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1982 RE-EXPORT TRADE HITS NEW HIGH

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE REACHED A RECORD OF HK\$44 353 MILLION IN 1982, AN INCREASE OF SIX PER CENT OVER 1981, ACCORDING TO DETAILED FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE CHANGES IN HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS:-

	<u>1982</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>1981</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u> <u>(%)</u>
CHINA	7 992	8 044	- 52	- 1
U. S. A.	5 615	4 785	+830	+17
INDONESIA	4 615	4 272	+343	+ 8
SINGAPORE	3 648	3 243	+405	+12
TAIWAN	2 662	2 420	+242	+10
JAPAN	2 566	2 792	-226	- 8
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	1 699	1 401	+298	+21
MACAU	1 588	1 407	+181	+13
PHILIPPINES	1 484	1 294	+191	+15
SAUDI ARABIA	941	582	+359	+62

CHINA WAS ONCE AGAIN THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, BUT RECEIVED \$52 MILLION (OR ONE PER CENT) LESS RE-EXPORTS IN 1982.

NOTABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$631 MILLION OR 61%), AND TEXTILES (BY \$500 MILLION OR 16%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$175 MILLION OR 81%), AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$155 MILLION OR 48%).

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$830 MILLION OR 17%), THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS.

THE COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE CLOTHING (BY \$573 MILLION OR 67%) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, MAINLY BASKET-WORK, WICKER-WORK AND WORK OF PLAITING MATERIALS (BY \$124 MILLION OR 23%), AND VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$72 MILLION OR 37%). NOTABLE DECREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. WERE RECORDED FOR PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$49 MILLION OR 9%) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS (BY \$29 MILLION OR 5%).

REMARKABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA OF OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$155 MILLION OR 968%), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$116 MILLION OR 7%) AND MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$72 MILLION OR 28%). A SLIGHT DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$4 MILLION OR 2%).

AN OVERALL INCREASE OF \$405 MILLION OR 12% IN RE-EXPORTS WAS REGISTERED FOR SINGAPORE. COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS (BY \$150 MILLION OR 34%) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$69 MILLION OR 38%). A DECREASE OF \$37 MILLION OR 6% WAS RECORDED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$109 MILLION OR 120%) AND CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$96 MILLION OR 27%) TO TAIWAN. A DECREASE OF \$58 MILLION OR 40% WAS RECORDED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS.

RE-EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

RE-EXPORTS BROKEN DOWN BY THE TEN MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN ARE GIVEN BELOW:-

	1982 (HK\$ MN.)	1981 (HK\$ MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	14 694	12 834	+1 860	+14
JAPAN	9 084	8 394	+ 690	+ 8
U.S.A.	4 940	4 041	+ 899	+22
TAIWAN	2 500	3 379	- 879	-26
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	1 363	1 954	- 591	-30
SWITZERLAND	1 075	967	+ 108	+11
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	820	707	+ 113	+16
UNITED KINGDOM	694	596	+ 98	+16
MALAYSIA, WEST	538	356	+ 182	+51
SINGAPORE	527	662	- 135	-20

/CHINA REMAINED

CHINA REMAINED THE LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS.

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS WERE NOTED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$873 MILLION OR 47%), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, MAINLY BASKET-WORK, WICKER-WORK AND ARTICLES OF PLAITING MATERIALS (BY \$203 MILLION OR 21%), WOVEN FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES (BY \$185 MILLION OR 52%), TEXTILE YARN (BY \$158 MILLION OR 65%), MISCELLANEOUS CRUDE VEGETABLE MATERIALS, MAINLY PLANTS AND SEEDS USED IN PERFUMERY OR IN PHARMACY (BY \$132 MILLION OR 23%), AND FOOTWEAR (BY \$108 MILLION OR 33%).

JAPAN WAS THE SECOND MAJOR SOURCE OF RE-EXPORTS.

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES (BY \$91 MILLION OR 46%), WOVEN FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES (BY \$56 MILLION OR 31%), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$48 MILLION OR 5%) AND THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$40 MILLION OR 12%).

OVERSEAS PURCHASES OF U.S. PRODUCTS THROUGH HONG KONG REMAINED ACTIVE IN 1982.

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$77 MILLION OR 25%), THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND, PHOTOCELLS, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$65 MILLION OR 9%) AND CRUDE VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$54 MILLION OR 46%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, RE-EXPORTS OF TAIWAN ORIGIN DECLINED. SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILE YARN (BY \$338 MILLION OR 47%), KNITTED OR CROCHETED FABRICS (BY \$213 MILLION OR 67%) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$171 MILLION OR 60%).

RE-EXPORTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) ORIGIN ALSO DECLINED PARTICULARLY FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$263 MILLION OR 66%).

RE-EXPORTS BY ORIGIN AND DESTINATION

WHEN ANALYSED BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND THEN BY DESTINATION, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO THE U.S. (BY \$760 MILLION OR 27%), INDONESIA (BY \$247 MILLION OR 19%), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$230 MILLION OR 88%) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$156 MILLION OR 38%).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF JAPAN ORIGIN WERE MAINLY TO CHINA (BY \$185 MILLION OR 13%), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$125 MILLION OR 59%) AND SINGAPORE (BY \$113 MILLION OR 13%).

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE ALSO NOTED IN RE-EXPORTS OF U.S. ORIGIN TO CHINA (BY \$467 MILLION OR 82%) AND SINGAPORE (BY \$185 MILLION OR 29%).

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CRACK DOWN ON ILLEGAL MEDICINE DEALERS

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THE FORENSIC PHARMACY SECTION OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS INTENSIFIED MEASURES TO CRACK DOWN ON ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS OF PART ONE POISONS AND ANTIBIOTICS BY WHOLESALE DEALERS.

THE CHIEF PHARMACIST OPERATIONS, MR K.Y. LI SAID STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT ALL WHOLESALE DEALERS WILL COLLECT SIGNED DOCUMENTS FROM BUYERS TO SUPPORT ALL ENTRIES IN THE SALE OF PART ONE POISONS AND ANTIBIOTICS.

+WE HAVE SENT OUT CIRCULARS TO ALL WHOLESALE DEALERS ASKING THEM TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT, WHICH IS CONTAINED IN THE PHARMACY AND POISONS REGULATIONS,+ SAID MR LI.

+WE WILL INITIATE PROSECUTIONS AGAINST THOSE WHO FAIL TO KEEP RECEIPTS FOR THE SALE OF SUCH DRUGS,+ HE ADDED.

THE PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE RECENTLY RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT SALESMEN OF WHOLESALE DRUGS DEALERS HAVE BEEN USING THE NAMES OF AUTHORISED PERSONS TO BUY CONTROLLED DRUGS FROM THEIR COMPANY AND THEN SELLING THEM ILLEGALLY.

THE +TOUGH MEASURES+ ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE ARE NOT ONLY AIMED AT DEALING WITH SUCH ACTIVITIES BUT WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT PROPER RECORDS ARE KEPT BY WHOLESALE DEALERS.

MR LI SAID A RECENT TREND IN HEAVY COURT FINES FOR INFRINGEMENT OF THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING.

+IN JANUARY A WHOLESALE DEALER WAS GIVEN THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 500 FOR FAILING TO KEEP PROPER RECORD OF PART ONE POISONS FOR FIRST OFFENCE AND SUBSEQUENT SIMILAR FINES ON THREE OTHER CHARGES,+ SAID MR LI.

+IN EFFECT, THE COMPANY WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$10 000, WHILE IN TWO OTHER CASES THE FINES IMPOSED WERE ALSO VERY HIGH,+ HE ADDED.

+AS A RESULT OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COURT, THE MAGISTRATE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN EVIDENCE OF ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS OTHERWISE THE COMPANY INVOLVED WOULD HAVE KEPT PROPER RECORDS,+ HE SAID.

+THE HEAVY FINES IMPOSED BY THE MAGISTRATES SERVE AS AN INCENTIVE TO OUR INVESTIGATORS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD OVER THE YEARS,+ MR LI SAID.

+A FEW MONTHS AGO THE FINES FOR SIMILAR OFFENCES WERE ONLY A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND HAD BEEN THAT WAY FOR A FEW YEARS, BUT NOW THE MAGISTRATES ARE TAKING A MORE SERIOUS VIEW ON ILLEGAL SALE OF CONTROLLED DRUGS,+ HE ADDED.

/MR LI

MR LI SAID MEDICINE DEALERS SHOULD NOW BE AWARE THAT IF THEY DEAL IN ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS THEY WILL NOT ONLY BE DETECTED, BUT WILL ALSO FACE HEAVY PENALTIES FROM THE COURTS.

MR LI FEELS THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR INCREASING THE PENALTIES UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE, WHICH AT THE MOMENT STIPULATES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR A YEAR.

+IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO INCREASE THE PENALTY AS THE LAST TIME THE ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED WAS IN 1972,+ SAID MR LI.

THE FORENSIC PHARMACY SECTION HAS PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN DETECTING ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS IN MEDICINE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

IN 1980 THERE WERE ONLY 29 PROSECUTIONS IN ILLEGAL SALE OF CONTROLLED DRUGS, BUT IN 1981 THE FIGURE TRIPLED TO 77 AND FELL TO 55 LAST YEAR, WHICH SHOWS THAT THE SUDDEN INCREASE IN CASES TWO YEARS AGO WAS THE RESULT OF VIGOROUS EFFORTS BY THE FORENSIC PHARMACISTS WHILE THE DROP IN FIGURES THE FOLLOWING YEAR INDICATED MEDICINE DEALERS WERE WARY THAT THE AUTHORITIES MEANT BUSINESS.

+IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR WE HAVE ALREADY CLOSE TO 20 CASES,+ SAID MR LI.

+WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN THE INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS AND IN CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE OF SUSPECT CASES,+ HE SAID.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG'S ORIGIN CERTIFICATES

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IN 1982, HONG KONG EXPORTED \$35 458 MILLION WORTH OF GOODS UNDER ORIGIN CERTIFICATES OF ONE TYPE OR THE OTHER.

THEY WERE ISSUED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AND THE OTHER FIVE GOVERNMENT-APPROVED CERTIFICATION ORGANISATIONS.

+ORIGIN CERTIFICATES WERE REQUIRED FOR 43.6 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL 1982 DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$83 032 MILLION. THIS FIGURE REFLECTS THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG'S CERTIFICATION SYSTEM WHICH IS GEARED TO HELP EXPORTERS WITH CUSTOMS CLEARANCE, AND MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE IMPORTING COUNTRIES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFEGUARDING THE INTEGRITY OF THE ENTIRE HONG KONG CERTIFICATION SYSTEM, MAINTAINS CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, OVERSEAS CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AND WITH THE FIVE GOVERNMENT-APPROVED CERTIFICATION ORGANISATIONS: THE HK GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; THE INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; THE FEDERATION OF HK INDUSTRIES; THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

TO EXERCISE CONTROLS, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT - THE POLICING ARM OF THE SYSTEM - CARRIES OUT INSPECTIONS ON FACTORIES AND CHECKS ON CONSIGNMENTS COVERED BY ORIGIN CERTIFICATES. COSTING CHECKS ARE ALSO CARRIED OUT AGAINST CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN FORM 'A' APPLICATIONS - WHICH ARE USED TO SUPPORT EXPORTS CLAIMING PREFERENTIAL ENTRY INTO COUNTRIES WHICH GRANT TARIFF PREFERENCES TO HONG KONG UNDER GENERALISED PREFERENCE SCHEMES.

UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR A CERTIFICATION OFFENCE IS A FINE OF \$100 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR. IN ADDITION, ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS, SUCH AS SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATION SERVICES, WOULD BE IMPOSED ON OFFENDING MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS.

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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT
TO VISIT HONG KONG

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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT, MRS LYNDA CHALKER, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON APRIL 6 FOR A WEEK-LONG FAMILIARISATION VISIT.

DURING HER VISIT, MRS CHALKER WILL MEET SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND TOUR VARIOUS TRANSPORT ORGANISATIONS AS WELL AS HOUSING ESTATES AT SHA TIN.

SHE WILL MEET THE PRESS ON FRIDAY (APRIL 8) AT 4.30 PM IN THE GIS THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

THE FOLLOWING IS BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF MRS CHALKER:

MRS CHALKER HAS BEEN CONSERVATIVE MP FOR WALLASEY SINCE FEBRUARY 1974 AND WAS PREVIOUSLY PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY.

SHE WAS BORN IN 1942, EDUCATED AT ROEDEAN SCHOOL, HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY, WESTFIELD COLLEGE, LONDON AND CENTRAL LONDON POLYTECHNIC.

SHE JOINED THE UNILEVER GROUP AS A STATISTICIAN WITH RESEARCH BUREAU LTD IN 1963 AND MOVED TO SHELL MEX AND BP LTD IN 1969 AS DEPUTY MARKET RESEARCH MANAGER. IN 1972 MRS CHALKER BECAME CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LOUIS HARRIS INTERNATIONAL.

MRS CHALKER WAS A MEMBER OF THE BBC GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FROM 1975-79, JOINT SECRETARY OF THE CONSERVATIVE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (1975-76) CHAIRMAN, GREATER LONDON YOUNG CONSERVATIVES, (1969-70) NATIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN, YOUNG CONSERVATIVES (1970-71). SHE WAS OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN ON SOCIAL SERVICES FROM 1976-79.

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SALE OF CROWN LAND
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER FOUR PIECES OF CROWN LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR SALE AT AN AUCTION TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON APRIL 26 AT 2.30 PM.

TWO OF THE SITES ARE IN SHA TIN, ONE IN YUEN LONG, WHILE THE REMAINING ONE IS IN SAI KUNG.

ONE OF THE SHA TIN SITES IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN PURPOSES. IT IS SITUATED NEAR TAI WAI AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2 215 SQUARE METRES.

THE OTHER SHA TIN SITE IS SITUATED NEAR HA WO CHE. IT MEASURES ABOUT 973 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR A SINGLE DETACHED PRIVATE DWELLING HOUSE.

THE YUEN LONG SITE IS ALSO FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN PURPOSES. IT IS IN TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA AND IS ABOUT 1 777 SQUARE METRES.

THE REMAINING SITE IN RAZOR HILL, SAI KUNG, IS ABOUT 6 050 SQUARE METRES IN AREA. IT IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND SALE CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, YUEN LONG, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING THREE PIECES OF CROWN LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR SHORT TERM TENANCIES.

TWO OF THE SITES ARE IN TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG.

BOTH OF THEM ARE FOR OPEN STORAGE, INCLUDING THE STORAGE OF EMPTY CONTAINERS AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS BUT EXCLUDING FULL OR PARTLY FULL CONTAINERS OR THE STUFFING OR DESTUFFING OF CONTAINERS.

THE LARGER SITE IS ABOUT 3 385 SQUARE METRES WHILE THE SMALLER SITE IS ABOUT 1 000 SQUARE METRES IN AREA.

THE REMAINING SITE IS IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND COVERS ABOUT 8 400 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS TO BE USED FOR GENERAL OPEN STORAGE.

/THE TENANCY

THE TENANCY FOR THE SITES IS FOR ONE YEAR INITIALLY AND THEREAFTER MONTHLY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR ALL THREE SITES IS 12 NOON ON APRIL 15.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (TUEN MUN) FOR THE TUEN MUN SITE AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (YUEN LONG) FOR THE YUEN LONG SITES.

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ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE SET FOR APRIL 9 AND 10
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MORE THAN 1 500 TEACHERS AND OTHER PEOPLE ENGAGED IN ADULT EDUCATION WILL TAKE PART IN THE TWO-DAY 28TH ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON APRIL 9 AND 10 RESPECTIVELY.

ORGANISED BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE CONFERENCE HAS THE THEME +PARTNERSHIP IN CONTINUING EDUCATION+. IT IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR TEACHING STAFF AND FIELD WORKERS OF THE VARIOUS COURSES RUN BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION.

IT WILL PROVIDE AN ARENA FOR PARTICIPANTS TO KEEP UP WITH MODERN TRENDS OF DEVELOPMENT, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, WILL TAKE THE CHAIR AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 9.30 AM ON APRIL 9 AT THE SIR RUN RUN HALL, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR DR HO KAM-FAI WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AND DELIVER THE THEME LECTURE. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR BRIAN FRENCH, WILL THEN DISTRIBUTE CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION TO PART-TIME STAFF OF THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION WITH OVER 10, 20 OR 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE MAIN THEME OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE PANELISTS WILL INCLUDE DR OWEN WONG, SENIOR STAFF TUTOR, DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA MURAL STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG- DR NELSON CHOW, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE AND MR PETER LEE, MEMBER OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

IN THE AFTERNOON, A SERIES OF SEMINARS ON ADULT EDUCATION WILL BE HELD IN THE VARIOUS LECTURE ROOMS OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON ITS SECOND DAY AND WILL START WITH A PANEL DISCUSSION AT 9.30 AM ON +PARTNERSHIP IN THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES+.

AMONG THOSE TAKING PART IN THE PANEL DISCUSSION WILL BE MR CHRISTOPHER WONG, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE; MR JAMES MAN, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER (YAU MA TEI), SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT; AND MISS ALIMA TUET, ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN, URBAN COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE SUBSEQUENT SEMINARS.

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GOVERNMENT OFFICE BLOCK IN TUEN MUN

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICE BLOCK IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE WORK FORMS PART OF THE TUEN MUN CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX WHICH WILL PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE COMPLEX, OCCUPYING A FOUR-HECTARE SITE ON THE RECLAIMED LAND NEAR THE NEW TOWN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, WOULD CONSIST OF A 1 450-SEAT AUDITORIUM, TWO GOVERNMENT OFFICE BLOCKS, A LIBRARY, A MAGISTRACY, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, POST OFFICE AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY AND A BUS STATION.

HE SAID, +THE COMPLEX WILL HAVE A LANDSCAPED GARDEN IN ITS CENTRE.+

WORK ON THE PRESENT CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF A 7-STORY BLOCK WHICH WILL PROVIDE 7 000 SQUARE METRES OF ACCOMMODATION FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ABOUT 30 CAR PARKING SPACES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE BASEMENT OF THE BLOCK.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START IN EARLY JULY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1985.

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+MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ SCHEME GETS GOOD RESPONSE

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THE DISTRICT BOARD'S +MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ SCHEME HAS MET WITH GOOD RESPONSE FROM RESIDENTS OF KOWLOON CITY AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A TOTAL OF 66 CASES HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH SINCE THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN KOWLOON CITY IN JANUARY AND THE NORTH DISTRICT IN FEBRUARY.

IN KOWLOON CITY, BOARD MEMBERS HAVE HANDLED 31 CASES RANGING FROM STREET MANAGEMENT, WATER SUPPLY, LAW AND ORDER, HOUSING, TENANCY, TRANSPORT, MEDICAL TO PERSONAL PROBLEMS.

BOARD MEMBERS, AS WELL AS THE CHAIRMAN, MR LEE LAP-SUN, TOOK TURNS TO MEET THE RESIDENTS EVERY THURSDAY BETWEEN 8 PM TO 10 PM IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141-145 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

COMMENTING ON THE GOOD RESPONSE, A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID: +KOWLOON CITY IS A DEVELOPED PLACE WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENTS HAVE LIVED FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS AND HAVE A SENSE OF BELONGING.+

IN THE NORTH DISTRICT, 35 CASES WERE HANDLED, MOST OF WHICH CONCERNED HOUSING, FLOODING, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, LAND MATTERS AND LAW AND ORDER.

BOARD MEMBERS IN THIS DISTRICT MET THE RESIDENTS EVERY WEDNESDAY BETWEEN 7 PM AND 8.30 PM AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE'S FANLING SUB-OFFICE IN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.

RESIDENTS OF THESE TWO DISTRICTS WHO WISH TO CHANNEL THEIR VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS CAN MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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BIG TREE AND FLOWER PLANTING EFFORT UNDERWAY

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A CONCERTED MULTI-DEPARTMENTAL EFFORT, HELPED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IS AGAIN BEING UNDERTAKEN TO BEAUTIFY THE HONG KONG LANDSCAPE WITH GREENERY AND FLOWERS, AS PART OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

KNOWN AS THE +MEI FA+ -- +BEAUTIFICATION+ -- PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, THE EFFORT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR THE PAST 12 MONTHS DURING WHICH SOME THREE MILLION PLANTS, TREES, FLOWERING SHRUB, CREEPERS, CLIMBERS, BAMBOOS AND SEASONAL FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PLANTED IN THE URBAN AREAS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ABOUT 2.2 MILLION MORE OF THE PLANTS AND FLOWERS WILL BE PLANTED IN THE COMING DAYS, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO SOME 5.2 MILLION TO REPRESENT EACH PERSON IN HONG KONG.

+MOST OF THE PLANTS ARE GROWING WELL IN THE URBAN AND RURAL AREAS, THE NEW TOWNS, HOUSING ESTATES, HIGHWAYS, RECREATION SPOTS, LANDSCAPED AREAS, PARKS AND COUNTRY PARKS, SAID MR BOWEN LEUNG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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SPEAKING IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE +MEI FA+ ACTION GROUP OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, MR LEUNG SAID VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND CIVIC-MINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN DOING THE PLANTING DURING THE PRESENT EFFORT.

HELPING WITH THE WORK HAVE BEEN THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HIGHWAYS OFFICE, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTEERS FROM THE PUBLIC AS WELL.

A NUMBER OF TREE-PLANTING DAYS WILL BE HELD IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

COMMUNITY LEADERS, MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS, COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS AND +RAINBOW BRIGADES+ FROM SCHOOLS WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE DISTRICT TREE PLANTING EXERCISE.

MR LEUNG PAID TRIBUTE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO LAST YEAR'S EXERCISE. HE STRESSED THAT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION WERE IMPORTANT IN THE DRIVE TO KEEP HONG KONG GREEN AND BEAUTIFUL.

AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO CARE FOR PLANTS, MORE HORTICULTURE TRAINING AND TREE PLANTING PROGRAMMES WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR BY SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE NTSD HAD ORGANISED A NUMBER OF HORTICULTURE CLASSES FOR THE ELDERLY AND STUDENTS IN SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, TAI PO AND NORTH DISTRICT DURING LAST YEAR TO GIVE THEM MORE CHANCE TO OBSERVE AND KNOW MORE ABOUT THE GROWTH AND CARE OF PLANTS.

TREE PLANTING AND HORTICULTURE TRAINING HAVE ALSO BEEN ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WITHIN COUNTRY PARKS. LAST YEAR 90 SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS HAD ATTENDED VARIOUS WEEK-LONG FORESTRY WORK CAMPS.

AND IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, AN INTER-SCHOOL POTTED PLANT COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, SIMILAR TO EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROMOTE FURTHER THE +MEI FA+ SCHEME, SAID MR LEUNG.

+ALL SCHOOLS WERE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, LARGE SCALE LANDSCAPING PROJECTS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT IN ALL NEW PARKS, OPEN SPACE, HIGHWAYS, NEW TOWNS AND NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

MR LEUNG ALSO SAID THAT PRIVATE DEVELOPERS WERE ATTACHING MORE IMPORTANCE TO LANDSCAPING THEIR PROJECTS.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE EFFORTS MADE BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

MR LEUNG SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT MORE AND MORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE DEVELOPING AN INTEREST IN HORTICULTURE. THIS WAS EVIDENT FROM THE GROWING NUMBER OF POTTED PLANTS THAT CAN BE SEEN IN HOMES AND OFFICES, HE SAID.

STAR-WATCHING FROM COUNTRY PARK

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IN THE MIDST OF THE WOODS AND WILD FLORA IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK, A SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL-LOOKING STRUCTURE STANDS OUT.

IT RESEMBLES A TWIN TOWER WITH STEPS ON BOTH SIDES LEADING TO A PLATFORM AND IS USED FOR WATCHING THE STARS.

BUILT BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE STRUCTURE IS MODELLED AFTER A SIMILAR BUILDING DESIGNED ABOUT 650 YEARS AGO BY CHINESE ASTRONOMER GUO SHOUJING (1231-1316) DURING THE EARLY YUAN DYNASTY. THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE IS SAID TO BE STILL IN THE DENG-FENG COUNTY IN HENAN PROVINCE.

THE PLATFORM OF THE HONG KONG STRUCTURE IS SITUATED IN THE SHUI LONG WO DISTRICT OF THE SAI KUNG WEST COUNTRY PARK. IT STANDS SIX METRES ABOVE THE GROUND, THREE METRES SHORTER THAN THE CHINESE ORIGINAL.

THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE WAS USED TO OBSERVE SHADOWS CAST BY THE SUN TO DETERMINE THE DURATION OF A TROPICAL YEAR, AND WAS THUS ALSO KNOWN AS A +SHADOW OBSERVATION PLATFORM+.

ON A CLEAR, SUNNY DAY MANY A WOULD-BE ASTRONOMER FROM THE RANKS OF THE VISITORS TO THE PARK IN HONG KONG MAY BE SEEN STANDING ON TOP OF THE TOWER PLATFORM WATCHING THE STARS.

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TENNIS COURSES FOR CHILDREN

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CHILDREN BETWEEN EIGHT AND 14 YEARS OF AGE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

A 'LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS' COURSE, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, WILL BE HELD FROM MAY 14 TO MAY 29.

TWO-HOUR CLASSES OF 12 PLAYERS WILL BE HELD AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN.

THERE WILL BE FOUR DIFFERENT GROUPS PLAYING AT 9 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM AND 4 PM. EACH GROUP WILL CONSIST OF THREE CLASSES.

THE PROGRAMME FEE FOR THE COMPLETE COURSE IS \$20.

ENROLMENT IS ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSS HEADQUARTERS AND ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES, THE HONG KONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-458511, 5-741546 OR 0-6051212.

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