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HONG KONG DELEGATE TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY
CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO
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MR. WILSON WANG, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, IS TO REPRESENT HONG KONG AT THE 20TH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN COLOMBO, SRI LANKA FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO 15.

HE IS LEAVING ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) AFTERNOON ON FLIGHT NO. SQ 631.

ABOUT 200 DELEGATES COMPRISING SPEAKERS, MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM NEARLY 90 LEGISLATURES OF THE COMMONWEALTH WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE WHICH IS BEING HOSTED BY THE SRI LANKA BRANCH OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION.

BEFORE THE START OF THE CONFERENCE SESSIONS, VISITORS WILL BE TAKEN ON TOUR TO PLACES OF HISTORICAL AND SCENIC INTERESTS.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA, MR. W. COPALLAWA, ON SEPTEMBER 6 AT THE BANDARANAIKE MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HALL. MR. STANLEY TILLEKERATNE, MP, SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY, SRI LANKA, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE.

SOME OF THE SUBJECTS WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY IN OTHER REGIONS= THE WORLD ENERGY CRISIS= INTERNATIONAL AID-SCOPE, FORM AND DIRECTION= UNREST AMONG YOUTH: THE CHALLENGE TO EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS= THE PROBLEMS OF THE SMALLER COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH= WORLD POPULATION YEAR= CONTROL OF POLLUTION AND PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT= AND COMMODITY PRICES AND THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALISED AND THE PRIMARY PRODUCING COUNTRIES WITH REFERENCE TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

THE OBJECT OF PLENARY CONFERENCES OF THE ASSOCIATION IS TO BRING TOGETHER MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES IN ORDER THAT THEY MIGHT EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION IS AN ASSOCIATION OF MEMBERS OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTS WHO, IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE, RELIGION AND CULTURE, ARE UNITED IN THE COMMONWEALTH BY COMMUNITY OF INTEREST, RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW AND THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN AND THE PURSUIT OF THE IDEALS OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. THE ASSOCIATION IS UNIQUE IN PROVIDING THE MACHINERY FOR REGULAR CONSULTATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARIANS.

THE ASSOCIATION HAS BRANCHES IN ALMOST ALL LEGISLATURES IN THE COMMONWEALTH. THE STRONG SUPPORT WHICH IT ENJOYS IN THESE LEGISLATURES IS REFLECTED BY THE FACT THAT MOST DELEGATIONS TO THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE ARE LED BY SPEAKERS OR MINISTERS.

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LEGAL AID SERVICES TO BE IMPROVED

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LEGAL AID SERVICES IN HONG KONG WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED WITH THE ADDITION OF A NEW REGULATION TO THE EXISTING LEGAL AID REGULATIONS.

KNOWN AS THE LEGAL AID (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1974, THE NEW ADDITION IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY AND TAKES IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

IT ENABLES THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID TO PAY, ON BEHALF OF AN AIDED PETITIONER, ANY DEPOSITS AND FURTHER DEPOSITS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY RULES IN PROCEEDINGS IN BANKRUPTCY, OR UNDER THE COMPANY WINDING-UP RULES IN PROCEEDINGS FOR THE WINDING-UP OF COMPANIES.

AT PRESENT, THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID IS NOT EMPOWERED TO MAKE FURTHER DEPOSITS WHICH MAY BE ORDERED AFTER THE RECEIVING ORDER OR THE WINDING-UP ORDER HAS BEEN MADE BY THE COURT, AND SUCH FURTHER DEPOSITS HAVE TO BE MADE BY THE PETITIONER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE WAS THAT A LEGALLY-AIDED PERSON SHOULD PAY NO MORE TOWARDS HIS LEGAL EXPENSES THAN THE AMOUNT CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULES TO THE LEGAL AID (ASSESSMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS) REGULATIONS.

+IT IS CONSIDERED REASONABLE, THEREFORE, THAT THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID SHOULD BE EMPOWERED TO PAY ALL DEPOSITS TO THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER. ANY SUMS SO PAID ARE RECOVERABLE FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE ESTATE OF THE BANKRUPT OR OUT OF THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY ORDERED TO BE WOUND UP,+ HE SAID.

UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY RULES OR COMPANY WINDING-UP RULES, THE PETITIONER IS REQUIRED TO PAY AN INITIAL DEPOSIT OF \$300 AND SUCH FURTHER SUM, IF ANY, AS THE COURT MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DIRECT, TO COVER THE FEES AND EXPENSES TO BE INCURRED BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT MOST LEGAL AID PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY OR FOR WINDING-UP OF COMPANIES WERE IN RESPECT OF ARREARS OF WAGES OWING TO EMPLOYEES OF A DEBTOR FIRM OR A LIMITED COMPANY, AND THESE USUALLY INVOLVE LARGE NUMBERS OF WORKERS.

FOR CONVENIENCE, ONLY A FEW EMPLOYEES OF A COMPANY OR FIRM ARE GRANTED LEGAL AID CERTIFICATES AND ARE JOINED AS PETITIONERS IN THE COURT PROCEEDINGS ALTHOUGH ALL THE EMPLOYEES WILL ULTIMATELY BENEFIT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS.

HE NOTED THAT IT MIGHT CAUSE HARDSHIP AND PROVE IMPRACTICAL TO REQUIRE LEGALLY AIDED PETITIONERS IN THESE CASES PERSONALLY TO PAY FURTHER DEPOSITS WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID HAD NO POWER TO PAY AT PRESENT.

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FAREWELL TO MR. JOHN CANNING
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. JOHN CANNING, WAS GIVEN A WARM FAREWELL BY HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES TODAY WHEN THEY PRESENTED HIM WITH A RETIREMENT GIFT.

MR. CANNING, 49, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 2) ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE AFTER 22 YEARS' SERVICE.

HE PLAYED AN ESSENTIAL PART IN THE PREPARATION OF THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE 1971, WHICH PROVIDES A MORE UP-TO-DATE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONDUCT OF SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG, AND WHICH IN PARTICULAR PROVIDED A SUCCESSFUL SOLUTION TO THE LONG-STANDING PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL SCHOOLS.

THE NEW ORDINANCE ALSO GAVE THE DIRECTOR POWERS TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN IN NEED OF PRIMARY EDUCATION WOULD BE ABLE TO SECURE PLACES SUITABLE TO THEIR NEEDS.

MR. CANNING WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A NEW CODE OF AID FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS THUS ENABLING THEM TO BE CONDUCTED ON A BASIS WHICH IS MORE GENEROUS AS TO FINANCIAL PROVISION, AND HAS SERVED THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF MAKING THE TERMS OF SERVICE OF TEACHERS IN AIDED SCHOOLS APPROXIMATE TO THOSE IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS. THE NEW PRIMARY CODE IS NOW UNDER ADVANCED CONSIDERATION.

CLOSELY RELATED TO THIS IMPORTANT ADVANCE HAS BEEN MR. CANNING'S CONTRIBUTION, OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, TO ESTABLISHING A SECURE FINANCIAL BASIS FOR THE SCHOOLS OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION.

IN ADDITION, THERE HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS EXPANSION OF SCHOOL PLACES DURING MR. CANNING'S TENURE OF OFFICE AND THE AIMS OF THE 1976 SECONDARY EXPANSION PLAN HAVE ALREADY BEEN VIRTUALLY MET.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR. CHARLES LOWE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (ADMINISTRATION) SAID: +ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS KIND CAN EASILY GO UNNOTICED BY THE PUBLIC. BUT THEY ARE NEVERTHELESS ESSENTIAL TO PROGRESS. THEY CALL FOR GRASP OF DETAIL, COMPLETE FAMILIARITY WITH EVERY ASPECT OF THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF FINANCING AND PERSONNEL, AND ABOVE ALL REALISM IN ASSESSING THE POSSIBILITIES AND METHODS OF PROGRESS.

+THESE QUALITIES MR. CANNING HAS POSSESSED IN FULL MEASURE, AND IN DOING SO HAS MADE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ENDURING VALUE TO THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF HONG KONG,+ MR. LOWE SAID.

MR. HO NGA-MING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PROFESSIONAL), PAID A SIMILAR TRIBUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CHINESE OFFICERS AND THANKED MR. CANNING FOR HIS GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION AND FOR HIS APPRECIATION OF THE INFLUENCE OF CHINESE CULTURE ON EDUCATION.

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HE CONVEYED THE GOOD WISHES OF ALL THE OFFICERS FOR MR. CANNING TO HAVE THE HAPPY RETIREMENT HE SO WELL DESERVED.

MR. CANNING, WHO WAS EDUCATED AT GLASGOW UNIVERSITY, CAME TO HONG KONG AS AN EDUCATION OFFICER IN AUGUST 1952 AND TAUGHT AT KING GEORGE V SCHOOL. IN MARCH 1958 HE WAS POSTED TO QUEEN'S COLLEGE WHERE HE WAS APPOINTED PRINCIPAL.

HE BECAME AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN DECEMBER 1959 AND, IN JUNE 1967, A DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

MR. CANNING WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN JUNE 1969 AND BECAME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT THE SAME TIME. HE WAS APPOINTED AN OFFICIAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN 1966.

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COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM FOR WEST KOWLOON
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STRUCTURAL WORK FOR THE COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM IN WEST KOWLOON IS TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER WHEN MORE THAN 12 MILES OF CABLE DUCTS WILL BE LAID UNDER THE ROAD SURFACE IN THE AREA.

AT THE SAME TIME, 200 DRAWPITS WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED FOR THE DRAWING AND JOINTING OF CABLES WHICH WILL RECORD TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND TRANSMIT THE INFORMATION TO A CENTRAL COMKPUTER.

THE COMPUTER, WHICH WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN NATHAN ROAD, WILL INSTANTLY SYNCHRONISE TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN THE WHOLE AREA TO ENABLE MORE SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW.

TRAFFIC INFORMATION, SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF PASSING CARS, THE SPEED OF TRAFFIC AND THE LENGTH OF QUEUES, WILL ALSO BE FED TO THE TRAFFIC POLICE SO THAT TRAFFIC JAMS WILL BE SPOTTED AND CLEARED IMMEDIATELY.

WITH THE COMPUTER, IT WILL ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO CREATE A CLEARWAY FOR FIRE ENGINES AND OTHER EMERGENCY VEHICLES BY ADVISING THE QUICKEST ROUTE AND CO-ORDINATING THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS ALONG IT.

THE AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEME, WHICH COSTS \$10 MILLION, IS BEING INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. BUT IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY ADOPTED IN A NUMBER OF CITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.

IT WILL INITIALLY COVER YAUMATI, MONGKOK, PARTS OF TSIM SHA TSUI, AND SHAM SHUI PO TO THE WEST OF NATHAN ROAD.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE LAYING OF DUCTING WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE CABLE INSTALLATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF DRAWPITS SHOULD BE COMPLETED NEXT MARCH, AND THE ENTIRE SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BY 1976.

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NEW FARES FOR N.T. FERRY SERVICE

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FARES FOR THE PRIVATELY OPERATED FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN HO TUNG LAU IN SHA TIN AND MA ON SHAN ACROSS TIDE COVE WILL BE REVISED AS FROM SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

THE FARE REVISION HAS BECOME NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE INCREASE IN OPERATING COSTS, PARTICULARLY IN FUEL AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES.

THE NEW FARE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF \$1. THE EXISTING RATES ARE 60 CENTS FOR ADULTS AND 40 CENTS FOR CHILDREN.

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BETTER HOMES FOR 10,000

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NEW HOMES FOR ABOUT 10,000 TENANTS OF TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE WILL BE BUILT BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT UNDER A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR PROJECT TO REDEVELOP THE ESTATE.

THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE BUILDING OF THREE HOUSING BLOCKS ON THE FORMER 2.8-ACRE TAI HANG SAI COTTAGE AREA SITE AND LATER TWO MORE BLOCKS AT AN ADJACENT SITE.

TENDERS WERE INVITED TODAY FOR THE PILING WORK FOR THE FIRST THREE BLOCKS WHICH ON COMPLETION IN EARLY 1977 WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 1,000 SELF-CONTAINED UNITS FOR SOME 7,000 PEOPLE.

FLATS IN THESE 12-STOREY BLOCKS WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE AT OI MAN AND WAH FU ESTATES AND WILL HAVE A PRIVATE BALCONY, KITCHEN AND TOILET WITH SHOWER.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPER-STRUCTURE WILL START WHEN PILING AND GENERAL FOUNDATION WORK IS COMPLETED AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE TAI HANG TUNG REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS PART OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S LONG-TERM PLAN TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AND TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF TENANTS IN THE OLDER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

THE WHOLE PROJECT, WHICH WILL ALSO INVOLVE THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING 14 MARK I BLOCKS AND THE BUILDING OF ELEVEN 12-STOREY BLOCKS IN THEIR PLACE, IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1984.

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HONG KONG EXPORTERS CAUTIONED ON
TRADE WITH SOUTHERN RHODESIA THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES
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EXPORTERS ARE URGED TO BE MORE CAREFUL WHEN TRADING WITH CUSTOMERS IN THE NEIGHBOURING STATES OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

A NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY DRAWING ATTENTION OF HONG KONG EXPORTERS TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE SOUTHERN RHODESIA (UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS) (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1968.

THE ORDER, ENACTED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AS A RESULT OF A UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION TO APPLY ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA, PROHIBITS DIRECT EXPORTS TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND ALSO EXPORTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES WHICH ARE KNOWN OR BELIEVED TO BE INTENDED FOR DELIVERY TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID WHILE MANY EXPORTERS ARE AWARE THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO SHIP OUT THEIR GOODS DIRECTLY TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA, SOME OF THEM MAY NOT BE AWARE THAT IT IS ALSO AN OFFENCE TO SEND GOODS TO A THIRD COUNTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSHIPMENT TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

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PROPOSED RECLAMATION AT TSING YI ISLAND
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO RECLAIM PART OF THE SEABED ON THE EAST COAST OF TSING YI AS PART OF A MAJOR PROJECT TO DEVELOP THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE ISLAND AS AN EXTENSION OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

THE AREA TO BE RECLAIMED EXTENDS NORTHWARDS FROM THE MOBIL OIL STORAGE DEPOT UNDER THE ISLAND ABUTMENT OF THE NEW TSING YI BRIDGE WHICH PROVIDES A ROAD LINK WITH THE MAINLAND.

THE SEA FRONTAGE FORMED WILL BE USED FOR A PUBLIC CARGO QUAY WHILE PART OF THE HINTERLAND WILL BE USED FOR GOVERNMENT PURPOSES INCLUDING A SEWAGE WORKS AND A SALT-WATER PUMPING STATION.

THE REMAINING AREA IS TO BE DEVELOPED FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA TO BE RECLAIMED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTIFICATION IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS.

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LION ROCK TUNNEL ORDINANCE TO BE AMENDED

MORE POWER FOR POLICE OR TUNNEL OFFICERS
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AMENDING LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO BRING THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ORDINANCE INTO LINE WITH THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE IN RESPECT OF POWERS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON DRIVERS WHO HAVE ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED AN OFFENCE IN THE TUNNEL AREA.

THE LION ROCK TUNNEL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974, GAZETTED TODAY, EMPOWERS POLICE OFFICERS OR TUNNEL OFFICERS TO REQUIRE A PERSON TO GIVE THE NAME, ADDRESS AND DRIVING LICENCE NUMBER OF THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF AN ALLEGED OFFENCE IN THE TUNNEL AREA, AS WELL AS TO DISCLOSE HIS RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, TO THE DRIVER.

THE DEMAND FOR INFORMATION MAY BE MADE ORALLY OR BY MEANS OF A NOTICE SERVED PERSONALLY, OR BY POST, WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ALLEGED OFFENCE.

HOWEVER, UNDER THE BILL, TUNNEL OFFICERS MAY EXERCISE THEIR POWERS TO DEMAND INFORMATION WITHIN THE TUNNEL AREA ONLY.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT, IN SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS FOR AN OFFENCE AGAINST THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ORDINANCE, A STATEMENT PURPORTING TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED BY THE ACCUSED AND STATING THAT THE ACCUSED WAS THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENCE, SHALL BE ADMITTED AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THAT THE ACCUSED WAS DRIVING THE VEHICLE AT THAT TIME.

FAILURE TO FURNISH THE REQUIRED INFORMATION, WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE DEMAND, IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE BILL, PUNISHABLE ON CONVICTION WITH A FINE OF \$2,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
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A NUMBER OF STREETS IN LUEN WO MARKET AND SHEK WU HUI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED IN OCTOBER TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR MOTORISTS.

THESE WILL INCLUDE PARTS OF LUEN SHING STREET, WO TAI STREET, WO FUNG STREET AND THE JUNCTION OF LUEN HING STREET AND WO FUNG STREET IN LUEN WO MARKET- AND SAN HONG STREET AND SAN FAT STREET IN SHEK WU HUI.

BOTH THE FOOTPATHS AND THE CARRIAGEWAYS OF THESE STREETS WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED IN CONCRETE.

THIS WORK, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE, IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE GREATER SAFETY AND COMFORT FOR PEDESTRIANS AS WELL AS FOR MOTORISTS.

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GOVERNMENT STREAMLINES RECRUITING PROCEDURES

THE GOVERNMENT IS TO STREAMLINE ITS RECRUITING PROCEDURES TO REDUCE THE LENGTH OF TIME BETWEEN ADVERTISING A POSITION AND THE ACTUAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE.

THE CENTRAL RECRUITMENT SECTION WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH OF THE SECRETARIAT WILL FORM THE NUCLEUS OF THE SERVICE.

UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, ADVERTISEMENTS FOR GOVERNMENT VACANCIES WILL STIPULATE THAT IF A CANDIDATE DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY NOTIFICATION, APART FROM A LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE CLOSING DATE, HE HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. AT PRESENT, THE PERIOD IS SIX WEEKS.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR. RON BRIDGE, SAID TODAY THAT CANDIDATES WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR INTERVIEW OR TO SIT FOR AN EXAMINATION, WOULD RECEIVE NOTIFICATION WITHIN THIS PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS. UNDER THE EXISTING PROCEDURES THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT.

+WITHIN A FEW DAYS AFTER THE INTERVIEW, THE CANDIDATE WILL BE TOLD WHAT HIS PROSPECTS ARE FOR GETTING THE JOB. THIS IS A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PRESENT SITUATION,+ HE ADDED.

MR. BRIDGE SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSCIOUS THAT IT IS LOSING SOME OF ITS CANDIDATES TO OTHER EMPLOYERS BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT DELAY IN SELECTING CANDIDATES. THE NEW SCHEME IS BEING INTRODUCED TO OVERCOME THIS.

THE NUMBER OF FORMS THAT APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE AND THEY WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO SUPPLY COPIES OF EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES AND TESTIMONIALS. HOWEVER, THEY WILL STILL NEED TO BRING THE ORIGINALS IF CALLED FOR AN INTERVIEW.

MR. BRIDGE SAID THAT THE NEW PROCEDURES, WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER, ARE REGARDED PARTLY AS EXPERIMENTAL AND THEY MAY BE VARIED OR DEVELOPED IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE IN THEIR OPERATION.+

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CLOSING OF TSUEN WAN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES
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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 8.00 P.M. AT THE TSUEN WAN CARITAS CENTRE TO MARK THE END OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE OFFICIATED BY MR. JOHN WARREN, DISTRICT OFFICER (TSUEN WAN) AND PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE= MR. DEACON CHIU, A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE= MR. CHAN PO-FON OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK= MR. YEUNG CHUN-PUI, SPONSOR OF THE DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND MR. ALEXANDER FUNG KA-CHING, C.Y.O. TSUEN WAN AND ADVISER TO THE COMMITTEE.

THIS YEAR, THE COMMITTEE ORGANIZED 300 YOUTH PROGRAMMES INCLUDING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, CAMPS, VISITS, COMPETITIONS AND LAUNCH PICNICS.

APART FROM SUPPORT GIVEN BY 38 WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS, 300 VOLUNTEERS ALSO ASSISTED IN CARRYING OUT THE PROGRAMMES.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT NEARLY 140,000 YOUTHS PARTICIPATED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH WAS ORGANIZED AT A COST OF \$80,000.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE
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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	--	--
CHU CHO	--	--
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.75
10-15% BROKENS	--	--
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.77
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	--	--
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.74
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	--	--
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	--	--

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	5.70	1.50	4.00
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.20	0.60	1.80
SQUID	GOOD	3.60	1.20	2.50
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	3.00	0.50	1.50
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.00	0.30	1.40
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.70	0.40	1.00
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	GOOD	2.70	2.00	2.40
MELON COAT	LIMITED	3.00	2.40	2.80
BREAMS	NORMAL	4.80	1.30	4.00
YELLOW BELLY	LIMITED	2.20	0.50	1.30
MAKERELS	NORMAL	5.50	1.40	3.50
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	1.20	0.50	0.80
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.10	0.50	0.90
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	7.00	2.80	5.00
MELON SEED	NORMAL	1.60	0.70	1.00
POMFRETS	SCARCE	9.00	6.00	8.00
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	10.00	6.50	9.00
YELLOW CROAKER	---	---	---	---

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	NORMAL	1.50	0.50	1.00
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	1.00	0.40	0.70
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.80	0.80	1.40
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	1.80	0.60	1.20
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.20	0.20	0.70
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WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.00	1.20	2.00
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.60	0.20	0.40
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.60	0.10	0.35
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.50	2.50	3.50