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5 067 900 POPULATION AT END OF JUNE

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HONG KONG'S ESTIMATED POPULATION AT THE END OF JUNE 1980 WAS 5 067 900, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 50 900 PEOPLE OR 1.0 PER CENT OVER END-1979, AS COMPARED TO A TOTAL INCREASE OF 167 900 OR 3.4 PER CENT OVER MID-1979.

THE SLOWER RATE OF INCREASE IN THE FIRST HALF-YEAR OF 1980 WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY LESS IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA AND A NET OUTFLOW OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

THE NUMBER OF LEGAL CHINESE IMMIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1980 WAS 26 900, COMPARED WITH 40 800 IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS SUCCESSFULLY ENTERING HONG KONG WAS 32 700, WHICH WAS HALF THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER FOR 1979.

THE LARGEST CONSTITUENT IN THE GROWTH RATE WAS STILL NET IMMIGRATION, THAT IS THE BALANCE OF TOTAL ARRIVALS OVER TOTAL DEPARTURES, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 42 700 OR 0.8 PER CENT.

THE NATURAL INCREASE IN POPULATION WAS 25 700 OR 0.5 PER CENT. THIS INCLUDED 618 HONG KONG-BORN BABIES OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND 75 DEATHS OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

THE BALANCE OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES REPRESENTED A DECREASE OF 17 500 OR 0.3 PER CENT.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (EXCLUDING 618 BIRTHS GIVEN BY VIETNAMESE REFUGEES) FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1980 WAS 38 700, WHICH WAS 3.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE NUMBER FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THIS WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE GRADUAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN THE CHILDBEARING AGES 15 - 49.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS (EXCLUDING 75 DEATHS OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES), AT 13 500, WAS HIGHER BY 5.5 PER CENT. THE INCREASE WAS ASSOCIATED MAINLY WITH THE GROWING NUMBER OF OLD PEOPLE IN THE POPULATION.

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GO-AHEAD FOR NORTH POINT TRAFFIC SCHEME

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THE FIRST STAGE OF THE KING'S ROAD PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE, AND WORK ON THE OTHER TWO STAGES WILL GO AHEAD.

THIS WAS DECIDED AFTER A MEETING TODAY BETWEEN TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, CHINA MOTOR BUS, POLICE, AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR NIGEL SHIPMAN SAID THAT SINCE PHASE ONE OF THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED LAST WEDNESDAY, THE INITIAL RESULTS DEMONSTRATED THE POTENTIAL WHEN THE FULL SCHEME WAS IN OPERATION, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NOT BROUGHT AN IMMEDIATE GREAT IMPROVEMENT. IT WAS TOO EARLY TO MAKE A FULL EVALUATION.

+THERE HAVE BEEN TEETHING PROBLEMS WHICH WE PLAN TO DEAL WITH,+ HE WENT ON. +FOR EXAMPLE THERE HAS BEEN CONGESTION AT THE JUNCTION WITH TAI KOO SHING ROAD. THIS MAY BE IMPROVED BY INTRODUCING A RIGHT-TURN-FILTER TRAFFIC LIGHT ON THE WESTBOUND LANE AND POSSIBLY MORE GREEN LIGHT TIME IN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.+

OTHER TRAFFIC ENGINEERING IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE THE EXPANSION OF THE URBAN CLEARWAY TO PLUG GAPS IN THE BUS LANE WHICH PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES HAVE BEEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF. PLB'S AND TAXIS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THE RESERVE LANES.

+WE FEEL THERE IS ADEQUATE UTILISATION OF THE BUS LANES AS IT IS,+ SAID MR SHIPMAN. +WE ARE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT THE BENEFITS WILL INCREASE AS THE BUS LANES GET EXTENDED.+

+AT THE MOMENT THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS IN THE FILTERING OF VEHICLES. BUT ONCE TRAFFIC HAS BEEN SORTED OUT INTO LANES, IT WILL MOVE REASONABLY SMOOTHLY. AS THE LANES ARE EXTENDED, THE BENEFITS SHOULD INCREASE.+

THE BIGGEST BENEFIT OF THE PHASE ONE STRETCH WAS GAINED BY RESIDENTS OF TAI KOO SHING. THEY COULD USE THE NEW AIR-CONDITIONED FERRY SERVICE TO CENTRAL AND THERE WERE SAVINGS OF UP TO 12 MINUTES ON THE ROUTE 21 BUS JOURNEY TO CENTRAL.

PHASE TWO OF THE SCHEME -- UP TO JAVA ROAD JUNCTION -- IS DUE TO COME INTO OPERATION ON OCTOBER 1.

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NEW WAY TO STORE OIL UNDER STUDY  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVESTIGATING PLANS FOR INCREASING THE SECURITY OF FUEL OIL SUPPLIES FOR HONG KONG BY EMPLOYING MARINE STORAGE.

INSTEAD OF RELYING EXCLUSIVELY ON LAND STORAGE THE PLANS CALL FOR 200 000 TONS OF FUEL OIL TO BE STORED ABOARD ONE OR TWO TANKERS, POSSIBLY MOORED IN HONG KONG WATERS, AS AN INTERIM MEASURE UNTIL LAND STORAGE FACILITIES NOW BEING BUILT ARE COMPLETED.

THOUGH BY NO MEANS UNIQUE - JAPAN, FOR EXAMPLE, ALREADY USES ABOUT 20 LARGE TANKERS (VLCC'S) FOR THIS PURPOSE - THE SOLUTION WOULD BE A +FIRST+ FOR LAND-SHORT HONG KONG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE SUPPLY SITUATION AND THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR UNDUE CONCERN, IT WAS CONSIDERED +PRUDENT+ TO ACT NOW IN CASE THE SITUATION WORSENEDED.

THE PLANS NOW BEING CONSIDERED WOULD INVOLVE CHARTERING TANKERS, PURCHASING THE FUEL OIL AND STORING IT ON THE TANKERS WHICH WOULD EITHER BE MOORED IN AN AREA OF SUFFICIENTLY DEEP WATER IN HONG KONG, OR WOULD STEAM SLOWLY AROUND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA BEFORE THE OIL IS ULTIMATELY SOLD TO THE POWER COMPANIES.

THE SCHEME IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY OWENSBORD ENTERPRISES LTD, A NEWLY FORMED COMPANY IN WHICH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS 96 PER CENT OF THE SHARES, WITH THE BALANCE BEING HELD BY CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD., ESSO (HK) LTD., HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO. LTD. AND SHELL DEVELOPMENT (HK) LTD.

A FINAL DECISION TO GO AHEAD WILL DEPEND ON THE DETAILED COSTINGS, WHICH HAVE YET TO BE WORKED OUT.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY  
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A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON AN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN IS TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT MONTH.

STAFF OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE ARE NOW COMPILING THE REPORT FROM INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY FACTORY OPERATORS.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID ABOUT 85 PER CENT OF THE 201 QUESTIONNAIRES SENT TO FACTORIES IN JUNE HAD BEEN RETURNED.

OPERATORS ALSO GAVE INTERVIEWS TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION.

+WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE SUPPORT THE OPERATORS HAVE GIVEN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +THEIR CO-OPERATION WAS ESSENTIAL IF THE SURVEY IS TO BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE ONE CARRIED OUT TWO YEARS AGO.+

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A FINAL COMPUTERISED REPORT COMPILED BY HONG KONG UNIVERSITY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SURVEY WAS TO COLLECT INFORMATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF INDUSTRY IN THE NEW TOWN.

IT WAS ALSO TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM FACTORY MANAGERS ABOUT THEIR REASONS FOR SETTING UP OPERATIONS IN TUEN MUN AND ANY PROBLEMS THEY FACED.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. IT WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE REPORT IN SUCH A WAY THAT INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED.

THE SURVEY HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND LECTURERS AND STUDENTS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

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PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS - A SUCCESS STORY  
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PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE HONG KONG EDUCATION +SUCCESS STORIES+, MR DAN WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) SAID AT THE JOINT PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AT THE CITY HALL TODAY (MONDAY).

HE SAID HE WAS VERY PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL WORKING PARTY WHICH PRODUCED ITS REPORT IN 1970 AND ON WHICH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT POLICY WAS MODELLED ALONG ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

THE SUCCESS OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, MR WATERS SAID, COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE PEOPLE ENGAGED IN THIS TYPE OF EDUCATION WHO WERE CONSCIENTIOUS, DEDICATED AND WHO REALLY BELIEVED IN WHAT THEY WERE DOING.

+ANOTHER REASON WHY THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IS BECAUSE OF THEIR CLOSE LINKS WITH THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES,+ HE SAID.

THESE CLOSE LINKS HAVE EXISTED EVER SINCE THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1969 AND SINCE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL LEAVERS WERE ADMITTED DIRECT TO THE SECOND YEAR OF AN APPRENTICESHIP AND TO THE SECOND YEAR OF A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE CRAFT COURSE.

THIS PRACTICE COMMENCED IN SEPTEMBER, 1970.

MR WATERS SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT FORMS IV AND V WERE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS STARTING IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1981-82.

+I AM CONVINCED THERE ARE MANY VERY BRIGHT PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL PUPILS WHO ARE FULLY CAPABLE OF GOING ON TO FORMS IV AND V AND OF GETTING GOOD RESULTS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION,+ HE SAID.

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MACHINE SHOP-METAL WORKING INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY  
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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY WILL BE CONDUCTED NEXT (SEPTEMBER) MONTH BY THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE SURVEY -- TO BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 1-30 -- WILL COVER BASIC METAL INDUSTRIES, MANUFACTURE OF FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT), AND MANUFACTURE OF MACHINERY (EXCEPT ELECTRICAL).

COPIES OF AN EXPLANATORY LETTER AND A QUESTIONNAIRE WERE SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY TODAY (MONDAY).

THE EMPLOYERS OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS UNDER TRAINING, THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF WORKERS REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, INTERVIEWING OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THE SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND TO HELP COMPLETE THEM IF NECESSARY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, DR HENRY T. YU, CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL FOR MAKING FUTURE PLANS FOR TRAINING IN THE INDUSTRY.

HE ADDED THAT THE INFORMATION WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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WHO FELLOWS VISIT TAI LAM CENTRE  
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THREE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION FELLOWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES CURRENTLY ON A STUDY TOUR OF HONG KONG TODAY VISITED THE TAI LAM DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE.

THEY WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR CONVICTED DRUG ADDICTS.

THE VISITORS, MRS RIZALINA A. OPINION, MRS REMEDIOS CASTRO AND MRS GLORIA V. ODULIO, ARE FROM THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES.

THEY TOURED TAI LAM CENTRE AND WERE BRIEFED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT-IN-CHARGE, MR JULIO DE ASSIS, ON ITS FACILITIES AND SUPPORTING SERVICES. THEY ALSO TALKED TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER ON THE TREATMENT PROGRAMME ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THEY WILL VISIT THE TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN TOMORROW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

HEUNG YEE KUK INAUGURATION CEREMONY  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IS TO OFFICIATE AT THE 24TH TERM INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK AT 11 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 20) IN THE CONCERT HALL OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

GOVERNMENT VEHICLES WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9.30 AM TO TAKE THE PRESS TO TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL. MR DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL HELP MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES AT SHIU FAI TERRACE WILL BE CUT FOR FOUR HOURS FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 20) FOR WORK ON THE EASTERN SUPPLY SYSTEM.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED INCLUDE THE FRENCH MEMORIAL CONVALESCENT HOME, ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE, PUN U ASSOCIATION WAH YAN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND LINGNAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MEANWHILE WATER SUPPLY TO MOUNT AUSTIN ROAD AND HOUSE NOS. 25 AND 26A-26E LUGARD ROAD ON THE PEAK WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 21) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

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