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ISSUE OF NEW 10 CENT COINS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BEGIN TO ISSUE THE NEW 10 CENT COIN TO BANKS TOMORROW (FRIDAY), WHEN THE COIN WILL BECOME LEGAL TENDER FOR ANY AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING 2 DOLLARS.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS NEW COIN, WHICH IS SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN THE EXISTING 10 CENT COIN, WAS PROPOSED IN THE 1974 REPORT OF THE COINAGE REVIEW COMMITTEE. THE LEGAL TENDER DATE OF JULY 2 WAS SET BY THE GOVERNOR IN A PROCLAMATION GAZETTED ON APRIL 23.

THE REVERSE OF THE NEW 10 CENT COIN WILL PROMINENTLY DISPLAY THE ARABIC NUMERAL +10+ IN THE CENTRE. THE OBVERSE WILL CARRY THE SAME PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN AS ON ALL THE COINS INTRODUCED IN RECENT YEARS (\$5, \$2, \$1, 50 CENT AND 20 CENT).

THE NEW ROUND COIN WILL STILL BE IN NICKEL BRASS (79 PER CENT COPPER, 20 PER CENT ZINC, 1 PER CENT NICKEL) BUT WILL HAVE A PLAIN INSTEAD OF A MILLED EDGE. IT WILL HAVE A DIAMETER OF 17.50 MM, A THICKNESS OF 1.15 MM AT THE EDGE AND WILL WEIGH 1.85 GRAMS (COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT COIN'S 20.57 MM, 1.85 MM AND 4.54 GRAMS RESPECTIVELY).

THE OLD 10 CENT COINS WILL BE WITHDRAWN AS THEY PASS THROUGH THE BANKS. THERE ARE PRESENTLY 516 MILLION 10 CENT COINS IN CIRCULATION BUT IT IS THOUGHT THAT A LARGE PROPORTION HAVE BEEN LOST.

THE DATE AFTER WHICH THE EXISTING COINS WILL NO LONGER BE LEGAL TENDER HAS NOT YET BEEN FIXED. THIS WILL BE DONE WHEN THERE ARE SUFFICIENT NEW 10 CENT COINS IN CIRCULATION TO MEET PUBLIC DEMAND FOR THIS CURRENCY UNIT AND WHEN IT APPEARS THAT THE NUMBER OF OLD COINS ACTUALLY IN CIRCULATION IS NO LONGER SIGNIFICANT IN CASH TRANSACTIONS.

GOOD NOTICE OF THE DATE WHEN THE OLD COIN WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL TENDER WILL BE GIVEN, SO THAT THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN COINS TO THE BANKS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE COINAGE REVIEW COMMITTEE MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS IN 1974:-

- (A) THE INTRODUCTION OF TWO NEW COINS: A 20 CENT COIN AND A 2 DOLLAR COIN;
- (B) A CHANGE IN THE SIZE, WEIGHT AND METAL CONTENT OF THE 50 CENT COIN;
- (C) THE INTRODUCTION OF A 5 DOLLAR COIN TO REPLACE THE 5 DOLLAR NOTE; AND
- (D) A REDUCTION IN THE SIZE AND WEIGHT OF THE DOLLAR COIN.

/THE COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WHEN THE LARGE DOLLAR COIN CEASED TO CIRCULATE, THE NUMBER OF SHAPED COINS SHOULD BE REDUCED BY ROUNDING THE SCALLOPED 2 DOLLAR COIN, AND THAT THE SIZE OF THE 10 CENT COIN SHOULD BE REDUCED WHEN THE 5 CENT COIN PLAYED A LESS SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE CURRENCY SYSTEM.

WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THE 10 SIDED 5 DOLLAR COIN RATHER THAN THE SCALLOPED 2 DOLLAR COIN WAS ROUNDED, BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S GREATER POPULARITY AND BECAUSE THE 5 DOLLAR COIN HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY COUNTERFEITERS, ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW 10 CENT COIN.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN KWUN TONG AND SHAU KEI WAN

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THREE SECTIONS OF WAI YIP STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE MORNINGS BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FROM SATURDAY (JULY 3) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ROAD SIGNS.

THEY ARE:

- * THE EASTBOUND SECTION BETWEEN KWUN TONG ROAD AND THE ACCESS RAMP TO TELFORD GARDENS.
- * THE SECTION BETWEEN SIU YIP STREET AND THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING FROM KOWLOON BAY AREA.
- * THE WESTBOUND SECTION BETWEEN LAI YIP STREET AND THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING FROM KOWLOON BAY AREA.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROAD CLOSURE, THE FOLLOWING TURNING MOVEMENTS WILL BE BANNED:

- * LEFT TURN FROM SIU YIP STREET INTO WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND.
- * LEFT TURN FROM THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING FROM KOWLOON BAY AREA INTO WAI YIP STREET.
- * LEFT TURN FROM SHUN YIP STREET INTO WAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND.

THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED:

- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM CHOI HUNG HEADING TOWARDS KWUN TONG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWUN TONG ROAD.
- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM KOWLOON CITY AND CHOI HUNG HEADING TOWARDS TELFORD GARDENS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWUN TONG ROAD, HONG TAK ROAD AND TAI YIP STREET.

- * TRAFFIC FROM AIRPORT TUNNEL HEADING TOWARDS TELFORD GARDENS WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND AND TAI YIP STREET.
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON WAI YIP STREET HEADING TOWARDS KOWLOON CITY AND MONG KOK WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAI YIP STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD.
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM KWUN TONG HEADING TOWARDS TO KWA WAN AND HUNG HOM WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAI YIP STREET, KWUN TONG ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD INSTEAD OF USING THE AIRPORT TUNNEL.
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON WAI YIP STREET HEADING TOWARDS KOWLOON BAY FACTORY ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAI YIP STREET, HOI BUN ROAD AND SHUN YIP STREET.

FOR SHAU KEI WAN, SAI WAN HO STREET BETWEEN SHING ON STREET AND HOI NING STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 8 AM AND 9 PM ON SATURDAY (JULY 3) FOR ROAD WORKS.

HOLY CROSS PATH BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND SAI WAN HO STREET WILL ALSO BE CLOSED DURING THE SAME PERIOD FOR THE SAME REASON.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS UNDER AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT
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STUDENTS APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID UNDER TWO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ARE REMINDED THAT APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY NEXT WEEK (JULY 9).

MORE THAN \$370 000 WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS OR INTEREST-FREE LOANS FROM THE TWO FUNDS -- THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND THE MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

THE AWARDS ARE TENABLE AT A UNIVERSITY IN HONG KONG, THE POLYTECHNIC, A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR AT AN ACCEPTABLE OVERSEAS ACADEMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL OR POST-GRADUATE INSTITUTE.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO EITHER AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT MARKETING INDUSTRIES OR FISHERIES AND FISH MARKETING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG ON COMPLETION OF THEIR COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE TWO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

ABOUT \$500 000 HAS BEEN PAID OUT TO STUDENTS SINCE THE FUNDS WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1978.

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APPLY NOW FOR TEACHER TRAINING COURSE
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THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION ARE NOW INVITING APPLICATIONS TO THEIR THREE-YEAR AND TWO-YEAR TEACHER TRAINING COURSES WHICH WILL COMMENCE THIS SEPTEMBER.

ALL THREE COLLEGES ARE OFFERING A THREE-YEAR COURSE IN ENGLISH, WHILE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IS ALSO OFFERING A THREE-YEAR COURSE IN CHINESE, AND NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IS OFFERING A TWO-YEAR COURSE IN ENGLISH.

+THE OBJECTIVES OF THESE INITIAL COURSES OF TEACHER EDUCATION ARE TO TRAIN STUDENTS TO BECOME QUALIFIED TEACHERS TO TEACH GENERAL SUBJECTS AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL AND TO TEACH THREE ELECTIVE SUBJECTS TO FORM 3 LEVEL,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TWO FULL-TIME THREE-YEAR COURSES WILL COMPRISE A CORE CURRICULUM OF A COMPULSORY PROGRAMME OF STUDIES, TWO SUBJECTS ELECTED ON A MAJOR ELECTIVE BASIS AND ONE SUBJECT ON A MINOR ELECTIVE BASIS.

APPLICANTS FOR THE ENGLISH COURSE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION AT AN ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL AND THOSE FOR THE CHINESE COURSE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION AT A CHINESE MIDDLE SCHOOL. THEY SHOULD HAVE REACHED 17 YEARS OF AGE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1982.

THEY SHOULD HAVE TAKEN AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENT SUBJECTS AT THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) LEVEL. GRADES OBTAINED SHOULD BE AT LEAST GRADE C IN TWO SUBJECTS, PLUS AT LEAST GRADE D IN ONE OTHER SUBJECT AND AT LEAST GRADE E IN ANOTHER THREE SUBJECTS.

+CHINESE LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE MUST BE INCLUDED AMONG THE SIX SUBJECTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COURSE STRUCTURE OF THE FULL-TIME TWO-YEAR COURSE IN ENGLISH IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE THREE-YEAR COURSE.

+THE ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR A MAJOR ELECTIVE SUBJECT IS NORMALLY A PASS IN THAT SUBJECT AT ADVANCED LEVEL,+ THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

APPLICANTS FOR THE TWO-YEAR COURSE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED TWO YEARS OF EDUCATION BEYOND FORM 5 IN AN ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL, AND SHOULD HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 18 BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1982.

THEY SHOULD HAVE TAKEN AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENT SUBJECTS IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS, AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE E OR ABOVE AT ADVANCED LEVEL IN AT LEAST TWO SUBJECTS, PLUS AT LEAST GRADE D IN ONE OTHER SUBJECT AT HKCEE LEVEL AND AT LEAST GRADE E IN ANOTHER THREE SUBJECTS AT HKCEE LEVEL.

CHINESE LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE MUST BE INCLUDED AMONG THE SIX SUBJECTS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT EACH APPLICANT SHOULD APPLY FOR ONLY ONE COURSE AND SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION. +ANY APPLICANT WHO HAS SUBMITTED MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED,+ HE SAID.

TUITION FEES FOR THE COURSES IS \$800 PER ANNUM.

+STUDENTS CAN APPLY FOR AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN OF UP TO \$2 400 PER ANNUM, REPAYABLE MONTHLY OVER A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE COURSE= AND ALSO A MAINTENANCE GRANT OF UP TO \$2 000 PER ANNUM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UPON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, COLLEGE GRADUATES ARE ELIGIBLE TO HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED INTO THE OFFICIAL REGISTER OF TEACHERS, BUT NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE COLLEGES CAN GUARANTEE EMPLOYMENT FOR THEM, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE, A REGISTERED TEACHER HAS PRIORITY OF EMPLOYMENT OVER APPLICANTS WITHOUT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING.

SELECTION OF STUDENTS TO THE COLLEGES IS ADMINISTERED BY THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD.

FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS, THE PRINCIPALS OF THEIR SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF APPLICATION FORMS OF EACH TYPE OF COURSES AND RETURN THEM TO NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 21 SASSOON ROAD, POK FU LAM, HONG KONG.

APPLICANTS WHO HAVE ALREADY LEFT SCHOOL CAN OBTAIN THE FORMS AND INFORMATION SHEETS FROM THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS, THIRD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG, AND THE KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT 405 NATHAN ROAD.

THESE APPLICANTS MUST PRESENT THE COMPLETED FORMS IN PERSON AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST REACH THE COLLEGE BY 1 PM ON AUGUST 20.

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RESULTS OF LATEST NT TAXI TENDERS * * * *

RESULTS OF THE LATEST NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCE TENDERING EXERCISE WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (JULY 2), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID.

ALTHOUGH 150 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES WERE PUT UP, A TOTAL OF 839 TENDERS SEEKING 996 LICENCES HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHEN THE OFFER CLOSED ON JUNE 4, 1982.

SUCCESSFUL BIDS RANGED FROM A HIGH OF \$72 000 TO A LOW OF \$65 100, GIVING AN AVERAGE PREMIUM OF \$66 732.91.

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 39.62 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS EXERCISE.

DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THE AMOUNTS OFFERED, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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HIGH LEVEL ECONOMIC AND TRADE DELEGATION FROM JAPAN

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HONG KONG WILL PRESS ITS CASE FOR THE REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIVE CATEGORIES OF PRODUCTS FROM HONG KONG IN THE JAPANESE GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES WHEN A HIGH LEVEL JAPANESE DELEGATION IS IN HONG KONG FROM JULY 17 TO 20, SAID A TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. THE FIVE CATEGORIES OF PRODUCTS ARE TRAVEL GOODS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, GLASS BEADS, IMITATION JEWELLERY AND TOYS.

THE RULING LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN IS SENDING A HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION TO THE ASEAN COUNTRIES AND HONG KONG TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ECONOMIC AND TRADE MATTERS.

THE DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MR MASUMI ESAKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MEASURES OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. HE WILL BE TRAVELLING AS THE SPECIAL ENVOY OF MR ZENKO SUZUKI, THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER, IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE DIET AND ADVISERS.

DURING HIS STAY IN HONG KONG, MR ESAKI WILL BE MEETING THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. HE IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO MEET THE HONG KONG/JAPAN BUSINESS COOPERATION COMMITTEE, SET UP IN 1979 TO PROMOTE TRADE, INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN.

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NEW PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES COUNTER FOR TSUEN WAN

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A NEW PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES COUNTER HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD OFFICE IN FOU WAH CENTRE.

THIS BRINGS TO 10 THE NUMBER OF PES COUNTERS IN THE DISTRICT - SIX IN KWAI CHUNG, THREE IN TSUEN WAN AND ONE ON TSING YI.

SINCE THE COUNTER WAS OPENED IN LATE MAY, STAFF HAS HANDLED MORE THAN 500 ENQUIRIES AND DISTRIBUTED 300 FORMS AND PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS.

DESCRIBING THE RESPONSE AS +GOOD+, A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THEY WOULD CONSIDER EXTENDING THE SERVICE TO INCLUDE TAKING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS AND PROCESSING CASES THAT REQUIRE FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

AT THE OTHER NINE PES COUNTERS, FACILITIES PROVIDED INCLUDE REFERRAL OF RENTAL MATTERS TO THE RENT OFFICERS FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR FREE LEGAL ADVICE, STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND POLICIES, AND DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS AND PAMPHLETS.

DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, STAFF AT THESE COUNTERS HANDLED MORE THAN 185 000 ENQUIRIES AND DISTRIBUTED 238 000 FORMS AND PAMPHLETS.

THREE OF THE COUNTERS REMAIN OPEN DURING LUNCH TIME WHILE THE WORKING HOURS FOR THE OTHERS ARE FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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