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GOVERNOR RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS
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HE THE GOVERNOR HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS: -

+ON TAKING OFFICE AS HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, I SEND MY GOOD WISHES
TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE
PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG AND ITS PEOPLE. I HOPE
DURING MY PERIOD OF OFFICE THAT I SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
VISIT YOU.+

REPLYING TO THIS MESSAGE, HE THE GOVERNOR SAID:

+I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR THIS MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE
OF HONG KONG AND THEIR GOVERNMENT.

+I WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL AND HAPPY TENURE OF OFFICE.+

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JANUARY
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) FOR JANUARY 1977 WAS 115, THREE
POINTS HIGHER THAN THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS ROSE BY FOUR POINTS. THE AVERAGE
RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH WATER FISH, PORK AND FRESH VEGETABLES
ADVANCED.

INCREASES OF ONE POINT EACH WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR
DURABLE GOODS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS OWING TO HIGHER PRICES FOR
WOODEN FURNITURE AND CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINES.

MOVEMENTS IN THE INDEXES FOR THE OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS AND
SERVICES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR JANUARY 1977 WAS 115, TWO
POINTS HIGHER THAN THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS ROSE BY FOUR POINTS. THE AVERAGE
RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH WATER FISH, PORK AND FRESH VEGETABLES
ADVANCED.

INCREASES OF ONE POINT EACH WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR, DURABLE GOODS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AS A
RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR SOME ITEMS OF WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING,
WOODEN FURNITURE AND CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINES.

ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR DOMESTIC HELP AND HAIRDRESSING,
THE INDEX FOR SERVICES ROSE BY ONE POINT. MOVEMENTS IN THE INDEXES
FOR THE OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

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IN-SERVICE COURSES OF TRAINING FOR FULL-TIME TEACHERS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION ARE OFFERING COURSES OF TRAINING FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS EMPLOYED FULL-TIME IN GOVERNMENT-AIDED OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS WHO WISH TO BECOME QUALIFIED TEACHERS.

THE COURSES, WHICH ARE FREE OF CHARGE, CONSIST OF LECTURES, TUTORIALS, DEMONSTRATION LESSONS, ASSIGNMENTS AND SUPERVISION OF TEACHING OVER THE TWO ACADEMIC YEARS 1977 TO 1979.

CERTIFICATES ACCORDING +QUALIFIED TEACHER+ STATUS ARE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE.

FULL DETAILS OF THE COURSES ARE CONTAINED IN A GENERAL SCHOOLS CIRCULAR ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TODAY.

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF COURSE - ONE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THE OTHER TWO FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS. THE PRIMARY COURSE IS CONDUCTED IN CHINESE EXCEPT FOR THE ELECTIVE SUBJECT: ENGLISH. THE SECONDARY COURSES ARE CONDUCTED EITHER IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH, DEPENDING ON WHICH LANGUAGE THE TEACHERS USE AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION.

EACH OF THE THREE COURSES IS DIVIDED INTO TWO CLASSES, AN EVENING CLASS AND A DAY-RELEASE CLASS. APPLICANTS THUS HAVE A CHOICE OF ATTENDING EITHER FOR THREE EVENINGS A WEEK OR FOR ONE DAY A WEEK FOR THE DURATION OF THE COURSE. THIS ARRANGEMENT, WHICH HAS HITHERTO BEEN AVAILABLE ONLY FOR THE PRIMARY COURSE, WILL GIVE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS AND THEIR SPONSORING SCHOOLS MUCH GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN ARRANGING ATTENDANCE AT THE COURSES.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR ALL COURSES MUST HAVE HAD AT LEAST TWO YEARS APPROVED TEACHING EXPERIENCE.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR ALL COURSES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. APPLICATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG (SECONDARY ENGLISH COURSE ONLY), GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HUNG HOM ANNEXE, 19 HOK YUEN STREET, KOWLOON (PRIMARY COURSE ONLY) AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, PIPER'S HILL, KOWLOON (SECONDARY CHINESE COURSE ONLY).

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE SENT TO THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO WHICH ADMISSION IS SOUGHT, BY NOON ON SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1977.

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TEXTILE QUOTA UTILISATION POSITION

THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE END OF JANUARY 1977 FIGURES ON THE UTILISATION OF QUOTA IN RESPECT OF ALL RESTRAINED MARKETS.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID THAT FREE QUOTAS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES AND MARKETS WERE STILL AVAILABLE ON 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 EEC, HONG KONG'S TWO MAJOR TEXTILE MARKETS.

USA

IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD WHICH BEGAN ON OCTOBER 1, 1976, TOTAL QUOTAS USED AMOUNTED TO 221.45 MILLION EQUIVALENT SQ. YDS. OR 23.48 PER CENT OF THE OVERALL RESTRAINT LIMIT. FIGURES SHOWING THE QUANTITIES LICENSED FOR EXPORT AND PERCENTAGE 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	44.97	17.45
II	APPAREL OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	159.21	27.20
III	MADE-UPS AND MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	12.68	21.80
IV	WOOL TEXTILES AND APPAREL	4.58	10.90

OF THE CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMIT 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 41/42/43/62(2) (COTTON KNIT T-SHIRTS, OTHER KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES, EXCEPT SWEAT-SHIRTS), CATEGORY 48 (COTTON RAINCOATS, 3/4 LENGTH OR LONGER, NOT KNIT), CATEGORY 49/63(2) (COTTON COATS AND JACKETS, OTHER THAN RAINCOATS OF 3/4 LENGTH OR LONGER, NOT KNIT), CATEGORY 50/51 (COTTON TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS, NOT KNIT), CATEGORY 54/63(1) (COTTON PLAYSUITS, SUNSUITS, WASHSUITS, CREEPERS, ROMPERS, ETC. AND ENTIRETIES, NOT KNIT), CATEGORY 229 (MMF COATS, NOT KNIT) AND CATEGORY 237 (MMF SUITS, NOT KNIT).

EEC

THE CURRENT 12-MONTH RESTRAINT PERIOD BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1977. QUOTA UTILISATION POSITIONS ON MEMBER STATE BASIS FOR THE FIRST MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 1977 ARE GIVEN BELOW :

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY LICENSED (IN MILLION EQUIVALENT KGS.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE UTILISATION</u>
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	3.03	7.4
UNITED KINGDOM	3.33	4.8
BENELUX	0.47	5.0
DENMARK	0.22	6.6
ITALY	0.14	2.7
FRANCE	0.03	1.1
IRISH REPUBLIC	0.001	0.1

OUT OF A TOTAL OF 109 CATEGORIES ON MEMBER STATE/CATEGORY BASIS, THE RATE OF UTILISATION IN THREE OF THEM WAS RELATIVELY HIGH. THE POPULAR CATEGORIES INCLUDED CATEGORY 3 (KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES), CATEGORY 8 (WOVEN TROUSERS) AND CATEGORY 11 (WOVEN BLOUSES, WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND INFANTS').

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NOTE TO 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 ARE BOXED IN GIS PRESS BOXES.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 26) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, BEACON HILL ROAD, EDE ROAD AND BROADCAST DRIVE, INCLUDING EASTBOURNE ROAD, RHONDDA ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDEN ROAD AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER'S HOUSING SCHEMES.

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P.W.D. TO ENTERTAIN 2,400 CHILDREN
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THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES WILL REACH A CLIMAX FOR SOME 2,400 CHILDREN THIS SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 27) WHEN THEY WILL BE TREATED TO A DAY OF FUN AND GAMES BY THE P.W.D.'S WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE FUN FAIR, AN ANNUAL AFFAIR ORGANISED FOR CHILDREN OF WATERWORKS STAFF, WILL BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON WAH YAN COLLEGE BETWEEN 12.30 P.M. AND 4.00 P.M.

A LAVISH PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED, FEATURING SONGS AND DANCES, PUPPET AND MAGIC SHOWS, BAND DRILLS, PARADES AND AN ARRAY OF COLOURFUL GAMES STALLS.

AMONG THOSE PARTICIPATING WILL BE THE ST. BONAVENTURE A-C PRIMARY SCHOOL BAND, THE MONGKOK CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE WINNERS OF THE SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION AND R.T.V. CELEBRITIES.

A SPECIAL ATTRACTION THIS YEAR WILL BE A FUN TRAIN +CANNON BALL EMPRESS+ WHICH WILL TAKE CHILDREN ON TOURS ROUND THE FAIR.

FIFTEEN GAMES STALLS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST STALLS BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. WILLIAM TUCKER.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE A RAFFLE DRAW AND THE WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN BY MRS. TUCKER.

DURING THE EVENT, MR. TUCKER WILL PRESENT GOLD MEDAL AWARDS TO THE THREE WATERWORKS OFFICERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING THE LAST YEAR.

THEY ARE : MR. NG TAT-MAU, AN ARTISAN WITH THE ELECTRICAL DIVISION OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT- MR. KWONG SHEK-TONG, A FOREMAN OF THE MECHANICAL DIVISION- AND MRS. CHUNG YIP-YUNG, A LABOURER WITH SECRETARIAT DIVISION.

THEY WILL BE PRESENTED WITH KIRKWOOD AWARDS WHICH WAS STARTED IN 1967 WITH DONATIONS FROM TEXTILE AND ENGINEERING FIRMS IN MEMORY OF A FORMER WATERWORKS ENGINEER.

THESE AWARDS ARE GIVEN ANNUALLY TO STAFF OF THE RANK OF FOREMAN III OR BELOW WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES BY THEIR GENERAL CAPABILITIES AND ATTENTION TO DUTIES OR BY THEIR NOTEWORTHY CONDUCT OR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY IN A PARTICULAR INSTANCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE KIRKWOOD AWARD PRESENTATIONS OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CHILDREN'S PARTY AT WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON. THE PARTY WILL START AT 12.30 P.M. THE AWARD PRESENTATIONS BY MR. TUCKER WILL TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT 1.30 P.M. MR. MOK MAN-TAT, WATERWORKS WELFARE OFFICER, WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE AND ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE FUNCTION.

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SIR DENYS SEES USD IN ACTION

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, TODAY HAD A CLOSE ON-THE-SPOT LOOK AT THE WORK OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN A TOUR OF URBAN COUNCIL SITES AND AMENITIES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON.

SIR DENYS, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR. BRIAN WILSON, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS), MR. REI OBLITAS, BEGAN HIS INTENSIVE AFTERNOON'S TOUR IN WAN CHAI, AT THE BUSY O'BRIEN ROAD REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

HE WENT ON TO VISIT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL AND THEN TUNG LO WAN GARDEN, THE VERY POPULAR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ADJOINING VICTORIA PARK RECENTLY BUILT BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

SIR DENYS ALSO HAD A LOOK AT VARIOUS KINDS OF URBAN COUNCIL VEHICLES AT WHITFIELD DEPOT. THEIR USES WERE EXPLAINED TO HIM BY MR. MA IU-KI, USD'S ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER FOR TRANSPORT.

AT KOWLOON PARK HE WAS TOLD ABOUT PLANS FOR DEVELOPING THESE GROUNDS AND ALSO VISITED THE WORKSHOPS OF THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE PARK.

OTHER PLACES VISITED IN KOWLOON INCLUDED YAU MA TEI MARKET AND PUBLIC LIBRARY, MONG KOK NEW MARKET AND THE MORSE PARK INDOOR GAMES HALL WHICH OPENED LAST YEAR.

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LABORATORY TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH LEADERS

FORTY YOUTH LEADERS WILL ATTEND A LABORATORY TRAINING COURSE TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH. THE LABORATORY METHOD IS A NEW APPROACH IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THROUGH EXPERIMENTING IN A SECURE ENVIRONMENT.

ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH WORK UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE TRAINING COURSE IS TO HELP POTENTIAL YOUTH LEADERS DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE IN HUMAN RELATIONS AND THEIR SENSITIVITY TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE COURSE, LASTING 15 DAYS, WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 20. IT WILL START WITH A DAY CAMP AT THE WESLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE TO BE FOLLOWED BY THREE LECTURES HELD AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE. THE COURSE WILL END WITH AN OVERNIGHT CAMP AT THE MORRISON HOUSE AT HATTAN ROAD.

THE COURSE IS OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 25 WHO HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST FORM V LEVEL.

AS THE COURSE IS LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS, ENROLMENT WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YOUTH WORK UNIT, TOP FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405, NATHAN ROAD. THE CHARGE IS \$15 A PERSON.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT IN ON OR BEFORE MARCH 11.

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