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THE JSEA IN PERSPECTIVE

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THE JSEA NEEDS TO BE SEEN IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IN REPLY TO RECENT CRITICISMS OF THE NEW SELECTION AND ALLOCATION SYSTEM FOR FORM III LEAVERS.

+ONLY TEN YEARS AGO, IN 1971, THE GOVERNMENT WAS PROVIDING SECONDARY PLACES IN FORM I - FORM V FOR ONLY 20 PER CENT OF THE RELEVANT AGE-GROUP. AS RECENTLY AS FOUR YEARS AGO, IN 1977, NOT EVERY CHILD WAS GIVEN AN AIDED FORM I PLACE+, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NOW, JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION IS UNIVERSAL, FREE AND COMPULSORY, AND IN ADDITION THERE ARE AIDED FORM IV PLACES FOR ALMOST 60 PER CENT OF FORM III LEAVERS, NEARLY DOUBLE THE PROVISION LAST YEAR.

+IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD WHERE THIS RATE OF EXPANSION IS MATCHED,+ THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

APART FROM THIS RAPID RATE OF EXPANSION, ANOTHER POINT WORTH REMEMBERING IS THAT THE 1978 WHITE PAPER ON SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION ADVOCATED A POLICY OF DIVERSIFYING SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION. +THIS POLICY WAS ARRIVED AT AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE SPECIFIC QUESTION 'HOW MUCH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR ALL?' WHICH WAS POSED IN THE PRECEDING GREEN PAPER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THAT EDUCATION AT THE SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL SHOULD BE PROVIDED NOT ONLY IN SCHOOLS BUT ALSO IN OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS TECHNICAL INSTITUTES. THIS WOULD ENABLE THOSE STUDENTS WHO FOR ACADEMIC, FINANCIAL OR OTHER REASONS MAY PREFER TO PURSUE MORE VOCATION-BIASED COURSES.

IF PLACES IN THESE OTHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, AS MANY AS 75 PER CENT OF FORM III LEAVERS WILL BE CATERED FOR THIS YEAR.

BY 1985, THE OVERALL PROVISION RATE WILL INCREASE TO 98 PER CENT, OF WHICH 75 PER CENT WILL BE AIDED FORM IV PLACES.

+GIVEN THIS POLICY OF DIVERSIFICATION OF SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION AND GIVEN THAT THERE ARE NOT YET ENOUGH PLACES IN OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO MAKE SELF-SELECTION BY STUDENTS POSSIBLE, THE JSEA IS NECESSARY AND IS THE FAIREST MEANS OF SELECTION DEVISED AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL BODIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IT IS BETTER THAN A PUBLIC EXAMINATION WHICH WAS FIRST ADVOCATED IN THE 1974 WHITE PAPER ON SECONDARY EDUCATION.

COMMENTING ON THE ALLOCATION OF A NUMBER OF FORM III STUDENTS TO NEW SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS WAS DONE TO BE SCRUPULOUSLY FAIR TO THE STUDENTS CONCERNED.

/+THESE STUDENTS .....

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+THESE STUDENTS ARE BORDERLINE CASES. THE CHOICE WAS EITHER OFFERING THEM THE REMAINING AIDED FORM IV PLACES IN THESE SCHOOLS OR PROMOTING OTHER PUPILS LOWER DOWN IN THE ORDER OF MERIT WHO HAPPEN TO BE LIVING IN THE TUEN MUN AREA,+ HE SAID.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE DEPRIVED OF THE CHOICE OF GOING TO THESE SCHOOLS. THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THAT SOME OF THEM COULD BE REALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS NEARER THEIR HOMES IF THESE SCHOOLS STILL HAVE VACANCIES AFTER REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS IS COMPLETED ON AUGUST 4.

+NEARLY 80 PER CENT OF THE SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED BACK TO THEIR OWN SCHOOLS THROUGH THE JSEA,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED. +THE TUEN MUN CASES SHOULD THEREFORE BE SEEN IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE.+

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE JSEA, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE 1978 WHITE PAPER POLICIES ARE KEPT UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW.

+IN PARTICULAR, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE DEMAND FOR THE VARIOUS TYPES OF PLACES AT PRESENT PROVIDED FOR FORM III LEAVERS TO SEE WHETHER THEIR RELATIVE PROPORTIONS WOULD NEED TO BE ADJUSTED. AS FOR THE MECHANICS OF THE JSEA ITSELF, THESE WILL BE REVIEWED IN 1983 AS ANNOUNCED EARLIER,+ HE SAID.

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#### HEALTH DAY IN TAI HING ESTATE

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A HEALTH DAY WILL BE HELD IN TAI HING ESTATE, TUEN MUN, TOMORROW (SUNDAY) ORGANISED BY THE SALVATION ARMY.

IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HING PING HOUSE BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 6 PM AND WILL INCLUDE A SLIDE SHOW, A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY AND TALKS ON MEDICAL MATTERS.

SIX STALLS WILL BE SET UP TO PERFORM VARIOUS MEDICAL TESTS FOR 600 RESIDENTS.

THE TAI HING ESTATE HEALTH DAY IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF HEALTH AND TO PROVIDE LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH BASIC AND GENERAL MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE.

THE LIAISON OFFICER OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, MISS ANGIE IP, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR JUNE  
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THE MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1981 ARE PUBLISHED TODAY. TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG INCREASED IN JUNE BY MUCH LESS IN ABSOLUTE TERMS THAN IN MAY, BUT AN INFLOW OF FUNDS INTO THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR CAUSED THE MONEY SUPPLY (M3) TO GROW IN JUNE FASTER THAN IN MAY.

A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF NEW LENDING BY BANKS DURING THE MONTH WAS FINANCED BY THEIR INCREASED BORROWINGS FROM DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

THE GROWTH IN THE MONEY SUPPLY ALSO REFLECTED TWO SPECIAL FACTORS. FIRST IS THE USUAL HALF-YEARLY CREDITING OF INTEREST ON SAVINGS DEPOSITS WITH BANKS. SECOND IS THE EFFORT OF MANY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO BUILD UP THE VOLUME OF THEIR SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION, FROM JULY 1, 1981 OF CHANGES IN THE BANKING AND THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCES.

THE DETAILED FIGURES FOR JUNE 1981, AND COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS MONTHS AND SOME FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR ARE SET OUT IN TWO TABLES WHICH ARE BOXED SEPARATELY.

THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO BEGIN LATER IN AUGUST TO PUBLISH ON A REGULAR BASIS THE STATISTICS WHICH ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED UNDER THE MONETARY STATISTICS ORDINANCE, AND WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE A MORE ACCURATE READING OF THE MONETARY SITUATION THAN THE STATISTICS HITHERTO AVAILABLE.

MONEY SUPPLY

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, M1 (NOTES AND COINS WITH THE PUBLIC, PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, WITH LICENSED BANKS) FELL BY 4.0 PER CENT IN JUNE, AFTER RISING BY 7.8 PER CENT IN MAY, WITH THE FALL REFLECTING A REDUCTION OF 6.5 PER CENT IN DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH BANKS.

M2 (M1 PLUS SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DTCS, WITH LICENSED BANKS) INCREASED BY 4.3 PER CENT IN JUNE, WELL UP FROM A 0.9 PER CENT RISE IN MAY. THE PRINCIPAL FACTOR HERE WAS A 10.8 PER CENT INCREASE IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS, REFLECTING THE CREDITING OF HALF-YEARLY INTEREST TO DEPOSITORS.

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M3 (M2 PLUS PUBLIC DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) INCREASED BY 6.0 PER CENT IN JUNE, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 5.6 PER CENT IN MAY, REFLECTING A RISE OF 9.2 PER CENT IN DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR, M1 ROSE BY 0.4 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A FALL OF 1.6 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER. IN THE SECOND QUARTER M2 ROSE BY 5.5 PER CENT AND M3 BY 12.6 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE INCREASES OF 5.8 PER CENT AND 7.3 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

#### LOANS IN HONG KONG

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG GREW BY 4.4 PER CENT IN JUNE, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 6.8 PER CENT IN MAY. IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR, TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 12.8 PER CENT, AGAINST AN INCREASE OF 11.6 PER CENT RECORDED IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG ROSE IN JUNE BY 3.4 PER CENT AND LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY 7.4 PER CENT, DOWN FROM THE INCREASES OF 6.4 PER CENT AND 8.4 PER CENT IN MAY RESPECTIVELY.

IN THE SECOND QUARTER BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG EXPANDED BY 10.5 PER CENT AND LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY 20.5 PER CENT, AFTER INCREASING BY 11.8 PER CENT AND 10.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

#### FOREIGN ASSETS

THE NET IDENTIFIABLE FOREIGN ASSETS OF ALL BANKS ROSE IN JUNE BY \$465 MILLION, AND THOSE OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY \$1 287 MILLION, INDICATING A NET INFLOW OF FUNDS INTO THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR OF \$1 752 MILLION, AFTER A NET INFLOW OF \$298 MILLION IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE NET INFLOW OF FUNDS INTO HONG KONG IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$3 681 MILLION, AS COMPARED WITH A NET OUTFLOW OF \$4 111 MILLION IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

#### BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL BANKS IN HONG KONG FELL IN JUNE TO 47.9 PER CENT FROM 49.4 PER CENT IN MAY. THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO FELL TO 118.1 PER CENT AT THE END OF JUNE FROM 119.5 PER CENT AT THE END OF MAY, REFLECTING THE FAST GROWTH IN DEPOSITS WITH BANKS DURING THE MONTH.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE IN JUNE TO 46.4 PER CENT FROM 45.9 PER CENT IN MAY. THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO, HOWEVER, FELL TO 64.7 PER CENT AT THE END OF JUNE FROM 65.8 PER CENT AT THE END OF MAY.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LENDING IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR

IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1981, LOANS TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ROSE BY 8.9 PER CENT, AFTER A 14.7 PER CENT RISE IN THE FIRST QUARTER. LOANS TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR EXPANDED BY 16.3 PER CENT, DOWN FROM AN INCREASE OF 21.3 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. LOANS TO THE TRANSPORT AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT SECTOR ROSE BY 15.6 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER, AFTER A FALL OF 4.3 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

BORROWING BY INDIVIDUALS TO PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ROSE BY 7.9 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1981, AGAINST AN INCREASE OF 8.6 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER. BORROWING BY INDIVIDUALS FOR OTHER PURPOSES INCREASED BY 10.7 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER, AFTER RISING BY 17.2 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS REMAINED UNCHANGED IN JUNE AT 115. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY ANOTHER 2 DURING THE MONTH TO 346.

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## PART-TIME TRAINING COURSES FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS

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A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE TRAINING COURSE AND A PART-TIME EVENING TRAINING COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE FOR INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

THE COURSES WILL ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO IMPROVE THEIR METHODS OF TEACHING, AND TO STUDY EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE TRADE OR WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS, BUT EXPERIENCED WORKERS WHO WILL TAKE UP INSTRUCTION DUTIES IN FUTURE MAY ALSO APPLY.

THE PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSE WILL REQUIRE ATTENDANCE AT THE COLLEGE ONE DAY PER WEEK FOR 15 WEEKS, AND THE PART-TIME EVENING COURSE WILL REQUIRE ATTENDANCE FOR TWO EVENINGS PER WEEK FOR 30 WEEKS.

CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE BUT SOME ENGLISH TERMINOLOGY WILL BE USED. FEES ARE \$100 PER COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG, AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 22.

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NEW HIGH COURT JUDGES AND DISTRICT JUDGES  
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THE QUEEN HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR NOEL BARRY HOOPER, MR BRIAN LESLIE JONES AND MR MILES HENRY JACKSON-LIPKIN, Q.C., AS JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT.

BOTH MR HOOPER AND MR JONES ARE DISTRICT JUDGES AND HAVE SAT AS COMMISSIONERS OF THE HIGH COURT. MR JACKSON-LIPKIN IS A PRACTISING BARRISTER.

MR HOOPER WAS BORN IN COLOMBO IN 1931. HE WAS EDUCATED IN ENGLAND AND GRADUATED FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY IN 1954. HE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR IN ENGLAND IN 1956.

HE SERVED AS A MAGISTRATE IN BASUTOLAND BEFORE JOINING THE JUDICIARY IN HONG KONG AS MAGISTRATE IN 1964. HE WAS PROMOTED SENIOR MAGISTRATE IN 1968 AND PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE IN 1973. IN 1976 HE WAS APPOINTED DISTRICT JUDGE.

MR JONES WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1930 AND WAS EDUCATED AT BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY. HE QUALIFIED AS A SOLICITOR IN ENGLAND IN 1956 AND WAS LATER CALLED TO THE BAR IN AUSTRALIA IN 1968.

HE WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE AS A SOLICITOR IN ENGLAND FROM 1956 TO 1964.

HE WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT IN HONG KONG IN 1964. IN 1968 HE WENT TO AUSTRALIA WHERE HE WORKED IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS FOR A YEAR.

HE REJOINED THE JUDICIARY IN HONG KONG AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1969. HE WAS THEN APPOINTED ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT IN 1970 AND DISTRICT JUDGE IN 1977.

MR JACKSON-LIPKIN WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1924. HE WAS EDUCATED AT HARROW AND TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD AND WAS CALLED TO THE BAR IN LONDON IN 1951 AND ADMITTED TO THE BAR IN HONG KONG IN 1963. HE WAS APPOINTED QUEEN'S COUNSEL IN 1974.

FIVE SERVING MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY HAVE ALSO BEEN APPOINTED AS DISTRICT JUDGES WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 25, 1981.

THEY ARE MR MICHAEL WILLIAM MCGLADDERY CHISM, MR TERRENCE JAMES RYAN, MR ROSS STANLEY SANDERS, MR DAVID JOHN LEONARD AND MR ANTHONY GEORGE THURLOW WANE.

MR CHISM WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1931. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN 1955.

HE PRACTISED AS SOLICITOR IN ENGLAND UNTIL HE JOINED THE JUDICIARY IN HONG KONG AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1977. HE WAS APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT IN 1980 AND HAS SAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AS DEPUTY DISTRICT JUDGE.

MR RYAN WAS BORN IN NEW ZEALAND IN 1934. HE WAS EDUCATED AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON AND WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN NEW ZEALAND IN 1958 AND AS A BARRISTER IN 1959.

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HE WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE BEFORE JOINING THE JUDICIARY IN HONG KONG AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1973. AFTER COMPLETING ONE CONTRACT, HE RETURNED TO NEW ZEALAND BUT REJOINED THE JUDICIARY AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1978.

HE WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT IN 1980 AND HAS SAT AS DEPUTY DISTRICT JUDGE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

MR SANDERS WAS BORN IN NEW ZEALAND IN 1930 AND WAS EDUCATED AT AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN NEW ZEALAND IN 1954 AND AS A BARRISTER IN 1957.

HE WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN AUCKLAND UNTIL 1972 WHEN HE JOINED THE JUDICIARY IN HONG KONG AS A MAGISTRATE. HE WAS PROMOTED SENIOR MAGISTRATE IN 1978 AND PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE IN 1980. HE HAS SAT AS DEPUTY DISTRICT JUDGE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

MR LEONARD WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1937. HE WAS EDUCATED AT MAGDALENE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE AND WAS ADMITTED AS SOLICITOR IN ENGLAND IN 1967.

HE WORKED FOR SOME YEARS AS A LEGAL ASSISTANT AT NEW SCOTLAND YARD BEFORE ENTERING PRIVATE PRACTICE IN 1971.

HE JOINED THE JUDICIARY IN HONG KONG AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1977 AND WAS APPOINTED CORONER IN 1980. HE IS AT PRESENT SITTING AS DEPUTY DISTRICT JUDGE.

MR WANE WAS BORN IN FIJI IN 1923. HE WAS EDUCATED AT CANTERBURY UNIVERSITY AND OTAGO UNIVERSITY, NEW ZEALAND AND WAS ADMITTED AS A BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR IN 1948.

HE WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN NEW ZEALAND UNTIL 1970 WHEN HE JOINED THE HONG KONG JUDICIARY AS A MAGISTRATE. HE WAS PROMOTED SENIOR MAGISTRATE IN 1977 AND PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE IN 1979. HE HAS SAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AS DEPUTY DISTRICT JUDGE AND IS AT PRESENT SO SITTING.

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#### AVIATION CHIEF LEAVES FOR TALKS

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MR NORMAN LATHAM, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION LEFT HONG KONG TODAY (SATURDAY) TO REPRESENT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AT AIR SERVICES TALKS IN LONDON BETWEEN THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

THE DISCUSSION HAS BEEN ORGANISED TO REVIEW THE ARRANGEMENTS GOVERNING AIR SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND POINTS IN CHINA OPERATED BY CPA AND CAAC.

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SURVEY IN TSUEN WAN  
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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE IS TO CONDUCT A SURVEY THIS MONTH TO FIND OUT LOCAL VIEWS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

ABOUT 2 000 HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

THE SURVEY WILL BE THE FINAL PART OF A SERIES OF PUBLICITY MEASURES IN THE DISTRICT BEFORE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE ELECTIONS BEGINS EARLY IN SEPTEMBER.

IT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY 1 500 YOUNG VOLUNTEERS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF LIAISON OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISERS.

FOR THE SURVEY, RESIDENTS WILL BE ASKED ABOUT THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME- WHETHER IT WILL HELP IMPROVE THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT- WHETHER DISTRICT BOARDS CAN REFLECT PUBLIC OPINION- AND WHETHER THEY WILL TAKE PART IN THE ELECTIONS BY REGISTERING, VOTING OR STANDING AS CANDIDATES.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID BESIDES HELPING TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE SURVEY WOULD ALSO PUT ACROSS THE MESSAGE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DURING INTERVIEWS AND AROUSE THE INTEREST OF YOUNGER PEOPLE IN THE SCHEME THROUGH TAKING PART AS INTERVIEWERS.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE PUBLISHED BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 1 AND LAST SIX WEEKS.

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TAPS OFF IN WESTERN  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 4) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, MORRISON STREET, BONHAM STRAND AND BONHAM STRAND WEST, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, AND SUTHERLAND STREET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SQUASH OPEN COMPETITION FINALS TOMORROW

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THE FINALS OF THE MEN'S SINGLE AND THE WOMEN'S SINGLE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SQUASH OPEN COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE YUEN LONG SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURTS.

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HAS ATTRACTED 89 MEN AND 42 WOMEN PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING 10 EUROPEAN PLAYERS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH REGION) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FINALS AT ABOUT 4 PM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF POK OI HOSPITAL, MR LAI KAM-MAN, WILL JOIN MR LEUNG IN PRESENTING PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS TO THE WINNERS OF THE SECTIONS.

ALSO ATTENDING THE FUNCTION WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR CHIU YUK-CHUEN AND THE OFFICER OF SQUASH SECTION, MR MAN BING-NAM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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