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HIGHER COST OF LIVING IN SEPTEMBER

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES (A) AND (B) FOR SEPTEMBER 1979 WERE BOTH 145, UP ONE POINT AND TWO POINTS RESPECTIVELY WHEN COMPARED WITH THOSE RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE CENTRED 12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE FOR MARCH 1979 WAS 133.8 FOR CPI (A) AND 133.9 FOR CPI (B), EACH BEING 1.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH. WHEN COMPARED WITH THE CENTRED 12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE FOR MARCH A YEAR AGO, THE INCREASES WERE RESPECTIVELY 9.7 PER CENT AND 9.5 PER CENT.

THE CPI (A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI (B), BETWEEN \$1 500 AND \$2 999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973/74.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS IN SEPTEMBER REMAINED STABLE IN CPI (A) AND ROSE BY ONE POINT IN CPI (B).

RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS, RICE AND LIVE POULTRY.

THE COSTS OF MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME ALSO WENT UP AS SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH AND FRESH-WATER FISH DECLINED. MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY THREE POINTS IN CPI (B) AS HIGHER RENT WAS REGISTERED IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

HIGHER CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY PUSHED THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT UP BY TWO POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY THREE POINTS IN CPI (B).

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ADVANCED BY SIX POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND (B), REFLECTING THE FULL IMPACT OF THE RISES IN PRICES OF CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO SINCE AUGUST.

THE ONE-POINT RISE IN THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR IN BOTH CPI (A) AND (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING ITEMS AND CLOTHING MATERIALS.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS WENT UP BY ONE POINT EACH IN CPI (A) AND (B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR WOODEN FURNITURE AND GLASSWARE.

THE SECTION INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1979, COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1978, ARE GIVEN BELOW:-

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SECTION	CPI (A)			CPI (B)		
	SEPT 79	AUG 79	SEPT 78	SEPT 79	AUG 79	SEPT 78
FOODSTUFFS	141	141	123	143	142	124
HOUSING	146	144	132	146	143	131
FUEL AND LIGHT	193	191	134	187	184	133
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	167	161	142	162	156	138
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	112	111	103	110	109	102
DURABLE GOODS	129	128	116	126	125	113
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	147	146	136	145	145	132
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	159	152	124	165	160	127
SERVICES	148	148	139	151	151	140
ALL ITEMS	145	144	126	145	143	127

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GOVERNOR INSPECTS HARBOUR CLEANSING WORK

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TOOK TIME OUT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO INSPECT HARBOUR CLEANSING WORK ABOARD A MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCH.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR. MALCOLM ALEXANDER, SIR MURRAY WENT TO THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER AND SAW A MECHANICAL REFUSE COLLECTION VESSEL, THE +WATER WITCH+ IN OPERATION. LATER HE OBSERVED A NUMBER OF ANTI-OIL POLLUTION VESSELS OF THE DEPARTMENT DEMONSTRATING THEIR CAPABILITIES IN TACKLING OIL SPILLS AS WELL AS HARBOUR CLEANSING WORK NEAR STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

DURING THE TOUR, SIR MURRAY LEARNED OF A PROPOSAL TO MECHANISE TOTALLY THE HARBOUR REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE.

/MR. ALEXANDER

MR. ALEXANDER SAID: +LABOUR AND FUEL COSTS OF THE HARBOUR CLEANSING SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE FROM THIS YEAR'S \$2.6 MILLION TO AN ESTIMATED \$4.2 MILLION IN 1980/81.+ HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE LONG TERM MECHANISATION WOULD NOT ONLY SAVE MONEY, BUT ALSO PROVIDE A MORE EFFICIENT WAY OF COLLECTING MARINE REFUSE.

MR. ALEXANDER ALSO NOTED THAT DUE TO THE RECENT INCREASE IN RECLAMATION WORK AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN URBAN AREAS, THE QUANTITY OF MARINE REFUSE HAD INCREASED, ADDING TO THE HEAVY BURDEN ON THE PRESENT REFUSE COLLECTION SYSTEM.

CURRENTLY, MARINE REFUSE IS COLLECTED BY MEANS OF 12 SMALL FLEET, EACH CONSISTING OF ONE MOTOR CARGO-BOAT AND THREE SAMPANS. THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ALSO HAS TWO MECHANICAL REFUSE COLLECTION VESSELS, THE +WATER WITCH+ AND THE +HARBOUR SWEEPER+ ON TRIAL.

THE +WATER WITCH+ CAN BE DESCRIBED AS A FLOATING BULLDOZER AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE HIGHLY EFFICIENT WHEN OPERATING IN SHELTERED WATERS. HOWEVER ITS EFFICIENCY DEPENDS UPON PROPER REFUSE RECEPTION FACILITIES ON SITE.

THE +HARBOUR SWEEPER+ IS HIRED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT FROM HONG KONG SHIPYARD LTD. IT IS IDEALLY SUITED FOR OPERATION IN OPEN WATERS AS IT IS SELF-SUFFICIENT.

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COUNTRYSIDE AND GRAVEYARD VISITORS
URGED TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS OF FIRE
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THE FIRE SERVICES TODAY (THURSDAY) APPEALED TO VISITORS TO GRAVEYARDS AND THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL TO TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE PRECAUTION TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS OF FIRE.

+IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT DRY SPELL COUPLED WITH LARGE CROWDS FLOCKING TO GRAVEYARDS AND THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE WEEKEND, THE CHANCES FOR FIRE BREAKING OUT ARE VERY HIGH,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT WARNED.

+THEREFORE, THE PUBLIC ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE RISKS OF FIRE TO A MINIMUM,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SMOKERS AND GRAVEYARD-VISITORS SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES WERE PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED BEFORE DISPOSAL, AND THAT ALL LIGHTED CANDLES, JOSS-STICKS AND JOSS-PAPERS WERE PUT OUT BEFORE LEAVING THE AREAS.

MANY HILL FIRES OCCURRED DURING PAST FESTIVALS WERE DUE TO THE CARELESS HANDLING OF CANDLES, JOSS-STICKS AND JOSS-PAPERS, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER OF HILL FIRES SO FAR THIS MONTH HAD NEARLY DOUBLED AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

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+BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND MIDNIGHT LAST (WEDNESDAY) NIGHT, FIREMEN TACKLED A TOTAL OF 603 HILL FIRES COMPARED WITH 308 IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR,+ HE SAID.

MORE THAN HALF OF THE FIRES OCCURRED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE FIRE SERVICES HAVE SO FAR THIS MONTH RESPONDED TO 1 558 FIRE CALLS WHICH WERE 676 MORE THAN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ORGANISES WHO TRAINING COURSE
ON TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENTS
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS ORGANISED THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION'S (WHO) FIRST INTER-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE FOR PHYSICIANS ON THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENT PERSONS TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 30, 1979.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. PETER LEE, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID: +THIS MONTH-LONG TRAINING COURSE IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS PART OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR OVERSEAS PERSONNEL, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM THE ASIAN REGION.

+TWENTY PHYSICIANS FROM EGYPT, AFGHANISTAN, BURMA, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, HONG KONG, INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS INTENSIVE TRAINING COURSE.

+THE HEAD OF THE WHO DRUG DEPENDENCE PROGRAMME, DR. AWNI ARIF AND THE WHO CONSULTANT FOR THE COURSE, PROFESSOR JOSEPH WESTERMAYER WILL ATTEND SOME OF THE SESSIONS.+

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THIS TRAINING COURSE AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON OCTOBER 30 AND THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING ON NOVEMBER 28.

MR. LEE SAID THE FACT THAT HONG KONG WAS THE ORGANISER OF THIS TRAINING COURSE, INDICATED THAT THE WHO RECOGNISED THE EFFORTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS MADE HERE IN ADDICT TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, AND LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE TRAINING COURSE AIMS AT PROVIDING AN IN-DEPTH STUDY INTO THE LATEST ANTI-NARCOTICS TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION POLICIES AND METHODS.

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TOPICS FOR THE TRAINING COURSE WILL INCLUDE THE MEDICAL, BEHAVIOURAL AND SOCIAL TREATMENT OF DRUG DEPENDENCE, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY INTERVENTIONS, PREVENTIVE EDUCATION, LEGISLATION AND TRAINING SKILLS.

MR. LEE SAID: +PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HONG KONG'S MULTI-MODALITY TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES AND TO DISCUSS THEM WITH THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND STAFF OF THE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED.

+THE TRAINING COURSE WILL BE OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD-WIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND WE HOPE IT WILL LEAD TO A STIMULATING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND IDEAS BETWEEN HONG KONG EXPERTS AND THOSE OF THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE COURSE.+

MR. LEE REITERATED THAT ALL THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT HONG KONG IS CONTAINING ITS DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM AND HAS MADE STEADY INROADS IN PREVENTING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM EXPERIMENTATION WITH DRUGS.

+SUCCESSSES IN ANTI-NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAVE KEPT THE STREET PRICES OF DRUG AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH AND IT NOW COSTS AN ADDICT \$150-250 A DAY TO SATISFY HIS ADDICTION. THIS EFFECTIVELY PRICES MOST ADDICTS OUT OF THE MARKET, AND IS A POWERFUL INDUCEMENT TO THEM TO SEEK TREATMENT.

+THE NUMBER OF ADDICTS ATTENDING TREATMENT FACILITIES AND ON AFTERCARE DAILY HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER AND SUSTAINED PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES HAVE HELPED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF NEW RECRUITS TO DRUG ABUSE,+ MR. LEE SAID.

HONG KONG HAS AN ESTIMATED 35 000 TO 50 000 DRUG ADDICTS OF WHOM LESS THAN FOUR PER CENT ARE UNDER 20 YEARS OF AGE.

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TALKS WITH EEC ON SUSPENDED TEXTILE ITEMS

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FOLLOWING THREE DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS, TALKS ON THE EEC'S REQUEST FOR RESTRAINT BY HONG KONG ON THE EXPORT OF TEXTILE CATEGORIES 68 (BABIES' KNITTED UNDERGARMENT) AND 82 (KNITTED UNDERGARMENTS OF WOOL AND REGENERATED FIBRES) WERE INCONCLUSIVE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+HOWEVER, A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE OF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN RESPECT OF CATEGORY 109 (SAILS),+ HE SAID.

BOTH SIDES ARE NOW REPORTING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES, WITH A VIEW TO RESUMING TALKS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WAS LED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (COMMERCIAL RELATIONS) EEC, MR. P.K. KIANG, AND THE EEC COMMISSION WAS REPRESENTED BY MR. G. BOISON.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES INCREASED

THE ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES WILL BE INCREASED FROM 8.04 PER CENT TO 8.4 PER CENT, TAX FREE, AS FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE INCREASE HAS BEEN AUTHORISED BY THE GOVERNOR AND NOTIFICATION WILL BE MADE IN TOMORROW'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE 70 CENTS A MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETED MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID IN CASH.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 26, 1979.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 4, 1979, AND BEFORE OCTOBER 26, 1979, WHEN THE RATE WAS 8.04 PER CENT WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AT THAT RATE.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 19, 1975 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 17, 1977, WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AT 4.2 PER CENT.

THOSE ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 17, 1977 AND BEFORE SEPTEMBER 22, 1978 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AT THREE PER CENT- THOSE ISSUED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 22, 1978 AND BEFORE NOVEMBER 24, 1978 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AT 3.24 PER CENT- THOSE ISSUED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 24, 1978 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 16, 1979 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AT 5.04 PER CENT AND THOSE ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 16, 1979 AND BEFORE MAY 4, 1979 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AT 5.76 PER CENT, BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETED MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE

\$1 000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON OCTOBER 27, 1979, NOVEMBER 27, 1979 AND DECEMBER 27, 1979 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDERED IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON JANUARY 26, 1980, WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:-

ON \$1 000, OCTOBER 27, 1979 TO JANUARY 26, 1980, 3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$7 PER MONTH	= \$21.00
ON \$1 000, NOVEMBER 27, 1979 TO JANUARY 26, 1980, 2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$7 PER MONTH	= \$14.00
ON \$1 000 DECEMBER 27, 1979 TO JANUARY 26, 1980, 1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$7 PER MONTH	= \$ 7.00

INTEREST ACCRUED	\$42.00

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MPS TO GIVE PRESS CONFERENCE

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THREE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MR. IAN WRIGGLESWORTH, MR. TED ROWLANDS AND MR. CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, NOW VISITING HONG KONG, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE GIS THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AT 5.15 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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

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CROWN LAND LOTS FOR SALE

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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON NOVEMBER 26 AT 2.30 P.M.

TWO OF THE SITES, FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES, ARE AT CHAI WAN. ONE IS OFF SUN YIP STREET AND MEASURES ABOUT 1 400 SQUARE METRES.. THE OTHER IS AT KUT SHING STREET, MEASURING 479 SQUARE METRES.

THE REMAINING TWO LOTS ARE FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES. ONE OF THEM IS LOCATED AT 43 STATION LANE, HUNG HOM, WITH AN AREA OF 75 SQUARE METRES. THE OTHER, MEASURING 95.5 SQUARE METRES, IS AT 2A NEW STREET, SHEUNG WAN.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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TICD STAFF SAY FAREWELL TO DIRECTOR

THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING SAID FAREWELL TO MR. DAVID JORDAN, WHO HAS BEEN THEIR DIRECTOR FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS.

MR. JORDAN WILL BE RETIRING THIS WEEKEND AFTER 28 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN HONG KONG.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL, MR. P.C. LEUNG, ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES, PRESENTED MR. JORDAN WITH A GIFT.

IN RETURN, MR. JORDAN DONATED A SILVER CUP WHICH WILL BE AWARDED TO THE ANNUAL WINNER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT. THE CUP WAS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WELFARE, SOCIAL AND SPORTS FUND COMMITTEE, MRS. NANCY HUI.

DURING THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR. LEUNG SAID THAT IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS THE STAFF HAD WITNESSED A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

THESE WERE THE MOVING TO NEW OFFICE PREMISES FROM THE CENTRAL FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING- AN INCREASE IN STAFF THAT NOT ONLY HELPED TO LESSEN THE EVER-INCREASING WORKLOAD, BUT ALSO IMPROVED PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES SO ENHANCING STAFF MORALE- AND THE RESTRUCTURING INTO THREE SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS.

ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES, MR. LEUNG THANKED MR. JORDAN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.

IN REPLY, MR. JORDAN SAID THAT THE STAFF INCREASE DID NOT REALLY EASE THE WORKLOAD, BUT PREVENTED IT FROM GETTING COMPLETELY OUT OF HAND.

+THE FIGURES SHOW THAT THEY HAVE COPEd WITH AN INCREASE IN WORK MUCH GREATER THAN THE INCREASE IN STAFF NUMBERS AND I BELIEVE THEY HAVE SERVED HONG KONG WELL,+ HE SAID.

+CERTAINLY THAT'S HOW IT SEEMS FROM WHAT PEOPLE WRITE AND SAY TO ME ABOUT THE QUICK, COURTEOUS, HELPFUL ATTENTION TO THEIR BUSINESS AND THEIR DIFFICULTIES GIVEN BY STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT AT ALL LEVELS. I THINK THIS IS ALL THE MORE PRAISEWORTHY BECAUSE I KNOW SOMETHING OF THE RELENTLESS PRESSURE THEY'VE BEEN WORKING UNDER,+ MR. JORDAN SAID.

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EMPLOYEES REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED FOR LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD
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THREE TRADE UNION MEMBERS WERE ELECTED TODAY (THURSDAY) AS EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1980.

THEY ARE MR. CHAN YUN-CHE OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MOTOR CAR DRIVERS GENERAL UNION, MR. LEE SHING-CHU OF HONG KONG STEVEDORES UNION (CHAP YIN), AND MR. AU YEUNG MING OF AMALGAMATED UNION OF SEAFARERS, HONG KONG.

THE ELECTION - HELD BY SECRET BALLOT AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY - WAS SUPERVISED BY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD IS A NON-STATUTORY BODY WHICH ADVISES THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON MATTERS AFFECTING LABOUR, INCLUDING LEGISLATION AND INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. IT COMPRISES SIX EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES AND SIX EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES, WITH THE COMMISSIONER AS CHAIRMAN.

THREE OF THE EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED BY REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' UNIONS AND THREE ARE SELECTED FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.

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IMPORTANCE OF MORAL EDUCATION STRESSED
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) MORAL EDUCATION IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO A SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPIL.

HE SAID THIS IN A SPEECH DELIVERED IN CANTONESE AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE HOI PING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HO MAN TIN.

+UNDER THE CAREFUL GUIDANCE OF THE TEACHERS, STUDENTS CAN DISTINGUISH THE RIGHT FROM THE WRONG, THE GOOD FROM THE EVIL AND THE BEAUTIFUL FROM THE UGLY.

+IN THIS WAY, THEY CAN HAVE THE STRONG WILL TO RESIST TEMPTATION AND TO STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

HE QUOTED AN OLD CHINESE SAYING ON EDUCATION THAT +TO EDUCATE A PERSON IS JUST LIKE THE CARING OF A TREE.+

TEACHERS AND PARENTS ALIKE HAVE TO THINK OF DIFFERENT WAYS TO LOOK AFTER THE GROWTH OF A PUPIL AT DIFFERENT STAGES, MR. TOPLEY SAID.

/+THE DUTY

+THE DUTY OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER IS NOT ONLY RESTRICTED TO INSTILLING KNOWLEDGE BUT THEY SHOULD ALSO TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE PUPILS, HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THEMSELVES, AND TO FAMILIARISE THEM WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

STUDENTS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SO THAT THEY COULD EXPERIENCE HOW TO CO-OPERATE WITH OTHERS AND TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALS, HE ADDED.

MR. TOPLEY ALSO COMMENDED THE HOI PING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY SERVICES.

+IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, THE CHAMBER HAS MADE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION IN BUILDING SCHOOLS AND EDUCATING THE YOUNG,+ HE SAID.

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SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT INFLUENCES PUPILS PERFORMANCE

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THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND ITS FACILITIES, THE CURRICULUM AND THE TEACHING STAFF ARE THE THREE FACTORS WHICH COMBINE TO CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT OF A SCHOOL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. ROBERT CAMERON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF LA SALLE COLLEGE, HE CITED FINDINGS BY LONDON RESEARCHERS THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OF A SCHOOL IS THE MAIN FACTOR INFLUENCING PUPILS' PERFORMANCES.

OF THE THREE, MR. CAMERON SAID, THE TEACHING STAFF IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR.

+IT WILL BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO THE TEACHING STAFF IF THEY HAVE FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT WITH WHICH TO WORK,+ HE SAID.

BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IS HOW THESE FACILITIES ARE USED AND HOW THE SYLLABUS IS TAUGHT.

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SYLLABUS, MR. CAMERON SAID, WE MUST NOT LIMIT OURSELVES TO THE FORMAL CURRICULUM OF WHAT IS TAUGHT IN THE CLASSROOM.

+WE MUST NOT FORGET THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM WHICH CONSISTS OF THE PROGRAMME OF WHAT I PREFER TO CALL 'EXTRA-CLASSROOM' RATHER THAN 'EXTRA-CURRICULAR' ACTIVITIES, AND THE VALUES IMPLICIT IN THE CORPORATE LIFE, IN THE SOCIETY CREATED WITHIN THE SCHOOL,+ MR. CAMERON SAID.

IT IS THIS +HIDDEN+ CURRICULUM WHICH DEPENDED SO MUCH ON THE QUALITY OF THE TEACHERS, HE SAID.

WITHOUT THEIR SKILLS, ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT THERE CAN BE NO HEALTHY, NOURISHING ENVIRONMENT IN A SCHOOL.

+AT THE VERY CORE OF THE EDUCATION PROCESS IS THE CONTACT BETWEEN TEACHERS AND PUPILS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE MUST NEVER FORGET IN OUR EDUCATIONAL PLANNING,+ MR. CAMERON SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICERS
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 27) AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE PARADE GROUND IN STANLEY.

SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR. MARTIN ROWLANDS, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT GOLDEN WHISTLES TO TWO BEST RECRUITS.

THERE WILL BE NINE OFFICERS AND 68 ASSISTANT OFFICERS TAKING PART IN THE PARADE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PARADE AT 10 A.M. ON THAT DAY.

TRANSPORT FOR THE NEWS MEDIA WILL BE PROVIDED. IT WILL LEAVE GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 9.15 A.M. SHARP.

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PRE-WAR BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (THURSDAY) DECLARED TWO PRE-WAR BUILDINGS IN SHAM SHUI PO AND KOWLOON CITY TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

THEY ARE NO. 102 FUK WA STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, AND NO. 36 SOUTH WALL ROAD, KOWLOON CITY.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS OF THE TWO BUILDINGS IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 22 WERE POSTED TODAY.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THE THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING IN FUK WA STREET HAD RECENTLY BEEN INSPECTED FOLLOWING A GENERAL ROUTINE SURVEY OF BUILDINGS IN THE AREA.

+THE BUILDING WAS FOUND TO BE IN A VERY POOR CONDITION. IN PARTICULAR THE REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENTS WERE SEVERELY DEFECTIVE IN MANY PLACES AND PARTS OF THE STRUCTURE APPEARED TO BE CLOSE TO COLLAPSE. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING,+ HE SAID.

REGARDING THE BUILDING AT SOUTH WALL ROAD, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THE THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING HAD BEEN UNDER REGULAR OBSERVATION SINCE 1974.

+RECENT INSPECTIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT SERIOUS SETTLEMENT AND OUTWARD MOVEMENT OF THE EXPOSED PARTY WALL HAS OCCURRED. AS THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING,+ HE SAID.

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RE-OPENING OF SHA TIN DUMP

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE PUBLIC DUMP AT AREA 14J TO THE NORTH OF THE SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL, WHICH WAS CLOSED ON MONDAY, WILL BE TEMPORARILY RE-OPENED FROM TOMORROW FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO ALLOW THE COMPLETION OF FILLING IN THE AREA.

DUMPING PERMITS ALREADY ISSUED FOR DUMPS IN SHA TIN WILL REMAIN VALID FOR DUMPING IN AREA 14J.

HOWEVER, ONLY APPROVED SOFT EARTH AND STONE UP TO 225 MM IN SIZE, PROVIDING IT IS WELL MIXED WITH EARTH, WILL BE ACCEPTED.

LARGE STONE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED AT SPECIAL SITES IN AREAS 11 AND 51, BOTH SITUATED AT THE SOUTH OF SHING MUN ROAD CHANNEL.

VEHICLES WITHOUT DUMPING PERMITS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO DISCARD MATERIAL IN AREA 14J.

DUMPING PERMITS MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE ON WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE PROJECT MANAGER (SHA TIN).

EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER, THE ORIGIN, TYPE AND APPROXIMATE QUANTITY OF MATERIALS TO BE DUMPED AND THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR A PARTICULAR JOB.

DUMPING WILL BE ALLOWED BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 6 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS, EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ALL DUMPING MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE DUMP SUPERVISOR.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE:-

- * HUNG TO ROAD IS RE-ROUTED ONE WAY SOUTHEASTBOUND FROM LAI YIP STREET TO HOI YUEN ROAD-
- * CHONG YIP STREET IS RE-ROUTED ONE WAY WESTBOUND FROM HOW MING STREET TO HUNG TO ROAD-
- * THE SERVICE LANE BETWEEN CHONG YIP STREET AND HUNG TO ROAD IS RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHWESTBOUND FROM HOW MING STREET TO CHONG YIP STREET-
- * HOW MING STREET IS RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHEASTBOUND FROM HUNG TO ROAD TO CHONG YIP STREET- AND
- * HOW MING STREET IS RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHWESTBOUND FROM HOI YUEN ROAD TO CHONG YIP STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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