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COST OF LIVING FOR JULY ADVANCES

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (A) AND (B) FOR LAST MONTH (JULY) WERE BOTH 125, UP THREE POINTS AND TWO POINTS RESPECTIVELY COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS ROSE BY THREE POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B).

WITH A REDUCTION IN SUPPLY, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH-WATER FISH ADVANCED AND THE ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE MONTH CAUSED THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES TO RISE SUBSTANTIALLY.

AS SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING-PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES, THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME WENT UP.

MOVEMENTS IN RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES AND CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT.

INCREASES OF ONE POINT EACH WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR DURABLE GOODS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS IN C.P.I. (A) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR WOODEN FURNITURE AND MEDICINES.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING ALSO ROSE BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I. (B) OWING TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

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

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THE SECTION INDEXES FOR JULY 1978, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1977, ARE INDICATED BELOW:-

SECTION	C.P.I. (A)			C.P.I. (B)		
	JUL. 78	JUN. 78	JUL. 77	JUL.78	JUN. 78	JUL. 77
FOODSTUFFS	121	118	115	122	119	116
HOUSING	130	130	125	130	129	124
FUEL AND LIGHT	135	135	135	134	134	134
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CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	103	103	100	102	102	100
DURABLE GOODS	114	113	109	111	111	107
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	134	133	124	130	130	121
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	120	120	116	124	124	120
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GOVERNMENT'S OFFER FOR LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (TUESDAY) ISSUED A REMINDER ON THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S OFFERS TO BUY IN ANY LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS - KNOWN AS LETTER A AND B.

THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE OFFERING TO PAY THE BALANCE OF \$27 TO FORMER OWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WHO HAVE ACCEPTED \$10 OR \$17 CASH COMPENSATION INSTEAD OF LETTER B.

FURTHERMORE, THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE OFFERING TO EXCHANGE FOR LETTER B LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT ON THE NEW TERMS FOR LAND RESUMED IN THE NEW TOWN AND MARKET TOWN DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ON JULY 14 THIS YEAR THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS ON NEW PROCEDURES AND RATES OF PAYMENT MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP ON NEW TERRITORIES URBAN LAND ACQUISITION HEADED BY SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID : +THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE OFFERING TO BUY IN AGRICULTURAL LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS AT THE RATE OF \$27 PER SQUARE FOOT AND BUILDING LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS AT THE FACE VALUE OF THE DOCUMENTS PLUS AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$55 PER SQUARE FOOT.

+THESE OFFERS TO BUY IN EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR ACCEPTANCE IN WRITING TO REACH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT OFFICE NOT LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR.+

FOLLOWING ARE THE ADMINISTRATION'S OFFERS :-

- * TO BUY BACK LETTER A OR B AGRICULTURAL LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS FROM THE HOLDERS FOR THE TIME BEING AT THE RATE OF \$27 PER SQUARE FOOT. THIS OFFER WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR ACCEPTANCE IN WRITING TO REACH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT OFFICE NOT LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR.
- * TO BUY BACK LETTER A OR B BUILDING LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS FROM THE HOLDERS FOR THE TIME BEING AT THE FACE VALUE OF THE LETTER A OR B PLUS AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$55 PER SQUARE FOOT. THIS OFFER WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR ACCEPTANCE IN WRITING TO REACH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT OFFICE NOT LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR.

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- * TO PAY TO ANY FORMER OWNER OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED CASH COMPENSATION AT THE RATES OF \$17 OR \$10 PER SQUARE FOOT AN APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL SUM TO MAKE A TOTAL COMPENSATION OF \$27 PER SQUARE FOOT.
- * TO EXCHANGE FOR LETTER B LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT ON THE NEW TERMS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ON JULY 14 THIS YEAR ANY LETTER A OR B LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT OFFERED ON OR AFTER APRIL 20 THIS YEAR ON THE OLD TERMS WHETHER OR NOT SUCH OFFER HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE FORMER OWNER.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ACCEPT ANY OF THE FOREGOING OFFERS SHOULD INFORM IN WRITING THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT OFFICE WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT SPECIFIED, WHERE APPLICABLE.

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CROWN LAND AUCTION

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TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND AND TWO FLOORS REALISED MORE THAN \$18 MILLION IN TWO SEPARATE PUBLIC AUCTIONS TODAY.

IN AN AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE AT THE CITY HALL, A 740-SQUARE METRE SITE AT KAM SHING ROAD, KOWLOON, EARMARKED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, WAS SOLD FOR \$13.35 MILLION.

THE SITE WAS BOUGHT BY YUE HEUNG CO. LTD. AT \$18,040.54 PER SQUARE METRE. IT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$1.62 MILLION AND SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1981.

IN THE SAME AUCTION, THE GROUND FLOOR AND THE FIRST FLOOR OF 38 NGA TSIN LONG ROAD, KOWLOON, WERE SOLD FOR \$1.09 MILLION AND \$285,000 RESPECTIVELY TO CHEUNG SING KAM AND NG CHOI FUNG, AND CHAU YU CHEUNG AND MAN JOON-LING.

THE PREMISES MEASURES ABOUT 53 SQUARE METRES AND 67 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY, THE ANNUAL CROWN RENT FOR EACH FLAT IS \$250.

IN A SEPARATE AUCTION HELD AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, A PRESTIGE RESIDENTIAL SITE AT SILVERSTRAND, CLEARWATER BAY, FETCHED A LOCAL RECORD PRICE OF \$3.55 MILLION.

MISS LEE MONG LAN WAS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THE 1,858 SQUARE METRE SITE WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE SHAW BROTHERS STUDIO OFF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD AND COMMANDS PANORAMIC SEAVIEWS.

HER BID WAS EQUIVALENT TO JUST OVER \$177 PER SQ FT — COMPARED WITH THE \$105.95 PER SQ. FT. PAID AT THE PUBLIC AUCTION FOR A COMPARABLE SITE IN THE VICINITY IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

THE ACTING SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. GREGORY LAI, SAID BIDDING FOR THE SITE TODAY STARTED AT \$1.4 MILLION BUT KEEN COMPETITION QUICKLY RAISED THE PREMIUM TO THE LEVEL OF \$3.55 MILLION.

MR. LAI SAID THE AUCTION REFLECTED THE INCREASING INTEREST IN DEVELOPING PROPERTY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+FROM THE ENQUIRIES WE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE AUCTION WE KNEW THAT A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN THE SITE AND THE KEEN BIDDING SHOWED THAT THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN DEVELOPING HIGH QUALITY HOUSING IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF JUVENILE CARE CENTRE
CALL ON DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. WOO WING-FAI, PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN TODAY.

THE GROUP WAS RECEIVED BY MR. SWEETMAN AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOCIAL WORK), MRS. EVELYN DOE, AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEAD-QUARTERS IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

DURING THE VISIT, MR. WOO THANKED THE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FOR THE JUVENILE CARE CENTRE, AND EXPLAINED THE CENTRE'S FUTURE PLANS IN EXPANDING ITS SERVICES FOR BOYS.

HE SAID THE CAPACITY OF THE CENTRE WOULD BE INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH THE BUILDING OF A NEW COMPLEX WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A DORMITORY AND A SPECIAL SCHOOL AT WONG CHUK HANG.

MR. SWEETMAN EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT, AND REASSURED MR. WOO THAT SUBSTANTIAL GRANTS FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, AS SOON AS CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS STARTED, TO HELP MEET BUILDING EXPENSES AND FOR THE PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE.

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ROAD SAFETY SHOW AT TUNG TAU ESTATE

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A ROAD SAFETY VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT TUNG LUNG ROAD TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND AT TUNG TAU ESTATE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FROM 7.30 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

THE TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND, WHICH USUALLY LIES IN THE DARK AT NIGHT TIME, WILL BE SPECIALLY FLOODED WITH LIGHT FOR THE OCCASION. THERE WILL BE MUSIC AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY TO THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE VARIETY SHOW IS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BEAT CRIME '78 CAMPAIGN IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT AS ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

MR. ANGUS MIU, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER OF WONG TAI SIN, SAID THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EVENING ARE DESIGNED TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE TO BOTH DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS THAT IMPATIENCE KILLS.

+WONG TAI SIN IS A CROWDED AREA, AND WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES WE CAN CUT DOWN THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT RATE IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE ADDED.

A FULL PROGRAMME OF FREE ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDING PUPPET AND MAGIC SHOWS, SINGING, ROAD SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS BY ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND ACROBATIC DISPLAYS WILL BE FEATURED.

IN ADDITION, A ROAD SAFETY BUS CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAYS, A MOUSE TOWN AND QUIZ BOARDS WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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WATER CUT IN TSUEN WAN, SHAM SHUI PO AND WESTERN DISTRICTS

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN, THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 23) TO 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY TAI WO HAU ROAD, WO TONG TSUI STREET, HING FONG ROAD AND KWAI HING ROAD INCLUDING KWAI HING ESTATE AND KWAI HING LICENSED AREA.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT ON THE ISLAND AND SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT IN KOWLOON WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR SEVERAL HOURS FROM THURSDAY (AUGUST 24) NIGHT TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN WESTERN, THE AREA BOUNDED BY 1-111 BELCHER'S STREET, 1-50 PRAYA, 1-5A NEW PRAYA, 1-1D AND 20-28 SANDS STREET, 10-14 AND 5-25 NORTH STREET, 2-12 AND 41A-43 SMITHFIELD ROAD INCLUDING SAI CHEUNG STREET, SAI HONG LANE AND HOLLAND STREET, WILL HAVE NO WATER FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE AREA BOUNDED BY CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD, KING LAM STREET, YEE KUK STREET, WING HONG STREET, YU CHAU STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TAI NAN STREET INCLUDING TUNG CHAU STREET WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT THURSDAY TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED FOR ON THURSDAY THURSDAY (AUGUST 24) AND FRIDAY BETWEEN 12.15 A.M. AND 6 A.M. TO FACILITATE SURVEYING WORK ON IT.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE PERIOD, NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD TO WATERLOO ROAD SHOULD TURN LEFT ON TO ARGYLE STREET, U-TURN IN FRONT OF THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY AND ENTER WATERLOO ROAD. FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC, MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE ALONG WATERLOO ROAD, CROSS ARGYLE STREET AND ENTER PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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