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CANADA TAKES UNILATERAL ACTION AGAINST HK TEXTILE PRODUCTS
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THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION TO RESTRICT IMPORTS OF TWO TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY THAT FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THE RESTRICTIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.

THE AFFECTED ITEMS ARE :

- * POLYESTER FILAMENT FABRICS, IMPORTS OF WHICH WOULD BE LIMITED TO 385,177 SQUARE YARDS FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 16, 1977=
- * BED SHEETS OF ALL FIBRES, IMPORTS OF WHICH WOULD BE LIMITED TO 639,043 PIECES FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 11, 1977.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S ACTION WAS TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 3.5 OF THE MFA. THIS PROVIDED THAT, IF NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN CONSULTATIONS ON A REQUEST FOR EXPORT RESTRAINT, THE IMPORTING MEMBER REQUESTING THE CONSULTATIONS MAY, AFTER 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF REQUEST, IMPOSE A LIMIT ON IMPORTS OF THE RELEVANT PRODUCTS FROM THE EXPORTING MEMBER CONCERNED.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, IN MARCH THIS YEAR, TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING EXPORT RESTRAINTS BY HONG KONG ON THESE TWO ITEMS SO AS TO REMOVE MARKET DISRUPTION.

THESE CONSULTATIONS TOOK PLACE IN HONG KONG ON MAY 26 TO 28, 1977, BUT DID NOT RESULT IN AGREEMENT.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. BILL DORWARD, SAID THAT HE WAS NOT ALTOGETHER SURPRISED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S ACTION BECAUSE, DURING THE MAY CONSULTATIONS, THE CANADIAN DELEGATION REPEATEDLY THREATENED TO TAKE UNILATERAL IMPORT ACTION IF AGREEMENT WAS NOT REACHED.

+BUT EVEN NOW THAT THEY HAVE DONE IT, I FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW IT CAN BE JUSTIFIED+, MR. DORWARD SAID.

MR. DORWARD REVEALED THAT, DURING THE MAY CONSULTATIONS, THE HONG KONG DELEGATION REJECTED CANADA'S REQUESTS FOR RESTRAINT BECAUSE HONG KONG DID NOT AGREE THAT A CASE OF MARKET DISRUPTION CAUSED BY IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR EITHER OF THE PRODUCTS IN QUESTION.

THE MFA PROVIDED CLEARLY THAT MARKET DISRUPTION +SHALL BE BASED ON THE EXISTENCE OF SERIOUS DAMAGE TO DOMESTIC PRODUCERS OR ACTUAL THREAT THEREOF+ CAUSED BY +A SHARP AND SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF IMPORTS OF PARTICULAR PRODUCTS FROM PARTICULAR SOURCES+.

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IN THE CASE OF POLYESTER FILAMENT FABRICS, THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED FOR THE CONSULTATIONS IN MAY ACTUALLY SHOWED THERE HAD BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE IN CANADIAN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG IN 1976.

AS REGARDS BED SHEETS, MR. DORWARD SAID, IT WAS TRUE THAT CANADIAN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG MORE THAN TREBLED IN 1976.

+BUT CANADIAN PRODUCTION ALSO INCREASED THAT YEAR AND IT COULD NOT BE SHOWN THAT CANADIAN INDUSTRY HAD SUFFERED ANY DAMAGE. FURTHERMORE, IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG REPRESENTED LESS THAN 10 PER CENT OF TOTAL CANADIAN IMPORTS OF BED SHEETS FROM ALL SOURCES IN 1976 AND OUR SHARE OF THE CANADIAN MARKET WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

+EVEN IF THE CANADIAN MARKET HAD BEEN DISRUPTED, AND IN OUR VIEW IT HAD NOT, HONG KONG COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE+, MR. DORWARD ADDED.

UNDER THE RULES OF THE MFA, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TO NOTIFY THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY (TSB) OF ITS DECISION AND THAT BODY IS REQUIRED PROMPTLY TO CONDUCT AN EXAMINATION OF THE MATTER AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

+NO DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED FOR THE MEETING BUT WE ARE HOPING THAT THE CASE WILL BE CONSIDERED BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH, AND WE WILL BE REPRESENTED+, MR. DORWARD SAID.

IN THE MEANTIME, MR. DORWARD HAS NOTIFIED EXPORTERS OF THE CANADIAN ACTION.

THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES FREELY BUT EXPORTERS ARE ADVISED THAT SUCH LICENCES WILL NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE GOODS WILL BE ADMITTED BY THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES, THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT.

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NORTH POINT AND MUI WO TO HAVE NEW FERRY PIERS
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD TWO NEW FERRY PIERS — ONE AT NORTH POINT AND THE OTHER AT MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND.

TENDERS ARE INVITED TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND PASSENGER FERRY PIER AT NORTH POINT, TO BE SITED ABOUT 100 METRES TO THE WEST OF THE EXISTING PASSENGER FERRY PIER.

MR. H.R.A. CHAMBERLAIN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF P.W.D.'S PORT WORKS DIVISION, SAID THAT THE NEW PIER, WHEN COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE EXISTING TWO-BERTH PIER.

+EVENTUALLY, THE NEW PIER WILL CATER FOR ALL THE FERRY SERVICES AT PRESENT USING THE EXISTING PIER WHICH WILL BE RENDERED INOPERATIVE BY 1980 BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR,+ HE SAID.

+IF THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR TWO FERRY PIERS IN 1980,+ MR. CHAMBERLAIN ADDED, +THE EXISTING PIER WILL BE MODIFIED AND EXTENDED.+

THE NEW PIER AT MUI WO, FOR WHICH TENDERS WILL SOON BE INVITED, AIMS TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF VISITORS TO LANTAU ISLAND.

MR. KENNETH KWOK, GOVERNMENT ENGINEER (NEW TERRITORIES), SAID: +FACILITIES AT THE EXISTING ONE-BERTH FERRY TERMINAL, WHICH IS THE MAIN GATEWAY TO LANTAU ISLAND, ARE INADEQUATE TO COPE WITH THE PEAK SUMMER TRAFFIC OF 30,000 PASSENGERS A DAY.+

THE NEW PIER HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO CATER FOR THE LARGEST FERRIES AND WILL BE 78 METRES LONG WITH TWO DECKS AND BERTHS ON BOTH SIDES.

A DOLPHIN AND MOVABLE RAMP WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE PIER TO ALLOW FOR THE BERTHING OF VEHICULAR FERRIES.

WORK ON THE FERRY PIER IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER, AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MR. KWOK POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW PIER WAS ONE OF THE PROJECTS PLANNED IN THE \$30 MILLION DEVELOPMENT OF MUI WO.

WORK WILL BEGIN SOON ON THE FIRST CONTRACT IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE FORMATION OF LAND FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 1,200 PEOPLE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUS TERMINUS.

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JUNE -- SUNNIER, DRIER AND MUCH WARMER THAN USUAL
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JUNE WAS SUNNIER, DRIER AND MUCH WARMER THAN USUAL.

THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 28.8 DEGREES CELSIUS RECORDED DURING THE MONTH EQUALLED THAT OF JUNE 1938 -- THE HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JUNE. THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 26.9 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS ALSO THE HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THAT MONTH.

ON THE AFTERNOONS OF JUNE 12 AND 13, TEMPERATURES ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 32.9 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

THE MONTHLY TOTAL RAINFALL OF 258.4 MM WAS ABOUT 36 PER CENT LESS THAN AVERAGE AND THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 AMOUNTED TO 628.5 MM WHICH WAS ALSO 36 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

DURING THE FIRST EIGHT DAYS OF THE MONTH, A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE REMAINED CLOSE TO HONG KONG EITHER ALONG THE SOUTH CHINA COAST OR ACROSS THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. THE SUMMER MONSOON WAS ACTIVE AND THE WEATHER DURING THIS PERIOD WAS MAINLY CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS AND SOME ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS.

AFTER JUNE 9, A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE GRADUALLY EXTENDED WESTWARDS TO COVER THE SOUTH CHINA COAST AND APART FROM A FEW MORNING SHOWERS, CONDITIONS DURING THE NEXT FIVE DAYS BECAME MAINLY FINE, SUNNY AND HOT.

THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG, HOWEVER, WAS RELATIVELY UNAFFECTED BY THE PASSAGE OF TROPICAL STORM RUTH, THE FIRST TROPICAL CYCLONE OF THE YEAR. THE CONDITIONS DURING THE TIME IT FIRST DEVELOPED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON JUNE 14 REMAINED GENERALLY FINE AND HOT WITH SOME MORNING SHOWERS UNTIL JUNE 19.

ON JUNE 20 A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE DEVELOPED NEAR THE SOUTH CHINA COAST STRENGTHENING THE MONSOON OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

DURING THE FOLLOWING SIX DAYS, THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG BECAME CLOUDY OR OVERCAST WITH OCCASIONAL HEAVY SHOWERS AND SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS. RAIN WAS PARTICULARLY HEAVY ON JUNE 23 WHEN THE TROUGH WAS ABOUT 50 MILES NORTH OF HONG KONG AND A TOTAL RAINFALL OF 91.9 MM WAS RECORDED.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH THE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE MOVED NORTHWARD AND WEAKENED OVER CENTRAL CHINA. AS A RESULT, CONDITIONS BECAME MAINLY FINE WITH LONG SUNNY PERIODS DURING THE DAY ALTHOUGH THERE WERE STILL A FEW ISOLATED HEAVY SHOWERS.

DURING THE MONTH, NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED. THUNDERSTORM OR THUNDERSTORM AND HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON 13 DIFFERENT DAYS.

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APPROVED SPECIFICATIONS FOR EYE-PROTECTORS GAZETTED
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A LIST OF APPROVED SPECIFICATIONS FOR EYE-PROTECTORS, AND SHIELDS WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 7 THIS YEAR WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE NEW FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (PROTECTION OF EYES) REGULATIONS, EMPLOYERS MUST PROVIDE SUITABLE PROTECTION FOR THE EYES OF WORKERS IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL WORKS.

THE APPROVED SPECIFICATIONS LISTED ARE: BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATION BS 2092 (INDUSTRIAL EYE PROTECTORS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES)= BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATION BS 1542 (EQUIPMENT FOR EYE AND NECK PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION ARISING DURING WELDING AND SIMILAR OPERATIONS)= BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATION BS 679 (FILTERS FOR USE DURING WELDING AND SIMILAR INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS)= BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATION BS 1729 (GREEN PROTECTIVE SPECTACLES AND SCREENS FOR STEELWORKS OPERATIVES)= AUSTRALIAN STANDARD SPECIFICATION AS 1337 (INDUSTRIAL EYE PROTECTORS)= AUSTRALIAN STANDARD SPECIFICATION AS 1338 (PROTECTIVE FILTERS AGAINST OPTICAL RADIATION IN WELDING AND APPLIED OPERATIONS)= AND AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD INSTITUTE Z87.1-1968 (AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD PRACTICE FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL EYE AND FACE PROTECTION).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID: +APART FROM THESE SPECIFICATIONS, MANUFACTURERS OR AGENTS ARE WELCOME TO BRING TO THE NOTICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ANY OTHER STANDARDS FOR CONSIDERATION.+

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TUEN MUN SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES BEGIN TODAY
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A TWO-MONTH SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WAS LAUNCHED TODAY AT TUEN MUN TO PROVIDE A DIVERSE RANGE OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG WORKERS OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE ANNUAL PROGRAMME, THE FOURTH FOR THE NEW TOWN, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES (GENERAL), MR. MORRIS MORGAN, AT THE HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE.

THE OPENING CEREMONY HERALDED A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES THAT WILL GO ON AT VARIOUS PLACES IN TUEN MUN DURING THE LONG SUMMER HOLIDAY UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER.

MAIN ACTIVITIES INCLUDE GAMES FOR BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN, SWIMMING, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, EXCURSIONS, CAMPING, PAINTING AND COOKING.

IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR. MORGAN SAID THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WERE TO TRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME, TO ACQUIRE A CIVIC SPIRIT, TO IMPROVE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, AND TO HELP THEM DEVELOP SELF-CONFIDENCE AND A HEALTHY CHARACTER.

MR. MORGAN SAID HE HOPED STUDENTS AND YOUTHS OF TUEN MUN WOULD COME FORWARD AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES SO THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME MIGHT BE ACHIEVED.

THE PROGRAMME IS ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCIES AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

FOLLOWING THE LAUNCHING OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, MR. LAU WONG-FAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, OFFICIALLY OPENED A COMMUNITY SERVICES EXHIBITION STAGED AT THE SCHOOL HALL OF THE HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE.

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION GIVES AN INSIGHT INTO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFERED IN TUEN MUN BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUILDING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

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PRIME SITES IN SAI KUNG FOR SALE
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TWO PRIME DEVELOPMENT SITES IN SAI KUNG TOWN ARE BEING PUT UP FOR TENDER BY HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS.

THE LOTS, EACH OF AN AREA OF 901.2 SQUARE METRES (ABOUT 9,700 SQ. FT.) ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, AND HAVE A BUILDING CONVENANT OF \$1.94 MILLION OVER 36 MONTHS.

THEY ARE SITUATED AT THE SAI KUNG RECLAMATION NEAR MAN NIN STREET, AND THE BUILDING HEIGHT ON EACH LOT WILL BE RESTRICTED TO SIX STOREYS.

THE SITES WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY.

APPLICATIONS OF TENDER SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES AND PLACED IN THE APPLICATION BOX AT RECEPTION LOBBY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AT 101, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON, BEFORE NOON ON JULY 27.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

APPLICATION FORMS, APPLICATION NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED, AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, OR AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BIND ITSELF TO ACCEPT ANY APPLICATIONS.

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CLEANSING OPERATION AT TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SHAM SHUI PO CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE TAI HANG TUNG SAI/YAU YAT CHUEN AREA COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A +CLEAN TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE+ OPERATION TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON.

THE OPERATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT BLOCK BY BLOCK AND IS AIMED AT AROUSING THE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT SO AS TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF MOSQUITOES AND FLIES DURING THE HOT SUMMER DAYS.

ABOUT 120 VOLUNTARY WORKERS WILL TAKE PART IN THIS OPERATION.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT AT TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO.

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TENDER FOR CLEANSING OF KAI TAK AIRPORT EXTERNAL AREAS
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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR CLEANSING OF THE EXTERNAL AREAS OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE CONTRACT, COMMENCING FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1977 FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, REQUIRES THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANSING THE ROADS, CARPARKS AND OTHER OUTDOOR AREAS WITHIN THE AIRPORT PRECINCT AND REMOVING OIL AND GREASE FROM THE APRONS AND RUBBISH FROM THE GRASS AREAS.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY OR THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

ALL TENDERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1977.

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ANOTHER COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENS IN TSUEN WAN
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TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN NOW HAS THREE FULLY-OPERATIONAL COMMUNITY HALLS, ANOTHER TWO UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND OTHERS PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE, MR. JAMES HAYES, TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, SAID TODAY WHEN HE OFFICIALLY OPENED THE NEWEST OF THE HALLS AT LAI KING ESTATE.

HE SAID THAT THE HALLS - WHICH ARE MANAGED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT - WERE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE RANGE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES THE GOVERNMENT WAS PROVIDING TO SERVE THE +NEW CITIZENS+ WHO ARE POURING INTO THE NEW TOWN.

+THE HALL PROVIDES A PLACE TO WHICH RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES CAN COME TO MEET EACH OTHER AND JOIN IN A VARIETY OF FUNCTIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ORGANISED BY THE S.W.D. OFFICER IN CHARGE,+ HE ADDED.

+IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO BE A PLACE FROM WHICH SOME OF THOSE PERSONS, AND ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER ONES, CAN TAKE A GREATER INTEREST IN THEIR COMMUNITY BY PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT SERVICES FOR OTHERS IN THE AREA, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE VOLUNTARY SERVICES GROUP AND THE LAI KING COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER.

+THIS HALL ALSO PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION IN WHICH LOCALLY-BASED ASSOCIATIONS CAN HOLD THEIR MEETINGS AND STAGE THEIR EVENTS ON BEHALF OF THEIR MEMBERS AND OTHERS.+

MR. HAYES DESCRIBED THE HALL AS A +SYMBOL+ OF COMMUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF LAI KING.

+I HOPE THEY WILL COME FORWARD TO USE IT, BENEFIT FROM IT AND THAT THEY WILL REGARD IT AS THE POINT FROM WHICH COMMUNITY ACTION CAN BE PLANNED AND EXECUTED,+ HE ADDED.

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