



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MISUNDERSTANDINGS OVER POST OFFICE BILL CLARIFIED  
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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR. MALKI ADDI, TODAY SOUGHT TO DISPEL ANY MISUNDERSTANDING OVER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE POST OFFICE BILL NOW BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+CONTRARY TO WHAT SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE,+ HE SAID +IT IS NOT ILLEGAL - EITHER UNDER THE EXISTING OR PROPOSED LEGISLATION - FOR LETTERS OR DOCUMENTS RELATING TO GOODS WHICH ARE SENT BY SEA OR AIR TO CONTINUE TO ACCOMPANY AND BE DELIVERED WITH THE GOODS.+

MR. ADDI EMPHASISED THAT THE NEW BILL DOES NOT SEEK TO INTRODUCE ANY FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN THE LAW IN RESPECT OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S PRIVILEGE. IT SIMPLY STATES MORE CLEARLY THE FULL EXTENT OF THAT PRIVILEGE.

+BECAUSE PRIVILEGES IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER ARE LEGALLY RESERVED TO POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS IN ALL COUNTRIES, NEITHER THE POSTMASTER GENERAL NOR THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE POWER TO LICENSE PRIVATE COURIERS TO CONVEY LETTERS TO, OR DELIVER THEM IN, ANOTHER COUNTRY - UNLESS THAT COUNTRY HAS ALSO LICENSED SUCH SERVICES AND NONE IS KNOWN AT PRESENT.

+ANY SUCH COURIER WOULD, THEREFORE, BE AT RISK FOR BREAKING THE LAW IN THOSE PLACES TO WHICH HE IS CARRYING OR DELIVERING LETTERS. AND THESE PLACES INCLUDE THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES,+ MR. ADDI SAID.

HE ADDED THAT IN THIS CONNECTION IT WAS NOTEWORTHY THAT OTHER COUNTRIES ARE BECOMING MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL PRIVATE COURIERS. IN FACT, THE MATTER WAS RAISED AT LAST YEAR'S UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONGRESS AT WHICH 150 COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED.

FEARS HAVE ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED THAT THE NEW BILL MIGHT RESTRICT THE OPERATIONS OF AIR FREIGHT SERVICES.

+SUCH FEARS ARE GROUNDLESS. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL DOES NOT HAVE, AND WILL NOT BE GIVEN, ANY MONOPOLY OVER THE CONVEYANCE OF GOODS FOR FREIGHT. HIS MONOPOLY IS CONCERNED ONLY WITH LETTERS,+ MR. ADDI SAID.

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✦WHAT IS EVIDENTLY NOT GENERALLY REALISED IS THAT WHEN PROPER USE IS MADE OF THE EXPRESS AND SPEEDPOST SERVICES, THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE CAN, AND DOES, PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT SERVICE FOR THE DELIVERY OF URGENT MAIL.✦

DURING THE PAST WEEK, MR. ADDI HAS MET REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TO EXPLAIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW BILL AND TO CLEAR UP CERTAIN MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

REFERRING TO RECENT COMMENTS ABOUT POSTAL DELAYS, MR. ADDI SAID THAT ALL THESE HAD BEEN OF SUCH A VAGUE AND GENERALISED NATURE THAT THEY HAD PRECLUDED ANY INVESTIGATIONS OR SPECIFIC REBUTTALS.

HE ADDED THAT HE AND HIS STAFF ARE ALWAYS PLEASED TO DISCUSS WITH ANY CUSTOMER THE BEST WAYS OF USING THE POSTAL SERVICES TO MEET PARTICULAR NEEDS.

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EEC TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN ON MARCH 17

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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AIMED AT DRAWING UP A NEW TEXTILE RESTRAINT AGREEMENT ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON MARCH 17 IN BRUSSELS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FEBRUARY 24) MR. DAVID JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, SAID THAT THE HONG KONG DELEGATION, LED BY MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, WOULD BE LEAVING FOR BRUSSELS IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS' TIME. IT WOULD BE JOINED BY HONG KONG'S MINISTER AND COUNSELLOR IN THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS, MR. CLAUDE BURGESS AND MR. PAT DODGE.

MR. JORDAN EXPLAINED THAT SEVERAL DELAYS IN STARTING THE NEGOTIATIONS HAD CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES FOR TRADERS AND MANUFACTURERS IN HONG KONG AND FOR IMPORTERS IN EUROPE AND IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY FOR HIS DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE VARIOUS INTERIM RESTRAINT MEASURES PENDING THE HOLDING OF NEGOTIATIONS.

THE CURRENT MEASURES ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 1975 AND I AM AFRAID THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO EXTEND THESE FOR A FURTHER PERIOD UNTIL WE HAVE A NEW DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE EEC, MR. JORDAN SAID.

THE CURRENT RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE END OF THE YEAR OR UNTIL THEY ARE REPLACED BY ARRANGEMENTS TO BE AGREED WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES.

THE EXTENSION IS NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE TRADE TO CONTINUE, ON A KNOWN AND STABLE BASIS, TO AVOID DISRUPTION TO THE BUYING SEASONS AND TO ALLOW MANUFACTURERS TO PLAN PRODUCTION SCHEDULES.

FULL DETAILS OF THE REVISED CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH ARE RETROACTIVE FROM JANUARY 1, 1975, ARE CONTAINED IN A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS ISSUED TODAY BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

THESE MEASURES, TAKEN ON THE ADVICE OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, AFFECT EXPORTS OF RESTRAINED TEXTILES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE BENELUX COUNTRIES, ITALY, FRANCE AND DENMARK.

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GOVERNOR ATTENDS HEUNG YEE KUK'S ANNUAL PARTY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY (MONDAY) COMPLIMENTED COUNCILLORS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND MEMBERS OF RURAL COMMITTEES AND VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE HELPED FURTHER THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE HEUNG YEE KUK'S ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR PARTY AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL.

SIR MURRAY SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THEIR FRUITFUL COLLABORATION WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONTINUE AND THAT WITH MUTUAL CO-OPERATION +WE SHALL OVERCOME OUR PRESENT DIFFICULTIES AND MAKE PROGRESS IN THE COMING YEAR.+

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

+MR. CHAIRMAN, COUNCILLORS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN : -

+I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU ALL THE COMING OF THE NEW YEAR, AND WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY.

+OVER THE YEARS IN YOUR CAPACITIES AS COUNCILLORS OF THE KUK, MEMBERS OF RURAL COMMITTEES AND VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES, YOU HAVE ALL PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, IN FURTHERING THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS FRUITFUL COLLABORATION WILL CONTINUE, AND THAT WITH MUTUAL CO-OPERATION WE SHALL OVERCOME OUR PRESENT DIFFICULTIES AND MAKE PROGRESS IN THE COMING YEAR.

+MAY I ASK YOU THEN TO RAISE YOUR GLASSES AND DRINK A TOAST WITH ME TO THE NEW YEAR.+

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. CHAN YAT SAN, IN HIS SPEECH RECALLED THAT THE YEAR OF THE TIGER HAD WITNESSED A NUMBER OF DIFFICULTIES AND URGED THAT A CONCERTED EFFORT BE MADE TO OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE NEW YEAR.

+THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN STAYING TOGETHER THROUGH THICK AND THIN,+ HE SAID, +IT IS THUS MY HOPE THAT GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE WILL IN FUTURE BE FRANK TOWARDS EACH OTHER AND ACHIEVE FRIENDLY CO-OPERATION IN A JOINT EFFORT TO PROMOTE PROSPERITY OF OUR COMMUNITY.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF MR. CHAN YAT SAN'S SPEECH AT THE HEUNG YEE KUK'S ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR PARTY WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION THIS EVENING.

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H.K. DELEGATION LEFT FOR ESCAP PLENARY SESSION

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A DELEGATION, LED BY MR. T.K. ANN, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, LEFT THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON FOR NEW DELHI TO REPRESENT HONG KONG AT THE 31ST ANNUAL PLENARY SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP).

ESCAP WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST (ECAFE). THE NAME WAS CHANGED LAST YEAR AND IS A MORE ACCURATE REFLECTION OF ITS CURRENT ROLE IN THE REGION.

THE PLENARY SESSION OPENS ON WEDNESDAY AND LASTS UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 7.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CUSTOMARY PROCEDURE IT WILL CONSIST OF A WIDE RANGING REVIEW OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND OF THE PROBLEMS FACING THE REGION.

THE PRINCIPAL AREAS OF CONCERN THIS YEAR ARE THE FOOD SHORTAGE WHICH CONFRONTS WIDE AREAS OF THE REGION, GROWING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS AND INFLATION. THERE WILL, HOWEVER, ALSO BE CONSIDERATION OF TRADING AND ECONOMIC MATTERS OF DIRECT CONCERN TO HONG KONG.

MR. ANN, AS LEADER, WILL ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE LATER IN THE WEEK. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ARE MR. JIMMY MCGREGOR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND MR. P.E. JOHNSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ECONOMIC SERVICES, WHO WILL ACT AS SECRETARY TO THE DELEGATION.

MR. ANN AND MR. MCGREGOR ARE SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SUNDAY, MARCH 2, AND THEIR PLACE FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE TAKEN BY MR. D.J.C. JONES, SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JANUARY

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THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) FOR JANUARY WAS 105, ONE POINT LOWER THAN THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THIS INDEX IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1,499 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973/74.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECLINED BY TWO POINTS. THIS WAS DUE MAINLY TO LOWER PRICES FOR RICE, FRESH VEGETABLES AND MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ALSO DROPPED BY ONE POINT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS ADVANCED BY ONE POINT, AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR MEDICINES AND NEWSPAPERS.

MOVEMENTS IN THE INDEXES FOR OTHER SECTIONS OF COMMODITY AND SERVICE WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR LAST MONTH WAS 106, ONE POINT LOWER THAN THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THIS INDEX IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1,500 AND \$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973/74.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS FELL TWO POINTS AS A RESULT OF A DROP IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF RICE AND IN THOSE OF FRESH VEGETABLES.

DECREASES OF ONE POINT EACH WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR AND IN INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS.

DURING THE MONTH, THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS ROSE BY ONE POINT, FOLLOWING HIGHER PRICES FOR MEDICINES AND NEWSPAPERS.

MOVEMENTS IN THE INDEXES FOR OTHER SECTIONS OF COMMODITY AND SERVICE WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (SEPT. 63/AUG. 64 = 100) FOR JANUARY WAS 184, THREE POINTS (OR 1.6 PER CENT) LOWER THAN THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

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'CIVIC WEEK' IN WONG TAI SIN  
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TEN SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARE NOW ACTIVELY PREPARING FOR THE "'CIVIC WEEK'" TO BE HELD FROM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, TO SATURDAY, MARCH 1.

THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (WONG TAI SIN) TO AROUSE CIVIC AWARENESS.

TWO IMPORTANT PROJECTS WILL BE LAUNCHED DURING THIS PERIOD. THEY ARE: AN INTER-SCHOOL PROJECT DESIGN CONTEST AND EXHIBITION, AND AN INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION. THESE PROJECTS AIM AT AROUSING THE AWARENESS OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, STUDENTS IN PARTICULAR, TO THE NEEDS, PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AROUND THEM.

AT THE INTER-SCHOOL PROJECT DESIGN CONTEST, EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL DESIGN A PROJECT ON ONE SOCIAL ASPECT OF HONG KONG, ILLUSTRATED BY MEANS OF GRAPHS, PHOTOS, OR MODELS.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST ENTRIES. ADJUDICATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, AT 9.00 AM AT HO LAP COLLEGE, (SAN PO KONG). THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 25 AND WILL CLOSE AT 12 NOON ON FEBRUARY 28.

THE INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 1, AT HO LAP COLLEGE AND WILL CENTRE ON ONE ASPECT OF SOCIAL PROBLEM.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE CIVIC WEEK PROJECTS WILL BE HELD AFTER THE DRAMA COMPETITION.

MR. HENRY HU, AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, WILL BE THE CHIEF ADJUDICATOR FOR THE INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MRS. J. SYMONS, AN UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "'CIVIC WEEK'" TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 10 AM AT THE HO LAP COLLEGE, SAN PO KONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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JANUARY WEATHER WARMER AND WETTER THAN USUAL  
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MEASURABLE RAIN WAS RECORDED ON 14 DAYS DURING LAST MONTH, WHICH AMOUNTED TO TWICE THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF RAINY DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. BUT THE MONTH'S TOTAL RECORDED RAINFALL OF 35.8 MM ONLY EXCEEDED THE AVERAGE VALUE BY 13 PER CENT.

THE FIRST TROPICAL CYCLONE OF THE YEAR, TYPHOON +LOLA+, DEVELOPED TO THE EAST OF THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES ON JANUARY 23, BUT DISSIPATED OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH VIETNAM ON JANUARY 28 WITHOUT POSING A THREAT TO HONG KONG.

FOUR AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DURING THE MONTH DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. NO THUNDERSTORM OR HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED, AND THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED ON SIX OCCASIONS.

THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24.4 DEGREES CELSIUS FOR THE MONTH WAS RECORDED ON JANUARY 1, AND THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 10.5 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JANUARY 22.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE :

SUNSHINE	88.9 HOURS	= 56.5 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	35.8 MM	= 4.1 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	77%	= 13% ABOVE NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	77%	= 2% ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	18.3 C	= 0.1 C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	16.0 C	= 0.6 C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	14.3 C	= 1.0 C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	11.8 C	= 0.7 C ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	72.0 MM	= 48.2 MM BELOW NORMAL

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CROWN LAND SALE  
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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WITH A COMBINED AREA OF MORE THAN 19,000 SQUARE FEET WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

TWO OF THE LOTS, ONE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE AND THE OTHER FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, ARE IN KOWLOON. THE FIRST IS SITUATED AT 137, RECLAMATION STREET AND MEASURES 922 SQUARE FEET. THE LATTER, MEASURING 17,760 SQUARE FEET, IS AT SHUNG SHUN STREET, SHAM KA TSUEN.

THE REMAINING LOT ON HONG KONG ISLAND IS SITUATED AT 50, FIRST STREET AND HAS AN AREA OF 692 SQUARE FEET. IT IS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE LECTURE ROOM, EIGHTH FLOOR, CITY HALL AT 2.30 PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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PRE-VOCATIONAL PUPILS RECEIVE PRIZES  
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THIRTY-THREE PUPILS OF SIX PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS HAVE RECEIVED CASH PRIZES FROM THE OFFICIAL TRUSTEE OF THE ELLIS KADOORIE EDUCATION PRIZES TRUST, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

ELEVEN OF THEM WERE AWARDED FIRST PRIZES OF \$120, ANOTHER ELEVEN RECEIVED SECOND PRIZES OF \$80 AND THE REMAINING ELEVEN WERE GIVEN THIRD PRIZES OF \$50 EACH.

THE STUDENTS WERE SELECTED BY THE PRINCIPALS OF THE SCHOOLS ON THE BASIS OF OVERALL PERFORMANCE IN ACADEMIC AS WELL AS PRACTICAL SUBJECTS.

THE PRIZES TO THE PUPILS, WHO ARE IN FORMS 1 AND 2, COME FROM THE ANNUAL INCOME ARISING FROM THE ELLIS KADOORIE EDUCATION PRIZES TRUST.

THE LATE SIR ELLIS KADOORIE'S GENERAL INTENT WAS TO FOSTER AND ENCOURAGE EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

THE TRUST IS ADMINISTERED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL WHO IS THE OFFICIAL TRUSTEE.

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COMMEMORATIVE COVERS FOR RHKAAF SILVER JUBILEE  
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE ROYAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM IN LONDON, IS PRODUCING A SPECIAL POSTAL COVER TO COMMEMORATE ITS SILVER JUBILEE.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE SPECIAL COVERS, AFTER ALL CHARGES HAVE BEEN DEDUCTED, WILL BE HANDED TO THE R.A.F. MUSEUM FOR GENERAL PURCHASES AND FOR BUYING AND MAINTAINING OLD AIRCRAFT.

THE COVERS HAVE BEEN AIR-BORNE BY TWO OF THE SQUADRON'S AIRCRAFT--AN ALOUETTE MARK IIIB HELICOPTER AND A BRITTEN-NORMAN ISLANDER.

ON FEBRUARY 1, ABOUT 13,000 COVERS WERE CARRIED ON THE ALOUETTE HELICOPTER ON A 55-MINUTE FLYING DOCTOR RUN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WITH STOPS AT NIM WAN, WU KAU TANG AND SAM A TSUEN.

A MAXIMUM OF 2,500 OF THESE COVERS WILL FURTHER BE SIGNED PERSONALLY BY THE HELICOPTER PILOT, FLIGHT LIEUTENANT A.P. ASPREY AND THE CREWMAN, SERGEANT K.C. WONG.

ALL THE COVERS ARE AT PRESENT BEING OVERPRINTED WITH DETAILS OF THE FLIGHT AND WHEN READY WILL BE SENT TO THE R.A.F. MUSEUM FOR AN INSERT GIVING A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE R.H.K.A.A.F. THEY SHOULD BE READY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

IN ADDITION, A SMALL NUMBER OF COVERS HAD ALSO BEEN TAKEN ON A TRAINING FLIGHT ON THE ISLANDER AIRCRAFT TO CLARK AIR FORCE BASE IN THE PHILIPPINES. THEY WERE FRANKED WITH AN AMERICAN 10-CENT STAMP AND CANCELLED AT THE BASE ON FEBRUARY 1.

THE RETURN FLIGHT, WHICH TOOK FOUR HOURS 55 MINUTES WAS PILOTED BY FLIGHT LIEUTENANT J.R. BROWN OF R.A.F. AND CO-PILOTED BY FLIGHT LIEUTENANT M.A. WIGHTMAN AND THE CREWMAN WAS PILOT OFFICER B.C. FAWCETT OF THE R.H.K.A.A.F.

THE AUXILIARY AIRMEN WERE ABLE TO SEE THE CLARK AIR BASE AIR-SEA RESCUE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE BESIDES GAINING NAVIGATIONAL EXPERIENCE ON THE FLIGHT.

COVERS CARRIED BY THE ALOUETTE ARE OBTAINABLE AT \$3.50 EACH FOR THE ORDINARY FLOWN ONES AND AT \$4.70 EACH FOR THOSE SIGNED BY THE FLIGHT CREW, FROM THE R.H.K.A.A.F. PROJECT OFFICER AT R.A.F. KAI TAK BEFORE MARCH 15. ORDERS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CORRECT REMITTANCE.

THOSE COVERS FLOWN IN THE ISLANDER ARE DIRECTLY OBTAINABLE FROM THE R.A.F. MUSEUM AT AERODROME ROAD, HENDON, LONDON NW9 5LL, ENGLAND. ORDERS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A REMITTANCE OF ONE POUND STERLING FOR EACH COVER, POSTAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED.

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GREAT DEMAND FOR SKILLS CONNECTED WITH INDUSTRY,  
SAYS DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
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HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY AND TRADE ARE BECOMING SO MUCH MORE COMPLEX AND SOPHISTICATED THAT WE ARE GOING TO NEED THE BEST ENGINEERS, TECHNOLOGISTS, CRAFTSMEN, MANAGERS, ACCOUNTANTS, SALESMEN AND SO ON IN THE YEARS AHEAD, THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, SAID TODAY.

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF +CAREERS WEEK+ AT THE LOK SIN TONG YU KAN HING SCHOOL, AT WANG TAU HOM, IN KOWLOON.

+IT IS NOT MERELY THAT OUR INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN WILL WANT BETTER QUALIFIED AND MORE CAPABLE PEOPLE - THEY HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE IF THEY ARE GOING TO PRODUCE AND SELL BETTER DESIGNED AND HIGHER QUALITY PRODUCTS AT COMPETITIVE PRICES,+ HE ADDED.

MR. JORDAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE EDUCATED AND SKILLED IN THE PROFESSIONS CONNECTED WITH INDUSTRY - AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE NEW INDUSTRIES THAT HONG KONG WOULD NEED IF IT WERE TO KEEP AHEAD OF THE COMPETITION - WOULD BE IN GREAT DEMAND HERE.

MR. JORDAN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT INDUSTRY AND TRADE WERE NOT THE ONLY FIELDS.

+THE GREAT THING ABOUT HONG KONG IS THAT THERE IS SUCH AN ENORMOUS RANGE OF CAREERS OPEN TO USE. A GREAT MANY ARE COVERED IN THE PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK. THERE'S THE WHOLE RANGE OF THE COMMERCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE - BANKING, SHIPPING AND AIR TRANSPORT, INSURANCE, AND SO ON. THERE'S THE TOURIST INDUSTRY. THERE'S A VAST CHOICE OF CAREERS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

BUT THE ONLY ADVICE MR. JORDAN SAID HE WOULD OFFER ANYONE WOULD BE : MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICE= CHOOSE THE CAREER THAT YOU THINK WILL SUIT YOU BEST. IF YOU FIND YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE, CHANGE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. DON'T GET LOCKED INTO SOMETHING THAT YOU DON'T ENJOY DOING. AND, WHATEVER YOU DO CHOOSE, KEEP AN OPEN MIND. NOT JUST FOR A YEAR OR TWO, BUT DURING THE WHOLE OF YOUR WORKING LIFE, REMEMBER THAT, WHATEVER WE DO AND HOWEVER WELL WE THINK WE DO IT, THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT, BOTH IN OURSELVES AND IN THE ORGANISATION WITHIN WHICH WE WORK.+

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CLEANSING OPERATION IN LAI CHI WOR

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PICNICKERS WHO VISIT LAI CHI WOR BEACH IN TAI PO WILL BE SURPRISED TO FIND THE PLACE MUCH CLEANER THAN IT WAS BEFORE.

THIS WAS THE RESULT OF THE EFFORT OF A LARGE PARTY OF 93 VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WHO SPENT THEIR HOLIDAY YESTERDAY (SUNDAY) IN CLEANING UP THE BEACH.

AMONG THE STAFF OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WERE THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. ERIC HO AND MRS. HO AND CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (KOWLOON), MR. A.F. NEOH.

OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, CLERICAL OFFICERS, TYPISTS, MESSENGERS AND LABOURERS.

THEY CLEARED ABOUT 105 BASKET LOAD OF RUBBISH WHICH HAD BEEN DEPOSITED ON THE BEACH BY THE ABNORMAL HIGH TIDES DURING TYPHOONS. THE RUBBISH, IF ALLOWED TO ACCUMULATE, COULD BECOME A HEALTH HAZARD AND NUISANCE TO PICNICKERS.

MOST OF THE RUBBISH COLLECTED WAS BURNED ON THE SPOT, AND GLASS BOTTLES AND FOOD TINS WERE CARRIED AWAY FOR DUMPING. ALL CLEANSING EQUIPMENT SUCH AS LITTER BAGS, BROOMS AND BASKETS WERE SUPPLIED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE CLEANSING OPERATION LASTED FROM 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

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WEEKLY WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 49,493 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 73.5 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 44,703 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 37,688 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 35,383 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 74.6 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

NO 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 71.5 MM. (2.81 IN.)

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 70.7 MM. (2.78 IN.)

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HEALTH REPORT FOR JANUARY  
SLIGHT INCREASE IN INCIDENCE OF MEASLES  
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HEALTH RETURNS FOR JANUARY ISSUED TODAY BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHOW A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE INCIDENCE OF MEASLES.

IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, REPORTED CASES OF THE DISEASE TOTALLED TWO, BUT LAST MONTH, NOTIFICATIONS ROSE TO SIX, WITH NO DEATHS.

REPORTS OF SCARLET FEVER WERE REDUCED FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S 53 TO SEVEN IN JANUARY, AND FOOD POISONING CASES DROPPED FROM 18 TO EIGHT.

SIXTY-EIGHT CASES OF VIRAL HEPATITIS WERE REPORTED, THREE OF AMOEBIASIS, 42 OF BACILLARY DYSENTERY, TWO OF CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS AND MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS, 75 OF CHICKENPOX, 42 OF ENTERIC FEVER, TWO OF OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM, 630 OF TUBERCULOSIS, AND ONE OF TETANUS.

OF THE 73 DEATHS RECORDED DURING JANUARY, 67 WERE CAUSED BY TUBERCULOSIS, FOUR BY VIRAL HEPATITIS, ONE BY AMOEBIASIS, AND ONE BY TETANUS.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF TETANUS NEONATORUM, POLIOMYELITIS, AND DIPHTHERIA. THE INCIDENCE OF OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SHOWED NO APPRECIABLE VARIATION.

DURING THE MONTH, HONG KONG REMAINED FREE FROM CHOLERA AND OTHER QUARANTINABLE DISEASES.

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