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QUARTERLY CHANGE IN COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE

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A CONSIDERABLE DROP IN THE COST OF LIVING DURING THE QUARTER ENDING FEBRUARY HAS RESULTED IN A REDUCTION IN THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA) TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN GOVERNMENT STAFF.

BASED ON THE AVERAGE OF THE MODIFIED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR DECEMBER 1974, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1975, THERE HAS BEEN A DROP IN THE COST OF LIVING OF 7.7 POINTS. AS A RESULT THE ALLOWANCE WHICH STOOD AT $60 A MONTH FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS WILL NOW BE $30 A MONTH BEGINNING FROM APRIL 1.

COLA IS PAID TO ABOUT 40,000 STAFF, MAINLY LABOURERS AND TRADESMEN, BUT ALSO INCLUDING MESSENGERS AND DRIVERS, AMONG OTHERS. THE ALLOWANCE IS NOT PAID TO THE REST OF THE CIVIL SERVICE - THOSE ON THE MASTER PAY SCALE, DISCIPLINED SERVICES PAY SCALES AND DIRECTORATE SCALES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE SCHEME VARIES WITH THE COST OF LIVING AS MEASURED BY THE MODIFIED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

IT IS ASSESSED QUARTERLY WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, APRIL 1, JULY 1 AND OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR. BECAUSE OF THE TIME NEEDED TO PREPARE THE INDEX THERE IS ALWAYS A TIME LAG OF ONE MONTH ON WHICH THE NEW QUARTERLY ALLOWANCE IS CALCULATED.

FOR INSTANCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE PAID DURING THE QUARTER BEGINNING IN APRIL DEPENDS ON THE LEVEL OF PRICES AS MEASURED BY THE INDEX DURING THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. FOR THE JULY QUARTER THE ALLOWANCE PAYABLE IS BASED ON THE INDEX FOR MARCH, APRIL AND MAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE IS DETERMINED BY SET LEVELS OF THE MODIFIED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

THESE ARE :

MCPI	COLA (MONTHLY)
180 - 184	NIL
185 - 189	$15
190 - 194	$30
195 - 199	$45
200 - 204	$60

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THE PLATFORM FOR THE QUARTER BEGINNING JANUARY THIS YEAR WAS CALCULATED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS.

	MCPI
SEPTEMBER 1974	194
OCTOBER 1974	203
NOVEMBER 1974	205
QUARTERLY AVERAGE	200.7

THIS PLACED THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF THE INDEX JUST INSIDE THE HIGHEST PLATFORM 200 - 204 AND PROVIDED A PAYMENT OF $60 A MONTH FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PLATFORM FOR THE QUARTER BEGINNING ON APRIL 1 WAS CALCULATED THUS:

	MCPI
DECEMBER 1974	194
JANUARY 1975	190
FEBRUARY 1975	195
QUARTERLY AVERAGE	193

AS A RESULT OF THE FALL IN PRICES, THE AMOUNT OF THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AUTOMATICALLY BECOMES $30 A MONTH AS IT IS BASED ON THE PLATFORM 190 - 194.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN MEMORY THAT THE ALLOWANCE PAYABLE HAD ACTUALLY DECLINED.

THE FACT THAT THE COST OF LIVING HAD DROPPED WAS A WELCOME SIGN, BUT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SAY WHAT THE TREND WAS LIKELY TO BE OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY BUFFER AGAINST RISES IN THE COST OF LIVING.

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VALUE OF FEBRUARY EXPORTS DOWN BY $234 MILLION

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR FEBRUARY THIS YEAR WAS $1,273 MILLION, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF $234 MILLION OR 15.5 PER CENT BY VALUE COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1974.

ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY HAD ALSO DECREASED BY 15.6 PER CENT AND 17.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

AT THE SAME TIME, TRADE FIGURES FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY THIS YEAR AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1974 SHOWED DECREASES BY VALUE OF 14.5 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 14.5 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS AND 8.5 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD MARCH 1974 TO FEBRUARY 1975, THERE WERE INCREASES OF 9.8 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 11.5 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS OVER THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS DURING THIS PERIOD HAD SLIGHTLY DROPPED BY 0.2 PER CENT.

FOLLOWING ARE THE TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY IN DETAILS:-

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	FEBRUARY 1975	FEBRUARY 1974	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	$ MN.	$ MN.	$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	1,273	1,507	- 234	-15.5
(%OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(72.4%)	(71.8%)		
IMPORTS	2,154	2,553	- 399	-15.6
RE-EXPORTS	485	590	- 105	-17.9
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(27.6%)	(28.2%)		

	DEC.1974 TO FEB.1975	DEC.1973 TO FEB.1974	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	$ MN.	$ MN.	$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	4,639	5,362	- 722	-13.5
IMPORTS	7,102	8,043	- 941	-11.7
RE-EXPORTS	1,526	1,787	- 260	-14.6

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	JAN.-FEB. 1975	JAN.-FEB. 1974	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	$ MN.	$ MN.	$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	2,908	3,402	- 494	-14.5
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(74.4%)	(74.5%)		
IMPORTS	4,560	4,986	- 426	- 8.5
RE-EXPORTS	1,000	1,166	- 166	-14.2
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(25.6%)	(25.5%)		

	MARCH 1974 TO FEB. 1975	MARCH 1973 TO FEB. 1974	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	$ MN.	$ MN.	$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	22,417	20,417	+2,000	+ 9.8
IMPORTS	33,694	30,216	+3,478	+11.5
RE-EXPORTS	6,958	6,969	- 11	- 0.2

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NEW OFFICE FOR LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION

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THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, PRESENTLY LOCATED IN NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, WILL MOVE TO ASIAN HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, ON MONDAY (APRIL 7).

ONE OF THE MAIN DUTIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION IS TO SERVICE THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL COMPLEX AS ITS SECRETARIAT. THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL IS A PERMANENT BODY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN OCTOBER 1973 TO ENSURE THAT A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF TRAINING IS GEARED TO MEET THE DEVELOPING NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY.

ANOTHER MAIN DUTY OF THE DIVISION IS TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN INDUSTRY TO START PROPER APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEMES. TO DATE ABOUT 200 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE COMMENCED OR RE-ORGANIZED TRAINING ALONG THE LINES OF THE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME PROPOSED BY THE DIVISION AND ABOUT 3,000 APPRENTICES HAVE BEEN PLACED INTO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF ENQUIRES ARE:
HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL MATTERS : 5-278760
APPRENTICESHIP MATTERS : 5-278747

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TRAFFIC REMINDER FOR CHING MING

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED MOTORISTS AND GRAVE-SWEEPERS OF THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS TO BE INTRODUCED TOMORROW AND SUNDAY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

WO HOP SHEK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT HEARSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES BETWEEN 5 A.M. AND 8 P.M. ON BOTH DAYS, AND MOTORISTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO AVOID THE GENERAL AREA NEAR WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY UNLESS THEIR JOURNEY IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

A ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED ON CERTAIN ROADS STARTING FROM 8 A.M. UNTIL IT BECOMES POSSIBLE TO REVERT TO NORMAL TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. TAI PO ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHWARDS FROM THE JUNCTION OF LAM KAM ROAD TO FANLING ROUNDABOUT, AND FANLING ROUNDABOUT WILL BE ONE-WAY ALONG TAI PO ROAD TO SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD.

MOTORISTS FROM FANLING ROUNDABOUT MAY PROCEED TO KOWLOON VIA THREE ROUTES -- ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD, LUK KENG ROAD AND TING KOK ROAD TO TAI PO ROAD; OR ALONG TAI PO ROAD TO ENTER CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD; OR ALONG TAI PO ROAD, TURNING INTO FAN KAM ROAD TO KAM TIN, THEN THROUGH ROUTE TWISK TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD OR THROUGH LAM KAM ROAD TO TAI PO ROAD.

IN SHEUNG SHUI, NO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES WITH CLOSED AREA PERMITS, WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER MAN KAM ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH JOCKEY CLUB ROAD. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO PROCEED TO THESE AREAS BY PRIVATE CARS AS PARKING SPACES ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED IN SHEUNG SHUI. HOWEVER, ADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSPORT BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND LO WU WILL BE AVAILABLE.

IN TSUN WAN, THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE TSUN WAN CEMETERY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT HEARSES OR EMERGENCY VEHICLES. SINGLE-LANE NOSE-TO-TAIL PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED, UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION, ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF THE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY OF TEXACO ROAD.

TOMORROW, ADDITIONAL BUSES WILL BE OPERATED ON KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTES 70, 73, 76 AND 77 TO FACILITATE WORSHIPPERS ATTENDING CEMETERIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. A SPECIAL ROUTE, 82A, WILL ALSO RUN BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND MAN KAM TO (SAN UK LING) VIA MAN KAM TO ROAD EVERY 30 MINUTES FROM 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M. AT A FARE OF 20 CENTS.

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AS ROUTE 70 MAY NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE SOUTHBOUND ALONG TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN FANLING ROUNDABOUT AND LAM KAM ROAD, PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO USE ROUTES 76 OR 77 BUSES FROM SHEUNG SHUI TO YUEN LONG, AND THEN USE ROUTE 50 FROM YUEN LONG TO JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER.

ROUTE 73 MAY BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM ON TAI PO ROAD. ROUTES 78 AND 79 ON DEPARTURE FROM SHEUNG SHUI WILL OPERATE VIA JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.

ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL BE OPERATED TO WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY.

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NEW RAILWAY BRIDGE AT TAI PO ROAD TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW

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A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD AT THE 17-1/2 MILESTONE WILL BE IMPROVED AND PROVIDED WITH A RAILWAY BRIDGE TO AVOID HOLDING UP TRAFFIC AT AN EXISTING RAILWAY UNDERPASS.

ABOUT 400 METRES OF THE ROAD WILL BE RE-ALIGNED TO SMOOTHEN TWO SHARP BENDS, AND THE CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE WIDENED TO 7.3 METRES.

THE RAILWAY BRIDGE, TO BE BUILT OF PRESTRESSED CONCRETE, WILL HAVE FOUR SPANS AND WILL MEASURE 55 METRES FROM END TO END.

A PUBLICE WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID OPPORTUNITY WOULD ALSO BE TAKEN WHEN CONSTRUCTING THE BRIDGE TO IMPROVE THE ALIGNMENT OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TRACK AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR A DOUBLE TRACK.

+WHEN WORK IS COMPLETED, A NEW TWO-LANE RAILWAY UNDERPASS ABOUT 90 METRES SOUTH-EAST OF THE EXISTING UNDERPASS WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

+THIS WILL ELIMINATE THE TRAFFIC BOTTLE-NECK AT THE EXISTING TRAFFIC-LIGHT CONTROLLED UNDERPASS NEAR TAI PO TAU VILLAGE,+ HE SAID.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS PRAISED

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY THIS AFTERNOON PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MANY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR CLOSELY CO-OPERATING WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE PENTECOSTAL SCHOOL, MR. TOPLEY SAID THAT THE SCHOOL WAS A FINE EXAMPLE OF WHAT COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH WORKING TOGETHER CLOSELY.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT THE PENTECOSTAL SCHOOL - A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT MAKING SECONDARY SCHOOL - WAS BUILT ON LAND GRANTED FREE BY THE GOVERNMENT.

AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN OF OVER $3,300,000, BEING 80 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT, WAS ALSO GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SCHOOL OFFERS THREE-YEAR ASSISTED PLACES AND THE GOVERNMENT PAYS A RECURRENT SUBSIDY OF $772 A YEAR FOR EACH ASSISTED PLACE, $460 OF WHICH HELPS THE STUDENTS WITH HIS SCHOOL FEES AND $312 HELPS THE SCHOOL PAY BETTER SALARIES TO TEACHERS AND TO MEET OTHER EXPENDITURE.

MR. TOPLEY WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE PENTECOSTAL SCHOOL HAD MADE GOOD PROGRESS SINCE IT STARTED OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER 1973.

HE NOTED THAT THE FIRST BATCH OF FORM 5 STUDENTS WOULD BE TAKING THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION NEXT YEAR.

TURNING TO BELIEF AND ACTION, MR. TOPLEY SPOKE ABOUT THE MORAL ELEMENT IN EDUCATION.

+IT IS INDEED HARD TO GET THIS MORAL ELEMENT ACROSS. WE LEARN A NUMBER OF SKILLS IN THE COURSE OF OUR EDUCATION AND THESE NEED TO BE DIRECTED NOT JUST BY A NEW SKILL BUT BY OUR BELIEFS BROUGHT INTO PLAY TO ENABLE US TO USE OUR SKILLS IN THE PROPER WAY. IT IS INDEED HARD FOR THE TEACHER TO GET THIS MORAL ELEMENT ACROSS BECAUSE SKILLS ACQUIRE A LIFE AND MOTIVE POWER OF THEIR OWN AND ARE NOT EASILY DISCIPLINED.

+WE AS HUMAN BEINGS ARE IN FACT EITHER DIRECTED BY THE FORCES OF SOCIETY, OR BY OUR OWN DESIRES, OR DIRECTED BY OUR MORAL PRINCIPLES, FAITH OR BELIEF. AND IT IS HARD FOR OUR BELIEFS CONFINED BY COMPETING PRESSURES TO ACQUIRE VERY POWERFUL LEVERAGE,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR EMPHASISED THAT +OUR BELIEFS NEED TO BE TESTED, DISCIPLINED AND SHAPED BY OUR ACTIONS AND THE VISIBLE RESULTS OF OUR ACTIONS.+

HE WAS PLEASED THEREFORE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH HAD TURNED THEIR BELIEFS TO ACTION BY BUILDING AND RUNNING THIS NEW SCHOOL.

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MORE VACANT FLATTED FACTORY SPACES LAST YEAR

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ABOUT 2.75 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF FLATTED FACTORY ACCOMMODATION WAS LYING VACANT IN THE MAIN INDUSTRIAL AREA AT THE END OF 1974. THIS IS NEARLY 23% HIGHER THAN THE 1973 FIGURE.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY, THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR. RAYMOND FRY, SAID THAT JUST OVER 1 MILLION SQUARE FEET WAS VACANT IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG WHERE BUILDING WORK DURING 1974 WAS PARTICULARLY HEAVY, OTHER AREA WHERE SUBSTANTIAL VACANCIES OCCURRED WERE SHAU KEI WAN, ABERDEEN AND NGAU TAU KOK.

HOWEVER, THE COMMISSIONER EXPLAINED THAT VACANCIES ARE NOW LESS THAN THEY WERE IN 1971 AND 1972 WHEN RECORD LEVELS WERE RECORDED AS A RESULT OF VERY HEAVY SUPPLY.

MR. FRY SAID THAT A VERY GOOD SUPPLY OF SOME 4 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF NEW FLATTED FACTORY ACCOMMODATION WAS COMPLETED DURING 1974 AND THOUGH THIS SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT WAS HIGHER THAN THE 1973 FIGURE OF 3.3 MILLION SQUARE FEET IT WAS WELL BELOW THE 7.5 MILLION SQUARE FEET COMPLETED IN 1972 AND 7.6 MILLION SQUARE FEET COMPLETED IN 1971.

THOUGHOUT 1974 THE FLATTED FACTORY RENTAL INDEX CONTINUED ITS UPWARD COURSE BUT IT WAS NOTED THAT THE RATE OF UPWARD MOVEMENT WAS SLOWING DOWN TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR AND A FALL IN RENTAL LEVEL IS ANTICIPATED DURING 1975 FOR THOSE AREA WHERE VACANCIES ARE HIGEST.

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PUMPING STATION FOR LAI CHI KOK RESERVOIR

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A PUMPING STATION WILL SHORTLY BE CONSTRUCTED AT A SITE NEAR THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE LAI CHI KOK SERVICE RESERVOIR.

WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL SUPPLY WATER TO THE LAI KING HEADLAND HIGH LEVEL AREAS LYING BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD.

THE STATION WILL HOUSE ELECTRIC PUMPS WHICH WILL DRAW FRESH WATER FROM A 36-INCH DIAMETER TRUNK MAIN LEADING TO THE LAI CHI KOK SERVICE RESERVOIR FROM THE TSUEN WAN TREATMENT WORKS, AND PUMP THE WATER TO A NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR WHICH IS BEING CONSTRUCTED AT LAI KING HEADLAND.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUMPING STATION IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY 1976.

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AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS' IMPACT ON TEACHING

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AUDIO VISUAL AIDS ARE A +MUST+ IN TEACHING BUT THEY HAVE TO BE USED WITH DISCRETION, MR. ARTHUR BROWN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE IN EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HE SAID THAT IF THESE AIDS ARE TO HAVE THE FULL IMPACT POSSIBLE WITH SUCH A POWERFUL TOOL OF LEARNING THEY MUST BE SIMPLE, COLOURFUL AND ABOVE ALL RELEVANT.

THE CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED FOR PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS, STUDENT-TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS CONCERNED WITH EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL COMMUNICATION AND THE UTILIZATION OF AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS IN TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

ILLUSTRATING HIS TALK WITH EXAMPLES OF FILMS AND FILMSTRIPS, AN OVERHEAD PROJECTOR, A MAGNET BOARD AND EVEN A REAL ELECTRIC BELL (TO SHOW THAT VISUAL AIDS WERE NOT NECESSARILY A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE REAL THING), MR. BROWN POINTED OUT THAT HE COULD HARDLY TALK ABOUT AUDIO VISUAL AIDS WITHOUT USING THEM HIMSELF.

HE ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO THE HELP TEACHERS COULD GET FROM THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WHICH HELD A LARGE STOCK OF USEFUL MATERIALS AND IDEAS TO HELP TEACHERS IN ALL SUBJECTS AND LEVELS.

MR. BROWN SAID : +WE TEND TO REMEMBER PLEASANT AND INTERESTING THINGS RATHER THAN DULL AND UNPLEASANT THINGS -- HENCE THE EXPRESSION, 'A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE'.+

IF THE CLASSROOM LESSON, WITH ALL THESE RESOURCES AT THE TEACHERS' DISPOSAL COULD BECOME A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR THE STUDENTS, THEN GREAT STRIDES WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE IN EDUCATION.

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LEASE OF FORESHORE AND PIERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI PLANNED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PLANS TO GRANT A LEASE OF FORESHORE AND PIERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON, AS PART OF AN EXCHANGE FOR A PARCEL OF LAND IN HOLT'S WHARF TO THE EAST OF THE EXISTING RAILWAY TERMINUS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE VERY PROMINENT SITE IS REDEVELOPED ON A GOOD LAYOUT WITH WELL-DESIGNED BUILDINGS.

THE LAND, TO BE EXCHANGED, MADE UP OF KOWLOON MARINE LOT 88, KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER 24 AND ITS EXTENSION, AND KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER 23, IS AT THE TIP OF THE KOWLOON PENINSULA FRONTING THE HARBOUR.

THE SITE HAS A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 130,340 SQUARE FEET AND THE EXTENT OF THE AREA INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE LEASE IS GRANTED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE, AND WILL BE FOR THE REST OF A TERM OF 75 YEARS AS FROM NOVEMBER 3, 1902, RENEWABLE BY STATUTE FOR A FURTHER TERM OF 75 YEARS ON EXPIRY OF THE FIRST 75-YEAR TERM.

ANYONE WHO HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED LEASE OR CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

THE GAZETTE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, CAN ALSO BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

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