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'EXTENSIVE BUILDING' OF SPORTS FACILITIES
FOR TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG

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EXTENSIVE NEW BUILDING OF SPORTING FACILITIES FOR TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG IS NOW IN PROGRESS OR BEING PLANNED FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION-STONE LAYING OF THE \$53-MILLION TSO KUNG TAM OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN, SIR MURRAY SAID THOUGH TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG ARE SURROUNDED BY SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY PARKS IN HONG KONG, HE REALISED THE NEED FOR MORE INTENSIVE SPORTING FACILITIES, IF THE TOWN IS TO HAVE EQUAL TREATMENT WITH THE URBAN AREAS.

THE TSO KUNG TAM CENTRE HAD LONG BEEN PLANNED BUT HAD ENCOUNTERED MANY DIFFICULTIES, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SINCE THIS TYPE OF CAMP HAD PROVED POPULAR, AND THE CENTRE WAS THE MOST ELABORATE SO FAR DESIGNED, HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO SEE IT STARTED BEFORE HE LEAVES.

OF THE SPORTING FACILITIES BEING BUILT OR PLANNED, SIR MURRAY MENTIONED THE FOLLOWING IN PARTICULAR:

- * AN INDOOR GAMES HALL WILL BE COMPLETED AT KWAI CHUNG NORTH BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR-
- * A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IN KWAI CHUNG EARLY IN 1984-
- * THE YEUNG UK ROAD MARKET AND INDOOR GAMES HALL WILL BE COMPLETED IN TSUEN WAN BY THE END OF 1984-
- * THE CHAI WAN KOK SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE COMPLETED IN TSUEN WAN BY MID-1985-
- * AND AS A LONGER TERM PROJECT, THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS STADIUM IN TSUEN WAN IS PLANNED FOR COMPLETION IN 1988/89.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE HOPED THAT THINGS WILL STEADILY IMPROVE FOR THE AREA.

+MEANWHILE, THIS RECREATION CENTRE WILL BE SOMETHING OF WHICH TSUEN WAN AND INDEED HONG KONG CAN BE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD, AND I WISH THOSE WHO USE IT MANY HOURS OF ENJOYMENT.+

TO MARK THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE BY THE GOVERNOR, MR JOHN DON, DIRECTOR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PRESENTED HIM WITH A MEMENTO BEARING THE CREST OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE PWD LOGO.

EARLIER, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID SINCE THE FIRST GOVERNMENT CAMPING FACILITY AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE OPENED IN 1976, THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ON THE CONSTANT LOOKOUT FOR ADDITIONAL FACILITIES TO MEET INCREASING PUBLIC DEMAND.

+THESE EFFORTS RESULTED IN THE OPENING OF THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE IN JANUARY 1981 AND THE TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE IN FEBRUARY 1982,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

SINCE EARLY 1977, HE ADDED, THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN LOOKING INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING A PURPOSE-BUILT RECREATION CENTRE IN WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, AS BOTH EXISTING CENTRES ARE SITED IN SAI KUNG.

THE PRESENT SITE, WHICH WILL FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FUTURE TSO KUNG TAM PARK, WAS IDENTIFIED AS SUITABLE FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT.

+DUE TO VARIOUS UNFORESEEN FACTORS SUCH AS SLOPE STABILITY PROBLEMS, THE PROJECT UNDERWENT A PERIOD OF REAPPRAISAL AND REDESIGN,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

+HOWEVER, I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT, THROUGH THE GOOD WORK OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING OF THIS PROJECT WE ARE NOW ABLE TO BRING THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT TO FRUITION,+ HE ADDED.

THE TSO KUNG TAM OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE WILL CONSIST OF THREE MAIN BLOCKS, INCLUDING DINING AND ASSEMBLY HALLS, DORMITORIES, LECTURE HALLS, LIBRARY, INDOOR GAMES AREAS AND OFFICES.

THERE WILL BE TWO SWIMMING POOLS, A SMALL SERVICE BUILDING AND GAMES AREAS FOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, ROLLER SKATING, ATHLETICS, SOCCER, HANDBALL, ARCHERY, FITNESS TRAINING, AND MINI-GOLF.

THE CAMPING AREA WILL HAVE TOILETS AND SHOWERS AND THERE WILL ALSO BE 12 SITTING-OUT AREAS AND A CAR PARK.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY MID-1984.

THE CENTRE WILL CATER FOR A TOTAL OF 786 PEOPLE - WITH SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION FOR 336 PEOPLE, AND SPACE FOR 150 CAMPERS AND 300 NON-RESIDENT DAY VISITORS.

+BECAUSE OF THE HIGH PUBLIC DEMAND FOR CAMPING AND RECREATION FACILITIES, THERE IS AN INCREASING NEED FOR CENTRES SUCH AS TSO KUNG TAM.

+FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1979-80 THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE HAD TO TURN DOWN APPLICATIONS FROM 710 GROUPS, REPRESENTING MORE THAN 44 000 PARTICIPANTS - ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF THE CENTRE'S TOTAL ANNUAL INTAKE,+ HE SAID.

MORE THAN 130 000 CAMPERS ARE EXPECTED TO USE THE TSO KUNG TAM CENTRE EACH YEAR, DOUBLE THE CAPACITY OF THE SAI KUNG FACILITY.

THE TSO KUNG TAM CENTRE IS ALSO EXPECTED TO HELP EASE THE SHORTAGE OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING FACILITIES AT TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN, WHICH NOW HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 600 000. IT WILL ALSO SERVE PEOPLE FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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200 000 REGISTER SO FAR AS URBAN VOTERS
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ABOUT 200 000 PEOPLE HAVE SO FAR REGISTERED AS VOTERS FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER, THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY.

DESCRIBING THIS AS +SATISFACTORY+, HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE CURRENT PHASE OF REGISTRATION BEGAN LAST FRIDAY (MARCH 19), COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS HAD BEEN COMING IN AT THE RATE OF ABOUT 13 000 A DAY, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO SOME 107 000.

IN ADDITION, MORE THAN 80 000 PEOPLE HAD ALREADY REGISTERED AS VOTERS FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS LAST SEPTEMBER, DURING THE REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN FOR THE NT ELECTIONS.

MORE FORMS WERE EXPECTED TO COME IN, AND MR AKERS-JONES HOPED THAT THESE FIGURES WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD.

HE EXPECTED ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS TO CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE SEPTEMBER ELECTIONS.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR GRAHAM BARNES, AND HIS DEPUTY, MR ALBERT LAM.

MR BARNES SAID THAT THE 30 000 REGISTERED ELECTORS FOR THE LAST URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS, WHO WOULD BE TRANSFERRED AUTOMATICALLY TO THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS FOR THE COMING URBAN DB ELECTIONS, WOULD ALSO BE POTENTIAL VOTERS.

MR LAM ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE ABOUT TWO MILLION ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE URBAN AREA.

WORKING ON A TARGET OF 25 PER CENT OF THE ELECTORATE, HE SAID, THERE SHOULD BE 500 000 PEOPLE COMING FORWARD FOR THE REGISTRATION, ALTHOUGH THE ACTUAL TURNOUT WAS LIKELY TO BE HIGHER THAN THIS TARGET WHICH WAS SET MONTHS AGO BEFORE THE NT ELECTIONS.

AS AN EXAMPLE, HE CITED THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WHERE THE ELECTORATE WAS 120 000.

HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT HAD ALREADY EXCEEDED THE 25 PER CENT TARGET OF 30 000 AND IT WAS NOW HEADING FOR 40 000.

HOWEVER, MR BARNES ADDED THAT THERE MIGHT BE OTHER DISTRICTS HAVING THE SAME GOOD RESPONSE. MORE ACCURATE FIGURES WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN A WEEK OR SO TO REFLECT THE POSITION IN DIFFERENT DISTRICTS.

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THE REGISTRATION WILL END ON APRIL 30.

TOUCHING ON EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE SAID PERSONAL CONTACT THROUGH HOUSE VISITS HAD PROVED TO BE GOOD PUBLICITY.

MR AKERS-JONES ADDED THAT MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES HAD BEEN OF ENORMOUS HELP IN THE URBAN AREA AND HOUSING ESTATES.

+THEY ARE THROWING THEMSELVES WHOLE-HEARTEDLY INTO THE CAMPAIGN,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE POSSIBILITY OF VOTERS GIVING WRONG ADDRESSES DURING THE REGISTRATION, MR BARNES SAID A PROVISIONAL LIST OF ELECTORS WOULD BE POSTED IN ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES FOR INSPECTION.

PEOPLE FOUND PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION WOULD BE PUNISHED. THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THIS OFFENCE IS A FINE OF \$5 000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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DTIC OFF TO EUROPE FOR TALKS

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD, LEAVES TONIGHT (FRIDAY) FOR A TWO-WEEK VISIT TO BRUSSELS, GENEVA AND LONDON.

IN BRUSSELS MR DORWARD WILL MEET VISCOUNT DAVIGNON AND MR WILHELM HAFERKAMP, VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE EEC COMMISSION AND SIR ROY DENMAN, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EEC COMMISSION'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS.

THE VISIT TO GENEVA WILL INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH MR ARTHUR DUNKEL, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE GATT, AND GENEVA-BASED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAJOR TEXTILE EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

THE LONDON VISIT WILL INCLUDE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTER OF TRADE, MR PETER REES, AND OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS WITH PARLIAMENTARY AND OTHER GROUPS HAVING AN INTEREST IN HONG KONG COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

THE VISIT WILL CONCLUDE IN LONDON WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR AND THE HEADS OF THE TICD'S OVERSEAS OFFICES, DURING WHICH THEY WILL BE JOINED BY THE GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1982

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE IN FEBRUARY 1982.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR FEBRUARY WAS \$8 290 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT \$4 694 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$3 597 MILLION.

WITH IMPORTS AT \$11 220 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR FEBRUARY WAS \$2 930 MILLION.

WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1981, THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES SHOW THE FOLLOWING INCREASES BY VALUE : \$755 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, \$718 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, \$1 473 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS AND \$2 130 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, AT 26.1 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, WAS SOMEWHAT LARGER THAN IN FEBRUARY 1981 AT 25 PER CENT.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THEY WERE AS USUAL HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY THE DATE OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY; THIS CAUSED WIDE SWINGS IN THE AMOUNT OF GOODS SHIPPED INTO AND OUT OF HONG KONG IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, WHICH THEREFORE DISTORTED MONTH-BY-MONTH COMPARISONS FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT WHEN THE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WERE TAKEN TOGETHER AND WERE COMPARED WITH FIGURES FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1981, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF ONLY 6 PER CENT.

THIS HE SAID WAS NOT UNEXPECTED, GIVEN THE SLOW GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURERS IN RECENT MONTHS.

USING THE SAME COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 12 PER CENT WHICH WAS ALSO SLOW IN TERMS OF RECENT EXPERIENCE. THUS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 8 PER CENT, WHICH WAS HIGHER THAN THE INCREASE IN IMPORTS OF 7 PER CENT.

THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+ IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS, AT 16 PER CENT, SLIGHTLY NARROWER THAN IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1981, AT 16.6 PER CENT.

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TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY, 1982

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS RELEASED THE
FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY:

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	: \$ 4 694 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	: \$ 3 597 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	: \$ 8 290 MILLION
	IMPORTS	: \$11 220 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	: \$ 2 930 MILLION
		(IN DEFICIT)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	<u>DECEMBER 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982</u>	<u>DECEMBER 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	18 715	16 540	+ 2 176	+ 13.2
RE-EXPORTS	10 815	9 317	+ 1 497	+ 16.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	29 530	25 857	+ 3 673	+ 14.2
IMPORTS	34 241	31 051	+ 3 190	+ 10.3
TRADE BALANCE	- 4 711	- 5 194	+ 483	
<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 1982</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 1981</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	4 694 (56.6%)	3 938 (57.8%)	+ 755	+ 19.2
RE-EXPORTS	3 597	2 878	+ 718	+ 24.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	8 290	6 817	+ 1 473	+ 21.6
IMPORTS	11 220	9 091	+ 2 130	+ 23.4
TRADE BALANCE	- 2 930	- 2 274	- 656	

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<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u> 1982	<u>JANUARY</u> 1982	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	4 694 (56.6%)	6 239 (65.3%)	- 1 546	- 24.8
RE-EXPORTS	3 597	3 319	+ 278	+ 8.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	8 290	9 558	- 1 268	- 13.3
IMPORTS	11 220	10 023	+ 1 197	+ 11.9
TRADE BALANCE	- 2 930	- 465	- 2 465	
<u>CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE</u>	<u>JAN. - FEB.</u> 1982	<u>JAN. - FEB.</u> 1981	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	10 933 (61.3%)	10 284 (62.4%)	+ 650	+ 6.3
RE-EXPORTS	6 915	6 200	+ 715	+ 11.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	17 849	16 484	+ 1 365	+ 8.3
IMPORTS	21 243	19 775	+ 1 468	+ 7.4
TRADE BALANCE	- 3 394	- 3 291	- 103	
<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	<u>MARCH 1981</u> <u>TO</u> <u>FEB 1982</u>	<u>MARCH 1980</u> <u>TO</u> <u>FEB 1981</u>	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	81 073	69 326	+11 746	+16.9
RE-EXPORTS	42 454	32 437	+10 017	+30.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	123 527	101 764	+21 763	+21.4
IMPORTS	139 842	116 170	+23 673	+20.4
TRADE BALANCE	- 16 315	- 14 406	- 1 909	

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TUBERCULOSIS ON THE RISE WORLDWIDE

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THE RUTTONJEE HOSPITAL, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MAJOR HOSPITALS FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS AND CHEST DISEASES, IS TO BE REDEVELOPED INTO A DISTRICT HOSPITAL, SERVING THE EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION WHICH RUNS THE HOSPITAL.

DR THONG SAID THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL THAT THE NEW HOSPITAL SHOULD CONTAIN 430 BEDS INITIALLY, WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY BE INCREASED TO 600.

WHILE THE NEW HOSPITAL WILL RETAIN ITS IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS AND CHEST DISEASES, IT WILL ALSO CONTAIN WITHIN THE NEW DEVELOPMENT PROVISION FOR ACUTE MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND GERIATRIC CASES.

+THUS, THE HOSPITAL WILL BE ENTERING A NEW EXPANDED ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG,+ DR THONG SAID.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ASSOCIATION, HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN THE COMBAT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF SHORT COURSE CHEMOTHERAPY.

THE ACHIEVEMENT WAS ALL THE MORE REMARKABLE IN THE WAKE OF A WORLDWIDE INCREASE IN TB INCIDENCE, HE CONTINUED.

DR THONG, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, SAID THAT IT IS ESTIMATED THERE ARE SOME 10 MILLION CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS WORLDWIDE, WITH THREE MILLION DEATHS EACH YEAR.

+WHAT IS EVEN MORE HORRIFYING IS THE FACT THAT IF NOTHING IS DONE AND THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD INCREASES AS EXPECTED, 40 TO 50 MILLION PEOPLE WILL DEVELOP THIS DISEASE IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS,+ HE ADDED.

HONG KONG SUFFERED A SERIOUS SETBACK IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS TWO YEARS AGO DUE TO THE INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, BUT THERE HAS SINCE BEEN A MARKED IMPROVEMENT TO THE SITUATION.

IN 1981, THERE WERE 7 729 NOTIFICATIONS FOR TUBERCULOSIS COMPARED WITH 8 065 THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THE RATES BEING 150 AND 160 PER 100 000 POPULATION RESPECTIVELY. DEATHS SHOWED AN APPRECIABLE DROP FROM 551 IN 1980 TO 489 IN 1981.

+SHORT COURSE CHEMOTHERAPY, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN 1979 AND WHICH MEANS THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF PATIENTS CAN BE CURED BY FOUR TO SIX MONTHS OF TREATMENT, HAS BEEN ALMOST PERFECTED AND THE EMPHASIS IS NOW TURNING TO THE IMMUNOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE DISEASE,+ DR THONG SAID.

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HE SAID CONSIDERABLE VOLUME OF EXCELLENT RESEARCH IS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND THE MADRAS CHEMOTHERAPY CENTRE.

+NO LESS THAN FOUR IMPORTANT PAPERS ORIGINATING FROM HONG KONG ARE BEING PRESENTED AT THE FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL UNION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS MEETING AT BUENOS AIRES IN APRIL,+ HE ADDED.

DR THONG SAID THE TUBERCULOSIS SITUATION IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD IS GETTING WORSE, BUT IN HONG KONG THERE IS SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS DESPITE AN ENORMOUS PROBLEM WITH POPULATION PRESSURES.

+THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF TUBERCULOSIS AND HAS MADE LIBERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS DRUGS,+ HE SAID.

+THESE NEW DRUGS ARE VERY EXPENSIVE BUT THEY ARE EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE,+ HE ADDED.

THE MAJOR EVENT OF THE YEAR WAS THE OPENING EARLIER THIS MONTH OF THE KWOK TAK SENG HEART CENTRE AT GRANTHAM HOSPITAL BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

HE SAID THIS CENTRE WILL PROVIDE ONE OF THE BEST EQUIPPED AND ADVANCED CENTRES FOR THE TREATMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES IN ASIA.

TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF TWO OTHER IMPORTANT CHEST DISEASES, DR THONG SAID DEATHS FROM BRONCHOGENIC CANCER CONTINUED TO RISE WITH 1 806 PEOPLE DYING FROM THE DISEASE IN 1980 COMPARED WITH 1 662 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

+IT REMAINS A VERY DIFFICULT DISEASE TO TREAT SUCCESSFULLY, BUT IT IS ESSENTIALLY A DISEASE WHICH CAN BE LARGELY PREVENTABLE IF PEOPLE WERE TO STOP SMOKING,+ HE SAID.

DR THONG SAID IT IS NOW PART OF GOVERNMENT POLICY TO DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES, AND +NO SMOKING+ SIGNS ARE BEING PERMANENTLY DISPLAYED IN ALL CLINICS AND IN THE DESIGNATED NON-SMOKING AREAS OF HOSPITALS TO REMIND VISITORS, PATIENTS AND STAFF OF THE RESTRICTIONS.

+HOWEVER, AS LONG AS AGGRESSIVE ADVERTISING BY THE TOBACCO COMPANIES IS PERMITTED, ESPECIALLY ON TELEVISION, SUCH MEASURES CAN ONLY HAVE A MARGINAL EFFECT,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO SILICOSIS, A DUST DISEASE RELATIVELY COMMON AMONG QUARRY AND CONSTRUCTION SITE WORKERS, DR THONG SAID INCREASING ATTENTION MUST BE PLACED ON THE PREVENTIVE ASPECTS OF THE DISEASE.

THIS, HE SAID, MEANS IMPROVED DUST SUPPRESSION.

+LIKE TUBERCULOSIS, IT IS PREVENTABLE, BUT UNLIKE TUBERCULOSIS IT IS NOT CURABLE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

DR THONG SAID AN EFFECTIVE COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR SUFFERERS FROM SILICOSIS HAS BEEN INTRODUCED AND SINCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION SOME 1 700 WORKERS HAVE RECEIVED COMPENSATION.

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KWUN TONG DB MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT TOWN PLANNING

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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THEIR WORKS PROJECTS SUB-COMMITTEE SPENT THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON VISITING SHA TIN NEW TOWN TO LEARN ABOUT THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF NEW TOWN PLANNING AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

THE VISIT WHICH PROVIDED BOARD MEMBERS WITH A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS IN THE NEW TOWN IS AIMED AT HELPING MEMBERS IN THEIR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS ON CONNECTED ISSUES.

THE GROUP STARTED THEIR TOUR FROM THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WHERE THEY WERE FIRST BRIEFED BY THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR KENNETH W.K. KWOK, ON HOW DEVELOPMENT IS PROGRAMMED BY USING THE PACKAGE CONCEPT.

LED BY MR KWOK AND THE CHIEF ENGINEER MR NG YEE-YUM, CHIEF TOWN PLANNER MRS KWAN CHOW PO-WAN, AND THE SENIOR TOWN PLANNER OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE MR LAU SIT-MING, THE GROUP LATER PROCEEDED TO WO CHE ESTATE AND SHUI WO COURT AND HAD A GENERAL VIEW OF THE EASTERN AND WESTERN PARTS OF THE TOWN.

THE GROUP THEN RETURNED TO THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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SIR PHILIP SEES REHABILITATION WORK

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE.

SIR PHILIP WAS BRIEFED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, MRS JUDY MA, ON THE WORK OF THE CENTRE, WHICH OFFERS BOTH SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR SOME 200 DISABLED PEOPLE.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SHOWED A KEEN INTEREST IN THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR THE LESS-PRIVILEGED PEOPLE, WHO ARE EITHER ORTHOPAEDICALLY DISABLED, MENTALLY RETARDED, BLIND, DEAF OR DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS.

HE TOURED THE CLINIC, THE SHELTERED WORKSHOP AND CLASSROOMS.

IN ADDITION TO GIVING VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO DISABLED PEOPLE, THE CENTRE HELPS PLAN THEIR RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY AT THE END OF THE COURSES.

AFTER THE VISIT, SIR PHILIP WENT TO THE SWD'S HEADQUARTERS IN WORLD TRADE CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, FOR A DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICERS TOLD OF NEED TO BE HELPFUL

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THE NEED FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS TO BE +HELPFUL, SYMPATHETIC AND PATIENT+ IN THEIR WORK WITH THE PUBLIC WAS STRESSED THIS MORNING BY THE HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 18 ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND 147 IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS, MR CHEUNG TOLD THEM ALSO THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THEM TO ARRIVE AT FAIR DECISIONS +QUICKLY, FIRMLY BUT COURTEOUSLY.+

+THIS IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT BECAUSE YOU ARE USUALLY THE FIRST OFFICIALS VISITORS SEE WHEN THEY COME TO HONG KONG. IF YOU GIVE A GOOD IMPRESSION, THEY WILL HAVE A GOOD IMPRESSION OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG NOTED THAT THE RECRUITS HAD JUST COMPLETED THREE MONTHS INTENSIVE TRAINING, AND THAT 1 000 MORE STAFF WERE REQUIRED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR +TO COPE WITH ITS INCREASING RESPONSIBILITIES.+

THEIR SMART TURN-OUT GAVE HIM CONFIDENCE THAT, IN SPITE OF THIS VERY RAPID EXPANSION, THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE USUAL HIGH STANDARDS OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND UPHOLD THE DEPARTMENT'S GOOD REPUTATION.

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OFFICERS COMPLETE COURSE

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SEVENTY-FOUR RECRUIT OFFICERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, COMPRISING 13 OFFICERS AND 61 ASSISTANT OFFICERS, WHO WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED WITH CERTIFICATES ON COMPLETION OF A ONE-YEAR ORIENTATION TRAINING COURSE.

THE TRAINING COURSE, CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, INCLUDED SIX MONTHS' FIELD TRAINING IN VARIOUS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

AT A CEREMONY HELD IN THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE TODAY, SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR FUNG KWAN-YUET PRESENTED THE TRAINING CERTIFICATES TO THE OFFICERS.

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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR T.H. TOMLINSON, JP, AS DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES TO SUCCEED MR W.D.A. TUCKER, OBE, JP, WHO IS NOW ON LEAVE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT.

MR TOMLINSON IS 53 YEARS OLD.

HE FIRST JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN 1954 AS AN ENGINEER IN THE THEN WATERWORKS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. HIS CAREER TO DATE HAS BEEN SPENT IN THIS FIELD AND HIS EXPERIENCE OF WATER SUPPLY ENGINEERING AND ADMINISTRATION IS EXTENSIVE.

HE WAS, BEFORE HIS PRESENT PROMOTION, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER AND HAD ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS SINCE 1977.

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NEW WATER WORKS PROJECTS INSPECTED
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THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, TODAY (FRIDAY) INSPECTED NEW WATERWORKS PROJECTS COSTING A TOTAL OF \$150 MILLION FOR THE RECEPTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF WATER FROM CHINA.

THE NEW PROJECTS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THIRD PUMPING STATION AND ASSOCIATED RECEPTION FACILITIES AT MUK WU NEAR THE BORDER, TO BOOST THE DAILY RECEPTION CAPACITY BY THREE TIMES TO 2 100 000 CUBIC METRES BY 1984.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER (RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT) OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR ERIC BOWLER, MR TOMLINSON WENT TO MUK WU TO LOOK AT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUMPING STATION AND TWO LARGE PIPELINES BEING LAID ACROSS THE SHENZHEN RIVER TO JOIN UP WITH THE DELIVERY SYSTEM FROM CHINA.

MR TOMLINSON ALSO VISITED OTHER NEW PROJECTS FORMING PART OF THE MAJOR AQUEDUCT SYSTEM IN WEST NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TUNNEL FROM TSING TAM TO YAU KOM TAU, MEASURING 5.2 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH AND 2.5 METRES IN DIAMETER, WHICH WILL BE CONNECTED TO AN EXISTING PIPELINE FROM SHEUNG SHUI, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FANLING PUMPING STATION AT FAN KAM ROAD AND SITE FORMATION WORK FOR THE YAU KOM TAU TREATMENT WORKS.

THE AQUEDUCT SYSTEM, TOGETHER WITH THE NEW YAU KOM TAU TREATMENT WORKS TO BE CONSTRUCTED, WILL PROVIDE A DAILY SUPPLY OF 250 000 CUBIC METRES OF WATER TO THE WESTERN TSUEN WAN AREAS BY 1985.

MR TOMLINSON TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF WORKS WITH RESIDENT STAFF ON THE WORK SITES AND WAS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE WORKS.

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MTR ISLAND LINE PLAN AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION
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THE RAILWAY AREA PLAN FOR THE ISLAND LINE OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN HAS BEEN DEPOSITED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE LAND OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE.

THE PLAN SHOWS THE AREAS IN WHICH LAND MAY BE RESUMED OR EASEMENTS CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING AND RUNNING THE RAILWAY, AND THE PROPERTIES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED ARE ALSO INDICATED ON THE PLAN.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, OWNERS OF LAND AND PROPERTIES ACTUALLY AFFECTED BY THE RAILWAY MAY CLAIM COMPENSATION. HOWEVER, IN THIS INSTANCE THE +RAILWAY AREA+ IS COMPRISED WHOLLY OF CROWN LAND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MING WAH DAI HA ESTATE, WHICH IS OWNED BY THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY AND UNDER WHICH THE RAILWAY WILL TRAVERSE.

THE RAILWAY WILL HOWEVER, IN THIS LOCALITY, BE CONSTRUCTED BY BORED TUNNELLING AND WILL BE FAR BENEATH THE SURFACE AND NO EFFECT ON THE BUILDINGS IS ANTICIPATED.

COPIES OF THE PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED FREE OF CHARGE DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG, AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OFFICES, MURRAY BUILDING (5TH FLOOR), GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR AT ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE ISLAND LINE PROPOSAL, RUNNING INITIALLY FROM WESTERN MARKET TO CHAI WAN, HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY GOVERNMENT AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, AND THE ALIGNMENT OF THE RAILWAY AND THE LOCATION OF BUILDINGS CONNECTED WITH IT HAVE, AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM AND THE TSUEN WAN EXTENSION, BEEN CHOSEN WITH GREAT CARE SO THAT THE EFFECT ON PROPERTIES IS LIMITED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

OCCUPIERS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WHICH ARE REQUIRED FOR RAILWAY PURPOSES WILL, WHERE ELIGIBLE, BE OFFERED ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

A NUMBER OF TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT STREET ALTERNATIONS MAY BE NECESSARY TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILWAY, AND WHEN DETAILS OF THESE ARE FINALISED ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

BUSINESS OWNERS WILL BE ENTITLED TO SUBMIT CLAIMS FOR BUSINESS LOSS. AS WITH THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM AND THE TSUEN WAN EXTENSION, OPERATORS OF SMALL SHOPS AND BUSINESSES WHOSE TRADE IS AFFECTED BY THE WORKS CAN APPLY FOR MONTHLY PAYMENTS UNDER AN ADVANCE PAYMENT SCHEME.

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ALL CLAIMS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS IS IN MOST CASES ONE YEAR, AS LAID DOWN IN THE ORDINANCE. GENERAL ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE PLAN SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE GAZETTING OF THIS SECTION OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE IS THE FOURTH AND FINAL MAIN STAGE, THE PREVIOUS THREE STAGES BEING IN RESPECT OF WESTERN MARKET TO VICTORIA PARK, WHICH WAS GAZETTED ON MARCH 13, 1981, TAI KOO SHING STATION, WHICH WAS GAZETTED ON JUNE 26, 1981 AND VICTORIA PARK TO SHAU KEI WAN (EXCLUDING TAI KOO SHING STATION), WHICH WAS GAZETTED ON DECEMBER 11, 1981.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MATRICULATION COURSE OVERSEAS

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HONG KONG STUDENTS WITH GOOD ACADEMIC RECORDS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED BY LEADING ORGANISATIONS FOR A TWO-YEAR MATRICULATION COURSE IN THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGES.

+THE COURSE WILL LEAD TO THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE, WHICH IS RECOGNISED FOR UNIVERSITY ENTRY PURPOSES IN HONG KONG AND IN MOST OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE TENABLE THIS SEPTEMBER AT ATLANTIC COLLEGE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, OR PEARSON COLLEGE IN CANADA.

THESE TWO CO-EDUCATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES ARE PART OF THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGES WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION. AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE PROJECTS AND THE PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATION OF NEW COLLEGES.

ENTRY TO EACH COLLEGE IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AND IS BASED ON ACADEMIC ABILITY AND PERSONAL QUALITIES. STUDENTS USUALLY RETURN AFTER THE TWO-YEAR COURSE TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

+COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON TO THE SECTION ON OR BEFORE APRIL 16,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT APPLICANTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP MUST BE OVER 16 AND UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1982, AND BE IN POSSESSION OF A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION WITH AT LEAST FIVE SUBJECTS AT GRADE C OR ABOVE, INCLUDING GOOD RESULTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

APPLICANTS WHO WILL SIT THE 1982 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAVE OBTAINED EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS.

SELECTION OF APPLICANTS WILL ALSO BE BASED ON PAST ACADEMIC RECORDS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCHOOL HEADS, PERSONALITY AND PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE COLLEGES IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, AND WILL TAKE THE FULL TWO-YEAR COURSE. THE ACADEMIC AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMES IN THE COLLEGES ARE INTERWOVEN AND FORM JOINTLY THE BASIS FOR STUDENTS' DEVELOPMENT.

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL AND AESTHETIC IN NATURE, AND DUE EMPHASIS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL COVER PART OF THE TUITION AND BOARDING FEES DURING THE TWO YEARS. IT WILL, HOWEVER, NOT BE ADEQUATE TO COVER OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES, AND INTENDING APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THESE EXPENSES.

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APPOINTMENT OF URBAN COUNCILLORS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD RE-APPOINTED FIVE SERVING MEMBERS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FROM APRIL 1.

THEY ARE:

MR H.M.G. FORSGATE,
MR KENNETH LO TAK-CHEUNG,
MR SHUM CHOI-SANG,
MR STEPHEN LAU MAN-LUNG,
MR HOWARD YOUNG HOW-WAH

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TIN HAU TEMPLE DECLARED A MONUMENT

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TIN HAU TEMPLE, ONE OF THE OLDEST AND BEST-KNOWN TEMPLES IN HONG KONG, HAS BEEN DECLARED A MONUMENT.

A NOTICE GIVING PROTECTION TO THE TEMPLE AND ITS FORECOURT UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE, IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE TEMPLE, WHICH IS LOCATED AT 10 TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY, DATES BACK PROBABLY TO THE EARLY 18TH CENTURY.

IT WAS BUILT BY MEMBERS OF THE TAI FAMILY AND IS STILL RUN BY THE DESCENDANTS. THE DATE OF THE BUILDING IS UNCERTAIN, BUT THE TEMPLE CONTAINS A BELL CAST IN 1747, AND AN INSCRIPTION ON A STONE TABLET SHOWS THAT LOCAL MERCHANTS AND RESIDENTS MADE DONATIONS IN 1868 TO COVER THE COST OF REPAIRS TO THE TEMPLE.

THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDED THE DECLARATION OF THE TEMPLE AND ITS FORECOURT AS A MONUMENT BECAUSE OF THE TEMPLE'S HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE. IN ADDITION TO BEING AT LEAST 200 YEARS OLD, THE BUILDING IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF TEMPLE ARCHITECTURE OF THE PERIOD STILL LARGELY IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM DESPITE SUBSEQUENT RENOVATIONS.

THE RECOMMENDATION WAS SUPPORTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS ON THE GROUNDS THAT TIN HAU TEMPLE IS INDISPUTABLY A BUILDING OF CONSIDERABLE ANTIQUITY AND WORTHY OF PRESERVATION. IT IS ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST POPULAR TEMPLES AND OFFERS A SERVICE MUCH APPRECIATED BY SOME SEGMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

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LIONS CLUBS MEMBERS TO PLANT TREES

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MORE THAN 500 NEW TREES WILL IN TIME ADORN THE LIONS WOOD INSIDE THE QUARRY BAY COUNTRY PARK FOLLOWING A SPECIAL TREE-PLANTING DAY ON SUNDAY (MARCH 28).

THE LIONS WOOD IS AN AREA +ADOPTED+ IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR BY THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL OF HONG KONG FOR TREE PLANTING.

ON SUNDAY-- THE LIONS TREE PLANTING DAY -- 300 MEMBERS OF THE 34 CHAPTERS OF THE LIONS CLUBS IN HONG KONG AND VOLUNTARY PARTICIPANTS WILL GATHER IN THE COUNTRY PARK TO PLANT THE TREES.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE THE TREE SEEDLINGS, FERTILISERS AND TOOLS FOR THE PLANTING.

THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 10.15 AM ON SUNDAY.

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KOWLOON PORT HEALTH OFFICE MOVES TO NEW WORLD CENTRE

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE KOWLOON VACCINATION CENTRE OF THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE WILL MOVE FROM STAR HOUSE TO ROOMS 1411-1412, NEW WORLD CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI ON MONDAY, MARCH 29.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NEW PORT HEALTH OFFICE WILL ALSO ACCOMMODATE STAFF OF THE DEATH REGISTRY OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA OFFICE OF THE URBAN SERVICES. THIS MEANS THAT THE COLLECTION OF A DEATH CERTIFICATE, THE APPLICATION FOR A CREMATION PERMIT AND THE BOOKINGS FOR THE CREMATORIUM CAN ALL BE MADE UNDER ONE ROOF FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, JOINTLY AGREED BY THE THREE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS, THUS STREAMLINES THE PREVIOUS PROCEDURE WHEREBY APPLICANTS FOR A CREMATION PERMIT HAVE TO MAKE SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE OFFICES CONCERNED.

A SIMILAR JOINT OFFICE LOCATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND IS BEING PLANNED AND WILL BE IN OPERATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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MOVING OFFICE

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THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE AT LAN FONG ROAD WILL MOVE TO THE GROUND FLOOR OF PARK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 6-10 SHELTER STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY, ON MONDAY (MARCH 29).

THE NEW OFFICE IS NEAR MORETON TERRACE AND JUST A FEW MINUTES WALK FROM VICTORIA PARK.

AMONG THE IMMIGRATION SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE NEW CAUSEWAY BAY OFFICE, ARE THE ISSUE AND RENEWAL OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, EXTENSION OF STAY AND VISAS FOR RE-ENTRY TO HONG KONG (EXCEPT ENTRANTS FROM CHINA), AND VISAS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SOME COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL BE 5-8393241 (RE-ENTRY PERMITS) AND 5-8393242 (PASSPORTS AND OTHERS).

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NEW KOWLOON OFFICE FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION
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THE PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION IN THE NEW KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE WILL COMMENCE OPERATIONS FROM MONDAY (MARCH 29).

FROM THAT DAY, APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT OF HIRE CAR PERMITS, AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES WILL ALSO BE HANDLED IN THIS NEW OFFICE.

THE OFFICE IS AT 56 DUNDAS STREET, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 9/F, MONG KOK, KOWLOON.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SLIP ROAD TO COTTON TREE DRIVE
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THE SLIP ROAD FROM QUEENSWAY TO COTTON TREE DRIVE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 28) FOR EMERGENCY CABLE WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ALL WESTBOUND VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG QUEENSWAY ON THEIR WAY TO THE COTTON TREE DRIVE FLYOVER WILL BE DIVERTED VIA QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

AT THE SAME TIME, CMB ROUTE NOS. 23, 23B AND 40 ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, JACKSON ROAD, CHATER ROAD, MURRAY ROAD AND THE COTTON TREE DRIVE FLYOVER.

HK ISLAND PLB 'MAXICAB' ROUTE NO. 11 TRAVELLING TO TIN WAN WILL USE FENWICK STREET, HARCOURT ROAD, AND THE COTTON TREE DRIVE FLYOVER.

MEANWHILE, A SECTION OF CENTRE STREET IN SAI YING PUN BETWEEN FIRST STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 28) FOR ROAD WORKS.

AND IN NORTH POINT, THE BUS ONLY LANE ALONG THE EAST-BOUND SECTION OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN TSING FUNG STREET AND JAVA ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS FROM 7 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 29) FOR ROAD WORKS.

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NEW MAXICAB ROUTES
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THREE MAXICAB ROUTES WILL COME INTO OPERATION FROM SUNDAY (MARCH 28) TO SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY ARE :

- * ROUTE 60, FROM LEK YUEN AND WO CHE TO FO TAN COTTAGE AREA AT A FARE OF \$1.
- * ROUTE 61, FROM WORLDWIDE GARDENS TO KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION AT A FARE OF \$1.
- * ROUTE 10, FROM KWUN TONG TO RENNIE'S MILL, WITH FARES RANGING FROM \$1 TO \$2.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR RAILWAY CLEANSING SERVICES
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE SUPPLY OF LABOUR TO PROVIDE CLEANSING SERVICES AT MONG KOK, KOWLOON TONG AND SHA TIN RAILWAY STATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX, GROUND FLOOR, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1982, A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TRAFFIC DIVISION OF THE KCR ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON STATION AT HUNG HOM.

LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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