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APPOINTMENTS TO EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

THE REVEREND P.T. MCGOVERN HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

THREE NEW UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPOINTED - MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, BUILDING SERVICES MANAGER OF CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED, QUEEN'S COUNSEL JOHN J. SWAINE AND MR WILLIAM BROWN, CHIEF MANAGER OF THE CHARTERED BANK. THIS RAISES THE NUMBER OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS FROM 24 TO 26.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOLLOWS HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, BY ORDER-IN-COUNCIL, AMENDING THE ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS ENABLING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF BOTH UNOFFICIAL AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO BE INCREASED TO 27.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS WOULD STRENGTHEN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND SHARE OUT THE STEADILY INCREASING WORKLOAD OF THE MEMBERS.

THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL HAD INCREASED CONSIDERABLY OVER RECENT YEARS, FOR EXAMPLE THE VOLUME OF LEGISLATION AND THE DETAILED SCRUTINY OF IT, AS WELL AS COMMITTEE WORK AND HEARING REPRESENTATIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE NUMBER OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WAS 13 IN 1971 AND WAS INCREASED TO 22 IN 1976 AND AGAIN TO 24 IN 1977.

MR CHAN IS 54 YEARS OLD, MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN. HE WAS BORN AND EDUCATED IN HONG KONG AND JOINED CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED IN 1949. AN ACTIVE TRADE UNION MEMBER, HE BECAME THE SECRETARY OF THE CABLE AND WIRELESS LTD HONG KONG NON-EXPATRIATE STAFF ASSOCIATION IN 1971. THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE TOOK OVER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, A POSITION HE HELD FOR FOUR YEARS. SINCE STEPPING DOWN, HE HAS CONTINUED TO ACT AS ADVISER TO THE ASSOCIATION.

HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD SINCE 1977 AND THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL SINCE 1976, AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS A LAY ASSESSOR IN THE MAGISTRATES COURTS.

MR SWAINE, OBE, QC, JP WAS BORN IN SHANGHAI IN 1932, IS MARRIED AND HAS FIVE CHILDREN. HE WAS EDUCATED IN HONG KONG AND STUDIED AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

IN ADDITION TO BEING A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG BAR, MR SWAINE IS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND THE INLAND REVENUE BOARD OF REVIEW, AND IS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL'S REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE.

MR BROWN IS 49 YEARS OLD, MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN. HE IS CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION.

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HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BANKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE EXCHANGE FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION ADVISORY BOARD AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. HE IS A DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF BOTH THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET AND THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

UNOFFICIALS REAPPOINTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ARE MR OSWALD CHEUNG, MR R.H. LOBO, MR J.H. BREMRIDGE, DR HARRY FANG SIN-YANG, MR LO TAK-SHING, MR FRANCIS TIEN YUAN-HAO, THE REVEREND JOYCE M. BENNETT, MR CHEN SHOU-LUM, MISS LYDIA DUNN, DR HENRY HU HUNG-LICK, THE REVEREND P.T. MCGOVERN, MR PETER C. WONG, MR WONG LAM, DR HO KAM-FAI, MR ALLEN LEE PENG-FEI, MR D.K. NEWBIGGING AND MR ANDREW SO KWOK-WING. THE NEW OFFICIAL MEMBER IS MR GRAHAM BARNES WHO REPLACES MR J.C.C. WALDEN.

THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE REMAINING SIX UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS RUN UNTIL AUGUST 31 NEXT YEAR. THEY ARE MR LI FOOK-WO, MR ALEX WU SHU-CHIH, DR RAYSON LISUNG HUANG, MR CHARLES YEUNG SIU-CHO, MR WONG PO-YAN AND MR HU FA-KUANG.

THE RETIRING MEMBER IS MR LEUNG TAT-SHING.

SEVEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAVE BEEN REAPPOINTED. THEY ARE SIR S.Y. CHUNG, MR OSWALD CHEUNG, MR J.H. BREMRIDGE, MR R.H. LOBO, MR LI FOOK-WO, DR HARRY FANG SIN-YANG AND MR M.G.R. SANDBERG. MR D. AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS ALSO BEEN REAPPOINTED.

MR T.S. LO'S CURRENT APPOINTMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RUNS UNTIL AUGUST 31, 1982.

ALL REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND THE THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JULY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR HONG KONG'S MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JULY 1980. THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS \$8 510 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT \$6 087 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$2 423 MILLION. WITH IMPORTS AT \$9 193 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT WAS \$683 MILLION WHICH WAS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THAT FOR JULY 1979.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1979, THE FOLLOWING INCREASES BY VALUE WERE RECORDED: \$913 MILLION, OR 18 PER CENT, FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS= \$770 MILLION, OR 47 PER CENT, FOR RE-EXPORTS= \$1 682 MILLION, OR 25 PER CENT, FOR TOTAL EXPORTS= AND \$1 651 MILLION, OR 22 PER CENT, FOR IMPORTS.

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COMMENTING ON THE JULY FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT, DESPITE A +747 JUMBO+ WHICH IS WORTH ABOUT \$269 MILLION BEING IMPORTED IN THE MONTH, THE GROWTH RATE OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS STILL FASTER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS. THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS HAS SLOWED DOWN TO THE EXTENT THAT, BUT FOR THE IMPORTATION OF THE +747 JUMBO+, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT WOULD HAVE BEEN ONLY ABOUT \$400 MILLION.

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WITH THOSE FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF LAST YEAR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS HAVE INCREASED IN VALUE BY 30 PER CENT, RE-EXPORTS BY 44 PER CENT, TOTAL EXPORTS BY 34 PER CENT AND IMPORTS BY 33 PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT STATISTICS ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE TRADE FOR JULY WERE NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT THE DETAILED FIGURES UP TO JUNE SUGGESTED THAT THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIAL AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES, THOUGH STILL RAPID FOR THE FIRST HALF YEAR AS A WHOLE, HAD SLOWED DOWN IN JUNE WHILE THAT OF CONSUMER GOODS HAD REMAINED FAIRLY RAPID THROUGHOUT. THESE DEVELOPMENTS WERE PRESUMABLY A REFLECTION OF THE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT EXPORT PROSPECTS FOR THE END OF THIS YEAR AND OF THE PICK UP IN THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC DEMAND.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT, AS ENVISAGED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS 1980 BUDGET SPEECH, THE GROWTH RATE OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR HAD ALMOST CAUGHT UP WITH THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WHICH IS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, WAS 13.6 PER CENT IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1980, COMPARED WITH 11.5 PER CENT FOR 1979. IT WAS HOWEVER STILL BELOW THE 14.4 PER CENT RECORDED IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1979.

THE FOLLOWING ARE COMPARATIVE MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES:

LATEST 3 MONTHS	MAY - JULY	MAY - JULY	INCREASE OR	
	1980	1979	DECREASE	
	\$ M.	\$ M.	\$ M.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	18 117	14 307	+ 3 810	+ 26.6
RE-EXPORTS	7 324	5 054	+ 2 270	+ 44.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	25 441	19 360	+ 6 080	+ 31.4
IMPORTS	27 440	21 376	+ 6 064	+ 28.4
TRADE BALANCE	- 1 999	- 2 016	+ 17	

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<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	JULY 1980	JULY 1979	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ M.	\$ M.	\$ M.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6 087 (71.5%)	5 174 (75.8%)	+ 913	+ 17.6
RE-EXPORTS	2 423	1 653	+ 770	+ 46.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	8 510	6 828	+ 1 682	+ 24.6
IMPORTS	9 193	7 542	+ 1 651	+ 21.9
TRADE BALANCE	- 683	- 714	+ 31	

<u>LAST MONTH</u>	JULY 1980	JUNE 1980	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ M.	\$ M.	\$ M.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6 087 (71.5%)	6 079 (71.9%)	+ 8	+ 0.1
RE-EXPORTS	2 423	2 378	+ 45	+ 1.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	8 510	8 457	+ 53	+ 0.6
IMPORTS	9 193	8 824	+ 369	+ 4.2
TRADE BALANCE	- 683	- 367	- 316	

<u>CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE</u>	JAN. - JULY 1980	JAN. - JULY 1979	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ M.	\$ M.	\$ M.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	37 209 (70.4%)	28 577 (72.5%)	+ 8 633	+ 30.2
RE-EXPORTS	15 660	10 849	+ 4 811	+ 44.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	52 870	39 426	+13 444	+ 34.1
IMPORTS	61 166	46 053	+15 113	+ 32.8
TRADE BALANCE	- 8 296	- 6 627	- 1 669	

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LAST 12 MONTHS	AUGUST 1979 TO JULY 1980	AUGUST 1978 TO JULY 1979	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ M.	\$ M.	\$ M.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	64 545	48 296	+16 249	+ 33.6
RE-EXPORTS	24 833	17 131	+ 7 702	+ 45.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	89 378	65 427	+23 951	+ 36.6
IMPORTS	100 950	75 802	+25 148	+ 33.2
TRADE BALANCE	- 11 572	- 10 375	- 1 197	

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GOVERNMENT TO MANAGE LEASE-EXPIRED BUILDINGS

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TWO GROUPS OF PRE-WAR BUILDINGS IN TAI KOK TSUI COMPRISING 21 PROPERTIES WILL BE TAKEN INTO DIRECT MANAGEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT WHEN THEIR 75-YEAR NON-RENEWABLE LEASES EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

THESE FOUR-STOREY BUILDINGS ARE NUMBERS 112-128 (EVEN NUMBERS) AND 152-174 (EVEN NUMBERS) IN LAI CHI KOK ROAD. ALSO AFFECTED IS A SITE IN TAI NAN STREET WHICH HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE THE BUILDINGS STANDING THERE WERE DECLARED DANGEROUS AND DEMOLISHED ABOUT A YEAR AGO.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE LAND WAS REQUIRED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES CONTAINED IN THE TAI KOK TSUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN, WHICH WAS APPROVED IN JANUARY 1979.

TAI KOK TSUI IS ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST DENSELY-POPULATED AREAS, WHERE LAND FOR PUBLIC USE IS AT A PREMIUM.

+TO RELIEVE THE SITUATION, THE ZONING PLAN PROVIDES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES. THESE INCLUDE A SITTING-OUT AREA, A CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE, A CHILD CARE CENTRE AND A CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED AND ELDERLY, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALTHOUGH THE LEASES OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTIES WILL NOT EXPIRE UNTIL DECEMBER, LETTERS EXPLAINING THE MEANING OF DIRECT MANAGEMENT ARE BEING SENT TO BOTH OWNERS AND RESIDENTS THIS WEEK IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM AS MUCH NOTICE AS POSSIBLE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS.

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THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT AS THE LAND WOULD NOT BE DEVELOPED IMMEDIATELY ON THE EXPIRY OF THE LEASES, THERE WERE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR CLEARANCE AND EVICTION.

+THIS MEANS THAT TENANTS CAN REMAIN IN THE BUILDINGS AFTER DECEMBER. PLANNING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IS EXPECTED TO TAKE AT LEAST ONE YEAR, AND AMPLE NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN TO OWNERS AND TENANTS WHEN A DECISION IS TAKEN ON THE DATE FOR THE CLEARANCE,+ HE EXPLAINED.

EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID TO THE OWNERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO DIRECT MANAGEMENT. IN DUE COURSE, UPON CLEARANCE OF THE SITES, ALL GENUINE OCCUPIERS WHO ARE TENANTS OF THE CROWN WILL BE OFFERED EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES AND PUBLIC HOUSING.

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TRADE MINISTER HEADS MISSION TO HONG KONG

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THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, MR CECIL PARKINSON, WILL HEAD A BRITISH TEXTILE INDUSTRY MISSION WHICH WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 31) FOR A SIX-DAY VISIT.

DURING THEIR STAY HERE, MEMBERS OF THE MISSION WILL MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL GARMENT MANUFACTURERS, FABRIC IMPORTERS, MEMBERS OF THE TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARD, HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OFFICIALS OF THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT. THE MISSION WILL INVESTIGATE AT FIRST HAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASING BRITISH TEXTILE EXPORTS TO HONG KONG.

THEY WILL ALSO CALL ON THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

MR PARKINSON WILL OPEN A DISPLAY OF BRITISH FABRICS AT THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S DISPLAY CENTRE ON MONDAY.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THEIR PROGRAMME ARE VISITS TO SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND A GARMENT FACTORY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE BRITISH TEXTILE MISSION WILL ARRIVE ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 31) BY BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT BA3, ETA 4 PM. THEY WILL BE MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD- THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR DEREK MARCH- AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MISSION'S ARRIVAL.

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THEY ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING 45 MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TIME OF ARRIVAL.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE ADVISED TO BRING THEIR IDENTITY CARDS OR PASSPORTS TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT'S RESTRICTED AREA.

THE MINISTER WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT KAI TAK AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 5 (FRIDAY) BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

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ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BETTER LABOUR RELATIONS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS STEPPING UP ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS LABOUR RELATIONS IN HONG KONG.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON, POINTED OUT THAT THE PROMOTION FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE (LRS) HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY STRENGTHENED TO PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE ON ALL ASPECTS OF LABOUR RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.

HE SAID THAT FOR YEARS THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN PURSUING THE GOAL OF MAINTAINING AND FURTHERING HARMONIOUS LABOUR RELATIONS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF CONCILIATION SERVICES TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS IN DISPUTE SITUATIONS.

+IT IS HOPED THAT BY FOSTERING HARMONIOUS LABOUR RELATIONS, INDUSTRIAL PEACE AND SOCIAL STABILITY COULD BE ACHIEVED,+ HE ADDED.

IN A LETTER TO EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS, MR HENDERSON SAID THE LRS PLANNED, BY MEANS OF VISITS AND ACTIVE ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISHMENTS AND EMPLOYERS' AND EMPLOYEES' ORGANISATIONS, TO PROMOTE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN ESTABLISHMENTS AND A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS.

HE ENCOURAGED EMPLOYERS TO ADOPT MANAGEMENT PRACTICES CONDUCTIVE TO GOOD LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, INCLUDING WRITTEN CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT, EMPLOYEES' HANDBOOKS AND DISCIPLINARY, GRIEVANCE AND DISPUTE PROCEDURES.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT AS A FIRST STEP, STAFF OF THE LRS WOULD BE VISITING ESTABLISHMENTS AND INTERESTED BODIES TO GIVE ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE ON MATTERS SUCH AS PERSONNEL POLICIES, CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, COMMUNICATION CHANNELS, NEGOTIATING MACHINERY, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND GRIEVANCE AND DISPUTE PROCEDURES.

ALL EMPLOYERS' AND EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATIONS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE IN THESE MATTERS ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE LRS HEADQUARTERS AT NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, WAN CHAI, TEL 5-282523 EXT. 74.

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STUDENT VAN PERMITS
APPLICATION RESULTS

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NEARLY 1 500 DRIVERS HAVE APPLIED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR PERMITS TO CARRY STUDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL IN THEIR PRIVATE CARS OR VANS.

IN A MOVE TO REGULARIZE THIS FORM OF SCHOOL TRANSPORT SERVICE THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 2 419 APPLICATION FORMS. THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS WAS AUGUST 23.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OF THE TOTAL 1 449 APPLICANTS, 942 FULFILLED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS LAID DOWN AND WILL BE GRANTED PERMITS- A FURTHER 470 WERE LIKELY TO BE ELIGIBLE AFTER VERIFICATION OF DISCREPANCIES FOUND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS OR PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. THE REMAINING 37 APPLICANTS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- * SOME WERE NOT THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF THE VEHICLES CONCERNED,
- * THE VEHICLES OF SOME APPLICANTS WERE NOT 7-SEATER PRIVATE CARS,
- * THE DRIVING LICENCES OF SOME APPLICANTS OR NOMINATED DRIVERS HAD BEEN HELD FOR WELL UNDER 3 YEARS,
- * ONE APPLICANT'S DRIVING LICENCE HAD LONG EXPIRED, AND
- * SOME APPLICANTS SUBMITTED MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION.

+IN THE LATTER CASE,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN, +AN APPLICANT WOULD GET A PERMIT FOR ONE VEHICLE ONLY.+

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS IN WRITING TODAY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THOSE SUCCESSFUL WILL OBTAIN THEIR PERMITS AS FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) AFTER COMPLETING THE NECESSARY FORMALITIES.

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KOWLOON CITY SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES UNDER ONE ROOF
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S NEW KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, WHICH NOW GROUPS VARIOUS WELFARE SERVICE UNITS UNDER THE SAME ROOF, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TOGETHER WITH ITS FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE, AND THE TO KWA WAN SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT ARE ACCOMMODATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF WHAMPOA HOUSE IN HUNG HOM BAY CENTRE AT 108 BAKER STREET.

AT A CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON, SIX COMMUNITY AND KAIFONG LEADERS CUT A RIBBON TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING, THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A WELFARE SERVICES DISPLAY.

THEY WERE MR LUI FOOK-HONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION- MR WU SHING-SUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HUNG HOM KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION- MR WONG SIK-KONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY- MR TANG TAI-CHUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH SERVICES COUNCIL- MR LEE WUI-TAO, CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY- AND MRS CHIU JU CHING-LAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB.

THE SWD KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IS ONE OF 11 SIMILAR OFFICES SET UP IN APRIL LAST YEAR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT WAS REORGANISED ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE SAID THE REGIONALISATION SCHEME WAS AIMED AT ACHIEVING BETTER COORDINATION AND DELIVERY OF SERVICES IN THE DISTRICTS.

MR LEE SAID IT HAD PROVED TO BE VIABLE AND HAD ACHIEVED INITIAL PROGRESS, JUDGING FROM OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND PUBLIC RESPONSE.

UNDER THE SCHEME, HE SAID, VARIOUS SERVICE UNITS IN A DISTRICT ARE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE GROUPED TOGETHER IN THE SAME BUILDING FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CLIENTS.

+ADMINISTRATIVELY, THIS GIVES RISE TO GREATER EFFICIENCY THROUGH CLOSER COOPERATION AND COORDINATION NOT ONLY AMONG THE SERVICE UNITS BUT ALSO WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES OPERATING IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

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CRAFT LEVEL COURSES UNDER REVIEW
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A DETAILED REVIEW IS BEING CONDUCTED OF EVERY CRAFT LEVEL COURSE IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE RELEVANT SYLLABUSES WILL BE REVISED ACCORDINGLY, MR DAN WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) DISCLOSED TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE 50 COMMAND WORKSHOP, ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

+ALL THESE SYLLABUSES WILL IN DUE COURSE BE SUBMITTED TO THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL AND TO EMPLOYERS FOR COMMENTS AND WE HOPE TO START IMPLEMENTING NEW SYLLABUSES IN SEPTEMBER OF 1981,+ MR WATERS SAID.

APART FROM THIS MAJOR REVIEW, HE SAID, SYLLABUSES WOULD BE UPDATED ALL THE TIME AS AN ON-GOING PROCESS IN ORDER TO KEEP PACE WITH ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY.

SINCE 1977 AN OVERALL REVIEW HAD ALSO BEEN IN PROGRESS AMONG TECHNICIAN LEVEL PROGRAMMES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

NOW 17 OF THESE PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN VALIDATED BY THE TECHNICIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL IN BRITAIN, AND ANOTHER SIX HAVE BEEN CONDITIONALLY APPROVED.

MR WATERS CONGRATULATED THE GRADUATES, BUT CAUTIONED THEM AGAINST COMPLACENCY.

+IT IS NECESSARY FOR EVERYONE WHO IS WORKING IN ANY TRADE TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE AND ALTHOUGH ONE FINISHES ONE'S APPRENTICESHIP, RETRAINING AT REGULAR INTERVALS AND LEARNING NEW SKILLS IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE,+ HE SAID.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR TUEN MUN SITE
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR A SITE IN TUEN MUN FOR INDUSTRIAL STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS OR FOR GODOWN PURPOSES. DETAILS ARE IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE SITE, NEAR LUNG MUN ROAD, MEASURES 6 352 SQUARE METRES.

SALE CONDITIONS ALLOW FOR A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF 8.5 DEPENDING ON THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING AND A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$6.82 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS.

A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURCHASER WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY WITH ALL LAWFUL REQUIREMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES MADE UNDER THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE.

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+THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOT, THE LOCATION AND MANNER OF STORAGE OF GOODS CLASSIFIED UNDER THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE WILL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX IN THE RECEPTION LOBBY OF NTA HEADQUARTERS ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON, BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 26.

DETAILS OF THE TENDER AND TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM NTA HEADQUARTERS AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF ISLANDS, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

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HK WINS GOLD MEDAL IN COMMONWEALTH EXHIBITION

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HONG KONG PHOTOGRAPHERS HAVE WON ONE GOLD AND ONE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE SECOND COMMONWEALTH PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

THE EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FIRST COMMONWEALTH FILM AND TELEVISION FESTIVAL IN CYPRUS WHICH HAS THE HONG KONG +JING YING+ PARTICIPATING AS ONE OF THE MAIN GROUPS IN THE SUPPORTING PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMME.

THE EXHIBITION IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS: COMMONWEALTH CULTURE AND TRADITION (BLACK AND WHITE/COLOUR) AND COMMONWEALTH AND ITS PEOPLE (BLACK AND WHITE/COLOUR).

THE GOLD MEDAL WINNER OF THE BLACK AND WHITE COMMONWEALTH CULTURE AND TRADITION GROUP WAS SUNNY LEE OF THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST WITH HIS +HAPPY JOSS+. THE BRONZE MEDAL WINNER IN THE BLACK AND WHITE COMMONWEALTH AND ITS PEOPLE GROUP WAS TANG PO YUEN'S +GOING STRONG+. IN ADDITION BOTH LEE AND TANG HAD HONOURABLE MENTION IN THESE TWO SECTIONS.

THE WINNER OF THE COLOUR SECTION, COMMONWEALTH CULTURE AND TRADITION, WAS GEORGE LANITIS OF CYPRUS (CURRENTLY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH ARTS ORGANISATION) WITH A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE HONG KONG DANCERS TAKEN AT EDMONTON. CYPRUS ALSO WON IN THE FOURTH CATEGORY OF ENTRIES.

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS WILL BE PART OF THE CLOSING CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY). HONG KONG WILL BE REPRESENTED BY MR E.B. WIGGHAM, COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE.

SIXTY-TWO NATIONAL AND INDEPENDENT FILM AND TELEVISION COMPANIES FROM 76 COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE FIRST COMMONWEALTH FILM AND TELEVISION FESTIVAL OPENED ON AUGUST 21. THERE WERE 111 ENTRIES FOR THE VARIOUS SECTIONS.

HONG KONG HAS SIX ENTRIES IN THE TELEVISION COMPETITION BUT THE JURY'S DECISIONS ARE NOT YET KNOWN.

THE FESTIVAL IS BEING SUPPORTED BY A PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMME, THE SECOND COMMONWEALTH PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AS WELL AS EXHIBITIONS OF PRINTS AND PAINTINGS.

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NT REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OPENS FACTORY AT HA TSUEN
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A PILOT SCHEME IS NOW IN OPERATION IN THE NORTHWEST REGION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AIMED AT MAKING IT GENERALLY EASIER, BUT ENVIRONMENTALLY LESS OBJECTIONABLE, FOR SPECIFIC INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO MOVE AS UNOBTRUSIVELY AS POSSIBLE INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR THE NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN SAID THIS TODAY WHEN OPENING A PLASTIC FURNITURE FACTORY AT HA TSUEN, YUEN LONG. HE SAID DISTRICT OFFICERS WERE ALREADY RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES.

MR SWEETMAN SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE -- BUT NECESSARY -- FOR SOME NEW TERRITORIES FACTORIES TO HAVE TO BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWN INDUSTRIAL AREAS.

THERE WERE MANY UNDERTAKINGS THAT, DUE TO THE WEIGHT OR SIZE OF THEIR MACHINERY OR THE PARTICULAR REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR PROCESSES, FOUND IT IMPRACTICAL TO OPERATE IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS, HE SAID.

+THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION MANAGES TO CATER FOR SOME OF THESE, BUT ONLY THOSE WHICH CAN INTRODUCE NEW TECHNOLOGY WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE DIVERSIFICATION AND PROGRESS OF OUR INDUSTRY.

+BUT, FOR MANY OTHERS, THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS TO SET UP IN A RURAL LOCATION,+ HE SAID.

ONE AIM OF THE PILOT SCHEME, MR SWEETMAN SAID, WAS TO ENSURE THAT RURAL FACTORIES MAINTAINED A LOW SITE COVERAGE, WERE BETTER SERVED BY ACCESS ROADS AND WERE SURROUNDED BY GREENERY TO BEAUTIFY THEIR ASPECT.

HE SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO SEE THAT SHRUBS HAD BEEN PLANTED AROUND THE FACTORY TO IMPROVE ITS APPEARANCE AND HE HOPED THAT IN THE YEARS TO COME TREES WOULD ALSO BE PLANTED TO MAKE THE BUILDING BLEND MORE HAPPILY INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE.

THE FACTORY NOW EMPLOYS 60 WORKERS, BUT THE NUMBER WILL INCREASE TO 300 WHEN IT IS FULLY OPERATIONAL.

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+TSUEN WAN 20 YEARS IN NEWSPHOTOS+
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A 10-DAY PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION SHOWING THE MAJOR EVENTS IN TSUEN WAN DURING THE PAST TWO DECADES WAS OPENED TODAY AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

ENTITLED +TSUEN WAN 20 YEARS IN NEWSPHOTOS+, THE EXHIBITION FEATURES 250 BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE, NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, COMMERCIAL INSTITUTES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE EXHIBITION WAS OPENED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER TSUEN WAN, MR H.T. LUI, WHO SAID THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE AN HONEST RECORD OF PAST HAPPENINGS. +THEY GIVE US A CHANCE TO LEARN FROM THE PAST AND PROVIDE US WITH DIRECTIONS FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS,+ HE ADDED.

HE ALSO TOLD DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLANNING TO PROVIDE MORE LAND IN THE DISTRICT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT. THE RECLAIMED LAND AT SOUTH TSUEN WAN, FOR INSTANCE, WOULD BE USED FOR COMMUNITY FACILITY PURPOSES.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE GROUPED UNDER FOUR CATEGORIES: BUILDING PROJECTS, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND NATURAL CALAMITIES.

CAPTIONS ARE ATTACHED TO THEM TO PROVIDE VISITORS WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND DETAILS OF THE VARIOUS EVENTS.

THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT. THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IS PROVIDING FUNDS.

IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7.

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