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PRICE INDICES UP ONE POINT

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR AUGUST WERE 164 AND 163 RESPECTIVELY, EACH BEING ONE POINT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE CPI (A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI (B) FROM THOSE SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 500 AND \$2 999 A MONTH, AS DETERMINED FROM THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY OF 1973/74.

THE CHANGES FOR AUGUST IN RESPECT OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE TWO INDICES, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1979 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>CPI (A)</u>			<u>CPI (B)</u>		
	<u>AUG 80</u>	<u>JULY 80</u>	<u>AUG 79</u>	<u>AUG 80</u>	<u>JULY 80</u>	<u>AUG 79</u>
FOODSTUFFS	158	157	141	160	159	142
HOUSING	154	154	144	154	154	143
FUEL AND LIGHT	269	268	191	254	253	184
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	184	184	161	177	177	156
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	121	121	111	119	119	109
DURABLE GOODS	135	135	128	131	131	125
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	171	170	146	169	168	145
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	198	197	152	199	197	160
SERVICES	169	168	148	173	172	151
ALL ITEMS	164	163	144	163	162	143

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY ONE POINT EACH IN CPI (A) AND CPI (B). PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT WERE THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND BEEF. THE COST OF MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS ALSO WENT UP. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH AND FRESH-WATER FISH DECLINED. EFFECTS OF THE MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CONSUMER PRICE INDICES, REFLECTING THE FULL IMPACT OF THE INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SINCE JULY. THE EFFECT OF THESE INCREASES WAS PARTLY OFFSET BY THE LOWER CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY.

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THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS IN THE TWO INDICES WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR SOFT FURNISHINGS, SOAP AND DETERGENTS, TOYS AND HOBBIES, AND TOILET REQUISITES.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI (A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN CPI (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES AND MOTOR INSURANCE, HIGHER PURCHASE PRICES AND REPAIRING CHARGES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, AND THE FULL IMPACT OF THE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF GASOLINE SINCE JULY.

HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT INCREASED THE INDEX FOR SERVICES BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND (B).

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR AUGUST 1980, WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$2 A COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO FANLING WATER SUPPLY

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL DOUBLE THE CAPACITY OF TONG HANG FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR IN FANLING TO 36 400 CUBIC METRES BY EARLY 1982.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION), MR ALFONS NEGER, EXPLAINED THAT THE \$8.6 MILLION EXTENSION PROJECT WOULD FORM PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE SUPPLY SYSTEM TO MEET THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR FRESH WATER IN FANLING/SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWN.

HE SIGNED A CONTRACT TODAY FOR THE PROJECT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF GAMMON (HONG KONG) LIMITED, MR DAVID GEM, AT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

WORK WILL START THIS WEEK AND WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS.

THE SUPPLY SYSTEM WILL INCLUDE A NEW TREATMENT WORKS IN SHEUNG SHUI WITH TWO ASSOCIATED PUMPING STATIONS, ANOTHER SERVICE RESERVOIR AT TABLE HILL NORTH OF SHEUNG SHUI, AND THE LAYING OF PUMPING MAIN.

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POSTERS WARNING AGAINST THROWING THINGS
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A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION IS BEING HELD FOR STUDENTS TO DRAW THEIR ATTENTION TO THE MISBEHAVIOUR OF THROWING THINGS FROM BUILDINGS.

THE COMPETITION IS ENTITLED +THINK BEFORE YOU THROW+ AND IS ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ANY NUMBER OF DESIGN MAY BE SUBMITTED BY ONE STUDENT, WHO WILL BE GROUPED UNDER A JUNIOR (PRIMARY SCHOOL) OR SENIOR SECTION.

EACH POSTER SHOULD MEASURE 420 MM BY 590 MM, AND THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE SCOPE AND DESIGN OF ENTRIES.

THE POSTERS SHOULD HAVE ORIGINALITY AND SHOULD BRING HOME THE MESSAGE OF +DON'T THROW FROM BUILDINGS+. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY CAN SHOW THAT THROWING THINGS FROM BUILDINGS ENDANGERS OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES.

PRIZES WILL BE IN THE FORM OF BOOK AND STATIONERY TOKENS. THE FIRST THREE PRIZES FOR EACH SECTION ARE WORTH \$250, \$150 AND \$100.

THERE WILL ALSO BE TEN MERIT AWARDS WORTH \$50 EACH, AND TEN SPECIAL PRIZES FOR SCHOOLS WHICH MADE MOST ENTRIES.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS BY OCTOBER 24 TO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CAROLINE MANSION, FOURTH FLOOR, 8 YUN PING ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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TIME TO ENLIST AS CENSUS HELPER
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED TEACHERS AND SENIOR FORM STUDENTS WISHING TO ASSIST IN THE POPULATION CENSUS NEXT YEAR TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IN TIME.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSTS OF CHIEF ENUMERATOR AND FIELD EDITOR SHOULD REACH THE POPULATION CENSUS OFFICE BEFORE SATURDAY (OCTOBER 4) AND THOSE FOR ENUMERATOR OCTOBER 11.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE STILL OBTAINABLE FROM THE OFFICE AT PERMANENT COMFORT BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR, 74-77 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

+ABOUT 800 CHIEF ENUMERATORS, 1 600 FIELD EDITORS AND 11 000 ENUMERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE FIELD OPERATION FROM MARCH 6 TO 15 IN 1981,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE NOTED THAT SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITIES AND POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE SELECTED FOR THE MORE RESPONSIBLE POSTS OF CHIEF ENUMERATOR OR FIELD EDITOR. STUDENTS OF FORM/MIDDLE 4 AND ABOVE WOULD BE APPOINTED AS ENUMERATORS.

/SELECTED CANDIDATES

SELECTED CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED LATER TO ATTEND A ONE-WEEK TRAINING COURSE ON CENSUS CONCEPTS, DEFINITIONS AND ENUMERATION PROCEDURES. A NUMBER OF SUCH COURSES WILL BE HELD FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER. CENSUS INSTRUCTION FILMS WILL BE USED TO STANDARDIZE TRAINING.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT ONCE A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT IS SELECTED, HE SHOULD NOT WITHDRAW DURING TRAINING OR THE ACTUAL CENSUS OPERATION AS IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND A REPLACEMENT.

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CANTONESE OPERA COURSE FOR SHA TIN RESIDENTS

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SHA TIN RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN LEARNING CANTONESE OPERA NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

A TRAINING COURSE IN CANTONESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND SINGING IS BEING ORGANISED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION AND WO CHE COMMUNITY HALL.

THE COURSE IS OPEN TO RESIDENTS AGED 14 OR OVER, BUT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IS LIMITED TO 40.

TRAINING WILL BE HELD AT WO CHE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS STARTING NEXT MONTH. IT WILL LAST SIX MONTHS.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 4) AND AN INTERVIEW WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK TO SCREEN CANDIDATES.

SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WILL ALLOCATE FUNDS TO PAY INSTRUCTORS AND TO HOLD CONCERTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID CANTONESE OPERA WAS VERY POPULAR AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS AND SOME OF THEM HAD PERFORMED PUBLICLY ON RADIO AND AT CONCERTS.

COURSE INSTRUCTORS WOULD BE RESIDENTS OF SHA TIN, AMONG WHOM WOULD BE TAI WAI VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR CHOI KAM-CHUEN, WHO HAS ALREADY GIVEN SEVERAL PUBLIC PERFORMANCES. HE WILL SUPERVISE THE COURSE.

PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR INSTRUCTORS WILL PERFORM REGULARLY AT WO CHE COMMUNITY HALL EVERY OTHER SATURDAY AFTER THE COURSE STARTS. ADMISSION WILL BE FREE.

ALSO BEING PLANNED IS A CANTONESE MUSIC NIGHT TO BE HELD AROUND LUNAR NEW YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COURSE ARE AVAILABLE AT SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE LEK YUEN SUB-OFFICE AND WO CHE COMMUNITY HALL.

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NEW PLAYGROUND IN TAI KOK TSUI

A NEW PLAYGROUND WILL BE BUILT IN SYCAMORE STREET, TAI KOK TSUI.

IT WILL OCCUPY 1 300 SQUARE METRES AND HAVE A BASKETBALL COURT AND A REST GARDEN.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK WHICH WILL START IN DECEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS.

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TAXI INSPECTION FOR LICENCE RENEWAL

TAXIS UNDER ONE YEAR OLD WILL NOT BE REQUIRED, FROM DECEMBER 1, TO UNDERGO FULL MECHANICAL INSPECTION AS A PREREQUISITE TO ITS FIRST LICENCE RENEWAL.

HOWEVER, TAXIS IN THIS CATEGORY WILL STILL BE REQUIRED TO BE PRESENTED FOR TAXI-METER CALIBRATION.

UPON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THIS TEST, EACH VEHICLE WOULD BE ISSUED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS ENDORSED WITH TAXI-METER CALIBRATION ONLY.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS DUE TO STAFF SHORTAGE AND THE INCREASING WORKLOAD IN RELATION TO ANNUAL TAXI EXAMINATION.

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DUTCH JUSTICE SECRETARY VISITS TAI LAM

THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE NETHERLANDS, MISS E.A. HAARS, TODAY VISITED TAI LAM DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE TO LOOK AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR CONVICTED DRUG ADDICTS.

MISS HAARS WENT BY HELICOPTER TO THE CENTRE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE NETHERLANDS CONSUL GENERAL IN HONG KONG, MR F. VAN RAALTE, AND THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMMES), MR WONG HON-CHUNG.

SHE WAS BRIEFED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE, MR JULIO DE ASSIS ON THE FACILITIES AND SUPPORTING SERVICES.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, MISS HAARS HAD TALKS WITH THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR TOM ECOB.

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YUEN LONG WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO AN AREA OF YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 1) MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON THURSDAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY HOP YICK ROAD, TAI TONG ROAD AND THE MAIN NULLAH, AND INCLUDES TAI KEI LENG, NGA YIU TAU, KONG TAU TSUEN AND TONG TAU PO.

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