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ANALYSIS OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE
BY COUNTRY FOR 1980

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HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE REACHED A RECORD \$30 072 MILLION IN 1980, AN INCREASE OF 50 PER CENT OVER 1979.

A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FOR 1980 WAS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RE-EXPORT BY MARKET

HUGE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$3 327 MILLION OR 253%), WHICH NOW BECOMES THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS. THE COMMODITIES WITH THE BIGGEST INCREASES WERE TEXTILE YARN (BY \$563 MILLION OR 463%), WOVEN FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES (BY \$380 MILLION OR 1 374%), TELEVISION RECEIVERS (BY \$234 MILLION OR 275%), MOTOR VEHICLES (BY \$132 MILLION OR 222%), AND CRUDE VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$132 MILLION OR 147%).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WERE REGISTERED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, MAINLY BASKET-WORK, WICKER-WORK AND PLAITING MATERIALS (BY \$113 MILLION OR 91%), WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND INFANTS' OUTER GARMENTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (OTHER THAN KNITTED OR CROCHETED GOODS) (BY \$112 MILLION OR 149%), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$64 MILLION OR 15%), EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTS (BY \$47 MILLION OR 48%), AND THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS (BY \$44 MILLION OR 24%).

RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA SHOWED INCREASES FOR MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND OTHER CYCLES (BY \$433 MILLION OR 315%), TEXTILE AND LEATHER MACHINERY AND PARTS THEREOF (BY \$47 MILLION OR 79%), PASSENGER MOTOR CARS (BY \$32 MILLION OR 64%), AND TEXTILE YARN (BY \$29 MILLION OR 49%).

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$247 MILLION OR 72%), THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS (BY \$74 MILLION OR 130%) AND GRAMOPHONES, DICTATING MACHINES AND OTHER SOUND RECORDERS OR REPRODUCERS (BY \$44 MILLION OR 179%).

IN CONTRAST, RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN DROPPED (BY \$276 MILLION OR 11%). NOTABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$165 MILLION OR 44%), FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$39 MILLION OR 15%), AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$32 MILLION OR 5%).

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

	1980 (HK\$ MN.)	1979 (HK\$ MN.)	INCREASE/DECREASE (HK\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
CHINA	4 642	1 315	+3 327	+253
USA	3 085	1 995	+1 090	+ 55
INDONESIA	2 761	1 684	+1 077	+ 64
SINGAPORE	2 510	1 804	+ 706	+ 39
TAIWAN	2 229	1 730	+ 499	+ 29

RE-EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

CHINA REMAINED THE LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS. INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN WERE NOTED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$164 MILLION OR 62%), WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND INFANTS' OUTER GARMENTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$148 MILLION OR 122%), TEXTILE MADE-UP ARTICLES (BY \$121 MILLION OR 17%), CRUDE VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$101 MILLION OR 24%), AND FOOTWEAR (BY \$100 MILLION OR 101%).

MOST RE-EXPORT COMMODITIES OF JAPAN ORIGIN SHOWED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$455 MILLION OR 57%), MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND OTHER CYCLES (BY \$429 MILLION OR 333%), GOODS VEHICLES AND SPECIAL PURPOSE MOTOR VEHICLES (BY \$138 MILLION OR 204%), AND RADIO-BROADCAST RECEIVERS (BY \$84 MILLION OR 81%).

OVERSEAS PURCHASES OF U.S. PRODUCTS THROUGH HONG KONG REMAINED ACTIVE IN 1980. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS (BY \$192 MILLION OR 63%), AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND PARTS THEREOF (BY \$170 MILLION OR 340%), AS WELL AS PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR OFFICE AND DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$50 MILLION OR 28%).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF TAIWAN ORIGIN WERE RECORDED IN WOVEN FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES (BY \$248 MILLION OR 227%), TEXTILE YARN (BY \$208 MILLION OR 128%), AND KNITTED OR CROCHETED FABRICS (BY \$106 MILLION OR 921%).

RE-EXPORTS OF SOUTH KOREA ORIGIN ALSO SHOWED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH, PARTICULARLY FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$155 MILLION OR 570%).

RE-EXPORTS BROKEN DOWN BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ARE SHOWN BELOW :

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	<u>1980</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>1979</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
CHINA	8 394	5 663	+2 731	+ 48
JAPAN	5 884	3 393	+2 491	+ 73
USA	3 157	2 286	+ 871	+ 38
TAIWAN	2 134	898	+1 236	+138
REP. OF KOREA	877	513	+ 364	+ 71

RE-EXPORTS BY ORIGIN AND DESTINATION

WHEN ANALYSED BY ORIGIN AND THEN BY DESTINATION, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO THE U.S. (BY \$955 MILLION OR 130%), INDONESIA (BY \$317 MILLION OR 46%), NIGERIA (BY \$203 MILLION OR 87%), AND MACAU (BY \$112 MILLION OR 100%). INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF JAPAN ORIGIN WERE MAINLY TO INDONESIA (BY \$700 MILLION OR 101%), CHINA (BY \$541 MILLION OR 149%) AND SINGAPORE (BY \$338 MILLION OR 79%). SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE ALSO NOTED IN RE-EXPORTS OF U.S. ORIGIN TO CHINA (BY \$206 MILLION OR 158%) AND TAIWAN (BY \$201 MILLION OR 69%).

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MR PETER BLAKER, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MADE A BRIEF STOPOVER IN HONG KONG THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING ON HIS WAY TO SEOUL TO ATTEND THE INAUGURATION OF THE KOREAN PRESIDENT.

MR BLAKER WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

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SPORTS PROMOTE COMMUNITY SPIRIT
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WITH RAPID DEVELOPMENT AND BUILD UP OF POPULATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THERE IS A NEED NOT ONLY FOR PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES, BUT ALSO FOR BUILDING UP COHESION AND A SENSE OF BELONGING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE SIXTH NEW TERRITORIES ATHLETICS MEETING AT WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND.

MR CHUI SAID GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN PROMOTING RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MAINLY THROUGH THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

A NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SPORTS COMPETITION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR TO PROMOTE INTER-DISTRICT LEAGUES, INCLUDING A SOCCER LEAGUE WHICH STARTED IN DECEMBER AND A BASKETBALL LEAGUE WHICH STARTED ONLY LAST WEEK.

VOLLEY BALL, BADMINTON, TABLE-TENNIS AND TENNIS LEAGUES WOULD BE ORGANISED THIS YEAR.

NEARLY 500 ATHLETES FROM THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S MEETING.

THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN AGED 19 OR OVER, FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 16 TO 18, AND FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 15 OR BELOW. THERE WERE 94 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

MR CHUI SAID HE ENVISAGED THAT DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WOULD GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH AND PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN CO-ORDINATING LOCAL EFFORTS AND RESOURCES.

+BUT, IN THE LONG RUN, THEY WILL NEED TO HAVE A SOUND ORGANISATION STRUCTURE AND DEVELOP STRONGER MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP,+ HE SAID.

MR CHUI ALSO SAID THAT DISTRICT BOARDS PROPOSED IN THE WHITE PAPER WOULD PLAY AN EVER MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN NURTURING DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

+THERE WILL BE, I AM CONFIDENT, INCREASED AWARENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS ON THE PART OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TOWARDS THE NEEDS OF DISTRICT RESIDENTS AND INCREASED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WAS MR CHARLES YEUNG, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE MEETING WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HEUNG YEE KUK, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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'SUPPORT PROBATION WORK,' PUBLIC URGED
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A SENIOR SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NOT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PEOPLE PUT ON PROBATION.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, SAID THE COMMUNITY SHOULD ACTIVELY SUPPORT PROBATION WORK BY JOINING AS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP.

MRS DOE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY IN WHICH SHE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO 28 PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS WHO HAD HELPED REFORM YOUNG OFFENDERS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS.

SHE SAID HONG KONG BEING A HIGHLY COMMERCIALISED CITY, IT WAS EASY FOR PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY TEENAGERS, TO BE LED ASTRAY BY MATERIAL TEMPTATIONS IF THEY HAD FAMILY HARDSHIP, ACADEMIC DIFFICULTIES, BAD FRIENDS AND NO PARENTAL CARE.

FOR THESE PEOPLE, SHE SAID, SYMPATHY, GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE WOULD BE THE BEST WAY OF SOCIAL REHABILITATION.

+INDEED, THE SPIRIT OF PROBATION WORK IS TO ENCOURAGE AND HELP THEM TO BECOME GOOD CITIZENS THROUGH FRIENDLY ATTITUDES AND VARIOUS PROBATION SERVICES,+ SHE SAID.

PROBATION WORK COULD ACHIEVE BETTER RESULTS IF, DURING ITS PROCESS, THERE WERE VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE ACCORDING TO THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF PROBATIONERS, SHE ADDED.

MRS DOE POINTED OUT IT WAS EVIDENT FROM MANY PREVIOUS CASES THAT THE EFFORTS OF VOLUNTEERS COULD PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS OF PUTTING PROBATIONERS BACK ONTO THE RIGHT TRACK.

+THERE ARE TOUCHING EXAMPLES WHERE PROBATIONERS WERE ABLE TO GRADUALLY REGAIN CONFIDENCE AND LEAD A NORMAL AND LAW-ABIDING LIFE AGAIN UNDER THE GUIDANCE AND HELP OF PROBATION OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS,+ SHE SAID.

MRS DOE THANKED THE 28 VOLUNTEERS FOR GIVING UP THEIR FREE TIME TO HELP AND SHE DESCRIBED THEIR EFFORTS AS +MOST VALUABLE+, NOT ONLY TO THE PROBATIONERS THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A SEMINAR IN WHICH PROBATION OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS EXCHANGED IDEAS. IT STARTED OFF WITH A TALK BY DR HO KAM-FAI, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

UNDER THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS, INTRODUCED IN 1976 AS A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT, VOLUNTEERS BEFRIEND BOYS AND GIRLS PUT ON PROBATION AND HELP THEM WITHIN THEIR AREAS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS AND ABILITY.

ALTOGETHER 89 VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAVE FINISHED THEIR SERVICES WORKING FOR SIX MONTHS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PROBATION OFFICERS. TWENTY OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE NOW DOING THEIR JOB, AND ANOTHER 38 WILL BE SUITABLY MATCHED WITH PROBATIONERS ON A ONE-TO-ONE BASIS.

VOLUNTEERS INCLUDE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, MANAGERS, WORKS SUPERVISORS, BUSINESSMEN, SECRETARIES, CLERKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.

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RESERVOIR PLAYGROUND TO BE IMPROVED
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO REDEVELOP THE HO MAN TIN EAST FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR PLAYGROUND TO PROVIDE BETTER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

ONE OF THE EXISTING MINI-SOCCER PITCHES IN THE PLAYGROUND WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A FULL SIZE FOOTBALL PITCH.

AT PRESENT, THE PLAYGROUND COMPRISES TWO MINI-SOCCER PITCHES, A BASKETBALL COURT, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND A REST GARDEN.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WORK WILL COMMENCE IN APRIL AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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MORE FRESH WATER FOR LAMMA
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS CALLING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIRS ON LAMMA ISLAND.

ONE OF THE RESERVOIRS, NEAR YUNG SHUE WAN, WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 6 000 CUBIC METRES AND THE OTHER NEAR SOK KWU WAN, 250 CUBIC METRES.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WILL BE THE LAYING OF ABOUT 11 480 METRES OF TRUNK AND DISTRIBUTION MAINS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND LAMMA ISLAND.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN APRIL AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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APPLICATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE INVITED BETWEEN MARCH 4 AND 18, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

DURING THIS TWO-WEEK PERIOD, APPLICATION FORMS FOR PRIMARY 1 TO 6 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS ON THE PRODUCTION OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES OR OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

+CHILDREN NEED NOT ACCOMPANY THEIR PARENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INTERVIEWS FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY 1 WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 19.

+NO FORMAL TESTS WILL BE HELD,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

SELECTION OF PRIMARY 2 TO 6 APPLICANTS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 24.

+THE AGE OF ENTRY TO PRIMARY 1 IS SIX ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1981. HOWEVER, ADMISSION WILL BE OPEN TO CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND EIGHT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HANDBOOK ON GENERALISED SYSTEMS OF PREFERENCES
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TO ASSIST EXPORTERS, THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A 47-PAGE HANDBOOK ON THE GENERALISED SYSTEMS OF PREFERENCES (GSP).

THE PURPOSE OF THE HANDBOOK IS TO EXPLAIN THE ORIGIN RULES IN THE GSP OF AUSTRIA, CANADA, THE EEC, JAPAN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND AND THE USA.

THESE COUNTRIES, WHICH INCLUDE HONG KONG AS A BENEFICIARY, REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN FORM A TO COVER EXPORTS ELIGIBLE FOR PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT.

THE HANDBOOK CONTAINS SEVEN SECTIONS SETTING OUT IN DETAIL THE ORIGIN RULES THAT EXISTS UNDER THE VARIOUS DONOR COUNTRIES' GSP.

THE RULES ENSURE THAT THE BENEFITS OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE GSP ARE CONFINED TO PRODUCTS GENUINELY ORIGINATING FROM THE BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES.

THE HANDBOOK IS AVAILABLE AT \$7.50 A COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

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GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPENING TO PUBLIC
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ONCE AGAIN HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE THE AZALEAS IN FULL BLOOM AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY (MARCH 8).

THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON THAT DAY TO ENABLE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO ENJOY THE FLOWERS WHICH ARE AT THEIR COLOURFUL BEST AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 130 000 PEOPLE VISITED THE AZALEAS SHOW AT THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND MORE VISITORS ARE EXPECTED THIS YEAR.

VISITORS ARE REQUESTED TO ENTER BY THE MAIN GATE AND LEAVE BY THE SIDE GATES SO THAT ALL CAN ENJOY THE FLOWERS WITHOUT CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO OTHERS.

THEY ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT ONLY THE GARDENS WILL BE OPEN AND THEY SHOULD NOT ENTER THE HOUSE ITSELF.

SCOUTS AND POLICEMEN WILL BE PRESENT AND VISITORS ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEM TO AVOID OVERCROWDING.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN ISLAND ROAD
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ISLAND ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 3) TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS IN THE AREA.

AT PRESENT, VEHICLES WITH UNLADEN WEIGHT EXCEEDING 2.25 TONNES ARE PROHIBITED FROM THE SECTION OF DEEP WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM FUNG ROAD AND SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST.

UNDER THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS, THE PROHIBITED AREA WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST AND THE REMAINING SECTION OF DEEP WATER BAY ROAD SOUTH OF SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST.

THE SECTION OF ISLAND ROAD FROM HOUSE NO. 4 TO ITS JUNCTION WITH DEEP WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

EASTBOUND VEHICLES WITH UNLADEN WEIGHT EXCEEDING 2.25 TONNES SHOULD USE NAM FUNG ROAD, DEEP WATER BAY ROAD (SECTION NORTH OF NAM FUNG ROAD) AND REPULSE BAY ROAD.

ALL BUS ROUTES ALONG ISLAND ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NAM FUNG ROAD, DEEP WATER BAY ROAD (SECTION NORTH OF NAM FUNG ROAD) AND REPULSE BAY ROAD IN THEIR EASTBOUND JOURNEYS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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THE HONG KONG JING YING IS ON THE MARK AGAIN
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THE 'HONG KONG JING YING' ARE BUSY PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR THEIR SECOND OVERSEAS TOUR -- PERFORMING IN LONDON AT THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD 25TH ANNIVERSARY COMMONWEALTH BALL AND THE CAMDEN FESTIVAL.

THE TOUR, FROM MARCH 5 TO 26, IS BEING ARRANGED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD HONG KONG, AND WITH GENEROUS ASSISTANCE FROM THE FRIENDS OF DEA IN HONG KONG.

THE HONG KONG JING YING TEAM IS MADE UP THIS TIME OF 17 MUSICIANS, DANCERS AND OFFICIALS. THE TOUR DIRECTOR IS MR DAVID MAK, SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD COMMONWEALTH BALL WILL BE HELD ON COMMONWEALTH DAY, MARCH 9, AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHEME.

IT IS AIMED AT CREATING AN EVEN WIDER AWARENESS OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THE SCHEME OFFERS TO YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH, EMPHASISING THE INTERNATIONAL NATURE OF THE AWARD PROGRAMME.

THE CAMDEN FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD FROM MARCH 14 TO 28. THE FIRST CAMDEN FESTIVAL TOOK PLACE IN 1967 AND SINCE THEN THE FESTIVAL HAS DEVELOPED IN MANY DIRECTIONS WITH AUDIENCES OF UP TO 25 000.

THE POLICY IS TO PRESENT PERFORMANCES OF RARE WORKS, COMMISSIONED PIECES AND EVENTS INCORPORATING A WIDE RANGE OF MUSIC.

AN INNOVATION TO THE FESTIVAL IN 1979 WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE WEEK. THIS FEATURES THE CULTURES OF BRITAIN'S ETHNIC MINORITIES AND THE ARTS OF MANY NATIONALITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE 'HONG KONG JING YING' WILL BE HOLDING ITS FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL AT 7.30 PM AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, SAI YEE STREET, KOWLOON ON TUESDAY (MARCH 3).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE REHEARSAL. MEMBERS OF THE TOUR GROUP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS.

THE GROUP WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON BY CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS FLIGHT CX 201 AT 10.40 PM (2240 HOURS) ON THURSDAY (MARCH 5).

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FUN FAIR AND DINNER PARTY FOR TSING YI PEOPLE
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INHABITANTS OF TSING YI ISLAND BOTH YOUNG AND OLD, WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) TREATED TO A FUN FAIR AND DINNER PARTY.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED YEARLY BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT OFFICES TO +SHOW RESPECT FOR THE OLD AND CARE FOR THE YOUNG+.

THE FUN FAIR WAS HELD AT TSING YI SPORTS ASSOCIATION PLAYGROUND AND ATTRACTED MORE THAN 5 000 OF THE ISLAND'S YOUNGER RESIDENTS.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME BAND AND A MAGIC AND ACROBATICS SHOW BY THE MOBILE STREET THEATRE UNIT OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FUN FAIR AND PARTY ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN TIN-SOONG, AND OTHER LOCAL DIGNITARIES WERE PRESENT.

MORE THAN 400 OLD PEOPLE ATTEND THE DINNER PARTY, INCLUDING A 94-YEAR OLD WOMAN AND A 91-YEAR OLD MAN WHO WERE EACH GIVEN A GOLD MEDAL.

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CARNIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY
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SOME 1 000 OLD PEOPLE TODAY (SUNDAY) RECEIVED A RED PACKET OF \$30 EACH AND ENJOYED THEMSELVES IN A CARNIVAL OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE.

MR ALLEYNE CUT THE RIBBONS AT A CEREMONY TO START OFF THE +PARTY FOR A THOUSAND AGED+ ORGANISED BY THE SHUN TAK FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION AT THE SEAWARD WOO COLLEGE IN HO MAN TIN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSOCIATION'S VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR YUNG YAU, THE DIRECTOR SAW RED PACKETS AND GIFT PARCELS BEING DISTRIBUTED TO THE SMILING OLD PEOPLE.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS ASSISTED IN ARRANGING ELDERLY PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE PARTY WHICH AIMED AT PROMOTING CARE AND RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR ALLEYNE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS EFFORTS IN WELFARE WORK IN THE PAST 31 YEARS.

HE NOTED THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WERE HELPING OUT IN THE PARTY. +THIS SHOWS THAT THE CONCEPT OF FILIAL PIETY IS STILL ALIVE,+ HE SAID.

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