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UNITED STATES MAKES +CALLS+ ON TWO MORE CATEGORIES
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD MADE EXPORT AUTHORIZATION (EA) CALLS ON CATEGORY 433 (WOOL SUIT-TYPE COATS MEN AND BOYS) AND PART OF CATEGORY 369 (COTTON WIPING CLOTH).

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME HONG KONG RECEIVED CALLS FROM THE UNITED STATES SO FAR THIS YEAR.

PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED THE ISSUE OF FURTHER EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THESE CATEGORIES.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL HOWEVER CONTINUE TO APPROVE AND ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES FOR THESE CATEGORIES AGAINST VALID EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION.

MEANWHILE, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, LEFT HONG KONG TODAY FOR GENEVA. HE WILL LEAD A DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE GATT TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY MEETING ON MAY 3-4, WHICH WILL EXAMINE, AT HONG KONG'S REQUEST, THE CASE OVER THE +CALLS+ IN FEBRUARY BY THE UNITED STATES ON CATEGORIES 637 (MAN-MADE FIBRE PLAYSUITS) AND 652 (MAN-MADE FIBRE UNDERWEAR).

DURING CONSULTATIONS REGARDING CAT. 637 AND CAT. 652 IN MARCH, HONG KONG REJECTED THE UNITED STATES REQUEST FOR RESTRAINT ON THESE CATEGORIES DUE TO LACK OF JUSTIFICATION. THE UNITED STATES EXERCISED ITS RIGHTS TO IMPOSE LIMITS ON THESE TWO CATEGORIES. AS HONG KONG DISAGREES WITH THE UNITED STATES ACTION, HONG KONG HAS DECIDED TO REFER THE CASE TO TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY FOR RECOMMENDATION.

ON HIS WAY TO GENEVA, MR MACLEOD WILL STOP OVER IN WASHINGTON, TO DISCUSS WITH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS VARIOUS TEXTILE MATTERS, INCLUDING THE RECENT UNITED STATES ANNOUNCEMENT ON CLASSIFICATION OF GARMENT PARTS LEADING TO A CHANGE IN CATEGORISATION UNDER THE UNITED STATES-HONG KONG TEXTILES AGREEMENT.

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1983 AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR IN 1983 WAS VALUED AT \$81 915 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 32 PER CENT OVER 1982, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE VALUED AT \$30 843 MILLION (UP 40 PER CENT), AIRBORNE IMPORTS AT \$37 262 MILLION (UP 26 PER CENT) AND AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS AT \$13 809 MILLION (UP 31 PER CENT).

IN 1983, 30 PER CENT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 21 PER CENT OF IMPORTS AND 25 PER CENT OF RE-EXPORTS, BY VALUE, WERE CARRIED BY AIR. IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, AIRBORNE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 144 890 TONNES, REPRESENTING 0.4 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORT TONNAGE, AND TOTAL AIRBORNE EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO 223 276 TONNES OR 1.7 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EXPORT TONNAGE.

THE CHANGES IN 10 MAJOR MARKETS FOR HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

BY COMMODITY, INCREASES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$3 534 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$1 729 MILLION OR 116 PER CENT), ORES AND CONCENTRATES OF PRECIOUS METALS; WASTE, SCRAPS AND SWEEPINGS OF PRECIOUS METALS (OTHER THAN OF GOLD) (BY \$769 MILLION OR 776 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES (BY \$585 MILLION OR 178 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN VALUE WERE RECORDED FOR AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$175 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$43 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AND BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$40 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

FURTHER ANALYSIS OF COMMODITY BY COUNTRY REVEALED GROWTH IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO THE U.S. (BY \$2 547 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT) AND WEST GERMANY (BY \$303 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT); IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES TO THE U.S. (BY \$1 552 MILLION OR 117 PER CENT) AND WEST GERMANY (BY \$129 MILLION OR 757 PER CENT); IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ORES AND CONCENTRATES OF PRECIOUS METALS; AND IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WASTE, SCRAPS AND SWEEPINGS OF PRECIOUS METALS (OTHER THAN OF GOLD) TO THE U.K. (BY \$610 MILLION OR 752 PER CENT) AND WEST GERMANY (BY \$97 MILLION OR 1007 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$53 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT) AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$25 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) TO THE U.S.

THE CHANGES IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

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INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$3 300 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1 385 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL APPARATUS FOR MAKING AND BREAKING OR FOR PROTECTING ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS (BY \$378 MILLION OR 90 PER CENT), PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$326 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPARATUS (BY \$289 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT).

IN CONTRAST, DECREASES WERE NOTED IN THE SUPPLY BY AIR OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$796 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT), AND JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES (BY \$102 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS FROM JAPAN (BY \$1 356 MILLION OR 134 PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (BY \$1 274 MILLION OR 135 PER CENT), AS WELL AS IN WATCHES AND CLOCKS FROM JAPAN (BY \$650 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (BY \$328 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE ALSO REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES FROM THE U.S. (BY \$373 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), FROM BELGIUM (BY \$102 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AND FROM SWITZERLAND (BY \$80 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS EXPERIENCED CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN 1983. CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN VALUE WERE REGISTERED FOR THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$1 276 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$597 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT), AND CLOTHING (BY \$406 MILLION OR 115 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY (BY \$431 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

THE U.S. WAS THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS, WITH A VALUE OF \$2 360 MILLION (AN INCREASE OF \$509 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT). NOTABLE INCREASES WERE ALSO REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE (BY \$645 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$453 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT), CHINA (BY \$450 MILLION OR 124 PER CENT), AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$327 MILLION OR 100 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO BELGIUM AND ISRAEL DECREASED CONSIDERABLY (BY \$106 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT AND \$76 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE DECEMBER 1983 ISSUE OF +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+ NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS
BY MAJOR MARKET

	1983 (\$ MN.)	1982 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
U.S.A.	15 169	9 886	+5 283	+53
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 648	1 957	+ 691	+35
U.K.	2 261	1 278	+ 983	+77
JAPAN	1 893	1 427	+ 466	+33
CANADA	1 118	786	+ 332	+42
SWITZERLAND	766	589	+ 177	+30
NETHERLANDS	715	521	+ 194	+37
FRANCE	568	433	+ 135	+31
SINGAPORE	547	516	+ 30	+ 6
AUSTRALIA	521	409	+ 112	+27

TABLE 2 : CHANGES IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS BY
MAJOR SUPPLIER

	1983 (\$ MN.)	1982 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
JAPAN	9 110	6 298	+2 812	+45
U.S.A.	7 966	5 799	+2 167	+37
SWITZERLAND	2 300	1 980	+ 319	+16
U.K.	2 121	2 104	+ 17	+ 1
TAIWAN	2 060	1 964	+ 95	+ 5
SINGAPORE	1 882	1 388	+ 494	+36
REP. OF KOREA	1 535	1 196	+ 340	+28
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 414	1 008	+ 406	+40
ITALY	1 117	1 000	+ 117	+12
FRANCE	976	802	+ 174	+22

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OFFICIALS TO SPEAK AT RESUMED BUDGET DEBATE
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TEN OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK AT THE RESUMED BUDGET DEBATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), WITH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, DELIVERING THE CONCLUDING SPEECH.

THEY ARE, IN ORDER OF SPEAKERS:

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON JUSTIN YUE,

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY,
THE HON JOHN YAXLEY,

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE,
THE HON HENRY CHING,

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, THE HON COLVYN HAYE,

THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER,
THE HON NEIL HENDERSON,

THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, THE HON DONALD LIAO,

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, THE HON NICKY CHAN,

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,
THE HON DAVID AKERS-JONES,

THE SECRETARY FOR CIVIL SERVICE, THE HON MARTIN ROWLANDS,
AND

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE.

A NEW BILL, THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL (PASSAGE TAX) BILL 1984, WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL TOMORROW. IT SEEKS TO TAX VEHICLES USING THE TUNNEL IN ORDER TO REDUCE CONGESTION. DEBATE ON THIS BILL WILL BE ADJOURNED TO MAY 2.

AND A MOTION WILL BE MOVED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY LIMITING THE CONTINGENT LIABILITY OF THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION UNDER CONTRACTS OF INSURANCE TO \$3 500 MILLION AT ANY TIME.

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VALUE OF PREVOCATIONAL CLASSES STRESSED

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RECENT IMPROVEMENTS IN PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION ARE AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO THIS TYPE OF EDUCATION, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING OF THE CMA CHOI CHEUNG KOK PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT TUEN MUN.

THESE IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH MR HAYE OUTLINED, INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF FORM IV AND V CLASSES TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR TECHNICIAN PROGRAMMES IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND PROVISION OF GRADUATE TEACHER POSTS TO THE SCHOOL ESTABLISHMENT.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE EXPANSION OF THE CURRICULUM TO INCLUDE MORE NEW SUBJECTS SUCH AS COMPUTER STUDIES, MARINE ENGINEERING AND LIGHT METALWORK AND FINISHING- AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE DESIGN OF THE NEW PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES.

MR HAYE RECALLED THAT PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION WAS INTRODUCED IN 1970, WITH A TECHNICALLY BIASED CURRICULUM DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION OF INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG. IT WAS SUITED TO STUDENTS WITH AN APTITUDE FOR PRACTICAL SUBJECTS.

+THIS TYPE OF EDUCATION HAS PROVED VERY POPULAR TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS, AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE FACT THAT EVERY YEAR, THE FORM I PLACES IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ARE HEAVILY OVER-SUBSCRIBED,+ MR HAYE SAID.

IN THE CURRENT YEAR, 10 452 PRIMARY 6 LEAVERS ARE BIDDING FOR ABOUT 3 000 FORM I PLACES IN THESE SCHOOLS. BUT MR HAYE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE SHORTAGE WOULD BE EASED WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE 12 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS.

THE CMA CHOI CHEUNG KOK PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IS NAMED AFTER THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, WHO HAS MADE A BIG DONATION TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COSTS AND IS THE SUPERVISOR-DESIGNATE OF THE SCHOOL.

THIS SCHOOL WILL BE THE FIRST OF FOUR SUCH PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS PLANNED FOR TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

IT WILL HAVE 16 CLASSROOMS, NINE WORKSHOPS FOR TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL SUBJECTS AND SEVEN SPECIAL ROOMS INCLUDING A TYPING ROOM, A SCHOOL LIBRARY AS WELL AS LABORATORIES FOR SPECIAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS LIGHT METALWORK AND FINISHING AND AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION.

IN THE FIRST YEAR, THE NEW SCHOOL WILL OPERATE NINE CLASSES, SEVEN CLASSES OF FORM I AND TWO CLASSES OF FORM IV. WHEN THE SCHOOL IS FULLY DEVELOPED IN 1986, THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 25 FORM I TO V CLASSES, MR HAYE SAID.

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SAFETY DRIVE AIMS AT PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS
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PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS SHOULD BE THE MAJOR TARGET GROUPS FOR THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN 1984-85, MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE SAID TODAY.

TAC MEMBERS AT THEIR MEETING TODAY FELT THAT THE TWO GROUPS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, AND ENDORSED THE PROPOSALS SET OUT IN A PAPER OUTLINING THE STRATEGY OF THIS MAJOR GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

ON THE BASIS OF RESEARCH AND ADVICE FROM THE ROAD SAFETY DIVISION, THE \$600 000 CAMPAIGN WILL EMPHASISE THE CORRECT WAY TO USE THE ROADS.

MESSAGES WILL AIM AT PROMOTING THE ROAD CROSSING CODE, FEATURING THE POPULAR 'CAPTAIN SAFETY' IN PUBLICITY DIRECTED AT YOUNG CHILDREN- ENCOURAGING PEDESTRIANS TO PAUSE BEFORE CROSSING THE ROAD- ENCOURAGING DEFENSIVE DRIVING TO AVOID ACCIDENTS, ESPECIALLY PEDESTRIAN-RELATED ACCIDENTS- AND ADVISING CYCLISTS TO OBEY TRAFFIC RULES.

THE TAC ALSO AGREED THAT, AS IN THE PAST, THE CAMPAIGN SHOULD PROCEED ON THREE MAIN FRONTS - MEDIA PUBLICITY, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND EDUCATION.

DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS INVOLVING THE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE ORGANISED, CULMINATING IN AN ANNUAL TERRITORY-WIDE EVENT.

THIS PROPOSED CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL, AND TAC MEMBERS TODAY ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET ALLOCATION.

MEMBERS ALSO REVIEWED THE 1983-84 ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT TODAY'S MEETING AND NOTED THE CONTINUING DOWNWARD TREND IN ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES FROM THE SECOND HALF OF 1982.

WHILE THIS TREND, TOGETHER WITH THE SEAT-BELT WEARING LEGISLATION COMPLIANCE RATE OF OVER 95 PER CENT, IS ENCOURAGING, THE TAC CONSIDERED THE LEVEL OF ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES, AT 16 838 AND 22 000 IN 1983, WAS MUCH TOO HIGH.

THEY THEREFORE CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL THAT ROAD SAFETY SHOULD BE FURTHER PROMOTED.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS ENDORSED THE PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS REVIEW 1983 WHICH COVERED ALL LOCATIONS WITH SIX OR MORE PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS A YEAR.

COMPILED BY THE ROAD SAFETY DIVISION, THIS REVIEW HAS BEEN BROKEN DOWN BY DISTRICT AND DISTRIBUTED TO DISTRICT BOARDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAC LAST YEAR.

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THE SCOPE OF THE REVIEW HAS ALSO BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REMEDIAL MEASURES.

THE COMMITTEE APPRECIATED THAT FURTHER PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR IN THE PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AND OF THE REMEDIAL MEASURES UNDERTAKEN AT ACCIDENT SITES.

THEY WERE PLEASED TO SEE A MAJOR REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS AT PROBLEM SPOTS WHERE REMEDIAL MEASURES HAD BEEN IN EFFECT FOR 12 MONTHS OR MORE.

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MORE LOCAL FIRMS URGED TO BID FOR SUPPLIES CONTRACTS * * * *

THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR ROY KILVERT, TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED MORE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO BID FOR CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

WHILE HONG KONG WAS A MAIN SOURCE FOR THESE SUPPLIES, THERE COULD BE MORE BIDS FROM LOCAL FIRMS, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, HE SAID EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES WERE GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED TENDERERS WHO MEET THE CRITERIA AND SPECIFICATIONS LAID DOWN IN THE TENDER DOCUMENTS.

TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN OVER \$1 BILLION A YEAR SINCE 1981-82.

HE SAID THAT OTHER MAIN SOURCES OF SUPPLIES WERE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, CHINA, THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND SINGAPORE.

+WHEN SELECTING TENDERS, THE CONTRACT IS NORMALLY AWARDED TO THE BIDDER OFFERING BEST VALUE FOR MONEY AND THIS IS NORMALLY BUT NOT INVARIABLY, THE LOWEST BID MEETING THE REQUIREMENT.

+DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL CASE, THE CONSIDERATION WILL INCLUDE, APART FROM PRICE, LIFE IN SERVICE, SERVICING ARRANGEMENTS, COST OF REPLACEMENT PARTS AND THE DELIVERY,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTED DEPARTMENTS TO AWARD CONTRACTS TO THE BEST PUBLIC ADVANTAGE WITH DUE REGARD TO NORMAL COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS, HE ADDED.

FOR OPEN TENDERS, INVITATIONS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND THE LEADING ENGLISH AND CHINESE NEWSPAPERS.

FOR SELECTIVE TENDERS, INVITATIONS ARE SENT TO REGISTERED SUPPLIERS ON THE APPROVED LIST FOR EACH CLASS OF GOODS.

RESPONSES TO INVITATIONS ARE NORMALLY SUBMITTED IN STRICT PRIVACY AND UNSUCCESSFUL TENDERERS WILL BE NOTIFIED WHY THEIR OFFERS HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED.

+ALL CONTRACTING PROCESSES ARE SUBJECT TO MONITORING TO ENSURE THAT THE CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED PROPERLY AND FAIRLY,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

NEW PRISON TO BE OPENED ON LANTAU

THE NEWLY-BUILT MAXIMUM SECURITY SHEK PIK PRISON ON LANTAU ISLAND, ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST MODERN PRISONS, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, ON SATURDAY (APRIL 28) AT 3 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE A REPORTER OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, A TOUR WILL BE CONDUCTED ROUND THE VARIOUS FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION.

NO PHOTOGRAPHING OF FACILITIES INSIDE THE INSTITUTION WILL BE ALLOWED. THE PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A LAUNCH WITH 25 AVAILABLE SEATS WILL TAKE THE PRESS TO LANTAU ISLAND TO COVER THE EVENT.

DUE TO LIMITED SEATING, MEDIA ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD TELEPHONE THE NAME AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBER OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT (5-757195 EXTENSION 24 OR 25) DURING OFFICE HOURS, BUT NOT LATER THAN 5 PM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 27). SEATS WILL BE RESERVED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

NOMINATED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT QUEEN'S PIER BEFORE 12.45 PM ON SATURDAY, WHEN THE LAUNCH WILL LEAVE FOR LANTAU ISLAND.

SPECIAL LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ISSUED AT THE ASSEMBLY PLACE.

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PROPER JEWELLERY INDUSTRY TRAINING URGED

JEWELLERY MANUFACTURERS WERE URGED RECENTLY TO START PROPER APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEMES TO ENSURE THAT THE INDUSTRY WILL HAVE ENOUGH WELL-TRAINED MANPOWER IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

MAKING THE CALL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JEWELLERY INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, MR HUI CHECK-WING SAID, +THE TRAINING BOARD STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT PROPER APPRENTICESHIP IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMIC WAY TO TRAIN CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS FOR THE JEWELLERY INDUSTRY.+

PROPER APPRENTICESHIP REQUIRED A TRAINEE TO UNDERGO THREE TO FOUR YEARS ORGANISED ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND TO ATTEND RELATED PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSE OFFERED AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, HE SAID.

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ACCORDING TO THE JUST-PUBLISHED 1983 MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE JEWELLERY INDUSTRY, MOST JEWELLERY APPRENTICES LEARN THEIR SKILLS WHILE ON THE JOB. VERY FEW APPRENTICES ARE GIVEN ORGANISED TRAINING AND COMPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

+THE LACK OF ORGANISED TRAINING WILL AFFECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JEWELLERY INDUSTRY IN THE LIGHT OF THE STEADY GROWTH OF ITS EXPORT TRADE IN RECENT YEARS,+ MR HUI SAID.

TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN THE WORLD MARKET, TECHNICIANS AND CRAFTSMEN SUCH AS JEWELLERY DESIGNERS AND GOLDSMITHS SHOULD BE WELL-TRAINED AND PREPARED FOR THE APPLICATION OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN JEWELLERY MAKING, HE ADDED.

THE REPORT ALSO POINTS OUT THAT THE SHORTAGE OF SKILLED CRAFTSMEN HAS LED TO +POACHING+ IN THE INDUSTRY.

AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY THERE WERE 134 VACANCIES AT CRAFT LEVEL.

THE FORECAST ANNUAL GROWTH RATES OF MANPOWER AT TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT LEVELS ARE FOUR PER CENT FOR THIS YEAR AND SIX PER CENT FOR 1985.

THE SURVEY REPORT ALSO CONTAINS OTHER MANPOWER DATA OF THE JEWELLERY INDUSTRY. IT IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$10 A COPY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY RESULTS
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DETAILS OF A SURVEY ON INDUSTRIES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 10.30 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 26).

THE TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY A WORKING GROUP OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.

PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR YAU HON-TIM; THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG; THE CHIEF TOWN PLANNER OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR RICHARD CHENG; THE PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER OF INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, MR PATRICK LAU; THE MANAGER OF HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MR PETER CHING; AND THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF LANDS OFFICE, MR VICTOR CHAN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF FOO YICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN SAN ON CIRCUIT.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9.30 AM SHARP ON THURSDAY FOR TUEN MUN.

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COOLING FACILITIES FOR BORDER CONTROL POINT
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A \$688 000 AIR-CONDITIONING CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR A BORDER CONTROL POINT NOW BEING BUILT AT SHA TAU KOK.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT, AWARDED TO CARRIER HONG KONG LIMITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE CONTROL POINT, OCCUPYING 12 500 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED BETWEEN LIN MA HANG ROAD AND SHA TAU KOK ROAD.

IT WILL HAVE A ONE-STOREY MAIN TERMINAL BUILDING PROVIDING OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE POLICE AND THE IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENTS, AN ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE HALL AND A CANTEEN, ALL COOLED BY THE CENTRAL AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A CARGO EXAMINATION PLATFORM, A VEHICLE INSPECTION PIT AND A TRANSFORMER ROOM.

THE CONTROL POINT IS BEING BUILT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE VEHICLE BORDER LINK AT SHA TAU KOK NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THIS 800-METRE LONG, TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER BORDER CROSSING FACILITY IN ADDITION TO THE ONE AT MAN KAM TO.

A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT VALUED AT \$8.3 MILLION FOR BUILDING THE CONTROL POINT WAS AWARDED TO YEU SHING COMPANY LIMITED IN FEBRUARY. WORK ON THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR SHA TIN TENNIS COURTS
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A CONTRACT FOR WORK ON SIX TENNIS COURTS AT TSANG TAI UK PLAYGROUND IN SHA TIN HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PLAYGROUND IS BEING BUILT ON A 2.5 HECTARE SITE, AND BOUNDED BY SHA KOK ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIN ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

OTHER FACILITIES IN THE PLAYGROUND WILL INCLUDE THREE BASKETBALL COURTS, TOILET AND CHANGING ROOMS, A REFRESHMENT KIOSK, A TABLE-TENNIS PLAYING AREA, A SITTING OUT AREA AND A PLAY AREA FOR CHILDREN.

THE \$500 000 CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO WING WAH COMPANY. WORK WILL TAKE FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE PULLED DOWN
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EIGHTEEN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE SIDE LANES OF NOS. 2-5 AND 9-11 MONG LUNG STREET IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE PULLED DOWN ON THURSDAY (APRIL 26) MORNING.

THE STRUCTURES WERE USED FOR STORAGE, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE OPERATION, CO-ORDINATED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, IS PART OF A SIX-MONTH CLEARANCE PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

STAFF FROM THE HOUSING, LANDS AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND THE POLICE WILL TAKE PART IN THE OPERATION STARTING AT 10 AM.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CLEARANCE OPERATION.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 69.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 405.141 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 446.001 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 76.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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