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MONEY AND BANKING FIGURES FOR JULY

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THE MONEY SUPPLY AND BANKING FIGURES FOR JULY 1979 ARE PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY).

THEY SHOW THAT THE MONEY SUPPLY, ON ALL THREE DEFINITIONS, GREW LESS FAST IN JULY THAN IN JUNE, WHILE LOANS AND ADVANCES BY BANKS ROSE SLIGHTLY FASTER THAN IN JUNE, THOUGH THE LONGER-TERM RATE OF GROWTH IS STILL FALLING.

SINCE THE END OF JULY INTEREST RATES HAVE AGAIN BEEN RAISED, WHICH SHOULD FURTHER REDUCE THE RATE OF GROWTH OF LOANS AND ADVANCES.

MONEY SUPPLY

M 1, WHICH HAS BEEN MOVING VERY ERRATICALLY RECENTLY, ROSE BY 1.9 PER CENT, AGAINST 3.7 PER CENT IN JUNE.

M 2 ROSE BY 2.0 PER CENT, AGAINST 2.9 PER CENT IN JUNE- IT ROSE IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 23 PER CENT.

M 3 ROSE BY 1.8 PER CENT IN JULY, AGAINST 2.1 PER CENT IN JUNE, AND HAS RISEN IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF NEARLY 26 PER CENT.

THE RELATIVELY SHARP RISE OF 3.6 PER CENT IN DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH BANKS MAY REFLECT THE ACTIVE STOCK MARKET AT THE END OF JULY, AND REPORTED INFLOWS OF INVESTMENT FUNDS FROM OVERSEAS.

BANKING FIGURES

BANK LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 3.1 PER CENT IN JULY, AGAINST 2.8 PER CENT IN JUNE. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS THEY HAVE RISEN BY 6.9 PER CENT, THE LOWEST THREE-MONTHLY INCREASE SINCE OCTOBER 1977. THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO AN ANNUAL RATE OF 31 PER CENT, WHICH IS MUCH LOWER THAN THE 46 PER CENT INCREASE SHOWN FROM JULY 1978 TO JULY 1979.

BANKS' LENDING OVERSEAS, WHICH FELL BACK IN THE MIDDLE OF 1978, BUT HAS BEEN RISING IN RECENT MONTHS, GREW AGAIN IN JULY TO A RECORD LEVEL OF \$20 261 MILLION (\$19 066 MILLION).

BANKS' AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO ROSE FURTHER FROM 48.8 PER CENT TO 49.2 PER CENT, AND THE RATIO OF LOANS IN HONG KONG TO DEPOSITS ALSO ROSE, FROM 84.1 PER CENT TO 84.6 PER CENT.

DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY FIGURES

LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 2.4 PER CENT IN JULY, DOWN FROM 3.2 PER CENT IN JUNE.

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LOANS AND ADVANCES BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TOGETHER ROSE BY 2.9 PER CENT IN JULY, AGAINST 1.7 PER CENT IN JUNE, AND IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS ROSE AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 27 PER CENT.

THE DETAILED FIGURES, AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>IN \$MILLION</u>	<u>INCREASES OVER EARLIER MONTHS</u>		
	<u>JULY 1979</u>	<u>JUNE 1979</u>	<u>APRIL 1979</u>	<u>JULY 1978</u>
M 1	24 769	+ 466 (1.9%)	+1 414 (6.1%)	+ 4 726 (23.6%)
M 2	82 536	+1 608 (2.0%)	+4 160 (5.3%)	+14 929 (22.1%)
M 3	86 877	+1 521 (1.8%)	+4 844 (5.9%)	*
<u>BANKS -</u>				
DEPOSITS	75 941	+1 769 (2.4%)	+4 225 (5.9%)	+14 269 (23.1%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	64 268	+1 910 (3.1%)	+4 152 (6.9%)	+20 275 (46.1%)
<u>DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES -</u>				
DEPOSITS	18 835	+ 980 (5.5%)	+3 473 (22.6%)	*
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	11 213	+ 268 (2.4%)	+ 785 (7.5%)	*
<u>BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES -</u>				
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	66 103	+1 874 (2.9%)	+ 3 801 (6.1%)	*

(THE ASTERISK DENOTES THAT FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE EARLIER THAN DECEMBER 1979.)

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EXPANSION OF METHADONE TREATMENT FACILITIES PROPOSED

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT FURTHER EXPAND THE METHADONE TREATMENT PROGRAMME, INCREASE PUBLICITY ABOUT THE HELP THE PROGRAMME CAN GIVE TO ADDICTS, AND REPROVISION A GOVERNMENT LABORATORY SO THAT INCREASED URINE TESTS CAN BE UNDERTAKEN FOR METHADONE PATIENTS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. PETER LEE, TODAY (MONDAY) SAID: +URGENT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AT AN EARLY DATE SO THAT IMPROVED TREATMENT FACILITIES CAN BE PROVIDED FOR DRUG ADDICTS.

+SUCCESSSES ACHIEVED BY BOTH HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, COMBINED WITH A DROUGHT IN THE OPIUM-GROWING AREAS OF THE +GOLDEN TRIANGLE+, HAVE PUSHED UP THE PRICE OF HEROIN TO ABOUT FIVE TIMES WHAT IT WAS AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE. IT NOW COSTS AN ADDICT OVER \$200 A DAY TO MAINTAIN HIS ADDICTION, AND EVEN AT THAT PRICE, HEROIN IS VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.

+CURRENTLY, THERE ARE RECORD DAILY ATTENDANCE AT ALL 20 METHADONE CENTRES, AS WELL AS AT THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (S.A.R.D.A.). THE HEROIN FAMINE AND THE RISING COSTS OF ADDICTION HAVE ALSO SURFACED ABOUT 1 000 ADDICTS WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN KNOWN TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ADDICTS.+

THE RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH WERE ENDORSED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF A.C.A.N. HELD ON AUGUST 22, ARE:-

- \* THE NEED FOR MORE METHADONE CENTRES IN THE EAST KOWLOON AREA TO RELIEVE SOME OF THE WORKLOAD OF THE SIR ROBERT BLACK CLINIC WHICH RECEIVES ON AVERAGE 2 200 PATIENTS A DAY AND TO COPE WITH A POSSIBLE INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR TREATMENT IN THAT AREA IN FUTURE, SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT-
- \* NEW METHADONE CENTRES AT SAI KUNG, SHA TIN AND TAI PO SHOULD BE OPENED AS SOON AS STAFF AND ACCOMMODATION ARE AVAILABLE-
- \* ADDITIONAL STAFF SHOULD BE DEPLOYED IN ALL METHADONE CENTRES SHOULD DEMAND CONTINUE TO INCREASE-
- \* THE EXPANSION OF SELECTED EVENING METHADONE CENTRES TO FULL-DAY CENTRES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED-
- \* THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT URINE-TESTING LABORATORY AT EASTERN STREET, HONG KONG, WHERE ONLY 70 TESTS A DAY CAN BE DONE, SHOULD BE RELOCATED IN THE HOMANTIN METHADONE CLINIC WHERE 420 TESTS FOR METHADONE PATIENTS COULD BE DONE EACH DAY- AND
- \* PUBLICITY ON FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE METHADONE CENTRES SHOULD BE INCREASED SO AS TO ENCOURAGE MORE DRUG ADDICTS TO COME FORWARD FOR TREATMENT.

/MR. LEE .....

MR. LEE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ATTENDANCE AT ALL 20 METHADONE CENTRES HAD INCREASED RAPIDLY SINCE JUNE THIS YEAR, THERE IS STILL SPARE CAPACITY IN MOST OF THEM, EXCEPT THE VIOLET PEEL CLINIC (WAN CHAI), SIR ROBERT BLACK CLINIC (SAN PO KONG), EASTERN STREET CLINIC (WESTERN) AND LADY TRENCH CLINIC (TSUEN WAN).

+THE A.C.A.N. IS SATISFIED THAT ALL METHADONE PATIENTS ARE HANDLED EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY AND THAT NO ADDICT HAS BEEN TURNED AWAY. ABOUT 8 000 PATIENTS ATTEND THE METHADONE CENTRES PER DAY, AS OPPOSED TO 5 000 DAILY IN JUNE, AN INCREASE OF OVER 60 PER CENT IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

+THE A.C.A.N. ALSO WELCOMED THE EXPANSION BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF TWO METHADONE CENTRES IN KOWLOON (LI PO CHUN IN ARRAN STREET AND SHAM SHUI PO PUBLIC DISPENSARY IN YEE KUK STREET) TO FULL-DAY CENTRES FROM AUGUST 20 THIS YEAR, AND CONSIDERS THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND IN THE NORTH-WEST KOWLOON AREA,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT ADEQUATE URINE ANALYSIS FACILITIES ARE VITAL FOR THE EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE METHADONE TREATMENT PROGRAMME. +THE A.C.A.N. CONSIDERED THAT THE URINE TESTING FACILITIES AT THE EXISTING LABORATORY IN EASTERN STREET ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE INADEQUATE.

+SINCE ACCOMMODATION AND TRAINED STAFF FOR THE NEW PROJECT IN HOMANTIN ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE, THE A.C.A.N. CONSIDERED THAT FUNDS SHOULD BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY FOR THE FITTING-OUT OF THE NEW LABORATORY, AND THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT.+

AT ITS EXTRAORDINARY MEETING LAST MONTH, THE A.C.A.N. ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE AUTHORISED INTAKE OF PATIENTS AT S.A.R.D.A.'S SHEK KWU CHAU TREATMENT CENTRE SHOULD BE INCREASED, THAT COOPERATION FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO REPORT ADDICTS TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY SHOULD BE SOUGHT, AND THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF RESEARCH INTO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DRUG ADDICTION AND CRIME SHOULD BE FURTHER CONSIDERED.

THE A.C.A.N., MR. LEE SAID, RECOMMENDED THAT THE APPROVED ACCOMMODATION OF THE SHEK KWU CHAU TREATMENT CENTRE SHOULD BE INCREASED FROM 500 TO 600 FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR SUBJECT TO REVIEW.

COOPERATION FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS IN REPORTING ADDICTS TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY WOULD STILL FURTHER IMPROVE THE EXISTING DATA-BASE ON DRUG ADDICTS, HE SAID, AND THUS ENSURE EVEN MORE ACCURATE AND COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION TO POLICY-MAKERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMMES. MR. LEE EMPHASISED THAT ALL INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY FROM ALL REPORTING SOURCES IS TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL.

FURTHER RESEARCH INTO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DRUG ADDICTION AND CRIME IS ALSO BEING DISCUSSED BY THOSE INVOLVED, MR. LEE SAID.

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RECRUITMENT OF TRAINED DISPENSERS  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) BEGAN A RECRUITMENT EXERCISE FOR TRAINED DISPENSERS TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE DISPENSING SERVICE IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

THIS FOLLOWED RECENT APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUESTS FOR THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL DISPENSER POSTS TO AUGMENT THE EXISTING ESTABLISHMENT OF 230 STAFF IN THE DISPENSER GRADE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT STRESSED THAT THE PRESENT RECRUITMENT EXERCISE HAD NOT COME ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL STAFF ASSOCIATION THREATENING TO TAKE INDUSTRIAL ACTION OVER BETTER PAY AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL DISPENSER POSTS HAD BEEN MADE SOME MONTHS AGO AND OVER A PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH REGULAR STAFF REVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED TO IDENTIFY THE AREAS OF NEED FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF AND EXPANSION.

+IT IS OUR POLICY TO CONSTANTLY REVIEW THE STAFF SITUATION THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT, TO IDENTIFY THE AREAS OF PRIORITY AND TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS FOR REQUESTING ADDITIONAL POSTS WHERE NECESSARY,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PRESENT RECRUITMENT EXERCISE FOR DISPENSERS WOULD MEAN AN ALMOST IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT IN THE STAFFING SITUATION IN THE DISPENSARIES OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

+IN THE LIGHT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, IT IS HOPED THAT THE ASSOCIATION WILL REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD ONLY CAUSE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC,+ HE URGED.

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GOVERNOR OPENS COMMONWEALTH  
CONFERENCE OF COMPANY ADMINISTRATORS  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATORS WAS AN EVENT OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE AND PRAISED THE INSTITUTE FOR ENCOURAGING HIGH STANDARDS OF ADMINISTRATION.

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE OF COMPANY ADMINISTRATORS IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 400 DELEGATES.

+THE INSTITUTE REPRESENTS A HIGHLY AUTHORITATIVE BODY OF EXPERTISE, AND PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENCOURAGING HIGH STANDARDS OF ADMINISTRATION,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE GOVERNOR:

+IT IS MY PLEASANT TASK TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS CONVENTION, WHICH IS AN EVENT OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. IT IS THE FIRST COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE OF COMPANY ADMINISTRATORS, WITH SOME 400 DELEGATES COMING FROM ALL OVER THE COMMONWEALTH- IT IS ALSO ONE OF THE LARGEST CONFERENCES EVER HOSTED IN HONG KONG BY A PROFESSIONAL BODY.

+THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATORS IS THE LEADING PROFESSIONAL BODY FOR COMPANY ADMINISTRATORS IN THE COMMONWEALTH. ITS MEMBERS COME FROM ALL FIELDS OF ADMINISTRATION, AND INCLUDE SOME FROM THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE INSTITUTE THEREFORE REPRESENTS A HIGHLY AUTHORITATIVE BODY OF EXPERTISE, AND PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENCOURAGING HIGH STANDARDS OF ADMINISTRATION.

+ANY ORGANISED ENTERPRISE CAN VARY BETWEEN THE WORST AND THE BEST, INCOMPETENCE AND EFFICIENCY, FRUSTRATION AND SATISFACTION, DESPAIR AND HAPPINESS, FAILURE AND SUCCESS. YOUR CHOSEN DISCIPLINE OF ADMINISTRATION IS NOT THE ONLY FACTOR, BUT IS OFTEN THE PRINCIPAL VARIANT THAT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN HUMAN AFFAIRS. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FIELD AND OF ITS DISCIPLINES AND TECHNIQUES HAS ONLY BEEN RECOGNISED COMPARATIVELY RECENTLY. BUT ITS POWER TO INFLUENCE THE DAILY LIVES AND FORTUNES OF INNUMERABLE PEOPLE IS IMMENSE.

+I THEREFORE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS, AND I ALSO WISH YOU A PLEASANT STAY IN HONG KONG, AND HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING THE CONVENTION OPEN.+

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STUDENTS URGED TO APPLY EARLY  
FOR STUDY IN UK  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS WISHING TO ENTER COLLEGES OF FURTHER EDUCATION AND POLYTECHNICS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE 1980 ACADEMIC YEAR WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID: +APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS SHOULD REACH THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION BEFORE JUNE 30.+

HOWEVER, SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO SPECIFIC APPLICATION DEADLINES REQUIRED BY CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN POLYTECHNICS WHICH COULD BE AS EARLY AS MARCH, HE ADDED.

+LATE APPLICATIONS WILL USUALLY NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS THE STUDENT CONCERNED CAN PRODUCE EVIDENCE THAT THE COLLEGE CONCERNED IS STILL WILLING TO CONSIDER HIS APPLICATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, APPLICANTS ON +SANDWICH+ COURSES OFFERED BY POLYTECHNICS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE THE PRACTICAL TRAINING PART OF THE COURSE ARRANGED BEFORE LEAVING HONG KONG.

SANDWICH COURSES INVOLVE ATTENDING CLASSES AT THE POLYTECHNIC AND ALSO PRACTICAL TRAINING AT FACTORIES OR OTHER INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES.

+MOREOVER, STUDENTS SHOULD NOTE THAT INDUSTRIAL SPONSORSHIP IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE AND THEY ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR FULL-TIME COURSES RATHER THAN SANDWICH COURSES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT (PRIVATE) SCHOOLS IN BRITAIN, EARLY APPLICATION IS ADVISABLE, PREFERABLY ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE.

APPLICATIONS TO PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS SHOULD BE MADE BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS DIRECT TO THE SCHOOLS. THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE STUDENT ADVISER, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON DO NOT UNDERTAKE TO PLACE BOYS AND GIRLS IN THESE SCHOOLS IN BRITAIN.

+HOWEVER, STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS MAY OBTAIN GENERAL INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON THESE SCHOOLS FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WITH REGARD TO APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO A BRITISH UNIVERSITY, APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE UNIVERSITIES CENTRAL COUNCIL ON ADMISSION (U.C.C.A.) IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

U.C.C.A. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION FROM EARLY SEPTEMBER EACH YEAR. APPLICANTS SHOULD RETURN THESE COMPLETED FORMS BY THEMSELVES TO U.C.C.A. BEFORE OCTOBER 15 FOR THOSE INCLUDING OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE AMONG THE UNIVERSITY ENTRIES- OR DECEMBER 15 FOR THOSE NOT INCLUDING OXFORD OR CAMBRIDGE.

TURNING TO EXPENSES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +STUDENTS PROCEEDING TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TO STUDY SHOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO MEET ALL EXPENSES BECAUSE OVERSEAS STUDENTS THERE CANNOT OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR STUDENTS TO WORK THEIR WAY THROUGH COLLEGE.+

THE COST OF LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IS HIGH, AND THE ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A STUDENT ARE IN THE REGION OF 3 000 POUNDS, HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS OVER THE AGE OF 18 MAY APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION IN THE HONG KONG STUDENTS CENTRE IN LONDON AND THIS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

STUDENTS WISHING TO APPLY FOR A PLACE IN THE CENTRE AND WHO WISH TO OBTAIN HELP AND ADVICE OF THE STUDENT ADVISER OR THE BRITISH COUNCIL DURING THEIR STAY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM SHOULD COMPLETE ALL FORMALITIES WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE.

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SAI KUNG'S FIRST COMMUNITY-SPONSORED GRAMMAR SCHOOL OPENS

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THE FIRST SUBSIDISED ANGLO-CHINESE GRAMMAR SCHOOL TO BE SPONSORED AND ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMUNITIES OF SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU WAS OPENED TODAY (MONDAY).

AN OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL OF SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU DISTRICTS WAS HELD AT THE SENG KUNG WUI YAT SHAU PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM WHERE THE NEW SCHOOL WILL OPERATE UNTIL ITS OWN BUILDING IS COMPLETED AT A SITE NEAR THE JUNCTION OF THE CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND HIRAM'S HIGHWAY. THE BUILDINGS, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WILL BE READY IN A YEAR'S TIME.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL, MRS. ANITA CHAM FOK PO-CHUN= MR. CHENG CHEK-CHEE, A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE SAI KUNG COMMUNITY WHO DONATED \$1.1 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL= MR. YAU KEI, CHAIRMAN OF THE HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS= AND MR. MICHAEL STONE, ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER OF SAI KUNG.

A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WAS PRESENTED TO MR. YAU BY MR. STONE.

IN A SPEECH TO THE GATHERING, MRS. CHAM SAID SHE HOPED THE SCHOOL WOULD BECOME A CULTURAL CENTRE IN THE DISTRICT WHERE CHINESE, WESTERN, RURAL AND URBAN INFLUENCES COULD INTERMINGLE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE STUDENTS.

SHE NOTED THAT THE DISTRICT WAS BEING RAPIDLY DEVELOPED AS AN IMPORTANT RESIDENTIAL AND RECREATIONAL REGION OF HONG KONG.

THE SCHOOL WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED WILL BE ABLE TO ADMIT 1 350 PUPILS IN FORMS I - VI.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SCHOOL'S OPENING WAS MR. STONE. HE SAID THE LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL WAS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

+TO SERVE BOTH HANG HAU AND SAI KUNG, IT HAD TO BE CONVENIENTLY PLACED SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE TWO TOWNS AND FINDING SUCH AN IDEAL SITE WAS SOMETHING OF A MIRACLE.

+IT IS ALSO VERY SCENIC, SURROUNDED BY OPEN COUNTRYSIDE AND COMMANDING A FINE VIEW OF THE HO CHUNG VALLEY - SUCH A SETTING IS UNUSUAL FOR A SCHOOL IN HONG KONG,+ MR. STONE SAID.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$11.1 MILLION.

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HK YOUTH ORCHESTRAS FLYING HOME  
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THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 5) AFTER A SUCCESSFUL 40-DAY TOUR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

LED BY MR. GORDON SIU, THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR AND MR. THOMAS WANG, SENIOR TRAINING OFFICER OF THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, THE TWO ORCHESTRA VISITED 10 CITIES IN THE U.K. AND GAVE 19 CONCERTS.

ON THEIR ARRIVAL ON WEDNESDAY, MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRAS WILL MEET THE PRESS AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE GIVEN BY THE TWO HONG KONG YOUTH ORCHESTRAS AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 5). THE ORCHESTRAS ARE DUE TO ARRIVE BY FLIGHT BA 21, ETA 4.55 P.M.

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PRISONS DEPT HELPS TO RESTORE TUNG CHUNG FORT  
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IS ASSISTING IN THE RESTORATION OF TUNG CHUNG FORT ON THE NORTH COAST OF LANTAU ISLAND - ONE OF HONG KONG'S MAIN TOURIST ATTRACTIONS FOR DECADES - BY PROVIDING PRISON LABOUR.

THE FORT WAS DESIGNATED A MONUMENT UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENT ORDINANCE ON AUGUST 24 THIS YEAR.

A WORKING PARTY, COMPRISING 20 PRISONERS FROM TONG FUK CENTRE, STARTED WORK ON THE FORT ON AUGUST 7 BY CLEARING THE UNDERGROWTH AROUND THE FORT'S WALL. THEY WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE ACTUAL RESTORATION WORK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THIS EFFORT WAS PART OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIES' CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY. OTHER COMMUNITY PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT INCLUDED CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS, BEACH CLEANING, BUILDING WORK, GRASS CUTTING AND AFFORESTATION.

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WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN ABERDEEN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, AND TIN WAN STREET, INCLUDING YUE LEI STREET, YUE WOK STREET, KA WO STREET, TANG FUNG STREET AND ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET.