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RECOMMENDATIONS ON UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS
ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE

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THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS WHICH WILL GIVE NON-COMMONWEALTH DOCTORS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

THE WORKING PARTY WAS APPOINTED IN SEPTEMBER 1974 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SIR RONALD HOLMES. ITS REPORT WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE MAIN RECOMMENDATION IN THE REPORT IS THAT UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS WHO FULFIL CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE REGISTRATION IN HONG KONG. THE REPORT PROPOSES STANDING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH IT SAYS SHOULD CONTINUE FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, A CANDIDATE SHOULD HAVE UNDERGONE AT LEAST FIVE YEAR'S FULL-TIME MEDICAL TRAINING= HAVE PERMISSION TO LIVE AND WORK IN HONG KONG= AND BE OF GOOD CHARACTER.

THE WORKING PARTY PROPOSED THAT ELIGIBILITY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY A CREDENTIALS SUB-COMMITTEE OF A LICENTIATE COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD BE SET UP BY THE MEDICAL COUNCIL FOR THIS PURPOSE.

ALL ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION WHICH WOULD BE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG.

THOSE WHO PASS THE EXAMINATION WOULD UNDERGO A CLINICAL ATTACHMENT, KNOWN AS EXTERNSHIP, FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 18 MONTHS.

THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDED THAT THOSE WHO PASS THE EXAMINATION AND SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE EXTERNSHIP SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME LICENTIATES OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG AND TO BE ADMITTED TO REGISTRATION WITH NO CONDITIONS OF RESTRICTIONS APPLIED TO THEIR PRACTISING IN HONG KONG.

THE PROPOSED EXAMINATION WOULD BE IN THREE PARTS BASED, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, ON A SIMILAR NEW EXAMINATION FOR OVERSEAS DOCTORS WHICH HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. THESE ARE: A MULTIPLE CHOICE WRITTEN PAPER DESIGNED TO TEST PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE= A SIMPLE TEST OF WRITTEN ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES= AND AN ORAL EXAMINATION TO TEST THE APPLICATION OF PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO CLINICAL PROBLEMS. THE FIRST AND LAST SECTIONS COULD BE TAKEN IN EITHER ENGLISH OR CHINESE.

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CANDIDATES WHO FAIL ANY PART OF THE EXAMINATION WOULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THAT PART AGAIN.

THE PROPOSED CLINICAL ATTACHMENT (EXTERNSHIP) WOULD EMBRACE PERIODS DEVOTED TO MEDICINE, SURGERY, AND MIDWIFERY TO ENABLE EXTERNS TO UPDATE THEIR MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOR THEIR CAPABILITIES TO BE FAIRLY ASSESSED IN EACH FIELD. DURING THE EXTERNSHIP, THEY WOULD HAVE TO ATTEND LECTURES AND RECEIVE CLINICAL INSTRUCTION.

THE WORKING PARTY CONSIDERED THAT THE 18-MONTH PERIOD OF EXTERNSHIP, EITHER FOR INDIVIDUALS OR GENERALLY, COULD BE EXTENDED OR REDUCED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROCEDURE WOULD LEAD TO REGISTRATION IN HONG KONG BUT IT WOULD NOT ENABLE THESE DOCTORS TO REGISTER OR SEEK REGISTRATION ELSEWHERE.

THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDED THAT NO SPECIAL EXEMPTION FROM THE EXAMINATION BE GIVEN TO UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE OR THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

BUT, THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG SHOULD HAVE DISCRETION, ON CONSIDERATION OF ANY INDIVIDUAL CASE FALLING WITHIN THESE TWO GROUPS, TO EXEMPT ANY CANDIDATE FROM ALL OR PART OF THE EXTERNSHIP.

COMMENTING ON THE REPORT TODAY, THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. PETER WILLIAMS, PAID A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORT IN PRODUCING SUCH A VALUABLE REPORT.

HAVING ACCEPTED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, HE SAID, THE GOVERNOR HAS ALREADY TAKEN STEPS FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, BUT HE CAUTIONED THAT IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SUBJECT AND THE NEED TO ENSURE PROPER STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED, SOME TIME WILL BE NEEDED TO SET UP THE EXAMINATION.

HOWEVER, IF EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN THE FIRST EXAMINATION WILL BE HELD DURING THE COURSE OF NEXT YEAR.

MR. WILLIAMS POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD FIRST BE NECESSARY TO RECRUIT AND APPOINT STAFF WHO WOULD BE NEEDED TO MANAGE AND ADMINISTER THE DETAILS OF THE VARIOUS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SETTING UP AND HOLDING OF THE EXAMINATIONS AND FOR THE EXTERNSHIP.

HE SAID IT WAS PLEASING TO NOTE THAT THIS UNIT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AS A PERMANENT FEATURE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION FOR AS LONG AS NEEDED.

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FURTHER STEPS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD INCLUDE AMENDING THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, DEVISING AND SETTING THE EXAMINATION PAPERS, AND DETERMINING WHAT FEES SHOULD BE CHARGED TO HELP COVER THE COST OF THE EXAMINATION AND PART OF THE OVERALL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES INVOLVED.

MR. WILLIAMS GAVE AN ASSURANCE, HOWEVER, THAT ALL STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSALS IN THE REPORT WOULD BE TAKEN AS QUICKLY AS PRACTICABLE.

THE REPORT IS CURRENTLY BEING PRINTED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT A MONTH. IN THE MEANTIME, ADVANCE COPIES HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS AND INTERESTED PARTIES.

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TWO MORE IRRIGATION SCHEMES COMPLETED

TWO MORE IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES WILL BE HANDED OVER NEXT WEEK TO FARMERS AT LAM TSUEN AND PLOVER COVE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TWO SCHEMES WERE DESIGNED AND INSTALLED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VILLAGERS IN THE AREA.

THE ONE IN LAM TSUEN, KNOWN AS THE SHE SHAN IRRIGATION SCHEME, WILL SUPPLY WATER TO ABOUT 31 ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND MAINLY USED FOR GROWING VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS.

THE SCHEME CONSISTS OF SIX CONCRETE IRRIGATION WEIRS, 500 FEET OF PIPELINE AND 3,000 FT. OF CONCRETE CHANNELS.

THE OTHER SCHEME, KNOWN AS THE SHAN LIU IRRIGATION SCHEME, COVERS ABOUT SIX ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND UNDER MIXED CROPS IN THE PLOVER COVE AREA.

THE SCHEME COMPRISES ONE CONCRETE IRRIGATION WEIR AND ABOUT 2,000 FEET OF PIPELINE.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE WELCOME TO HAVE THE HANDING-OVER CEREMONY COVERED. IT WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 4) AT THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE.

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SPECIAL SHIPMENT ARRANGEMENT WILL REDUCE TEXTILE PILE-UP

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JIMMY MCGREGOR, SAID TODAY THAT THE SPECIAL SHIPMENT ARRANGEMENT WHICH HE INTRODUCED ON AUGUST 27 HAD RESULTED IN NEARLY 2,000 APPLICATIONS BEING MADE FOR EXPORT LICENCES FOR TEXTILES TO THE EEC.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THE GOODS MUST BE SHIPPED BY SEPTEMBER 4.

THE D.C. AND I. HAS ALSO BEEN ISSUING HUNDREDS OF LICENCES EACH DAY FOR EXPORTS MADE AGAINST PRELIMINARY QUOTAS. THESE SHIPMENTS, TOO, ARE GOING FORWARD NORMALLY.

MR. MCGREGOR SAID THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT AT THIS STAGE THAT THE SPECIAL SHIPMENT SCHEME WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN MOVING SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF TEXTILE GOODS THE EXPORT OF WHICH HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED BECAUSE COMPANIES DID NOT HAVE THEIR FINAL QUOTAS.

+THE RESPONSE TO THE SCHEME WAS RAPID,+ MR. MCGREGOR SAID, +AND, OF COURSE, IT PLACED AN EVEN GREATER BURDEN ON THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF MANY OF WHOM HAVE BEEN WORKING LONG HOURS FOR MANY WEEKS.+

+AGAIN, WE WILL WORK THROUGHOUT THIS WEEKEND EXAMINING APPLICATIONS AND CALCULATING THE FINAL QUOTAS.

BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY OF THE SPECIAL SHIPMENT ARRANGEMENT, THE FINAL QUOTA ALLOCATIONS WILL NOT BE SENT TO QUOTA HOLDERS UNTIL TUESDAY. BUT LICENCES FOR GOODS TO BE SHIPPED UNDER THE SPECIAL SCHEME WILL CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED ON MONDAY.

+I AM SORRY THAT WE ARE A DAY OR TWO BEYOND THE DATE I PROMISED,+ MR. MCGREGOR SAID. +BUT, I THINK THE TRADE WILL REALISE THE TREMENDOUS PRESSURES UNDER WHICH WE ARE WORKING.+

MR. MCGREGOR SAID THAT HE WOULD BE HANDING THE DEPARTMENT BACK TO MR. DAVID JORDAN, THE SUBSTANTIVE DIRECTOR, ON MONDAY, AND THAT SOON AFTER THAT HE WOULD BE JOINING THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS ITS NEW DIRECTOR.

+BUT BEFORE I LEAVE THE D.C. AND I., I WISH TO PAY A SPECIAL AND SINCERE TRIBUTE TO THE DEDICATED STAFF OF THE TEXTILES CONTROL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS TO ALL THE OTHER OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE MAGNIFICENT EFFORT MADE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND IN THE FINEST TRADITION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE,+ MR. MCGREGOR SAID.

/THE TEXTILES

THE TEXTILES CONTROL DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS. +IN THE CASE OF THE EEC AGREEMENT, THE DIVISION HAS HAD AN EXTREMELY COMPLICATED AND TIME-CONSUMING TASK. IN EFFECT, MR. MCGREGOR EXPLAINED, +THE DIVISION HAD TO ESTABLISH NEW QUOTA AND LICENSING CONTROLS FOR VIRTUALLY THE WHOLE OF OUR TEXTILE TRADE WITH THE EEC INVOLVING NEW CATEGORISATION, DIFFICULT QUOTA CALCULATIONS FOR MANY THOUSANDS OF COMPANIES AND THE ISSUE OF THREE SEPARATE QUOTAS INSTEAD OF THE USUAL ONE, AND, ADDED TO THIS, THE URGENT ORGANISATION OF THE SPECIAL SHIPMENT ARRANGEMENT.+

MR. MCGREGOR CONCLUDED : +I HAVE NOTHING BUT ADMIRATION FOR THE STAFF WHO GAVE SUCH TIME AND MADE SUCH EFFORT ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG'S TRADE AND INDUSTRY.+

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HOLDER OF TICKET NO. 237266
WINS \$456,000

THE LUCKY HOLDER OF TICKET NUMBER 237266 TODAY WON THE FIRST PRIZE OF \$456,000 AT THE DRAW OF THE SEVENTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE WINNING NUMBER FOR THE SECOND PRIZE OF \$45,600 IS 252731 WHILE THE THIRD PRIZE OF \$4,560 WENT TO THE HOLDER OF TICKET NUMBER 55306.

THE THREE PRIZES WERE DRAWN BY FOUR COMMERCIAL RADIO ARTISTES -- MISS YAN WAI-YEE, MISS WONG KAR-MAN, MISS CHAN MO-YIN AND MISS MOK PUI-MAN.

WINNING NUMBERS OF THE 50 SPECIAL PRIZES OF \$1,140 EACH:

7851	77997	184528	310270	451507
11240	84489	207567	313590	461520
14026	87940	214964	323749	465188
47511	90455	216793	335892	465871
58743	91098	228537	358498	471562
60224	104733	254107	387203	476871
68863	153490	266260	387949	498215
75326	158940	287569	392463	517261
77118	160167	289811	406695	532301
77667	160463	294289	446287	539439

THERE ARE ALSO 212 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$570 EACH AWARDED TO HOLDERS OF THE TWO CONSECUTIVE NUMBERS IMMEDIATELY ABOVE OR BELOW A WINNING NUMBER DRAWN IN THE LOTTERY.

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INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTS EXAMS

THE INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTS ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHINESE CANDIDATES WILL BE HELD IN EARLY DECEMBER.

ENTRY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES FROM NEXT MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS TOGETHER WITH PROOF OF IDENTITY (HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT) AND TWO RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CANDIDATE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSONS TO THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND 5.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ALL FEES MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8 TO THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION.

CANDIDATES ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR THE PART I ORAL TESTS AT A DATE TO BE FIXED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 12.

DETAILS OF THE EXAMINATIONS AND THEIR FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE	<u>DATE OF EXAMINATION</u>			<u>FEES</u>	
	<u>PART II</u>	<u>PART III</u>	<u>PART IV</u>	<u>WHOLE EXAMINATION</u>	<u>REFERRED (FOR ONE OR TWO PARTS)</u>
PRELIMINARY	5TH DEC., 75	5TH DEC., 75	-	\$70	\$45
GRADE I	5TH DEC., 75	5TH DEC., 75	5TH DEC., 75	\$90	\$55
GRADE II	5TH DEC., 75	5TH DEC., 75	4TH DEC., 75	\$120	\$75
INTERMEDIATE	1ST DEC., 75	2ND DEC., 75	-	\$140	\$85

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