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MAJOR COMPANIES BACK GOVERNMENT'S SAVE FUEL CAMPAIGN
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A STEADY STREAM OF LETTERS TO THE GOVERNMENT SHOWS THAT MAJOR LANDLORDS AND CONSUMERS OF ELECTRICITY ARE ACHIEVING SUBSTANTIAL FUEL SAVINGS.

THEY ARE REPLYING TO A LETTER FROM MR. DAVID JEAFFRESON WHO, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE OIL POLICY COMMITTEE, RECENTLY WROTE TO MORE THAN 400 MAJOR COMPANIES, ASKING THEM TO LOOK AT WAYS TO ACHIEVE SAVINGS — PARTICULARLY BY REDUCING NON-ESSENTIAL LIGHTING AND CURTAILING AIR-CONDITIONING — AND SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING OF THEIR SUCCESSES.

FROM FACTORIES, HOTELS AND HOSPITALS TO BANKS, NEWSPAPERS, TELEVISION COMPANIES AND RECREATION CLUBS — ALL ANSWERS GIVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF CONCERTED EFFORTS TO SAVE ELECTRICITY.

THE BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY REPORTED A DROP OF 17.4 PER CENT IN MAY COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S CONSUMPTION, AND SAID THEY EXPECTED A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN JUNE WHEN THEIR ENERGY SAVING PROGRAMME HAD BEEN IN OPERATION FOR A FULL MONTH.

HOTELS HAD ADOPTED WIDE-RANGING CAMPAIGNS, WHICH IN THE CASE OF THE HYATT REGENCY HAD RESULTED IN A SAVING OF MORE THAN 117,000 UNITS IN JUNE — OVER 10 PER CENT OF THEIR CONSUMPTION COMPARED TO JUNE LAST YEAR.

NOTICES AND STICKERS IN ROOMS IN THE HILTON, HOLIDAY INN AND THE HYATT REGENCY HOTELS ASKED GUESTS TO CO-OPERATE IN THE CAMPAIGN BY TURNING OFF LIGHTS AND AIR-CONDITIONING WHEN IT WAS NOT NEEDED.

MANY OF THE HOTELS HAD SET UP THEIR OWN ENERGY SAVING COMMITTEES WHICH MEET REGULARLY TO CONSIDER NEW ECONOMY MEASURES. THESE RANGE FROM TURNING OFF HOT WATER IN THE AFTERNOONS OR, IN THE CASE OF THE LEE GARDENS HOTEL, BY REDUCING THE TEMPERATURE OF HOT WATER AND ONLY TURNING ON DISH-WASHING MACHINES WHEN THEY ARE FULLY LOADED.

THE MANDARIN HOTEL REPORTED THAT THE ENTIRE HOTEL WAS BEING DOUBLE-GLAZED, USING A LIGHTLY COLOURED GLASS TO REFLECT SUNSHINE, AND THIS HAD PRODUCED DRAMATIC SAVINGS IN ELECTRICITY. TRADITIONAL LIGHT BULBS WERE BEING CONVERTED TO FLUORESCENT LIGHTING TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION.

THE HILTON HOTEL HAD SET THE AIR-CONDITIONING AT 26 DEGREES CELSIUS, AND WERE OFFERING PRIZES TO EMPLOYEES WHO PRODUCED CREATIVE IDEAS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION.

THE AIR-CONDITIONING IN THE CARLTON HOTEL WAS TURNED UP DURING THE LUNCH HOUR, BUT AFTERWARDS WAS TURNED DOWN TO 50 PER CENT CAPACITY, AND TOWARDS THE EVENING FURTHER REDUCED TO 25 PER CENT CAPACITY.

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THE HOTELS STRESSED THAT DESPITE THE MEASURES THEY WERE TAKING, THE COMFORT OF THEIR GUESTS WAS NOT BEING AFFECTED.

THE SING TAO NEWSPAPERS HAD, AMONG OTHER MEASURES, REDUCED LIGHTING BY HALF- AND THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK WAS AIMING AT 10 PER CENT SAVING BY KEEPING AIR-CONDITIONING TO 26 DEGREES AND REDUCING LIGHTING IN CORRIDORS AND ENTRANCE LOBBIES.

BOILERS WERE SHUT DOWN AT 10 P.M. AT THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL, AND REDUCED LIGHTING USED IN CORRIDORS- WHILE THE WAI LUEN INVESTMENT COMPANY HAD A 10 PER CENT SAVING TARGET.

STRICT CONTROL ON THE USE OF AIR-CONDITIONERS WAS JUST ONE SAVING MEASURE REPORTED BY THE UNITED SERVICES RECREATION CLUB.

+THIS INITIAL RESPONSE TO THE OIL POLICY COMMITTEE'S REQUEST IS VERY ENCOURAGING,+ SAID A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN.

+THE ACTIVE CO-OPERATION BY A WIDE RANGE OF MAJOR ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS HAS SHOWN THAT THEY APPRECIATE THE SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY MANY SIMPLE AND EASY MEASURES.

+FOLLOWING THE INCREASES IN THE FUEL VARIATION COST DUE TO THE RISE IN THE PRICE OF FUEL OIL, THESE CONSUMPTION SAVINGS WILL ALSO BE REFLECTED IN THE COMPANIES' FUEL BILLS,+ HE SAID.

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**TAI PO GOVT OFFICES TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON TUESDAY
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THE TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON TUESDAY.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. STEPHEN WONG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. WONG CHUN-WAI.

BUILT AT A COST OF \$12.9 MILLION, THE FIVE-STORY BUILDING IS THE FIRST MULTI-PURPOSE GOVERNMENT BUILDING EVER CONSTRUCTED IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT HAS A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 8,900 SQUARE METRES AND PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR 13 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND ITS MARRIAGE REGISTRY, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE POST OFFICE.

THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AT 9 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY TO REPLACE THE PRESENT ONE IN KWONG FUK ROAD WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1935.

IT WILL OPERATE IN A BIGGER AREA, WITH 342 ADDITIONAL POST OFFICE BOXES TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL BE 12-677111, EXT. 299.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING WHICH WILL START ON TUESDAY AT 3.30 P.M. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2088, WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO TAI PO, LEAVING KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 2 P.M.

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE COMPLAINT HOT-LINE

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL START OPERATING A +HOT-LINE+ TELEPHONE SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL OVERTIME WORK BY WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS, AND CHILD EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRY.

THE +HOT-LINE+, 3-684242, WILL BE OPERATED 24 HOURS A DAY BY THE DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNIT AT ITS KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE IN CANTON ROAD.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT RECALLED A STATEMENT MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EARLIER THIS MONTH.

MR. HENDERSON SAID THE POSITION WITH REGARD TO CHILD LABOUR IN HONG KONG HAD IMPROVED ENORMOUSLY OVER THE LAST DECADE, AND THE LABOUR INSPECTORATE WERE VIGILANT IN THEIR WORK IN ERADICATING WHAT LITTLE REMAINED.

+THE HOT-LINE SERVICE IS A MAJOR EFFORT IN THIS RESPECT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COMPLAINTS MADE ON THE LINE WILL BE ANSWERED BY AN OFFICER IN CHARGE OF COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 1 P.M. AND BETWEEN 2 P.M. TO 5.30 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON ON SATURDAYS. CALLS COMING IN OUTSIDE THESE HOURS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY RECORDED.

+THESE COMPLAINTS WILL BE PROCESSED CENTRALLY AND THE NEW HOT-LINE SHOULD THEREFORE BE USED AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE TO ENABLE OFFICERS IN THE UNIT TO INITIATE INVESTIGATIONS SOON AFTER A COMPLAINT IS RECEIVED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE URGED PEOPLE MAKING COMPLAINTS ON THE HOT-LINE TO GIVE THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES OR TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR FURTHER CONTACTS.

+ALL COMPLAINTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE,+ HE STRESSED.

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IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT
TO RECRUIT 300 MORE OFFICERS
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO RECRUIT 300 ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS THIS YEAR TO COPE WITH INCREASING WORKLOAD LARGELY BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE INFLUX OF REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM AND IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA AND INCREASED DEMAND FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS.

REVEALING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID, +WE ARE LOOKING FOR ENERGETIC YOUNG MEN WITH INTELLIGENCE, SOUND JUDGMENT AND AN ALL-ROUND PERSONALITY TO FILL THE VACANCIES.+

HE SAID THE WORK OF AN ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICER IS CHALLENGING, FOR HE HAS A LOT OF CHANCES OF MEETING PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD.

+YOUNG PEOPLE WILL FIND THIS JOB INTERESTING,+ HE SAID.

+ALL NEW RECRUITS HAVE TO UNDERGO A THREE-MONTH FULL-TIME INDUCTION COURSE,+ HE SAID.

+THE TRAINING IS COMPREHENSIVE, COVERING THE IMMIGRATION LAWS OF HONG KONG AND HOW TO ENFORCE THEM.

+THEY HAVE TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE TYPE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE PROCEDURES TO DEAL WITH THESE APPLICATIONS.+

THE COURSE COVERS VISA REGULATIONS, ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES FOR IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE AT KAI TAK, MACAU WHARF AND LO WU, GIVING EVIDENCE IN COURT, THE POWER OF ARRESTING AND DETAINING SUSPECTS, TAKING STATEMENTS AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF HONG KONG.

AS PHYSICAL FITNESS IS VERY IMPORTANT IN THE EFFICIENT DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES, THE RECRUITS RECEIVE TRAINING IN SWIMMING AND GYMNASTIC EXERCISES. TRAINING IS ALSO GIVEN IN FOOT-DRILL, SELF-DEFENCE AND ARREST AND ESCORT TECHNIQUES.

TURNING TO PROSPECTS, HE POINTED OUT THAT ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS ARE PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF IMMIGRATION OFFICER AFTER PASSING AN EXAMINATION AND GAINING THE NECESSARY EXPERIENCE, AND THEREAFTER TO EVEN MORE SENIOR POSTS.

+IN FACT, MORE THAN HALF OF THE 86 SERVING SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS. A FEW OTHERS ARE WORKING EVEN IN HIGHER POSTS WHICH OFFER A SALARY IN THE RANGE OF \$6,945 - \$10,800 A MONTH,+ HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICER SHOULD POSSESS A CREDIT IN ENGLISH PLUS A GRADE E OR ABOVE IN FOUR OTHER SUBJECTS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES OR DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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IMPROVED POSTAL SERVICE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES
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MORE THAN 250,000 NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS -- INCLUDING MANY LIVING IN REMOTE VILLAGES -- ARE SOON TO GET A DOOR-TO-DOOR POSTAL DELIVERY SERVICE.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE NEW SERVICE IS TO BE INTRODUCED IN 269 VILLAGES IN ALL MAINLAND DISTRICTS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE SCHEME WILL COVER ANOTHER 75 VILLAGES TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR AND EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE SCHEME INVOLVES THE NUMBERING OF THOUSANDS OF NEW TERRITORIES HOUSES BY LAND TEAMS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF SAI KUNG, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TAI PO, SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN SO THAT THE POST OFFICE CAN PROVIDE THE DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICE.

HITHERTO, THE VILLAGES HAVE BEEN SERVICED MAINLY BY CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSES OR COMMUNAL LETTER BOXES SUPERVISED BY VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES.

+NEITHER THE VILLAGERS NOR THE AUTHORITIES WERE ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH THE SYSTEMS, SO A STUDY WAS MADE LAST YEAR TO SEE HOW WE COULD BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENT,+ THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOSEPH WONG SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+THE STUDY SHOWED THAT WE COULD COVER 344 OF THE VILLAGES WITH A DOOR-TO-DOOR DELIVERY SERVICE WITH THE AID OF A PROPER HOUSE NUMBERING SCHEME, WORK ON WHICH IS BEING DONE IN TWO STAGES.

+YUEN LONG AND SAI KUNG ARE THE FIRST TO GET THE NEW SERVICE AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN AN ADVANCED STAGE TO ENSURE THAT THE DISTRICTS ARE PROVIDED WITH THE SERVICE IN AUGUST. OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE FIRST STAGE WILL FOLLOW IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

+THE POST OFFICE IS RECRUITING MORE STAFF TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE NEW SCHEME,+ HE SAID.

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EMPLOYERS' VIEWS WANTED ON CREDIT-UNIT SYSTEM
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THE VIEWS OF MAJOR EMPLOYERS ARE BEING SOUGHT REGARDING A CREDIT-UNIT SYSTEM TO BE ADOPTED BY THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FOR TECHNICIAN PROGRAMMES IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING.

LETTERS INVITING COMMENTS TOGETHER WITH DETAILS ON THE SYSTEM HAVE BEEN SENT TO 36 EMPLOYERS WITH REGARD TO THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING PROGRAMME, AND TO 33 EMPLOYERS IN THE CASE OF THE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING PROGRAMME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE CREDIT-UNIT SYSTEM PROVIDES THE FLEXIBILITY NECESSARY TO MEET THE CHANGING REQUIREMENTS OF INDUSTRY INCLUDING GREATER DIVERSIFICATION.

+AN ADDITIONAL BENEFIT IS GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR STUDENTS AS UNITS MAY BE STUDIED AT A SPACE WHICH IS SUITED TO THEIR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES,+ HE ADDED.

THIS WAS PARTICULARLY ADVANTAGEOUS FOR EVENING STUDENTS WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND CLASSES ON THREE OR FOUR EVENINGS EACH WEEK, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, EXPLAINING THAT UNDER THE SYSTEM A STUDENT COULD COMPLETE THE NUMBER OF UNITS REQUIRED FOR AN AWARD OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ALSO INTENDS TO SEEK VALIDATION FOR THESE PROGRAMMES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TECHNICIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL.

+IF THE PROGRAMMES ARE APPROVED STUDENTS WILL, AFTER A NUMBER OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN INDUSTRY, BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ONE OF THE REGISTERED INSTITUTIONS FOR TECHNICIANS AND TECHNICIAN ENGINEERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NO RIGHT TURN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, WESTBOUND MOTOR VEHICLES ALONG DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO WESTERN STREET NORTHBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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PRELIMINARY CENSUS RESULTS ON RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) RELEASED RESULTS OF A LARGE-SCALE ECONOMIC CENSUS IN 1978 ON RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, COLLECTING DATA RELATING TO 1977.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE CENSUS INCLUDED THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENGAGED, SALES AND RECEIPTS, LABOUR COST, OPERATING COST, PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE, STOCKS AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

THE RESULTS WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO EVALUATE THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF THESE TRADE SECTORS TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) IN TERMS OF CENSUS VALUE-ADDED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+CENSUS VALUE-ADDED IS OBTAINED BY SUBTRACTING FROM SALES, THE TOTAL VALUE OF PURCHASES OF GOODS, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, AND PAYMENTS FOR WATER AND ENERGY, AND FOR CONTRACT WORK AND COMMISSIONS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS RESULTS, TOTAL SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS OF RESTAURANTS, CAFES, FAST FOOD SHOPS AND BARS IN HONG KONG WERE ESTIMATED TO BE \$5,131 MILLION IN 1977, AND THEIR CENSUS VALUE-ADDED, \$2,100 MILLION.

THE PURCHASES OF FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES AND OTHER GOODS FOR SALE BY THESE ESTABLISHMENTS AMOUNTED TO \$2,570 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF LABOUR COST INCURRED WAS \$1,305 MILLION, INCLUDING PAYROLL AND OTHER BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES (BUT NOT TIPS PAID TO EMPLOYEES DIRECT), BUT EXCLUDING THE WITHDRAWALS BY PROPRIETORS AND PARTNERS OF UNINCORPORATED BUSINESSES.

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OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES TOTALLED \$963 MILLION.

AMONG ALL EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, THE CHINESE-TYPE RESTAURANTS RANKED FIRST IN BOTH SALES (\$3,892 MILLION) AND CENSUS VALUE-ADDED (\$1,497 MILLION).

+THE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE RESTAURANTS AND BARS OPERATED BY HOTELS -- THESE ARE INCLUDED IN THE STATISTICS FOR HOTELS,+ HE SAID.

THE ESTIMATED TOTAL SALES AND RECEIPTS OF HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES IN 1977 WERE \$1,100 MILLION (EXCLUDING HOTEL ACCOMMODATION TAX) AND THEIR CENSUS VALUE-ADDED \$794 MILLION.

THEIR PURCHASES OF FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES AND OTHER GOODS FOR SALE WERE \$142 MILLION. A TOTAL OF \$251 MILLION WAS INCURRED AS LABOUR COST, AND \$396 MILLION AS OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

THE CENSUS COVERED ALL RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS ENGAGING 20 OR MORE PEOPLE, AND A SAMPLE OF SMALLER ESTABLISHMENTS. THE RESULTS RELEASED TODAY RELATED TO 3,672 RESTAURANTS AND 655 HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CENSUS DID NOT, HOWEVER, INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH HAD NOT REGISTERED WITH THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION OFFICE- FOOD STALLS- MOBILE VENDORS- CANTEENS IN PLANTS, OFFICES AND SCHOOLS- AND RESTAURANTS ATTACHED TO CLUBS OR ORGANISATIONS THAT ONLY CATERED FOR MEMBERS.

ALSO EXCLUDED FROM THE CENSUS RESULTS ARE 727 RESTAURANTS AND 162 HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES KNOWN TO HAVE OPERATED DURING 1977 BUT WERE EITHER CLOSED, OR BECAME UNTRACEABLE DURING THE CENSUS ENUMERATION PERIOD.

+THEIR STATISTICS WILL BE ESTIMATED AND INCLUDED IN A FORTHCOMING REPORT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF COMPILING A REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED CENSUS RESULTS, THE SAMPLE DESIGN AND METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CENSUS RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONING 5-444584.

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Results of economic census on restaurants and hotels for 1977 :
summary statistics for reporting establishments

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Nature of business	Number of establishments	Number of persons engaged	Labour cost	Operating cost	Purchases of foodstuffs, beverages and other goods for sale	Increase in stocks	Sales and receipts	Census value added
					\$'000			
<u>Restaurants</u>								
Chinese restaurants	1,796	74,914	977,339	702,375	2,040,031	10,558	3,892,060	1,497,490
Restaurants (including cafes), other than Chinese	1,432	21,212	235,570	191,182	451,330	1,587	963,097	432,826
Fast food shops	160	2,073	19,399	30,895	54,025	1,540	115,773	50,276
Bars	78	2,862	68,933	32,703	15,857	226	136,346	106,241
Other eating and drinking places	206	656	3,960	5,643	8,800	81	23,693	13,386
Total	3,672	101,717	1,305,200	962,800	2,570,043	13,991	5,130,969	2,100,220
<u>Hotels/boarding houses</u>								
Hotels	46	14,676	237,810	362,824	140,187	1,952	1,031,444	736,955
Apartments and boarding houses	609	2,119	13,298	33,286	1,390	10	68,667	56,953
Total	655	16,795	251,108	396,111	141,578	1,962	1,100,111	793,908
<u>Restaurants and hotels</u>	4,327	118,512	1,556,308	1,358,910	2,711,621	15,954	6,231,080	2,894,128

Note: 1. Figures may not add up to the totals due to rounding.

2. Operating cost includes rent and rates, fuel, water and electricity, and other operating expenses.

3. Increase in stocks refers to increase in stocks of foodstuffs, beverages and other goods for sale, and other inventories such as fuel, guest supplies, cleaning supplies, etc.

4. Sales and receipts exclude hotel accommodation tax.

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CLOSURE OF ROADS ON OUTLYING ISLANDS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY ALL THE ROADS ON OUTLYING ISLANDS WILL BE CLOSED TO MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THE OUTLYING ISLANDS ARE :

CHA KWO CHAU, CHEK LAP KOK ISLAND, CHEUNG CHAU, CHEUNG SOK, GREEN ISLAND, HEI LING CHAU, JUNK ISLAND, KAU PEI CHAU, KELLETT ISLAND, LAM CHAU.

LAMMA ISLAND, LITTLE GREEN ISLAND, LO CHAU ISLAND (TWEED ISLAND), LUK CHAU, MA WAN, MAGAZINE ISLAND, MIDDLE ISLAND, NG FAN CHAU, PEAKED HILL, PENG CHAU.

PO TOI ISLAND GROUP (BEAUFORT ISLAND, CASTLE ROCK, MAT CHAU, PO TOI ISLAND, SUNG KONG AND WAGLAN ISLAND), ROUND ISLAND, SHEK KWU CHAU, SHEK LAM CHAU, SIU KAU YI CHAU.

SOKO ISLANDS (CHEUNG MUH TAU, KAU YI CHAU, MA CHAU, SIU A CHAU, TAI A CHAU, TAU LO CHAU, YUEN CHAU AND YUEN KONG CHAU), SUNSHINE ISLAND, TAI LEI.

TAI TAU CHAU, TANG LUNG CHAU, TAU CHAU, THE BROTHERS.

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY TO 6 A.M. THE NEXT MORNING FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY THE NORTH SIDE OF HENNESSY ROAD, WEST SIDE OF MARSH ROAD, SOUTH SIDE OF GLOUCESTER ROAD, EAST SIDE OF STEWART ROAD INCLUDING TONNOCHY ROAD, JAFFE ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD.

MEANWHILE IN KOWLOON, WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF SHEK KIP MEI PREMISES WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NAM CHEONG STREET AND CORNWALL STREET, INCLUDING TAI WO PING INDUSTRIAL LICENSED AREA AND CORNWALL STREET AND TAI WO PING LICENSED AREAS.

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