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U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT TO VISIT HONG KONG
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THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE HON. WALTER F. MONDALE, IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO CHINA.

MR. MONDALE, WHO IS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL AT KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND LADY MACLEHOSE.

ALSO MEETING THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WILL BE THE U.S. CONSUL GENERAL, MR. THOMAS P. SHOESMITH, AND MR. WANG KUANG, FIRST DIRECTOR, XINHUA NEWS AGENCY.

DURING HIS STAY HERE, MR. MONDALE WILL UPDATE HIMSELF ON THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE SITUATION IN HONG KONG AND VISIT SHAM SHUI PO CAMP ACCOMPANIED BY SIR MURRAY.

MR. MONDALE WILL HOLD A BRIEF CONFERENCE WITH U.S. AMBASSADORS FROM THE ASEAN COUNTRIES (THE PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE).

HE WILL ALSO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND PRIVATE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INVOLVED IN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND ASSISTANCE.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE WILL ATTEND A RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND THE AMERICAN CLUB.

MR. MONDALE WILL ALSO HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE.

MR. MONDALE AND HIS PARTY ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR TOKYO ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 3) MORNING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA WILL BE ACCREDITED SPECIALLY FOR THE VISIT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

COPIES OF THE PRESS ARRANGEMENTS, TOGETHER WITH APPLICATION FORMS FOR ACCREDITATION FOR THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS, ARE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES TODAY.

EDITORS ARE ADVISED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORMS AND RETURN IT TO THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, BY 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29 AT THE LATEST.

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HONG KONG CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES
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THERE WILL BE NO COMPLACENCY AND NO LET UP IN HONG KONG'S EFFORTS IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. MORRIS MORGAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

IN A SPEECH AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, MR. MORGAN SAID WE MUST CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT IN OUR EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF BOTH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AND KEEP ON PRESSING FOR FAST RESETTLEMENT.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR 67 000 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA EVADED ARREST AND SETTLED IN HONG KONG. AT THE SAME TIME ABOUT 67 000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ENTERED HONG KONG, MR. MORGAN POINTED OUT.

MR. MORGAN STRESSED THAT HONG KONG MUST CONTINUE TO DRAW INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO ITS REFUGEE PROBLEM IN ORDER TO KEEP PRESSURE ON VIETNAM TO ARREST THE OUTFLOW OF ITS CITIZENS, AND IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT AN ADEQUATE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THOSE HERE WAS ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED TO RELIEVE HONG KONG OF ITS PRESENT BURDEN.

+THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM OF OUR MAKING AND WE ONLY ASK FOR A FAIR SHARE OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS SOLVING IT- ESPECIALLY WE ASK THAT OUR HANDLING OF THE SITUATION, WHICH BY ANY STANDARD MUST BE ACCEPTED AS HUMANE AND PROPER, BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS SUCH,+ MR. MORGAN POINTED OUT.

REFERRING TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HELD IN JULY THIS YEAR, MR. MORGAN SAID IT HAD RAISED EXPECTATIONS AMONG THE REFUGEES HERE THAT THEY WOULD ALL FIND NEW HOMES OVERSEAS WITHIN TWO YEARS, IF NOT IN ONE.

+HONG KONG TOO HAS BEGUN TO HOPE THAT IT WILL BE FULLY RELIEVED OF ITS BURDEN IN SOME SUCH PERIOD. BUT THE OUTCOME IS STILL FAR FROM CERTAIN.

+THE TREND IS FOR ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES TO BE MORE OR LESS IN BALANCE OVER THE FIVE WEEKS SINCE THE CONFERENCE AT AN AVERAGE OF ROUGHLY 100 PER DAY AND PRODUCING NO NET REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL OF 67 000 REFUGEES IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR. MORGAN ADDED, THE MOMENTUM OF RESETTLEMENT WAS BEGINNING TO PICK UP AND AS LONG AS VIETNAM CONTINUED WITH ITS PRESENT POLICY OF RESTRICTING OUTFLOW PERHAPS WE COULD BE REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC.

MR. MORGAN NOTED THAT THE EFFECTS OF THE REFUGEES ON HONG KONG HAD NOT BEEN ENTIRELY NEGATIVE AND DISRUPTIVE. +INDEED, NO MAJOR PROGRAMME OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPEDED,+ HE SAID.

/MR. MORGAN

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MR. MORGAN SAID HONG KONG'S RECORD IN ACCEPTING AND RESETTLING IMMIGRANTS WAS SECOND TO NONE AND AT THE SAME TIME THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT OF THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY IMMIGRANTS TOWARDS THE GROWTH OF OUR ECONOMY.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE LATEST INFLUX OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA, STIMULATED BY THE RECENT RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS OF TRAVEL IN CHINA AND THE APPARENT BELIEF AMONG SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE THERE THAT THE STREETS OF HONG KONG ARE PAVED WITH GOLD, +HAS COME AT A TIME WHEN MUCH WAS BEING ACHIEVED IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR HONG KONG CITIZENS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF HOUSING, EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND RECREATION.+

+AND GOVERNMENT'S AMBITIOUS PROGRAMMES IN THESE FIELDS MUST INEVITABLY BE AFFECTED BY THE RAPID GROWTH IN POPULATION WHICH HAS RESULTED.+

TO ILLUSTRATE THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION THIS YEAR, MR. MORGAN SAID THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED BY THE SECURITY FORCES HAD INCREASED FROM 1 815 IN 1977 TO 8 205 IN 1978, AND 46 559 IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

+FROM THESE IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT 6 500 EVADED ARREST AND SETTLED IN HONG KONG IN 1977, 27 400 IN 1978 AND 67 000 IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

MR. MORGAN ADDED THAT THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PRESENT PROBLEM BECAME IMMEDIATELY APPARENT WHEN THESE FIGURES WERE VIEWED ALONGSIDE THE INCREASED FLOW OF LEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA, WHICH PRODUCED 67 500 IMMIGRANTS IN 1977 AND 45 700 IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

+FORTUNATELY THE NUMBER OF LEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING HERE EVERY DAY IS FALLING AND WE HOPE THAT EFFECTIVE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DAILY ARRIVALS STILL FURTHER,+ HE SAID.

MR. MORGAN ALSO NOTED THAT A RECENT DEVELOPMENT HAD BEEN THE MARKED INCREASE IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS VIA MACAU.

IN JULY THIS YEAR, 623 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM MACAU WERE ARRESTED, OF WHOM 616 HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED IN MACAU FROM CHINA. THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES SO FAR THIS MONTH (UP TO AUGUST 19) WERE 485 AND 478 RESPECTIVELY.

+THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THIS TRAFFIC IS BEING ORGANISED BY CRIMINAL SYNDICATES AND, AS A RESULT OF RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, THESE ORGANISERS ARE NOW LIABLE TO PENALTIES OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$5 MILLION,+ MR. MORGAN SAID.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN OVER 13 MAY WORK PART-TIME
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CHILDREN WITHIN THE COMPULSORY EDUCATION AGE GROUP WHO ARE OVER 13 YEARS OLD MAY WORK PART-TIME OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS IN APPROVED NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS WITH THE CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, MR. P.S. SUN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES) SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF LION ROCK, MR. SUN NOTED THAT REGULATIONS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PASSED, PROHIBITING THE EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS OF CHILDREN BELOW 14 FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1979, AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN BELOW 15 WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1980.

THE REGULATIONS WERE INTRODUCED TO ASSIST IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION, MR. SUN SAID.

HOWEVER, CHILDREN WITHIN THE STATED AGE GROUPS MAY BE ALLOWED TO WORK PART-TIME IN NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

+CHILDREN WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 13 AND WHO ARE ATTENDING A SCHOOL OFFERING A FULL SECONDARY OR PRIMARY COURSE, BUT HAVE NOT COMPLETED FORM III OF SECONDARY EDUCATION MAY BE EMPLOYED PART-TIME IN NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

+THEY MUST ALSO HAVE THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, AND POSSESS VALID SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES,+ MR. SUN SAID.

CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LAID DOWN REGARDING WORKING HOURS AND CONDITIONS TO SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH AND STUDIES OF CHILDREN WHO ARE WORKING, HE ADDED.

A CHILD SHOULD NOT BE AT WORK BEFORE 7 A.M. OR AFTER 7 P.M. ON ANY DAY, AND DURING SCHOOL HOURS ON ANY SCHOOL DAY.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM, A CHILD SHOULD NOT WORK FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS ON ANY SCHOOL DAY OR MORE THAN FOUR HOURS ON ANY OTHER DAY- AND DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS HE SHOULD NOT WORK FOR MORE THAN EIGHT HOURS ON ANY DAY.

+CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE AT WORK CONTINUOUSLY FOR MORE THAN FIVE HOURS, AFTER WHICH THEY MUST HAVE AN INTERVAL OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HOUR FOR A MEAL OR REST.

+ALSO, THEY MUST NOT LIFT OR CARRY ANY LOAD EXCEEDING 18 KILOGRAMMES,+ MR. SUN SAID.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION WAS INTRODUCED IN 1971, AND WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER ALL CHILDREN AGED 14 AND BELOW WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, AND AGAIN TO COVER CHILDREN AGED 15 AND BELOW WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1980.

+THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION HAS SINCE 1971 ISSUED ONLY TWO ATTENDANCE ORDERS, AND IN BOTH CASES THE PARENTS HAVE CO-OPERATED AND SENT THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL,+ MR. SUN SAID.

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NO GROUNDS FOR COMPLACENCY ABOUT FUEL SAVINGS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THERE WERE NO GROUNDS FOR COMPLACENCY ABOUT FUEL SAVING ACCORDING TO FIGURES FOR JULY PROVIDED BY THE TWO POWER COMPANIES.

THE FIGURES SHOWED AN AVERAGE SAVING IN FUEL OIL CONSUMPTION OF 4.4 PER CENT OVER THE MONTH.

THE FOUR-WEEK FIGURE IS IN LINE WITH THE 4.3 PER CENT SAVINGS THE POWER COMPANIES REPORTED FOR THE FIRST SIX WEEKS OF THE FUEL SAVING CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN ON MAY 13.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE CONSISTENCY OF THE STATISTICS PROVIDED NO GROUNDS FOR COMPLACENCY.

+BECAUSE OF THE UNUSUALLY WARM AND HUMID SUMMER THE PUBLIC MAY BE TEMPTED TO KEEP AIR CONDITIONING THERMOSTATS BELOW 26 DEGREES CELSIUS,+ HE SAID.

+IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING UNCERTAINTY ABOUT OIL SUPPLIES LATER THIS YEAR IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THE LEVEL OF SAVINGS BE MAINTAINED DURING THE HOT SUMMER MONTHS.

+AT THIS TIME OF YEAR AIR CONDITIONING IS A MAJOR CONSUMER OF ENERGY BUT THERMOSTATS SHOULD BE TURNED TO 26 DEGREES CELSIUS OR ABOVE AND AIR CONDITIONING SHOULD BE USED ONLY WHEN STRICTLY NECESSARY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AIR CONDITIONING UNITS SHOULD BE SERVICED TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE NOT WASTING ENERGY.

+WHERE AIR CONDITIONING IS IN USE IN PUBLIC, BUSINESS OR PRIVATE PREMISES DOORS AND WINDOWS SHOULD BE KEPT CLOSED TO MAXIMISE THE EFFECT,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT TO COMPENSATE FOR ANY REDUCTION IN THE USE OR EFFECTIVENESS OF AIR CONDITIONING LIGHT CLOTHING COULD BE WORN.

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ADDITIONAL TRAIN SERVICES

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THREE ADDITIONAL TRAIN SERVICES BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN AND AN EXTRA DOWN TRAIN FROM LO WU WILL BE INTRODUCED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (KCR) SAID THAT THE SERVICES, WHICH WOULD BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 3, WAS A FURTHER EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE OVERCROWDING DURING PEAK TRAVEL PERIODS.

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IN THE MORNING, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL TRAIN LEAVING SHA TIN AT 7.20 A.M. (EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS).

IN THE AFTERNOON THERE WILL BE TWO TRAINS — ONE LEAVING KOWLOON STATION FOR SHA TIN AT 4.20 P.M. AND ONE DEPARTING SHA TIN FOR KOWLOON AT 5.02 P.M.

AS FOR LO WU, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL TRAIN LEAVING THE NORTHERN TERMINAL AT 4.52 P.M.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DUE TO THE ADDITIONAL SERVICES, THE TIMETABLES WOULD BE SLIGHTLY ADJUSTED.

THE REVISED TIMETABLES ARE:

- * TRAINS LEAVING KOWLOON STATION ON WEEKDAYS WILL BE RE-SCHEDULED TO:

5.30 A.M., 6.21 A.M., 6.56 A.M., 7.39 A.M., 8.10 A.M.,
9 A.M., 10 A.M., 10.55 A.M., 12.10 P.M., 1 P.M.,
1.05 P.M., 2 P.M. (EXPRESS THROUGH TRAIN TO GUANGZHOU),
2.05 P.M., 3 P.M., 4.05 P.M., 4.20 P.M., 5.03 P.M.,
5.30 P.M., 6 P.M., 6.30 P.M., 7 P.M., 7.56 P.M.,
9.08 P.M., 10.30 P.M. AND 11 P.M. (SATURDAYS ONLY).

- * TRAINS LEAVING LO WU ON WEEKDAYS WILL BE RE-SCHEDULED TO:

5.46 A.M., 6.10 A.M., 6.39 A.M., 7.03 A.M., 7.45 A.M.,
8.24 A.M., 9.02 A.M., 9.50 A.M., 10.31 A.M., 10.51 A.M.,
11.31 A.M. (EXPRESS THROUGH TRAIN FROM GUANGZHOU),
11.53 A.M., 12.54 P.M., 1.58 P.M., 2.54 P.M., 3.48 P.M.,
4.31 P.M., 4.52 P.M., 5.27 P.M., 6.22 P.M., 7.15 P.M.,
7.45 P.M., 8.12 P.M. AND 9.07 P.M.

- * TRAINS LEAVING KOWLOON STATION ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WILL BE AT:

5.30 A.M., 6.21 A.M., 6.56 A.M., 7.39 A.M., 8.18 A.M.,
9.02 A.M., 10.03 A.M., 10.25 A.M. (SUNDAYS ONLY),
11 A.M., 11.32 A.M., 12.12 P.M., 1 P.M., 1.05 P.M.,
2 P.M. (EXPRESS THROUGH TRAIN TO GUANGZHOU), 2.05 P.M.,
3 P.M., 4.05 P.M., 4.20 P.M., 5.03 P.M., 5.30 P.M.,
6.30 P.M., 7 P.M., 7.56 P.M., 9.08 P.M. AND 11 P.M.

- * TRAINS LEAVING LO WU ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WILL BE AT:

6.10 A.M., 6.39 A.M., 7.03 A.M., 7.45 A.M., 8.24 A.M.,
9.02 A.M., 9.50 A.M., 10.31 A.M., 10.51 A.M.,
11.31 A.M. (EXPRESS THROUGH TRAIN FROM GUANGZHOU),
11.53 A.M., 12.54 P.M., 1.58 P.M., 2.54 P.M., 3.48 P.M.,
4.31 P.M., 4.52 P.M., 5.27 P.M., 6.22 P.M., 7.15 P.M.,
8.12 P.M. AND 9.07 P.M.

THE REVISED TIMETABLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS.

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BOOKLET ON METRIC SYSTEM

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THE METRICATION COMMITTEE HAS PUBLISHED A SPECIAL BOOKLET TO ASSIST THE MASS MEDIA IN ADOPTING THE SI UNITS IN THEIR DAILY REPORTING WITH THE AIM OF FAMILIARISING THE PUBLIC WITH THE METRIC SYSTEM.

TITLED +A MEDIA GUIDE TO METRIC REPORTING+, THE BOOKLET EXPLAINS THE USE OF SI UNITS IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF REPORTING AND FEATURE WRITING AS WELL AS THE LOGIC ON HOW THE CHINESE TRANSLATION WAS ADOPTED.

THE VARIOUS RULES ON SPELLING AND PRONUNCIATION, TOGETHER WITH THE WRITING OF NUMBERS, UNITS AND SYMBOLS ARE ALSO ILLUSTRATED.

FOR EASY REFERENCE, 18 CONVERSION CHARTS AND A WIDE RANGE OF CONVERSION FACTORS ARE ALSO INCLUDED AT THE END OF THE BOOKLET.

INTRODUCING THE NEW PUBLICATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE METRICATION COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN PERSUADING PEOPLE TO GIVE UP A SYSTEM THAT THEY WERE ACCUSTOMED TO FOR ANOTHER RELATIVELY NEW SYSTEM.

+AT THE SAME TIME, THE COMMITTEE RECOGNISES THE INFLUENCE OF THE MASS MEDIA ON THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, AND HOPES TO SOLICIT THEIR CO-OPERATION IN DEMONSTRATING WHAT THE SI UNITS ARE AND HOW EASY THEY CAN BE APPLIED IN DAILY USAGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE BOOKLET ALSO CONTAINS THE NEW ADDRESS OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE'S SECRETARIAT WHICH WILL MOVE TO ITS NEW PREMISES LATER THIS YEAR.

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60 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED LAST MONTH

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A TOTAL OF 60 NEW BUILDING PLANS WAS APPROVED LAST MONTH (JULY) BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COMPARED WITH 69 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THOSE APPROVED, 14 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 17 FOR KOWLOON AND 29 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED A HOTEL IN NATHAN ROAD, A SCHOOL IN HIP WO STREET, KOWLOON, A FIRE SERVICES BUILDING IN TAI SHANG WAI, YUEN LONG, AND A RESTAURANT IN CASTLE PEAK.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$165.93 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$216.53 MILLION LAST YEAR.

THE USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED LAST MONTH TOTALLED 185 024.6 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 41 144.4 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 143 880.2 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 37 NEW PROJECTS, INCLUDING A SCHOOL AT TIN KWONG ROAD, MA TAU WAI, AN AIRCRAFT CATERING BUILDING AT KAI TAK AIRPORT, A PETROL FILLING STATION AT KWUN TONG ROAD AND A SCHOOL AT CHUK KOK, 'SAI KUNG.

A TOTAL OF 43 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WAS CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING A YOUTH CENTRE AND HOSTEL AT WATERLOO ROAD, A CHAPEL AT CORNWALL STREET AND A CLUBHOUSE AT YI LONG WAN, LANTAU.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO ASSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 91 BUILDINGS.

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SHORT-TERM TENANCY TENDERS

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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS BY WAY OF ANNUAL RENTAL FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT CHING YEE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 1,850 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE OF TENANT'S GOODS VEHICLES, MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE TENANCY WAS FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND THEREAFTER QUARTERLY.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD AND IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE TWO OFFICES.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1979.

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SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE TO MOVE TO LEK YUEN

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THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE FROM ITS PRESENT PREMISES AT TING KOK BUILDING IN TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, TO A NEW OFFICE BELOW THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL IN LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN, ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 31).

TO FACILITATE THE OFFICE REMOVAL, THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON AUGUST 31 AND RESUME OPERATION THE FOLLOWING DAY (SEPTEMBER 1)

FROM SEPTEMBER 1, ALL TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE NEW OFFICE ON 12-621051.

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SUPPLIES OFFICER RETIRING AFTER
40 YEARS GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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A GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES OFFICER WILL SOON RETIRE AFTER SERVING 40 YEARS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

HE IS MR. CHENG TO, AGED 60, WHO JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1940. MR. CHENG WILL GO ON LEAVE NEXT MONTH PRIOR TO RETIREMENT IN MARCH 1980.

THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR. FRED YOUNG, WHO IS ALSO RETIRING NEXT MONTH, WILL PRESENT A SOUVENIR TO MR. CHENG ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 31).

ON THE SAME OCCASION, MR. YOUNG WILL ALSO PRESENT TROPHIES TO WINNERS OF VARIOUS SPORTS COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE RETIREMENT GIFT AND TROPHIES PRESENTATION WHICH WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR. FRED YOUNG, IN THE CANTEEN OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, TOP FLOOR, OIL STREET, NORTH POINT, AT 4 P.M. ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 31).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

S.N.T. TO SIGN LEASE CONDITIONS FOR SHA TIN HOUSING COMPLEX

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL SIGN THE LEASE CONDITIONS WITH YEE PANG REALTY LIMITED TO DEVELOP A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX OVER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT AT SHA TIN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

SIGNING ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY WILL BE MR. LI KA-SHING, CHAIRMAN OF CHEUNG KONG (HOLDINGS) LIMITED, AND MR. LIANG SIEN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF KIU KWONG INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED.

THE SIGNING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 11 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, FOURTH FLOOR, HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON.

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

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS CONFERENCE ON C.Y.C. ACTIVITIES

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (C.Y.C.) FOR THE 1979-80 ACADEMIC YEAR WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 30) AT 3.30 P.M. IN THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

SPEAKERS AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR. DONALD KERR- MRS. LOUISE MOK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) AND MR. HUNG YEE OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 303.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE. TELEVISION CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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