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MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS: MAY 1981

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THE MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR MAY 1981 ARE PUBLISHED TODAY. THEY SHOW APPRECIABLE INCREASES DURING THE MONTH IN THE MONEY SUPPLY AND IN TOTAL CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY, BUT THESE RISES PROBABLY REFLECT SPECIAL FACTORS MORE THAN ANY UNDERLYING EXPANSION.

THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR CREDIT DURING THE LAST WEEK OF MAY TO COVER HEAVY APPLICATIONS FOR A NEW ISSUE OF SHARES OFFERED FOR SALE BY INTERNATIONAL CITY HOLDINGS LTD, SO ADVANCES BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE. FURTHERMORE DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE OVER THE END OF MAY, REFLECTING THE HOLDING BY THE ISSUING HOUSE CONCERNED OF THE FUNDS RECEIVED IN THE SUBSTANTIAL OVERSUBSCRIPTION TO THIS ISSUE- AND DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH BANKS WERE ALSO UP ON THE MONTH, PERHAPS BECAUSE SOME CHEQUES DRAWN TO COVER APPLICATIONS FOR SHARES HAD NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED.

THERE WAS A CONTINUED INFLOW OF FUNDS INTO THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR DURING THE MONTH, CONTRIBUTING TO THE INCREASE IN THE MONEY SUPPLY.

THE DETAILED FIGURES FOR MAY 1981, AND COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS MONTHS, ARE SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED TABLE.

AS THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY POINTED OUT IN PARAGRAPH 32 OF HIS BUDGET SPEECH, OUR MONETARY STATISTICS DO NOT YET PROVIDE A BASIS FOR REALLY MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS. THE GOVERNMENT HOPES SHORTLY TO BE IN A POSITION TO PUBLISH ON A REGULAR BASIS THE STATISTICS WHICH ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED UNDER THE MONETARY STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

MONEY SUPPLY

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, M1 (NOTES AND COINS WITH THE PUBLIC, PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, WITH LICENSED BANKS) ROSE BY 7.8% IN MAY, AFTER FALLING BY 3.0% IN APRIL, WITH THE RISE REFLECTING AN INCREASE OF 12.1% IN DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH BANKS.

M2 (M1 PLUS SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DTCS, WITH LICENSED BANKS) INCREASED BY 0.9% IN MAY, AFTER A 0.3% RISE IN APRIL.

M3 (M2 PLUS PUBLIC DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) INCREASED BY 5.6% IN MAY, UP FROM AN INCREASE OF 0.6% IN APRIL.

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M1 ROSE BY 5.1%, AFTER FALLING BY 3.2% IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M2 ROSE BY 2.4% AND M3 BY 7.7%, DOWN FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE INCREASES OF 6.5% AND 10.2% IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

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LOANS IN HONG KONG

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG GREW BY 6.8% IN MAY, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.2% IN APRIL. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 11.2%, COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 12.7% RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG ROSE IN MAY BY 6.4% AND LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY 8.4%, AGAINST THE INCREASES OF 0.5% AND 3.5% IN APRIL RESPECTIVELY. IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG EXPANDED BY 9.8% AND LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY 16.0%, AFTER INCREASING BY 13.7% AND 9.6%, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

FOREIGN ASSETS

THE NET IDENTIFIABLE FOREIGN ASSETS OF ALL BANKS ROSE IN MAY BY \$138MN, AND THOSE OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY \$160MN, INDICATING A NET INFLOW OF FUNDS INTO THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR OF \$298MN, AFTER A NET INFLOW OF \$1 631MN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL BANKS IN HONG KONG ROSE FURTHER IN MAY TO 49.4% FROM 47.6% IN APRIL. THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO ALSO ROSE TO 119.5% AT THE END OF MAY FROM 113.4% AT THE END OF APRIL.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE IN MAY TO 45.9% FROM 45.6% IN APRIL. THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO, HOWEVER, FELL TO 65.8% AT THE END OF MAY FROM 70.3% AT THE END OF APRIL, REFLECTING THE FAST EXPANSION IN DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DURING THE MONTH.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS REMAINED UNCHANGED IN APRIL AT 115. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 2 DURING THE MONTH TO 344.

MONEY AND BANKING FIGURES - END OF MAY 1981 (IN HK\$MN)

	FIGURES FOR EARLIER MONTHS (% CHANGE):			
	MAY 1981	APR 1981	FEB 1981	MAY 1980
M1	24 829	23 035 (+7.8%)	23 615 (+5.1%)	20 950 (+18.5%)
M2	103 672	102 754 (+0.9%)	101 265 (+2.4%)	80 921 (+28.1%)
M3	159 116	150 639 (+5.6%)	147 753 (+7.7%)	111 882 (+42.2%)
<u>BANKS</u>				
DEPOSITS	94 907	94 053 (+0.9%)	92 185 (+3.0%)	73 367 (+29.4%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	113 457	106 670 (+6.4%)	103 335 (+9.8%)	69 916 (+62.3%)
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	119.5%	113.4%	112.1%	95.3%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO	49.4%	47.6%	46.1%	48.7%
<u>DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES</u>				
DEPOSITS	55 444	47 885 (+15.8%)	46 488 (+19.3%)	30 961 (+79.1%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	36 475	33 659 (+8.4%)	31 454 (+16.0%)	21 691 (+68.2%)
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	65.8%	70.3%	67.7%	70.1%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO	45.9%	45.6%	45.0%	43.4%
<u>BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES</u>				
TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	149 932	140 329 (+6.8%)	134 789 (+11.2%)	91 607 (+63.7%)

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SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

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TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HON K.W.J. TOPLEY, CMG, JP AS SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION.

MR TOPLEY HAS COMPLETED HIS WORK IN CHAIRING THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW POST-SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION. THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR. IT WILL SHORTLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

MR TOPLEY WILL GO ON ANNUAL LEAVE ON JULY 14 AND WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 1 WHEN HE WILL TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDUCATION POLICY FROM THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES. ON THAT DATE THE NEW EDUCATION BRANCH WILL COME INTO EXISTENCE.

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FOUR MORE MEMBERS FOR TAC

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN REVISED AND EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THREE MORE UNOFFICIALS AND ONE OFFICIAL.

THE WORKLOAD OF THE TAC HAS GROWN CONSIDERABLY AND IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY COMPLICATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ENLARGED MEMBERSHIP WILL ENABLE A BROADER CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE BY THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS CONSULTED ON ALL TRANSPORT MATTERS SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

THE THREE NEW UNOFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS ARE: THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG KAM-CHUEN, THE HON MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, AND MR RAYMOND FUNG.

MR CHEONG AND MR CHAN, BOTH UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, HAVE MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TAC AS CO-OPTED MEMBERS. MR CHEONG IS ALSO ASSISTING IN THE WORK OF THE DEPOT REQUIREMENTS SUB-GROUP AND MR CHAN THE SPARE PARTS STOCK SUB-GROUP IN THE CURRENT REVIEW OF BUS OPERATIONS.

MR FUNG, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MISSION DIVISION OF THE HK CHRISTIAN COUNCIL, WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT THE VIEWS OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC ARE FULLY HEARD.

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ON THE OFFICIAL SIDE, THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WILL NOW OCCUPY THE SEAT PREVIOUSLY HELD BY HIS DEPUTY SECRETARY LOOKING AFTER TRANSPORT MATTERS.

THE CONTROLLER OF RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT, AT PRESENT MR D.M. HOWES, WILL ALSO BE REPRESENTED ON THE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE EXPERT ADVICE ON RAILWAY ASPECTS OF TRANSPORT MATTERS.

THE REVISED MEMBERSHIP OF TAC IS AS FOLLOWS:

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| CHAIRMAN | THE HON T.S. LO | |
| OFFICIALS (7) | SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT | |
| | COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT | |
| | CONTROLLER OF RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT | |
| | SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES | } OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES |
| | SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES | |
| | DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS | |
| | COMMISSIONER OF POLICE | |
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| UNOFFICIALS (10) | THE HON CHAN KAM CHUEN | |
| | MR CHAN PAK-KEUNG | |
| | THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG | |
| | MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT | |
| | MR H.M.G. FORSGATE | |
| | MR RAYMOND FUNG | |
| | MRS GRACE HO | |
| | MR F.K. HU | |
| | MR STEPHEN WONG | |
| | MISS ANNIE WU | |

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JUNE WAS THE THIRD DRIEST

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LAST MONTH, WITH ITS 106.4 MM OF RAINFALL, WAS THE THIRD DRIEST JUNE SINCE RECORDS WERE KEPT, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY.

THE DRIEST JUNE WAS IN 1901 WITH 59.3 MM OF RAINFALL FOLLOWED BY THE ONE IN 1938 WITH 75.9 MM.

THE 106.4 MM RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH WAS 325.4 MM BELOW NORMAL.

ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO 672.4 MM, SOME 32 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

AT THE END OF THE MONTH, THE RESERVOIRS WERE ONLY 37 PER CENT FULL.

JUNE WAS ALSO COOLER AND LESS HUMID THAN USUAL WITH A MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 80 PER CENT RECORDED, THE FOURTH LOWEST FOR THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH, THREE TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

SEVERE TROPICAL STORM IKE RECURVED NEAR HAINAN DAO AND STRUCK TAIWAN ON JUNE 13.

FOUR DAYS LATER, TYPHOON JUNE FORMED EAST OF THE PHILIPPINES AND CROSSED TAIBEI ON JUNE 20 CAUSING HEAVY RAIN IN NORTHERN TAIWAN. IT DISSIPATED OVER JAPAN ON JUNE 23.

ON JUNE 30, A TROPICAL DEPRESSION FORMED EAST OF THE PHILIPPINES AND MOVED WESTWARDS.

THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE MONTH WERE MARKED BY DULL WEATHER, WITH RAIN AND SLIGHT SHOWERS DUE TO A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE JUST SOUTH OF HONG KONG. ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED AROUND MIDNIGHT ON JUNE 1 AND THE MONTH'S LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF 22.7 DEGREE CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 3.

ANOTHER TROUGH CROSSED HONG KONG ON JUNE 5 AND BROUGHT HEAVY SHOWERS. ONE PERSON WAS KILLED IN A LANDSLIP ON KING'S ROAD AND MINOR LANDSLIPS OCCURRED IN LAM TIN AND TSZ WAN SHAN ON JUNE 3 AND JUNE 5. THE RAIN CONTINUED ON THE NEXT DAY.

ON JUNE 7, THE WEATHER BECAME FINE AND SUNNY BUT STRONG EASTERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED ON THAT NIGHT AND THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THERE WERE SLIGHT SHOWERS ON THE FOLLOWING FOUR DAYS WHILE TROPICAL STORM IKE RECURVED OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. AS IKE CONTINUED TO MOVE TOWARDS SOUTH TAIWAN, FRESH NORTHERLY WINDS MODERATED. THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY UNTIL JUNE 15.

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THE FOLLOWING SEVEN DAYS WERE SUNNY AND HOT, AND THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF 33.1 DEGREE CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 21 WHEN TYPHOON JUNE WAS JUST NORTH OF TAIWAN.

FROM JUNE 23 UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH, HONG KONG WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON WITH SHOWERY WEATHER, A FINE AND SUNNY BREAK OCCURRED ON JUNE 26.

EARLY ON JUNE 27, A FUNNEL CLOUD WAS SIGHTED AT YUNG SHUE WAN, LAMMA ISLAND. A PLEASURE CRAFT SANK IN TOLO HARBOUR IN A SQUALL THE NEXT DAY.

DURING THE MONTH, NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JUNE 1 AND JUNE 30.

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LEGAL AID ALLOWANCES INCREASED

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ALLOWANCES PRESCRIBED FOR LEGAL AID APPLICANTS AND DEPENDANTS BY THE LEGAL AID LEGISLATION HAVE BEEN INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT TO BRING THEM INTO LINE WITH THE RECENTLY-ANNOUNCED INCREASES IN THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RATES.

THESE ALLOWANCES ARE EMPLOYED IN CALCULATING THE DISPOSABLE INCOMES OF LEGAL AID APPLICANTS.

THE INCREASES ARE SET OUT UNDER THE LEGAL AID (ASSESSMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1981 WHICH COME INTO FORCE TODAY (JULY 10).

THE NEW RATES OF ALLOWANCES WITH THE OLD RATES ALONGSIDE FOR COMPARISON ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>NEW RATES</u>	<u>OLD RATES</u>
(1) APPLICANT WITH NO DEPENDANT	\$350	\$280
(2) APPLICANT AND FIRST TWO DEPENDANTS	\$250 EACH	\$200 EACH
(3) THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH DEPENDANTS	\$215 EACH	\$170 EACH
(4) SIXTH AND ADDITIONAL DEPENDANTS	\$165 EACH	\$130 EACH

IN CALCULATING THE DISPOSABLE INCOME OF A LEGAL AID APPLICANT, THE AMOUNT OF RENT AND RATES PAID BY HIM FOR HIS DWELLING HOUSE, AND PERSONAL ALLOWANCES IN RESPECT OF HIMSELF AND DEPENDANTS WHOLLY MAINTAINED BY HIM ARE DEDUCTED FROM HIS GROSS INCOME. IT IS THESE ALLOWANCES THAT ARE INCREASED BY THE AMENDED REGULATIONS.

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FIVE NT SITES SOLD FOR \$177.5 MILLION
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FIVE NEW TERRITORIES SITES WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$177.49 MILLION TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SHA TIN SITE FOR HIGH CLASS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WAS SOLD FOR \$31 MILLION. THE PURCHASER WAS WEDMORE LIMITED.

MEASURING 8 310 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE OVERLOOKS THE RACE COURSE AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$4.49 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS.

ANOTHER SITE NEARBY WHICH MEASURES 2 880 SQUARE METRES WAS SOLD TO HANSTEAD COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$14.5 MILLION. IT IS FOR TWO-STOREY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE PURCHASER HAS TO FULFIL A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$2.42 MILLION WITHIN THREE YEARS.

A FURTHER LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL SITE ON WAI TSAI PEAK, PENG CHAU, MEASURING 1 000 SQUARE METRES, WAS SOLD FOR \$1.49 MILLION TO ROYSTON INVESTMENT LIMITED.

THE BUILDING COVENANT IS \$810 000, ALSO TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS.

A SHA TIN SITE FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSE INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF A VEHICLE SHOWROOM AND SERVICE CENTRE WAS BOUGHT BY BELIEVEWELL LIMITED FOR \$110 MILLION.

IT MEASURES 7 286 SQUARE METRES AND THE PURCHASER HAS TO FULFIL A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$66.45 MILLION WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

ANOTHER INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN SITE IN SHA TIN, WITH A FOUR YEAR BUILDING COVENANT OF \$12.9 MILLION, WAS SOLD FOR \$20.5 MILLION.

THE PURCHASER OF THE 1 416 SQUARE METRE SITE WAS SANEWING INVESTMENTS LIMITED.

THE AUCTION, AT THE SHOUSON THEATRE OF THE ARTS CENTRE, WAS CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR TONY HARLAND.

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\$68-MILLION PWD CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) LET A \$68-MILLION CONTRACT FOR SITE FORMATION, ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN THE AREA TO THE SOUTH OF THE RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN BEACON HILL TUNNEL AND THE VILLAGE OF TIN SAM, AT THE SOUTH-WESTERN END OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR K.K. TANG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF MAEDA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE CONTRACT, ABOUT TEN HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL USES, AS WELL AS OPEN SPACE.

A 1.3-KILOMETRE ROAD WILL ALSO BE BUILT TO LINK THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF THE TOWN WITH THE NEARBY LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

INTERNAL ROADS AND DRAINS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA ALONG WITH A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY UNDER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY EMBANKMENT.

THE UNDERGROUND WALKWAY WILL JOIN UP THE INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RAILWAY LINE AT TAI WAI.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START NEXT WEEK AND TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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INSPECTION FEES FOR CATTLE AND PIGS RAISED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED AN INCREASE OF FEES FOR THE INSPECTION OF CATTLE AND PIGS AT TWO LICENSED PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES IN TAI PO AND YUEN LONG.

THE INSPECTION FEES CHARGED FOR CATTLE WILL BE RAISED FROM \$2.80 TO \$3.50, WHILE THE FEES FOR PIGS WILL BE RAISED FROM \$1.80 TO \$2.30 FROM TODAY (FRIDAY) UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SLAUGHTER-HOUSES (NEW TERRITORIES)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1981.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE FEE INCREASE IS SO SMALL THAT IT SHOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE PRICE OF THE MEAT.

THE FEES HAD NOT BEEN CHANGED SINCE DECEMBER 1977.

SOME 41 000 CATTLE AND 430 000 PIGS WERE SLAUGHTERED IN THE TWO LICENSED PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES LAST YEAR.

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ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL WORKS

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A CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY), TO HUTCHISON-BOAG ENGINEERING LTD. FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE SECOND STAGE OF THE TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH ABOUT \$23.8 MILLION, IS THE FIRST OF FOUR ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED FOR THIS SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

IT COMPRISES THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF INLET WORKS MACHINERY, AIR BLOWERS, AERATION EQUIPMENT, RETURN ACTIVATED SLUDGE PUMPS AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

IT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER AND MR M.H.R. CORKE, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HUTCHISON-BOAG ENGINEERING LTD.

THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WILL PROVIDE FULL SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES TO SERVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE SCHEME IS FINANCED JOINTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION.

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PARENT-CHILD TIES BEING STUDIED

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY ARE DOING A RESEARCH STUDY AMONG 1 600 FAMILIES ON PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP TO PROVIDE A GUIDELINE FOR FUTURE PROMOTION OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

THE JOINT STUDY AIMS AT GETTING AN INSIGHT INTO HOW PARENTS AND CHILDREN SEE THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND WHAT ATTITUDES ARE TAKEN BY YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11 TO 15 TOWARDS THEMSELVES, THE FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY.

IT ALSO ATTEMPTS TO FIND OUT HOW PEOPLE GENERALLY VIEW THE SERVICE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT TEAMS FROM THE SOCIAL RESEARCH CENTRE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY WERE INTERVIEWING FAMILIES IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICT.

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HE SAID CO-OPERATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED FROM THE FAMILIES WHICH HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR THE STUDY, AND ASSURED THEM THAT THE DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE USED SOLELY FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

THE INTERVIEWERS, ARE STUDENTS OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND ALL CARRY A STUDENT IDENTITY CARD WITH PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPH.

THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE COMPLETED BY JULY 29, HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT TEL. NO. 0-633111 EXT. 546 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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TECHNICAL TEACHER TRAINING FOR FORM V LEAVERS

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS OFFERING A THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE COMMENCING IN SEPTEMBER FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO INTEND TO TAKE UP TEACHING AS A CAREER.

+THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN FORM V SCHOOL-LEAVERS WITH APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL BACKGROUND TO BECOME QUALIFIED TO TEACH 'DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY' IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CURRICULUM INCLUDES THEORY OF EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY, TEACHING METHODOLOGY, TEACHING PRACTICE IN SCHOOLS AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER RELATED TO THE STUDIES OF 'DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY'.

INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT AND VISITS ARE ARRANGED TO PROMOTE STUDENTS' CONTACT WITH THE INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENT.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PASS ALL COURSE WORK INCLUDING EXAMINATIONS AND TEACHING PRACTICE IN SCHOOLS BEFORE THEY GRADUATE.

FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE ON APPLICATION TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN TAKING UP THE PRE-SERVICE TRAINING.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WANCHAI, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 18.

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SINGING FOR GOOD OF DISABLED
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S CHOIR WILL GIVE TWO CONCERTS ON SUNDAY, JULY 12, DEDICATED TO THE DISABLED IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

THE CADUCEUS CHORUS, FORMED BY MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT, WILL SING TO PATIENTS AT THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL AT SANDY BAY BETWEEN 3 PM AND 4 PM. THEY WILL THEN PERFORM AT THE EBENEZER HOME FOR THE BLIND AT POK FU LAM FROM 5.30 PM.

THE NUMBERS THEY WILL SING INCLUDE GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN FOLK SONGS AND POPULAR MANDARIN SONGS.

THIS WILL BE THE THIRD CONCERT GIVEN BY THE CHOIR SINCE IT WAS FORMED IN APRIL 1980. IT GAVE ITS FIRST PERFORMANCE LAST CHRISTMAS IN FOUR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS.

THE CADUCEUS CHORUS IS ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

IT NOW HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF ABOUT 100, CONSISTING OF DOCTORS, NURSES, PARA-MEDICAL AND GENERAL GRADE STAFF.

THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CHOIR IS MR C.W.B. OXLEY OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH.

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SEVEN ROADS OPEN TO 2.5-TON VEHICLES
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SEVERAL ROADS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE OPEN TO USE BY VEHICLES OF UP TO 2.5-TONS IN UNLADEN WEIGHT AS FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY, JULY 12.

THESE ROADS ARE MT. AUSTIN ROAD= THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF CONDUIT ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE ROAD AND HOUSE NO. 58= PEEL STREET BETWEEN ELGIN STREET AND CAINE ROAD= THE SECTION OF OLD BAILEY STREET BETWEEN STAUNTON STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD= PLANTATION ROAD= FINLAY ROAD, AND THE SECTION OF MAGAZINE GAP ROAD BETWEEN MAY RAOD AND PEAK ROAD.

AT PRESENT, ONLY VEHICLES BELOW TWO TONS ARE ALLOWED TO USE THESE ROADS, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

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