



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SPECIAL SCHEME TO FLY TEXTILES TO EEC MODIFIED  
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THE SPECIAL AIR SHIPMENT SCHEME ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO HELP SPEED UP THE MOVE OF CERTAIN TEXTILE GOODS TO THE EEC HAS BEEN FURTHER MODIFIED TO ALLOW MORE EXPORTERS TO USE THE SCHEME.

THE AIM OF THE SCHEME IS TO CLEAR THE BACKLOG OF GOODS FOR WHICH EXPORT LICENCES HAVE BEEN APPROVED UNDER THE SPECIAL SHIPMENT ARRANGEMENT ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK - FOR SHIPMENT BY SEPTEMBER 4 - BUT FOR WHICH NO AIR CARGO SPACE IS AVAILABLE BEFORE THAT DEADLINE.

IN THE LIGHT OF THIS, THE D C AND I DECIDED YESTERDAY THAT IT WOULD APPROVE SPECIAL FLIGHTS TO ACCEPT THESE GOODS AS HAVING LEFT HONG KONG BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE EXPORT LICENCES PROVIDED THESE GOODS WERE DELIVERED TO A DESIGNATED GODOWN BEFORE MID-NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 4.

FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AIRLINES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF TRADE ASSOCIATIONS THE SCHEME, WHICH COMES INTO EFFECT AT 5 P.M. TODAY, WAS FURTHER MODIFIED SO THAT GOODS LICENSED UNDER THE SPECIAL SHIPMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR WHICH CONFIRMATION OF AIR CARGO SPACE IS STILL TO BE OBTAINED WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE DESIGNATED GODOWN. THIS SHOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR SHIPPERS TO SECURE AIR CARGO SPACE.

ALTHOUGH THIS PROVIDES GREATER FLEXIBILITY BOTH TO THE SHIPPER AND TO THE AIRLINE TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE CARGO SPACE, THE D C AND I POINTS OUT THAT DELIVERY OF GOODS INTO DESIGNATED GODOWN WITHOUT CONFIRMED AIR CARGO SPACE WILL BE DONE AT THE RISK OF THE EXPORTER CONCERNED. THAT IS TO SAY, THAT HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING ANY GOODS WHICH ARE LEFT UN-SHIPED WHEN THE SCHEME CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 13.

THE DESIGNATED GODOWN IS PARKSON GODOWN AT 103-107 WO YIE HOP ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, TEL. NO. 12-253321. THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ADDED THAT WAREHOUSE CHARGES FOR ALL GOODS ACCEPTED INTO THE DESIGNATED GODOWN ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXPORTER.

ALL AIRLINES WHICH HAVE AIR CARGO SPACE AVAILABLE FOR THIS SCHEME ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE D C AND I.

HE ADDED THAT FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME COULD BE ADDRESSED TO MR. JONATHAN NG (5-442022) OR MR. MICHAEL WU (5-446485) OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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HONG KONG APPROACH TO SOCIAL WELFARE PLANNING PROVES EFFECTIVE  
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THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE HONG KONG APPROACH TO SOCIAL WELFARE PLANNING HAS PROVED EFFECTIVE AND THE DEVELOPMENT TARGETS UP TO NOW HAD BEEN LARGELY ACHIEVED, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY.

IN A PAPER PRESENTED AT THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE I.C.S.W. CONFERENCE ON 'SOCIAL WELFARE PLANNING IN HONG KONG', MR. LEE DESCRIBES THE HONG KONG EXPERIENCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR THE EXPANSION OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN FULL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

HE SAID HONG KONG'S EXPERIENCE IN FORMULATING SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND ITS MODEL ON JOINT PLANNING, REVIEW AND EVALUATION HAVE MET WITH APPROVAL DURING PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES OF I.C.S.W. IN ADDITION IT HAS ALSO RECEIVED FAVOURABLE COMMENTS IN THE 1973 'REGIONAL SURVEY ON SOCIAL WELFARE TRENDS' BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC WHICH STATED:

+ALTHOUGH ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION ARE TRYING HARD TO CRYSTALLIZE THEIR OBJECTIVES INTO A WELL-DEFINED SOCIAL POLICY, A LACK OF PRECISE AND COMPREHENSIVE DEFINITION OF SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY REMAINS ONE OF THE MAJOR HANDICAPS, LEADING TO UNCERTAIN PRIORITIES AND A LESS REWARDING USE OF RESOURCES. THERE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTS TO FORMULATE A COHERENT AND CONSOLIDATED SOCIAL POLICY STATEMENT IN TERMS OF LONG-RANGE GOALS AND IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIC MEASURES TO ACHIEVE THEM. HONG KONG IS PROBABLY THE FIRST COUNTRY TO HAVE DECLARED SUCH STATEMENT.+

MR. LEE RETRACED THE DEVELOPMENTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN HONG KONG IN THE EARLY DAYS AND HOW THIS LED TO THE CURRENT TREND IN SOCIAL WELFARE PLANNING INVOLVING BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

HE SAID THAT IN THE EARLY POST WAR YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR WORKED ON TWO PARALLELS, BUT BY THE 1960'S IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT HONG KONG LACKED A STATEMENT OF POLICY AND AIMS. THIS LED TO THE PUBLICATION IN 1965 OF THE FIRST WHITE PAPER WHICH ATTEMPTED TO IDENTIFY THE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED AND TO RELATE THESE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES TO MEET THOSE NEEDS.

THE PAPER ALSO ATTEMPTED TO DEFINE MORE PRECISELY THE ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

AS A FIRST STEP, A SOCIAL WELFARE PLANNING COMMITTEE WAS SET UP AND GIVEN THE TASK OF PRODUCING A NEW WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES WITH THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT COVERING THE PERIOD 1973-78. THE COMMITTEE COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

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+THIS DIRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR ON A GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE UNDERLINED THE GOVERNMENT'S SPECIFIC RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES,+ MR. LEE STRESSED.

+THE PLANNING PROCESS WAS A STRICTLY PRAGMATICAL EXERCISE- IT AIMED AT SETTING TARGETS WHICH WERE BOTH REALISTIC AND CAPABLE OF IMPLEMENTATION -- REALISTIC IN RELATION TO THE NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY AND CAPABLE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN TERMS OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE,+ HE CONTINUED.

THE PUBLIC, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS WERE ALSO GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE NEW WHITE PAPER AND FIVE-YEAR PLAN WHICH MR. LEE SAID +PROMPTED A LIVELY INTEREST AND ENSURED GENERAL PUBLIC CONSENT.+

MR. LEE SAID THIS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION CONCEPT OF PLANNING PROVIDED A MOST USEFUL SECOND OPINION ABOUT SOCIAL WELFARE NEEDS AND MADE AVAILABLE A RICH, NEW SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE.

IN THE ULTIMATE, HE SAID, WHAT WAS PRODUCED WAS A PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH EMBODIED THE VIEWS OF ALL ACTIVE IN SOCIAL WELFARE AND ONE WHICH WAS BEING ACTIVELY IMPLEMENTED.

THERE WERE ALSO OTHER CHANGES, MR. LEE NOTED. THE ACCEPTANCE BY GOVERNMENT OF JOINT PLANNING MEANT THAT IT RELINQUISHED ITS POSITION SOLELY TO DETERMINE THE BASIS OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, A RESPONSIBILITY WHICH, IN THIS CONNECTION, HAD TO BE SHARED.

THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, HE WENT ON, ALSO RECOGNISED THAT ITS FREEDOM TO MANOEUVRE WITH GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT WAS RESTRICTED TO WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AN APPROVED PROGRAMME AND THAT IT COULD NO LONGER EMBARK FREELY UPON PROJECTS OUTSIDE THE PLAN AND EXPECT GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

+HOWEVER,+ MR. LEE SAID, +EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE PLAN HAS SHOWN THAT THESE LIMITS HAVE NOT PROVED TO BE A HINDRANCE TO PROGRESS. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY HAVE BROUGHT GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR CLOSER TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP.+

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## INDUSTRIALISTS URGED TO EXPAND TRAINING FACILITIES

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, TODAY CALLED ON INDUSTRY TO EXPAND ITS FACILITIES FOR TRAINING THE SKILLED MANPOWER HONG KONG NEEDS TO MAINTAIN ITS PROSPERITY.

HE SAID THE CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE COULD ONLY BE MET BY A JOINT EFFORT OF GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY. THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLAYING ITS PART, AND IT WAS UP TO EMPLOYERS TO PLAY THEIRS.

MR. PRICE WAS SPEAKING DURING A VISIT TO THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY'S WORKSHOPS IN LAI CHI KOK, ON THE OCCASION OF A CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY FOR A MASS INTAKE OF 82 NEW CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES.

AFTER THE CEREMONY MR. PRICE, ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (INDUSTRIAL TRAINING) MR. T.Y. CHUI, WAS TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE KMB WORKSHOPS BY THE COMPANY'S GENERAL MANAGER, MR. RONALD LOUEY.

THE TOUR WAS PART OF THE COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME OF VISITS TO VARIOUS HONG KONG INDUSTRIES TO KEEP HIMSELF BRIEFED FIRST-HAND ON WORKING CONDITIONS.

MR. PRICE SAID WORK WAS NOW WELL ADVANCED ON THE PREPARATION OF A BILL TO PROMOTE APPRENTICE TRAINING AND SET STANDARDS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AS APPRENTICES.

+THIS BILL, IF PASSED INTO LAW, WILL ENSURE THAT INDUSTRIES HAVE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SKILLED MANPOWER, AND IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR BOTH EMPLOYER AND APPRENTICE, AND LAY DOWN THE STANDARDS OF SKILLS REQUIRED,+ HE SAID.

+IN ALL THIS, THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL AND ITS APPRENTICESHIP BOARD HAVE CONTRIBUTED ENORMOUSLY, AND HAVE RECEIVED MUCH ADVICE FROM THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN THE OPERATION OF APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES.+

MR. PRICE SAID HE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE INITIATIVE AND EFFORTS OF THE MANAGEMENT OF KOWLOON MOTOR BUS IN TRAINING APPRENTICES TO HELP OVERCOME THE SHORTAGE OF SKILLED WORKERS IN THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY.

HE SAID A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL HAD SHOWN THAT THE INDUSTRY NEEDED 600 NEW TECHNICIANS AND CRAFTSMEN EVERY YEAR.

/+TO MEET THIS ..... \*

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+TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT, EMPLOYERS MUST EXPAND THEIR FACILITIES FOR TRAINING APPRENTICES,+ HE SAID. +AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE HAS BEEN SET BY KMB FOR OTHER EMPLOYERS TO FOLLOW.+

MR. PRICE CONGRATULATED THE NEW APPRENTICES ON MAKING A WISE CHOICE IN STARTING THEIR CAREERS THROUGH A MODERN APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME.

+THIS SCHEME WILL ENABLE YOU TO RECEIVE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN THE WORKSHOP, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO GAIN SPECIALISED TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE BY ATTENDING A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSE IN AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERING AT A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE,+ HE SAID.

+ON COMPLETION OF THIS TRAINING, YOU WILL BE QUALIFIED TECHNICIANS OR CRAFTSMEN, WELL ABLE TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE NEW KNOWLEDGE AND NEW SKILLS REQUIRED AS TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES.+

'MR. PRICE POINTED OUT THAT AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR SKILLED MANPOWER, THE NUMBER OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN HONG KONG WOULD BE INCREASED TO THREE (REPEAT THREE) THIS MONTH WITH THE OPENING OF NEW INSTITUTES AT KWUN TONG AND KWAI CHUNG, AND A SIMILAR INSTITUTE IN CHEUNG SHA WAN IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.+

+IN FACT,+ HE SAID, +THEIR DOORS ARE OPEN NOW, AND ENQUIRIES ABOUT COURSES AND ENROLMENTS MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONING THE KWUN TONG INSTITUTE AT 3-414331, OR THE KWAI CHUNG INSTITUTE AT 12-246221.+

THE KMB APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME WAS INITIATED IN JUNE 1973 AND, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, BECAME AN APPROVED SCHEME FOUR MONTHS LATER.

AT PRESENT, THE KMB HAS SOME 200 APPRENTICES, AND THE NEW INTAKE BRINGS THE NUMBER TO ABOUT 300.

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MORE JOIN SCHOOL MEDICAL SCHEME

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NEARLY 80,000 PUPILS TOOK PART IN THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SCHEME IN THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 4,000 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD WELCOMED THE GREATER PARTICIPATION AND SAID IT INDICATED THAT MORE PUPILS AND THEIR PARENTS WERE BECOMING AWARE OF THE VALUE OF THE SCHEME.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HEADMASTERS WOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PUPILS TO JOIN THE SCHEME.

THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SCHEME WAS SET UP IN OCTOBER 1964 TO PROVIDE ECONOMICAL MEDICAL TREATMENT TO PUPILS IN REGISTERED SCHOOLS. ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO PUPILS IN PRIMARY CLASSES AND FROM FORM I TO III IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

PUPILS WHO WISH TO JOIN CAN DO SO AT ANY TIME AT A NOMINAL FEE OF \$5 WHICH COVERS A 12-MONTH PERIOD STARTING FROM THE DATE OF ENTRY.

AS SCHOOLS MAY BE VERY BUSY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW SCHOOL TERM, PARENTS MAY OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME DIRECT FROM THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD ON TEL. NO. 5-764765. THE BOARD CAN ALSO SUPPLY A LIST OF DOCTORS PRACTISING IN THE AREA OF A PARTICULAR SCHOOL.

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CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES, MR. J. B. SELWYN, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 4 P.M. IN CONNECTION WITH A CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS FOR HONG KONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. TELEVISION CREWS ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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RETIRING FIRE CHIEF LEAVES FOR UK TOMORROW

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THE RETIRING DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR. HARRY WOOD, WHO LEAVES FOR BRITAIN TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTER 20 YEARS' SERVICE, TODAY THANKED MEMBERS OF THE FIRE SERVICES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND DEDICATION.

IN A FAREWELL MESSAGE TO ALL RANKS, MR. WOOD SAID: +NO FIRE SERVICES COMMANDER CAN EVER HAVE BEEN SO WELL SERVED BY SUCH A LOYAL AND DEDICATED FORCE AS I HAVE BEEN.+

MR. WOOD JOINED THE FIRE SERVICES IN 1954 AND BECAME DIRECTOR IN 1970. HE IS BEING SUCCEEDED BY MR. FRED WATSON, FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

IN HIS MESSAGE, MR. WOOD SAID: +I AM MOST CONSCIOUS OF MY OBLIGATION TO ALL MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SPLENDID SUPPORT I HAVE RECEIVED THROUGHOUT MY SERVICE IN HONG KONG. I AM EQUALLY CONSCIOUS OF MY INABILITY TO ADEQUATELY EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THIS SUPPORT AND FOR THE DILIGENCE, RESOURCEFULNESS AND COURAGE WITH WHICH ALL PERSONNEL HAVE MET THE CHALLENGES WHICH HAVE CONFRONTED THEM DURING MY PERIOD OF COMMAND.

+NO FIRE SERVICES COMMANDER CAN EVER HAVE BEEN SO WELL SERVED BY SUCH A LOYAL AND DEDICATED FORCE AS I HAVE BEEN. WHATEVER CONTRIBUTION I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO MAKE TO THE FIRE DEFENCE OF HONG KONG IS INSIGNIFICANT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE CO-OPERATION AND ENDEAVOURS OF ALL UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THIS SERVICE.+

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WATER CUTS

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 10 P.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 5) TO 6 A.M. THE NEXT DAY TO ENABLE A FRESH WATER MAINS CONNECTION TO BE MADE.

AFFECTED WILL BE NOS. 117-227 AND NOS. 116-288A SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, NOS. 22-52 HING MAN STREET, NOS. 38-44 HOI AN STREET, NOS. 4-116 AND NOS. 9-29 SAI WAN HO STREET, SAI WAN HO MARKET, SHAU KEI WAN FERRY PIER, AND PIONEER CONCRETE LTD.

MEANWHILE, IN SHAM SHUI PO, PREMISES BOUNDED BY LAI CHI KOK ROAD, KIU KIANG STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND KWEILIN STREET WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY WHEN A TEST FOR LEAKAGE WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.

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ENCOURAGING INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT  
IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY  
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A TOTAL OF 623,991 PERSONS WERE EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS AS AT JUNE 16, 1975, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 32,332 PERSONS OR 5.5 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE OF 591,659 FOR MARCH 1975.

AT THE INDUSTRY SECTOR LEVEL, MAIN INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN GARMENTS (+7,616), PLASTIC TOYS (+3,724), ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+3,706), WOOL KNITTING (+2,731) AND KNIT-WEAR FROM YARN (+2,624).

DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT OCCURRED IN MANUFACTURE OF RUBBER FOOTWEAR (-961), SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIRING (-704) AND JOB PRINTING (-823).

IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, THE FIVE LARGEST INDUSTRY GROUPS REMAINED WEARING APPAREL, 207,611= TEXTILES, 101,695= PLASTIC PRODUCTS, 65,402= ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, 60,490= AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, 54,004.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID:  
+THE INCREASED EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING IS ENCOURAGING BECAUSE IT IS WELL SPREAD AMONG INDUSTRY SECTORS, AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE IMPROVED ORDERS POSITION IN RECENT MONTHS.+

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