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TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IN THE INDUSTRIALIZING NATIONS, DR. S.Y. CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SAID THIS MORNING WHEN HE OPENED THE COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL SEMINAR ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY.

HE SAID : +ONE OF THE MAJOR CAUSES OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL GAP BETWEEN THE ADVANCED AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO LIE IN THE DISPARITY IN THE LEVELS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN THESE TWO GROUPS OF COUNTRIES.

+THE UNITED NATIONS HAS CONDUCTED MUCH RESEARCH IN THIS AREA AND, AS A RESULT, THE STRATEGY IN THE U.N. SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZING COUNTRIES ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND STRESSES THE URGENT NEED FOR ACCELERATION IN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND IN SELF-RELIANCE.+

DR. CHUNG POINTED OUT THAT IN ORDER TO NARROW THE TECHNOLOGICAL GAP, THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY MUST HAVE THE CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY TO ACCEPT THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

TURNING TO THE DOMESTIC SCENE, DR. CHUNG SAID HONG KONG MUST IMPROVE ITS INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH MECHANISATION OF ITS EXISTING INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS DEVELOP MORE SOPHISTICATED AND TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED INDUSTRIES.

+HONG KONG HAS TO FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE INDUSTRIALLY-ADVANCED COUNTRIES WHOSE INDUSTRIES, FACED WITH SEVERE COMPETITION FROM LOW-COST TERRITORIES, HAVE TO COMPETE NOT IN PRICE BUT ON QUALITY AND TECHNOLOGY.

+FOR THIS REASON, THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IN HONG KONG IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR FUTURE WELL-BEING,+ DR. CHUNG SAID.

BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY RECOGNISED THAT THE DEMAND FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION WAS INCREASING, HE POINTED OUT.

+THEREFORE DESPITE HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL STRINGENCY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUED TO DIVERT SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC FUNDS TOWARD THE GREAT EXPANSION OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION,+ DR. CHUNG EMPHASISED.

BY THE END OF THIS DECADE, HE ADDED, HONG KONG SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TECHNICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES FOR A TOTAL ENROLMENT OF 50,000 PLACES FOR FULL-TIME, PART-TIME DAY AND EVENING STUDENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY WERE MAKING JOINT EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH TRAINING CENTRES FOR DIFFERENT TRADES.

+TWO SUCH TRAINING CENTRES, ONE FOR CLOTHING AND THE OTHER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, ARE BEING SET UP,+ DR. CHUNG SAID.

IN HIS SPEECH, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DIVISION, COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT, MR. BERNARD FONG SAID THAT THE EDUCATION MINISTERS ATTENDING THE SEVENTH COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN ACCRA, GHANA, IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR WOULD NO DOUBT BE VERY INTERESTED IN NOT ONLY THE REPORT OF THE HONG KONG SEMINAR ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY BUT ESPECIALLY THE PRACTICAL ACTIONS WHICH DELEGATES WOULD RECOMMEND AS A RESULT OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS.

MR. FONG HOPED THAT THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON THE TECHNICIAN LEVEL AT THE SEMINAR WOULD ENABLE THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGIONS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE EXPANSION OF THEIR FACILITIES UPWARDS INTO THE TECHNICIAN LEVEL IN THE NOT FAR DISTANT FUTURE.

+ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT THESE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR MAY BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM MEASURES OF REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING WHICH ARE AMONG THE QUESTIONS ON WHICH WE WISH TO REACH SOME PRACTICAL CONCLUSIONS,+ HE SAID.

MR. FONG POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT WHEN SPONSORING EDUCATION SEMINARS OR CONFERENCES +ALWAYS TRIES ITS BEST TO ENSURE THAT PRACTICAL ACTION WILL RESULT IN SOME FORM OR OTHER, OR PREFERABLY IN SEVERAL FORMS, WHICH WILL HELP TO SOLVE OR EASE PROBLEMATICAL SITUATIONS FACED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES.+

THIS MEANT THAT AT CLOSING SESSIONS GENUINE AND REALISTIC PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENTS, FOR EXAMPLE IN LEGISLATION OR IN ORGANISATION OR IN TRAINING METHODS, WOULD BE PUT FORWARD FOR INCORPORATION IN THE REPORT.

+WE ALSO HAVE IN MIND THE POSSIBILITY THAT, IF THERE IS ENOUGH MATERIAL, THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT MIGHT PUBLISH AN ACCOUNT OF INTERESTING MEASURES, ARRANGEMENTS, INNOVATIONS, CASE STUDIES, SUCCESS STORIES, WHATEVER DELEGATES THINK BEST= THIS WILL BE FOR ALL TO DECIDE,+ THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SAID.

THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SUPPORTING CO-OPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN A REGION.

HE SAID THAT TOWARD THE END OF THE SEMINAR, +WE SHALL BE DISCUSSING MORE ABOUT REGIONAL SCHEMES AND PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE IN OPERATION OR BEING PLANNED, TO SHOW THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE SEMINAR CAN MAKE ITS OWN RECOMMENDATIONS.+

MR. FONG EXPRESSED THE GRATITUDE OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL, MR. SHRIDATH RAMPHAL, TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR HOSTING THE SEMINAR AND ALSO TO THE POLYTECHNIC FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS.

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COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEME
IN OPERATION NEXT MARCH

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TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN WEST KOWLOON WILL SOON BE CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WHEN A \$12 MILLION COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEME COMES INTO OPERATION NEXT MARCH.

THE SCHEME, DESIGNED BY A SPECIAL TEAM OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC ENGINEERS AND COMPUTER EXPERTS, WILL COVER YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK AND PARTS OF TSIM SHA TSUI AND SHAM SHUI PO.

THREE SETS OF COMPUTERS, WORTH NEARLY \$9 MILLION, ARRIVED FROM BRITAIN OVER THE WEEKEND AND ARE NOW BEING INSTALLED IN THE CONTROL CENTRE OF THE P.W.D.'S AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT AT THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN NATHAN ROAD.

MR. TONY THOMPSON, THE P.W.D.'S OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE UNIT, SAID TODAY THE COMPUTERS WOULD BE THE NERVE CENTRE OF THE SYSTEM CONTROLLING SOME 85 SETS OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN THE WEST KOWLOON AREA.

+THE CENTRAL COMPUTER WILL BE LINKED TO A NETWORK OF HIDDEN CABLES UNDER THE ROADS WHICH WILL RECORD TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND TRANSMIT THE INFORMATION TO THE COMPUTER WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO REACT INSTANTLY AND ADJUST THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO EVEN OUT TRAFFIC FLOW THROUGH CRITICAL BOTTLENECKS AND JUNCTIONS,+ HE SAID.

+IF FOR EXAMPLE, AN ACCIDENT OCCURS AND TRAFFIC BECOMES HEAVILY CONGESTED OVER A LARGE AREA, THE CENTRAL COMPUTER WILL INSTANTLY SYNCHRONISE TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN THE WHOLE AREA TO ENABLE TRAFFIC TO FLOW MORE SMOOTHLY,+ HE ADDED.

MR. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ALSO INTENDED TO LINK UP THE SYSTEM WITH THE TRAFFIC POLICE TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC INFORMATION SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF PASSING CARS, SPEED OF TRAFFIC AND THE LENGTH OF QUEUES, SO AS TO ENABLE THE POLICE TO SPOT AND CLEAR TRAFFIC JAMS IMMEDIATELY.

ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE SCHEME, HE SAID, WOULD BE TO DEVISE SPECIAL PROGRAMMES TO ENABLE THE COMPUTER TO CREATE A CLEARWAY FOR FIRE ENGINES AND OTHER EMERGENCY VEHICLES BY ADVISING THE QUICKEST ROUTE AND CO-ORDINATING THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS ALONG IT.

MR. THOMPSON SAID THE COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEME HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY ADOPTED IN A NUMBER OF CITIES IN EUROPE AND AMERICA, BUT THE WEST KOWLOON SCHEME WOULD BE THE FIRST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

+ALTHOUGH THE SCHEME WILL INITIALLY ONLY COVER WEST KOWLOON, IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED IN SUCH A WAY FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE EXPANSION AND, IF NEED BE, IT COULD HANDLE ALL TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN KOWLOON,+ HE SAID.

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PROPER WAYS TO HANDLE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS STOVES

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO HANDLE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS CYLINDERS AND STOVES WITH 'PROPER CARE'.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UNLESS A FEW SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN, ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN SERIOUS INJURY OR EVEN DEATH COULD OCCUR.

+A STOVE SHOULD NEVER BE PUT AT A PLACE WHERE IT CAN BE KNOCKED OVER,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT. +IT SHOULD BE OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN AND AWAY FROM MATERIALS WHICH MIGHT CATCH FIRE IF OVERHEATED.+

AFTER USE, THE STOVE MUST BE TURNED OFF, BOTH AT THE STOVE ITSELF AND AT THE REGULATOR ON THE CYLINDER. THE TUBE AS WELL AS THE CONNECTING JOINTS SHOULD BE CHECKED PERIODICALLY TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF FIRE :

- * ENSURE ALL GAS TAPS ARE 'OFF' BEFORE TURNING THE REGULATOR LEVER TO THE 'ON' POSITION.
- * CYLINDERS SHOULD ALWAYS STAND UPRIGHT.
- * KEEP BURNERS AND AIR INLETS CLEAN.
- * WHEN USING A MATCH TO LIGHT A STOVE, STRIKE IT FIRST AND PUT IT CLOSE TO THE BURNER BEFORE TURNING ON THE GAS.
- * LEARN TO IDENTIFY UNBURNT GAS SO THAT ANY LEAK CAN BE DETECTED (A SPECIAL ODORANT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE GAS FOR EASY DETECTION).
- * ALWAYS KEEP THE STOVE CLEAN AND FREE FROM GREASE.
- * CYLINDERS SHOULD NOT BE STORED OR USED IN BASEMENTS, BELOW GROUND LEVEL, IN FULLY ENCLOSED AREAS OR CLOSE TO AREAS WITH POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARDS.

HE SAID THAT IF LEAKAGE OF GAS WAS SUSPECTED, TURN OFF THE REGULATOR, EXTINGUISH ALL NAKED FLAMES, SWITCH OFF ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND OPEN ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS. FAULTY REGULATORS SHOULD NOT BE TAMPERED WITH BUT LEFT TO THE DISTRIBUTOR TO EXCHANGE.

+IF A LEAK PERSISTED, THE REGULATOR SHOULD BE DETACHED AND THE CYLINDER MOVED INTO THE OPEN AIR,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT. +UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, DO NOT USE A NAKED FLAME TO TRY TO DISCOVER A LEAK.+

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HONG KONG WELCOMES INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT
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THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) HONG KONG WELCOMED ANYONE WHO WISHED TO COME HERE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

MR. JORDAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE PHILIPS INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AT KWAI CHUNG.

HE SAID THAT PHILIPS' COMMITMENT WAS WELL-EXEMPLIFIED BY THE +SPLENDID BUILDING AND WHAT IT CONTAINS+, AN INVESTMENT WHICH WAS ENTERED INTO WHEN, AS MR. JORDAN PUT IT, +FAINTER HEARTS WERE HOLDING BACK+.

+I REMEMBER SAYING AT THAT TIME THAT THOSE MANUFACTURERS WILLING TO MAKE LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS WOULD BE THE ONES TO BENEFIT FROM THE RE-EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE. BECAUSE OF THAT FAR-SIGHTED DECISION, PHILIPS ARE, TODAY, IN AN EXCELLENT POSITION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INCREASED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY THAT IS NOW GOING ON ALL ROUND US.+

MR. JORDAN ADDED THAT THE DECISION WAS ALSO NOTABLE FOR ANOTHER ASPECT -- THE COMPANY'S WILLINGNESS TO JOIN UP WITH LOCAL INVESTORS IN INVESTMENT PROJECTS.

HE SAID THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THIS SORT OF JOINT VENTURE BECAUSE IT HELPED HONG KONG TO RETAIN AND ADVANCE ITS COMPETITIVE POSITION WORLDWIDE THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF MODERN, TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES AND THE SPREAD OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THOSE TECHNIQUES BY TRAINING LOCAL STAFF -- SOME OF WHOM GO OVERSEAS FOR ADVANCED TRAINING.

MR. JORDAN RECALLED THAT WHEN HE LAID THE BUILDING'S FOUNDATION STONE 17 MONTHS AGO, HONG KONG WAS IN THE MIDST OF THE WORLDWIDE RECESSION.

+I SAID THEN THAT HONG KONG INDUSTRY MUST BE PREPARED FOR STIFFER COMPETITION THAN BEFORE EVEN WHEN WORLD TRADE STARTED TO EXPAND AGAIN. TO JUDGE BY OUR EXPORT FIGURES, WE SEEM TO BE MEETING THE CHALLENGE FAIRLY WELL. BUT IT IS A CHALLENGE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MEET ONLY IF WE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN OUR ECONOMIC POLICY AND IF EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY CONTINUES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES IT OFFERS,+ MR. JORDAN SAID.

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1976 ANTI-NARCOTICS CUP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
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THE GOVERNMENT IS BRINGING ITS ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE TO BASKETBALL COURTS THIS WEEK WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE 1976 ANTI-NARCOTICS CUP AND E.P. HO CUP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

DETAILS OF THE TOURNAMENT, TO BE HELD IN ALL TEN CITY DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON, WERE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY.

ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE MR. AUGUSTINE CHUI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS= DR. KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN)= MR. RAFAEL HUI, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS= MR. CHAM SIU-LEUN, PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION= AND MR. M.C. CASWELL, PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

THE TOURNAMENT, WHICH IS PART OF ACAN'S DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMME THIS YEAR, IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP A GREATER INTEREST IN HEALTHY ACTIVITIES AS ALTERNATIVES TO DRUG ABUSE AND CREATING IN THEM AN AWARENESS OF THE DANGER OF DRUG ADDICTION.

DURING THE TWO-MONTH-LONG TOURNAMENT, PUBLICITY WILL BE MOUNTED TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICTS.

JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION AND ACAN, THE TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 20.

A TOTAL OF 84 TEAMS HAVE ENTERED THE TOURNAMENT. THEY WILL BEGIN PLAYING THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS WITHIN THEIR OWN DISTRICTS THIS WEEK. THE TOP TEAM FROM EACH OF THE TEN DISTRICTS WILL MEET IN THE SEMI-FINALS WHICH WILL BE PLAYED IN TWO SECTIONS --- FOUR TEAMS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND SIX IN KOWLOON.

THE TWO WINNING TEAMS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THREE IN KOWLOON WILL THEN ENTER THE FINAL ROUND AND THE CHAMPION TEAM WILL BE AWARDED BOTH THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CUP AND THE E.P. HO CUP. THE WHOLE TOURNAMENT WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A SINGLE ROUND-ROBIN BASIS.

ALTOGETHER, MORE THAN 180 MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED DURING THE TOURNAMENT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT A LARGE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS.

MORE THAN 50,000 ANTI-DRUG PAMPHLETS HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE SPECTATORS AND BANNERS CARRYING THE SLOGAN OF THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE BASKETBALL COURTS.

TOURNAMENT WAS FIRST JOINTLY HELD LAST YEAR UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, ACAN AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION. THE E.P. HO CUP WAS PROVIDED IN HONOUR OF THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. E.P. HO.

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T.O.E.F.L. TEST APPLICATION CLOSES ON OCTOBER 1

CANDIDATES WISHING TO SIT FOR THE COMING T.O.E.F.L. TEST (TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE) ON NOVEMBER 20 SHOULD COMPLETE THE NECESSARY REGISTRATION FORMS AND SUBMIT THEM TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE 4 P.M. ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 1).

COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 4 P.M. FROM NOW TO FRIDAY.

+THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR PASSPORTS OR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS AND TWO RECENT PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID. +JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY A PHOTO-BEARING DOCUMENT,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT LACK OF IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING STANDARD PHOTOGRAPHS, COULD DISQUALIFY A CANDIDATE FROM REGISTERING.

HE ADDED THAT REGISTRATION BY MAIL AND LATE ENTRIES WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED.

TEST FEE OF HK\$95 PER CANDIDATE MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 5 AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11TH FLOOR.

FEES MAY ALSO BE PAID BY CROSSED CHEQUE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE POST.

COPIES OF THE BULLETIN OF INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR; THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIP SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, BONAVENTURE HOUSE, 2ND FLOOR, 91 LEIGHTON ROAD; AND THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, 408 J. HOTUNG HOUSE, 4TH FLOOR, 5-15 HANKOW ROAD, KOWLOON.

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WATER CUT

WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 30) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, KAI TAK ROAD, CARPENTER ROAD, AND HAU WONG ROAD, INCLUDING NGA TSIN LONG ROAD, NAM KOK ROAD, LUNG KONG ROAD, SOUTH WALL ROAD AND TAK KU LING ROAD.

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HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY 香港房屋委員會

PRESS
RELEASE

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Tuesday, 28th September 1976

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR. D.P.H. LIAO,
TO MARK THE SIGNING OF A CONTRACT
TO BUILD THE FIRST PHASE OF THE EXTENSION
TO CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, TSING YI ISLAND,
HELD AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1976

"The contract being signed today is for the extension to the first phase of Cheung Ching Estate on Tsing Yi Island.

"Valued at approximately \$32.3 million, it is due for completion in 24 months.

"The extension will provide accommodation for 10,800 persons, the building will be of the twin tower type similar to those in the first stage of the estate and include three primary schools.

"It will be recalled that, just under two years ago, a contract was signed for the first phase of Cheung Ching Estate valued at \$91.7 million, the largest single building contract ever awarded by the Authority.

"This contract is the sixth to be signed by the Housing Authority this year.

"These six contracts awarded so far this year amount to \$203.3 million in value; and when fully completed in 1977-78 they will provide accommodation for over 68,000 people.

"Since April 1973, when the present Authority was formed, 25 building contracts have been awarded by the Housing Department and Public Works Department, with a value of about \$840 million, providing accommodation for upwards of 318,000 people.

"Eight of these contracts have already been completed, providing accommodation for 108,000 people.

"Between now and the end of the current financial year, six more building contracts will be let and a start will be made on two redevelopment contracts. On completion, a further 100,000 people will be housed.

"At this moment there are seven contracts in hand for temporary housing in licensed areas with part-built structures, individual water and electricity supply which will provide accommodation for 23,000 people.

"So I am happy to say that we are on target today concerning our housing goals and that with the recession behind us we are recruiting more professional men such as architects and engineers to help carry out the growing workload. Efforts are being concentrated to improve the production of housing and we can expect to see the considerable increase in our output before the end of the decade.

"So the Housing Authority's output is aiming in only one direction, the same direction as the multi-storey blocks in a housing estate, and that is upward."



HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY 香港房屋委員會

PRESS RELEASE 新聞稿

Tuesday, 28th September 1976

25 CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE HOMES
FOR 318,000 PEOPLE

More than 318,000 people have been or will be housed as a result of 25 building contracts awarded since the Housing Authority was set up in 1973, Mr D.P.H. Liao, Director of Housing, said today.

Mr Liao was speaking at the signing of the 25th contract, valued at \$32.3 million, to build an extension to the first phase of Cheung Ching Estate on Tsing Yi Island.

"Since April, 1973," he said, "when the present Housing Authority was formed, 25 building contracts have been awarded by the Housing Department and the Public Works Department, with a value of about \$840 million, providing accommodation for upwards of 318,000 people," Mr Liao said.

He added that eight of these contracts had already been completed and between now and the end of the current financial year a further six building contracts will be let, providing accommodation for 100,000 more people, and a start made on two redevelopment contracts.

"In addition," he said, "there are seven contracts in hand for temporary housing in licensed areas with part-built structures, individual water and electricity supply which will provide accommodation for 23,000 people."

Efforts were being concentrated to improve the production of housing and a considerable increase in output could be expected, he said. He added that "we are on target today concerning our housing goals" and pointed out that more architects and engineers were being recruited to carry out the growing workload.

The contract signed by Mr Liao today will provide housing for 10,800 people and the project is due for completion in two years. The extension like the first phase will be of the twin-tower type and include three primary schools.

Following are details of all six contracts let this year:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Contract Sum (\$M)</u>
March	Wah Fu Extension	10,700	35.8
April	Lai Yiu (Phase IIB)	3,200	11.9
June	Fu Shan	11,500	34.8
July	Ngau Chi Wan (Phase I)	16,200	40.6
July	Shun Lee Tsuen (Stage II - Phase I)	15,700	47.9
September	Cheung Ching (Phase I Extension)	10,800	32.3

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