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MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND
ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR DECEMBER 1983
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED STATISTICS FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR DECEMBER 1983.

ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES INCREASED IN DECEMBER 1983 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH. INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ALL MAJOR INDUSTRIES. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS REPORTED BY MANUFACTURERS IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY, FOLLOWED BY THE WEARING APPAREL, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. THE OTHER INDUSTRIES ALSO REPORTED SMALL INCREASES.

THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS STABLE FOR MOST INDUSTRIES. THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WHILE THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY RECORDED A SLIGHT DECLINE. EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTOR REMAINED UNCHANGED. IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES CONTINUED TO FALL ON COMPLETION OF SOME PROJECTS.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED IN THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES SECTORS DUE TO THE PAYMENT OF YEAR-END BONUS AND DOUBLE PAY. THE BANKS SURVEYED REPORTED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASE.

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

WHEN RELEASING THE SURVEY RESULTS, THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES ON 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, THE DEPARTMENT 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 FOR DECEMBER 1983 IS NOW 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

A. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING

INDUSTRY	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR DECEMBER 1983
	OCT. 1983	NOV. 1983	DEC. 1983	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	1	3	5.08
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	4	-3	5	2.54
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-5	-3	2	3.70
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	3	-1	3	3.19
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	1	1	5.37
OTHERS	*	*	1	4.12
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	-1	*	2	4.52

B. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICE	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED			PER CAPITA EARNINGS (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR DEC. 1983 (HK\$)
	OCT. 1983	NOV. 1983	DEC. 1983	OCT. 1983	NOV. 1983	DEC. 1983	
MANUFACTURING	1	*	*	1	2	8	2 622
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	-3	*	-7	-3	24	3 870
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	*	*	2	4	9	2 421
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	*	*	5	*	14	2 780

/PLASTIC PRODUCTS

PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	-3	*	4	*	2	2 271
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	*	1	1	2	2	4	2 130
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	3	1	-1	1	3	4	2 370
OTHERS	1	-1	*	4	-1	7	3 471
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u> **	<u>-2</u>	<u>-4</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4 137</u>
<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>-4</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>5 253</u>
BANKS	*	*	*	*	*	69	6 677
HOTELS	*	1	*	1	1	28	3 623
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	-7	-5	10	4 837
OTHERS	*	*	*	-1	*	23	6 571

* CHANGES WITHIN + 0.5%

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

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JANUARY CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES RISE

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR JANUARY WERE 152 AND 151 RESPECTIVELY, EACH BEING TWO POINTS OR 1.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1983, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1983, CPI(A) ROSE BY 17 POINTS OR 12.6 PER CENT AND CPI(B), 16 POINTS OR 11.9 PER CENT.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JANUARY THIS YEAR, BOTH THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.6 PER CENT A MONTH.

/DURING JANUARY,

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DURING JANUARY, FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND LIVE POULTRY, WERE HIGHER. PRIVATE DWELLING RENTALS, HAIRDRESSING CHARGES, BUS AND FERRY FARES ALSO WENT UP.

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 JANUARY 1984 FOR THE NINE COMMODITY-SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1983 AND JANUARY 1983.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)		CPI(B)			
	JAN.83	DEC.83	JAN.84	JAN.83	DEC.83	JAN.84
FOODSTUFFS	137	150	152	137	151	153
HOUSING	133	140	142	132	140	142
FUEL AND LIGHT	145	151	151	146	151	151
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	130	207	207	129	199	200
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	135	150	149	136	151	150
DURABLE GOODS	107	123	123	110	127	126
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	128	146	146	127	143	143
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	145	159	165	147	162	166
SERVICES	144	163	165	142	161	164
ALL ITEMS	135	150	152	135	149	151

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1983, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B). THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, LIVE POULTRY, PORK, SHRIMPS AND CRABS WENT UP DUE TO INCREASED DEMAND ON THE APPROACH OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE TWO-POINT RISE IN THE INDEX FOR HOUSING IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) WAS DUE TO INCREASED RENTS FOR PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

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THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF CHINESE AND FOREIGN WINES.

LOWER PRICES OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING CAUSED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR TO DECREASE BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B).

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS DROPPED BY ONE POINT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF ELECTRICAL CONSUMER GOODS, TRAVEL AND SPORTS GOODS.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY SIX POINTS IN CPI(A) AND FOUR POINTS IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER BUS AND FERRY FARES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES ROSE BY TWO POINTS IN CPI(A) AND THREE POINTS IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER HAIRDRESSING CHARGES BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AS WELL AS HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

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 JANUARY 1984, AVAILABLE AT \$3 A COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG, OR FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO.3-7216512.

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VOTERS VITAL DISTRICT ROLE STRESSED * * * *

COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE NORTH DISTRICT WERE URGED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING AS A VOTER FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR IAN WOTHERSPOON, AT THE DISTRICT'S SPRING RECEPTION.

+IF YOU DON'T REGISTER, YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO VOTE, AND IF YOU CANNOT VOTE, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE EXISTING PROCESS OF DEVELOPING, CHANGING AND IMPROVING OUR DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

/MR WOTHERSPOON

MR WOTHERSPOON SAID THE DISTRICT WAS NOTABLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE, AND FOR THE CONCERN OF COMMUNITY LEADERS TO BLEND THE BEST OF THE OLD AND THE NEW AND TO MAKE THE DISTRICT A CARING SOCIETY AND A HAPPY PLACE TO LIVE.

+THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CHANGES IN THE PAST YEAR AND THERE WILL BE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THIS YEAR, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO HOUSING AND ROADS,+ HE STRESSED.

HE SAID, THE NEW CHEUNG WAH PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WILL START THE FIRST INTAKE OF RESIDENTS IN APRIL THIS YEAR WHILE A NEW TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AT FANLING SOUTH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED DURING THE YEAR AND OPENED EARLY IN 1985.

PILING WORK ON THE THIRD PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE - TIN PING ESTATE - HAD ALREADY STARTED.

A SECTION OF THE SHA TAU KOK DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AT LUEN WO HUI, THE JOCKEY CLUB ROAD DUAL CARRIAGEWAY EXTENSION, AND THE NEW D5 DUAL CARRIAGEWAY FROM TAI PO ROAD PAST THE FANLING PLAYGROUND ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN THE COMING YEAR.

THE FANLING BYPASS SECTOR OF THE NT CIRCULAR ROAD IS NEARING COMPLETION, AND WORK ON THE SECTION FROM FAN KAM TO KWU TUNG WILL SOON BEGIN.

DISCUSSING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, MR WOTHERSPOON SAID THE SITUATION WOULD IMPROVE WITH THE SECOND STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AT ON LOK TSUEN.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SHA TAU KOK ROAD WILL START LATER THIS YEAR AND A RURAL CENTRE IN TA KWU LING HAS BEEN PROPOSED.

PROJECTS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS TO RURAL ROADS AND DRAINAGE AND THE PROVISION OF VILLAGE LIGHTING AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

+THE BUDGET FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS IS CURRENTLY \$5 MILLION AND I EXPECT THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE SAME LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMING YEAR,+ HE SAID.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT WERE KEPT UNDER REGULAR REVIEW BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND A RECENTLY-COMPLETED SURVEY OF TRANSPORT NEEDS WOULD BE USED WHEN MAKING FUTURE PLANNING, HE ADDED.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSPORT BEING PLANNED INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF FIVE NEW MAXICAB ROUTES AND BUS SERVICES TO CHEUNG WAH ESTATE.

+IN ALL OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAS HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE, AS IT HAS DONE IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY BUILDING,+ HE SAID.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS FANLING DEVELOPMENT
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THE FANLING NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' DISCUSSION AT TOMORROW'S (THURSDAY) NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM.

THE PROGRAMME IS TO PROVIDE, AS FAR AS IS PRACTICABLE, A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING, JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS' ATTENTION WILL BE DRAWN TO THE VARIOUS PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT THIS YEAR, INCLUDING A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN SHEK WU HUI, THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, PUBLIC AMENITIES AND LAND DEVELOPMENT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS WAYS TO ASSIST SMALL INDUSTRY IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION ON A DISTRICT HANDBOOK AND A DISTRICT NEWSPAPER AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL TO SET UP A SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AT THEIR MEETING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS HAWKING IN THE DISTRICT AND BE BRIEFED ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S REVISED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER: (A) THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN KWONG FUK ROAD; AND (B) THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF WILLY BUILDING, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.30 AM FOR TAI PO.

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MORE SCHOOLS OFFER INFORMAL ACTIVITIES
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THERE HAS IN RECENT YEARS BEEN GREATER APPRECIATION OF THE VALUE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL PROGRAMMES, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING CEREMONY OF RHENISH CHURCH COLLEGE, MR HAYE SAID ACTIVITIES KNOWN ALSO AS THE INFORMAL CURRICULUM, WERE NOW WIDELY ACCEPTED - ESPECIALLY BY SECONDARY SCHOOLS - AS NECESSARY COMPLEMENTS TO THE MORE FORMAL CURRICULUM TAUGHT IN THE CLASSROOMS.

+IT IS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OF A SCHOOL THAT WE EXPECT OUR CHILDREN TO ACQUIRE SUCH QUALITIES AS SOCIAL AWARENESS, LEADERSHIP, CO-OPERATION, TOLERANCE AND APPRECIATION OF THE VIEWS AND BELIEFS OF OTHERS, AS WELL AS ACQUIRING, HOPEFULLY, LIFELONG INTERESTS AND PURSUITS,+ HE NOTED.

HE COMMENDED THE RHENISH CHURCH COLLEGE FOR SETTING UP A STUDENTS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE WHICH ENSURED FULL CO-OPERATION AND INPUT FROM THE SCHOOL'S MANAGEMENT, TEACHING STAFF, SOCIAL WORKERS AND STUDENTS.

HE SAID: +I CONGRATULATE THE SCHOOL ON ITS WISDOM AND FORESIGHT IN INTRODUCING SUCH A SYSTEM WHICH MUST ENSURE THAT THE STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL HAVE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN CO-OPERATING WITH OTHERS, TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AND PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES INVOLVING COMMUNITY SERVICE.

+THE SYSTEM MUST ALSO ALLOW THE TEACHING STAFF AND THE STUDENTS TO MAINTAIN REGULAR CONTACT AND, THEREFORE, A GREATER AWARENESS OF THE NEEDS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF BOTH IN THE EDUCATION PROCESS.+

MR HAYE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT SCHOOLS FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE THEIR COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS.

+IF ANY SCHOOL IS TO PROVIDE SUCCESSFULLY FOR THE ALL-ROUND NEEDS OF ITS STUDENTS, IT CANNOT DO SO WITHOUT MAKING CONTACT WITH THE PARENTS, AND THIS CONTACT SHOULD BE AS FREQUENT AS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

SCHOOLS MIGHT LIKE TO CONSIDER EXTENDING THEIR OPEN DAYS TO INCLUDE OPEN EVENINGS SO THAT MORE PARENTS COULD MEET THEIR CHILDREN'S TEACHERS AFTER WORK, HE SAID.

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PRINTING INDUSTRY MANPOWER TO BE SURVEYED
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A SURVEY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER SITUATION AND TRAINING NEEDS OF THE PRINTING INDUSTRY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN MARCH 7 AND 23 BY THE PRINTING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

FROM THE INFORMATION RECEIVED, PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE ON MANPOWER TRAINING FOR THE PRINTING INDUSTRY, MR ALEX WU, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD SAID.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE HAVE BEEN SENT TO SOME 700 EMPLOYERS COVERED IN THE SURVEY, AND OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THOSE FACTORIES TO COLLECT THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND HELP COMPLETE THE FORMS.

MR WU CALLED FOR THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL THE PEOPLE BEING SURVEYED, AND STRESSED THAT THE DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, AND PUBLISHED ONLY AS STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY ARE HELPING WITH THE SURVEY.

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THR : SAI KUNG SITES OFFERED
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THREE PIECES OF CROWN LAND AT SAI KUNG ARE BEING OFFERED ON SHORT TERM TENANCY BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE SITES, LOCATED AT SAI KUNG TUK, ARE OF 195, 210 AND 235 SQUARE METRES, AND ARE FOR USE AS CAR REPAIR WORKSHOPS.

THREE-YEAR TENANCIES ARE BEING OFFERED INITIALLY, WHICH MAY BE RENEWED FOR THREE MONTHLY PERIODS AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS MARCH 9.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SAI KUNG.

TENDER PLANS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THESE LOCATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SPORTS FESTIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE
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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL OF SPORTS TO BE LAUNCHED AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, MR A. DE O.SALES WILL CHAIR THE CONFERENCE. THE FESTIVAL, HELD ANNUALLY AND ORGANISED BY THE ASFOC, IS SUBVENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING DOZENS OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY NEXT MONTH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FESTIVAL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS' MESS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE AT 3 PM TODAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FUN DAY FOR 1 500 CHILDREN
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THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PARTY FOR MORE THAN 1 500 CHILDREN OF ITS STAFF ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26), IN THE COMPOUND OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN OIL STREET, NORTH POINT.

THE PARTY WILL START OFF WITH THE DOTTING OF A LION'S EYES BY THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR ROY KILVERT, FOLLOWED BY A LION DANCE PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

OTHER ITEMS WILL INCLUDE SIDE-SHOWS, GAME STALLS, CHILDREN'S TRAIN RIDES, AN AIR-RIFLE SHOOTING RANGE AND A MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOW. THERE WILL ALSO BE A POLICE DOG DEMONSTRATION AND A TUG-OF-WAR COMPETITION.

MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE BAND AND THE TAI TAM GIRLS' PIPERS AND MARCHING TEAM.

MR KILVERT WILL LATER OFFICIATE AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND CONDUCT A LUCKY DRAW.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PARTY.

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MUI WO TO BE BEAUTIFIED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AWARDED AN \$800 000 CONTRACT TO BEAUTIFY MUI WO.

UNDER THE CONTRACT 12 000 TREES AND SHRUBS WILL BE PLANTED ON THE NEW RECLAMATION WEST OF MUI WO FERRY CONCOURSE, ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THE MAIN RIVER CHANNEL AND ON PROMENADES AT THE WATERFRONT.

THE NEW RECLAMATION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NEXT MONTH UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT, WILL BE USED FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, A CLINIC, A FIRE STATION AND A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION.

THE PLANTING PROJECT WILL INCLUDE PROVISION OF FLOWER BEDS AND PERGOLA AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

DUE TO THE EXPOSURE OF THE RECLAMATION TO THE SEA, PLANTS WHICH CAN WITHSTAND SALT-LADEN WINDS WILL BE SELECTED.

WORK WILL START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BY JULY.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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TRAFFIC ROUTE CHANGE
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TRAFFIC ON HARBOUR VIEW STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT PLACE AND THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINUS ENTRANCE WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 24) FOR ABOUT A MONTH.

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