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SIR PHILIP LOOKS INTO HK HISTORY

THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY (THURSDAY) TOOK A DETAILED LOOK AT HONG KONG'S EARLY HISTORY WHEN HE VISITED THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE IN CENTRAL.

THE EARLIEST DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF HONG KONG LIFE HELD BY THE OFFICE DATES BACK TO 1841, THE GOVERNMENT ARCHIVIST, MR IAN DIAMOND, TOLD SIR PHILIP.

THE SERIES OF RECORDS OF PRE-WAR SIGNIFICANCE WHICH SURVIVED THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION INCLUDE BONDS EXECUTED BY INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACTS AND SERVICES, COURT RECORDS OF WILLS SUBMITTED FOR PROBATE IN THE SUPREME COURT, JUDGES' NOTE BOOKS AND ADMINISTRATION BONDS.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST BELONGING TO THE 1840'S INCLUDE RECORDS RELATING TO LAND MATTERS SUCH AS CROWN RENT ROLLS, CROWN LEASE REGISTERS AND SURRENDERED TITLE DEEDS.

THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE COLLECTION WAS ENRICHED BY THE TRANSFER OF RECORDS FROM PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND AMONG THESE ARE MARRIAGE, BIRTH AND BURIAL REGISTERS SUBMITTED BY ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, MR DIAMOND ADDED.

MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS OR MAPS TRANSFERRED ARE IN A POOR STATE OF REPAIR AND THE DOCUMENT REPAIR SECTION RESTORES THEM SO THAT THEY CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REFERENCE, HE SAID.

SIR PHILIP LATER VISITED THE DEPOSITORY WHERE RECORDS TO BE RETAINED PERMANENTLY ARE KEPT UNDER STRICT TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY CONTROL AND PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC FIRE PREVENTION SYSTEM.

THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE ALSO RUNS TWO SUB-OFFICES IN ABERDEEN FOR PERMANENT AS WELL AS SEMI-ACTIVE RECORDS, MR DIAMOND SAID.

A REFERENCE LIBRARY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR STAFF AND PUBLIC USE, WITH EMPHASIS ON A COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF HONG KONG'S OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS.

PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE AND FREQUENTLY USED REFERENCE SOURCES IS THE NEWSPAPER COLLECTION CONSISTING OF FILES OF LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS, DATING FROM 1842, MR DIAMOND SAID.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS TOUR, SIR PHILIP VISITED THE PHOTO-COPYING UNIT WHERE RECORDS CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR RETENTION AND STORAGE ARE MICROFILMED.

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1983 RE-EXPORT TRADE UP 27 PER CENT
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HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE REACHED \$56 294 MILLION IN 1983, AN INCREASE OF \$11 941 MILLION - OR 27 PER CENT - OVER THE 1982 FIGURE, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET

GIVING A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FOR 1983, THE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT CHINA WAS AGAIN THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, WITH AN INCREASE OF \$4 191 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$495 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$428 MILLION OR 220 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS (BY \$37 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AND CORK AND WOOD (BY \$22 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$2 413 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT), THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS.

THE COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE CLOTHING (BY \$851 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, MAINLY BASKET WORK, WICKERWORK AND WORK OF PLAITING MATERIALS (BY \$392 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT), AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$192 MILLION OR 114 PER CENT). NOTABLE DECREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. WERE RECORDED FOR FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS (BY \$24 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AND POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$5 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

AN OVERALL INCREASE OF \$875 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT IN RE-EXPORTS WAS REGISTERED FOR SINGAPORE. COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS (BY \$124 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$124 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT). A DECREASE OF \$27 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT WAS RECORDED FOR PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA OF CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$111 MILLION OR 241 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$68 MILLION OR 160 PER CENT), AND IRON AND STEEL (BY \$36 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT). A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$712 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS (BY \$377 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT) AND TEXTILES (BY \$62 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT) TO TAIWAN. A DECREASE OF \$24 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT WAS RECORDED FOR NON-FERROUS METALS.

(CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1).

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RE-EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

CHINA REMAINED THE LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS. INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS WERE NOTED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$1 381 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT), TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$299 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT), WOVEN FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES (BY \$279 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT), WOVEN TEXTILE FABRICS OTHER THAN OF COTTON OR MAN-MADE FIBRES (BY \$215 MILLION OR 106 PER CENT), MADE-UP ARTICLES, WHOLLY OR CHIEFLY OF TEXTILE MATERIALS (BY \$160 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$139 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT).

JAPAN WAS THE SECOND MAJOR SOURCE OF RE-EXPORTS. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$538 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$351 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT), THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$349 MILLION OR 94 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES (BY \$173 MILLION OR 91 PER CENT).

OVERSEAS PURCHASES OF U.S.A. PRODUCTS THROUGH HONG KONG REMAINED ACTIVE IN 1983. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODES AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$210 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT), MANUFACTURED TOBACCO (BY \$124 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT), AND AIR-CRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, AND PARTS (BY \$118 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF TAIWAN ORIGIN SLIGHTLY INCREASED. COMMODITIES WITH INCREASES WERE THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$105 MILLION OR 112 PER CENT), TEXTILE YARN (BY \$30 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT) AS WELL AS WOVEN COTTON FABRICS (BY \$25 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) ORIGIN DECLINED, PARTICULARLY FOR WOVEN FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES (BY \$75 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

RE-EXPORTS BY ORIGIN AND DESTINATION

WHEN ANALYSED BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND THEN BY DESTINATION, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$1 936 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT), CHINA (BY \$437 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$316 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$270 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT). INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF JAPAN ORIGIN WERE MAINLY TO CHINA (BY \$1 733 MILLION OR 105 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$360 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (BY \$224 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT). SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE ALSO NOTED IN RE-EXPORTS OF U.S.A. ORIGIN TO CHINA (BY \$440 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (BY \$159 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

TABLE 1 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

	1983 (HKD MN.)	1982 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	12 183	7 992	+4 191	+52
U. S. A.	8 028	5 615	+2 413	+43
SINGAPORE	4 523	3 648	+ 875	+24
INDONESIA	3 884	4 615	- 731	-16
TAIWAN	3 454	2 662	+ 793	+30
JAPAN	3 176	2 566	+ 610	+24
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	2 440	1 699	+ 741	+44
MACAU	1 885	1 588	+ 297	+18
PHILIPPINES	1 632	1 485	+ 147	+10
SAUDI ARABIA	1 335	941	+ 394	+42

TABLE 2 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

	1983 (HKD MN.)	1982 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	19 680	14 694	+4 987	+34
JAPAN	11 629	9 084	+2 545	+28
U. S. A.	6 038	4 940	+1 097	+22
TAIWAN	2 573	2 500	+ 74	+ 3
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	1 360	1 363	- 3	INSIGNIFICANT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	1 221	820	+ 401	+49
SWITZERLAND	1 161	1 075	+ 86	+ 8
UNITED KINGDOM	871	694	+ 177	+26
SINGAPORE	720	527	+ 194	+37
MALAYSIA, WEST	716	538	+ 178	+33

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RATEPAYERS REMINDED OF DEADLINE
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RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT RATES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984 MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON APRIL 30.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT LATE PAYMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE AND A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT ON ACCOUNTS STILL OUTSTANDING SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

HE SAID RATEPAYERS SHOULD HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES SHOULD APPLY FOR A COPY AT THE RATES SECTION OF THE TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), NINTH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG; THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD; OR THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON.

+WHETHER OR NOT THE DEMAND NOTE IS RECEIVED, IT DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES SHOULD BE PAID BEFORE THE DUE DATE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PREMISES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE RATING ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES, UNLESS IT IS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

TO AVOID QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR AUTOPAY FORMS SHOULD READ THEIR DEMAND NOTES CAREFULLY TO SEE IF THEY CONTAIN THE WORDING 'PAYMENT BY AUTOPAY AS AUTHORISED'.

THE ABSENCE OF SUCH WORDING MEANS THEIR FORMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PROCESSED, IN WHICH CASE THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY THEIR RATES IN THE NORMAL WAY -- IN PERSON OR BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER.

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PUBLIC HELP SOUGHT IN +CLEAN AND GREEN EFFORT+
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THE CONTINUING EFFORT TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN AND GREEN WOULD BE FUTILE WITHOUT PUBLIC SUPPORT, THE HONOURABLE CHARLES YEUNG SAID TODAY.

MR YEUNG WAS SPEAKING AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE, AFTER INSPECTING CLEANING AND PLANTING WORK IN KWAI CHUNG.

SPEAKING OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED IN 1981, MR YEUNG SAID JOINT EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC HAD ACHIEVED THE AIM OF RAISING THE STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS AND IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

BUT THE CAMPAIGN HAD YET TO RESOLVE ALL LITTER PROBLEMS, DESPITE THE GOVERNMENT'S ON-GOING EFFORTS, SAID MR YEUNG.

CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FROM THE PUBLIC WAS THE KEY TO SUCCESS, HE SAID.

TODAY'S VISIT STARTED AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE FOR A PUBLIC TOILET AT SHING MUN ROAD, NEAR THE APPROACH ROAD TO THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK.

WITH MR YEUNG ON THE VISITS WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HEADQUARTERS) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR LI TIN-MING, AND THE DEPUTY URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF KWAI CHUNG, MR NG SHUI-LUN.

MR YEUNG WAS TOLD THAT THE SITE HAD ONCE BEEN OCCUPIED ILLEGALLY BY THE OPERATOR OF AN UNLICENSED PIG-ROASTING WORKSHOP, RESULTING IN A SERIOUS POLLUTION PROBLEM AND CAUSING GREAT INCONVENIENCE TO COUNTRY PARK VISITORS.

THE PUBLIC TOILET UNDER CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE COMPLETED IN TWO MONTHS AND SERVE VISITORS TO THE COUNTRY PARK.

THE PARTY NEXT WENT TO AN AMENITY PLOT AT KWAI FUK ROAD, WHICH WAS ONCE USED BY RESIDENTS AS A DUMPING GROUND FOR WASTE.

SHRUBS AND FLOWERS HAVE SINCE REPLACED THE ONCE RUBBISH-RIDDEN SPOT.

AT THE SITTING OUT AREA ADJACENT TO KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL AT KWAI SHING CIRCUIT, MR YEUNG SAW THE FLOURISHING YOUNG TREES PLANTED DURING LAST YEAR'S MA FA PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

ANOTHER 35 000 PLANTS WOULD BE PLANTED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO BEAUTIFY KWAI CHUNG DURING THE COMING MA FA PHASE STARTING IN MAY, MR YEUNG LEARNED.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO KAU WAN KEUNG VILLAGE TO SEE THE RESULT OF A CLEAN-UP OPERATION AND TO SEE FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE NTSD FOR SOME 3 600 RESIDENTS.

BEFORE LEAVING, THE GROUP STOPPED AT THE REFUSE TRANSFER POINT AT CHEUNG WAN ROAD AT TSING YI TO WATCH THE UNLOADING OF 10 TONNES OF REFUSE BARGED OVER FROM CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND FOR FINAL DISPOSAL AT THE KWAI CHUNG INCINERATION PLANT.

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MORE EFFORT NEEDED TO PUBLICISE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY
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GREATER EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PUBLICISE THE AVAILABILITY OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND TO INTEGRATE THEM MORE COHESIVELY INTO SOCIETY, ACCORDING TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY A +CONCERN FOR THE AGED+ WORKING GROUP IN WAN CHAI.

THE GROUP ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT DISTRICT ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE WELLBEING OF THE ELDERLY SHOULD BE BETTER COORDINATED AND EXPANDED AS AN ON-GOING PROCESS WITH MORE ACTIVE DISTRICT BOARD PARTICIPATION.

THE WORKING GROUP, FORMED EARLY LAST YEAR UNDER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, BASED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED RECENTLY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS BRIEFING TODAY (THURSDAY), THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, SAID THE FINDINGS WOULD HELP THE BOARD ON ITS FUTURE PLANNING AND PROVISIONS OF ELDERLY SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

+THE ELDERLY POPULATION ACCOUNTS FOR MORE THAN 13 PER CENT OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL POPULATION, AND THIS IS SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN THE CORRESPONDING OVERALL HONG KONG PERCENTAGE OF 10 AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AVERAGE OF 8.9,+ HE SAID.

A TOTAL OF 332 PEOPLE, AGED 55 AND ABOVE, WERE INTERVIEWED FOR THE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY STUDENTS OF THE SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF SHUE YAN COLLEGE EARLY THIS YEAR.

THE SURVEY FOUND THAT MOST OF THE ELDERLY WERE NOT AWARE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

+IN THIS CONNECTION, THE WORKING GROUP HAS LOOKED INTO THE DEGREE OF WILLINGNESS AND READINESS OF THE OLD PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY SERVICE,+ MR LAM SAID.

+HOWEVER, ONLY A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE (11 PER CENT) SHOWED ANY INTEREST.+

SIXTY-ONE PER CENT OF THE OLD PEOPLE INTERVIEWED WERE LIVING PRIMARILY WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THEIR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN, WHILE 20 PER CENT EARNED THEIR LIVING MAINLY THROUGH SALARIES AND INTEREST FROM SAVINGS.

ON FAMILY RELATIONSHIP, THE MAJORITY OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID THEY PREFERRED TO LIVE WITH THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND WERE QUITE CONTENTED WITH THEIR PRESENT STATE OF SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP. THE FEELING OF BEING LONELY AND ISOLATED DID NOT SEEM TO BE ACUTE WITH MOST OF THEM.

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THE SURVEY FOUND THAT MORE THAN 70 PER CENT OF THEM WERE LIVING WITH THEIR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN.

ON COMMUNITY SUPPORT, ABOUT 50 PER CENT SAID THEY WOULD SEEK HELP FROM FRIENDS, RELATIVES AND NEIGHBOURS WHILE ANOTHER 40 PER CENT SAID THEY COULD MANAGE WITH AN EFFORT.

ON HEALTH, WHILE IT WAS COMMON FOR OLD PEOPLE TO SUFFER FROM RHEUMATISM AND HEARING AND VISUAL INABILITY, ABOUT HALF OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID THEY HAD NOT CONSULTED A DOCTOR WITHIN THE PAST THREE MONTHS AND 25 PER CENT SAID THEY DID SO ONLY ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS.

+FROM THE FINDINGS, WE CAN SAY THE ELDERLY POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT ARE IN GENERAL ENJOYING A SATISFACTORY STANDARD OF LIVING AND THEREFORE RELIANCE ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AS WELL AS RESIDENTIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES IS NOT PARTICULARLY STRONG,+ SAID MR LAM.

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DB TO DISCUSS LOK MA CHAU CROSSING
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YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE LOK MA CHAU BORDER LINK AND THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN CORRIDOR OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THE BORDER LINK IS LOCATED NEAR THE LOK MA CHAU ROAD AND WILL CROSS SHENZEN RIVER TO THE WEST OF HA WAN TSUEN.

IT WILL BE A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, 1.8 KILOMETRES LONG AND WILL JOIN THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD AT ITS SOUTHERN END.

THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$260 MILLION. WORK WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY 1986.

THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN CORRIDOR OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN IS TO PROVIDE AN ORDERLY FRAMEWORK FOR NEW URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA AND TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSALS, MOST OF THE DEVELOPMENT WORKS WILL TAKE PLACE AT HUNG SHIU KIU. THESE WILL INCLUDE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO ELECT CHAIRMEN OF FIVE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMITTEES, TO HOLD OFFICE FOR ONE YEAR FROM APRIL 1.

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THE FIVE COMMITTEES ARE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORT, SOCIAL SERVICES AND TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.30 AM SHARP FOR YUEN LONG.

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ANOTHER PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR TUEN MUN

A STANDARD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT TUEN MUN TO TAKE IN STUDENTS BY SUMMER NEXT YEAR.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT ON A 5 220-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD, CLOSE TO TUEN MUN POLYCLINIC.

THE SIX-STORY BUILDING WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A COVERED AND EXTERNAL PLAY AREA, AS WELL AS A BASKETBALL AND A VOLLEYBALL COURT.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START IN MAY AND TAKE ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

THE SCHOOL IS ONE OF SIX PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH WILL BE BUILT IN TUEN MUN BY THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF EXISTING PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TOWN IS 33.

TUEN MUN'S PRESENT POPULATION IS 190 000, AND IS FORECAST TO GROW TO OVER 500 000 BY 1990.

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SINGING CONTEST IN TUEN MUN
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TWELVE YOUNG AMATEURS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW THEIR SINGING TALENT AT THE DISTRICT'S CONTEST ON SATURDAY (APRIL 7) EVENING.

TUEN MUN IS THE SECOND OF THE 18 DISTRICTS TO HOLD THE PRELIMINARY SINGING CONTEST, THE FIRST BEING SHA TIN WHICH HELD THE PRELIMINARY LAST SUNDAY.

THE 18-DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SING TAO NEWSPAPERS LIMITED AS PART OF A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

PRELIMINARY SINGING CONTESTS IN OTHER DISTRICTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS.

IN TUEN MUN, MORE THAN 100 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED.

THE CHAMPION OF THE SATURDAY CONTEST WILL REPRESENT TUEN MUN TO COMPETE WITH WINNERS OF 17 OTHER DISTRICTS IN A SEMI-FINAL ON AUGUST 11.

A GRAND FINAL WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM ON SEPTEMBER 8 WHEN NINE FINALISTS WILL COMPETE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE BEST PERFORMER IN THE GRAND FINAL WILL WIN A RECORDING CONTRACT WITH A LEADING LOCAL COMPANY, WHILE OTHER WINNERS WILL RECEIVE PRIZES WORTH MORE THAN \$40 000.

MORE THAN 2 500 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED FOR SATURDAY'S SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, STARTING AT 8 PM.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG; THE CHAIRMAN OF YAN OI TONG, MR YIP HING-CHUNG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN ARTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, MR TANG TUNG-CHIU WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUESTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST TO BE HELD AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 7) AT THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN TUEN MUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CONTRACT SIGNING

A \$49.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTING A GENERAL NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL AND QUARTERS FOR PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL AT HA KWAI CHUNG WILL BE AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SIGNING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10.30 AM IN ROOM 1506 OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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CAR PARK SITE TO LET

A 6 300-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT LAI CHI KOK IS TO BE LET AS A FEE-PAYING CAR PARK.

THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF THE SITE LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND TAI LAM WEST STREET.

THE INITIAL TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE AT MONTHLY INTERVALS.

TENDERS MUST BE SENT IN BY APRIL 27 AT THE LATEST.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250, SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

THE TENDER PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THESE LOCATIONS.

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TRAM-ONLY LANES IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAM-ONLY LANES NEAR THE TRAMWAY ISLANDS HAS PROVED TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S ROAD SAFETY DIVISION SHOW THAT AT FIVE SITES WHERE TRAM-ONLY LANES WERE DESIGNATED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS HAD DROPPED FROM 72 DURING THE 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION TO LESS THAN 10 DURING THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

TRAM-ONLY LANES WERE FIRST IMPLEMENTED IN MID-1981 AT DES VOEUX ROAD WEST NEAR EASTERN STREET, AND THE MEASURE PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING ACCIDENTS.

SINCE THEN OTHER SITES ON THE TRAMWAY NETWORK HAVE BEEN MADE TRAM-ONLY LANES.

INVESTIGATIONS AND ANALYSIS BY THE ROAD SAFETY DIVISION SHOW THAT ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS OFTEN OCCUR WHEN PEDESTRIANS STEP OUT OF THE TRAM ISLAND ONTO THE TRAM LANE.

+PEDESTRIANS CROSSING THE ROAD FROM A TRAM ISLAND TEND TO LOOK ONLY TO THE LEFT AND DO NOT EXPECT VEHICLES ON THE TRAM LANE COMING FROM THE RIGHT,+ SAID MR Y.C. YEUNG, THE DIVISION'S SENIOR ENGINEER.

+THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF A PEDESTRIAN ON THE TRAM TRACKS MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR MOTORISTS TO AVOID THEM,+ HE SAID.

ONE CRITICISM AGAINST THE TRAM-ONLY MEASURE, AS EXPRESSED IN THE LETTERS PAGE OF A CHINESE NEWSPAPER, IS THAT IT SLOWS DOWN TRAFFIC.

WHILE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY WITH MOTORISTS EXPERIENCING SUCH INCONVENIENCE, MR YEUNG SAID THAT THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS MUST TAKE PRIORITY.

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NEW PLAN TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 7), SPECIAL MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AT JUNCTION ROAD AND KAM SHING ROAD.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY AT THE FOLLOWING:

- * JUNCTION ROAD BETWEEN DUMBARTON ROAD AND TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD.
- * JUNCTION ROAD BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND BROADCAST DRIVE.
- * THE EASTERN SECTION OF KAM SHING ROAD FROM ITS EASTERN JUNCTION WITH JUNCTION ROAD TO THE OPEN AIR CARPARK AT THE CUL-DE-SAC.
- * THE WESTERN SECTION OF KAM SHING ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WESTWARDS.

THE WESTERN SECTION OF KAM SHING ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY TOWARDS ITS WESTERN JUNCTION WITH JUNCTION ROAD.

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NEW PROHIBITION HOURS FOR LEARNER DRIVERS

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 7), PROHIBITION HOURS ON LEARNER DRIVERS AT TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD, STADIUM PATH AND MOUNT BUTLER ROAD WILL BE CHANGED.

THE NEW HOURS WILL BE 7.30 AM TO 7.30 PM DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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