



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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WATER CHIEF'S REMINDER TO INDUSTRY
THE COMMUNITY EXPECTS EVERYONE TO PLAY THEIR PART
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AS THE FIRST WATER RESTRICTIONS WERE ABOUT TO BE INTRODUCED TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. BILL KNIGHT, GAVE AN EMPHATIC NEW REMINDER TO ALL INDUSTRIALISTS AND THE OPERATORS OF COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES THAT, WHATEVER THEIR LOCATION AND WHATEVER THEIR ROLE IN INDUSTRY, THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PLAY A FULL AND LEADING PART IN THE COMMUNITY'S WATER SAVING EFFORT.

MR. KNIGHT GAVE THIS REMINDER, IN ANNOUNCING THAT THREE ADDITIONAL AREAS, IN CHAI WAN, WONG CHUK HANG AND TSUEN WAN, HAD BEEN DEFINED AS ZONES WHERE A 24-HOUR SUPPLY WOULD BE MAINTAINED.

+I CANNOT STRESS TOO STRONGLY+, HE SAID, +THAT IF AN INDUSTRIALIST'S PREMISES FELL WITHIN A SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL ZONE, THIS DOES NOT RELIEVE HIM OF THE DUTY TO SAVE. THE REVERSE IS TRUE. THE COMMUNITY WILL RIGHTLY EXPECT HIM TO DO HIS BIT AND THE GOVERNMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY, WILL BE SEEKING EVIDENCE THAT HE IS DOING IT.

+ANY CONCESSION WILL NOT BE GIVEN AS OF RIGHT, BUT AS A PRIVILEGE, AND PRIVILEGES CONFERRED BY POPULAR CONSENSUS IMPLY A CLEAR EXTRA OBLIGATION FOR AN EXTRA EFFORT.

+THE SAME PRINCIPLE+, HE ADDED, +WILL APPLY ALSO TO INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESS HEADS WHOSE WORKS ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE SPECIAL ZONES, WHETHER THEIR LINE OF INDUSTRY IS IN THE MANUFACTURING OR THE NON-MANUFACTURING SPHERE.

+IN PARTICULAR, NO APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT WILL EVEN BE CONSIDERED UNLESS THE APPLICANT CAN SHOW THAT HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE HIMSELF TO ENSURE, THROUGH ECONOMIES AND THROUGH PERMITTED STORAGE FACILITIES, AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY TO KEEP GOING.+

MR. KNIGHT SAID THAT HIS RENEWED REMINDER WAS BASED ON POSITIVE, NOT NEGATIVE, THINKING.

+IN IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS+, HE EXPLAINED, +THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING A MEASURE OF SACRIFICE FROM ALL CITIZENS. WE ARE ASKING THEM TO ACCEPT SOME HARDSHIP AND TO SAVE ANYTHING THEY CAN. FINALLY, WE ARE APPEALING TO THEM TO GIVE THE RESTRICTIONS A CHANCE BY TAKING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO THEM.

+I AM UTTERLY UNWILLING+, HE ADDED, +TO MAKE THIS SORT OF APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE AT LARGE - WHICH BOILS DOWN, IN FACT, TO CITIZENS WHO ALL, AS INDIVIDUALS, CONTRIBUTE IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER TO OUR COMMON WELL-BEING AND TO TAKE A FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT ATTITUDE TO CORPORATE INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS.

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+WE HAVE ALL OF US, INDIVIDUALS OR CORPORATE ENTERPRISES, GOT TO MAKE UP OUR MINDS TO MAKE THE SYSTEM WORK. IF ANY SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY TAKES A NEGATIVE OR SELFISH ATTITUDE AND JUST CONCENTRATES ON SATISFYING ITS OWN NEEDS REGARDLESS OF OTHERS, THEN THIS SECTOR WILL BE LETTING THE SIDE DOWN, AND LETTING THE PEOPLE DOWN.

+WORSE STILL, ANY SUCH ATTITUDE WILL SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE RISK THAT THE BASIC RESTRICTIONS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE 25 PER CENT SAVING - THE 4-HOUR DAILY SUPPLY WHICH WILL OPERATE FROM OCTOBER 30 - WILL PROVE INADEQUATE.

+IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF WE HAD TO HAVE RECOURSE TO TOUGHER RESTRICTIONS BECAUSE OF THE THOUGHTLESSNESS OF ANY ELEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. I AM DETERMINED TO AVOID THIS. THERE IS A GREAT FUND OF COMMUNAL GOOD SENSE AND GOODWILL AMONG THE PEOPLE HERE. I APPEAL TO EVERYONE TO HELP SPREAD THIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE - MOST OF ALL BY EXAMPLE.+

GIVING DETAILS OF THE THREE INDUSTRIAL WATER-USE ZONES, IN CHAI WAN, WONG CHUK HANG AND TSUEN WAN, A WATERWORKS SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE BOUNDS OF THE THREE ZONES WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:-

CHAI WAN. THE ZONE WOULD BE BOUNDED BY THESE STREETS : ON
----- THE NORTH, BY HONG MAN STREET AND LEE CHUNG
 STREET= ON THE EAST, BY HING WAH ROAD= ON THE
 SOUTH, BY KUT SHING STREET= AND ON THE WEST, BY
 CHAI WAN ROAD.

WONG CHUK HANG. THE BOUNDARY STREETS WILL BE : ON THE NORTH,
----- WONG CHUK HANG ROAD= SOUTH, HEUNG YIP ROAD=
 WEST, THE NEW ABERDEEN POLICE STATION= EAST,
 THE SPORTS STADIUM AND RECREATION AREA.

TSUEN WAN ADDITIONAL ZONE:

THE BOUNDARY STREETS WILL BE: ON THE NORTH, CASTLE PEAK ROAD=
ON THE WEST, MA TAU PA STREET, LUEN YAN STREET, AND KWAN MUN HAU
STREET= AND ON THE EAST AND SOUTH, TEXACO ROAD.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ZONES AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN SIMPLY DRAWING A LINE ON A MAP. +IN MOST CASES, WE HAVE TO INSTALL AND OPERATE ADDITIONAL VALVES. WE HAVE TO CHANGE THINGS ON THE GROUND. OUR MEN ARE WORKING FLAT OUT TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW ZONES.+

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CHANGING PATTERN OF HONG KONG'S CLOTHING EXPORTS
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HONG KONG'S GARMENT MAKERS HAVE MADE NEW PROGRESS THIS YEAR IN DIVERSIFYING THEIR SHARE OF THE WORLD'S MARKETS AND OBTAINING NEW OUTLETS FOR THEIR PRODUCTS.

WHILE THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BE THE LARGEST SINGLE MARKET FOR OUR CLOTHING EXPORTS, HIGHER RATES OF GROWTH HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IN A NUMBER OF OTHER IMPORTANT MARKETS.

TRADE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR SHOW THAT CLOTHING EXPORTS TO THE U.S. TOTALLED \$1,133 MILLION - AN INCREASE OF FOUR AND A HALF PER CENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, GLOBAL EXPORTS OF ALL TYPES OF CLOTHING ROSE FROM \$3,321 MILLION TO \$4,198 MILLION - AN INCREASE OF 26.5 PER CENT.

+THIS IS ABOUT SIX TIMES GREATER THAN THE INCREASE IN OUR CLOTHING EXPORTS TO THE U.S., INDICATING THAT HONG KONG IS BECOMING RELATIVELY LESS DEPENDENT ON THE AMERICAN MARKET AS AN OUTLET FOR ITS CLOTHING EXPORTS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

COUNTRIES WHICH ARE BUYING MORE CLOTHING FROM HONG KONG INCLUDE THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (OUR EXPORTS INCREASED FROM \$640 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1973 TO \$890 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1974)= AUSTRALIA (\$74 MILLION TO \$172 MILLION), JAPAN (\$66 MILLION TO \$155 MILLION), SWITZERLAND (\$66 MILLION TO \$98 MILLION), LIBYA (\$37 MILLION TO \$51 MILLION) AND SOUTH AFRICA (\$17 MILLION TO \$43 MILLION).

+THIS CHANGING PATTERN IS TO BE WELCOMED AS IT SHOWS THE DETERMINATION OF HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS TO ACHIEVE A WIDER DIVERSIFICATION OF GARMENT SALES IN OVERSEAS MARKETS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

CLOTHING, HE POINTED OUT, PLAYS A DOMINANT ROLE IN HONG KONG'S EXPORT EARNINGS. LAST YEAR GARMENT SALES OVERSEAS NETTED \$7,454 MILLION, ACCOUNTING FOR 38 PER CENT OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ALL PRODUCTS.

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CUT AIR POLLUTION (AND FUEL BILLS) BY IMPROVING BURNING SYSTEMS
LABOUR COMMISSIONER TELLS INDUSTRIALISTS

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FACTORIES IN HONG KONG COULD CUT THEIR FUEL BILLS BY AS MUCH AS 25 PER CENT BY USING MORE SOPHISTICATED METHODS OF BURNING FUEL, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, SAID TODAY.

MR. PRICE WAS SPEAKING AFTER VISITING THE HENG TAI COTTON WEAVING FACTORY IN TUEN MUN - IN THE HEART OF HONG KONG'S LATEST SMOKE CONTROL AREA, YUEN LONG-TUEN MUN. CONTROL OF THE AREA CAME INTO EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 10.

THE COMMISSIONER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. DAVID NEWBURY, THE DEPARTMENT'S AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER, AND MR. BARRY WALSH, PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER.

MR. PRICE SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE HENG TAI MANAGEMENT'S EFFICIENT USE OF MODERN FUEL-BURNING TECHNIQUES, WHICH SAVED FUEL AND PREVENTED POLLUTION.

HE REVEALED THAT INSPECTORS FROM THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT HAD CONDUCTED SMOKE TESTS ON THE FACTORY FOUR TIMES SINCE JULY LAST YEAR. EACH TIME THE CHIMNEY EMISSIONS WERE WELL WITHIN THE LIMITS LAID DOWN UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ORDINANCE.

+THIS FACTORY IS A GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHERS AND POINTS TO THE NECESSITY OF PROPERLY BURNING FUEL,+ MR. PRICE SAID. +THE MANAGEMENT HAS APPLIED A COMMONSENSE ATTITUDE THAT HAS PRODUCED REAL SAVING IN FUEL BILLS - AND DIMINISHED AIR POLLUTION.

+FACTORIES AND PLANTS THAT DO NOT USE THIS APPROACH MAY BE COSTING THEMSELVES AT LEAST 25 PER CENT MORE FOR FUEL. THIS IS QUITE UNNECESSARY, BECAUSE THE EXPERTS IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ARE READY TO GIVE FREE ADVICE ON HOW TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT AT THE CHEAPEST COST,+ HE ADDED.

MR. PRICE SAID POLLUTION CONTROL WAS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT IN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN BECAUSE THE DISTRICT HAD BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS A DEVELOPMENT AREA INTO WHICH INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN A PLANNED AND ORDERLY FASHION.

HE ADDED: +WITH THE GAZETTING OF THE NEW SMOKE CONTROL AREA WE ARE NOW ABLE TO ENSURE THAT EVERY NEW FACTORY INSTALLS AN EFFICIENT BOILER, COMBUSTION CHAMBER AND PROPERLY DESIGNED CHIMNEY.+

THE COMMISSIONER WAS ESCORTED OVER THE PLANT BY THE FACTORY MANAGER, MR. LO KWONG-CHIN.

MR. LO SAID LATER : +WE MUCH APPRECIATE THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S AIMS OF REDUCING AIR POLLUTION. AND IN BUSINESS, WHERE OUR MAIN CONCERN IS AN ECONOMIC ONE, WE HAVE FOUND THAT USING THE PROPER METHODS HAS RESULTED IN REAL SAVINGS - ABOUT 25 PER CENT IN OUR CASE.+

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COMPUTER FOR HOUSING DEPT.

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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE ITS OWN COMPUTER IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

A CONTRACT WORTH \$250,000, FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A SMALL COMPUTER WITH AN AUTOMATIC PLOTTER WAS SIGNED TODAY BY MR. RICHARD NORMAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, AND MR. JOHN FUNG, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE WANG PACIFIC LTD.

THE COMPUTER IS CAPABLE OF WORKING OUT STRUCTURAL CALCULATION AND PLOTTING OF ENGINEERING DRAWINGS, AND WILL BE INDISPENSIBLE IN TACKLING SOME ENGINEERING PROBLEMS THAT CAN ONLY BE ATTEMPTED BY THE USE OF A COMPUTER.

AT PRESENT, THE DEPARTMENT'S TECHNICAL STAFF HAS TO MAKE USE OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT COMPUTER FROM TIME TO TIME TO WORK OUT INTRICATE MATHEMATICAL AND ENGINEERING PROBLEMS AND TO QUICKEN UP CALCULATION WORKS.

+THE COMPUTER WILL BE INVALUABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT AS THE 10-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME GATHERS MOMENTUM, AND THE WORKLOAD INCREASES LIKEWISE,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID. +AT THE SAME TIME, IT WILL HELP SOLVE THE SHORTAGE OF DRAFTSMEN AND RESULT IN AN OVERALL SAVING.+

AT PRESENT, ONE ENGINEERING ASSISTANT PRODUCES ABOUT FIVE DRAWINGS IN A MONTH. THE COMPUTER PLOTTER CAN PRODUCE TWO DRAWINGS A DAY.

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SEMINAR ON SUMMER PROGRAMMES

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A REVIEW OF THE 1974 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES HELD IN SAU MAU PING DISTRICT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A SEMINAR TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 8.30 P.M.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE SAU MAU PING (SOUTH) ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING. IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE IN THE DISTRICT TOGETHER WITH OTHER WELFARE ORGANISATIONS WHICH RAN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES.

SOME 120 YOUTHS, VOLUNTEERS, PARENTS AND ORGANISERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN THE DISCUSSION.

IT WILL PROVIDE A CHANGE FOR THEM TO PROMOTE CO-ORDINATION, ASSESS THE NEEDS OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES, AND EXCHANGE IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 1975 SUMMER PROGRAMMES.

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NEW PARKING FEES EFFECTIVE FROM TUESDAY

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MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE NEW FEES FOR GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY AND TEMPORARY CAR PARKS WILL COME INTO EFFECT NEXT TUESDAY (OCTOBER 1).

AS OCTOBER 1 IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY, THE CHEAP-RATE PERIODS FOR MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS WILL APPLY AND THE FEE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT 50 CENTS AN HOUR WITH A MINIMUM CHARGE OF \$1.

THE CHEAP-RATE PERIODS ARE GENERAL HOLIDAYS, THE HOURS BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 8 A.M. ON WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 2 P.M. ON SATURDAYS TO 8 A.M. ON MONDAYS.

FOR THE FULL-RATE PERIODS WHICH ARE FROM 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M. ON SATURDAYS, THE NEW CHARGES WILL BE \$2 AN HOUR FOR THE FIRST FIVE HOURS, \$3 AN HOUR FOR THE SIXTH TO EIGHTH HOURS, AND \$4 AN HOUR AFTER THE EIGHTH HOUR.

AT TEMPORARY CAR PARKS, THE CHARGE WILL BE \$5 PER HALF DAY.

THE FEE FOR A MONTHLY PASS FOR GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS WILL BE INCREASED TO \$500.

IN THE CASE OF A VEHICLE NOT REMOVED FROM A CAR PARK WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF THE LATEST TIME MARKED ON A TICKET, THE NEW CHARGE WILL BE \$4 PER HOUR.

THE FEE REVISION IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE BETTER USAGE OF THE LIMITED NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES AVAILABLE BY DETERRING PEOPLE FROM USING THE CAR PARK FOR DAY-LONG GARAGING. THIS WOULD PROVIDE MORE SPACES FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PARK FOR SHORTER PERIODS.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

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HONG KONG ENTERS THE FIRST PHASE OF WATER RESTRICTIONS BEGINNING AT 10 O'CLOCK TONIGHT WITH ONLY 35,422 MILLION GALLONS IN THE RESERVOIRS, COMPARED WITH 66,178 MILLION GALLONS AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

THE PRESENT STORAGE, AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY, REPRESENTS ONLY 52.6 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 27,252 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 50,411 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 54.0 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

A TRACE OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,367.3 MM (53.83 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 1,954.0 MM (76.93 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 30.0 PER CENT.

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BUDDHIST HOSPITAL JOINS REGIONALISATION PLAN
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FROM OCTOBER 1, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE SENDING PATIENTS FROM THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL TO THE BUDDHIST HOSPITAL IN A MOVE TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AT THE Q.E.H.

+THIS IS AN ARRANGEMENT WITHIN THE REGIONALISATION PLAN, AND IS MENTIONED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG+, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

ONE HUNDRED BEDS ARE INVOLVED IN THE ARRANGEMENT, WHICH IS TO BE OPERATIVE FROM OCTOBER TO THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR. AFTER THAT, IT IS EXPECTED THAT OTHER MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE.

THE BUDDHIST HOSPITAL IN KOWLOON CITY, IS SUBVENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE ARRANGEMENT WILL COST THE GOVERNMENT \$8 PER PATIENT A DAY.

+THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BUDDHIST HOSPITAL'S CHARGE OF \$10 A DAY AND THE CHARGE IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL OF \$2 A DAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

MEANWHILE, A MOVE TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AT THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

PATIENTS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THE CASTLE PEAK TO THE OLD LAI CHI KOK HOSPITAL IN GROUPS OF BETWEEN 50 AND 68, AND THE PROCESS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL 500 HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED.

CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED FOR 1,200 PATIENTS. THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN IT HAS ACCOMMODATED 2,100 PATIENTS.

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WATER CUT IN TSUEN WAN
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A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR SEVEN HOURS AS FROM 11 P.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) TO FACILITATE A WATER MAINS CONNECTION TO BE MADE IN THE AREA.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND TAI LIN PAI ROAD BETWEEN KWAI ON ROAD AND KWAI SAU ROAD.

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION VISITS THREE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, CONTINUED HIS TOUR OF EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS TODAY WHEN HE VISITED THREE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

AT THE VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN WOOD ROAD, MR. TOPLEY SAW SOME PUPILS ENGAGED IN METALWORK AND WOODWORK WHILE OTHERS WERE DOING TECHNICAL DRAWING.

THE DIRECTOR WAS TAKEN ROUND THE SCHOOL BY THE PRINCIPAL, MR. ALAN MARTIN. THE SCHOOL HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 729. WHEN IT WAS OPENED IN 1933 IN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AS THE JUNIOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL THE ENROLMENT WAS LESS THAN 300.

AT THE END OF FORM 5 A STUDENT CAN OFFER UP TO NINE SUBJECTS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION. AT FORM 6 ONLY SCIENCE SUBJECTS ARE OFFERED AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY "A" LEVEL.

MR. MARTIN TOLD THE DIRECTOR THAT IT WAS HOPED TO INTRODUCE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY= TWO TECHNICAL AND TWO COMMERCIAL STREAMS AT FORM 4 LEVEL AND TO CREATE A FORM 6 COMMERCIAL/ART COURSE.

MR. TOPLEY WAS GIVEN DETAILS OF THE PLANS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE SCHOOL WHICH WOULD HAVE NEW PREMISES AT A NEARBY SITE.

TENDERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CALLED FOR NEXT APRIL SO THAT CONSTRUCTION CAN START A MONTH LATER. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE NEW BUILDING WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN SEPTEMBER 1976.

AT PRESENT HONG KONG HAS A TOTAL OF 16 TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

FROM WOOD ROAD MR. TOPLEY WENT TO OI KWAN ROAD TO VISIT THE SHENG KUNG HUI TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHICH IS ONE OF 34 PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING SCHOOLS INCLUDED IN THE THREE-YEAR BOUGHT PLACES SCHEME.

STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER THE SCHOOL HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN THE "PER CAPUT GRANT" UNDER THE SAME SCHEME. THIS MEANS THAT A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY OF \$312 A YEAR FOR A BOUGHT PLACE IS PAID TO THE SCHOOL IN ADDITION TO THE FEE ASSISTANCE OF \$280 A YEAR GIVEN TO EACH ASSISTED PUPIL UP TO FORM 3.

THE DIRECTOR WAS TAKEN ON A CONDUCTED TOUR OF THIS ANGLO-CHINESE CO-EDUCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL BY THE SUPERVISOR, ARCHDEACON CHEUNG WING-NGOK AND MRS. DORIS NG HUI KIT-HING, THE PRINCIPAL.

THE SCHOOL, WHICH HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 1,404, PROVIDES FULL SECONDARY EDUCATION UP TO MATRICULATION LEVEL.

/MR. TOPLEY

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MR. TOPLEY WAS HAPPY TO LEARN THAT THE PUPILS OF THE SCHOOL WERE KEEN PARTICIPANTS IN VARIOUS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WITH EMPHASIS LAID ON THE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ASPECTS OF LIFE.

THE DIRECTOR CONCLUDED HIS HALF-DAY TOUR BY VISITING THE BUDDHIST WONG FUNG LING COLLEGE IN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD.

HE WAS WELCOMED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION, THE REV. KOK KWONG, THE SUPERVISOR, MR. WONG WAN-TIN AND THE PRINCIPAL, MR. SHUEN PO-YUEN.

THIS SUBSIDIZED ANGLO-CHINESE GRAMMAR SCHOOL HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 447. IT IS THE FIRST SECONDARY SCHOOL SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION. MANY OF ITS PUPILS ARE KEEN SCOUTS AND GUIDES AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE RED CROSS. OTHERS PARTICIPATE IN THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME.

NEXT WEEK MR. TOPLEY WILL VISIT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SECTIONS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CANTON ROAD. HE WILL ALSO GO TO BROADCAST DRIVE TO SEE THE FACILITIES AT THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CENTRE.

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SHATIN DISTRICT OFFICE MOVES TO NEW PREMISES
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THE SHATIN DISTRICT OFFICE, WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION IN APRIL THIS YEAR TO LOOK AFTER THE AFFAIRS OF AN EXPANDING SHATIN, HAS MOVED TO NEW AND BETTER PREMISES.

THE NEW OFFICES, SITUATED AT 2, TUNG LO WAN HILL, SHATIN, (NEXT TO THE SHATIN POLICE STATION) ALSO ACCOMMODATES THE SHATIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND OTHER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SUB-OFFICES.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. MICHAEL SUEN MING-YEUNG, SAID IN AN OPENING SPEECH TODAY THAT THE MAIN JOB OF THESE OFFICES WAS TO IMPLEMENT THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR SHATIN NEW TOWN.

WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED, SHATIN NEW TOWN WILL SUPPORT A POPULATION OF ALMOST HALF A MILLION PEOPLE. THE TOTAL COST TO THE GOVERNMENT IN DEVELOPING SHATIN WILL BE \$4,000 MILLION AT TODAY'S PRICES.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER SAID THAT THIS WAS AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME AND WAS AN INDICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO BRING ABOUT BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS TO THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG BY PROVIDING BETTER HOUSING AND BETTER FACILITIES IN NEW TOWNS LIKE SHATIN.

+THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHATIN WILL ALSO ENABLE THE LOCAL PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN AND SHARE THE PROSPERITY THAT COMES ALONG WITH THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS+, MR. SUEN ADDED.

THE SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES PERFORMED THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY WHICH MARKED THE OPENING OF THE NEW DISTRICT OFFICE.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.82
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.74
A1 : SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 : SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.97
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.74
PAKISTAN RICE	GOOD	-
TAIWAN RICE	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY - GOOD

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT) - 320 (AVERAGE)

/SUPPLIES AND

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH
(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	4.20	1.60	3.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.60	1.00	1.60
SQUID	NORMAL	3.40	0.90	2.30
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	1.40	0.25	0.50
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.80	0.70	1.80
CROAKERS	GOOD	1.30	0.30	0.60
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	2.80	0.90	1.60
MELON COAT	LIMITED	1.40	1.00	1.20
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.50	3.50	4.20
YELLOW BELLY	NORMAL	1.40	0.40	0.70
MACKERELS	NORMAL	5.00	0.90	3.00
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	0.70	0.35	0.50
FORK-TAIL	LIMITED	0.80	0.30	0.50
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	5.50	2.50	3.80
MELON SEED	NORMAL	1.60	0.40	1.00
POMFRETS	LIMITED	7.00	4.50	6.00
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	8.50	5.00	7.00
YELLOW CROAKER	LIMITED	5.00	3.50	4.20

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.60	0.50	1.20
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.80	0.30	0.50
CHINESE LETTUCE	NORMAL	1.20	0.40	0.80
WATER SPINACH	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.60	0.60	1.20
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	1.60	0.30	1.20
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.80	0.50	1.20
SPINACH	---	NO SALE		
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	4.00	2.00	3.20
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.20	0.40	0.70
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.80	0.20	0.50
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.50	2.00	3.00

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