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NEW OIL OFFICIALS STRESS NEED TO SAVE FUEL

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THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR. DEREK JONES, TODAY APPEALED FOR CONTINUED VOLUNTARY SAVINGS IN THE USE OF ELECTRICITY.

MR. JONES SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF FUEL OIL SUPPLIES TO HONG KONG WAS UNCERTAIN ENOUGH TO WARRANT THIS APPEAL.

+IF WE ARE TO GET THROUGH THIS SUMMER WITHOUT REDUCING OUR STOCKS OF FUEL OIL TO UNACCEPTABLE LEVELS WE HAVE ALL GOT TO CONTINUE SAVING,+ HE SAID.

MR. JONES WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE FORMALLY INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND MR. ALEC PURVES AS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE OIL POLICY COMMITTEE AND THE NEW DIRECTOR OF OIL SUPPLIES RESPECTIVELY.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH PRESS REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE WORLD OIL SITUATION WAS LESS SERIOUS THAN IT HAD BEEN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, THIS WAS NOT SO FOR ALL COUNTRIES AND THE POSITION IN HONG KONG HAD NOT CHANGED INSOFAR AS FUEL OIL FOR THE POWER COMPANIES WAS CONCERNED.

LOOKING AT PAST PATTERNS OF CONSUMPTION, HE SAID THAT IN THE COMING SUMMER MONTHS HONG KONG'S ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION, AND CONSEQUENTLY FUEL OIL CONSUMPTION, WOULD INCREASE BY MORE THAN 20 PER CENT, FIFTEEN PER CENT OF WHICH WAS DUE TO AIR-CONDITIONING.

+IT IS IN THIS AREA OF AIR CONDITIONING THAT I URGE THE PUBLIC TO MAKE AN EFFORT AT SAVING,+ MR. JONES SAID.

MR. JONES ANNOUNCED THAT A CAMPAIGN WOULD BE LAUNCHED TO PERSUADE PEOPLE TO BE MORE FUEL CONSCIOUS.

+THE CAMPAIGN+, HE SAID, +WILL STRESS THE NEED TO SAVE AND WILL SUGGEST WAYS OF DOING THIS+.

HE SAID THAT BY TURNING DOWN AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT BY TWO DEGREES CENTIGRADE, FOR EXAMPLE IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SAVE AS MUCH AS 15 PER CENT ON ELECTRICITY OR FUEL OIL CONSUMPTION.

+USEFUL ECONOMIES CAN ALSO BE MADE BY TURNING AIR-CONDITIONERS ON LATER AND SWITCHING THEM OFF EARLIER,+ MR. JONES ADDED.

HE WENT ON TO CONFIRM THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ENCOURAGING ALL ITS STAFF TO WEAR LIGHTER AND, IF DESIRED, LESS FORMAL, CLOTHES TO THE OFFICE SO AS TO REDUCE THE NEED FOR AIR-CONDITIONING.

HE HOPED COMMERCIAL FIRMS WOULD FOLLOW SUIT.

MR. JONES SAID THAT OTHER CAMPAIGN MATERIAL INCLUDED TWO PAMPHLETS WHICH WOULD BE SENT OUT TO OFFICES AND FACTORIES.

THESE CONTAIN USEFUL HINTS ON HOW EMPLOYERS CAN MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF MACHINERY AND OTHER EQUIPMENT IN THEIR FACTORIES AND OFFICES IN ORDER TO SAVE FUEL AND, IN THE PROCESS, MONEY. HE EMPHASISED THAT THE PAMPHLET FOR INDUSTRY WOULD CONTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO SAVE ELECTRICITY WITHOUT AFFECTING PRODUCTION.

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HELP RUN YOUR BUILDING PROPERLY - MR. LIGHTBODY

THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. IAN LIGHTBODY, TODAY SOUNDED A WARNING TO FLAT OWNERS WHO REFUSED TO PAY THEIR SHARE TOWARDS THE RUNNING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF THEIR MULTI-STOUREY BUILDINGS.

ADDRESSING REPRESENTATIVES OF MULTI-STOUREY BUILDINGS OWNERS CORPORATIONS DURING A TOUR THIS MORNING, MR. LIGHTBODY SAID: +WE WANT TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP THESE CORPORATIONS DO A GOOD JOB, AND THIS MUST INCLUDE FINDING SOME WAY TO PERSUADE ALL OWNERS THAT THEY MUST PAY THEIR SHARE TOWARDS KEEPING THEIR PROPERTY IN GOOD ORDER.+

MR. LIGHTBODY'S VISIT WAS TO THE WING WAH BUILDING IN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, THE FERRY POINT COMPLEX AT JORDAN ROAD WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 39,000, AND TO CHUNGKING MANSION AT TSIM SHA TSUI.

MR. LIGHTBODY WAS FULL OF PRAISE FOR THE GOOD WORK BEING DONE BY THE MULTI-STOUREY BUILDINGS OWNERS CORPORATIONS. +THEY ARE DOING A VERY ESSENTIAL JOB, AND THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO THOSE PUBLIC-SPIRITED MEN AND WOMEN WHO TAKE ON THESE TASKS,+ HE SAID.

+TO A VERY LARGE EXTENT A GOOD LIVING ENVIRONMENT DEPENDS ON THEIR CONTRIBUTION, AND I HOPE ALL THEIR CO-OWNERS WILL SUPPORT THEM IN THE WORK.

+THE DIFFICULTIES SEEM TO ARISE WHEN OTHER OWNERS IN THESE LARGE BUILDINGS REFUSE TO PAY THEIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS RUNNING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS, AND THIS IS MOST UNREASONABLE, AND UNFAIR TO THEIR OFFICE-BEARERS,+ HE SAID.

MR. LIGHTBODY CITED A RECENT CASE IN WHICH AN OWNERS CORPORATION WAS TOLD BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY THAT CERTAIN ESSENTIAL PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE WORK MUST BE DONE. THE CORPORATION APPOINTED AN ARCHITECT AND HE PRODUCED AN ESTIMATE OF COST. HOWEVER, MOST OF THE OWNERS REFUSED TO PAY THEIR SHARE AND THIS ESSENTIAL WORK THEREFORE HAD TO BE DONE BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY, FOR THE TIME BEING AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

+THIS IS THE SORT OF SITUATION WE MUST AVOID IN FUTURE,+ MR. LIGHTBODY STRESSED.

DURING HIS THREE-HOUR VISIT TO THE THREE BUILDING COMPLEXES MR. LIGHTBODY WAS BRIEFED ON THE MANAGEMENT, SECURITY AND CLEANING ASPECTS OF THE BUILDINGS.

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DR. CHOA TO BE CASAM CLUB PRESIDENT

THE CASAM CLUB WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON FRIDAY (MAY 10) AT WHICH DR. GERALD CHOA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WILL TAKE OVER FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT, MR. WOO PAK-CHUEN.

AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED FOR 1974/75.

THE CASAM CLUB, FOUNDED IN 1954, IS THE CLUB FOR MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AND THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE, AND IT IS FROM THESE SERVICES THAT THE NAME CASAM IS DERIVED.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB IS LARGE. FUNCTIONS SUCH AS LAUNCH PICNICS, POP DANCES, AND CHILDREN'S PARTIES ARE HELD REGULARLY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CASAM CLUB WILL BEGIN AT 6.00 P.M., MAY 10, IN THE CLUB'S PREMISES ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. COCKTAILS WILL BE SERVED HALF AN HOUR EARLIER. YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PARTY AND TO COVER THE OCCASION.

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PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE CENTRE

NOTE TO EDITORS: THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. IAN MACPHERSON, WILL TOMORROW (MAY 8) OFFICIATE AT A FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE NEW PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE CENTRE IN YUEN LONG AT 3 P.M.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE A LIBRARY AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF YUEN LONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

COPIES OF MR. MACPHERSON'S SPEECH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES TOMORROW EVENING.

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INQUIRY INTO +PIPER+ INCIDENT COMPLETED

THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE HONG KONG AERO CLUB'S PIPER PA-28-140, VR-HGB, AT HONG KONG AIRPORT ON APRIL 12, 1974 HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

AFTER TAKE-OFF THE PILOT HEARD A CONTINUING KNOCKING NOISE AND IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED AN EMERGENCY LANDING. THE LANDING WAS NORMAL UP TO THE POINT WHERE THE UNDERCARRIAGE SHOULD HAVE SUPPORTED THE AIRCRAFT.

THERE WAS HOWEVER A PRONOUNCED TENDENCY FOR THE AIRCRAFT TO SWING TO THE LEFT AND IT BECAME IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL THE AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND. IT RAN OFF THE RUNWAY AND CAME TO REST ON AN EARTH MOUND. BOTH MAIN UNDERCARRIAGE WHEELS AND BRAKE UNITS WERE WRENCHED OFF, THE PROPELLOR, FLAPS AND UNDER-SURFACES OF THE AIRCRAFT WERE DAMAGED. NO INJURIES WERE SUFFERED BY THE TWO PILOTS.

THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT WAS FOUND TO BE THE FAILURE OF A METAL TORQUE LINK ON THE LEFT UNDERCARRIAGE UNIT. WITH THIS FAILURE THE LEFT UNDERCARRIAGE UNIT FELL COMPLETELY FREE FROM THE ATTACHING STRUT AND WAS SUSPENDED ONLY BY THE BRAKE PIPE LINE.

THE PILOT WAS NOT AWARE OF THE CAUSE OF THE KNOCKING NOISE, NEITHER COULD HE HAVE KNOWN THAT THE LEFT UNIT OF HIS UNDER-CARRIAGE WAS BROKEN. HE WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN DIRECTIONAL CONTROL UNTIL THE AIRCRAFT WEIGHT WAS NO LONGER BEING BORNE BY THE AERODYNAMIC FORCE. WITH ONLY ONE UNDERCARRIAGE UNIT SUPPORTING THE AIRCRAFT, DIRECTIONAL CONTROL BECAME IMPOSSIBLE.

THE BROKEN TORQUE LINK WAS INSPECTED AND FOUND TO HAVE SUFFERED AN INCIPIENT FRACTURE. THE LINK HAS BEEN SENT FOR METALLURGIC EXAMINATION AND THE AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURER NOTIFIED OF THE FAILURE.

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KCR GOING MUSICAL
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THE SOUND OF MUSIC WILL BE ALL OVER THE RAILWAY TERMINAL AT TSIM SHA TSUI FROM NEXT MONDAY (MAY 13) TO CREATE A MORE PLEASANT ATMOSPHERE FOR PASSENGERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE MUSIC VENTURE IS BEING LAUNCHED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS BY K.C.R. IN CO-OPERATION WITH REDIFFUSION LTD. WHO WILL PROVIDE THE MUSICAL TAPES.

K.C.R. GENERAL MANAGER, MR. REG GREGORY, SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT PASSENGERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC WOULD FIND THE MUSIC PLEASANT WHILE OBTAINING TICKETS AND BOARDING TRAINS. THE MUSIC WILL BE INTERRUPTED WHEN STATION ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE BEING MADE.

THE VENTURE WILL INITIALLY GO ON FOR TWO WEEKS, STARTING ON MONDAY, TO ASSESS PUBLIC REACTION. +IF THE OPINION OF THE PUBLIC IS FAVOURABLE, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ESTABLISH SIMILAR FACILITIES ON A MORE PERMANENT BASIS,+ MR. GREGORY SAID.

+IT IS DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE MUSIC TO SUIT EVERYONE'S TASTE SIMULTANEOUSLY AND INDEED SOME PEOPLE MAY NOT LIKE IT AT ALL. AS A RESULT, A GREAT VARIETY OF BOTH EUROPEAN AND CHINESE MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED DURING THE EXPERIMENT, GIVING THEM A WIDE SELECTION OF CHOICE ON THE TYPE OF MUSIC THEY LIKE BEST.+

MR. GREGORY SAID HE WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS AND VIEWS ON THE EXPERIMENT AND THE CHOICE OF MUSIC, AND HE INVITED PEOPLE TO EITHER WRITE TO HIM DIRECT OR TO THE READERS' COLUMNS OF NEWSPAPERS.

HE ALSO WELCOMED THE PUBLIC'S VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON ANY ASPECT OF THE RAILWAY TO HELP IMPROVE ITS MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES.

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MORE 'LUCKY' CAR NUMBERS TO BE SOLD FOR CHARITY

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS PUTTING UP A FURTHER 20 'LUCKY' CAR NUMBERS FOR SALE THIS SATURDAY (MAY 11).

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 10 A.M. ONE HOUR EARLIER THAN USUAL. THE PROCEEDS WILL BE PAID INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE NUMBERS TO BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION ARE:

1833	HK939	AK38	A888	BC10
8989	AJ1	AK50	AU100	BC1234
HK36	AJ22	AU19	AV3113	BB456
HK525	AJ1771	AU747	AZ6006	BF111

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

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WARNING AGAINST TOUTS AT TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICES

PEOPLE USING THE LICENSING FACILITIES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WERE TODAY WARNED TO BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR TOUTS WHO HAVE BEEN OPERATING OUTSIDE THE NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN MURRAY ROAD, CENTRAL, AND PUT CHING ROAD IN KOWLOON.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. PETER LEEDS, SAID THAT THE TOUTS WERE PERSUADING UNSUSPECTING CUSTOMERS TO PAY BETWEEN \$3 AND \$5 TO FILL IN THE VARIOUS TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FORMS.

+THE TOUTS CLAIM THAT THEY ARE COLLECTING THE MONEY FOR DEPARTMENTAL STAFF. THIS IS COMPLETELY UNTRUE AND IS MERELY A TRICK.

+THEY ALSO CLAIM THAT, IF FORMS ARE NOT FILLED IN BY THEM, AN APPLICANT WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY WHEN HE PRESENTS THEM TO THE COUNTER STAFF. THIS AGAIN IS NOT TRUE, + MR. LEEDS SAID.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER STRESSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES A FREE FORM FILLING SERVICE INSIDE THE LICENSING OFFICES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

PEOPLE WHO FIND THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO FILL IN THE FORMS THEMSELVES SHOULD SEEK THE ASSISTANCE OF THE STAFF AT THE FORM FILLING DESKS WHO WILL COMPLETE THE FORMS FREE OF CHARGE.

MR. LEEDS ADDED THAT SPECIAL NOTICES ARE DISPLAYED OUTSIDE THE LICENSING OFFICE IN MURRAY ROAD, AS WELL AS ON THE MAIN DOORS, ADVISING PEOPLE OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S OWN FREE FORM FILLING SERVICE INSIDE.

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GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF PROPOSED OIL REFINERY
AND PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JAMES MCGREGOR, TONIGHT EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN OIL REFINERY AND PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THAT THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS +VERY STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OF THIS EXCITING PROJECT+, WHICH IT REGARDED AS HAVING GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

MR. MCGREGOR, WHO WAS ADDRESSING THE LIONS CLUB OF HAPPY VALLEY, SAID THAT AT TODAY'S PRICES THE WHOLE COMPLEX IS LIKELY TO COST OVER \$4,000 MILLION WHEN COMPLETED, AND THE INVESTMENT THUS COMPARED QUITE FAVOURABLY WITH THE FIRST FOUR STAGES OF THE MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM.

+THAT INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN COMPANIES, AND THEIR BANKERS, ARE WILLING TO TAKE UP SUCH AN ENORMOUS COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG SPEAKS WELL OF OUR PRESENT ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND OF OUR LONGER TERM VIABILITY,+ HE ADDED.

MR. MCGREGOR SAID THAT THE PROPOSED COMPLEX WOULD BE A MASSIVE PRODUCER OF THE OIL AND PETROCHEMICALS WHICH +WE NEED RIGHT NOW AND WHICH WE SHALL NEED INCREASINGLY IN FUTURE.+

THE REFINERY MIGHT REQUIRE 10 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE OIL A YEAR. THE PROCESSING OF THIS WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE THREE MILLION TONS OF FUEL OIL FOR OUR POWER AND WATER PRODUCTION, AND ALL THE BUNKER FUEL, KEROSENE, DIESEL OILS AND PETROLS FOR OUR TRANSPORT THAT WE SHALL REQUIRE.

THERE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL SURPLUSES OF OILS FOR EXPORT, HE SAID. THIS WOULD HELP OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND PLACE US IN A STRONGER POSITION IN THE WORLD LEAGUE OF TRADING TERRITORIES. OTHERS WOULD DEPEND ON HONG KONG, AT LEAST TO SOME EXTENT, FOR SUPPLIES OF ESSENTIAL FUELS. WE WOULD GAIN IN STATURE AND IN INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE AS A RESULT.

MR. MCGREGOR ADDED: +WHEN YOU TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE WORRIES AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE LAST SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS ARISING FROM SHORTAGES, OR FEARED SHORTAGES, OF OILS AND PETROLS, IT MUST SURELY BE CONCEDED THAT THERE IS A STRONG CASE FOR SEEKING TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF SUPPLY OF THE FUELS WITHOUT WHICH OUR ECONOMY WILL WITHER AND DIE.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PROPOSED REFINERY WOULD ALSO BRING HUNDREDS OF GOOD JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITH IT, QUITE APART FROM THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK OVER A PERIOD OF MANY YEARS.

MANY OF THESE JOBS WOULD MEAN NEW TECHNICAL SKILLS, NEW TECHNIQUES, A WIDER RANGE OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND A VIRTUALLY ALL-MALE WORKFORCE. SOME OF THE TRAINING WOULD BE PROVIDED IN OVERSEAS PLANTS.

/MR. MCGREGOR

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MR. MCGREGOR SAID THAT THE PRODUCTION OF PETROCHEMICALS IN HONG KONG WOULD PROVIDE A SECURE SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL MATERIALS FOR OUR MAJOR LIGHT INDUSTRIES AT PRICES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE STABLE OR AT LEAST FREE FROM SERIOUS SPECULATION OR PROFITEERING.

+WE DEPEND TOO MUCH ON OUR FEW INDUSTRIES TO LEAVE THEM RELIANT ON UNCERTAIN SOURCES OF SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL MATERIALS THAT CAN BE MADE HERE,+ HE SAID.

+A WIDE RANGE OF PETROCHEMICALS CAN BE MADE IN HONG KONG AND, IN MY VIEW, WE MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE THIS PRODUCTION. TO DO OTHERWISE, I THINK, WOULD BE TO FAIL THE ECONOMY AT A TIME WHEN IT IS POISED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH.+

IT WAS PROBABLY TRUE TO SAY THAT THE PRODUCTION OF FEEDSTOCKS AND SPECIFIC PETROCHEMICALS IN LARGE QUANTITIES IN HONG KONG WOULD CREATE AN ATTRACTION FOR NEW INDUSTRIES TO LOCATE HERE TO MAKE USE OF THEM.

LIKE THE REFINERY, A PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX WOULD PROVIDE A FURTHER RANGE OF NEW SKILLS AND JOBS. THERE WOULD BE MANY HUNDREDS OF THESE, POSSIBLY THOUSANDS, DEPENDING UPON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOWNSTREAM INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. MCGREGOR'S SPEECH ARE DISTRIBUTED IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES.

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LECCO MEETING

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

THE QUESTION, TO BE RAISED BY THE HON. JAMES WU, IS ONE OF 14 THAT WILL BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AT TOMORROW'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION.

ON CORRUPTION, THE HON. LI FOOK-UO WILL ASK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION SINCE IT WAS SET UP, AND WHETHER THE EXISTING STAFF CAN KEEP PACE WITH THE NECESSARY INVESTIGATIONS.

MR. LI WILL ALSO ASK WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW INTO THE PROGRESS MADE ON THE MCKINSEY REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED.

THE HON. WILFRED WONG WILL ASK FOR AN ASSURANCE THAT FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS WILL NOT AFFECT THE QUALITY OR QUANTITY OF MEDICINE, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT PRESCRIBED IN GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS.

IN CONNECTION WITH BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, THE HON. H.M.G. FORSGATE WILL ASK WHAT DELAYS OR REDUCTIONS, IF ANY, ARE PROPOSED IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 10-YEAR BUILDING PROGRAMME.

OTHER QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA CONCERN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL DEBTS COURTS, EXTENSION OF RADIO HONG KONG'S UHF/FM COVERAGE, THE POSSIBLE USE OF SURPLUS PRIMARY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION TO ASSIST THE SECONDARY SCHOOL EXPANSION PROGRAMME, AND ASSISTANCE TO IMMIGRANTS TO TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

TWO NEW BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL TOMORROW. THESE ARE THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL AND THE NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON FOUR BILLS -- THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO 2) BILL, THE ESTATE DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL, AND THE REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT SALES UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

GRADE OF RICE CHINA RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE(\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
SEE MEW	--	--
- OLD CROP	--	--
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.21
S.C. JIEN		
- OLD CROP	--	--
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.16
PO NGAI	GOOD	1.72
CHU CHO	--	--
THAI RICE		
100% WHOLE	--	--
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	2.07
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.92
A1 SUPER	--	--
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	--	--
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.94
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.92
PAKISTAN RICE	--	--
TAIWAN RICE	--	--

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	305 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE(\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	NORMAL	4.80	3.50	4.00
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.90	0.70	1.80
SQUID	LIMITED	5.00	2.40	4.20
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	2.00	1.10	1.60
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.60	1.30	2.40
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.20	0.60	1.50
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	GOOD	1.80	0.90	1.50
MELON COAT	--	-	-	-
BREAMS	NORMAL	4.80	2.50	3.80
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	2.60	0.80	1.50
MACKERELS	GOOD	4.00	2.80	3.50
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	0.70	0.40	0.50
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.20	0.80	1.00
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	6.00	3.20	5.00
MELON SEED	SCARCE	2.00	1.00	1.70
POMFRETS	LIMITED	9.50	7.50	8.00
GARROUPAS	GOOD	7.50	5.00	6.00
YELLOW CROAKER	--	-	-	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE(\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.40	0.50	1.00
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE LETTUCE	NORMAL	0.50	0.20	0.30
WATER SPINECH	NORMAL	0.70	0.20	0.50
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.50	0.60	1.00
STRING BEANS	-	-	-	-
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.20	0.20	0.70
SPINACH	-	-	-	-
WATER CRESS	NORMAL	0.80	0.20	0.60
LEAF MUSTARD	NORMAL	0.40	0.10	0.30
CABBAGE	-	-	-	-
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
TOMATO	NORMAL	1.20	0.40	0.70