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GOVT COMMITTED TO HELP THE DISABLED
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THE GOVERNMENT, HOPING TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HAS TAKEN THREE MAJOR STEPS TO HELP DISABLED PEOPLE FIND JOBS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. IAN STRACHAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ADDRESSING THE KOWLOON EAST ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL, MR. STRACHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO INTEGRATING THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY.

REALISING THAT MUCH MORE NEEDED TO BE DONE WITHIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING MAJOR STEPS:

- * THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE HAS INSTRUCTED DEPARTMENTS THAT WHEN INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES FOR NEW POSTS PREFERENCE IS TO BE GIVEN TO SUITABLY QUALIFIED DISABLED PEOPLE-
- * THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED TO ADAPT GOVERNMENT PREMISES WHERE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ACCESS IS NOT AN OBSTACLE TO EMPLOYMENT, AND
- * THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE OVER FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT LATER THIS YEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PLACE IN EMPLOYMENT PHYSICALLY DISABLED, BLIND OR DEAF PEOPLE SEEKING WORK. THIS WILL BE EXTENDED TO OTHER DISABLED GROUPS LATER.

IN PROCEEDING IN THIS MANNER, MR. STRACHAN SAID, GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO SHOW THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE THAT DISABLED PEOPLE DO NOT LOWER STANDARDS OF WORK AND THAT IF THE OPERATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN GOVERNMENT IT FOLLOWED THAT IT COULD BE INTRODUCED MUCH MORE WIDELY IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

+IT IS GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE TO MAKE DISABLED PEOPLE MUCH MORE COMPETITIVE IN THE JOB MARKET SO THAT THEY WILL BE TRAINED TO USE THEIR ABILITIES TO THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE,+ MR. STRACHAN SAID.

+WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE MORE BLIND PEOPLE TRAINED AS COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS RATHER THAN SIMPLY BEING TELEPHONE OPERATORS, AND DEAF PEOPLE DOING INDUSTRIAL DESIGN CONSULTANCY RATHER THAN SIMPLY DOING ART WORK.+

DISABLED PEOPLE REQUIRED THE SAME HUMAN RIGHTS AS EVERYONE ELSE IN THE COMMUNITY IN RESPECT OF TRANSPORT, PHYSICAL ACCESS, HOUSING, RECREATION AND SPORT.

+THIS MEANS OVERCOMING THE APATHY OR PREJUDICES OF TRANSPORT OPERATORS AND USERS, ARCHITECTS, DEVELOPERS AND INDEED DECISION-MAKERS WITHIN GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

/MR. STRACHAN

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MR. STRACHAN IDENTIFIED FIVE PREJUDICES WITHIN SOCIETY AND WITHIN GOVERNMENT WHICH HE SAID HINDERED THE REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED.

DISABILITIES WERE OFTEN CONSIDERED TO BE SO GREAT THAT ABILITIES WERE IGNORED. LOSS OF INTELLIGENCE WAS OFTEN EQUATED WITH DISABILITY WHICH WAS SOMETIMES REGARDED AS CONTAGIOUS OR DANGEROUS.

IT WAS FEARED THAT STANDARDS MAY BE LOWERED AS A RESULT OF INTEGRATING DISABLED PEOPLE INTO THE COMMUNITY. DISABLED PEOPLE WERE OFTEN THE LAST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING OR JOB PLACEMENT.

MR. STRACHAN SAID THAT GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO INTEGRATING THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY AND THIS GOAL HAD BEEN DECLARED IN A WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 1977.

+THIS WHITE PAPER RECOGNISED THAT IF DISABLED PEOPLE WERE TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL CAPABILITIES TO THE MAXIMUM THEY MUST BE PROVIDED WITH COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION SERVICES. THIS IS GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT.+

+ON THE OTHER HAND,+ MR. STRACHAN ADDED, +SOCIETY HAS A COMMITMENT TO WELCOME THE DISABLED AMONG THEM.+

+IT IS AN INTERESTING FACT THAT IN OUR COMMUNITY WE ARE WILLING TO GIVE LARGE SUMS OF CHARITY MONEY TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO LOCK AWAY THE MENTALLY ILL AND OTHER GROUPS OF SEVERELY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND ADULTS JUST AS LONG AS THEY ARE KEPT OUT OF SIGHT.

+BUT ARE WE WILLING TO GIVE THE SAME GENEROUS TREATMENT, MONEY AND MOST OF ALL COMPASSION IF SIMILAR PEOPLE WISH TO LIVE, WORK, STUDY AND PLAY AMONG US?+ HE ASKED.

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EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY
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THE TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE VALUE FOR JANUARY 1979 WAS \$10,486 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 33 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1978.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 40 PER CENT TO \$3,817 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 25 PER CENT TO \$5,358 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 49 PER CENT TO \$1,311 MILLION, ACCORDING TO MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS FOR JANUARY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

	JANUARY 79 (HK\$ MN)	JANUARY 78 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	1,237	996	+ 241	+ 24
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	470	287	+ 183	+ 64
UNITED KINGDOM	448	214	+ 234	+109
JAPAN	186	111	+ 75	+ 68
AUSTRALIA	155	135	+ 20	+ 15
CANADA	112	84	+ 28	+ 33
SINGAPORE	100	82	+ 18	+ 21
NETHERLANDS	99	62	+ 37	+ 59
SWEDEN	73	32	+ 41	+127
SWITZERLAND	70	62	+ 8	+ 12

AN INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT WAS RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO U.S.A., DUE MAINLY TO INCREASED SHIPMENTS OF ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$449 MILLION, + 26 PER CENT), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (\$107 MILLION, + 65 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$64 MILLION, + 54 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SLIGHT DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN SALES OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND PARTS FOR COMPUTERS (\$54 MILLION, - FOUR PER CENT), RADIO RECEIVERS (\$38 MILLION, - EIGHT PER CENT) AND PLASTIC ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS (\$21 MILLION, - 18 PER CENT) TO THAT COUNTRY.

THE INCREASES IN EXPORT SALES TO THE F.R. OF GERMANY, U.K. AND JAPAN WERE ACCOUNTED FOR CHIEFLY BY SHIPMENTS OF CLOTHING WHICH INCREASED BY 81 PER CENT, 138 PER CENT AND 95 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:-

	JANUARY 79 (HK\$ MN)	JANUARY 78 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	1,459	964	+ 495	+ 51
MISCELLANEOUS MANU- FACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	631	444	+ 187	+ 42

PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	285	189	+ 96	+ 51
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	269	200	+ 69	+ 34
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS	249	205	+ 44	+ 21
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	207	153	+ 54	+ 35

THE INCREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES WAS STILL THE HIGHEST IN VALUE TERMS (\$1,459 MILLION, + 51 PER CENT).

ITEMS WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES INCLUDED TEXTILES (\$269 MILLION, + 34 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$233 MILLION, + 54 PER CENT), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (\$225 MILLION, + 48 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (\$207 MILLION, + 35 PER CENT) AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (\$95 MILLION, + 60 PER CENT).

BUT DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND PARTS FOR COMPUTERS (\$64 MILLION, - FIVE PER CENT), CRUDE ANIMALS AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (\$7 MILLION, - 42 PER CENT) AND PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS (\$7 MILLION, - 42 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:-

	<u>JANUARY 79</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JANUARY 78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
JAPAN	1,008	814	+ 194	+ 24
CHINA	977	821	+ 156	+ 19
U.S.A.	636	471	+ 165	+ 35
TAIWAN	424	280	+ 144	+ 51
SINGAPORE	320	251	+ 69	+ 27
U.K.	266	193	+ 73	+ 38

F.R. OF GERMANY	195	164	+ 31	+ 19
REP. OF KOREA (S. KOREA)	195	180	+ 15	+ 8
SWITZERLAND	172	118	+ 54	+ 45
PAKISTAN	132	51	+ 81	+157

IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ROSE BY 24 PER CENT, DUE MAINLY TO INCREASED ARRIVALS OF TEXTILES (\$155 MILLION, + 16 PER CENT), PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES OF OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$115 MILLION, + 20 PER CENT) ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (\$108 MILLION, + 77 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (\$90 MILLION, + 36 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF TEXTILES (\$203 MILLION) FROM CHINA INCREASED BY 62 PER CENT. OTHER MAIN ITEMS FROM CHINA INCLUDED PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (\$88 MILLION, + 61 PER CENT), MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (\$63 MILLION, + 20 PER CENT), AND ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$38 MILLION, + THREE PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS SUCH AS LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (\$97 MILLION, - SIX PER CENT) AND VEGETABLES AND FRUITS (\$75 MILLION, - THREE PER CENT) REGISTERED SLIGHT DECLINES.

THE INCREASE IN IMPORTS FROM U.S.A. WAS ATTRIBUTED MAINLY TO THE SOARING DEMAND FOR TEXTILE FIBRES (\$79 MILLION, + 41 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUITS (\$60 MILLION, + 75 PER CENT), NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (\$50 MILLION, + 60 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$50 MILLION, +10 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, ARRIVALS OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES DECREASED BY 14 PER CENT.

THERE WAS ALSO AN INCREASE IN SHIPMENTS OF TEXTILES (\$187 MILLION, + 66 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (\$34 MILLION, + 30 PER CENT) FROM TAIWAN, AND PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (\$181 MILLION, + EIGHT PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (\$28 MILLION, + 47 PER CENT) FROM SINGAPORE.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS:-

	JANUARY 79 (HK\$ MN)	JANUARY 78 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND DIAMONDS)	1,671	1,234	+ 437	+ 35
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	1,118	796	+ 322	+ 40

FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	736	693	+ 43	+ 6
MISCELLANEOUS MANU- FACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS AND ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	652	505	+ 147	+ 29
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	397	301	+ 96	+ 32

BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS OF TEXTILES (\$860 MILLION, + 49 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (\$345 MILLION, + 46 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$218 MILLION, + 31 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (\$196 MILLION, + 59 PER CENT), AND IRON AND STEEL (\$155 MILLION, + 26 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN ARRIVALS OF CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS (\$98 MILLION, - EIGHT PER CENT), AND TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (\$33 MILLION, - 19 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 49 PER CENT IN JANUARY 1979 AND THIS WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INCREASED SHIPMENTS OF GOODS TO JAPAN (\$205 MILLION, + 49 PER CENT), TAIWAN (\$128 MILLION, + 60 PER CENT), U.S.A. (\$109 MILLION, + 34 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (\$58 MILLION, + 55 PER CENT) AND THE PHILIPPINES (\$56 MILLION, + 90 PER CENT).

ACTIVE DEMAND WAS RECORDED FOR PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$149 MILLION, + 20 PER CENT), TEXTILE FABRICS (\$105 MILLION, + 168 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$80 MILLION, + 43 PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (\$70 MILLION, + 79 PER CENT).

THE TRADE INDEX NUMBERS FOR DECEMBER 1978 AND THE YEAR 1978 (IN BRACKETS) WERE AS FOLLOWS:-

1973 = 100

	<u>VALUE INDEX</u>	<u>UNIT VALUE INDEX</u>	<u>QUANTUM INDEX</u>
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	265 (209)	145 (139)	183 (150)
IMPORTS	282 (217)	149 (143)	189 (152)

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX FOR DECEMBER 1978 WAS 97 (97).

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SIR JACK TO OFFICIATE AT TIN HAU FESTIVAL IN YUEN LONG

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THIS YEAR'S YUEN LONG TIN HAU FESTIVAL PROCESSION TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG SHAP PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, IS TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF TIN HAU, PATRON GODDESS OF SEAFARERS.

MORE THAN 30,000 PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER HONG KONG ARE EXPECTED TO SHARE THE FUN AND GAIETY AT THE PROCESSION WHICH WILL FEATURE A WIDE VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES BY SOME 30 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING LION AND UNICORN DANCES, CHIU CHAU GONGS AND DRUMS, FLOATS, COLOUR BANNERS, ACROBATIC DISPLAY AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE FOLK DANCES AND MUSIC.

THE TWO-HOUR PARADE WILL START AT NOON, PROCEEDING FROM THE YUEN LONG EASTERN BUS TERMINUS TO YUEN LONG STADIUM WHERE THE MAIN CELEBRATIONS WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE 4,000 INVITED GUESTS, COMPRISING SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, LOCAL DIGNITARIES AND CIVIC AND RURAL COMMITTEE LEADERS.

AFTER LEAVING THE STADIUM, THE PROCESSION WILL MAKE ITS WAY TO THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT TAI SHUE HAU WHERE RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES WILL BE STAGED.

BEING A POPULAR PATRON SAINT OF THE BOAT PEOPLE, THE BIRTHDAY OF TIN HAU HAS BECOME ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST COLOURFUL CHINESE FESTIVALS.

AS POPULARITY GROWS, THE FESTIVAL IS NOW PRACTICALLY CELEBRATED BY PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

EVERY YEAR, THE MAIN CELEBRATIONS ARE IN YUEN LONG WITH A MAMMOTH PARADE AND IN JOSS HOUSE BAY WHERE THOUSANDS OF PILGRIMS PAY HOMAGE TO TIN HAU.

SIMILAR EVENTS, THOUGH ON A SMALLER SCALE, ARE ALSO HELD AT THE MANY TIN HAU TEMPLES BUILT IN FISHING PORTS AROUND HONG KONG WATERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL CELEBRATION AT YUEN LONG STADIUM AT NOON ON THURSDAY.

* SPECIAL BADGES FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

* PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2088, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 10.30 A.M. SHARP FOR YUEN LONG.

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TIN HAU WORSHIPPERS REMINDED OF DANGER OF OVERLOADED VESSELS
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WORSHIPPERS GOING TO JOSS HOUSE BAY FOR THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL ON THURSDAY WERE REMINDED TODAY (TUESDAY) OF THE DANGER OF OVERLOADING VESSELS AND STARTING FIRES.

MORE THAN 100,000 WORSHIPPERS ARE EXPECTED TO FLOCK TO THE TIN HAU TEMPLE IN THE BAY AT THE EASTERN APPROACH TO HONG KONG HARBOUR TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE PATRON GODDESS OF SEAFARERS.

AS THE ONLY ACCESS TO THE TEMPLE IS BY SEA, THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR. COLIN BOSHER, URGED WORSHIPPERS TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SAFETY WHEN BOARDING AND GETTING OFF FERRIES AND BOATS.

HE WARNED OF THE DANGER OF OVERLOADING OF THE VESSELS AND STRESSED THAT OPERATORS OF SUCH VESSELS ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS MARINE POLICE AND MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES WILL PATROL THE AREA.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED WORSHIPPERS THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO POSSESS OR DISCHARGE FIREWORKS AND ADVISED THEM TO BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS.

VISITORS ARE ALSO URGED TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT APPEALED TO ALL SMOKERS AND WORSHIPPERS TO MAKE SURE THAT CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES ARE PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED BEFORE DISPOSING THEM, AND THAT CANDLES, JOSS STICKS AND BURNING PAPERS ARE TOTALLY EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING THE AREA.

SALE OF HYDROGEN BALLOONS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED, HE ADDED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT ALSO ASKED FOR THE CO-OPERATION OF VISITORS TO THE TEMPLE TO KEEP THE PLACE CLEAN BY PLACING ALL LITTER IN LITTERBINS.

HE SAID A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF LARGE LITTER CONTAINERS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC USE.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT REFUSE DISCARDED INDISCRIMINATELY ON THE GROUND WOULD NOT ONLY CREATE A MESS AND A NUISANCE BUT MIGHT ALSO LEAD TO SUMMONSES AGAINST THE OFFENDERS.

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PUPILS' ART AND CRAFT WORK ON SHOW

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A SELECTION OF ART AND CRAFT WORK BY STUDENTS OF GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE ON DISPLAY AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE FROM TODAY (TUESDAY) UNTIL APRIL 27.

+THE EXHIBITION PRESENTS A CROSS SECTION OF THE WORK BY THE PUPILS IN THEIR ART AND CRAFT LESSONS, AND IT IS HOPED THE DISPLAY WILL STIMULATE CREATIVE IDEAS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

ABOUT 1,000 ENTRIES FROM 52 GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE ON SHOW. THESE INCLUDE GRAPHIC AND THREE-DIMENSIONAL DESIGNS, MODELS, PAINTINGS, WOODCRAFT AND NEEDLECRAFT.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO THE EXHIBITION AT THE EXHIBITION ROOM OF THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, FIFTH FLOOR, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

THE OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. DAILY EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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LEARNER DRIVER PROHIBITION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING AND PRACTISING IN THE SECTION OF TAT CHEE AVENUE NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH BEGONIA ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY, THE YAN OI TONG CIRCUIT AT SAN HUI, TUEN MUN, WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

ENTRY TO THE YAN OI TONG CIRCUIT WILL BE VIA ITS SOUTH JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD (CASTLE PEAK BAY) AND EXIT WILL BE FROM ITS NORTH JUNCTION WITH THE SAME SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND IN YAN OI TONG CIRCUIT WILL BE OPERATING AT THE SAME TIME.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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RESTRICTED ZONE EXTENDED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY, THE EXISTING RESTRICTED ZONE FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES (FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M.) AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES (FROM 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT) ON KING ROAD WESTBOUND STARTING ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF THE EASTERN ARM OF SHIPYARD LANE WILL BE EXTENDED FURTHER EASTWARD TO START ABOUT 55 METRES.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY JARDINE'S BAZAAR, JARDINE'S CRESCENT, YUN PING ROAD, 2-62 YEE WO STREET, 534-542 HENNESSY ROAD, KAI CHIU ROAD, PAK SHA ROAD, LAN FONG ROAD AND 3-21 PENNINGTON STREET.

WATER SUPPLY IN YUEN LONG WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY YUEN LONG MAIN ROAD AND THE NULLAH, ON NING ROAD AND MA MIU ROAD INCLUDING KIK YEUNG TSUEN, FUNG CHI HEUNG, WING NING TSUEN AND HANG TAU.

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