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MORE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

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More students will be awarded scholarships under the Education Scholarships Fund, a spokesman for the Education Department said today.

"The number of scholarships is expected to reach 99 during the current academic year compared with 77 in 1970/71.

"As a result 237 students will benefit from the scholarships in 1973/74 compared with 196 in 1970/71," he said.

The Director of Education, Mr. J. Canning, who is the Trustee of the Fund, has taken steps seeking to amend the Education Scholarships Ordinance (Chapter 1085) so that even more pupils may benefit from these annual scholarships.

To achieve this, amending legislation seeking to increase the number of scholarships administered under the Education Scholarships Fund Ordinance will be introduced into the Legislative Council next month.

The Education Scholarships Fund (Amendment) Bill 1973, published in today's Government Gazette, also seeks to provide increased powers for the Fund Committee in the management of the scholarships.

Under the committee's direction, the Trustee will be empowered to use more flexibility in the disposal of excess of income and reserve funds in respect of the scholarships.

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"The assets of the Education Scholarships Fund have increased significantly since the first meeting of the Fund Committee in March 1956," the spokesman said. "When the amending legislation is passed into law it will be possible to make more awards to students."

He pointed out that anyone who wished to donate funds to establish a scholarship could do so subject to the approval of the Committee.

"Money donated to the Fund for this purpose is generally kept in a separate account and is in most cases sufficient when placed on fixed deposit in a bank to cover, for example, the payment of a student's school fees for one year," he said.

A Register of Scholarships showing the names and the conditions of award of each scholarship is maintained by the Secretary of the Fund. The Register is kept in the Education Department.

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QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

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The Port Health Authority announced today that quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Lucknow India, on account of cholera have been withdrawn.

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HOUSING SCHEME FOR DISPLACED FISHING FAMILIES

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Fishing families who are seriously affected by the construction of the High Island Water Scheme will be provided with housing by the government in about 10 months.

Work is to begin in November on the first stage development of the government village housing estate at Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung, to provide accommodation for these families. It will take about eight months to complete.

The work involves the construction of 30 two-storey houses of 500 square feet each.

These houses will be built at an attractive site at Tui Min Hoi overlooking the Sai Kung Harbour. For many years, this area has been popular with fishermen seeking space for a home ashore.

Commenting on the project, the District Officer, Sai Kung, Mr. C. Oxley, said: "About 260 people from 24 families, who are seriously affected by the construction of the High Island Water Scheme, will be accommodated in these houses when they are completed."

Referring to Stage Two of the government's plan to provide housing for the affected fishermen, he said, it would aim at housing more than 1,100 fishermen who were partially affected by the Water Scheme which is expected to be completed in 1975.

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GOVERNOR HEARS PROBLEMS OF CHINESE TRADERS IN LONDON

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The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, who is holidaying in Britain, has had a frank and informal discussion in London with members of the Chamber of Chinese Traders on a wide range of matters, including the U.K. immigration restrictions on restaurant workers from Hong Kong.

The discussion took place on Wednesday (September 12) during a reception at the inauguration of the Chamber's sixth term office-bearers.

Sir Murray was told of the problem facing the restaurant trade in Britain caused by the acute shortage of workers coming from Hong Kong. Other matters discussed included the New Territories development and the Fight-Violent Crime Campaign in Hong Kong.

The Governor said he was very sympathetic to their problems and assured them that the Hong Kong Government would assist in every possible way.

During the inauguration ceremony, the Hong Kong Commissioner, Mr. Michael Wright, urged the Chamber to take more active steps to represent Chinese businessmen in Britain, particularly those in the restaurant business, in discussions with the authorities on a wide range of matters.

He said the London office of the Hong Kong Government was always prepared to assist them in making the necessary official contacts and presenting their case but it must rely on them to collect facts on which the case was to be based.

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APPOINTMENTS TO A.C.T.S.

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Mr. P.C. Woo, Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, has been re-appointed chairman of the Advisory Committee on Telephone Services for another three years with effect from September 1, 1973.

Three other members, Mr. Szeto Wai, Dr. S.Y. Chung, and Professor S.Y. King have also been re-appointed for a further three-year term as from September 18.

These four members have been serving on the committee since its establishment nearly 10 years ago.

Other members of the committee are Mr. R.S. Sheldon, the Postmaster General or his representative, and the Deputy Economic Secretary or his representative.

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SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

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Note to Editors: The July issue of the Monthly Digest of Statistics published today contains a special review article on the "Socio-Economic Characteristics of Low Income Households".

This contains information derived from a special tabulation of the 1971 Population Census data and shows the differences in terms of household size, marriage and fertility, education, occupation, hours worked and housing, between households who reported low incomes, compared with those who reported higher incomes.

Copies of the digest are now on sale at \$4 per copy at the Government Publications Centre, Star Ferry Concourse, Hong Kong.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUBE SYSTEM AND GATT TALKS

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Note to Editors: The Financial Secretary, Mr. C.P. Haddon-Cave, will be returning from Tokyo tomorrow (Saturday) following his talks with the Japanese consortium on the Mass Transit Railway System.

He is due to arrive at about 2.30 p.m. on flight JAL 731. Mr. Haddon-Cave will be meeting the Press in the airport VIP lounge.

Arriving on the same flight will be Mr. D.H. Jordan, Director of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. G.L. Pearson, Counsellor for Hong Kong Affairs in the UK Mission at Geneva, who attended the GATT ministerial meeting in Tokyo.

They will also be available for answering questions directly after the Financial Secretary.

You are invited to have the occasion covered.

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TUCSON PLAQUE FOR URBAN COUNCIL

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A plaque, from the Mayor of Tucson, was today presented to the Urban Council by two visiting Arizonians, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cerf.

The "emmissaries", are members of Hospitality International, an American organisation which promotes friendly relations with peoples outside or visiting the United States.

The copper plaque (Arizona is the biggest copper producing state in America) contains greetings and an invitation from Mayor L.C. Murphy to visit Tucson.

Mr. Julian Cerf explained that a number of communities in the United States have launched a programme designed to make it possible for visitors to his country to meet Americans in their homes.

"You do not have to be a 'sponsored' or 'official' visitor to participate in 'Americans-at-Home'. The programme was planned to give those visitors without sponsorship an opportunity of meeting an American family," Mr. Cerf said.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph of the presentation are boxed for collection.

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