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PRICE INDEXES FALL
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BOTH CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FELL DURING NOVEMBER, STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY SHOW.

THE A AND B INDEXES FOR NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, WERE 150 AND 149 RESPECTIVELY, EACH BEING ONE POINT, OR 0.7 PER CENT, LOWER THAN THE PRECEDING MONTH. COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, CPI A ROSE BY 16 POINTS, OR 11.9 PER CENT, AND CPI B BY 15 POINTS, OR 11.2 PER CENT.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI A INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 1.9 PER CENT EACH MONTH, AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI B AT 1.7 PER CENT.

DURING NOVEMBER, FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND SALT-WATER FISH, WERE LOWER. ON THE OTHER HAND, CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT INCREASED. PRICES OF NEWSPAPERS, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ALSO WENT UP.

THE CPI (A) AND CPI (B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI (A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH, AND THE CPI (B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

THE INDEXES FOR NOVEMBER 1983 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR OCTOBER 1983 AND NOVEMBER 1982.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	NOV 82	OCT 83	NOV 83	NOV 82	OCT 83	NOV 83
FOODSTUFFS	138	155	151	138	155	151
HOUSING	129	140	140	129	139	140
FUEL AND LIGHT	140	154	152	140	154	152
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	125	204	206	124	195	198
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	137	144	149	137	145	150
DURABLE GOODS	108	123	123	110	126	126

/MISCELLANEOUS

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	126	139	144	125	138	141
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	145	158	159	146	161	162
SERVICES	140	160	162	139	158	160
ALL ITEMS	134	151	150	134	150	149

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1983, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY FOUR POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B). THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND SALT-WATER FISH WERE LOWER AS THERE WAS ADEQUATE SUPPLY. THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF PORK ALSO WENT DOWN. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF EDIBLE OILS INCREASED. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI (B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF MATERIALS FOR HOUSE MAINTENANCE.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT DECREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) DUE TO LOWER PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS, AS WELL AS LOWER FUEL COST ADJUSTMENTS IN ELECTRICITY AND TOWNGAS CHARGES.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) ROSE BY TWO POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY THREE POINTS IN CPI (B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF BEER AND CHINESE WINES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ROSE BY FIVE POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) FOLLOWING HIGHER PRICES OF WINTER OUTERCLOTHING WHICH CAME ONTO THE MARKET DURING THE MONTH.

HIGHER PRICES OF NEWSPAPERS CAUSED THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS TO INCREASE BY FIVE POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY THREE POINTS IN CPI (B).

THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER AIR FARES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN THE DURABLE GOODS SECTION WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR NOVEMBER 1983. BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS OF THIS REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$3 A COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG, OR FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

TAXPAYERS REMINDED TO PAY IN TIME
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TAXPAYERS ARE URGED BY THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO CHECK THEIR DEMAND NOTES TO ENSURE THAT THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF THE TAX DUE IS PAID ON OR BEFORE THE SPECIFIED DUE DATE.

IF THE FIRST INSTALMENT IS NOT SO PAID, THE SECOND INSTALMENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME DUE IMMEDIATELY. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY APPLIED AND PLEAS FOR OVERSIGHT WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

IN ADDITION TO BOTH INSTALMENTS BECOMING IMMEDIATELY PAYABLE TOGETHER, WHERE TAX IS NOT PAID BY THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE THE COMMISSIONER MAY ORDER A SUM NOT EXCEEDING FIVE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL TAX BE ADDED. THIS SURCHARGE WILL ALSO BE IMMEDIATELY DUE FOR PAYMENT.

THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES ILLUSTRATE HOW THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL OPERATE:

EXAMPLE 1

TOTAL TAX DUE	6.1.84	\$22 000
PAYABLE ON	6.1.84	\$17 000
PAYABLE	6.4.84	\$ 5 000

IF \$17 000 IS PAID ON 6.1.84, THE SECOND INSTALMENT OF \$5 000 IS PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE 6.4.84.

EXAMPLE 2

TOTAL TAX PAYABLE		\$22 000
PAYABLE ON	6.1.84	\$17 000
PAYABLE ON	6.4.84	\$ 5 000

IF \$17 000 IS NOT PAID BY 6.1.84, THE WHOLE AMOUNT OF \$22 000 PLUS SURCHARGE \$1 100, TOTAL \$23 100 IS IN DEFAULT AND ACTION TO RECOVER THE TOTAL AMOUNT WILL BE TAKEN SHORTLY AFTER 6.1.84.

IT IS EMPHASISED THEREFORE THAT TAXPAYERS WHO WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TWO INSTALMENTS SHOWN ON THE NOTE MUST ENSURE THAT THE FIRST PAYMENT IS MADE ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE SHOWN ON THEIR DEMAND NOTES. PAYMENT MAY BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

AT COLLECTION OFFICES:

HONG KONG - WINDSOR HOUSE, 3RD FLOOR, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD,
CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.
KOWLOON - PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR,
56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK, KOWLOON.
TSUEN WAN - FOU WAH CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, N.T.

OR PAYMENT MAY BE MADE BY POST BY SENDING A CROSSED CHEQUE, PAYABLE TO HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, ATTACHED TO YOUR DEMAND NOTE.

TO: COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE,
WINDSOR HOUSE,
311 GLOUCESTER ROAD,
HONG KONG.

FESTIVAL LIGHTING IN TSUEN WAN
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THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS HAS COME TO TSUEN WAN WITH THE SWITCHING ON OF THE COLOURFUL LIGHTS DISPLAY BY MRS VICTORIA HSU, WIFE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

THE LIGHTS WILL BE ON UNTIL JANUARY 4 AND HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT A COST OF \$65 000 PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

AS IN LAST YEAR, THE LIGHTING DECORATIONS ARE MAINLY AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND THE KWAI CHUNG ROAD/CASTLE PEAK ROAD ROUNDABOUTS, AND ON THE SECTION OF SHA TSUI ROAD BETWEEN BO SHEK DAI HA AND HEUNG SING STREET.

THE 9 000 BULBS USED FOR THE LIGHTING STRETCH ABOUT THREE KILOMETRES.

THE DISPLAY AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ROUNDABOUT FEATURES A SANTA CLAUS, A SANTA CLAUS ON A SLEIGH AND A FAIRY, WHILE AT THE KWAI CHUNG ROAD/CASTLE PEAK ROAD ROUNDABOUT IT TAKES THE FORM OF A CHRISTMAS TREE.

FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE ORGANISED SOME 40 ACTIVITIES FOR THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES WILL BE TWO DISCO DANCING PARTIES FOR A TOTAL OF 5 000 COUPLES TO BE HELD ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS NIGHT AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

APART FROM PERFORMANCES BY A BAND AND POPULAR SINGERS AND DISCO DANCE DEMONSTRATION, THERE WILL ALSO BE A LUCKY DRAW WITH ATTRACTIVE PRIZES INCLUDING RETURN AIR TICKETS FOR TWO TO JAPAN.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$10 PER COUPLE ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS, AND AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE FROM 5 PM TO 9 PM.

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FARE INCREASES APPROVED
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY CONFIRMED THAT THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY CO AND CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY HAD BEEN GIVEN APPROVAL TO INCREASE THEIR FARES FROM JANUARY 1, 1984.

HYF LAST REVISED ITS CHARGES IN AUGUST LAST YEAR AND CMB IN APRIL 1981.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE FARE APPLICATIONS BY THE TWO COMPANIES WERE CLOSELY EXAMINED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FINALLY APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ONLY AFTER THEY WERE VERIFIED TO BE JUSTIFIED.

/THE APPROVAL

THE APPROVAL FOR HYF WAS BASED ON A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE LOCAL FERRY OPERATIONS OF THE COMPANY CONDUCTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT. IT FOUND THAT THE COMPANY WAS EFFICIENTLY RUN AND THAT THERE WAS LITTLE WASTAGE IN MANPOWER.

+HOWEVER, COMPETITION FROM OTHER MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT, THE LOW OFF-PEAK DEMAND, AND THE RESITING OF PIERS IN NEW RECLAMATIONS AWAY FROM ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO DECLINING PATRONAGE.

+FERRY PATRONAGE IS PREDICTED TO DECLINE FURTHER, IN PARTICULAR AFTER THE OPENING OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND THE MTR ISLAND LINE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE CASE OF CMB, GOVERNMENT EFFORTS IN URGING THE COMPANY TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICES THROUGH THE BUS OPERATIONS REVIEW HAD SHOWN RESULTS, WHICH INCLUDED AN EXPANSION OF BUS SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AGREED WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THAT BOTH COMPANIES SHOULD NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN FARES DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS UNLESS UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES ARISE.

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TREAT FOR YOUNGSTERS

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THOUSANDS OF WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN ENTERTAINMENT-PACKED CHRISTMAS EVE VARIETY SHOW AT MORSE PARK ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 24).

THE SHOW, FEATURING A CONCERT BY POPULAR SINGERS AND DISC JOCKEYS, WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON COMMERCIAL RADIO 11.

JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMERCIAL RADIO, THE PROGRAMME BEGINS AT 8 PM AT THE PARK'S OPEN-AIR THEATRE.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF GAMES WITH THE ORGANISERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE EVENT WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING SOME FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR LOCAL YOUNGSTERS ON THIS FESTIVE OCCASION.

+THIS IS ALSO IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING PROGRAMME TO STRENGTHEN THE SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ HE ADDED.

A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MRS PAULINE NG, AND THE COMMERCIAL RADIO PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, MR ROKS LAM, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO THE ORGANISING BODIES.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE SHOW ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES.

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EARLY CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR AGED
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CHRISTMAS CHEER WILL COME EARLY TO OLD FOLK AND SOME LESS FORTUNATE CHILDREN IN KWUN TONG.

A GROUP OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISTRIBUTE GIFTS AND SING CAROLS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON WHEN THEY VISIT SEVERAL CENTRES AND HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN.

LED BY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, THE PARTY WILL VISIT THE LAM TIN SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, THE SALVATION ARMY YAU TONG HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY, THE PO LEUNG KUK KO CHIU ROAD CENTRE AND THE SAGE KAI YIP HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY.

ELSEWHERE AT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S KAI FUK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, SOME 6 000 RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A TWO-HOUR CONCERT OF POPULAR MUSIC AND SONGS.

THE CONCERT, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE, WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE THE THA OFFICE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A QUIZ CONTEST AND A LUCKY DRAW.

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TUEN MUN ROAD PROJECT CONTRACT SIGNED
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A \$52-MILLION CONTRACT FOR A ROAD PROJECT IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WAS AWARDED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR C.K. LAM, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS PTY. LTD.

IT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTING A SECTION OF DUAL CARRIAGEWAY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ON TING AND YAU OI ESTATES BETWEEN A NEW RIVER BRIDGE, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND THE JUNCTION OF TSING WUN AND LUNG MUN ROADS.

WHEN IT IS COMPLETED, THE NEW SECTION, TOGETHER WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CARRIAGEWAY, WILL PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS FROM TUEN MUN ROAD TO THE WESTERN PART OF THE TOWN, INCLUDING BUTTERFLY AND WUKING ESTATES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGE AT THE JUNCTION OF TSING WUN AND LUNG MUN ROADS, TWO PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS AND AN ELEVATED WALKWAY WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW FERRY PIER FOR TSUEN WAN
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THE \$50-MILLION NEW TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER COMPLEX IS FULLY INTEGRATED WITH THE NEW BUS STATION AND OTHER PUBLIC ROAD TRANSPORT FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE PIER, HE SAID IT IS THE FIRST COMPLEX TO BE BUILT ON THE NEW TSUEN WAN RECLAMATION WHICH WILL DRAMATICALLY CHANGE THE NEW TOWN'S COASTLINE IN 1986 WHEN ALL WORKS ARE COMPLETED.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THE RECLAMATION WILL INCLUDE A HOUSING ESTATE AND A RECREATION GROUND.

+IT REPRESENTS NOT ONLY A VAST IMPROVEMENT ON THE OLD PIER WHICH HAS BEEN IN SERVICE FOR MANY YEARS BUT ALSO AN ESSENTIAL PART OF TSUEN WAN'S MODERN TRANSPORT LINKS WITH HONG KONG ISLAND AND TSING YI,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES NOTED THAT FERRY SERVICES CONTINUED TO BE ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK.

HE WAS GLAD THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE PIER CAME NOT SOON AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY OF ITS DETERMINATION TO REDEVELOP THE JUBILEE STREET PIER.

+AND I SHOULD LIKE TO PAY A TRIBUTE TO THE COMPANY WHICH HAS HAD TO FACE MANY UNUSUAL PROBLEMS IN THE PAST 10 YEARS,+ HE SAID.

+AS A COMMUNITY, WE MUST RECOGNISE THAT INCREASING COSTS AND COMPETING MODES OF TRANSPORT HAVE CREATED THESE PROBLEMS FOR THE FERRY COMPANY.

+IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT UNNECESSARY OBSTACLES SUCH AS LACK OF PIER FACILITIES, DO NOT PLACE ARTIFICIAL RESTRAINTS ON OUR ABILITY TO MAKE USE OF THIS PLEASANT AND DIRECT MEANS OF TRAVELLING BETWEEN THE HONG KONG TERMINALS, THE MAINLAND AND THE ISLANDS.

+IN THIS REGARD, THE IMPORTANCE OF BUS AND MINIBUS SERVING THE PIERS IS ALSO MOST IMPORTANT,+ HE ADDED.

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BIRTHS REGISTRATION
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FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR, BIRTHS WHICH OCCUR IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE REGISTERED AT THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, 92 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, 2ND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

+DEATH REGISTRATION IN HONG KONG ISLAND WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED AT THE CENTRE POINT REGISTRY SITUATED AT 181 GLOUCESTER ROAD, 2ND FLOOR, WAN CHAI ON WEEKDAYS AND AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES SHOULD TELEPHONE 3-7333111.

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SHORT-TERM TENANCY OFFERED
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY ON A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT THE JUNCTION OF WAI YIP STREET AND SHUN YIP STREET, KWUN TONG.

THE 1 150 SQUARE-METRE SITE IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

THE TENANCY WILL BE FOR ONE YEAR, AND QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS, AND THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 6.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON EAST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON- AND FROM THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

TENDER PLANS CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE LOCATIONS.

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TYPEWRITING CERTIFICATES FOR GIRLS
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FOUR GIRLS WHO RECENTLY PASSED THE PITMAN ELEMENTARY TYPEWRITING EXAMINATION WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR GARTH HYDES AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE RECIPIENTS, WHO ARE BETWEEN 15 AND 18 YEARS OF AGE, SAT FOR THE ELEMENTARY TYPEWRITING OF THE PITMAN EXAMINATIONS INSTITUTE IN JUNE THIS YEAR WHILE RECEIVING TRAINING AT TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION. ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE INSTITUTION.

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THEY WERE THE FIRST GROUP OF INMATES TAKING THE PUBLIC EXAMINATION IN TYPEWRITING, MORE WILL BE SITTING FOR SIMILAR EXAMINATIONS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THE TYPEWRITING COURSE HAS BEEN OFFERED AT THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR THREE YEARS, IN LINE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG INMATES.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED OTHER COURSES SUCH AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, BOOKKEEPING AND ENGLISH FOR YOUNG INMATES.

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DANCE PERFORMANCE
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A VARIETY OF ORIENTAL AND WESTERN DANCES WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 15.

EIGHTEEN GROUPS OF PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR DANCERS WILL DEMONSTRATE ETHNIC AND MODERN DANCES.

PEOPLE WISHING TO SEE THE +DANCE PERFORMANCE EVENING+ SHOULD FIRST OBTAIN TICKET VOUCHERS FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HEAD OFFICE OR FROM THE HONG KONG DANCE FEDERATION.

THE VOUCHERS CAN BE EXCHANGED FOR TICKETS BETWEEN 5 AND 7.30 PM AT THE BOOKING OFFICE OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON JANUARY 15.

THE SHOW IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG DANCE FEDERATION.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM TELEPHONE 5-458511.

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SHIP STREET CLOSURE
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THE SECTION OF SHIP STREET SOUTH OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM, AND BETWEEN 7 PM AND 11 PM, FROM TOMORROW (DECEMBER 23) TO SATURDAY WEEK (DECEMBER 31) TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS.

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