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POWER COMPANIES' PLANS WELL FOUNDED - CONSULTANTS
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BURNS AND ROE, INC., THE CONSULTING FIRM APPOINTED TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF POWER GENERATION BY THE TWO MAJOR POWER COMPANIES - NAMELY CHINA LIGHT AND HONGKONG ELECTRIC, HAVE CONCLUDED IN THEIR REPORT THAT THE GENERATION EXPANSION PLANS OF BOTH COMPANIES HAVE BEEN FOUNDED ON GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICES AND SOUND ECONOMIC JUDGEMENT.

IN THE CONSULTANTS' VIEW, THESE EXPANSION PLANS ARE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO ALLOW FOR CHANGES IN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WITHOUT THE RISK OF OVER-PROVISION OF GENERATING CAPACITY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONSULTANTS, WHO ARE WELL-ESTABLISHED IN THE ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY FIELD IN THE USA, HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN MARCH LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE SPECIALIST ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON AN ASSIGNMENT BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

THE FIRST OF THEIR REPORTS WAS SUBMITTED IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IS PUBLISHED TODAY.

IN THIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT, THE CONSULTANTS WERE ASKED TO ASSESS A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL FEATURES OF THE FINANCIAL PLANS OF THE COMPANIES, INCLUDING THE SUITABILITY OF THE METHODS USED BY THE COMPANIES TO ESTIMATE GENERATING CAPACITY, AND THE SUITABILITY - IN TERMS OF TYPE, NUMBER, SIZE AND EFFICIENCY - OF THEIR GENERATING PLANT.

IN ADDITION TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE COMPANIES' GENERATING EXPANSION PLANS WERE WELL DRAWN UP, THE CONSULTANTS ALSO ENDORSED IN RETROSPECT THE DECISIONS BY THE COMPANIES IN THE MID-1970'S TO INSTALL GENERATING UNITS WHICH CAN USE THE CHEAPER FUEL, COAL, AS WELL AS OIL. SOME OF THESE DUAL-FUEL UNITS HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMISSIONED AND ARE ALREADY PRODUCING SAVINGS IN FUEL COSTS.

BOTH COMPANIES AND CONSUMERS ARE ALSO BENEFITING FROM THE INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN CLP'S AND HEC'S SUPPLY SYSTEMS WHICH WAS BROUGHT ABOUT WITH THE ACTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

IN THEIR CONCLUSIONS, THE CONSULTANTS NOTED THAT AMONG OTHER BENEFITS THE INTERCONNECTION FACILITY HAD INCREASED THE RELIABILITY OF POWER SUPPLY, AND ALLOWED THE DEFERMENT OF SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

THE CONSULTANTS CONSIDERED THAT OTHER ASPECTS OF THE TWO POWER COMPANIES' TECHNICAL PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE WERE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE CONSULTANTS' RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AND WELL RECEIVED BY THE COMPANIES.

THE CONSULTANTS WILL NOW BE ASKED TO REPORT ON OTHER TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF POWER GENERATION, SUCH AS WHETHER IT IS FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE TO UPGRADE THE VOLTAGE OF POWER SUPPLY TO CONSUMERS.

A SUMMARY OF THE CONSULTANTS' CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWS THIS RELEASE.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTANTS' CONCLUSIONS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REACHED BY BURNS AND ROE, INC IN THEIR FIRST REPORT ON THE TECHNICAL OPERATIONS OF THE TWO POWER COMPANIES. THE CONSULTANTS' TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE SET OUT IN APPENDIX A OF THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.

1. METHODS USED TO ESTIMATE GENERATING CAPACITY AND RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

CONCLUSIONS

- (A) THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC FORMULAE USED BY THE COMPANIES TO ESTABLISH TARGET LEVELS OF SYSTEM RELIABILITY AND ADEQUACY, AND HENCE NECESSARY RESERVE CAPACITY, ARE COMPATIBLE WITH EACH OTHER AND IN GENERAL CONFORM TO THE FORMULAE USED BY EQUIVALENT UTILITY COMPANIES IN OTHER INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES;
- (B) THE GENERATION EXPANSION PLANS OF BOTH COMPANIES ARE FOUNDED ON GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICES AND SOUND ECONOMIC JUDGEMENT AND ARE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO ALLOW FOR FUTURE CHANGES IN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WITHOUT THE RISK OF OVER-PROVISION OF

GENERATING CAPACITY;

- (C) THE RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL OF HEC RESERVE CAPACITY IN THE PAST WAS LARGELY DUE TO THE SMALL AND ISOLATED NATURE OF HEC'S SYSTEM. SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN THE HEC AND CLP SYSTEMS IN 1981, HEC'S RESERVE CAPACITY HAS BEEN REDUCED TO INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED LEVELS; AND
- (D) HEC USES RELATIVELY HIGH FORCED OUTAGE RATES (1)* IN FORMULATING ITS GENERATION EXPANSION PLANS (ALTHOUGH THESE PLANS ARE, IN GENERAL JUSTIFIED).

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (A) THE COMPANIES REVIEW THEIR TARGET LOSS OF LOAD PROBABILITY (LOLP) INDICES (2)*, UPON WHICH THEIR EXPANSION PLANS ARE PRIMARILY BASED, AFTER GAINING EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR COAL-FIRED UNITS; AND
- (B) HEC REVIEW ITS ASSUMED FORCED OUTAGE RATES, ALSO AFTER GAINING EXPERIENCE WITH ITS COAL-FIRED UNITS.

* (1) FORCED OUTAGE RATES; ASSUMED UNSCHEDULED PERIODS OF UNAVAILABILITY OF GENERATING UNITS

* (2) LOLP INDEX; THE NUMBER OF DAYS PER YEAR OR NUMBER OF HOURS PER YEAR WHEN CUSTOMERS' DEMAND WILL EXCEED GENERATING CAPACITY

/2. IMPROVEMENT TO

2. IMPROVEMENT TO LOAD FACTOR AND POWER FACTOR

CONCLUSIONS

- (A) IMPROVEMENT TO THE LOAD FACTOR MAY LEAD TO A REDUCTION IN THE REQUIREMENT FOR NEW GENERATING PLANT. BOTH COMPANIES HAVE INTRODUCED SEVERAL PROGRAMMES TO IMPROVE THEIR LOAD FACTORS, BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT THESE PROGRAMMES HAVE RESULTED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS; AND
- (B) AS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN POWER FACTOR, BOTH COMPANIES ARE IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED PRACTICES IN THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY. FROM THE TECHNICAL POINT-OF-VIEW, THERE ARE FEW MEASURES AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENT.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (A) THE COMPANIES INVESTIGATE ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE LOAD FACTOR, INCLUDING CONSUMER EDUCATION AND PRICE INCENTIVES; AND
- (B) THE COMPANIES CONTINUE ACTIVELY TO PURSUE POWER FACTOR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES.

3. USE OF THE INTERCONNECTION

CONCLUSIONS

- (A) THE INTERCONNECTION FACILITY HAS ALREADY BENEFITTED THE COMPANIES AND CONSUMERS PRINCIPALLY, BUT NOT ONLY, BY -
- (I) INCREASING THE RELIABILITY OF SUPPLY;
- (II) CREATING SAVINGS FOR BOTH COMPANIES WHICH ARE NOW ABLE TO MAINTAIN A LOWER SPINNING RESERVE (3)*;

* (3) SPINNING RESERVE: MINIMUM MAINTAINED RESERVE CAPACITY OF RUNNING GENERATING UNITS

- (III) ALLOWING DEFERMENT OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON GENERATING PLANT; AND
- (IV) ALLOWING INSTALLATION OF LARGER GENERATING UNITS WITH CONSEQUENT ECONOMY-OF-SCALE BENEFITS; AND
- (B) FURTHER SAVINGS AND OPERATIONAL BENEFITS MIGHT BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTERCONNECTION FACILITY IF -
- (I) BETTER CO-ORDINATED PLANNING AND OPERATIONS MEASURES WERE ADOPTED BY THE COMPANIES; AND

/(II) THE INTERCONNECTION

- (II) THE INTERCONNECTION WERE USED SO AS TO PERMIT A FREE FLOW OF ENERGY BETWEEN THE TWO SYSTEMS.

HOWEVER, AN ADDITIONAL FEASIBILITY STUDY WOULD BE NEEDED TO DETERMINE THE COSTS - INCLUDING THE NEW CAPITAL INVESTMENT THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED - AND BENEFITS OF SUCH ADDITIONAL USE OF THE INTERCONNECTION FACILITY AND HOW IT WOULD AFFECT CONSUMERS.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (A) A STUDY OF WHETHER GREATER USE SHOULD BE MADE OF THE INTERCONNECTION BE UNDERTAKEN; AND
- (B) THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONSIDER WAYS OF FACILITATING, AND PARTICIPATE IN, INTERCONNECTION PLANNING BY THE COMPANIES WITH THE LONG-TERM AIM OF INCREASING INTEGRATION OF THE TWO SYSTEMS.

4. PLANT SPECIFICATIONS

CONCLUSIONS

- (A) THE DECISION MADE IN THE MID-1970S BY THE COMPANIES TO INSTALL GENERATING UNITS USING COAL AS THE PRIMARY FUEL BUT ALSO CAPABLE OF BURNING OIL, WAS SOUND;
- (B) BOTH COMPANIES' CHOICES OF TYPE AND SIZE OF GENERATING UNIT HAVE BEEN BASED ON SOUND ENGINEERING PRACTICE AND ECONOMIC JUDGEMENT; AND
- (C) THE THERMAL EFFICIENCY OF THE GENERATING PLANT INSTALLED BY THE COMPANIES COMPARES FAVOURABLY WITH THAT OF COAL-FIRED PLANTS IN THE U.S.A.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (A) BOTH COMPANIES CONTINUE TO MAKE SYSTEMATIC SURVEYS OF OPERATING AND PLANNED GENERATING UNITS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS SCOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THERMAL EFFICIENCY, DESPITE THE FAVOURABLE COMPARISON WITH PLANT OPERATED BY ELECTRICITY UTILITIES IN OTHER INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES;
- (B) ON COST-BENEFIT GROUNDS, THE COMPANIES CONSIDER CONVERTING EXISTING OIL-FIRED UNITS TO BURN COAL OR COAL-SLURRY FUELS;
- (C) THE COMPANIES ASCERTAIN, WHERE APPROPRIATE, WHETHER THE DESIGNS OF THEIR GENERATING PLANT ARE SUITABLE FOR CYCLING OF BASE LOAD (4)* AND TWO SHIFT OPERATION (5)* AND, IF SO, WHETHER THESE PRACTICES SHOULD BE ADOPTED;
AND

/(D) THE COMPANIES

- (D) THE COMPANIES CHECK WHETHER THE ACTUAL GENERATING PLANT EXCEEDS THE NOMINAL CAPACITY, AND, IF SO, ALLOW FOR THIS DIFFERENCE IN THEIR GENERATION EXPANSION PLANS.

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CONSULTANTS

IN SECTION 4 OF THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, IT WILL BE SEEN THAT THERE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO -

- (A) MORE FREQUENT CHECKING BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMPANIES' LONG-TERM PLANS;
- (B) THE INTRODUCTION OF A STANDARD REPORTING FORM ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO ENSURE UNIFORMITY OF THE MATERIAL SUBMITTED TO MEET THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUIREMENTS;
- * (4) CYCLING OF BASE LOAD: KEEPING GENERATING UNITS IN OPERATION BUT CHANGING THEIR LOADS TO MATCH SYSTEM NEEDS
- * (5) TWO SHIFT OPERATION: SHUTTING DOWN OF GENERATING UNITS OVERNIGHT AND DURING WEEKENDS
- (C) THE REVIEW BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMPANIES' FUEL CONTRACTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT BOTH PRICE AND RELIABILITY OF SUPPLY, IN THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS;
- (D) THE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF UP-GRADING THE CONSUMER SUPPLY VOLTAGE; AND
- (E) THE POSSIBLE REVIEW OF LEGISLATION AND COMPANY RULES GOVERNING STANDARDS OF SUPPLY AND CONSUMER INSTALLATIONS.

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TENDER AWARDED FOR MAJOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

THE GOVERNMENT HAS AWARDED A TENDER FOR A 45 480-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN KOWLOON BAY TO TRIPROFIT ENTERPRISES LTD. FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIGGEST HOME OWNERSHIP HOUSING PROJECT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME IN HONG KONG TO DATE.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TRIPROFIT'S \$509 MILLION BID FOR THE SITE WAS THE HIGHEST OF THE SIX TENDERS RECEIVED.

UNDER THE SALES CONDITIONS, THE DEVELOPER WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE 5 900 TO 6 100 FLATS RANGING IN SIZE FROM 34 TO 55 SQUARE METRES IN THREE PHASES OVER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

/TRIPROFIT ENTERPRISES

TRIPROFIT ENTERPRISES LTD. IS ALSO REQUIRED TO PROVIDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS:

- * 9 200 SQUARE METRES OF ACTIVE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE WITH AN OPTIONAL GAMES HALL,
- * 4 600 SQUARE METRES OF PASSIVE RECREATIONAL SPACE,
- * A GROSS COMMERCIAL FLOOR AREA OF NOT MORE THAN 8 100 SQUARE METRES,
- * A KINDERGARTEN OR KINDERGARTENS COMPRISING A TOTAL OF 13 CLASSROOMS, AND
- * A NURSERY FOR 100 PLACES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE SUBSTANTIAL LUMP SUM PREMIUM, UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF SALE THE DEVELOPER HAS TO SPEND AT LEAST \$443 MILLION ON BUILDING WORKS.

+THE NUMBER OF TENDERS SUBMITTED AND THE SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT INVOLVED NOT ONLY INDICATES A CONTINUED KEEN INTEREST ON THE PART OF DEVELOPERS TO INVEST IN HONG KONG BUT ALSO SHOWS A CLEAR CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY,+ HE SAID.

THE TENDER WAS FORMALLY SIGNED TODAY BY THE ACTING REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR PATRICK MURPHY AND MR VINCENT LO OF TRIPROFIT ENTERPRISES LTD.

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OVER \$126 MILLION IN HOUSING TENDERS APPROVED

TENDERS TOTALLING OVER \$126 MILLION WERE APPROVED TODAY BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS.

THEY INCLUDE PILING WORKS FOR TWO NEW ESTATES, THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ESTATE PARK AND THE PROVISION OF LIFTS AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION FOR A NUMBER OF NEW RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP PROJECTS.

ALSO ACCEPTED TODAY WAS A TENDER WITH A PREMIUM OF \$5.76 MILLION FOR THE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF PIPED LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS TO A HOME OWNERSHIP ESTATE IN TUEN MUN.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD.

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SIR PHILIP HEARS ABOUT MARKET WORKS
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THE OLD MARKET ON HAU WONG ROAD KOWLOON IS TO BE REDEVELOPED INTO A MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING WITH SPORTS AND MARKETING FACILITIES.

SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROJECT DURING A TWO-HOUR TOUR OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT THIS AFTERNOON - ONE OF A SERIES OF WEEKLY VISITS WHICH HE MAKES, AS CHIEF SECRETARY, TO DEPARTMENTS AND DISTRICTS TO KEEP HIMSELF UP TO DATE.

THE NEW BUILDING WILL COMPRISE INDOOR GAMES AREAS, SQUASH COURTS, READING ROOMS, COOKED-FOOD STALLS AND A MARKET.

SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1986, IT WILL ACCOMMODATE STALL OPERATORS FROM THE EXISTING MARKET AS WELL AS COOKED-FOOD STALL OPERATORS IN THE VICINITY. THE COMPLEX WILL BE BUILT AND MANAGED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR LAWRENCE MILLS, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LEE LAP-SUN, SIR PHILIP WENT TO THE ROOF OF THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL FOR A VIEW OF THE SAI TAU VILLAGE WHERE A CLEARANCE WAS CARRIED OUT LAST YEAR.

HE WAS TOLD THAT A SECOND CLEARANCE, INVOLVING THE RE-HOUSING OF SOME 4 000 PEOPLE, WOULD TAKE PLACE LATER THIS YEAR TO MAKE WAY FOR A PARK, AND TO FACILITATE THE FUTURE WIDENING OF CARPENTER ROAD.

SIR PHILIP THEN PROCEEDED TO PAK TAI STREET AND WAS JOINED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TO INSPECT BACKLANES RECENTLY CLEARED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

THERE ARE SOME 200 BACKLANES WITH UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN THIS AREA, AND A PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DRAWN UP BY THE BOARD TO CLEAR THEM WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

SIR PHILIP ALSO TOURED SEVERAL PRIVATE STREETS IN TO KWA WAN.

HE WAS TOLD THAT BECAUSE THESE WERE PRIVATE STREETS, IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT PUBLIC SERVICES SUCH AS RESURFACING, REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES, AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS A PROGRAMME TO RESUME SOME OF THESE STREETS TO TURN THEM INTO PUBLIC ROADS SO AS TO FACILITATE REPAIRS AND STAFF MANAGEMENT.

AT THE END OF THE TRIP, SIR PHILIP TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFECTIVE MANNER THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT BOARD WERE TACKLING THE PROBLEM OF BACKLANES.

+ I HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ALSO ON WHAT THEY ARE PLANNING TO DO IN THE NEAR FUTURE ABOUT SOME OF THESE PRIVATE STREETS WHICH DO REPRESENT A COMPLICATED LEGAL PROBLEM AND, OF COURSE, THEY ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY MOST UNSATISFACTORY,+ HE SAID.

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SIR PHILIP ADDED THAT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT DRAINAGE IN THE LOW-LYING SAI TAU VILLAGE WHICH IS KNOWN TO HAVE FLOODING PROBLEMS.

PART OF THE VILLAGE WILL BE CLEARED LATER THIS YEAR TO MAKE WAY FOR A PARK AND TO FACILITATE THE FUTURE WIDENING OF CARPENTER ROAD.

COMMENTING ON THE LOCATION OF THE KAI TAK AIRPORT, HE SAID THE PRESENT SITE MIGHT NOT BE THE MOST IDEAL ONE BUT THERE WAS NO PLAN TO REPROVISION THE AIRPORT IN NORTH LANTAU OR ANYWHERE ELSE FOR SOME TIME TO COME FOR A WHOLE VARIETY OF REASONS, ONE OF THEM BEING FINANCIAL.

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CUSTOMS REORGANISATION EXPLAINED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN TODAY (THURSDAY) EXPLAINED THE CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

ADDRESSING THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY, MR JORDAN SAID THAT HE WAS SPECIALLY APPOINTED FOR THE REORGANISATION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS FORMERLY ONE OF THREE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS.

+REORGANISATION WAS URGENTLY REQUIRED NOT ONLY TO MEET THE COMMITMENTS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AT THE TIME OF MY ARRIVAL HERE BUT EQUALLY TO MEET WHAT WERE FORESEEN AS THE GROWING DEMANDS WHICH WOULD BE MADE UPON IT IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS,+ HE SAID.

THE FIRST STEP WAS TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

AS A RESULT, FIELD OPERATIONS WERE REGIONALISED AND DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONAL DIRECTION WAS LARGELY DEVOLVED TO THE REGIONAL COMMANDERS. +ENTIRELY NEW UNITS WERE CREATED WITHIN THE NEW REGIONS TO DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS LESSER NARCOTICS OFFENCES, MISUSE OF DUTIABLE GOODS, AND TO COUNTER OFFENCES GENERALLY ALONG OUR CONVOLUTED COAST-LINE AND AMONGST OUR 200-ODD ISLANDS,+ MR JORDAN SAID.

AS FOR THOSE LARGE UNITS WITHIN THE REGIONS SUCH AS THOSE AT THE KWAI CHUNG TERMINAL, THE HARBOUR AND THE AIRPORT, THEY WERE RESTRUCTURED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND TO DEAL WITH THE INCREASING TRAFFIC. AT EACH REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, REGIONAL COMMANDERS WERE PROVIDED WITH SUITABLE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO ENABLE THEM TO FULFIL THEIR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES WITH EFFICIENCY.

THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO ENTIRELY REBUILT.

/+NEW STAFF

+NEW STAFF ADMINISTRATION ORGANISATIONS WERE PROVIDED TO LOOK AFTER PERSONNEL AND WELFARE MATTERS,+ HE SAID.

+APART FROM OBVIOUS PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO THE NEED FOR ENCOURAGING SUCH EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES AS SPORTING EVENTS AND OTHER LEISURE OCCUPATIONS WHICH DO SO MUCH TO BIND AN ORGANISATION TOGETHER AS A FAMILY FOR ITS DAY-TO-DAY CONTENTMENT AND THUS ITS IMPROVED MORALE.

+A TRAINING OFFICER WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT WAS INTRODUCED TO COMPLEMENT THE WORK OF THE EXCELLENT RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMS TRAINING SCHOOL AT TAI LAM CHUNG,+ HE ADDED.

MR JORDAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AMONG THE MANY CHANGES, TWO WERE HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT.

ONE WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL BUREAU WHICH WAS A +THINK-TANK+ COMPRISING EXPERIENCED OFFICERS WHO NOT ONLY DEALT CENTRALLY WITH ALL THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS BUT ALSO PLANNED AHEAD. IT CONDUCTED FIELD INSPECTIONS ON A SYSTEMATIC BASIS TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY AND CONSISTENCY OF APPROACH THROUGHOUT THE ORGANISATION.

+AS AN ADJUNCT TO THEIR INSPECTION RESPONSIBILITIES, THE INSPECTION TEAMS MEET STAFF ON THE GROUND DOWN TO THE LOWEST LEVEL AND BRING TO THE COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE ANY PROBLEMS AND WORRIES OF THE STAFF WHETHER THEY BE TO DO WITH WORK OR MORE PERSONAL MATTERS,+ SAID MR JORDAN. +THE LINE OF COMMUNICATION THUS PROVIDED IS INVALUABLE TO THE CENTRAL DIRECTION AND ENSURES AMONGST OTHER THINGS THAT DEGREE OF HUMANITY SO NECESSARY IN GOOD MANAGEMENT.+

THE OTHER WAS THE CREATION OF TWO STRONG INVESTIGATIVE FORCES: THE NEW CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BUREAU DEALT WITH MAJOR NARCOTICS CASES AND OTHER FRAUDS OF SUBSTANCE ASSOCIATED WITH REVENUE COLLECTION, PROHIBITIONS AND ALLIED MATTERS, WHILE THE NEWLY CREATED TRADE CONTROLS INVESTIGATION BRANCH DEALT WITH LICENSING AND QUOTA FRAUDS AS WELL AS WITH OFFENCES AGAINST THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE.

+BOTH UNITS IN THEIR REORGANISED FORM HAVE PROVED INVALUABLE IN FULFILLING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH GREAT SUCCESS AS THEIR MUCH PUBLICISED RESULTS INDICATE,+ SAID MR JORDAN.

HE ADDED THAT THIS RESTRUCTURING HAD LED TO MANY STAFFING CHANGES, WITH ENHANCED PROMOTION PROSPECTS AS WELL AS CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIES OF ADMINISTRATION.

CONCLUDING, MR JORDAN SAID: +THE ORGANISATION'S EFFICIENCY AND ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE NOW SECURED IT A SUBSTANTIAL INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AMONGST THE 50-ODD OVERSEAS ADMINISTRATIONS WITH WHICH IT HAS AN ON-GOING CLOSE COLLABORATION. IT WILL CONTINUE TO FULFIL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO HONG KONG IN THE FUTURE AS WELL AS IT HAS IN THE PAST.+

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HK TO HOLD TEXTILE TALKS WITH CANADA
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CONSULTATIONS WILL BEGIN HERE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA REGARDING HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS TO CANADA UNDER THE CURRENT (1982-1986) HONG KONG-CANADA TEXTILES AGREEMENT.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MR CAMPBELL STUART, ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY, SPECIAL TRADE RELATIONS OFFICE. THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE.

THESE CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH PROBLEMS CLAIMED TO BE AFFECTING THE DOMESTIC TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN CANADA. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT, EITHER GOVERNMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS ON ANY MATTER ARISING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OR OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

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YOUNGSTERS HELP WITH FORESTRY WORK
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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON TODAY (THURSDAY) SAW HOW YOUNGSTERS SPEND THEIR TIME AT THE FORESTRY WORK CAMPS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

MR MACPHERSON VISITED THREE FORESTRY WORK CAMPS IN SAI KUNG IN WHICH ACTIVITIES WERE ARRANGED FOR SOME 60 YOUNG CAMPERS.

MR MACPHERSON ARRIVED AT THE KEI LING HA COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE AT 2.30 PM.

HE WAS MET BY MR F. DE S. OZORIO, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION (CCCYR); MR JOHN TAAM, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; MR WONG WOOD CHEUNG, PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION; AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MING YIN COLLEGE.

HE WAS TAKEN TO SEE THE ACCOMMODATION AND ACTIVITIES AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE SIX-DAY CAMP.

THEN MR MACPHERSON PROCEEDED TO THE WORK SITE WHERE HE WATCHED CAMPERS PRUNING AND TENDING PLANTS, PLANTING TREES, CUTTING GRASS AND CLEARING FOOTPATHS.

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AT ABOUT 3.35 PM, MR MACPHERSON LEFT FOR THE TAI TAN. THERE HE SAW CAMPERS FROM THE HOI HA FORESTRY WORK CAMP ENJOYING THE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THEMSELVES AS A PART OF THE CAMP PROGRAMMES.

BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE AT ABOUT 4 PM, MR MACPHERSON STOPPED FOR A SHORT WHILE AT THE WONG SHEK PIER TO SEE YOUNGSTERS OF THE PAK TAM AU FORESTRY WORK CAMP HAPPILY ENGAGED IN FISHING.

THIS IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF VISITS ARRANGED FOR SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THIS SUMMER TO SEE SOME OF THE SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CCCYR. THE AIMS OF THESE ACTIVITIES ARE TO HELP YOUNGSTERS DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS AND POTENTIALS; ACQUIRE NEW KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS; AND GAIN EXPERIENCE IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

THE FIRST VISIT WAS MADE BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, LAST THURSDAY TO PAK TAM AU FORESTRY WORK CAMP AND HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP AT STANLEY.

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TRAINING COURSES ON CLASS LIBRARIES

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THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE TWO IDENTICAL TRAINING COURSES IN CANTONESE FOR TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE AIMS OF THE COURSES ARE TO EQUIP PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WITH THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF MANAGING CLASS LIBRARIES AND TO SHOW THEM HOW TO SELECT LIBRARY BOOKS AS WELL AS DEVISE RELEVANT ACTIVITIES.

THESE COURSES WILL BE HELD AT EXTRA-MURAL TOWN CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, 8/F, WING ON CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL.

OWING TO LIMITED SEATING CAPACITY, EACH SCHOOL CAN ONLY NOMINATE ONE TEACHER TO ATTEND THE COURSE. NOMINATIONS SHOULD REACH THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, LIBRARY SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 5/F, LEE GARDENS, CAUSEWAY BAY ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 7.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE SECTION ON 5-8392258.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1983

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CLEARWAY RESTRICTION EXTENDED

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 20), THE EXISTING 24-HOUR DAILY CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARD FOR ABOUT 100 METRES, FROM A POINT 50 METRES EAST OF THE CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR LOADING AND UNLOADING GOODS.

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BUS TERMINUS NOW PROHIBITED ZONE

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THE NEW BUS TERMINUS IN AREA 5E NEAR POK HONG ESTATE, SHA TIN, WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE FROM SATURDAY (AUGUST 20).

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED PUBLIC OMNIBUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS TERMINUS.

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