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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JUNE REMAIN UNCHANGED
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES A AND B FOR LAST MONTH (JUNE) WERE 122 AND 123 RESPECTIVELY, EACH BEING THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS REMAINED UNCHANGED IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND (B).

THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SALT-WATER FISH ADVANCED BECAUSE OF REDUCED SUPPLIES. AS SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING-PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES, THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME WENT UP.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES DECLINED DUE TO A RISE IN SUPPLY.

MOVEMENTS IN RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEXES FOR HOUSING AND FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES ROSE BY ONE POINT EACH IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE DWELLINGS AND HIGHER FARES CHARGED BY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

INCREASES OF ONE POINT EACH WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR DURABLE GOODS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS IN C.P.I.(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, CAMERAS, OPTICAL GOODS AND MEDICINES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES ALSO ROSE BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I.(B) OWING TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR DOMESTIC HELP AND HAIRDRESSING.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE C.P.I.(A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BETWEEN \$400-\$1,499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I.(B) BETWEEN \$1,500-\$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY IN 1973/74.

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THE SECTION INDEXES FOR JUNE 1978 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1977 ARE INDICATED BELOW:-

SECTION	C.P.I.(A)			C.P.I.(B)		
	JUN. 78	MAY 78	JUN. 77	JUN. 78	MAY 78	JUN. 77
FOODSTUFFS	118	118	114	119	119	115
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NEW BRANCH OFFICE FOR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPENS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) OPENED THE 12TH BRANCH OFFICE OF ITS LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND INTRODUCED A FACSIMILE SYSTEM WHICH ENABLES ALL 12 OFFICES TO EXCHANGE UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ON JOBS AVAILABLE.

THE NEW OFFICE IN YUE WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, AND FOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS -- MR. SO CHING, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAI WAN KAIFONG ASSOCIATION= MR. SHING TING-PONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAI WAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION= MR. CHOW PUI-CHUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG CHIU CHOW OVERSEAS PUBLIC WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION= AND MR. C.B. THIRLWELL, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAI WAN FISHERMEN'S RECREATION CLUB.

AFTER THE OPENING, MR. HENDERSON SET THE FACSIMILE SYSTEM IN OPERATION WITH THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON, TO ENABLE MESSAGES ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO FLOW BETWEEN THE 12 LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE'S OFFICES.

THE QUICK EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION NOT ONLY STREAMLINES THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS BUT ALSO GIVES JOB-HUNTERS A BETTER CHANCE OF GETTING THE RIGHT JOB IN THE RIGHT PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

MR. HENDERSON SAID THE INAUGURATION OF THE SYSTEM MARKED THE THIRD STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

THE SERVICE HAD BEGUN IN 1964 AFTER A SURVEY HAD REVEALED SOME 20,000 JOB VACANCIES AND INDUSTRIALISTS REQUESTED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN FILLING THEM.

IT MOVED INTO ITS SECOND STAGE IN 1967 WHEN IT BECAME A FREE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE UNDER ITS PRESENT NAME. AT THE END OF 1973 THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE SET UP ITS SPECIAL REGISTER TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS GRADUATES AND STUDENTS OF POST SECONDARY COLLEGES.

MR. HENDERSON SAID: +WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE FACSIMILE SYSTEM, ALL THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE'S OFFICES WILL HAVE AN EFFICIENT COMMUNICATIONS LINK AND THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICE WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED.

+HOWEVER,+ HE ADDED, +I WOULD EMPHASISE THAT AN EMPLOYMENT SERVICE BY ITSELF CANNOT AND DOES NOT CREATE JOBS ANY MORE THAN IT CAN CREATE PEOPLE IN TIMES OF LABOUR SHORTAGE.

+THE SUCCESS OF THE SERVICE DEPENDS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF VACANCIES NOTIFIED BY EMPLOYERS AND THE TYPES OF JOB SEEKERS REGISTERED WITH THE SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

MR. HENDERSON POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR MORE THAN 4,740 JOB SEEKERS, INCLUDING 24 GRADUATES, WERE SUCCESSFULLY PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT. HE CALLED ON EMPLOYERS AND JOB SEEKERS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CHAI WAN AND OTHER OFFICES.

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U.K. ORCHESTRA TO GIVE FOUR CONCERTS IN H.K.
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THE COUNTY OF AVON SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (JULY 29) FOR FOUR CONCERTS UNDER THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC EXCHANGE ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE 100-MEMBER ORCHESTRA, UNDER THE BATON OF MR. DAVID STONE, HONG KONG'S CONSULTANT ON MUSIC IN THE U.K., WILL GIVE TWO SOLO CONCERTS ON JULY 30 (SUNDAY) AND AUGUST 2 (WEDNESDAY) AT THE OCEAN PARK AND THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL RESPECTIVELY.

ON AUGUST 1 (TUESDAY) AND AUGUST 3 (THURSDAY), THE ORCHESTRA WILL JOIN LOCAL YOUTH ORCHESTRAS AND CHOIRS IN GIVING TWO SEPARATE CONCERTS AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL OF THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE ORCHESTRA HAS LEFT LONDON FOR SINGAPORE FOR FIVE CONCERTS BEFORE COMING TO HONG KONG ON SATURDAY. AFTER THE PERFORMANCES IN HONG KONG, IT WILL GO TO MANILA FOR TWO CONCERTS BEFORE RETURNING TO LONDON.

THE ORCHESTRA GAVE A PRETOUR CONCERT AT COLSTON HALL ON JULY 21.

THE CONCERT WAS CONDUCTED BY MR. STONE AND THE TWO SOLOISTS WERE MISS TO YAN, A VIOLINIST FROM HONG KONG STUDYING IN ENGLAND AND MR. JOHNNY MORRIS, THE WELL KNOWN TV AND RADIO PERSONALITY IN BRISTOL.

THE ORCHESTRA PLAYED BEFORE A CAPACITY AUDIENCE WITH A PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO ENABLE ALL SECTIONS OF THE ORCHESTRA TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR ABILITIES. AT THE END OF THE CONCERT, PROLONGED APPLAUSE BROUGHT THE CONDUCTOR BACK TO STAGE FOR TWO MORE PIECES BEFORE THE FINAL CURTAIN FELL.

THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR. DENIS BRAY, WHO ATTENDED THE CONCERT, SAID JUDGING BY THEIR PRETOUR PERFORMANCE THE ORCHESTRA DISPLAYS A MATURITY +UNEXPECTED BY SUCH A YOUTHFUL GROUP+.

+THE TECHNICAL POLICY OF THE PERFORMERS IS MATCHED BY AN EXUBERANCE WHICH COULD PERHAPS ONLY COME FROM AN ORCHESTRA SO YOUNG AND DEDICATED,+ MR. BRAY SAID.

+THEY HAVE A HIGH REPUTATION IN ENGLAND AND WILL BE VERY WELL WORTH LISTENING TO IN HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE HAS ALSO ARRANGED ITS HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA FOR A RETURN VISIT TO THE U.K. NEXT SUMMER.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI KOK TSUI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A SLIP ROAD CONNECTING BEECH STREET AND THE TAI KOK TSUI ROAD OPPOSITE POK MAN STREET WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN A ONE-WAY EASTBOUND DIRECTION FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JULY 27).

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FOLLOWING RE-ROUTING WILL BE IMPOSED:

- * TAI KOK TSUI ROAD BETWEEN CHERRY STREET AND POK MAN STREET WILL BE ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND=
- * RIGHT-TURN FROM POK MAN STREET INTO TAI KOK TSUI ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED. EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM POK MAN STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL NORTH INTO TAI KOK TSUI ROAD OR TO PROCEED STRAIGHT AHEAD INTO THE NEW SLIP ROAD=
- * BEECH STREET SECTION BETWEEN CHERRY STREET AND THE NEW SLIP ROAD WILL BE ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND=
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CHERRY STREET WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO BEECH STREET=
- * TAI KOK TSUI ROAD BETWEEN CHERRY STREET AND POK MAN STREET WILL BE ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND. EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CHERRY STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL NORTH ALONG TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, EAST ALONG THE NEW SLIP ROAD AND SOUTH ALONG BEECH STREET TO REJOIN CHERRY STREET= AND
- * KMB ROUTES NOS. 10, 13D, 16, 18, 37, 44A, 51, 72 AND 87 ON THEIR OUTWARD JOURNEYS FROM TAI KOK TSUI FERRY AND ROUTE 2E ON JOURNEYS FROM PAK TIN TO KOWLOON CITY FERRY CONCOURSE WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA THE NEW SLIP ROAD AND BEECH STREET INSTEAD OF TAI KOK TSUI ROAD.

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WATER CUT IN MONG KOK
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON THURSDAY (JULY 27) TO FACILITATE THE CONNECTION OF FRESH WATER MAINS AT THE JUNCTION OF DUNDAS STREET NEAR TUNG ON STREET.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE AT 45-49 TUNG ON STREET, 1-29 DUNDAS STREET, 887-947 CANTON ROAD, 10 SOY STREET AND 1-29 KAM FONG STREET.

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