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QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT STATISTICS RELEASED
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THE TOTAL GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY ALL CONTRACTORS PICKED UP IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 AFTER DECLINES IN THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF THE YEAR TO REACH \$8 772 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 4.6 PER CENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984 AND 5.8 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983.

CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 WAS \$5 990 MILLION. THIS GAVE AN INDEX OF 90.9 WHICH WAS 3.2 PER CENT AND 3.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983 RESPECTIVELY. THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 WAS TAKEN AS 100.

AS DISTINCT FROM THE FIGURE ON CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY ALL CONTRACTORS, THE FIGURES FOR MAIN CONTRACTORS ARE FREE FROM THE EFFECT OF DOUBLE COUNTING CONSTRUCTION VALUE DUE TO THE PREVAILING SUB-CONTRACTING PRACTICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED TODAY.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 AMOUNTED TO \$4 756 MILLION, WHICH WAS ONLY marginally HIGHER THAN THE \$4 731 MILLION RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER BUT 2.5 PER CENT LOWER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT OTHER MINOR WORK LOCATIONS AND ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES HAS BEEN ON AN UPWARD TREND SINCE THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1983. AT \$1 234 MILLION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, IT WAS 14.8 PER CENT UP ON THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984 AND 38.0 PER CENT UP ON THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983.

ANALYSED BY THE END-USE OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS CONTINUED TO RISE. AT \$1 653 MILLION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, THE VALUE WAS THE HIGHEST QUARTERLY FIGURE RECORDED SINCE THE START OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY IN 1983.

IN CONTRAST, THE OUTPUT VALUE OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS REGISTERED DRASTIC DECLINES OF 22.7 PER CENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984 AND OF 30.0 PER CENT OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983.

/THE CONSTRUCTION

THE CONSTRUCTION VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL AND STORAGE BUILDINGS RECOVERED SOMEWHAT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 AFTER A CONTINUOUS DECLINE SINCE THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1983. AT \$245 MILLION, THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 18.4 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER, BUT 21.5 PER CENT BELOW THE VALUE IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983.

THE OUTPUT OF TRANSPORT FACILITIES EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE OF 2.7 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER WHEN THE OUTPUT VALUE WAS THE LOWEST QUARTERLY FIGURE RECORDED SINCE THE START OF THE SURVEY. HOWEVER, COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983, THE OUTPUT OF TRANSPORT FACILITIES FELL BY 10.6 PER CENT.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE +REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, 3RD QUARTER 1984+ WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION AT 3-7224490.

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AGENCIES INVITED TO APPLY FOR SUBVENTION
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NON-PROFIT-MAKING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WISHING TO RUN ADULT EDUCATION COURSES OR ACTIVITIES DURING THE 1985/86 SCHOOL YEAR CAN APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION IN RUNNING THESE COURSES.

THE SUBVENTION WILL MAINLY COVER THE COST OF STAFF, THE COST OF BASIC TEACHING EQUIPMENT, THE SALARY FOR CENTRE ADMINISTRATORS, THE COST OF BASIC OFFICE EQUIPMENT, HIRE CHARGES FOR ACCOMMODATION AT THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT RATE AND THE COST OF TELEPHONE, WATER AND ELECTRICITY CHARGES ON A SHARING BASIS.

DETAILS OF THE COURSE CATEGORIES ELIGIBLE FOR SUBVENTION ARE LISTED IN AN INFORMATION SHEET ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION FORMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ASIAN HOUSE, 12/F, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION NOT LATER THAN APRIL 30. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO MR H.H. WOO AT 5-294603 AND MRS T.M. DAI AT 5-294682.

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PUBLIC WARNED ABOUT FIRE DANGER
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THE PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE EXTRA CARE WHEN HANDLING WORSHIPPING ITEMS AND INFLAMMABLE MATERIALS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +WITH THE TRADITIONAL WORSHIPPING RITUALS AND THE FREQUENT USE OF COOKING STOVES DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON, FIRE RISKS TEND TO BE MUCH HIGHER.+

HE ADVISED PEOPLE TO BURN ALL WORSHIPPING ITEMS IN METAL CANS, AND NOT TO STORE MORE THAN ONE CONTAINER OF FUEL AT ONE TIME.

+PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO KEEP MATCHES AND LIGHTERS OUT OF CHILDREN'S REACH,+ HE ADDED.

PEOPLE WHO VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE SHOULD TAKE CARE NOT TO CAUSE HILL FIRES.

+THEY SHOULD BARBECUE ONLY AT DESIGNATED PITS AND EXTINGUISH ALL FIRES BEFORE LEAVING THE SITES,+ HE SAID.

ANYONE WHO CAUSES A FIRE IN THE COUNTRY PARK IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION, HE WARNED.

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'PROSPERITY AND BLESSINGS TO ALL'
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YUEN LONG IS TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH A DISPLAY OF GLITTERING LIGHTS AND COLOURFUL DECORATIONS.

THE DECORATIONS INCLUDE THREE CHINESE PAINTINGS, A LARGE SET OF CITY DISPLAY AND AN ARRAY OF 10 000 LIGHT BULBS ALONG MAJOR ROADS.

THE LIGHTING AND DECORATIONS COST ABOUT \$110 000 WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD CONTRIBUTING ABOUT 90 PER CENT AND THE REST BY THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE THEME OF THE DECORATIONS WAS +PROSPERITY AND BLESSINGS TO RESIDENTS+.

/THE LARGE

THE LARGE CHINESE PAINTINGS ARE ON DISPLAY AT THE FOOTBRIDGES NEAR SHUI BIN WAI ESTATE, WONG UK TSUEN AND OUTSIDE THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL.

PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THEM FROM A DISTANCE.

THE CITY DISPLAY IS SET UP AT THE ROUNDABOUT IN YUEN LONG TOWN. THE MAJOR COLOURS ARE RED AND GOLD, SYMBOLISING PROSPERITY AND WEALTH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, WILL SWITCH ON THE LIGHTING DISPLAY AT 7 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE MINI SOCCER PITCH NEXT TO THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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ESTATE TAKES ON A NEW LOOK

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SAI WAN ESTATE IN HONG KONG WEST HAS TAKEN ON A NEW LOOK WITH ALL ITS FIVE DOMESTIC BLOCKS NEWLY REDECORATED, IN TIME FOR THE FESTIVE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

+THE \$430 000 FACELIFT FOR THE ESTATE IS PART OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ON-GOING REDECORATION PROGRAMME TO BRIGHTEN UP ESTATES,+ SAID A HOUSING SPOKESMAN TODAY.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, HE SAID PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WERE GIVEN A FACELIFT EVERY FIVE YEARS.

+A TOTAL OF \$18.7 MILLION ARE BEING SPENT THIS FINANCIAL YEAR ON REDECORATING 144 BLOCKS IN 21 ESTATES.

+WORKS MAINLY INVOLVE THE REPAINTING OF EXTERNAL WALLS, CORRIDORS, STAIRCASES AND OTHER PUBLIC AREAS OF THE ESTATE BLOCKS.+

APART FROM SAI WAN ESTATE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID REDECORATION HAD BEEN COMPLETED ON 16 ESTATES AS WELL SINCE LAST APRIL, WHILE WORKS WOULD SOON BEGIN ON FOUR OTHERS.

+THE REDECORATION PROGRAMME IS AMONG A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES TO IMPROVE LIVING ENVIRONMENT ON ESTATES, WHICH INCLUDE RE-ROOFING, REWIRING, UPGRADING OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND THE PROVISION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS.+

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NEW YEAR FUN AT TAI PO

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SPORTS, CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE TWO-WEEK TAI PO DISTRICT NEW YEAR PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT PROMOTING A FESTIVE AIR AND A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

+NOW IN ITS FIFTH YEAR, IT IS TO ENABLE ALL RESIDENTS TO SHARE THE JOY AND SPIRIT OF THE NEW YEAR, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE 1985 TAI PO DISTRICT CHINESE NEW YEAR PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VARIETY SHOWS, GYMNASTIC SHOWS, FOLK DANCES, TABLE TENNIS AND SOCCER COMPETITIONS, A DISCO NIGHT, CONCERTS, ORCHESTRAL AND DRAMA PERFORMANCE, AND A LANTERN FAIR.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PHOTOGRAPHIC AND ARTS EXHIBITION AND A BANQUET FOR MORE THAN 1 200 ELDERLY PEOPLE.

THE OPPORTUNITY WILL ALSO BE TAKEN TO APPEAL TO VOTERS TO GO TO THE POLLS ON MARCH 7.

THE PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE TAI PO AND SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS, VILLAGE OFFICES AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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BOAT PEOPLE URGED TO VOTE

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TWO MARINE LAUNCHES, DECORATED WITH BANNERS WILL CRUISE AROUND CAUSEWAY BAY AND SHAU KEI WAN TYPHOON SHELTERS ON MARCH 6 AND 7, URGING BOAT DWELLERS TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7.

THE WATER TOURS ARE PART OF THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ORGANISED IN EASTERN DISTRICT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS, SAID ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN), MR STEPHEN NG. HE WAS SPEAKING AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF A +CLEANEST BOAT+ COMPETITION HELD TODAY (SUNDAY) IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER.

MR NG CALLED FISHERMEN AND BOAT DWELLERS IN THE DISTRICT TO VOTE, SAYING:

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+IT IS THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY THAT A MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED.+

HE REMINDED BOAT DWELLERS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEANLINESS, WHICH WAS THE MAIN AIM OF THE COMPETITION.

+IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP THE BOATS CLEAN AND TO DISPOSE OF RUBBISH IN A PROPER MANNER FOR A MORE PLEASANT AND HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER,+ HE SAID.

TODAY'S +CLEANEST BOAT+ COMPETITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN'S DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE AND A LOCAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION.

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FORUMS FOR ELECTION CANDIDATES

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE HAVE ORGANISED A SERIES OF FORUMS TO ENABLE THE 56 CANDIDATES STANDING FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO MEET VOTERS.

THE FORUMS, AT WHICH CANDIDATES WILL PRESENT THEIR ELECTORAL PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC, WILL BE ORGANISED ON A CONSTITUENCY BASIS AND OPEN TO ALL.

THERE ARE 38 CANDIDATES VYING FOR THE 15 SEATS IN THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI ELECTIONS, AND 18 CONTESTING THE NINE VACANCIES IN THE TSUEN WAN ELECTIONS.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE DATES, TIME AND VENUES OF THE 14 PUBLIC FORUMS FOR THE TWO DISTRICTS.

KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
FEBRUARY 25 (MONDAY)	8 PM	KWAI SHING	KWAI SHING COMMUNITY HALL
FEBRUARY 26 (TUESDAY)	8 PM	TSING YI SOUTH	CHEUNG CHING COMMUNITY HALL
FEBRUARY 27 (WEDNESDAY)	8 PM	KWAI CHUNG SOUTH	LAI KING COMMUNITY HALL

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FEBRUARY 28 (THURSDAY)	8 PM	KWAI CHUNG CENTRAL	KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL
MARCH 1 (FRIDAY)	8 PM	KWAI CHUNG WEST	TAI WOR HAU ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
MARCH 2 (SATURDAY)	3 PM	KWAI CHUNG NORTH	SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL
MARCH 2 (SATURDAY)	8 PM	KWAI CHUNG EAST	SHEK LEI ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
MARCH 3 (SUNDAY)	8 PM	TSING YI NORTH	TSING YI TRADE ASSOCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
FEBRUARY 25 (MONDAY)	8 PM	TSUEN WAN CENTRAL (SOUTH)	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S SECONDARY SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 26 (TUESDAY)	8 PM	TSUEN WAN WEST	PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE
FEBRUARY 27 (WEDNESDAY)	8 PM	TSUEN WAN CENTRAL (NORTH)	PRECIOUS BLOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 28 (THURSDAY)	8 PM	TSUEN WAN EAST (SOUTH)	LEI MUK SHUE COMMUNITY HALL
MARCH 1 (FRIDAY)	8 PM	TSUEN WAN EAST (NORTH)	SHEK WAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL
MARCH 2 (SATURDAY)	3.30 PM	TSUEN WAN RURAL	SHAM TSENG YOUTH CENTRE

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUMS.

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CANDIDATES MEET THE PRESS

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THE 19 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN WILL MEET THE PRESS AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW (MONDAY), TO TELL ABOUT THEIR ELECTORAL PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, WILL ALSO GIVE A BRIEFING ON ELECTION PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES LEADING TO MARCH 7.

ORIGINALLY THERE WERE 19 CANDIDATES CONTESTING 13 SEATS IN THE DISTRICT, BUT AS THREE OF THE SEATS ARE UNCONTESTED, THE REMAINING 10 SEATS WILL BE CONTESTED BY THE OTHER 16 CANDIDATES.

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NEW MARKET COMPLEX PLANNED

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD A FOUR-STOREY MARKET COMPLEX ON A 4 593 SQUARE-METRE-SITE AT NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE KOWLOON CITY MARKET.

THE MARKET, WILL ACCOMMODATE THE HAWKER BAZAAR AND KOWLOON CITY MARKET NOW ON CARPENTER ROAD.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A COOKED FOOD CENTRE, LIBRARY INDOOR GAMES HALL AND THREE SQUASH COURTS, OFFICES AND A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY 1987.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW

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MANY TEMPORARY JUNK AND REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS ARE OPEN THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREA FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED JUNK AND REFUSE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY CALL THE LITTER HOTLINE -- 5-95555 -- OR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION ON THE NEAREST COLLECTION POINT :

YAU MA TEI	(3-884111 EXT. 304 (3-845943
SHAM SHUI PO	3-868666
MONG KOK	3-956834
WONG TAI SIN	3-212806
KWUN TONG	3-891925
KOWLOON CITY	(3-7115910 (3-7140626
WAN CHAI	5-734307
EASTERN	5-699568
SOUTHERN	5-547152
CENTRAL	5-446111 EXT. 49
WESTERN	5-402887

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ANTI-DRUG GAMES CONTEST HELD

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A TELEMATCH GAMES COMPETITION WAS HELD TODAY AT MACPHERSON STADIUM FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE +STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT+.

THERE WERE TEN TEAMS TAKING PART IN EACH OF THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR DIVISIONS OF THE COMPETITION, WHICH FORM PART OF A SERIES OF COMPETITIVE EVENTS.

THE OVERALL CHAMPIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AND CONCERT AT WHICH LADY YOUDE WILL OFFICIATE, AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10.

/EACH MEMBER

EACH MEMBER OF THE WINNING TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED A LASER 3 000 COMPUTER, VALUED AT \$6 000.

THE +STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT+, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND COMMERCIAL RADIO, AIMS AT HEIGHTENING THE AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AMONG STUDENTS.

TODAY'S TELEMATCH GAMES WERE DESIGNED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE WINNING TEAMS WERE PRESENTED PRIZES BY MR K.L. STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF ACAN, AND MR C.P. POON, THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR (OPERATIONS AND SUPPORTING SERVICES) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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MORE SPORTS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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MORE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SITTING OUT AREA ON A 1 380-SQUARE-METRE SITE OFF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE FOOTPATHS AND STAIRS, ARBOURS, BENCHES, FLOWER-BEDS AND A STOREROOM.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START IN MAY THIS YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER.

MEANWHILE, WORK WILL BEGIN IN MARCH ON THE 1 000-METRE LONG FITNESS TRAIL ALONG THE WESTERN SLOPE OF KOWLOON PARK FACING CANTON ROAD.

THERE WILL BE SEVEN FITNESS STATIONS ALONG THE TRACK WITH EQUIPMENT, CONCRETE BENCHES AND DRINKING FOUNTAINS. LIGHTS WILL ALSO BE INSTALLED.

WORK WILL BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

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2 500TH CONCERT HELD
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THE 2 500TH +MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+ CONCERT WAS PRESENTED TODAY BY THE MUSIC OFFICE JOINTLY WITH THE HONG KONG FESTIVAL FRINGE BEFORE A +FULL HOUSE+ AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

THE CONCERTS HAVE PLAYED BEFORE SOME 1 500 000 PEOPLE SINCE THEY BEGAN IN 1977.

PRESENT WERE PARENTS OF MUSIC OFFICE TRAINEES, STUDENTS OF THE THREE TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGES, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ABOUT 200 VIETNAMESE CHILDREN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE CONCERT PROGRAMME WAS TO INTRODUCE CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSIC TO NEW AUDIENCE.

THESE CONCERTS ARE GIVEN BY OUR INSTRUCTORS' ORCHESTRAS, WESTERN AND CHINESE, YOUTH ORCHESTRAS, BANDS AND ENSEMBLES IN SCHOOLS, FACTORIES, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, COMMUNITY HALLS, HOSPITALS ETC.

TODAY'S CELEBRATION CONCERT WAS PERFORMED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE INSTRUCTORS' WESTERN ORCHESTRA, CONDUCTED BY LUI KI-LING AND THE INSTRUCTORS' CHINESE ORCHESTRA, CONDUCTED BY TONG LEUNG-TAK.

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WATER DISPLAY AT YUEN LONG
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AN EYE-CATCHING WATER DISPLAY, CONSISTING OF FIVE POOLS OF DIFFERENT WATER LEVELS WAS OPENED TODAY IN THE YUEN LONG TOWN CENTRE.

AT THE CENTRE OF THE POOLS, THERE ARE 130 WATER JETS TO FORM A SEMI-SPHERICAL SHAPE.

THE WHOLE DISPLAY IS LIT UP AT NIGHT.

THE WATER FEATURES ARE PART OF THE PING WUI STREET REST GARDEN, ADJACENT TO SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH HALL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

OTHER FACILITIES AT THE REST GARDEN INCLUDE ARBOURS, BENCHES, PARK LIGHTINGS AND LANDSCAPED PLANTING OF TREES, SHRUBS, CREEPERS AND GROUND COVERS.

THE PROJECT COST ABOUT \$900 000 AND WAS DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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