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A SURVEY OF NEW TOWN AND RURAL POPULATION IN PRIVATE HOUSING COMMISSIONED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED WITH MORE THAN 8,000 HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY A PRIVATE RESEARCH FIRM FROM MARCH TO JULY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WAS TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING INFORMATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PRODUCE POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC ESTIMATES WHICH WERE REQUIRED FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT PLANNING STUDIES.

THE MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

- PRIVATE PERMANENT HOUSING BLOCKS ARE THE DOMINANT TYPE OF LIVING QUARTERS IN THE PRIVATE HOUSING SECTOR IN NEW TOWNS (82 PER CENT) WHEREAS SIMPLE STONE STRUCTURES (33 PER CENT) AND MODERN VILLAGE HOUSES (24 PER CENT) ARE MOST PREVALENT IN RURAL DISTRICTS.
- NINETY-EIGHT PER CENT OF THE OCCUPIED LIVING QUARTERS ARE OCCUPIED BY SINGLE HOUSEHOLDS AND ONLY TWO PER CENT BY MORE THAN ONE HOUSEHOLD.
- AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE IN NEW TOWNS IS 3.5 AND IN RURAL DISTRICTS IS 3.6.
- SEVENTY-SIX PER CENT OF PRIVATE DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLDS OWN THEIR FLATS, HIGHER IN NEW TOWNS (79 PER CENT) AND SLIGHTLY LOWER IN RURAL DISTRICTS (71 PER CENT).
- FORTY-ONE PER CENT OF THE PRIVATE HOUSING POPULATION HAS RECEIVED SECONDARY EDUCATION AND ANOTHER 11 PER CENT HAS EDUCATION ABOVE SECONDARY LEVEL.
- THERE IS AN UNBALANCED SEX RATIO AMONG THOSE AGED 15 AND OVER AND NOT YET MARRIED: SINGLE MALES TOTAL 119,000 AS AGAINST 88,000 SINGLE FEMALES.
- SIXTY-ONE PER CENT OF MALES OF ALL AGES WORK, COMPARED TO 37 PER CENT FOR FEMALES. THE MEAN AGE IS 37 FOR MALE WORKERS AND 33 FOR FEMALE WORKERS.
- THERE ARE CURRENTLY 201,000 DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE PRIVATE HOUSING POPULATION IN NEW TOWNS AND RURAL DISTRICTS.

ABOUT 41,000 STUDY IN KINDERGARTEN OR BELOW, 83,000 IN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND 66,000 IN SECONDARY SCHOOL.

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THOSE STUDYING FOR MATRICULATION OR IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING OR POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS ACCOUNT FOR 12,000. THE ENROLMENT RATIO OF THE AGE GROUP FIVE TO 14 IS ABOUT 100 PER CENT.

- MAJORITY OF DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL IN THE SAME DISTRICT AS THEIR RESIDENCE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RURAL NORTHWEST AND RURAL NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES.

A HIGH PERCENTAGE LIVING THERE HAS TO TRAVEL TO THE NEAREST NEW TOWN FOR STUDY.

AMONG THE NEW TOWNS, SHA TIN/MA ON SHAN HAS A HIGHER PROPORTION OF STUDENTS TRAVELLING TO KOWLOON FOR STUDY.

- EXCEPT TSUEN WAN/KWAI CHUNG/Tsing Yi AND TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG, LESS THAN HALF OF THE WORKING POPULATION WORK IN THE SAME PLACE AS THEIR RESIDENTIAL TOWN/DISTRICT INDICATING A SUBSTANTIAL DEMAND FOR COMMUTING TRAFFIC.
- MIGRANTS (THOSE WHO LIVED IN A DIFFERENT DISTRICT FIVE YEARS AGO) IN NEW TOWNS AND RURAL DISTRICTS HAVE A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION AGED BETWEEN 25 AND 39 AND ARE LIKELY TO BE BETTER EDUCATED.