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GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING STANDING COMMISSION'S PAY REPORT
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THE GOVERNMENT IS EXAMINING THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE +FIRST REPORT ON CIVIL SERVICE PAY+ ISSUED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) BY THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE WITH A VIEW TO CONSULTING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE BEFORE CHINESE NEW YEAR, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE BEING ISSUED TO ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND MADE AVAILABLE TO STAFF ASSOCIATIONS. THE REPORT WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED IN THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL.

A CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH CIRCULAR CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF THE REPORT AND THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLATING COMMENTS WILL BE ISSUED SEPARATELY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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US CALLS SIX MORE TEXTILE CATEGORIES
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IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS THE UNITED STATES HAS CALLED ON HONG KONG TO SUSPEND THE ISSUE OF EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS IN RESPECT OF 11 TEXTILE CATEGORIES.

DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR. PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY): +IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THIS MORNING THE US HAS CALLED ON US TO SUSPEND THE ISSUE OF EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS FOR YET ANOTHER SIX CATEGORIES, AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE ABOUT TO RESUME TALKS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE US-HK TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

+THESE FREQUENT REQUESTS BY THE US, WHICH TOTAL 13 SO FAR THIS YEAR, ARE DISRUPTIVE TO OUR TRADE.

+WHEN WE RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA NEXT MONDAY, WE INTEND TO DISCUSS THE FREQUENCY OF THESE REQUESTS, THE UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF THEM, AND THE CURRENT PROVISIONS IN THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT GOVERNING SUCH REQUESTS,+ HE SAID.

EARLIER THIS YEAR THE US HAD ASKED HONG KONG TO INCLUDE SEVEN CATEGORIES IN THE BASKET ARRANGEMENT, AND SIX OF THESE ARE AMONGST THE 11 CATEGORIES WHICH THE US HAS CALLED.

THE SIX NEW CATEGORIES WHICH THE US HAVE ASKED HONG KONG TO SUSPEND ARE : CATEGORY 337 (COTTON PLAY SUITS)- CATEGORY 444 (WOOL SUITS FOR WOMEN, GIRLS AND INFANTS)- CATEGORY 447 (WOOL TROUSERS FOR MEN AND BOYS)- CATEGORIES 633-634 (MMF COATS FOR MEN AND BOYS)- CATEGORY 635 (MMF COATS FOR WOMEN, GIRLS AND INFANTS)- AND CATEGORY 648 (MMF TROUSERS FOR WOMEN, GIRLS AND INFANTS).

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WORK OF COPYRIGHT PROTECTION UNIT RECOGNISED
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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WELFARE FUND TODAY (TUESDAY) RECEIVED A BOOST OF \$4 000 DONATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PRODUCERS OF PHONOGRAMS AND VIDEOGRAMS (IFPI) IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE'S OUTSTANDING EFFORT IN STAMPING OUT RECORD PIRACY IN HONG KONG.

AT A BRIEF CEREMONY HELD AT THE SERVICE'S HEADQUARTERS TODAY, THE IFPI'S SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL DIRECTOR, MR. STEVE NEARY, PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR THE AMOUNT TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE SERVICE, MR. ROY HATTON.

MR. NEARY SAID THE INDUSTRY'S LATEST REPORT ESTIMATED THAT 99 PER CENT OF ALL RECORDS AND TAPES SOLD WERE NOW LEGITIMATE, AND RECORD COMPANIES HAD REPORTED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN SALES.

MR. HATTON ASSURED THAT THE SERVICE WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE COPYRIGHT LAWS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG WAS ONE OF THE FEW PLACES IN THE WORLD WHERE A SPECIAL UNIT HAD BEEN SET UP, IN A DISCIPLINED FORCE, TO DEAL SOLELY WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH LAWS.

+SINCE ITS FORMATION ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO, THE COPYRIGHT PROTECTION UNIT HAS SEIZED OVER HALF A MILLION PIRATED TAPES- 33 000 PIRATED GRAMOPHONE RECORDS- 1 500 RECORDING DECKS AND SEVEN HIGH-SPEED CASSETTE DUPLICATORS,+ MR. HATTON SAID.

+THIS FOLLOWED 47 INVESTIGATIONS FOR ILLICIT MANUFACTURE AND 244 RAIDS ON DISTRIBUTORS AND RETAILERS, WHICH RESULTED IN 335 SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS FOR VARIOUS COPYRIGHT OFFENCES,+ HE ADDED.

OVER THE YEARS, MANY PROBLEMS IN DEALING WITH MUSIC PIRACY HAD TO BE OVERCOME, AND THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE CO-OPERATION OF THE IFPI AND MEMBERS OF THE RECORDING INDUSTRY, HE SAID.

+HONG KONG HAS OFTEN BEEN REFERRED TO AS A GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF COPYRIGHT PROTECTION,+ MR. HATTON SAID.

+IT IS GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT OUR TRADING REPUTATION WILL NO LONGER BE TARNISHED BY ALLEGATIONS OF BEING A HAVEN FOR PIRATES,+ HE ADDED.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESENTATION CEREMONY WERE THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, MR. DAVID JORDAN, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MR. KEITH BROADBRIDGE AND STAFF OF THE IFPI.

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SIR MURRAY TO SEE WORK OF ANTI-POLLUTION VESSELS

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL WATCH A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS BY ANTI-POLLUTION LAUNCHES OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 25).

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR. MALCOLM ALEXANDER, SIR MURRAY WILL GO TO THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER TO SEE HOW THE +WATER WITCH+, A MECHANICAL REFUSE COLLECTION VESSEL, HELPS KEEP THE HARBOUR CLEAN.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS, BEGINNING AT 3 P.M., WILL INCLUDE THE DISPLAY OF A NUMBER OF ANTI-OIL POLLUTION VESSELS' CAPABILITIES IN FIGHTING OIL SPILLS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE DEMONSTRATION BY ANTI-POLLUTION VESSELS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 25).

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ATTEND THE DEMONSTRATION WHICH WILL START AT 3 P.M.

A MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCH 50 WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA. IT WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER FOR YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER AT 2.45 P.M. SHARP. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF YUEN LONG PRAISED

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE +COMMUNITY SPIRIT+ OF YUEN LONG PEOPLE WHEN OPENING A NEW SCHOOL IN THE NEW TOWN TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE SAID THIS SPIRIT HAD CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY OF YUEN LONG, WHICH HAD GROWN IN 20 YEARS FROM A QUIET MARKET INTO A BUSTLING MODERN COMMUNITY.

+YUEN LONG TOWN WILL CONTINUE TO GROW,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID, +AND WE MUST ENSURE THAT WE DO NOT LOSE THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND SENSE OF LOCAL PRIDE AND BELONGING AS THE POPULATION INCREASES.+

THE NEW SCHOOL IS THE YUEN LONG MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHOSE FOUNDATION STONE MR. AKERS-JONES LAID NEARLY FIVE YEARS AGO. HE SAID THERE WERE ALREADY 10 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN YUEN LONG AND THE NEW ONE WOULD ADD 1 200 PLACES.

HE SAID BY THE END OF THE YEAR A FURTHER SECONDARY SCHOOL WOULD OPEN, WHICH WOULD ALSO HAVE AN AIR-CONDITIONED HALL AS A LOCAL VENUE FOR CONCERTS AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCES.

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+IN DUE COURSE THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN YUEN LONG SO THAT THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR CHILDREN TO MAKE THE LONG JOURNEY INTO TOWN,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW SCHOOL HAS BEEN BUILT ON A SITE IN THE TOWN CENTRE AT A COST OF \$6.5 MILLION. THE LAND WAS GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT FREE OF PREMIUM.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED 84 PERCENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION COST, THE REMAINDER BEING RAISED LOCALLY BY THE ASSOCIATION. ENGINEERING WORK STARTED EARLY LAST YEAR AND WAS COMPLETED IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

INITIALLY, THE SCHOOL WILL RUN 12 CLASSES FOR 720 LOCAL CHILDREN. IT IS EXPECTED TO REACH FULL CAPACITY BY 1983.

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DSW VISITS HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOSTEL IN CHAI WAN TO SEE FOR HIMSELF ITS DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION.

MR. LEE INSPECTED THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE HING WAH HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY AND LEARNED ABOUT ITS LATEST DEVELOPMENT. THE HOSTEL IS RUN BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN AND WAN CHAI), MRS. DANG CHOW SIK-WAN, AND WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP, MR. STEPHEN YOW MOK-SHING.

AT THE HOSTEL, THE DIRECTOR SAW THE OLD PEOPLE RELAXING, READING OR DOING HANDICRAFT WORK. HE ALSO TALKED TO SOME OF THEM AND ENQUIRED ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIFE.

OPENED EARLY LAST YEAR, THE HOSTEL IN HING WAH ESTATE IS THE SECOND OF ITS KIND OPERATED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP.

THE \$530 000 HOSTEL WHICH IS PARTLY FINANCED BY THE LOTTERIES FUND, PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR 73 OLD PEOPLE, AND ENABLES THEM TO ENJOY A FULL AND ACTIVE LIFE.

IT PROVIDES MEAL SERVICE, AND ASSISTANCE IN LAUNDRY AND CLEANSING WORK. THERE ARE ALSO SOCIAL WORKERS AND NURSES TO HELP THE INMATES SOLVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL AND HEALTH PROBLEMS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE EIGHT HOSTELS WITH A TOTAL OF 760 PLACES RUN BY THE VOLUNTARY WELFARE SECTOR TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

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SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF CROWN LAND
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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY WAY OF ANNUAL RENTAL FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT CHA KWO LING ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE SITE, WITH MARINE FRONTAGE AND MEASURING ABOUT 2 800 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS AND CARGO.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD AND IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE TWO OFFICES.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 9, 1979.

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THREE CAS PERMANENT STAFF RETIRE
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THREE PERMANENT STAFF OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL RETIRE SHORTLY AFTER SERVING IN THE GOVERNMENT FOR A TOTAL OF 73 YEARS.

THEY ARE LABOURERS, MR. NG CHOW AND MR. HO CHIU- AND CARETAKER, MR. WONG WING-NGOK.

THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF THE CAS, MR. JOHN FORTUNE WILL PRESENT RETIREMENT GIFTS TO THEM ON BEHALF OF THEIR COLLEAGUES IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEDICATED SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE CAS HEADQUARTERS IN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AT 4 P.M. ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 26).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT GIFTS TO THE THREE CAS STAFF MEMBERS TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 26) AT 4 P.M. IN THE DEMONSTRATION THEATRE, SIXTH FLOOR, CAS HEADQUARTERS, 100 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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CONTRACT FOR LIFT AWARDED

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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO SCHINDLER LIFTS (HK) LTD FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A LIFT IN THE THREE-STOREY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH \$230 000, WAS SIGNED BY MR. K.C. YEUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

MR. YEUNG SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO BLEND PLEASANTLY WITH THE PORTAL STRUCTURES AND SURROUNDING HILLSIDE, IS SITUATED BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN TUNNEL PORTALS AT WONG CHUK HANG.

HE SAID THAT WORK ON THE CONTROL BUILDINGS OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL, WHICH INCLUDES A SMALL TWO-STOREY CONTROL KIOSK AT THE NORTHERN PORTALS, WAS ON SCHEDULE AND WOULD BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

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