



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVT BURNS \$56 MILLION WORTH OF SEIZED NARCOTICS
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SOME 1,140 LBS. OF RAW OPIUM AND 310 LBS. OF MORPHINE WITH A STREET VALUE OF OVER \$56 MILLION SEIZED BY THE POLICE AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICERS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS WERE BURNT AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, IN AN ADDRESS TO A GATHERING SAID THE DESTRUCTION OF THE DRUGS BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD'S APPEAL TO ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO STOP SELLING SEIZED DRUGS.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO ALSO WITNESSED THE BURNING WERE THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. D.H. JORDAN= THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. LEWIS DAVIES= THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG= THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR. ROY HENRY AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. E.I. LEE. LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, FR. P.T. MCGOVERN WAS ALSO PRESENT.

SIR ALBERT SAID THE APPEAL FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF SEIZED DRUGS WAS MADE BECAUSE OF THE OVER-PRODUCTION OF OPIUM FOR LICIT PURPOSES.

+THESE, IF UNCHECKED, COULD CLEARLY CAUSE A SLUMP IN THE PRICE PAID TO LICIT OPIUM GROWERS WITH THE CONSEQUENT DANGER OF DIVERSION TO THE ILLICIT MARKET,+ HE WARNED.

DUE TO THIS SITUATION, SIR ALBERT POINTED OUT, ACAN LAST MONTH RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE SALE OF SEIZED DRUGS SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED AND THAT THOSE HELD IN STOCK, AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH MIGHT BE SEIZED IN FUTURE, SHOULD BE DESTROYED AS LONG AS THE WORLD-WIDE OVER-SUPPLY PERSISTED.

+THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE CONTINUED, +ACCEPTED ACAN'S ADVICE AND THE RESULT IS TODAY'S BONFIRE.+

IN PRAISING THE POLICE AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HE SAID : +THEIR SKILL AND DEDICATION HAVE, OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, BROKEN ALL THE FORMERLY POWERFUL DRUG TRAFFICKING SYNDICATES, THEY HAVE PRACTICALLY ELIMINATED HONG KONG AS AN EXPORTER OF DRUGS, AND THEY HAVE KEPT DRUG PRICES HIGH AND TRAFFICKERS ON THE RUN.+

SIR ALBERT RECALLED THAT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS PRIOR TO 1977, THERE WAS A WORLD-WIDE SHORTAGE OF RAW OPIUM FOR LICIT USE AND GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAD SEIZED OPIUM HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN FINDING AUTHORISED BUYERS WHO NEED THE DRUGS TO PRODUCE PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT DRUGS PREVIOUSLY DESTROYED OR SOLD BROUGHT THE TOTAL VALUE OF SEIZURES FROM 1976 TO 1979, TO \$150 MILLION.

HE ADDED THAT HONG KONG COULD NOT AFFORD TO RELAX IN ITS ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS, EMPHASISING THAT A GREAT DEAL REMAINED TO BE DONE.

TREMENDOUS GROWTH OF TICD

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REVIEWING HIS SEVEN YEARS AS DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. DAVID JORDAN TODAY (FRIDAY) SPOKE ON THE TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN THE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

SPEAKING TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH KOWLOON, HE SET THE GROWTH AGAINST A BACKCLOTH OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS RISING IN SEVEN YEARS FROM \$15 BILLION TO \$41 BILLION, AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING INCREASING FROM \$4.25 BILLION IN 1972 TO AN ESTIMATED \$12.5 BILLION THIS YEAR.

EMPHASISING THAT WITH A STAFF INCREASE OF ONLY 32 PER CENT IN THE SEVEN YEARS, MR. JORDAN SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF:

- * TRADE NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED HAD MORE THAN DOUBLED-
- * CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN ISSUED EACH YEAR HAD INCREASED BY 60 PER CENT TO OVER 500,000-
- * EXPORT LICENCES ISSUED HAD INCREASED BY 60 PER CENT TO 750,000-
- * QUOTA HOLDINGS HAD INCREASED BY 9,000 TO ABOUT 20,000 - OVER 100 PER CENT-
- * FACTORIES REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT HAD INCREASED BY NEARLY 40 PER CENT TO NEARLY 16,000- AND
- * OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT MISSIONS HAD INCREASED FROM ONE IN 1972 TO SEVEN IN 1978.

IN ADDITION, THE TRADE INVESTIGATION BRANCH COMPLETED OVER 500 INVESTIGATIONS IN 1978, TWICE THE NUMBER FOR 1972 -- AND THE FINES IMPOSED AS A RESULT OF TIB PROSECUTIONS MULTIPLIED TWO AND A HALF TIMES FROM \$600,000 TO \$1.5 MILLION.

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAD GROWN FROM JUST OVER 1,000 STAFF TO NEARLY 1,500 -- BUT SO HAD REVENUE COLLECTED ON DUTIABLE COMMODITIES, NEARLY DOUBLING FROM \$447 MILLION TO \$836 MILLION.

+I THINK THOSE ARE SOME FAIRLY STARTLING FIGURES, BUT THEY DON'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY. MANY OF OUR ACTIVITIES INVOLVE ENTIRELY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES THAT WE HAVE TAKEN ON SINCE 1972,+ HE SAID.

MR. JORDAN LISTED HIS DEPARTMENT'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORK OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION- THE SPECIAL INDUSTRIES POLICY- THE CONSUMER COUNCIL- AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE.

/+WE HAVE HAD

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+WE HAVE HAD TO NEGOTIATE COMPLETELY NEW TEXTILE AGREEMENTS WITH OUR MAJOR MARKETS, THE U.S.A. AND THE EEC, AND HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE ACTIVE OVERSEAS. IN ADDITION TO SENDING NEGOTIATING TEAMS FROM HONG KONG, WE NOW HAVE 10 OFFICERS WORKING OVERSEAS, WHEREAS IN 1972 WE ONLY HAD FIVE,+ MR. JORDAN SAID.

+IN 1976 WE CARRIED OUT THE FIRST EVER MAJOR REVIEW OF THE ENTIRE TEXTILES EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM- AND WE HAVE COMPUTERISED THE QUOTA SYSTEM FOR THE U.S.A.

+I HOPE I'VE SAID ENOUGH TO CONVINCING ANYONE THAT 100 NEW POSTS CREATED IN THIS YEAR'S ESTIMATES ARE A VERY MODEST ADDITION TO OUR ESTABLISHMENT,+ HE ADDED.

HE PRAISED THE PEOPLE WHO RUN HONG KONG'S TRADE AND INDUSTRY, SAYING THAT THEY TENDED TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED BECAUSE THEY HAD SUCCESSFULLY COPEDED WITH EVERY ADVERSITY THAT THEY HAD HAD TO FACE.

+BUT WITHOUT THEIR EFFORTS THERE WOULD NOT BE THE RESOURCES TO FINANCE EDUCATION, HOSPITALS, HOUSING OR ANY OTHER SOCIAL PROGRAMMES.+

IN OUTLINING THE PLANNED RE-ORGANISATION OF TICD, MR. JORDAN SAID THAT THE FUTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY WAS BOUND UP WITH THE WORK OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION.

+PERSONALLY, I HOPE THAT ONE OUTCOME OF THEIR REPORT - WHICH WE EXPECT LATER THIS YEAR - WILL BE GREATER, AND MORE CO-ORDINATED GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR THE SUPPORT SERVICES TO INDUSTRY,+ HE SAID.

+IT HAS ALREADY BEEN AGREED THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE THE CENTRAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CO-ORDINATION OF THE EFFORTS OF THE VARIOUS BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING AND ASSISTING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR ATTRACTING NEW INDUSTRIES AND NEW TECHNOLOGY TO HONG KONG.+

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE WOULD CONTINUE HANDLING TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT +UNTIL PRESENT PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES DIMINISH THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN AREA OF GREAT DIFFICULTY.+

+THE PRESSURES,+ HE CONTINUED, +COULD LEAD TO AN EXTENSION OF EXPORT RESTRAINTS TO OTHER PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY IF THE NEGOTIATIONS DUE TO BE RESUMED IN GENEVA PRODUCE WHAT GATT CALLS A SAFEGUARDS CODE.+

HE ADDED: +BUT I AM HOPEFUL THAT PROTECTIONISM PRESSURES WILL BE COUNTERED BY A GROWING REALISATION THAT THE OVERALL COSTS OF IT ARE GREATER THAN THE LIMITED BENEFITS TO PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES. AS MR. MCNARMARA SAID IN HIS ADDRESS TO UNCTAD V IN MANILA LAST MONTH: 'THE TRUTH IS THAT PROTECTIONISM IS INEFFICIENT, COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND ULTIMATELY SELF-DEFEATING.'+

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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MAY
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR MAY 1979 WERE 136 AND 137 RESPECTIVELY. COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, C.P.I.(A) DECLINED BY ONE POINT WHILE C.P.I.(B) ADVANCED BY ONE POINT.

THE C.P.I.(A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1,499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I.(B), BETWEEN \$1,500 AND \$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973-74.

THE SECTION INDICES FOR MAY 1979, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1978, ARE:

SECTION	C.P.I.(A)			C.P.I.(B)		
	MAY 79	APR. 79	MAY 78	MAY 79	APR. 79	MAY 78
FOODSTUFFS	131	134	118	133	134	119
HOUSING	141	140	129	140	139	128
FUEL AND LIGHT	167	149	135	163	147	134
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	157	156	141	152	151	137
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	109	106	103	108	104	102
DURABLE GOODS	125	123	113	122	120	110
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	142	141	133	140	139	129
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	150	148	119	155	154	123
SERVICES	146	144	136	148	146	136
ALL ITEMS	136	137	122	137	136	123

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY THREE POINTS IN C.P.I.(A) AND BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I.(B). REDUCTIONS WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, FRESH-WATER FISH AND FRESH FRUITS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH AND BEEF WENT UP.

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THE COST OF MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME ALSO ROSE AS SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING-PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES. MOVEMENTS IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

AS MORE HOUSEHOLDS WERE AFFECTED BY THE INCREASE IN WATER CHARGES, THE INDEX FOR HOUSING ADVANCED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B).

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT WENT UP SUBSTANTIALLY BY 18 POINTS IN C.P.I.(A) AND BY 16 POINTS IN C.P.I.(B), REFLECTING THE FULL IMPACT OF THE RISES IN PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SINCE APRIL AS WELL AS THE HIGHER CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY.

HIGHER PRICES FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS PUSHED THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO UP BY ONE POINT EACH IN C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B).

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY THREE POINTS IN C.P.I.(A) AND BY FOUR POINTS IN C.P.I.(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR OUTER-CLOTHING ITEMS.

THE RISE OF TWO POINTS IN THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR WOODEN FURNITURE, TELEVISION SETS, SOUND EQUIPMENT AND TRAVEL GOODS.

ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR TOILET REQUISITES, SOAP, DETERGENTS, TOYS AND HOBBIES, THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS ROSE BY ONE POINT EACH IN C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B).

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES ADVANCED BY TWO POINTS IN C.P.I.(A) AND BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I.(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER FARES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND THE FULL IMPACT OF THE INCREASE IN PRICES OF PETROL AND OIL SINCE APRIL.

THE RISE OF TWO POINTS IN THE INDEX FOR SERVICES IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) WAS MAINLY BROUGHT ABOUT BY HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR FIVE RESIDENTIAL SITES IN CHEUNG SHA
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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR FIVE LOTS OF CROWN LAND FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CHEUNG SHA ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE LOTS, RANGING FROM 1,010 TO 2,240 SQUARE METRES, ARE THE FIRST LOTS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT EVER PUT UP FOR SALE BY TENDER.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE LOTS ARE RESTRICTED TO REGISTERED OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND ONLY ENTITLEMENTS GIVING THE OWNER THE RIGHT TO A GRANT OF BUILDING LAND WILL BE CONSIDERED.

THE ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. JOHN MASTERS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IT WAS THE POLICY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TO OFFER AS MUCH LAND AS POSSIBLE TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVERT THEIR +PAPER+ HOLDINGS INTO LAND HOLDINGS.

+THE SITES ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE SOUTH LANTAU HOSPITAL LAYOUT, BETWEEN SOUTH LANTAU ROAD AND TUNG CHUNG ROAD, AND COMMAND AN EXCELLENT VIEW OF THE CHEUNG SHA BEACH,+ MR. MASTERS SAID.

+OF THE BATCH, THREE SMALLER ONES OF 1,010, 1,080 AND 1,040 SQUARE METRES ARE ADJACENT SITES AND CAN BE DEVELOPED EITHER SEPARATELY OR AS A WHOLE.

+THE OTHER TWO, SITUATED TO THE SOUTH OF THE SMALL ONES, ARE ALSO ADJACENT SITES, MEASURING 1,180 AND 2,240 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

+ALL OF THEM CARRY A PLOT RATIO OF 0.4 WHICH ALLOWS FOR TWO-STOREY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.+

MR. MASTERS NOTED THAT THESE LOTS ARE AMONG A LIMITED AMOUNT OF LAND AVAILABLE IN THE SOUTH LANTAU HOSPITAL LAYOUT WHICH IS BEING DEVELOPED AS A LOW-DENSITY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

ALTOGETHER, 23 SITES OF VARIOUS SIZES ARE LOCATED IN THIS AREA, OF WHICH 15 HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISPOSED OF BY MEANS OF AUCTION OR IN SITU LAND EXCHANGE.

THE LAST THREE LOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE, ALSO BY TENDER TO OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS, IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

TENDERS FOR THE FIVE LOTS WILL CLOSE ON JULY 20.

THEY MUST BE PLACED IN THE APPLICATION BOX IN THE RECEPTION LOBBY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, BEFORE NOON ON THE CLOSING DATE.

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MOVE TO STREAMLINE ADMINISTRATION OF CLEAN AIR ORDINANCE
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO STREAMLINE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLEAN AIR ORDINANCE WITH AMENDING LEGISLATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE CLEAN AIR (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), PROVIDES FOR THE APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR OF AN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER AND AUTHORISES HIM TO ISSUE SMOKE ABATEMENT NOTICES.

AT PRESENT, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR HAS TO APPROVE PERSONALLY THE ISSUE OF SUCH NOTICES AND TO EXERCISE PERSONALLY THE FUNCTIONS OF A COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ORDINANCE AND ITS TWO SETS OF REGULATIONS.

IN ADDITION, IT PROVIDES THAT THE PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN OFFENCES UNDER THE ORDINANCE OR ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS MUST BEGIN WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE TIME THE OFFENCE TOOK PLACE. THE EXTENDED LIMITATION PERIOD APPLIES ONLY TO OFFENCES COMMITTED AFTER THE BILL PASSES INTO LAW.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL STREAMLINE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND LEAD TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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BUILDING OF NEW PIER PROPOSED
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A PIER IS TO BE BUILT NEAR THE BRITISH FORCES' NEW HEADQUARTERS AT HMS TAMAR.

THE PIER WILL SERVE THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, THE MINES DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND THE SERVICEMEN'S GUIDES ASSOCIATION.

IT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,320 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED AT THE EAST TAMAR RECLAMATION.

A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXTENT OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE NOTIFICATION IN THE GAZETTE CALLS ON ANYONE WITH OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL, OR CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT, TO WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE WITH THE RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF THE SAME BUILDING.

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WATER SKIERS AND CANOEISTS REMINDED TO TAKE SAFETY MEASURES
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED WATER SKIING AND CANOEING ENTHUSIASTS ON THE NEED TO TAKE SAFETY MEASURES BEFORE ENTERING THE WATER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID SKIERS SHOULD JOIN A CLUB AND LEARN TO SWIM BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO SKI.

+THEY SHOULD ALSO WEAR A LIFEJACKET AND PICK A CLEAR AREA FREE OF UNDERWATER AND VISIBLE OBSTRUCTIONS,+ HE SAID.

TO THE SPEED-BOAT DRIVERS, THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THEM TO BECOME PROFICIENT AND HAVE AN OBSERVER SOLELY TO HELP WATCH THE SKIER.

HE ALSO ADVISED THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SKIER IS KEPT CLEAR OF ALL OBSTRUCTIONS INCLUDING ANCHORED BOATS AND SWIMMING AREAS.

ON CANOEING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID CANOEISTS SHOULD WEAR LIFEJACKETS AND PADDLE IN SAFE LOCATIONS.

THEY SHOULD NOT GO OUT ALONE NOR PUT MORE PEOPLE IN THE CANOE THAN IT IS DESIGNED TO CARRY, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT A BOOKLET ENTITLED +SAFETY AFLOAT+ HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND IS AVAILABLE AT THE INFORMATION COUNTER AT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, 102 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

IN ADDITION, A LEAFLET ENTITLED +DO'S AND DON'TS FOR CANOEISTS+ HAS ALSO BEEN PREPARED AND ARE OBTAINABLE AT ANY MARINE LICENSING STATION.

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CAS INTER-UNIT FIRST AID COMPETITION
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL INTER-UNIT FIRST AID COMPETITION AT ITS HEADQUARTERS IN CAROLINE HILL ON SUNDAY.

THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF CAS MEMBERS AS WELL AS PROMOTING INTER-UNIT FRIENDSHIP WITHIN THE SERVICE.

MR. STEPHEN LEE KI, CAS REGIONAL COMMANDER, HONG KONG, WILL ADDRESS THE PARTICIPANTS AND PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE ANNUAL INTER-UNIT FIRST AID COMPETITION OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE DEMONSTRATION THEATRE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE CAS HEADQUARTERS AT 100 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, HONG KONG AT 8.30 A.M. ON SUNDAY. FINALS OF THE COMPETITION AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD AT 11.30 A.M.

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NEW PREMISES FOR TAI PO BRANCH OFFICE OF
WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNIT
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THE BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNIT ON THE GROUND FLOOR, 52 PO HEUNG STREET, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE MOVED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, ROOMS 3B10 AND 3B11, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE NEW MAIN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE FOR THE OFFICE WILL BE 12-677111. THE EXTENSION FOR THE SENIOR LABOUR INSPECTOR IS 111 AND FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES 112, 113 AND 118.

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OVER 100 AMS MEMBERS TO DONATE BLOOD

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MORE THAN 100 MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE
WILL DONATE BLOOD TO THE HONG KONG RED CROSS ON SUNDAY.

+FOUR TO FIVE GROUP DONATIONS ARE ORGANISED EVERY YEAR
FOR THE AMS MEMBERS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SERVICE SAID,+AND ON
EACH OCCASION, MORE THAN 100 MEMBERS DONATE THEIR BLOOD,+ HE
ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

BLOOD DONATION BY AMS MEMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. JOSEPH'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL, WOOD ROAD, WAN CHAI ON SUNDAY FROM 9 A.M. TO
12.30 P.M. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE
EVENT.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 18 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
JULY 3 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 4 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 11 P.M.
JULY 5 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 6 (FRIDAY)	9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
JULY 9 (MONDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 10 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 11 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 12 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 11 P.M.
JULY 13 (FRIDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 4 P.M.
JULY 17 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 18 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 19 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 23 (MONDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 24 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 25 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 26 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 27 (FRIDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 31 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

MEANWHILE, FIRING PRACTICE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND FROM NEXT MONDAY TO FRIDAY (JUNE 25-29) HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED.

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