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LEASING INDUSTRY'S ROLE STRESSED BY BREMRIDGE

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THE EQUIPMENT LEASING INDUSTRY CAN PROVIDE A PARTICULARLY USEFUL SERVICE FOR HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR WHICH MUST COPE WITH RAPID CHANGES IN CONSUMERS' TASTE EVEN IN THE FACE OF CURRENTLY DEPRESSED INTERNATIONAL TRADE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

BECAUSE OF THESE CHANGES, OVERSEAS DEMAND FOR PARTICULAR LINES OF PRODUCTS CONTINUES TO BE VOLATILE, MR BREMRIDGE SAID, IN OPENING THE FIRST WORLD LEASING CONVENTION BEING HELD IN HONG KONG.

+TO SATISFY SUCH VOLATILITY IS NOT EASY, PARTICULARLY WHEN COSTLY EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED TO MANUFACTURE THE PRODUCTS CONCERNED.

+IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I BELIEVE THE EQUIPMENT LEASING INDUSTRY CAN PROVIDE A PARTICULARLY USEFUL SERVICE BY HELPING OUR MANUFACTURERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR COMPETITIVE EDGE WHILE MINIMISING THE FINANCIAL BURDEN ARISING FROM PURCHASING EQUIPMENT WHICH QUICKLY BECOMES OBSOLETE, AND FROM THE PROBLEM OF INCREASING BANK DEBT,+ MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

EQUIPMENT LEASING COULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ENGAGED IN HONG KONG'S CONTINUOUS INFRASTRUCTURAL BUILD-UP, HE SAID.

+AND I AM SURE THAT THE INDUSTRY ALSO FEATURES PROMINENTLY IN OUR FAST EXPANDING TERTIARY SERVICES SECTORS, NOT LEAST IN COMPUTER LEASING,+ HE SAID.

ANOTHER FAVOURABLE FACTOR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EQUIPMENT LEASING IS HONG KONG'S FISCAL ENVIRONMENT WITH CORPORATE PROFIT TAX OF ONLY 16-1/2 PER CENT, HE POINTED OUT.

OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE, HE ADDED, IS THE GENEROUS ALLOWANCE FOR PROFIT TAX PURPOSES OF DEPRECIATION FOR PLANT AND MACHINERY.

CURRENTLY, THE ALLOWANCE FOR THE INITIAL YEAR WHEN THE INVESTMENT IS MADE IS 55 PER CENT, HAVING BEEN RAISED TWICE IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

+WITH AN ANNUAL ALLOWANCE OF, SAY, 30 PER CENT ON THE BALANCE, THIS MEANS THAT IN THE YEAR OF ACQUISITION 68.5 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF THE PLANT AND MACHINERY IS DEDUCTIBLE FOR PROFIT TAX PURPOSES.

+I HOPE THESE GENEROUS ALLOWANCES, IN DIRECTLY BENEFITING THE INDUSTRY AS THE LESSOR, WILL ALSO BRING SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS FOR THE LESSEE,+ MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

HE IDENTIFIED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO A FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AS THE THIRD FAVOURABLE FACTOR.

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+WE MAINTAIN AN ENVIRONMENT WITHIN WHICH OUR INDUSTRIES HAVE PROSPERED. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE EQUIPMENT LEASING INDUSTRY WILL ALSO BENEFIT GREATLY BY OPERATING IN IT,+ HE STATED.

ON EXTERNAL CONDITIONS, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PACIFIC BASIN IS WIDELY ACCEPTED AS THE GROWTH AREA OF THE WORLD FOR THE 1980'S.

CONDUCTED ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE, THE ACTIVITY OF THE LEASING INDUSTRY CAN OBVIOUSLY FACILITATE AND SPEED UP THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, PROVIDING A FURTHER CATALYSTIC EFFECT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE REGION AS A WHOLE, MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

HONG KONG'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE MODERNISATION OF CHINA IS ALSO A MOST PROMISING FACTOR FOR THE EQUIPMENT LEASING INDUSTRY WHICH CAN MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION IN THIS AREA, BACKED UP BY THE +VERY SOPHISTICATED FINANCIAL SECTOR+, HE SAID.

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TWO-VOLUME 1981 POPULATION CENSUS MAIN REPORT ON SALE
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THE TWO-VOLUME MAIN REPORT ON THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS, PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, IS NOW ON SALE.

THE REPORT IS AIMED AT THE GENERAL READER AND MARKS THE FINAL PHASE OF THE CENSUS PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME.

IT IS ON SALE AT A COST OF \$101 FOR VOLUME 1 AND \$106 FOR VOLUME 2 IN THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

IN THE REPORT, CENSUS DATA ARE ANALYSED THROUGH COMPARISON WITH EARLIER CENSUSES, AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHANGES IS GIVEN.

SUCH TOPICS AS FERTILITY AND MORTALITY, HOUSING, HOUSEHOLDS, EDUCATION, LABOUR FORCE, INCOME, INTERNAL MOVEMENT AND THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWNS ARE CONSIDERED IN DETAIL.

THE 1981 CENSUS REPORT DIFFERS FROM PREVIOUS CENSUS REPORTS IN THAT AN ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO ILLUSTRATE HOW STATISTICAL DATA ARE USED IN PLANNING.

+THE PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT IS TO PRESENT AN ANALYSIS OF THE CENSUS RESULTS IN A WAY THAT ALSO DEMONSTRATES THAT STATISTICS ARE USEFUL AND NECESSARY FOR EVALUATING AND MONITORING PAST PROGRAMMES, AND FOR PLANNING AHEAD,+ THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID.

THE REPORT ALSO INCLUDES THE RESULTS OF THE PROJECTIONS OF THE FUTURE SIZE OF THE POPULATION, LABOUR FORCE AND THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS.

+WITHOUT ESTIMATES OF THE FUTURE POPULATION AND ITS AGE STRUCTURE, PLANNING FOR EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING, TRANSPORT, MANPOWER AND SO ON WOULD BE HAZARDOUS, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

THE REPORT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO VOLUMES.

VOLUME 1 CONTAINS THE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE RESPECTIVE TOPICS PLUS CHAPTERS ON THE CENSUS METHODOLOGY AND ASSESSMENT OF DATA QUALITY; AND ALSO PRESENTS THE RESULTS AS SUMMARY TABLES IN THE REPORT.

VOLUME 2 CONTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF STATISTICAL TABLES COVERING THESE TOPICS.

RESULTS OF THE 1981 CENSUS ON THE EDUCATIONAL LEVEL, INCOME AND OCCUPATION OF THE POPULATION BY DISTRICT HAVE BEEN SEPARATELY PUBLISHED IN A FORM OF A STATISTICAL MAP. THIS IS ON SALE AT \$2 PER COPY.

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SWISS URGED TO SELL MORE TO HONG KONG
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR BILL DORWARD TODAY (MONDAY) INVITED SWITZERLAND TO BOOST ITS EXPORTS TO HONG KONG AND THROUGH HONG KONG TO OTHER PLACES IN ASIA.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF +SWISSEXPO FAR EAST+, MR DORWARD SAID: +IMPORTS ARE WELCOME FROM ANYWHERE, EVEN COUNTRIES WHICH CHOOSE TO PUT UP BARRIERS TO HONG KONG EXPORTS; AND THAT, REGRETTABLY, MEANS MOST COUNTRIES IN WESTERN EUROPE. SWITZERLAND IS, HOWEVER, A SPLENDID EXCEPTION AND MAINTAINS NO TRADE BARRIERS AGAINST IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG.

+THIS REFLECTS, OF COURSE, A BASIC FREE TRADE PHILOSOPHY VERY SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH GUIDES OUR POLICY HERE. I BELIEVE IT IS TO A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE THE FACT THAT BOTH SWITZERLAND AND HONG KONG HAVE DECLINED TO RESORT TO PROTECTIONIST DEVICES WHICH HAS SUSTAINED THEM SO RELATIVELY WELL DURING THIS LONG NIGHT OF WORLD TRADE RECESSION,+ MR DORWARD REMARKED.

HE ASSURED SWISS TRADERS THAT HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO OFFER A FREE AND OPEN MARKET TO SWITZERLAND.

+THE BALANCE OF TRADE HAS FOR MANY YEARS BEEN HEAVILY IN SWITZERLAND'S FAVOUR, TO THE EXTENT OF ABOUT HK\$1 BILLION A YEAR OUT OF A TOTAL TWO-WAY TRADE OF OVER HK\$4.5 BILLION.+

+THIS, OF ITSELF, IS NOT A MATTER OF CONCERN TO US. IF THAT IMBALANCE IS TO BE ADDRESSED IN ANY WAY IT MUST BE BY US MAKING GREATER EFFORTS IN OUR EXPORTS TO SWITZERLAND.+

/HE POINTED

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PATTERN OF EXPORT TRADE BOTH WAYS WAS A BIT UNBALANCED, BEING VERY HEAVILY WEIGHTED TOWARD CLOTHING IN THE CASE OF HONG KONG AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS IN THE CASE OF SWITZERLAND.

+THIS COMES AS NO SURPRISE TO ANYONE WHO KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT HONG KONG OR SWITZERLAND, OF COURSE, BUT IT DOES SUGGEST THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR EXPANSION IN OTHER SECTORS.

+I HOPE THAT THIS EXHIBITION WILL ENABLE TWO-WAY CONTACTS TO BE DEVELOPED FOR THIS PURPOSE.+ HE CONCLUDED.

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\$165-MILLION CONTRACT FOR FANLING BYPASS ROAD

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$165-MILLION CONTRACT TO AOKI CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FANLING BYPASS ROAD.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THIS AFTERNOON BY MR MARTIN GARRETT, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND MR HIROSHI AIKAWA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG OFFICE OF AOKI CONSTRUCTION.

THE FANLING BYPASS IS THE SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROUTE BETWEEN THE WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE AND THE TAI PO ROAD/FAN KAM ROAD/CASTLE PEAK ROAD ROUNDABOUT.

MR GARRETT SAID THE CONTRACT CALLED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AND AN ADJACENT DISTRIBUTOR ROAD.

+THE ALIGNMENT OF THE BYPASS WILL FOLLOW THE EXISTING TAI PO ROAD FROM THE NORTHERN END AS FAR AS THE INTERSECTION NORTH OF FANLING VILLAGE. FROM THERE IT IS LOCATED ALONGSIDE THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY,+ MR GARRETT SAID.

+A SEPARATE FOOTPATH AND CYCLEWAY WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE MAIN CARRIAGEWAY,+ HE ADDED.

FILL MATERIAL FOR THE WORKS, EXPECTED TO START SHORTLY AND BE COMPLETED BY MID-1985, WOULD BE BROUGHT IN FROM THE SHA LING BORROW AREA. HOWEVER, RESTRICTIONS ON HAULAGE TIMES ARE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT IN ORDER TO REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

+TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROUTE IN THE EAST, INCLUDING THE TAI PO/SHA TIN COASTAL ROAD AND THE TAI PO BYPASS, THE FANLING BYPASS WILL BECOME A PRINCIPAL ROAD LINK BETWEEN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE KOWLOON URBAN AREAS,+ MR GARRETT SAID.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY COMING
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THE RT HON PATRICK JENKIN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 12). HE WILL BE MET BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE AND THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR CHRISTIAN ADAMS.

DURING HIS TWO-DAY STAY HERE, MR JENKIN WILL HAVE TALKS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND HAVE MEETINGS WITH BRITISH AND HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN. HE WILL VISIT THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WHERE HE WILL MEET THE CHAIRMAN, SIR Y.K. KAN.

MR JENKIN WILL ALSO VISIT THE CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION IN THE COURSE OF A FAMILIARISATION TOUR BY HELICOPTER ON THURSDAY. HE WILL ATTEND A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND WILL MAKE A SPEECH. THEN HE WILL VISIT THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY PANEL OF UMELCO ON FRIDAY MORNING AFTER TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR WILLIAM DORWARD.

AT 2.15 PM ON FRIDAY, MR JENKIN WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE GIS THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR JENKIN IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON WEDNESDAY AT 2.55 PM ON FLIGHT BA 3. THERE WILL BE A FACILITY FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WISHING TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL. THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL AT 2 PM ON WEDNESDAY.

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR YOUTHS
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A COMPREHENSIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME IS BEING LAUNCHED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE ONE-AND-A-HALF-MONTH LONG PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF LECTURES AND CAMPING, WITH EMPHASIS ON VOLUNTEERING, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND OUTDOOR SKILL TRAINING.

THE LECTURES WILL BE IN THE FORM OF TALKS, GAMES, ROLE PLAY, DISCUSSIONS AND FILM SHOWS. THE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

THEY WILL COVER SUCH TOPICS AS LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY INFORMATION, HUMAN RELATIONSHIP, PROGRAMME PLANNING AND SKILL, AS WELL AS ORIENTEERING, CAMPING, SAFETY PRECAUTION AND SIMPLE FIRST-AID.

/THE CAMP

THE CAMP TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE JUNK BAY YOUTH CAMP AND SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE PROGRAMME, WHICH WILL COST ONLY \$30 EACH.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 25, WITH CERTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE AND AN ACADEMIC STANDARD OF FORM 3 OR ABOVE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE LIMITED TO 100.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JANUARY 22.

THE PROGRAMME, ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND LOCAL YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH.

AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED WITH A DISTRICT BOARD UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, MR CHAN YING-LUN, AS THE CHAIRMAN.

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LANDSCAPING FOR NEW ROAD INTERSECTION

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LANDSCAPING WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD/TEXACO ROAD GRADE SEPARATED INTERSECTION IN TSUEN WAN.

THE AREAS BELOW AND AROUND THE FLYOVER WILL BE LANDSCAPED TO FORM A DIRECT EXTENSION TO TAI WO HAU PARK WHICH IS ALSO TO BE RE-DEVELOPED SHORTLY.

THE SPACE DIRECTLY BENEATH THE STRUCTURE WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF HARD LANDSCAPE FEATURES WHILE THE OPEN AREAS WILL BE WELL-PLANTED. TOILETS AND WATER FOUNTAINS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

THE GARDEN ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD IS INTENDED PRIMARILY TO SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIVING IN NEARBY HOUSING ESTATES. THERE WILL ALSO BE AMPLE PROVISION FOR SHADED SITTING-OUT AREAS.

PLAY FACILITIES FOR SMALL CHILDREN WILL BE SET AMONG THE GREENERY AND WILL INCLUDE A CLIMBING HILL, AN ARTIFICIAL PLAY-STREAM, SAND-PITS AND A MINI SPLASH POOL.

THE AREA TO THE NORTH OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL CATER TO OLDER CHILDREN WITH HARD PLAY FACILITIES INCLUDING A SMALL WET-WEATHER EXTENSION TO THE GAMES AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN EARMARKED FOR TAI WO HAU PARK.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT NINE MONTHS.

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CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN 1983 LAUNCHED
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THIS YEAR'S CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED IN VILLAGES THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT IS AIMED AT IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN THE RURAL AREAS AND VILLAGES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPECIAL NTSD TEAMS WILL VISIT VILLAGES TO CLEAN UP REFUSE BLACK SPOTS DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TEMPORARY COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE SET UP TO ENABLE VILLAGERS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR RUBBISH.

VILLAGERS ARE ALSO ADVISED TO TELEPHONE THE NEW TERRITORIES LITTER COMPLAINT HOT-LINE 0-445555 TO REPORT ANY NUISANCE OR RUBBISH BLACKSPOT FOR QUICK CLEARANCE.

MEANWHILE, NEW CLEANSING SERVICE CONTRACTS COVERING SEVERAL VILLAGES WILL BE SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS AT AUSTIN CENTRE, 10-22 AUSTIN AVENUE 5TH FLOOR. AT 2.20 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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SHA TIN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES
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A TOTAL OF 104 SITES AT THE FORTHCOMING SHA TIN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WERE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (MONDAY), LEAVING ONLY SIX SITES UNSOLD.

THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR A FLOWER SITE WAS \$930 AND FOR A DRY GOODS SITE \$200, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE PRICES FOR TWO SITES FOR THE SALE OF BOTTLED DRINKS WERE \$2 000 AND \$1 510 WHILE TWO OTHER SNACK SITES WERE SOLD FOR \$750 AND \$700.

TODAY'S AUCTION, CONDUCTED BY STAFF OF THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, TOOK PLACE AT THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL IN LEK YUEN ESTATES.

/THE UNSOLD

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THE UNSOLD SITES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE UPSET RENTAL OF \$70 EACH, AND POTENTIAL TRADERS SHOULD CONTACT THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT LOWER GROUND FLOOR, LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL, LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN, TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

BESIDES THE SHA TIN FAIR, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE CAR PARK OF SHA TIN RACECOURSE, THERE WILL BE SIX OTHER LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BETWEEN FEBRUARY 6 AND 13.

A TOTAL OF 112 SITES AT THE KWAI CHUNG LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR TO BE HELD AT KWAI CHUNG SPORTSGROUND WILL BE AUCTIONED AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL AT LAI FONG STREET STARTING AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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NEW CHANNEL TO AIR VIEWS
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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THEIR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND TO AIR THEIR VIEWS ON LOCAL AFFAIRS THROUGH A MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME TO BE INTRODUCED LATER THIS MONTH.

THIS WILL BE THE 10TH DISTRICT BOARD TO PROVIDE SUCH A CHANNEL FOR PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS, SUGGESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS.

FROM JANUARY 20, TWO KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM EVERY THURSDAY IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141-143, KAU PUI LUNG ROAD TO MEET THE PUBLIC.

UNOFFICIALS, MR WONG SIK-KONG AND MR WU SHING-SHUEN, WILL BE THE FIRST TWO MEMBERS TO MEET THE RESIDENTS ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE SCHEME.

APART FROM APPOINTED AND ELECTED UNOFFICIALS, OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME TO EXPLAIN GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND WORK PROCEDURES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD HOPED THAT THE SCHEME WOULD STRENGTHEN A THREE-WAY LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD, LOCAL RESIDENTS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

RESIDENTS WISHING TO SEE THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS IN ADVANCE BY TELEPHONING 3-7110171 EXT. 52.

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WARNING TO RATEPAYERS

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RATEPAYERS WERE WARNED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT IF THEY STILL HAVE NOT COMPLETED AND RETURNED THE FORMS R1A SENT TO THEM BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1982, THEY MIGHT FACE PROSECUTION.

THE FORMS REQUIRED RATEPAYERS TO GIVE INFORMATION ON THE OCCUPATION, RENTS AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY WHICH THEY OWN OR OCCUPY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT OVER 619 000 RATEPAYERS OR ALMOST 95 PER CENT OF THOSE TO WHOM THE FORMS WERE ORIGINALLY SENT, HAVE COMPLETED AND RETURNED THEM.

HE SAID REMINDERS WERE ISSUED TO THOSE WHO HAD FAILED TO RETURN THE ORIGINAL FORMS BY THE END OF NOVEMBER.

+ANY PERSON WHO REFUSES OR NEGLECTS TO FILL IN THESE FORMS IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2 000, BUT IF FALSE INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED ON THE FORM THE FINE COULD BE \$5 000,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE REMINDED THOSE RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A FORM AND HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED AND RETURNED IT TO THE DEPARTMENT TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS PROSECUTION MIGHT SOON BE TAKEN AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED THE FORMS AS REQUIRED.

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NEW SECTION OF TUEN MUN ROAD TO OPEN TO TRAFFIC

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THE NEWLY COMPLETED SECTION OF TUEN MUN ROAD BETWEEN SIU LAM AND SO KWUN WAT WILL BE OPEN TO TUEN MUN-BOUND TRAFFIC FROM 5.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 12).

HOWEVER, TO ALLOW FOR TRAFFIC INSTALLATIONS, TUEN MUN ROAD FROM PUI TO ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO SIU LAM INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9 PM AND 5.30 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 11 AND 12).

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THIS DIVERSION WILL ALSO APPLY TO KMB NO. 60, 60M, 66, 66M, 68 AND 68M.

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HK TECHNICAL STUDENTS WIN COMMONWEALTH PRIZES

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TWO LOCAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS HAVE EACH OBTAINED A FIRST PRIZE IN TWO SEPARATE TELECOMMUNICATION AND RADIO EXAMINATION PAPERS ORGANISED FOR COMMONWEALTH STUDENTS IN JUNE LAST YEAR BY THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE, ENGLAND.

WINNERS OF THE INSTITUTE'S BRONZE MEDAL, FIRST PRIZE, IN PRACTICAL MATHEMATICS, CHAN KAM-KONG AND IN RADIO AND LINE TRANSMISSION A, JIMMY PIK-TO TAI, ARE BOTH SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS IN ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THIS REGIONAL EXAMINATION, HELD TWICE A YEAR IN JUNE AND DECEMBER, ATTRACTS SEVERAL THOUSAND COMMONWEALTH STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL OR RELATED STUDIES.

THE TWO STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR BRONZE MEDALS IN MARCH THROUGH THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WHERE THE EXAMINATION WAS HELD.

STUDENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN HONG KONG HAVE WON MANY PROMINENT PRIZES IN THE EXAMINATION IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

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HONG KONG HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION 1984

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SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR THE HONG KONG HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION IN 1984 ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

THE SAME PROCEDURE APPLIES TO SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR CERTAIN PRACTICAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY OR PHYSICS.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10/F, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE HANDBOOK OF THE REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUSES FOR THE 1984 EXAMINATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN MARCH THIS YEAR, AND MAY THEN BE PURCHASED AT THE PUBLICATION UNIT OF THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT 17 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT TEL: 3-688906.

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WATER CUT IN WONG CHUK HANG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 13) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THIS WILL AFFECT PREMISES ALONG WELFARE ROAD, SHUM WAN ROAD, AND THOSE IN PO CHONG WAN.

IN ADDITION, OCEAN PARK, HONG KONG NAM LONG HOSPITAL, AND DAVID TRENCH HOME FOR THE AGED IN NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, TAI PAK SEA FOOD RESTAURANT, SEA PALACE FLOATING RESTAURANT, AND JUMBO FLOATING RESTAURANT IN SHUM WAN, WONG CHUK HANG POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL AND WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE IN POLICE SCHOOL ROAD WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 74.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 430.905 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 257.093 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 44.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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