



## DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES  
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
SIR GEOFFREY HOWE RETURNS FROM PEKING .....	1
FOREIGN SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE .....	2
NEW CONDITIONS FOR GAME CENTRES .....	3
COMPUTERISATION FOR FIRE SERVICES .....	4
PILING TENDER APPROVED FOR HOUSING PROJECT .....	5
BENEFITS OF APPRENTICES EXPLAINED .....	6
MP VISITING HONG KONG .....	7
DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED .....	7
POST OFFICE STEPPING UP PHILATELIC SERVICES .....	8
RESIDENTS URGED TO EXERCISE CIVIC RIGHT .....	9
ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION FOR AIRPORT .....	10
YOUTHS URGED TO PASS ON +TORCH OF CONFIDENCE+ .....	11
DB FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES .....	11
SPORTS CENTRE IN MONG KOK OPENS TOMORROW .....	12
BOOK-KEEPING FOR SCHOOL CLERKS .....	12
MAINS WORK IN ABERDEEN .....	13

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984

- 1 -

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE RETURNS FROM PEKING  
\* \* \* \*

THE BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, RETURNED TO HONG KONG FROM PEKING TODAY (TUESDAY).

ON HIS ARRIVAL HE WAS MET BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND MR LI CHU-WEN, VICE-DIRECTOR OF XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HK BRANCH).

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR GEOFFREY'S REMARKS TO WAITING JOURNALISTS AT KAI TAK.

+I HAVE JUST COMPLETED FOUR BUSY DAYS IN PEKING. I HAVE HAD LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH CHAIRMAN DENG XIAOPING, PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG, STATE COUNCILLOR JI PENGFEI, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER WU XUEQIAN.

+THESE MEETINGS AND OTHER DISCUSSIONS AT OFFICIAL LEVEL HAVE BEEN ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY DEVOTED TO HONG KONG.

+WHEN I ARRIVED HERE LAST WEEK FROM LONDON I SAID THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE ON COURSE. MY INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE LEADERS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THIS IS DEFINITELY SO.

+THIS HAS BEEN A VERY PRODUCTIVE VISIT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO TELLING YOU MORE ABOUT IT AT MY PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW.+

ACCOMPANYING SIR GEOFFREY FROM PEKING WERE:

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE; SIR PERCY CRADOCK, DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE; SIR RICHARD EVANS, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO PEKING; MR R.J.T. MCLAREN, POLITICAL ADVISER TO HONG KONG GOVERNMENT; DR D.C. WILSON, ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, FCO; MR L.V. APPLEYARD, PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY; MR F. BURROWS, LEGAL COUNSELLOR, FCO; MR P.J. GOULDEN, HEAD OF NEWS DEPARTMENT, FCO; MR A.C. GALSWORTHY, HEAD OF HONG KONG DEPARTMENT, FCO, AND MR P.F. RICKETTS, PRIVATE SECRETARY.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2 .....

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984

- 2 -

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE

\* \* \*

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 4.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE SEATED BY 4.20 PM.

EDITORS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THAT ADMISSION WILL BE BY BADGE HOLDERS ONLY. ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE CHAMBER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE PROOF OF IDENTITY ISSUED BY THE ORGANISATION THEY REPRESENT.

THERE WILL BE A TWO-MINUTE PHOTO CALL JUST BEFORE THE START OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, AFTER WHICH PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE CHAMBER.

ALL RECORDING WILL BE DONE INSIDE THE BOOTHS AND NO MICROPHONES OR HAND-HELD RECORDERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE DAIS. JOURNALISTS CAN, IF THEY WISH, RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS BY PLUGGING INTO THEIR SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION RECEIVERS. ADDITIONAL CLEAN SOUND OUTLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY TV AND RADIO STATIONS.

A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, TOGETHER WITH A FULL CHINESE TRANSLATION, WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS.

LATER IN THE EVENING, THERE WILL BE A FACILITY FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER SIR GEOFFREY'S DEPARTURE FOR LONDON AT 6.35 PM.

PLEASE ADVISE THOSE ASSIGNED TO COVER THE EVENT TO ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 5.45 PM. THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR LAPEL BADGES FOR THE OCCASION AS WELL AS THEIR ID CARDS OR PASSPORTS.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/3 .....

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984

- 3 -

### NEW CONDITIONS FOR GAME CENTRES

\* \* \* \*

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DRAWN UP A SET OF REVISED LICENSING CONDITIONS TO IMPROVE CONTROL OVER AMUSEMENT GAME CENTRES, AND WILL INTRODUCE A SYSTEM TO DETER REPEATED OFFENDERS.

THE NEW LICENSING CONDITIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL, WILL APPLY TO ALL AMUSEMENT GAME CENTRE LICENCES ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY, WHICH ISSUES THESE LICENCES, POINTED OUT TODAY THAT THE REVISED CONDITIONS HAD BEEN FORMULATED AFTER CONSULTING ALL THE 18 DISTRICT BOARDS. IN ADDITION, COMMENTS BY THE TRADE HAD ALSO BEEN GIVEN VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

HE EXPLAINED THAT A SIGNIFICANT NEW CONDITION MAKES CENTRE OPERATORS RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING SUFFICIENT MEASURES TO PREVENT NOISE GENERATED IN THE CENTRE FROM CAUSING ANNOYANCE TO ANY PERSON OUTSIDE THE PREMISES.

FAILURE IN THIS RESPONSIBILITY WILL MAKE CENTRE OPERATORS LIABLE TO BE PROSECUTED AND TO HAVE THEIR PERMITTED OPERATING HOURS REDUCED BY THE TELA.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS' VIEWS, HE ADDED, THE EXISTING AGE RESTRICTION WILL BE RETAINED. AT PRESENT PERSONS UNDER 16 ARE PROHIBITED IN ADULT'S CENTRES WHILE THOSE AT THE AGE OF 16 OR ABOVE MAY ENTER CHILDREN'S CENTRES ONLY IF THEY ARE ESCORTING CHILDREN UNDER THAT AGE.

ALL CENTRES ARE OUT OF BOUNDS FOR PERSONS IN SCHOOL UNIFORM.

TO ASSIST CENTRE OPERATORS IN ENFORCING THESE RESTRICTIONS A NEW LICENSING CONDITION REQUIRES STAFF OF A CENTRE TO BE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED BY MEANS OF A UNIFORM, AN IDENTITY BADGE OR OTHER SUITABLE METHODS.

THIS REQUIREMENT SHOULD ALSO DETER ANYONE FROM IMPERSONATING A STAFF MEMBER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CUSTOMERS.

IN RESPONSE TO SOME COMMENTS BY DB'S THAT SOME CENTRES WERE NOT BRIGHT ENOUGH, A FURTHER NEW CONDITION STIPULATES THAT THE LEVEL OF ILLUMINATION SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN 50 LUX.

YET ANOTHER NEW CONDITION STIPULATES THAT A CENTRE OPERATOR SHOULD NOT CARRY OUT ANY OTHER BUSINESS IN HIS CENTRE WITHOUT THE TELA'S PERMISSION. THIS IS BECAUSE THE SIDE BUSINESS COULD CAUSE CONGESTION AND INCREASE THE CHANCE OF THE CUSTOMERS CONTRAVENING THE AGE RESTRICTIONS.

/THE SPOKESMAN .....

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984

- 4 -

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT NEW GUIDELINES WOULD BE ADOPTED TO DEAL WITH THE TWO MOST COMMON OFFENCES COMMITTED BY CENTRE OPERATORS. THESE ARE ADMITTING PERSONS IN BREACH OF THE AGE RESTRICTIONS OR IN SCHOOL UNIFORM AND INSTALLING UNAPPROVED MACHINES.

THESE GUIDELINES TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, ON THE ONE HAND, THE STRONG VIEWS OF A NUMBER OF DB'S THAT THE LICENCES OF OFFENDING OPERATORS SHOULD BE REVOKED AND, ON THE OTHER, THE WORRY OF THE OPERATORS THAT THEY MIGHT LOSE THEIR LICENCE AND THUS THEIR INVESTMENT IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH THEY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONTROL.

THE GUIDELINES PROVIDE THAT A LICENCE MIGHT BE SUSPENDED IF, DURING ANY PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS, A CENTRE OPERATOR COMMITTED EITHER FOUR AGE RESTRICTION OFFENCES, OR TWO UNAPPROVED MACHINE OFFENCES, OR TWO AGE RESTRICTION AND ONE UNAPPROVED MACHINE OFFENCES.

IF FURTHER OFFENCES WERE COMMITTED AFTER SUSPENSION, CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO REVOKING THE LICENCE PERMANENTLY.

LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION, WHICH IS NOT PROVIDED IN EXISTING LEGISLATION.

+WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT MANY OF THE PAST OFFENCES COMMITTED IN THESE TWO AREAS WERE DUE TO INEXPERIENCE IN MANAGING A CENTRE. THEREFORE, OFFENCES COMMITTED BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1984 WILL BE DISCOUNTED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE DISCLOSED THAT WORK WAS IN HAND TO TRANSFER THE CONTROL OF AMUSEMENT GAME CENTRES FROM THE EXISTING MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES ORDINANCE TO A SEPARATE ORDINANCE DEALING EXCLUSIVELY WITH SUCH CENTRES. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

AS AT JULY 1, 1984, THERE WERE 726 CENTRES, COMPARED WITH 805 ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR.

- - - - 0 - - - -

#### COMPUTERISATION FOR FIRE SERVICES

\* \* \* \* \*

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WOULD BE FULLY COMPUTERISED IN TWO YEARS, THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PENINSULA, MR HOLMES SAID THAT IN THE URBAN AREAS, THE DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO HAVE ITS FIRST APPLIANCES AT THE SCENE ABOUT SIX MINUTES AFTER A CALL FOR HELP WAS RECEIVED.

/BY COMPARISON, .....

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984

- 5 -

BY COMPARISON, THE RESPONSE TIME IN REMOTE RURAL AREAS COULD BE UP TO 23 MINUTES.

MR HOLMES SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS PLANNING TO BUILD MORE FIRE STATIONS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

+IN THE PAST 20 YEARS, WE HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF STATIONS FROM 21 TO 48, AND AN ADDITIONAL 24 STATIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY 1991,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE NUMBER OF FIRES REPORTED WAS UP 20 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

MR HOLMES RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING A PARAMEDIC-TYPE OF SERVICE IN HONG KONG.

+THERE ARE FROM TIME TO TIME REQUESTS -- OR SHALL WE SAY LOUD CRIES -- FOR PERSONNEL TRAINED TO THE IMAGE WE HAVE SEEN ON TV, NAMELY THAT OF THE PARAMEDIC,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THIS TYPE OF SERVICE WAS UNNECESSARY IN HONG KONG BECAUSE OF THE PROXIMITY OF HOSPITALS AND CLINICS HERE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

PILING TENDER APPROVED FOR HOUSING PROJECT  
\* \* \* \*

A PILING TENDER HAS RECENTLY BEEN ACCEPTED FOR THE FINAL PHASES OF HIN KENG ESTATE, THE 10TH PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

UNDER THE \$8.8 MILLION TENDER, PILING WORK WILL SOON BEGIN FOR A COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND A CARPARK IN THE SECOND PHASE AND TWO TRIDENT BLOCKS AS PART OF THE THIRD PHASE.

UPON COMPLETION OF PILING EARLY NEXT YEAR, CONSTRUCTION WILL START ON THE TWO DOMESTIC BLOCKS WITH 1 428 MODERN FLATS TO HOUSE 6 700 PEOPLE.

THE THIRD PHASE WILL HAVE TWO MORE BLOCKS PROVIDING HOMES FOR ANOTHER 5 600 PEOPLE.

BEING BUILT IN THREE PHASES, HIN KENG ESTATE WILL BECOME YET ANOTHER SELF-SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY IN THE NEW TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF 27 000 PEOPLE UPON FULL COMPLETION BY 1987.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/6 .....

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984

- 6 -

### BENEFITS OF APPRENTICES EXPLAINED

\* \* \* \*

YOUNG JOB-SEEKERS CAN AVAIL THEMSELVES OF PROPER TRAINING IN DESIGNATED TRADES UNDER THE PROVISION OF APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE.

WITH MANY SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS LOOKING FOR JOBS IN SUMMER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT TODAY EXPLAINED THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT EMPLOYERS FROM DESIGNATED TRADES MUST OFFER PROPER TRAINING FOR APPRENTICES BELOW THE AGE OF 19.

+PROPER TRAINING INCLUDES THREE OR FOUR YEARS OF ORGANISED ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND RELATED EDUCATION AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 38 DESIGNATED TRADES, MOSTLY RELATED TO THE INDUSTRIES OF AUTOMOBILE, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION AND PRINTING.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND HAVE IT REGISTERED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF BOTH PARTIES ARE PROTECTED AND FULFILLED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT CONTRACTS OF APPRENTICES OVER 19 YEARS OF AGE OR ENGAGED IN NON-DESIGNATED TRADES MAY ALSO BE REGISTERED ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

+INSPECTORS FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION WILL VISIT REGISTERED APPRENTICES REGULARLY TO KEEP TRACK OF TRAINING PROGRESS AND TO HELP EMPLOYERS TO IMPROVE TRAINING SCHEMES, IF NECESSARY,+ HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE ORDINANCE OR THE DESIGNATED TRADES MAY BE MADE WITH ANY OF THE FIVE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION.

THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE : 5-8932341, EXT. 355 FOR THE HONG KONG OFFICE, 3-667463 FOR THE TSIM SHA TSUI OFFICE, 3-7151326 FOR THE TO KWA WAN OFFICE, 3-7560838 FOR THE KWUN TONG OFFICE AND 0-297039 FOR THE TSUEN WAN OFFICE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/7 .....

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984

- 7 -

MP VISITING HONG KONG

\* \* \*

THE RT HON DAVID HOWELL, CONSERVATIVE MP FOR GUILDFORD, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT.

MR HOWELL WILL ATTEND A MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD THIS EVENING.

DURING HIS STAY, HE WILL ALSO MEET MEMBERS OF UMELCO AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF INTEREST GROUPS AS WELL AS SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

HE WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 3) BEFORE DEPARTURE.

MR HOWELL WAS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY BETWEEN 1979 AND 1981 AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT BETWEEN 1981 AND 1983.

- - - - 0 - - - -

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

\* \* \*

THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON TANG CHONG-SHU ON JULY 5, 1983 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

TANG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF KWOK TAK ON NOVEMBER 17, 1982.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/8 .....

POST OFFICE STEPPING UP PHILATELIC SERVICES

\* \* \* \* \*

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE CONTINUE TO PROVE POPULAR WITH LOCAL COLLECTORS, AND PLANS ARE IN HAND TO BOOST THEIR SALES OVERSEAS.

THE LATEST FIGURES SHOW THAT THE POST OFFICE PHILATELIC BUREAU HAS SOLD \$17 MILLION WORTH OF STAMPS AND PHILATELIC ITEMS SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN 1974. IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR ALONE, SALES TOTALLED \$3 MILLION.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BUREAU INCLUDE THE SALE OF FIRST DAY COVERS AND OTHER PHILATELIC ITEMS, THE PROCESSING OF ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICED FIRST DAY COVERS AND THE HANDLING OF ENQUIRIES.

+SO FAR ITS ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN GEARED MAINLY TO THE LOCAL MARKET. BUT WE WILL BE RE-ORGANISING THE BUREAU OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO PROMOTE AND EXPAND ITS PRESENT OVERSEAS SERVICES,+ MR P.C. LUK, CHIEF POSTAL ACCOUNTANT, SAID.

+THE PROMOTION PROGRAMME INCLUDES PLACING ADVERTISEMENTS IN WIDELY-CIRCULATED MAGAZINES, CIRCULATING PAMPHLETS AND POSTERS ABROAD, PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITIONS AND IMPROVING LINKS WITH INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETIES,+ MR LUK SAID.

AT PRESENT, THERE IS A PHILATELIC COUNTER IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, AND IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI, GRANVILLE ROAD, AIRPORT AND PEAK POST OFFICES.

+AS PART OF THE RE-ORGANISATION, THE COUNTER AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE WILL BE RE-LOCATED TO A MORE PROMINENT POSITION WITHIN THE SAME PREMISES AND WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION,+ MR LUK SAID.

EFFORTS WILL ALSO BE STEPPED UP TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN PHILATELY AMONG STUDENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERED POTENTIAL COLLECTORS.

+SCHOOL TALKS AND FILM SHOWS WILL BE GIVEN ON REQUEST AND SPECIAL ORDER FORMS FOR FIRST DAY COVERS ARE BEING SENT TO SCHOOLS REGULARLY.+

+IN ADDITION, WE ARE PLANNING TO CONDUCT A SURVEY THIS SUMMER TO STUDY THE EXTENT OF THEIR INTEREST SO THAT WE SHALL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO HELP SCHOOLS ORGANISE THEIR PHILATELIC ACTIVITIES.

MR LUK RECALLED THAT HONG KONG'S FIRST SPECIAL STAMPS WERE ISSUED IN 1891 TO COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE TERRITORY.

+A TOTAL OF 50 000 SETS, ALL IN THE DENOMINATION OF 2 CENTS, PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR,+ HE SAID.

/SO FAR, .....

SO FAR, THE POST OFFICE HAS RELEASED 73 SETS OF SPECIAL STAMPS. THE LATEST OF THEM, FEATURING THE MAPS OF HONG KONG, WERE ISSUED IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

+THE BEST SELLER TO DATE IS THE SET CELEBRATING THE ROYAL WEDDING OF HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES. ISSUED IN JULY 1981, OVER 800 000 FIRST DAY COVERS WERE SOLD, + HE SAID.

ON AVERAGE, THREE TO FOUR SETS OF SPECIAL STAMPS ARE ISSUED EACH YEAR.

THE STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL AND COMPRISING SEVEN OTHER MEMBERS SELECTED FROM THE COMMUNITY, ADVISE ON THE THEMES OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS AND RECOMMEND THE MOST SUITABLE DESIGNS TO BE ADOPTED.

+ONCE THE DESIGNS ARE APPROVED BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, TENDERS WILL BE INVITED FROM SECURITY PRINTERS SPECIALISING IN PRINTING POSTAGE STAMPS.

+THE OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS, NORMALLY DESIGNED BY THE SAME ARTIST WHO DESIGNS THE STAMPS, WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE STAMPS ARE RELEASED, + MR LUK SAID.

THE POST OFFICE ALSO ISSUES VARIOUS OTHER PHILATELIC ITEMS. THE MORE POPULAR ONES INCLUDE POSTCARDS ON HONG KONG'S AVIATION HISTORY PUBLISHED IN MARCH THIS YEAR, AND SOUVENIR MINIATURE SHEETS -- A COMBINATION OF STAMPS IN A SPECIAL ISSUE AND PRINTED AS SINGLE SHEETS FOR PHILATELIC PURPOSES.

SO FAR, THREE SETS OF SOUVENIR MINIATURE SHEETS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AND A FOURTH SET, ON THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CENTENARY, WILL BE RELEASED IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

- - - - 0 - - - -

#### RESIDENTS URGED TO EXERCISE CIVIC RIGHT \* \* \*

RESIDENTS OF A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN YUEN LONG WERE BEING URGED TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHT AND REGISTER AS VOTERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE CALL CAME FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING WHEN HE VISITED THE ESTATE TOGETHER WITH EIGHT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

SIMILAR HOUSEHOLD VISITS HAVE BEEN HELD IN OTHER AREAS SINCE EARLY JUNE AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S PUBLICITY DRIVE FOR THE FORTHCOMING REGISTRATION EXERCISE.

MR WILSON SAID THE REGISTRATION WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO BOTH THE PUBLIC AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

/+RESIDENTS CAN .....

+RESIDENTS CAN RELY ON THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD TO SPEAK FOR THEM IN RESPECT OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE LIVING CONDITION, AND THE PROVISION OF MORE RECREATIONAL AND WELFARE FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

+FURTHERMORE, THEY CAN CHANNEL THEIR VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.+

MR WILSON STRESSED THAT THE BOARD COULD ONLY FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY IF IT WAS FULLY SUPPORTED BY RESIDENTS.

THERE ARE ABOUT 90 000 ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN YUEN LONG AND 28 000 OF THEM REGISTERED IN THE LAST DB ELECTIONS IN 1982.

MR WILSON CALLED ON THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO HAD NOT YET REGISTERED TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT.

THE EIGHT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THE VISIT WERE MR LAM YAN, MR CHENG MUI-TSI, MR PERRY TANG, MR CHAN TAI-CHEONG, MR MAN PING-NAM, MR CHAN YAT-TUNG, MR NATHAN MA AND MR TANG NAI-MAN.

ALSO TAKING PART IN TONIGHT'S VISIT WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG ESTATE KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, MR CHOW MAN-KAM.

----- 0 -----

#### ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION FOR AIRPORT

\* \* \* \*

A NEW ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION IS TO BE BUILT AT KAI TAK AS PART OF THE AIRPORT'S EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$3 837 400 CONTRACT TO K. WONG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO BUILD THE SUB-STATION. IT WILL REPLACE TWO OTHERS WHICH ARE TO BE DEMOLISHED.

THE SUB-STATION WILL CONTAIN TRANSFORMER, SWITCH AND CONTROL ROOMS, TWO CARBON DIOXIDE ROOMS, CABLE DUCTS AND A GENERATOR ROOM FOR THE TWO GAS TURBINE GENERATORS WHICH WILL SUPPLY STANDBY POWER TO THE AIRPORT.

CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERGROUND AVIATION FUEL TANK IS ALSO PART OF THE CONTRACT.

THE PROJECT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN FIVE MONTHS, IS PART OF THE AIRPORT'S STAGE V DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE EXISTING HANDLING CAPACITY OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL WILL INCREASE BY MORE THAN 50 PER CENT WHEN THE EXPANSION IS COMPLETED BY 1987.

----- 0 -----

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984

- 11 -

YOUTHS URGED TO PASS ON +TORCH OF CONFIDENCE+  
\* \* \* \*

YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED TO DEVELOP SELF-DISCIPLINE AND ENTERPRISE.

THE CALL CAME FROM THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, IN A MESSAGE TO THE 38TH SILVER AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD.

HE ALSO CALLED ON HONG KONG'S YOUTHS TO PASS ON INTO THE FUTURE +THE TORCH OF CONFIDENCE AND COURAGE AND RESPECT FOR THOSE THINGS WHICH WE VALUE IN OUR SOCIETY+.

MR AKERS-JONES RECALLED THAT WHEN THE AWARD SCHEME STARTED IN 1961, THE TERRITORY WAS DESPERATELY SHORT OF COMFORT AND ENJOYMENT.

+WHAT A DIFFERENT PLACE HONG KONG IS TODAY!+ HE SAID.

+IN THE PAST TWO DECADES WE HAVE BUILT ONE OF THE GREAT CITIES OF THE WORLD, WITH ITS LIFE-STYLE, RECREATION, ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL LIFE,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THESE ACHIEVEMENTS HAD COME FROM MANY SOURCES, AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME HAD ENCOURAGED AND TRAINED THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO ASPIRE TO EVEN GREATER EFFORTS.

HE ADDED THAT THE PRIMARY INTENTION OF THE AWARD SCHEME, WHICH WAS TO STIMULATE ENTHUSIASM AND TO FACE THE CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE, STILL HELD TRUE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

DB FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES  
\* \* \* \*

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN EASTERN DISTRICT MAY NOW APPLY TO THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+THERE IS NO SET LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT TO BE GRANTED, THOUGH APPLICATIONS WILL BE VETTED BY THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE AND THE AMOUNT WILL DEPEND ON THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE.

+FOR ENTERTAINMENT, RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND FESTIVE ACTIVITIES, IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THE ORGANISERS WILL SHOULDER PART OF THE COSTS,+ HE SAID.

/APPLICATIONS FROM .....

APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS ARE INVITED TWICE A YEAR AND THE LAST CALL WAS MADE IN MARCH.

+THOSE WISHING TO ORGANISE FUNCTIONS IN THE FIVE-MONTH PERIOD TO FEBRUARY 1985 SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SECRETARIAT BEFORE AUGUST 20,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 880-886 KING'S ROAD; THE CAUSEWAY BAY SUB-OFFICE AT 9-11 WING HING STREET; THE SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE AT 243 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD; AND THE CHAI WAN SUB-OFFICE AT BLOCK 2 OF HING WAH ESTATE.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING BY THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER.

----- 0 -----

SPORTS CENTRE IN MONG KOK OPENS TOMORROW  
\* \* \* \*

THE FIRST MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS GROUND FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF IVY STREET AND BEECH STREET, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION LIM POR YEN CENTRE IS AN EIGHT-STORY BUILDING WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 230 SQUARE METRES.

THE CENTRE HAS A GYMNASIUM HALL, TWO SQUASH COURTS, A FITNESS TRAINING CENTRE, A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, A DANCE FLOOR AND FOUR MUSIC ROOMS.

THE CONSTRUCTION COST IS \$5.4 MILLION, OF WHICH \$3 MILLION CAME FROM THE JOCKEY CLUB AND THE REST FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS.

----- 0 -----

BOOK-KEEPING FOR SCHOOL CLERKS  
\* \* \*

MORE THAN 380 CLERKS IN AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL JOIN A SERIES OF SEMINARS ON BOOKKEEPING ORGANISED FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR BY THE ACCOUNTS DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE AIM OF THE TWO-DAY SEMINARS IS TO ASSIST SCHOOL CLERKS TO MAINTAIN A SOUND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM BASED ON THE MODEL DEVELOPED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND BE ACQUAINTED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CODE OF AID, THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE, AND RELEVANT CIRCULARS ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING IN AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

/THE LECTURES, .....

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984

- 13 -

THE LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS AND EXERCISES WILL BE CONDUCTED MAINLY IN CANTONESE, WITH THE USE OF ENGLISH WHERE NECESSARY.

THE FIRST SEMINAR WILL START ON AUGUST 14. TWENTY PERSONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR EACH SEMINAR.

SIMILAR COURSES HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN HELD AND FOUND USEFUL BY THE 560 PARTICIPANTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MAINS WORK IN ABERDEEN  
\* \* \*

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN ABERDEEN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 3) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN ABERDEEN OLD MAIN STREET AND 112-178 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

- - - - 0 - - - -