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TALKS TO EXPLAIN NEW TRADE AGREEMENT LAUNCHED
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A SERIES OF TALKS TO EXPLAIN THE WORKINGS OF THE NEW HONG KONG/UNITED STATES TEXTILE AGREEMENT TO LOCAL TRADE ASSOCIATIONS HAS BEEN LAUNCHED BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

THE TALKS ARE BEING ARRANGED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S QUOTA CONTROL DIVISION, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS GOVERNING HONG KONG'S TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

+THESE TALKS ARE A FOLLOW-UP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION WE HAVE ALREADY CIRCULATED TO THE TRADE,+ MRS FRANCES HSIUNG, HEAD OF THE QUOTA CONTROL DIVISION, SAID TODAY. +OUR OBJECT IS TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS TO UNDERSTAND THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS.+

AN INVITATION TO RECEIVE SPEAKERS HAS BEEN ADDRESSED TO TRADE ASSOCIATIONS CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE TEXTILE TRADE. THE FIRST TALK HAS ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED TO THE HONG KONG COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG COTTON WEAVERS.

THE UNITED STATES IS HONG KONG'S LARGEST SINGLE MARKET FOR TEXTILE EXPORTS. HIGHER GROWTH POTENTIAL IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE NEW AGREEMENT WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1 FOR THREE YEARS.

IT REPLACES PREVIOUS RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE RENEGOTIATED BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT COVERING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES.

THE NEW AGREEMENT COVERS EXPORTS OF COTTON, MAN-MADE FIBRE AND WOOL TEXTILES. THE AGGREGATE LIMIT HAS BEEN RAISED FROM 792 TO 835 MILLION EQUIVALENT SQUARE YARDS, AND THIS WILL INCREASE BY JUST OVER SIX PER CENT ANNUALLY TO REACH 934 MILLION EQUIVALENT SQUARE YARDS BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER, 1977, WHEN THE AGREEMENT EXPIRES.

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PROPERTY OWNERS IN TSUEN WAN
AGAIN REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO PAY TAX
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THOSE TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS WHO HAD EARLIER RETURNED THEIR PROPERTY TAX DEMAND NOTES WOULD RECONSIDER THEIR ACTION.

HE SAID THAT AS RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG, IT WAS THEIR OBLIGATION TO PAY TAX.

+BY RETURNING THE DEMAND NOTES OR GOING UP TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE WOULD NOT REMOVE THEIR OBLIGATION,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SO FAR MORE THAN 2,000 PROPERTY TAX DEMAND NOTES FROM THE TSUEN WAN AREA, AMOUNTING TO SOME \$5 MILLION, HAVE BEEN PAID TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT= AND MORE ARE EXPECTED TO PAY.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF 15% PROPERTY TAX IN TSUEN WAN WOULD ONLY AFFECT LANDLORDS OF SUBSTANTIAL PROPERTIES WHO ARE NOT ALREADY PAYING TAX ON THEIR RENTAL INCOME IN THE FORM OF BUSINESS PROFITS TAX.

+NOW, MORE THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME,+ HE SAID, +PEOPLE WHO OUGHT TO BE CONTRIBUTING TO GOVERNMENT REVENUE SHOULD NOT WISH TO RUN AWAY FROM THEIR OBLIGATION WHEN THEIR COUNTERPARTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON HAVE BEEN PAYING SUCH TAX FOR YEARS.+

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED RESIDENTS THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF GROUNDS ON WHICH THEY COULD APPLY FOR EXEMPTION AND SUGGESTED THEY FIND OUT WHICH CATEGORY THEY BELONG TO.

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OPENING OF NEW LEGCO SESSION
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL REVIEW THE AFFAIRS OF HONG KONG AT THE FIRST SITTING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S NEW SESSION TOMORROW (OCTOBER 16).

THE FIRST SITTING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SUBSEQUENT SITTINGS ON OCTOBER 30 AND 31 AND NOVEMBER 13 AND IF NECESSARY, 14.

ON OCTOBER 30 AND 31, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK AND ON NOVEMBER 13 AND POSSIBLY 14, OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL REPLY TO THE POINTS RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

TOMORROW'S PROCEEDINGS WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE OVER THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE NETWORKS OF RADIO HONG KONG AS WELL AS THE CHINESE CHANNEL OF COMMERCIAL RADIO.

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CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FINED
FOR BREACHING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS
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A COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR A KWAI CHUNG BUILDING PROJECT WHERE TWO WORKERS DIED IN MULTI-STORY FALLS WITHIN THREE DAYS WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$7,000 IN TSUEN WAN COURT TODAY FOR BREACHES OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS.

MAGISTRATE MR. F.W. BLACKWELL IMPOSED THE FINES AFTER HE HAD ACCOMPANIED COUNSEL FOR THE PROSECUTION AND THE DEFENCE TO THE SITE WHERE THE MEN WERE KILLED ON JULY 12 AND JULY 15.

WHEN THE COURT HEARING RESUMED AFTER THE INSPECTION, DEFENCE COUNSEL MR. ANDREW CHRISTIE SAID HIS CLIENT, THE NGO KEE CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD., WOULD CHANGE THE ORIGINAL PLEA OF NOT GUILTY TO ONE OF GUILTY.

AT AN EARLIER HEARING OF THE CASE ON SEPTEMBER 13, MR. BLACKWELL HAD ORDERED THE COMPANY TO SECURELY FENCE HOLES IN THE PARTLY-COMPLETED BUILDING AFTER BEING TOLD THAT THE COMPANY HAD FAILED TO DO SO DESPITE REPEATED WARNINGS BY LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

THE COMPANY WAS SUMMONSED UNDER THE SAFETY PROVISIONS OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS.

IT IS THE FIRST TIME A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY HAS BEEN PROSECUTED FOR IGNORING THE RECENTLY-INTRODUCED SAFETY REGULATIONS.

DURING THE EARLIER HEARING, CROWN COUNSEL, MR. M. SHARWOOD, TOLD THE COURT THAT BOTH WORKERS DIED WHEN THEY FELL THROUGH HOLES IN THE FLOOR OF A PARTIALLY-COMPLETED GODOWN/INDUSTRIAL BUILDING.

WHEN TWO FACTORY INSPECTORS VISITED THE SITE ON JULY 12 FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF THE FIRST MAN, THEY DISCOVERED HE HAD OVERBALANCED AND FALLEN THROUGH A HOLE IN THE FLOOR ON THE FOURTH FLOOR, HE SAID.

THEY DISCOVERED ABOUT TWENTY HOLES ON EACH OF THE SEVEN FLOORS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, VARYING IN SIZE FROM 24 FT. BY 40 FT. TO 24 FT. BY THREE FT.

MR. SHARWOOD SAID THE INSPECTORS HAD CATEGORICALLY DRAWN THE ATTENTION OF THE SITE AGENT TO THE HOLES, POINTING OUT TO HIM THAT THEY WERE A CONTRAVENTION OF OFFICIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS.

THEY HAD TOLD THE AGENT THE HOLES WERE "SHEER-DEATH TRAPS".

THE SITE AGENT HAD AGREED TO SUGGESTED SAFETY MEASURES AND PROMISED TO IMPLEMENT THEM, MR. SHARWOOD SAID.

BUT WHEN ONE OF THE INSPECTORS RETURNED TO THE SITE THREE DAYS LATER TO SEE WHAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE, HE LEARNED THAT A SECOND WORKER HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN A FATAL FALL FROM A FLOOR OPENING ON THE FIFTH FLOOR.

MR. SHARWOOD SAID THAT AN EXAMINATION OF THE SITE HAD SHOWN THAT NOTHING HAD BEEN DONE TO REMOVE THE DANGER TO WORKERS OF FALLING THROUGH THE FLOOR OPENINGS.

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SECRETARY FOR HOUSING VISITS NEW HOUSING ESTATE
AT TUEN MUN
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. IAN LIGHTBODY, YESTERDAY (MONDAY) VISITED THE LARGE NEW PUBLIC HOUSING SCHEME BEING DEVELOPED IN AREA 6 OF THE NEW TOWN AT TUEN MUN.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. THOMAS KU, SENIOR ARCHITECT IN THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE ESTATE WHEN COMPLETED WILL HAVE FIVE LARGE CRUCIFORM BLOCKS TO HOUSE 46,000 PEOPLE. IT IS BEING DEVELOPED IN TWO PHASES. THE FIRST-PHASE CONTRACT FOR 29,000 PEOPLE IS FOR THREE CRUCIFORM BLOCKS, A SIX-STORY BLOCK, TOGETHER WITH THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS. THE FIRST PHASE, TOGETHER WITH A PORTION OF THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE, WILL BE READY IN OCTOBER 1976.

A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THESE TAPERING CRUCIFORM BLOCKS IS THAT THEY PROVIDE A VARIETY OF ROOM SIZES, WITH LARGER ROOMS AT THE BASE AND SMALLER ROOMS AT THE UPPER LEVELS. THE SHORTER CORRIDORS ON EACH FLOOR WILL MAKE FOR A CLOSER COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG TENANTS. EACH BLOCK WILL HAVE 1,400 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS WITH BALCONIES.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING WAS MET BY MR. LAWRENCE LEE, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF FAR EAST ENGINEERING COMPANY, THE CONTRACTORS FOR THE FIRST PHASE.

FOR THIS CONTRACT THE COMPANY IS USING A PART PRE-CAST BUILDING SYSTEM AND IS BUILDING A PRE-FABRICATION FACTORY ON THE ESTATE SITE FOR BUILDING FLOOR SLABS AND PARTITION WALLS. BY USING THESE MODERN, LABOUR-SAVING METHODS THE FAR EAST ENGINEERING COMPANY CAN COMPLETE ONE FLOOR IN 12 DAYS. THIS SYSTEM ALSO PRODUCES A BETTER WALL FINISH, AND ELIMINATES THE NEED TO PLASTER THE WALLS FOR A SMOOTH FINISH.

MR. LIGHTBODY WAS SHOWN THE WORK BEING DONE ON THE FOUNDATIONS FOR TWO OF THE FIRST THREE BLOCKS. BECAUSE OF THE SOIL CONDITIONS IN THE AREA, IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT ONE WING OF EACH OF THESE CRUCIFORM BLOCKS ON RAFTS RATHER THAN CONVENTIONAL PILING.

THE CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS ESTATE IS OVER \$80 MILLION. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE WHOLE ESTATE, I.E. TWO PHASES, IS ABOUT \$160 MILLION. IT WILL INCLUDE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, MARKETS, CULTURAL CENTRE AND A SHOPPING COMPLEX.

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S.W.D. ORGANISES SEMINARS ON DRUG ABUSE
TO SUPPORT +KEEP HONG KONG DRUG FREE CAMPAIGN+
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES HAVE ORGANISED A SERIES OF SEMINARS IN SUPPORT OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE'S +KEEP HONG KONG DRUG FREE CAMPAIGN+.

THE AIM OF THE CAMPAIGN IS TO FAMILIARISE WELFARE WORKERS AND THE PUBLIC ON THE PROBLEMS OF DRUG ABUSE, METHODS OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AND THE ROLES THAT AGENCIES AND CITIZENS CAN PLAY TO COMBAT THIS SOCIAL PROBLEM.

THE CAMPAIGN IS BEING HELD IN THREE STAGES WITH THE FIRST FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR CONCENTRATING ON FAMILIARISING WELFARE WORKERS ON THE SUBJECT THROUGH SEMINARS AND THE LIKE.

IN ALL, THE C.Y.O.S HAVE PLANNED SEVEN SEMINARS, THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS HELD LAST WEEK AT YUEN LONG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OTHERS WILL TAKE PLACE IN SHAM SHUI PO, YAU MA TEI, TSUEN WAN, KOWLOON CITY, WESTERN AND EASTERN. SOME OF THESE WILL INCLUDE PARTICIPANTS FROM NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS.

APART FROM GROUP DISCUSSIONS, LECTURES BY PEOPLE IN THE FIELD OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DRUG ABUSE, SOME SEMINARS WILL INCLUDE TALKS BY EX-ADDICTS ON THE EXPERIENCE, AND A FILM.

IN THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN EARLY NEXT YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND YOUTH CENTRES AND ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICES, WILL ORGANISE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR SPECIFIC GROUPS WITHIN THEIR OWN NEIGHBOURHOOD.

THE C.Y.O.S WILL CONTINUE THEIR PARTICIPATION BY PROMOTING AND FACILITATING CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL AND WILL ACT AS CO-ORDINATORS AMONG THESE OFFICES, MEMBER AGENCIES OF THE COUNCIL AND OTHER NON-MEMBER ORGANISATIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SEMINARS :-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
(1) FRIDAY OCT. 25TH	TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE, TONG YAM STREET, TAI HANG TUNG, KOWLOON.	10.00 A.M. - 12.30 P.M.

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- (2) WEDNESDAY
OCT. 30TH
COMMUNITY AND
YOUTH (YAU MA
TEI) OFFICE,
57, PEKING ROAD,
5TH FLOOR,
TSIM SHA TSUI,
KOWLOON. 2.30 P.M. - 4.00 P.M.
- (3) FRIDAY
NOV. 15TH
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA
COMMUNITY CENTRE,
TAI HO ROAD,
TSUEN WAN. 9.20 A.M. - 12.35 P.M.
- (4) SATURDAY
NOV. 16TH
COMMUNITY AND YOUTH
(KOWLOON CITY)
OFFICE,
8, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD,
KOWLOON CITY. 2.15 P.M. - 4.30 P.M.
- (5) FRIDAY
NOV. 22ND
WESTERN DISTRICT
COMMUNITY CENTRE,
WESTERN STREET,
HONG KONG. 2.00 P.M. - 5.00 P.M.
- (6) THURSDAY
NOV. 28TH
COMMUNITY AND YOUTH
(EASTERN) OFFICE,
ROOM 707, CAUSEWAY
BAY MAGISTRACY
BUILDING,
HONG KONG. 2.15 P.M. - 5.00 P.M.

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FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SAU MAU PING CENTRAL ESTATE
WELFARE BUILDING
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SAU MAU PING (CENTRAL) ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING WILL MARK ITS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 17) WITH AN +ANNIVERSARY DAY+ CELEBRATION ORGANISED BY WELFARE AGENCIES HOUSED IN THE PREMISES.

THE CELEBRATIONS, PLANNED BY THE BUILDING'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTING THE AGENCIES, WILL START AT 3.00 P.M. WITH THE OPENING REMARKS BY MR. MA HONG-YAM, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. IT WILL THEN BE FOLLOWED BY A RIBBON-CUTTING BY SIX LOCAL RESIDENTS IN THE ESTATE.

THE EXHIBITION ON PUBLIC AND WELFARE SERVICES IN THE ESTATE IN THE FORM OF PICTURES, CHARTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND MODELS IS ALSO ONE OF THE PROGRAMMES OF THAT DAY. IT WILL LAST FOR TWO DAYS.

THE FINAL PROGRAMME, WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN THE EVENING, IS A FILM AND COLOUR SLIDE SHOW WITH A THEME ON FAMILY PLANNING AND EDUCATION.

BESIDES THE DEPARTMENT'S SAU MAU PING (CENTRAL) ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE AND THE SAU MAU PING DEAF CLUB, THE BUILDING ALSO ACCOMMODATES THE PING NGON YOUTH SERVICE CENTRE= THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG= THE HOLY CARPENTER CHURCH CLINIC= THE HONG KONG BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB ASSOCIATION SAU MAU PING LIBRARY AND THE GOSPEL DEBATING SOCIETY SAU MAU PING DAY NURSERY.

A SIMILAR EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD AT THE HALL OF SAU MAU PING ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING (SOUTH). THE EXHIBITION, WHICH STARTED YESTERDAY (OCTOBER 14), WILL END TODAY.

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SEVERANCE PAY DISPUTE SETTLED

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THE SEVERANCE PAY DISPUTE INVOLVING 80 WORKERS OF THE HONG KONG TABLEWARE LIMITED IN TSUEN WAN WAS SETTLED TODAY.

LABOUR DEPARTMENT CONCILIATOR, MR. SIN CHUNG YU, HAD CHAIRED TWO MEETINGS ON OCTOBER 10 AND 11 IN WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKERS AND MANAGEMENT DISCUSSED THE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT.

A SUM OF \$53,738 COVERING SEVEN DAYS WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, PRO RATA ANNUAL BONUSES, SEVERANCE PAYMENTS AND GRATUITY WAS MADE TO THE WORKERS AT THE FACTORY THIS AFTERNOON.

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AUCTION OF "LUCKY" CAR NUMBERS

TWENTY MORE SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS WEEK.

THE SALE, ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM SATURDAY (OCTOBER 19) IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE NUMBERS ARE:

AA 23	AB 6600	AB 7117	AB 9669	AD 3838
AE 9009	AF 21	AF 88	AG 555	AH 5678
AK 252	1090	5115	8228	HK 8000
AV 181	AZ 123	BD 3	BD 3333	BD 1000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

POTENTIAL BIDDERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

THE PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 32,851 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 48.8 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 63,610 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 25,090 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 48,960 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 49.7 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

A TRACE OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 AM TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,395.6 MM (54.94 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,061.8 MM (81.17 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 32.3 PER CENT.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF H.K. TRAINING COUNCIL

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A BUFFET RECEPTION TO MARK THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL TONIGHT.

OFFICIALS OF THE COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF ITS VARIOUS COMMITTEES ATTENDED THE RECEPTION.

THEY WERE WELCOMED BY MR. JAMES WU, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, WHO REPRESENTED THE CHAIRMAN, MR. T.K. ANN.

MR. ANN WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF ILLNESS.

GUEST SPEAKER AT THE RECEPTION WAS A VISITING BRITISH TRAINING EXPERT, MR. J.K. DENSHAM, SENIOR TRAINING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SERVICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF SPEECHES BY MR. WU AND MR. DENSHAM ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE GIS NEWSROOM.

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TWO NEW LEGCO MEMBERS TO ATTEND NEW SESSION
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THERE WILL BE TWO NEW MEMBERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHEN THE NEW SESSION OPENS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THEY WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KEN TOPLEY, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE.

MR. TOPLEY TAKES THE PLACE OF MR. JACK CANNING WHO RETIRED FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE NEARLY TWO MONTHS AGO, AND MR. PRICE TAKES THE SEAT PREVIOUSLY HELD BY THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR. DAVID ALEXANDER.

BEFORE TAKING UP HIS POST AS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. TOPLEY WAS DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE. PRIOR TO THAT HE SERVED IN A NUMBER OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS FROM 1970 TO 1973.

MR. PRICE HAS BEEN COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR SINCE SEPTEMBER 1973. AFTER SERVING IN MALAYA AND KENYA.

MR. PRICE JOINED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN HONG KONG AS A SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN 1965. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN 1968 AND TO DEPUTY COMMISSIONER IN 1971.

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KOWLOON BAY CLEARANCE COMPLETED

SQUATTER CONTROL STAFF OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TODAY CLEARED ABOUT 25 ACRES OF LAND ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION, WHERE RACKETEERS HAD BEEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN BUILDING ILLEGAL SQUATTER HUTS FOR SALE.

THE LAND CLEARED IS BEING HANDED OVER TO THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. PART OF THE AREA WILL BE USED AS A WORK SITE FOR THE MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM AND THE REMAINDER FOR ROADWORKS AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE CLEARANCE INVOLVED NEARLY 400 ILLEGAL SQUATTER HUTS. HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF THEM HAD ALREADY BEEN DEMOLISHED BY THE OCCUPANTS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF HAD TO DEMOLISH ONLY 53 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

THE CLEARANCE WAS COMPLETED VERY SMOOTHLY AND 18 FAMILIES WHO FAILED TO MOVE OUT IN TIME WERE HELPED TO DO SO. THEY WERE TAKEN TO WONG CHUK HANG TRANSIT CENTRE BY DEPARTMENTAL TRANSPORT.

A TOTAL OF 241 FAMILIES COMPRISING 918 PEOPLE WHO WERE REGISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST HAVE MOVED INTO THEIR HOMES AT THE NEW SHEK YAM LICENSED AREA.

ALL THOSE WHO WERE OFFERED TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AT WONG CHUK HANG TRANSIT CENTRE TODAY HAD ONLY MOVED INTO KOWLOON BAY VERY RECENTLY. IT IS APPARENT THAT THESE PEOPLE BOUGHT THEIR ILLEGAL HUTS FROM RACKETEERS AFTER THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAD COMPLETED ITS SURVEYED REGISTRATION OF THE AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NOT TO BUY HUTS FROM THE RACKETEERS OR THEY WOULD SUFFER UNNECESSARY LOSSES.

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME
ORGANISED BY CYO (KOWLOON CITY)

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A YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE (KOWLOON CITY) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR YOUTHS OVER 15 OF SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION LEVEL.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAYS FROM OCTOBER 18 TO DECEMBER 27, 1974 FROM 7.30 P.M. TO 9.30 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE (KOWLOON CITY) AT 8, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, FOOK TAO MANSION, GROUND FLOOR.

THE CONTENTS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE SMALL GROUP AND LEADERSHIP, TECHNIQUES IN THE DISCUSSION GROUP, PANEL PRESENTATION AND SPEECH DELIVERY, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF PROGRAMME PLANNING.

THE FORMAT OF THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE SEMINARS, LECTURES, DEMONSTRATIONS, VISITS OF OBSERVATION, FIELD WORK PRACTICE AND VISUAL-AIDS.

MR. DONALD NG, THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER (KOWLOON CITY), SAID THAT SIMILAR TRAINING COURSES HELD SUCCESSFULLY LAST SUMMER WERE BEING CONTINUED THIS YEAR.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAMME ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OR THROUGH TEL. 3-021414.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
CHINA RICE		
SEE MEU	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
THAI RICE		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.82
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.65
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
U.S. RICE		
	GOOD	1.92
AUSTRALIAN RICE		
	GOOD	1.74
PAKISTAN RICE		
	GOOD	-
TAIWAN RICE		
	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	LIMITED	4.00	2.00	3.00
BIG-EYES	NORMAL	2.40	1.00	1.70
SQUID	NORMAL	3.50	1.50	2.50
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	1.50	0.80	1.10
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	3.00	0.50	1.80
CROAKERS	LIMITED	3.20	0.70	2.00
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	LIMITED	3.00	2.40	2.70
MELON COAT	-----		NO SALE	
BREAMS	SCARCE	5.00	3.50	4.20
YELLOW BELLY	NORMAL	1.00	0.40	0.70
MACKERELS	LIMITED	4.80	1.60	3.20
RED GOAT FISH	SCARCE	1.50	0.50	1.00
FORK-TAIL	GOOD	0.80	0.40	0.60
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	3.20	1.60	2.40
MELON SEED	NORMAL	2.30	1.00	1.60
POMFRETS	SCARCE	9.00	7.00	8.00
GARROUPAS	SCARCE	10.00	6.00	8.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	6.30	5.00	5.60

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

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TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.20	0.80	1.50
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.00	0.60	1.40
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	1.40	0.50	1.00
WATER SPINACH	SCARCE	1.00	0.30	0.60
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	2.20	0.80	1.50
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.80	0.80	1.60
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	2.50	0.60	1.80
SPINACH	SCARCE	3.00	1.00	2.20
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	5.00	3.00	4.00
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.20	0.60	1.50
CHINESE SPINACH	SCARCE	1.40	0.40	0.90
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.80	2.00	3.50