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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR OCTOBER
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES (A) AND (B) FOR LAST MONTH (OCTOBER) WERE BOTH 146, EACH BEING ONE POINT HIGHER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE CENTRED 12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE FOR APRIL 1979, I.E. THE SIMPLE AVERAGE OF THE TWO MOVING ANNUAL AVERAGES ENDING SEPTEMBER 1979 AND OCTOBER 1979 RESPECTIVELY, WAS 135.3 FOR C.P.I. (A) AND 135.4 FOR C.P.I. (B), EACH BEING 1.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH. COMPARED WITH THE CENTRED 12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE FOR APRIL A YEAR AGO, THE INCREASES WERE 10.3 PER CENT AND 10.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE C.P.I. (A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400-\$1 499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I.(B), BETWEEN \$1 500-\$2 999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973/74.

THE SECTION INDICES FOR OCTOBER 1979, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1978, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>C.P.I.(A)</u>			<u>C.P.I.(B)</u>		
	<u>OCT. 79</u>	<u>SEP.79</u>	<u>OCT. 78</u>	<u>OCT.79</u>	<u>SEP. 79</u>	<u>OCT. 78</u>
FOODSTUFFS	142	141	128	144	143	128
HOUSING	146	146	132	146	146	131
FUEL AND LIGHT	199	193	134	194	187	133
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	167	167	146	162	162	142
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	112	112	104	110	110	103
DURABLE GOODS	130	129	118	127	126	115
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	148	147	136	147	145	133
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	159	159	124	165	165	128
SERVICES	155	148	138	158	151	140
ALL ITEMS	146	145	129	146	145	129

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B). RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS, LIVE POULTRY, RICE AND SALT-WATER FISH.

THE COSTS OF MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME ALSO WENT UP AS SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING-PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES. ON THE OTHER HAND THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES DECLINED. MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS, THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT ADVANCED BY SIX POINTS IN C.P.I. (A) AND BY SEVEN POINTS IN C.P.I. (B).

THE ONE-POINT RISE IN THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, HARDWARE, IRONMONGERY, CUTLERY AND OPTICAL GOODS.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS ROSE BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I. (A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN C.P.I. (B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR MEDICINES, SOFT FURNISHINGS, TOILET REQUISITES AND PHOTOGRAPH PROCESSING AND PRINTING CHARGES.

HIGHER SCHOOL FEES AND TEXT-BOOK PRICES PUSHED THE INDEX FOR SERVICES UP BY SEVEN POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B).

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

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FIRST CREMATORIUM IN NT OPENS SOON

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL START ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PRIVATE CREMATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES' FIRST CREMATORIUM AT KWAI CHUNG ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR OF THE CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIUM SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR. LEE SHEUNG-YEE SAID BOOKING FOR THE SERVICE MUST BE MADE BY APPLICANTS IN PERSON AT THE HUNG HOM PUBLIC FUNERAL PARLOUR AT 6 CHEUNG HANG ROAD.

THE \$8.3 MILLION KWAI CHUNG CREMATORIUM, WHICH WAS HANDED OVER TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, IS THE FIRST OF THREE TO BE BUILT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. IT IS EXPECTED TO HANDLE 4 000 CREMATIONS A YEAR.

+BEFORE IT WAS BUILT, PEOPLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD TO MAKE USE OF EITHER THE DIAMOND HILL OR CAPE COLLINSON CREMATORIUM IN THE URBAN AREAS FOR CREMATION,+ MR. LEE SAID.

TO PROVIDE AN EVEN MORE CONVENIENT SERVICE, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANS TO BUILD TWO MORE CREMATORIA IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN.

APPLICATIONS FROM URBAN AREAS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED. BUT MR. LEE REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT BEFORE APPLYING FOR A CREMATION SERVICE IN KWAI CHUNG CREMATORIUM, A CREMATION PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT (NT REGION) AT SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON BOOKING PROCEDURES CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING THE HUNG HOM PUBLIC FUNERAL PARLOUR 3-655321 EXT. 261 OR 271.

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ANOTHER CONTRACT FOR TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE SIGNED
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A \$12.8 MILLION CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS TO SERVE TUEN MUN'S NEW TOWN CENTRE.

THE WORK WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1 400 METRES OF ROADS AND A STORMWATER AND FOUL WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM. THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO SANG LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE TOWN CENTRE OCCUPIES SOME 16 HECTARES OF LAND, AND IT COMPRISES SOME 23 RESIDENTIAL TOWERS, EACH ABOUT 28 STOREYS HIGH, WITH SHOPPING AND PARKING FACILITIES ON PODIUM FLOORS.+

HE SAID THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN CENTRE WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN STAGES OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

ON COMPLETION, IT WILL HAVE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A BUS TERMINUS, DEPARTMENT STORES, A CINEMA, A MARKET, A CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX, A MAGISTRACY AND A POLYCLINIC.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, AN EXISTING TEMPORARY STEEL FOOT-BRIDGE ACROSS TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE RELOCATED TO A NEW POSITION TO ENABLE PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS THE ROAD IN SAFETY.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND WORK WILL BE SUPERVISED BY SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, ON BEHALF OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

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GOVERNOR UNDERGOES SUCCESSFUL HIP OPERATION IN UK
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, NOW ON LEAVE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, HAS UNDERGONE A SUCCESSFUL HIP OPERATION.

THE OPERATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE RIGHT HIP TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY (TUESDAY) MORNING AND WAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED WITHOUT ANY COMPLICATIONS.

HIS CONDITION IS DESCRIBED AS SATISFACTORY.

THE OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT IN A SPECIAL HIP UNIT AT KING EDWARD VII HOSPITAL, MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

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54 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED LAST MONTH

A TOTAL OF 54 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED LAST MONTH (OCTOBER) BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COMPARED WITH 98 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THESE, 19 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, EIGHT IN KOWLOON AND 27 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED A HOTEL IN HAPPY VALLEY, A HOME FOR THE AGED AT SHUEN WAN, TAI PO, AND A PASSENGER FERRY PIER AT DISCOVERY BAY, LANTAU.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$351.43 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$179.37 MILLION LAST YEAR.

THE USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED LAST MONTH TOTALLED 210 958.1 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 64 405.7 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 146 552.4 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 55 NEW PROJECTS, INCLUDING A CAR PARK AT DOCK STREET, HUNG HOM, A HOTEL AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, A PETROL FILLING STATION AT LEI YUE MUN ROAD, AND A MEDICAL SCIENCE BUILDING AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

A TOTAL OF 41 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING A STAFF QUARTER AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AND A CHURCH/KINDERGARTEN IN TAI PO.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO ASSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 73 BUILDINGS.

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SHAM SHUI PO FORTNIGHT TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A SHAM SHUI PO FORTNIGHT TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE DISTRICT WILL BEGIN ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

THE FORTNIGHT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO) AND OVER 80 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH A GRAND PROCESSION ALONG STREETS IN THE DISTRICT ON FRIDAY EVENING. THE PROCESSION, WHICH INCLUDES FLOATS, BANDS, CHIU CHOW FOLK DANCE, DRAGON AND LION DANCES AND A TAËKWANDO DISPLAY, WILL START FROM NAM SHAN ESTATE AT 7 PM. FOR FA HUI PARK.

/THE DIRECTOR

THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR. WONG LAM AND DR. HO KAM FAI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FORTNIGHT AT 8.30 PM. IN FA HUI PARK.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (KOWLOON WEST), MRS. MABEL HAYES- CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. STEPHEN IP AND OTHER ORGANISERS AND PATRONS OF THE EVENT.

DURING THE FORTNIGHT, MORE THAN 20 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN LINED UP FOR 540 000 RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THESE INCLUDE CAMPING, CONCERTS, A CARNIVAL, EXHIBITIONS, VARIETY SHOWS AND A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO FORTNIGHT AND THE GRAND PROCESSION ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 23). DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 8.30 PM. IN FA HUI PARK.

CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO), MR. STEPHEN IP AND OTHER ORGANISERS WILL DOT THE DRAGON'S AND LIONS' EYES AT 6.30 PM. BEFORE THE PROCESSION BEGINS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING OF SHAM SHUI PO FORTNIGHT
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TAI HANG TUNG ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 23) FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY AND GRAND PROCESSION OF THE SHAM SHUI PO FORTNIGHT.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, THE FOLLOWING STREETS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 6 PM. AND 9 PM.

- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI HANG SAI STREET BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND WOH CHAI STREET-
- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI HANG TUNG ROAD BETWEEN WOH CHAI STREET AND TAT CHEE AVENUE-
- * SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD TO BOUNDARY STREET DURING THE CLOSURE OF TAI HANG SAI STREET AND TAI HANG TUNG ROAD-
- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON WOH CHAI STREET WILL BE REQUIRED TO TURN LEFT ONTO THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI HANG SAI STREET- AND
- * NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON TONG YAM STREET WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT ONTO TAI HANG TUNG ROAD.

/ALL PARKING

ALL PARKING FACILITIES ON THE EAST SIDE OF TAI HANG TUNG ROAD AND TONG YAM STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM. ON THAT DAY.

A TEMPORARY BUS TERMINUS FOR KMB ROUTES 2C AND 4A WILL BE SET UP IN TONG YAM STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA AND POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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PRICE LISTS SHOULD BE DISPLAYED IN SCHOOLS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) REMINDED ALL SCHOOLS TO DISPLAY PROMINENTLY AND PERMANENTLY COMPREHENSIVE PRICE LISTS OF ALL ITEMS FOR SALE TO PUPILS, INCLUDING +TUCK SHOP+ ITEMS.

THE ACTION COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES OF THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED THE REMINDER IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE ANY POSSIBLE CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT.

+A CIRCULAR HAS BEEN SENT TO ALL HEADS OF SCHOOLS ADVISING THEM ON THE ISSUE,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE WITH OFFICERS OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL WHO MAY WISH TO VISIT SCHOOLS BY APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE DISPLAYED PRICE LISTS AND OBSERVE THE OPERATION OF MISCELLANEOUS SALES TO PUPILS, HE SAID.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR FORMED IN SHA TIN
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THE NEWLY FORMED SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL HAVE ITS FIRST TRAINING SESSION ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

SIXTY CHILDREN, AGED BETWEEN SEVEN AND 10, WHO LIVE IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART.

THEY WERE SELECTED FROM A TOTAL OF 170 APPLICANTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE CHOIR HAD BEEN FORMED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, AS PART OF A PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN SHA TIN.

THREE INSTRUCTORS, INCLUDING ONE FROM THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE HAD BEEN RECRUITED TO TRAIN THE CHOIR.

TRAINING WILL BE HELD EVERY SATURDAY IN A LOCAL SCHOOL AND LAST TWO HOURS.

/+THE CHOIR

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+THE CHOIR IS EXPECTED TO GIVE ITS FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE IN MARCH NEXT YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE FIRST TRAINING SESSION OF CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN SHA TIN WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE, WO CHE ESTATE, AT 2.30 P.M. ON SATURDAY.

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SUSPENSION OF TRAM SERVICES IN HAPPY VALLEY

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TRAM SERVICES FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO KENNEDY TOWN AND SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED AT 11.30 P.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE CANAL ROAD EXTENSION.

ON THAT DAY THE LAST TRAM FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE AT 11.24 P.M. AND THAT TO KENNEDY TOWN WILL LEAVE WITHIN SECONDS.

THE LAST TRAM FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO HAPPY VALLEY WILL LEAVE AT 10.26 P.M. AND THAT FROM KENNEDY TOWN AT 10.46 P.M.

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RE-OPENING OF TAI KOK TSUI ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI KOK TSUI ROAD BETWEEN BEDFORD ROAD AND FUK TSUN STREET WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM. ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

WITH THE RE-OPENING OF THE ROAD, BEDFORD ROAD BETWEEN WALNUT STREET AND MAPLE STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTH-WESTBOUND- AND FUK TSUN STREET BETWEEN TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND WALNUT STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTH-EASTBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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