



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVERNOR ON SPECIAL TV PROGRAMME

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING THAT EVERY SANE PERSON, IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE OR OUT OF IT WANTS TO SEE THE END OF CORRUPTION.

HE WAS SPEAKING ON A SPECIAL RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG PROGRAMME +OPENING SESSION+, TELEVISED YESTERDAY, IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED VARIOUS TOPICS WITH A PANEL OF JOURNALISTS COMPRISING MR. ANTHONY LAWRENCE, MR. ROBERT HO AND MR. WAI KEE-SHUN.

ON CORRUPTION WITHIN THE POLICE FORCE, SIR MURRAY SAID A GREAT DEAL OF PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE.

+IT'S IN A MUCH HEALTHIER STATE THAN IT WAS AND I AM ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THE PROGRESS IN DEALING WITH CRIME WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN MADE BUT FOR THIS PROGRESS,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT, HOWEVER, THAT THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN WHAT HE REGARDED AS +OVER-REACTION+ ON THE PART OF SOME OFFICERS TO ICAC OPERATIONS.

IT WAS A PITY, HE SAID, THAT SOME SHOULD HAVE OVER-REACTED AT A TIME WHEN THE FORCE WAS BEING SO SUCCESSFUL IN OTHER WAYS, AS REFLECTED IN THE DROPPING CRIME FIGURES.

SIR MURRAY DISAGREED WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE MEETING AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS LAST WEEK HAD SOMETHING TO HIDE.

A VERY CAREFUL INVESTIGATION WAS UNDERWAY INTO THE HUTCHISON HOUSE INCIDENT, HE ADDED, AND HE EXPECTED IT TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK.

ON THE QUESTION OF POLICE COMPLAINTS, SIR MURRAY SAID THEY HAD RAISED VARIOUS PROCEDURAL POINTS AND IN SOME CASES IT WAS PERFECTLY POSSIBLE TO DO SOMETHING.

ASKED HOW COMPETENT HE CONSIDERED THE FORCE TO BE IN CARRYING OUT LAW AND ORDER, SIR MURRAY SAID : +IT'S FIRST CLASS. IT'S NEVER DONE IT BETTER.+

SIR MURRAY RECALLED THAT THE POLICE HAD MADE IMMENSE PROGRESS IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS -- SUCCESSFULLY RE-ESTABLISHING GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC, RECRUITING MORE OFFICERS AND CHANGING THEIR METHODS TO MAKE THEM EFFECTIVE AGAINST CRIME.

/+THE RESULT IS .....

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+THE RESULT IS NOW YOU HAVE DROPPING CRIME FIGURES,+ HE SAID.

ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH, SIR MURRAY SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT HONG KONG WOULD FINISH THE YEAR WITH EXPORTS UP IN REAL TERMS BY ABOUT FOUR PER CENT ON LAST YEAR.

HE SAID THE OVERALL FORECAST WAS FOR A GROWTH IN GENERAL TRADE AND THERE WERE MANY FACTORS THAT WERE ENCOURAGING. THE DEMAND BOTH IN UK AND AMERICA WAS CERTAINLY PICKING UP AND ALL THESE THINGS COULD HELP HONG KONG.

TURNING TO THE CURRENT BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EEC, SIR MURRAY REPEATED HIS REMARK IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH THAT THE OUTCOME WOULD BE A BLOW +BUT NOT A MORTAL ONE.+

THE NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO AT THE MOST 10 PER CENT OF OUR TOTAL TRADE, HE POINTED OUT.

SIR MURRAY SAID IF THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS LED TO A CUTBACK IN HONG KONG'S QUOTAS, IT WOULD NOT CAUSE A MAJOR PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

+AT THE MOMENT WE HAVE GOT VERY FULL EMPLOYMENT, THOUGH THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IS NOT GOING THROUGH A VERY HAPPY STAGE, THERE ARE OTHER INDUSTRIES THAT HAVE TO BE PICKING UP LABOUR.

+THERE IS BOOM IN CONSTRUCTION SO THERE IS NO MAJOR PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT.+

ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IN THIS AREA WOULD KEEP PACE WITH ECONOMIC GROWTH. AS EXAMPLES, HE CITED THE SERIES OF GREEN AND WHITE PAPERS ON DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED, THE ELDERLY AND YOUTH, AND THE NINE-YEAR FREE COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

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### NEW KCR MARSHALLING YARD OPENS TOMORROW

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THE NEWLY-BUILT, \$10.7 MILLION MARSHALLING YARD AT LOWU -- ONE OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR RAILWAY EXPANSION PROJECTS -- WILL COME INTO USE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE MODERN RAILWAY YARD, WHICH HAS TAKEN NEARLY TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE, IS A KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (KCR) PROJECT DESIGNED TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE FLOW OF FREIGHT TRAFFIC ARRIVING FROM CHINA.

THE YARD WILL ULTIMATELY CONSIST OF SEVEN TRACKS AND STRETCHES FOR OVER HALF A MILE. ITS FUNCTION IS TO SORT THE WAGONS OF TRAINS ARRIVING FROM CHINA IN A MANNER THAT WILL AVOID EXTENSIVE SHUNTING IN THE FREIGHT TERMINI WHICH WOULD DELAY UNLOADING AND REDUCE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF SIDINGS AND WAGONS.

ADDITIONALLY, THE YARD OBTVIATES THE NEED TO SHUNT WAGONS ON THE MAIN LINE WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY IMPAIR THE PUNCTUALITY OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

THE ENTRANCES TO THE NEW YARD, THE ASSOCIATED MAIN LINE TRACKS AND THE PLATFORMS AT LOWU STATION ARE CONTROLLED BY A MODERN COLOUR SIGNALLING SYSTEM.

K.C.R.'S GENERAL MANAGER, MR. REGINALD GREGORY SAID, THE YARD'S MAIN ADVANTAGE IS THAT UNLOADING OPERATIONS AT FREIGHT TERMINI WILL BE SPEEDED UP. WAGONS CARRYING PIGS AND OTHER LIVESTOCK, FROZEN FOOD, DIESEL OIL AND MANY OTHER COMMODITIES COME FROM ALMOST EVERY PROVINCE IN CHINA AND ARE BOUND FOR AT LEAST FIVE DIFFERENT DESTINATIONS IN HONG KONG.

+NOW WITH FOUR SORTING TRACKS COMPLETED AND ANOTHER THREE WITH A SHUNTING NECK DUE FOR COMPLETION SHORTLY, THE MARSHALLING YARD WILL INITIALLY BE DEALING WITH EIGHT TRAINS CONSISTING OF UP TO 240 WAGONS A DAY. THE AVAILABILITY OF THE YARD WILL HOWEVER ADD TO THE RAILWAYS CAPABILITY TO HANDLE AN INCREASED QUANTITY OF FREIGHT FROM CHINA,+ HE SAID.

+WHAT IS MORE,+ MR. GREGORY STATED, +FREIGHT TRAINS COMING LATE AT NIGHT, CAN NOW BE HELD IN THE YARD AWAY FROM THE PASSENGER TRAINS AT THE STATION. THE MARSHALLING YARD IS FITTED WITH FLOODLIGHTS, SO WORK CAN CONTINUE ALL NIGHT SORTING WAGONS ACCORDING TO DESTINATIONS BEFORE THEY LEAVE LOWU AND THE FREIGHT TRAINS CAN LEAVE THE FOLLOWING MORNING WITH MAXIMUM LOADS WITH THE WAGONS LOCATED IN AN ORDER WHICH WILL FACILITATE THEIR RAPID UNLOADING.+

+ANOTHER ADVANTAGE,+ MR. GREGORY SAID, +IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THE VOLUME OF FREIGHT TRAFFIC TO AROUND FOUR TIMES THE EXISTING VOLUME. REVENUE FROM A FREIGHT TRAIN IS FAR GREATER THAN THE INCOME FROM A PASSENGER TRAIN.+

/+THIS IS AN IMPORTANT .....

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+THIS IS AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION,+ HE POINTED OUT. +FOR THE CONTINUATION OF SIZEABLE AND EFFICIENT FREIGHT SERVICES HELPS TO SUBSIDISE THE PASSENGER SERVICES AND SO ALLOWS PASSENGER FARES TO BE KEPT LOW.+

MR. GREGORY NOTED THAT THE ENGINEERING STAFF OF THE K.C.R. CARRIED OUT THE PROJECT WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN ESTABLISHMENT. THERE WERE NO DELAYS TO TRAIN SERVICES WHILE THE WORK WAS GOING ON. +AT PRESENT IT APPEARS THAT THE BUDGETTED COST WILL NOT BE EXCEEDED,+ HE SAID.

+THE MARSHALLING YARD HOWEVER LED TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL STAFF, INCLUDING NEW SIGNAL MEN, SHUNTERS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, ADDING SLIGHTLY TO THE MAINTENANCE COSTS,+ MR. GREGORY SAID. THERE WOULD ALSO BE AN INCREASE IN SUPERVISION WITH THE ADDITION OF THREE YARD MASTERS IN SHIFTS.

+HOWEVER THESE COSTS ARE MINIMAL COMPARED WITH THE POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL REVENUE,+ HE SAID.

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COMPUTERISED SYSTEM TO SPEED  
UP MOVEMENT OF FIRE APPLIANCES

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS BEEN USING A COMPUTERISED SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE +GREEN WAVE+ TO ASSIST IN THE MOVEMENT OF FIRE APPLIANCES RESPONDING TO CALLS IN WESTERN KOWLOON.

THE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO CONTROL THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS ALONG CERTAIN DESIGNATED ROUTES BY SWITCHING THEM TO GREEN IN ADVANCE OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRE APPLIANCES THEREBY REDUCING THE TRAVEL TIME FROM A FIRE STATION TO THE SCENE OF A FIRE.

FOUR FIRE STATIONS -- TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK AND CHEUNG SHA WAN -- ARE INCLUDED IN THE SYSTEM.

THEY COVER MOST OF THE WESTERN PART OF NATHAN ROAD AND THE AREAS BOUNDED BY HING WAH STREET IN THE NORTH AND SALISBURY STREET IN THE SOUTH.

EACH IS ASSIGNED A NUMBER OF SELECTED ROUTES THROUGH WHICH FIRE APPLIANCES SHOULD PROCEED TO THE VARIOUS AREAS WHERE THERE MAY BE A FIRE.

THE COMPUTER WHICH OPERATES THE SIGNALS IS HOUSED IN THE TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES. IT HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED TO SWITCH ON A GREEN SIGNAL AT MORE THAN 100 TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN THE AREAS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM.

EXPLAINING THE OPERATION OF THIS NEW SYSTEM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID : +ON RECEIPT OF A CALL AT THE CONTROL CENTRE, THE DUTY OFFICER WILL INFORM THE STATION CONCERNED THROUGH A SOPHISTICATED TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK.

+WHEN CONFIRMATION OF FIRE APPLIANCES LEAVING THE STATION IS RECEIVED, THE OFFICER WILL IMMEDIATELY OPERATE THE PUSH-BUTTON SWITCH WHICH CONTROLS THE ROUTE TO BE USED.+

THIS WILL CHANGE THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS ALONG THE ROUTE IN ADVANCE.

THE SIGNALS WILL REMAIN GREEN SUFFICIENTLY LONG TO ENABLE THE APPLIANCES TO PASS THROUGH.

+HOWEVER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +SHOULD APPLIANCES BECOME OUT OF PHASE WITH THE 'GREEN WAVE' DUE TO DELAY FOR ANY REASON, THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE APPLIANCES CAN REQUEST THE CONTROL CENTRE FOR A 'REPEAT ROUTE' TO FREE THEM FROM THE TRAFFIC.+

THE SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED THE SYSTEM AS A TIME AND MONEY SAVING DEVICE.

+THIS SAVING OF TIME IN TRAVELLING IS MOST IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE SOONER FIREMEN ARRIVE AT THE SCENE THE QUICKER THE FIRE WOULD BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL AND THE LESS CASUALTIES AND LOSS OF PROPERTY.+

THE SYSTEM WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER OTHER PARTS OF KOWLOON AS WELL AS HONG KONG ISLAND IN FUTURE.

EMPLOYMENT AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES  
FOR SEPTEMBER SHOWS INCREASE  
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THE NUMBER OF MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES CONTINUED TO RISE TO 60,640 IN SEPTEMBER 1977, ACCORDING TO A RECENT EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 2,246 WORKERS OR 4 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1977. COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1976, THE EMPLOYMENT ROSE BY 14,792 WORKERS OR 32 PER CENT.

OF THE 1,148 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES IN OPERATION LAST SEPTEMBER, 311 WERE SITES TENDERED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENTS.

THESE ACCOUNTED FOR 20,824 WORKERS, AN INCREASE OF 2,449 OR 13 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1977.

DURING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS ENGAGED AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR DECREASED SLIGHTLY BY 2 PER CENT TO 32,879. EMPLOYMENT AT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION SITES RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 6 PER CENT TO 6,937 WORKERS IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

DETAILED STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

TENDERING AUTHORITY	SEPT 1976		JUNE 1977		SEPT 1977	
	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	193	10,602	267	15,197	281	16,580
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	18	1,975	25	3,178	30	4,244
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY *	22	3,442	24	6,514	23	6,937
PRIVATE SECTOR	781	29,829	799	33,505	814	32,879
	1,014	45,848	1,115	58,394	1,148	60,640

(NOTE : \* CONSTRUCTION SITES UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY REFER TO M.T.R. CONTRACTS FOR WHICH WORK WAS IN PROGRESS DURING SEPTEMBER 1977.)

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FIRST JAYCEES INAUGURATED IN NT  
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY INAUGURATED THE YUEN LONG JAYCEES, WHICH FEATURES TWO +FIRST'S+ IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG'S JAYCEES MOVEMENT.

IT IS THE FIRST JAYCEES CHAPTER IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AS WELL AS THE FIRST IN HONG KONG TO HAVE BROKEN DOWN THE +SEX BARRIER+ WITH BOTH MEN AND WOMEN AS MEMBERS.

THERE ARE SEVEN CHAPTERS OF THE JAYCEES IN THE URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG, AND EACH CHAPTER HAS EITHER ALL-MAN OR ALL-WOMAN MEMBERSHIP.

ADDRESSING THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID: +I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO SEE THAT YUEN LONG IS LEADING IN THE WAY FOR OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES IN SETTING UP AN ORGANISATION WITH SUCH COMMENDABLE IDEALS AS THE JAYCEES.+

HONG KONG IS GOING THROUGH A PERIOD OF RAPID AND DRAMATIC CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID, AND YUEN LONG IS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS PROCESS.

+IT WILL EXPAND AND GROW IN IMPORTANCE VERY RAPIDLY DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS, AND I AM GLAD THAT YOU YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN IN VARIOUS WALKS OF LIFE IN YUEN LONG HAVE DECIDED TO JOIN TOGETHER TO DO WHAT YOU CAN TO SERVE THIS GROWING COMMUNITY,+ HE TOLD THE JAYCEES.

AS PART OF ITS COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE YUEN LONG JAYCEES HAS CARRIED OUT A SURVEY ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK SPOTS IN YUEN LONG, AND THE RESULTS WILL SOON BE SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

+ALREADY YOU ARE DISPLAYING THE INITIATIVE AND COMMUNITY-CONSCIOUSNESS THAT WILL GREATLY ASSIST OUR EFFORTS TO BUILD A BETTER HONG KONG,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

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SECTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD TO BE WIDENED  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO DO AWAY WITH A +BOTTLENECK+ ALONG A SECTION OF THE CLEARWATER BAY ROAD TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC BETWEEN KOWLOON AND THE FAST-GROWING TOWNSHIP OF SAI KUNG.

WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR ON WIDENING THE LONGEST AND STEEPEST SECTION OF THE ROAD FROM PIK UK TO ITS JUNCTION WITH HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

THE SECTION WILL BE WIDENED TO PROVIDE A FOUR-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WHICH WILL GREATLY SPEED UP TRAFFIC. AT PRESENT IT HAS ONLY TWO LANES.

THE \$6.5 MILLION ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. ROBERT UPTON, SAID TODAY THAT THE PROJECT FORMED AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR SAI KUNG.

+THAT SECTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD IS THE LONGEST AND STEEPEST AND SHOULD BE IMPROVED IN ORDER TO HELP FACILITATE THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN,+ HE SAID.

+IN ADDITION, HOLIDAY MAKERS AND WEEKEND TRIPPERS TO SAI KUNG WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO PUT UP WITH TRAFFIC JAMS ALONG THE ROAD SECTION.+

TO ENABLE THE ROAD WIDENING WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT, ABOUT 549 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE LAND WILL BE RESUMED. A NOTICE FOR THE LAND RESUMPTION WAS PUBLISHED IN YESTERDAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY COMPENSATION FOR PINE TREES, CROPS, FRUIT TREES, GRAVES, BONE POTS AND THE REPROVISIONING OF WATER PIPES, FENCES AND GATES, AS WELL AS EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE FOR CULTIVATORS, MR. UPTON ADDED.

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CUSTOMS OFFICERS COMPLETE TRAINING

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR. BILL DORWARD, TODAY REMINDED GRADUATING OFFICERS THAT THEIR DUTY IS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 13 PROBATIONARY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE INSPECTORS, MR. DORWARD TOLD THEM THAT WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN EFFECT MEANS, +THAT WE WORK FOR THE SOCIETY IN WHICH WE LIVE.+

HE SAID THAT SOCIETY GIVES THEM THEIR AUTHORITY WHICH SHOULD BE EXERCISED WITH TOLERANCE, INTEGRITY AND LACK OF ARROGANCE.

AT THE PARADE WHICH WAS HELD AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG, MR. DORWARD SAID THE HARD WORK THAT THE INSPECTORS HAD PUT INTO THEIR TRAINING WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE SERVICE, INCLUDING ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK, SHIP SEARCHING, CONTROLLING DISTILLERIES AND PROTECTING COPYRIGHTS.

THE PARADE OF INSPECTORS WAS THE SECOND TO BE HELD SINCE THE TITLE WAS CHANGED FROM PREVENTIVE SERVICE TO CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

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LONG SERVICE PART-TIME EVENING TECHNICAL STAFF THANKED

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. DANIEL WATERS HAS THANKED 87 PART-TIME EVENING TEACHING STAFF WHO HAVE SERVED CONTINUOUSLY FOR OVER TEN YEARS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AND HAVE ASSISTED WITH THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF TECHNICAL EVENING CLASSES.

IN LETTERS TO THE STAFF CONCERNED, MR. WATERS SAID : +I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR LONG CONTRIBUTION TO TECHNICAL EDUCATION OVER THE YEARS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED NOT ONLY BY THE PRINCIPALS AND STAFF OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS AND MYSELF BUT ALSO BY THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS AN INCREASING AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT TECHNICAL EDUCATION HAD PLAYED IN THE PROVISION OF THE MUCH NEEDED NEW TECHNICAL MANPOWER.

+HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SECURITY AND VIABILITY DEPEND LARGELY ON ITS INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE WHICH, IT IS GENERALLY AGREED, CAN ONLY SURVIVE AND FLOURISH WITH A CONTINUOUS INJECTION OF NEW BLOOD OF TECHNICAL MANPOWER,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

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CLOSURE OF SECTION OF GASCOIGNE ROAD  
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A SECTION OF GASCOIGNE ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD AND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF NATHAN GARDEN IN YAU MA TEI, WILL BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT 12 MONTHS STARTING FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY SOUTH NATHAN ROAD TUNNELS.

IN ADDITION THE EXISTING 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON TWO SECTIONS OF SHA TIN BY-PASS NEAR LEK YUEN WILL BE LIFTED WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

THE TWO SECTIONS ARE THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM A POINT 453 FEET TO A POINT 860 FEET AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM A POINT 860 FEET TO A POINT 1,535 FEET NORTH OF SHA TIN MARKET ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED IN BOTH AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR THREE DAYS STARTING NEXT MONDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
NOVEMBER 7 (MONDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 6 P.M.
NOVEMBER 8 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. -- 10 P.M.
NOVEMBER 9 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. -- 4.30 P.M.

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