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PEOPLE'S WELFARE OF PRIME CONCERN - SIR GEOFFREY

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THE FUTURE WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IS THE PRIME CONCERN OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON ARRIVAL AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM PEKING, SIR GEOFFREY SAID HE HAD SPENT THE PAST THREE DAYS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE LEADERS UP TO AND INCLUDING CHAIRMAN DENG.

+THE TALKS HAVE BEEN FRIENDLY, SERIOUS AND PRODUCTIVE.

+WE'VE SPENT ABOUT NINE HOURS ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN TALKS TOGETHER, AND MOST OF THAT TIME HAS RIGHTLY BEEN CONCENTRATED ON WHAT IS NECESSARY TO SECURE THE FUTURE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

+THE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS START AGAIN ON APRIL 27, AND THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF WORK STILL TO BE DONE IF WE ARE TO SECURE THE COMMON OBJECTIVE OF REACHING THE AGREEMENT THAT WE ALL WANT.

+THE TALKS THAT I'VE HAD IN PEKING HAVE CERTAINLY HELPED US ALONG THAT ROAD.

+WE INTEND TO CONTINUE WORKING AS HARD AS WE CAN FOR THAT OUTCOME,+ HE SAID.

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID HE WAS GLAD TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG.

+I WILL BE SPENDING THE NEXT THREE DAYS MEETING AGAIN WITH MEMBERS OF EXCO AND LEGCO, AND OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE LEADERS OF OPINION IN HONG KONG.

+I AM GLAD TO BE HERE BECAUSE AS YOU MUST KNOW, THE FUTURE WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IS THE PRIME CONCERN OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

ARRIVING IN HONG KONG TOGETHER WITH SIR GEOFFREY WAS THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY INCLUDED LADY HOWE, SIR PERCY CRADOCK, DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, SIR RICHARD EVANS, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, DR DAVID WILSON, ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, AND MR P.J. GOULDEN, HEAD OF THE NEWS DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

THE PARTY WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY LADY YOUDE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR CHRISTIAN ADAMS, AND MR LI CHUWEN OF THE NCNA.

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MARCH CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES DECREASE  
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR MARCH 1984 WERE 153 AND 152 RESPECTIVELY, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, CPI(A) DECREASED BY 1 POINT OR 0.6 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 1 POINT OR 0.7 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1983, CPI(A) ROSE BY 13 POINTS OR 9.3 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 13 POINTS OR 9.4 PER CENT.

THE EQUIVALENT PERCENTAGES FOR JANUARY 1984 WERE 12.6 PER CENT AND 11.9 PER CENT, SUGGESTING THAT THERE WAS A SLOWING DOWN IN THE RATE OF PRICE INCREASE DURING THE FIRST QUARTER.

THE AVERAGE CPI (A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING IN MARCH 1984 WERE 147.1 AND 146.2 RESPECTIVELY, WHICH WERE 10.5 PER CENT AND 10.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING IN MARCH 1983.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MARCH 1984, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.2 PER CENT EACH MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), AT 0.3 PER CENT.

DURING MARCH, FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF LIVE POULTRY, FRESH VEGETABLES AND SALT-WATER FISH, WERE LOWER.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979-80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI(A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH, AND THE CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

THE INDEXES FOR MARCH 1984 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR FEBRUARY 1984 AND MARCH 1983.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

| SECTION        | CPI(A)  |         |         | CPI(B)  |         |         |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                | MAR. 83 | FEB. 84 | MAR. 84 | MAR. 83 | FEB. 84 | MAR. 84 |
| FOODSTUFFS     | 144     | 156     | 154     | 144     | 156     | 155     |
| HOUSING        | 133     | 142     | 142     | 132     | 143     | 143     |
| FUEL AND LIGHT | 143     | 151     | 149     | 144     | 151     | 148     |

/ALCOHOLIC DRINKS .....

|  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| ALCOHOLIC DRINKS<br>AND TOBACCO<br>(FOR HOME<br>CONSUMPTION) | 190 | 208 | 208 | 182 | 200 | 200 |
| CLOTHING AND<br>FOOTWEAR                                     | 135 | 149 | 150 | 135 | 149 | 151 |
| DURABLE GOODS  | 109 | 124 | 124 | 111 | 127 | 127 |
| MISCELLANEOUS<br>GOODS                                       | 129 | 148 | 149 | 128 | 144 | 147 |
| TRANSPORT AND<br>VEHICLES                                    | 149 | 167 | 168 | 152 | 169 | 170 |
| SERVICES   | 146 | 165 | 165 | 144 | 164 | 163 |
| ALL ITEMS  | 140 | 154 | 153 | 139 | 153 | 152 |

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1984, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 2 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 1 POINT IN CPI(B). THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY, FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH, PORK AND FRESH-WATER FISH DECLINED. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT DECREASED BY 2 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 3 POINTS IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT IN ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING CAUSED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR TO RISE BY 1 POINT IN CPI(A) AND 2 POINTS IN CPI(B).

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS ROSE BY 1 POINT IN CPI(A) AND 3 POINTS IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY, MEDICINES, SOFT FURNISHINGS, TOILET REQUISITES AND COSMETICS.

THE 1-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AS WELL AS THE FULL IMPACT OF THE RISE IN TAXI FARES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES FELL BY 1 POINT IN CPI(B) DUE TO LOWER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING AND PACKAGE TOURS AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR MARCH 1984, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES MAY BE MADE WITH THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE 3-7216512.

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NEW GROWTH STRATEGY PROPOSED FOR ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY

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A NEW STUDY HAS PROPOSED A DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY TO ASSIST THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TO DIVERSIFY INTO HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS.

OF TEN SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS, THREE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES:

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, OF A PRECISION METAL WORKING INSTITUTE AND OF A COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING INSTITUTE.

THE REPORT +STUDY OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY+ WAS PREPARED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE. IT IS ON SALE AT \$26 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, DECIDED, AT ITS MEETING ON MARCH 30, TO CONSULT THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY AND MAJOR TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY, AND ON THE FINDINGS OF AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED BY THE BOARD TO CONSIDER IT.

THE WORKING GROUP SUPPORTED, IN PRINCIPLE, THE RECOMMENDATIONS BUT FELT THAT THE COMPUTER PROPOSAL SHOULD BE PURSUED IN THE CONTEXT OF AN INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION PROPOSAL SEPARATELY PREPARED BY HKPC.

THE WORKING GROUP ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE FUNDING OF THE ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AND THE PRECISION METAL WORKING INSTITUTE COULD BE DONE ON THE BASIS OF AN AD VALOREM LEVY ON ELECTRONICS EXPORTS WHICH COULD BE AT A RATE OF 0.03 PER CENT - AS IN THE CASE OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING LEVY.

THE VIEWS OF THE INDUSTRY ON THESE PROPOSALS ARE BEING SOUGHT. THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS FORWARDED COPIES OF BOTH REPORTS TO ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED FOR THEIR COMMENTS. THE ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS, WITHIN THREE MONTHS, TO THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT.

(THE WORKING GROUP'S REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE. REQUESTS FOR COPIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE IDB SECRETARIAT, C/O INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, 14/F., OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO FORWARD ANY COMMENTS THEY MAY HAVE ON THE TWO REPORTS AND THE PROPOSED LEVY TO THE IDB SECRETARIAT AT THE SAME ADDRESS BEFORE JULY 16, 1984.

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FEBRUARY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT,  
PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND  
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS A WHOLE REMAINED STABLE AT A HIGH LEVEL IN FEBRUARY 1984, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR FEBRUARY RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

SOME INCREASES WERE REPORTED BY RESPONDENTS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, TEXTILES AND THE 'OTHERS' CATEGORY OF INDUSTRIES.

THE ORDERS POSITION OF THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY SHOWED NO CHANGE, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH. HOWEVER, A SLIGHT DECLINE IN THE VOLUME OF ORDERS WAS RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN MOST OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED EITHER STABILISED OR DECLINED SLIGHTLY AS SOME WORKERS LEFT THEIR JOBS AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE EXCEPTION WAS THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WHERE EMPLOYMENT SHOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTOR SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH, APART FROM A SMALL DECLINE RECORDED IN HOTELS.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES INCREASED SLIGHTLY AS A FEW FIRMS STARTED SOME NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

SUBSTANTIAL DECREASES IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH WERE REPORTED BY ALL THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED, DUE TO THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND DOUBLE PAY IN JANUARY.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION SECTORS ALSO DECREASED FOR THE SAME REASON.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLES.

THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, IT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1.5 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 3-7212832.

A. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING

| INDUSTRY                           | (PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) |          |          | ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR FEBRUARY 1984 |
|------------------------------------|--|----------|----------|---|
|                                    | DEC 1983                                     | JAN 1984 | FEB 1984 |   |
| WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR   | 3  | -1       | -1       | 4.98  |
| TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL   | 5  | *        | 2        | 2.60  |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS                   | 2  | 1        | 4        | 3.89  |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS          | 3  | 2        | 3        | 3.37  |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | 1  | 1        | *        | 5.45  |
| OTHERS                             | 1  | *        | 2        | 4.21  |
| <u>ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES</u>        | <u>2</u>                                     | <u>1</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>4.56</u>   |

B. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

| INDUSTRY/SERVICE                 | PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED    |           |           | PER CAPITA EARNINGS |           |            | PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR FEB 1984 (HK\$) |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|------------|---|
|                                  | (PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) |           |           | THE                 |           |            |   |
|                                  | DEC 1983                                     | JAN 1984  | FEB 1984  | DEC 1983            | JAN 1984  | FEB 1984   |   |
| <u>MANUFACTURING</u>             | <u>*</u>                                     | <u>-1</u> | <u>-1</u> | <u>8</u>            | <u>37</u> | <u>-29</u> | <u>2 528</u>                            |
| FOOD AND DRINKS                  | *  | *         | *         | 24                  | 18        | -28        | 3 311                                   |
| WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR | *  | -1        | *         | 9                   | 22        | -27        | 2 146                                   |
| TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL | *  | -1        | *         | 14                  | 43        | -40        | 2 401                                   |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS                 | *  | -2        | 1         | 2                   | 47        | -34        | 2 200                                   |

/FABRICATED METAL .....

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|                                    |           |           |          |           |           |            |              |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS          | 1         | -1        | -1       | 4         | 47        | -33        | 2 097        |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | -1        | -1        | -2       | 4         | 43        | -29        | 2 405        |
| OTHERS                             | *         | *         | *        | 7         | 40        | -26        | 3 607        |
| <u>CONSTRUCTION **</u>             | <u>-1</u> | <u>-1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>8</u>  | <u>21</u> | <u>-26</u> | <u>3 711</u> |
| <u>SERVICES</u>                    | <u>*</u>  | <u>*</u>  | <u>*</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>-34</u> | <u>4 618</u> |
| BANKS                              | *         | *         | *        | 69        | -6        | -35        | 4 128        |
| HOTELS                             | *         | -1        | -1       | 28        | 38        | -37        | 3 172        |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES                   | *         | *         | *        | 10        | 45        | -35        | 4 524        |
| OTHERS                             | *         | *         | *        | 23        | 33        | -30        | 6 131        |

\* CHANGES WITHIN <sup>+</sup>-0.5 PER CENT

\*\* PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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MP VISITS SHA TIN  
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A VISITING MEMBER OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT, MR JOHN COPE, SPENT THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON IN SHA TIN TO SEE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

HE ALSO HAD A MEETING WITH SEVEN MEMBERS FROM THE SHA TIN, KWUN TONG AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARDS.

MR COPE WAS BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN VARIOUS NEW TOWNS BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON.

HE THEN WENT TO THE LIONS PAVILION FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF SHA TIN AND A BRIEFING ON THE DISTRICT BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG.

MR COPE WAS TOLD THAT ABOUT 23 PER CENT OF SHA TIN'S TOTAL AREA OF 800 HECTARES WERE USED FOR HOUSING, AND THAT MOST OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WERE BUILT ON RECLAIMED SITES.

AFTER A VISIT TO LUNG HANG ESTATE, MR COPE RETURNED TO THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND MET THE BOARD MEMBERS.

THE MEMBERS WERE MR LAM HUNG-CHUI, MISS FANNY CHEUNG, MR ROGER LAU AND MR YEUNG SUI-WAH OF SHA TIN; MR TSOI LOK-KEUNG AND MR CHENG KWAN-SUEN OF KWUN TONG; AND MR LI SZE-BAY OF WONG TAI SIN.

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### THREE CROWN SITES SOLD

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A SITE AT ABERDEEN WAS SOLD FOR MORE THAN DOUBLE ITS OPENING BID OF \$25 MILLION AT AN AUCTION AT THE ARTS CENTRE TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IT WAS ONE OF THREE CROWN LAND SITES WHICH PRODUCED \$88.85 MILLION IN REVENUE.

THE ABERDEEN SITE, WHICH IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, MEASURES 1 579 SQUARE METRES AND WAS SOLD TO KIN FUNG GARMENTS AND INVESTMENT LIMITED AT \$56 MILLION (\$35 465.48 PER SQUARE METRE).

UNDER SALES CONDITIONS, THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO BUILD A POST OFFICE AND A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK IN THE DEVELOPMENT.

THE BUILDING COVENANT FOR THE SITE IS \$26 MILLION, TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE JUNE 30, 1988.

THE SECOND SITE, LOCATED IN SHA TIN, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

IT WAS PURCHASED BY KWAN CHUN AT \$850 000 (\$581.39 PER SQUARE METRE). BIDDING OPENED AT \$550 000.

THE SITE MEASURES 1 462 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$1.4 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN 36 MONTHS.

AN INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN SITE OF 3 690 SQUARE METRES, AT KUT SHING STREET, CHAI WAN, WAS SOLD FOR \$32 MILLION (\$8 672.09 PER SQUARE METRE) TO SPRADO COMPANY LIMITED.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$20 MILLION.

THE BUILDING COVENANT, TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE JUNE 30, 1988, IS \$38 MILLION.

COMMENTING ON THE SALE, THE AUCTIONEER, GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR C.M. MO, SAID HE WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS.

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### GERMAN GROUP VISITS AIRPORT

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A 17-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTHRHINE WESTPHALIAN PROVINCIAL DIET, DUSSELDORF, MADE A STUDY TOUR OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TODAY.

THE GROUP CAME HERE SPECIALLY TO SEE THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT, WHICH IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST IN THE REGION.

FOLLOWING A BRIEFING BY MR W.C. HUTCHINGS, DEPUTY AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER, THE DELEGATES TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT THE PASSENGER FACILITIES, PROCESSING AND BAGGAGE HANDLING, AS WELL AS CONTROL TOWER AND CONTROL CENTRE OPERATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LADY HOWE TO VISIT COMMUNITY CENTRE

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LADY HOWE AND LADY YOUDE WILL VISIT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) MORNING.

THEY WILL SEE THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, INCLUDING A CLUB FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS, A NURSERY AND A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE GROUP WORK UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AND THEN DROP IN TO SEE CHILDREN AT AN EASTER PARTY AND A COOKING CLASS FOR WOMEN.

LADY HOWE AND LADY YOUDE WILL ARRIVE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, YAU MA TEI, AT 10 AM TOMORROW.

THEY WILL BE MET BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (WEST KOWLOON), MR ALEXANDER FUNG, AND THE WARDEN OF THE CENTRE, MISS CHUNG WOON-CHEUNG.

THE VISIT IS EXPECTED TO END AT ABOUT 12 NOON.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE VISIT.

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TWO SITES FOR RENT

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TWO PIECES OF CROWN LAND ARE BEING OFFERED ON SHORT TERM TENANCIES BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE LARGER OF THE SITES, MEASURING 7 494 SQUARE METRES, IS IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

IT IS TO BE USED FOR PARKING GOODS VEHICLES, INCLUDING MINOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE, OR FOR OPEN STORAGE OF GOODS.

THE OTHER SITE IS AT KWEI CHOW STREET, TO KWA WAN.

IT HAS AN AREA OF 1 700 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR STORAGE OF GOODS AND VEHICLES, BUT EXCLUDING CEMENT, SAND AND AGGREGATE.

THE INITIAL TENANCY FOR THE SHA TIN SITE IS THREE YEARS AND FOR THE KOWLOON SITE ONE YEAR. BOTH CAN BE RENEWED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

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TENDERS FOR THE TWO SITES SHOULD BE SENT IN BY MAY 4.

FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

- \* THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN FOR THE SHA TIN SITE. TENDER PLANS CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE ABOVE LOCATIONS.

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BONSAI SHOW FEATURES 400 EXHIBITS  
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A 12-DAY BONSAI SHOW, FEATURING MORE THAN 400 EXHIBITS, WILL OPEN AT CHING CHUNG KOON IN TUEN MUN FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE EXHIBITS WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF RARE AND VALUABLE MINIATURE TREES AND POTTED PLANTS COLLECTED BY THE KOON, A TAOIST ORGANISATION.

WINNING ENTRIES OF A BONSAI COMPETITION HELD RECENTLY FOR LOCAL STUDENTS AND THE PUBLIC WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW, IN ITS FIFTH YEAR, IS ORGANISED BY CHING CHUNG KOON AND IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM TOMORROW.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR YIP SHUI-MING, THE STAFF OFFICER (GARDENS) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR FARLEY MA, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHOW'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR HAU BO-WUN.

THE SHOW WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE '84 BONSAI SHOW AT 10 AM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT CHING CHUNG KOON, KEI LUN WAI IN TUEN MUN.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1984

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EASTER FAIR AT PARKING LOT

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A TOTAL OF 178 PARKING SPACES AT MURRAY BARRACKS OPEN-AIR CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 20) TO 8 AM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 22) TO ALLOW AN EASTER FAIR TO BE HELD.

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UNDERPASS MAINTENANCE

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THE UNDERPASS AT KWUN TONG MTR DEPOT WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (APRIL 20 AND 21), TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK.

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