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TONG FAI FOR FORMS I - III TO BE ABOLISHED
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TONG FAI IN MOST OF THE AIDED SCHOOLS AND WELFARE FUND IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS WILL BE ABOLISHED IN FORMS I TO III AS FROM THE COMING SEPTEMBER.

IN LIEU OF TONG FAI, GOVERNMENT WILL INCREASE THE CAPITATION GRANT PAID TO AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN RESPECT OF FORMS I TO III PLACES BY \$120 A YEAR. AS FAR AS GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS ARE CONCERNED, THE WELFARE FUND WILL BE BORNE BY GOVERNMENT.

FOR NON-PROFIT-MAKING SCHOOLS IN WHICH FORMS I TO III PLACES ARE BOUGHT THE PER CAPUT GRANT PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$416 TO \$536 PER PUPIL PER ANNUM.

+THE COST TO PUBLIC FUNDS WILL AMOUNT TO \$12 MILLION IN 1979-80 RISING TO \$23.3 MILLION IN 1982-83,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL STILL BE PERMITTED TO CHARGE TONG FAI BUT AT A SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED LEVEL SINCE THE \$120 A YEAR PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ENTIRELY OFFSET THE SUBSCRIPTION CURRENTLY PAID BY THEIR STUDENTS.

+THE CHARGING OF TONG FAI IN FORMS IV TO VI OF AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL STILL BE PERMITTED BUT THE LEVEL AT WHICH IT IS CHARGED WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION,+ HE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME THE GOVERNMENT WILL WAIVE REPAYMENT OF ALL OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT LOANS TO 37 AIDED AND 21 PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING SCHOOLS DUE FOR REPAYMENT AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 1979.

THESE LOANS WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO AIDED AND PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING SCHOOLS TO ASSIST TOWARDS THE INITIAL COST OF BUILDING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOLS OR OF EXTENDING, CONVERTING AND REPROVISIONING EXISTING SCHOOLS.

THE TOTAL LOANS AMOUNT TO \$52.2 MILLION.

IN FUTURE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WILL HAVE THE DISCRETION TO RECOMMEND 100 PER CENT CAPITAL SUBSIDIES FOR THE FINANCING OF EXTENSIONS AND CONVERSION TO EXISTING AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND REPROVISIONING PROJECTS.

THE 100 PER CENT CAPITAL SUBSIDIES WILL ALSO APPLY TO MAJOR REPAIRS WORK AND THE REPLACEMENT OF FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT IN AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

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GOVERNOR TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IS TO FLY TO LONDON NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS HONG KONG'S IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS WITH MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS IN WHITEHALL.

SIR MURRAY WILL LEAVE ON TUESDAY (JUNE 12) AND IS EXPECTED TO BE AWAY FOR ABOUT A WEEK.

THE GOVERNOR WILL ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING NEW MINISTERS AND DISCUSSING WITH THEM AND OFFICIALS A RANGE OF OTHER TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO HMG AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

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10 QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED IN LEGCO

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THE INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER USING THE SOKO ISLANDS AS A TEMPORARY SETTLEMENT FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND, TO DETER MORE OF THEM FROM COMING TO HONG KONG, ENSURE THAT ONLY THE MINIMUM STANDARD OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED.

HE WILL ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES ARE BEING DEPLOYED TO PREVENT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM SLIPPING INTO HONG KONG, AND IF ADDITIONAL MANPOWER CAN BE DEPLOYED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THE HON. WONG LAM WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT WHETHER TOUGHER MEASURES COULD BE ADOPTED TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM EFFECTIVELY.

SIX OTHER QUESTIONS WILL ALSO BE RAISED IN TOMORROW'S SESSION.

THESE INCLUDE MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND DC-10 FLIGHTS OVER HONG KONG- DEEP BAY OYSTERS- DELAY IN THE ELECTRIFICATION OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY- ILLEGAL EXTENSIONS IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS- PROMOTION OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HONG KONG TEXTILE EXPORTS TO EEC MARKETS.

THREE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THESE ARE THE LAW AMENDMENT AND REFORM (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979- LABOUR TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 AND THE TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (MID-LEVELS) BILL 1979.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 AND THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND ADOPTION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENT) BILL 1979.

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OVERSEAS DOCTORS TO DISCUSS DRUG PROBLEMS IN HK

A VISITING WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) CONSULTANT, PROFESSOR JOSEPH WESTERMEYER, TODAY (TUESDAY) STARTED HIS ROUND OF VISITS IN PREPARATION FOR A WHO INTER-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE FOR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENT PERSONS TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

PROFESSOR WESTERMEYER THIS MORNING PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES AND HAD DISCUSSION WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. PETER E.I. LEE ON CURRICULUM PLANNING AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COURSE.

HE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. T.G. GARNER, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (NARCOTICS), DR. K.F. CHAN AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES CONCERNED DURING HIS THREE-DAY VISIT.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD FROM OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 28 THIS YEAR, AND WILL BE PARTICIPATED BY MORE THAN 20 DOCTORS FROM AFGHANISTAN, EGYPT, PAKISTAN, BURMA, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA.

THE FOUR-WEEK COURSE AIMS AT PROVIDING AN IN-DEPTH STUDY INTO THE LATEST ANTI-NARCOTICS TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION POLICIES, AND METHODS AND TOPICS WILL INCLUDE THE MEDICAL, BEHAVIOURAL AND SOCIAL TREATMENT OF DRUG DEPENDENCE, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY INTERVENTIONS, EDUCATION AND PREVENTION, LEGISLATION AND TRAINING SKILLS.

PROFESSOR WESTERMEYER LEAVES FOR GENEVA ON THURSDAY.

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FOOTWEAR TALKS WITH U.S.A.

A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS COVERING EXPORTS OF CERTAIN FOOTWEAR FROM HONG KONG TO THE U.S.A. WILL BEGIN ON THURSDAY. THE REVIEW WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY HONG KONG AND U.S. DELEGATIONS IN HONG KONG.

UNDER THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS, NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR EXPORTED TO THE U.S.A. FROM HONG KONG MUST BE COVERED BY A CERTIFICATE OF HONG KONG ORIGIN IN ORDER TO ENSURE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOODS BY THE U.S. AUTHORITIES. THERE IS NO QUANTITATIVE LIMITATION ON EXPORTS HOWEVER.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR AND REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL JUNE 30, 1981, UNLESS THESE ARE MODIFIED OR TERMINATED BEFOREHAND. THE ARRANGEMENTS ALSO PROVIDE FOR A REVIEW NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30 THIS YEAR.

THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MR. STEVE LANDE, ASSISTANT SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE. THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DIRECTOR OF TRADE.

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NEW STAMPS AND FIRST DAY
COVERS TO GO ON SALE
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A SPECIAL ISSUE OF POSTAGE STAMPS FEATURING HONG KONG'S BUTTERFLIES WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM JUNE 20.

THE STAMPS, VALUED AT 20 CENTS, \$1, \$1.30 AND \$2, WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE PUBLIC COUNTER ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, BETWEEN 9.20 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON JUNE 13.

SPECIAL FIRST DAY COVERS FOR THE NEW STAMPS WILL BE PUT ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES AT 20 CENTS EACH FROM JUNE 12. EACH COVER WILL CONTAIN AN INSERT CARD WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE BUTTERFLIES SHOWN ON THE STAMPS AND BRIEF PHILATELIC INFORMATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN THEIR REQUIREMENTS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

HE SAID ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING OF FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE- KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, NATHAN ROAD AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, PEKING ROAD WHERE ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON JUNE 12.

FOR THIS SERVICE, ADDRESSED FIRST DAY COVERS MUST BE HANDED IN WITH AN ORDER FORM TOGETHER WITH A REMITTANCE TO COVER THE COST.

THE CHARGE WILL BE \$4.80 PER COVER -- THE COST OF THE FOUR STAMPS AND A SERVICE FEE OF 30 CENTS.

THE COVERS MUST BE FULLY ADDRESSED BY THE APPLICANT, AND NOT LESS THAN 10 COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH EACH ORDER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ANY PERSON ORDERING SERVICED COVERS ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL DESTINATION MAY COLLECT THEM ON JUNE 21 FROM THE OFFICE WHERE THE ORDER WAS PLACED.

COVERS ADDRESSED OVERSEAS WILL BE FORWARDED BY ORDINARY POST, SURFACE MAIL, UNLESS SUFFICIENT STAMPS ARE AFFIXED TO COVER AIRMAIL OR REGISTRATION CHARGES.

THE LATEST ACCEPTANCE DATE FOR ADVANCE ORDERS OF SERVICED COVERS WILL BE 5 P.M. ON JUNE 16.

IN ADDITION, A SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON JUNE 20 AT ALL POST OFFICES WHERE FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH NORMAL POST OFFICE DATE STAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM. NO TIME TYPE WILL APPEAR IN THE POSTMARK.

THIS SERVICE IS ONLY FOR UNREGISTERED ARTICLES WITH A LOCAL ADDRESS, MARKED +FIRST DAY COVER+ AND NOT BEARING ANY CANCELLATION.

SPECIAL POSTING BOXES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE ON JUNE 20 FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE FIRST DAY COVERS CAREFULLY HAND-POSTMARKED BEFORE DESPATCH TO THE ADDRESS ON THE COVERS.

SHORT-TERM TENANCY TENDERS

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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 THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION, HONG KONG.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 3,370 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE PURPOSES, INCLUDING VEHICLES AND/OR WORKS AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID TODAY THAT THE TENANCY WAS FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, AND THEREAFTER MONTHLY.

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

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

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JUNE 22, 1979.

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NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR SAI KUNG

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A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SEATS FOR 1,400 SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE OPENED IN SEPTEMBER WITH AN INITIAL ENROLMENT OF 440 STUDENTS.

THE \$8 MILLION GOVERNMENT-AIDED, PRIVATE NON-PROFIT MAKING SCHOOL -- THE SAI KUNG HANG HAU DISTRICT CHENG CHIK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL -- FINANCED PARTLY BY PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP, IS BEING BUILT ON A GOVERNMENT-GRANTED SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD IN A VERY SCENIC ENVIRONMENT OVERLOOKING PORT SHELTER.

AT A CEREMONY AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) THE FIRST GROUP OF EIGHT CERTIFICATED-GRADUATED MASTERS WILL SIGN THEIR CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT.

REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL AUTHORITY AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. COLIN BOSHER, THE SCHOOL'S SUPERVISOR MR. YAU KEI AND SIR RUN RUN SHAW, ONE OF THE SCHOOL'S DIRECTORS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

EIGHT CERTIFICATED-GRADUATED MASTERS OF A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG WILL SIGN THEIR CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AT SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 692 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, AT 4 P.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 3.20 P.M.

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958,170 ARRIVALS IN APRIL
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A TOTAL OF 958,170 PEOPLE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN APRIL, SHOWING AN INCREASE OF 429,233 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1978, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY).

OF THE ARRIVALS, 256,680 CAME BY AIR WHILE 299,309 CAME BY SEA AND 402,181 BY LAND.

DEPARTURES TOTALLED 925,640, AN INCREASE OF 410,897 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1978. OF THE TOTAL, 255,788 LEFT BY AIR, 295,858 BY SEA AND 373,994 BY LAND.

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