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HIGH FUEL PRICES AND TIGHT SUPPLIES WILL STAY

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THE DIRECTOR OF OIL SUPPLIES, MR. DAVID JORDAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) HIGH PRICES AND TIGHT SUPPLIES SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A PASSING PHASE BY ASSUMING THAT THEY ARE HERE TO STAY.

SPEAKING TO MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AT ITS MONTHLY LUNCHEON TODAY, HE SAID THAT AT THE MOMENT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO FURTHER LEGISLATION IN MIND.

THIS, HE SAID, WAS DUE TO HAVING ACHIEVED THE SAVINGS THAT WERE AIMED AT, AND THE ANTICIPATED NORMAL REDUCTION IN INDUSTRIAL AND DOMESTIC ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION IN THE LATE AUTUMN.

HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR COUNTRIES THAT HAVE REALLY COLD WINTERS BEGIN TO STOCK UP FUEL, SO THAT THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS COMPETITION FOR THE LIMITED SUPPLIES OF FUEL OIL AVAILABLE.

REFERRING TO SUGGESTIONS THAT CHINA SHOULD BE ASKED FOR MORE OIL AND THAT WE SHOULD RELY ON MARKET FORCES SOLVING THE PROBLEM, MR. JORDAN SAID: +CHINA HAS OTHER CUSTOMERS FOR ITS OIL PRODUCTS — PARTICULARLY FUEL OIL OF WHICH IT DOES NOT HAVE A GREAT SURPLUS — AND THESE OTHER CUSTOMERS ARE JUST AS HUNGRY FOR SUPPLIES AS IS HONG KONG.

+AS FOR MARKET FORCES, OIL PRICES ON THE SPOT MARKET ARE STILL 50 PER CENT AHEAD OF THE RECENTLY INCREASED 'POSTED' PRICES, AND IF THERE IS A SEVERE WINTER IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE THIS YEAR, SPOT PRICES MAY WELL GO HIGHER STILL.

+THIS MEANS THAT WE SHOULD ALL COUNT THE COST OF ENERGY — AND IN HONG KONG THAT MEANS, PRIMARILY, ELECTRICITY — AS SOMETHING WHICH WE SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE OR, IF WE HAVE REDUCED IT ALREADY, TO KEEP DOWN,+ HE SAID.

MR. JORDAN POSED SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL COMPANIES, ARCHITECTS AND THE GOVERNMENT BY ASKING THE FOLLOWING:

- * HOW MANY INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE TAKEN STEPS NOT JUST TO REDUCE THEIR ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION, BUT TO ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM ECONOMIES CONSISTENT WITH EFFICIENT OPERATION?
- * HOW MANY CONSUMERS OF FUEL OIL HAVE HAD THEIR STEAM RAISING AND USING FACILITIES CHECKED, TO SEE THAT THEIR FUEL BURNING EFFICIENCY IS KEPT AT A HIGH LEVEL?
- * HOW MANY HAVE MADE SURE THEIR BOILERMEN ARE PROPERLY TRAINED TO ACHIEVE THAT EFFICIENCY?
- * HOW MANY ARCHITECTS CONSIDER THERMAL EFFICIENCY WHEN DESIGNING A NEW BUILDING?
- * WHAT CHANGES TO THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT ARE NECESSARY TO ALLOW — OR PERHAPS EVEN OBLIGE — ARCHITECTS TO DESIGN BUILDINGS WHICH ARE LOWER USERS OF ENERGY THAN THOSE BUILT TODAY?

/AND REFERRING

AND REFERRING TO HIS OWN DEPARTMENT'S 50 PER CENT REDUCTION IN ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION FOR LIGHTING FOR ITS OFFICES, MR. JORDAN WONDERED IN HOW MANY OTHER OFFICES THERE WAS UNNECESSARY LIGHTING.

+HOW MANY FIRMS HAVE LOOKED REALLY CRITICALLY AT THEIR LIGHTING?+ HE ASKED.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT MANY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS HAD ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS, PARTICULARLY BY REDUCING NON-ESSENTIAL LIGHTING AND CURTAILING AIR-CONDITIONING, MR. JORDAN SAID: +DESPITE OUR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WE ALL STILL SEE MANY SIGNS OF WASTE.

+THE ONUS LIES WITH ARCHITECTS, DESIGNERS, GOVERNMENT AND MANAGEMENT GENERALLY TO COME TO TERMS WITH A SITUATION WHICH WILL NOT DISAPPEAR. THE DAYS OF CHEAP ENERGY ARE GONE, AND ALL OF US FACE A PERIOD OF ADJUSTMENT WHICH WILL BE MUCH MORE PAINFUL AND LAST LONGER THAN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE 'OIL SHOCK' OF 1973 AND THE ONSET OF THE PRESENT SITUATION.

+ENERGY SUPPLIES ARE GOING TO GET MORE AND MORE EXPENSIVE. SO IT'S NOT JUST A QUESTION OF SAVING OIL BECAUSE SUPPLIES ARE TIGHT NOW, BUT OF SAVING MONEY TOO,+ MR. JORDAN CONCLUDED.

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JUNE MONEY SUPPLY STATISTICS

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THE JUNE 1979 MONEY SUPPLY STATISTICS WITH THE MONTHLY FIGURES FOR BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, AND THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES ARE PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE FIGURES SHOW THAT THE GROWTH RATE OF THE MONEY SUPPLY ROSE AGAIN, WHILE THE GROWTH RATE OF LOANS AND ADVANCES BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TOGETHER CONTINUED TO SLOW DOWN.

MONEY SUPPLY

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS ROSE IN JUNE. M1 (NOTES AND COINS IN CIRCULATION OUTSIDE THE BANKS AND DEMAND DEPOSITS AT LICENSED BANKS) ROSE BY \$866 MILLION (3.7 PER CENT) TO \$24,303 MILLION, WHICH WAS 25.6 PER CENT ABOVE THE LEVEL AT THE END OF JUNE 1978 (A NOTICEABLY LOWER INCREASE THAN THE 27.7 PER CENT RECORDED IN MAY).

THERE WAS AN UNEXPECTEDLY SHARP INCREASE OF 4.2 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF DEMAND DEPOSITS DURING JUNE: THIS IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING GIVEN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES.

M2 (M1 PLUS TIME AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS) ROSE IN JUNE BY \$2,308 MILLION (2.9 PER CENT) TO \$80,928 MILLION, 22.1 PER CENT ABOVE THE LEVEL AT THE END OF JUNE 1978, WHICH IS THE LOWEST INCREASE IN THE YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON FOR 16 MONTHS.

IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE, HOWEVER, M2 ROSE BY 5.4 PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH THE INCREASE OF 4.6 PER CENT IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

M3 (M2 PLUS DEPOSITS AT DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, LESS DEPOSITS HELD BY THOSE COMPANIES WITH BANKS IN HONG KONG, AND LESS THEIR HOLDINGS OF NOTES AND COIN) ROSE IN JUNE BY \$1,728 MILLION (2.1 PER CENT) TO \$85,356 MILLION.

THIS WAS 10.7 PER CENT ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE END OF DECEMBER 1978 (THE FIRST MONTH FOR WHICH THIS DEFINITION OF THE MONEY SUPPLY CAN BE CALCULATED) AND 5.4 PER CENT ABOVE THE END-MARCH 1979 LEVEL.

BANKING STATISTICS

BANK LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG ROSE BY \$1,718 MILLION (2.8 PER CENT) IN JUNE TO \$62,358 MILLION, 46.2 PER CENT ABOVE THE LEVEL AT THE END OF JUNE 1978. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO THE END OF JUNE BANK LOANS ROSE BY 7.6 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE RISE OF 9.7 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

BANKS' NET IDENTIFIABLE FOREIGN ASSETS ROSE IN JUNE BY \$766 MILLION TO \$17,370 MILLION, LARGELY REFLECTING A RISE OF \$529 MILLION IN LOANS ABROAD.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY OF THE BANKING SYSTEM ROSE FROM 48.2 PER CENT TO 48.8 PER CENT, WHILE THE RATIO OF LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG TO DEPOSITS FELL SLIGHTLY, FROM 84.2 PER CENT TO 84.1 PER CENT.

TWO MORE RECENTLY-LICENSED BANKS BEGAN TO OPERATE DURING JUNE, BRINGING THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS TO 101.

DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES STATISTICS

DEPOSITS AT THE 248 REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE IN JUNE BY \$891 MILLION (5.2 PER CENT) TO \$17,855 MILLION, WHILE THEIR LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG ROSE BY \$341 MILLION (3.2 PER CENT) TO \$10,945 MILLION.

LENDING IN HONG KONG BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TOGETHER (AFTER ALLOWING FOR BANK LENDING TO DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) ROSE IN JUNE BY \$1,091 MILLION (1.7 PER CENT) TO \$64,229 MILLION, WHICH WAS 13.5 PER CENT ABOVE THE END-DECEMBER 1978 LEVEL.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE THEIR COMBINED LENDING ROSE BY 5.6 PER CENT, A SHARP REDUCTION ON THE INCREASE IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR OF 7.5 PER CENT.

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ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES

LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG BY BANKS ROSE IN THE THREE MONTHS TO THE END OF JUNE BY \$4,403 MILLION (7.6 PER CENT).

THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF THIS LENDING SHOWS THAT THE SHARPEST INCREASES WERE IN LOANS TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS (INCLUDING DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) (26.0 PER CENT), TO BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (15.5 PER CENT), AND TO THE TRANSPORT AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT SECTOR (11.8 PER CENT).

LOANS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ROSE BY 9.1 PER CENT, BUT LENDING TO INDIVIDUALS FOR OTHER PRIVATE PURPOSES FELL BY 9.5 PER CENT.

LOANS TO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DECLINED BY 1.5 PER CENT, AND TO THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY ALONE LOANS FELL BY 5.8 PER CENT.

LENDING IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY \$578 MILLION (5.6 PER CENT) IN THE QUARTER.

LOANS TO BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION ROSE BY 16.4 PER CENT, TO THE TRANSPORT AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT SECTOR BY 15.5 PER CENT AND TO GENERAL COMMERCE BY 14.1 PER CENT.

LOANS TO INDUSTRY ROSE BY 5.2 PER CENT, WHILE LENDING TO THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY FELL BY 5.9 PER CENT.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LENDING TO INDIVIDUALS FELL BY 2.9 PER CENT, BUT LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR OTHER PURPOSES WERE 3.9 PER CENT HIGHER.

/MONEY SUPPLY

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MONEY SUPPLY

Month ended
30th June 1979

\$million

	1. Legal tender coins and notes in circulation (A)		
	(i) Commercial bank issues	7,075	
	(ii) Government issues	<u>831</u>	7,906
	2. Licensed banks' holdings of legal tender coins and notes (B)		1,150
	3. Legal tender coins and notes in hands of non-bank public (A) - (B) = (C)		6,756
	4. Demand deposits with licensed banks (D)		17,547
M1	5. Money supply (definition 1) (C) + (D) = (E)		24,303
	6. Time deposits with licensed banks (F)		31,058
	7. Savings deposits with licensed banks (G)		25,567
M2	8. Money supply (definition 2) (E) + (F) + (G) = (H)		80,928
	9. Deposits with deposit-taking companies (I)		17,855
	10. Deposit-taking Companies' claims on banks in Hong Kong (J)		13,421
	11. Deposit-taking Companies' holdings of notes and coins (K)		6
M3	12. Money supply (definition 3) (H) + (I) - (J) - (K) = (L)		85,356

/BANKING STATISTICS

BANKING STATISTICS

	Month ended <u>30th June 1979</u>	
Number of licensed banks :		(101)
		\$million
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
1. Deposits		74,172
2. Amount due to banks abroad		62,374
3. Other liabilities		20,055
	Total liabilities :	<u>156,601</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
1. Cash		1,150
2. Amount due from banks abroad :		
(i) Demand and short term claims	38,740	
(ii) Time deposits	<u>14,688</u>	53,428
3. Loans and advances :		
(i) Hong Kong	62,358	
(ii) Abroad	<u>19,066</u>	81,424
4. Investments :		
(i) Hong Kong	4,813	
(ii) Abroad	<u>280</u>	5,093
5. Other assets :		
(i) Hong Kong	8,536	
(ii) Abroad	<u>6,970</u>	15,506
	Total assets :	<u>156,601</u>
Average liquidity during month		48.76%

DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY STATISTICS

Number of registered deposit-taking companies Month ended
30th June 1979
(248)

\$ million

LIABILITIES

1.	Deposits	17,855
2.	Amount due to banks in Hong Kong	9,074
3.	Amount due to banks abroad	26,402
4.	Other liabilities	9,194
Total liabilities		<u>62,525</u>

ASSETS

1.	Cash	6
2.	Amount due from banks in Hong Kong	13,421
3.	Amount due from banks abroad :	
	(i) Demand and short-term claims	2,989
	(ii) Time deposits	8,551
		<u>11,540</u>
4.	Loans and advances :	
	(i) Hong Kong	10,945
	(ii) Abroad	22,376
		<u>33,321</u>
5.	Investments :	
	(i) Hong Kong	888
	(ii) Abroad	693
		<u>1,581</u>
6.	Other assets :	
	(i) Hong Kong	1,082
	(ii) Abroad	1,574
		<u>2,656</u>
Total assets		<u>62,525</u>

LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG
BY 101 BANKS AT 30TH JUNE, 1979

		\$Million
1. Manufacturing:		7,453
(a) textiles:	1,887	
(i) cotton	1,079	
(ii) other	808	
(b) footwear & wearing apparel	1,214	
(c) metal products & engineering	776	
(d) rubber, plastics & chemicals	592	
(e) shipbuilding & repair	418	
(f) electrical & electronic	949	
(g) food	125	
(h) beverages & tobacco	134	
(i) printing & publishing	256	
(j) miscellaneous	1,102	
2. Agriculture and fisheries:		46
(a) fisheries	21	
(b) livestock & livestock products	13	
(c) vegetables & horticulture	12	
3. Transport and transport equipment		4,473
4. Electricity, gas and telephone		399
5. Building and construction		6,272
6. General commerce:		17,215
(a) import, export & wholesale trade	16,101	
(b) retail trade	1,114	
7. Mining and quarrying		34
8. Miscellaneous:		26,466
(a) hotels, boarding houses & catering	557	
(b) financial concerns including banks	10,656	
(c) stockbrokers	457	
(d) professional & private individuals:	10,789	
(i) to purchase residential property	6,060	
(ii) for other business purposes	2,051	
(iii) for other private purposes	2,678	
(e) all others	4,007	
TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES		\$62,358

LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG
BY 248 DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES
AT 30th JUNE, 1979

		\$ Million
1.	Manufacturing:	892
(a)	textiles:	225
	(i) cotton	122
	(ii) other	103
(b)	footwear & wearing apparel	43
(c)	metal products & engineering	53
(d)	rubber, plastics & chemicals	49
(e)	shipbuilding & repair	119
(f)	electrical & electronic	183
(g)	food	27
(h)	beverages & tobacco	3
(i)	printing & publishing	64
(j)	miscellaneous	126
2.	Agriculture and fisheries:	23
(a)	fisheries	12
(b)	livestock & livestock products	6
(c)	vegetables & horticulture	5
3.	Transport and transport equipment	2,496
4.	Electricity, gas and telephone	22
5.	Building and construction	1,662
6.	General commerce:	1,964
(a)	import, export & wholesale trade	1,785
(b)	retail trade	179
7.	Mining and quarrying	-
8.	Miscellaneous:	3,886
(a)	hotels, boarding houses & catering	70
(b)	financial concerns including banks	594
(c)	stockbrokers	137
(d)	professional & private individuals:	1,723
	(i) to purchase residential property	873
	(ii) for other business purposes	395
	(iii) for other private purposes	455
(e)	all others	1,362
TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES		\$ 10,945

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GOVT CONSIDERING STANDING COMMISSION REPORT
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GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING THE +FIRST REPORT ON PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE PAY+ ISSUED BY THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE BEING ISSUED TO ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND ARE BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO STAFF ASSOCIATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+IT IS HOPED THAT A GOVERNMENT DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE ANNOUNCED BY THE END OF AUGUST,+ HE ADDED.

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REVIEW OF CORONER'S ORDINANCE
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THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, HAS APPOINTED A WORKING PARTY TO REVIEW THE CORONER'S ORDINANCE.

THE WORKING PARTY, CHAIRED BY THE HON. JUSTICE CONS, WILL ALSO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ORDINANCE OR THE CURRENT PRACTICE REGARDING THE CORONER'S COURT AS MAY BE CONSIDERED DESIRABLE.

MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY INCLUDE DR. THE HON. HARRY FANG- THE HON. T.S. LO- THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR. RON BRIDGE- THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. E.R. ASTIN- THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT, MR. C.D. ST. Q. FLETCHER- POLICE CONSULTANT FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST, DR. FREDERICK ONG- MR. MARTIN LEE, Q.C., AND MR. DOMINIC LAI OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO THE WORKING PARTY MAY CONTACT ITS SECRETARY, MR. J. KIKABHOY, AT THE SUPREME COURT (TEL. NO. 5-228406), OR WRITE TO HIM.

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DIRECTOR OF TRADE RETURNS

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MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DIRECTOR OF TRADE, HAS RETURNED AFTER HOLDING TALKS IN MANILA AND WASHINGTON WITH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS ON EXPORT OF TEXTILES AND FOOTWEAR FROM HONG KONG.

MR. MILLS SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT HE WOULD MAKE A FULL REPORT OF HIS TALKS ON TEXTILES TO THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD ON THURSDAY AND ON FOOTWEAR, TO THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD ON AUGUST 13.

HE STRESSED THAT HONG KONG WOULD NOT RESTRAIN ITS FOOTWEAR EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES REQUESTED HONG KONG TO LIMIT ITS EXPORT OF NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR.

HOWEVER, HONG KONG WOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING THE UNITED STATES WITH A FORECAST OF EXPORTS AND TO MAKE PROPOSALS FOR REFINING THE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN ARRANGEMENTS TO PROVIDE MORE PRECISE EXPORT DATA, HE ADDED.

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LADY MACLEHOSE TO VISIT SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

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LADY MACLEHOSE WILL VISIT A CO-EDUCATIONAL CAMP FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ON THURSDAY AT WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE.

MORE THAN 600 STUDENTS FROM 56 SCHOOLS, WILL TAKE PART IN THE CAMP ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION) AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

LADY MACLEHOSE WILL BE MET BY MRS. LOUISE MOK, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND MRS. CHIU SHUM SHUK-HAAN, ACTING PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR.

LADY MACLEHOSE WILL TOUR THE CAMP WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR AREAS -- +IT'S A SMALL WORLD,+ +FESTIVAL,+ +RED INDIAN+ AND +HORROR CITY.+

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER LADY MACLEHOSE'S VISIT TO THE CO-EDUCATIONAL CAMP FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 2) AT WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. TWO GOVERNMENT NINE-SEATER VANS WILL DEPART FROM QUEEN'S PIER, CENTRAL, AT 8 A.M. AND PROCEED TO THE PIER NEXT TO THE TAI PO KAU RAILWAY STATION WHERE A MARINE LAUNCH WILL TAKE THEM TO WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO TAKE THE LAUNCH TO WU KAI SHA SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PIER BEFORE 9.10 A.M.

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LONDONERS TO SEE +HONG KONG IN PROGRESS+

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LONDONERS WILL GET THE CHANCE OF A CLOSER LOOK AT HONG KONG, AT A TIME WHEN IT HAS GAINED WORLDWIDE ATTENTION FOR ITS ROLE IN THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE ISSUE, THROUGH TWO PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS WHICH WILL OPEN THERE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

TAKEN BY HONG KONG PHOTOGRAPHERS AND SHOWING DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF HONG KONG, THE PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE EXHIBITED IN THE MAIN FOYER OF THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL FROM TOMORROW TO AUGUST 27, AND IN THE ASAHI PENTAX GALLERY FROM AUGUST 6 TO AUGUST 31.

THE PICTURES WERE SELECTED FROM THE BEST RESULTS OF AN OPEN COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE 162 PHOTOGRAPHS INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBITIONS WERE CHOSEN FROM OVER 900 ENTRIES.

+THE PHOTOGRAPHS WILL SHOW PEOPLE OVERSEAS HOW HONG KONG IS PROGRESSING. THEY WILL HELP TO CONVINCING THEM THAT SOMEHOW, REFUGEES NOTWITHSTANDING, IT IS BUSINESS AS USUAL HERE IN HONG KONG,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHER, MR. DAVID BAILEY, HAS BEEN INVITED TO OPEN THE EXHIBITION AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL.

A FELLOW OF THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY AND OF THE SOCIETY OF INDUSTRIAL ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS, MR. BAILEY IS A MASTER OF FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY. BUT HE IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS SYMPATHETIC PORTRAYAL OF THE HUMAN CONDITION. HE VISITED HONG KONG IN JUNE TO TAKE PICTURES OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE CAMPS.

HONG KONG CITIZENS ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED IN LONDON BY OBTAINING A COPY OF +HONG KONG IN PROGRESS+ WHICH GOES ON SALE TOMORROW AT \$10 EACH IN THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

DESIGNED AND PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE BOOK CONTAINS ALL THE PICTURES SELECTED FOR EXHIBITION, AND PROVIDE AN ATTRACTIVE PORTFOLIO ON HONG KONG'S CHANGING PANORAMA AND LIFE STYLES.

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SEVEN QUESTIONS FOR LEGCO MEETING TOMORROW

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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF SEVEN QUESTIONS AT THE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) -- THE LAST TO BE HELD FOR THE 1978-79 SESSION.

THREE OF THE QUESTIONS WILL BE ON THE REFUGEE ISSUE.

THE HON. OSWALD CHEUNG WILL COMMENCE BY ASKING THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO:

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- * THE NUMBER AND TIMING OF OFFERS OF RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN HONG KONG-
- * THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE FLOW OF REFUGEES LEAVING VIETNAM BY SEA BEING HALTED PERMANENTLY, AND
- * THE PROSPECTS OF THE FINANCIAL BURDEN, PRESENTLY BORNE BY HONG KONG, BEING ASSUMED BY THE UNHCR.

DR. THE HON. HO KAM-FAI WILL ASK WHAT STEPS THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING TO INFORM VIETNAMESE REFUGEE WORKERS OF THE PROVISIONS OF LOCAL LABOUR LEGISLATION SO THAT THEY CAN BETTER LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AFTER CEASING TO RECEIVE DIRECT GOVERNMENT AID.

THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER INTRODUCING MEASURES TO PREVENT LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BEING ACCOMMODATED IN PUBLIC HOUSING AT LEAST UNTIL THEY HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS OR MORE, WILL BE PUT UP BY THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN.

ONE QUESTION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IS TO BE RAISED BY THE HON. WONG LAM, WHO WILL WANT TO KNOW WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, AND IF NOT, WHAT STEPS IT WILL TAKE TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF WORKERS IN CONSTRUCTION SITES.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED WILL CONCERN NOISE POLLUTION, STUDENT SUMMER WORK AND THE SPIRIT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN NEW TOWNS.

THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1979 AIMED AT ENABLING MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT AND TO PENALISE TRAFFICKING IN UNLAWFUL IMMIGRATION WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL AND GO THROUGH ALL ITS STAGES TOMORROW.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON SIX OTHER BILLS — THE MARRIAGE REFORM (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE MATRIMONIAL PROCEEDINGS AND PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 AND THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979.

SEVEN SESSIONAL PAPERS WILL ALSO BE TABLED BEFORE THE COUNCIL TOMORROW. THEY ARE THE J.E. JOSEPH TRUST FUND REPORT (APRIL 1, 1978 TO MARCH 31, 1979), THE KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL AID LOAN FUND REPORT (1978/79), THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SIR ROBERT BLACK TRUST FUND (APRIL 1, 1978 TO MARCH 31, 1979), THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION TRUSTEE'S REPORT (1978/79), THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE HAWKER CONTROL FORCE WELFARE FUND (THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1979), THE REPORT OF THE UMELCO POLICE GROUP (JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1979) AND THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD (THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1979).

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TWO DISTRICT OFFICES FOR TAI PO
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THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE TAI PO DISTRICT IS PROGRESSING AT SUCH A RAPID PACE THAT FROM OCTOBER THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE TWO DISTRICT OFFICES TO SERVE THE GROWING POPULATION, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR. AKERS-JONES MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING AT TING KOK ROAD.

JOINING THE SECRETARY IN THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. STEPHEN WONG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. WONG CHUN-WAI, WHO WAS ASSISTED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER JOHNSON.

IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE BUILDING OF A COMPOSITE OFFICE IN TAI PO TO REPLACE THE OLD OFFICE ON THE HILL WAS FIRST PROPOSED 16 YEARS AGO.

+ALTHOUGH IT HAS TAKEN A LONG TIME TO ASSUME A CONCRETE REALITY, NEVERTHELESS I AM SURE THAT THE NEW BUILDING WILL SERVE THE DISTRICT WELL AND THAT IT HAS BEEN WORTH THE LONG WAIT,+ HE SAID.

MOREOVER, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID, THE BUILDING IS READY AT AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT IN TAI PO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

+WHEN THIS BUILDING WAS FIRST CONCEIVED THE TAI PO DISTRICT HAD A POPULATION OF ABOUT 110,000.

+NOW THE POPULATION IS APPROACHING 200,000 AND PRIVATE AND PUBLIC EXPANSION DURING THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WILL ADD ANOTHER 50,000 TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN TAI PO TOWN ALONE,+ HE ADDED.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT WAS TAKING PLACE AT FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI WHERE PILING FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 30,000 WOULD SOON BEGIN.

+BECAUSE OF THIS, FROM THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER THERE WILL BE TWO DISTRICT OFFICES, ONE TO SERVE THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE DISTRICT AND THE OTHER, TAI PO AND ITS ENVIRONS.+

BUILT AT A COST OF \$12.9 MILLION, THE FIVE-STORY BUILDING IS THE FIRST MULTI-PURPOSE GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 8,900 SQUARE METRES.

+FROM TODAY, TOO, THERE WILL BE A NEW POST OFFICE AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY- AND WHAT COULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAT THE ARCHITECT FOR THE BUILDING AND HIS BRIDE WILL BE THE FIRST COUPLE TO BE MARRIED IN THE NEW BUILDING,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

+THIS THEN IS A HISTORIC DAY IN MORE SENSES THAN ONE.+

APART FROM THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, THE MARRIAGE REGISTRY AND THE NEW POST OFFICE, THE NEW BUILDING ALSO ACCOMMODATES BRANCHES OF 10 OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG'S WELL-BEING
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VOCATIONAL TRAINING IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR PROVIDING THE MANPOWER NECESSARY FOR THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND SERVICES, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. J.C.A. HAMMOND, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ADDRESSING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, MR. HAMMOND SAID HONG KONG'S FURTHER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPENDED ON A WORKFORCE CAPABLE OF HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY, MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND PROVIDING EFFICIENT SERVICES.

+TO BRING ABOUT THE SUPPLY OF THIS MANPOWER, THE PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT,+ HE STRESSED.

MR. HAMMOND, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, SAID HE HAD A SPECIAL INTEREST IN AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN GENERAL AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING AT THE TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT LEVELS IN PARTICULAR.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FOR SOME INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS REQUIRING A BROAD RANGE OF CRAFT SKILL THE COUNCIL HAD DEvised TRAINING PROGRAMMES WHICH ENABLED THOSE WHO HAD ALREADY COMPLETED ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO BECOME CRAFTSMEN.

THIS VOCATIONAL TRAINING WAS RECOGNISED BY EMPLOYERS AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN THE FORM OF SHORTER PERIODS OF APPRENTICESHIP.

IN ADDITION, THE COUNCIL SET UP SEVERAL NEW TRAINING BOARDS EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING TRAINING IN THE COMMERCIAL AND SERVICING SECTORS.

+I BELIEVE THAT THESE BOARDS WILL SOON RECOMMEND TRAINING ROUTES AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING FOR SOME COMMERCIAL AND SERVICING OCCUPATIONS.

+THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BRING ABOUT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE THINKING OF TAKING UP EMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMERCE AND SERVICES SECTORS,+ HE ADDED.

MR. HAMMOND COMMENDED THE TRAINING CENTRE FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

HE NOTED THAT THE CENTRE RAN A VARIETY OF DAY AND EVENING VOCATIONAL COURSES THAT MET THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONCERNS, PROVIDED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, AND THAT IT WAS THE FIRST INSTITUTION TO OFFER TRAINING COURSES IN HOTEL AND CATERING SERVICES.

+I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE STUDENTS GRADUATING TODAY. I UNDERSTAND THAT MOST OF YOU HAVE BEEN OFFERED EMPLOYMENT WITH VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS AND THIS AGAIN REFLECTS THE IMPORTANT ROLE THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL CENTRE IS PLAYING IN OUR SOCIETY,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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SHORT-TERM TENANCY TENDERS

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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS BY WAY OF ANNUAL RENTAL FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND IN CHAI WAN, HONG KONG.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 3,950 SQUARE METRES AND WITH MARINE FRONTAGE, IS FOR CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT, ASPHALT BATCHING PLANT AND/OR STORAGE PURPOSES, INCLUDING VEHICLES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE TENANCY WAS FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AND THEREAFTER QUARTERLY (THREE MONTHS).

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

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER IS NOON ON AUGUST 17.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY

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THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WILL CARRY OUT A SURVEY ON THE MANPOWER SITUATION IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE SURVEY, THE FIFTH IN A SERIES, WAS AIMED AT COLLECTING UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANPOWER TRAINING, AND WOULD BE COMPLETED ON AUGUST 25.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WERE SENT OUT TO SELECTED CLOTHING FIRMS A FORTNIGHT AGO.

INTERVIEWING OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE FIRMS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO COLLECT THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND, WHERE NECESSARY, TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE INFORMATION WHICH EMPLOYERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY ARE:

- * THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED,
- * THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT UNDER TRAINING,
- * THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES, AND
- * A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THE INFORMATION WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL FIRM.

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WATER CUT
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, BEACON HILL ROAD, EDE ROAD AND BROADCAST DRIVE, INCLUDING EASTBOURNE ROAD, RHONDDA ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDEN ROAD AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER'S HOUSING SCHEMES.

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