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RESULTS OF EMPLOYMENT SURVEY IN MAY

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MORE THAN 86,700 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED IN FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES IN MAY 1978, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE FIGURE REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF THREE PER CENT OR ABOUT 2,260 PEOPLE OVER FEBRUARY 1978 AND 14 PER CENT OR ABOUT 76,000 PEOPLE OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THE MAJOR TRADES AND SERVICES IN WHICH THESE PEOPLE WERE ENGAGED ARE : MONETARY INSTITUTIONS (INCLUDING BANKS) (31,393), REAL ESTATE COMPANIES AND AGENCIES (13,540), OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (10,152) AND INSURANCE COMPANIES (5,089).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE EMPLOYMENT FIGURES IN THE TRADES AND SERVICES SECTORS IN MAY 1978 AS COMPARED WITH THOSE IN FEBRUARY 1978 AND IN MAY 1977.

TRADE/SERVICE	MAY 1977	FEB. 1978	MAY 1978	CHANGE OF MAY 1978 OVER FEB. 1978		CHANGE OF MAY 1978 OVER MAY 1977	
				NUMBER	% CHANGE	NUMBER	% CHANGE
MONETARY INSTITUTIONS	28,868	30,572	31,393	+821	+ 2.7	+2,525	+ 8.7
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	8,923	9,847	10,152	+305	+ 3.1	+1,229	+13.8
FINANCIAL SERVICES	729	696	652	-44	- 6.3	-77	-10.6
INSURANCE	4,632	4,841	5,089	+248	+ 5.1	+457	+ 9.9
REAL ESTATE	11,041	13,323	13,540	+217	+ 1.6	+2,499	+22.6
LEGAL SERVICES	3,258	3,675	3,782	+107	+ 2.9	+524	+16.1
ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND BOOK-KEEPING SERVICES	3,295	4,445	4,265	-180	- 4.0	+970	+29.4
DATA PROCESSING AND TABULATING SERVICES	648	732	735	+3	+ 0.4	+87	+13.4

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ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	3,925	4,505	4,983	+478	+10.6	+1,058	+27.0
ADVERTISING SERVICES	3,562	4,094	4,093	-1	*	+531	+14.9
BUSINESS SERVICES, NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	6,891	7,255	7,563	+308	+ 4.2	+672	+ 9.8
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND LEASING	257	473	469	-4	- 0.8	+212	+82.5
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TOTAL	76,029	84,458	86,716	+2,258	+ 2.7	+10,687	+14.1

\* LESS THAN 0.05%

DURING THE LATEST SURVEY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE FOUND IN MONETARY INSTITUTIONS (+821 PERSONS)= ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES (+478 PERSONS)= OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (+305 PERSONS)= INSURANCE COMPANIES (+248 PERSONS)= AND REAL ESTATE COMPANIES AND AGENCIES (+217 PERSONS).

COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, MAJOR INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT OCCURRED IN MONETARY INSTITUTIONS (+2,525 PERSONS)= REAL ESTATE COMPANIES AND AGENCIES (+2,499 PERSONS)= OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (+1,229 PERSONS)= ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES (+1,058 PERSONS)= AND ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND BOOK-KEEPING SERVICES (+970 PERSONS).

FURTHER DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THESE SECTORS, AS WELL AS MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPORT/EXPORT, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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NEW COACH SERVICES TO BE INTRODUCED BETWEEN  
CENTRAL AND STANLEY

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TWO NEW COACH SERVICES - ROUTE 260 BETWEEN CENTRAL AND STANLEY PRISON AND ROUTE 262 BETWEEN CENTRAL AND CHUNG HOM KOK - WILL BE INTRODUCED BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

ROUTE 260 WILL OPERATE DAILY WHILE ROUTE 262 WILL OPERATE FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS. BOTH ROUTES WILL TERMINATE AT CENTRAL BUS STATION.

THE FULL FARE OF BOTH ROUTES WILL BE \$1.50 AND A SECTION FARE OF \$1 WILL BE CHARGED FOR JOURNEYS FROM REPULSE BAY TO CENTRAL.

NO STANDING PASSENGERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THESE COACHES. THE FREQUENCY ON BOTH COACH SERVICES IS 20 MINUTES DURING PEAK HOURS AND 30 MINUTES IN OTHER PERIODS. IT MEANS THAT THE COMBINED FREQUENCY FROM REPULSE BAY IS 10 MINUTES DURING PEAK HOURS AND 15 MINUTES IN OTHER PERIODS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT A TEST RUN USING TWO OF THE NEW 72-SEATER DOUBLE-DECK COACHES WAS CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFULLY ON AUGUST 24.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TEN NEW COACHES WITH HIGH-BACK SOFAS AND LARGE WINDOWS WILL BE PUT ON THE TWO SERVICES.

ON ITS WAY TO STANLEY PRISON AND CHUNG HOM KOK THE COACHES WILL STOP AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE TO PICK UP PASSENGERS AND ON THE RETURN JOURNEY THE COACHES WILL RUN VIA CONNAUGHT PLACE TO SET DOWN PASSENGERS BEFORE RETURNING TO THE TERMINUS.

THESE ARE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF NEW GUARANTEED-SEAT COACH TYPE SERVICES TO BE INTRODUCED ON HONG KONG ISLAND OFFERING A HIGHER QUALITY SERVICE AT A REASONABLE FARE AS A MEANS OF ENCOURAGING MOTORISTS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR COMMUTING.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSING TO INTRODUCE A 'BUS ONLY LANE' IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO SPEED UP THE BUS FLOW.

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NEW BUILDING PLANS FOR JULY  
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A TOTAL OF 69 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED IN JULY BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COMPARED WITH 85 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THESE, 20 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE FOR KOWLOON AND 40 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR A NUMBER OF APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OF MORE THAN 20 STOREYS, A SCHOOL EXTENSION AT INVERNESS ROAD, KOWLOON, AN OFFICE/WATER TOWER AT SILVERSTRAND, CLEARWATER BAY, A CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION AT KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL AND SEVERAL FACTORY BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING LAST MONTH AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$216 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$213 MILLION DURING THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING JULY WAS 193,422 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 75,885 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 117,537 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 50 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING A FUNERAL PARLOUR AT CHEONG HANG ROAD, KOWLOON; A SALVATION ARMY HOME AT LAI KING HILL ROAD, KWAI CHUNG; A BUDDHIST YOUTH CENTRE AT TUNG CHUNG, LANTAO ISLAND AND A CHAPEL AT MUI WO, LANTAO ISLAND.

A TOTAL OF 53 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING A HOTEL AT QUEEN'S ROAD EAST; A CHURCH HALL AND KINDERGARTEN BUILDING AT HANG HAU, SAI KUNG; A TECHNICAL SCHOOL BUILDING AT HIU KWONG STREET, SAU MAU PING; AND A CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE AT LAI KING HILL ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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

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FIRE PREVENTION CHECKS ON FACTORIES

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY ISSUE SUMMONSES AGAINST 10 FACTORY OWNERS IN SHIPYARD LANE, QUARRY BAY FOR BREAKING FIRE SERVICE REGULATIONS FOLLOWING A LARGE SCALE INSPECTION TODAY BY FIRE OFFICERS IN THE AREA.

DURING THE THREE-HOUR INSPECTION WHICH COVERED MORE THAN 330 FACTORY UNITS IN SIX INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN THE AREA, THE FIRE OFFICERS ALSO DISCOVERED A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARDS SUCH AS BLOCKAGES OF STAIRWAYS BY PAPER CARTONS AND UNFINISHED PRODUCTS, OBSTRUCTIONS TO ACCESS AND USING LIFT LOBBIES AS STORAGE AREAS.

AS A RESULT OF THE INSPECTION, ANOTHER 43 FACTORY OWNERS WILL BE SERVED WITH FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES REQUIRING THEM TO CLEAR FIRE HAZARDS IN THEIR PREMISES.

THE FIRE OFFICERS ALSO DISCOVERED UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS IN FOUR OTHER CASES AND THEY WILL BE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR ACTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE BLOCKAGES OF STAIRWAYS OR LIFT LOBBIES HAD BEEN TOO PREVALENT AN OFFENCE PARTICULARLY IN INDUSTRIAL PREMISES WHERE SUCH PLACES WERE OFTEN REGARDED AS CONVENIENT STORAGE AREAS.

+DESPITE REGULAR INSPECTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT, FACTORY OWNERS ARE STILL CONSTANTLY VIOLATING FIRE REGULATIONS, REGARDLESS OF THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FACTORY FIRES AND THE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY,+ HE NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT FIRE FIGHTING AND ESCAPE FACILITIES MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND ARE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.

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CHINESE BILLIARD TOURNAMENT FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

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TWENTY-EIGHT MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SEVEN REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS WILL BE TAKING PART IN A CHINESE BILLIARD INVITATION TOURNAMENT TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE COMPETITION, IN THE FORM OF A KNOCK-OUT TOURNAMENT, WILL START AT 9.30 A.M. AT THE KAI NANG TRAINING CENTRE AT TSUI PING ROAD, KWUN TONG, AND THE FINAL ROUND IS EXPECTED TO FINISH ABOUT 12 NOON.

MR. T.P. KHOO, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS DIVISION, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AND ALL COMPETITORS WILL HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER AT THE CENTRE'S DINING HALL AFTER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THIS RECREATIONAL FUNCTION IS PART OF THE SOCIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR THE TRAINEES AND IS ALSO AIMED AT DEVELOPING THE SPORTSMANSHIP OF DISABLED CHILDREN.

CENTRES SENDING TEAMS FOR THE TOURNAMENT INCLUDE THE FIRST AND SECOND TUNG TAU CHILDREN CENTRES, THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN CLUB, THE TAI HANG TUNG CHILDREN CLUB, THE FIRST AND SECOND WESTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN TRAINING CENTRES AND THE KAI NANG TRAINING CENTRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CHINESE BILLIARD TOURNAMENT ORGANISED FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE KAI NANG TRAINING CENTRE AT TSUI PING ROAD, KWUN TONG, FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 12 NOON TOMORROW.

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RESTRICTED ZONES ON JAVA ROAD RESCINDED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY ZONE ALONG THE SECTION OF JAVA ROAD BETWEEN NORTH POINT ROAD AND TONG SHUI ROAD WILL BE RESCINDED FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THIS SECTION OF JAVA ROAD WILL BE RESCINDED AND THE ONE ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE REDUCED TO START AT HOUSE NO. 32, JAVA ROAD AND END AT THE JUNCTION OF JAVA ROAD AND TIN CHONG STREET.

THIS MEANS THAT WESTBOUND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS IN THE RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MOK CHEONG STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH MA TAU CHUNG ROAD WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

WITH THIS RE-OPENING THE SECTION OF MOK CHEONG STREET BETWEEN MA TAU CHUNG ROAD AND TO KWA WAN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY EASTBOUND, AND ALL PARKING SPACES ALONG THIS SECTION OF MOK CHEONG STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR 24 HOURS FROM 8 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME K.M.B. ROUTE NOS. 3B, 5C, 11B, 12A, 13A, 291 AND THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTE 106 WILL OPERATE VIA MOK CHEONG STREET INSTEAD OF SUNG WONG TOI ROAD.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN THE SIR ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL AND THE TUNG WAH FUNERAL PARLOUR IN MID-LEVELS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR FIVE HOURS, FROM 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY, TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

IN CAUSEWAY BAY THE 'BUS ONLY LANE' ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN MATHESON STREET AND CANAL ROAD EAST WILL BE REINSTATED FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THESE AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUTS  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TAI HANG AND SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE TEMPORARILY CUT OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) NIGHT TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN TAI HANG, THE SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON FRIDAY. PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY CAROLINE HILL ROAD FROM WONG FUNG LING COLLEGE TO HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL, MORETON TERRACE, TAI HANG ROAD, INCLUDING YIK KWAN AVENUE, LI KWAN AVENUE, SHELTER STREET AND CATHAY HOTEL.

IN SHAM SHUI PO THE SUPPLY WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT FRIDAY TO 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY. PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY CHEUNG FAT STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TONKIN STREET, UN CHAU STREET, PRATAS STREET AND SHUN NING STREET.

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