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REPORT OUTLINES DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY UP TO 2001

A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE MAIN URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG UP TO THE YEAR 2001 IS OUTLINED IN A RECENTLY COMPLETED CONSULTANTS' STUDY ON HARBOUR RECLAMATIONS AND URBAN GROWTH ('SHRUG' FOR SHORT).

THE STUDY AREA INCLUDES HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON, VICTORIA HARBOUR AND LAMMA ISLAND, WHERE 72 PER CENT OF THE TERRITORY'S PRESENT POPULATION LIVES AND WHERE 78 PER CENT IS EMPLOYED.

SHRUG LOOKS AT TWO STRATEGIES, ONE IN WHICH THE AIRPORT STAYS WHERE IT IS AND ANOTHER IN WHICH IT IS RELOCATED.

IT REJECTS WHAT IT TERMS ARE +WIDELY HELD VIEWS+ ABOUT THE FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE STUDY AREA, TWO OF WHICH WERE +ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT+: FIRST, THAT THERE IS NO MORE SCOPE FOR EXTENSIVE RECLAMATIONS IN THE HARBOUR; AND, SECOND, THAT THE MAIN URBAN AREAS ARE SO OVERCROWDED THAT ONLY BY DECANTING POPULATION AND JOBS TO THE NEW TOWNS CAN THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE MAIN URBAN AREAS BE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED.

ON THE CONTRARY, THE STUDY SAYS EXTENSIVE RECLAMATIONS ARE FEASIBLE IN THE HARBOUR WITHOUT INCREASING TIDAL FLOWS TO AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL, WITHOUT CAUSING UNACCEPTABLE DETERIORATION IN THE WATER QUALITY AND WITHOUT CONSTRAINING PORT OPERATIONS TO AN UNSATISFACTORY DEGREE.

THE REPORT STATES THE PRACTICAL MAXIMUM POPULATION LEVEL IN THE STUDY AREA IS 4.55 MILLION BY THE YEAR 2001 WITH 2.45 MILLION JOBS IF THE AIRPORT REMAINS WHERE IT IS AND 4.35 MILLION PEOPLE AND 2.35 MILLION JOBS IF IT IS BUILT ELSEWHERE.

+DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDY AREA TO THESE PRACTICAL MAXIMUM LEVELS IS FUNDAMENTALLY DEPENDENT UPON THE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING MTR SYSTEM INTO A NETWORK WHICH SERVES ADJOINING PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AS WELL AS THE STUDY AREA,+ THE REPORT STATES.

IT SAYS 30 PER CENT OF THE FUTURE STUDY AREA POPULATION WILL BE ON NEW LAND, MAINLY CREATED BY RECLAMATION IN THE HARBOUR. THE REMAINDER WILL BE IN THE EXISTING URBAN AREAS. BETTER HOUSING CONDITIONS THAN TODAY ARE ACHIEVABLE AND THE ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL ASSUMES A FULL PROVISION OF SOCIAL FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE.

+THIS IS FEASIBLE IF NEW LAND IS CREATED IN CLOSE JUXTAPOSITION TO EXISTING DEVELOPMENT,+ SAYS THE REPORT. +IF APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE STEPS ARE TAKEN THEN THE THREATS TO THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT FROM POLLUTION OR LANDSCAPE DETERIORATION CAN BE MINIMISED OR EVEN ELIMINATED.+

THE PORT IS RECOGNISED AS +ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT GENERATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY+ IN THE STUDY AREA, HANDLING IN 1981 36 MILLION TONNES OF OVERSEAS TRAFFIC.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT UNDER THE STRATEGIES INCLUDES A MAJOR EXTENSION TO THE CONTAINER PORT, OVER AND ABOVE THOSE ALREADY BEING CONSIDERED FOR TERMINAL 6, TO MEET INCREASED CONTAINERISED TRADE.

UNDER THE +AIRPORT RETAINED+ STRATEGY, FIVE EXTRA BERTHS ARE PROPOSED NEXT TO TERMINAL 6 AND A FURTHER THREE ON RECLAIMED LAND ON EAST TSING YI ISLAND.

TO DEAL WITH TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE CONTAINER PORT CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION FACILITIES ARE PROPOSED AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, CHAI WAN AND KOWLOON BAY.

THERE IS ALSO PROVISION FOR A RAIL LINK INTO THE CONTAINER PORT.

LARGE-SCALE RECLAMATION AT WEST KOWLOON UNDER THE +AIRPORT RETAINED+ STRATEGY WILL RESULT IN A LOSS OF 25 HARBOUR MOORINGS - 12 OF WHICH ARE USED FOR CARGO HANDLING PURPOSES.

THE STRATEGY MAKES PROVISION FOR THE NUMBER OF MOORING BUOYS TO BE INCREASED FROM 72 IN 1981 TO 121 IN 2001 AND AS A RESULT OF THE MOVE WESTWARDS OF THE HARBOUR BECAUSE OF THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION 63 NEW MOORINGS COULD BE PROVIDED BY CONSTRUCTING A BREAKWATER LINKING PENG CHAU AND KAU YI CHAU.

LARGE SCALE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS ARE PROPOSED TO DEAL WITH AN ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN CARGO HANDLED FROM FIVE MILLION TONNES IN 1981 TO OVER 18 MILLION TONNES IN 2001. TWO OF THESE AREAS WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION. THE HEAVILY UTILISED PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA AT WAN CHAI WOULD BE RETAINED.

THE MAJOR RECLAMATIONS WOULD BE WEST KOWLOON (ABSORBING STONECUTTERS ISLAND) AND GREEN ISLAND, WHICH WOULD BE JOINED TO HONG KONG ISLAND.

LIKELY FUTURE DEMAND FOR LAND WAS ABOUT 1 200 HECTARES OF WHICH 56 PER CENT WOULD BE USED FOR HOUSING, 17 PER CENT FOR THE PORT, 20 PER CENT FOR FACILITIES AND THE REMAINING SEVEN PER CENT FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE ROAD NETWORK FOR THE +AIRPORT RETAINED+ STRATEGY INVOLVES CONSTRUCTING 149 KILOMETRES OF NEW ROADS, OF WHICH 56 KILOMETRES WOULD BE TRUNK ROADS. THERE IS HOWEVER, THE REPORT STATES, A SHORTFALL IN ROAD CAPACITY EVEN BEFORE 1991 AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT TO MEET THIS THERE WILL BE BY THIS DATE:

- * IMPROVEMENTS PUT IN HAND TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BY AN ADDITIONAL FOUR LANES;
- * A DUPLICATION OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD FROM TSUEN WAN BYPASS TO CONNECT WITH WEST KOWLOON WAY AT LAI CHI KOK; AND CONSTRUCTION OF TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL TO PROVIDE A CONNECTION FROM SHA TIN INTO EAST KOWLOON.

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TO CONTROL USE OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL THE TOLL CHARGE WOULD RISE TO \$20, BUT THE REPORT POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS A SMALL INCREASE IN REAL TERMS FROM 1972 WHEN THE TUNNEL FIRST OPENED.

AS FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, THE REPORT SAYS UNDER THE +AIRPORT RETAINED+ STRATEGY ADDITIONS WOULD INCLUDE AN EXTENSION OF THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM EASTWARDS TO JUNK BAY= AND EXTENSION OF THE ISLAND LINE WESTWARDS TO GREEN ISLAND= A NEW LINE, THE KOWLOON LINE, FROM TSZ WAN SHAN TO THE VICINITY OF A STRATEGIC PARK IN THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION WHERE IT WOULD LINK WITH A SECOND TSUEN WAN LINE (THIS WOULD CONNECT TSUEN WAN WITH THE KOWLOON LINE AT HO MAN TIN); AND A NEW LINE FROM SHA TIN TO ABERDEEN VIA SHEUNG WAN.

THERE WOULD BE A TOTAL 42 KILOMETRES OF NEW LINE WITHIN THE STUDY AREA AND 32 NEW STATIONS, WITH 12 STATIONS PROVIDING INTERCHANGE FACILITIES.

THE SYSTEM WOULD BE INTEGRATED WITH THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY AT HO MAN TIN, KWUN TONG AND HUNG HOM.

BUSES AND OTHER ROAD-BASED FORMS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT WOULD ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MEETING THE 2001 TRAVEL DEMAND DESPITE THE EMPHASIS ON OFF-ROAD PUBLIC TRANSPORT. BUSES WOULD CARRY 25 PER CENT MORE PASSENGERS THAN AT PRESENT, BUT TRAMS HAD NO STRATEGIC PLANNING FUNCTION AND THEIR RETENTION AS PART OF TRANSPORT FACILITIES IN THE CENTRAL AREA SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED ON THAT BASIS, THE REPORT STATES.

IT SAYS THE SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION AND WORKFORCE IN THE STRATEGY PRESENTS NO INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SUCH AS WATER, ELECTRICITY AND GAS.

IN THE +AIRPORT RELOCATED+ STRATEGY THE CONCENTRATION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE WESTERN HALF OF THE STUDY AREA IS LESS PRONOUNCED, BUT IN AREA STILL EXCEEDS THAT IN THE EASTERN HALF.

THE GREEN ISLAND RECLAMATION WOULD ACCOMMODATE THE SAME LEVEL OF POPULATION AS IN THE +AIRPORT RETAINED+ STRATEGY - APPROXIMATELY 280 000 PEOPLE - AND THE RECLAMATION AT WEST KOWLOON HAS A DESIGN POPULATION OF ABOUT 235 000.

THE EMPLOYMENT PATTERN IN BOTH +RETAINED+ AND +RELOCATED+ STRATEGIES IS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME - A DECLINE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING AND AN INCREASE IN OFFICE EMPLOYMENT - BUT THERE WOULD BE 100 000 LESS WORKERS IN THE STUDY AREA IF THE AIRPORT IS RELOCATED.

IN THE +RELOCATED+ STRATEGY, THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION WOULD BE TAKEN UP LARGELY BY CONTAINER PORT EXTENSIONS. AS WITH THE +RETAINED+ STRATEGY THERE WOULD ALSO BE RECLAMATION AT THE EASTERN PART OF TSING YI ISLAND TO EXPAND THE CONTAINER PORT, BUT STONECUTTERS ISLAND, WHICH WOULD BE ABSORBED IN THE +RETAINED+ STRATEGY, WOULD REMAIN LARGELY AS IT IS, ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE SOME RECLAMATION FOR A SEWAGE WORKS. THE MAIN FUNCTION OF THE ISLAND WOULD BE AS A STRATEGIC PARK.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROAD NETWORK AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WOULD REFLECT THE GENERALLY MORE EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION UNDER THE +RELOCATED+ STRATEGY AND THE FORMER AIRPORT RUNWAY WOULD BE USED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LINKS UNDER THE HARBOUR TO HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE ROAD NETWORK INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF 146 KILOMETRES OF NEW ROADS - SLIGHTLY LESS THAN IN THE +AIRPORT RETAINED+ STRATEGY - BUT THE AMOUNT OF TRUNK ROAD WOULD BE LARGER AT 71 KILOMETRES.

THERE WOULD BE 49 KILOMETRES OF NEW MTR LINE AND 39 NEW STATIONS, THE NEW LINES BEING GENERALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE PROPOSED IN THE +RETAINED+ STRATEGY EXCEPT FOR AN ADDITIONAL LINE FROM THE KOWLOON LINE VIA THE AIRPORT RUNWAY TO JOIN THE ISLAND LINE AT QUARRY BAY.

THE 52-PAGE STUDY REPORT POINTS OUT THAT REALISATION OF THE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE GROWTH IS FINANCIALLY PRACTICABLE, AS EXPECTED LAND REVENUES WOULD EXCEED PUBLIC SECTOR COSTS BY A CONSIDERABLE MARGIN.

+THE DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVED ARE FEASIBLE IN PLANNING AND ENGINEERING TERMS, BUT DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS AND THE RESULTING PREPARATORY WORK WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT IN HAND IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS IF THE APPROPRIATE FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE THE PRACTICAL MAXIMUM POPULATION LEVELS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY 2001,+ IT STATES.

THE REPORT SAYS THE +AIRPORT RELOCATED+ STRATEGY AFFORDED A GREATER CHANCE FOR COMPROMISE BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT IN EAST AND WEST KOWLOON. APART FROM THE ADVANTAGE OF COMMON ELEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO STRATEGIES, DEVELOPMENT IN WEST KOWLOON TENDED TO BE CHEAPER, AFFORDED SAVINGS IN MAJOR WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSINGS AND FACED FEWER IMPLEMENTATION DIFFICULTIES. AGAINST THIS, DEVELOPMENT IN KOWLOON BAY FACILITATED THE USE OF AIRPORT LAND, AFFORDED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS IN EAST KOWLOON AND OPENED UP THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING. IT SAID THE MAXIMISATION OF THE NUMBER OF COMMON ELEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO STRATEGIES WAS INCLUDED AS ONE OF THE 12 OBJECTIVES OF STRATEGY FORMULATION, THE RATIONALE BEING THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE FROM GOVERNMENT'S POINT OF VIEW FOR DEVELOPMENT TO BE ABLE TO PROCEED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ALONG A SINGLE PATH BEFORE A MAJOR TURNING POINT WAS REACHED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE STUDY, WHICH DATES BACK TO A DECISION BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER, 1980, WAS INTENDED PRIMARILY TO CONTRIBUTE TO FORMULATION OF A LARGER STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ENTIRE TERRITORY. ITS FINDINGS WOULD PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK FOR DETAILED PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A WIDER STRATEGIC PLAN.

HE SAID SHRUG WAS ONE OF FIVE SUB-REGIONAL STUDIES THE GOVERNMENT WAS ANALYSING. IT WOULD BE PRESENTED TO 11 DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE STUDY AREA OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS STARTING TOMORROW.

GIS' OVERSEAS EFFORTS REAP PUBLICITY BENEFITS
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GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN PROJECTING A TRUE IMAGE OF HONG KONG ABROAD ARE REAPING A RICH HARVEST OF GOOD PUBLICITY, THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST, MR TSAO POINTED OUT THAT THESE EFFORTS ARE AIMED NOT JUST AT PROMOTING GOVERNMENT POLICIES BUT ALSO AT GIVING A BALANCED OVERALL PICTURE OF THE TERRITORY'S SOCIAL SYSTEM, ITS LAISSEZ FAIRE ECONOMY, ITS BUSINESS SECTOR, AND ITS UNIQUE PLACE IN THE WORLD.

+TO GIVE JUST ONE EXAMPLE: A RECENT AND TIMELY FILM ABOUT THE CABBAGE PATCH DOLLS BEING MADE IN HONG KONG WAS SHOWN TO A WORLD-WIDE TELEVISION AUDIENCE ESTIMATED AT UP TO 200 MILLION, A GREAT PUBLICITY BOOST FOR HONG KONG'S TOY INDUSTRY AT CHRISTMAS TIME,+ HE SAID.

THE FILM, MADE BY GIS'S OVERSEAS PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-DIVISION AT A COST OF A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS, WAS ONLY ONE OF 15 FILM CLIPS AND 30 RADIO TAPES PRODUCED BY THE UNIT LAST YEAR.

IN 1983, THE UNIT ALSO PRODUCED 120 FEATURE ARTICLES COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF HONG KONG LIFE FROM BUSINESS TO TRANSPORT, AND FROM THE LEGAL SYSTEM TO EDUCATION, FOR THE OVERSEAS PRINT MEDIA.

+THESE HAVE APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES IN AUSTRALIA, EUROPE, THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND THE CARIBBEAN,+ HE SAID.

MR TSAO POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ANY EDITOR OF ANY MEDIUM WOULD PLACE MORE CREDENCE ON REPORTS SENT IN BY HIS OWN STAFF.

+GIS HAS LONG RECOGNISED THIS AND HAS AN ACTIVE PROGRAMME OF ENCOURAGING FOREIGN JOURNALISTS TO VISIT HONG KONG TO SEE THE PLACE FOR THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT GIS BELIEVES IN LETTING THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, AND THAT ANY VISITING JOURNALIST GIVEN A MAXIMUM EXPOSURE TO AS MANY ASPECTS OF HONG KONG AS POSSIBLE IS BOUND TO GO AWAY WITH A FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION OF THE TERRITORY.

+THIS BELIEF HAS BEEN BORNE OUT IN PRACTICE.

+MOST OF THESE VISITING JOURNALISTS WRITE BALANCED AND IN MOST CASES FAVOURABLE ARTICLES ON THE TERRITORY.

+IN 1983 GIS OVERSEAS PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-DIVISION HANDLED ALMOST 550 VISITORS OF WHOM ABOUT 260 WERE PRINT MEDIA JOURNALISTS, ANOTHER 260 FROM RADIO, TELEVISION AND FILM COMPANIES, WHILE THE REST INCLUDED SOCIOLOGISTS, MEDICAL GROUPS AND EVEN MISSIONARIES,+ HE SAID.

MR TSAO POINTED OUT THAT ALL THESE EFFORTS WERE NECESSARY BECAUSE MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HONG KONG STILL EXIST.

MR TSAO CONCLUDED BY SAYING +WE FEEL THAT OUR EFFORTS ARE PRODUCING, BIT BY BIT, A MORE BALANCED PICTURE OF WHAT HONG KONG IS,+

INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION HELPED BY LOWER LAND COSTS

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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN A MUCH STRONGER POSITION TO PROMOTE HONG KONG AS A MANUFACTURING BASE, AS UNLIMITED SPACE FOR INDUSTRY IS AVAILABLE AT VERY COMPETITIVE PRICES, THE DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, MAJOR C.G. BERNARD SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHA TIN, HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PAST HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS HAD BEEN HANDICAPPED BY THE LACK OF CHEAP LAND FOR THOSE INDUSTRIES WHICH REQUIRED LOTS OF SPACE, HEAVY FLOOR LOADINGS, HIGH CEILINGS AND LONG PRODUCTION LINES.

+THIS IS ALL CHANGED NOW WITH THE CREATION OF THE TWO INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AT TAI PO AND YUEN LONG AND THE DRAMATIC FALLS IN LAND AND FACTORY ACCOMODATION PRICES OVER THE LAST YEAR.

+WE NOW HAVE UNLIMITED SPACE FOR INDUSTRY AVAILABLE AT VERY COMPETITIVE PRICES,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO THESE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES ABOUT 800 000 SQUARE METRES OF COMPLETED INDUSTRIAL FLOOR SPACE ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE OR RENT, HE ADDED.

+IN OTHER WORDS WE NOW HAVE A STRONG BUYERS MARKET OF WHICH A NUMBER OF EXISTING MANUFACTURING COMPANIES HAVE TAKEN AND ARE NOW TAKING ADVANTAGE,+ HE SAID.

ANOTHER ADVANTAGE WAS THE EXCELLENT PRODUCTIVE LABOUR AVAILABLE AND THE CONSISTENTLY PROVEN LOW LABOUR COST IN RELATION TO THE UNIT COST OF PRODUCTION, HE SAID.

+I BELIEVE WE CAN HOLD OUR OWN AGAINST MOST COMPETITION IN THIS REGION PROVIDED WE AIM TO MOVE UP MARKET INTO THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH VALUE AND HIGH VALUE ADDED QUALITY PRODUCTS. THIS IS IN FACT HAPPENING NOT ONLY IN OUR ELECTRONICS AND ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES BUT ALSO WITH, FOR EXAMPLE DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND OUR GARMENT INDUSTRY WHICH DESPITE PROTECTIONISM IN OUR MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS CONTINUES TO HOLD ITS OWN.

+THERE ARE ALSO SIGNS THAT OUR TEXTILE INDUSTRY WHICH HAS BEEN DECLINING IN RELATIVE AND REAL TERMS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS IS STABILISING AND BEGINNING TO FOLLOW THE GARENT INDUSTRY IN MOVING UP MARKET AND INSTALLING THE MOST MODERN MACHINERY,+ HE SAID.

MAJOR BERNARD POINTED OUT THAT HIS DEPARTMENT ALSO HAD AN INCREASING ROLE IN DOMESTIC INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT.

+IT IS A FACT THAT, ALTHOUGH OVERSEAS INVESTMENT HAS BEEN OF GREAT AND IN MANY CASES VITAL IMPORTANCE, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ELECTRONICS AND PRINTING INDUSTRIES FOR EXAMPLE, AND THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS, IT ACCOUNTS FOR ONLY 10 PER CENT OF INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG. THE BULK HAS BEEN GENERATED IN HONG KONG BY HONG KONG ENTREPRENEURS AND IT IS CLEAR THAT LOCAL INVESTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A DOMINANT FEATURE OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY ALBEIT WITH VITAL TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE FROM OVERSEAS.+

A RECENT SURVEY ON OVERSAAS COMPANIES WITH INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY FOUND THAT LOCAL SALES FORM THE LARGEST SINGLE SECTOR BY VALUE OF TOTAL SALES OF THESE COMPANIES AND ACCOUNT FOR ONE-THIRD OF THIS TOTAL AND EVEN EXCEED THOSE TO OUR LARGEST EXPORT MARKET - THE USA.

+WE CANNOT THEREFORE IGNORE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DOMESTIC MARKET AS A FACTOR IN ATTRACTING AN OVERSEAS INDUSTRY TO HONG KONG,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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SIR PETER BLAKER ARRIVES

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SIR PETER BLAKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING FOR AN 11-DAY VISIT.

MR BLAKER WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, DR PATRICK HASE.

DURING HIS STAY, SIR PETER WILL HAVE TALKS WITH THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS WELL AS UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS. HE WILL ALSO MEET URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AS WELL AS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES.

HIS PROGRAMME WILL ALSO INCLUDE VISITS TO NEW TOWNS, COMMUNITY AND WELFARE FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, FACTORIES, A JUNIOR POLICE CALL CLUBHOUSE, THE BORDER AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CAMPS.

HE WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 14 BEFORE LEAVING HONG KONG THE SAME EVENING.

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GOVERNOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE DICK HUGHES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY PAID THE FOLLOWING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR RICHARD HUGHES.

+I WAS DEEPLY SADDENED TO HEAR OF THE DEATH OF DICK HUGHES. HIS DEATH IS A GREAT LOSS, NOT ONLY TO THE PROFESSION WHICH HE SERVED SO ILLUSTRIOUSLY FOR HALF A CENTURY, BUT TO ALL OF US IN THE COMMUNITY.

FOR 40 YEARS, DICK HUGHES WAS A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT, AND DURING THAT TIME BECAME AN INSTITUTION IN HIMSELF. THIS IS TRIBUTE TO BOTH HIS PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY WHICH HE BLENDED WITH A UNIQUE BRAND OF HUMOUR AND A VAST STORE OF KNOWLEDGE.

HE WAS PROUD TO CALL HIMSELF A HONG KONG BELONGER. WE SHALL MISS HIM DEEPLY.

OUR CONDOLENCES GO TO HIS FAMILY.+

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DICK HUGHES GREATLY MISSED : BRAY
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY SAID TODAY HE WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF MR RICHARD HUGHES.

+HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY THOSE OF US WHO HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO SHARE HIS BOUNDLESS WIT AND HIS GREAT WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

+HE WAS A PERCEPTIVE INTERPRETER OF THE HONG KONG SCENE FOR HE HAD MADE HONG KONG HIS HOME FOR A LARGE PART OF HIS VARIED AND COLOURFUL LIFE,+ MR BRAY SAID.

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TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES AUCTIONED
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SEVENTY-ONE OUT OF 80 STALL SITES FOR THE COMING TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WERE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE HIGHEST PRICE BID FOR A FLOWER STALL WAS \$1 600, WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$100, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR A DRY GOODS STALL WAS \$200 AND THE LOWEST \$100.

THE AUCTION, CONDUCTED BY STAFF OF THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, WAS HELD AT THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE.

TRADERS WISHING TO LEASE ONE OF THE NINE UNSOLD SITES FOR THE SALE OF DRY GOODS SHOULD CONTACT THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TING KOK ROAD.

THE TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE HELD AT TAI PO PLAYGROUND BETWEEN JANUARY 26 AND FEBRUARY 2.

TOMORROW (THURSDAY), 100 STALL SITES AT THE SHA TIN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE AUCTIONED AT LEK YUEN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN LEK YUEN ESTATE STARTING 9.30 AM.

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FIRE RESCUE EXERCISE
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A RESCUE EXERCISE FEATURING THE RESCUE PULLEY SPECIALLY DESIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCIES ON CABLE CARS IN THE OCEAN PARK, ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 6) STARTING AT 10 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EXERCISE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO USE THE SERVICE TRANSPORT TO GO TO THE OCEAN PARK SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT WAN CHAI FIRE STATION BEFORE 9.15 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 6).

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BOARD TO DISCUSS SITE PRIORITIES
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MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS A REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE PRIORITY OF THE THREE PROPOSED URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEXES AT THEIR NINTH MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE THREE SITES BEING EXAMINED ARE FA YUEN STREET, TAI KOK TSUI AND SAI YEE STREET UC COMPLEXES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO COMMENT ON A PROPOSAL TO TENDER THE TEMPORARY LORRY PARK AT THE JUNCTION OF BEECH STREET AND ANCHOR STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI FOR PRIVATE MANAGEMENT.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE THE PROPOSED CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ALONG THE CHERRY STREET WATER-FRONT, AN EXHIBITION OF THE WORK OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, PUBLICATION OF A YAU MA TEI-MONG KOK DISTRICT CHRONICLE, A PROPOSED LANDMARK WITH LANDSCAPE AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD, AND REPLACEMENT OF PLANTS FOR DB BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S NINTH MEETING AT 3 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM AT TUNG PING BUILDING, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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TRADES, HOTELS SURVEY REPORT PUBLISHED
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A REPORT ON THE 1981 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY COVERED ALL WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS REGISTERED WITH THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION OFFICE OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, AND MARKET STALLS RECORDED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT PRESENTS THE MAJOR FINDINGS FROM THE SURVEY, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF MAJOR TRADE GROUPS BY VARIOUS ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS.

BESIDES PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR POLICY FORMULATION, THE STATISTICS ARE USEFUL TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISES FOR DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE STATISTICS CAN BE USED FOR ASSESSING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SECTOR AND ANALYSING ITS STRUCTURAL CHANGES OVER TIME, HE ADDED.

PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS IN THE SAME SERIES INCLUDE THE SURVEY REPORTS FOR 1977, 1979 AND 1980.

THE REPORT IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE AT \$5 A COPY. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TEL. NO. : 3-7216024.

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TAI PO WANTS LOGO FOR IDENTITY
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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A TAI PO DISTRICT LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO CHINESE NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE CONTEST IS AIMED AT PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DISTRICT'S IDENTITY AND FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING.

PEOPLE LIVING OUTSIDE TAI PO MAY ALSO TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST AND THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES, WHICH MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY JANUARY 31.

THE DESIGN, IN EITHER CHINESE OR ENGLISH STYLE, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON CARDBOARD PAPER OF 25 SQUARE CENTIMETRES, WITH THE NAME, IDENTITY CARD NUMBER, CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE PARTICIPANT ON THE BACK OF EACH ENTRY.

THE BEST SIX DESIGNS WILL BE SELECTED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES AND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS ON FEBRUARY 19 - THE CLOSING DAY OF THE NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MISS MAY CHOW AT 0-6577111.

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MANUAL GIVES GUIDE TO CAR REPAIR WORK

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AN UPDATED MANUAL CONTAINING 18 PRINCIPAL JOBS AND TRAINING GUIDELINES FOR THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.

SPECIFICATIONS ON JOBS AT TECHNOLOGIST, TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT LEVELS FOR THE INDUSTRY ARE SET OUT IN THE MANUAL PREPARED BY THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

+THE PURPOSES OF THE MANUAL ARE TO ESTABLISH AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF SKILL FOR EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR COURSES AT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS AND TRAINING CENTRES,+ SAID MR M.J. VENABLES, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT EMPLOYERS COULD USE THE MANUAL IN DRAWING UP A SYSTEMATIC ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES AS WELL.

BY FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN THE MANUAL, EMPLOYERS COULD ALSO ASSESS HOW MUCH THEIR EMPLOYEES HAD MASTERED THE TRADE, HE ADDED.

MR VENABLES ALSO SAID THAT THE MANUAL WILL HELP TO UP-GRADE MANPOWER TRAINING WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE MANUAL, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$11 A COPY.

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OFFICE TO MOVE

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THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE WILL BE MOVING FROM THE FOURTH FLOOR OF SHING WAH BUILDING, 31 SHING FONG STREET, TO THE NINTH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

IT WILL OPERATE AT THE NEW OFFICE FROM FRIDAY (JANUARY 6), SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

LICENSING, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND ALL ENQUIRIES, MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 0-209204 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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VILLAGE WATER MAINS WORK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 7) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE VILLAGES ARE THOSE ALONG KAM TIN ROAD FROM AU TAU TO SHEUNG TSUEN; KAM SHEUNG ROAD FROM AU TAU TO SHEUNG TSUEN; AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM AU TAU TO SAN TIN AND CHAU TAU.

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