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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLIES OF BASIC FOOD  
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ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF TOURISM TO HONG KONG

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THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR. DEREK JONES, TODAY DESCRIBED THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOURIST INDUSTRY TO THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG AS +SIGNIFICANT AND VALUABLE.+

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF TRAVEL AGENTS, MR. JONES SAID THAT IN 1960 HONG KONG HAD 164,000 TOURISTS WHO SPENT JUST OVER \$300 MILLION HERE.

BUT BY 1973, HE SAID, THIS HAD RISEN TO ALMOST 1,300,000 WHO SPENT OVER \$2,500 MILLION IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN AVERAGE GROWTH OF MORE THAN 17 PER CENT A YEAR IN BOTH ARRIVALS AND EXPENDITURE.

REFERRING TO EMPLOYMENT IN THE TOURIST INDUSTRY, MR. JONES SAID: +ABOUT 100,000 PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYED IN HOTELS, TRAVEL AGENCIES, TOUR GROUPS, TOURIST SHOPS AND SO ON.

+THIS IS UNDER SIX PER CENT OF THE TOTAL HONG KONG LABOUR FORCE OF ABOUT 1-3/4 MILLION. THE NET EARNINGS OF THE TOURIST INDUSTRY, ON THE OTHER HAND, COME TO ALMOST 6-1/2 PER CENT OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.+

HE SAID: +THIS MEANS THAT THE AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL INCOME PER WORKER IN THE TOURIST INDUSTRY IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION OF ALL WORKERS IN THE ECONOMY.+

ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF TOURISM TO THE ECONOMY OVER THE YEARS, MR. JONES SAID: +FROM THE TIME WHEN TOURISM FIRST TOOK OFF IN HONG KONG IN THE EARLY 1960S THE GROWTH OF TOURISM AND THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE HAVE RUN ON FAIRLY PARALLEL LINES.+

BETWEEN 1961 AND 1969 THE NET CONTRIBUTION OF VISITOR EXPENDITURE TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FLUCTUATED FROM A LOW 6.4 PER CENT IN 1965 TO EIGHT PER CENT IN 1969.

IN 1970, THE YEAR OF EXPO '70, IT ROSE TO AS MUCH AS 8.4 PER CENT TO DECLINE THEREAFTER TO 6.2 PER CENT IN 1973.

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MR. JONES SAID: +THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT 1974 HAS SO FAR BEEN A TRAUMATIC YEAR FOR TOURISM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

+THE HUGE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF OIL AND CONTINUING INFLATION IN OTHER DIRECTIONS HAD ALREADY RAISED AIR FARES BY AS MUCH AS 25 PER CENT.

+OTHER COSTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND TOURIST SHOPS HAVE ALSO BEEN INCREASING AT HITHERTO UNPRECEDENTED RATES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE ORDINARY TRAVELLER HAS BEEN FEELING THE PINCH ON HIS INCOME AND HIS MARGIN FOR SPENDING ON LUXURIES, SUCH AS HOLIDAYS ABROAD, HAS BEEN DECLINING.

+WE IN HONG KONG HAVE NOT BEEN ALONE IN FEELING THE RESULTS OF THIS. TOURIST CENTRES IN EUROPE HAVE EXPERIENCED AN ACTUAL DECLINE IN THEIR BUSINESS.

+IN HONG KONG'S CASE THE NUMBER OF VISITORS HAS CONTINUED TO GROW BUT AT A MUCH SLOWER PACE THAN IN RECENT YEAR.+

MR. JONES WARNED THAT +WE SHOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE COMPLACENT IN CONTEMPLATING THESE FIGURES AND ASSUME THAT THIS IS ONLY HONG KONG'S SHARE IN EQUAL MISERY FOR EVERYONE.+

HE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH HONG KONG REMAINED THE LEADING TOURIST CENTRE IN THE REGION, OTHER CENTRES SUCH AS THAILAND, SINGAPORE AND TAIWAN +ARE NOW ADVANCING MORE RAPIDLY AND ARE BREATHING DOWN OUR NECKS.+

HONG KONG, HE ADDED, COULD NOT RETAIN ITS SUPERIORITY BY JUST OFFERING THE SAME OLD PACKAGE AS BEFORE.

+WE HAVE TO USE OUR RESOURCES AS BEST WE CAN AND RECOGNISE THAT HONG KONG, AT BEST, IS A DENSELY POPULATED TERRITORY,+ MR. JONES SAID. +IF HONG KONG IS TO KEEP ITS POSITION, WE MUST BEGIN TO TAILOR THE PACKAGE WE OFFER TO THE NEEDS OF THE TIMES.+

MR. JONES ALSO URGED THAT A WIDER RANGE OF ATTRACTIONS BE MADE AVAILABLE, IF HONG KONG WAS TO INCREASE VISITOR STAY.

IN THIS RESPECT, HE SAID THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH CLASS OUT OF TOWN RESORTS IN AREAS SUCH AS LANTAU AND SAI KUNG MUST BE PUSHED AHEAD MORE RAPIDLY.

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WHILE EMPHASISING THAT +THE BALL IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE PRIVATE DEVELOPER,+ HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT FAVOURED SUCH DEVELOPMENTS, FOR THE LOCAL POPULATION AS WELL AS FOR TOURISTS, AND +WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF LAND AND SERVICES ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS.+

CONVENTION BUSINESS WAS ANOTHER LUCRATIVE CATEGORY OF TOURISTS WHICH, HE SAID, THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION HAD ITS EYES ON.

+FACILITIES ARE NOW BEING DEVELOPED IN HONG KONG -- SUCH AS THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND THE NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT AT HOLTS WHARF -- WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE GATHERINGS OF UP TO 3,000 PEOPLE.

+THEY WILL BE IDEAL FOR ATTRACTING CONVENTION TRAFFIC= AND WE HAVE TO RECOGNISE THAT THE AVERAGE CONVENTION ATTENDER TENDS TO COME FROM THE SOMEWHAT BETTER-OFF SEGMENT OF SOCIETY.

+THESE ARE JUST TWO POSSIBLE LINES OF DEVELOPMENT, NEITHER OF WHICH ARE PROFOUND OR NEW. BUT THEN, VERY OFTEN, PROGRESS DOES NOT DEPEND SO MUCH ON NEW IDEAS BUT ON PUTTING THE GOOD IDEAS WE ALREADY HAVE INTO EFFECT.+

HE CONCLUDED THAT IF THE 'TOURIST INDUSTRY WAS TO CONTINUE TO ADVANCE, IT MUST RECOGNISE AND RESPOND TO THE CHANGING DEMANDS IN TOURISM. +WE CANNOT EXPECT THAT THE OLD FORMULAE WILL WORK INDEFINITELY,+ HE ADDED.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. DEREK JONES' SPEECH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE GIS PRESS BOXES THIS EVENING.

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#### SEVERANCE PAY DISPUTE SETTLED

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THE SEVERANCE PAY DISPUTE INVOLVING 110 WORKERS DISMISSED LAST FRIDAY BY MICRO ELECTRONICS LTD. OF KWUN TONG WAS SETTLED TODAY.

THE SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED AT A MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKERS AND MANAGEMENT AT THE KWUN TONG LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICE THIS MORNING. THE MEETING LASTED ONLY AN HOUR.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY SIX WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES AND THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MANAGEMENT IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CONCILIATOR MR. CHOW TUNG-SHAN. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES SEVEN DAYS' WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, PRO-RATA ANNUAL BONUS AND SEVERANCE PAYMENTS TIED TO LENGTH OF SERVICE. WORKERS WITH MORE THAN THREE MONTHS' SERVICE WILL GET SEVERANCE PAY.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 11) AFTERNOON AT THE FACTORY PREMISES.

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WATER CHIEF'S WARNING ON NEED FOR TOTAL EFFORT

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HONG KONG'S WATER-SAVING CAMPAIGN IS NOT A STRUGGLE THAT CAN BE WON BY "THE FEW", THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. BILL KNIGHT, SAID TODAY. A TOTAL EFFORT BY THE WHOLE COMMUNITY WAS NEEDED, HE SAID.

MR. KNIGHT TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF NORTH KOWLOON THAT IF ANYONE OPTED OUT OF THE STRUGGLE, THEN HE WOULD BE LIKE "A CURSE" ON THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY, SINCE HIS INACTION WOULD INCREASE THE CHANCES OF TOUGHER RESTRICTIONS BEING NEEDED THAN THE FOUR-HOUR DAILY SUPPLY TO BE INTRODUCED AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

HE WARNED THAT PEOPLE WASTING WATER COULD AND WOULD BE TAKEN TO COURT AND ADDED THAT INDUSTRIALISTS RECEIVING A 24-HOUR SUPPLY EITHER THROUGH DISPENSATION OR BECAUSE OF THE LOCATION OF THEIR PREMISES WOULD BE EXPECTED TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT MEASURES THEY WERE TAKING TO "SAVE LIKE THE REST OF US".

HE NOTED THAT PEOPLE WERE TODAY FAR BETTER INFORMED ABOUT HONG KONG'S WATER SITUATION THAN THEY WERE AT THE TIME OF THE LAST RESTRICTIONS IN 1967. BUT THERE WERE "A FEW ALARMING SIGNS" OF A FAILURE TO RECOGNISE THAT EVERYONE HAD TO "PITCH IN" TO ACHIEVE THE ESSENTIAL 25 PER CENT CUT IN CONSUMPTION.

GIVING EXAMPLES OF "IGNORANT OR SELFISH" ATTITUDES WHICH COULD "MESS UP" THE COMMUNAL EFFORT, MR. KNIGHT SAID: +IF AN INDUSTRIALIST OR BUSINESSMAN, JUST BECAUSE HIS PREMISES HAPPEN TO FALL WITHIN AN INDUSTRIAL-MANUFACTURING ZONE, TAKES THE ATTITUDE 'I'M ALL RIGHT, JACK - DAMN THE REST OF YOU', AND MAKES NO EFFORT TO REDUCE HIS DEMAND FOR WATER LIKE THE REST OF US, THEN HE'S A CURSE ON THE COMMUNITY IN THAT HE IS INCREASING THE CHANCE THAT SEVERER RESTRICTIONS WILL BE NEEDED.

+IF ANY INDUSTRIALIST CLAIMS EXEMPTION FROM THE RESTRICTIONS WITHOUT DETAILING HOW HE IS SAVING, OR IS PLANNING TO SAVE, HIMSELF, THEN HE IS SIMILARLY OPTING OUT OF THE COMMUNAL ECONOMY CAMPAIGN. THIS IS TRUE WHATEVER HIS LINE OF INDUSTRY IS - WHETHER IN MANUFACTURING, SERVICING OR COMMUNICATIONS.

+IF ANY OWNER OR MANAGER OF A MULTI-STOREY BUILDING FAILS TO TURN OFF THE BUILDING'S STORAGE SUPPLIES AT THE PRESCRIBED HOURS, THEN HE ALSO IS SABOTAGING THE COMMUNAL EFFORT.

+IF ANYONE USES A HOSEPIPE FOR ANY PURPOSE WHATSOEVER, THEN HE IS ALMOST CERTAINLY WASTING MAINS WATER TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE PEOPLE. (ANY USE OF A HOSEPIPE IS ILLEGAL, UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING FOR PERIODS OF PLENTIFUL SUPPLY ONLY).+

AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS ADDRESS MR. KNIGHT POSED THE QUESTION WHETHER HONG KONG WOULD ACHIEVE THE TARGET OF A 25 PER CENT REDUCTION OVER THE WINTER. THE ANSWER, HE SAID, WAS SIMPLE: +THERE IS NO QUESTION OF WHETHER WE SHALL ACHIEVE IT. WE'VE GOT TO ACHIEVE IT AND WE SHALL.+

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HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT, UNLIKE THE FUEL SHORTAGE EARLIER THIS YEAR WHICH WAS ENDED BY THE ARRANGEMENT OF SUPPLIES FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF A SIMILAR SUDDEN DRAMATIC ENDING TO THE WATER SHORTAGE - THROUGH END-OF-SEASON RAIN OR THROUGH A NEW DEAL WITH CHINA.

HE SAID THAT SINCE THE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED WITH THE KWANGTUNG WATER AUTHORITIES IN LATE 1972 WHICH RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM 15,000 MILLION GALLONS TO 18,500 MILLION GALLONS, HONG KONG HAD BEEN TAKING THE MAXIMUM PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE AGREEMENT. +AND WE HAVE MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO THE CHINESE OUR INTEREST IN ANY FURTHER INCREASE THAT CAN BE CONTRIVED.

+BUT LET NO ONE DELUDE HIMSELF THAT A NEW TAP CAN BE INSTANTLY TURNED ON TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS. THIS IS NOT SO. I AM SURE WE SHALL GET MORE WATER FROM CHINA. BUT THE ALTERATIONS TO THE DELIVERY SYSTEM ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER NEEDED TO GIVE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE CARRIED OUT IN TIME TO AFFECT THIS WINTER'S SUPPLIES.+

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**SECOND STAGE OF WATER RESTRICTIONS BEGINS TOMORROW**

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THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THE SECOND STAGE OF WATER RESTRICTIONS, IN WHICH SUPPLY WILL BE REDUCED TO 10 HOURS A DAY, STARTS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). THE HOURS OF SUPPLY WILL BE FROM 6 A.M. TO 11 A.M. AND FROM 4 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

THIS SECOND STAGE WILL LAST UNTIL OCTOBER 30, WHEN IT WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FOUR-HOUR DAILY SUPPLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE 25 PER CENT REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE DRY SEASON.

**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. BILL KNIGHT, WILL BE SUMMING UP OUR CURRENT WATER SITUATION IN A TALK WHICH HE IS GIVING TO THE LIONS CLUB OF NORTH KOWLOON AT THE FURAMA HOTEL TODAY. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THIS LUNCHEON MEETING, WHICH BEGINS AT 12.45 P.M.

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CONSULTATION BETWEEN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND  
AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS' COUNCILS

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY TODAY SPOKE ABOUT THE CONSULTATION BETWEEN HIS DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG SUBSIDIZED SECONDARY SCHOOLS COUNCIL AND THE GRANTS SCHOOLS COUNCIL ON MANY IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

+THE NEW CODE OF AID FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS REPRESENTS THE FRUIT OF SUCH EFFORTS,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

HE ADDED: +WHEN THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WHITE PAPER ON SECONDARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG ARE IMPLEMENTED, I SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER CO-OPERATION FROM BOTH COUNCILS.+

MR. TOPLEY WAS SPEAKING AT A TEA RECEPTION GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR BY THE SUBSIDIZED SECONDARY SCHOOLS COUNCIL.

WHEN THE COUNCIL WAS INAUGURATED IN MAY 1971 IT HAD ONLY 50 MEMBER SCHOOLS BUT WITH THE STEADY EXPANSION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, THE COUNCIL NOW REPRESENTED 75 SUBSIDIZED SCHOOLS.

+AS IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SIX MORE SUBSIDIZED SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL COME INTO BEING NEXT SEPTEMBER, YOU ARE LIKELY TO HAVE SIX NEW MEMBERS IN A YEAR'S TIME,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT CONTACT WITH REPUTABLE PROFESSIONAL BODIES LIKE THE SUBSIDIZED SECONDARY SCHOOLS COUNCIL WAS OF TREMENDOUS VALUE AND GAVE HIM GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT IN HIS WORK.

+EDUCATION IS A HOT SUBJECT IN HONG KONG AS IN MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID. +IN FACT, IT HAS GENERATED SO MUCH LOCAL INTEREST IN RECENT YEARS THAT HARDLY A DAY GOES BY WITHOUT SOME LIVELY COMMENTS ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.+

SINCE THE COUNCIL IS MADE UP OF PRINCIPALS WHO HAVE THE INTERESTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS AT HEART, MR. TOPLEY MENTIONED WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE TWO IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING SECONDARY EDUCATION.

HE SAID: +THE FIRST GENERAL PRINCIPLE IS THIS: EACH SCHOOL MUST REALISE THAT ITS FIRST DUTY IS TO ITS PUPILS AS INDIVIDUALS. EACH PUPIL MUST BE REGARDED AS A UNIQUE PERSONALITY WITH HIS OWN NEEDS AND ABILITIES. THE SCHOOL MUST SATISFY THE PUPIL'S NEEDS, FIND OUT HIS ABILITIES AND DEVELOP THEM. SUCH AN ATTITUDE IMPLIES PLACING LESS EMPHASIS ON TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS= FURTHER, IT IMPLIES A REDUCTION IN THE QUANTITY OF ORAL TEACHING AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE TEACHER INTO A 'GUIDE, PHILOSOPHER AND A FRIEND.'

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+THE SECOND IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE IS THAT THE SCHOOL MUST REMEMBER THAT EDUCATION IS AN UNENDING PROCESS. SCHOOL LIFE IS MERELY ONE PART OF THE PUPIL'S LIFE AND WHEN HE LEAVES SCHOOL EDUCATION WILL NOT CEASE. THE SCHOOL MUST THEREFORE FIT IN WITH THE BACKGROUND OF THE PUPILS, MUST BEAR IN MIND THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE COMMUNITY, AND MUST SEE TO IT THAT THE PUPILS DO NOT FEEL CUT OFF FROM THE LIFE OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD WHEN THEY ARE ENGAGED IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

+BUT BEYOND THIS, EACH PUPIL MUST BE SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD WITH A SET OF ABIDING INTERESTS, DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THE EDUCATION WHICH HAS BEEN BEGUN AT SCHOOL AND GENUINELY INTERESTED IN AND AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND HIM. I DO REALISE OF COURSE THAT PUPILS ARE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND THAT THEY MUST ALSO PLAY A ROLE EVENTUALLY IN THE ECONOMY. BUT I AM SURE I DO NOT NEED TO REMIND ANYONE THAT PUPILS ARE NOT JUST INDIVIDUALS.+

HE TOLD THE PRINCIPALS THAT IF THEIR SCHOOLS SUCCEEDED IN FOLLOWING THESE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES THROUGH, THEY WOULD HAVE GONE A LONG WAY TOWARDS IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION, AND INCIDENTALLY THE QUALITY OF LIFE, IN HONG KONG.

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MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FROM GOVERNOR OF MACAU  
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THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU, GENERAL NOBRE DE CARVALHO, HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, FOR HIS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE TAIPA BRIDGE.

HIS MESSAGE READS: +I HAD APPRECIATED VERY MUCH YOUR KIND MESSAGE. MANY THANKS FOR THE CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE BRIDGE WHICH INDEED WILL CONTRIBUTE WIDELY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MACAU.+

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LOTTERY RESULTS

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THE HOLDER OF TICKET NUMBER 714237 WON THE FIRST PRIZE OF \$816,000 IN THE TENTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY -- THE LAST ONE OF THIS YEAR.

THE SECOND PRIZE OF \$81,600 WENT TO TICKET NUMBER 367646, WHILE THE THIRD PRIZE OF \$8,160 WAS WON BY THE HOLDER OF TICKET NUMBER 437311.

THE PRIZES WERE DRAWN AT THE MAIN CONCOURSE OF THE OCEAN TERMINAL THIS AFTERNOON (TUESDAY) BY SIX ARTISTES FROM THREE BROADCASTING STATIONS -- MISS WAN FONG LING AND MISS TSUI MEI MUI OF COMMERCIAL RADIO= MISS KIMMY GOT AND MR. WONG SIU KEUNG OF RADIO HONG KONG= AND MISS MANOR CHAN AND MR. WU FUNG OF R.T.V.

WINNING NUMBERS OF THE 50 SPECIAL PRIZES OF \$2,040 EACH ARE AS FOLLOWS :

382852	579885	279785	890407	109258	814684	970785
161312	439263	862130	443616	629421	949923	063074
369015	367726	532039	229977	417501	989632	129344
947274	949944	230558	442955	591193	239349	892377
483107	526388	755354	161165	372073	293254	082319
053828	561661	440017	977672	544712	999333	183098
567572	950377	733262	393762	379921	622174	474161
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THERE ARE ALSO 106 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$2,040 EACH FOR TICKET NUMBERS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING AND FOLLOWING THE WINNING NUMBERS IN THE DRAW.

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COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR VISITS POWER COMPANY  
IMPRESSED BY PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, SAID TODAY HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE INDUSTRY MAKE MORE USE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT EXPERTS TO HELP INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS IN HONG KONG.

HE REVEALED THAT A RECENT SURVEY BY HIS DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE SHOWED THAT LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS SPENT ONLY ONE PER CENT OF THEIR TOTAL WAGES BILL ON PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.

+PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT STAFF HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO SOUND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS, PARTICULARLY IN LARGER COMPANIES, AND IT IS A TREND THAT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED,+ HE SAID.

MR. PRICE WAS COMMENTING AFTER A VISIT TO THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD., WHICH HAS A 30-STRONG PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.

MR. PRICE SAID THE COMPANY'S PERSONNEL SECTION WAS LARGE BY HONG KONG STANDARDS.

+IT IS GOOD TO SEE A GROWING AWARENESS IN RECENT YEARS OF THE NEED FOR A HIGHLY-QUALIFIED AND SKILLED PERSONNEL SECTION.

+EXPERIENCE IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS SHOWN THAT PERSONNEL MANAGERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO NEGOTIATE SUCCESSFULLY WITH EMPLOYEES, OFTEN WITH THE HELP AND ADVICE OF OUR OWN LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

+HOWEVER, A RECENT SURVEY SHOWED THAT FOR EVERY \$1 MILLION INDUSTRY SPENDS ON WAGES FOR LABOUR, ONLY \$10,000 IS SPENT ON PERSONNEL MANAGERS AND RELATED STAFF.

+I BELIEVE THAT TOP MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE MORE AWARE OF THE ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED IN BETTER WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES BY HAVING SKILLED PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT STAFF.

MR. PRICE SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SPECIALISED PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SECTION BY THE CHINA LIGHT COMPANY WAS ONE OF SEVERAL FEATURES WHICH HAD IMPRESSED HIM ABOUT THE COMPANY'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

THE OTHERS WERE:

\* THE SUCCESSFUL ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUR DIFFERENT JOINT CONSULTATION COMMITTEES WHICH HAD BEEN OPERATING FOR UP TO SIX YEARS.

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- \* GENEROUS FRINGE BENEFITS, SUCH AS MEDICAL CLINICS, EDUCATION ALLOWANCES, GRANTS AND LOANS, MATERNITY ALLOWANCES, SUBSIDISED DENTAL TREATMENT AND LONG SERVICE/RETIREMENT BENEFITS.
- \* PROVISION OF A HANDBOOK TO EVERY NEW EMPLOYEE SETTING OUT TERMS OF CONDITIONS, REDUNDANCY PAY, DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.

+THE COMPANY HAS ALSO RECOGNISED MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL,+ HE SAID.

+I WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE COMPANY HAS SPENT \$7 MILLION ON PLANT EQUIPMENT OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS TO PROVIDE BETTER COMBUSTION CONTROL ON SULPHUR OXIDES AND POLLUTION-PRODUCING SMOKE BEING OMITTED INTO THE ATMOSPHERE.

+ACCORDING TO OUR POLLUTION SAMPLES OVER THE PERIOD, THIS EXPENDITURE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A QUITE REMARKABLE 92 PER CENT REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF POLLUTION IN THE SMOKE EMITTED BY CHINA LIGHT.+

AS PART OF HIS VISIT, MR. PRICE INSPECTED THE HOK UN POWER STATION.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS INSPECTION TOUR BY THE CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER (LABOUR RELATIONS), MR. TSUI TIM-FOOK, AND THE DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER, MR. BARRY WALSH.

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#### WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 33,523 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 49.8 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 64,625 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 25,709 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 49,543 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 50.9 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY, 1.1 MM (0.04 IN) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,373.8 MM (54.09 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,042.5 MM (80.41 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 32.7 PER CENT.

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PROPERTY TAX IN TSUEN WAN  
GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, COMMENTING ON REPORTS THAT SOME DEMAND NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT BACK TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT BY PROPERTY OWNERS IN TSUEN WAN AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE INTRODUCTION OF PROPERTY TAX IN THE AREA, EXPLAINED TODAY THAT PROPERTY TAX WAS NOT AN ADDITIONAL FORM OF RATES AS SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE. IT IS A TAX ON THE INCOME WHICH PROPERTY OWNERS GET FROM LETTING OUT THEIR PROPERTY.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, PROPERTY TAX WAS NOT PAYABLE ON PROPERTIES WHICH ARE OWNER-OCCUPIED. THEREFORE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, OWNER-OCCUPIERS CAN CLAIM EXEMPTION.

EXEMPTION COULD ALSO BE CLAIMED, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, IF THE PREMISES WERE OWNED AND OCCUPIED BY A BUSINESS CONCERN AS PART OF ITS BUSINESS OPERATIONS, ON WHICH PROFITS TAX IS PAID.

AS FOR PEOPLE WHOSE ONLY INCOME IS DERIVED FROM COLLECTING RENTS ON THEIR PROPERTY, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THESE PEOPLE COULD OPT FOR WHAT IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS +PERSONAL ASSESSMENT.+

THIS MEANS THAT ALL HIS INCOME, FROM WHATEVER SOURCE, IS PUT TOGETHER, AND THE USUAL ALLOWANCES WHICH APPLY TO SALARIES TAX ARE DEDUCTED BEFORE TAX IS ASSESSED.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF A MAN AND WIFE, WITH NO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, WHOSE ANNUAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES, INCLUDING RENTS FROM HIS PROPERTY, DO NOT EXCEED \$20,000, THE COUPLE WOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY ANY TAX AT ALL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF PROPERTY TAX IN TSUEN WAN WOULD ONLY AFFECT LANDLORDS OF PROPERTIES WHO ARE NOT ALREADY PAYING TAX ON THEIR RENTAL INCOME IN THE FORM OF BUSINESS PROFITS TAX.

+PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE SAME CATEGORY ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON HAVE BEEN PAYING SUCH TAX FOR MANY YEARS, AND IT SEEMS UNFAIR THAT THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN TSUEN WAN AND TSING YI SHOULD GET AWAY SCOT FREE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, WAS TRYING TO ENSURE THAT THE MASSIVE HOUSING PROGRAMME AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES ARE NOT TO BE SLOWED DOWN FOR LACK OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS.

+NOW, MORE THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME,+ HE ADDED, +PEOPLE WHO OUGHT TO BE CONTRIBUTING TO GOVERNMENT REVENUE SHOULD NOT WISH TO AVOID THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY.+

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED RESIDENTS OF TUSEN WAN WHO HAVE RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES TO CHECK WHETHER OR NOT THEY QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTION ON THE GROUNDS MENTIONED.

COMMENTING ON THE ACTION OF THOSE 1,800 WHO RETURNED THE FORMS TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WOULD NOT REMOVE THEIR OBLIGATION TO PAY TAX AND THAT UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE, A SURCHARGE OF 5% WILL BE IMPOSED ON LATE PAYMENT, AND ANOTHER 10% WILL BE IMPOSED AFTER SIX MONTHS.

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CHAI WAN ESTATE -- A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN  
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CHAI WAN ESTATE, ONE OF HONG KONG'S 12 OLDER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, IS NOW A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN AFTER A YEAR'S EFFORT BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE ITS LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

DURING THE PAST 14 MONTHS, A PHASED TIDY-UP OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT AT THE ESTATE WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 55,000 PEOPLE.

AS A RESULT, ABOUT 400 HAWKERS WHO WERE PLYING THEIR TRADE ALL OVER THE ESTATE PREVIOUSLY HAVE NOW BEEN MOVED INTO SEVEN PROPER HAWKER BAZAARS. A LARGE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL EXTENSIONS AND UNAUTHORISED SIGNBOARDS WERE ALSO REMOVED DURING THE EXERCISE.

TODAY, THE LAST LOT OF 52 ELIGIBLE HAWKERS MOVED INTO THE SEVENTH BAZAAR LOCATED BETWEEN BLOCKS 7 AND 9, MARKING THE COMPLETION OF THE TIDY-UP PROGRAMME FOR THE ESTATE.

MR. LO CHI-YUEN, SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, THANKED THE TENANTS AND HAWKERS OF THE ESTATE FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT WHICH HAD MADE THE PROGRAMME ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ON RECORD.

+I ALSO HAVE TO THANK THE ESTATE TIDINESS TEAM FOR THE SPLENDID WORK THEY HAVE DONE TO THE ESTATE. THEY HAVE OFTEN BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE HAWKERS AND TENANTS ALIKE, AND I AM SURE THE RESULTS OF THE OPERATION WILL HELP CORRECT THE IMPRESSION OF THE TIDINESS TEAM WHICH IS SO VERY ESSENTIAL TO GOOD ESTATE MANAGEMENT,+ MR. LO SAID.

HE WENT ON: +THE ESTATE IS NOW CLEAN AND TIDY AND I APPEAL TO EVERY TENANT TO UPKEEP IT.+

MR. LO SAID THAT THE ESTATE WOULD EASILY REVERT TO ITS FORMER STATE OR EVEN WORSE WITHOUT THE TENANTS' FULL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION.

HE ADDED: +THERE IS A MINORITY OF SELFISH HAWKERS WHO OFTEN EXTEND THEIR STALLS BEYOND THE PERMITTED SIZE, CAUSING OBSTRUCTIONS TO PEDESTRIANS. THE ESTATE STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE ACTION ON THEM UNTIL THE PRACTICE IS WIPED OUT.+

THE ESTATE IS NOW ADEQUATELY SERVED BY A TOTAL OF ABOUT 400 HAWKERS. +WE HOPE TO KEEP THE SITUATION FROZEN TO ENSURE GOOD BUSINESS FOR EVERY ONE OF THEM,+ MR. LO SAID.

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R.H.K.A.A.F. ANNUAL CAMP  
TO BE VISITED BY ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY  
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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. H.M.A. BRISTOW, WILL VISIT THE 25TH ANNUAL CAMP OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AT DODWELL'S RIDGE, FANLING, ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 10).

THE RHKAAF HAS NOW BEEN IN OPERATION FOR 25 YEARS AND HAS A RECORD OF WHICH ANY AIR FORCE IN THE WORLD WOULD BE PROUD= AND WHICH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED LARGELY BY AUXILIARY PILOTS. PERHAPS THE MOST REMARKABLE OPERATION IN THE FORCE HISTORY WAS THE RESCUE IN 1965 OF 43 CREWMEN OF THE PANAMANIAN FREIGHTER NAM AN. ONE A.F.C., ONE B.E.M., AND 3 QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS WERE AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THIS RESCUE= AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

THE RHKAAF HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY BUSY WITH ROUTINE GOVERNMENT TASKS, SUCH AS THE FLYING OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO OUTLYING AREAS. THE AIR-SURVEY CAMERA FITTED IN THE FORCE'S TWO ENGINED ISLANDER AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN USED FOR MAKING THE ESSENTIAL SPECIALIST PLANS FOR PROJECTS SUCH AS THE NEW TOWNS, AND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS. THE ISLANDER ALSO TRAINS KAI TAK AIRPORT'S RADAR OPERATORS, AND PROVIDES HONG KONG WITH AN IMPROVED +SEARCH AND RESCUE+ CAPACITY AT SEA. ITS THREE ALOUETTE MK III HELICOPTERS ARE WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR +MERCY FLIGHTS+, KNOWN AS +CASEVAC+, FROM REMOTE VILLAGES TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, DAY AND NIGHT.

ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THE RHKAAF MEMBERS ARE FULL TIME GOVERNMENT SERVANTS, INCLUDING CLERICAL AND ENGINEERING STAFF, AND THREE PILOTS. THE REMAINDER ARE LOCAL VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING 12 PILOTS AND THREE CADET/PILOTS. ACTIVE MEMBERS IN THEIR 25TH YEAR OF SERVICE INCLUDE: ACTING SQUADRON LEADER L.M. SOUZA (FROM THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT), AND FLIGHT LIEUTENANT GEORGE LI KAI FUN (FROM THE ROYAL SWEDISH CONSULATE GENERAL).

THE RHKAAF ANNUAL CAMP RUNS FROM SEPTEMBER '19 TO OCTOBER 11, AT DODWELL'S RIDGE, FANLING, UNDER ITS COMMANDING OFFICER WING COMMANDER S.P.J. ELLIS (A LECTURER IN THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY), ASSISTED BY SQUADRON LEADER D.K. CHEUNG, A.F.C., O.C. FLYING (AN ENGINEER OF HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING CO., LTD.).

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGA'I	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.82
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.74
A1 : SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 : SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
<u>U.S. RICE</u>		
	GOOD	1.92
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	1.88
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	-
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.00	1.20	2.40
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.80	1.00	1.70
SQUID	NORMAL	4.00	1.70	3.00
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.00	0.35	0.60
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.80	0.50	1.70
CROAKERS	NORMAL	1.20	0.25	0.60
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	2.50	1.60	2.00
MELON COAT	LIMITED	1.50	1.00	1.20
BREAMS	LIMITED	4.50	2.50	3.80
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.50	0.40	0.70
MACKERELS	NORMAL	4.70	1.30	2.60
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	0.50	0.35	0.40
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	0.70	0.30	0.45
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	4.50	1.50	3.30
MELON SEED	NORMAL	1.80	0.80	1.20
POMFRETS	LIMITED	6.30	5.30	5.50
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	7.70	6.00	6.80
YELLOW CROAKER	---	---	---	---

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.80	0.60	1.20
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.40	0.50	0.80
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	1.20	0.40	0.80
WATER SPINACH	LIMITED	0.60	0.20	0.40
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.80	0.80	1.40
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.00	0.50	1.40
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	2.20	0.60	1.50
SPINACH	SCARCE	3.00	1.00	2.00
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.80	2.20	3.00
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.00	0.50	1.20
CHINESE SPINACH	LIMITED	0.90	0.30	0.60
TOMATO	SCARCE	3.00	1.50	2.40

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