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INDUSTRIAL SUCCESS HELPED BY DESIGN CAPACITY, GOVERNOR SAYS
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HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL SUCCESS, DUE IN PARTICULAR TO ITS ABILITY TO ADAPT MORE QUICKLY THAN ITS COMPETITORS, HAS BEEN ENORMOUSLY ASSISTED BY ITS INCREASING DESIGN CAPACITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID THIS EVENING.

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HONG KONG DESIGN, WHICH WAS WON FOR THE FIRST TIME BY A JEWELLERY ITEM, DESIGNED BY KEVIN JEWELRY.

IN HIS SPEECH AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SIR MURRAY SAID:

MR TANG, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THIS ANNUAL EVENT TO RECOGNISE THE BEST IN QUALITY AND DESIGN OF OUR INDUSTRY.

HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS IS A BRILLIANT RECORD BY ANY STANDARDS. EVEN LAST YEAR WHEN TRADING CONDITIONS IN OVERSEAS MARKETS WERE POOR, INTEREST RATES HIGH AND COMPETITION KEEN OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS WERE UP 17 PER CENT IN VALUE COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 1980, AND RE-EXPORTS 40 PER CENT. AND I HAVE NO REASON TO EXPECT THAT THIS YEAR THE FIGURES WILL BE WORSE AND THEY MAY WELL BE BETTER OVER THE YEAR AS A WHOLE. THE SUCCESS WHICH THIS REFLECTS IS DUE TO MANY THINGS, BUT IN PARTICULAR TO OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT MORE QUICKLY THAN OUR COMPETITORS.

THIS ABILITY TO ADAPT IS ENORMOUSLY ASSISTED BY OUR INCREASING DESIGN CAPACITY. THIS CAPACITY HAS RESPONDED TO THE DEVOTED NURSING OF THE DESIGN COUNCIL AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, AS A WHOLE. THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO ASSIST AND THIS FINANCIAL YEAR GOVERNMENT INCREASED ITS SUBVENTION BY 90 PER CENT.

THIS YEAR, I SEE THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME A JEWELLERY ITEM HAS WON THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD. THE WINNING PRODUCT IS A PAIR OF 18K GOLD EARRINGS WITH 52 HEART-SHAPED DIAMONDS DESIGNED BY KEVIN JEWELRY. THIS UNIQUE DESIGN IS ALSO AWARDED THE SCMP AWARD FOR DESIGN ORIGINALITY. I CONGRATULATE THE DESIGNERS FOR THEIR HIGH CREATIVE STANDARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I NOW HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN CALLING ON THE REPRESENTATIVE OF KEVIN JEWELRY TO COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE THE TROPHY.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY-NOVEMBER 1981

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1981, VALUED AT \$235 858 MILLION, INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1980.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 17 PER CENT TO \$72 641 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 25 PER CENT TO \$125 377 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 40 PER CENT TO \$37 840 MILLION.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) THE RELEVANT DETAILED TRADE STATISTICS.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	JAN - NOV 81 (HK\$MN)	JAN - NOV 80 (HK\$MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S. A.	26 489	20 744	+5 745	+28
U.K.	6 873	6 068	+ 805	+13
F.R. OF GERMANY	6 169	6 634	- 465	- 7
JAPAN	2 697	2 131	+ 566	+27
CHINA	2 535	1 373	+1 162	+85
AUSTRALIA	2 467	1 795	+ 672	+37
CANADA	2 130	1 596	+ 534	+33
SINGAPORE	1 583	1 640	- 57	- 3
NETHERLANDS	1 397	1 408	- 11	- 1
FRANCE	1 323	1 254	+ 69	+ 6

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. CONTINUED TO GROW. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$2 391 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$870 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND PARTS FOR COMPUTERS (BY \$739 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT) AND PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$542 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES DECLINED BY \$71 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF CLOTHING (BY \$308 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$233 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT), AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$129 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT).

/MOST COMMODITIES

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING WATCHES AND CLOCKS (DECLINED BY \$110 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (DECLINED BY \$124 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT). THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES INCREASED STEADILY (BY \$23 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO JAPAN (BY \$376 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), AND IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$225 MILLION OR 211 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$232 MILLION OR 137 PER CENT) TO CHINA.

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION IS PRESENTED BELOW:

	JAN - NOV 81 (HK\$MN)	JAN - NOV 80 (HK\$MN)	INCREASE (HK\$MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	25 154	20 904	+4 250	+20
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	12 047	10 180	+1 867	+18
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	7 391	6 494	+ 897	+14
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	5 310	4 104	+1 206	+29
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5 071	4 587	+ 484	+11
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE- UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	4 809	4 074	+ 735	+18

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THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:

	JAN - NOV 81 (HK\$MN)	JAN - NOV 80 (HK\$MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
JAPAN	29 073	22 897	+6 176	+27
CHINA	26 436	19 628	+6 808	+35
U.S.A.	13 257	11 968	+1 289	+11
TAIWAN	9 751	7 058	+2 693	+38
SINGAPORE	9 616	6 576	+3 040	+46
U.K.	5 730	4 961	+ 769	+16
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	5 009	3 397	+1 612	+47
F.R. OF GERMANY	3 059	2 648	+ 411	+16
SWITZERLAND	2 586	2 591	- 5	INSIGNIFI- CANT
AUSTRALIA	1 847	1 559	+ 288	+18

LOCAL DEMAND FOR JAPANESE GOODS REMAINED STRONG.

INCREASES WERE NOTED PARTICULARLY FOR ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$867 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$857 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$726 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$640 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AND TEXTILES (BY \$610 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA, INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$1 562 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$1 287 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$511 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES - MAINLY BASKETWORK, WICKERWORK AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PLAITING MATERIALS (BY \$284 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT) AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (BY \$271 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE LARGELY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$378 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT), ORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$247 MILLION OR 264 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$216 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT), AS WELL AS TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$144 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE IMPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$139 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FIBRES AND WASTES (BY \$387 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN (BY \$1 070 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT), AND OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS FROM SINGAPORE (BY \$2 355 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTION:

	<u>JAN - NOV 81</u> (HK\$MN)	<u>JAN - NOV 80</u> (HK\$MN)	<u>INCREASE</u> (HK\$MN)	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	36 349	30 318	+6 031	+20
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	29 223	22 442	+6 781	+30
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	20 983	15 740	+5 243	+33
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	12 594	10 353	+2 241	+22
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	10 044	7 157	+2 887	+40
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	8 262	7 251	+1 011	+14

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$3 203 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$1 573 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$1 389 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$708 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$526 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$455 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$408 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), PHILIPPINES (BY \$337 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), NIGERIA (BY \$234 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT), AND ISRAEL (BY \$233 MILLION OR 125 PER CENT).

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ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (BY \$51 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (BY \$181 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$2 525 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$1 066 MILLION OR 104 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$1 034 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$739 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT), AND CLOTHING (BY \$594 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT).

THE NOVEMBER 1981 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+, DEALING WITH HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR THE MONTH, WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$3 A COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE MONTH'S IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY FEBRUARY AT HK\$10 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. :5-214375).

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UK MISSION BRIEFED ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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BRITISH MANUFACTURERS WOULD FIND HONG KONG'S BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FAMILIAR AS MUCH OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGAL AND COMMERCIAL SYSTEMS HERE ARE BASED ON BRITISH MODELS, THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A BRIEFING SESSION TO A BRITISH TRADE MISSION, MR TSAO POINTED OUT THAT BY SETTING UP FACTORIES IN HONG KONG, UK MANUFACTURERS DID NOT EXPORT JOBS BUT OFTEN ENHANCED THE VIABILITY OF THEIR PRODUCTS SO THAT PRODUCTION IN UK COULD CONTINUE.

+THE SOURCING OF LOWER COST COMPONENTS IN HONG KONG HAS HELPED UK COMPANIES TO MAINTAIN THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THEIR PRODUCTS IN WORLD MARKETS,+ HE TOLD THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF EIGHT BRITISH COMPANIES.

HE SAID INDUSTRIES WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO PROVIDE GOOD PROSPECTS FOR UK INVESTORS ARE:

LIGHT TO MEDIUM-HEAVY ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES IN PRODUCTS SUCH AS LIGHT-ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT, OPTICAL AND PRECISION-MEASURING INSTRUMENTS, ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIAL AND POWER EQUIPMENT, AND AUTOMOTIVE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES.

HIGH-QUALITY SUPPORTING INDUSTRIES SUCH AS PRODUCTION FOUNDRY, METAL CASTING, FORGING, ELECTRO-PLATING, MACHINE TOOL MANUFACTURING AND HEAT TREATMENT.

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THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, ESPECIALLY INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS INCLUDING CONTROL DEVICES, COMPUTERS AND COMPONENTS AND, IN CONSUMER ELECTRONICS, TV AND HIGH QUALITY AUDIO EQUIPMENT, AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT.

CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS.

OTHER HIGH-TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES WHICH BROADEN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL BASE.

MR TSAO STRESSED THAT OPPORTUNITIES EXISTED FOR BRITISH AND HONG KONG COMPANIES TO CO-OPERATE WITHOUT NECESSARILY INVOLVING CAPITAL INVESTMENT.

+MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG ARE CONSTANTLY UPGRADING THEIR PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND BROADENING THEIR PRODUCT LINES. HONG KONG HAS NOW PASSED THE STAGE WHEN MANUFACTURERS CONCENTRATED ON MASS ASSEMBLY OF LOW-COST PRODUCTS.

+INDUSTRIALISTS HERE ARE PREPARED TO EMBARK ON JOINT-VENTURES WITH OVERSEAS PARTNERS WHO SUPPLY THE TECHNOLOGY, TO PRODUCE UNDER LICENCE, OR EVEN TO PURCHASE OUTRIGHT TECHNOLOGY PACKAGES,+ HE SAID.

MR TSAO ADDED: +THE UK HAS A LONG HISTORY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND IS ONE OF THE WORLD LEADERS IN PRODUCT INNOVATION. THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR A PROFITABLE CO-OPERATION OF ADVANCED UK TECHNOLOGY ON THE ONE HAND, AND EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY OF HONG KONG ON THE OTHER. IT IS ALSO FEASIBLE FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES THAT ARE BECOMING INAPPROPRIATE IN THE UK, BUT CAN STILL BE CONSIDERED ADVANCED IN HONG KONG.+

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMED OVERSEAS INVESTMENT TO FACILITATE THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE SOPHISTICATED MANAGEMENT, NEW PRODUCTS AND NEW PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY OR SKILLS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS POLICY.

MR TSAO SAID THAT SINCE 1978 THE DEPARTMENT HAS CARRIED OUT EIGHT PROMOTIONAL VISITS TO THE UK TO CONTACT POTENTIAL INVESTORS. AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, 103 INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT ENQUIRIES FROM UK WERE ACTIVELY PURSUED. THE ENQUIRERS' INTERESTS COVERED A WIDE FIELD INCLUDING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, ELECTRONICS, METAL FABRICATION, PRECISION INSTRUMENT AND BOATBUILDING.

+AFTER THE US AND JAPAN, THE UNITED KINGDOM IS THE THIRD LARGEST INVESTOR IN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY. OF 43 FACTORIES WITH A UK INTEREST, 26 ARE WHOLLY-OWNED AND 17 ARE JOINT VENTURES,+ MR TSAO TOLD THE EXECUTIVES.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CAPE COLLINSON ROAD

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A SECTION OF CAPE COLLINSON ROAD BETWEEN LIN SHING ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 20) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY (THURSDAY) FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

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UK BUSINESSMEN VISIT NEW TOWNS

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EIGHT CHIEF EXECUTIVES FROM BRITISH COMPANIES, ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY, NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, VISITED TAI PO AND SHA TIN NEW TOWNS TODAY (MONDAY).

THEY ARRIVED IN HONG KONG LAST FRIDAY FOR A NINE-DAY VISIT TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES HERE.

FOLLOWING A BRIEFING BY THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THEY WENT TO THE LIONS CLUB PAVILION ABOVE SUI WO COURT FOR A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR KENNETH KWOK, BRIEFED THE VISITORS ON PLANS TO BUILD A NEW TOWN OF 750 000 PEOPLE BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

LATER, THEY WENT TO TAI PO FOR A BRIEFING BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO- THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR JEFF THOMAS- AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR VIC MILLER.

AFTER LUNCH AT ISLAND HOUSE HOSTED BY MR AND MRS AKERS-JONES, THE GROUP LEFT FOR TSIM SHA TSUI TO MEET OFFICIALS OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FIRST TUEN MUN MARKET OPENS TOMORROW

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST MODERN MARKET AT TUEN MUN TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INCREASING POPULATION IN THE NEW TOWN HAS COMPLETED.

COSTING \$4-MILLION, THE TWO-STOREY KWONG CHOI MARKET AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD, NEAR SAN HUI, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR BILLY LAM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT, WILL PERFORM A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT THE MARKET PREMISES AT 10 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

VISIT TO KWONG WAH HOSPITAL

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (CITY), MR G. BARNES, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS BARNES, WILL VISIT THE KWONG WAH HOSPITAL AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MR BARNES WILL INSPECT VARIOUS FACILITIES OF THE HOSPITAL WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR LUI CHE-WOO, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THE LAI CHI KOK AREA.

THE CENTRE, TO BE LOCATED IN FAT TSEUNG STREET BETWEEN SO UK ESTATE AND LEI CHENG UK ESTATE, WILL HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL ESTATE RESIDENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND WELFARE FACILITIES.

IT WILL COMPRISE, WITHIN A SIX-STOREY BLOCK, A LIBRARY, A COFFEE BAR, A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, GROUP ACTIVITY ROOMS, STUDY ROOMS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND A NURSERY WITH ROOF PLAY-AREA.

A 500-SEAT HALL, COMPLETE WITH A STAGE, DRESSING ROOMS AND STORAGE AREA, WILL BE PROVIDED IN A BUILDING LINKED TO THE MAIN BLOCK.

ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING WILL BE CHANGING ROOMS AND A COVERED PLAYGROUND.

A BASKETBALL COURT WILL BE BUILT NEXT TO THE CHANGING ROOMS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN A YEAR.

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WATER FIGURES

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WATER STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 44.1 PER CENT OR 254.868 MILLION CUBIC METRES, EQUIVALENT TO 212 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 293.571 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, OR 50.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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PRIMARY PUPILS JOIN VEGETABLE GARDENING CONTEST

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MORE THAN 70 URBAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THIS YEAR'S VEGETABLE-GARDENING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 20).

THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE GROWN TOMATO, BUSH BEAN, CABBAGE AND BROCCOLI.

+THE VEGETABLE-GROWING COMPETITION IS A MEANINGFUL EXERCISE THROUGH WHICH PUPILS HAVE THE CHANCE TO PRACTISE WHAT THEY LEARNED FROM TEXTBOOKS, AND WHICH AROUSES THEIR AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

+PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS ALSO FIND THIS EVENT FEASIBLE BECAUSE THE VEGETABLES ARE GROWN IN POTS THUS SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT GARDENING PLOTS, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION BEGAN PLANTING THE FOUR VEGETABLES IN SEPTEMBER. ALL THE WORK, FROM SEED-PLANTING TO HARVEST, WAS DONE BY THE PUPILS THEMSELVES, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF TEACHERS.

OFFICERS FROM THE PRIMARY SCIENCE SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE HAD VISITED THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS DURING THE PLANTING PERIOD, AND HELPED TEACHERS IN CHARGE WITH ANY PROBLEMS THEY HAD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY MORNING AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT. THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD THAT SAME AFTERNOON AT 2.30 PM.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES WILL BE HEADED BY MR C.S. PAO, HORTICULTURIST OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

AN EXHIBITION OF SELECTED ENTRIES WILL BE HELD AT THE TEACHING CENTRE ON JANUARY 20 AND 21, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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OPENING OF TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL

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THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR H.M.A. BRISTOW AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY, NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 22) AT 7.30 PM.

THE FESTIVAL WILL LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY 13 AND WILL OFFER 55 PERFORMANCES BY BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS GROUPS, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF LECTURES AND EXHIBITIONS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 5 PM AT THE QUEEN'S PIER, FROM WHERE A GOVERNMENT COACH (AM 5005) WILL TAKE THEM TO THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND RETURN TO THE PIER AFTERWARDS.

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EXHIBITION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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AN EXHIBITION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, DURING WHICH MASTER WORKS WILL BE PLAYED FOR VISITORS, WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL FROM JANUARY 22 TO FEBRUARY 1.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS OF A STANDARD CHINESE AND A WESTERN ORCHESTRA WILL BE DISPLAYED TOGETHER WITH REPLICAS OF RARE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

THE ORIGINS, HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND THE TONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSTRUMENTS WILL BE DESCRIBED WITH THE HELP OF SLIDES, PHOTOGRAPHS, ILLUSTRATED SCRIPTS AND FILM-STRIPS.

THE EXHIBITION, PART OF THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL, WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

ADMISSION WILL BE FREE.

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CHEUNG CHAU PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENING

THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR B.D. WILSON WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S NEW CHEUNG CHAU PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 3.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 20).

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT MAY WISH TO TAKE THE YAUMATI FERRY LEAVING THE OUTLYING ISLANDS FERRY PIER IN CENTRAL AT 2 PM.

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SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION INAUGURATED

THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, OFFICIATED AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, HELD AT CHEUNG SHA WAN SPORTS GROUND, MR AKERS-JONES SAID DISTRICT SPORTS IN HONG KONG NOW RESTED FIRMLY ON FOUR LEGS: THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

+THIS ALLIANCE, WITH IMAGINATION, ENTERPRISE AND ORGANISING ABILITY IS GIVING ORGANISED SPORT A NEW IMPETUS.

+SPORTS BUILD UP AND MAINTAIN OUR HEALTH, THEY BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND IMPROVE THEIR LIVES. AT A NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVEL, SPORTS EVENTS AND TRAINING CLASSES PROMOTE A SENSE OF BELONGING,+ HE SAID.

INAUGURATED TODAY WERE THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW KWEN-LIM= THE VICE-CHAIRMEN, MR CHENG WAN-TO AND MR CHOI WAI-SHEK= AND 12 OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENT BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BRIAN COAK, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR CHEUNG MAN-SANG.

THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER SHAM SHUI PO, MR STEPHEN IP, ADMINISTERED THE SWEARING-IN OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, FOOTBALL MATCHES WERE HELD AMONG TEAMS FROM THE EIGHT AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN FORMED WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

ITS PROMOTERS ARE WELL-KNOWN DISTRICT FIGURES WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPRISING MOSTLY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS AND SPORT ENTHUSIASTS.

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STUDENTS HELP WITH YEAR-END CLEAN-UP AT RENNIE'S MILL
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FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS LAUNCHED A MASSIVE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP AT THE RENNIE'S MILL COTTAGE AREA TODAY (MONDAY).

THE STUDENTS, WHO ARE FROM THE AREA, REMOVED MORE THAN 500 BASKETS OF REFUSE AND JUNK FROM VARIOUS LITTER-RIDDEN BLACKSPOTS AND TOOK IT ALL TO A NEARBY VILLAGE-TYPE INCINERATOR FOR DISPOSAL, AS THE AREA IS INACCESSIBLE TO MOTORISED REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES.

BACK-UP SERVICES WERE PROVIDED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY JOINED THE CLEAN-UP EFFORT BY SENDING A BARGE TO COLLECT FLOATING RUBBISH AT TIU KENG WAN.

NOTING THE DIFFICULTY INVOLVED IN THE WORK, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR WAN HON-CHEUNG, PRAISED THE STUDENTS FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

AS A GESTURE OF APPRECIATION, HE PRESENTED SOUVENIR BANNERS AND PAIRS OF CHOPSTICKS BEARING A CAMPAIGN MESSAGE TO THEM.

TAKING PART IN THE EVENT WERE THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR LAM CHUNG-HUEN, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MRS LAU NG WAI-LAN, AND THE HOUSING MANAGER OF COTTAGE AREA, MR LEUNG BILL.

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PLB AND MAXICABS TO BE EXAMINED AT KOWLOON BAY
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ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND MAXICAB EXAMINATIONS, CURRENTLY CARRIED OUT AT TSUEN WAN, WILL BE TEMPORARILY UNDERTAKEN AT THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE FROM FEBRUARY 1 (MONDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS AIMED AT REDUCING THE BACKLOG OF EXAMINATION APPOINTMENTS AT THE TSUEN WAN VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE.

+THE SITUATION WILL BE REVIEWED AFTER A TRIAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS,+ HE ADDED.

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