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H.M.G.'S GREEN PAPER ON THE BRITISH NATIONALITY LAW

A GREEN PAPER ON POSSIBLE CHANGES IN BRITISH NATIONALITY LAW WAS TABLED BY THE HOME SECRETARY IN PARLIAMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON A NUMBER OF COMPLEX ISSUES RELATING TO NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP. THE OBJECT IS STATED TO BE +TO EXAMINE HOW OUR NATIONALITY LAW CAN BE SIMPLIFIED AND BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE. BRITISH CITIZENSHIP IS NOW IN MANY RESPECTS DIFFERENT FROM THE CITIZENSHIP OF MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BRITAIN'S PARTNERS IN THE E.E.C.+

THE GREEN PAPER IS A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT WHICH WILL ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION. ANY RESULTING BRITISH LEGISLATION WILL NOT BE INTRODUCED FOR TWO OR THREE YEARS. AS STATED IN THE PREFACE +THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR DIFFERING VIEWS BOTH ON THE PRINCIPLES AND DETAILS OF A NEW SCHEME, AND THEY THINK IT RIGHT TO GIVE AMPLE TIME FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF THE IDEAS IN THE DOCUMENT, WHICH WOULD AFFECT EVERYONE IN THIS COUNTRY AND MANY PEOPLE OVERSEAS. THE GOVERNMENT HAVE THEMSELVES REACHED NO FIRM CONCLUSIONS ON MANY OF THESE IDEAS. BUT WHERE THEY ARE AT PRESENT INCLINED TOWARDS A PARTICULAR COURSE THE DOCUMENT SAYS SO.+

UNDER THE PROPOSED SCHEME, CITIZENS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND COLONIES WOULD BECOME EITHER BRITISH CITIZENS OR BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZENS.

BRITISH CITIZENSHIP WOULD BE HELD BY PEOPLE WITH SPECIFIED TIES (BY THEIR OWN OR A PARENT'S BIRTH, REGISTRATION OR NATURALISATION) WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM ITSELF. BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZENSHIP WOULD BE HELD BY THOSE WHO HAVE SIMILAR TIES WITH A DEPENDENT TERRITORY. BOTH BRITISH CITIZENS AND BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZENS WOULD CONTINUE TO CARRY BRITISH PASSPORTS AND TO ENJOY BRITISH CONSULAR PROTECTION.

COMMENTING ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE GREEN PAPER, A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN AN ASSURANCE THAT THE PROPOSALS DID NOT HAVE ANY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG.

+THE GREEN PAPER APPEARS TO ENVISAGE THAT THE RULES GOVERNING ENTRY INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM APPLICABLE TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS WOULD REMAIN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THEY HAVE BEEN SINCE THE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1971,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE POINTS AND PROPOSALS MADE IN THE GREEN PAPER, BOTH IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OVERSEAS IN THE COMMONWEALTH, WOULD BE WATCHED WITH GREAT CARE. IF THERE APPEARED TO BE A DANGER OF THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS BEING AFFECTED ADVERSELY, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

REPRODUCED COPIES OF THE H.M.G.'S GREEN PAPER ON THE BRITISH NATIONALITY LAW ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM G.I.S. PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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DIRECTOR OF C AND I PRESENTED WITH KEY TO THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH
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THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR. LESLIE GORDON, TODAY EACH RECEIVED A KEY TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AND LETTERS OF GREETINGS FROM THE MAYORS OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH IN CONNECTION WITH WORLD TRADE WEEK WHICH WILL BE CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES NEXT MONTH.

MISS JOAN ZIMMERMAN, AN EXECUTIVE OF THE FLYING TIGER LINE, WHO WAS APPOINTED THIS YEAR'S MISS WORLD TRADE, MADE THE PRESENTATION IN MR. JORDAN'S OFFICE.

EARLIER, SHE HAD VISITED TAIWAN, THE PHILIPPINES, JAPAN AND SINGAPORE WHERE SHE MADE SIMILAR PRESENTATIONS TO THE TRADE MINISTERS AND CIVIC OFFICIALS OF THOSE COUNTRIES.

MR. JIMMY CARTER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, IN PROCLAIMING THE WORLD TRADE WEEK, TO BE OPENED ON MAY 22, SAID: +I URGE BUSINESS, LABOUR, AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC GROUPS, THE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA, AND ALL CONCERNED AMERICANS, TO OBSERVE WORLD TRADE WEEK WITH MEETINGS, DISCUSSIONS, EXHIBITIONS, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE CONTINUING AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF WORLD TRADE TO AMERICA AND TO OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS.+

IN MAKING THE PRESENTATION, MISS ZIMMERMAN EXPLAINED THAT WORLD TRADE WEEK WAS SPONSORED BY THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PORTS OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH, THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

SHE ADDED THAT THIS YEAR'S SLOGAN WAS +WORLD PROSPERITY THROUGH WORLD TRADE.+

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NEW SERIES OF CHINESE LANGUAGE PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THE HEADS OF ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS THAT A NUMBER OF SERIES OF NEW PRIMARY CHINESE LANGUAGE TEXTBOOKS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY VARIOUS PUBLISHERS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1975 SYLLABUS FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE (PRIMARY) WHICH IS TO START FROM SEPTEMBER 1977.

THIS IS THE RESULT OF CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS, SAID MR. ARTHUR BROWN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), IN A GENERAL SCHOOLS CIRCULAR.

HE SAID: +THOSE SERIES WHICH ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE TEXTBOOKS COMMITTEE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE +RECOMMENDED LIST+ TO BE ISSUED TO SCHOOLS IN MAY, 1977.

+SCHOOLS WHICH INTEND TO CHANGE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEXTBOOKS FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SELECT THEIR SERIES FROM THE MAY, 1977 +RECOMMENDED LIST+, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS PUBLISHERS COMPLIMENTARY SAMPLES OF NEW CHINESE LANGUAGE TEXTBOOKS.

+SCHOOLS MAY CHANGE THE WHOLE OR PART OF THE SERIES, THAT IS PRIMARY 1 TO PRIMARY 6 IN SEPTEMBER, 1977, BUT ARE OF COURSE NOT OBLIGED TO DO SO.+

MR. BROWN SAID THAT PUBLISHERS HAD ALSO AGREED NOT TO PRODUCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXTBOOKS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1976 SYLLABUS FOR ENGLISH (PRIMARY) UNTIL SEPTEMBER, 1978. THEREFORE NO PRIMARY ENGLISH TEXTBOOKS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE 1977 +RECOMMENDED LIST+.

+SCHOOLS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED NOT TO CHANGE THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXTBOOKS UNTIL THE 1978 +RECOMMENDED LIST+ IS CIRCULARIZED,+ MR. BROWN SAID.

HE REQUESTED THE HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF ALL TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TO THE CONTENTS OF HIS CIRCULAR.

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PUBLIC HOUSING BUILDING PROGRAMME
TO BE SPED UP
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AIMS TO INCREASE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE ITS ANNUAL PRODUCTION TO A POINT WHERE IT CAN REHOUSE OVER 200,000 PEOPLE A YEAR FOLLOWING THE SETBACKS DURING THE ECONOMIC RECESSION.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION MR. IAN LIGHTBODY, IN A SPEECH TO THE ZONTA CLUB OF HONG KONG.

MR. LIGHTBODY, WHO WAS UNTIL RECENTLY SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, SAID THIS WAS AN ENORMOUS UNDERTAKING WHICH REQUIRED A GREAT DEAL OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL PLANNING AND COOPERATION, INVOLVING IN PARTICULAR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

HE STRESSED THAT LAND WAS A CRITICAL COMPONENT BECAUSE MOST DEVELOPABLE LAND WAS HEAVILY SQUATTED ON IN HONG KONG, AND PRESENT MAJOR CLEARANCE COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING PRIOR REHOUSING OF THE OCCUPANTS.

+HOWEVER, ALL CONCERNED ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS AND TO KEEP THE PROGRAMME RUNNING ON SCHEDULE,+ HE SAID.

MR. LIGHTBODY ALSO SPOKE ABOUT STEADY IMPROVEMENTS IN SPACE AND OTHER STANDARDS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, AND THE VERY HEAVY RELIANCE ON LAND AND LONG-TERM LOANS FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

THIS REFLECTED THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO SEE HOUSING CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG GREATLY IMPROVED BY THE MID-1980S, HE SAID, ADDING THAT +THE PROGRAMME WILL CONTINUE FOR AS LONG AS MAY BE NECESSARY.+

ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN RECENT YEARS FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, MR. LIGHTBODY TOLD THE GATHERING HOW THE 1973 REORGANISATION CENTRALISED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SET UP AS ITS EXECUTIVE ARM.

THE INTENTION, HE SAID, HAD BEEN TO BRING ALL THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES TOGETHER SO AS TO GIVE MAXIMUM DRIVE TO THE MAJOR PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMMES WHICH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IN LATE 1972.

ONE OF THE GREAT ADVANTAGES OF THIS CENTRALISATION IN A SINGLE AUTHORITY WAS THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IT OPENED THE WAY TO FAR GREATER MOBILITY ON THE PART OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS.

IT ALSO OFFERED THEM A MUCH WIDER CHOICE OF LOCATION THAN WAS POSSIBLE PREVIOUSLY WHEN SEVERAL AGENCIES CONTROLLED DIFFERENT TYPES OF PUBLIC HOUSING, AND A WIDER RANGE OF TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION AND RENTALS.

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+NOW IT IS MUCH EASIER TO FIT APPLICANTS MORE SENSIBLY INTO THE VARIOUS TYPES OF PUBLIC HOUSING, WITHIN THEIR PERSONAL MEANS,+ HE SAID.

MR. LIGHTBODY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK DONE BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE POLICIES APPLIED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WERE POLICIES DEBATED AND SETTLED IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WHICH HAS 13 UNOFFICIAL AND EIGHT OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

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TOPLEY OPENS \$5.7 MILLION SECONDARY SCHOOL
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY THIS AFTERNOON OPENED THE \$5.7 MILLION MADAM LAU KAM LUNG SECONDARY SCHOOL AT LAM TEI, -TUEN MUN.

THE SCHOOL, WHICH IS FULLY SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT, IS OPERATED BY THE MIU FAT MONASTERY. AT PRESENT THE 24-CLASSROOM SCHOOL HAS 794 PUPILS.

+ITS COMPLETION,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID, +IS GEARED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF EXPANDING SECONDARY EDUCATION AND IT WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL SCENE.+

THE DIRECTOR PRAISED THE SPONSORS FOR THEIR KEEN INTEREST IN EDUCATION.

MR. TOPLEY THEN MADE SOME COMMENTS ON TWO ELEMENTS WHICH WERE ESSENTIAL TO A GOOD EDUCATION.

+THEY ARE FORMATION OF CHARACTER AND TRAINING IN HABITS OF CLEAR THOUGHT AND CLEAR EXPRESSION OF THOUGHT IN THE PUPIL'S OWN LANGUAGE. I CALL THEM ELEMENTS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT SUBJECTS IN THE USUAL SENSE OF THAT WORD. THEY ARE NOT LIMITED TO SET HOURS OR SET PLACES AND THEY PERVADE THE LIFE OF THE SCHOOL,+ HE SAID.

IT WAS PART OF THE FUNCTION OF A SCHOOL TO SET BEFORE ITS PUPILS IDEALS OF CHARACTER AND CONDUCT AND TO PROVIDE THROUGH ITS OWN MANIFOLD ACTIVITIES MEANS OF REALISING THEIR ASPIRATIONS.

MR. TOPLEY SAID EVERY TEACHER HAD A CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE IN TRAINING PUPILS IN HABITS OF CLEAR THOUGHT AND CLEAR EXPRESSION OF THOUGHT IN THE PUPILS' OWN LANGUAGE, BOTH SPOKEN AND WRITTEN, BASED ON THE LOGICAL ARRANGEMENT OF IDEAS.

HE STRESSED THAT +THE PUPIL'S USE OF THEIR FIRST LANGUAGE SHOULD, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, BE THE CONCERN OF EVERY TEACHER, NO MATTER WHAT HIS SPECIALIST SUBJECT.+

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SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP
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MORE THAN 3,000 APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO YOUNGSTERS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE BRITISH FORCES AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE CAMP AIMS TO DEVELOP THE CHARACTER, SELF-RELIANCE AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF SELECTED PARTICIPANTS SO THAT THEY MAY BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

TWO RESIDENTIAL CAMPS ARE ORGANISED THIS YEAR FOR YOUNGSTERS, BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS, BETWEEN 18 AND 25 YEARS OF AGE. THERE WILL BE 120 PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH CAMP.

THE CAMPS, LASTING FOR THREE WEEKS EACH, WILL BE HELD AT THE ERSKINE CAMP IN SAI KUNG FROM JULY 4 TO 24 AND FROM AUGUST 1 TO 21.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH WORK UNIT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TOP FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS MAY 2.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CHOSEN BY AN INTERVIEW PANEL COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE BRITISH FORCES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS. SELECTIONS WILL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF COMMAND OF ENGLISH, EXPERIENCE IN YOUTH WORK, KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL AFFAIRS AND PHYSIQUE.

SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED IN THE CAMP WILL INCLUDE EXPEDITION, CANOEING, MAP READING, PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, ROCK CLIMBING AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING. A CERTIFICATE WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN THE COURSE.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND KWUN TONG IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY (APRIL 29) TO ENABLE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN NORTH POINT, THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY NORTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD FROM TIN CHIU STREET TO MANSION STREET, JAVA ROAD FROM TIN CHIU STREET TO KING'S ROAD, MARBLE ROAD FROM TIN CHIU STREET TO HEALTHY STREET WEST AND TIN CHIU STREET.

IN KWUN TONG, THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY HIP WO STREET, TSUI PING ROAD AND HIU MING STREET, INCLUDING BLOCK NOS. 7 TO 10, KWUN TONG (TSUI PING ROAD) ESTATE AND BLOCK NOS. 9 AND 10, WO LOK ESTATE.

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