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PUBLIC URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN 1981 CENSUS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONSOLIDATING THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE MAJOR POPULATION CENSUS INVOLVING EVERYONE IN HONG KONG NEXT YEAR.

THE MARINE CENSUS WILL BE TAKEN FROM FEBRUARY 1 TO 4, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WHEN TRADITIONALLY ALL FISHERMEN RETURN TO BASE WHILE THE LAND CENSUS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 6 TO 15.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE SIZE, COMPOSITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION, WHICH HAVE IMMENSE EFFECT ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, HAVE CHANGED CONSIDERABLY OVER THE YEARS.

+IT IS VITAL TO UPDATE INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION SO THAT GOVERNMENT PLANS CAN KEEP PACE WITH THE CHANGES,+ HE SAID.

THE DECENNIAL CENSUS WILL BE OF GREAT HELP TO THE GOVERNMENT IN DRAWING UP THESE PLANS FOR HOUSING, EDUCATION, SOCIAL, MEDICAL AND VARIOUS OTHER SERVICES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE CENSUS WILL BE A TWO-PHASE OPERATION.

+ALL HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ASKED SIMPLE QUESTIONS ON AGE, SEX AND RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD FOR EVERY MEMBER,+ HE EXPLAINED.

IN ADDITION, MORE DETAILED QUESTIONS ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING, OCCUPATION AND EARNINGS, INTERNAL MOVEMENT, DISABLEMENT AND OTHER DEMOGRAPHIC DATA WILL BE ASKED OF MARINE HOUSEHOLDS AND 20 PER CENT OF LAND HOUSEHOLDS.

A RANDOM SAMPLE OF ABOUT 250 000 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG REPRESENTING THE ENTIRE CROSS-SECTION OF THE POPULATION WILL BE SELECTED FOR THIS DETAILED ENUMERATION.

IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CENSUS, THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO GIVE STRONG SUPPORT BY PROVIDING FULL AND ACCURATE ANSWERS. MOREOVER, UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE, SUPPLY OF INFORMATION TO THE CENSUS OFFICER IS COMPULSORY.

HE STRESSED THAT INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION GIVEN WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND KEPT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT ALL CENSUS OFFICERS WILL TAKE AN OATH OF SECRECY NOT TO DISCLOSE SUCH INFORMATION.

+THE DATA WILL BE PROCESSED BY COMPUTER AND RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN AGGREGATED FORM,+ HE SAID.

+ALL SCHEDULES CONTAINING PERSONAL PARTICULARS WILL BE DESTROYED WITHIN A YEAR AFTER THE CENSUS,+ HE ADDED.

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MR T.S. LO TO HEAD UMELCO POLICE GROUP  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR LO TAK-SHING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE UMELCO POLICE GROUP.

MR LO, WHOSE APPOINTMENT TAKES EFFECT TOMORROW, ASSUMES THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE GROUP ON THE RETIREMENT OF SIR SIDNEY GORDON.

MR JOHN SWAINE AND MR ALEX WU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AND FOUR EXISTING MEMBERS, MR LI FOOK-WO, THE REV JOYCE BENNETT, MR WONG LAM AND FATHER PATRICK MCGOVERN, HAVE BEEN REAPPOINTED, ALL WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW.

AT THE SAME TIME THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED THAT MISS LYDIA DUNN WILL ASSUME THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PROVISIONAL BOARD OF THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL, HELD TILL NOW BY MR LO.

MISS DUNN'S APPOINTMENT WILL ALSO TAKE EFFECT TOMORROW.

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HK TO HOST INTERNATIONAL METROLOGY MEETING  
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HONG KONG IS TO HOST FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AN IMPORTANT FOUR-DAY INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON METROLOGY -- THE SCIENCE AND TECHNIQUE OF MEASUREMENTS.

THE MEETING IS A PART OF THE ASIA/PACIFIC METROLOGY PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE COMMONWEALTH SCIENCE COUNCIL ASSISTED BY THE UNESCO WHICH PROVIDES FUNDS FOR NON-COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS.

MR G.J. OSBORNE, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, IS THE ORGANISER OF THE MEETING. HE IS ALSO HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE DISCUSSIONS.

COMMENTING ON THE EVENT MR OSBORNE SAID THAT MEMBERS OF THE PROGRAMME MEET ONCE IN THREE YEARS TO DISCUSS THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF METROLOGY AT ALL LEVELS.

+AT THESE MEETINGS A STEERING COMMITTEE IS ELECTED TO MEET IN THE INTERVENING YEARS TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON THE VARIOUS AGREED PROGRAMMES OF CO-OPERATION. THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION.

+OUR INTENTION IS TO SHOW THE VISITING GROUP THAT HONG KONG HAS THE FACILITIES AND EXPERTISE IN MANY AREAS TO CALIBRATE AND CONDUCT TYPE APPROVAL TESTING TO THE COMMERCIAL LIMITS LAID DOWN IN THE USA FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE LEGISLATION,+ HE SAID.

/+WE WILL .....

+WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO INFORM THE GROUP OF OUR CONTRIBUTION TO METROLOGY IN THE FORM OF TRAINING, CONSULTANCY AND BACK-UP SERVICE PROVIDED TO THE INDUSTRY,+ HE ADDED.

AT THIS YEAR'S STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING IN HONG KONG THERE ARE PARTICIPANTS FROM AUSTRALIA, INDIA, INDONESIA, NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND UNESCO.

LAST YEAR'S GATHERING WAS IN NEW ZEALAND AND THE VENUE OF NEXT YEAR'S MEETING WILL BE DECIDED AT THIS MEETING.

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### KCR DOUBLE TRACKING TENDERS \* \* \* \* \*

TENDERS HAVE BEEN INVITED FOR DOUBLE TRACKING THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AND ASSOCIATED WIDENING WORKS FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY STATION TO SOUTH OF TAI PO KAU TUNNEL NO 5.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PASSENGER AND FREIGHT CARRYING CAPACITY BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND TAI PO MARKET.

THE WORK CONSISTS OF:

- \* REALIGNING AND DOUBLING PART OF THE TRACK ONTO RECLAIMED LAND-
- \* CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE TRACK-
- \* WIDENING OF RAILWAY EMBANKMENTS AND CUTTINGS, AND
- \* CONSTRUCTION OF A REINFORCED CONCRETE UNDERTRACK PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY, BOUNDARY FENCING AND ASSOCIATED PROTECTIVE AND ANCILLARY WORKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 1982.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE RAILWAY DIVISION, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

MEANWHILE, CONTINUOUS FENCES WILL BE ERECTED ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE RAILWAY BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND LO WU TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC AGAINST UNTOWARD ACCIDENTS FROM ELECTRIFIED TRAIN OPERATIONS.

COMMENTING ON THE FENCING PROJECT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID TENDERS HAVE BEEN INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FENCING AND PATHWAYS ALONG THE RAILWAY BETWEEN NORTH OF BEACON HILL TUNNEL AND SOUTH OF SHA TIN RAILWAY TUNNEL NO 3, PART OF WHICH WILL BE ELECTRIFIED EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR DRIVER TRAINING.

+THE ENTIRE FENCING PROJECT IS FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF THE ELECTRIFIED TRAIN SERVICE AND TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC IN VIEW OF INCREASED TRAIN SPEED, FREQUENCY AND RELATIVE QUIETNESS OF OPERATIONS AS WELL AS KEEPING THE PUBLIC AWAY FROM THE ELECTRIFIED OVERHEAD WIRES,+ HE SAID.

WORK ON THE BEACON HILL - SHA TIN SECTOR WILL START IN OCTOBER AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1981.

THE RAILWAY DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DESIGNED AND WILL SUPERVISE THE PROJECT ON BEHALF OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

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#### WORKING HOURS FOR REGISTERED APPRENTICES

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EMPLOYERS WERE REMINDED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), THE PERIOD DURING WHICH REGISTERED APPRENTICES AGED BELOW 18 CAN BE EMPLOYED WILL BE LIMITED TO BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE LIMITATION IS PROVIDED BY THE APPRENTICESHIP (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1980, APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST JUNE.

THE REGULATIONS AIM AT IMPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS OF YOUNG APPRENTICES AND COMPLYING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION CONVENTION ON NIGHT WORK.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE LIMITATION WOULD APPLY EVEN IF OVERTIME WAS WORKED.

+TOGETHER, THE REGULATIONS WILL EFFECTIVELY ENSURE THAT APPRENTICES BELOW THE AGE OF 18 WILL HAVE A NIGHT REST OF 12 CONSECUTIVE HOURS IN LINE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO) CONVENTION,+ HE ADDED.

APPRENTICES OVER THE AGE OF 16 ARE STILL ALLOWED TO WORK OVERTIME SUBJECT TO A DAILY LIMIT OF TWO HOURS AND A YEARLY LIMIT OF BETWEEN 150 AND 250 HOURS, DEPENDING ON THE AGE OF THE APPRENTICES.

HOWEVER, APPRENTICES BELOW THE AGE OF 18 WOULD HAVE TO FINISH WORK BY 7 PM.

EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE NEW REGULATIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION ON TELEPHONE 5-280545, 3-219285, 3-667463, 3-440838 AND 12-297039.

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### HIGH ATTENDANCE RATE AT METHADONE CENTRES

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THE METHADONE TREATMENT PROGRAMME HAS PROVED INCREASINGLY POPULAR, JUDGING FROM THE HIGH ATTENDANCE RATE AT METHADONE CENTRES.

ABOUT 7 000 PATIENTS TURN UP DAILY AT THE GOVERNMENT'S 20 METHADONE CENTRES, REPRESENTING OVER 75 PER CENT OF THE 9 000 REGISTERED FOR TREATMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) POINTED OUT THAT THE ATTENDANCE RATE COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH THOSE IN OTHER COUNTRIES WITH SIMILAR PROGRAMMES.

FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE ATTENDANCE RATE SELDOM FELL BELOW 70 PER CENT AND, AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, IT REACHED AS HIGH AS 80 PER CENT.

+THE METHADONE PROGRAMME PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE TREATMENT OF ADDICTS IN HONG KONG AS IT IS TAKING CARE OF APPROXIMATELY 2-1/2 TIMES THE DAILY TOTAL OF PATIENTS RECEIVING ALL OTHER TREATMENT PROGRAMMES COMBINED,+ HE SAID.

METHADONE MAINTENANCE ON AN OUT-PATIENT BASIS WAS STARTED IN DECEMBER, 1972, AS A TRIAL SCHEME. BECAUSE OF ENCOURAGING RESPONSE, MORE CENTRES WERE OPENED IN 1974. IN ADDITION, METHADONE DETOXIFICATION WAS INTRODUCED IN 1976.

THE METHADONE MAINTENANCE METHOD ALLOWS A PATIENT TO BE MAINTAINED INDEFINITELY ON METHADONE, AND THE METHADONE DETOXIFICATION METHOD IS BASICALLY AIMED AT WEANING A PATIENT OFF DRUGS BY GRADUALLY REDUCING THE DOSAGE OF METHADONE OVER A NUMBER OF WEEKS.

+THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF METHADONE TREATMENT IS TO KEEP A LARGE NUMBER OF ADDICTS ON THE PROGRAMME SO THAT THEY CAN GET COUNSELLING AND AFTER-CARE, AND BE REHABILITATED INTO SOCIETY AS WORKING AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT NOW OPERATES 20 CENTRES WHICH ARE READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE DRUG ADDICTS, AND CHARGES A NOMINAL FEE OF \$1 PER VISIT.

+THE ADDICTS WHO VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE METHADONE PROGRAMME DO NOT NEED TO PAY AN EXORBITANT SUM FOR ILLICIT DRUGS. IT ALSO PREVENTS THEM FROM THE RISK OF BEING ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OR TAKING OF HEROIN,+ HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, 70 PER CENT OF THOSE ON METHADONE TREATMENT ARE NOW GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. THAT MEANS BY ENROLLING INTO THIS FORM OF TREATMENT WHICH REQUIRES THEM TO ATTEND THE CENTRE ONLY ONCE A DAY, THEY CAN PURSUE THEIR DAILY WORK AND RESUME THEIR NORMAL FAMILY AND SOCIAL LIFE.

/COMMENTING ON .....

COMMENTING ON THE DROP-OUT RATE, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IT IS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED THAT DRUG ADDICTION IS A CHRONICALLY RELAPSING CONDITION. IT IS THUS NOT SURPRISING THAT THERE HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY SUBSTANTIAL DROP-OUT RATE IN THE OUT-PATIENT METHADONE SCHEME.

IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT MANY OF THE PATIENTS ARE ONLY ABLE TO ACHIEVE SHORT-TERM ABSTINENCE FROM NARCOTIC DRUGS BEFORE RELAPSING, IT IS HOPED THAT WITH AFTER-CARE SUPPORT BY SOCIAL WORKERS, SUCH CASES MAY RETURN AND EVENTUALLY KICK OFF THE HABIT.

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#### PRISONS RECRUITMENT DRIVE MOVES TO SAN PO KONG \*\*\*\*\*

THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR ASSISTANT OFFICERS II WILL MOVE TO THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT OF SAN PO KONG ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 4).

A MOBILE RECRUITMENT DISPLAY WILL BE HELD IN THE FOOTBALL PITCH OF THE KAI TAK (EAST) INDOOR STADIUM IN LUK HOP STREET BETWEEN 12.30 PM AND 2 PM ON THAT DAY.

BESIDES A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY SHOWING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PRISON WORK, THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY SHOW WHICH WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY AN ENTERTAINMENT TROUPE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE DISPLAY. PRISON OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM VISITORS AT THE MOBILE RECRUITMENT CENTRE.

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#### EIGHT COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS \*\*\*\*\*

A NUMBER OF COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITIES ARE BEING OFFERED TO RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG.

THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN, AND ARE INTENDED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO LIFE IN HONG KONG ON THEIR RETURN FROM STUDY ABROAD.

COUNTRIES OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS ARE THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, NIGERIA, MALAYSIA AND JAMAICA.

THE COURSE OF STUDY NORMALLY EXTENDS OVER A PERIOD OF TWO ACADEMIC YEARS.

THE EMOLUMENTS WILL COVER APPROVED EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL, LIVING AND STUDY DURING THE TENURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE COMMONWEALTH CITIZENS NORMALLY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG AND NOT MORE THAN 35 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMENCES. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE GRADUATES OF RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES OR HOLDERS OF EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARDS MUST SATISFY CERTAIN LANGUAGE, HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER PARTICULARS CONCERNING THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECTION NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING PAVILION  
FOR NT VILLAGE

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VILLAGERS IN SHA KWOK MEI TSUEN, SAI KUNG, AND THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE ARE LOOKING FOR A SUITABLE NAME FOR A CHINESE PAVILION BEING BUILT NEAR THE VILLAGE.

THE PAVILION, WHICH WILL SERVE AS A RAIN SHELTER FOR VISITORS AND A SITTING OUT AREA FOR VILLAGERS, WILL COST \$40 000 PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS FUND.

IT IS SITUATED ON OPEN LAND CLOSE TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE VILLAGE WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 1 200.

THE AREA WAS PREVIOUSLY BARREN LAND WHERE RESIDENTS MET TO SIT AND CHAT.

TWO YEARS AGO VILLAGERS APPROACHED THE DISTRICT OFFICE ABOUT IMPROVING THE SITE. RECENTLY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AGREED TO ALLOCATE MONEY TO CONSTRUCT THE PAVILION.

WORK STARTED EARLY LAST MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

THE PAVILION, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE DISTRICT, WAS DESIGNED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ENGINEER, MR RAYMOND WONG. IT WILL BE BUILT IN TRADITIONAL CHINESE STYLE.

VILLAGE ELDERS ARE BEING CONSULTED ON A NAME FOR THE PAVILION.

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