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GOVERNOR OPENS PO LEUNG KUK HOLIDAY CAMP IN SAI KUNG

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THE DRIVE TO ENCOURAGE USE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR RECREATION OR LEISURE HAS CONTINUED WITH MARKED SUCCESS.

THIS WAS SAID BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WHEN OPENING THE PO LEUNG KUK HOLIDAY CAMP PROJECT AT PAK TAM CHUNG, SAI KUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY).

+THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS CAMP BY THE PO LEUNG KUK ON THE EDGE OF SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK IS AN IMAGINATIVE AND A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS MOVEMENT,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

+IT IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT WHICH PROVIDED THE SITE, THE LOTTERIES FUND AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WHICH HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL GRANTS, AND ABOVE ALL YOU IN THE PO LEUNG KUK WHOSE ENTHUSIASM FOR THE PROJECT HAS RAISED THE BULK OF THE FUNDS AND CO-ORDINATED DEVELOPMENT.

+I AM DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE INITIATIVE AND IMAGINATION THAT THE CHAIRMAN, HIS PREDECESSORS AND COLLEAGUES HAVE DISPLAYED IN CARRYING THE IDEA THROUGH TO FRUITION.

+IT IS A PROJECT IN THE FINEST TRADITION OF THE PO LEUNG KUK AND A SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF THE RANGE OF ITS ACTIVITIES.+

SIR MURRAY CONGRATULATED THE 1980/81 CHAIRMAN OF THE PO LEUNG KUK BOARD, MR CHIU CHUN-BONG, AND BOARD MEMBERS ON A VERY SUCCESSFUL TERM OF OFFICE.

+YOUR RECORD-BREAKING FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES ARE A CLEAR REFLECTION OF THE COMMUNITY'S ENERGY.

+TO THIS I ADD MY OWN THANKS ON BEHALF OF ALL THOSE WHO WILL ENJOY THEIR STAY AT THIS CAMP IN THE YEARS AHEAD.+

MR CHIU SAID IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT \$25 MILLION IN CAPITAL FUNDING WOULD BE CALLED FOR TO BRING THE CAMP TO FULL COMPLETION.

AT PRESENT ABOUT \$7 MILLION WAS NEEDED FOR SHORING PROTECTION, LANDSCAPING AND DEVELOPMENT OF A ONE HECTARE GARDEN.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT, WITH THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC, THE INCOMING BOARD WILL FIND NO DIFFICULTIES IN BRINGING THE PROJECT TO PERFECTION,+ MR CHIU SAID.

HE SAID THE CAMP COULD ONLY BE A SUCCESS IF ITS FACILITIES WERE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND FULLY USED.

HE HOPED IT WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE YET MORE RECREATIONAL SERVICES IN THE FORM OF NON-PROFIT MAKING HOLIDAY CAMPS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

HE PRAISED THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE LOTTERIES FUND AND THE +GENEROUS DONATION+ OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, AND, JUST AS IMPORTANT, THE +ENCOURAGING SUPPORT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.+

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THE CAMP OCCUPIES A 4.8-HECTARE SITE GRANTED BY GOVERNMENT ON THE SAI KUNG-HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR ROAD. IT HAS 11 HOSTEL BLOCKS PROVIDING OVERNIGHT OR DAY ACCOMMODATION FOR GROUPS AND FAMILIES. A WIDE RANGE OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IS PROVIDED TO CATER FOR UP TO 200 000 CAMPER TRIPS A YEAR.

THE SITE WAS GRANTED TO THE PO LEUNG KUK IN 1975 AND THE CAMP'S FOUNDATION STONE WAS LAID BY THE GOVERNOR IN DECEMBER 1978. THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, OPENED PHASE I OF THE PROJECT IN MARCH 1979, AND PHASE II A YEAR LATER.

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PRICE CHANGE AND TRADE VOLUME MOVEMENT FOR JANUARY 1981

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THE PRICES OF BOTH DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT IN JANUARY 1981 COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1980 ACCORDING TO ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) WAS UNCHANGED.

A LARGER INCREASE IN VOLUME WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS (+22%) THAN FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS (+18%). THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT, WITH VOLUME UP BY 49 PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES ROSE BY 8 PER CENT AND VOLUME BY 27 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 VALUES, UNIT VALUES AND VOLUMES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN BELOW :

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CHANGES COMPARING JANUARY 1981 WITH JANUARY 1980

	EXPORT VALUES	EXPORT UNIT VALUES	EXPORT VOLUMES
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+40%	+ 9%	+28%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+13%	+ 3%	+ 9%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-24%	+ 2%	-25%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+12%	+10%	+ 2%
ALL TRANSISTORISED RADIOS	+ 7%	+ 4%	+ 3%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+32%	+13%	+17%
FOOTWEAR	+25%	+ 3%	+21%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+26%	+11%	+13%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+99%	+ 5%	+90%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+33%	- 7%	+44%
ALL COMMODITIES	+27%	+ 8%	+18%

APART FROM A DROP OF 7 PER CENT FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS, THE EXPORT PRICES OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED AT VARYING RATES, FROM A 2 PER CENT INCREASE FOR TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD TO A 13 PER CENT INCREASE FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS.

CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS NOTED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+90%), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+44%). HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILE YARN DECLINED (-25%).

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

CHANGES COMPARING .....

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CHANGES COMPARING JANUARY 1981 WITH JANUARY 1980

	<u>IMPORT VALUES</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUES</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUMES</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+30%	+14%	+14%
CONSUMER GOODS	+45%	+ 2%	+42%
FUELS	+35%	+34%	+ 1%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI- MANUFACTURES	+26%	+ 6%	+20%
CAPITAL GOODS	+23%	+ 6%	+16%
ALL COMMODITIES	+31%	+ 8%	+22%

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUELS, THE PRICES OF WHICH JUMPED BY 34 PER CENT, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY INCREASED MODERATELY, RANGING FROM 2 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 14 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS.

MOST IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS ROSE IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING VEGETABLES AND FRUIT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD FELL.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING, CAMERAS AND APPARATUS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS AND TAPE RECORDERS, AND HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DECLINED.

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

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

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

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

/CHANGES COMPARING .....

**CHANGES COMPARING JANUARY 1981 WITH JANUARY 1980**

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	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUES</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUES</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUMES</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+35%	+ 7%	+26%
CONSUMER GOODS	+60%	+ 6%	+52%
FUELS	- 6%	+32%	-29%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI- MANUFACTURES	+70%	+13%	+51%
CAPITAL GOODS	+61%	+11%	+45%
ALL COMMODITIES	+63%	+ 9%	+49%

APART FROM FUELS, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF WHICH DECLINED BY 29 PER CENT, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUMES OF THE MAJOR END-USE CATEGORIES, SHOWED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES, RANGING FROM 26 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 52 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS.

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**MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 1981**  
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THE MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 1981 ARE PUBLISHED TODAY (SATURDAY). THEY SHOW A MARKED FALL IN THE GROWTH RATES OF THE MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS. THERE WERE TWO REASONS FOR THIS: THE GROWTH RATE OF LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG DECLINED FROM THE VERY HIGH GROWTH RATES IN JANUARY, AND THERE WAS A FURTHER OUTFLOW OF FUNDS FROM THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR DURING THE MONTH.

THE FEBRUARY FIGURES ARE INFLUENCED BY TWO IMPORTANT FACTORS. FIRST IS THE SEASONAL DECREASE AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR OF THE PUBLIC HOLDINGS OF NOTES AND COINS AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY HELD BY THE PUBLIC ON DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH BANKS.

SECOND IS THE FACT THAT INTEREST RATES HAVE REMAINED HIGH, DESPITE EXPECTATIONS THAT THEY WOULD FALL IN LINE WITH TRENDS IN US DOLLAR RATES. THIS AFFECTED THE PATTERN OF DEPOSITS AND EXERTED A DAMPENING EFFECT ON THE GROWTH RATE OF LOANS AND ADVANCES, THE LATTER DESPITE THE SEASONAL INCREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR CREDIT ARISING FROM THE NEED TO PAY PROFITS AND SALARIES TAXES.

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AS THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY POINTED OUT IN PARAGRAPH 32 OF HIS BUDGET SPEECH, OUR MONETARY STATISTICS DO NOT YET PROVIDE A BASIS FOR REALLY MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS. THE GOVERNMENT IS HOWEVER NOT YET IN A POSITION TO PUBLISH ON A REGULAR BASIS THE STATISTICS WHICH ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED UNDER THE MONETARY STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

### MONEY SUPPLY

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, M1 (NOTES AND COINS WITH THE PUBLIC, PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, WITH LICENSED BANKS) FELL BY 11.2 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY, AFTER HAVING RISEN BY 10.3 PER CENT IN JANUARY. THE FEBRUARY OUTTURN REFLECTED A SEASONAL FALL OF 9.7 PER CENT IN THE TOTAL OF NOTES AND COINS HELD BY THE PUBLIC AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, AND ALSO A REDUCTION OF 12.2 PER CENT IN DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS.

M2 (M1 PLUS SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DTCS, WITH LICENSED BANKS) FELL BY 1.4 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY, AFTER A 6.1 PER CENT RISE IN JANUARY.

M3 (M2 PLUS DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) ROSE BY 0.9 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY, WELL DOWN FROM AN INCREASE OF 4.9 PER CENT IN JANUARY.

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M1 FELL BY 3.2 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH A 1.3 PER CENT RISE IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS. BUT THE GROWTH RATES OF M2 AND M3 IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS AT, RESPECTIVELY, 6.5 PER CENT AND 10.2 PER CENT, WERE UP FROM THEIR INCREASES OF 2.2 PER CENT AND 8.0 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

### LOANS IN HONG KONG

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG EXPANDED BY 2.3 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY, WELL DOWN FROM A 6.0 PER CENT RISE IN JANUARY. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 12.7 PER CENT, MUCH LESS THAN AN INCREASE OF 17.7 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS. THIS MAY BE PARTLY DUE TO THE LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES IN HONG KONG HAVING RESTRAINED THE DEMAND FOR CREDIT.

BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG INCREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY, AFTER A RISE OF 6.2 PER CENT IN JANUARY. LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 1.6 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY, AFTER RISING BY 5.6 PER CENT IN JANUARY. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG GREW BY 13.7 PER CENT AND LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY 9.6 PER CENT, WELL DOWN FROM THE INCREASES OF 18.4 PER CENT AND 15.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

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THE NET IDENTIFIABLE FOREIGN ASSETS OF ALL BANKS FELL IN FEBRUARY BY \$1 736 MILLION, WHILE THOSE OF DTCS ROSE BY \$447 MILLION, SUGGESTING A NET OUTFLOW OF FUNDS FROM THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR OF \$1 289 MILLION, AS COMPARED WITH AN OUTFLOW OF \$974 MILLION IN JANUARY.

BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL BANKS IN HONG KONG FELL IN FEBRUARY TO 46.1 PER CENT FROM 46.3 PER CENT IN JANUARY. THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO, HOWEVER, ROSE FURTHER TO 112.1 PER CENT AT THE END OF FEBRUARY FROM 108.8 PER CENT AT THE END OF JANUARY, REFLECTING THE FALL IN BANK DEPOSITS DURING THE MONTH.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL DTCS ROSE IN FEBRUARY TO 45.0 PER CENT FROM 44.2 PER CENT IN JANUARY. THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO FELL TO 67.7 PER CENT AT THE END OF FEBRUARY FROM 70.9 PER CENT AT THE END OF JANUARY, REFLECTING THE RAPID EXPANSION IN DEPOSITS WITH DTCS DURING THE MONTH.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

ONE MORE BANK BEGAN TO REPORT IN FEBRUARY, BRINGING THEIR TOTAL TO 115. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING DTCS ROSE BY 5 DURING THE MONTH TO 317.

THE DETAILED FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1981, AND COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS MONTHS, ARE SET OUT IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

MONEY AND BANKING FIGURES - END OF FEBRUARY 1981 (IN \$MILLION)

	FEB 1981	FIGURES FOR EARLIER MONTHS (% CHANGE):		
		JAN 1981	NOV 1980	FEB 1980
M1	23 615	26 607 (-11.2%)	24 394 (-3.2%)	21 647 (+9.1%)
M2	101 265	102 745 (-1.4%)	95 058 (+6.5%)	78 219 (+29.5%)
M3	147 753	146 430 (+0.9%)	134 117 (+10.2%)	107 770 (+37.1%)

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BANKS

DEPOSITS	92 185	92 689 (-0.5%)	86 816 (+6.2%)	70 065 (+31.6%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	103 335	100 830 (+2.5%)	90 865 (+13.7%)	69 306 (+49.1%)
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	112.1%	108.8%	104.7%	98.9%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO	46.1%	46.3%	48.2%	53.6%

DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES

DEPOSITS	46 488	43 685 (+6.4%)	39 059 (+19.0%)	29 551 (+57.3%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	31 454	30 965 (+1.6%)	28 689 (+9.6%)	15 304 (+105.5%)
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	67.7%	70.9%	73.5%	51.8%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO	45.0%	44.2%	46.6%	48.1%

BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	134 789	131 795 (+2.3%)	119 554 (+12.7%)	84 610 (+59.3%)
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## TALKS ON REPLACEMENT AIRPORT

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MR G.T. OLIVER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WILL BE LEAVING FOR LONDON ON MONDAY (APRIL 6) FOR A MEETING WITH SENIOR AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES AS PART OF THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT STUDIES NOW BEING CONDUCTED BY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

ALSO REPRESENTED WILL BE THE MAIN CONSULTANTS, R.M. PARSONS INTERNATIONAL, AND THE UK CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY WHO WILL PRESENT PRELIMINARY RESULTS ON AIR SPACE PLANNING. A FURTHER SESSION WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG IN JUNE.

THE AIR SPACE PLANNING FORMS PART OF THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN. ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ARE STUDIES OF CIVIL ENGINEERING DESIGN OF RECLAMATION, TOGETHER WITH METEOROLOGICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FINANCIAL STUDIES. THESE ARE PLANNED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

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POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONDAY

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THERE WILL BE ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON MONDAY (APRIL 6) -- THE DAY FOLLOWING CHING MING FESTIVAL, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THIRTY-THREE POST OFFICES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, AND THE POST OFFICES IN TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO, WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON THAT DAY.

ALL OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT'S HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT ITS PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS IN WAN CHAI, WESTERN, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG AND TSUEN WAN AND ITS PORT COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE WILL REMAIN OPEN ON MONDAY (APRIL 6).

THE DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL CRAFT CONTROL SECTION WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM WHILE ITS MACAU FERRY TERMINAL OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 7.30 AM TO 1.30 AM.

OTHER OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CLOSED.

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FIRING PRACTICE REMINDER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 7).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

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WATCH YOUR LITTER  
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PEOPLE TRAVELLING TO LO WU ARE ADVISED TO KEEP THE RAILWAY TERMINAL AND ITS SURROUNDINGS CLEAN.

TIMING THE APPEAL ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHING MING AND EASTER HOLIDAYS, A NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED THE PUBLIC TO MAKE SURE TO DISCARD ALL LITTER IN THE BINS AND DRUMS PROVIDED FOR THEIR USE.

LITTER WARDENS WILL BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HEED THE WARNING TO KEEP THE CITY CLEAN, AND PEOPLE FOUND GUILTY OF LITTERING COULD BE FINED UP TO \$1 000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$2 000 FOR THE NEXT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FUN FOR DISABLED IN PRISONS SPORTS MEET  
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL SPORTS MEET WAS HELD TODAY (SATURDAY) ON THE STANLEY FOOTBALL FIELD WITH MORE THAN 200 STAFF COMPETING IN VARIOUS FIELD AND TRACK EVENTS.

SHARING THE FUN OF THE DAY WAS A GROUP OF DISABLED PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THREE SPECIAL EVENTS, NAMELY A 100-METRE DASH FOR AMPUTEES, SHOTPUT AND PRECISION JAVELIN FOR THE WHEELCHAIR CLASS.

THE EVENTS WERE ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MARGARET TRENCH MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE AND THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AS PART OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

THE GIRLS MARCHING TEAM OF THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND THE PIPES AND DRUMS BAND OF THE CAPE COLLINSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION ALSO GAVE A PERFORMANCE TO ENTERTAIN THE ATHLETES AND SPECTATORS.

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SHA TIN CHILDREN HAVE FUN

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SHA TIN HELD A CHILDREN'S DAY TODAY (SATURDAY) WHICH MORE THAN 300 YOUNGSTERS ATTENDED.

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION AND CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, SHA TIN.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WAS THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER SHA TIN, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG.

THE TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOUR PROGRAMME INCLUDED DANCES, A TALENT SHOW, SINGING, DRAMA AND SING-ALONG.

THE LOCAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR ALSO TOOK PART.

A FEATURE OF THE DAY WAS A +QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS+ SESSION.

THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO WINNERS OF A DRAWING CONTEST HELD LAST MONTH WHICH ATTRACTED 500 ENTRIES.

WINNERS WERE MOK PUI-CHI, A PRIMARY TWO STUDENT AT WO CHE LUTHERAN SCHOOL- AND SHAM FUNG-MING, A PRIMARY FOUR STUDENT AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL.

THE EVENT WAS HELD AT ST. ALFRED'S CHURCH.

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