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KAIFONGS PRAISED FOR COMMUNITY WORK
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE KAIFONG MOVEMENT AND SAID THEY HAD A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN HELPING TO IMPROVE SOCIETY.

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY HALL GARDEN RESTAURANT TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KAIFONG MOVEMENT.

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT THE KAIFONG WERE IN THE FOREFRONT OF ALL CAMPAIGN WORK - SUCH AS IN THE DRIVE AGAINST VIOLENT CRIME AND KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN - AND HAD GIVEN A LEAD IN THE WORK OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES. +IT IS THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS THAT EACH OF US CAN MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS AN IMPROVED SOCIETY,+ HE SAID.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS:

+I AM DELIGHTED TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE KAIFONG MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG. IN THE PAST 25 YEARS, THE MOVEMENT HAS GREATLY EVOLVED FROM ITS ORIGINAL ROLE OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY RELIEF AND WELFARE SERVICES.

+THE PROVISION OF RELIEF IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY IS STILL VERY IMPORTANT, BUT TODAY THE KAIFONGS ARE ALSO IN THE FOREFRONT OF ALL CAMPAIGN WORK, LEADING THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST VIOLENT CRIME AND THE CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN HONG KONG, AND DOING SO WITH SUCCESS. MANY OF YOU ARE SERVING ON DISTRICT AND AREA COMMITTEES AND HAVE GIVEN A LEAD IN THE WORK OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES. IN THIS SORT OF APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS THAT CLOSELY AFFECT THE LIVES OF THE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG, I BELIEVE WE ARE SETTING OUT UPON A NEW ROAD. IT IS THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS THAT EACH OF US CAN MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS AN IMPROVED SOCIETY, AND GAIN THE SATISFACTION OF DOING SO. IN THIS THERE IS A MAJOR ROLE FOR THE KAIFONGS TO PLAY.

+ON THIS OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KAIFONG MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG, MAY I ASK YOU TO DRINK A TOAST WITH ME TO WISH OUR KAIFONG EVERY SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE.+

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NEW INVESTMENT WILL SPUR HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH
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THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HONG KONG'S RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL CONTINUE, DELEGATES ATTENDING AN INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE IN NEW ZEALAND WERE TOLD TODAY.

MR. ROY PORTER, HEAD OF THE INDUSTRY DIVISION OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, PREDICTED THAT THERE WILL BE MUCH NEW INVESTMENT IN INDUSTRY FROM BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN SOURCES AND THIS WOULD BENEFIT OUR EXPORTS.

ACCOMPANYING THIS WE WOULD SEE A CONTINUED REAL GROWTH IN THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF OUR PEOPLE WHICH, HE POINTED OUT, WAS THE ULTIMATE AIM OF ALL INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES.

THERE WAS A NEED, MR. PORTER SAID, FOR CONTINUED STRONG EXPORT-ORIENTED INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IF THE ECONOMY WAS TO CONTINUE TO PROSPER AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO CONTINUE TO FINANCE ITS AMBITIOUS PUBLIC HOUSING AND OTHER PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

MR. PORTER WAS ADDRESSING THE AAMO-5 INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE IN AUCKLAND, ORGANISED BY THE ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATIONS. THE THEME OF THE FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE, WHICH ENDS ON OCTOBER 24, IS +PRODUCTIVITY AND THE WAY WE LIVE.+

REVIEWING HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL EVOLUTION, MR. PORTER SAID THAT, AS IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, IT WAS SPEARHEADED BY THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY WHICH ESTABLISHED ITSELF RAPIDLY IN LARGE SCALE AND EFFICIENT MILLS.

AT THE OTHER END OF THE SCALE, SMALL GARMENT AND PLASTICS FACTORIES, AND WORKSHOPS PRODUCING SIMPLE METAL PRODUCTS, MUSHROOMED.

FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, MR. PORTER SAID, HONG KONG HAD EXPERIENCED TREMENDOUS GROWTH, AVERAGING IN VALUE TERMS 17.7 PER CENT COMPOUND. THIS WAS NOT ONLY QUANTITATIVE GROWTH, BUT ALSO REAL GROWTH IN THE QUALITY AND TECHNOLOGICAL LEVELS OF OUR PRODUCTS.

MODERN PRODUCTION METHODS, PRODUCTIVITY TECHNIQUES AND MODERN MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS WERE NOW WELL UNDERSTOOD AND WIDELY USED, NOT UNCRITICALLY BUT WITH INTELLIGENT ADAPTATION TO INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

+THE RELATIVELY LARGE SCALE FACTORIES HAVE MULTIPLIED AND THEIR RANGE HAS EXPANDED FAR BEYOND TEXTILES, WITH LIGHT ENGINEERING AND ELECTRONICS BEING OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE,+ SAID MR. PORTER.

+MANY OF THE SMALL FAMILY CONCERNS HAVE ACHIEVED AMAZING GROWTH TO JOIN THE RANKS OF OUR LARGE, MOST EFFICIENT PLANTS. SOME, INDEED, ARE NOW WORLD LEADERS IN THEIR FIELDS.+

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THERE WERE STILL, HOWEVER, MANY THOUSANDS OF SMALL FAMILY CONCERNS PRODUCING A NARROW RANGE OF PRODUCTS OR OFFERING BASIC INDUSTRIAL SERVICES. MANY OF THEM FILLED A REAL NEED, PROVIDING SUB-CONTRACTING FACILITIES FOR THE LARGER FACTORIES AND SUBSTANTIAL EMPLOYMENT, PARTICULARLY FOR HOUSEHOLDS.

MR. PORTER SAID THAT WHILE MANY OF THEM WILL REMAIN IN BEING FOR SOME YEARS YET THEIR FUNCTIONS ARE GRADUALLY BEING TAKEN OVER BY LARGER INDUSTRIAL UNITS OR BY SIMILAR SMALL FACTORIES IN MORE NEWLY INDUSTRIALISING, LOWER LABOUR-COST COUNTRIES.

THE TERM +LAISSEZ FAIRE+ WAS FREQUENTLY USED TO DESCRIBE THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID. THIS STEMMED FROM A MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES, WHICH DID NOT BY ANY MEANS ENTAIL LEAVING INDUSTRY TO STRUGGLE ALONG WITHOUT GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.

+THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM,+ HE STRESSED, +IS TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AS A WHOLE WITHOUT DICTATING THE PRECISE DIRECTIONS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT OR INFLUENCING CORPORATE DECISION MAKING.+

THIS WAS DONE BY PROVIDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THOSE FACILITIES WHICH INDUSTRY CANNOT PROVIDE FOR ITSELF.

OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE WERE THE GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL AND TAXATION POLICIES WHICH WERE DELIBERATELY DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS AND ITS POLICY OF MAKING ALL PROCEDURES AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE FOR THE INDUSTRIALIST, IMPORTER AND EXPORTER, WHETHER LOCAL OR FOREIGN.

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TWO WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED
TO LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD

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MR. LEUNG TAT-SHING OF URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT KOWLOON WORKERS GENERAL UNION AND MR. LEE SHING-CHU OF HONG KONG STEVEDORES UNION (CHAP YIN) WERE TODAY ELECTED AS WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1975.

THE ELECTION - HELD BY SECRET BALLOT AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY - WAS SUPERVISED BY OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD IS A NON-STATUTORY BODY TO ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON SUCH MATTERS AFFECTING LABOUR, INCLUDING LEGISLATION AND INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. IT IS COMPOSED OF FOUR EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES AND FOUR WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES, WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AS CHAIRMAN.

TWO OF THE WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED BY REGISTERED TRADE UNIONS AND TWO ARE SELECTED FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.

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NUMBER OF FIRES IN 1972-74 UP BY 50 PER CENT
LOSSES AMOUNTED TO NEARLY \$100 MILLION
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FOR EVERY TWO FIRES IN 1968/70, THERE WERE THREE IN 1972/74.

THIS ALARMING RISE IS REVEALED IN THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR. HARRY WOOD, FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 1972/73 AND 1973/74.

THERE WERE 9,787 FIRES AND 62 DEATHS IN 1968/70= THE RESPECTIVE FIGURES FOR THE TWO YEARS COVERED BY THE REPORT ARE 15,476 AND 108.

THE REPORT STATES: +IT IS NOT EASY TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE PHILOSOPHY IN HONG KONG AS REGARDS FIRE SHOULD BE 'IT COULD NEVER HAPPEN TO ME', FOR THE TRUTH IS THAT, WITH THE EVER GROWING NUMBER OF FIRES IN THE COLONY, THE CHANCE OF BECOMING A FIRE VICTIM, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE SUFFERING ACONISING INJURY OR EVEN DEATH, GROUS WITH EACH PASSING YEAR.+

IT CONTINUES: +THROUGH PRESS PUBLICITY, AS WELL AS FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGNS, VISITS AND LECTURES, IT IS HOPED THAT THE MESSAGE - 'IT COULD EASILY HAPPEN TO ME UNLESS I TAKE PROPER CARE'- WILL EVENTUALLY BE DRIVEN HOME, TO HOUSEHOLDERS AS WELL AS TO FACTORY AND OFFICE MANAGERMENTS. ONLY THEN, POSSIBLY, COULD A DOWNGARD TREND BE SEEN. BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, THE FIRE SERVICES MUST ACT ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE GRAPH WILL CONTINUE ITS UPWARD CLIMB - THERE IS LITTLE AT PRESENT TO SUGGEST THE REVERSE - AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY TO DEAL WITH THIS GROWING TOLL.+

DURING THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD, THE DIRECT FINANCIAL LOSS FROM FIRE WAS \$99.6 MILLION, BUT THE REPORT STRESSES THAT THIS ENORMOUS FIGURE TELLS ONLY PART OF THE STORY: +IT WOULD BE A GREAT DEAL HIGHER - ONE EXPERT HAS PUT IT AS MUCH AS THREE TIMES - IF THE INDIRECT COSTS OF FIRE COULD BE INCLUDED, SUCH AS, FOR A FACTORY, LOSS OF PRODUCTION, SALES, THE SERVICES OF TRAINED PERSONNEL, GOODWILL, BUSINESS CONFIDENCE, AND, FOR A FAMILY, THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF LOSING ITS HOME.+

THE REPORT GOES ON TO SAY THAT THE TRAGEDY OF THIS WASTE OF VALUABLE RESOURCES IS THAT IT COULD BE LARGELY AVOIDED. +IF PEOPLE WOULD TAKE GREATER CARE, BE LESS APATHETIC AND ACCEPT THAT THERE ARE SIMPLE MEASURES THEY THEMSELVES CAN TAKE TO PREVENT FIRE FROM BREAKING OUT, THE PROBLEM WOULD NOT BE ANYTHING LIKE AS FRIGHTENING AS IT NOW IS IN HONG KONG.

+FOR EXAMPLE, IF EVERYBODY HAD MADE SURE THAT THEIR CIGARETTES OR MATCHES WERE PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED BEFORE THROWING THEM AWAY, 4,731 FIRES WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED IN 1972/73= IF MORE CARE HAD BEEN TAKEN WITH ELECTRICITY, SUCH AS NOT TAMPERING WITH INSTALLATIONS UNLESS PROPERLY QUALIFIED, NOT OVERLOADING SOCKETS, NOT LEAVING APPLIANCES SWITCHED ON DURING ABSENCES OR MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY USED AND MAINTAINED REGULARLY, 2,985 LESS FIRES, MANY OF THEM MAJOR COSTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, WOULD HAVE OCCURRED= AND THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN 669 LESS FIRES, 153 LESS INJURIES AND THREE LESS DEATHS IF, DURING THE TWO YEARS, KEROSENE FIRES AND OIL STOVES HAD BEEN HANDLED WITH THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE.+

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THE REPORT DESCRIBES THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AS +AN EXCEPTIONALLY BUSY ONE+ WITH A TOTAL OF 222,968 FIRE, SPECIAL SERVICE AND AMBULANCE CALLS BEING ANSWERED. THIS FIGURE IS 20 PER CENT MORE THAN THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS TWO-YEAR PERIOD.

ON FACTORY FIRES, THE REPORT REVEALS THAT LOSSES AMOUNTED TO \$75.9 MILLION FROM 880 FIRES. +THIS MEANS+, IT STATES, +THAT 80 PER CENT OF THE MONETARY LOSS FROM FIRE IN 1972/74 RESULTED FROM ONLY SIX PER CENT OF THE FIRES+.

THE REPORT GOES ON: +FACTORY MANagements ARE CONSTANTLY BEING URGED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO FIRE PREVENTION, ACCORDING IT AT LEAST THE SAME PRIORITY THEY GIVE TO PREVENTING BURGLARY, FROM WHICH THEIR LOSSES ARE LIKELY TO BE ALMOST INSIGNIFICANT COMPARED WITH LOSSES THEY WOULD SUFFER SHOULD THEIR FACTORY BE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY FIRE. THIS IS NOT TO SUGGEST THAT CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES BE DOWNGRADED, BUT THAT STEPS TO REDUCE THE FIRE RISK BE UPGRADED+.

THREE FACTORY FIRES ALONE COST \$41 MILLION, OR 40 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL LOSSES, AND THE REPORT DESCRIBES THIS AS +PERHAPS A REFLECTION OF THE INADEQUACY OF FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN MANY MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ENTERPRISES+.

OTHER POINTS FROM THE REPORT:

- * A TOTAL OF 859 PEOPLE WERE RESCUED FROM FIRE.
- * THE NUMBER OF AMBULANCE CALLS ANSWERED WAS 19 PER CENT UP ON THE PREVIOUS TWO-YEAR PERIOD.
- * THE NUMBER OF FIRE STATIONS INCREASED TO 37.
- * THERE WERE 2,854 FALSE ALARM CALLS.
- * 4,731 FIRES WERE CAUSED BY CIGARETTE ENDS.
- * 2,985 FIRES WERE CAUSED BY ELECTRICAL FAULTS.
- * THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU DEALT WITH ALMOST 151,000 COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEANS OF ESCAPE.
- * TWO FIREMEN WERE KILLED AND 110 INJURED.
- * THE TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS 3,789 INCLUDING CIVILIANS.
- * THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS 437 APPLIANCES AND VEHICLES AND MORE THAN 95 MILES OF HOSE.
- * THE BUDGET FOR THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD WAS \$102,384,400.00.
- * A TOTAL OF 48 OFFICERS RECEIVED AWARDS DURING THE PERIOD. TWO OFFICERS WERE AWARDED THE GEORGE MEDAL.

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LIFTING OF WATER RESTRICTIONS, A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT

THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TODAY ISSUED A REMINDER THAT THE CONTINUATION OF FULL WATER SUPPLIES IS, AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, A TEMPORARY MEASURE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATERWORKS OFFICE SAID THAT WITH SEVERAL RESERVOIRS STILL OVERFLOWING IT WOULD CLEARLY BE STUPID NOT TO ALLOW FULL SUPPLY FOR THE TIME BEING, SINCE MANY CONSUMERS COULD BE SUPPLIED FROM OVERFLOW.

+TO HAVE REIMPOSED RESTRICTIONS,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN, +WOULD HAVE MEANT INCREASING THE OVERFLOW ON SOME RESERVOIRS - AND, IN EFFECT, DIVERTING WATER FROM CONSUMERS TO OVERFLOW. AS IT IS, THE WATER IS BEING USED, AND NOT LOST.+

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE EARLIER CONTINUATION OF FULL SUPPLIES OVER THE WEEKEND, WAS BECAUSE OF THE SEVERE WEATHER FOLLOWING IN THE WAKE OF TYPHOON CARMEN. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NO GOOD TURNING OFF, HE EXPLAINED, IF WATERWORKS OFFICE STAFF WERE NOT SURE THAT THE WEATHER WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THEM TO TURN ON AGAIN LATER.

HE ADDED THAT WHILE A FINAL DECISION ON WHAT LEVEL OF RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY THROUGH THE DRY SEASON COULD NOT BE MADE YET, +WE MUST FACE UP TO THE FACT THAT SOME RESTRICTIONS, THOUGH AT A FAR MORE MODEST LEVEL THAN THOSE PLANNED EARLIER, ARE STILL LIKELY TO BE NEEDED.+

THE STORAGE LEVEL AT PLOVER COVE, HONG KONG'S LARGEST RESERVOIR, WAS STILL THE KEY FACTOR IN THE SITUATION. +ALL OUR OTHER RESERVOIRS ARE FULL - BUT PLOVER COVE ACCOUNTS FOR SO MUCH OF THE SUPPLY CAPACITY FOR THE WHOLE TERRITORY THAT THE FACT THAT IT IS STILL ONLY AT SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 60 PER CENT OF CAPACITY CANNOT BE DISREGARDED.

+FURTHER, OUR PRESENT STORAGE TOTAL IS PUT INTO PERSPECTIVE IF WE REMEMBER THAT, EVEN TAKING TODAY'S LATEST FIGURE OF 48,017 MILLION GALLONS, WE HAD MORE THAN THAT THIS TIME LAST YEAR IN PLOVER COVE ALONE.+

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RESTRICTIONS ON GOODS VEHICLES LIFTED
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THE SUMMER-MONTH ENTRY RESTRICTIONS ON GOODS VEHICLES ALONG SECTIONS OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CLEARWATER BAY ROAD WILL BE LIFTED LATER THIS MONTH.

THE RESTRICTIONS, WHICH APPLY FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS INTRODUCED EARLIER THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON THE ROADS DURING SUMMER MONTHS WHEN MORE HOLIDAY-MAKERS TRAVELLED TO AND FROM RECREATIONAL SPOTS.

FROM THURSDAY (OCTOBER 24), THE PROHIBITION AGAINST GOODS VEHICLES USING CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN SHA TSUI ROAD AND CAUSEWAY ROAD FROM 11 A.M. TO 6 P.M. ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WILL BE LIFTED.

ON CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, THE PROHIBITION WILL BE LIFTED FROM NEXT MONDAY (OCTOBER 28). THIS MEANS THAT EASTBOUND GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE SECTION BETWEEN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FEI NGO SHAN ROAD FROM 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M., AND WESTBOUND GOODS VEHICLES, THE SECTION BETWEEN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND ANDERSON ROAD FROM 2 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THE EXISTING DAILY PROHIBITION AGAINST ALL VEHICLES OVER 12 TONS LADEN WEIGHT USING CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FEI NGO SHAN ROAD.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE HOLIDAY RESTRICTIONS HAD PROVED SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY SLOW MOVING LORRIES ON THE STEEP ROAD SECTIONS, THUS GIVING PRIORITY TO PASSENGER TRANSPORT FOR A FEW HOURS ON HOLIDAYS TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO HAVE REASONABLY QUICK ACCESS TO BEACHES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL SPOTS IN THE AREAS.

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S.W.D. OFFICES CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TOLD HIS STAFF TODAY TO SUPPORT THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, EITHER AS A DEPARTMENT OR INDIVIDUALLY.

MR. LEE WAS SPEAKING WHEN HE PRESENTED THE +DSW SHIELD+ TO MISS LEE YUK-FUN, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CHILDREN'S RECEPTION CENTRE IN CHUK YUEN WHICH WON THE 1973 OFFICE CLEANLINESS COMPETITION RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

HE URGED THEM TO DO THEIR BEST TO ENSURE THAT THEIR OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONS WERE KEPT AS CLEAN AND TIDY AS POSSIBLE AT ALL TIMES, WHETHER CLEANING THE OFFICES THEMSELVES OR EVEN IF THE PREMISES WERE CLEANED BY CONTRACT.

THE COMPETITION WAS STARTED IN 1972 IN SUPPORT OF THE MAIN KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND A COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO JUDGE WHICH OF THE MORE THAN 100 OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT WERE THE CLEANEST.

IN SECOND PLACE THIS YEAR WAS THE KAI NANG TRAINING CENTRE FOLLOWED BY THE KWUN TONG HOSTEL AND O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME JOINTLY IN THIRD PLACE.

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SLIGHT INCREASE IN TRAVEL FIGURES

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A TOTAL OF 7,469,001 TRAVELLERS ENTERED OR LEFT HONG KONG DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, AN INCREASE OF ONLY 3.12 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR WHEN THE FIGURE WAS 7,242,857.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT THIS WAS A BIG DROP IN THE NORMAL GROWTH RATE, +AND REFLECTS THE DECLINE IN TOURISM CREATED BY THE OIL CRISIS, COMBINED WITH A GENERAL RECESSION.+

IN 1973/74, HE NOTED, AN INCREASE OF 19 PER CENT WAS RECORDED OVER THE FIGURE FOR 1972/73.

THE FIGURES INCLUDE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES BY AIR, LAND AND SEA CLEARED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND DO NOT INCLUDE TRANSIENTS OR PERSONS REFUSED PERMISSION TO LAND.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 48,017 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 71.3 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 62,615 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 31,641 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 48,372 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 62.7 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

9.8 M.M. (0.39 IN.) 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 1,865 MM (73.43 IN.).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,076.4 M.M. (81.75 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 10.2 PER CENT.

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RHK EXTENDING CHINESE NEWS SERVICE

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RADIO HONG KONG WILL BE PUTTING OUT THREE ADDITIONAL NEWS BULLETINS IN CHINESE WHEN IT BEGINS ITS AUTUMN SCHEDULE ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27).

THE NEW BULLETINS WILL BE BROADCAST ON RHK ONE AND TWO AT 6.45 AM, 11 PM AND MIDNIGHT. THE 6.45 AM BULLETIN WILL BE A BBC RELAY WHILE THE OTHER TWO WILL BE PREPARED BY RHK'S OWN NEWS ROOM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RADIO HONG KONG SAID: +WE FEEL THAT PEOPLE SWITCH FROM TELEVISION TO RADIO BEFORE THEY GO TO BED AND WE WISH TO PROVIDE THEM WITH AN ADDITIONAL UP TO DATE NEWS SERVICE.+

RHK'S ONE AND TWO MAIN NEWS BULLETINS WILL THEREFORE BE BROADCAST AT 6.45 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM AND MIDNIGHT. DURING THE REST OF THE TIME, THE TWO CHANNELS WILL BE PROVIDING NEWS SUMMARIES ON THE HOUR.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) 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

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
<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	1.80
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.65
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.92
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.74
PAKISTAN RICE	GOOD	-
TAIWAN RICE	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

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

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
CROAKERS	SCARCE	4.50	2.40	4.00
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	SCARCE	3.70	1.40	2.60

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	SCARCE	2.50	0.60	1.60
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.00	0.40	1.20
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	1.80	0.50	1.20
WATER SPINACH	SCARCE	1.60	0.50	1.20
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	2.40	0.80	1.60
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	3.00	1.00	2.00
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	2.20	0.50	1.20
SPINACH	SCARCE	3.50	1.00	2.00
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	4.00	2.00	3.00
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	SCARCE	2.60	0.80	1.80
CHINESE SPINACH	SCARCE	1.80	0.50	1.20
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.20	2.20	3.50

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