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NEW RESTRAINTS ON TEXTILE EXPORTS TO CANADA

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HONG KONG HAS AGREED TO LIMIT ITS EXPORTS TO CANADA OF SWEATERS, CARDIGANS AND PULLOVERS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES OR WOOL TO 5,500,000 PIECES FOR ONE YEAR, STARTING ON AUGUST 1, 1976, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AFTER FOUR DAYS OF TALKS IN HONG KONG BETWEEN A TEAM OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, LED BY MR. JAMES MCKENNIERY, GENERAL DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SPECIAL IMPORT POLICY, AND A HONG KONG TEAM LED BY MR. PETER TSAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

THE TALKS WERE HELD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MULTI FIBRE ARRANGEMENT.

FOR TAILORED SHIRTS WHICH ARE ALREADY UNDER RESTRAINT, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE RESTRAINT LEVEL OF ABOUT 50,000 DOZENS FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1 TO OCTOBER 31, 1976 BE INCREASED BY 20,000 DOZENS.

THE CANADIAN TEAM ALSO AGREED TO WITHDRAW THEIR REQUESTS FOR RESTRAINTS ON DOUBLE-KNIT AND WRAP-KNIT FABRICS AND WOVEN POLYESTER FILAMENT FABRICS. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE CURRENT EXPORT AUTHORISATION ARRANGEMENT FOR DOUBLE-KNIT AND WRAP-KNIT FABRICS BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY AND THE EXPORT AUTHORISATION ARRANGEMENT FOR COTTON AND/OR POLYESTER WOVEN TROUSERS AND SHORTS AND COTTON WOVEN TERRY TOWELS BE DISCONTINUED AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 1976.

A NOTICE HAS BEEN SENT TO COMPANIES INVITING SHIPMENT RETURNS ON KNITTED SWEATERS, PULLOVERS, CARDIGANS AND TAILORED SHIRTS.

THESE RETURNS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 14, 1976 IN ORDER THAT THE ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS CAN BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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SIX SQUATTER VILLAGES DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL AREAS
TO HAVE LEGAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

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SIX SQUATTER VILLAGES ON THE SLOPES OF THE KOWLOON FOOTHILLS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL AREAS TO RECEIVE LEGAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY UNDER A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE VILLAGES ARE LION ROCK UPPER, LION ROCK LOWER, YAN YEE, YAN OI, MA CHAI HANG AND TAI YUEN.

THE DESIGNATION OF THESE VILLAGES AS SPECIAL AREAS HAS BEEN MADE BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING UNDER THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ORDINANCE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED EARLIER THIS YEAR TO ALLOW FOR THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL AREAS WHERE THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL REGULATIONS. THESE REGULATIONS WERE PUBLISHED RECENTLY.

THE SIX VILLAGES ARE THOSE CHOSEN FOR A PILOT PROJECT TO PROVIDE A LEGAL SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO SQUATTER AREAS UNDER A SCHEME WORKED OUT BY A JOINT WORKING GROUP COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO THE VILLAGES IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN STAGES. UPPER LION ROCK VILLAGE STARTED RECEIVING ITS SUPPLY IN MID-JUNE AND WORK IS PROGRESSING ON THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE OTHERS.

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SLIGHT INCREASE IN POPULATION

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THE ESTIMATED POPULATION AT THE END OF JUNE 1976 WAS 4,382,500, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FIGURE REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 2,637 PERSONS OVER THE END-YEAR 1975 ESTIMATE. THIS WAS MADE UP OF A +PLUS+ OF 23,110 THROUGH BALANCE OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS AND A +MINUS+ OF 20,473 THROUGH BALANCE OF MIGRATION.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS FOR THIS FIRST HALF-YEAR WAS 35,028= THIS WAS 2,183 LESS THAN IN THE FIRST HALF-YEAR OF 1975.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS FOR THE SAME PERIOD WAS 11,918 COMPARED TO 10,821 IN THE PREVIOUS FIRST HALF-YEAR.

THE FIGURE OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ARE BASED UPON EVENTS OCCURRING RATHER THAN UPON REGISTRATIONS MADE AND THEREFORE DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM THOSE RELEASED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL.

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EMPLOYERS OF DISABLED WORKERS PRAISED
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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, TODAY PRAISED EMPLOYERS OF DISABLED WORKERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED THE +ULTIMATE LINK IN THE LONG CHAIN OF DIFFICULT PROCESSES IN REHABILITATION WORK+.

HE ADDED THAT THEY HAD COMPLETED THE WORK STARTED BY DOCTORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS IN GIVING THE DISABLED THEIR ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE.

MR. SWEETMAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF 17 COMPANIES WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISABLED.

BY PROVIDING JOBS FOR THE DISABLED, HE SAID, THE EMPLOYERS NOT ONLY PUT THEM BACK INTO THE MAIN STREAM OF THE COMMUNITY LIFE, AND RETURNED TO THEM THEIR DIGNITY AND THEIR RIGHT TO WORK, BUT DEMONSTRATED TO THE COMMUNITY THEIR FAITH AND SUPPORT IN THE EFFORT TO REHABILITATE THE DISABLED.

A TOTAL OF 2,296 DISABLED WORKERS HAVE BEEN PUT TO WORK BY THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SINCE THE UNIT WAS SET UP IN 1967.

+THE RECORD FOR MAY AND JUNE OF THIS YEAR WAS PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING, TOTALLING 131 FOR TWO MONTHS,+ HE SAID. +QUITE APART FROM THE INCREASED SOCIAL SATISFACTION OF THE DISABLED PERSON WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN A JOB, THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS ARE SUBSTANTIAL.+

+IF WE ASSUME THAT EACH DISABLED PERSON PLACED BY THE UNIT IN EMPLOYMENT WORKS FOR THREE YEARS - A VERY CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE - THE TOTAL WAGES EARNED BY THESE 2,300 DISABLED PERSONS AMOUNT TO AT LEAST \$33 MILLION, NO MEAN FIGURE.+

FINALLY, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GUESTS FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, REHABILITATION CIRCLES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHO WERE ATTENDING THE FUNCTION WOULD MAKE THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON HOW BEST THEY COULD LOCATE AND SECURE MORE JOBS IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY FOR THE VARIOUS GROUPS OF THE DISABLED.

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RESULTS OF H.K.C.E.E.
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THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION BOARD HAS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT IF THERE ARE NO UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES, THE RESULTS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION 1976 WILL BE ISSUED TO SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE CANDIDATES ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1976.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE RESULTS WILL BE ISSUED IN THE FORM OF INDIVIDUAL RESULTS NOTICES SHOWING THE GRADES ACHIEVED IN EACH SUBJECT TAKEN.

THESE NOTICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY SCHOOLS ON THE MORNING OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 12. SCHOOL CANDIDATES MAY THEN SEEK INFORMATION FROM THEIR OWN SCHOOLS FOR THE COLLECTION OF THEIR RESULTS NOTICES.

RESULTS NOTICES OF PRIVATE CANDIDATES WILL BE SENT BY POST AND SHOULD REACH CANDIDATES ON THE SAME DAY OR ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, AT THE LATEST. PRIVATE CANDIDATES WHO, FOR ANY REASON, DO NOT RECEIVE THEIR RESULTS BY THEN MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, 11TH FLOOR, KOWLOON OR BY TELEPHONE (TEL. NOS. 3-688708 OR 3-688602).

AS RESULTS ARE BEING SUPPLIED TO INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES, LISTS OF RESULTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT CITY DISTRICT OFFICES OR OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

+ENGLISH ONLY+ CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY THE EVENING INSTITUTE RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE THEIR NOTICES SENT TO THEM BY POST BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. IF THE NOTICES ARE NOT RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, CANDIDATES MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES AT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 6TH FLOOR, KOWLOON OR BY TELEPHONE (TEL. NO. 3-884111 EXT. 280).

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CLOSURE OF STREETS FOR NEW MARKET COMPLEX

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A PROPOSAL TO CLOSE A NUMBER OF LANES AND STREETS IN THE WANCHAI AREA TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR A NEW MARKET COMPLEX WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

AFFECTED ARE CHI SHING LANE RUNNING OFF WANCHAI ROAD AND THE UNNAMED LANE WHICH RUNS ACROSS IT AND OTHER UNNAMED LANES WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY 255-269 WANCHAI ROAD, NO. 19-25 BOWRINGTON ROAD AND 1-3 CHAN TONG LANE.

THE PROPOSED NEW MARKET COMPLEX IS TO ACCOMMODATE THE STALLS IN THE EXISTING CANAL ROAD MARKET WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR ROAD WORKS. IT WILL BE ON TWO SITES ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF WANCHAI ROAD BUT THE SITES WILL BE LINKED AT FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR LEVELS BY PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES.

PRIVATE LAND AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL HAS ALREADY BEEN REVERTED TO THE CROWN AND THE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF GRANTING EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION UNDER THE RESUMPTION PROCEEDINGS TO THE OWNERS AND TENANTS OF PROPERTIES AFFECTED.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE CLOSURE OF THE LANES AND STREETS MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SO AS TO REACH HIS OFFICE NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6 THIS YEAR.

A PLAN SHOWING THE STREETS AND LANES AFFECTED CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE CITY DISTRICT (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE-CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG, OR AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 18TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (WANCHAI) AT TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE
INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS COURSE

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS OFFERING COURSES FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS OF HONG KONG. BOTH THE PART-TIME DAY RELEASE AND THE PART-TIME EVENING INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS COURSE WILL COMMENCE NEXT MONTH.

THESE TWO COURSES OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP SUPERVISORS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR DAY TO DAY TEACHING DUTIES. FROM THESE COURSES, THEY WILL LEARN TO IMPROVE THEIR METHODS OF TEACHING, STUDY EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY.

ADVERTISEMENT ON THE COURSES IS BEING PUT IN LOCAL PAPERS TOMORROW (SATURDAY). COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE BY AUGUST 21, 1976.

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JAPANESE YOUTHS TO MEET D.S.W.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF NAGANO PREFECTURE IN TOKYO, MR. SHIRO KOBAYASHI, WILL PAY A COURTESY CALL ON THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, AT 10.40 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

ACCOMPANYING MR. KOBAYASHI WILL BE A GROUP OF 10 JAPANESE YOUTHS WHO ARE TRAVELLING ON THE 'YOUNG HOPE SHIP OF NAGANO', THE CORAL PRINCESS, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG EARLY TOMORROW MORNING.

DURING THE VISIT TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR. KOBAYASHI WILL ALSO PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF 10 ORGANISATIONS ENGAGED IN YOUTH WORK HERE AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL BETWEEN THE YOUTHS OF JAPAN AND HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON 4TH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HONG KONG.

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT SPORTS MEET STARTS TOMORROW

THE SECOND ANNUAL SPORTS MEET OF AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT WILL START TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE TSUI PING ROAD SWIMMING POOL, KWUN TONG WITH A SWIMMING COMPETITION AT 2 P.M.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KWUN TONG), THE KWUN TONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SPORTS MEET AIMS TO PROMOTE THE INTEREST OF RESIDENTS IN SPORTS AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE 12 AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SOCIAL BODIES AND SCHOOLS THROUGH FRIENDLY COMPETITIONS.

THERE WILL BE FIVE MAJOR EVENTS, INCLUDING SWIMMING, CROSS-COUNTRY RACE, TABLE-TENNIS, MINI-SOCCER AND BASKETBALL. EACH OF THE 12 AREA COMMITTEES WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ITS OWN TEAM.

THE TEAM WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE WILL BE THE WINNERS.

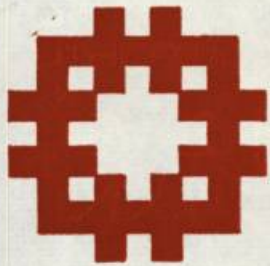
THE FINAL EVENT - CROSS COUNTRY RACE -- WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 21 TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

MR. PATRICK YIU, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KWUN TONG) = MR. LEUNG SIU-HUNG, CHAIRMAN OF KWUN TONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND SPORTS OFFICER OF KWUN TONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTES TO EDITORS: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SQUATTER POPULATION CONTINUES TO DROP
Decrease of 136,633 in Twelve Years

The Kwun Tong district in Kowloon alone has more squatters than the whole of Hong Kong Island. This was revealed in the final results of the 1976 Squatter Control Survey conducted by the Housing Department in June.

The two largest squatter areas are Sai Tau Village with 18,053 people and Diamond Hill with 13,254 people in Kowloon.

The distribution of the squatter population is as follows: Kwun Tong - 86,682, Hong Kong Island - 81,334, Tsuen Wan - 53,510 and Kowloon - 52,901.

Most of the squatter areas on Hong Kong Island are located on the north-eastern part with 11,685 people living in Holy Cross Path Village, 5,799 in Tsin Shui Ma Tau Village, 2,838 in Shing On Village and 1,932 in Aldrich Village.

Similarly, the larger squatter areas in Kowloon are also found in the north-eastern sector with 7,500 people in Cha Kwo Ling, 5,000 in Lyemun and 4,842 in Sai Cho Wan.

"The survey results indicate that there has been a welcome decrease in the squatter population from 411,060 people in 1964, when the last general survey was carried out, to 274,427 people, representing a drop of 33 per cent," a spokesman for the department said.

There is another clear indication that fewer people are living in each squatter structure. The count shows that this has fallen to an average of 5.3 from the previous recorded figure of ten in the 1964 survey.



The 1976 Squatter Control Survey, which involved numbering and measuring all huts as well as commercial and industrial areas, provides the Housing Department with more accurate and up-to-date information on the squatting situation.

"These information are being transferred to master copies of maps being kept by the Squatter Control Division of the department to enable more effective control over squatting," the spokesman said.

Staff of the Division will intensify its patrol of squatter areas, especially the black spots, to "freeze" the situation.

Though structures covered by the survey will in no way be immunised from demolition they will not normally be cleared until the land is required for development.

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