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## VILLAGE LIGHTING SCHEME FOR NEW TERRITORIES

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AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE STREET LIGHTING TO VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES GAINED IMPETUS TODAY WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME IN MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, ALONG WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. CHAN YAT-SAN, AND VICE-CHAIRMEN, MR. CHEUNG YAN-LUNG AND MR. TSANG LIN, OFFICIATED AT THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY AT TAI TEI TONG VILLAGE THIS EVENING.

THE \$76,000 SCHEME, THE FIRST OF THE SEVEN LIGHTING PROJECTS FOR VARIOUS NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGES, WAS COMPLETED LAST MARCH TO SERVE THE TWIN VILLAGES OF TAI TEI TONG AND LUK TEI TONG ON THE ISLAND. IT INVOLVED THE INSTALLATION OF 23 STREET LIGHTS -- 13 FOR TAI TEI TONG AND 10 FOR THE NEIGHBOURING LUK TEI TONG VILLAGE.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE SCHEME WAS ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE RESULTS THAT COULD BE EXPECTED FROM THE EXISTING CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE GOVERNMENT.

+IN THE CONTEXT OF OVERALL DEVELOPMENT, THIS IS OF COURSE ONLY A SMALL ITEM,+ HE SAID.

+BUT FOR THE PEOPLE CONCERNED, I AM SURE THAT THIS WILL BE OF GREAT BENEFIT IN MANY WAYS, PARTICULARLY PERHAPS IN ALLOWING VILLAGERS AND CHILDREN TO MEET AND PLAY OUTSIDE DURING THE EVENING TIME.+

THE MUI WO SCHEME, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE ISLAND, WAS FINANCED BY LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS FUND ALLOCATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. AKERS-JONES ALSO PRAISED THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO THE PROJECT.

HE SAID: +IT IS ONLY WITH THEIR HELP THAT THESE EARLY SCHEMES HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE, AND THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO EXPAND OUR PRESENT EFFORTS INTO FORMALISING A VILLAGE LIGHTING PROGRAMME.+

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, WHICH WAS PRECEDED BY A LION DANCE ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEE, THE STREET LIGHTS FOR THE TWO LANTAU VILLAGES WERE OFFICIALLY SWITCHED ON BY MR. CHAN YAT-SAN.

MR. AKERS-JONES, THE OFFICIAL PARTY AND RURAL COMMITTEE LEADERS LATER WENT ON A TOUR OF THE ILLUMINATED AREA.

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THE VILLAGE LIGHTING PROGRAMME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES COMPRISES SEVEN SCHEMES COSTING A TOTAL OF \$450,000. THE PROGRAMME COVERS 16 VILLAGES IN TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG, TAI PO, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN AND ISLANDS DISTRICTS.

THERE ARE ALSO PLANS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CONTRACTS OF A FURTHER 20 TO 25 SCHEMES TO BE LET AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1 MILLION IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR AND FOR A COMPREHENSIVE VILLAGE STREET LIGHTING PROGRAMME FOR THE FUTURE TO BE FORMALISED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR RETURNING TOMORROW  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON AFTER A SHORT VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

SIR MURRAY IS DUE TO ARRIVE BY FLIGHT BA 003, ETA 3.15 P.M.

A PRESS PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO NEWSMEN. THOSE COVERING THE GOVERNOR'S ARRIVAL ARE ASKED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE ARRIVAL TIME. G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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TEXTILE QUOTA UTILISATION POSITION  
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THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE END-OF-MARCH 1978 FIGURES ON THE UTILISATION OF QUOTA IN RESPECT OF MARKETS TO WHICH HONG KONG'S TEXTILES EXPORTS ARE RESTRAINED.

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE QUOTA POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES AND EEC, HONG KONG'S TWO MAJOR TEXTILE MARKETS, IS GIVEN BELOW.

USA

THE CURRENT 12-MONTH U.S. TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1978. QUOTA USED IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS AMOUNTED TO 180.55 MILLION EQUIVALENT SQ. YDS. OR 18.85 PER CENT OF THE OVERALL RESTRAINT LIMIT. FIGURES SHOWING THE QUANTITIES LICENSED FOR EXPORT AND PERCENTAGES OF UTILISATION ON A GROUP BASIS ARE SET OUT BELOW:

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY LICENSED (IN MILLION EQUIVALENT SQ. YDS.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE UTILISATION AGAINST GROUP LIMITS</u>
I	YARNS AND FABRICS OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	36.62	13.99
II	APPAREL OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	127.01	21.36
III	MADE-UPS AND MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	12.61	21.34
IV	WOOL TEXTILES AND APPAREL	4.30	10.21

OF THE 24 CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMITS IN THE HONG KONG/U.S. TEXTILE AGREEMENT, THE RATE OF UTILISATION IN FIVE OF THEM COULD BE DESCRIBED AS RELATIVELY HIGH. THESE FIVE CATEGORIES WERE CATEGORY 331 (COTTON GLOVES), CATEGORY 338/339 (COTTON KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES INCLUDING T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS), CATEGORY 347/348 (COTTON OUTER TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS), CATEGORY 638/639 (MMF KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES INCLUDING T-SHIRTS) AND CATEGORY 649 (BRASSIERES, ETC.).

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EEC

THE CURRENT 12-MONTH RESTRAINT PERIOD FOR THE EEC ALSO BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1978. QUOTA UTILISATION POSITION ON A MEMBER STATE BASIS FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS IS GIVEN BELOW:

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY LICENSED (IN MILLION EQUIVALENT KGS.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE UTILISATION</u>
UNITED KINGDOM	13.05	20.6
DENMARK	0.75	16.0
IRISH REPUBLIC	0.03	3.8
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	8.66	16.1
BENELUX	2.03	17.6
FRANCE	0.19	5.4
ITALY	0.22	7.1

OUT OF A TOTAL OF 288 CATEGORIES ON MEMBER STATE/CATEGORY BASIS, THE RATE OF UTILISATION IN 30 OF THEM WAS RELATIVELY HIGH. THESE POPULAR CATEGORIES INCLUDE CATEGORY 4 (KNITTED SHIRTS, ETC), CATEGORY 5 (KNITTED SWEATERS, ETC.), CATEGORY 6 (WOVEN TROUSERS AND MEN'S SHORTS), CATEGORY 7 (WOVEN/KNITTED BLOUSES), CATEGORY 8 (MEN'S WOVEN SHIRTS), CATEGORY 10/11 (KNITTED GLOVES), CATEGORY 12 (KNITTED SOCKS AND STOCKINGS), CATEGORY 13 (KNITTED UNDERPANTS), CATEGORY 17 (MEN'S WOVEN JACKETS), CATEGORY 19/89 (COTTON HANDKERCHIEFS), CATEGORY 21 (PARKAS, ANORAKS AND WINDCHEATERS), CATEGORY 26 (WOVEN AND KNITTED DRESSES), CATEGORY 31 (BRASSIERES), CATEGORY 61 (NARROW WOVEN FABRICS), CATEGORY 72 (KNITTED SWIMWEAR) AND CATEGORY 76 (WOVEN WORK GARMENTS).

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BUILDING PLANS APPROVED FOR MARCH

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A TOTAL OF 56 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN MARCH, COMPARED WITH 58 FOR THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THE PLANS APPROVED, 16 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 13 FOR KOWLOON AND 27 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR AN OUTSIDE BROADCAST TRANSMITTING BUILDING IN SHA TIN, A HOME FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS AND TWO ADDITIONAL STOREYS TO THE EXISTING SOCIAL SERVICE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$193 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$276.3 MILLION LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA\* OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING MARCH AMOUNTED TO 230,643.2 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 82,450.8 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 148,192.4 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 52 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING A CHILDREN CENTRE AT TAI PO, AND A SCHOOL BUILDING AT THE JUNCTION OF LA SALLE ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET IN KOWLOON.

A TOTAL OF 50 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING AN ELECTRIC SUBSTATION IN SAI KUNG, A GODOWN BUILDING IN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND A SCHOOL BUILDING IN TAI O, LANTAU ISLAND.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO ASSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 36 BUILDINGS.

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TOPLEY TO ATTEND EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN CANADA

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, LEFT FOR CANADA THIS AFTERNOON TO REPRESENT HONG KONG AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION.

THE CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER IS PART OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL INTERVISITATION PROGRAMME IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION WHICH TAKES PLACE EVERY FOUR YEARS IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY. THE PROGRAMME WAS HELD IN BRITAIN IN 1974, IN AUSTRALIA IN 1970 AND IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1966.

TOP EDUCATORS FROM BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, TURKEY, AUSTRALIA, MALAYSIA, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA, INDIA, THAILAND, NIGERIA, FIJI AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A STUDY OF A NUMBER OF MAJOR SUBJECTS.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE EDUCATIONAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT, ISSUES IN POST-SECONDARY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND PROJECTED ISSUES IN THE PRACTICE OF EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION.

BUT FIRST ON MAY 5, MR. TOPLEY WILL ATTEND THE ORIENTATION SESSIONS IN MONTREAL WHERE MR. LUCIEN PERRAS, DIRECTOR GENERAL, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF EDUCATION, CANADA, WILL WELCOME PARTICIPANTS.

MR. TOPLEY AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL THEN VISIT A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY BEFORE GOING TO VANCOUVER FOR THE MAIN CONFERENCE SESSIONS FROM MAY 20 TO 25.

MR. TOPLEY IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON MAY 27.

DURING HIS ABSENCE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. COLVYN HAYE, WILL ACT AS DIRECTOR.

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AIRPORT MANAGER TO ATTEND REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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MR. R.A. SIGEL, ASSISTANT AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WILL LEAVE FOR FIJI TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO ATTEND THE EIGHTH PACIFIC REGION CONFERENCE OF AIRPORT OPERATORS' COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN SUVA FROM MAY 7 TO 11.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM ABOUT 20 MEMBER STATES IN THE PACIFIC REGION WILL ATTEND FOR DISCUSSIONS ON AIRPORT MANAGEMENT, CARGO OPERATIONS AND OTHER TOPICS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

MR. SIGEL, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SESSION ON +HANDLING CONCEPTS+ WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON THE SUBJECT AT THE MEETING.

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