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MORE DOMESTIC UNITS TO BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR

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THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC UNITS TO BE COMPLETED IN THE URBAN AREAS IS EXPECTED TO RISE AGAIN AFTER A DROP IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

THIS FORECAST WAS CONTAINED IN THE 1976 PROPERTY REVIEW PREPARED BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR. RAYMOND FRY, COMMENTING ON THE REVIEW SAID TODAY THAT ITS MOST SIGNIFICANT FEATURE WAS THE FORECAST OF DOMESTIC ACCOMMODATION TO BE BUILT THIS YEAR AND IN 1977.

SUPPLY FOR LAST YEAR WAS DOWN TO 13,000 FROM 19,000 IN 1974 AND 24,000 IN 1973.

HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF COMPLETIONS THIS YEAR IS EXPECTED TO REACH 17,000 WHILE THAT OF 1977 IS ANTICIPATED TO APPROACH THE 21,000 MARK.

+THIS IS AN AVERAGE OF NEARLY 19,000 UNITS PER YEAR FROM 1973 TO 1977, NOT INCLUDING THE NEW TERRITORIES OUTSIDE THE TSUEN WAN AREA, WHERE AN AVERAGE OF 1,500 UNITS PER ANNUM IS EXPECTED DURING THE PERIOD 1976-77,+ MR. FRY SAID.

ACCORDING TO THE REVIEW, VACANT DOMESTIC UNITS WERE DOWN BY ABOUT 25 PER CENT — ANOTHER WELCOME SIGN — WITH TOTAL VACANCIES PUT AT AROUND 9,500.

GENERALLY, RENTALS RECORDED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR FRESH AND NEW LETTINGS SHOWED DECREASES OVER THE YEAR, DESPITE A HARDENING OF RENTS AT THE LOWER END TOWARDS THE END OF LAST YEAR. SIMILARLY, THERE WERE SOME VERY SLIGHT DECREASES IN PURCHASE PRICES WHICH WERE MORE PRONOUNCED FOR BIGGER FLATS.

THERE WAS ONLY A VERY SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE VACANCY POSITION FOR SHOPS, AND MUCH OF THIS WAS IN THE RATHER POORER SECONDARY LOCATIONS. VERY LITTLE ACCOMMODATION WAS VACANT IN THE PRIME TOURIST POSITIONS. DEMAND FOR SPACE CONTINUED AT A FAIRLY HIGH LEVEL AND INCREASED PERCEPTIBLY IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR.

AS WITH DOMESTIC ACCOMMODATION, RENTALS RECORDED FOR FRESH LETTINGS SHOWED A SMALL DECREASE OVER THE YEAR.

SOME 2.7 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF NEW OFFICE ACCOMMODATION WAS COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR AND A SIMILAR AMOUNT WAS VACANT AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THIS WAS VERY NEARLY 2-1/2 TIMES THE AMOUNT VACANT A YEAR AGO, DESPITE AN INCREASED DEMAND FOR SUCH SPACE.

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THERE IS ALSO STILL A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF NEW SPACE UNDER DEVELOPMENT, THOUGH MUCH OF THIS WILL BE THE POORER TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION IN SECONDARY LOCATIONS.

AS A RESULT OF SUPPLY OUTSTRIPPING DEMAND, AVERAGE RENTALS FOR GRADE A ACCOMMODATION DECLINED BY SOME 16 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR AND BY NEARLY 22 PER CENT FOR GRADE B ACCOMMODATION.

1975 WAS A POOR YEAR FOR THE SUPPLY OF FLATTED FACTORY ACCOMMODATION, WITH ONLY AN ADDITIONAL 2.2 MILLION SQUARE FEET COMPLETED. THIS RESULTED IN A FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE IN THE VACANCY FIGURE, FROM 2.75 MILLION SQUARE FEET AT DECEMBER 1974 TO 1.8 MILLION SQUARE FEET AT THE END OF 1975. OF INTEREST IS THE FACT THAT NEARLY ALL THE INCREASED TAKE-UP OCCURRED IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR.

HOWEVER, A SLIGHTLY HIGHER OUT-TURN IS EXPECTED FOR 1976, AND THE POSITION SHOULD IMPROVE FURTHER IN 1977.

ALTHOUGH OVERALL RENTS FOR NEW LETTINGS DECLINED AS COMPARED WITH 1974, THE DEMAND FOR AVAILABLE SPACE TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR RESULTED IN A REVERSAL OF THE TREND, AND SOME INCREASES WERE RECORDED.

ALSO NOTED IN THE PROPERTY REVIEW IS THE SLOW-DOWN OF MANY REDEVELOPMENT SCHEMES PLANNED IN THE EARLY 1970'S, AND THE QUESTIONABLE CAPACITY OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO MEET ALL THE DEMANDS LIKELY TO BE MADE OF IT.

COPIES OF THE REVIEW ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$25 EACH.

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C.S. VISITS PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL

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THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, SPENT TWO HOURS THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TOURING THE NEW PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL AT LAI CHI KOK.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. G.H. CHOA, SIR DENYS BEGAN HIS TOUR BY INSPECTING THE CASUALTY WARD AND THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES UNIT. HE THEN VISITED THE MEDICAL, SURGICAL, ORTHOPAEDIC, AND PAEDIATRICS WARDS.

SIR DENYS WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE HOSPITAL'S GERIATRIC SERVICE, WHICH IS THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

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EEC OFFICIALS MEET PRESS

THE TEN EEC OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN VISITING HONG KONG FOR THE PAST WEEK AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL BE HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE GIS TOMORROW AFTERNOON (FRIDAY). THE OFFICIALS ARE ALL EXPERTS ON THE EEC'S GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES (GSP). UNDER THIS SCHEME GOODS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MAY ENTER COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES DUTY FREE.

ALTHOUGH HONG KONG IS A BENEFICIARY OF THE SCHEME, TWO OF ITS EXPORTS — TEXTILES AND LEATHER FOOTWEAR — ARE EXCLUDED FROM IT.

THE VISIT IS TO PROVIDE THE OFFICIALS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY OF TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT HONG KONG AND TO BETTER UNDERSTAND ITS PROBLEM.

THE LEADER OF THE VISITING GROUP OF EXPERTS IS MR. TRAN VAN THINH, AN EEC COMMISSION OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF THE COMMISSION'S GENERALISED TARIFF PREFERENCES DEPARTMENT.

THE OTHER EXPERTS ARE MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS REPRESENTING FRANCE, ITALY, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, BELGIUM, LUXEMBURG, BRITAIN, THE IRISH REPUBLIC AND DENMARK.

THE GROUP ARRIVED LAST SUNDAY AND SINCE THEN HAVE HAD TALKS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION AND SEVERAL OTHER CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE LEADING TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

THEY ALSO TOURED KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AND INSPECTED A NUMBER OF FACTORIES AND VISITED SQUATTER AREAS AND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE GROUP LEAVES ON SUNDAY.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 3.30 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE GIS THEATRE ON THE 5/F., OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHEK KIP MEI

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE INTRODUCED THIS WEEKEND IN SHEK KIP MEI TO INCREASE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND IMPROVE BUS OPERATION.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS WITH PEDESTRIAN PHASES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED ON NAM CHEONG STREET AT THE JUNCTIONS WITH BERWICK STREET AND WOH CHAI STREET.

WHEN THESE COME INTO OPERATION AT 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (APRIL 3) A CONTRAFLOW 'BUS-ONLY' LANE WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED ALONG THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NAM CHEONG STREET BETWEEN BERWICK STREET AND TAI PO ROAD.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS-ONLY LANE FROM 7 A.M. TO 11 P.M. DAILY. HOWEVER, VEHICLES TRAVELLING IN YIU TUNG STREET WILL BE ALLOWED TO CROSS THE BUS-ONLY LANE TO ENTER THE NORTH-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NAM CHEONG STREET.

FRANCHISED BUSES WILL ENTER THE SOUTHBOUND BUS LANE FROM NAM CHEONG STREET AT THE JUNCTION WITH BERWICK STREET.

NO TRAFFIC WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM BERWICK STREET INTO NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHBOUND OR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FRANCHISED BUSES, TRAVEL SOUTH-BOUND IN NAM CHEONG STREET ACROSS BERWICK STREET AT ANY TIME AS THERE IS A COMPULSORY EASTBOUND LEFT-TURN INTO BERWICK STREET APART FROM FRANCHISED BUSES.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NAM CHEONG STREET BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND UN CHAU STREET AT ANY TIME APART FROM FRANCHISED BUSES AND VEHICLES ENTERING FROM THE ADJOINING PETROL STATION.

ALSO YIU TUNG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND AND THE FOLLOWING MOVEMENTS BY ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE BANNED: LEFT TURN FROM YIU TUNG STREET INTO NAM CHEONG STREET- RIGHT TURN INTO NAM CHEONG STREET OR STRAIGHT THROUGH ACROSS NAM CHEONG STREET FROM THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WOH CHAI STREET- LEFT TURN INTO NAM CHEONG STREET FROM THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI PO ROAD- AND RIGHT TURN FROM THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NAM CHEONG STREET INTO BERWICK STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS IN THE AREA.

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GRAVE SWEEPERS MUST BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY APPEALED TO CHING MING WORSHIPPERS TO TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO GUARD AGAINST CAUSING FIRES WHEN VISITING THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT DUE TO CARELESS HANDLING OF JOSS-STICKS, CANDLES AND BURNING PAPERS, THE FESTIVAL MORE THAN OFTEN ENDED UP AS ONE OF THE WORST DAYS FOR FIRES.

+ALTHOUGH THE PRESENT WET AND HUMID WEATHER MAY HELP REDUCE THE FIRE RISKS, THE FACT THAT MORE PEOPLE ARE OUT TO THE RURAL AREAS PAYING HOMAGE TO THEIR ANCESTORS MEANS THE CHANCES OF FIRE IN THESE AREAS WILL BECOME GREATER,+ HE NOTED.

+WE THEREFORE URGE ALL THOSE VISITING GRAVES OR THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE WEEKEND TO EXERCISE A LITTLE MORE CARE AND THOUGHT AND TO TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO PREVENT FIRES FROM BREAKING OUT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADVISED SMOKERS AND WORSHIPPERS TO MAKE SURE THAT CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES WERE PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED BEFORE DISCARDING THEM AND TO SEE THAT ALL CANDLES, JOSS-STICKS AND BURNING PAPERS WERE TOTALLY OUT BEFORE LEAVING THE AREA.

MORE THAN 80 FIRES OCCURRED DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD LAST YEAR, ALMOST ONE-THIRD OF WHICH WERE GRASS FIRES RESULTING IN HUNDREDS OF TREES DESTROYED AND ACRES OF COUNTRYSIDE SPOILED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHING MING

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AS THE CHING MING FESTIVAL FALLS ON SUNDAY (APRIL 4) LARGE CROWDS ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT THE WO HOP SHEK, SANDY RIDGE AND TSUEN WAN CEMETERIES ON APRIL 3, 4, 5 AND 11.

TO REDUCE CONGESTION THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND KOWLOON.

WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY

WO HOP SHEK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT HEARSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES, BETWEEN 5 A.M. AND 8 P.M. ON APRIL 3, 4, 5 AND 11.

TAI PO ROAD

A ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON TAI PO ROAD NORTHWARDS FROM THE JUNCTION OF LAM KAM ROAD TO THE FANLING ROUNDABOUT ON BOTH SUNDAY AND MONDAY (APRIL 4 AND 5) FROM 8 A.M. UNTIL IT BECOMES POSSIBLE TO REVERT TO NORMAL TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW.

MOTORISTS IN THE FANLING AREA MAY TRAVEL TO KOWLOON BY THE FOLLOWING ROUTES : FROM THE FANLING ROUNDABOUT TO SHA TAU KOK ROAD, LUK KENG ROAD, TING KOK ROAD AND INTO TAIPO ROAD= FROM THE FANLING ROUNDABOUT ALONG TAIPO ROAD INTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD= AND FROM THE FANLING ROUNDABOUT ALONG TAIPO ROAD TO KAM TIN ALONG FAN KAM ROAD AND BY ROUTE TWISK TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD, OR THROUGH LAM KAM ROAD TO TAIPO ROAD.

SANDY RIDGE, LO WU

NO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES WITH CLOSED AREA PERMITS, WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER MAN KAM TO ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH JOCKEY CLUB ROAD IN SHEUNG SHUI.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC NOT TO TRAVEL BY PRIVATE CAR AS THERE ARE VERY FEW PARKING SPACES IN SHEUNG SHUI — AND PLENTY OF BUSES WILL BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND LO WU.

NO PARKING OR WAITING WILL BE PERMITTED ON ANY MAIN ROAD. VEHICLES FOUND ILLEGALLY PARKED WILL BE TOWED AWAY BY POLICE.

TSUN WAN CEMETERY

THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT HEARSES OR EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

SINGLE LANE NOSE-TO-TAIL PARKING WILL BE PERMITTED, UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION, ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF THE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY OF TEXACO ROAD.

KOWLOON

THE CENTRAL DIVIDER IN GILLIES AVENUE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH BAKER STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 A.M. ON SUNDAY (APRIL 4) TO 7 P.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL APPLY ON THE FOLLOWING FRANCHISED BUS ROUTES ON MONDAY (APRIL 5) : ROUTE NO. 70 (SHEUNG SHUI TO JORDAN ROAD FERRY VIA LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD) WILL OPERATE FROM SHEUNG SHUI EVERY 12 MINUTES FROM 6 A.M. TO 7.50 A.M. AND FROM 3 P.M. TO 9 P.M., AND EVERY 15 MINUTES BETWEEN 9 P.M. AND 11.15 P.M.

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE FROM SHEUNG SHUI BETWEEN 7.50 A.M. AND 3 P.M. BUSES WILL OPERATE FROM JORDAN ROAD TO SHEUNG SHUI EVERY 12 MINUTES BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 9 A.M., AND EVERY 15 MINUTES BETWEEN 9 P.M. AND 11.15 P.M.

BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 3 P.M., WHEN ROUTE NO. 70 WILL NOT BE OPERATING TO JORDAN ROAD FERRY, SERVICES ON ROUTE NO. 77, (SHEUNG SHUI TO YUEN LONG) ROUTE NO. 50, (YUEN LONG TO JORDAN ROAD FERRY) WILL BE AUGMENTED.

ROUTE NO. 73 (SHEUNG SHUI TO TAI PO MARKET) WILL OPERATE EVERY 12 MINUTES BETWEEN 6.30 A.M. AND 7.42 A.M. FROM SHEUNG SHUI, AND BETWEEN 6.24 A.M. AND 8.12 A.M. FROM TAIPO MARKET. THE SERVICE WILL BE SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY WHILE THE ROAD DIVERSIONS ARE IN OPERATION.

A SPECIAL ROUTE, NO. 82A, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND MAN KAM TO (SAN UK LING) VIA MAN KAM TO ROAD EVERY 30 MINUTES FROM 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M. AT A FARE OF 20 CENTS.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ADVISED MOTORISTS THAT SEVERE CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON TAIPO ROAD ON THESE DATES.

ANYONE GOING TO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES IS STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE ROUTE TWISK OR CASTLE PEAK ROAD AS ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

HONG KONG ISLAND

ON HONG KONG ISLAND THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

FROM 8 A.M. UNTIL 8 P.M. ON SUNDAY (APRIL 4), PEEL RISE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. DURING THE SAME PERIOD THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE MADE ONE-WAY : CONSORT RISE ONE-WAY SOUTHWARDS FROM VICTORIA ROAD TO BISNEY ROAD= CAPE COLLINSON ROAD ONE-WAY WESTWARDS FROM LIN SHING ROAD TO SHEK O ROAD= AND LIN SHING ROAD ONE-WAY EASTWARDS FROM WAN TSUI ROAD TO CAPE COLLINSON ROAD.

DURING THESE PERIODS IT MAY BE NECESSARY, DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, TO CLOSE CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED EVERY SEVEN OR EIGHT MINUTES BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 6 P.M. ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY (APRIL 4 AND 5) : ROUTE 21A BETWEEN CENTRAL AND CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY= AND ROUTE 22A BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND CAPE COLLINSON ROAD.

NO FRANCHISED BUSES WILL STOP OPPOSITE THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY ON JOURNEYS TO WAH FU, ABERDEEN AND WONG CHUK HANG.

VEHICLES PARKED ILLEGALLY IN ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREAS WILL BE TOWED AWAY BY THE POLICE. TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS, WHO ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO AVOID THE ABOVE AREAS UNLESS THEIR JOURNEYS ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

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POLLUTION MUST BE CONTROLLED, SAYS VISITING PROFESSOR

POLLUTION MUST BE CONTROLLED IF WE ARE TO LIVE AND WORK SAFELY, A VISITING BRITISH PROFESSOR OF CIVIL AND PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN A LECTURE ON WATER POLLUTION AND ITS CONTROL WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO HONG KONG, PROFESSOR PETER C.G. ISAAC, OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, SAID WATER POLLUTION WAS AN INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF MAN'S VARIED USES OF WATER.

PROFESSOR ISAAC WHO IS PROFESSOR OF CIVIL AND PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY, WAS SPEAKING TO A GROUP OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHOSE WORK INVOLVE POLLUTION CONTROL OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEMBERS OF EPCOM.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ESSENTIALLY THERE WERE FIVE KINDS OF WATER POLLUTION, NAMELY, DIRECT TOXICITY, OXYGEN DEMAND, INDIRECT DAMAGE, DISEASE ORGANISMS AND OIL AND GREASE.

HE TALKED ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF THESE TYPES OF POLLUTION IN RELATION TO CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG, HIGHLIGHTING PARTICULARLY THE POLLUTION OF HONG KONG'S FRESH WATER STREAMS BY AGRICULTURAL WASTE.

PROFESSOR ISAAC SAID THAT A NUMBER OF MEASURES WERE POSSIBLE TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF WATER POLLUTION. THESE WERE 'HOUSEKEEPING', INCLUDING A CHANGE IN THE OPERATION GIVING RISE TO THE POLLUTION= RECOVERY OF WASTE= TREATMENT= PROVISION OF ADEQUATE DILUTION AND POLICING THE DISCHARGE.

HE DISCUSSED THESE MEASURES BRIEFLY AND ALSO TOUCHED ON EFFLUENT STANDARDS ENDING WITH AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF TREATING HONG KONG'S FRESH WATERS TO VARIOUS STANDARDS.

PROFESSOR ISAAC IS IN HONG KONG FOR A 12-DAY VISIT TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON AGRICULTURAL WASTE TREATMENT.

NEXT WEEK, HE WILL BE CONDUCTING A FIVE-DAY TRAINING COURSE ON AGRICULTURE WASTES FOR 43 OFFICERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE COURSE WHICH WILL DISCUSS AND STUDY VARIOUS FORMS AND EFFECTS OF WATER POLLUTION, WILL ALSO INCLUDE FIELD VISITS.

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LADY MACLEHOSE TO VISIT GIRL SCHOOL

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LADY MACLEHOSE WILL VISIT THE ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN KWUN TONG AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THIS IS AN AIDED ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL WITH AN ENROLMENT OF 1,138 GIRLS IN 30 CLASSES FROM FORM 1 TO UPPER 6.

THE SCHOOL, UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE CHINESE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN HONG KONG (SHENG KUNG HUI), IS EQUIPPED WITH TECHNICAL FACILITIES.

THE STUDENTS ARE KEEN PARTICIPANTS IN VARIOUS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL.

THE GIRLS ARE ALSO ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG YOUTH CORPS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER LADY MACLEHOSE'S VISIT TO THE SCHOOL AT 26, HONG LEE ROAD, NGOK YUE SHAN, KWUN TONG AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY). PRESS MEMBERS COVERING THE EVENT ARE ADVISED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-POOL WHERE AN OFFICIAL CAR (AM 2097) WILL LEAVE FOR THE SCHOOL AT 10.15 A.M. SHARP.

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TEXTILE MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON SALE

THE REPORT OF THE SECOND MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IS NOW ON SALE AT \$15 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG. IT IS PUBLISHED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

IT CONTAINS STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER STRUCTURE OF THE INDUSTRY, AND SHOWS THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN THE PRINCIPAL JOBS, THE EDUCATION STANDARD REQUIRED FOR THE DIFFERENT JOBS AND THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

IT ALSO RECOMMENDS MEASURES TO MEET TRAINING NEEDS.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN 1973 BY THE TEXTILE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE OF THE FORMER INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEN THE PRESENT HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL REPLACED THE ITAC IN LATE 1973, ITS TEXTILE INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD TOOK UP THE WORK OF ANALYSING THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND PREPARING THE REPORT.

BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE OVER, THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT WAS DELAYED UNTIL NOW.

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