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JUNE HK, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS RISE

BOTH HONG KONG DOLLAR AND FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH THE MONETARY SECTOR ROSE DURING JUNE, ACCORDING TO MONETARY STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY.

REFLECTING THIS, BOTH HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY AND TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ROSE ON ALL DEFINITIONS.

WHILE LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE CONTINUED TO GROW AT A RAPID PACE, OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG RECORDED ONLY A SMALL INCREASE.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR JUNE 1984 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS. TABLE 2 SETS OUT SOME FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR.

(THE TWO TABLES ARE BEING TRANSMITTED BY FACSIMILE AND ALSO BOXED FOR COLLECTION).

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 1.7 PER CENT IN JUNE, REVERSING THE DECLINE IN MAY OF 1.1 PER CENT. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS DECLINED BY 0.9 PER CENT, BUT OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS INCREASED BY 28.8 PER CENT. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS CONTINUED TO INCREASE, BY 2.5 PER CENT. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, THE INCREASE WAS 13.7 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS THE INCREASE WAS 34.1 PER CENT.

DURING THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH BANKS INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT, WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT. THE INTEREST RATES OFFERED BY THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REFLECTED MONEY MARKET RATES MORE CLOSELY AND THEREFORE WERE WELL ABOVE THE DEPOSIT RATES SET BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS DURING THIS PERIOD.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS ROSE. WHILE HK\$M1 (THE NARROWEST DEFINITION) INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT, HK\$M2 ROSE BY 1.1 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 1.6 PER CENT, IN CONTRAST TO RESPECTIVE DECREASES OF 5.6 PER CENT, 3.5 PER CENT AND 1.2 PER CENT IN MAY.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNF HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 DECREASED BY 6.5 PER CENT, 5.8 PER CENT AND 1.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THEY REGISTERED INCREASES OF 12 PER CENT, 21.7 PER CENT AND 26.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL M1 ROSE BY 1.0 PER CENT AFTER A FALL OF 5.1 PER CENT IN MAY. TOTAL M2 INCREASED BY 1.2 PER CENT FOLLOWING A MARGINAL INCREASE OF 0.4 PER CENT IN MAY. TOTAL M3 GREW BY 2.1 PER CENT COMPARED WITH A GROWTH OF 1.7 PER CENT IN MAY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, TOTAL M1 FELL BY 4.6 PER CENT BUT TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 GREW BY 1.7 PER CENT AND 5.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 9.4 PER CENT, 23.4 PER CENT AND 29.8 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 0.4 PER CENT FOLLOWING A RISE OF 0.8 PER CENT IN MAY. THE INCREASE IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE WAS 1.6 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, 12.3 PER CENT. IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE STRONG EXPORT PERFORMANCE, LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE CONTINUED TO GROW RAPIDLY, BY 5.4 PER CENT. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE THE INCREASE WAS 12.1 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS 19.0 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 0.8 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A SMALL INCREASE OF 0.3 PER CENT IN MAY.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE THE INCREASE WAS 0.9 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS THE INCREASE WAS 6.7 PER CENT.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR

IN THE SECOND QUARTER, LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR FELL BY 1.8 PER CENT FOLLOWING A 4.0 PER CENT GROWTH IN THE FIRST QUARTER. LOANS TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE SECTOR ROSE BY 2.7 PER CENT AFTER A DECLINE OF 2.0 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. LOANS TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR FELL BY 2.4 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A 0.6 PER CENT DECLINE IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. BORROWING BY INDIVIDUALS TO PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME CONTINUED TO RISE, BY 4.4 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH A GROWTH IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER OF 4.8 PER CENT.

/FOREIGN CURRENCY

FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

THE NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES OF THE MONETARY SECTOR REDUCED SLIGHTLY TO \$11.3 BILLION AT THE END OF JUNE FROM \$12.0 BILLION AT THE END OF MAY. BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES OF \$10.1 BILLION AND \$1.2 BILLION RESPECTIVELY.

STATISTICS COLLECTED (ON THE BASIS OF SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SHOWED THAT THE MONETARY SECTOR HAD NET FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS OF \$32.5 BILLION AT THE END OF JUNE, COMPARED TO \$33.4 BILLION AT THE END OF MAY.

LIQUIDITY RATIO

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS ROSE TO 50.4 PER CENT FROM 49.8 PER CENT IN MAY. THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.24 OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCES) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, HOWEVER, FELL TO 48.9 PER CENT FROM 54.1 PER CENT IN MAY.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS AND LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES IN OPERATION, EACH FELL BY ONE, TO 134 AND 29 RESPECTIVELY. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, HOWEVER, ROSE TO 316, WITH TWO NEW REGISTRATIONS AND ONE REVOCATION AT THE COMPANY'S OWN REQUEST BY THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

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SITE SOLD FOR \$165 MILLION
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A SITE AT A PRIME LOCATION IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WAS SOLD FOR \$165 MILLION AT AN AUCTION AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SITE, MEASURING 5 067 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A HOTEL.

IT WAS BOUGHT BY YAU FOOK HONG COMPANY LTD AT \$32 564 PER SQUARE METRE.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$150 MILLION.

THE PURCHASER HAS THE OPTION TO PAY THE PREMIUM WITH MONETISED LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A/B).

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ANOTHER SITE, ALSO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE AND LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND POSSESSION STREET, WAS BOUGHT BY FULLAGAR LAND INVESTMENT LTD.

BIDDING FOR THE 1 176-SQUARE-METRE SITE OPENED AND CLOSED AT \$35 MILLION (\$29 762 PER SQUARE METRE).

TWO OTHER SITES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN PURPOSES, LOCATED AT CHAI WAN AND SAI KUNG, WERE WITHDRAWN BECAUSE THERE WERE NO BIDS.

COMMENTING ON THE SALE, THE AUCTIONEER, GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR TIM MILLS, SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS.

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AIR POLLUTION CONTROL LAW WELL RECEIVED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO ADOPT A POLICY OF PERSUASION AND TECHNICAL ADVICE IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE SINCE COMING INTO FORCE ON OCTOBER 1 LAST YEAR.

THE ORDINANCE REPLACED THE PREVIOUS CLEAN AIR ORDINANCE, WITH AN EXPANSION IN THE SCOPE OF CONTROL TO COVER ALL FORMS OF AIR POLLUTANTS IN ADDITION TO SMOKE.

THE EXPANDED SCOPE OF CONTROL HAS PROVED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT TO HANDLE AIR POLLUTION COMPLAINTS CAUSED BY EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES SUCH AS FURNACE, OVEN, ENGINE OR INDUSTRIAL PLANT.

BY THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR, 5 105 INSPECTION VISITS WERE MADE TO POTENTIAL POLLUTING PREMISES AND 1 361 COMPLAINTS WERE HANDLED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AND 859 WRITTEN WARNINGS AND ADVICES WERE ISSUED, AND 264 SETS OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS APPLYING FOR INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACE, OVENS OR CHIMNEYS WERE PROCESSED.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL 62 PROSECUTIONS TAKEN OUT UNDER THE ORDINANCE RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS, WITH FINES RANGING FROM \$250 TO \$5 000.

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS THE HONOUR TO PAY THE PREMIUM WITH MONEY PAID EXCHANGE ENTIREMENTS (LETTERS A&B)

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIR GEOFFREY HOWE'S VISIT
JULY 31 - AUGUST 1

PRESS FACILITIES ARE BEING ARRANGED FOR MEDIA TO COVER THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, WHO WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL NEED SPECIAL ACCREDITATION TO COVER SIR GEOFFREY'S PUBLIC FUNCTIONS. PRESS LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS TO ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR ACCREDITATION FOR EACH FUNCTION ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE GIS NEWS ROOM FOR COLLECTION. EDITORS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE THE FORMS, RETURN THEM AND COLLECT THEIR BADGES FROM THE DUTY OFFICER, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, AFTER 4 PM, MONDAY. BUT BADGES FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE ISSUED AFTER 4 PM, TUESDAY.

EDITORS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THAT NOMINATIONS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN THAT BADGES WILL BE ISSUED TO EVERY REPRESENTATIVE. UNLIMITED SPACE IS NOT AVAILABLE AND THERE WILL BE A PARTICULARLY HEAVY DEMAND FOR SEATS AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 1. PRECISE TIMINGS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT BADGES WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

TUESDAY, JULY 31

4 PM (APPROX) ARRIVAL AT KAI TAK.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

9.30 AM (APPROX) ARRIVE AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES FOR MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

12.40 PM (APPROX) DEPART CGO FOR UMEICO OFFICE.

12.45 PM (APPROX) ARRIVE UMEICO OFFICE, SWIRE HOUSE, FOR LUNCH AND MEETING.

3 PM (APPROX) DEPART UMEICO OFFICE.

4.30 PM (APPROX) PRESS CONFERENCE IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

6.35 PM (APPROX) DEPART KAI TAK FOR LONDON.

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NOTE: PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 1

ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE CHAMBER WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SECURITY SEARCH.

THERE WILL BE A THREE-MINUTE PHOTOGRAPHIC CALL AFTER WHICH PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE CHAMBER. NO STILL PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE PERMITTED DURING THE CONFERENCE.

TECHNICIANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE CHAMBER DURING THE CONFERENCE UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE.

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WAN CHAI DB TO MEET TOMORROW

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER ORGANISING PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT MONTH.

A PAPER ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISTRICT BOARDS, AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS ON A STREET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN WAN CHAI, IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRIAL SCHEME ON THE NEW GENERAL DUTIES TEAM SQUAD STRUCTURE IN THE DISTRICT AND PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

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AIRPORT FIRE SUB-STATION TO BE EXTENDED

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$158 000 CONTRACT TO HO YIP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO EXTEND ONE OF THE TWO FIRE SUB-STATIONS AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

THE FOAM APPLIANCE HOUSE OF THE SUB-STATION AT THE END OF THE RUNWAY WILL BE ENLARGED AND A LOCKER AND CHANGING ROOM PROVIDED.

FACILITIES CURRENTLY PROVIDED INCLUDE AN APPLIANCE ROOM FOR THREE ENGINES, A WATCHROOM, A KITCHEN, A CANTEEN, A RECREATIONAL ROOM, OFFICES AND A STOREROOM.

THE WORK WILL BEGIN IN MID-AUGUST AND TAKE THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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WRONG REASON BEHIND LATE BIRTH REGISTRATION
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ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF THE PARENTS IN HONG KONG DO NOT REGISTER THE BIRTHS OF THEIR CHILDREN WITHIN THE SPECIFIED 42-DAY PERIOD.

+THE PARENTS OF A CHILD BORN IN A HOSPITAL, A MATERNITY HOME OR A CLINIC WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE BIRTH REGISTRATION PAMPHLET, REMINDING THEM OF THE NEED TO REGISTER THE BABY'S BIRTH WITHIN 42 DAYS AT A SPECIFIED REGISTRY,+ MR T.S. KWAN, SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICER OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, SAID.

THE MAIN REASON FOR LATE REGISTRATION IS THAT PARENTS HAVE NOT DECIDED ON THE NAME OF THEIR BABY BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

+THIS IS WRONG REASONING, BECAUSE BY LAW, THE BIRTH OF EVERY CHILD MUST BE REGISTERED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD. IN FACT, A CHILD'S NAME CAN BE ADDED OR CHANGED BEFORE HE REACHES THE AGE OF 11,+ MR KWAN EXPLAINED.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE BIRTH REGISTRATION OF A CHILD MADE WITHIN 42 DAYS. BUT A \$10 FEE IS IMPOSED FOR A REGISTRATION MADE AFTER THE PERIOD BUT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE CHILD'S BIRTH.

+BEYOND ONE YEAR, REGISTRATION CAN ONLY BE MADE WITH THE CONSENT OF THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS AND ON PAYMENT OF \$60,+ MR KWAN SAID.

THOUGH IT IS UP TO THE PARENTS TO APPLY FOR A BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR THEIR CHILD, IT IS ADVISABLE FOR THEM TO OBTAIN ONE AT A NOMINAL FEE OF \$10.

+A BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS ALWAYS USEFUL WHEN A CHILD APPLIES FOR ADMISSION TO SCHOOL, FOR AN IDENTITY CARD OR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT,+ MR KWAN SAID.

HE SQUASHED RUMOURS THAT ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN COULD NOT BE REGISTERED.

+THE NAME AND PROFESSION OF THE FATHER OF AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD WILL NOT BE ENTERED IN THE BIRTH REGISTER UNLESS BOTH HE AND THE MOTHER JOINTLY REQUEST FOR SUCH INCLUSION. IN THIS CASE, BOTH MUST SIGN ON THE REGISTER,+ MR KWAN SAID.

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SOLAR WATER HEATING CONTRACT AWARDED
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A CONTRACT VALUED AT ABOUT \$200 000 HAS BEEN AWARDED TO INSTALL A SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEM AT THE SQUASH AND TENNIS COURTS NOW BEING BUILT AT MORSE PARK, WONG TAI SIN.

THE CONTRACT WENT TO JEBSEN AND COMPANY LIMITED, WHO WILL START WORK IN MID-AUGUST AND COMPLETE IT IN SEVEN MONTHS.

THE THREE SQUASH AND SIX TENNIS COURTS WILL BE READY BY NEXT MARCH.

THE SQUASH COURTS WILL HAVE STANDS FOR 120 SPECTATORS AND THE TENNIS COURTS WILL BE FLOODLIT.

A SERVICE BUILDING WITH SOLAR-HEATED CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS AND A STOREROOM WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

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PARK PROJECT FOR BRAEMAR HILL
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A 2.45-HECTARE SITE AT BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, NORTH POINT, WILL SHORTLY BE DEVELOPED INTO A PUBLIC PARK, PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED PASSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE INTENSIVELY DEVELOPED AREA.

THE PROJECT, KNOWN AS THE CHOI SAI WOO PARK, IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$9.5 MILLION.

IT FEATURES A LANDSCAPED GARDEN, A WATERFALL, SITTING-OUT AREAS, LOOKOUT PAVILIONS, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS WITH MODERN SAFETY EQUIPMENT, A REFRESHMENT KIOSK AND TOILET FACILITIES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN ABOUT A YEAR'S TIME.

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BIG BOOST FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING
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THE MAJOR EFFORTS AT EXPANSION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION ARE NOW IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND THE UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS FOR OLDER TEENAGERS AND THOSE IN THE EARLY TWENTIES, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, SAID THIS EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 10TH WORLD CONGRESS ON READING, HE NOTED THAT THE CONGRESS WAS TAKING PLACE AT A TIME WHEN HONG KONG WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE URGENCY OF AN IMPROVED STANDARD OF EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE POPULATION.

+THIS IS NEEDED NOT ONLY FOR ITS OWN INTRINSIC IMPORTANCE BUT TO ENABLE HONG KONG TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF COMPETITORS ALL ROUND US IN OUR PRINCIPAL MARKETS IN AMERICA AND EUROPE.

+WE CANNOT EXPECT PROTECTION THERE. OUR WAGES ARE THE HIGHEST IN ASIA OUTSIDE JAPAN, SO THE ONLY WAY WE CAN MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE ON OUR PERFORMANCE IS BY OUR OWN WITS,+ HE SAID.

DESCRIBING THE CONGRESS AS +A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT+ FOR THE RELATIVELY YOUNG HONG KONG READING ASSOCIATION, MR BRAY SAID THE INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION, WITH OVER 60 000 MEMBERS AND OVERSEAS AFFILIATES, HAD RIGHTLY STRESSED AS ITS MAIN CONCERN THE PROMOTION OF LITERACY AS WELL AS RESEARCH INTO THE PROCESS OF READING AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROCEDURES.

+A CONGRESS WITH OVER ONE HUNDRED PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS, REPRESENTING THE DISTILLED WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIALISTS FROM OVER 20 COUNTRIES CANNOT FAIL TO HAVE FAR-REACHING BENEFITS AND WILL RESULT IN THE CROSS-FERTILISATION AND THE FRUITFUL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS,+ MR BRAY SAID.

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SWIMMING POOL RESTAURANT FOR LEASE
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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF A GENERAL RESTAURANT AT THE YUEN LONG SWIMMING POOL.

LAST YEAR, ABOUT 250 000 BATHERS USED THE POOL, WITH THE HIGHEST DAILY ATTENDANCE REACHING 5 000 PEOPLE AT THE PEAK OF THE SWIMMING SEASON, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CONTRACT WILL BE FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR TO MARCH 31, 1987.

/TENDER FORMS

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TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON, OR THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS BEFORE 9 AM ON AUGUST 24 (FRIDAY).

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT TELEPHONE 0-753433.

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WATER CUT IN NORTH POINT AND NT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 2) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY FUK YUEN STREET, KING'S ROAD, WING HING STREET, ELECTRIC ROAD, FOOK YUM ROAD, KING WAH ROAD AND OIL STREET.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN PING SHAN AND YUEN LONG WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM ON THURSDAY TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN TIN HA ROAD IN PING SHAN AND AU TAU IN YUEN LONG, INCLUDING POK OI HOSPITAL. ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES ALONG YUNG YUEN ROAD AND TAI TONG ROAD, AS WELL AS THEIR VICINITY.

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WATER FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 80.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 470.352 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 511.363 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 87.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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VISITING MP TOURS PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES
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THE VISITING BRITISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, DR JEREMY BRAY, TODAY SAW FOR HIMSELF THE EVOLUTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG WHEN HE WENT ON A TOUR OF BOTH OLD AND NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (ADMINISTRATION), MISS ELAINE CHUNG, DR BRAY AND HIS WIFE FIRST VISITED TAI HANG TUNG AND SHEK KIP MEI ESTATES WHICH WERE BUILT SOME 30 YEARS AGO AS EMERGENCY HOUSING.

DR BRAY NOTED THAT A MAMMOTH REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME HAD GREATLY TRANSFORMED THE TWO OLDER ESTATES INTO MODERN COMMUNITIES WITH SUFFICIENT BASIC FACILITIES AND UP-TO-DATE LIVING STANDARD.

HE THEN PROCEEDED TO THE MODERN LUNG HANG ESTATE AND THE ADJACENT HOME OWNERSHIP KING TIN COURT IN SHA TIN WHERE HE INSPECTED THE WIDE-RANGING FACILITIES FOR TENANTS AND VISITED A FAMILY.

BEFORE STARTING ON HIS TOUR, DR BRAY WAS GIVEN AN IN-DEPTH BRIEFING AT HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD, ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME.

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