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ACTION AGAINST OWNERS OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SERVED A TOTAL OF 606 ORDERS ON OWNERS OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE TO REMOVE UNAUTHORISED WORKS.

THIS BROUGHT TO 1,147 THE NUMBER OF ORDERS SERVED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

A B.O.O. SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE ACTION WAS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF 441 INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE STAFF OF THE B.O.O. ON BUILDINGS WHICH HAD BEEN CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION SINCE THE END OF JULY 1975.

OF THE NUMBER OF ORDERS SERVED, 349 HAD BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

HE STRESSED THAT FOR THOSE WHO FAILED TO REMOVE THE UNAUTHORISED WORK WITHIN THE GIVEN TIME, B.O.O. WOULD DO THE WORK FOR THEM AND CHARGE THEM ACCORDINGLY LATER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DESPITE A CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED LAST YEAR TO ADVISE PEOPLE NOT TO PUT UP UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES ON THEIR BUILDINGS, MANY CONTINUED TO CHOOSE TO IGNORE IT.

+DURING THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW, WE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 1,238 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES,+ HE ADDED.

+LAST MONTH ALONE, MORE THAN 390 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED AND AS PEOPLE ARE MORE ENVIRONMENT CONSCIOUS THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE.+

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT BUILDING INSPECTIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE AND, WHERE NECESSARY, ORDERS WOULD BE SERVED.

HE ADDED THAT PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF TO HELP DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF UNAUTHORISED WORK HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

ONCE THE PROPOSALS WERE APPROVED AND ADDITIONAL STAFF RECRUITED, THE RATE OF INSPECTIONS WOULD BE INCREASED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 215 NEW BUILDING PROPOSALS, COMPARED WITH 249 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

IN ADDITION, THE B.O.O. DEALT WITH 3,584 PLANS. THIS WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THE 3,399 PLANS HANDLED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

AT THE END OF JUNE, THE B.O.O. WAS IN THE COURSE OF PROCESSING 1,212 PLANS.

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TAX EXEMPTION RATE ON INTEREST RAISED
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INTEREST PAYABLE BY LICENSED BANKS, CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND THE GOVERNMENT AT RATES OF UP TO 9-1/4 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM INTEREST TAX FROM TODAY (TUESDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 1-1/2 PER CENT IN THE EXEMPTION LIMIT AND FOLLOWS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION ON SATURDAY THAT THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE SIMILARLY RAISED TO 9-1/4 PER CENT ALSO EFFECTIVE TODAY.

SECTION 28 OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN AMENDED BY A PUBLIC REVENUE PROTECTION ORDER SIGNED THIS MORNING BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TO RAISE FROM 7-3/4 PER CENT TO 9-1/4 PER CENT THE CEILING ON THE POWER OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO INCREASE THE RATE UP TO WHICH INTEREST IS EXEMPTED FROM INTEREST TAX.

THE PUBLIC REVENUE PROTECTION ORDER AND THE NOTICE SIGNED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ARE PUBLISHED IN A GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY TODAY.

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SITE IN CHAI WAN SOLD FOR \$19.9 MILLION
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A 1,430-SQ. METRE SITE AT CHAI WAN WAS SOLD FOR \$19.9 MILLION AT AN AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE TODAY.

THE SITE WHICH IS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES WAS BOUGHT BY KENIC PROPERTIES LTD. AT \$13,916.08 PER SQ. METRE.

IT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$3,850,000 TO BE FULFILLED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1983.

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STATISTICS OF INDUSTRY CENSUS PUBLISHED
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THE LATEST (MAY 1979) ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CONTAINS SEVEN SUMMARY TABLES SHOWING RESULTS OF THE 1977 CENSUS OF INDUSTRY.

THE TABLES CONTAIN MANY USEFUL STATISTICS COLLECTED IN THE CENSUS WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT IN 1978 AND COVERED THE MINING AND QUARRYING, MANUFACTURING, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER INDUSTRIES.

THEY INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS AND PERSONS ENGAGED, LABOUR COST, MATERIAL PURCHASES, OPERATING EXPENSES, SALES AND WORK DONE, GROSS OUTPUT, VALUE ADDED, CHANGES IN STOCKS AND GROSS ADDITIONS TO FIXED ASSETS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID: +THESE STATISTICS ARE ANALYSED RESPECTIVELY BY INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT SIZE, CENSUS DISTRICT, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, GROSS OUTPUT AND VALUE ADDED GROUPINGS.

+THIS INFORMATION SHOULD PROVIDE AN INSIGHT INTO THE STRUCTURAL AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.+

HE ALSO REVEALED THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SIMILAR BUT MUCH ENLARGED SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION TO OBTAIN DATA FOR 1978.

THE MAY 1979 ISSUE OF THE MONTHLY DIGEST IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$6 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE. MORE DETAILED ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE 1977 CENSUS OF INDUSTRY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TEL: 5-274203.

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WATER CUT
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TAI HANG TUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 23) TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY TO FACILITATE A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY TONG YAM STREET AND TAI HANG TUNG ROAD, INCLUDING BLOCK NOS. 1 TO 8 TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE.

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