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SPECIFIC RESTRAINTS ON EXPORTS OF
T-SHIRTS, KNITTED VESTS AND TOPS TO THE U.S.

HONG KONG HAS AGREED TO PLACE UNDER SPECIFIC RESTRAINT TWO CATEGORIES OF TEXTILES EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

THESE ARE T-SHIRTS (CATEGORY 218) AND KNITTED VESTS AND TOPS (CATEGORY 224(5)), WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY SUBJECT TO AN OVERALL LIMIT FOR A MAN-MADE FIBRE GARMENTS GROUP.

THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TODAY (SATURDAY), AD REFERENDUM, AFTER THREE DAYS OF TALKS IN HONG KONG BETWEEN A TEAM OF HONG KONG NEGOTIATORS LED BY MR. PETER TSAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AND A FOUR-MAN DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED STATES LED BY MR. CHARLES ANGEVINE OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT.

THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE TRANSFER OF THESE TWO CATEGORIES FROM THE GROUP, OR +BASKET+, TO BE MERGED WITH AN EXISTING SPECIFIC CATEGORY (CATEGORY 219), NAMELY KNITTED SHIRTS, TO FORM A NEW CATEGORY UNDER A COMBINED LIMIT.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REQUESTED THESE CONSULTATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THEIR BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED DURING THE THREE DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS THAT COTTON T-SHIRT (CAT 41/42) AND OTHER KNIT-SHIRTS (CAT 43/62(2)) WOULD BE COMBINED UNDER A SINGLE SPECIFIC LIMIT WITH A SUB-LIMIT ON EACH OF THE ORIGINAL CATEGORIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ALSO STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED THE ISSUE OF EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS FOR MAN-MADE FIBRE KNIT TOPS AND VESTS. A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY TO INFORM THE TRADE OF DETAILS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS.

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RECORD NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS BY FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS CHALKED UP A NEW RECORD BY CARRYING OUT OVER 23,310 INSPECTIONS, RE-INSPECTIONS AND FOLLOW-UP VISITS ON BOTH DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN MARCH. THE PREVIOUS RECORD WAS 20,745 ACHIEVED IN MAY 1974.

AS IN THE PAST, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS RELATED TO MEANS OF ESCAPE, TOTALLING 13,242. OF THESE, 12,229 WERE IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. A FURTHER 2,050 GENERAL COMPLAINTS WERE ALSO LOOKED INTO.

THERE WAS A 50 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL PREMISES INSPECTED DURING MARCH - 4,712 COMPARED WITH 2,288 IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS ON BUILDING VENTILATION SYSTEMS ALSO ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY FROM 568 IN FEBRUARY TO 883 IN MARCH.

A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE BUREAU HAD RECEIVED MORE INQUIRIES ABOUT AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLATIONS FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF WARMER WEATHER.

A TOTAL OF 369 INSPECTIONS OF FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS WERE CONDUCTED, OF WHICH 220 WERE IN RESPECT OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND INDUSTRIES AND THE REMAINDER OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND QUARTERS.

OTHER INSPECTIONS INCLUDED STORAGE OR MANUFACTURE OF DANGEROUS GOODS (776), RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTCLUBS (329), SCHOOLS (294) AND PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY (134).

DURING THE MONTH, 264 VEHICLES USED FOR CONVEYING COMPRESSED GASES AND INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS WERE EXAMINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNUAL LICENSING SCHEME. IN ORDER TO GIVE OPERATORS OF SUCH VEHICLES MORE TIME TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, THE ENFORCEMENT DATE OF THE REGULATIONS HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR SIX MONTHS UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 1976.

TWENTY-TWO FIRES WERE INVESTIGATED IN DEPTH BY FIRE OFFICERS. IN ADDITION, 1,276 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED AND 94 PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT RESULTING IN THE IMPOSITION OF FINES AMOUNTING TO ALMOST \$54,000.

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BUILDINGS FIGURES FOR MARCH 1976
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A TOTAL OF 68 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED LAST MONTH BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COMPARED WITH 38 DURING MARCH LAST YEAR.

OF THE NEW PLANS APPROVED, 25 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 18 FOR KOWLOON AND 25 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR A NUMBER OF HIGHRISE APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OF 20 OR MORE STOREYS AT LOCKHART ROAD, WHARF ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, GLENEALLY, AND VALLEY ROAD IN KOWLOON.

BUILDING PLANS FOR A 15-STOREY HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CENTRE AT FAT KWONG STREET WERE ALSO APPROVED, AS WELL AS PLANS FOR A BUS DEPOT AT TUEN MUN.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING MARCH THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO 1,468,873 SQUARE FEET, COMPRISING 447,584 SQ. FT. OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 1,021,289 SQ. FT. OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH AMOUNTED TO \$146.43 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$128.61 MILLION FOR FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

DURING THE MONTH, THE B.O.O. GAVE THE GO AHEAD FOR WORK TO BEGIN ON 53 BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING A HOME FOR THE AGED AT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, AN OIL STORAGE DEPOT AT SHA TIN; AN EXTENSION TO CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE, AND PREMISES FOR THE TAIPO RURAL COMMITTEE.

FIFTY-SIX COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH. THESE INCLUDED THE AIR CARGO TERMINAL BUILDING AT KAI TAK, A HOME FOR THE AGED AT CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, A SCHOOL BUILDING AT YUEN LONG, A NURSING SCHOOL AND QUARTERS AT TSUEN WAN AND A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING IN CHAI WAN.

THE B.O.O. ALSO CONSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 51 BUILDINGS.

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NUMBER OF SCOUTS DOUBLED IN TEN YEARS
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THE SCOUTS OF HONG KONG SHOULD HAVE TRAINING PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE TAILOR MADE TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS AND ASPIRATION SO AS TO EQUIP THEM TO STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL ST. GEORGE'S DAY SCOUT RALLY AT THE MONGKOK STADIUM, SIR MURRAY SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE HONG KONG SCOUTS TRAINING PROGRAMMES WERE MODIFIED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LOCAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS.

THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS REMARKABLE THAT IN TEN YEARS THE NUMBER OF SCOUTS HAD DOUBLED FROM ABOUT 13,000 IN 1966 TO OVER 27,000 AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

HE WAS SURE THAT THE SCOUTS OF HONG KONG WOULD SUCCEED IN THEIR DRIVE TO INCREASE THEIR MEMBERSHIP TO 50,000 WITHIN SEVEN YEARS.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH :-

+AS YEAR FOLLOWS YEAR I AM INCREASINGLY IMPRESSED BY THE VIGOUR AND VALUE OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG.

+IT IS REMARKABLE THAT IN TEN YEARS YOU HAVE DOUBLED YOUR NUMBERS FROM ABOUT 13,000 IN 1966 TO OVER 27,000 AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, AND EVEN MORE REMARKABLE THAT YOU ARE PLANNING A DRIVE TO INCREASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO 50,000 WITHIN 7 YEARS.

+I AM SURE YOU WILL SUCCEED. I AM DELIGHTED AT THE PROGRESS NOW BEING MADE IN HONG KONG TO PROVIDE MORE MEANINGFUL AND USEFUL SUPERVISED ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. THE WHOLE COMMUNITY GIVES THEIR THANKS TO YOU AND IT IS RIGHT, AND I AM PROUD AS YOUR CHIEF SCOUT THAT THE SCOUT MOVEMENT SHOULD SHOW THE WAY.

+CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME. LAST YEAR YOU TOOK TO CAMP NEARLY 2,400 PEOPLE. INCLUDING RECREATIONAL SCHEMES DURING THE OTHER 10 MONTHS YOU SERVED 91,000 YOUNG PEOPLE LAST YEAR AND FOR THE MAJORITY IT WAS THEIR FIRST CONTACT WITH SCOUTING. YOUR THREE CAMP SITES AND THE NEW ACTIVITY CENTRE AT STRAFFORD HOUSE WERE HEAVILY USED BOTH BY SCOUTS AND OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE YEAR, WITH ABOUT 40,000 CAMPER NIGHTS RECORDED IN ADDITION TO THOUSANDS OF DAY VISITORS.

+YOU ARE QUITE RIGHT THUS TO INVOLVE SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR ACTIVITIES. IT IS A VITAL PART OF YOUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND AFTER ALL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IS WHAT SCOUTING IS ALL ABOUT, AND IT ALSO SHOWS OTHERS WHAT YOU ACTUALLY DO IN SCOUTING AND THUS ATTRACTS NEW MEMBERS.

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+IT TAKES A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY TO RUN SO MANY PROGRAMMES, AND TO PROVIDE THE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED. PART OF THE FUNDS WAS RAISED DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS THROUGH THE MAGNIFICENT EFFORTS OF SIR KENNETH FUNG AND HIS TEAM. I SHALL LATER THIS AFTERNOON HAVE THE PLEASURE OF PRESENTING TO SIR KENNETH THE SILVER ACORN IN RECOGNITION OF HIS PERSONAL LEADERSHIP DURING THE 1975 FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN.

+LAST YEAR I SAID THAT THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG HAD SHOWN IT COULD ADJUST QUICKLY TO NEW CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THIS WAS DUE TO THE IMAGINATIVE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR LAY OFFICIALS AND COMMISSIONERS. THIS WAS SPOKEN IN THE CONTEXT OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR BOYS OUTSIDE THE MOVEMENT, AND I AM GLAD THAT DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT YOUR OWN TRAINING PROGRAMMES ARE MODIFIED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LOCAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS.

+IT IS QUITE APPROPRIATE THAT THE SCOUTS OF HONG KONG SHOULD HAVE TRAINING PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE TAILOR MADE TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS, SO AS TO EQUIP THEM TO STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE SCOUTS OF HONG KONG CAN ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE AND I SHALL WATCH WITH VERY CLOSE INTEREST THE PROGRESS YOU MAKE IN THE MONTHS WHICH LIE AHEAD.

+FINALLY, A WORD OF ADVICE. DO TRY TO ARRANGE YOUR PROGRAMMES SO THAT SCOUTING IS EXCITING AND CHALLENGING. WE ALL DO BEST WHEN CALLED UPON TO MEET A CHALLENGE, AND WITH EXCITING AND CHALLENGING PROGRAMMES YOU CAN BE SURE OUR SCOUTS WILL BECOME CITIZENS OF WHOM ANY COMMUNITY CAN BE PROUD.+

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WANCHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON TUESDAY (APRIL 27).

THIS IS TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A LEAKAGE TEST IN THE AREA.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY WEST SIDE OF MORRISON HILL ROAD, TIN LOK LANE, WANCHAI ROAD, HEARD STREET, NORTH SIDE OF JOHNSTON ROAD, BULLOCK LANE, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST FROM STUBBS ROAD TO SPORTS ROAD.

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DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE OPENS HK SPECIAL OLYMPICS
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SPORTS CAN HELP TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM, NOT ONLY IN THE MENTALLY RETARDED THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO IN THEIR PARENTS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS HELD AT THE WONG CHUK HANG SPORTS GROUND THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

MR. LEE SAID : +MOST CHILDREN ENJOY THE BENEFIT OF FREE PLAY AND COMPETITION IN GAMES BUT THE MENTALLY RETARDED ARE OFTEN FOUND AS STANDERS-BY, WATCHING THE FUN AND ACTION WITHOUT PARTICIPATION.+

THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAMME, HE SAID, WAS FIRST DEVELOPED IN AMERICA TO GIVE THIS GROUP OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE AND TO CONTRIBUTE.

+IT GIVES THEM A CHANCE TO DEVELOP AND TEST THEIR STRENGTH AND CO-ORDINATION. IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION AND TEAM PLAY,+ HE ADDED.

MR. LEE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD SOON BE POSSIBLE FOR HONG KONG TO BE REPRESENTED IN AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING, LIKE OTHER COUNTRIES IN MONTREAL LATER THIS YEAR.

THE DIRECTOR WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WERE PROMOTING SPORTS AND GAMES FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED.

+RECREATION AND SPORTS GO HAND IN HAND WITH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL TRAINING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MENTALLY RETARDED CHILD,+ HE SAID.

EVENTS IN THE HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS INCLUDED TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS, SOFTBALL THROW, OBSTACLE RACE, SPOON AND EGG RACE, AND THREE-LEGGED RACE.

MORE THAN 580 PEOPLE FROM 20 TRAINING CENTRES, SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND SHELTERED WORKSHOPS TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITION. THERE WERE SOME 700 SPECTATORS, INCLUDING PARENTS AND GUESTS.

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TOPLEY OPENS NEW LIBRARY AT BAPTIST COLLEGE

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY UNVEILED A PLAQUE TODAY AT THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE TO FORMALLY OPEN THE LUI MING CHOI LIBRARY.

MR. TOPLEY SAID IT WAS FITTING IN THIS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE COLLEGE THAT THE CELEBRATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE THE OPENING OF A LIBRARY OF A SCOPE AND QUALITY WHICH THE COLLEGE HAD EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD OF - A LIBRARY THAT WOULD BE SEEN AS A SYMBOL OF THE COLLEGE'S GROWTH TOWARDS MATURITY.

THE DIRECTOR NOTED THAT THE LIBRARY HAD BEEN ORGANISED WITH THE USER FIRMLY IN MIND - THAT IS, THE BOOKS SERVE THE STUDENTS INSTEAD OF THE STUDENTS SERVING THE BOOKS.

THE SPACIOUS LIBRARY BUILDING OFFERS COMFORTABLE STUDY FACILITIES FOR UP TO 350 STUDENTS AT A TIME.

THE NEW LIBRARY WAS GIVEN ITS NAME IN RECOGNITION OF A VERY GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE LUI MING CHOI FOUNDATION TO BUILD THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CENTRE ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS.

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1,000 YOUNGSTERS TO COMPETE IN ENDURANCE RACE

SOME 1,000 BOYS AND GIRLS WILL COMPETE IN A SIX-MILE ENDURANCE RACE ROUND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE RACE, DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS OF DIFFERENT AGE, IS SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE KWUN TONG RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE AND THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FIRST 20 WINNERS OF EACH GROUP BY MR. DICKEN YUNG, SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT= POLICE SUPERINTENDENT R.C. SMALLSHAW OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT AND MR. LAM KWOK-WAN, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE RACE WHICH WILL START AT TSUI PING ROAD/LEI YU MUN ROAD RECREATION GROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 10 A.M. THE PRIZE PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, 17 TSUI PING ROAD AT 11.30 A.M. ON THE SAME DAY.

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