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LAND PRODUCTION LEVELS MORE THAN ADEQUATE: REPORT
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THE EXISTING AND PLANNED LEVELS OF LAND PRODUCTION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS ARE MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO MEET HONG KONG'S GROWING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS.

THIS WAS REVEALED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND SUPPLY IN ITS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR FOR 1982. THE REPORT, WHICH IS PUBLISHED TODAY, IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$20.

THE COMMITTEE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HON LYDIA DUNN, HAS RECOMMENDED TARGETS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND SALE OF LAND AND HAS ASSESSED THE ADEQUACY OF GOVERNMENT PROJECTS IN RELATION TO THESE TARGETS.

AS IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT, THE COMMITTEE HAS CONCENTRATED ON THE PROVISION OF LAND FOR HOUSING, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT AND COMMERCIAL OFFICES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

POLICY OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW LAND, AND THESE HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH CURRENT LAND PRODUCTION FORECASTS TO ASSESS HOW WELL LAND SUPPLY WILL MATCH LAND REQUIREMENT ARISING FROM POLICY OBJECTIVES.

IN ITS ASSESSMENT OF LAND REQUIREMENTS FOR VARIOUS LAND USES, A LONG TERM VIEW OF THE MARKET POTENTIAL HAS BEEN TAKEN AND THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS NOT BEING INFLUENCED BY SHORT TERM MARKET CONDITIONS HAS BEEN STRESSED.

THE COMMITTEE'S MAIN CONCLUSIONS ARE:

- * FORECAST LAND SUPPLY SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN PRODUCTION OF PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING AT 30 000 FLATS A YEAR UP TO 1988/89. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY SITES BOTH IN THE URBAN AREAS AND IN THE NEW TOWNS TO ENSURE THAT THIS LEVEL OF PRODUCTION CAN BE AT LEAST MAINTAINED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. IT IS ALSO ANTICIPATED THAT THE VARIOUS ON-GOING SUB-REGIONAL STUDIES WILL IDENTIFY OTHER SUITABLE AREAS FOR LONG-TERM LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT.
- * FORECAST LAND SUPPLY SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN PRODUCTION AT 10 000 FLATS A YEAR FOR BOTH HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT FROM 1984/85.
- * THERE SHOULD BE MORE THAN ADEQUATE LAND SUPPLY FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO CONTRIBUTE AN AVERAGE 25 000 FLATS A YEAR FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WITH SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO INCREASE TO A MAXIMUM LEVEL OF 35 000 FLATS A YEAR SHOULD MARKET CONDITIONS IMPROVE.

- * FORECAST LAND SUPPLY FOR INDUSTRIAL USE SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXCEED THE REQUIREMENTS TO SATISFY TERRITORIAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS BOTH IN THE MEDIUM (1991) AND IN THE LONG TERM (2001). THE NEWLY PROPOSED PLOT RATIOS PERMITTING THE ADOPTION OF LOWER PLOT RATIOS SHOULD ASSIST IN ENCOURAGING END-USERS TO DEVELOP INDUSTRIAL LAND. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT DETAILED CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE FEASIBILITY OF REZONING SOME 40 HA - 50 HA OF INDUSTRIAL LAND POSSIBLY FOR PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING WHICH COULD PRODUCE AN EQUIVALENT OF 26 000 TO 30 000 FLATS.

- * THE COMMITTEE IS CONCERNED THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE AN OVER-CONCENTRATION OF COMMERCIAL OFFICES IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND THE INNER CITY DISTRICTS AND RECOMMENDS THAT A STUDY BE UNDERTAKEN TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF OFFICE DECENTRALISATION.

IN ADDITION TO ITS WORK IN SETTING TARGETS, FORECASTING SUPPLY AND MONITORING PERFORMANCE IN LAND SUPPLY, THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO STUDIED SUCH RELATED TOPICS AS:

- * THE RELEASE OF CROWN LAND SITES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY UNDER TEMPORARY OCCUPATION FOR THEIR INTENDED LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT UNDER A FIVE-YEAR ROLLING PROGRAMME.
- * THE CONCEPT OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS AS APPLIED TO URBAN RENEWAL AND REDEVELOPMENT. DURING THE YEAR, A WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP BY THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE INHERENT PROBLEMS OF URBAN RENEWAL AND TO RECOMMEND POSITIVE SOLUTIONS TO OVERCOME SUCH PROBLEMS. THE WORKING GROUP CONCLUDED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS COULD BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHODS OF ACHIEVING URBAN RENEWAL AND THAT THIS APPROACH SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE OVERALL BRIEF FOR A CONSULTANCY STUDY RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS. THIS CONSULTANCY STUDY WAS COMMISSIONED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR AND WILL SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS IN JULY.

THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO GIVE DETAILED CONSIDERATION OVER THE NEXT YEAR TO A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING:

- * EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING EXISTING URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAMMES IN THE LIGHT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE CONSULTANCY STUDY ON LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;

- * MONITORING THE FORMULATION OF A ROLLING PROGRAMME TO RATIONALISE TEMPORARY USE OF LAND IN RESPECT OF SITES ZONED FOR GIC PURPOSES;
- * REVIEWING THE ALTERNATIVE USES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN THE LIGHT OF POSSIBLE SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLY OVER REQUIREMENTS AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUING TO BE CONCENTRATED IN THE MAIN URBAN AREAS AND EXAMINING WAYS IN WHICH DECENTRALISATION COULD BE ACHIEVED;
- * EXAMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF COMMERCIAL OFFICE DECENTRALISATION.

THE GOVERNOR HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HON W.C.L. BROWN, WHO HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER ON THE COMMITTEE SINCE MAY 1980, TO SUCCEED THE HON LYDIA DUNN, AS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 1983 TO MAY 31, 1984.

THE DECISION WAS MADE FOLLOWING A REQUEST BY THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN TO BE RELIEVED OF SOME OF HER COMMITMENTS IN VIEW OF HER NEW APPOINTMENT AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. THE OTHER UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE, MR W.M. SULKE, MR GEOFFREY YEH, MR R.C.Y. POON AND MR R.J. OSBORN, HAVE ALSO BEEN REAPPOINTED.

IN ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS EMPHASISED THE USEFULNESS OF THE COMMITTEE IN PROVIDING A FOCUS FOR CONSIDERATION OF LAND NEEDS AND FOR AN APPRAISAL OF PROCEDURES FOR LAND PRODUCTION AND AS A MONITOR OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE IN THIS FIELD. THE COMMITTEE, UNDER THE NEW CHAIRMAN, IS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT ITS NEXT REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR IN APRIL 1984.

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LABOUR FORCE FIGURES FOR JANUARY-MARCH QUARTER

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THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE QUARTER JANUARY - MARCH 1983 WAS 5.1 PER CENT, WHICH COMPARES WITH 3.9 PER CENT FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1982, AND 3.4 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE INCREASES OF 1.2 PERCENTAGE POINTS AND 1.7 PERCENTAGE POINTS RESPECTIVELY, COMPARED WITH THE TWO EARLIER QUARTERS, ARE STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1983 WAS PROVISIONALLY ESTIMATED TO BE 127 000, AS COMPARED WITH 98 700 FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, AND 83 400 FOR THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

/THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 2.5 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1983, WHICH COMPARES WITH 2.1 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1982. THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS 63 000 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1983, AS COMPARED WITH 52 200 FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED IT WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BECAUSE CHANGES IN UNEMPLOYMENT TEND TO LAG BEHIND CHANGES IN THE ECONOMY, THE INCREASES IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR DID NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT THE UNDERLYING ECONOMIC SITUATION HAD CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE.

INDEED, GIVEN THE INDICATIONS OF SOME REVIVAL IN EXPORT PERFORMANCE AND IN MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY GENERALLY IN THE FIRST QUARTER, THE UNDERLYING ECONOMIC SITUATION IS ALREADY IMPROVING BUT THE IMPROVEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN SUFFICIENT TO RESULT IN A FALL IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT OR UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 15 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 55 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATIONS IN FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME. THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1983 WAS ALSO 5.1 PER CENT.

HE ADDED THAT DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY REPORT WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1983 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND JUNE 20.

PTU TRAINING EXTENDS BEYOND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

THE VALUE OF TRAINING WHICH OFFICERS RECEIVE AT THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT EXTENDS BEYOND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, THE REGIONAL COMMANDER, NEW TERRITORIES, MR JOHN GRIEVE, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE PASSING OUT PARADE OF 'HOTEL' COMPANY, THE POLICE VETERAN WHO WILL RETIRE FROM THE FORCE NEXT MONTH AFTER 32 YEARS' SERVICE TOLD THE 'BLUE BERETS' THAT TACTICAL TRAINING HAD APPLICATION IN MANY FIELDS OF POLICE WORK.

"THE TRAINING YOU HAVE RECEIVED IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FORCE'S PROGRAMME TO PRODUCE OFFICERS CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH ANY SITUATION WHICH THEY MAY BE CALLED UPON TO DEAL WITH.

"IN ADDITION, THE IMPROVEMENT IN YOUR PHYSICAL CAPACITY AS WELL AS THE HIGH STANDARD OF SELF-DISCIPLINE WHICH HAS BEEN DEMANDED OF YOU WILL BETTER EQUIP YOU FOR THE COMPLEX AND DEMANDING TASKS WHICH MODERN DAY POLICING IMPOSES," HE NOTED.

PRAISING OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE MAGNIFICENT PARADE THEY HAVE MOUNTED, MR GRIEVE SAID THEIR PRECISION DRILLS AND SMARTNESS REFLECTED THE GREATEST CREDIT UPON THEM AS WELL AS UPON THEIR INSTRUCTORS.

"I KNOW THAT YOU WILL ACQUIT YOURSELVES WELL IN YOUR COMING ATTACHMENT TO KOWLOON REGION AND WILL WIN THE GOODWILL AND SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE IN KOWLOON," HE SAID.

BIDDING FAREWELL TO ALL AT THE UNIT, MR GRIEVE WISHED THEM 'FAIR WINDS AND CALM SEAS'.

HE EARLIER PRESENTED AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING OFFICERS ON THE 10-WEEK INTERNAL SECURITY TRAINING COURSE.

INSPECTORS PETER NEILSON AND WONG SIU-TZE, COMMANDERS OF THE NO. 4 PLATOON, RECEIVED FROM HIM THE TROPHY FOR THE BEST-ALL-ROUND PLATOON.

SERGEANT TAM WING-KWONG WAS SELECTED THE BEST-ALL-ROUND SERGEANT WHILE POLICE CONSTABLE WONG CHEUNG-MING WAS THE BEST AMONG THOSE OF HIS RANK ON THE COURSE.

INSPECTORS WONG WING-CHEUNG AND STEPHEN CHAMBERS WERE PRESENTED WITH THE LESLIE GUYATT TROPHY FOR PISTOL SHOOTING THE TITLE OF THE 'BEST INDIVIDUAL SHOT' WENT TO POLICE CONSTABLE FOK WAI-LAU.

THE COMPANY PASSING OUT TODAY WAS MADE UP OF 169 OFFICERS UNDER THE COMMAND OF SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS FINNERTY.

GOVERNOR CONGRATULATES PING-PONG TEAM

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HONG KONG'S TABLE TENNIS TEAM WHICH SWEEP ALL THE TITLES IN THE RECENT COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR WAS CONGRATULATED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AT A RECEPTION IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS EVENING.

LADY YOUDE WAS ALSO PRESENT TO SAY +WELL DONE+ TO THE MEN AND WOMEN PING-PONG PLAYERS WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM TOKYO WHERE THEY PERFORMED EXCEPTIONALLY WELL AT THE 37TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

AT THE RECEPTION WERE FIVE MEN AND FIVE WOMEN PLAYERS LED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION, MR CHUNG WING-KWONG AND NINE OTHER OFFICIALS.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGAM, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ATTENDED THE RECEPTION.

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MORE FISHERMEN TAKE NAVIGATION COURSE

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NAVIGATION TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ENABLE FISHERMEN TO NAVIGATE THEIR VESSELS MORE ACCURATELY AND SAFELY AND TO AVOID INTRUDING INTO THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (FISHERIES), MR R.M. CHILVERS SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

SUCH TRAINING COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE MID-WATER AND DISTANT WATER FISHING FLEET, MR CHILVERS SAID, WHILE ADDRESSING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE 29TH CLASS.

THE COURSES STARTED IN 1963 AND EVOLVED FROM THE SKIPPER CLASS FIRST HELD IN 1955.

MR CHILVERS SAID: +THEY THUS HAVE A LONG HISTORY AND ARE DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING OFFSHORE FISHING FLEET.

+THE STUDENTS RECEIVE TRAINING IN PRACTICAL CHART WORK, SEAMANSHIP, SIGNALLING, ELEMENTARY CELESTIAL NAVIGATION AND DEAD RECKONING NAVIGATION.+

DURING THE SIX-MONTH COURSE, TWO ONE-WEEK PERIODS OF PRACTICAL TRAINING ABOARD THE DEPARTMENT'S FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL, +TAI SHUN+ WERE HELD.

MR CHILVERS SAID: +AS THE RATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING CRAFT AND GEAR ACCELERATE AND THE MODERN VESSELS ADOPT MORE POWERFUL ENGINES AND IMPROVED HULL DESIGNS AND FIT MORE ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION AND FISH FINDING EQUIPMENT, THEIR COST INCREASES.+

HOWEVER, THESE DEVELOPMENTS ENABLE THE VESSELS TO VENTURE FURTHER OFFSHORE AND TO AREAS REMOTE FROM HONG KONG WHERE THE TRADITIONAL LAND MARKS PREVIOUSLY USED IN NAVIGATION ARE NO LONGER RELEVANT.

MR CHILVERS PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO SEVEN GRADUATING NAVIGATORS, WHO JOIN ANOTHER 261 STUDENTS FROM PREVIOUS COURSES.

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STREET RECONSTRUCTION PLANNED

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RE-CONSTRUCT PARTS OF KWAI TAK STREET, KWAI HONG STREET AND KWAI SHUN STREET IN KWAI CHUNG.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE- THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, H.K. AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING, 1ST-4TH FLOOR, 455-457, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, 9-1/2 MILES, TSUEN WAN AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN JULY 12, 1983.

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PORT HEALTH OFFICE FEES REVISED

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AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS ARRIVING IN HONG KONG WILL HAVE TO PAY SLIGHTLY MORE FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING VARIOUS KINDS OF HEALTH CERTIFICATES UNDER THE QUARANTINE AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE ORDINANCE.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, CHARGES FOR THE ISSUE OF A DERATTING CERTIFICATE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$600 TO \$900, FOR A DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FROM \$350 TO \$520, FOR SUPERVISION OF DISINFECTING SERVICES FROM \$100 TO \$150 AND FOR THE ISSUE OF A BILL OF HEALTH FROM \$50 TO \$80.

ANNOUNCING THE REVISION OF FEES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE SCALE OF CHARGES WAS LAST REVISED IN 1980 AND THAT THE NEW FEES WERE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF COST RECOVERY.

HE ADDED THAT THE REVISION WILL ONLY AFFECT A VERY SMALL SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

AS THE LAW STANDS, THE PORT HEALTH CHIEF OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING AND SUPERVISING THE FUMIGATION, DISINFECTING AND DISINSECTING SERVICES CARRIED OUT IN AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS ARRIVING IN HONG KONG FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING THE NECESSARY CERTIFICATES.

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SHA TIN LAND FOR SALE

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING A PIECE OF CROWN LAND IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE, SITUATED IN TAI WAI, IS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEMES AND NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN AND CINEMA) PURPOSES. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1.3 HECTARES.

THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON JULY 8, 1983.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE TENDER IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

TENDER FORM, NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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HONG KONG/SWEDEN TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS

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THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW HONG KONG/SWEDEN TEXTILES AGREEMENT, WHICH WERE RECESSED ON MARCH 8, WILL BE RESUMED IN STOCKHOLM ON MONDAY (MAY 16).

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION, LED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JUSTIN YUE, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TODAY.

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SEMINAR ON SAFETY IN HOME ECONOMICS

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THE HOME ECONOMICS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE WILL ORGANISE A SEMINAR ON SAFETY IN THE TEACHING OF HOME ECONOMICS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS LATER THIS MONTH.

THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, WILL BE HELD AT THE ED'S CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT BETWEEN 9.15 AM AND 12 NOON ON MAY 28.

THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR IS TO ENCHANCE HOME ECONOMICS TEACHERS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY WHEN TEACHING THE SUBJECT.

THE SEMINAR WILL FEATURE A TALK BY A STATION OFFICER FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR K.H. LAI, A FILM SHOW AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, HOME ECONOMICS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT ON OR BEFORE MAY 17.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SEMINAR CAN BE MADE ON TEL. NO. 5-621009.

YOUTHS OFFERED MUSICAL TRAINING

YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE AGE OF SIX TO 22 ARE BEING OFFERED THE CHANCE TO BE TRAINED TO PLAY SYMPHONY OR CHINESE ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS AND TO PERFORM IN YOUTH ORCHESTRAS AND BANDS.

THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS NOW RECRUITING YOUNG MUSICIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME, WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING AND PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING IN HONG KONG.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT, 622 TRAINING CLASSES IN WESTERN AND CHINESE INSTRUMENTS FOR ABOUT 2 700 TRAINEES UNDER THIS SCHEME.

HOURLY LONG TRAINING CLASSES ARE HELD WEEKLY AT MUSIC OFFICE CENTRES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES. MONTHLY TUITION FEES FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE \$10 AND \$20 RESPECTIVELY.

TO SUPPLEMENT THE INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING CLASSES, COURSES FOR AURAL TRAINING, THEORY AND MUSIC APPRECIATION ARE ALSO RUN. SPECIAL TRAINING IS GIVEN TO TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS AND OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THEM TO FURTHER THEIR MUSIC TRAINING THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS, BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS, PROVIDED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND.

UNDER THE EXISTING HIRE PURCHASE SCHEME, THE MUSIC OFFICE PROVIDES EVERY TRAINEE WITH HIS OWN INSTRUMENT FOR PRACTICE AT HOME AT A MONTHLY FEE OF \$10. WHEN THE FEES PAID MEET THE COST OF THE INSTRUMENT, THE INSTRUMENT BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF THE TRAINEE.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR THE SCHEME AND APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED AT ANY OF THE MUSIC CENTRES. ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO 5-283257 OR 5-296227.

APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS MUST BE ENDORSED BY THEIR SCHOOL AUTHORITIES. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ANY OF THE MUSIC CENTRES BEFORE JUNE 15.

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN EAR TEST AT A LATER DATE TO DETERMINE THEIR SUITABILITY FOR ADMISSION.

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RECRUIT OFFICERS TO PARADE

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF RECRUIT OFFICERS AT THE PARADE GROUND OF STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS. HE WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE PARADE.

ON PARADE WILL BE 29 OFFICERS AND 67 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED SIX MONTHS BASIC TRAINING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 14).

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 9 AM SHARP.

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WATER MAINS TESTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE PEAK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 16) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

PREMISES AFFECTED ARE THOSE IN TREGUNTER PATH, MAY ROAD, BREWIN PATH, MAGAZINE GAP ROAD AND CLOVELLY PATH.

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 16) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS WORKS.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE KWUN TONG, NGAU TAU KOK, NGAU CHI WAN, SAN PO KONG, SAU MAU PING AND LAM TIN.

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FESTIVAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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CHUNG MEI ROAD ON TSING YI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON SUNDAY (MAY 15) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 3 PM TO ALLOW FOR CELEBRATIONS OF THE TSING YI TIN HAU FESTIVAL.

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