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STUDENT LOANS TO COVER TUITION FEE INCREASES IN UK
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INTEREST-FREE LOANS WILL BE OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO COVER THE FULL INCREASE IN TUITION FEES EXPERIENCED BY HONG KONG STUDENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AS A RESULT OF THE U.K. GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO INCREASE FEES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS.

STUDENTS WHO COMMENCED STUDIES IN UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN SEPTEMBER 1980 ARE ALREADY ELIGIBLE FOR LOANS OF UP TO 2 000 POUNDS STERLING UNDER AN EMERGENCY SCHEME INSTITUTED RECENTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT TO OFFER IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE SUFFERING HARDSHIP IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR.

LOANS UNDER THE LONG-TERM SCHEME WILL ALSO BE MADE TO FULL-TIME STUDENTS ON FIRST-DEGREE OR EQUIVALENT POLYTECHNIC COURSES. THE LOAN SCHEME WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, ALLOWING TIME FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE EXAMINED PROPERLY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL LOAN WOULD BE LIMITED TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ACTUAL COURSE FEE CHARGED AND THE HOME STUDENT FEE. THE HOME STUDENT FEE FOR 1981/82 IS 900 POUNDS STERLING AND THIS COMPARES WITH THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED MINIMUM FEES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS FOR THE FORTHCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR OF :

UNIVERSITY COURSES (IN POUNDS STERLING)

ARTS : 2 500

SCIENCE : 3 600

MEDICINE : 6 000

POLYTECHNIC COURSES (IN POUNDS STERLING)

ARTS : 2 649

SCIENCE : 3 672

THIS MEANS THAT A UNIVERSITY ARTS STUDENT MAY BE GIVEN LOANS UP TO 1 600 POUNDS STERLING FOR 1981/82, WHEREAS A MEDICAL STUDENT MAY RECEIVE UP TO 5 100 POUNDS STERLING FOR THAT YEAR. LOAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS OF HIS COURSE WILL BE RE-CALCULATED AT THAT TIME.

THE ACTUAL LOAN ISSUED WILL BE LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT NEEDED IN EACH PARTICULAR CASE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AROUND \$22 MILLION MAY BE ISSUED IN THIS MANNER FOR 1981/82.

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THE LOAN SCHEME WILL BE REVIEWED IN A YEAR'S TIME TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF FURTHER INCREASES IN TUITION FEES AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS WHICH MAY COME TO LIGHT.

COMMENTING ON THE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE NEED TO MAINTAIN OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS TO SEEK HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH WHICH HONG KONG HAD TRADITIONAL ACADEMIC LINKS.

+PENDING THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW POST SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, THE DECISION REPRESENTS THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN TO ASSIST THOSE HONG KONG STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN PLACED IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF THE LOANS, AND THE CONDITIONS ATTACHED, WILL BE SIMILAR AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, TO THOSE ADOPTED FOR THE LOCAL STUDENT FINANCE SCHEME. HOWEVER, THERE IS A BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO SCHEMES: THE LOCAL SCHEME ENSURES THAT NO STUDENT WHO QUALIFIES FOR A PLACE AT THE TWO UNIVERSITIES OR THE POLYTECHNIC HAS TO TURN IT DOWN BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL NEED, WHEREAS THE UK SCHEME IS INTENDED TO AMELIORATE THE EFFECT OF THE INCREASE IN FEES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND THE FAMILIES CONCERNED MUST PROVIDE THE STUDENT'S LIVING EXPENSES IN BRITAIN AS WELL AS THE EQUIVALENT OF THE FEE CHARGEABLE TO BRITISH STUDENTS, WHICH TOGETHER WILL AMOUNT TO ABOUT 4 000 POUNDS STERLING FOR 1981/82.

NEVERTHELESS, APPLICANTS WILL BE MEANS-TESTED TO ENSURE THAT ONLY NEEDY STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE HELP. THE AMOUNT OF EACH LOAN WILL DEPEND ON DISPOSABLE FAMILY INCOME.

LETTERS OF INDEMNITY WILL BE REQUIRED FROM AN APPLICANT'S PARENT AND ONE OTHER PERSON IN HONG KONG. LOANS WILL BE REPAYABLE BY 20 QUARTERLY INSTALMENTS OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE STUDENT'S COURSE.

BECAUSE THE LOANS CONSTITUTE PART OF THE ANNUAL TUITION FEES, THEY WILL BE PAID DIRECT TO THE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED.

THE EXAMINATION OF APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE OFFICE IN HONG KONG.

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GROWTH IN AIRBORNE TRADE
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AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE IN 1980 WAS VALUED AT \$46 177 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 26 PER CENT OVER 1979.

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE VALUED AT \$17 091 MILLION (UP 26 PER CENT), IMPORTS AT \$20 846 MILLION (UP 23 PER CENT), AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$8 240 MILLION (UP 36 PER CENT).

FOR THE YEAR AS A WHOLE, 25 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 19 PER CENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS AND 27 PER CENT OF TOTAL RE-EXPORTS WERE DESPATCHED BY AIR.

SUMMARY TRADE STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR 1980 WERE RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE SIX MAJOR MARKETS FOR HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS:

	1980 (HK\$ MN.)	1979 (HK\$ MN.)	INCREASE/DECREASE (HK\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
USA	6 703	5 631	+1 072	+19
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 972	1 609	+ 362	+23
UK	1 516	975	+ 541	+55
JAPAN	920	1 039	- 119	-11
SWITZERLAND	541	397	+ 144	+36
FRANCE	522	317	+ 204	+64

BY COMMODITY, INCREASES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED MAINLY IN WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1 769 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$612 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT), AS WELL AS CONCENTRATES OF PRECIOUS METALS, WASTE SCRAP AND SWEEPINGS OF PRECIOUS METALS (OTHER THAN GOLD) (BY \$312 MILLION OR 1 174 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECLINES WERE NOTED FOR BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$102 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT), AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$72 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

FURTHER ANALYSIS OF COMMODITY BY COUNTRY REVEALED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO THE USA (BY \$525 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), THE F.R. OF GERMANY (BY \$138 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AND FRANCE (BY \$126 MILLION OR 84 PER CENT) AND OF CLOTHING TO THE F.R. OF GERMANY (BY \$200 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT), THE USA (BY \$173 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT) AND THE UK (BY \$147 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO JAPAN DECLINED (BY \$70 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE SIX MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SHOWN BELOW :

	1980 (HK\$ MN.)	1979 (HK\$ MN.)	INCREASE/DECREASE (HK\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
USA	4 722	3 386	+1 336	+39
JAPAN	4 661	3 586	+1 075	+30
SWITZERLAND	2 186	1 881	+ 305	+16
UK	1 012	998	+ 14	+ 1
TAIWAN	981	736	+ 246	+33
ISRAEL	975	900	+ 75	+ 8

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1 456 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT), AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT (BY \$501 MILLION OR 116 PER CENT), AS WELL AS THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS (BY \$401 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

IN CONTRAST, DECREASES WERE NOTED IN THE SUPPLY, BY AIR, OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION PISTON ENGINES (BY \$155 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT), AS WELL AS PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$111 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT).

GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS FROM JAPAN (BY \$507 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (BY \$238 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT). THE USA WAS THE LARGEST SUPPLIER OF AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, SHOWING AN INCREASE OF \$561 MILLION OR 177 PER CENT.

GROWTH WAS ALSO RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS FROM JAPAN (BY \$83 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$65 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT) AND THE USA (BY \$33 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT).

ABOUT 48 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF THE AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES WERE FROM ISRAEL, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF \$74 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT.

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW IN 1980. MAJOR RE-EXPORT ITEMS WITH SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$767 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT), SILVER, PLATINUM AND OTHER METALS OF THE PLATINUM GROUP (BY \$149 MILLION OR 133 PER CENT), AS WELL AS THE THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS (BY \$145 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

FOLLOWING THE SAME TREND AS AIRBORNE IMPORTS, AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES DECLINED (BY \$250 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

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THE USA OVERTOOK JAPAN AND BECAME THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS, WITH A VALUE OF \$1 070 MILLION (AN INCREASE OF \$244 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS WERE ALSO REGISTERED FOR THE UK (BY 398 MILLION OR 209 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$345 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$185 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (BY \$134 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT). AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN CONTINUED TO DECLINE (BY \$168 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEMES STUDIES * * *

THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED A CONSULTANT FIRM TO INVESTIGATE AND IMPLEMENT A NUMBER OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEMES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ESSENTIAL FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

AN AGREEMENT TO THIS EFFECT WAS SIGNED TODAY BETWEEN MR HAROLD BEATON, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND MR JOHN WHITEFIELD, A PARTNER OF MOTT, HAY AND ANDERSON FAR EAST.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE CONSULTANT FIRM WILL CARRY OUT TRAFFIC STUDIES AT SOME 50 LOCATIONS WHERE BUS SERVICES ARE SAID TO HAVE EXPERIENCED DELAY AND WHERE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY MEASURES ARE CONSIDERED ADVANTAGEOUS.

THE FIRM WILL HAVE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE ALL INVESTIGATION, PLANNING, DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR THOSE SCHEMES FOR WHICH IMPROVEMENTS ARE CONSIDERED FEASIBLE.

THE APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS FOLLOWED A DECISION BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR THAT ALL THE SCHEMES SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND ALL THOSE FOUND FEASIBLE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN 18 MONTHS.

+THE NEED FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY MEASURES STEMS FROM THE RAPID GROWTH IN VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN HONG KONG,+ SAID MR BEATON.

+THE INCREASING VOLUME OF TRAFFIC HAS RESULTED IN A DECLINE IN THE LEVEL OF SERVICE PROVIDED BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT, A MODE WHICH IS AN EFFICIENT USER OF ROAD SPACE.+

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TB INCIDENCES LOW
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HONG KONG HAS KEPT THE INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS RELATIVELY LOW DURING THE PAST YEAR DESPITE THE INFLUX OF REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TOTAL NOTIFICATIONS FOR TUBERCULOSIS IN 1980 WERE MAINTAINED AT PRACTICALLY THE SAME LEVEL AS IN 1979 DESPITE FEARS THAT EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE DISEASE MIGHT BE TAMPERED BY THE FLOW OF IMMIGRANTS.

+INDEED DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF 1980, THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL FALL IN THE NUMBER OF NOTIFICATIONS, AND EVIDENCE NOW AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES THAT PROGRESS HAS AGAIN BEEN RESUMED,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF HONG KONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION, AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING, DR THONG POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 4 000 CASES OF TB NOTIFICATIONS AMONG VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

THIS BURDEN WAS PLACED SQUARELY ON THE DEPARTMENT'S CHEST SERVICE, WHICH HANDLED THE PROBLEM WITH EFFICIENCY AND WITH THE LEAST FUSS, HE SAID.

IN DRUGS ALONE, HE ADDED, THE COST TO THE COMMUNITY WAS ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION.

+WITHOUT BEING COMPLACENT, I THINK IT SAYS A LOT FOR THE GOVERNMENT, ABLY SUPPORTED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND OTHER VOLUNTARY BODIES, WHICH HAVE MANAGED TO OVERCOME VERY REAL DIFFICULTIES THAT WERE SUDDENLY AND OVER-WHELMINGLY IMPOSED ON US,+ HE SAID.

DR THONG WENT ON TO SAY THAT HONG KONG HAS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF BABIES VACCINATED AT BIRTH WITH BCG IN THE WORLD.

THE COLLABORATION WITH THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS NEVER BEEN MORE FINELY ATTUNED, HE NOTED, ADDING THAT HONG KONG IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF SHORT-COURSE CHEMOTHERAPY BOTH IN RESEARCH AND ITS APPLICATION IN PRACTICE.

TURNING TO OTHER DISEASES OF THE CHEST, DR THONG POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, THE NUMBER OF LUNG CANCER DEATHS HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED.

LAST YEAR ALONE, 1 800 PEOPLE DIED OF LUNG CANCER COMPARED WITH 550 OF TUBERCULOSIS.

LUNG CANCER IS BY FAR THE MOST COMMON IN HONG KONG AND IN SPITE OF EFFORTS BY CHEST PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, THE PROGNOSIS AS A WHOLE REMAINS POOR, HE SAID.

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GOVERNMENT APPRENTICES RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR ALLEN LEE, TODAY CALLED ON THE GRADUATING GOVERNMENT APPRENTICES TO CONTINUE THEIR QUEST FOR SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE EVEN AFTER TRAINING.

THE CALL WAS MADE AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD AT MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

+YOU SHOULD NOT IMAGINE THAT YOU HAVE REACHED YOUR FINAL GOAL AND BE CONTENT AT YOUR PRESENT LEVEL OF SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE,+ MR LEE SAID.

+AS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOP, DESIGNS OF ENGINEERING PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT ARE MORE AND MORE SOPHISTICATED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY.

+TO SUPPLEMENT THE TECHNOLOGISTS' EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THESE, YOU GRADUATING APPRENTICES SHOULD DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS FURTHER AND KEEP YOURSELVES UP-TO-DATE WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE.+

AT TODAY'S GRADUATION CEREMONY, MR LEE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 23 TECHNICAL AND 50 CRAFT APPRENTICES.

HE SAID THE OCCASION MARKED YET ANOTHER YEAR OF EFFORT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE IN PROVIDING TRAINED TECHNICIANS AND CRAFTSMEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE INDUSTRY.

HE RECALLED THAT THE PWD AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY'S FORMAL INDENTURED TRADE APPRENTICE TRAINING WAS STARTED IN MID-1950'S.

+THIS WAS RE-STRUCTURED IN 1969 TO INCLUDE TWO STREAMS TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME 750 APPRENTICES GRADUATED UNDER THIS NEW SCHEME- MANY OF THEM ARE NOW HOLDING JOBS AS WORKS SUPERVISORS, INSPECTORS, OR ENGINEERS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND SIMILAR POSITIONS IN THE PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR,+ HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, SOME 468 CRAFT AND 164 TECHNICAL APPRENTICES ARE SERVING THEIR APPRENTICESHIP IN GOVERNMENT.

MR LEE, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WAS GLAD TO NOTE THAT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE MAKING A GREAT EFFORT IN THE PROVISION OF SKILLED MANPOWER WHICH IS SO NEEDED IN HONG KONG.

AT THE CEREMONY, MR LEE ALSO PRESENTED THE +BROWN+ CUP TO THE BEST TECHNICAL APPRENTICE, MR WONG KAI-MING, OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT. THE +LAISHLEY+ CUP FOR THE BEST CRAFT APPRENTICE WAS PRESENTED TO MR YAU KWOK-KEUNG OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE, PWD.

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FIRST URBAN DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTED
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MEMBERS TO THE FIRST DISTRICT BOARD IN THE URBAN AREA — AT KWUN TONG — HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

THE APPOINTMENT OF 22 MEMBERS TO THE BOARD FOR 18 MONTHS FROM APRIL 1, APPEARED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BOARD WILL ALSO COMPRISE THREE URBAN COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM SIX GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, KWUN TONG.

SIR MURRAY WILL ATTEND THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE BOARD ON APRIL 2 AT THE LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE, SAU MAU PING.

THE APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE MESSRS CHAN WAI, CHAN KANG-CHOW, MADAM CHAN SIU, MESSRS CHEUNG SHEK-FU, CHEUNG TING-CHEONG, EDDIE LAMB, LAM HANG-FAI, LAM KIN-KWOK, LAM LEUNG-KEE, MADAM LEUNG FU-WING, MR LOO CHING-HO, MISS MONA LO, MR MAU-KEI-ON, MRS NG CHU LEIN-FAN, MESSRS NG PING-TAK, TONG PO-KWAI, WONG KWAI-LUK, THE HON WONG LAM, MR WONG WAH-SANG, MRS AGNES YEUNG, MESSRS YEUNG KWOK-YIU AND YIP YAM-TONG.

ALSO SERVING ON THE BOARD TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1982 WILL BE URBAN COUNCILLORS MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT, MR AMBROSE K.C. CHOI AND MR STEPHEN M.K. LAU WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS FACILITIES FOR THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF
THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD
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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE PRESS TO ATTEND THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 2) AT THE LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE, 80 HIU KWONG ROAD, SAU MAU PING, KWUN TONG. THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ADDRESS THE MEETING.

THERE WILL BE A SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM THE CARPARK AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, KWUN TONG TO LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THIS TRANSPORT FACILITY ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE AT THE CARPARK AT 2 PM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAY COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED WITH SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION.

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NEW TERRITORIES LAND COMPENSATION INCREASED
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THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED INCREASES IN COMPENSATION FOR LAND RESUMED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FROM APRIL 1, OWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND RESUMED WITHIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WILL BE COMPENSATED AT THE NEW FULL RATE OF \$103 PER SQUARE FOOT, INSTEAD OF \$89 PER SQUARE FOOT - AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 15 PER CENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE OFFERED TO OWNERS OF RESUMED BUILDING LAND WITHIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WILL BE AT THE NEW FULL RATE OF \$220 PER SQUARE FOOT INSTEAD OF \$200 PER SQUARE FOOT - AN INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT.

GIVING DETAILS OF THE NEW RATES, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF NTA, MR FRANK ROOME, SAID THEY HAD BEEN DRAWN UP IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF CONDUCTING HALF-YEARLY REVIEWS OF NEW TERRITORIES COMPENSATION RATES.

THIS POLICY WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON NEW TERRITORIES URBAN LAND ACQUISITION HEADED BY SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN.

MR ROOME SAID THE NEW RATES WOULD BE EFFECTIVE UP TO SEPTEMBER 30, WHEN A FURTHER REVIEW WOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT, UNDER THE REVISED GOVERNMENT LAND RESUMPTION POLICY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, OWNERS OF RESUMED LAND OUTSIDE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WOULD BE COMPENSATED AT A PROPORTIONATE PERCENTAGE OF THE NEW FULL RATES, DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION OF THE LAND RESUMED, AND MORE PARTICULARLY AS DEFINED IN A ZONAL PLAN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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MORE STUDY ROOMS OPEN DURING EXAMINATION PERIOD
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TEMPORARY STUDY ROOMS WILL BE OPENED IN THE EVENING IN SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG FROM APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30 FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

+THESE STUDY ROOMS WILL PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS LIVING IN CROWDED AND NOISY ENVIRONMENT TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK AND PRIVATE STUDY,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

A TOTAL OF 6 400 PLACES WILL BE PROVIDED IN 64 STUDY ROOM CENTRES, HE SAID.

STUDY ROOM FACILITIES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 6 PM TO 9 PM EACH EVENING FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND THESE WILL BE STRICTLY FOR THE USE OF SECONDARY STUDENTS.

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FACILITIES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM, AND WILL CATER FOR BOTH SECONDARY AND PRIMARY STUDENTS.

STUDY ROOMS WILL BE CLOSED ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

POSTERS SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF STUDY ROOM CENTRES AND STUDENT ADMISSION CARDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS, HE SAID.

SUPERVISORS WILL BE APPOINTED TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN STUDY ROOMS, BUT THEY WILL NOT BE GIVING TUITION TO THE STUDENTS.

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SPECIAL TRAINS FOR CHING MING FESTIVAL
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL BE OPERATING SPECIAL TRAINS TO WO HOP SHEK DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

SPECIAL SERVICE WILL START THIS SUNDAY (MARCH 29) AND ON APRIL 5, 6 AND 12. TRAINS WILL RUN AT HOURLY INTERVALS EACH WAY BETWEEN KOWLOON AND WO HOP SHEK FROM 6.04 AM AND THE LAST TRAIN WILL LEAVE WO HOP SHEK AT 7.45 PM.

HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL TRAINS MAY BE PUT INTO OPERATION LATE IN THE EVENING IF THERE IS A DEMAND.

SPECIAL TRAINS WILL NOT PICK UP PASSENGERS AT MONG KOK STATION, A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE HEAVILY LOADED AND PASSENGERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE TRAVELLING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE SPECIAL CARE IN JOINING AND ALIGHTING FROM CARRIAGES.

EXTRA KCR STAFF AND THE POLICE WILL BE ON HAND AT BOTH KOWLOON AND WO HOP SHEK STATIONS TO ASSIST PASSENGERS.

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HONG KONG JING YING RETURNS FROM LONDON TOUR
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THE HONG KONG JING YING RETURNED TO HONG KONG THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING AFTER A SUCCESSFUL THREE-WEEK TOUR PERFORMANCE IN LONDON.

THE GROUP WAS MET AT KAI TAK AIRPORT BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM.

THE 17-MEMBER JING YING GROUP LEFT HONG KONG ON MARCH 5 TO PERFORM AT THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD 25TH ANNIVERSARY COMMONWEALTH BALL AND THE CAMDEN FESTIVAL.

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THE BALL WAS HELD ON COMMONWEALTH DAY, MARCH 9, AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHEME.

THE JING YING GROUP PERFORMED BEFORE SOME 800 GUESTS, INCLUDING THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON SIR RONALD GARNER-THORPE, THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS MR PETER BLAKER, THE LORD BISHOP OF LONDON, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 44 MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HONG KONG WAS REPRESENTED BY THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER, MR DAVID FORD AND MRS FORD, AND THE HONG KONG CHAIRMAN OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME, MR ALEX WU.

THE JING YING GROUP'S PERFORMANCE IN THE CAMDEN FESTIVAL ALSO RECEIVED HIGH ACCLAIM FROM THE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE FUNCTION.

APART FROM GIVING PERFORMANCES IN THESE TWO EVENTS, THE JING YING GROUP ALSO GAVE A PERFORMANCE AT THE YEHUDI MENUHIN SCHOOL IN SURREY WHERE THEY WERE WARMLY RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

THEY WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL AND WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE STUDENTS IN TUITION AND PRACTISING SESSIONS.

THE GROUP ALSO PERFORMED AT THE SHREWSBURY YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL, THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE, THE HONG KONG STUDENT CENTRE, THE HAMMERHILL TOWN HALL, AND BROADCAST LIVE ON BBC'S POPULAR PEBBLE'S MILL SHOW.

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TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER CALLS FOR CHANGE OF ATTITUDE
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TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED FOR A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE BY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND THE PUBLIC IN THEIR DAILY WORK TO STRIVE FOR A CONTENTED AND STABLE COMMUNITY AND A BETTER TOWN.

DR HAYES SAID THE CHANGE WAS NEEDED ON BOTH SIDES, AND IT WAS GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WHO WERE THE KEY AGENTS IN BREAKING OUT OF THE 'CHICKEN AND EGG' SITUATION.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL TSUEN WAN LUNCH, ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 100 LOCAL DIGNITARIES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

+ON OUR SIDE WE NEED INFORMATION AND ADVICE TO DO A BETTER JOB- MAKE OUR SYSTEM WORK TO MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE,+ HE SAID.

BUT THE PUBLIC IS NOT USED TO PROVIDING THIS INPUT - FAR TOO FEW ORDINARY CITIZENS BRING THEIR LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS TO OUR OFFICES AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES, NEVER MIND SUGGESTIONS.

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+I DO NOT THINK, FOR INSTANCE, THAT THE FIGURE OF 27 COMPLAINTS MADE TO THE TWO TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICES AND EIGHT PES CENTRES IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS IS A SUFFICIENT RESPONSE TO OUR WILL AND ABILITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC.

+THIS WILL ONLY COME IF AND WHEN CITIZENS BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WILL ACCEPT AND USE THEM IN THEIR DAILY WORK.

+AS I SEE IT, IT IS THE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE THE KEY AGENTS IN BREAKING OUT OF THIS 'CHICKEN AND EGG' SITUATION.

+IF WE WANT PUBLIC CO-OPERATION WE MUST REGARD OURSELVES AS BEING HERE TO FACILITATE, NOT TO DICTATE, MUST WELCOME HELP AND ADVICE, AND GIVE OURS WITH TACT AND RESTRAINT.+ TO MAKE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR THE PUBLIC, TWO PES CENTRES IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG WOULD OPEN FROM 1 PM TO 9 PM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

DR HAYES SAID THE PUBLIC COULD HELP IMPROVE GOVERNMENT'S WORK BY USING THE FACILITIES AND AVENUES OF APPROACH OFFERED TO THEM.

+TO QUOTE A COLLEAGUE, THE CHINESE GENERALLY BELIEVE THAT SILENCE IS A VIRTUE, BUT TO BRING OUT POINTS OF DISCONTENT WITH A VIEW TO MAKING IMPROVEMENTS IS EVEN MORE VIRTUOUS,+ HE SAID.

HE CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO HELP BY REGISTERING AS VOTERS IN THE COMING ELECTIONS TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS, WHICH WILL HELP TO PROVIDE A BIGGER AND WIDER INPUT TO THE WORK OF DEPARTMENTS IN THE TOWN.

+WE REGARD THIS PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AS VITAL TO OUR COMPLETE SUCCESS IN TOWN MANAGEMENT, AND URGE REGISTRATION AS THE DUTY OF ALL CITIZENS WHO CARE ABOUT TSUEN WAN,+ HE SAID.

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TRAINING COURSE FOR INDUSTRIAL INSTRUCTORS

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TWO MORE BLOCK-RELEASE IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE FOR INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS IN MAY AND JUNE.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE TRADE OR WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS AND MUST BE FULLY SKILLED IN THEIR TRADES, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXPERIENCED WORKERS WHO WILL TAKE UP INSTRUCTION DUTIES IN FUTURE MAY ALSO APPLY, HE SAID.

EACH COURSE WILL REQUIRE ATTENDANCE AT THE COLLEGE FOR TWO WEEKS FULL-TIME, AND WHEN THE COURSE IS COMPLETED TUTORS WILL VISIT STUDENTS AT THEIR PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT TO GIVE FURTHER ADVICE ON TEACHING METHODS.

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THE COURSES ARE ON METHODS OF INSTRUCTION BASED ON EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEY WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE BUT SOME ENGLISH TERMINOLOGY WILL BE USED. FEES ARE \$100 PER COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG, AND COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 11.

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SHORTAGE OF SCOUTS ACTIVITIES VENUES

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THERE IS STILL A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF VENUES AND FACILITIES FOR SEA ACTIVITIES FOR SCOUTS, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A BALL HELD ON A FLOATING NIGHTCLUB TO RAISE FUNDS TO BUILD A SEA ACTIVITIES CENTRE AT PAK CHO WAN, CHEUNG CHAU, MR CHUI SAID: +OWING TO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS AND RAPID POPULATION INCREASES THE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION SAW THE NEED TO POSITIVELY EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES.+

IT HAS PLANS TO INCREASE SCOUT MEMBERSHIP FROM THE PRESENT 8 000 TO 14 000 IN FIVE YEARS, AND TO ORGANISE MORE ACTIVITIES AND BUILD MORE TRAINING CENTRES.

THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PROVIDED SITES FOR SEA ACTIVITIES CENTRES, WHILE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR THESE ACTIVITIES, MR CHUI SAID.

THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION SEA ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE HAD LONG BEEN LOOKING FOR A SITE FOR ANOTHER TRAINING CENTRE AND HAD FOUND THIS ONE ON CHEUNG CHAU.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, AND HIS COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR +STRENUOUS EFFORTS.+

ABOUT \$100 000 WAS RAISED AT THE BALL. THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO BUILD THE CENTRE AND EQUIP IT WITH CANOES AND SAILING BOATS. THE CENTRE WILL BE OPEN LATER THIS YEAR.

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NEW MAXICAB ROUTE IN TSUEN WAN

A NEW PLB MAXICAB ROUTE NO 91 WILL OPERATE BETWEEN THE LAI KING HEADLAND AND TSUEN WAN (HAM TIN STREET) IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH EFFECT FROM SUNDAY (MARCH 29), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE MAXICABS ON THIS ROUTE WILL TRAVEL VIA LAI KONG STREET, LAI CHI LING ROAD, WAH YIU ROAD, LAI YIU STREET, LAI CHO ROAD, JOINT STREET, LAI KING HILL ROAD, KWAI FUK ROAD, TEXACO ROAD, YEUNG UK ROAD, KWU HANG ROAD, SHA TSUI ROAD AND HAM TIN STREET.

THE RETURN TRIP WILL BE VIA HAM TIN STREET, YEUNG UK ROAD, TEXACO ROAD, KWAI FUK ROAD, LAI KING HILL ROAD, JOINT STREET, LAI CHO ROAD, LAI YIU STREET, WAH YIU ROAD, LAI CHI LING ROAD AND LAI KONG STREET.

THE OPERATION HOURS WILL BE FROM 6.03 AM TO 11.22 PM DAILY. THE FARE WILL BE \$1.00 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

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