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MOST FLAT OWNERS +BETTER OFF+ IN SAI LAU KOK CLEARANCE,  
SAYS TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER  
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OWNERS OF DOMESTIC FLATS IN THE SEVEN DEMOLITION-DOOMED BUILDINGS AT SAI LAU KOK WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME TO BUY NEW FLATS FINISHED UP WITH A BETTER THAN +FOOT-FOR-FOOT+ DEAL, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THAT ON AVERAGE THOSE WHO JOINED THE SCHEME WERE ABLE TO BUY FOR A RELATIVELY SMALL PERSONAL OUTLAY MUCH BIGGER FLATS IN +AN INFINITELY SUPERIOR+ ENVIRONMENT TO THE ONES THEY HAVE HAD TO VACATE.

HE REVEALED THAT MORE THAN 80 OWNER-OCCUPIERS AND A NUMBER OF OTHER OWNERS WERE TAKING UP OFFERS OF BRAND NEW FLATS IN THE ALLWAY GARDENS PROJECT AT NORTH TSUEN WAN, A MODERN LANDSCAPED PRIVATE HOUSING COMPLEX WITH A FULL RANGE OF AMENITIES RANGING FROM SCHOOLS TO A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

MR. HAYES ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MOST OF THE OWNER-OCCUPIERS WHO HAD TAKEN UP THE OPTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING WOULD BE GOING TO FLATS COMPARABLE IN SIZE TO THE ONES THEY HAD LEFT - AND AGAIN WITH THE ADVANTAGES OF A FAR SUPERIOR ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY AND OTHER FACILITIES.

+AND THOSE WHO HAVE CHOSEN THE OPTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING WILL BE TAKING WITH THEM A TIDY NEST-EGG - ABOUT \$125,000 ON AVERAGE - PAID IN FAIR MARKET VALUE COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SAI LAU KOK FLATS,+ HE SAID.

THE TOWN MANAGER TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE BELIEVED THAT MOST OF THE OWNERS AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE WOULD IN THE END BE BETTER OFF.

HE OUTLINED IN DETAIL THE OPTIONS THE GOVERNMENT HAD OFFERED OWNER-OCCUPIERS :

- \* FULL MARKET VALUE OF THEIR PREMISES AT THE DATE OF REVERSION PLUS A DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE PLUS PUBLIC HOUSING- OR
- \* FULL MARKET VALUE AT THE DATE OF REVERSION, PLUS
  - . DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE, PLUS
  - . A CAPITALISED INTEREST ALLOWANCE TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN COMPENSATION AND THE COST OF BUYING A NEW FLAT, PLUS
  - . A SETTING-UP ALLOWANCE OF \$10,000 TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF CONVEYANCING, MORTGAGE FEES AND STAMP DUTY, PLUS

/o. A RENTAL .....

- A RENTAL ALLOWANCE OF \$1,500 PER MONTH UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR FOR THOSE WHOSE NEW FLATS ARE NOT READY AT THE TIME OF CLEARANCE OR TEMPORARY HOUSING DEPARTMENT ACCOMMODATION, PLUS
- INTEREST AT CURRENT RATES ON THE FAIR MARKET VALUE COMPENSATION SUM CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF REVERSION TO THE DATE OF WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFER.

MR. HAYES GAVE TWO TYPICAL EXAMPLES OF OWNERS BENEFITTING FROM THE LATTER OFFER :

- ONE OWNER-OCCUPIER OF A 296 SQ. FT. FLAT AT SAI LAU KOK WAS PAID A TOTAL OF \$188,413 AND BOUGHT A 536 SQ. FT. FLAT AT THE ALLWAY GARDENS HOUSING COMPLEX AT TSUEN WAN FOR \$207,480.
- A SECOND OWNER OF A 296 SQ. FT. FLAT IN SAI LAU KOK RECEIVED \$190,000 IN COMPENSATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND PURCHASED A 482 SQ. FT. FLAT IN A PRIME LOCATION ON THE 18TH FLOOR OF ALLWAY GARDENS FOR \$209,300.

THE BREAKDOWN OF THE COMPENSATION SUM QUOTED IN EACH OF THE TWO EXAMPLES IS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE COMPENSATION SUM OF \$188,413 PAID TO THE OWNER-OCCUPIER OF A 296 SQ. FT. FLAT AT SAI LAU KOK, WHO BOUGHT A 536 SQ. FT. FLAT AT THE ALLWAY GARDENS FOR \$207,480, IS DERIVED FROM :	
• FULL MARKET VALUE AT THE DATE OF REVERSION	\$129,500
• INTEREST AT CURRENT RATES ON THE FAIR MARKET VALUE COMPENSATION SUM CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF REVERSION TO THE DATE OF WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFER	2,395
• DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE	4,660
• CAPITALISED INTEREST ALLOWANCE TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN COMPENSATION AND THE COST OF BUYING A NEW FLAT	30,536
• SETTING-UP ALLOWANCE TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF CONVEYANCING, MORTGAGE FEES AND STAMP DUTY	10,000
• RENTAL ALLOWANCE	11,322
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	\$188,413
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(2) THE COMPENSATION SUM OF \$190,000 PAID TO THE OWNER-OCCUPIER OF A 296 SQ. FT. FLAT AT SAI LAU KOK, WHO PURCHASED A 482 SQ. FT. FLAT AT THE ALLWAY GARDENS FOR \$209,300, IS DERIVED FROM :

. FULL MARKET VALUE AT THE DATE OF REVERSION	130,000
. INTEREST AT CURRENT RATES ON THE FAIR MARKET VALUE COMPENSATION SUM CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF REVERSION TO THE DATE OF WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFER	2,405
. DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE	5,536
. CAPITALISED INTEREST ALLOWANCE TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN COMPENSATION AND THE COST OF BUYING A NEW FLAT	30,654
. SETTING-UP ALLOWANCE TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF CONVEYANCING, MORTGAGE FEES AND STAMP DUTY	10,000
. RENTAL ALLOWANCE	11,419
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	\$190,014
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+I AM SURE THAT THERE ARE SOME OWNERS WHO NOW VERY MUCH REGRET THAT THEY DID NOT TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO MUCH BETTER FOR THEMSELVES,+ MR. HAYES SAID.

+THE OWNERS WHO DID TAKE IT UP AND PAID THE EXTRA \$20,000 OR SO WOULD SURELY HAVE RECOVERED THAT SUM ALREADY BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT THE VALUE OF THEIR PROPERTIES HAS ALREADY RISEN.+

IN AT LEAST ONE CASE, HE SAID, A SAI LAU KOK OWNER-OCCUPIER FOUND HIMSELF WITH CASH IN HAND AFTER BUYING A FLAT IN ALLWAY GARDENS - IN THIS CASE THE GOVERNMENT'S PAYOUT WAS \$221,614 WHILE THE COST OF THE NEW FLAT WAS \$211,120.

MR. HAYES SAID THOSE OWNERS WHO PREFERRED TO TAKE UP THE FIRST OFFER - AND MOST DID - ALSO DID VERY WELL AS THE MAJORITY OF FAMILIES WITH FOUR OR MORE PERSONS WENT TO CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE, GENERALLY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

LIKE ALL MODERN HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES, IT HAD A SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT WITH A PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL, A KINDERGARTEN, PARKING SPACES, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, A RESTAURANT, CAFE AND SUPERMARKET. THE ESTATE'S COMMERCIAL COMPLEX HAS 41 MARKET STALLS AND TEN COOKED FOOD STALLS AND A WHOLE RANGE OF RETAIL SHOPS.

THE SIZE OF THE FLATS RANGES FROM 250 SQUARE FEET TO 450 SQUARE FEET WITH RENTS PITCHED AT BETWEEN \$270 AND \$450 PER MONTH.

/+IT ALSO .....

+IT ALSO OFFERS A FAR SUPERIOR ENVIRONMENT AND FACILITIES THAN SAI LAU KOK,+ HE SAID.

TENANTS OF SAI LAU KOK GOING TO CHEUNG SHAN WILL ESPECIALLY BENEFIT FROM THE MOVE AS MANY OF THEM WERE SHARING SMALL FLATS IN THEIR OLD BUILDINGS - SEVEN FAMILIES IN ONE 350 SQUARE FEET FLAT IN ONE CASE.

+OWNER-OCCUPIERS RECEIVED AN AVERAGE OF \$125,000 IN FAIR MARKET VALUE COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SAI LAU KOK FLATS,+ MR. HAYES SAID.

+THEREFORE, THOSE GOING TO PUBLIC HOUSING WILL HAVE A TIDY INVESTMENT SUM AS WELL AS LOW COST HOUSING.

+INVESTING \$120,000 AT 10 PER CENT INTEREST WOULD BRING A RETURN OF \$1,000 PER MONTH, LEAVING PLENTY IN RESERVE EVEN AFTER PAYING THE HIGHEST RENT AT CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE.+

MR. HAYES POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ASSISTANCE OFFER STILL STOOD BUT THAT THE GAP WHICH THE OFFER WAS DESIGNED TO FILL HAD NOW BECOME WIDER BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED VALUE OF FLATS AT ALLWAY GARDENS.

+HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL AN ATTRACTIVE DEAL THERE FOR ANY OWNER WHO WISHES TO TAKE IT UP,+ HE EMPHASISED.

+THE OFFER, OF COURSE, APPLIES NOT ONLY TO ALLWAY GARDENS BUT TO ANY FLAT AN OWNER MAY WISH TO PURCHASE ANYWHERE IN HONG KONG.+

THE TOWN MANAGER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT VALUATION OF THE SAI LAU KOK FLATS HAD NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT ON A +FOOT-FOR-FOOT+ BASIS.

HAD THAT BEEN DONE, HE SAID, THE OWNERS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO WELL OFF BECAUSE THE AVERAGE STATUTORY FAIR MARKET VALUE OF SAI LAU KOK FLATS INVOLVED IN THE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME HAD WORKED OUT TO BE \$420 PER SQUARE FOOT COMPARED WITH \$415 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR THE ALLWAY GARDENS FLATS BASED ON SALABLE FLOOR AREA.

+IN ANY EVENT, ALL THE GOVERNMENT'S VALUATIONS ARE OPEN TO CHALLENGE IN THE LANDS TRIBUNAL AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BEAR THE LEGAL COSTS OF ANY OWNER WHO TAKES HIS CASE TO THE TRIBUNAL,+ MR. HAYES SAID.

MR. HAYES NOTED THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A STRAIGHT +FLAT-FOR-FLAT OFFER+ AS RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS SUCH AS THOSE AT SAI LAU KOK WERE NOT BEING BUILT ANY MORE.

+THE SAI LAU KOK FLATS RANGE IN SIZE FROM 250 TO 400 SQUARE FEET IN SALABLE AREA,+ HE SAID, +AND ALTHOUGH THEY ARE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS THEY HAVE NO LIFTS, THE LIGHTING AND VENTILATION ARE POOR, THE CORRIDORS AND STAIRWAYS ARE DARK AND NARROW.+

+THESE BUILDINGS SIMPLY DO NOT BEAR COMPARISON IN ANY WAY EITHER TO THE ALLWAY GARDENS COMPLEX OR THE MODERN HOUSING ESTATES LIKE CHEUNG SHAN,+ HE ADDED.

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NEW HOUSING ASSISTANCE SCHEMES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS  
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OUTLINES OF NEW SCHEMES OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR CIVIL SERVANTS HAVE BEEN PUT TO THE THREE MAIN CIVIL SERVICE STAFF ASSOCIATIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION.

THE PROPOSALS HAVE ALSO BEEN PUT TO THE VARIOUS POLICE STAFF ASSOCIATIONS THROUGH THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

ALL OTHER HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS ARE ALSO BEING ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE PROPOSALS AND TO SEEK THE VIEWS OF THEIR STAFF THROUGH DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS OR ANY OTHER SUITABLE FORUMS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A SET OF PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TOWARD CIVIL SERVANTS' HOUSING FOLLOWING A GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF THE WHOLE RANGE OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE AT PRESENT AVAILABLE TO CIVIL SERVANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW PROPOSALS AIM AT ASSISTING ELIGIBLE CIVIL SERVANTS TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION. THEY CONSIST OF A HOME PURCHASE ALLOWANCE, A GOVERNMENT LOAN TOWARDS THE DOWNPAYMENT ON A FLAT, AND A PRE-RETIREMENT LOAN FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE ALLOWANCE AND LOAN.

HE WENT ON : +THE INTENTION IS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SCHEMES OF PRIVATE TENANCY ALLOWANCE AND NON-DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERS BY THE PROPOSED NEW SCHEMES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. THESE EXISTING FORMS OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE TERMINATE ON AN OFFICER'S RETIREMENT FROM THE CIVIL SERVICES AND THEREFORE DO NOT PROVIDE ANY LASTING BENEFIT.+

THOSE OFFICERS CURRENTLY RECEIVING PRIVATE TENANCY ALLOWANCES OR LIVING IN QUARTERS WILL BE GIVEN AN OPTION WHETHER TO JOIN THE NEW SCHEMES OR RETAIN EXISTING BENEFITS.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO EXTEND THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE SCHEME TO COVER MORE LOCAL OFFICERS.

THE PROPOSED NEW SCHEMES WILL AFFECT DIFFERENT GRADES OF OFFICERS DIFFERENTLY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS SHOULD SEEK ADVICE AND CLARIFICATION FROM EITHER THEIR DEPARTMENTS OR ONE OF THE THREE MAIN STAFF ASSOCIATIONS, THE HONG KONG CHINESE CIVIL SERVANTS ASSOCIATION, THE SENIOR NON-EXPATRIATE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPATRIATE CIVIL SERVANTS ON HOW THE NEW SCHEMES WOULD AFFECT THEM.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID : +STAFF SIDE VIEWS ARE ALSO BEING SOUGHT ON THE OTHER EXISTING SCHEMES, IN PARTICULAR, THE CIVIL SERVICE QUOTA FOR RENTED PUBLIC HOUSING AND CO-OPERATIVE SCHEMES, WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING THEIR ROLE IN FUTURE AND TO BRINGING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS.+

HE SAID THAT AFTER STAFF VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED SCHEMES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED, FIRM PROPOSALS WILL THEN BE DRAWN UP FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, TOGETHER WITH ESTIMATES OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

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UNTIL DISCUSSIONS WITH STAFF ARE COMPLETED, HE SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO DISCLOSE FURTHER DETAILS OF THE NEW PROPOSALS.

AS REGARDS THE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW SCHEMES, THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT IT WOULD DEPEND ON ECONOMIC AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS AND NO FIRM COMMITMENT COULD BE MADE AT THIS STAGE.

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#### HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL 1979

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1979, SHOW A SURPLUS OF \$269.5 MILLION COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$266.2 MILLION IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE, AT \$726.2 MILLION, WAS \$192.3 MILLION MORE THAN IN APRIL 1978.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS, AT \$995.7 MILLION, WERE \$195.6 MILLION MORE THAN FOR THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

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#### RESULTS OF LATEST TENDER FOR 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED PROCESSING THE LATEST TENDERS FOR 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES.

A TOTAL OF 1,267 TENDERS SEEKING A TOTAL OF 1,690 TAXI LICENCES HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHEN THE OFFER CLOSED ON JUNE 29. THE HIGHEST TENDER WAS \$229,800 AND THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID WAS \$213,188.

DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THE AMOUNTS OFFERED ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE AVERAGE PREMIUM IN THE LATEST TENDER EXERCISE WAS \$219,912 COMPARED WITH THE AVERAGE PREMIUM OF \$208,572 IN THE PREVIOUS TENDER IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT LETTERS WOULD BE GOING OUT TODAY TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THAT THE FIRST OF THE 300 TAXIS WOULD BE INSPECTED NEXT MONTH. ALL 300 TAXIS SHOULD BE ON THE ROAD BY THE END OF OCTOBER.

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APRIL MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS  
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THE APRIL MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INCLUDES A NEW SECTION ON EXTERNAL LIABILITIES AND CLAIMS WHICH ANALYSES BY COUNTRY OF THE OVERSEAS BANKING BUSINESS OF BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES IN HONG KONG.

COMMENTING ON THE NEWLY-INCLUDED SECTION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID IT CONTAINS TWO TABLES WHICH REPRESENT HONG KONG'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MARKETS.

+MUCH WORK HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT IN RECENT YEARS, PARTICULARLY BY THE BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS, TO COLLECT AND PUBLISH DATA ON BANK LIABILITIES TO AND CLAIMS ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES BOTH IN DOMESTIC CURRENCIES AND IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES,+ HE SAID.

+THE INTENTION IS TO PROVIDE COMMERCIAL BANKS WITH BETTER INFORMATION TO ASSIST THEM IN MAKING CREDIT JUDGMENT ON LENDING TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,+ HE ADDED.

SO FAR, HE SAID, THE DATA HAVE BEEN COMPILED FROM RETURNS PROVIDED BY EVERY BANK IN MAJOR WESTERN COUNTRIES, BUT THE BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS IS NOW EXPANDING COVERAGE TO INCLUDE ALL BANKS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG, SINGAPORE, THE BAHAMAS, THE CAYMAN ISLANDS AND PANAMA.

THE DATA ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED QUARTERLY BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS COMPILED BY THE BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FIGURES WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED QUARTERLY IN HONG KONG BECAUSE THEY ARE THOUGHT TO BE OF INTEREST TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG, AND WILL ASSIST IN MEASURING HONG KONG'S GROWING STATUS AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

COPIES OF THE APRIL ISSUE OF HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS ARE NOW ON SALE AT \$6 EACH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE CENTRAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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SURVEY OF SQUATTER FACTORIES

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MORE THAN 7,500 SQUATTER FACTORIES LOCATED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG HAVE BEEN VISITED BY ENUMERATORS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN A SURVEY NOW BEING CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE FIGURE REPRESENTS MORE THAN HALF OF THE 11,000 SUCH STRUCTURES KNOWN FROM RECORDS KEPT BY THE SQUATTER CONTROL SECTIONS OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

COMMENTING ON THE RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY, WHICH STARTED ON JULY 3, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID IT HAS BEEN +HIGHLY SATISFACTORY+.

+THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE IS SIMPLE, AND THAT MOST RESPONDENTS ARE WELL AWARE OF THE USEFULNESS OF THE SURVEY RESULTS FOR GOVERNMENT POLICY FORMULATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, TYPE OF PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES RENDERED, SALES OUTLETS, NATURE OF BUSINESS OF THE PRINCIPAL CUSTOMER, AND SALES AND SERVICE RECEIPTS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO APPEALED FOR CONTINUING CO-OPERATION FROM OWNERS OF THOSE SQUATTER FACTORIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN VISITED BY ENUMERATORS.

HE SAID THESE ENUMERATORS ARE STUDENTS SELECTED FROM SEVERAL POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES AND ARE BEING CLOSELY SUPERVISED BY PERMANENT FIELD OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THEY CARRY AN ENUMERATOR'S IDENTITY CARD WHEN VISITING THE FACTORIES.

+THE STATISTICAL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE USED BY RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR ANALYTICAL PURPOSES AND WILL ALSO BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ACTING GOVERNOR VISITS S.W.D.

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED A DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND SAW AT FIRST HAND THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA.

SIR JACK WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AT A SESSION HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS BEFORE VISITING THE EASTERN-WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING.

AT THE BRIEFING SESSION WERE THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MRS. ANSON CHAN, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

DURING HIS VISIT TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. LEE AND THE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICER (HONG KONG ISLAND), MR. KWOK KA-CHI, THE ACTING GOVERNOR MET THE OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE, TALKED TO THE STAFF AND WAS TOLD ABOUT THEIR WORK.

THE EASTERN-WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE IS ONE OF THE 11 SET UP IN APRIL THIS YEAR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT WAS REORGANISED ON A REGIONAL BASIS. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROVISION OF VARIOUS WELFARE SERVICES IN THEIR OWN DISTRICT.

SIR JACK LATER HAD A MEETING WITH HEADS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SECTIONS AND UNITS OPERATING IN THE DISTRICT, DURING WHICH THEY DISCUSSED WORK INVOLVING GROUP AND COMMUNITY, PROBATION, ADOPTION AND FAMILY SERVICES.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT SETS UP INFORMATION BOOTH

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL SET UP AN INFORMATION BOOTH AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC'S AMENITY HALL IN HUNG HOM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE CAREER OF A PRISON OFFICER.

THE BOOTH WILL BE MANNED BY PRISON OFFICERS FROM 10.30 A.M. TO 4.30 P.M. ON THESE TWO DAYS AND THEY WILL ANSWER QUERIES ON SALARY SCALES, PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO JOIN THE SERVICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT SAID THE BOOTH WILL ALSO ACCEPT APPLICATION FROM ANYONE INTENDING TO JOIN THE SERVICE.

AN EXHIBITION ON THE PENAL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG, THE MODERN PRISON SERVICE RUN BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT AND THE VARIED CAREER OF A PRISON OFFICER WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED AT THE INFORMATION COUNTER.

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TWICE YEARLY TOWN PLANNING BOARD LIST OUT  
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A LIST OF PLANS PREPARED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND NOTIFIED IN THE GAZETTE IS PUBLISHED TWICE YEARLY FOR THE GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC.

THE LIST PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE LISTS THOSE PLANS WHICH AT JUNE 30, 1979 HAVE BEEN :

- (I) APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.
- (II) REFERRED BACK TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR AMENDMENT OR REPLACEMENT.
- (III) EXHIBITED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AS DRAFT PLANS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FREE OF CHARGE AT THE LAND OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING).

COPIES OF APPROVED AND DRAFT PLANS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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**SWEEPING IMPROVEMENTS FOR F.M.O. SCHOOLS**  
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SWEEPING CHANGES TO FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS, INCLUDING A NEW SCHOOL, EXTENDED COURSES AND A SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS.

AT THE F.M.O. SUMMER SCHOOL CAMP AT WU KAI SHA, MR. NICHOLS TOLD STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THAT 1979 WOULD GO DOWN AS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE EDUCATIONAL HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION.

+LATER THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID, +IT IS OUR HOPE AND INTENTION TO OPEN THE 14TH PRIMARY SCHOOL OF 24 CLASSROOMS AT AP LEI CHAU, PRIMARILY FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE FISHING FLEET.+

WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, IT IS EXPECTED TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 2,000 STUDENTS.

THE OPENING OF THE NEW SCHOOL WOULD INITIALLY BE STARTED WITH THE TRANSFER OF PUPILS FROM THE ABERDEEN F.M.O. PRIMARY SCHOOL.

AND WITH THE EXTRA SPACE AVAILABLE AT ABERDEEN THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR ROOM FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE F.M.O. SECONDARY PRACTICAL SCHOOL FROM A THREE-YEAR TO A FIVE-YEAR COURSE OF STUDY.

ACCORDING TO MR. NICHOLS, THIS WOULD BE +THE REALISATION OF A DREAM WHICH MANY OF US HAVE HAD FOR MANY YEARS.+

HE ADDED THAT THESE PLANS WOULD NOT ONLY FURTHER THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OF THE CHILDREN, BUT ALSO PROVIDE GREATER CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TEACHING STAFF.

MR. NICHOLS ALSO ANNOUNCED THE INTRODUCTION OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND WHICH WOULD ASSIST FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN THROUGH THE THREE FINAL YEARS — FORMS 4 TO 6 — OF SECONDARY SCHOOLING.

+THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THIS FUND IS TO ASSIST THOSE BRIGHT, INTELLIGENT AND DESERVING FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE BE PREVENTED THROUGH FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, TO CONTINUE THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL F.M.O. SCHOOLS, FISH MARKETS AND DEPOTS AND MR. NICHOLS SAID PARENTS AND CHILDREN WERE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

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