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APRIL BANKING STATISTICS

BANKING DEPOSITS AS AT THE END OF APRIL STOOD AT \$38,367 MILLION, COMPRISING \$10,072 MILLION IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, \$14,724 MILLION IN TIME DEPOSITS AND \$13,571 MILLION IN SAVING DEPOSITS.

THERE WERE 74 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG AS AT APRIL 30.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE RELEASED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING TODAY GIVES A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF BANK LIABILITIES AND ASSETS FOR THE MONTH :-

<u>LIABILITIES</u>			\$ MILLION
1. DEPOSITS			38,367
2. AMOUNT DUE TO BANKS ABROAD			23,944
3. OTHER LIABILITIES			8,193
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	TOTAL LIABILITIES		70,504
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<u>ASSETS</u>			
1. CASH			719
2. AMOUNT DUE FROM BANKS ABROAD:			
(I) DEMAND AND SHORT TERM CLAIMS	19,548		
(II) TIME DEPOSITS	1,591		21,139
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3. LOANS AND ADVANCES:			
(I) HONG KONG	26,808		
(II) ABROAD	12,193		39,001
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4. INVESTMENTS:			
(I) HONG KONG	2,955		
(II) ABROAD	60		3,015
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5. OTHER ASSETS:			
(I) HONG KONG	3,525		
(II) ABROAD	3,105		6,630
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	TOTAL ASSETS		70,504
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AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING MONTH			48.95 %

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ISSUE OF EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS SUSPENDED
FOR CERTAIN TEXTILES TO U.S.
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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED THE ISSUE OF FURTHER EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS IN RESPECT OF MEN'S AND BOYS' WOOL SUITS, NOT KNIT IN GROUP IV CATEGORY 120, PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO APPROVE AND ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES FOR THE ABOVE CATEGORY AGAINST VALID EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS ISSUED TODAY.

TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND COMPANIES ON THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S MAILING LIST FOR NOTICE TO EXPORTERS IN (SERIES 1) USA NO.9/76 WILL RECEIVE COPIES OF THE NOTICE SHORTLY.

COPIES OF THE NOTICE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE RECEPTION COUNTER ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, 46, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

THOSE WISHING TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT ARE INVITED TO CONTACT MR. K.K. NG, INDUSTRY ASSISTANT, ON TEL. NO.5-432958.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD
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THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN FUNG MO STREET AND SHA TIN PASS ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1.15 A.M. AND 5.30 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JUNE 4) TO FACILITATE THE ERECTION OF THE MAIN SPAN OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS THE ROAD NEAR SHUNG TAK STREET.

DURING THE PERIOD OF CLOSURE, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD SHOULD TURN RIGHT INTO FUNG MO STREET, LEFT INTO TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, LEFT INTO SHA TIN PASS ROAD AND THEN RIGHT TO REJOIN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

THE RIGHT-TURNING RESTRICTION FROM SHA TIN PASS ROAD NORTHBOUND INTO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE REMOVED TEMPORARILY TO FACILITATE THIS MANOEUVRE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE CLOSURE AND DIVERSION.

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VILLAGE TAP WATER SUPPLY RESTORED
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INHABITANTS OF SAN TSUEN, TSUEN WAN, HAVE HAD THEIR TAP WATER SUPPLY RESTORED WITH THE HELP OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE.

AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR SUEN SANG, INFORMED STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE THAT THE VILLAGE'S TAP WATER SUPPLY HAD DRIED UP BECAUSE THE PIPES AND TAPS WERE NOT IN WORKING ORDER.

HE ASKED FOR FUNDS TO PUT IN NEW PIPES AND TAPS AND THE VILLAGERS OFFERED TO MEET PART OF THE COSTS THEMSELVES.

EVENTUALLY, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AGREED TO PROVIDE \$3,000 FROM THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE AND THE VILLAGERS PROVIDED THE BALANCE OF \$1,300.

WORK ON REPLACING PIPES AND TAPS, WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY INSTALLED MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO, WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE VILLAGERS UNDER GUIDANCE FROM PROFESSIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF. IT TOOK SEVERAL WEEKS TO COMPLETE.

NOW, ONCE MORE, WATER IS RUNNING FREELY FROM TAPS IN SAN TSUEN.

MR ROBERT FOOTMAN, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER TSUEN WAN, WHO ARRANGED THE PROJECT, IS HOPING TO ORGANISE AN OFFICIAL TURNING ON CEREMONY AT A LATER DATE.

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OPENING OF SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT EXHIBITION

ABOUT 100 TEACHERS WILL ATTEND THE OPENING OF A SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT EXHIBITION AT KEI CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL IN KWUN TONG THIS FRIDAY (JUNE 4) MORNING.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. ARTHUR BROWN, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE EXHIBITION - ORGANISED BY KEI CHI UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS OF SOCIAL STUDIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND TO LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER BY SHARING EXPERIENCES.

KEI CHI IS ONE OF THE 15 MONITORED SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES ON A TRIAL BASIS. ANOTHER 16 SCHOOLS ARE DOING THIS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

THE THEME OF THE EXHIBITION IS +KNOW YOURSELF AND YOUR SOCIETY+ - A MAJOR AREA OF STUDY IN THE FORM/MIDDLE 1 PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES.

THE EXHIBITION, MOUNTED BY MIDDLE 1 PUPILS OF KEI CHI, WILL INCLUDE MODELS, MAPS, CHARTS AND PROJECTS OF VARIOUS KINDS RELATING TO THE TOPICS IN THE FORM 1 SYLLABUS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO SEE THE EXHIBITION FROM 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON JUNE 5 AND FROM 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY (SUNDAY).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY COVERED ON JUNE 4 AT 11.30 A.M. AT THE KEI CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL, SHUI NING STREET, KWUN TONG.

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COMPLETION OF ANOTHER IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

FARMERS IN SHAM WAT, NEAR TAI O, ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL NOW HAVE ADEQUATE IRRIGATION WATER, EVEN IN DRY SEASONS, WITH THE COMPLETION OF AN IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IN THE AREA.

THE SCHEME, COSTING \$115,000 TO BUILD, CONSISTS OF 9,300 FEET OF PIPELINE CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING IRRIGATION WATER TO TEN ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.

IT WILL BE HANDED OVER BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO THE FARMERS AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT SAN SHEK WAN ON THURSDAY (JUNE 3) AT 11.30 A.M.

OFFICIATING AT THE HANDING-OVER CEREMONY WILL BE MR. A.E. BACKHURST, AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER (IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT) AND MR. P.H. LAW, ACTING SENIOR EXTENSION OFFICER (AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION).

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DOLPHINS PROTECTED UNDER WILD ANIMALS PROTECTION ORDINANCE

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS, TODAY REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT ALL DOLPHINS AND OTHER MARINE MAMMALS IN HONG KONG ARE FULLY PROTECTED UNDER THE WILD ANIMALS PROTECTION ORDINANCE, 1976.

THE STATEMENT FOLLOWED PRESS REPORTS THAT SKIN DIVERS ESCORTING LINDA MCGILL IN HER ATTEMPT TO SWIM ROUND THE ISLAND HAD ARMED THEMSELVES WITH SPEAR-GUNS AFTER SIGHTING A SCHOOL OF DOLPHINS.

+ANY PERSON WHO CONTRAVENES THE LAW SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND SHALL BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$5,000,+ MR. NICHOLS SAID.

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PWD TEAM COMPETING IN DRAGON BOAT RACES

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A GROUP OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE SWAPPING THEIR SLIDE RULES FOR PADDLES TOMORROW (JUNE 2) TO TEST THEIR ROWING SKILLS IN THE ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT RACES AT TUEN MUN.

THE P.W.D. CONTINGENT, COMPRISING 26 MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE AMONG 18 TEAMS VYING FOR THE COVETED TUEN MUN CUP TO BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

THIS WILL BE THE SECOND YEAR THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN PART IN THE SPECTACULAR RACES.

TEAM CAPTAIN YIP SEE-HEI SAYS THAT IN LAST YEAR'S EVENT, THE P.W.D. TEAM'S SCIENTIFIC CALCULATIONS WENT A LITTLE AWRY, AND THE RESULTING +SLIGHT TECHNICAL MALFUNCTION+ MEANT THE ENTIRE CREW ENDED UP IN THE WATER SEARCHING FOR THEIR SUNKEN BOAT.

+BUT THIS IS UNLIKELY TO HAPPEN AGAIN,+ HE SAYS. +WE'VE SORTED OUT THE PROBLEM - OVERWEIGHT - AND WE'RE GOING IN THIS YEAR WITH MORE THAN AN EVEN CHANCE.+

MR. YIP SAID THE TEAM HAD BEEN PRACTISING HARD IN A BORROWED BOAT, AND SHOWED EXTREMELY GOOD PROMISE. +WE HOPE THE OTHER TEAMS ARE IN FOR A SURPRISE,+ HE SAID.

THIS YEAR'S TEAM INCLUDES ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, CLERKS AND MESSENGERS FROM THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, AND THE P.W.D. HEADQUARTERS.

AFTER A FINAL BRIEFING TODAY, THE TEAM MEMBERS HAD AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, WHO WISHED THEM LUCK IN THE RACES.

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DEATH OF FORMER DEPUTY COLONIAL SECRETARY
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NEWS HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF THE DEATH IN DORSET YESTERDAY OF MR. MICHAEL DENYS ARTHUR CLINTON, C.M.G., G.M. J.P., WHO RETIRED AS DEPUTY COLONIAL SECRETARY LAST NOVEMBER AFTER A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE CIVIL SERVICE. HE WAS 58.

MR. CLINTON IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FOUR DAUGHTERS AND ONE SON.

BORN IN LONDON IN 1918, MR. CLINTON WAS EDUCATED AT BEAUMONT COLLEGE, WINDSOR, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, HE WAS COMMISSIONED IN THE ROYAL ENGINEERS- HE WAS AWARDED THE GEORGE MEDAL TWICE -- FIRST IN 1942 AND AGAIN IN 1943.

MR. CLINTON JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1946 AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. HE HAD WIDE EXPERIENCE IN THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT AND IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. HE SERVED AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, ASSISTANT ESTABLISHMENT OFFICER AND DEPUTY ECONOMIC SECRETARY. MR. CLINTON WAS DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND ACTED AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. HE BECAME DEPUTY COLONIAL SECRETARY IN JANUARY, 1969 AND WAS MADE A COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE IN 1971. IN NOVEMBER 1972, HE WAS MADE DEPUTY COLONIAL SECRETARY (SPECIAL DUTIES), WORKING WITH THE MCKINSEY TEAM OF CONSULTANTS.

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