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BIG GROWTH IN AIR-FREIGHT SERVICE

THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN THE AIR-FREIGHT SERVICE.

ACCORDING TO THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT'S SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT A TOTAL OF 33,859 METRIC TONS OF CARGO WAS CARRIED BY AIR DURING THE APRIL-JUNE PERIOD - AN INCREASE OF 34.19 PER CENT OVER THE LAST QUARTER, OR A RISE OF 31.59 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1974.

THE REPORT NOTED THAT THE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF FREIGHT CARRIED BY AIR INDICATES THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE OF AIR FREIGHT IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY.

THE QUARTERLY STATISTICS ALSO SHOWED SLIGHT INCREASES IN PASSENGER AND MAIL TRAFFIC. A TOTAL OF 922,256 INCOMING AND OUTGOING PASSENGERS USED THE AIRPORT BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE THIS YEAR - 29,922 OR 3.35 PER CENT MORE THAN THAT IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR. DURING THE QUARTER, A TOTAL OF 1,138 METRIC TONS OF MAIL WAS CARRIED BY AIR - AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 5.6 PER CENT.

THE REPORT SAID THE GREATER USAGE OF WIDE-BODIED JETS CONTINUED TO BRING A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS WHICH FELL FROM 13,245 FOR APRIL - JUNE 1974 TO 12,367 IN THE SAME PERIOD THIS YEAR - A DECREASE OF ABOUT 6.6 PER CENT.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, WORK ON THE NEW AIR CARGO TERMINAL AND THE ASSOCIATED AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON, ROADS AND VEHICLE PARKS, ARE PROGRESSING AS SCHEDULED.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CARGO TERMINAL WILL START LIMITED OPERATIONS NEXT JANUARY BEFORE MOVING TO FULL OPERATION AFTER THE BUILDING IS COMPLETED IN MAY 1976.

AS FOR THE OFFICE BLOCK OF THE AIRCARGO COMPLEX, PILING WORK BEGAN IN MID-JUNE AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FIRST THREE FLOORS OF THE BLOCK WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1976.

HOWEVER, THE REPORT SAID HEAVY RAINFALL DURING THE PERIOD HELD UP PROGRESS ON THE TUNNEL ROAD CROSSING THE RUNWAY, THUS THE FULL RUNWAY LENGTH OF 11,130 FEET IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS URGED TO APPOINT CAREERS MASTERS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS REPEATED ITS REQUEST TO HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO CONTINUE APPOINTING A TEACHER IN THEIR SCHOOLS AS CAREERS MASTER AND TO JOIN THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS.

ACCORDING TO MR. ROBERT CAMERON, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SECONDARY), THE ASSOCIATION +IS PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING CAREERS WORK IN SCHOOLS AND HAS PRODUCED MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION ON EDUCATIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.+

IN ENCOURAGING THIS IMPORTANT WORK OF PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE TO PUPILS, MR. CAMERON EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SCHOOL HEADS WOULD APPOINT A TEACHER WHO WAS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH PUPILS IN THE UPPER FORMS AND WHO SHOWED GENUINE CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

+ONCE APPOINTED, A CAREERS MASTER SHOULD BE GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT HIS WORK WITH MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY,+ MR. CAMERON TOLD THE PRINCIPALS IN A CIRCULAR.

THE TEACHER APPOINTED SHOULD BE ALLOTTED A FEW ADDITIONAL NON-TEACHING PERIODS A WEEK TO ENABLE HIM TO INTERVIEW INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS AND TO ORGANISE CAREERS ACTIVITIES. HE SHOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND SEMINARS, TALKS AND VISITS ARRANGED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS.

MR. CAMERON REQUESTED SCHOOL HEADS TO ENCOURAGE CAREERS MASTERS TO INITIATE CAREERS ADVISORY WORK IN THE STUDENTS' SCHOOL LIFE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

+THE CAREERS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID, +IS ALWAYS READY TO ASSIST SCHOOLS TO ORGANISE CAREERS ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR STUDENTS AND TO OFFER ANY ASSISTANCE THAT SCHOOLS MAY REQUIRE IN PROVIDING CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE TO THEIR STUDENTS.+

THE CAREERS OFFICER IS MR. TSE TAK-ON WHO IS ALSO SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS.

THOSE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE NOT YET JOINED THE ASSOCIATION AND WISH TO DO SO ARE URGED TO APPOINT CAREERS MASTERS AND SEND THEIR NAMES TO MR. TSE TOGETHER WITH A REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP AND \$10 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE.

MR. TSE'S OFFICE IS IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS, LEE GARDENS, 3RD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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AT PRESENT THE ASSOCIATION HAS 193 MEMBER SCHOOLS. ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THESE SCHOOLS HAVE APPOINTED TWO TEACHERS TO BE CAREERS MASTERS OR MISTRESSES.

AMONG ITS MANY ACTIVITIES, THE ASSOCIATION INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST YEAR, A 'SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE SCHEME' UNDER WHICH STUDENTS WERE ATTACHED TO FIRMS OR ORGANISATIONS TO GAIN PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.

IN 1974, 58 STUDENTS BENEFITTED FROM THE SCHEME. THIS SUMMER THE ASSOCIATION MANAGED TO ARRANGE FOR 83 STUDENTS TO WORK IN HOSPITALS, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ACCOUNTING FIRMS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

MR. TSE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MORE FIRMS AND ORGANISATIONS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME TO ENABLE MORE SCHOOL LEAVERS TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH VARIOUS KINDS OF WORK BEFORE DECIDING TO CHOOSE A CAREER.

MOST STUDENTS WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE SCHEME CONSIDERED THEIR TIME WELL SPENT. SOME HAD EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO SPEND A LONGER PERIOD OF ATTACHMENT WITH THE FIRMS OR ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED.

SOME FIRMS HAD COMMENTED THAT THE SCHEME WAS WORTHWHILE AND SHOULD BE EXPANDED. +THIS WAS MOST ENCOURAGING INDEED,+ MR. TSE SAID.

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345,000 LOTTERY TICKETS SOLD SO FAR
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A TOTAL OF 345,000 TICKETS IN THE SEVENTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN SOLD SO FAR.

TICKETS WILL REMAIN ON SALE FOR SIX MORE DAYS BEFORE THE DRAW ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 29) EVENING AT 9 O'CLOCK.

THE WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE BY FOUR COMMERCIAL RADIO ARTISTES -- MISS YAN WAI-YEE, MISS WONG KAR-MAN, MISS CHAN MO-YIN AND MISS MOK PUI-MAN.

ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 26), THE FOUR RADIO PERSONALITIES WILL HELP PROMOTE TICKET SALES AT STATUE SQUARE WHERE THEY WILL BE SELLING TICKETS BETWEEN 5 P.M. AND 6 P.M.

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PREDICTING TROPICAL CYCLONE MOVEMENTS BY COMPUTER

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STARTING THIS SUMMER, OBJECTIVE FORECASTS OF TROPICAL CYCLONE TRACKS WILL BE PREPARED BY THE COMPUTER DIVISION OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND DISSEMINATED TO COUNTRIES IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA REGION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CIRCUITS FOR THEIR OPERATIONAL USE.

THIS ARRANGEMENT IS THE RESULT OF A REQUEST MADE BY MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE TYPHOON COMMITTEE DURING A PREVIOUS SESSION.

OBJECTIVE TECHNIQUES FOR PREDICTING TROPICAL CYCLONE MOVEMENT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY METEOROLOGISTS IN HONG KONG AND OTHER COUNTRIES AND HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVELY USED AT THE CENTRAL FORECASTING OFFICE OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SINCE 1961.

THESE TECHNIQUES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR TROPICAL CYCLONE FORECASTING AND THEIR VALUE IS ENHANCED WITH THE USE OF COMPUTER SINCE THE PREPARATION TIME OF SOME OF THESE FORECASTS CAN NOW BE REDUCED FROM HOURS TO A FEW MINUTES.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

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THERE WILL BE A LIMITED POSTAL SERVICE NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 25) WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MAIL DELIVERY THAT DAY, BUT FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC, MOST POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON.

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