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HIGHER COST OF LIVING IN JULY
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES (A) AND (B) FOR LAST MONTH (JULY) WERE BOTH 140, C.P.I. (A) BEING THREE POINTS HIGHER AND C.P.I. (B) TWO POINTS UP COMPARED WITH THOSE IN JUNE.

THE CENTRED 12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE FOR JANUARY 1979 WAS 131.0 FOR C.P.I. (A) AND 131.2 FOR C.P.I. (B), BEING ONE PER CENT AND 0.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THOSE FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH. WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH A YEAR AGO, THE INCREASES WERE 8.4 PER CENT AND 8.3 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 JULY 1979, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1978, ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

SECTION	C.P.I. (A)			C.P.I. (B)		
	JULY 79	JUNE 79	JULY 78	JULY 79	JUNE 79	JULY 78
FOODSTUFFS	135	132	121	137	134	122
HOUSING	144	143	130	143	142	130
FUEL AND LIGHT	179	168	135	174	164	134
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	158	158	141	153	153	137
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	110	110	103	109	108	102
DURABLE GOODS	127	126	114	124	123	111
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	145	143	134	143	141	130
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	152	151	120	158	156	124
SERVICES	147	147	138	150	149	139
ALL ITEMS	140	137	125	140	138	125

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THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS ADVANCED BY THREE POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND (B). RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, FRESH-WATER FISH AND SALT-WATER FISH. THE COST OF MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME ALSO WENT UP AS SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING-PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES. MOVEMENTS IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

AS MORE HOUSEHOLDS WERE AFFECTED BY THE INCREASE IN WATER CHARGES, THE INDEX FOR HOUSING ADVANCED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND (B).

ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS, AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR PIPED GAS AND ELECTRICITY, THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 11 POINTS IN C.P.I. (A) AND BY 10 POINTS IN C.P.I. (B).

HIGHER PRICES FOR CLOTHING MATERIALS AND MEN'S FOOTWEAR PUSHED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR UP BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I. (B).

THE RISE OF ONE POINT IN THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR WOODEN FURNITURE, WATCHES AND TRAVEL GOODS.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS WENT UP BY TWO POINTS EACH IN C.P.I. (A) AND (B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR MEDICINES, TOILET REQUISITES, SOAP, DETERGENTS AND GENUINE JEWELLERY.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES ROSE BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I. (A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR PETROL AND OIL AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR CAR INSURANCE.

THE RISE OF ONE POINT IN THE INDEX FOR SERVICES IN C.P.I. (B) WAS MAINLY BROUGHT ABOUT BY HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

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EXCITEMENT AND PROSPECTS IN IMMIGRATION WORK
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AN INTERESTING CAREER AWAY FROM DESK WORK AND GOOD PROMOTION PROSPECTS LURED LEUNG MING-YIN TO JOIN THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT 14 YEARS AGO, AND HE HAS, SINCE THEN, NEVER REGRETTED IT.

FOR THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS AS AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER, MR. LEUNG HAS HAD HIS EXPERIENCE ENRICHED AND OUTLOOK WIDENED — MUCH TO HIS SATISFACTION AND TO THE ADMIRATION OF OTHER YOUNG MEN.

HE STARTED OFF AS A SUB-INSPECTOR IN 1965 — LATER RE-TITLED ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICER. THROUGH HARD WORK AND EXPANSION OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE, HE MOVED UP THE PROMOTION LADDER AND IS NOW THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE AIRPORT SECTION.

DURING HIS CAREER, HE HAS WORKED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S DOCUMENTS, CONTROL AND INVESTIGATION DIVISIONS, ENABLING HIM TO GRASP THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF IMMIGRATION WORK.

HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP THE OPERATIONAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE INVESTIGATION DIVISION IN 1975 FOR THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION CONCERNING LOOPHOLES IN IMMIGRATION LAWS AND CIRCUMVENTION OF IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES.

IN 1976, MR. LEUNG WAS ONE OF THE IMMIGRATION OFFICERS SENT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR A THREE-AND-HALF MONTH IMMIGRATION AND MANAGEMENT COURSE, INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS TO THE UK IMMIGRATION SERVICE, THE HOME OFFICE AND THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

MR. LEUNG ALSO HAS HAD HIS EXPERIENCE BROADENED BY ATTENDING THE DEPARTMENT'S IN-SERVICE COURSES ON PROSECUTION WORK, TELE-COMMUNICATION, DETECTIVE TRAINING AS WELL AS A LANGUAGE COURSE IN FRENCH.

+IMMIGRATION SERVICE PERHAPS OFFERS ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND YET INTERESTING JOBS IN THE WORLD,+ SAID MR. LEUNG, NOW SUPERVISING MORE THAN 300 STAFF AT HONG KONG'S BIGGEST IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINT.

+GONE ARE THE DAYS WHEN IMMIGRATION WORK WAS CONSIDERED AS A JOB MERELY FOR STAMPING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

+WITH THE GROWTH OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, IMMIGRATION WORK HAS BECOME MORE DEMANDING.

+FOR EXAMPLE, MY STAFF AT THE AIRPORT HAVE TO WORK UNDER PRESSURE IN CLEARING A LARGE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS PASSING THROUGH THE IMMIGRATION CHECKPOINT EACH DAY.

+THEY HAVE TO BE ON CONSTANT ALERT SO AS NOT TO ALLOW THE UNDESIRABLES TO SNEAK INTO HONG KONG— YET THEY HAVE TO BE POLITE AND FAST IN CLEARING THE PASSENGERS,+ MR. LEUNG SAID.

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SITES
IN TUEN MUN FOR SALE
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING UP FOR SALE FIVE LOTS OF CROWN LAND COVERING MORE THAN 12,690 SQUARE METRES FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE LOTS ARE RESTRICTED TO REGISTERED OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND ALL TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 21.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. VICTOR LEUNG, SAID THE LAND IS BEING SOLD BY TENDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF REDUCING ITS COMMITMENT TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS.

+TUEN MUN HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS AN INDUSTRIAL TOWNSHIP AND THE SALE OF THE ADDITIONAL LAND WILL CERTAINLY MAKE A FURTHER BOOST TO THE INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE NEW TOWN,+ HE SAID.

ALL THE LOTS ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN'S INDUSTRIAL AREA BOUNDED BY SHEK PAI TAU ROAD, MING KUM ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD.

OF THE BATCH, ONE IS SET ASIDE FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE REMAINDER FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN USES.

THE LARGEST AMONG THE FOUR INDUSTRIAL SITES MEASURES 6,329 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$10.17 MILLION OVER 48 MONTHS.

IN ADDITION TO A 9.5 PLOT RATIO, ALL THE INDUSTRIAL LOTS CARRY IN THEIR SALE CONDITIONS A SPECIAL CLAUSE WHICH GOVERNS THE CONTROL OF ANY FORM OF POLLUTION AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE COMMERCIAL SITE OF 990 SQUARE METRES CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$2.13 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN 36 MONTHS AND A PLOT RATIO OF 9.5 ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-STOREY COMMERCIAL COMPLEX SUITABLE FOR USE BY RESTAURANTS, SHOPS AND BANKS ON THE LOWER FLOORS AND OFFICES ON THE UPPER FLOORS.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE OF THE LOTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND ANY OF ITS SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES.

TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE APPLICATION BOX IN THE RECEPTION LOBBY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 21.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SAN PO KONG

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THE SERVICE LANE BETWEEN HARRIMAN AND SONCA BUILDINGS IN TAI YAU STREET, SAN PO KONG, WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY SOUTHEAST-BOUND FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 29).

THE NEW ARRANGEMENT IS TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE AREA. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 31) FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

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