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CONTAINER PORT TO BE VASTLY EXPANDED  
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A LONG-TERM THREE-PHASE EXPANSION PROGRAMME FOR THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO ENSURE HONG KONG'S PROMINENT POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TRADE.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR PIERS JACOBS, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE EXPANSION PROJECT.

+SPEEDY DELIVERY OF GOODS IS ONE KEY ELEMENT IN THE SUCCESS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. SO, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT OUR CONTAINER PORT GROWS TO MEET THE DEMANDS MADE UPON IT,+ MR JACOBS SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS THUS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH TWO CONTAINER TERMINAL OPERATORS, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL LTD (HIT) AND SEALAND ORIENT LTD, TO EXPAND THE KWAI CHUNG PORT TO MEET THE NEEDS THROUGH THE REST OF THIS DECADE AND THE NEXT, HE SAID.

UNDER THE FIRST PHASE, SOME 25.5 HECTARES OF SEABED IN THE KWAI CHUNG CREEK WILL BE RECLAIMED WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS, INCREASING THE PORT'S WORKING CAPACITY FROM ITS PRESENT 1.4 MILLION TWENTY-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS (TEUS) BY 57 PER CENT TO 2.2 MILLION TEU'S BY 1986, HE SAID.

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT THE PROJECT IS THE FIRST LARGE-SCALE EXPANSION OF THE PORT SINCE THE MID-1970S.

HONG KONG IS THE THIRD LARGEST CONTAINER PORT IN THE WORLD AFTER NEW YORK AND ROTTERDAM, NOT ONLY HANDLING ITS OWN GROWING EXTERNAL TRADE BUT ALSO SERVING AS THE LARGEST CONTAINER TRANSHIPMENT CENTRE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, HE SAID.

LAST YEAR, HONG KONG HANDLED A TOTAL THROUGHPUT OF SOME 1.7 MILLION TEUS OF CONTAINER CARGO, 89 PER CENT OF THEM THROUGH THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT AND THE REST ACCOMMODATED ELSEWHERE IN THE PORT OF HONG KONG.

MORE THAN 40 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ARE SHIPPED BY CONTAINER, WHILE SOME 30 PER CENT OF ITS CONTAINER CARGO REPRESENT TRANSHIPMENT GOODS.

UNDER THE FIRST PHASE, THE TWO COMPANIES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FORMING AND RECLAIMING THE LAND, WITH HIT ACQUIRING AN ADDITIONAL AREA OF 11.7 HECTARES FOR INTEGRATION WITH TERMINAL 4 AND SEALAND AN ADDITIONAL 3.7 HECTARES FOR INTEGRATION WITH TERMINAL 3, MR JACOBS POINTED OUT.

THE REMAINING 10.1 HECTARES WILL BE HANDED BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT, WITH PART OF IT TO BE USED FOR A NEW AND BETTER CONTAINER PORT ROAD AND PART TO BE RESERVED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE SPENDING \$104 MILLION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROAD AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA, HE SAID.

/MR JACOBS .....

MR JACOBS SAID THAT THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL COMPRISE A NEW TERMINAL WITH THREE BERTHS TO THE SOUTH OF THE RECLAMATION.

CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PHASE WILL START IN 1986 AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1988, RAISING THE CONTAINER PORT'S CAPACITY BY ANOTHER 45 PER CENT.

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL TERMINALS IS BEING PLANNED UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF THE EXPANSION, MR JACOBS REPORTED.

+THE INVESTMENT IN THIS EXPANSION IS UNDOUBTEDLY A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY THE TWO COMPANIES AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG,+ MR JACOBS SAID.

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

ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR REMAINED AT A RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A MARGINAL DECREASE IN OCTOBER COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER.

WHILE ORDERS-ON-HAND IN THE TEXTILES AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES INCREASED, THOSE IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DECREASED.

THERE WAS A MILD INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS A WHOLE.

THERE WERE MIXED REPORTS BY RESPONDENTS IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

THOUGH THE OVERALL AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS FOR THIS INDUSTRY DECLINED SOMEWHAT, SOME FACTORIES HAD INCREASED ORDERS SO THAT THE OVERALL ORDERS POSITION OF THIS INDUSTRY REMAINED STRONG AND EMPLOYMENT ALSO SHOWED SOME INCREASE.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTOR REMAINED STABLE.

HOWEVER, IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES FELL AGAIN ON COMPLETION OF SOME PROJECTS.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED IN ALL THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, EXCEPT THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY.

THE INCREASE WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO SALARY REVISIONS AND MORE OVERTIME WORK PERFORMED DURING THE MONTH.

THE DECREASE IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY WAS, HOWEVER, SEASONAL.

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IN THE SERVICES SECTOR, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN PUBLIC UTILITIES DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY DUE TO THE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL BONUS AND BACK-PAY BY SOME FIRMS IN SEPTEMBER.

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 IN 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 OCTOBER 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 MANUFACTURING

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>(PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)</u>			<u>ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR OCTOBER 1983</u>
	<u>AUG. 1983</u>	<u>SEP. 1983</u>	<u>OCT. 1983</u>	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	1	-2	*	4.90
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	*	4	2.50
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	*	-5	3.75
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	2	-1	3	3.11
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	1	-2	5.24
OTHERS	5	8	*	4.09
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	*	*	-1	4.42

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B. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICE	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED			PER CAPITA EARNINGS			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR OCT. 1983 (HK\$)
	(PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			THE PRECEDING MONTH)			
	AUG. 1983	SEP. 1983	OCT. 1983	AUG. 1983	SEP. 1983	OCT. 1983	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	-2	-3	1	4	*	1	2 395
FOOD AND DRINKS	-1	*	*	-1	2	-7	3 226
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-2	-4	*	5	-2	2	2 128
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	-1	-1	*	5	-5	5	2 449
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-3	-15	-1	8	5	4	2 243
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-2	-3	*	4	2	2	2 009
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-3	-2	3	2	*	1	2 193
OTHERS	-1	*	1	2	-1	4	3 294
<u>CONSTRUCTION**</u>	-3	-4	-2	1	1	-1	3 653
<u>SERVICES</u>	1	*	*	-3	6	-4	4 446
BANKS	*	*	*	-3	*	*	3 965
HOTELS	*	*	*	*	-1	1	2 793
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	-5	15	-7	4 653
OTHERS	5	*	*	-4	-4	-1	5 355

\* CHANGES WITHIN + 0.5 PER CENT

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

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NEW TECHNIQUE USED IN TUMOUR REMOVAL

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SURGEONS IN HONG KONG HAVE FOR THE FIRST TIME SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED A BRAIN TUMOUR THROUGH THE EAR.

THE OPERATION, KNOWN AS TRANSLABYRINTHINE REMOVAL OF ACOUSTIC NEUROMA, WAS PERFORMED ON A 52-YEAR-OLD WOMAN ON NOVEMBER 29, AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

THE EAR, NOSE AND THROAT CONSULTANT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED TODAY THAT THE PATIENT WAS SUFFERING FROM A BENIGN TUMOUR OF THE AUDITORY NERVE, SITUATED INSIDE THE SKULL AND CLOSE TO THE BRAIN STEM.

THE PATIENT IS RECOVERING SATISFACTORILY, HE ADDED.

THE CONSULTANT SAID THAT THE TECHNIQUE WAS DEVELOPED IN THE UNITED STATES AND AMONG THE ADVANTAGES IT HAS OVER OPERATIONS THROUGH THE SKULL ARE THAT:

- \* THE PROCEDURE IS QUICKER,
- \* THERE IS LOWER MORTALITY RATE, AND
- \* IT REQUIRES A SHORTER CONVALESCENCE PERIOD.

THE CONSULTANT ADDED THAT NOT TOO MANY HOSPITALS IN ASIA HAVE PERFORMED THIS TYPE OF SURGERY.

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LAST DAY TO REGISTER, PARENTS TOLD

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PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN OFFERED A DISCRETIONARY PLACE UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM ARE REMINDED THAT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) WILL BE THE LAST DAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL.

IN DOING SO, PARENTS SHOULD NOTE CAREFULLY THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS STIPULATED BY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS, SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS, AND PARENTS' COPY OF THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION APPLICATION FORM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

IF PARENTS ACCEPT AN OFFER OF A DISCRETIONARY PLACE, IT WILL BE REGARDED AS BINDING ON BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE PARENT, HE NOTED.

PARENTS WHO CANNOT REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN WITH A SCHOOL TOMORROW FOR PERSONAL REASONS SHOULD NOTIFY THE SCHOOL CONCERNED DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT (5-724383) TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

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PARENTS WHO FAIL TO DO SO WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE PLACE OFFERED TO THEM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO GAVE ASSURANCE THAT CHILDREN WHO FAIL TO SECURE A DISCRETIONARY PLACE WILL BE GIVEN A PRIMARY ONE PLACE WITHIN THEIR HOME DISTRICT BY CENTRAL ALLOCATION NEXT MARCH, TOGETHER WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE.

SUCH ALLOCATION, HE SAID, WILL BE BASED PRIMARILY ON PARENTAL CHOICES.

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FOSTER CARE CALLED FOR  
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FOSTER CARE IS A SERVICE TO WHICH THOSE WITHOUT LARGE FINANCIAL RESOURCES COULD CONTRIBUTE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THEY COULD DO SO IN TERMS OF THEIR TIME, LOVE AND ABILITY TO CARE FOR CHILDREN WHO, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, WERE UNABLE TO LIVE WITH THEIR OWN FAMILIES, HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS WAS SPEAKING AT THE JOINT OPENING OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL FOSTER CARE UNIT AND THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND'S FOSTER CARE SERVICE IN WAN CHAI.

+THERE ARE ALREADY SIGNS THAT THE FOSTER CARE SERVICE IS BEGINNING TO FLOURISH WITH NEARLY 100 ENQUIRIES BEING RECEIVED FROM PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENTS FOLLOWING THE FIRST MAJOR PUBLICITY PROGRAMME EARLIER THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

STAFF OF THE CENTRAL FOSTER CARE UNIT AND THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND ARE CARRYING OUT HOME STUDIES OF THESE FAMILIES AND ARRANGING ACTUAL PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THE PRESENCE TODAY OF A FOSTER FAMILY SURNAMED MAK AND LITTLE WAI-LING, WHO WAS PLACED WITH THEM AT THE END OF NOVEMBER, PROVIDED A LIVING PROOF OF THIS.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE MESSAGE +FOSTER CARE: A GIFT OF LOVE+ WOULD REACH THE MANY CARING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

HE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE OPENING OF THE TWO NEW OFFICES WOULD PROVIDE STILL GREATER IMPETUS TO THE DRIVE TO RECRUIT MORE FOSTER PARENTS.

+THEY WILL PROVIDE A CONVENIENTLY LOCATED CENTRE FOR HANDLING ENQUIRIES AND FOR DISSEMINATING PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION.

+THEY WILL ALSO BE OPEN TO ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO DROP IN AND TALK TO THE STAFF ABOUT WHAT IS INVOLVED IN BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT,+ HE SAID.

THE TWO OFFICES ARE LOCATED ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF TUNG SUN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 194-200 LOCKHART ROAD, WAN CHAI. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE CENTRAL FOSTER CARE UNIT ON TEL. 5-8938121.

THE IDEAL FOSTER PARENTS WOULD BE A HUSBAND AND WIFE WITH A HAPPY AND STABLE MARRIAGE, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 25 AND 60.

SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES WITH OR WITHOUT CHILDREN COULD ALSO BECOME FOSTER HOMES.

FOSTER PARENTS WILL RECEIVE A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF \$1 220, COMPRISING \$916 AS MAINTENANCE GRANT FOR EACH FOSTER CHILD AND \$304 AS INCENTIVE PAYMENT FOR BOTH FOSTER PARENTS. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A SET-UP FEE OF \$458.

MR CHAMBERS PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOR ITS PIONEER WORK IN HONG KONG'S FOSTER CARE SERVICE.

+THEIR COMMITMENT TO THIS SERVICE OVER MANY YEARS HAS PROVIDED THE BASE FROM WHICH WE HOPE TO BUILD AN EXPANDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAMME OF WHICH WE CAN ALL BE PROUD,+ HE SAID.

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FANLING TO HAVE TWIN TOWN CENTRES  
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FANLING NEW TOWN WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TWO TOWN CENTRES, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER NORTH, MR ALAN HAY, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR HAY TOLD MEMBERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ROTARY CLUB THAT, IN THIS RESPECT, FANLING IS UNIQUE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TWO TOWN CENTRES AROUND SHEK WU HUI AND LUEN WO HUI WILL EVENTUALLY INVOLVE REDEVELOPMENT OF BOTH THESE EXISTING TOWNSHIPS.

THE CENTRAL AREA REDEVELOPMENT, HE SAID, WAS BASED ON A RECENTLY COMPLETED CENTRAL AREA STUDY WHICH HAD PUT FORWARD SUGGESTIONS FOR DESIGN OF THE TWIN TOWN CENTRES TO PROVIDE AREAS WHICH WOULD NOT ONLY BE PLEASANT TO LIVE IN BUT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY TRAFFIC FREE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND SHOPPERS.

LANDSCAPING WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THESE AREAS TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT. CAR PARKING WOULD BE ON THE PERIPHERY FOR GENERAL SHOPPERS AND ON PODIUMS FOR RESIDENTS.

MR HAY SAID FANLING NEW TOWN IS DIFFERENT FROM THE MAJORITY OF THE OTHER NEW TOWNS IN THAT IT IS NOT A COASTAL TOWN AND THEREFORE CANNOT RELY ON RECLAMATION FOR EXPANSION.

INSTEAD LARGE AREAS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND LAND BEING USED FOR TEMPORARY INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES MUST BE CLEARED, HE ADDED.

IT IS SITUATED WITHIN A FLOOD PLAIN SO THAT GREAT CARE MUST BE TAKEN IN THE FORMATION OF THE VARIOUS AREAS TO ENSURE THAT THE DRAINAGE FULLY TAKES INTO ACCOUNT FACTORS NECESSARY TO ALLEVIATE FUTURE FLOODING PROBLEMS.

/HE SAID .....

HE SAID A STEERING GROUP ON WATERCOURSE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE WAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED.

IN TURN EACH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE WOULD ESTABLISH A DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING GROUP WHICH WOULD BE REPORTING BACK TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO TACKLE PROBLEMS WITHIN ITS OWN PARTICULAR DISTRICT.

IT WAS QUITE LIKELY THAT FOR SUCH A PURPOSE A PRIORITY RIVER OR WATERCOURSE WOULD BE IDENTIFIED IN EACH DISTRICT, HE SAID.

MR HAY SAID FANLING IS THE NEWEST OF THE NEW TOWNS, AND IS GROWING RAPIDLY WITH TWO LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES NEARING COMPLETION.

THE FIRST ESTATE IN THE NEW TOWN, CHOI YUEN, IS ALL BUT COMPLETE, CURRENTLY HOUSING 20 000 PEOPLE.

THE OTHER, CHEUNG WAH, IS EXPECTED TO START TAKING PEOPLE IN EARLY NEXT YEAR.

AN AREA FOR A THIRD PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE HAS BEEN CLEARED AND IS AT PRESENT BEING FORMED.

MR HAY SAID NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE IS NOT IN A CONVENIENT LOCATION FOR MOST PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT.

IT IS HOPED THE SITUATION WILL BE REMEDIED BY MID-1984 WHEN BOTH THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE MOVE INTO TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION IN FANLING.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

#### FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR ORGANISED

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A FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT YUEN LONG TOWN HALL STARTING AT 3 PM, TO KEEP THE PUBLIC POSTED OF SECURITY MEASURES AGAINST ROBBERIES.

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, YUEN LONG MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION AND THE LOCAL POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE.

PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE BANK OFFICIALS AND OPERATORS OF GOLDSMITH AND JEWELLERY SHOPS.

THE SPEAKERS WILL BE THE YUEN LONG POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR TSANG KING-KAI, AND THE STATION SERGEANT OF THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU, MR LAU CHIU-MAN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR, WHICH BEGINS AT 3 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AT 4 TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

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YOUTHS TO HEAR ABOUT SMOKING HAZARD  
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ABOUT 1 200 LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL ATTEND TWO ANTI-SMOKING SEMINARS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE NORTH DISTRICT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THERE WILL BE TALKS, SLIDE AND FILM SHOWS, ARRANGED BY THE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, FOCUSING ON THE BAD EFFECTS OF SMOKING TO HEALTH.

THE SEMINARS, AIMED AT DISCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM TAKING UP THE SMOKING HABIT, ARE PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ANTI-SMOKING WORKING GROUP OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD. OTHER EVENTS, INCLUDING ESSAY AND SLOGAN COMPETITIONS, ARE NOW IN PROGRESS.

TOMORROW'S SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT 11.30 AM AND 1.30 PM RESPECTIVELY AT TUNG WAH GROUPS OF HOSPITAL NUMBER 11 AND 12 SCHOOLS IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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SRI LANKAN PRISON OFFICIAL VISITING  
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SRI LANKA'S DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR C.T. JANSZ, TODAY VISITED SIX INSTITUTIONS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

HE IS CURRENTLY ON A STUDY TOUR TO LOOK OVER VARIOUS HONG KONG CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES AND FACILITIES.

EARLIER TODAY, MR JANSZ TOURED THE LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE, PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, PIK UK PRISON, STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, STANLEY PRISON AND TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION. HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE SUPERINTENDENTS IN CHARGE OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND SHOWN THE VARIOUS FACILITIES.

HE SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN THE MULTI-STOREY LAUNDRY OF PIK UK PRISON, WHICH IS MANNED BY PRISONERS. THE LAUNDRY CAN HANDLE 50 000 PIECES OF SOILED LINEN A DAY FOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

TOMORROW, MR JANSZ WILL CALL AT THE HEI LING CHAU ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE, LAI SUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND LEI KWU CHAU ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE.

DURING HIS STAY, HE WILL ALSO BE HOLDING DISUCSSIONS WITH THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR GARTH HYDES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOUTHS GOING ON UK STUDY TOUR  
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TWELVE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN BRITAIN BETWEEN DECEMBER 20 AND JANUARY 2, 1984.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A TEA RECEPTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CAROLINE ROOM, LEE GARDENS HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY AT 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION AND WILL ALSO PRESENT A MEMBERSHIP CARD TO THE 100 00TH CYC MEMBER.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TEA RECEPTION AND THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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AIDED +SKILLS COURSES+ AVAILABLE NOW  
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APPLICATIONS FOR SUBVENTED +SKILLS COURSES+ TO BE HELD AT THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG, STARTING NEXT MONTH, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NOW, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY AIDED PLACES ARE BEING OFFERED FOR SEVEN COURSES, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SCHOOL AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

THERE ARE TWO INTERMEDIATE CANOEING AND TWO ADVANCED CANOEING COURSES, ONE INTERMEDIATE SAILING AND TWO ADVANCED SAILING COURSES.

THERE ARE 40 AIDED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR THE TWO INTERMEDIATE CANOEING COURSES, AND THE STARTING DATES ARE JANUARY 11 AND 20.

THERE ARE 40 PLACES IN THE TWO ADVANCED CANOEING COURSES AND THE STARTING DAYS ARE JANUARY 14 AND FEBRUARY 17.

THE OTHER 60 PLACES ARE FOR AN INTERMEDIATE AND TWO ADVANCED SAILING COURSES WHICH BEGIN ON JANUARY 20, JANUARY 14 AND FEBRUARY 17.

EACH COURSE WILL LAST THREE DAYS AND COST \$200 PER PERSON.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE HEAD OFFICE AT WING ON CENTRE, CENTRAL, OR FROM ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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METRIC SCALE COUNTER DRAWS CROWDS  
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THE METRIC SCALE COUNTER SET UP BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE IN MARKET PLACES HAS PROVED VERY POPULAR WITH THE GRASS ROOTS LEVEL.

+SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SCHEME ON NOVEMBER 11, AN AVERAGE OF 1 000 PEOPLE HAVE VISITED THE COUNTER EVERY DAY,+ SAID MR JAMES WU, CHAIRMAN OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE WHEN HE VISITED THE METRIC SCALE COUNTER AT CENTRAL MARKET TODAY.

THE METRIC SCALE COUNTER PILOT SCHEME IS PART OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE'S NEW PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO INTRODUCE THE METRIC SYSTEM TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE COUNTER AT CENTRAL MARKET WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR TWO WEEKS, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE MOVED TO YAUMATI MARKET, ABERDEEN MARKET AND FINALLY, MONG KOK MARKET.

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WORKERS GET FREE CHECK-UPS  
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THE TSUEN WAN HEALTH WEEK BEGAN TODAY WITH MEDICAL TEAMS FROM THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL CONDUCTING FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS FOR WORKERS AND STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE HEALTH WEEK IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL AND SPONSORED BY THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE.

SOME 2 000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO BENEFIT FROM THE CHECK-UPS DURING THE SIX-DAY PERIOD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

MOVING TO OWN OFFICE  
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE WILL TOMORROW (TUESDAY) HOLD A CEREMONY MARKING THE MOVING-IN TO ITS OWN OFFICE AT SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN.

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1 PM IN THE CAR PARK AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, AND SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR ROGER NISSIM, WILL OFFICIATE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1983

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (DECEMBER 12, 1983) STOOD AT 92.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 544.626 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 450.602 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 76.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TRAFFIC CHANGE FOR FOOTBRIDGE WORK

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THE SECTION OF KOWLOON BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD, BETWEEN PUI TO ROAD AND ROAD D8 WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 12.30 AM TO 5 AM ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (DECEMBER 14 AND 15), TO FACILITATE FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

DURING THE HOURS OF CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE SLIP ROAD WHICH RUNS PARALLEL WITH TUEN MUN ROAD OUTSIDE WALDORF GARDEN.

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KEEPING HK CLEAN - +A BASIC, VITAL TASK+

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KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN IS A BASIC AND MOST IMPORTANT TASK, A MEMBER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, MR CARLOS CHEUNG SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR CHEUNG WAS SPEAKING AFTER SEEING THE STATE OF CLEANLINESS AND THE BEAUTIFICATION OF AMENITY PLOTS IN VARIOUS AREAS IN TAI PO.

ACCOMPANYING MR CHEUNG ON HIS VISIT WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HEADQUARTERS) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR HUGH BOYLE, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TAI PO, MR PONG KIN-HONG.

THE PARTY STARTED THE TOUR AT THE CO-OPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE (CARE) VILLAGE IN TAI PO AND SAW THE RESULT OF THE CONTRACTING OUT OF CLEANSING SERVICES AT THE VILLAGE.

MR CHEUNG WAS TOLD THAT MANUAL CLEANSING SERVICES IN THE VILLAGE OF 1 500 PEOPLE HAD BEEN CONTRACTED OUT TO THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR.

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HE NEXT VISITED MUI SHUE HANG VILLAGE TO SEE THE SANITARY STANDARD OF A NEW FIBRE-GLASS REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITY PROVIDED FOR THE 300 VILLAGERS THERE.

MR CHEUNG LEARNED THAT THE PRE-FABRICATED REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITY ACCOMMODATES EIGHT 200-LITRE BINS, AND MEETS THE SPECIAL DEMAND FOR CLEANSING SERVICES IN THE RURAL AREAS.

HE LATER ARRIVED AT TAI PO KAU REST GARDEN TO INSPECT FOUR FIBRE-GLASS CHEMICAL TOILETS RECENTLY INSTALLED THERE.

MR CHEUNG ALSO VISITED TWO NEWLY-COMPLETED ROADSIDE AMENITY PLOTS AT 12-1/2 MILESTONE OF TAI PO ROAD AND TAI PO MEI TO SEE THE RESULTS OF TREE PLANTING UNDERTAKEN DURING THE MEI FA PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE.

MORE THAN 70 000 TREES, SHRUBS, SEASONAL FLOWERS AND BAMBOOS HAVE BEEN PLANTED AT VARIOUS AMENITY PLOTS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS IN TAI PO DURING THE CURRENT PLANTING SEASON, HE WAS TOLD.

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#### REFUSE DISPOSAL SCHEME BEING TRIED

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SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR HOUSEHOLDS FROM 12 BUILDINGS IN WAN CHAI EAST SUB-DISTRICT WERE GIVEN 12 000 PLASTIC LITTER BAGS THIS (MONDAY) MORNING TO PROMOTE PROPER MEANS OF REFUSE DISPOSAL.

THE HOUSEHOLDS WERE CHOSEN FOR A FIVE-WEEK TRIAL SCHEME ON REFUSE DISPOSAL WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, AND THE WAN CHAI EAST AREA COMMITTEE.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE SCHEME TODAY, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WORKING GROUP AND THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MRS PEGGY LAM, SAID: +THE BOARD IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE VARIOUS METHODS OF REFUSE DISPOSAL BY INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS.+

THE DRIPPING OF DIRTY MATERIALS AND SPILL-OVER AND EXPOSURE OF REFUSE DURING TRANSPORTATION OR WHILE WAITING FOR COLLECTION AT REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITIES, EASILY GIVE RISE TO UNHYGIENIC SITUATION.

+REFUSE DISPOSAL BY PLASTIC BAGS SEEMS TO BE A POSSIBLE SOLUTION,+ SHE SAID.

EXPLAINING WHY WAN CHAI EAST WAS CHOSEN FOR THE TRIAL SCHEME, SHE SAID: +THE SUB-DISTRICT IS DENSELY POPULATED AND FULL OF OLD TENEMENT BLOCKS.+

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STRETCHING FROM MARSH ROAD AND TIN LOK LANE IN THE EAST TO O'BRIEN ROAD IN THE WEST AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND KENNEDY ROAD IN THE SOUTH, IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 49 HECTARES WITH A POPULATION OF 50 000.

AFTER THE TRIAL PERIOD, THREE MODEL BUILDINGS WILL BE SELECTED AND THE SCHEME WILL BE ASSESSED.

+IF THE TRIAL SCHEME IS SUCCESSFUL, AND IF SUFFICIENT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE, WE WILL CONSIDER EXTENDING THE REFUSE DISPOSAL METHOD TO OTHER SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, SUCH AS RESTAURANTS AND THE CATERING BUSINESS,+ MRS LAM SAID.

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#### SEWAGE WORKS TO BE EXPANDED

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WORK ON EXTENDING TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WILL START SOON WITH THE AWARD OF A \$110-MILLION CONTRACT BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

IT WAS SIGNED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TAI PO-FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR DEREK TAYLOR, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR, SHIMIZU CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE MAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING WORK FOR STAGE 4A OF THE TREATMENT WORKS AND WILL TAKE 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

UPON COMPLETION STAGE 4A OF THE TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE SEWAGE DISCHARGE FOR A POPULATION OF ABOUT 150 000.

THE COMPLETE WORKS REPRESENTS PART OF THE CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES OVER DISCHARGE INTO TOLO HARBOUR BY PROVIDING FULL SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR DOMESTIC AND TRADE WASTE FROM TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE TOTAL COST OF STAGE 4A OF THE PROJECT IS \$225 MILLION.

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