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NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY LET A \$5.3 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS AT KAI TAK.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT, INCLUDING OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS, IS ESTIMATED AT \$11.5 MILLION.

THE CONTRACT SIGNED TODAY IS FOR THE HEADQUARTERS THREE-STORY BUILDING AND WAS AWARDED TO KAM WO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

MR. H.M. CHUI, ACTING CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, SAID THAT THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE R.H.K.A.A.F.'S HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE USED AS AIRCRAFT SERVICING BAYS, AND THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS FOR OFFICES, A DORMITORY, RECREATION AND STORAGE AREAS.

THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1,900-SQUARE-METRE HELICOPTER HANGAR LINKED TO THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE HEADQUARTERS BLOCK.

UNDER THE TERMS OF CONTRACT, AIRCRAFT REFUELLING FACILITIES, DEPARTMENTAL VEHICLE PARKING AND DANGEROUS GOODS STORAGE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

THE OTHER WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT INCLUDE DISPERSAL AREA FOR THE R.H.K.A.A.F.'S FLEET OF HELICOPTERS AND FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT TO BE PROVIDED UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT HANDLED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.

IT WILL HAVE PARKING FOR SIX HELICOPTERS AND TWO FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS AN ILLUMINATED HELICOPTER LANDING PAD.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT ROOM FOR VISITING HELICOPTERS FROM THE R.A.F., THE ARMY AND OTHER SERVICES.

THE NEW HEADQUARTERS AND DISPERSAL AREA ARE BEING BUILT ON A SITE OF ABOUT 3.24 HECTARES ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE KAI TAK NULLAH EXTENSION AND SOUTH OF THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD ENTRANCE.

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GRAPHIC GUIDE TO HK BY-CENSUS 1976

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THE SECOND REPORT OF THE 1976 BY-CENSUS COMPILED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY).

IT IS NOW ON SALE AT \$5 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, NEW GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

THE REPORT, ENTITLED +HONG KONG BY-CENSUS 1976: A GRAPHIC GUIDE+, CONTAINS 29 COLOURED CHARTS AND GRAPHS WHICH ILLUSTRATE WITH DESCRIPTIONS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE HONG KONG POPULATION, SUCH AS AGE AND SEX, MARITAL STATUS, EDUCATION AND WORKING STATUS.

IT ALSO REVEALS FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENT OF HOUSEHOLDS.

IN ADDITION, THE REPORT ALSO SHOWS THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORK FORCE BY INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, HOURS OF WORK, AND GIVES AN INDICATION ON HOW PEOPLE ARE HOUSED AND HOW HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS DISTRIBUTED.

COMMENTING ON THE REPORT, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR. DAVID WHITELEGGE, SAID, +IT IS DESIGNED FOR THE GENERAL READERS AND COVERS, IN GRAPHIC FORM AND BROAD TERMS THE WHOLE RANGE OF BY-CENSUS INFORMATION. COMPARATIVE GRAPHS AND CHARTS OF THE 1971 CENSUS ARE GIVEN IN THE REPORT WHERE THIS IS POSSIBLE.

+AS WITH THE FIRST PUBLISHED REPORT OF THE BY-CENSUS - THE BASIC TABLES, WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR - DETAILED ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF THE BY-CENSUS ARE NOT ATTEMPTED IN THIS REPORT. THESE WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE MAIN REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED IN 1978,+ HE EXPLAINED.

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DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS RETURNS
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MR. DAVID JORDAN, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, RETURNED TO HONG KONG YESTERDAY (SUNDAY).

MR. JORDAN HAS SPENT NEARLY SIX WEEKS IN BRUSSELS DURING THE HONG KONG/EEC TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD AS WELL AS DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS.

FROM BRUSSELS MR. JORDAN WENT TO GENEVA TO ATTEND THE OPENING SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE OF THE GATT. AT THE RESUMED MEETING THIS WEEK, MR. PETER TSAO, COUNSELLOR FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS IN GENEVA, WIL REPRESENT HONG KONG.

MR. LAWRIE MILLS, DIRECTOR OF TRADE AND HONG KONG'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR IN BRUSSELS, RECENTLY RETURNED TO HONG KONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NEGOTIATING TEAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. JORDAN AND MR. MILLS WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 15) IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL START AT 4.30 P.M.

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EMPLOYMENT IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES

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A TOTAL OF 264,140 PERSONS WERE ENGAGED IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 1.6 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO A RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

HOWEVER, THE FIGURE REPRESENTS A DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH 266,810 PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THESE TRADES IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

THE SURVEY SHOWS THAT 37,880 WERE WORKING IN WHOLESALE, 131,990 IN RETAIL AND 94,270 IN IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES.

THE SURVEY ALSO RECORDED THAT 116,580 PERSONS WERE ENGAGED IN RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, AN INCREASE OF 1.5 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1977, AND 9.9 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS IN SEPTEMBER AND JUNE 1977 AND A COMPARISON BETWEEN THEM ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

	PERSONS ENGAGED IN JUNE 1977	PERSONS ENGAGED IN SEPT 1977	CHANGE OF SEPT 1977 OVER JUNE 1977	
			PERSONS	%
WHOLESALE	37,650	37,880	+ 230	+ 0.6
RETAIL	133,780	131,990	-1,790	- 1.3
IMPORT/EXPORT	95,380	94,270	-1,110	- 1.2
RESTAURANTS/ CAFES AND BARS	97,890	99,450	+1,560	+ 1.6
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	17,020	17,140	+ 120	+ 0.7
TOTAL	381,710	380,730	- 980	- 0.3

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MOBILE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PRAISED

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THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG, MR. EDDIE LAMB, TODAY (MONDAY) DESCRIBED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AS A +VERY GOOD MEDIA+ FOR BUILDING A COMMUNICATIONS BRIDGE BETWEEN MANUFACTURERS AND THE WORKING CLASS IN KWUN TONG.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WHICH IS CARRYING OUT A FIVE-DAY JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE IN THE CAR PARK OF THE SAU MAU PING WELFARE ESTATE BUILDING ALONG WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG.

MR. LAMB SAID THERE WERE NEARLY 600,000 PEOPLE IN INDUSTRIAL KWUN TONG AND BELIEVED IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH THE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IF RESIDENTS COULD WORK WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. PETER WILLIAMS, WHO SPOKE IN CHINESE, SAID THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT COULD NOT BY ITSELF CREATE JOBS.

+IT ACTS ONLY AS A GO-BETWEEN AND ITS SUCCESS DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON EMPLOYERS NOTIFYING IT OF VACANCIES AND JOB-SEEKERS REGISTERING THEMSELVES WITH IT,+ HE SAID.

MR. WILLIAMS REPEATED HIS CALL TO EMPLOYERS TO RECRUIT THROUGH THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE TO SAVE MONEY IN ADVERTISING AND TIME IN SCREENING LETTERS OF APPLICATION.

THE MOBILE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WILL BE OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 7.30 P.M. TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. IT WILL CLOSE AT 2 P.M. ON FRIDAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN BROADCAST DRIVE AND SAI KUNG
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THE SOUTHWEST BOUND SECTION OF BROADCAST DRIVE BETWEEN FESSENDEN ROAD AND MARCONI ROAD IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DUE TO SUBSIDENCE OF THE ROAD FOLLOWING A WATER MAIN BURST.

THE CLOSURE IS EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE REPAIRS TO THE BURST WATER MAIN, THE ROAD AND OTHER AFFECTED SERVICES.

FESSENDEN ROAD IS NOW RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHEAST BOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHWEST BOUND WHILE THE ONE-WAY NORTHEAST BOUND SECTION OF BROADCAST DRIVE BETWEEN FESSENDEN ROAD AND MARCONI ROAD IS RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE OPEN AREA EAST OF THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT SAI KUNG TOWN FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 15). THE NEW ARRANGEMENT IS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE TWO AREAS TO INDICATE THE ARRANGEMENTS.

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