OPEN FOR WELL OVER A YEAR- THE LUT SAU HALL IN YUEN LONG OPENED RECENTLY- AND THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL IN SHEUNG SHUI WAS NEARING COMPLETION.

HALLS SIMILAR TO THAT IN TSUEN WAN WERE TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN FOR COMPLETION IN 1984/85 AND A SMALLER-SCALE FACILITY WAS BEING PROVIDED IN SAI KUNG.

THE FOUR-WEEK LONG TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WAS NOW WELL ESTABLISHED AND ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR AVERAGED A VERY ENCOURAGING 80 PER CENT.

BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR ALL SEVEN MAINLAND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS WOULD HOLD FESTIVALS.

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THESE PROVIDED A FOCUS BUT WERE BY NO MEANS THE ONLY OCCASION IN THE YEAR WHEN THE ARTS COULD BE ENJOYED IN THE DISTRICTS.

THERE WAS NOW AN ARTS ASSOCIATION IN EACH DISTRICT, MR CHUI SAID.

THEY AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS WERE BECOMING INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN SPONSORING PERFORMANCES AND COURSES IN MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA.

IN YUEN LONG, FOR EXAMPLE, A SCHOOL OF BALLET WAS SET UP IN 1979= IN TSUEN WAN, TOO, THERE WERE DANCE CLASSES= A DANCE COMPETITION HELD IN SHA TIN EARLIER THIS YEAR ATTRACTED 40 TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE DISTRICT= IN TAI PO AN INTER-SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION HELD IN FEBRUARY MET WITH SUCH AN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE THAT IT WAS LIKELY TO BE MADE AN ANNUAL EVENT= MORE THAN 2 000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ATTENDED DANCE ACTIVITIES IN TUEN MUN THIS YEAR= AND IN SAI KUNG AN ELEMENTARY BALLET CLASS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WAS 50 PER CENT OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

THE MUSIC OFFICE LAST YEAR PRESENTED 85 CONCERTS IN ITS 'MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS' SERIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MORE THAN HALF OF WHICH TOOK PLACE INSIDE SCHOOLS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN.

SEVERAL DISTRICTS HAD CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, MR CHUI SAID.

EFFORTS WERE ALSO GOING INTO ORGANISING CONTINUING COMPETITIONS IN VARIOUS SPORTS.

EACH DISTRICT HAD A SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THEY HAD GOT TOGETHER TO ARRANGE AN INTER-DISTRICT LEAGUE IN ALMOST EVERY POPULAR SPORT.

+PENDING COMPLETION OF THE PERMANENT SPORTS GROUNDS WHICH ARE PLANNED, EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO MAXIMISE THE USE OF THE FACILITIES WHICH ALREADY EXIST,+ MR CHUI SAID.

+THIS CAN BE DONE, FOR EXAMPLE, BY THE PROVISION OF IMPROVED LIGHTING OR BY OPENING SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS IN THE EVENINGS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.+

ONE GREAT BENEFIT OF LIVING IN A NEW TOWN WAS THE EASE OF ACCESS TO COUNTRY PARKS, HE SAID.

HIKING TRAILS AND NATURE TRAILS WERE BEING MARKED OUT THERE AND EFFORTS MADE TO PROVIDE CAMP SITES, OF WHICH THERE WERE NOW 24.

+OF COURSE, GOVERNMENT CANNOT DO EVERYTHING,+ MR CHUI SAID.

+IT CAN PROVIDE A STIMULUS AND A GUIDE, BUT IN THE LONG RUN THE CONTINUING EFFORTS MUST COME FROM THE PEOPLE.

+ONLY THEY CAN ENSURE THE STEADY, HEALTHY GROWTH OF THE COMMUNITY+.

LOCAL LEADERS MUST COME FORWARD AND SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING THE NEW TOWNS INTO LIVING AND LIVELY ORGANISMS.

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NEW BRIDGES FOR SAFE CROSSING OVER KCR TRACKS
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SIX FOOTBRIDGES ARE TO BE BUILT OVER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TRACKS BETWEEN HONG LOK YUEN AND WO HOP SHEK.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK, WHICH IS PART OF THE ELECTRIFICATION AND MODERNISATION OF THE KCR.

THE BRIDGES WILL BE BUILT AT TAI HANG, TAI WO, NAM WAH PO, KAU LUNG HANG, TONG HANG SOUTH AND TONG HANG NORTH.

A TWO-METRE WIDE WALKWAY WITH STEPPED RAMPS WILL BE PROVIDED AT EACH LOCATION TO CATER FOR PEDESTRIAN AND HANDCART MOVEMENTS ACROSS THE KCR TRACKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

IN ANOTHER KCR PROJECT, TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STORES BUILDING AND DANGEROUS GOODS STORE AT THE HO TUNG LAU WORKSHOPS OF THE KCR.

WORK ON THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY JUNE NEXT YEAR.

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FOUR LOTS OF LAND TO BE AUCTIONED
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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND, TOTALLING ABOUT 6 000 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 28 AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

TWO OF THE LOTS ARE IN THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AND ARE BOTH FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE LARGEST OF THESE MEASURES 3 100 SQUARE METRES, WHILE THE OTHER IS 1 445 SQUARE METRES.

ONE LOT, OF 1 274 SQUARE METRES, IN CAPE DRIVE, CHUNG HOM KOK, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

ANOTHER LOT, OF 176.6 SQUARE METRES, IN TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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SCHOOLS URGED TO JOIN HEALTH EDUCATION CONTEST
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HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES TO COMPETE IN THE 1981 SCHOOLS' HEALTH EDUCATION SPEECH AND SONG CONTEST, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

+THE CONTEST IS AN ANNUAL FUNCTION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WITH A VIEW TO RAISING HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

THE THEME OF THE CONTEST IS +A CLEAN HOME IS A HAPPY HOME+.

ENTRIES TO THE SONG CONTEST MUST BE ORIGINAL SONGS IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE FOR GROUP PERFORMANCE WITH OR WITHOUT ACCOMPANIMENT, AND SHOULD BE OF NOT MORE THAN THREE MINUTES' DURATION.

THERE WILL BE A PRIMARY SECTION AND A SECONDARY SECTION, AND SCHOOLS MAY ENTER ONE TEAM OF 30 TO 60 PUPILS FOR EACH SECTION.

THE SPEECH CONTEST WILL BE CLASSIFIED INTO FOUR SECTIONS -- AN ENGLISH SECTION AND A CHINESE SECTION FOR BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

+HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO HOLD PRELIMINARY ELIMINATION CONTESTS AMONG THEIR PUPILS IN ORDER TO SELECT THE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO COMPETE IN THE SPEECH CONTEST,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SPEECHES WILL BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CONTESTANTS AND THREE MINUTES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CONTESTANTS.

ELIMINATION CONTESTS WILL BE HELD AT DIFFERENT CENTRES IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ON OCTOBER 31.

THE FINALS OF THE SONG CONTEST AND THE SPEECH CONTEST WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 28 AND NOVEMBER 14 RESPECTIVELY AT THE CITY HALL.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND BOOK COUPONS RANGING FROM \$150 TO \$600, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR, HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 28 OI KWAN ROAD, OI KWAN COURT, SECOND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES TO THE SONG CONTEST IS NOVEMBER 2, AND THAT FOR THE SPEECH CONTEST IS OCTOBER 1.

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+SWINGING SUMMER+ SINGING FINALS
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THE +SWINGING SUMMER+ PROGRAMME, THE FIRST TV SERIES EVER ORGANISED FOR THE ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, DREW TO A SUCCESSFUL CLOSE YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) WITH THE FINALE HELD AT THE OCEAN PARK.

DESPITE THE RAIN IN THE MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON, WHICH DELAYED THE PRODUCTION SCHEDULE BY MORE THAN TWO HOURS, THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE AUDIENCE WAS NOT DAMPENED.

AN ATMOSPHERE OF EXCITEMENT PREVAILED AS THE PROGRAMME STARTED WITH THE GRAND FINAL OF THE +SWINGING SUMMER+ SINGING CONTEST. WINNERS OF THE NINE PRELIMINARIES HELD BETWEEN JULY AND EARLY SEPTEMBER COMPETED FOR THE TITLE OF OVERALL WINNER.

THEY PERFORMED IN FRONT OF A PANEL OF JUDGES, ALL MUSIC EXPERTS, COMPRISING MR SAM HO OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MR RAY CORDEIRO AND MR RAYMOND NG OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND MR NG TAK-YIN OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. THE JUDGES HAD A DIFFICULT TIME IN CHOOSING A WINNER, AS THE PERFORMANCES WERE ALL OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD.

AFTER KEEN COMPETITION, MR KWAN CHI-SHING WAS AWARDED THE CHAMPION TITLE WHILE THE PRIZE FOR 1ST RUNNER-UP WENT TO THREE CONTESTANTS, MR FUNG HON-TAK, MR WONG MING-LEUNG AND MISS JOYCE WONG WHO ALL HAD EQUAL SCORES. THERE WERE TWO SECOND RUNNERS-UP. THEY WERE MISS CHAN SIU-SHUN AND LAI MAN-PING.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OCEAN PARK AND STEWARD OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, SIR KENNETH PING-FAN FUNG AND THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MRS SHIRLEY HUNG, BOTH OFFICIATED AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AFTER THE COMPETITION.

THE +SWINGING SUMMER+ TV PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONTINUE TO BE SCREENED ON RTV 1 ON SUNDAYS FROM 12.15 TO 1.15 PM UNTIL OCTOBER 4.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

80 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROBATIONERS UNDER SWD'S SCHEME
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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS),
MRS EVELYN DOE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING ON SUNDAY
(SEPTEMBER 6) OF A HALF-DAY ORIENTATION COURSE FOR 80 PUBLIC-
SPIRITED PEOPLE WHO HAVE JOINED THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S
VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS.

MRS DOE WILL DELIVER AN OPENING SPEECH, AFTER WHICH THERE
WILL BE A TALK ON THE WORK OF PROBATION OFFICERS AND THE
UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PROBATIONERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A TALK ON THE ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS AND THE
TERMS OF SERVICE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY, WHICH WILL
TAKE PLACE AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY AT ROOM 204-206, THE DUKE OF WINDSOR
SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, 15 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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