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NEED FOR IMMIGRATION CONTROLS UNDERLINED

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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY, TODAY AGAIN WARNED AGAINST THE DANGER OF UNCONTROLLED IMMIGRATION INTO HONG KONG.

THIS, HE SAID, WOULD NOT ONLY UPSET THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE LOT OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS, BUT ALSO DEPRIVE MANY RESIDENTS OF EMPLOYMENT.

MR. BRAY WAS SPEAKING AT A PASSING OUT PARADE OF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT PARADE GROUND IN HAPPY VALLEY.

HE NOTED THAT POPULATION CONTROL WAS NOT SIMPLY A QUESTION OF FAMILY PLANNING, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS IMPORTANT, AND IMPRESSED ON THE RECRUITS THAT IT WAS THEIR DUTY TO ENSURE THAT +PROPER AND ADEQUATE CONTROL IS EXERCISED OVER THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF HONG KONG - THAT ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE PERMISSION TO LIVE AND WORK HERE DO SO.+

HE CAUTIONED THE RECRUITS, HOWEVER, THAT LIKE SO MUCH OTHER WORK CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, DECISIONS WERE NOT ALWAYS CLEAR CUT. +SOMETIMES, THERE ARE FACTORS PRESENT WHICH ARE NOT, AND INDEED CANNOT, BE COVERED BY THE INSTRUCTIONS YOU WORK TO, WHERE POSSIBLY HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS DICTATE THAT THE RULES SHOULD BE WAIVED,+ HE SAID.

MR. BRAY EXPECTED IMMIGRATION OFFICERS TO SHOW CONSIDERABLE COMMONSENSE, IMAGINATION AND INITIATIVE IN PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES AND REMINDED THEM OF THE IMPORTANCE TO REMAIN COURTEOUS, PATIENT AND SYMPATHETIC EVEN UNDER THE MOST ADVERSE CONDITIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. BRAY'S SPEECH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR.

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"CAREERS '75" OPENS NEXT FRIDAY

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MORE THAN 100 DIFFERENT JOBS IN TRADE, INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S THIRD CAREERS EXHIBITION WHICH OPENS AT THE CITY HALL NEXT WEEK.

THE EXHIBITION - CALLED CAREERS '75 - WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY MR. HILTON CHEONG LEEN, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AT 4 PM NEXT FRIDAY.

MORE THAN 70,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9.30 AM TO 7 PM FROM DECEMBER 21 TO 29.

CAREERS '75 - WITH 20 DIFFERENT EXHIBITORS - IS AIMED AT STUDENTS, YOUNG PEOPLE, TEACHERS AND PARENTS SEEKING CAREERS INFORMATION.

IT IS SPONSORED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE, WHICH RUNS A FULL-TIME AND COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE SERVICE ON CAREERS AND OCCUPATIONS IN HONG KONG.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, SAID TODAY THE PREVIOUS CAREERS EXHIBITIONS IN 1972 AND 1973 HAD PROVED ENORMOUSLY SUCCESSFUL.

+THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION WILL AGAIN PROVIDE A VERY WIDE RANGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT CAREERS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AS WELL AS CERTAIN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+VISITORS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH DETAILS OF THE NATURE OF THE TRADE OR BUSINESS OF THE VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS TAKING PART - AND THEY RANGE FROM THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY AND PRINTING INDUSTRY TO BANKING AND GOVERNMENT.

+THE EXHIBITORS WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE TYPES OF JOBS AVAILABLE IN THEIR FIELDS, THE ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS, THE TRAINING FACILITIES, TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, PROSPECTS, REMUNERATION ETC.

+THEY WILL DO THIS THROUGH DISPLAY MODELS, FILMS, SLIDES, PHOTOGRAPHS, CARTOONS, CHARTS, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, LITERATURE AND OTHER DISPLAY MATERIALS.+

MR. PRICE SAID THE EXHIBITION WAS TIMELY FOR STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL NEXT SUMMER. +AND FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO WISH TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES, THE EXHIBITION WILL GIVE THEM AN IDEA AS TO WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE EMPLOYMENT MARKET SO THAT THEY CAN PROPERLY PLAN ANY FURTHER STUDIES,+ HE SAID.

+THE CHOICE OF CAREER IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION A YOUNG PERSON IS LIKELY TO MAKE.

+THIS EXHIBITION WILL BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO STUDY AT FIRST HAND VARIOUS TYPES OF AVAILABLE JOBS.+

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BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

FIFTY-THREE NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY LAST MONTH.

THESE INCLUDED PLANS FOR A 25-STOREY COMMERCIAL BLOCK IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, A 23-STOREY APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN KWAI CHUNG, AND A 16-STOREY FACTORY BLOCK IN KWUN TONG.

TWENTY OF THE PLANS WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE IN KOWLOON, AND 28 FOR BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AT THE SAME TIME, 58 NEW BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION, INCLUDING NINE LOW-COST HOUSING BLOCKS AND A 30-STOREY APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BLOCK. THE COMBINED DECLARED COST FOR THE 58 BUILDINGS WAS MORE THAN \$134 MILLION.

APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR WORK TO START ON 55 BUILDING PROJECTS, AND DEMOLITION CONSENT WAS GIVEN FOR 29 BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THREE WHICH HAD BEEN DECLARED DANGEROUS.

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CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPT. MOVING TO NEW PREMISES

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO NEW AND BIGGER OFFICES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 14).

THE DEPARTMENT, NOW HOUSED IN INTERNATIONAL BUILDING AND ASIAN HOUSE, WILL OCCUPY 11 FLOORS OF KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, OPPOSITE WESTERN MARKET.

A SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT LARGER OFFICES WERE NEEDED TO ENABLE EXPANSION OF SOME SECTIONS TO COPE WITH THE RISING WORK LOAD ARISING FROM THE RAPID GROWTH IN TRADE AND POPULATION.

ONE OF THE FEATURES OF THE NEW OFFICES WILL BE AN ENQUIRY COUNTER AND A SHOW WINDOW DISPLAYING VARIOUS STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS AND POSTERS.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND - THREE ON THE ISLAND AND ONE IN KOWLOON - WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM AT 2.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1975.

TWO OF THE LOTS ARE SITUATED OFF TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY, EACH MEASURING 17,000 SQUARE FEET. BOTH ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE OTHER ISLAND LOT IS INTENDED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES. IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 16,230 SQUARE FEET OFF ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

THE KOWLOON LOT IS LOCATED AT 297-299 RECLAMATION STREET. IT HAS AN AREA OF 1,658 SQUARE FEET AND IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

MEANWHILE, ANOTHER LOT LOCATED AT TUNG YUEN STREET IN SAM KA TSUEN IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER. THIS LOT MEASURES 24,690 SQUARE FEET AND IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT REQUIRING DIRECT ACCESS TO THE HARBOUR.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON JANUARY 10, 1975.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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NO DEFERMENT IN HOUSING AUTHORITY RENT INCREASE

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THE GOVERNOR HAS DECLINED TO INTERVENE IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S DECISION TO INTRODUCE SMALL RENT INCREASE AS FROM DECEMBER 1.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF A PETITION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE BY A GROUP OF TENANTS FROM PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE OFFICIAL REPLY TO THE PETITION REMINDED THE WRITERS THAT TENANTS MUST EXPECT TO MAKE A REASONABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COST OF RUNNING THE ESTATES, AND THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO CONSIDER ANY POSTPONEMENT.

THE REPLY ALSO REMINDED THE PETITIONERS THAT ANY TENANTS FOR WHOM THE RENT INCREASE WILL CAUSE REAL HARDSHIP SHOULD APPLY TO THE ESTATE OFFICE FOR ADVICE ON HOW TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

MEANWHILE, THE MAJORITY OF THE AFFECTED TENANTS ARE PAYING THEIR DECEMBER RENTS AT NEW LEVEL. AS AT MID-DAY TODAY (THURSDAY) ABOUT 70 PER CENT HAD PAID.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (THURSDAY) 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)</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	1.90
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.73
PO NGAI	GOOD	---
CHU CHO	GOOD	---
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.72
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	---
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	---
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.35
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	---
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.84
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.72
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	GOOD	---
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	GOOD	---

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	340 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	NORMAL	4.30	2.00	3.20
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.20	1.20	2.20
SQUID	LIMITED	6.00	1.20	3.40
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	2.10	0.90	1.50
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.90	0.90	2.00
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.00	0.70	1.30
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	2.70	2.00	2.30
MELON COAT	LIMITED	2.70	1.20	2.00
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.00	4.00	4.50
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.70	0.70	1.20
MACKERELS	NORMAL	3.40	2.20	2.80
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	2.30	0.50	1.40
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.00	0.50	0.70
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	5.80	2.50	3.70
MELON SEED	NORMAL	2.80	1.00	2.00
POMFRETS	SCARCE	8.00	5.00	6.50
GARROUPAS	SCARCE	8.00	6.00	7.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	6.20	5.00	5.60

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	1.60	0.50	1.20
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.60	0.15	0.40
CHINESE LETTUCE	NORMAL	1.20	0.50	0.80
WATER SPINACH	--	--	--	--
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.80	0.60	1.20
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.20	1.50	1.80
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.80	0.50	1.20
WATER CRESS	NORMAL	1.80	0.60	1.20
SPINACH	LIMITED	2.40	0.80	1.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE SPINACH	--	--	--	--
TOMATO	LIMITED	2.40	1.20	1.80