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## THREE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ANNOUNCED

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THREE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (CPI'S) WILL BE PUBLISHED AS FROM MARCH 1981. THESE NEW INDEXES ARE BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF HOUSEHOLDS IN THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 WHEN A HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY (HES) WAS CONDUCTED.

THE NEW CPI'S WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING CPI'S WHICH WERE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE HES CONDUCTED IN THE PERIOD JULY 1973 TO JUNE 1974. HOWEVER, TO FACILITATE USERS OF CPI'S TO ADJUST TO THE NEW SERIES, THE EXISTING CPI'S WILL CONTINUE TO BE PUBLISHED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE NEW CPI'S FOR A SHORT PERIOD.

THE THREE NEW CPI'S ARE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) COMPILED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, AND THE HANG SENG CPI COMPILED BY THE HANG SENG BANK. THESE DIFFERENT CPI'S ARE DEFINED MAINLY IN TERMS OF THE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS BY EXPENDITURE AS FOLLOWS :

INDEX	APPROXIMATE % OF HOUSEHOLD COVERED	MONTHLY EXPENDITURE RANGE IN 1979/80
CPI(A)	50%	\$ 1 000 - 3 499
CPI(B)	30%	\$ 3 500 - 6 499
HSCPI	10%	\$ 6 500 - 19 999

THE REMAINING 10 PER CENT OF HOUSEHOLD -- AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SCALE -- ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE INDEX.

IN ORDER TO HELP USERS UNDERSTAND AND CORRECTLY INTERPRET THE NEW CPI'S, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED AN INTRODUCTORY GUIDE ENTITLED '+HOW TO APPLY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX+'. THIS PAMPHLET WILL BE OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION DISTRICT OFFICES IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS' TIME.

TWO MORE DETAILED REPORTS ENTITLED '+THE 1979/80 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REVISION REPORT+' AND '+HANG SENG CONSUMER PRICE INDEX THE 1980 REVISION+' ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE HANG SENG BANK RESEARCH DEPARTMENT. THESE REPORTS DESCRIBE IN DETAIL VARIOUS TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE COMPILATION OF THE NEW CPI'S.

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A SUMMARY OF THESE ASPECTS IS GIVEN BELOW.

### THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY

IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO PUBLISH INDEXES TO REFLECT ACCURATELY THE MOVEMENT OF CONSUMER PRICES.

THIS NECESSITATED THE CARRYING OUT OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEYS AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE-YEARLY INTERVALS TO UPDATE THE WEIGHTS USED IN CALCULATING THE INDEXES. WEIGHTS FOR THE NEW CPI'S HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM A HES CONDUCTED JOINTLY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE HANG SENG BANK DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980.

THE SURVEY COVERED A SAMPLE OF DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLDS LIVING IN THE URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG (I.E. HK ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON, AND NEW TOWNS AND MARKET TOWNS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES). COLLECTIVE HOUSEHOLDS AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT HOUSEHOLDS WERE EXCLUDED.

THE 1979/80 HES FROM WHICH THE NEW CPI'S ARE BASED HAD TWO MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE HES CONDUCTED IN 1973/74. FIRST, ITS GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE WAS EXTENDED TO URBAN TOWNSHIPS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. SECOND, ITS HOUSEHOLD COVERAGE WAS EXTENDED TO SINGLE-PERSON HOUSEHOLDS, OLD-PERSON HOUSEHOLDS, EXPATRIATE HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSEHOLDS LIVING IN TEMPORARY STRUCTURES.

SOME 4 200 HOUSEHOLDS TOOK PART IN THE 1979/80 HES, YIELDING AN OVERALL RESPONSE RATE OF 55 PER CENT. THE RESPONSE RATE OF THE SURVEY IS COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF SIMILAR SURVEYS CONDUCTED IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN AT VARIOUS STAGES OF THE SURVEY WITH MAJOR USERS SUCH AS GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT BRANCHES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, TRADE UNIONS, AND ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS.

THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WERE CHECKED AGAINST AND FOUND TO BE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT SOURCES OF STATISTICS.

### WEIGHTS FOR THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

THE DEMARCATION LINES FOR THE NEW CPI(A), CPI(B) AND HANG SENG CPI WERE DRAWN A POSTERIORI AFTER ANALYSING (I) THE SIMILARITIES OF THE CONSUMPTION PATTERNS OF HOUSEHOLDS IN DIFFERENT EXPENDITURE BRACKETS, (II) THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS BY EXPENDITURE AND (III) THE GROWTH RATE OF PER CAPITA INCOME SINCE 1973/74.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE HANG SENG CPI DOES NOT COVER HOUSEHOLDS LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND TEMPORARY HOUSING STRUCTURES BECAUSE THEIR EXPENDITURE PATTERNS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE LIVING IN PRIVATE HOUSING. THE HANG SENG CPI IS INTENDED TO SERVE AS AN INDEX FOR HIGH INCOME SALARY-EARNERS, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM DO NOT LIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR TEMPORARY STRUCTURES.

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WEIGHTS FOR THE MAJOR SECTIONS OF THE EXISTING AND THE NEW CPI'S ARE COMPARED BELOW :

SECTION	1979/80	1979/80	1979/80	1973/74	1973/74	1973/74
	CPI(A)	CPI(B)	HANG SENG CPI	CPI(A)	CPI(B)	HANG SENG CPI
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
FOODSTUFFS	46.39	38.59	26.21	56.60	47.82	26.27
HOUSING	15.05	17.77	27.20	14.08	16.79	28.14
FUEL AND LIGHT	3.63	2.71	1.85	3.39	2.71	2.53
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	2.67	1.90	1.07	2.65	2.04	0.73
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	5.02	7.03	7.50	3.82	5.92	6.11
DURABLE GOODS	6.71	7.53	6.88	1.41	2.97	3.88
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	5.68	6.07	6.59	4.58	5.17	4.36
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	5.27	6.09	9.13	4.36	5.11	7.47
SERVICES	9.58	12.31	13.57	9.11	11.47	20.51
ALL ITEMS	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

TWO POINTS MUST BE BORNE IN MIND WHEN COMPARING THE OLD AND NEW WEIGHTS.

FIRST, SINCE ALL WEIGHTS MUST ADD TO 100 PER CENT, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ALL SECTION WEIGHTS TO INCREASE ALTHOUGH ABSOLUTE EXPENDITURE ON ALL SECTIONS HAS INCREASED. HOWEVER, IF OUTLAY ON A CERTAIN SECTION INCREASES AT A FASTER RATE THAN THE OVERALL RATE OF INCREASE IN HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE, THEN ITS SHARE IN THE AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD BUDGET WILL INCREASE, AND VICE VERSA.

SECOND, DIFFERENCES IN COVERAGE BETWEEN THE 1973/74 HES AND THE 1979/80 HES MAY AFFECT THEIR COMPARABILITY.

IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B), THE MOST NOTABLE CHANGE IN WEIGHTS WAS A SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN THE WEIGHT FOR THE FOODSTUFFS SECTION DESPITE A DRAMATIC RISE IN THE SHARE OF MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME. THE WEIGHT FOR THE DURABLE GOODS SECTION ALSO INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY.

IN THE HANG SENG CPI, THE DROP IN THE WEIGHT FOR THE SERVICES SECTION WAS MOST NOTICEABLE. THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO A SUBSTANTIAL DROP IN EXPENDITURE ON DOMESTIC SERVANTS. PART OF THE DROP COULD BE THE RESULT OF THE DIFFERENCES IN THE COVERAGE OF THE TWO SURVEYS, BUT A DECLINE WAS UNDERSTANDABLE IN THE LIGHT OF A TWO-FOLD RISE IN DOMESTIC SERVANT WAGE RATES BETWEEN 1973 AND 1980. THE WEIGHT FOR THE DURABLE GOODS SECTION ALSO INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY.

THE HOUSING COMPONENT OF AN AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET SHOWS ONLY A SMALL INCREASE BETWEEN 1973/74 AND 1979/80 BECAUSE A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION IS NOW LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES. THE WEIGHTS FOR THE HOUSING SECTION IN CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE AVERAGES OF TWO GROUPS OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH LARGE DIFFERENCES IN THEIR EXPENDITURE ON HOUSING.

HOUSEHOLDS LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR TEMPORARY STRUCTURES +52 PER CENT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS IN CPI(A) AND 39 PER CENT IN CPI(B)+, ALLOCATE ON THE AVERAGE ONLY ABOUT 5 PER CENT OF THEIR TOTAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE TO HOUSING.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HOUSEHOLDS LIVING IN PRIVATE PERMANENT DWELLINGS ALLOCATE AROUND 25 PER CENT OF THEIR TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO HOUSING. THUS, THE AVERAGE FIGURES -- 15.05 PER CENT FOR CPI(A) AND 17.77 PER CENT FOR CPI(B) -- ARE SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN THESE TWO EXTREMES.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE WEIGHT FOR THE HOUSING SECTION HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY THE FACT THAT THE MAJORITY OF DOMESTIC PREMISES ARE UNDER RENT CONTROL.

#### PRICE QUOTATIONS FOR THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

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BESIDES WEIGHTS, PRICE QUOTATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO CALCULATE THE CPI'S. THESE ARE DERIVED FROM PRICE SURVEYS. A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THESE SURVEYS. THE GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE OF THE SURVEY HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE NEW TERRITORIES.

NEW COMMODITIES AND SERVICES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED WHILE UNPOPULAR OR OBSOLETE ITEMS HAVE BEEN DELETED ON THE BASIS OF THE 1979/80 HES RESULTS. THERE ARE OVER 900 COMMODITIES/SERVICES IN THE NEW CPI.

INFORMATION ON THE TYPES OF RETAIL SHOPS WHICH CONSUMER PATRONIZE WAS COLLECTED IN 1979/80 HES FOR THE FIRST TIME. SUCH INFORMATION HAS BEEN UTILIZED IN THE SELECTION OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR THE PRICE SURVEYS. AN AVERAGE OF 7 500 VISITS ARE PAID TO SOME 3 500 RETAIL OUTLETS EACH MONTH AND A TOTAL OF 45 000 PRICE QUOTATIONS ARE COLLECTED.

THERE IS A SEPARATE SURVEY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON RENT AND THIS SURVEY HAS ALSO BEEN IMPROVED. A QUARTERLY SURVEY IS CONDUCTED. INFORMATION ON RENTAL MOVEMENTS IS BEING SOUGHT FROM A SAMPLE OF ABOUT 3 000 HOUSEHOLDS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

A FRESH SAMPLE IS SELECTED EACH YEAR, SUPPLEMENTED BY THE QUARTERLY ADDITION OF NEWLY COMPLETED AND LET DWELLINGS. THIS SAMPLE COVERS A REPRESENTATIVE CROSS-SECTION OF RENTED PRIVATE DWELLINGS IN THE URBAN DISTRICTS AS WELL AS THE NEW TOWNS AND MARKET TOWNS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THUS, ANY MOVEMENTS IN THE AVERAGE RENTAL LEVEL IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE ACCURATELY REFLECTED IN THE INDEX. RENTAL MOVEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AS AND WHEN THEY OCCUR ON THE BASIS OF COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED.

TABLE 1 (ATTACHED) GIVES THE NEW INDEXES FOR THE MONTHS OCTOBER 1980 TO MARCH 1981. DETAILS OF PRICE MOVEMENTS IN MARCH 1981 WILL BE GIVEN IN A SEPARATE PRESS RELEASE IN A FEW DAYS' TIME.

IN INTRODUCING THE NEW CPI'S, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE EXISTING CPI'S ARE BY NO MEANS INACCURATE.

IN FACT, REBASING THE EXISTING CPI'S FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS IN THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1980 TO SEPTEMBER 1981 DOES NOT SUGGEST ANY SIGNIFICANT BIAS IN THE EXISTING INDEXES, AS INDICATED IN TABLE 2 ATTACHED.

HE ADDED THAT THE WEIGHTS OF THE EXISTING INDEXES ARE NEVERTHELESS OUT OF DATE AND REQUIRE REVISION.

TABLE 1 : NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(OCT. 1979 - SEP. 1980 = 100)

	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>HANG SENG CPI</u>
1980 OCT.	106	106	107
NOV.	107	107	108
DEC.	108	108	108
1981 JAN.	110	110	109
FEB.	112	112	111
MAR.	113	113	113

TABLE 2 : COMPARISON ..

TABLE 2 : COMPARISON OF THE MOVEMENT OF NEW AND OLD CPI'S

1980	OLD* CPI'S			NEW CPI'S		
	CPI(A)	CPI(B)	HANG SENG CPI	CPI(A)	CPI(B)	HANG SENG CPI
OCT.	106	106	107	106	106	107
NOV.	107	108	108	107	107	108
DEC.	108	108	109	108	108	108
<u>1981</u>						
JAN.	110	110	110	110	110	109
FEB.	113	113	112	112	112	111
MAR.	115	114	114	113	113	113

\* THESE FIGURES ARE CALCULATED BY REBASING THE 1973/74 CPI IN THE PERIOD OCT. 1979 TO SEP. 1980, SO AS TO GIVE A ROUGH COMPARISON OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE 1973/74 AND 1979/80 CPI'S.

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#### NORTH POINT TRAM RESERVE TO BE REOPENED SUNDAY

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THE TRAM RESERVE BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND HING FAT STREET, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW SHORT SECTIONS, WILL BE CANCELLED AS FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE BUS ONLY LANES FROM QUARRY BAY TO HING FAT STREET IN BOTH DIRECTIONS WILL BE SHORTENED BY ONE HOUR DURING BOTH THE MORNING AND EVENING RUSH HOURS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE CHANGES, AIMED AT IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, ARE MADE ON THE ADVICE OF THE ISLAND CORRIDOR ACTION GROUP AND HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE DOUBLE WHITE LINES INDICATING THE TRAM RESERVE ARE BEING REPLACED BY LANE MARKINGS PERMITTING OTHER VEHICLES TO USE TRAFFIC LANES ON THE TRAM TRACKS.

+HOWEVER, ON GROUNDS OF ROAD SAFETY, SEVERAL SHORT SECTIONS OF THE TRAM RESERVE WILL BE RETAINED. THESE ARE MOSTLY LOCATED NEAR TRAM ISLANDS AND INDICATED BY LANE MARKINGS,+ HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE TRAM RESERVE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS ORIGINALLY AIMED AT PROVIDING AN ENHANCED TRAM SERVICE.

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HE WENT ON: +UNFORTUNATELY IT ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE OVERALL ROAD CAPACITY AND THE SPEED OF OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORT, IN PARTICULAR BUSES. ALTHOUGH THIS INCREASED TRAM PATRONAGE, THE SERVICE WAS STILL INSUFFICIENT TO COPE WITH ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS DIVERTED FROM OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORT.

+THE EXTRA ROAD CAPACITY MADE AVAILABLE BY CANCELLING THE TRAM RESERVE WILL ABSORB MUCH OF THE OTHER TRAFFIC, RELIEVING CONGESTION AND ENABLING BUS SERVICES TO IMPROVE.+

WITH REGARD TO THE SHORTENING OF THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE BUS-ONLY LANES IN THE AREA, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THEY WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 9 AM AND 5 PM AND 7 PM.

THIS CHANGE IS BASED ON PASSENGER VOLUME OBTAINED BY THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEY DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHICH INDICATED THAT THE DEMAND FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS LESS INTENSIVE BETWEEN 9 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 5 PM.

IN ADDITION, THE SECTION OF BUS-ONLY LANE ON KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN COMFORT TERRACE AND JUPITER STREET WILL BE RESCINDED TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC CONDITION NEAR THE TSING FUNG STREET FLYOVER.

THE SPOKESMAN REAFFIRMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIME OBJECTIVE WAS TO FACILITATE MORE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND THEREBY BENEFIT THE MAJORITY OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC. THEREFORE, THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN KING'S ROAD AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CLOSELY MONITORED BY THE ISLAND CORRIDOR ACTION GROUP.

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#### ACAN LAUNCHES ATHLETIC, GAMES FETE

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MORE THAN 5 000 PEOPLE HAVE APPLIED TO TAKE PART IN THE MASS JOGGING EVENT ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (MAY 3) IN KOWLOON TSAI PARK, KOWLOON CITY.

A NARCOTICS DIVISION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE NUMBER WAS DOUBLE WHAT THEY EXPECTED AND COULD BE ACCOMMODATED.

+SUCH OVERWHELMING RESPONSE IS MOST GRATIFYING AND WE SEE THIS AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT AND INDEED A SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, DUE TO OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES, ONLY 2 500 JOGGERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART.

THE EVENT, KNOWN AS +LIVELY DRAGON JOG+, IS THE BIGGEST ANTI-NARCOTICS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITY TO BE LAUNCHED BY THE ACAN FOR THIS YEAR. ITS AIM IS TO DRAW PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAUSE AND TO PROMOTE HEALTHY ACTIVITIES AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

MR ROY HENRY, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 1 PM ON INVERNESS ROAD AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE PARK.

/ALSO OFFICIATING .....

ALSO OFFICIATING WILL BE MR HO SAI-CHU, A MEMBER OF ACAN= MR BARRY WIGGHAM, COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE= MR KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF ACAN= AND MR PETER LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, THE 2 500 JOGGERS WILL START OFF AT INVERNESS ROAD, JOG ALONG NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, LA SALLE ROAD, HEREFORD ROAD, RENFREW ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD, DUMBARTON ROAD AND FINISH AT INVERNESS ROAD. THEY WILL RUN IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION TO THE TRAFFIC AND MUST COMPLETE TWO LAPS OF THE ROUTE COVERING A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 6 500 METRES.

TO ADD COLOUR AND FUN TO THE EVENT, FRIENDS, RELATIVES AND CHILDREN OF THE JOGGERS AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE FUNCTION WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A FUN FAIR. TWELVE GAME STALLS RUN BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE AND Y.W.C.A. WILL BE SET UP IN KOWLOON TSAI PARK STADIUM, WITH MANY ATTRACTIVE PRIZES TO BE WON.

THE PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WILL PROVIDE THE MUSIC.

THERE WILL ALSO BE TELEMATCH GAME AFTER THE JOGGING EVENT. COMPETING IN THE GAME WILL BE TEAMS COMPRISING ARTISTS FROM TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD., DISC-JOCKEYS FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND WELL-KNOWN FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

THE GAME WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY. ALL JOGGERS COMPLETING THE COURSE WILL BE AWARDED AN INDIVIDUAL +JOGGER'S BADGE+ AND A +GROUP TROPHY+ TO ANY TEAM OF 20 COMPLETING THE COURSE.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS AND DR K.F. CHAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES. MR PETER LEE WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO SPONSORING AGENCIES AND ORGANISATIONS WHICH INCLUDE THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES AND CIVIL AID SERVICES.

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#### TECHNICAL INSTITUTES JOIN IN ENROLMENT

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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE HOLDING A JOINT ENROLMENT EXERCISE FROM TOMORROW (MAY 1) TO MAY 15 TO INVITE APPLICATIONS TO THEIR EVENING COURSES FOR THE 1981/82 SESSION.

A TOTAL OF 89 EVENING COURSES IN 12 TEACHING DISCIPLINES WILL BE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC, AND ARE ESPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE TOURIST, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL FIELDS TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES.

COURSES WILL BE IN HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, MARINE AND FABRICATION, AND DESIGN.

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MOST OF THE PART-TIME EVENING COURSES OFFERED ARE OF THREE YEARS DURATION, BUT THERE ARE ALSO SOME ONE-YEAR AND TWO-YEAR COURSES.

THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS PER WEEK RANGES FROM ONE TO FOUR, AND THE EVENING CLASSES ARE NORMALLY CONDUCTED BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9 PM AT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND BORROWED SCHOOL PREMISES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

COURSES OFFERED ARE MAINLY AT CRAFT LEVEL (POST FORM-III) AND TECHNICIAN LEVEL (POST FORM V).

THE ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS VARY BETWEEN COURSES, AND SOME COURSES REQUIRE THAT THE APPLICANTS BE EMPLOYED IN THE RELEVANT TRADES.

FORM V STUDENTS SITTING THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION THIS YEAR MAY ALSO APPLY.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION SHEETS MAY BE OBTAINED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE: HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN= MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 6 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI= KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 20 HING SHING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG= KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 25 HIU MING STREET, KWUN TONG= AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 30 RENFREW ROAD, KOWLOON TONG.

THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL BE INVITING APPLICATIONS TO THEIR FULL-TIME COURSES IN JULY.

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BOOKLET ON HK'S HIGHWAYS  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS BROUGHT OUT A FULL COLOUR 28-PAGE BOOKLET ON HONG KONG'S HIGHWAYS.

THE BOOKLET GIVES A BRIEF BACKGROUND TO THE HISTORY OF HIGHWAYS AND POST-WAR DEVELOPMENTS AND DETAILS OF THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORKS. AMONG THE OTHER TOPICS ARE SOME OF THE FUTURE PLANS, PLANNING METHODS AND ORGANISATION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

THERE ARE 28 PHOTOGRAPHS (25 IN FULL COLOUR AND THREE IN SEPIA TONE), THREE DIAGRAMS AND A TWO-PAGE COLOUR MAP (OF EXISTING ROAD AND RAILWAY SYSTEMS IN THE CENTRAL URBAN AREA) IN THE LAMINATED-COVER PUBLICATION. MANY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM VANTAGE POSITIONS OFTEN NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE.

THE BOOKLET IS ON SALE AT \$7.50 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1981

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COMMENTING ON THE BOOKLET MR EDDIE SHORT, ACTING DIRECTOR FOR ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT SAID THAT IT WOULD BE A USEFUL GUIDE ON HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENTS TO STUDENTS, VISITORS AND OTHERS.

+THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BRING HOME TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC MANY OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS THAT HONG KONG CAN BE PROUD OF IN DEVELOPING A MODERN SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE DONE A LOT IN THIS FIELD AND CERTAINLY ARE TRYING TO DO MORE. OUR PROGRAMMES FOR HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT ARE AMONG THE MOST AMBITIOUS FOR A CITY OF COMPARATIVE POPULATION OR SIZE,+ HE SAID.

MR SHORT ADDED THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD SPEND ABOUT \$730 MILLION ON HIGHWAYS' CAPITAL WORKS (INCLUDING THE WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT) THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

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#### HOSPITAL ARCHITECT RETIRES \* \* \* \*

MR EDWIN WONG, GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT IN THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WILL PROCEED ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE TOMORROW AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR JACK STEAN, TODAY PRESENTED HIM WITH A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

MR WONG FIRST JOINED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AS AN ARCHITECT IN JULY 1957.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR ARCHITECT IN 1967, TO CHIEF ARCHITECT IN 1972 AND TO HIS PRESENT RANK IN OCTOBER 1977. IN JANUARY LAST YEAR, HE WAS APPOINTED AS AN OFFICIAL JUSTICE OF PEACE.

IN HIS SPEECH, MR STEAN SAID THAT MR WONG +IS KNOWN AND RESPECTED IN HONG KONG AND INDEED INTERNATIONALLY AS THE AUTHORITY ON HONG KONG HOSPITALS DESIGN.+

IN MANY ARCHITECTS' AND MEDICAL ADMINISTRATORS' OFFICES AROUND THE WORLD, HE ADDED, MR WONG PERSONIFIED THE HONG KONG HOSPITALS BUILDING EFFORT.

MR STEAN RECALLED THAT MR WONG HAD WORKED IN HOSPITAL DESIGN SINCE HIS FIRST APPOINTMENT IN JULY 1957 AND HE HAD GIVEN A GREAT DEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND TO THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY IN THAT FIELD THROUGH HIS UNIQUE INVOLVEMENT.

+HIS PROFESSIONALISM, HIS EXPERIENCE, HIS WISDOM, HIS WHOLE-HEARTED DEVOTION HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE,+ HE SAID.

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+HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED FROM THE OUTSET WITH ALL THE MAJOR POST-WAR GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL PROJECTS, FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, THROUGH PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL AND KOWLOON HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS TO THE RECENTLY OPENED PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL TEACHING HOSPITAL, THE SHATIN TEACHING HOSPITAL NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND TO THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL AND THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE NOW BEING DESIGNED.+

MR STEAN GAVE SPECIAL MENTION TO TWO PROJECTS -- THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL AND THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL EXTENSION -- WITH WHICH MR WONG WAS ASSOCIATED.

HE SAID THAT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL ON WHICH MR WONG AND MR JOHN HIRST WORKED HAD BEEN AWARDED THE RIBA BRONZE MEDAL AS A BUILDING BEST DESERVING RECOGNITION AMONG BUILDINGS COMPLETED BETWEEN 1961 AND 1963.

THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL EXTENSION, WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN 1973 WAS AWARDED THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS SILVER MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE.

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JARDINES EXECUTIVES VISIT NEW TOWNS  
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MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE STAFF OF JARDINE, MATHESON AND COMPANY LIMITED SPENT TODAY (THURSDAY) IN THE NEW TERRITORIES UPDATING THEMSELVES ON THE LATEST PROGRESS IN BUILDING THE NEW TOWNS.

AFTER A BRIEFING AT NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DEVELOPMENT, MISS DENISE YUE, THE PARTY TRAVELLED TO TSUEN WAN WHERE THE TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, BRIEFED THEM ON 'COMMUNICATIONS AND INDUSTRY IN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT'.

IN TUEN MUN, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, BRIEFED THE PARTY ON 'NEW PEOPLE AND NEW INDUSTRY IN A NEW TOWN'.

THE EXECUTIVES ALSO VISITED TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WHERE THE SUBJECT OF THE BRIEFING BY THE COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR OF THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR P.K. WONG, WAS 'INDUSTRIAL ESTATE -- A NEW TOWN CONCEPT'.

THE LAST CALL WAS SHA TIN FOR A BRIEFING ON 'PEOPLE AND THE NEW TOWN ENVIRONMENT' BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE.

A TOTAL OF 20 EXECUTIVES FROM THE COMPANY TOOK PART IN THE VISIT.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF ROADS FOR WORK

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NULLAH ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT KCR BRIDGE NO. 9 (NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH KENG HAU ROAD) BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS STARTING FROM FRIDAY (MAY 1), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE CLOSURE IS TO ENABLE WORK ON THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE KCR BRIDGE TO BE CARRIED OUT.

AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR TRAFFIC VIA TAI PO ROAD.

MEANWHILE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN STUBBS ROAD/TAI HANG ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND BLUE POOL ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON MAY 1 AND 2 BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5.30 AM.

THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING IMPOSED TO FACILITATE FLYOVER CONSTRUCTION WORK.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONE IN HORSE SHOE LANE

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WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 2), THE SECTION OF HORSE SHOE LANE FOR A LENGTH OF ABOUT 90 METRES FROM ITS WESTERN JUNCTION WITH NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PLACED TO INDICATE THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

MEANWHILE, WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE CUL-DE-SAC ON DIANTHUS ROAD TO THE NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MAGNOLIA ROAD. THIS IS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON MAGNOLIA ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SHA TIN RESIDENTIAL SITE SOLD FOR \$41 MILLION

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A SITE IN SHA TIN FOR HIGH-CLASS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WAS SOLD FOR \$41 MILLION (\$4 338 PER SQUARE METRE) AT AUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE PURCHASER WAS FULANI INVESTMENT LIMITED.

THE SITE, WITH A PLOT RATIO OF 0.4, IS NEAR KAU TO. IT OVERLOOKS THE RACECOURSE AND IS FOR TWO-STOREY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE AREA IS 9 451 SQUARE METRES.

THE PURCHASER HAS TO FULFILL A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$7.08 MILLION WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

THE AUCTION, AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, WAS CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR TONY HARLAND. BIDDING OPENED AT \$33 MILLION.

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CROWN LAND SOLD AT AUCTION

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WERE SOLD AT AN AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE CITY HALL TODAY.

A 2 704 SQUARE METRE LOT AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION WAS SOLD TO LAC KAR INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$50 MILLION, OR \$18 491.13 PER SQUARE METRE.

ANOTHER SITE, MEASURING 2 600 SQUARE METRES AND ALSO SITUATED AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION, WAS SOLD TO SHUREN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$48 MILLION, OR \$18 461.54 PER SQUARE METRE.

BOTH SITES ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE REMAINING SITE, MEASURING 596 SQUARE METRES IS AT POSSESSION STREET, HONG KONG. IT WAS SOLD TO CANOVA INVESTMENT LIMITED FOR \$52 MILLION OR \$87 248.32 PER SQUARE METRE. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

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JURY LIST TO BE POSTED

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A FURTHER LIST OF COMMON JURORS WILL BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING ON MAY 6, 1981, THE ACTING REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, MR NICHOLAS JOHN BARNETT, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE LIST WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR 14 DAYS DURING WHICH PERIOD ANY PERSON MAY APPLY BY NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE REGISTRAR REQUIRING THAT HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF SOME OTHER PERSON BE POSTED OR REMOVED UPON CAUSE DULY ASSIGNED IN SUCH NOTICE.

THE REGISTRAR SHALL IN HIS DISCRETION, POST OR REMOVE SUCH NAME ACCORDINGLY AND SHALL IF NECESSARY ALTER THE LIST.

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