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MESSAGES FROM SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AND RICHARD LUCE

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THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AND THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, MR RICHARD LUCE, HAVE SENT PERSONAL MESSAGES TO THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

IN THEIR MESSAGES THEY REAFFIRM HMG'S COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG, AND TO SEEKING A SOLUTION ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AS WELL AS TO THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS.

THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT SUCH A SOLUTION CAN BE ACHIEVED. THE TWO MINISTERS LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING WITH MEMBERS OF EXCO AND LEGCO.

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE SAID: +ON ASSUMING OFFICE AS FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY, I SHOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM TO YOU AND YOUR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND TO WORKING FOR THE TERRITORY'S CONTINUED STABILITY AND PROSPERITY AND THE WELFARE OF ITS PEOPLE. I KNOW HOW VITAL THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. OUR AIM REMAINS TO SEEK A SOLUTION WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE NOT ONLY TO THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS BUT ALSO TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE IT. I HOPE THAT I SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. KIND REGARDS+.

MR RICHARD LUCE SAID IN HIS MESSAGE: +THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO TAKE ON SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG AS PART OF MY DUTIES. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED BY THIS AS I HAVE LONG ADMIRER HONG KONG'S VITALITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS. I REALISE THAT THIS IS A CRITICAL TIME IN HONG KONG'S HISTORY AND ASSURE YOU AND YOUR EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS THAT WE SHALL GO ON WORKING FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY WHICH WOULD PRESERVE THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL AND HOPE THAT I SHALL HAVE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR A VISIT. KIND REGARDS.+

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MECHANISED HOUSING CONSTRUCTION METHOD ENCOURAGED
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS APPROVED ANOTHER MECHANISED CONSTRUCTION TENDER WORTH \$282.7 MILLION FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF A NEW PROJECT IN TAI PO WHICH WILL HOUSE 17 000 PEOPLE IN 3 948 RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS BY 1986.

+IT IS THE FIRST SUCH TENDER ACCEPTED THIS YEAR USING THE TIME-SAVING MECHANISED METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION, AND THE SECOND SINCE LAST YEAR,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID TODAY.

HE SAID TWO OTHER PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS HAD ALSO BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR TENDERS THIS YEAR BY MECHANISED CONTRACTORS FROM THE AUTHORITY'S PREQUALIFIED LIST.

+THE NEW MECHANISED TENDER IS FOR THE PILING AND BUILDING OF TWO TRIDENT BLOCKS FOR 10 210 PEOPLE AT THE FU SHIN RENTAL ESTATE IN TAI PO AND THREE WINDMILL BLOCKS AT AN ADJOINING HOME OWNERSHIP ESTATE.

+THE BLOCKS WILL BE BUILT BY USING A SYSTEM OF WALL AND TABLE STEEL FORMS TOGETHER WITH THE PRECASTING OF SOME NON-STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS.

+THIS SYSTEM WILL BE TIME-SAVING RELATIVE TO THE CONVENTIONAL BUILDING METHODS AND THE FINISHES ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE SUPERIOR.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AWARD OF MECHANISED CONTRACTS HAD FOLLOWED A PRE-QUALIFICATION EXERCISE HELD BY THE AUTHORITY LAST YEAR TO ENCOURAGE FIRST-CLASS LOCAL AND OVERSEAS BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO USE MECHANISED METHODS ON AUTHORITY PROJECTS.

+SINCE THE MECHANISED TENDER EXERCISE BEGAN, SEVERAL LOCAL CONTRACTORS HAVE STARTED USING MECHANISED METHODS ON THEIR OWN VOLITION WITHOUT SECURING A MECHANISED CONTRACT.

+MECHANISED METHODS ARE AN ASSET TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND THE AUTHORITY SINCE THEY WILL INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY WHILE ALSO IMPROVING STANDARDS OF WORKMANSHIP.

+THE PROGRESS AND SUCCESS OF THE MECHANISED CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME WILL CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED.+

THE FIRST MECHANISED CONTRACT WAS AWARDED LAST DECEMBER FOR THE THIRD PHASE OF KWONG FUK ESTATE ALSO IN TAI PO.

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JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR MASS MEDIA PUBLISHED
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A MANUAL OF JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE MASS MEDIA HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

IN THE MANUAL, THE BOARD RECOMMENDS JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR 27 PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE MASS MEDIA: 14 FOR THE NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE SECTOR AND 13 FOR THE RADIO AND TELEVISION SECTOR.

MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, POINTED OUT THAT THESE SPECIFICATIONS, WHICH DEFINE THE MINIMUM SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND TRAINING REQUIRED FOR EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL JOBS, HAD BEEN PREPARED WITH VARIOUS OBJECTIVES IN MIND.

THE BOARD EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WITH THESE GUIDELINES, ADEQUATE AND UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS OF SKILLS COULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR JOURNALISTIC JOBS IN THE MASS MEDIA, MR SHUM SAID.

MR SHUM SAID THAT INSTITUTIONS AND TRAINING ORGANISATIONS COULD ALSO USE THEM FOR PLANNING THEIR COURSES.

BY MAKING USE OF THESE GUIDELINES, EMPLOYERS COULD ALSO ASSESS THE COMPETENCE OF THEIR EMPLOYEES AND DRAW UP ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

THE MANUAL, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$11.50 A COPY.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (JUNE 20, 1983) STOOD AT 90.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 519.868 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 323.357 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 56.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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BIG ANTI-SMOKING DRIVE STARTS SOON

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL LAUNCH A MAJOR ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN THIS WEEK.

DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 22) AT 2.30 PM.

PRESIDING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE MR GEOFFREY BARNES, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE 1983-84 ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE DR RUDY KHOO OF THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY AND DR S.C. LEUNG, SENIOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE. TV CREWS ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE EARLIER TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICERS COMMENDED

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TWENTY-TWO OFFICERS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WERE COMMENDED TODAY (MONDAY) FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE LAST YEAR.

THE OFFICERS, INCLUDING NINE GENERAL GRADE STAFF, RECEIVED COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR RON BRIDGE, AT A CEREMONY IN THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS, MR LIU WAI-HUNG, WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS ALERTNESS AND INITIATIVE IN DETECTING, AND LATER HELPING WITH THE ARREST, OF SIX ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ON TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS.

IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, WHILE ON HIS WAY HOME, MR LIU SAW FOUR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA WANDERING IN SHEUNG SHUI. TO FILL IN THE TIME WHILE HE SOUGHT WAYS TO GET HELP, HE ENGAGED THEM IN CONVERSATION, OFFERED THEM CIGARETTES, AND LATER LED THEM TO AN EMPTY HUT.

MR LIU THEN RANG HIS OFFICE FOR HELP. ALL FOUR OF THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED, AND TWO OF THEM WERE FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS.

IN MARCH THIS YEAR, MR LIU SPOTTED TWO OTHER ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA. HE FOLLOWED THE MEN, AND THEN OBTAINED THE HELP OF POLICE OFFICERS IN ARRESTING THEM WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY AROSE. THE TWO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE LATER REPATRIATED TO CHINA.

A NUMBER OF CLERICAL OFFICERS IN THE BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRIES WERE ALSO COMMENDED FOR THEIR ALERTNESS IN DETECTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, FORGED HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS AND FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

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CLEARANCE WORK IN FINAL STAGE

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THE FINAL PHASE OF 'OPERATION TORCH' - A SERIES OF CLEARANCES OF BACKLANE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KWUN TONG'S INDUSTRIAL AREA - WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE REAR LANES IN TSUN YIP STREET, HOW MING STREET AND HUNG TO ROAD TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A TOTAL OF 53 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, USED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES AND STORAGE AS WELL AS FOR COOKED FOOD STALLS, WILL BE DEMOLISHED.

'OPERATION TORCH', STARTED IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, WAS INITIATED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, POLICE, LANDS, HIGHWAYS, URBAN SERVICES AND HOUSING DEPARTMENTS.

MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL ALSO VISIT THE SITE.

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POLICE STATION TO UNDERGO ALTERATIONS

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT WORK ON WESTERN POLICE STATION.

THE STATION, A SIX-STOREY BUILDING LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND WESTERN STREET, WAS BUILT IN 1955.

ITS EXISTING FACILITIES AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION ARE CONSIDERED INADEQUATE FOR THE PRESENT-DAY REQUIREMENTS OF THE WESTERN POLICE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND THE WESTERN DIVISION.

THE STATION'S SINGLE INSPECTORS QUARTERS WILL BE CONVERTED INTO OFFICE AND BARRACK ACCOMMODATION, AND ITS CANTEEN AND MESSES IMPROVED, AND IT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A FITNESS TRAINING ROOM.

A NEW DANGEROUS GOODS STORE OF ABOUT 12 SQUARE METRES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN APRIL 1984.

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VIEWS TO BE SOUGHT ABOUT HOVERFERRY
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A SURVEY ON THE EXISTING HOVERFERRY SERVICE BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND CENTRAL WILL BE CONDUCTED ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 22) BY MEMBERS OF A WORKING GROUP FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

MORE THAN 5 000 COPIES OF QUESTIONNAIRES, PRINTED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PASSENGERS AT BOTH THE TUEN MUN PIER AND BLAKE PIER IN CENTRAL TO COLLECT THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT THE EXISTING SERVICE.

OPINIONS COLLECTED WILL BE ANALYSED AND COMPILED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING IN AUGUST.

ON WEDNESDAY, MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP AND STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE PRESENT AT BOTH PIERS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 5.45 PM TO HELP PASSENGERS FILL IN THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

PERSONNEL TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY WILL CARRY IDENTIFICATION TAGS.

BOXES WILL BE PLACED IN THE WAITING AREAS AT BOTH PIERS FOR PASSENGERS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES.

PASSENGERS MAY ALSO MAIL THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE ATTACHED SELF-ADDRESSED STAMP-FREE ENVELOPE.

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