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REVISED OFFERS FOR 15 DOMESTIC FLAT OWNERS OF TAI ON MANSION
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE REVISED OFFERS TO 15 OF THE 23 FORMER DOMESTIC FLAT OWNERS OF TAI ON MANSION WHO HAD, AT THE DATE OF RESUMPTION, LET THEIR PREMISES TO TENANTS.

THE RANGE OF INCREASE OF THESE OFFERS IS BETWEEN \$1,000 AND \$11,000. IN MOST CASES, THE INCREASE IS AROUND \$7,000.

MR. C.M. MO, CHIEF ESTATE SURVEYOR OF MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT, P.W.D., SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THESE REVISED OFFERS WERE MADE AS A RESULT OF FRESH EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM LATEST TRANSACTIONS WHICH INDICATED THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF OFFERS ALREADY MADE TO THESE 15 FORMER OWNERS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HIS DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO REVIEWED THE COMPENSATION AMOUNTS FOR THE REMAINING EIGHT FLATS BUT HE REGRETTED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO INCREASE THE SUMS ALREADY OFFERED.

HE SAID HIS OFFICE WOULD MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENTS AS SOON AS THE AGREEMENT FORMS ARE RECEIVED.

+ON TOP OF THESE COMPENSATION AMOUNTS, AN ELEMENT OF INTEREST WILL BE ADDED TO THEM WHEN PAYMENTS ARE MADE,+ HE SAID.

IN CASE THAT AN OWNER IS STILL DISSATISFIED WITH THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION ALREADY OFFERED TO HIM, HE IS ENTITLED TO BRING THE CASE UP TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL FOR DETERMINATION.

APART FROM COMPENSATION, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY MADE OFFERS OF CASH ASSISTANCE TO ALL FORMER DOMESTIC OWNER-OCCUPIERS OF TAI ON MANSION TO COVER THEIR LOSSES RESULTING FROM DISTURBANCE. THIS AMOUNTS TO A TOTAL OF \$299,754.

MR. MO SAID THAT ALL THE OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF THE TAI ON MANSION HAD BEEN AWARDED APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE COMPENSATION WAS WORKED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE AND THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS LAID DOWN, OWNERS WERE GIVEN COMPENSATION FOR THE VALUE OF THE PREMISES RESUMED AT THE DATE OF RESUMPTION. DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL TENANTS, AS WELL AS THE OWNER-OCCUPIERS, WERE ALL OFFERED CASH ASSISTANCE TO HELP THEM WITH THEIR REMOVAL. THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION DEPENDED LARGELY ON THE SIZE OF THEIR LIVING AND BUSINESS SPACES.

MR. MO POINTED OUT THAT THE COMPENSATION AWARDED TO THE COMMERCIAL TENANTS HAD ALREADY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THEIR BUSINESS LOSSES THAT HAD OCCURRED SINCE THE BUILDING WAS RESUMED IN APRIL AND THE LOSS IN PROFIT WHICH WOULD LIKELY OCCUR WHILST EXISTING BUSINESSES WERE BEING RE-ESTABLISHED IN NEW PREMISES.

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AS FOR THE DOMESTIC TENANTS AND OWNER-OCCUPIERS, HE SAID, ALL ELIGIBLE FAMILIES WHO WISHED TO BE REHOUSED HAD BEEN ALLOCATED ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

MR. MO EMPHASISED THAT ALL OWNERS AND SHOP TENANTS OF THE TAI ON MANSION COULD STILL SUBMIT THEIR CASES TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL FOR DETERMINATION, IF THEY WERE NOT HAPPY WITH THE AMOUNTS OFFERED TO THEM.

HE SAID THAT EVERY EFFORT HAD BEEN, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE BY HIS OFFICE TO TRY TO ARRIVE AT AN ASSESSMENT OF VALUE WHICH IS FAIR AND REASONABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT IS LAID DOWN IN LAW.

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EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE YEAR IN MANUFACTURING, IMPORT/EXPORT, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, BANKING AND INSURANCE, AS WELL AS OTHER SELECTED TRADES AND SERVICES.

THE SURVEY IS DESIGNED TO FIND OUT THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT LEVELS AND TRENDS IN PRINCIPAL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

SURVEY CARDS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO SOME 50,000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, WITH A COMPLETE COVERAGE OF THE LARGER CONCERNS AND A RANDOM SAMPLE OF THE SMALLER ONES.

ON RECEIPT OF SURVEY CARDS, MANagements OF ESTABLISHMENTS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE THEM WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES AS AT THE DATE INDICATED ON THE CARDS, AND TO RETURN THEM PROMPTLY TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT USING THE POSTAGE-PAID REPLY ENVELOPE ATTACHED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS TODAY APPEALED TO MANagements FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE SURVEY.

HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE USED SOLELY FOR COMPILING SUMMARY STATISTICAL TABLES.

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TSUEN WAN TO GET ITS OWN CDOS
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TSUEN WAN -- HONG KONG'S LARGEST AND FASTEST-GROWING NEW TOWN -- IS TO GET ITS OWN +CITY DISTRICT OFFICES+ SOON.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER AND TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, DURING A LUNCHEON ADDRESS TO THE LIONS CLUB OF VICTORIA.

MR. HAYES REVEALED THAT TWO BRANCH OFFICES +ALONG THE LINES OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES+ WOULD BE OPENED IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

THE EXPANSION OF GOVERNMENT STAFF AND FACILITIES, HE ADDED, WAS PART OF AN OVERALL AIM TO INVOLVE THE NEW TOWN COMMUNITY IN THE RUNNING OF ITS OWN AFFAIRS.

OUTLINING THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY TRANSFORMED TSUEN WAN FROM A ONCE-SMALL MARKET CENTRE INTO A BUSTLING TOWN OF 520,000, MR. HAYES SAID THAT COMMUNITY FACILITIES MUST BE PROVIDED IN TANDEM WITH MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

+MANY AMENITIES OF THIS TYPE ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE IN THE DEVELOPED AREAS,+ HE SAID. +A TOWN HALL, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, ANOTHER SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND SPORTS GROUNDS ARE PART OF THIS PROVISION.

+THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK AND TAI MO SHAN ITSELF WILL SUPPLY OTHER RECREATIONAL SPACE.

+AND WITH THIS EXPANSION OF BRANCH OFFICES WILL COME A GREATER EFFORT TO INVOLVE LOCAL RESIDENTS IN TOWN MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

+THIS HAS ALREADY BEGUN THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VARIOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEES, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH IS THE NEW RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE WHICH WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE ALL-OFFICIAL TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.+

POINTING OUT THAT THE NEW TOWN WOULD BECOME A MAJOR CITY WITH A POPULATION OF 900,000 BY THE MID 1980S, MR. HAYES SAID TSUEN WAN WAS ALREADY A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CENTRE WITH 3,300 REGISTERED MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING MORE THAN 120,000 WORKERS.

TEXTILES, WEARING APPAREL, PLASTICS AND METAL PRODUCTS ACCOUNTED FOR THREE QUARTERS OF THE INDUSTRY AND ITS WORKFORCE, HE ADDED.

+ALTHOUGH DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI IS THE FOCUS OF CURRENT LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

+PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND LAND FOR SPECIAL INDUSTRIES INCLUDING DOCKYARDS, OIL STORAGE DEPOTS AND A LARGE POWER STATION CONSTITUTE THE BULK OF THE DEVELOPMENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.+

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME

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THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS BEGUN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FIFTH ROUND OF THE +OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME+.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME IS TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO TAKE PART IN PROJECTS THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AND AT THE SAME TIME HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR PERSONALITIES AND SOCIAL ATTITUDES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL ITS COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES.

ANY GROUP WHICH IS RECOGNISED OR SPONSORED BY SCHOOLS, YOUTH AGENCIES OR INSTITUTIONS MAY APPLY. EACH GROUP SHOULD HAVE MORE THAN TEN MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25 YEARS. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOVEMBER 2, 1976.

PROJECTS PROPOSED BY EACH GROUP WILL BE ASSESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO THE EXTENT OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY BENEFITS, INNOVATION, FEASIBILITY AND OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES.

AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000 PER PROJECT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PROPOSALS OF THE HIGHEST MERITS. HALF OF THE AMOUNT WILL BE ADVANCED BEFORE THE START OF THE PROJECT AND THE REST HALF WAY THROUGH. EVALUATION REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE END OF EACH PROJECT.

MR. LAM KWOK-WAN, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF THE DIVISION SAID : +SINCE THE SCHEME WAS FIRST LAUNCHED IN 1974, THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED 374 APPLICATIONS OF WHICH 194 PROJECTS WERE SUPPORTED.+

+IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND OF THE SCHEME, 83 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED AND THE 45 PROJECTS SUPPORTED WERE ALLOCATED GRANTS AMOUNTING TO \$42,870. AMONG THE PROJECTS SUPPORTED WERE SERVICE FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY= RECREATION SCHEME FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND CONSTRUCTION WORK PROJECTS,+ HE ADDED.

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TEXTILE QUOTA UTILISATION POSITION

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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE END OF AUGUST 1976 FIGURES ON THE UTILISATION OF QUOTAS IN RESPECT OF ALL RESTRAINED MARKETS.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID THAT WHILST THE RATE OF UTILISATION WAS HIGH IN A NUMBER OF CATEGORIES TO CERTAIN MARKETS, THE FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS IN THE AGREEMENTS COULD ENABLE HONG KONG TO EXPORT UP TO CERTAIN SPECIFIED PERCENTAGES OVER AND ABOVE THE RESTRAINT LIMITS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT FREE QUOTAS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES AND MARKETS WERE STILL AVAILABLE FOR APPLICATION AND INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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

USA

THE CURRENT 12-MONTH US TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD BEGAN ON OCTOBER 1, 1975. IN THE 11 MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1976, TOTAL QUOTAS USED AMOUNTED TO 717 MILLION EQUIVALENT SQUARE YARDS OR 81 PER CENT OF THE OVERALL ANNUAL LIMIT. FIGURES SHOWING THE QUANTITIES LICENSED FOR EXPORTS AND PERCENTAGE UTILISATION ON A GROUP BASIS ARE SET OUT BELOW :-

		DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY LICENSED	PERCENTAGE UTILISATION AGAINST GROUP LIMITS
GROUP	I	YARNS AND FABRICS OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	182	75 PER CENT
GROUP	II	APPAREL OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	477.8	87 PER CENT
GROUP	III	MADE-UPS AND MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	30.5	56 PER CENT
GROUP	IV	WOOL TEXTILE AND APPAREL	26.7	64 PER CENT

NOTE: FIGURES ON QUANTITY LICENSED ARE IN MILLION EQUIVALENT SQ. YDS.

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OF THE CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMITS IN THE HONG KONG/US TEXTILE AGREEMENT, THE RATE OF UTILISATION IN SEVEN OUT OF 21 CATEGORIES COULD BE DESCRIBED AS RELATIVELY HIGH. THESE SEVEN CATEGORIES WERE CATEGORY 22/23 (Twill and Sateen), CATEGORY 41/42/43/62(2) (COTTON KNIT T-SHIRTS AND OTHER KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES EXCEPT SWEAT-SHIRTS), CATEGORY 45/46/47 (MEN'S AND BOYS' SHIRTS, DRESS, SPORT AND WORK, NOT KNIT), CATEGORY 50/51 (COTTON WOVEN TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS), CATEGORY 54/63(1) (PLAYSUITS, SUNSUITS, WASHSUITS, CREEPERS AND ROMPERS ETC.), CATEGORY 218/219/224(5) (M.M.F. KNIT SHIRTS, BLOUSES, TOPS AND VEST) AND CATEGORY 221 (SWEATERS AND CARDIGANS, KNIT). IN ADDITION, RELATIVELY HIGH UTILISATION WAS ALSO RECORDED IN CATEGORY 116/117 SWEATER PERMITS. THE UTILISATION FOR THE REST OF THE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES WAS RELATIVELY LOW.

EEC

THE CURRENT 12-MONTH EEC TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1976. QUOTA UTILISATION POSITIONS ON MEMBER STATE BASIS FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1976 ARE GIVEN BELOW : -

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY LICENSED</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE UTILISATION</u>
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	23.5	61 PER CENT
UNITED KINGDOM	37.2	55 PER CENT
BENELUX	3.75	45 PER CENT
DENMARK	1.98	63 PER CENT
ITALY	1.27	31 PER CENT
FRANCE	1.2	55 PER CENT
IRISH REPUBLIC	0.26	39 PER CENT

NOTE: FIGURES ON QUANTITY LICENSED ARE IN MILLION EQUIVALENT KGS.

OUT OF A TOTAL OF 108 CATEGORIES ON MEMBER STATE/CATEGORY BASIS, THE RATE OF UTILISATION IN 37 OF THEM WAS RELATIVELY HIGH. THE POPULAR CATEGORIES INCLUDED CATEGORY 2 (WOVEN FABRICS), CATEGORY 3 (KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES), CATEGORY 4 (KNIT PULLOVERS), CATEGORY 8 (WOVEN TROUSERS), CATEGORY 10 (WOVEN DRESSES) AND CATEGORY 13 (WOVEN NIGHTWEAR).

NOTE FOR EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE RELEVANT NOTICES TO EXPORTERS WHICH GIVE DETAILED FIGURES OF UTILISATION OF QUOTAS FOR EACH RESTRAINED MARKET ON A CATEGORY BY CATEGORY BASIS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES LATER TODAY.

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JULY ISSUE OF MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS

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THE JULY 1976 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS ON SALE TODAY CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON CRIME KNOWN TO THE POLICE.

IT IS ONE IN A SERIES OF REVIEW ARTICLES ON SPECIAL TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC PUBLISHED EVERY THREE MONTHS BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF COMPILATION OF POLICE STATISTICS ON CRIME AND SUGGESTS SOME METHODS OF APPROACH FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF CRIME STATISTICS.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS OBTAINABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG AT HK\$6 A COPY.

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TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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THE NEXT T.O.E.F.L. TEST (TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE) WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1976, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ALL CANDIDATES WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE TEST SHOULD COMPLETE THE NECESSARY REGISTRATION FORMS AND TAKE THEM IN PERSON TO THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 4 P.M. FROM SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 1.

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

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

+REGISTRATION BY MAIL AND LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE 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,+ HE ADDED.

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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