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STATEMENT ON ROOF TOP SCHOOLS

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ALL ROOF TOP SCHOOLS ARE PAYING A NOMINAL RENT OF ONE DOLLAR A MONTH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS RECENTLY NOTIFIED ALL ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, IN GROUP B ESTATES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1976 RATES RANGING FROM \$127.50 TO \$459 A MONTH WILL BE CHARGED IN ADDITION TO THE NOMINAL RENT OF ONE DOLLAR.

REFERRING TO INACCURACIES IN SOME NEWSPAPER REPORTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN FACT THE ONE DOLLAR NOMINAL RENT HAD BEEN REIMBURSED IN THE PAST TO AIDED PRIMARY ROOF TOP SCHOOLS BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UNDER THE CODE OF AID. PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH REIMBURSEMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THOSE ROOF TOP SCHOOLS WHICH PROVIDE FREE EDUCATION WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY TO COVER THE PAYMENT OF BOTH RENT AND RATES.

NORMALLY, PRIVATE NON-PROFIT MAKING SCHOOLS WHICH ARE EXEMPT FROM PROFITS TAX UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF RATES UNDER THE RATES SUBVENTION. APPLICATIONS FOR REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THEIR OWN MERITS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 105 ROOF TOP SCHOOLS, INCLUDING 17 SUBSIDIZED. MORE THAN 6,000 PUPILS ARE IN THE 17 SUBSIDIZED SCHOOLS AND ARE RECEIVING FREE EDUCATION. ABOUT 10,000 PUPILS ARE ENROLLED IN THE OTHER 88 PRIVATE PRIMARY ROOF TOP SCHOOLS WHICH CHARGE LOW FEES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SUFFICIENT FREE GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PLACES IN STANDARD PRIMARY SCHOOLS WERE AVAILABLE TO CATER FOR ANY PUPIL WHO WANTED TO RECEIVE FREE EDUCATION.

HE RECALLED THAT THE FIRST BATCH OF FOUR ROOF TOP SCHOOLS IN SHEK KIP MEI - ALL SPONSORED BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS - WERE REGISTERED IN 1957.

ROOF TOP SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS AND LIKE OTHER SCHOOLS THEY ARE GIVEN PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THROUGH ITS INSPECTORATE AND AREA STAFF.

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NEW HOUSING COMPLEX AT TUEN MUN FOR 6,000

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A MODERN SELF-CONTAINED ESTATE COMPLEX WHICH WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR SOME 6,000 PEOPLE IS TO BE BUILT AT SAM SHING HUI IN TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE ESTATE WILL BE BUILT ON A SITE NOW OCCUPIED BY A SQUATTER SETTLEMENT OF ABOUT 2,700 PEOPLE.

THE SQUATTERS HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY MR. TONY BENNETT, DISTRICT OFFICER FOR TUEN MEN, THAT NONE OF THEM WILL BE MADE HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF THE NECESSARY CLEARANCE OF THE AREA TO ENABLE WORK ON THE ESTATE TO START.

SQUATTERS IN THE AREA WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING IN MULTI-STOREY ESTATES IN TUEN MUN OR IN YUEN LONG, WHILE ELIGIBLE SHOPKEEPERS WILL RECEIVE CASH COMPENSATION WHICH MAY AMOUNT TO AS MUCH AS \$20,000, DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THEIR SHOPS.

THE SHOPKEEPERS MAY EITHER CLAIM CASH COMPENSATION OR OPT FOR A TEMPORARY RESITE AREA ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN A RESTRICTED TENDER FOR SHOP SPACES IN NEW ESTATES, MR. BENNETT SAID.

THOSE SQUATTERS WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING WILL BE OFFERED TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AT RESITE AREAS, HE ADDED.

AT A MEETING WITH SQUATTER REPRESENTATIVES TODAY, MR. BENNETT ASSURED THEM THAT THEIR RIGHTS WOULD BE PROTECTED AND THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE WOULD BE KEPT TO THE MINIMUM.

HE SAID THAT WHILE MOST OF THE SQUATTERS SUPPORTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA, HE APPRECIATED THAT SOME OF THEM WERE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED AS TO HOW CLEARANCE AND REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS WOULD AFFECT THEM.

FURTHER MEETINGS WILL BE HELD WITH THE SQUATTER REPRESENTATIVES TO KEEP THEM INFORMED ON THE ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE.

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OPENING OF 1975/76 LEGCO SESSION

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL REVIEW THE AFFAIRS OF HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 1 WHEN HE OPENS THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION FOR 1975/76.

THE PROCEEDINGS WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RADIO HONG KONG IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

COMMERCIAL RADIO WILL BROADCAST THE ADDRESS IN CHINESE WHILE THE THREE TELEVISION STATIONS WILL GIVE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GOVERNOR'S REVIEW IN THEIR REGULAR NEWS PROGRAMMES.

AFTER THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE A MOTION TO THANK THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS ADDRESS. UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON THE MOTION ON OCTOBER 22 AND THE FOLLOWING DAY (OCTOBER 23), IF NECESSARY.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE SCHEDULED TO REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THE UNOFFICIALS ON NOVEMBER 5 AND 6.

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395,000 TICKETS IN 9TH LOTTERY SOLD

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TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IS THE LAST DAY TO BUY A LOTTERY TICKET AND GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE TO WIN A FORTUNE IN THE NINTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY.

SALES OF TICKETS WILL CLOSE AT 9 P.M. TOMORROW AT ALL ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TICKET BOOTHS. DURING THE DAY, TICKETS MAY BE BOUGHT AT THE HEAD OFFICES AND BRANCHES OF 30 BANKS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

UP TO 5 P.M. TODAY (THURSDAY), A TOTAL OF 395,000 TICKETS WAS SOLD.

WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN BY FOUR RADIO HONG KONG ARTISTES AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

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D C AND I COMMENTS ON WASHINGTON REPORT ABOUT US-GSP  
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A NEWS AGENCY REPORT CAME FROM WASHINGTON TODAY QUOTING AMERICAN OFFICIALS AS PREDICTING THAT HONG KONG WILL BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE US GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES.

A COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS ENCOURAGING NEWS : HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS ARE CERTAINLY HOPING FOR A US GOVERNMENT DECISION TO DESIGNATE HONG KONG.

MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY HONG KONG WAS NOT YET INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME WHEN OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION - SOME OF WHICH HAVE RECENTLY IMPROVED THEIR SHARE OF THE US IMPORT MARKET WHILE HONG KONG'S SHARE HAS BEEN RECLINING - WERE ALREADY INCLUDED.

ON THE REVERSE PREFERENCES ISSUE, THE OFFICIAL RECALLED, THAT AFTER THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN APRIL, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN THE US A FIRM UNDERTAKING TO REMOVE THESE PREFERENCES BY JANUARY 1, 1976, PROVIDED HONG KONG WAS INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME.

ALTHOUGH IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE US GOVERNMENT IS GIVING FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION TO HONG KONG'S CASE, THE LONGER FORMAL DESIGNATION IS DELAYED, THE GREATER THE RISK, FOR HONG KONG THAT US IMPORTERS WILL TRANSFER THEIR 1976 ORDERS TO COUNTRIES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED.

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WATER INTERRUPTIONS  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WANCHAI AND IN MONG KOK WILL BE INTERRUPTED BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) TO ENABLE TESTS FOR LEAKAGE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREAS.

IN WANCHAI, THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY MARSH ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD, PERCIVAL STREET AND THE NORTH SIDE OF HENNESSY ROAD.

IN MONG KOK, PREMISES BOUNDED BY FUK TSUEN STREET, TONG MEI ROAD, CHERRY STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND IVY STREET WILL BE AFFECTED.

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D.C. AND I. TO ISSUE RESERVED EEC QUOTAS TO  
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AT ITS MEETING THIS AFTERNOON THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD CONSIDERED A REPORT ON THE TALKS IN BRUSSELS LAST WEEK AND SOME PROPOSALS BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE QUOTA ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE HK/EEC TEXTILES AGREEMENT.

THE BOARD AGREED THAT NO FURTHER QUOTA SHOULD BE ISSUED BUT THAT CERTAIN QUANTITIES WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY RESERVED SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL COMERS.

THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED - AND THE DEPARTMENT HAD AGREED - THAT THESE QUANTITIES SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR HOLDERS OF EXPORT REGISTRATIONS AND THOSE WHO ACTUALLY EXPORTED AGAINST EXPORT REGISTRATIONS BEFORE JULY 18 BECAUSE THEIR TRADE HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED BY THE SUSPENSION OF EXPORT LICENSING ON JULY 17 AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

THIS DECISION HOWEVER WAS TAKEN BEFORE THE SPECIAL SHIPMENT ARRANGEMENT WAS INTRODUCED AT THE END OF AUGUST. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THOSE AFFECTED HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPORT UNDER THAT ARRANGEMENT, THE BOARD FELT THAT APPLICATIONS FOR THESE QUANTITIES SHOULD NOW BE ACCEPTED FROM ANY MANUFACTURER OR EXPORTER WHO HAS FIRM ORDERS, PROVIDED THAT, IF HE IS ALREADY A QUOTA-HOLDER, HE HAS NOT ALREADY TRANSFERRED ANY OF HIS QUOTA IN THE CATEGORY CONCERNED TO ANYONE ELSE. NO PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO ANY PARTICULAR APPLICANT - ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ALIKE - AND OF COURSE SCALED DOWN IF APPLICATIONS TOTAL MORE THAN IS AVAILABLE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY EMPHASISED THAT THESE RESERVED QUANTITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN ALL CATEGORIES FOR ALL MEMBER STATES AND THAT, WHILE IT IS HOPED THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL FURTHER ALLEVIATE THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE TRADE HAS BEEN FACING, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL ORDERS PLACED WITH HONG KONG IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS CAN BE FILLED.

DETAILS WILL BE NOTIFIED TO THE TRADE IN A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

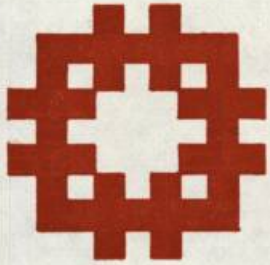
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VEGETABLES COST LESS LAST MONTH  
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THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES LAST MONTH DROPPED BY 10 PER CENT AS A RESULT OF AN INCREASE IN LOCAL VEGETABLE SUPPLIES, WHILE THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF RICE REMAINED STABLE.

THESE WERE AMONG THE FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO A DROP OF ONE POINT IN THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS IN THE AUGUST NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 'A'.

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OI MAN ESTATE NOW HOUSES MORE THAN 40,000

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The Housing Authority's Oi Man Estate is now a small township of its own with a population topping the 40,000 mark.

All 6,200 units in the 12 high-rising blocks will be let by the end of this month and the population is expected to swell to about 43,000 next month.

The estate's fully air-conditioned commercial complex is becoming a shopping centre for the tenants as well as residents of the Ho Man Tin area.

Two branch bank offices and seven shops in the commercial complex have opened for business and decoration is being carried out at the restaurant and cafe premises.

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The 12 new-style cooked-food-stalls located behind Chiu Man House will open for business tomorrow (Friday).

Apart from the commercial complex there is also the estate market with about 80 stalls providing estate tenants with all sorts of foodstuffs and daily necessities.

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