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SIR MURRAY PLEDGES FULL SUPPORT TO
CLEAN HK CAMPAIGN
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY (SUNDAY) PLEDGED HIS FULL SUPPORT AND THAT OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THE NEWLY-LAUNCHED CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN. THE AIM OF WHICH, HE SAID, IS TO STOP THE ROT, AND STOP IT FOR GOOD.

AT A CEREMONY AT MORSE PARK LAUNCHING THE CAMPAIGN, SIR MURRAY SAID: +THIS CAMPAIGN IS FOR KEEPS, AND TO SUCCEED WE MUST BREAK CARELESS ANTI-SOCIAL ATTITUDES. WE CAN DO SO IF WE ALL ACT TOGETHER.+

SIR MURRAY SAID THE DENSITY OF POPULATION PRODUCES A FANTASTIC CONCENTRATION OF RUBBISH BUT ADDED THAT RUBBISH IS NOT THE PROBLEM.

+IT IS WHAT WE DO WITH IT,+ HE ADDED. +THERE IS NO PART OF THE CITY SO FINE THAT IT CANNOT BE SPOILT BY LITTER, AND NO SLUM OR SQUATTER AREA SO BAD THAT LITTER CANNOT MAKE IT WORSE. LITTERING BY A FEW SPOILS THE CITY FOR ALL.+

SIR MURRAY PRAISED THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE MEN WHO OPERATE OUR REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES AND SWEEP OUR STREETS AND PAVEMENTS FOR FIGHTING A DAILY BATTLE TO KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAN.

+BUT SO MUCH OF WHAT THEY DO WOULD BE UNNECESSARY IF ALL OF US DEPOSITED OUR LITTER IN THE RIGHT PLACE= NOT IN THE STREET= NOT IN THE HARBOUR= NOT THROWN OUT OF WINDOWS OR DOORS= BUT IN A RUBBISH BIN WHERE IT OUGHT TO BE AND FROM WHICH IT IS SO EASY TO COLLECT.

+WE CAN KEEP OUR OWN AREAS CLEAN= WE CAN REBUKE LITTERBUGS AND I APPEAL TO EVERYONE TO DO SO= IF NECESSARY THE COURTS CAN PUNISH THEM AND I HOPE THEY WILL.+

AT ANOTHER CEREMONY AT TUEN MUN LAUNCHING THE CAMPAIGN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, SIR MURRAY SAID NEVER BEFORE HAVE THE NEW TERRITORIES MOBILISED THEMSELVES TO THIS EXTENT IN SO WORTHY A CAUSE.

HE SAID THERE ARE SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THERE IS THE LITTER OF DEVELOPMENT= THE LITTER OF WEEK-END HIKERS, VISITORS AND PICNICKERS= THERE IS THE REMOTENESS OF SO MANY VILLAGES AND BEACHES WHICH MAKES CLEANSING DIFFICULT= THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF ORGANISING A POPULATION UNDERGOING SUCH RAPID CHANGE,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, SIR MURRAY SAID OBVIOUSLY THIS CAMPAIGN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS BEEN WELL AND IMAGINATIVELY PREPARED.

+THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE THE OLDEST, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, AND THE MOST RAPIDLY DEVELOPING PART OF HONG KONG. ALL WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN ALSO MAKE IT THE CLEANEST,+ HE SAID.

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THE ECONOMY SHOWING STRENGTH

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COMMENTING ON THE STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, TRADE AND CONSUMER PRICES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, A SPOKESMAN FROM THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID THAT THE WAY WITH WHICH THE ECONOMY IS ADJUSTING TO DEAL WITH UNFAVOURABLE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGING.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN JUNE THIS YEAR, AT 943 000 WAS A RECORD= SO WAS THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER AT \$7 659 MILLION.

SO DESPITE CERTAIN PUBLIC ANXIETY ABOUT THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE BACKBONE OF THE ECONOMY, IS HOLDING UP EXTREMELY WELL.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER SHOWED THAT THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS 28 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR. PUTTING THE MONTH'S FIGURE INTO CONTEXT, HE SAID THAT THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER WAS 20 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1980, WHILE THE CORRESPONDING COMPARISON FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR WAS 14 PER CENT. DISCOUNTING FOR PRICE INCREASES, THIS MEANS AN ACCELERATION IN THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FROM LESS THAN 6 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR TO ABOUT 8 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO ANOTHER ENCOURAGING ASPECT. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS THAT WERE RETAINED IN HONG KONG CONTINUED TO BE FAIRLY RAPID IN THE THIRD QUARTER, THIS WAS THE RESULT OF A FAIRLY SHARP ACCELERATION IN THE GROWTH RATE OF RETAINED IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES OFFSET BY AN EQUALLY SHARP SLOWING DOWN IN THE GROWTH RATE OF RETAINED IMPORTS OF CONSUMER GOODS.

WHILE EMPHASISING THAT IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY TO SAY THAT THE RECENT SHIFT IN THE IMPETUS TO GROWTH FROM DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO DOMESTIC DEMAND HAS REVERSED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE WERE CERTAINLY INDICATIONS OF SUCH A REVERSAL STARTING TO TAKE PLACE.

AS REGARDS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WHICH WERE UNCHANGED IN SEPTEMBER COMPARED WITH AUGUST, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NOT TOO MUCH SHOULD BE READ INTO FIGURES FOR ONE MONTH. WHILE THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS OBVIOUSLY WELCOME, HE SAID THAT THE DEPRECIATION IN THE EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR MAY EXERCISE AN UNFAVOURABLE EFFECT IN THE FUTURE. BUT HE ADDED THAT WHILE CONSUMER PRICES HAVE INCREASED BY ALMOST 16 PER CENT DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, DOMESTIC INFLATION, AS MEASURED BY THE G.D.P. DEFLATOR, IS ESTIMATED TO BE ONLY ABOUT 10 PER CENT THIS YEAR.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1981
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1981. THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR SEPTEMBER 1981 WERE 121 AND 120 RESPECTIVELY, EACH BEING THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE PRECEDING MONTH.

DURING SEPTEMBER, INCREASES IN COMMODITY PRICES AND SERVICE CHARGES WERE OFFSET TO A LARGE EXTENT BY A REDUCTION IN FOOD PRICES, PARTICULARLY FOR FRESH VEGETABLES.

SINCE THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WERE FIRST INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER 1980, C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) HAVE INCREASED IN THE ELEVEN-MONTH PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1980 TO SEPTEMBER 1981 BY 14.2 PER CENT AND 13.2 PER CENT, GIVING ANNUALISED RATES OF 15.5 PER CENT AND 14.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE NEW C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. AT THAT TIME, THE NEW C.P.I.(A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE NEW C.P.I.(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

THE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1981 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR AUGUST 1981.

(AVERAGE DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 = 100)

SECTION	NEW C.P.I.(A)		NEW C.P.I.(B)	
	SEPT. 81	AUG. 81	SEPT. 81	AUG. 81
FOODSTUFFS	125	125	125	125
HOUSING	116	116	116	116
FUEL AND LIGHT	138	137	138	138
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	117	112	116	112
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	114	113	113	112
DURABLE GOODS	108	108	109	109
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	111	109	112	109
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	134	132	130	129
SERVICES	120	117	119	117
ALL ITEMS	121	121	120	120

BECAUSE OF ROUNDING, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS REMAINED UNCHANGED IN THE NEW C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B). WITHIN FOODSTUFFS, HOWEVER, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES FELL SUBSTANTIALLY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH, FRESH FRUIT, AND BREAD, CAKES AND BISCUITS INCREASED. THE AVERAGE PRICES OF MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS ALSO WENT UP. THE EFFECTS OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

HIGHER PRICES FOR CIGARETTES CAUSED THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) TO INCREASE BY FIVE POINTS IN THE NEW C.P.I.(A) AND BY FOUR POINTS IN THE NEW C.P.I.(B).

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN THE NEW C.P.I.(A) AND THREE POINTS IN THE NEW C.P.I.(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR JEWELLERY, TOYS AND HOBBIES.

FOLLOWING INCREASES IN PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES, SCHOOL BUS FARES AND CHARGES FOR MONTHLY STUDENT TICKETS FOR TRAIN SERVICE, THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN THE NEW C.P.I.(A) AND BY ONE POINT IN THE NEW C.P.I.(B).

ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES, PACKAGE TOURS, MEDICAL TREATMENT, HAIRDRESSING, BOWLING GAMES AND ADMISSION FEES TO FOOTBALL MATCHES, THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY THREE POINTS IN THE NEW C.P.I.(A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN THE NEW C.P.I.(B).

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR SEPTEMBER 1981, WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE ON SALE AT \$2 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1981

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1981. THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER WAS \$11 495 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT \$7 659 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$3 836 MILLION.

WITH IMPORTS AT \$11 710 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR SEPTEMBER WAS \$215 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1980, THERE WERE THE FOLLOWING INCREASES BY VALUE: \$1 679 MILLION OR 28.1 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, \$1 054 MILLION OR 37.9 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, \$2 733 MILLION OR 31.2 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS AND \$2 321 MILLION OR 24.7 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS. THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, WAS 1.8 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 6.7 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 1980.

THE FIGURES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1980 OF 19.6 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 35.2 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, 24.2 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS AND 26.1 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS. THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+ IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WAS 5.9 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 4.5 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1980.

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER WITH THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ACCELERATED, THAT OF RE-EXPORTS DECELERATED AND THAT OF IMPORTS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

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EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCY STATISTICS IN JUNE 1981

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN JUNE 1981.

THESE WERE DERIVED FROM EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR- THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR- THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR- AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL FIGURES, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR JUNE 1980 AND MARCH 1981 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	JUN. 80	MAR. 81	JUN. 81	JUN. 81 ON JUN. 80	JUN. 81 ON MAR. 81
MANUFACTURING	926 700	889 100	942 800	+1.7	+6.0
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	89 700*	90 300*	86 800	-3.3	-3.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	440 900	458 700	455 700	+3.4	-0.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	121 300	134 000	141 700	+16.8	+5.7

NOTE: * REVISED FIGURES

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR JUNE 1981 WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME TIME IN 1980, THERE WERE INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR- THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

THE RAPID GROWTH RATE IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR CONTINUED- EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR IN JUNE 1981, AT 141 700, WAS 16.8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1980.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR IN JUNE 1981, AT 942 800 AND 455 700 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 1.7 PER CENT AND 3.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1980. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DECREASED BY 3.3 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR JUNE 1981 WITH THOSE FOR MARCH 1981, GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT VARIED IN EACH OF THE FOUR SECTORS ABOVE. INCREASES OF 6 PER CENT AND 5.7 PER CENT IN EMPLOYMENT WERE REGISTERED RESPECTIVELY IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES OF 3.9 PER CENT AND 0.7 PER CENT IN EMPLOYMENT WERE OBSERVED IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

TOGETHER WITH EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ALSO PUBLISHED VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR- THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR- AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR IN JUNE 1981.

THESE WERE COMPILED FROM THE NUMBER OF JOB VACANCIES REPORTED BY ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED BY THE EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS IN THESE SECTORS. THE OVERALL FIGURES, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR JUNE 1980 AND MARCH 1981, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	JUN. 80	MAR. 81	JUN. 81	JUN. 81 ON JUN. 80	JUN. 81 ON MAR. 81
MANUFACTURING	40 400	55 200	42 000	+4.0	-24.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	5 600	6 400	5 000	-10.0	-21.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 400	2 500	2 000	-9.8	-13.3

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COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR JUNE 1981 WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME TIME IN 1980, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 4 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR. FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN JUNE 1981 DECREASED RESPECTIVELY BY 10.0 PER CENT AND 9.8 PER CENT RELATIVE TO THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR JUNE 1981 WITH THOSE FOR MARCH 1981, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES DECREASED IN ALL OF THE ABOVE SECTORS.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM GIS PRESS ROOM. FURTHER DETAILS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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TRADITIONAL VALUES AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE
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IN WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SUCH TRADITIONAL VALUES AS +CO-OPERATION+, +SINCERITY+ AND +MUTUAL HELP+ SHOULD BE RE-EMPHASISED AND CULTIVATED AMONG OUR YOUNG, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDER'S DAY PARADE OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE BOYS' BRIGADE AT THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL IN MONG KOK.

+EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO BRING OUT THE INHERENT AND POTENTIAL GOOD QUALITIES OF HUMAN NATURE,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR NOTED THAT YOUTH PROGRAMMES PROVIDED BY YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING UNIFORM GROUPS, WERE MANY AND VARIED AND WERE CONTINUING TO GROW.

+ANY SUCCESSFUL YOUTH PROGRAMME OR MOVEMENT LIKE THE BOYS' BRIGADE CANNOT BE TRULY EFFECTIVE WITHOUT THE DEVOTION AND PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE WHO GIVE THEIR TIME AND EFFORT VOLUNTARILY,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS THIS VOLUNTARY SPIRIT AND EFFORT,+ HE CONTINUED, THAT MAKES THE QUALITY OF LIFE DIFFERENT IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE NOW BUILDING.+

COMMUNITY BUILDING, MR ALLEYNE SAID, IS A CONTINUING TASK FOR ALL OF US.

IF YOUNG PEOPLE FOUND SOME FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR PEERS IN A GROUP, AND IF THE GROUP IN TURN PARTICIPATED IN THE WIDER CONTEXT OF SOCIETY, THEY WOULD BE ON THE WAY TO BECOMING HAPPY AND USEFUL INDIVIDUALS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY.

+THIS,+ HE SAID, +IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.+

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APPRENTICE VACANCIES IN CRAFT TRADE

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THERE ARE STILL APPRENTICE VACANCIES IN SOME CRAFT TRADES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISH TO PURSUE A CAREER IN INDUSTRY THROUGH APPRENTICESHIP.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE VACANCIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE TRADES OF MACHINIST, MECHANICAL FITTER, MOULD AND DIE MAKER AND REPAIRER, TEXTILE MECHANIC, TOOL AND DIE MAKER AND PRINTING MACHINE OPERATOR.

ANY QUALIFIED YOUNGSTERS INTERESTED IN APPRENTICE TRAINING ARE WELCOME TO ENQUIRE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION AT 1 HENNESSY ROAD, ASIAN HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT LAST YEAR, THE DIVISION ASSISTED SOME 2 600 YOUNG PEOPLE IN FINDING A CRAFT OR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP IN 10 MAJOR INDUSTRIES.

THESE APPRENTICES ARE NOW PRODUCTIVELY EMPLOYED, EARNING THEIR LIVING AND AT THE SAME TIME LEARNING A TRADE IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED. IN ADDITION TO RECEIVING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROVIDED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS, THEY ALSO ATTEND RELATED PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES IN EITHER A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE ENTRY QUALIFICATION FOR CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP IS COMPLETION OF FORM 3, AND THE DURATION IS NORMALLY FOUR YEARS.

ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING, THE APPRENTICES WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES ISSUED JOINTLY BY THEIR EMPLOYERS AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR CERTIFYING THEIR COMPETENCY IN THE TRADES THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED.

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YUEN LONG DISTRICT CHILDREN'S SINGING CONTEST

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A SINGING CONTEST FOR YUEN LONG CHILDREN WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

THERE WILL BE SOLO AND GROUP SINGING EVENTS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS AND AN INSTRUMENT PLAYING COMPETITION FOR THOSE AGED SIX TO 13 YEARS.

PRELIMINARIES WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7 AND 8 AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, WHILE THE FINAL WILL TAKE PLACE TWO WEEKS LATER AT LUT SAU HALL.

ENTRY FORMS, WHICH MUST BE RETURNED BY THE END OF THE MONTH, ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN HALL.

WHEN THE CONTEST WAS FIRST HELD IN 1978, 200 CHILDREN TOOK PART. LAST YEAR, THERE WERE MORE THAN 400 PARTICIPANTS AND IT IS EXPECTED THERE WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE ENTRANTS THIS YEAR.

THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT IS ORGANISING THE CONTEST WITH DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORSHIP.

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SPECIAL TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACECOURSE ON WEDNESDAY
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL RUN FOUR SPECIAL TRAINS - TWO UP AND TWO DOWN - THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR THE RACES AT SHA TIN RACECOURSE.

THE FIRST TRAIN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 6.27 PM AND THE SECOND, WHICH WILL STOP AT MONG KOK STATION TO PICK UP PASSENGERS, WILL LEAVE AT 6.56 PM.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY, TWO SPECIAL TRAINS WILL DEPART RACECOURSE STATION AT 10.40 PM AND 10.55 PM. BOTH TRAINS WILL STOP AT MONG KOK STATION.

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SUPPLEMENT

Supplement No. 2

SPEECH BY H E THE GOVERNOR ON THE
OCCASION OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG
CAMPAIGN LAUNCHING AT TUEN MUN
ON SUNDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 1981

I am very pleased to officiate at the Opening Ceremony of the New Territories Clean Hong Kong Campaign. I congratulate Mr Yeung on his admirable speech. Obviously this campaign in the New Territories has been well and imaginatively prepared.

I know you have special problems. There is the litter of development; the litter of week-end hikers, visitors and picnickers; there is the remoteness of so many villages and beaches which makes cleansing difficult; there is the problem of organising a population undergoing such rapid change.

But I am impressed with the strong community spirit of your districts, and I am convinced that these problems will be overcome if everyone plays their part. The head of every household, of every shop and factory, of every school, office and institution, leading personalities in villages, blocks, areas and districts -

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they all must make a concerted effort to achieve total public response to the very simple rule: litter should go in the bin or the reception point and nowhere else.

Some will break this rule; let the public rebuke and ridicule them - their anti-social carelessness spoils for all the village, the town, the countryside or the beach. Litter wardens and park rangers and police are there to give support, and they will do their duty with zeal. But it is to the public to whom I appeal in the first instance to correct the thoughtless. If necessary there are the courts to do justice on litterbugs.

Ladies and gentlemen, I must pay my tribute to the Clean Hong Kong New Territories Advisory Committee, the Heung Yee Kuk, the District Boards, and the New Territories Administration who have set up this campaign. Never before have the New Territories mobilised themselves to this extent in so worthy a cause. I pledge you my personal support and that of your Government. The New Territories are the oldest, the most beautiful, and the most rapidly developing part of Hong Kong. All working together, we can also make it the cleanest.

I have much pleasure in launching the New Territories part of the Clean Hong Kong Campaign and will closely watch its progress,



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SPEECH BY H E THE GOVERNOR ON THE
OCCASION OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG
CAMPAIGN LAUNCHING AT MORSE PARK
ON SUNDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 1981

We have come a long way since the 1972 Campaign. But some of the success has slipped away, and habits that were broken are taking hold again. This campaign is to stop the rot, and stop it for good.

I know that the density of population produces a fantastic concentration of rubbish. But rubbish is not the problem, it is what we do with it. There is no part of the city so fine that it cannot be spoilt by litter, and no slum or squatter area so bad that litter cannot make it worse. Littering by a few spoils the city for all.

The Urban Council, the Urban Services Department, the men who operate our refuse collection vehicles and sweep our streets and pavements fight a daily battle / to keep ...

to keep our streets clean. They do a fine job and are steadily better equipped. But so much of what they do would be unnecessary if all of us deposited our litter in the right place; not in the street; not in the harbour; not thrown out of windows or doors; but in a rubbish bin where it ought to be and from which it is so easy to collect.

I am heartened to see so many representatives from the Urban districts here to-day. You will be organising special cleansing operations in the district in which you live or work. These should produce an immediate improvement and I wish you success. But this campaign is for keeps, and to succeed we must break careless anti-social attitudes. We can do so if we all act together; Urban Services, litter wardens, police, householders, mutual aid committees, area committees, district boards, schools, and above all, the general public, young, middle aged and old. We can keep our own areas clean; we can rebuke litterbugs and I appeal to everyone to do so; if necessary the courts can punish them and I hope they will.

There is much to be done; I pledge you my full support and that of your Government. We owe it to ourselves, our children and Hong Kong's good name that our city should be clean.