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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR OCTOBER 1982
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PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY ONE PER CENT AND THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY TWO PER CENT IN OCTOBER 1982 AS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1981, ACCORDING TO 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 UNIT VALUE INDEX TO THE IMPORT UNIT VALUE INDEX) DECLINED BY ONE PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DROPPED BY SEVEN PER CENT WHEREAS THAT FOR IMPORTS DROPPED BY ONE PER CENT.

THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT, WITH THE VOLUME DOWN BY FIVE PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES WERE UP BY TWO PER CENT AND A DECREASE BY SEVEN PER CENT WAS RECORDED FOR THE VOLUME.

FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD TO OCTOBER 1982 AS COMPARED WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS TO OCTOBER 1981, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY SEVEN PER CENT, IMPORTS BY SEVEN PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS BY 10 PER CENT. THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECLINED BY ONE PER CENT AND RE-EXPORT VOLUME DROPPED marginally, GIVING A ONE PER CENT DECLINE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS AS AGAINST A TWO PER CENT DROP IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS.

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 VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS ARE SHOWN BELOW :

PERCENTAGE CHANGES COMPARING OCTOBER 1982 WITH OCTOBER 1981

	EXPORT VALUE	EXPORT UNIT VALUE	EXPORT VOLUME
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	- 8	+ 4	-11
TEXTILE FABRICS	-21	+ 3	-23
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	- 5	-10	+ 6
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-25	+ 7	-30

/ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+ 8	+ 1	+ 7
FOOTWEAR	-43	+ 8	-48
METAL MANUFACTURES	- 4	+ 5	- 9
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-47	- 2	-46
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 2	-22	+32
ALL COMMODITIES	- 6	+ 1	- 7

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF SOME COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM ONE PER CENT FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS TO EIGHT PER CENT FOR FOOTWEAR. ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-2%), TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-10%) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-22%).

DECREASES IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR MOST COMMODITY GROUPS, INCLUDING TEXTILE FABRICS (-23%), TEXTILE MADE-UPS (-30%), METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-46%) AND FOOTWEAR (-48%). ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS REGISTERED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+32%).

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

PERCENTAGE CHANGES COMPARING OCTOBER 1982 WITH OCTOBER 1981

	IMPORT VALUE	IMPORT UNIT VALUE	IMPORT VOLUME
FOODSTUFFS	+ 7	+ 2	+ 5
CONSUMER GOODS	- 1	+ 6	- 7
FUELS	+26	- 3	+29
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	- 4	- 1	- 4
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 5	+ 8	- 3
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 1	+ 2	- 1

THE CHANGES IN PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY WERE MODERATE, RANGING FROM A THREE PER CENT DROP FOR FUELS TO AN EIGHT PER CENT INCREASE FOR CAPITAL GOODS.

MOST OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SUGAR, CEREAL AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND RICE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FRUIT AS WELL AS SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD DROPPED.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, CONSIDERABLE DECLINES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS, PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AS WELL AS TOBACCO MANUFACTURES. THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FOOTWEAR INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY 29 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECLINED, AMONG WHICH MAN-MADE FIBRES, LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS, WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR AS WELL AS WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY. THE IMPORT VOLUMES OF COTTON YARN AND THREAD, CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS AS WELL AS FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES ROSE CONSIDERABLY.

MOST OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED CAPITAL GOODS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS AS WELL AS TEXTILE MACHINERY. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF OFFICE MACHINES.

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

PERCENTAGE CHANGES COMPARING OCTOBER 1982 WITH OCTOBER 1981

	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+39	- 1	+40
CONSUMER GOODS	- 5	+ 2	- 7
FUELS	+96	+ 6	+86
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	- 7	+ 3	- 9
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 3	+12	- 8
ALL COMMODITIES	- 2	+ 3	- 5

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORT VOLUMES VARIED, RANGING FROM A NINE PER CENT DECREASE FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO AN 86 PER CENT INCREASE FOR FUELS.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE OCTOBER 1982 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

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STAMP ISSUE ON PERFORMING ARTS
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A SPECIAL ISSUE OF THREE STAMPS COMMEMORATING THE PERFORMING ARTS WILL BE ON SALE ON JANUARY 26.

THE STAMP DESIGNS FEATURE THE CHINESE CHARACTERS FOR +DANCE+ (30 CENTS), +DRAMA+ (\$1.30) AND +MUSIC+ (\$5) AS THE BASIC DESIGN MOTIF, WHILE THE BACKGROUND OF EACH STAMP SHOWS FIGURATIVE DRAWINGS IN A LIGHTER COLOUR EXPRESSING THE PARTICULAR ART IN BOTH ASIAN AND WESTERN TRADITIONS, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE NEW STAMPS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE PUBLIC COUNTER ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE ON JANUARY 24 FROM 9.30 AM TO 4.30 PM.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS AT 50 CENTS EACH WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON JANUARY 12. EACH COVER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN INSERT CARD CONTAINING INFORMATION ON THE PERFORMING ARTS AND BRIEF PHILATELIC INFORMATION.

SUFFICIENT FIRST DAY COVERS HAVE BEEN PRINTED TO MEET ANTICIPATED PUBLIC DEMAND AND THERE WILL BE NO RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER SOLD TO EACH PERSON.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING OF FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO 5 PM ON JANUARY 20 AT ALL POST OFFICES. FOR THIS SERVICE, ADDRESSED FIRST DAY COVERS MUST BE HANDED IN WITH AN ORDER FORM, TOGETHER WITH A REMITTANCE TO COVER THE COST.

THE CHARGE WILL BE \$7.60 PER COVER, WHICH INCLUDES THE COST OF THE STAMPS (\$6.60) TOGETHER WITH A SERVICE FEE OF \$1.

THE COVERS MUST BE FULLY ADDRESSED BY THE APPLICANTS, AND NO LESS THAN 10 COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH EACH ORDER.

THE ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON JANUARY 12. ANY PERSON ORDERING SERVICED COVERS ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL DESTINATION MAY COLLECT THEM ON JANUARY 27 FROM THE POST OFFICE WHERE THE ORDER WAS PLACED. COVERS ADDRESSED OVERSEAS WILL BE FORWARDED AS ADDRESSED.

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SURVEY TO DETERMINE POPULARITY OF ABERDEEN TUNNEL

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ROADSIDE INTERVIEWS TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF MOTORISTS WILLING TO PAY EXTRA FOR A SPEEDIER JOURNEY BY USING THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT EARLY IN THE WEEK.

+THIS INVESTIGATION CAN SHED LIGHT ON HOW PEOPLE VALUE THEIR TRAVELLING AND THE FINDINGS WILL ALSO HELP QUANTIFY THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC GENERATED FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE TUNNEL IN MARCH LAST YEAR,+ A SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+AS THE VALUE OF TIME PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE TRANSPORT PLANNING PROCESS AND A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRAFFIC INDUCED BY A NEW TOLL FACILITY IS VERY USEFUL FOR FUTURE TRANSPORT PLANNING, IT IS NECESSARY THAT AN INTERVIEW SURVEY BE CONDUCTED TO SOLICIT RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM USERS AND NON-USERS OF THE TUNNEL,+ HE STRESSED.

THE ROADSIDE INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY (JANUARY 11 - 13) BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM AT THE APPROACHES TO ABERDEEN TUNNEL - WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD, POK FU LAM ROAD AND TAI TAM ROAD.

DRIVERS SELECTED FOR INTERVIEWS WILL BE ASKED TO ANSWER A FEW SIMPLE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ORIGIN, DESTINATION AND PURPOSE OF THEIR TRIPS.

IN APPEALING TO MOTORISTS TO CO-OPERATE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +IN SO DOING, THEY WILL ASSIST TRANSPORT PLANNERS FORMULATE THE FUTURE TRANSPORT SYSTEM OF HONG KONG SO AS TO BE BENEFICIAL TO THE ROAD USERS AND THE COMMUNITY.+

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HONG KONG TAKING PART IN AVIATION TALKS

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CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES FROM SOME 40 COUNTRIES WILL MEET IN SINGAPORE FROM JANUARY 11 TO 29 TO PLAN THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, A REGION WHICH HAS SEEN THE FASTEST GROWTH IN AIR TRAFFIC IN THE WORLD.

THE CONFERENCE, THE 2ND ASIA/PACIFIC REGIONAL AIR NAVIGATION MEETING, IS TO BE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION.

MR G.T. OLIVER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WILL HEAD A TEAM OF SIX OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS, FOR THIS MAJOR AERONAUTICAL CONFERENCE.

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THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE REGIONAL AIR NAVIGATION MEETING IS TO BRING THE REGION'S AIR NAVIGATION PLAN UP TO DATE. THIS IS THE BLUEPRINT OF ESSENTIAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES, SUCH AS AERODROMES, METEOROLOGICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES, NAVIGATION AIDS, AND SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITIES.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO MONITOR PROGRESS ON AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE AT THE 1ST ASIA/PACIFIC REGIONAL MEETING HELD IN HONOLULU IN 1973 IN WHICH HONG KONG ALSO PARTICIPATED.

MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG TEAM WILL CONTRIBUTE BY OFFERING THE CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE AVAILABLE FROM HONG KONG TO ASSIST IN ARRIVING AT PRACTICABLE SOLUTIONS.

SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN HONOLULU 10 YEARS AGO, AIRLINES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC HAVE SEEN AN OVERALL ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF 17 PER CENT FOR PASSENGER TRAFFIC AND OF 21 PER CENT FOR FREIGHT TRAFFIC, FAR SURPASSING THAT FOR ANY OTHER REGION. THE SHARE OF TOTAL WORLD TRAFFIC FOR THE SAME CARRIERS HAS DOUBLED OVER THE SAME PERIOD TO 25 PER CENT.

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TEMPORARY TIMETABLE FOR DIESEL-HAULED PASSENGER TRAINS
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL INTRODUCE A TEMPORARY TIMETABLE FOR THE DIESEL-HAULED PASSENGER TRAINS FROM JANUARY 11 TO 19 TO FACILITATE PREPARATORY WORK ON RESIGNALLING THE DOUBLE TRACK BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AND TAI PO MARKET STATIONS.

THE WORK WILL NECESSITATE THE REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF DIESEL PASSENGER TRAINS RUNNING DAILY FROM KOWLOON TO LO WU FROM 34 TO 32, 16 NORTHBOUND AND 16 SOUTHBOUND.

COPIES OF THE TEMPORARY TIMETABLE ARE DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW SIGNALLING SYSTEM, CENTRALLY CONTROLLED FROM A SIGNALLING CENTRE AT KOWLOON STATION, IS AN INTEGRAL PART ON THE RAILWAY'S MODERNISATION PROJECT.

THE COMMISSIONING OF DOUBLE TRACK AND NEW SIGNALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO THE TAI PO MARKET SECTION FROM JANUARY 21 WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE PUNCTUALITY OF TRAIN MOVEMENTS.

TIME SCHEDULES FOR ELECTRIC TRAINS BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN AND EXPRESS THROUGH TRAINS BETWEEN KOWLOON AND GUANGZHOU WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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AWARDS FOR MODEL SHAM SHUI PO CITIZENS
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TEN CIVIC-MINDED RESIDENTS, INCLUDING SIX STUDENTS, WHO HELPED AT THE SCENE OF THE MASS WOUNDINGS IN A UN CHAU ESTATE KINDERGARTEN IN JUNE LAST YEAR, HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AS THIS YEAR'S SHAM SHUI PO MODEL CITIZENS.

THEY WERE AMONG 26 RESIDENTS TO BE COMMENDED FOR SHOWING CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS DURING ROBBERY, BURGLARY OR WOUNDING INCIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF CRIMINALS.

EACH OF THE 26 MODEL CITIZENS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND A SOUVENIR AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 14) AT 8 PM AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL IN WATERLOO ROAD.

THE MODEL CITIZENS AWARD SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN 1979, AIMS TO MAKE RESIDENTS AWARE OF, AND HELP IN COMBATING, THE DISTRICT'S PROBLEMS, SUCH AS CRIME, FIRE PREVENTION AND ROAD SAFETY.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE PART OF A TWO-HOUR FIGHT YOUTH CRIME VARIETY SHOW FEATURING FAMOUS LOCAL SINGERS AND DISC JOCKEYS.

THE AWARD SCHEME AND THE VARIETY SHOW ARE BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE LOCAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE NAM CHEONG EAST AREA COMMITTEE.

THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN IP, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

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'TENNET' IS NOW THE IN THING
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A NEW BALL GAME — COMBINING TENNIS AND SQUASH — IS BEING PROMOTED IN HONG KONG.

IT IS CALLED TENNET. AS IT REQUIRES MINIMAL SPACE, IT IS IDEAL FOR HONG KONG.

+TENNET+, EXPLAINED A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, +IS AN EXCITING GAME AND TO PLAY IT CALLS FOR A HIGH DEGREE OF CONTROL, FOOTWORK AND FAST REFLEXES.

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FLEXIBILITY AND SIMPLICITY ARE THE KEYWORDS OF THE GAME WHICH CAN BE PLAYED INDOORS OR OUTDOORS,+ HE SAID.

TO PROMOTE THE SPORT, THE RSS IS RUNNING A PILOT TRAINING COURSE FOR COACHES IN COOPERATION WITH THE HONG KONG TENNET ASSOCIATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY), +IT IS HOPED THAT THESE COACHES-TO-BE WILL HELP POPULARISE THIS GAME IN HONG KONG.+

EQUIPMENT FOR TENNET COMPRISES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED FREE-STANDING NET AND FRAME, TWO MINI-TENNIS RACKETS, AND A SPECIAL LOW COMPRESSION MINI-TENNIS BALL OR A REGULAR ONE DEPENDING ON THE STANDARD OF THE PLAYERS.

THE CURRENT COACHES TRAINING COURSE IS BEING HELD AT THE BADMINTON COURT OF TELFORD GARDEN ON SUNDAYS AND WILL LAST TILL FEBRUARY 6.

OF THE 30 COURSE PARTICIPANTS, ONLY TWO ARE WOMEN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+WE HOPE TO ATTRACT MORE WOMEN TO THE GAME, WHICH DOES NOT DEMAND EXTRAORDINARY PHYSICAL STRENGTH,+ HE SAID.

THE RSS IS PLANNING TO RUN MORE COURSES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG TENNET ASSOCIATION.

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NT INTER-DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE
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THE SECOND NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE OPENED TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN.

FIVE DISTRICT TEAMS WILL PLAY ON CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS UNTIL FEBRUARY 6.

SHA TIN, THIS YEAR'S HOST DISTRICT, IS COMPETING WITH TEAMS FROM YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TAI PO AND TSUEN WAN.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AT THE CENTRE ON FEBRUARY 26.

THE SECOND NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE IS FINANCED BY THE SHA TIN SPORT AND RECREATION SERVICE, THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD.

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET

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LOCAL ATHLETIC MEETINGS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN PROVIDING ATHLETES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST THE PROGRESS THEY ARE MAKING IN THEIR OWN TRAINING, SAID THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE 6TH TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET AT KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND, MR HEYWOOD SAID ATHLETIC MEETINGS ALSO GAVE THE SELECTION COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNING BODIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPOT THE TALENTS OF YOUNGER ATHLETES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MR HEYWOOD EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OTHER DISTRICT ORGANISING BODIES WOULD FOLLOW THE EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE ANNUAL TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET.

HE PRAISED THE CHAIRMAN AND HIS ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK IN BRINGING ABOUT TODAY'S MEETING AND ALSO THE ORGANISING BODIES AND THE HARD WORKING SPORTS OFFICIALS WHO HAD GIVEN THEIR SUPPORT TO THE EVENT.

+YOUR CONTINUING EFFORTS OVER THE YEARS HAVE MADE THIS A WELL-ESTABLISHED AND POPULAR ATHLETIC MEETING, AND LONG MIGHT THESE SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS CONTINUE,+ MR HEYWOOD SAID.

IN PINPOINTING THE REASON WHY HONG KONG ATHLETES WERE UNABLE TO CARRY AWAY MANY PRIZES FROM THE LARGE INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC ARENAS, MR HEYWOOD SAID IT WAS GENERALLY FELT THAT IT WAS THE TREMENDOUS PRESSURE ON LIVING SPACE IN HONG KONG AND THE SCHOOL CHILDREN BEING UNABLE TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF DEDICATED SCHOOL RECREATION FACILITIES EARLY IN THEIR LIVES.

+THEY HAVE HAD TO LOOK TO A SMALL NUMBER OF PUBLIC FACILITIES SUCH AS THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND FOR THEIR ORGANISED ACTIVE RECREATION, AND SUCH FACILITIES TOO HAVE BEEN IN DESPARATELY SHORT SUPPLY, BECAUSE OF THE MANY OTHER PRIORITIES WE HAVE FACED IN OUR PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING PROGRAMME,+ HE CONTINUED.

+I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT THIS IS NOW GRADUALLY CHANGING AS MORE AND MORE DISTRICT RECREATION FACILITIES ARE BEING DEVELOPED FOR USE BY SCHOOLS AND ADULTS ALIKE WHILE SOME OF OUR OLDER FACILITIES ARE BEING IMPROVED, ENLARGED AND MODERNIZED,+ MR HEYWOOD SAID.

+IT IS THEREFORE VERY IMPORTANT THAT AT THIS STAGE OF OUR DEVELOPMENT WE SHOULD NOT LOSE HEART FROM OUR RECENT FAILURE BUT THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTING ARENA AND, WITH MORE RECREATION FACILITIES IN WHICH TO TRAIN AND PREPARE THERE WE SHOULD STRIVE, AS ALL ATHLETES DO, TO BETTER OUR PERFORMANCES,+ HE ADDED.

WISHING ALL 500 ATHLETES OF TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI TAKING PART IN TODAY'S MEETING ALL GOOD FORTUNE IN THEIR COMPETITION, MR HEYWOOD REMINDED THEM THAT GOOD FORTUNE ALONE DID NOT WIN THE RACE. +HARD AND CONTINUOUS TRAINING IS NEEDED,+ HE ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CHEQUE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

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A CHEQUE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 11) AT 12 NOON IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, 31ST FLOOR, UNITED CENTRE, 95 QUEENSWAY.

MR G.L. MORTIMER, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, WHO IS ALSO HON PRESIDENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE COMMITTEE FOR VOLUNTARILY REHABILITATED DRUG ABUSERS, WILL RECEIVE THE CHEQUE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE. PRESENTING THE CHEQUE WILL BE MR KU SZE-CHUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR LION ROCK PARK SOIL DEPOT

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE LION ROCK PARK SOIL DEPOT.

THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE THE ERECTION OF FOUR STORAGE SHEDS AND THE SURFACING OF THE SOIL MIXING GROUND AND ACCESS ROAD WITH CONCRETE.

WORK WILL START IN EARLY MARCH AND WILL COMPLETE IN JUNE.

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REFUSE COLLECTION POINT FOR SHEK WU HUI

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT FU HING STREET IN SHEK WU HUI.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH THE RAPID INCREASE IN POPULATION IN THIS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, IT WAS FOUND NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE AREA IN A STATE OF CLEANLINESS.

THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF A STANDARD REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WHICH IS COMPLETELY ENCLOSED AND COMPRISING A LOADING BAY FOR A REFUSE COLLECTION VAN, SPACE FOR THE STORAGE OF LITTER BINS, A MEZZANINE FLOOR WITH TOILET FACILITIES, STORAGE ROOM AND A ROLL-CALL OFFICE.

THE INTERNAL WALLS OF THE STRUCTURE ARE TO BE FINISHED IN CERAMIC TILES UP TO THE CEILING AND EXTERNALLY WITH GLAZED MOSAIC TILES. ELECTRICALLY-DRIVEN ROLLER SHUTTER, TELEPHONE FACILITIES, HYDRANTS AND A WATER-POINT ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN FANLING

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TAI PO ROAD NEAR FANLING SWIMMING POOL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 4.30 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 11) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND SAN FUNG AVENUE.

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