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8 MILLION PASSENGERS EXPECTED TO USE MACAU FERRY WHARF
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THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS TRAVELLING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU IS EXPECTED TO REACH 8.3 MILLION A YEAR BY 1985, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR P.E.J. DAVY SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW TEMPORARY MACAU FERRY WHARF ON THE CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WATERFRONT, MR DAVY SAID IT WAS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IN 1964, THE YEAR OF OPENING OF THE OLD TERMINAL, THERE WERE ONLY 1.7 MILLION PASSENGERS. LAST YEAR 6.5 MILLION PEOPLE WERE PROCESSED.

THE NEW TEMPORARY TERMINAL, WHICH WILL COME INTO USE AT 7 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), WILL PROVIDE BETTER PASSENGER PROCESSING FACILITIES, MR DAVY SAID.

IT HAS AN AREA OF MORE THAN 8 000 SQUARE METRES AND 30 IMMIGRATION COUNTERS, COMPARED WITH 18 PREVIOUSLY.

LOCATED WEST OF THE EXISTING FERRY WHARF IN RUMSEY STREET, IT HAS TWO BERTHS FOR FERRIES AND SEVEN QUAYS FOR HYDROFOILS AND JETFOILS.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY, MR HENRY FOK, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SHUN TAK ENTERPRISES LTD., HANDED OVER THE TERMINAL KEYS TO MR DAVY WHO, TOGETHER WITH THE PORT CAPTAIN OF MACAU, COMMANDANTE J.G. FREIRE, DECLARED THE NEW TEMPORARY TERMINAL OPEN BY CUTTING A RIBBON.

COMMANDANTE FREIRE AND MR STANLEY HO, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SHUN TAK ENTERPRISES LTD., ALSO ADDRESSED A GATHERING OF SOME 150 GUESTS.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE GUESTS WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE NEW TERMINAL AND A TOUR OF HONG KONG HARBOUR ON A JETFOIL.

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PROPER ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMES TO NAM SHAN MEI VILLAGE
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MORE THAN A HUNDRED FAMILIES LIVING IN NAM SHAN MEI VILLAGE, NGAU CHI WAN WILL HAVE PROPER ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FROM SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 29) WHEN A BUTTON IS PRESSED TO MAKE IT THE FOURTH SQUATTER AREA IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT TO COME UNDER THE ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME.

RESIDENTS PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED THEIR ELECTRICITY BY TAPPING CABLES NEARBY. NOT ONLY WAS THIS ILLEGAL, IT ALSO GAVE RISE TO FIRE AND ELECTROCUTION RISKS AND PLAYED HAVOC WITH THE SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE AREA.

APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF LEGAL SUPPLY WAS CO-ORDINATED BY THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE AND WAS MADE TO CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY THROUGH THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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A COMMITTEE COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CDO, THE POWER COMPANY, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS STUDIED THE APPLICATION TOGETHER WITH OTHERS AND SET UP PRIORITIES FOR INSTALLATION.

LION ROCK VILLAGE, LUNG YIN HANG VILLAGE AND CHUNG SHAN VILLAGE HAVE ALREADY BENEFITTED FROM THE SUPPLY. NEXT IN LINE FOR IMPROVEMENT ARE HEUNG YEUNG VILLAGE, TAI HOM WOR VILLAGE AND NAM SHAN NEW VILLAGE.

THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY THIS SATURDAY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NAM SHAN MEI VILLAGE MAC OFFICE. THE MAC CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG TAT MAN, THE WONG TAI SIN CDO, MR STEPHEN SELBY AND THE DISTRICT ENGINEER OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, MR T.F. TSE WILL OFFICIATE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE NAM SHAN MEI VILLAGE ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME SWITCH-ON CEREMONY AT 3 PM THIS SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 29) AT THE MAC OFFICE. THOSE WHO WISH TO BE CONDUCTED TO THE VILLAGE ARE REQUESTED TO MEET CDO STAFF IN FRONT OF WILLIAM BOOTH SECONDARY SCHOOL IN YUK WAH STREET, TSZ WAN SHAN BEFORE 12.30 PM.

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CONSULTANTS ON HK'S CONTAINER TRADE APPOINTED
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT HAS APPOINTED PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS HALCROW FOX AND ASSOCIATES IN ASSOCIATION WITH DJH CONSULTANTS LTD. TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE HONG KONG CONTAINER TRADE.

THE ASSIGNMENT WILL INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION OF THE STRUCTURE, OPERATION AND ECONOMICS OF THE CONTAINER TRADE AND THE LAND AND LOCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF CONTAINER PORT RELATED USERS.

AN EVALUATION WILL ALSO BE MADE OF FUTURE TRENDS IN TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH TRENDS FOR HONG KONG'S CONTAINER BUSINESS.

THE STUDY WILL PROVIDE A BASIS ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CAN DECIDE HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL BACK-UP LAND WILL NEED TO BE ALLOCATED AT KWAI CHUNG OR ELSEWHERE TO INCREASE THE CONTAINER PORT'S THROUGHPUT TO THE POINT WHERE ITS WATERSIDE FACILITIES ARE BEING USED TO MAXIMUM CAPACITY.

THE CONSULTANTS WILL START WORK ON DECEMBER 1, 1980 AND ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THEIR REPORT WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

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TRAINING STARTS FOR CENSUS ENUMERATORS

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS HAVE PROGRESSED FURTHER WITH THE TRAINING OF ENUMERATORS BEGINNING LAST (MONDAY) EVENING.

SOME 15 000 TRAINEES FOR ENUMERATORS, SELECTED FROM SENIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS, WILL UNDERGO A ONE-WEEK EVENING TRAINING COURSE STAGGERED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 12.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THE TRAINING COURSES WERE ARRANGED IN SOME 40 SCHOOL CENTRES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO ATTEND CLASSES IN CENTRES AS CLOSE TO THEIR RESIDENCE AS POSSIBLE.

THE COURSE COVERS ALL ASPECTS OF THE CENSUS INCLUDING THE QUESTIONNAIRE CONTENTS, ENUMERATION PROCEDURES AND INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES. SPECIAL EMPHASIS IS PUT ON COLLECTING GOOD QUALITY CENSUS DATA.

+A NEW FEATURE OF THE COURSE IS THE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS TO STANDARDIZE TRAINING. A NINE-EPIISODE INSTRUCTION FILM HAS BEEN PRODUCED FOR VIEWING IN CLASSES TO HELP TRAINEES UNDERSTAND THE COURSE CONTENTS BETTER,+ HE SAID.

AT THE END OF THE COURSE, PARTICIPANTS WILL SIT FOR A TEST AND APPOINTMENT AS ENUMERATORS IS BASED ON THE TEST RESULTS. ENUMERATORS WILL RECEIVE A TRAINING BONUS FOR PASSING THE TEST AND AN HONORARIUM OF \$600 FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING THE CENSUS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TRAINING COURSES WOULD BE CONDUCTED BY CHIEF ENUMERATORS WHO ARE TEACHERS OR POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND WHO THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY TRAINED IN THE CENSUS OPERATION.

SOME 800 CHIEF ENUMERATORS, 1 600 FIELD EDITORS AND 11 000 ENUMERATORS WILL BE ENGAGED IN THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE DURING FEBRUARY 1 TO 4 FOR THE MARINE POPULATION, AND DURING MARCH 6 TO 15 FOR THE LAND POPULATION.

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GOVERNMENT DOCTORS WANT CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS

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A SENIOR GOVERNMENT DOCTOR HAS CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO VOICE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE AND NOT TO HURL MALICIOUS ACCUSATIONS AT THE HARD-PRESSED MEDICAL STAFF.

FRIVOLOUS COMPLAINTS AGAINST DOCTORS WILL ONLY DRIVE THEM OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN THE END IT IS THE PUBLIC WHO WILL SUFFER, DR K.H. LO, CONSULTANT SURGEON AT PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL, TOLD THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES THIS EVENING.

SPEAKING ON THE USE OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES, DR LO SAID THE GOVERNMENT MEDICAL SERVICE IS NOT PERFECT AND THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT COMPARED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, THE MEDICAL SERVICE IN HONG KONG IS UNIQUE.

IT OFFERS A PRACTICALLY FREE SERVICE AND THE STANDARD OF THE SERVICE IS COMPARABLE TO THAT IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, HE SAID.

THE HIGHER TRAINING IN EVERY SPECIALTY IS RECOGNISED BY FAMOUS MEDICAL CENTRES IN THE COMMONWEALTH, THE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES AND IN THE UNITED STATES, HE ADDED.

AS FOR QUANTITY, DR LO SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED SERVICES WHICH ARE +OVERSTRETCHED BY THE UNDULY LARGE STRAIN+.

+YOU SHOULD NOT ASK FOR SHARK'S FIN AND SEA FOOD FOR EACH MEAL BY GIVING YOUR WIFE \$10 DAILY MEAL EXPENSES,+ HE QUIPPED.

HE SAID THE STRAIN ON THE SERVICES WAS REFLECTED BY OUTPATIENT ATTENDANCES, WHICH CAME TO MORE THAN 13 MILLION IN 1979.

IN ORDER TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE SERVICE, SAID DR LO, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND AND THE PUBLIC SHOULD VOICE CONSTRUCTIVE OPINION AND NOT MALICIOUS ACCUSATIONS.

+AN OPEN-MIND GOVERNMENT WILL ALWAYS ACCEPT CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS WHICH IN TURN LEAD TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

HE ASKED THE PUBLIC TO SHOW SYMPATHY AND GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE MEDICAL OFFICERS WHO WORK QUIETLY LIKE A +WORKING BEE+, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE CONSTANTLY WORKING OVERTIME WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

DR LO ALSO URGED THE PUBLIC NOT TO ABUSE THE CASUALTY SERVICE WHICH IS MEANT FOR EMERGENCIES AND ACCIDENTS.

PATIENTS WITH MINOR AILMENTS ATTENDING CASUALTY WILL ONLY CAUSE SERIOUS DELAYS IN THE TREATMENT OF EMERGENCY CASES, AND VERY OFTEN THE PATIENTS THEMSELVES MAY ALSO BE KEPT WAITING UNDULY AS DOCTORS WILL NATURALLY GIVE PRIORITY TO MORE URGENT CASES, HE SAID.

+LIFE OF THE EMERGENCY CASES IS IN YOUR HAND. DO NOT USE THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT AS A GENERAL CLINIC,+ HE STRESSED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, SAI KUNG, ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 27) AT 2.30 PM. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE CEREMONY. TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 1.15 PM. MR DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL BE AT THE SCHOOL TO ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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TAX-FREE INTEREST CEILING RAISED

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INTEREST PAYABLE BY LICENSED BANKS, BY CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AT RATES OF UP TO 10 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE EXEMPT FROM INTEREST TAX FROM TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED.

HE SAID THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF 1-1/2 PER CENT IN THE EXEMPTION LIMIT, AND FOLLOWED THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION ON SATURDAY THAT THE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE INCREASED TO 10 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY.

A NOTICE SIGNED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY UNDER SECTION 28(1) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE TODAY.

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NEW STANDING COMMISSION MEMBER

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ANDREW SO KWOK-WING AS AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

THE APPOINTMENT WILL TAKE EFFECT ON DECEMBER 1, 1980.

MR SO HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SINCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1978. HE HAS CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH THE CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT AND HAS MANY CONTACTS WITH A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR SO BRINGS THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMISSION, CHAIRED BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG, TO 10.

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150 PEOPLE SEEK FREE LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE IN TSUEN WAN
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MORE THAN 150 PEOPLE HAVE SO FAR MADE USE OF THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE SET UP BY THE LAW SOCIETY IN TSUEN WAN SIX MONTHS AGO.

PRACTISING LAWYERS, WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO ADVISE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON STEPS WHICH MAY BE OPEN TO THEM IN VARIOUS SITUATIONS, ATTEND THE CENTRE EVERY TUESDAY FROM 6.30 PM TO 9.30 PM. HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT REPRESENT CLIENTS IN COURT.

THEY MAY, IF APPROPRIATE, DIRECT THE CLIENT TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT.

THE SCHEME IS ADMINISTERED BY THE LAW SOCIETY WITH FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO MEET THE COSTS OF ADMINISTRATION.

A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF CASES HANDLED WERE LANDLORD-TENANT DISPUTES AND COMMERCIAL AND PROPERTY DISPUTES.

OTHERS WERE CONNECTED WITH MATRIMONIAL MATTERS, COMPENSATION CLAIMS, LAND DISPUTES AND ESTATE ADMINISTRATION.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SEEK ADVICE UNDER THE SCHEME SHOULD APPROACH STAFF OF THEIR DISTRICT OFFICE OR PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, WHO WILL TAKE DETAILS OF CASES AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH LAWYERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TSUEN WAN CENTRE, WHICH IS IN THE TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE, HOI PA STREET, SERVES RESIDENTS OF THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

THE LAW SOCIETY OPERATES FOUR OTHER CENTRES IN THE URBAN AREA IN MONG KOK, WONG TAI SIN, WAN CHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICT AND MAY EXTEND TO THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES EVENTUALLY.

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HAWKER RE-ORDERING EXERCISE IN YUEN LONG
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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY LAUNCHED A HAWKER RE-ORDERING EXERCISE AT YUEN LONG TOWN CENTRE TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

MORE THAN 150 HAWKERS FORMERLY PLYING THEIR TRADES ALONG TAI TONG ROAD, NEW STREET AND MAU TAN STREET TODAY MOVED INTO THE YUEN LONG HAWKER BAZAAR. THEY HAVE EARLIER TAKEN PART IN A BALLOT FOR SITES IN THE MARKET.

ANOTHER 100 FARMER HAWKERS ALSO MOVED TO A FENCED-OFF AREA OF ABOUT 210 SQUARE METRES NEXT TO THE HAWKER BAZAAR. THIS AREA IS SPECIALLY SET ASIDE FOR THEM TO TRADE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE FARMER HAWKERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO SELL SMALL QUANTITIES OF VEGETABLES, EGGS AND POULTRY, AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SET UP ANY STRUCTURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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BEFORE CARRYING OUT TODAY'S CLEARANCE, THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE HAD CONSULTED THE HAWKERS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT.

+BEGINNING FROM TODAY, STRICT CONTROL WILL BE ENFORCED TO PREVENT HAWKERS FROM TRADING ALONG THESE STREETS AGAIN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING THE EXERCISE, THREE GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS AND TWO SPECIAL CLEANSING SQUADS WERE DEPLOYED.

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN ENGLAND
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A NOEL CROUCHER ENGLISH STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP HAS BEEN SET UP TO ENABLE HONG KONG RESIDENTS TO FOLLOW A MASTER'S DEGREE COURSE, PREFERABLY IN SHAKESPEAREAN STUDIES, AT A UNIVERSITY IN ENGLAND.

THE SCHOLARSHIP IS OFFERED BY THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST GEORGE, AND WILL BE TENABLE FOR ONE OR TWO YEARS DEPENDING ON THE LENGTH OF THE COURSE.

ONE AWARD WILL BE MADE EACH YEAR, AND THIS WILL BE EITHER A NEW AWARD OR A RENEWAL. IT IS ALSO SUBJECT TO THE SELECTED CANDIDATE OBTAINING A PLACE IN AN ENGLISH UNIVERSITY.

ITS VALUE WILL BE HK\$60 000 PER YEAR, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COVER TUITION FEES, AIR PASSAGES, AND PART OF THE LIVING EXPENSES.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE RESIDENTS NORMALLY HAVING BEEN IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS, AND PREFERABLY BETWEEN 22 AND 35 YEARS OF AGE.

THEY SHOULD BE GRADUATES OF EITHER THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG OR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFICIENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, AND ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE INTENDED COURSE OF STUDY.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TWO UNIVERSITIES OR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION.

COMPLETED FORMS TOGETHER WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG BY DECEMBER 13.

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE INVITED FOR INTERVIEW IN HONG KONG IN EARLY JANUARY, 1981.

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AIRMAIL TO IRAQ RESUMED

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THE POST OFFICE TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT AIR LETTER AND PARCEL SERVICES TO IRAQ, WHICH WERE SUSPENDED ON OCTOBER 2, 1980, HAD RESUMED.

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VACANCIES FOR HOSPITAL ORDERLIES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS TO FILL A NUMBER OF VACANCIES FOR HOSPITAL ORDERLIES AND LABOURERS IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT. MONTHLY SALARIES START AT \$1 375, PLUS AN ALLOWANCE OF \$105.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE MALE AND SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST A PRIMARY EDUCATION. THEY SHOULD CALL AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, BRINGING WITH THEM THEIR IDENTITY CARD.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 3-666615, 5-270276 OR 12-420154.

THOSE SUCCESSFUL WILL BE REQUIRED TO WORK IN VARIOUS HOSPITALS.

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