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WEAK GROUNDS FOR RESTRAINTS ON HK WATCHES  
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HONG KONG IS NOT HAPPY WITH THE CONTINUED IMPORT RESTRAINTS IMPOSED BY FRANCE ON HONG KONG QUARTZ WATCHES.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WHEN HE OPENED THE THIRD HONG KONG WATCH AND CLOCK FAIR.

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT THE RECENT DECISION BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION TO AUTHORISE FRANCE TO INTRODUCE A TEMPORARY QUOTA ON IMPORTS OF DIGITAL QUARTZ WATCHES +REPRESENTS AN IMPROVEMENT ON THE PREVIOUS IMPROPER AND DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTIONS MAINTAINED BY FRANCE AGAINST HONG KONG SINCE 1981.+

IT SOUGHT TO BRING THE FRENCH MEASURE IN LINE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

+HOWEVER, WE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO BE HAPPY ABOUT THE CONTINUATION OF RESTRAINTS FOR WHICH THERE ARE SUCH WEAK LOGICAL GROUNDS,+ HE SAID.

DESPITE SUCH PROBLEMS, MR MACLEOD EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HONG KONG'S WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY, WITH ITS ENTERPRISE, SKILL AND HARD WORK, WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH ITS HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT.

+HAVING ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS ONE OF THE MOST FORMIDABLE SUPPLIERS OF WATCHES IN THE WORLD, BOTH IN QUANTITY AND VALUE TERMS, I AM CERTAIN THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN AND CONSOLIDATE THAT POSITION, WITH THE INJECTION OF MORE INVESTMENTS IN EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY,+ HE ADDED.

IN QUANTITY, HONG KONG HAS BEEN THE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTER OF WATCHES SINCE 1978. IN 1982, HONG KONG OVERTOOK JAPAN AS THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST EXPORTER OF WATCHES BY VALUE AFTER SWITZERLAND.

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HIGH PASS RATE IN LICENTIATE EXAM  
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THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT 112 CANDIDATES HAD PASSED THE PART II (ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONAL USE PAPER) OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS.

THE 1984 PART II EXAMINATION WAS HELD TWICE, IN MARCH AND MAY, GIVING CANDIDATES A CHOICE OF EXAMINATION DATES. IT ALSO GAVE A SECOND CHANCE FOR THOSE FAILING IN THE FIRST EXAMINATION TO TAKE THIS PART OF THE EXAMINATION IN THE SAME YEAR.

EIGHTY-TWO OUT OF 108 CANDIDATES PASSED THE EXAMINATION IN MARCH, AND 30 OUT OF 47 CANDIDATES (INCLUDING 25 WHO FAILED IN MARCH) PASSED IT IN MAY, GIVING A PASS RATE OF 86 PER CENT.

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED THE PART II EXAMINATION THIS YEAR ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE PART III EXAMINATION SCHEDULED FOR JULY THIS YEAR.

THE PART III LICENTIATE EXAMINATION IS AN ORAL EXAMINATION ON CANDIDATES' ABILITY TO APPLY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO CLINICAL PROBLEMS. EACH CANDIDATE WILL BE GIVEN A 30-MINUTE EXAMINATION IN EACH OF THE THREE DISCIPLINES OF MEDICINE, SURGERY AND OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

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MORE PEOPLE REHOUSED  
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MORE THAN 64 200 PEOPLE DISPLACED BY NATURAL DISASTERS AND DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCES WERE REHOUSED IN 1983-84.

+OF THEM, 36 500 PEOPLE WERE ALLOCATED ESTATE FLATS AND THE REST, TEMPORARY HOUSING,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE SAID THIS REFLECTED THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUOUS HEAVY COMMITMENT TO REHOUSE THOSE RENDERED HOMELESS.

+MOST OF THE PEOPLE, TOTALLING 52 263, REHOUSED LAST YEAR WERE FROM DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCES.

+ALTOGETHER 179 CLEARANCES WERE CARRIED OUT TO MAKE WAY FOR PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT, MAINLY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCE PROGRAMME PROVIDED SITES FOR NEW PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF PRODUCTION WHICH HAD NOW EXCEEDED AN ANNUAL TARGET OF 35 000 FLATS FOR THE FOURTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR.

+OF THE REMAINING 12 000 PEOPLE REHOUSED DURING THE YEAR, 11 000 WERE FROM EMERGENCY EVENTS OF SQUATTER FIRES AND LANDSLIPS, AS WELL AS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS.+

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HAWKER STALLS GET ELECTRICITY SUPPLY  
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THE 205 LICENSED STALLS IN THE FIRST SECTION OF TUNG CHOI STREET HAWKER PERMITTED PLACE WILL HAVE PROPER ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE HAWKER PERMITTED PLACE, STRETCHING FROM ARGYLE STREET IN THE NORTH TO DUNDAS STREET IN THE SOUTH, IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS WITH A TOTAL OF 738 HAWKER STALLS.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, HAWKERS IN THE FIRST TWO SECTIONS HAVE FORMED THEMSELVES INTO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND JOINED THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SCHEME PROPOSED BY THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED.

+HAWKER STALLS IN THE SECOND SECTION WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH PROPER ELECTRICITY LATER THIS YEAR,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1981, THE HAWKER PERMITTED PLACE HAD BEEN A SUBJECT OF FREQUENT COMPLAINT FROM THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY SHOP OPERATORS AND RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE COMPLAINTS WERE MAINLY ABOUT OBSTRUCTION ON THE PAVEMENT AND THE CARRIAGEWAY, THE HEIGHT OF THE STALLS, ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY, LITTERING AND NOISE POLLUTION.

+THESE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND REMEDIAL MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

TOMORROW, A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR CLEMENT TAO, MR CHAN CHAI-KEUNG AND MR CHOW CHUN-FAI.

UNDER THE HAWKER PERMITTED PLACE SCHEME, EACH HAWKER WAS ISSUED WITH A FIXED-PITCH LICENCE AND ALLOCATED A STALL OF 1.1 SQUARE METRES.

THE OPERATING HOURS ARE BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 11 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF THE FIRST SECTION OF THE TUNG CHOI STREET HAWKER PERMITTED PLACE AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ON THE CARRIAGEWAY AT THE JUNCTION OF TUNG CHOI STREET AND NELSON STREET.

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NEW NUMBER FOR HOT-LINE SERVICE  
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A DIRECT TELEPHONE LINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL TO HANDLE THE HOT-LINE SERVICE FOR MENTAL PATIENTS.

FROM MAY 16, THE NEW NUMBER TO CALL IS 0-867350 WHICH WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7541111, PAGING NUMBER 8537.

THE 24-HOUR HOTLINE SERVICE WAS INTRODUCED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 24 TO OFFER ADVICE TO PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS OR THEIR FAMILIES ON PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CHANGE FROM THE PAGING SYSTEM TO A DIRECT TELEPHONE LINE IS DESIGNED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THOSE USING THE SERVICE.

THE SERVICE, TO RUN FOR ONE YEAR ON A TRIAL BASIS, IS ONLY ADVISORY IN NATURE AND IS NOT EQUIVALENT TO PROPER PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTATIONS.

THE HOT LINE IS MANNED 24 HOURS A DAY BY PSYCHIATRIC STAFF OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.

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REPORT ON ENERGY STATISTICS OUT  
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A STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED +HONG KONG ENERGY STATISTICS, 1973-1983+ HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT PROVIDES AN OVERALL VIEW OF THE GROWTH OF ENERGY REQUIREMENTS OVER THE PERIOD OF 1973 TO 1983.

IT CONTAINS 18 TABLES WITH EXTENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE IMPORTS, PRICES, SALES AND STORAGE OF OIL PRODUCTS; THE CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION AND TARIFF CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY AND GAS; AS WELL AS STATISTICS ON THE IMPORTS OF COAL AND CHARCOAL.

ENERGY STATISTICS PUBLISHED ELSEWHERE, SUCH AS FUEL IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS, AND THE CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY AND GAS FROM THE MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS, ARE ALSO PRESENTED IN THE REPORT.

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT \$7 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

DB TO DISCUSS TAXI REVIEW  
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 16) TO DISCUSS THE 1983 TAXI REVIEW.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF MEI FUNG COURT, IN ABERDEEN CENTRE.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MEETING.

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\$6-MILLION FIRE STATION FOR KOWLOON BAY  
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A FIRE STATION COSTING \$6 MILLION WILL BE BUILT ON A 3 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT KOWLOON BAY.

A CONTRACT HAS RECENTLY BEEN AWARDED TO YIU WING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD. BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRE STATION WILL HAVE AN APPLIANCE ROOM FOR 10 ENGINES, DUTY AND SERVICE ROOMS, A COMMUNICATIONS ROOM, OFFICES, LECTURE ROOMS, A CANTEEN, A RECREATION ROOM AND BARRACKS.

A 1 500-SQUARE-METRE DRILL YARD AND DRILL TOWER WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

THE THREE-STOREY STATION WILL COVER EAST KOWLOON, PARTICULARLY KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION.

WORK WILL START TOWARDS THE END OF THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN 10 MONTHS.

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NEW BOOKLET ON CLEANSING SERVICES IN NT  
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A BOOKLET OUTLINING THE CLEANSING SERVICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AS WELL AS THE ANTI-LITTER LAWS HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC.

PRINTED IN THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDITIONS, THE EIGHT-PAGE BOOKLET IS A JOINT PROJECT OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE BOOKLET TELLS OF HOW CLEANSING SERVICES ARE CARRIED OUT FOR MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE SERVICES INCLUDE REFUSE COLLECTION, STREET CLEANING, NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION AND DESLUDGING OF SEPTIC TANKS.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 10 000 LITTER CONTAINERS AND 2 000 REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE BOOKLET ALSO LISTS 23 LITTER OFFENCES AND THEIR MAXIMUM FINES UNDER THE PUBLIC CLEANSING AND PREVENTION OF NUISANCES (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE.

THE LITTER COMPLAINT HOTLINE, 0-445555, AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF ALL URBAN SERVICES OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE LISTED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

FREE COPIES OF THE BOOKLET ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND URBAN SERVICES OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SEMINARS FOR BIOLOGY PANEL CHAIRMEN  
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FOUR SEMINARS ON +THE ROLE OF A BIOLOGY PANEL CHAIRMAN+ WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SEMINARS WILL INCLUDE ACQUISITION OF BIOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCE MATERIALS, LABORATORY SAFETY AND MANAGEMENT, AND THE TECHNIQUE AND ROLE OF ASSESSMENT IN THE CLASSROOM.

THE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD ON JULY 11 AND 12 AND SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21, AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRES AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

AS THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH SEMINAR WILL BE LIMITED TO 30, APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WHO WISH TO NOMINATE THEIR BIOLOGY TEACHERS TO ATTEND SHOULD SEND THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (BIOLOGY), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG, BY MAY 26.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH THE BIOLOGY SECTION AT 5-8392464 OR 5-8392462.

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SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE DEAF

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A SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE DEAF WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF, THE MATCHES WILL BE STAGED AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN.

EIGHT TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN KNOCK-OUT ROUNDS, STARTING ON JUNE 6, WITH FURTHER MATCHES TO BE PLAYED ON JUNE 17 AND 24.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE SAID THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS THE FIRST BEING CO-ORGANISED WITH THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF.

+THE AIM IS TO TRY OUT THE DEAF PLAYERS AND PICK THOSE WITH POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER TRAINING.

+IN DECEMBER AN INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD AND THOSE SELECTED FOR TRAINING WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NEW REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT NORTH POINT

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A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL BE BUILT ON A 165-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT MANSION STREET, NORTH POINT.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY AWARDED A \$500 000 CONTRACT TO TAI KONG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING OFF-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-STOREY REINFORCED CONCRETE ONE IN ITS PLACE.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A REFUSE COLLECTION AREA, LOADING BAYS, TOILETS, AN OFFICE AND A STOREROOM.

WORK WILL START TOWARDS THE END OF THIS MONTH AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES TO FACILITATE MAINS WORKS

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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 16), EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON AUSTIN ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO PINE TREE HILL ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

TRAFFIC ON AUSTIN ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR PINE TREE HILL ROAD AND HILLWOOD ROAD AREAS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA AUSTIN ROAD, CHEONG WAN ROAD, HONG TAI PATH, HONG WING PATH, HONG TAT PATH, CHEONG WAN ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD.

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WATER FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 67.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 397.348 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 441.938 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 75.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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LEAKAGE TEST IN TAI HANG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI HANG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 17) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY TAI HANG DRIVE, HOUSE NOS. 13-111 ALONG TAI HANG ROAD, FUK KWAN AVENUE AND LAI TAK TSUEN.

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