



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1979

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
MONEY AND BANKING STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER	1
HK IS DEVELOPING AS A CULTURAL CENTRE - SAYS ACTING GOVERNOR	3
REMARKABLE CHANGES IN TAI PO	5
FAO EXPERT CALLS FOR MORE HELP TO FISHERMEN	6
TEC PROGRAMMES GEARED TO MEET NEEDS OF LOCAL INDUSTRY	7
GAMES AND SPORTS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR ADULT LIFE	8
SITE FOR SHORT TERM TENANCY	8
DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO PRESENT COMMENDATION FOR SEA RESCUE	9
CLOSING CEREMONY OF ATHLETIC MEET FOR THE HANDICAPPED	9
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WAN CHAI ROAD	9
WATER CUT IN EAST KOWLOON	10

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1979

- 1 -

MONEY AND BANKING STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER

* * * * *

THE MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 1979 WERE PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THEY SHOW A MARKED FALL IN THE GROWTH RATE OF CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY, BUT A RISE IN THE GROWTH RATE OF THE MONEY SUPPLY.

MONEY SUPPLY

M1 ROSE BY 1.2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, AGAINST 3.5 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. M2 ROSE IN OCTOBER BY 2.4 PER CENT, AND M3 BY 3 PER CENT, BOTH SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER.

IN THE LATEST THREE MONTHS M2 HAS RISEN BY 6.5 PER CENT, AND M3 BY 7.7 PER CENT.

SINCE DECEMBER 1978 M2 HAS RISEN AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 23.7 PER CENT AND M3 AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 25.7 PER CENT: THESE INCREASES ARE SOME WAY BELOW THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN 1979 OF GDP AT CURRENT PRICES OF ABOUT 27 PER CENT.

M1 IS DEFINED AS NOTES AND COINS IN CIRCULATION, AND DEMAND DEPOSITS AT LICENSED BANKS. M2 CONSISTS OF M1 PLUS TIME AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS WITH BANKS. M3 CONSISTS OF M2 PLUS DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, LESS DEPOSITS HELD BY THOSE COMPANIES WITH BANKS IN HONG KONG, AND LESS THEIR HOLDINGS OF NOTES AND COINS.

CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY

LENDING IN HONG KONG BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TOGETHER ROSE BY 2.2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, DOWN FROM 2.8 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS THIS MEASURE, WHICH IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE FIGURE AVAILABLE FOR CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY, HAS RISEN AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 26.2 PER CENT, WHILE SINCE DECEMBER 1978 IT HAS RISEN AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 28.6 PER CENT: THESE ARE BOTH BROADLY CONSISTENT WITH THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE OF THE ECONOMY THIS YEAR.

LENDING IN HONG KONG BY BANKS ALONE ROSE IN OCTOBER BY 2.3 PER CENT, WELL DOWN FROM SEPTEMBER'S INCREASE OF 3.8 PER CENT- IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS IT ROSE BY 6.9 PER CENT. LENDING IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ALONE ROSE IN OCTOBER BY 2.6 PER CENT, ALSO WELL DOWN FROM SEPTEMBER'S INCREASE OF 3.9 PER CENT, AND IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS IT ROSE BY 9.5 PER CENT.

/LOANS ABROAD

LOANS ABROAD

THE TOTAL OF LOANS ABROAD BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TOGETHER FELL SLIGHTLY, WITH BANK LOANS ABROAD FALLING BY \$422 MILLION TO \$19 712 MILLION, WHILE LENDING ABROAD BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY \$337 MILLION TO \$22 940 MILLION.

BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL BANKS ROSE DURING OCTOBER TO 50.1 PER CENT, FROM 49.2 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. THEIR LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO FELL SLIGHTLY, TO 84.7 PER CENT FROM 85 PER CENT AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ALSO FELL, FROM 55.8 PER CENT AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER TO 54 PER CENT AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

TWO MORE LICENSED BANKS BEGAN TO OPERATE IN OCTOBER, BRINGING THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS UP TO 105. SIX MORE REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BEGAN TO OPERATE, BRINGING THEIR NUMBER UP TO 264.

THE DETAILED FIGURES AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>IN \$MILLION</u>		<u>FIGURES FOR EARLIER MONTHS (% CHANGE):</u>	
	<u>OCT 79</u>	<u>SEP 79</u>	<u>JULY 79</u>	<u>OCT 78</u>
M1	26 382	26 062 (+1.2%)	24 769 (+6.5%)	21 481 (+22.8%)
M2	87 923	85 904 (+2.4%)	82 536 (+6.5%)	70 678 (+24.4%)
M3	93 596	90 840 (+3.0%)	86 877 (+7.7%)	—*
<u>BANKS -</u>				
DEPOSITS	81 159	79 029 (+2.7%)	75 941 (+6.9%)	64 473 (+25.9%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	68 717	67 191 (+2.3%)	64 268 (+6.9%)	48 533 (+41.6%)
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	84.7%	85.0%	84.6%	75.3%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO	50.1%	49.2%	49.2%	46.5%

/DEPOSIT-TAKING

DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES -

DEPOSITS	22 752	21 422 (+6.2%)	18 835 (+20.8%)	-*
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	12 281	11 964 (+2.6%)	11 213 (+9.5%)	-*
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	54.0%	55.8%	59.5%	-*

BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES -

LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	70 054	68 526 (+2.2%)	66 103 (+6.0%)	-*
------------------------------------	--------	-------------------	-------------------	----

(THE ASTERISK DENOTES THAT FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE EARLIER THAN DECEMBER 1978).

- - - - 0 - - - -

HK IS DEVELOPING AS A CULTURAL CENTRE -
SAYS ACTING GOVERNOR
* * * * *

THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) HONG KONG IS DEVELOPING QUITE RAPIDLY AS A CULTURAL CENTRE WITH THE GOVERNMENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND VARIOUS GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN IT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP AT THE WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE, SIR JACK SAID: +IN PARTICULAR, EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO ENCOURAGE THE MAKING OF MUSIC, BOTH CHINESE AND WESTERN, BY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.+

HE SAID HONG KONG WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS THE IDEALS OF THE ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP MOVEMENT, +NAMELY, CO-OPERATION AMONG YOUNG MUSICIANS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUSICAL TALENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE+ WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS MOST WORTHY.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP, MR. K.C. SIU, SAID FOUR GENERATIONS OF MUSICIANS ARE TAKING PART IN THE CAMP'S ACTIVITIES. THEY ARE THE GRAND MASTERS- THE INSTRUCTORS- THE PARTICIPATING YOUNG MUSICIANS AND THE PRIMARY STUDENTS FROM HONG KONG WHO HAVE TAKEN LESSONS FOR ONE YEAR AND +WHO SYMBOLISE ASIA'S HOPE OF CENTURY 21+.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMON GOAL OF THE MUSIC CAMP IS TO MAKE THE MOVEMENT, WHICH HAS HELPED TO PRODUCE MANY GOOD MUSICIANS IN THE WEST, A REGULAR FEATURE IN ASIA AND THAT FROM IT WILL COME THE ASIAN MUSIC MASTERS OF THE FUTURE.

THE TWO-WEEK MUSIC CAMP, THE THIRD OF ITS KIND IN ASIA, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, AND THE ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP ASSOCIATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL.

ABOUT 100 YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM 11 COUNTRIES IN THE AUSTRAL-ASIAN REGION ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE CAMP. THEY ARE FROM AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, INDIA, INDONESIA, JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA AND THAILAND. THEY WILL SHARE EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR HONG KONG AND MACAU COUNTERPARTS IN THE CAMP.

THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE FORMED THE 1979 ASIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA, AND WILL GIVE FOUR CONCERTS IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON DECEMBER 7, 9, 13 AND 14. IT WILL ALSO PERFORM AT THE FAREWELL CONCERT AT THE GRAND FINALE OF THE CAMP AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM ON DECEMBER 15.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE ACTING GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:-

+FIRST OF ALL, A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL TO THIS THE ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP; AND A PARTICULARLY WARM WELCOME TO OUR FRIENDS FROM OVERSEAS.

+HONG KONG IS DEVELOPING QUITE RAPIDLY AS A CULTURAL CENTRE. MANY ARE INVOLVED IN THIS: VARIOUS GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT.

+IN PARTICULAR, EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO ENCOURAGE THE MAKING OF MUSIC, BOTH CHINESE AND WESTERN, BY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

+IT IS HONG KONG'S SPECIAL HONOUR TO HOST THE 1979 ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP. THE IDEALS OF THE CAMP MOVEMENT, NAMELY, CO-OPERATION AMONG YOUNG MUSICIANS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUSICAL TALENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, ARE MOST WORTHY, AND WE IN HONG KONG WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THEM.

+I WISH THE ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP ASSOCIATION EVERY SUCCESS, NOT ONLY AT THIS CAMP AT WU KWAI SHA, BUT ALSO IN THE FUTURE.

+TO OUR VISITORS FROM OVERSEAS I SAY, ENJOY YOURSELVES IN HONG KONG; I AM SURE YOU WILL MAKE MANY NEW FRIENDS HERE. CERTAINLY HONG KONG AUDIENCES ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR PERFORMANCES. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOUR MUSIC WILL BRING JOY TO MANY.

+FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO ORGANISE THIS CAMP.

+I NOW HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING OPEN THE 1979 ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP.+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1979

- 5 -

REMARKABLE CHANGES IN TAI PO
* * * *

THE LAST FEW YEARS HAVE SEEN REMARKABLE CHANGES IN TAI PO AND CHANGE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS WILL BE EVEN MORE DRAMATIC, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 16TH SPEECH DAY OF THE WONG SHIU CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL, TAI PO, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE DEVELOPMENT NOW TAKING PLACE IN TAI PO WOULD IN ABOUT 10 YEARS PROVIDE A NEW LIVING ENVIRONMENT, NEW JOBS AND NEW SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR A SELF-CONTAINED AND BALANCED TOWNSHIP WITH A TOTAL POPULATION OF ABOUT 200 000.

+BUT WHAT PART WILL YOU, AS INDIVIDUALS, PLAY IN THIS NEW COMMUNITY?+ MR. AKERS-JONES ASKED.

+HOW WILL THESE 200 000 SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS BE LINKED TOGETHER? WILL THEY BE SELFISH, THINKING ONLY OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OR WILL THEY BE JOINED TOGETHER BY A COMMON PURPOSE, BY A SENSE OF PRIDE, MUTUAL CARE AND BELONGING.

+WE HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT SORT OF TAI PO WE WANT. DO WE WANT IT TO BE DIRTY AND UGLY AND A RESORT FOR CRIMINALS, DRUG ADDICTS? CLEARLY WE DO NOT. THESE SOUND SIMPLE PROBLEMS TO SOLVE, BUT IT IS NOT SIMPLY A MATTER OF SAYING I AM CLEAN, I AM NOT A DRUG ADDICT, I AM NOT A CRIMINAL. UNLESS WE COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY WITH COMMON CONCERN AND PURPOSE TO RID OUR SOCIETY OF THESE EVILS THEY WILL INFECT AND POLLUTE THE NEW TOWN WE ARE BUILDING.+

OUR DEFENCE AGAINST THESE ENEMIES OF SOCIETY WAS TO BUILD A STRUCTURE OF OVERLAPPING REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

AT NEIGHBOURHOOD, DISTRICT AND TERRITORIAL LEVELS, WE HAD CITIZENS' ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS RURAL COMMITTEES, KAIFONGS, CLANSMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, AND IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS WE HAD FORMED MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES. THE FORMATION OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD ALSO ENCOURAGED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MATTERS AFFECTING THE INTERESTS OF TAI PO AS A WHOLE- AND RECENTLY THE DIVISION OF TAI PO DISTRICT INTO TWO WOULD BRING GOVERNMENT CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE.

+ALL THESE INITIATIVES, ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS KNIT THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND HELP TO OVERCOME THE ISOLATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE INDIVIDUAL FAMILY- THEY FORM A DEFENCE AGAINST THE EVILS THAT BESET ANY SOCIETY, AND THEY PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP OUR CULTURE AND RECREATION AND TO ENRICH COMMUNITY LIFE,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

+THUS, THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO JOIN IN ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE SMALL WORLD OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE INCREASING AND MORE CAN BE CREATED.+

/YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY WERE COMING FORWARD IN GREATER NUMBERS TO JOIN IN THIS SEARCH FOR NEW SOLUTIONS TO OLD PROBLEMS IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT AFTER THE FINE EDUCATION YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOUR TEACHERS AT THIS SCHOOL, YOU, TOO, WILL GO OUT INTO LIFE WITH A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.+

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY MRS. JANE AKERS-JONES PRESENTED THE MRS. TANG CHOI WAI-LING AND THE MR. YUNG CHIU-WOON SCHOLARSHIPS, CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES TO 95 STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

FAO EXPERT CALLS FOR MORE HELP TO FISHERMEN
* * * * *

MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF THE FISH CATCH IN SOUTHEAST ASIA COMES FROM THE ARTISANAL SECTOR, THE DIRECTOR OF FISHERY INDUSTRIES DIVISION OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION, DR. A. LABON, TOLD DELEGATES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SCORRAD) CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE SAID THIS SINGLE FIGURE IS A SIGNIFICANT JUSTIFICATION TO INCREASE EFFORTS IN HELPING THE POOREST SECTOR OF THE FISHERMEN'S FOLK.

+THIS IS ALSO A POLICY OBJECTIVE OF VIRTUALLY ALL GOVERNMENTS AND IT IS THEREFORE OUR DUTY TO INTENSIFY WORK IN THIS FIELD,+ HE SAID.

DR. LABON, FROM THE FAO HEADQUARTERS IN ROME, IS ONE OF THE SPEAKERS AT THE SCORRAD MEETING OF THE INDO-PACIFIC FISHERY COMMISSION BEING HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

MORE THAN 30 DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER AGENCIES OF THE FAO ARE ATTENDING THE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE.

DR. LABON SAID THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO, MR. SAOUMA, ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO WORK IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR.

+HIS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES IN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONES HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE HIGHEST STATUTORY BODY OF FAO — THE CONFERENCE, JUST A WEEK AGO AND HAS BECOME ONE OF THE PRIORITY PROGRAMMES OF THE ORGANISATION.

+THE CONFERENCE HAS ALSO ADOPTED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNTRIES TO JOIN EFFORTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES AND THEIR RATIONAL EXPLOITATION,+ SAID DR. LABON.

HE ADDED THAT THIS BACKGROUND WAS THE FOUNDATION OF WORK IN THE FIELD OF MARINE RESOURCES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1979

- 7 -

TEC PROGRAMMES GEARED TO MEET NEEDS OF LOCAL INDUSTRY

ALL OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES' PROGRAMMES VALIDATED BY THE LONDON-BASED TECHNICIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL (TEC) ARE CAREFULLY GEARED TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL INDUSTRY, MR. DAN WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR. WATERS WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR FOR EDUCATORS AND MODERATORS OF TECHNICIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL PROGRAMMES ORGANSIED JOINTLY BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

HE SAID ALL THE PROGRAMMES WERE FIRST SUBMITTED TO THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL FOR ITS VIEWS IN ADDITION TO ABOUT 150 INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS DIRECT.

+A NUMBER OF THESE ORGANSIATIONS REPLIED MAKING USEFUL SUGGESTIONS AND OUR PROGRAMMES WERE THEN MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

TODAY, THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE RUNNING 14 PROGRAMMES VALIDATED BY TEC IN THE FIELDS OF BUILDING, CIVIL ENGINEERING, KNITTING AND KNITWEAR TECHNOLOGY, MECHANICAL AND PRODUCTION ENGINEERING, MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING, SHIPBUILDING AND SHIPREPAIRS, TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY AND COLOURATION.

IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, THE TEC WILL BE APPROACHED FOR FURTHER RECOGNITION OF 12 ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMES IN THE AREAS OF BUILDING ENGINEERING SERVICES, CIVIL ENGINEERING (WATER SUPPLY), CLOTHING, ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, PRINTING AND PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING.

AT PRESENT ABOUT 2 500 STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE UNDERTAKING TEC PROGRAMMES.

MR. WATERS SAID: +IT IS OUR INTENTION IN THE FUTURE THAT IF A STUDENT STUDIES RELEVANT SUBJECTS IN DEPTH IN A SCHOOL, HE MAY OBTAIN EXEMPTION FROM RELATED SUBJECTS WHEN HE UNDERTAKES A PROGRAMME AT A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.+

THE SEMINAR IS BEING CONDUCTED BY MR. FRANK FIDGEON, DEPUTY CHIEF OFFICER OF THE TECHNICIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW, THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST. ITS AIMS ARE TO DEFINE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE TEC EXTERNAL MODERATION SYSTEM AND THE ROLE OF THE TEC EXTERNAL MODERATOR- AND TO GIVE ADVICE ON EXTERNAL MODERATION FOR TEC APPROVED PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE POLYTECHNIC.

THE SEMINAR WILL THEN MOVE OVER TO THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC FOR TWO DAYS ON DECEMBER 7 AND 10.

- 8 -

GAMES AND SPORTS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR ADULT LIFE

PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS PREPARES STUDENTS FOR ADULT LIFE AS WELL AS HELPS THEM TO KEEP FIT PHYSICALLY, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE SIXTH INTER-DIOCESAN ATHLETIC MEET HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT STADIUM.

+IT IS THE DUTY OF SCHOOLS NOT ONLY TO IMPART KNOWLEDGE BUT TO PREPARE THEIR STUDENTS AS COMPREHENSIVELY AS POSSIBLE FOR ADULT LIFE IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY BEYOND SCHOOL.

+TAKING PART IN SPORTS AND GAMES IS SUCH A PREPARATION AS IT LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR LATER PARTICIPATION IN A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL PURSUITS ALL OF WHICH GIVE PLEASURE AND HELP TO KEEP US PHYSICALLY FIT,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

SPORTS AND GAMES ACTIVITIES ALSO PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR WIDE AND ENRICHING SOCIAL CONTACT, HE SAID.

BY PARTICIPATING IN SUCH ACTIVITIES, MR. TOPLEY SAID, WE COULD MAINTAIN OUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING, AND BENEFIT FROM THE INCREASING AMOUNT OF LEISURE TIME WHICH WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE IN OUR TECHNOLOGICALLY DEVELOPED SOCIETY.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SITE FOR SHORT TERM TENANCY

THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY WAY OF ANNUAL RENTAL FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT CHING YEE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 1 750 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE OF TENANT'S GOODS, VEHICLES, MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE TENANCY WAS FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND, THEREAFTER, QUARTERLY.

TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH THE NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF THE TENANCY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN MURRAY BUILDING 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD AND IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES TENTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE TWO OFFICES.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON DECEMBER 21.

- - - - -

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1979

- 9 -

NOTE TO EDITORS:-

DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO PRESENT COMMENDATION FOR SEA RESCUE

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR. M.J. ALEXANDER, WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION TO 39 PEOPLE ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 7) IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR BRAVERY IN RESCUING PEOPLE FROM SEA IN THE PAST YEAR.

THE COMMENDATION RECIPIENTS COMPRISE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, EIGHT POLICE OFFICERS AND 24 FERRY CREWMEN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 4 PM ON FRIDAY IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S EXAMINATION HALL ON THE TENTH FLOOR OF RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING.

- - - - 0 - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

CLOSING CEREMONY OF ATHLETIC MEET FOR THE HANDICAPPED

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. JOHN CHAMBERS, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE FOURTH HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS 1979 ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 6) AT THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND.

THE ATHLETIC MEET IS ORGANISED BY THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WAN CHAI ROAD

A SECTION OF WAN CHAI ROAD BETWEEN TIN LOK LANE AND BOWRINGTON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 6) FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW BOWRINGTON ROAD MARKET.

THE NEW MARKET REPLACES THE OLD MARKET UNDER THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WHICH HAS BEEN PULLED DOWN.

DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WAN CHAI ROAD, APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/10

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1979

- 10 -

WATER CUT IN EAST KOWLOON
* * * *

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE AREA OF KWUN TONG, LAM TIN, SAU MAU PING, NGAU CHI WAN, JORDAN VALLEY, NGAU TAU KOK AND SAN PO KONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 7).

THE INTERRUPTION IN SUPPLY IS TO FACILITATE VALVE REPAIR WORK AT THE SALT WATER PUMPING STATION IN KWUN TONG.

- - - - 0 - - - -