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NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED 35 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN DECEMBER 1984.

THESE INCLUDED THREE 32-STOREY APARTMENT BLOCKS AT SOUTH BAY ROAD, A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION AT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PAK CHAI WAN STATION, AN ELECTRIC SUBSTATION IN TAI HANG TUNG, A WORKSHOP IN YAU TONG, AND A PAVILION AT TUNG WAN, SHEK PIK ON LANTAU ISLAND.

OF THE PLANS APPROVED, 12 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FOUR IN KOWLOON AND 19 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 27 PROJECTS, 11 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SEVEN IN KOWLOON AND NINE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE INCLUDED AN ELECTRICITY SWITCHING STATION AND STAFF QUARTERS AT ELECTRIC ROAD, 12 APARTMENT BLOCKS FOR THE KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT, A FACTORY BUILDING AT HOI YUEN ROAD IN KWUN TONG, AN OFFICE BUILDING AT DAI KWAI STREET IN THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, AND A SQUASH AND BADMINTON COURT COMPLEX AT LO WAI IN TSUEN WAN.

THE FLOOR AREA OF THESE 27 PROJECTS TOTALLED 226 658.1 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 42 192.2 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR NON-DOMESTIC PURPOSES AND THE REMAINDER FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

A TOTAL OF 56 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS DURING THE MONTH.

THESE INCLUDED A 13-STOREY GODOWN IN KENNEDY TOWN, TWO SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, A TEMPLE IN WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, A TRAINING CENTRE AT KOWLOON BAY FOR THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, AND A HOME FOR THE AGED IN TAI PO FOR THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA FOR ALL NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS 236 830.4 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 147 656.8 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR NON-DOMESTIC PURPOSES AND THE REMAINDER FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

THE TOTAL COST OF THESE BUILDINGS WAS ABOUT \$790.7 MILLION.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO ISSUED 20 DEMOLITION ORDERS IN RESPECT OF 25 BUILDINGS DURING THE MONTH.

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THIRD QUARTER SHIPPING STATISTICS RELEASED  
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IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, 2 937 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 17.4 MILLION NRT (NET REGISTERED TONS) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 116 IN NUMBER AND OF 0.2 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983, ACCORDING TO THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+ REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS ROSE BY SEVEN PER CENT AND THE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS (MEASURED IN TEUS) DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 13 PER CENT. WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+71) AND ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF VESSELS (+37), WHILE THE NUMBER OF CONVENTIONAL VESSELS DROPPED (-118). CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE NOTED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN PANAMA (+90) AND IN CHINA (+34), BUT DECLINES WERE RECORDED FOR LIBERIAN SHIPS (-26) AND SINGAPOREAN SHIPS (-26). THE NUMBER OF SHIPS WITH CAPACITY UNDER 10 000 DWT ROSE CONSIDERABLY (+148).

IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, THERE WERE 2 950 DEPARTING SHIPS, WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 17.4 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 141 IN NUMBER AND OF ONE PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1983. THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS ROSE BY 18 PER CENT, AND THE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS (MEASURED IN TEUS) LOADED IN HONG KONG ALSO ROSE BY 16 PER CENT. ABOUT 66 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING VESSELS HAD STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

BASED ON INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS, 90 PER CENT IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT OF THE INWARD SEABORNE CARGO WAS IMPORTS AND 10 PER CENT WAS FOR TRANSHIPMENT. OF THE OUTWARD SEABORNE CARGO, 61 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING RE-EXPORTS) AND 39 PER CENT WAS FOR TRANSHIPMENT.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS WERE SINGAPORE (20 PER CENT IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT), JAPAN (17 PER CENT) AND CHINA (13 PER CENT), AND THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S.A. (23 PER CENT), CHINA (14 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (12 PER CENT). TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED FROM CHINA (30 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (26 PER CENT), AND TRANSHIPPED TO THE U.S.A. (16 PER CENT), PHILIPPINES (EIGHT PER CENT) AND CHINA (SEVEN PER CENT).

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES (+276 PER CENT IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+84 PER CENT) AND REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (+79 PER CENT). HOWEVER, THE TONNAGE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM U.S.A. DECLINED (-15 PER CENT). AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF INORGANIC CHEMICALS (+72 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PRODUCTS AND PREPARATIONS (+66 PER CENT); AND PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD (+34 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, SEABORNE EXPORTS TO CHINA ROSE RAPIDLY BY 12 TIMES IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, WHILE SEABORNE EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA ROSE BY 39 PER CENT AND 31 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, SEABORNE EXPORTS OF CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS ROSE BY 371 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, WHILE THOSE OF INORGANIC CHEMICALS ROSE BY 169 PER CENT, AND THOSE OF CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS BY 144 PER CENT.

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIP MASTERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS, AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT. PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFEST IS USED FOR COMPILING THE STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+ REPORT FOR JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1984, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$12 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, AT TELEPHONE NUMBERS 5-452701 AND 5-455422.

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#### ANOTHER YEAR OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS

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LAST YEAR WAS +ANOTHER YEAR OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS IN HONG KONG,+ THE CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICES (LRS), MR DONALD CHAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

COMMENTING ON FIGURES RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON TRADE DISPUTES AND THE NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS LOST DUE TO WORK STOPPAGES, MR CHAN SAID THERE WERE 11 WORK STOPPAGES LAST YEAR RESULTING IN A LOSS OF 3 083 WORKING DAYS IN 10 OF THE STOPPAGES AND 310 MAN-HOURS IN ANOTHER ONE CONCERNING AN AIRLINE COMPANY.

+THIS FIGURE FOR WORKING DAYS LOST IS VERY LOW BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND IS A POSITIVE INDICATOR OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS IN GENERAL IN HONG KONG,+ MR CHAN SAID.

DURING THE YEAR, MR CHAN SAID, THE LRS OF THE DEPARTMENT HANDLED 147 TRADE DISPUTES. OF THESE, 59 OR 40.1 PER CENT, WERE SETTLED, WHILE THE REST WERE MOSTLY INSOLVENCY CASES THAT HAD TO BE PASSED TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT FOR WINDING UP PROCEEDINGS.

THE LRS ALSO PROVIDED CONCILIATION FOR 17 560 CLAIMS IN CONNECTION WITH PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE OR TERMS OF CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT; 13 260 OR 75.5 PER CENT WERE SETTLED AND MOST OF THE REMAINDER WERE REFERRED TO THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL FOR JUDICIAL DECISION.

MR CHAN SAID A TOTAL OF 19 051 WORKERS RECEIVED \$46 MILLION FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS LAST YEAR AFTER THEIR LABOUR-MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS WERE SETTLED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE LRS.

OF THIS SUM, \$12 395 593 OR 27 PER CENT WAS SEVERANCE PAYMENTS MADE TO 3 005 EMPLOYEES RENDERED REDUNDANT BY OPERATIONAL OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES; THE REMAINING \$34 039 651 WAS PAID OUT AS ARREARS OF WAGES, WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, STATUTORY HOLIDAY PAY, BONUSES AND OTHER PAYMENTS.

IN THE SAME YEAR, MR CHAN ADDED, THE LRS INVESTIGATED 188 MAJOR COMPLAINTS ABOUT ALLEGED BREACHES OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, SUCH AS FAILURE TO PROVIDE REST DAYS, HOLIDAYS WITH PAY, ANNUAL LEAVE WITH PAY AND IMPROPER DEDUCTIONS OF WAGES.

DURING THE YEAR, THE LRS ALSO HANDLED 391 677 ENQUIRIES AND CONSULTATIONS, COMPARED WITH 302 277 CASES IN 1983. MOST OF THESE CONCERNED PROVISIONS IN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING LABOUR RELATIONS.

+THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES AND CONSULTATIONS REFLECTS THE GROWING IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO LABOUR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS BY BOTH EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS,+ MR CHAN SAID.

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FIRST LAND AUCTION OF THE YEAR  
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS TO OFFER FIVE LOTS FOR SALE AT THE FIRST PUBLIC LAND AUCTION OF THE YEAR TO BE HELD IN THE JADE BALLROOM OF THE FURAMA HOTEL AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

TWO OF THE SITES ARE IN KOWLOON, ONE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND TWO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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### RESIDENTS LEARN ABOUT ART

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EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS HAVE LEARNED TO APPRECIATE ARTS AND CULTURE THROUGH THE NUMEROUS PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS IN THE FIRST EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE EIGHT-DAY FESTIVAL, MR LUI SAID THE EVENT HAD SUCCEEDED IN STIMULATING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN ARTS AND CULTURE AND AT THE SAME TIME CONTRIBUTED TO THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY BUILDING.

+I AM HAPPY THAT SO MANY OF THE ARTISTS TAKING PART IN THE FESTIVAL ARE LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO COME FROM VARIOUS ARTISTIC FIELDS SUCH AS CHINESE OPERA, BALLET, FLORAL ARRANGEMENT AND MUSIC,+ MR LUI SAID.

+THE ARTS FESTIVAL COMPLEMENTS THE RECENT SPORTS FESTIVAL, AND WE INTEND TO ALTERNATE THE TWO FESTIVALS FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ HE ADDED.

MORE THAN 30 EVENTS WERE ORGANISED FOR THE ARTS FESTIVAL WHICH FEATURED ORCHESTRAL AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES, EXHIBITIONS ON CHINESE PAINTINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHY, CHINESE OPERA, DANCES, TALKS ON DRAMA AND FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS, AND VARIETY SHOWS.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CONTRIBUTED ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL COST OF \$100 000 FOR THE ARTS FESTIVAL, WHICH WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND PARTIALLY SPONSORED BY THE BRAEMAR HILL LIONS CLUB.

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### HIGH NOTES IN ANTI-DRUG EFFORT

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) +STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT+ ENTERED THE SECOND STAGE OF THE SINGING COMPETITION TODAY (SUNDAY).

FOLLOWING A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS IN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE MOVEMENT, 10 WINNING TEAMS FROM EACH OF THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR DIVISIONS WERE SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN TODAY'S SINGING CONTEST.

CONTESTANTS SANG POPULAR TUNES WITH LYRICS CARRYING THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE.

THESE TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN THE TELEMATCH GAMES AND EXHIBITION STALL DESIGN COMPETITIONS LATER.

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EACH MEMBER OF THE WINNING TEAM IN BOTH DIVISIONS WILL BE AWARDED A LASER 3 000 COMPUTER WORTH ABOUT \$6 000.

THE CHAMPION WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AND CONCERT TO BE HELD AT ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1985. LADY YOUDE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE +STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT+, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACAN, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND COMMERCIAL RADIO, AS ACAN'S MAJOR PUBLICITY EVENT FOR 1984-85, AIMS AT HEIGHTENING THE AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AMONG STUDENTS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN A SERIES OF ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES.

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TRAINING BLIND PEOPLE TO BE INTERPRETERS  
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A TRAINING PROGRAMME TO HELP BLIND PEOPLE TO BECOME INTERPRETERS HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE DIVISION OF THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH.

A SEVEN-MONTH COURSE IN CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETATION WILL BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 5 FOR 14 BLIND PEOPLE. THERE WILL BE A THREE-HOUR SESSION EACH WEEK AT THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND'S LANGUAGE LABORATORY AT POK FU LAM ROAD.

THE CHIEF COURT INTERPRETER OF THE JUDICIARY, THE CHIEF POLICE INTERPRETER OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND THE CHIEF INTERPRETER (SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION) OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE DIVISION WILL JOINTLY RUN THE COURSE.

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND WILL PROVIDE TRAINING VENUE AS WELL AS TECHNICAL SUPPORT SUCH AS BRAILLE TRANSCRIPTION.

THOSE TAKING THE COURSE, WILL BE BETTER QUALIFIED TO APPLY FOR CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETATION POSTS IN THE GOVERNMENT, FOR EXAMPLE AS COURT INTERPRETERS AND POLICE INTERPRETERS, AS WELL AS SIMILAR JOBS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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ART WORK HAS BEEN HIS 40-YEAR LABOUR OF LOVE

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A MAN WHOSE ART WORK IS SEEN REGULARLY BY MANY IN HONG KONG IS RETIRING NEXT WEEK, AFTER 15 YEARS OF SERVICE AS AN ARTIST AND DESIGNER WITH THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

SIXTY-TWO-YEAR-OLD MAK HOI HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN HIS WORK FOR OVER 40 YEARS, AND HAS LIKED EVERY MOMENT OF IT.

+WHILE 40 YEARS MAY SEEM A LONG TIME TO MOST PEOPLE, IT'S BEEN A LABOUR OF LOVE FOR ME,+ HE SAID THE OTHER DAY.

COMING TO HONG KONG FROM CHINA IN THE LATE 1940'S, HE BEGAN HIS WORKING CAREER IN BOOK-KEEPING.

+OUT OF NECESSITY,+ HE SAID.

BUT SOON AFTERWARDS, HE MOVED INTO THE WORLD OF GRAPHIC ARTS, FOLLOWING A TALENT FOR ILLUSTRATIONS, WHICH HE HAD FREQUENTLY DISPLAYED IN HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS HIGH-SCHOOL NEWSPAPER. TOGETHER WITH THIS FACILITY WITH PEN AND BRUSH, HE HAD ALSO AN INTEREST IN INTERIOR AND DECORATIVE DESIGN, AND HAD USUALLY DONE THIS WORK FOR SCHOOL FUNCTIONS AND OTHER FESTIVE OCCASIONS.

HE REALISED AT THE SAME TIME THAT HE HAD TO HAVE SOME FORMAL TRAINING IN ART, AND SO HE BEGAN TO TAKE COURSES IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

MEANWHILE, HE DID WORK AS AN ILLUSTRATOR FOR STORY BOOKS, AND FOUND JOBS WITH ADVERTISING AGENCIES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS. FROM THERE, HE MOVED ON TO A FILM COMPANY, AND IN ADDITION TO GRAPHIC DESIGN, HELPED WITH THE DESIGNING OF PERIOD COSTUMES.

HE JOINED THE GIS IN 1969, AND HAS BEEN MAINLY DOING ILLUSTRATIONS AND OTHER ART WORK SINCE THEN.

WHILE HE ALWAYS APPLIES HIMSELF INTENSELY TO HIS WORK, HE FINDS THAT HIS MOST CREATIVE IDEAS COME TO HIM +IN A MORE RELAXED FRAME OF MIND.+

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TENDERS INVITED FOR EQUIPMENT TO REDUCE SOOT EMISSION  
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS FOR THE THREE REMAINING INCINERATOR UNITS AT KENNEDY TOWN.

THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATION PLANT CONSISTS OF FIVE INCINERATOR UNITS, TWO OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN INSTALLED WITH ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS TO REDUCE SOOT EMISSION.

ON COMPLETION OF THE WORKS, THE AIR QUALITY IN THE KENNEDY TOWN AREA WILL BE IMPROVED.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT WHICH COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF BORED CONCRETE PILES AND SUPPORT PLINTHS FOR THE ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS, CONSTRUCTION OF A CONTROL ROOM, AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER.

THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR, WHICH STARTED OPERATION IN 1967, HAS A CAPACITY TO DISPOSE OF 650 TONS OF REFUSE A DAY.

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TENANTS MOVE INTO FIRST OUTLYING ISLAND THA  
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THE FIRST TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA TO BE BUILT ON AN OUTLYING ISLAND HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IS NOW TAKING IN TENANTS.

+THIS NEW THA AT MUI WO ON LANTAU ISLAND IS ALSO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S SECOND FULL-BUILT THA TO COME INTO USE,+ SAID A HOUSING SPOKESMAN TODAY.

HE SAID THE FIRST SUCH THA WAS AT KWAI FUK ROAD IN TSUEN WAN WHICH WAS OPENED LAST MONTH.

+THE \$3.6 MILLION THA AT MUI WO PROVIDES REHOUSING FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS INVOLVED IN DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCE.

+AT THE MOMENT, INTAKE IS CONTINUING FOR FAMILIES FROM STILTS ON THE SEASHORE OF MUI WO, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR CLEARANCE SOON. SOME 107 FAMILIES OF 456 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY MOVED INTO THE NEW THA +

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE THA HAD 12 DOMESTIC BLOCKS OF DUPLEX-TYPE UNITS FOR 741 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 16 UNITS FOR SINGLE PERSONS.

/+ALL UNITS .....

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+ALL UNITS ARE FULL-BUILT WITH WALLS, PARTITIONS, UPPER-FLOOR DECKING WITH STAIRCASES, KITCHEN-BATHROOMS, FALSE CEILING, DOORS AND WINDOWS.

+ALSO PROVIDED ARE BASIC FACILITIES SUCH AS WATER METERS, ELECTRICITY SOCKETS, AIR CONDITIONING OPENINGS AND TELEPHONE INSTALLATION POINTS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAD OVER THE YEARS MADE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO UPGRADE THE STANDARD OF LIVING IN THAS.

+APART FROM FULL-CLADDED DOMESTIC UNITS, NEW THAS ARE BUILT WITH REINFORCED FIRE-PREVENTIVE INSTALLATIONS, WIDER DISTANCE BETWEEN ROWS OF STRUCTURES AND MORE COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

+IN ADDITION, BIGGER UNITS ARE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INCREASED ALLOCATION STANDARD OF 3.4 SQUARE METRES PER PERSON.+

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BATHING SHEDS FOR LEASE  
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THIRTY-SEVEN BATHING SHEDS AT PUBLIC BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THREE-YEAR LEASE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID 23 WOULD BE ALLOCATED BY BALLOT WHILE THE OTHER NINE WOULD BE AUCTIONED.

THE BALLOTING AND AUCTIONING WILL BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF THE NTSD ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF FAR EAST BANK BUILDING, 135 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AT 10 AM ON MARCH 8 (FRIDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ONLY REGISTERED COMPANIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS OR ORGANISED GROUPS WERE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART IN THE BALLOT.

APPLICATION FORMS EACH COSTING \$50 ARE NOW OBTAINABLE IN PERSON AT THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE OF THE NTSD ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 136-138 AUSTIN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUT BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON AND FROM 2 PM TO 3 PM ON WEEKDAYS. THE OFFICE HOURS ON SATURDAY WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM.

THE FORMS CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED BY POST AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 4 (MONDAY) AND FEBRUARY 15 (FRIDAY).

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE BEFORE 1 PM ON FEBRUARY 25 (MONDAY).

A COPY OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OR A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION ISSUED BY THE REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES, THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS OR THE COMPANIES REGISTRY OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE SHOULD BE ENCLOSED WITH THE COMPLETED FORMS WHICH MUST BE SIGNED BY THE MANAGER, THE CHAIRMAN OR THE SECRETARY OF THE BODY CONCERNED.

CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS CURRENTLY HOLDING ANNUALLY RENEWABLE PERMITS FOR BATHING SHEDS ON ANY PUBLIC BEACH WERE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE OF THE BATHING SHEDS TO BE BALLOTTED RANGES FROM \$2 500 TO \$3 000.

POTENTIAL BIDDERS SHOULD BE AGED OVER 21 AND THEY ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS TO THE AUCTION VENUE. THE UPSET PRICE IS \$3 000.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OR TELEPHONE 0-444281 EXT 211.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECENTLY SPENT SOME \$200 000 TO RENOVATE THE BATHING SHEDS, 26 OF WHICH ARE AT APPROACH BEACH, FIVE AT LIDO BEACH, ONE AT CASAM BEACH, THREE AT HOI MEI BEACH AND TWO AT OLD CAFETERIA BEACH.

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#### YEAR-END CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

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THE YEAR OF THE OX IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

AND TO TIE IN WITH THE TRADITIONAL SPRING CLEANING, A COMMON CUSTOM AMONG THE LOCAL CHINESE COMMUNITY, THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO MOUNT A SPECIAL YEAR-END CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN STARTING FROM SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 9).

BEING MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISATION WHICH LOOKS AFTER THE WELL-BEING AND HAPPINESS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, 19 URBAN COUNCILLORS WILL TAKE THE LEAD TO GET THE CAMPAIGN OFF THE GROUND THROUGHOUT THE 11 URBAN DISTRICTS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, TOGETHER WITH COUNCILLOR SAMUEL WONG WILL PERFORM THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY IN WAN CHAI WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A DEMONSTRATION OF CLEAN-UP IN THE COMMON PARTS OF BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

MISS MARIA TAM WILL APPEAR IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT AND MR SHUM CHOI-SANG IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE CAMPAIGN'S LAUNCHING CEREMONIES IN SOUTHERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS WILL BE INAUGURATED BY MR JOSEPH CHAN AND MR PAO PING-WING RESPECTIVELY.

IN KOWLOON, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE, MR HOWARD YOUNG WILL BE JOINED BY MESSRS TONG KAM-BIU, FREDERICK FUNG AND LI CHIK-YUET TO GET THE CAMPAIGN OFF THE GROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO.

MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT, MR WALTER SULKE AND MR LAM CHAK-PIU WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY IN KWUN TONG.

MAKING A START IN THE MONG KOK DISTRICT WILL BE DR RONALD LEUNG AND MR EDMUND CHOW. AT THE SAME TIME, MISS CECILIA YEUNG AND MR AUGUSTINE CHUNG WILL DO THE HONOURS IN WONG TAI SIN, WHILE DR PHILIP KWOK AND MR PETER C.K. CHAN WILL SHOW UP IN YAU MA TEI AND KOWLOON CITY RESPECTIVELY.

APART FROM URBAN COUNCILLORS, MEMBERS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT BOARDS AND LOCAL CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE AS WELL AS OTHER VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN UP THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.

THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 14 AND 19. TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AND ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

LAST YEAR THE DRIVE WAS WELL SUPPORTED AND A TOTAL OF 1 367 TONNES OF JUNK WAS REMOVED.

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REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS OPEN  
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A CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED YEAR-END HOUSECLEANERS TO TAKE THEIR JUNK AND REFUSE TO THE NEAREST COLLECTION POINTS.

+IF RESIDENTS ARE NOT SURE OF THE LOCATION OF THESE POINTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +THEY CAN CALL THE LITTER HOTLINE -- 5-95555 FOR URBAN AREA AND 0-445555 FOR NEW TERRITORIES -- TO FIND OUT.+

A TOTAL OF 102 TEMPORARY AND 62 PERMANENT JUNK AND REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FROM FEBRUARY 14 TO 19.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO DEPLOY EXTRA CLEANSING STAFF AT THE VARIOUS COLLECTION POINTS TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN THROWN-AWAY ARTICLES.

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+WE HOPE THAT BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COLLECTION POINTS AND MANPOWER, WE CAN ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO DISPOSE OF THEIR JUNK PROPERLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE NOTED THAT ALL CLEANSING SERVICES WILL BE SUSPENDED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY (FEBRUARY 20).

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PUBLIC URGED TO PROTECT COUNTRYSIDE  
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AN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO POSSESS OR CUT FLOWERS AND PLANTS FROM ANY COUNTRY PARK OR FROM CROWN LAND.

THE REMINDER FOLLOWED A COURT CASE IN WHICH A MAN WAS FINED \$3 000 FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF OVER 40 PIECES OF +TIU CHUNG+, A POPULAR CHINESE ORNAMENTAL FLOWER FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

LAST MONTH, TWO MEN WERE EACH FINED \$500 FOR CUTTING TREES IN THE PAT SIN LENG COUNTRY PARK.

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RESTRICTED ZONES  
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A NUMBER OF ROADS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, YAU MA TEI AND CHOI HUNG WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 5).

IN TSIM SHA TSUI, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM TO 9 PM DAILY:

- \* MODY LANE.
- \* MODY ROAD BETWEEN CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD.
- \* THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN MODY ROAD AND THE VEHICULAR EXIT OF AUTO PLAZA.
- \* THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD FRONTING PENINSULA CENTRE, REGAL MERIDIEN HONG KONG HOTEL AND ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL (THE TWO LOADING AND UNLOADING BAYS EXCEPTED).

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- \* THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SALISBURY ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MODY ROAD.
- \* THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HONG CHONG ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MODY ROAD.
- \* SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEONG WAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES TO THE SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- \* GRANVILLE ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES TO THE EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- \* THE SECTION OF THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD FRONTING EAST OCEAN CENTRE AND ENERGY PLAZA BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH GRANVILLE ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 38 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

IN YAU MA TEI AND CHOI HUNG, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL HAVE 12-HOUR RESTRICTION FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY:

- \* NING PO STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- \* THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF LUK LAU AVENUE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HUNG MUI AVENUE AND A POINT ABOUT 12 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE ABOVE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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#### LORRY PARKING SPACES SUSPENDED

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FROM 8 AM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 6) TO 8 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 9), THE LORRY PARKING SPACES IN LUNG SUM AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI WILL BE SUSPENDED TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, LORRIES CAN MAKE USE OF THE PARKING SPACES IN SAN SHING AVENUE.

FROM THE SAME DAY, THE UNNAMED LOOP ROADS SURROUNDING SAM SHING ESTATE OFF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT TUEN MUN WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY.

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TAI HANG TUNG ROAD TO BE WIDENED  
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TAI HANG TUNG ROAD, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WOH CHAI STREET TO YUEN STREET, WILL BE WIDENED AND EXTENDED TO SERVE THE FUTURE NEEDS OF THIS FAST DEVELOPING PART OF KOWLOON.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF FOOTWAYS, BUSBAYS, LAY-BYS FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK WHICH IS PART OF A ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME TO SERVE FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN YAU YAT CHUEN, THE PROPOSED CITY POLYTECHNIC AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL 1985 AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE  
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THE EXIT ROAD LEADING TO NORTH POINT FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED FOR REPAIR WORK FROM 0.30 AM TO 6 AM ON FEBRUARY 5, 6 AND 8.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE EXIT ROAD LEADING TO CAUSEWAY BAY, VICTORIA PARK ROAD FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD AND CAUSEWAY ROAD.

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WATER LEAKAGE TEST  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE PEAK WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 6) TO THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY MAGAZINE GAP ROAD, MAY ROAD, CLOVELLY PATH, TREGUNTER PATH AND BREWIN PATH.

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