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DEVELOPMENT OF TSING YI SURGING AHEAD

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RECLAIM THE WHOLE OF THE TYPHOON SHELTER ON TSING YI ISLAND TO PROVIDE LAND FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 44 000 PEOPLE AND A HOME-OWNERSHIP SCHEME FOR ANOTHER 9 000 PEOPLE.

THE DEPUTY PROJECT MANAGER (TSUEN WAN) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR ROBIN SAUNDERS, TOLD REPORTERS AT A BRIEFING TODAY THAT THE AREA, MEASURING ABOUT 40 HECTARES, WOULD ALSO BE USED FOR ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

IN ADDITION, PART OF THE RECLAIMED AREA WILL BE USED TO ACCOMMODATE THE WESTERN APPROACHES TO THE NEW TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE.

MR SAUNDERS SAID THAT THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION AND THE BRIDGE FORMED PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

+BECAUSE OF ITS RUGGED TOPOGRAPHY, DEVELOPMENT IS NOW BEING CONCENTRATED ON RECLAMATIONS AND TERRACES IN A NARROW BAND AROUND THE COAST AND IN THE VALLEY BEHIND TSING YI IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE ISLAND,+ HE SAID.

+THE NEW BRIDGE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSING YI, AS IT WILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCESS FOR THE 220 000 PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPECTED TO LIVE THERE UPON COMPLETION OF ALL THE WORKS BY THE EARLY NINETIES.+

WORK ON THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE WILL BEGIN AFTER LAND FOR THE APPROACHES TO THE BRIDGE HAS BEEN FORMED.

TO PROVIDE FILLING MATERIAL FOR THE RECLAMATION, WHICH WILL NEED SOME 3-1/2 MILLION CUBIC METRES, ROCK AND EARTH WILL BE EXCAVATED FROM NEARBY HILLSIDES WEST OF FUNG SHUE WO. THIS WORK WILL, IN TURN, CREATE FURTHER SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT.

+SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME 10 YEARS AGO, THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS SPENT ALMOST \$400 MILLION ON ENGINEERING WORKS ON TSING YI AND A FURTHER \$220 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT SO FAR ON PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES,+ MR SAUNDERS SAID.

+THE DEVELOPMENT WORK ON TSING YI, INCLUDING THE NEW NORTH BRIDGE, WILL COST A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$5.5 BILLION AND THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SPEND ANOTHER \$570 MILLION ON ENGINEERING AND HOUSING PROJECTS ON THE ISLAND THIS YEAR.+

SPEAKING AT THE SAME BRIEFING, THE DISTRICT OFFICER (TSING YI), MR TAM WING-PONG SAID THAT THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION WOULD AFFECT SOME 331 STRUCTURES, TOTALLING 294 FAMILIES OF 1 659 PERSONS.

+COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID TO ELIGIBLE SMALL BUSINESS OPERATORS AND BOAT PEOPLE. DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL ALSO BE SUITABLY REHOUSED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY AND EX-GRATIA DOMESTIC ALLOWANCE WILL BE PAYABLE TO FAMILIES WHO CAN PROVE RESIDENCE ON THE BOAT CONCERNED BEFORE JUNE 1, 1982,+ HE ADDED.

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HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE PRIME PURPOSE OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT WAS TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR THE GROWING AND GENERALLY OVER-CROWDED POPULATION OF HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT WAS NOT MERELY A PROGRAMME TO BUILD HOUSES FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN, BUT ALSO TO ENSURE THE COMPREHENSIVE AND ADEQUATE PROVISION OF RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE, SUPPORTING SERVICES AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND AMENITIES ESSENTIAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BALANCED COMMUNITY.

+FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF TSING YI, BALANCED DEVELOPMENT, THEREFORE, IS A MAJOR OBJECTIVE,+ MR TAM SAID.

HE SAID THAT DETAILED PLANNING WORK WAS BEING UNDERTAKEN ON THE PROVISION OF NECESSARY COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, MARKETS AND OTHER SHOPPING FACILITIES, YOUTH CENTRES, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HONG KONG PLANNING STANDARD AND GUIDELINES. EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THE RESIDENTS WOULD NOT FIND THEMSELVES SHORT OF SUCH FACILITIES WHEN THEY MOVED INTO THE NEW HOUSING ESTATES.

+A HAPPY COMMUNITY CANNOT BE BUILT FROM RELUCTANT RESIDENTS, AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PEOPLE DO NOT MERELY MOVE TO A NEW TOWN THROUGH LACK OF ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION IN THE URBAN AREA. THEY SHOULD BE ATTRACTED BY IT,+ HE SAID.

+THROUGH THE CAREFUL PLANNING OF THE TOWN PLANNERS IN THE INITIAL PLANNING STAGE AND THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORT OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED IN BUILDING UP THE COMMUNITY, TSING YI HOLDS GREAT PROMISE TO BECOME THE IDEAL HOME FOR MANY.+

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GOVERNOR OPENS CHINESE ART EXHIBITION

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AN EXHIBITION, FEATURING SOME OF THE RAREST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL WORKS OF CHINESE ART, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (MONDAY).

IT IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG IN COMMEMORATION OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, SAID THE HONG KONG MUSEUM OF ART HAS BEEN HOLDING REGULAR EXHIBITIONS FROM LOCAL AND OVERSEAS SOURCES WITH A VIEW TO ENCOURAGE THE UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF VISUAL ART AMONG HONG KONG PEOPLE.

+BUT THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR IS THE LARGEST CHINESE ART EXHIBITION IN TERMS OF SIZE AND SCOPE EVER HELD BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR CENTENARY PROGRAMME,+ HE SAID.

/HE NOTED

HE NOTED THAT THE 135 EXHIBITS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM OF SAN FRANCISCO WHICH HOUSES ONE OF THE FINEST COLLECTIONS OF CHINESE ART IN THE WORLD - THE AVERY BRUNDAGE COLLECTION.

THEY INCLUDE CERAMICS, JADE CARVING, BRONZES, STONE SCULPTURE, PAINTING, CALLIGRAPHY AND OTHER IMPORTANT FORMS OF CHINESE ART REPRESENTING A CONCISE PICTURE OF THE HISTORY OF CHINESE ART OVER A PERIOD OF 5 000 YEARS - FROM THE NEOLITHIC PERIOD TO THE END OF THE QING DYNASTY.

ALSO ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASIAN ART COMMISSION OF SAN FRANCISCO, MRS JUDY WILBUR, THE DIRECTOR OF THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM OF SAN FRANCISCO, MR YVON D'ARGENCE, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM, MRS MARJORIE SELLER, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MUSEUMS SELECT COMMITTEE, MRS GRACE HO.

IN HIS SPEECH, MR D'ARGENCE SAID THAT OVER A PERIOD OF 17 YEARS, THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM HAS LENT SELECTIONS FROM ITS OWN COLLECTIONS TO MUSEUMS IN THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, EUROPE AND JAPAN.

BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT IT HAS SENT A SPECIAL EXHIBITION OF SOME OF THE BEST OF ITS CHINESE HOLDINGS ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE PACIFIC, HE NOTED.

+OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS A DAY OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IN THE LONG HISTORY OF CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AND ALSO A DAY OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN THE SHORT BUT EVENTFUL HISTORY OF THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM OF SAN FRANCISCO,+ MR D'ARGENCE ADDED.

AFTER THE OPENING, SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE WERE SHOWN AROUND AND BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS EXHIBITS BY MR D'ARGENCE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO AUGUST 7 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM ON WEEKDAYS (EXCEPT THURSDAYS) AND BETWEEN 1 PM AND 6 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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AWARDS FOR 31 YOUNG PEOPLE * * * *

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, PRESENTED GOLD AWARD CERTIFICATES OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME TO 31 YOUNG PEOPLE AT A CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS EVENING.

THE RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, WERE HONOURED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WHICH ENABLED THEM TO QUALIFY FOR THE AWARD, THE HIGHEST OFFERED BY THE SCHEME.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME IS AN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE FOUNDED AND SPONSORED BY THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH. IT IS A LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME OPEN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 25.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 30 000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SCHEME.

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BRAVERY AWARD FOR BOY
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, HAS APPROVED THE AWARD OF THE BELILIOS STAR TO 16-YEAR-OLD LAM YING-CHUN FOR HIS COURAGEOUS ACTION DURING A FIRE IN WAN CHAI LAST MARCH.

LAM WILL ALSO BE GIVEN A CASH AWARD IN A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH.

THE BELILIOS STAR IS AWARDED FOR +ACTS OF CONSPICUOUS VALOUR OR SELF-DENIAL WITHIN HONG KONG+.

THE FIRE BROKE OUT IN A FLAT ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF A BUILDING IN WAN CHAI AT ABOUT 5.20 PM ON MARCH 16.

LAM, A RESIDENT IN THE BUILDING TRIED TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE FIRE WHILE THE OTHER RESIDENTS HAD ALREADY LEFT FOR SAFETY, LEAVING AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY BEHIND.

AS THE FIRE SPREAD QUICKLY, LAM TOOK THE YOUNG BOY INTO THE TOILET.

AT THIS MOMENT A NEIGHBOUR LIVING IN THE OPPOSITE BUILDING RUSHED TO THE ROOF AND THREW A NYLON LINE TO LAM.

LAM USED THE NYLON LINE AND LOWERED THE YOUNG BOY TO SAFETY FROM A WINDOW EVEN THOUGH HE HAD AN INJURED HAND AND FACED DANGER FROM DENSE SMOKE.

LAM LATER LOWERED HIMSELF TO SAFETY.

THE NEIGHBOUR, MR YU CHIN-WAH, WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A PERSONAL COMMENDATION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR F.M. WATSON.

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CHEQUE FOR SOCIETY FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, TODAY PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$8 770 TO MR BRIAN TISDALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CHILDREN, WHICH RUNS THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT SANDY BAY. THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG MEMBERS OF THE ASIAN-PACIFIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF BRUSSELS.

MR BRAY SAID THE MONEY WAS RAISED AT A CHARITY GALA AND BAZAAR ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR IN BRUSSELS WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY QUEEN FABIOLA OF BELGIUM.

THE GALA AND BAZAAR WERE ORGANISED BY WIVES OF DIPLOMATS OF ASIAN-PACIFIC COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN BRUSSELS. MRS KAY JONES, WIFE OF HONG KONG'S MINISTER IN BRUSSELS, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HONG KONG PARTICIPATION IN THE FUNCTION.

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TWO HONG KONG DANCERS, MISS LINDA FUNG AND MISS CHAN SIU-MUI, WHO ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING TRAINING AT THE ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL IN LONDON ON HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SCHOLARSHIPS, TOOK PART IN A CULTURAL PERFORMANCE IN THE FUND-RAISING EVENT.

THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTED TO THE EVENT BY ARRANGING A MAGNIFICENT CHINESE WEDDING GOWN FOR THE COSTUME PARADE.

MEMBERS OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, WHO WERE IN BRUSSELS AT THE TIME, ALSO CONTRIBUTED BY PROVIDING ARTICLES FOR SALE IN THE BAZAAR.

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ALLEGATIONS ABOUT TEXTILE CIRCUMVENTION REFUTED

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD TODAY (MONDAY) REFUTED ALLEGATIONS IN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS THAT INCREASING AMOUNTS OF APPAREL EXPORTS FROM CHINA WERE BEING SHIPPED TO THE UNITED STATES FROM HONG KONG UNDER HONG KONG QUOTAS, AS A RESULT OF THE AMERICAN RESTRICTIONS ON CHINA IMPORTS PENDING A NEW TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

+THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS HAS IN FACT HAPPENED. IT IS MERELY SPECULATION,+ SAID MR MACLEOD, ADDRESSING THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TEXTILE COMMITTEE.

+WE HAVE A CONTROL SYSTEM WHICH IS GENERALLY AGREED TO BE EFFICIENT BY OTHER COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE DEAL. NO SYSTEM IS PERFECT, BUT HONG KONG IS NOT GENERALLY REGARDED AS ONE OF THOSE COUNTRIES POSING A SERIOUS CIRCUMVENTION PROBLEM.+

MR MACLEOD EXPLAINED THAT HONG KONG DID NOT MAKE ONLY PAPER CHECKS - PHYSICAL CHECKS WERE MADE AT FACTORIES, AND OF SHIPMENTS. +WE LICENSE ALL TEXTILE IMPORTS AS A MEANS OF SPOTTING POSSIBLE CIRCUMVENTION. AND WHEN THE US RESTRICTIONS ON CHINA WERE INTRODUCED WE WERE NOT UNAWARE OF THE TEMPTATION THAT MIGHT THEN ARISE; WE THEREFORE STEPPED UP OUR CHECKS WITH THAT IN MIND, BUT NO NEW PROBLEMS HAVE YET BEEN UNCOVERED,+ SAID MR MACLEOD.

+OUR CHECKS ARE NOT MERELY FOR SHOW.

+DURING 1982 THERE WERE 46 PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING EXPORT LICENCES IN RESPECT OF THE USA, IN ADDITION TO CASES WHERE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN,+ HE ADDED.

TURNING TO THE US GENERALISED SYSTEM OF TARIFF PREFERENCES (GSP) CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW IN THE USA, MR MACLEOD POINTED OUT THAT, THEORETICALLY, 45 PER CENT OF US IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG WERE ELIGIBLE FOR TARIFF PREFERENCE, BUT ONLY 14 PER CENT ACTUALLY BENEFITED BECAUSE OF EXCLUSIONS ON VARIOUS GROUNDS.

+IN 1982, HONG KONG HAD A FAR LARGER PERCENTAGE OF ITS THEORETICALLY ELIGIBLE TRADE DENIED DUTY-FREE TREATMENT THAN THE OTHER MAJOR BENEFICIARIES AS A GROUP. WE VALUE THE PREFERENCES WE DO GET, SMALL PERCENTAGE AS THEY ARE, AND ARE ANXIOUS THAT NO FURTHER DISCRETIONARY EXCLUSIONS FROM ELIGIBILITY SHOULD BE IMPOSED,+ HE EMPHASISED.

/MR MACLEOD

MR MACLEOD REVEALED THAT HONG KONG HAD SUBMITTED REPRESENTATIONS TO THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, AND HAD EMPHASISED THAT EXPERIENCE HAD SHOWN THAT EXCLUSION OF HONG KONG DID NOT BENEFIT LEAST DEVELOPED BENEFICIARIES.

+IN FACT THE MAIN BENEFICIARIES ARE THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND JAPAN IN PARTICULAR.

+WE HAVE ALSO ARGUED THAT RECOGNITION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FACT THAT, IN CONTRAST WITH VIRTUALLY ALL OTHER COUNTRIES, HONG KONG IMPOSES NO TARIFFS OR QUANTITATIVE RESTRAINTS ON IMPORTS, AND IMPOSES REVENUE DUTIES ONLY ON TOBACCO, ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, METHYL-ALCOHOL AND SOME OILS.

+THE USA IS HISTORICALLY A LEADER IN LIBERAL, FREE TRADE VIEWS, AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT HONG KONG'S OWN FREE TRADE RECORD WILL EVOKE A SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE, AND THAT THE FORECAST IMPROVEMENT IN WORLD TRADE WILL ALSO HELP TO MUTE THE PROTECTIONIST TENDENCIES WHICH ALSO EXIST IN THE USA,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY VISITING EUROPE, US
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TOMORROW (MAY 17) FOR FAMILIARISATION VISITS TO EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.

MR HO WILL VISIT LONDON TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH LORD COCKFIELD, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE, AND OFFICIALS AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

IN GENEVA, MR HO WILL MEET MR ARTHUR DUNKEL, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE; DAME ANNE WARBURTON, UK PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA; AMBASSADOR MARCELO RAFFAELLI, CHAIRMAN OF THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY AND MR GAMANI COREA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT. HE WILL ALSO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE GATT.

THE VISIT TO BRUSSELS WILL INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH VISCOUNT ETIENNE DAVIGNON, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EEC COMMISSION WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS AND ENERGY- MR D.M. ELLIOTT, UK DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EEC, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE EEC COMMISSION.

AT THE END OF THE MONTH, MR HO WILL FLY TO THE UNITED STATES TO VISIT THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED NEW YORK OFFICE HEADED BY MR BILL DORWARD, AND THE HK GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE WILL MEET SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE US ADMINISTRATION.

MR HO WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON JULY 9.

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JUSTIN YUE, WILL BE ACTING AS SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY WHEN HE RETURNS FROM THE HONG KONG-SWEDEN TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS ON MAY 20.

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FEBRUARY PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE
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ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE ON THE AVERAGE BY 4 PER CENT AND THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS BY 2 PER CENT SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES WERE UP BY 3 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1983, AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1982.

MEANWHILE, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 15 PER CENT BUT THAT OF RE-EXPORTS DROPPED BY 7 PER CENT SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, THE VOLUME WAS UP BY 6 PER CENT.

MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS DECREASED BY 13 PER CENT.

COMMENTING ON THESE COMPARATIVE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CAUTIONED THAT THEY WERE DISTORTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, WHICH FELL IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR AND IN JANUARY LAST YEAR.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY THIS YEAR WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1982, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE ON THE AVERAGE BY 5 PER CENT, THOSE OF IMPORTS BY 4 PER CENT AND THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS BY 8 PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS BY 3 PER CENT, GIVING A 2 PER CENT DECREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS AND A 2 PER CENT DROP IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1 AT THE END.

AS SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE EXPORT PRICES OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM 4 PER CENT FOR TEXTILE FABRICS TO 20 PER CENT FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR FOOTWEAR (-1%), TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-2%), DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-3%), RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-10%) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-16%).

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CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS RECORDED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+144%), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+26%) AND CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR) (+24%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN EXPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-2%) AND FOOTWEAR (-10%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED, RANGING FROM 2 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 8 PER CENT FOR FUELS.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING RICE AND LIVE POULTRY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE, CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS, OTHER THAN RICE, AND WHEAT AND FLOUR ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TOBACCO MANUFACTURES, CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, FOOTWEAR AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

THESE INCREASES WERE, HOWEVER, OFFSET BY DECLINES IN THE IMPORT VOLUMES OF MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND PASSENGER MOTOR CARS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DROPPED, AMONG WHICH FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES, BASE METALS, INCLUDING IRON AND STEEL, AND WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS, RAW COTTON, CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, AND BUILDING MATERIALS EXCLUDING GLASS ROSE CONSIDERABLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED CAPITAL GOODS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILE MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF OFFICE MACHINES.

/THE CHANGES

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORT VOLUME VARIED AMONG THE FIVE END-USE CATEGORIES, RANGING FROM A 44 PER CENT DECREASE FOR FUELS TO A 9 PER CENT INCREASE FOR CONSUMER GOODS.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE FEBRUARY 1983 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HKS2 PER COPY.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES COMPARING FEBRUARY 1983 WITH FEBRUARY 1982

<u>COMMODITY GROUP</u>	<u>EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUME</u>
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+ 34%	+ 8%	+ 24%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 26%	+ 4%	+ 21%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	INSIGNIFICANT	- 2%	+ 1%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+ 23%	+ 7%	+ 15%
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	- 10%	-10%	+ 1%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+ 30%	+20%	+ 9%
FOOTWEAR	- 11%	- 1%	- 10%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 16%	+ 5%	+ 10%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+171%	+11%	+144%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 7%	-16%	+ 26%
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	+ 30%	+ 6%	+ 22%
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	- 5%	- 3%	- 2%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 19%	+ 4%	+ 15%

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TABLE 2 : CHANGES COMPARING FEBRUARY 1983 WITH FEBRUARY 1982

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 5%	+ 7%	- 2%
CONSUMER GOODS	- 4%	+ 3%	- 7%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	- 17%	+ 2%	-19%
FUELS	- 5%	+ 8%	-12%
CAPITAL GOODS	- 11%	+ 6%	-15%
ALL COMMODITIES	- 9%	+ 4%	-13%

TABLE 3 : CHANGES COMPARING FEBRUARY 1983 WITH FEBRUARY 1982

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 21%	+ 12%	+ 7%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 10%	INSIGNIFICANT	+ 9%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	- 22%	+ 1%	-23%
FUELS	- 37%	+ 11%	-44%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 4%	+ 9%	- 5%
ALL COMMODITIES	- 4%	+ 2%	- 7%

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MORE PASS MEDICAL LICENTIATE EXAM

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THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT 92 CANDIDATES HAVE PASSED PART II OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE AWARD OF A LICENCE TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG.

THE PART II EXAMINATION IS DESIGNED TO TEST THE CANDIDATE'S KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONAL USE.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IT HAS BEEN HELD TWICE A YEAR, IN MARCH AND MAY, TO GIVE CANDIDATES A CHOICE OF DATES.

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A TOTAL OF 67 CANDIDATES SAT FOR THE PART II PAPER IN MARCH, AND 63 PASSED, WHILE 33 CANDIDATES (INCLUDING FOUR WHO FAILED IN MARCH) TOOK THE MAY EXAMINATION, AND 29 PASSED.

IN ALL 92 OUT OF THE 96 CANDIDATES WHO TOOK THE EXAMINATION PASSED.

CANDIDATES WHO HAVE PASSED ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART III OF THE EXAMINATION IN JULY THIS YEAR WHICH IS AN ORAL TEST ON PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF MEDICINE.

IN ADDITION, 35 CANDIDATES WHO FAILED THE PART III EXAMINATION PREVIOUSLY WILL ALSO BE TAKING PART IN THE EXAMINATION IN JULY.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES OF ALL THREE PARTS OF THE EXAMINATION WILL THEN HAVE TO COMPLETE AN EXTERNSHIP OF ABOUT 18 MONTHS BEFORE RECEIVING A LICENCE TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG.

SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TEST IN 1977, A TOTAL OF 266 MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS HAVE BECOME LICENTIATE DOCTORS AFTER PASSING THE THREE-PART EXAMINATIONS AND SATISFACTORILY COMPLETING AN EXTERNSHIP.

AT PRESENT ANOTHER 141 ARE UNDERGOING THE 18-MONTH EXTERNSHIP IN GOVERNMENT DESIGNATED HOSPITALS.

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SALVATION ARMY LEADER VISITS CLOSED CENTRE

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THE VISITING INTERNATIONAL LEADER OF THE SALVATION ARMY, GENERAL JARL WAHLSTROM, FLEW BY HELICOPTER TO THE CHI MA WAN CLOSED CENTRE TODAY (MONDAY) TO LOOK AT DEVELOPMENT AND FACILITIES THERE.

GENERAL WAHLSTROM WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALAN MASON, AND THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR R.W.B. HIGGINBOTTOM, AS WELL AS SENIOR SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE LATEST SITUATION IN THE CENTRE BY SUPERINTENDENTS IN CHARGE OF THE CENTRES, MR JIMMY GRANT AND MR LEE PO-MAN.

DURING THE TOUR, GENERAL WAHLSTROM SAW VARIOUS FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE CLINIC, A DINING HALL, A KITCHEN, DORMITORIES AND THE SALVATION ARMY OFFICE.

HE ALSO WATCHED VARIOUS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EDUCATIONAL CLASSES ORGANISED BY LOCAL SALVATION ARMY PERSONNEL AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF.

HE TALKED TO SOME OF THE REFUGEES AND ENQUIRED ABOUT THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS.

THE CHI MA WAN CLOSED CENTRE, WITH A CAPACITY FOR 3 500 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, NOW HOUSES JUST OVER 3 000 OF THEM.

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GRAND PROCESSION ON CHEUNG CHAU

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THE NARROW STREETS OF CHEUNG CHAU ARE EXPECTED TO BE FILLED WITH THOUSANDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE AND SIGHTSEERS FOR THE TRADITIONAL MAIN PROCESSION OF THE ISLAND'S ANNUAL BUN FESTIVAL ON THURSDAY (MAY 19).

HELD EVERY YEAR TO PLACATE THE SPIRITS OF PEOPLE KILLED BY PIRATES IN PAST CENTURIES, THE PROCESSION WILL FEATURE A PARADE OF ALL THE SHRINES FROM THE ISLAND'S TEMPLES, THE TREASURE SWORD OF PAK TAI TEMPLE, FLOATS, UNICORN AND LION DANCES, FAMOUS CHIU CHAU GONG AND DRUM PERFORMANCES, AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE MUSIC AND DANCES.

MORE THAN 1 600 PEOPLE FROM 23 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WILL TAKE PART IN THE PARADE.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY.

THE 90-MINUTE PROCESSION WILL SET OFF FROM THE PAK TAI TEMPLE AT 2.30 PM, PASS THE GUEST STAND IN PRAYA STREET AND THEN RETURN TO THE TEMPLE.

THE PROCESSION WILL BE REPEATED ALONG A DIFFERENT ROUTE AT THE SAME TIME THE FOLLOWING DAY.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS THERE WILL BE NO SCRAMBLE FOR BUNS WHICH, ACCORDING TO LEGEND, WILL BRING LUCK TO THE RECIPIENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

INSTEAD, THE BUNS ON THREE 12-METRE-TALL BUN TOWERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PEOPLE ON FRIDAY AT 9 AM. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ARRANGED FINANCING FOR THE BUILDING OF THE TOWERS.

THE WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL WILL END ON SUNDAY. DURING THE PERIOD, ISLANDERS WILL ABSTAIN FROM EATING FISH AND MEAT AS A TOKEN OF SINCERITY AND SOLEMNITY.

TAOIST PRIESTS WILL CHANT PRAYERS AT THE PAK TAI TEMPLE AT 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY WHILE THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, WILL OFFICIATE AT A LION AND UNICORN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY AT THE TEMPLE AT 3 PM THE SAME DAY.

THE FESTIVAL IS CO-ORDINATED BY AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE COMPRISING CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL GRAND PROCESSION ON THURSDAY (MAY 19).

A HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY, THE MAN CHEONG, WILL TAKE THE PRESS AND INVITED GUESTS TO CHEUNG CHAU. IT WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER AT 12.30 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 19) AND WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG AT 4 PM THE SAME DAY.

PRESS BADGES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS MEMBERS BY CNTA INFORMATION OFFICERS ON BOARD THE FERRY.

TUEN MUN ROAD STAGE II OPENING

SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE FINAL SECTION OF TUEN MUN ROAD STAGE II AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ELEVATED SECTION OF TUEN MUN ROAD STAGE II AT CHAI WAN KOK IN TSUEN WAN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO USE THE FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE OPEN CAR PARK, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, BY 2 PM AT THE LATEST.

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SURRENDER CENTRE FOR UNWANTED CARS

CAR OWNERS WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE TIME AND TROUBLE IN DISPOSING THEIR UNWANTED VEHICLE AS HONG KONG'S FIRST GOVERNMENT-OPERATED VEHICLE SURRENDER CENTRE OPENS AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 18).

THE NEW SURRENDER CENTRE, SITUATED AT KOWLOON BAY BETWEEN WAI YIP STREET AND THE EASTERN END OF AIRPORT TUNNEL, WILL BE OPERATED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

+THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH A FACILITY FOR EASY DISPOSAL OF THEIR UNWANTED VEHICLES,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

+IT WILL ALSO HELP TO REDUCE INDISCRIMINATE DUMPING OF UNWANTED VEHICLES ON ROADS, CROWN LAND AND PRIVATE LAND,+ HE ADDED.

THE CENTRE WILL OPERATE FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS (PUBLIC HOLIDAYS EXCEPTED), AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS INCLUDING A LOCATION MAP, ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LICENSING OFFICES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE PERSONAL USE OF THIS SERVICE SHOULD BRING:

- 1) A COMPLETED +APPLICATION TO SCRAP AND CANCEL THE REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE+. THIS FORM CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE SURRENDER CENTRE AND FILLED IN THERE, OR YOU CAN COLLECT ONE BEFOREHAND AT ANY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LICENSING OFFICE.
- 2) THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENT OF YOUR VEHICLE.
- 3) IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT IF YOU ARE A PRIVATE OWNER

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION IF THE VEHICLE OWNER IS A LIMITED COMPANY. SOMEONE ELSE MAY DISPOSE OF YOUR VEHICLE FOR YOU. THAT PERSON WILL NEED :

- 1) LETTER OF AUTHORITY FROM THE REGISTERED OWNER GIVING PERMISSION FOR THE AGENT TO HANDLE THE SURRENDER.
- 2) COMPLETED +APPLICATION TO SCRAP AND CANCEL THE REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE+.
- 3) REGISTRATION DOCUMENT FOR VEHICLE.
- 4) IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT OF AGENT AND A COPY OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT SIGNED BY YOU OR THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION IF THE REGISTERED OWNER IS A LIMITED COMPANY.

THE CENTRE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES WILL THEN ARRANGE FOR CRUSHING AND DEREGISTRATION OF THE VEHICLE.

WHILE THE SERVICE IS FREE, CAR OWNERS ARE ENTITLED TO A REFUND OF A PORTION OF THE LICENCE FEE IF THE UNEXPIRED PERIOD OF THE LICENCE IS VALID FOR THREE WHOLE MONTHS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CENTRE MAY BE MADE ON 5-756541 EXTENSION 263.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO YUEN LONG STADIUM COMPLETED

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MORE THAN 4 000 YUEN LONG RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH A SOCCER MATCH BETWEEN THE SEIKO TEAM AND THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SELECTION TEAM AT THE DISTRICT'S STADIUM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 25) EVENING NEXT WEEK.

THE MATCH IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF IMPROVED FACILITIES AT THE STADIUM.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, SAID, +THE OCCASION PROVIDES A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DIRECTORS OF THE LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM THE SEIKO AND THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPORT.

+THE EVENT IS ALSO HELD IN APPRECIATION OF A CONTRIBUTION BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WHICH HAS DONATED \$3 MILLION TOWARDS THE IMPROVEMENT COST.+

HE HOPED THAT LOCAL YOUNGSTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION WOULD FULLY UTILISE FACILITIES AT THE STADIUM.

EXPANSION WORK ON THE STADIUM, COSTING \$12 MILLION, INCLUDES THE ADDITION OF A COVERED STAND FOR 2 000 SPECTATORS, RE-TURFING AND AN EIGHT-LANE ALL-WEATHER RUNNING TRACK.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE FROM MAY 19 (THURSDAY).

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DISTRICT PARK FOR SHA TIN

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A DISTRICT PARK IS TO BE BUILT NEAR TSANG TAI UK WALLED VILLAGE, JAT MIN CHUEN AND SHA KOK HOUSING ESTATE IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE AREA FOR THE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE PARK, WHICH HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2.7 HECTARES, WILL INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, SITTING-OUT AREA, AND A SPORTS GROUND COMPRISING A FOOTBALL PITCH, SIX TENNIS COURTS AND THREE BASKETBALL-AND-VOLLEYBALL COURTS.

CHANGING ROOMS AND PUBLIC TOILETS, AN OFFICE AND STORE ROOMS, A REFRESHMENT KIOSK, A SHELTERED BOOKING COUNTER, CAR PARK SPACES AND LANDSCAPE PLANTING WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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STORM WATER DRAIN WORK

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE EXTENSION OF A STORM WATER DRAIN THROUGH THE SHAM SHUI PO RECLAMATION STAGE II.

WORK ON THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 180-METRE LONG TRIPLE-CELLED BOX CULVERT FROM THE OLD SEAWALL TO THE NEW SEAWALL THROUGH THE RECLAMATION.

WORK WILL START IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TEMPORARY MARKET FOR HAWKERS

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A TEMPORARY MARKET WILL BE BUILT ON A SITE NORTH OF CARPENTER ROAD, KOWLOO CITY TO RESITE HAWKERS IN THE EXISTING KOWLOON CITY MARKET AND ITS ADJACENT HAWKER-COOKEDFOOD BAZAAR, WHICH WILL SOON BE REDEVELOPED INTO A MULTI-STOREY MARKET COMPLEX.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

WORK ON THE MARKET, WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 580 STALLS, IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

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LAST CARRIAGEWAY OPENS AT TUEN MUN ROAD

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TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE IN FULL USE FROM 5 PM TOMORROW (MAY 17) AS ITS SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT CHAI WAN KOK OPENS TO WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE ENTIRELY SEPARATED.

MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED THAT TUEN MUN ROAD IS DESIGNED FOR A SPEED LIMIT OF 40 MPH, WHICH IS ALSO THE ROAD'S LEGAL SPEED LIMIT.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR FESTIVAL IN SAI KUNG

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE IN SAI KUNG FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (MAY 17) UNTIL MIDNIGHT ON JUNE 4 TO ALLOW FOR CELEBRATIONS OF THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * YI CHUN STREET BETWEEN ITS TWO JUNCTIONS WITH MAN NIN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THOSE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
- * MAN NIN STREET BETWEEN ITS TWO JUNCTIONS WITH YI CHUN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.
- * THE OFF-STREET CAR PARK NEXT TO THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE WILL BE SUSPENDED AND USED AS TERMINI FOR NT MAXICAB ROUTES 3 AND 4.
- * PART OF THE OFF-STREET LORRY PARK NEXT TO THE ELECTRIC SUBSTATION WILL BE USED AS A TAXI STAND.
- * THE PLB AND TAXI STANDS IN YI CHUN STREET, THE OFF-STREET CAR PARK IN FRONT OF THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AND A NUMBER OF ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IN MAN NIN STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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TRAFFIC LANE CLOSED

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A SHORT SECTION OF THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE IN SHEUNG FOO STREET, AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SHEUNG SHING STREET IN HO MAN TIN, HAS BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BECAUSE OF A BURST WATER MAIN.

DURING THE CLOSURE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS, BUSES ON KMB ROUTE 7B BOUND FOR WANG TAU HOM AND ROUTE 18 BOUND FOR TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FAT KWONG STREET AND PUI CHING ROAD.

THOSE ON ROUTE 17 BOUND FOR KWUN TONG WILL PROCEED VIA FAT KWONG STREET DIRECT TO SHEUNG SHING STREET.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (16.5.83) STOOD AT 77.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 448.990 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 230.869 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 40.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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