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PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA

FIFTY-FOUR HONG KONG RESIDENTS RECEIVED THEIR INSIGNIA FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE TODAY.

THE RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED EITHER IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS OR IN THE NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

TODAY'S INSIGNIA INCLUDED TWO C.B.E.'S, FIVE O.B.E.'S, ONE I.S.O., TWO M.B.E.'S (M), SIX M.B.E.'S AND ONE M.B.E. (H):

MR. RUN RUN SHAW AND MR. WILFRED WONG SIEN-BING RECEIVED THE C.B.E. (COMMANDER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE).

OTHER AWARDS PRESENTED WERE:

O.B.E. - (OFFICER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR. CHOW CHUNG-KAI
MR. HUGH MOSS GERALD FORSGATE
BRIGADIER RAINALD GILFRID LEWTHWAITE
MR. PERCY THOMAS WARR
THE HON. JAMES WU MAN-HON

I.S.O. - (IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER)

MR. ROBERT KWOK CHEUNG

M.B.E. (M) - (MEMBER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE) (MILITARY)

MAJOR LEE CHI-PING
WARRANT OFFICER CARLOS JACINTO PINTOS

M.B.E. - (MEMBER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR. FUNG HAK-MING
MR. LEUNG HON-MING
MR. FRANCIS LOO KHIM-LENG
MR. WILLIAM JOHN MACDONALD
MRS. MARGARET MARY WILSON
MISS YEUNG SO-MIN

M.B.E. (H) - (MEMBER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE) (HONORARY)

MR. KWOK WAI-MAN

BADGE OF HONOUR

MR. CHEUNG YIU-KAY
MR. HUNG CHEUNG-HO
MR. LAI KAM-YUEN
MRS. LEE WAI-NGAN
MISS LIN HON-YING
MR. LO CHI-SANG
MR. TAI KUEN
MR. TANG TAI-CHUEN

/C.P.H.

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C.P.M. - (COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL) (GALLANTRY)
POLICE CONSTABLE CHAN KAM-MING

B.E.M. (M) - (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL) (MILITARY)
CORPORAL HARISING GURUNG

B.E.M. - (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL)
MR. CHAN WING-FAI
MR. KUNG YING-FUN
MR. MA PING
MR. ABDUL ERERUN MAHOMED RAFAEEK
MR. SO SAU-YUEN
MR. WAN TIN-CHUN

Q.P.M. - (QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL)
MR. GERALD ARTHUR HARKNETT
MR. RAYMOND FRANCIS SMITH

C.P.M. - (COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL)
MR. GEORGE JAMES BATTS
MR. PETER ANTHONY ENGLISH
MR. FAN KWOK-CHOI
MR. CHARLES MCGREGOR JOHNSTON
STATION SERGEANT LAU YIU
STATION SERGEANT LEUNG KAI-YAN
MR. CHARLES DEREK MAYGER
MR. WILLIAM PATRICK MCMAHON
SERGEANT MIAO FENG-CHAO
SERGEANT POON KAM-FAI
SERGEANT TSUNG SHU-TIEN
CONSTABLE WAN YEE-YEP
SERGEANT WONG CHIU
MR. WONG PANG-KWAN

C.P.M. (F) - (COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL) (FIRE)
MR. LO CHAU
MR. PO CHEUK-PUI
MR. TAM HON-CHEUNG
MR. JULIO YUEN

S.B. OF THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN - (SERVING BROTHER OF THE
MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF
ST. JOHN)
MR. LAM MING-HO

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QMH NEW PATHOLOGY BUILDING OPENED

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY OPENED THE NEW CLINICAL PATHOLOGY BUILDING OF QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL DESCRIBING IT AS +A SIGNIFICANT STEP TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.+

+THERE WILL BE MANY OTHER SUCH STEPS,+ SIR MURRAY SAID, CITING THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME DRAWN UP FOR THE STEADY EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

THIS PROGRAMME, HE ADDED, WILL BE ROLLED FORWARD YEAR BY YEAR AND WOULD ENABLE US +TO GO FORWARD IN AN ORDERLY WAY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT RESERVES ARE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME.+

THE EIGHT-STORY BUILDING, BUILT AT A COST OF \$9 MILLION, BECAME OPERATIONAL IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, PROVIDING THE CLINICAL PATHOLOGY SERVICE FOR THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH :

+I AM INDEED PROUD OF THIS NEW CLINICAL PATHOLOGY BUILDING, AND AM DELIGHTED BY YOUR TRIBUTE TO THE GOOD CO-OPERATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITY, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHICH BROUGHT IT INTO BEING. WITH THIS NEW BUILDING WE TAKE A FURTHER AND SIGNIFICANT STEP TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND TO ENSURE THEY KEEP PACE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.

+THERE WILL BE MANY OTHER SUCH STEPS. WE HAVE DRAWN UP A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME FOR THE STEADY EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS, AND THIS PROGRAMME WILL BE ROLLED FORWARD YEAR BY YEAR. THIS WILL HELP US TO GO FORWARD IN AN ORDERLY WAY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT RESERVES ARE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME.

+THE MAIN ITEMS ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOSPITALS AND CLINICS= THE ORGANISATION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES ON A REGIONAL BASIS= THEIR EXTENSION TO THE NEW TOWNS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES= AND A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN STANDARDS WHEREVER PRACTICABLE. YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL STEADILY AND PRUDENTLY PRESS FORWARD WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

+BUT WE ARE CONCERNED TODAY WITH THIS NEW BUILDING, WHICH IS THE PRODUCT OF SO MUCH CAREFUL THOUGHT AND PLANNING AND WORK BY SO MANY PEOPLE OF SO MANY SKILLS AND CRAFTS. I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THEM ALL, BUT PARTICULARLY PROFESSOR GIBSON FOR THE PART HE HAS PLAYED WITH SUCH DILIGENCE AND ENTHUSIASM.

+IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO DECLARE THIS CLINICAL PATHOLOGY BUILDING OF THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL OPEN.+

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U.K. LABOUR EXPERT CRITICISES H.K. FACTORY SAFETY
STANDARDS
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THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY STANDARDS OF FAR TOO MANY FACTORIES IN HONG KONG ARE EITHER INDIFFERENT OR TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE, A BRITISH LABOUR EXPERT SAID TODAY.

THE EXPERT, MR. TONY LINEHAN, A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE U.K. FACTORY INSPECTORATE, CLAIMED THAT ONLY A FEW LOCAL FACTORIES HAD ATTAINED WORLD STANDARDS OF WORK SAFETY.

MR. LINEHAN HAS BEEN IN HONG KONG FOR JUST OVER A YEAR AS A SPECIALIST ADVISER TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON FACTORY INSPECTION AND RELATED MATTERS.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG EAST ROTARY CLUB, MR. LINEHAN SAID THERE WAS NO REASON THAT ALL FACTORIES SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR WORKERS - AND PROFIT FROM IT.

+INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG HAS A JUSTIFIABLE REPUTATION FOR THE SKILL OF ITS WORK PEOPLE, THE INGENUITY OF ITS DESIGN AND PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES, THE RESOURCEFULNESS OF ITS FACTORIES AND THE ADMIRABLE WAY IN WHICH IT ADAPTS ITSELF TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES,+ HE SAID.

+IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO EXERCISE THESE QUALITIES TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION FOR THOSE, WHO BY THEIR DAILY WORK IN FACTORIES, CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO OUR PROSPERITY.

+WHAT WE SHOULD ENSURE IS THAT THE EXAMPLE SET BY THE FEW BECOMES RAPIDLY THE NORM FOR THE REMAINDER.+

MR. LINEHAN SAID THE OBJECTIONS RAISED AGAINST PROVIDING GUARDS FOR POWER PRESSES, AS AN EXAMPLE, WERE THAT THEY WOULD SLOW PRODUCTION, JEOPARDISE PROFITABILITY AND ERODE THE EARNING CAPACITY OF THE OPERATOR.

THIS IN TURN WOULD CREATE ANTIPATHY OR DOWNRIGHT HOSTILITY ON THE PART OF THE PRODUCTION WORKER TOWARD THE DEVICE DESIGNED TO PROTECT HIM.

MR. LINEHAN SAID: +THIS CHARGE, HOWEVER, IS TOO FREQUENTLY THE ALLEGATION OF THOSE WHO ARE DISINCLINED TO MAKE THE CHANGE.

+A PROPERLY-DESIGNED GUARD CAN NOT ONLY PROVIDE A HIGH STANDARD OF SAFETY, BUT CAN ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY.

+MOREOVER, IMPROVED PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES SUCH AS BETTER TOOL DESIGN AND AUTOMATIC FEEDING CAN CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS GREATER PROFITABILITY AND BY THEIR VERY NATURE DIMINISH MOST SIGNIFICANTLY THE RISK OF OPERATOR ACCIDENTS.+

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MR. LINEHAN SAID THAT, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY STANDARDS OF SOME FACTORIES IN HONG KONG RANKED WITH THE BEST OF ANY INDUSTRIAL NATION.

THIS STEMMED FROM AN ENLIGHTENED MANAGEMENT WHICH SAW NO CONFLICT BETWEEN THE DEMANDS OF A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AND THE DEMANDS OF AN EFFICIENT, HIGHLY-PRODUCTIVE AND PROFITABLE ENTERPRISE.

HOWEVER, TOO FEW FACTORIES HAD ATTAINED THIS MARK, HE ADDED.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT *****

THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 AM TODAY (WEDNESDAY) STOOD AT 53,815 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 80.0 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 60,305 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 37,325 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 46,916 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 73.9 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

NO 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 2,100.8 MM (82.71 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,104.2 MM (82.84 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 0.16 PER CENT.

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MAJOR CENSUS OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE PLANNED
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS TO BE INCLUDED

THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING A COMPREHENSIVE CENSUS OF THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, AS WELL AS RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS.

THE CENSUS, SCHEDULED FOR 1976, IS PART OF A LONG-TERM PROGRAMME TO COLLECT COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC STATISTICS COVERING ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES SO AS TO PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT OF THE ECONOMY AND THE SECTORAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYMENT, OUTPUT AND INCOME IN HONG KONG.

IT WILL COLLECT INFORMATION RELATING TO THE YEAR 1975 ON EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR COSTS, SALES AND RECEIPTS, CHANGES IN STOCKS AND RATE OF TURNOVER, AND OPERATING COSTS AMONG OTHERS.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THIS SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY ACCOUNTS FOR A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN HONG KONG.

THERE ARE SOME 60,000 WHOLESALE AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, 3,000 RESTAURANTS AND 800 HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES. IN 1971, THIS SECTOR EMPLOYED 254,000 PERSONS, WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT TO 16 PER CENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG. THE ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTION OF THIS SECTOR TO THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT WAS 21 PER CENT OR \$4,212 MILLION IN 1972.

BETWEEN JUNE AND AUGUST THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS SO AS TO COMPILE A COMPLETE REGISTER OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE 1976 CENSUS.

DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT A SERIES OF CONSULTATIVE TALKS WITH ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES. THE FIRST WILL START ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 8) WITH DEPARTMENT STORES. THE PURPOSE OF THESE TALKS IS TO OBTAIN FROM THESE ESTABLISHMENTS THEIR VIEWS ON THE SUITABILITY OF QUESTIONNAIRES TO BE USED FOR THE CENSUS, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, HE SAID, WOULD BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE BY LETTER BEFORE BEING APPROACHED FOR CONSULTATION. THE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED BY PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO WILL CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD WHILE ON DUTY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TIME HAD COME FOR HONG KONG TO COLLECT DETAILED STATISTICS RELATING TO THIS SECTOR.

+STATISTICS OF THIS KIND COLLECTED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME WILL NOT ONLY MEASURE CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF SALES, IN CONSUMER DEMAND, IN SOURCES OF SUPPLY BUT ALSO INDICATE MOVEMENTS IN THE TREND OF EMPLOYMENT, WAGES AND PRODUCTIVITY IN THIS SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY.+

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PRICE CEILING ON RICE REDUCED

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A MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE SYSTEM FOR RICE IS TO REMAIN IN FORCE FOR THE TIME BEING TO SAFEGUARD THE CONSUMER, THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THIS EVENING.

THIS WAS AGREED AT A MEETING OF THE RICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH WAS CALLED TO CONSIDER THE RICE PRICE STRUCTURE IN THE LIGHT OF LOWER QUOTATIONS FROM HONG KONG'S MAJOR SUPPLIERS, CHINA AND THAILAND.

THE CEILING FOR TOP QUALITY SEE MEW RICE HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM \$2.45 TO \$2.35 WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

A DC AND I SPOKESMAN COMMENTED: +ACTUAL RETAIL PRICES ARE ALREADY BELOW THE NEW MAXIMUM PERMITTED LEVEL WHICH INDICATES THAT THE APPLICATION OF A PRICE CEILING SYSTEM MAY NO LONGER BE NECESSARY.

+HOWEVER THE RICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THAT IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CONSUMER TO RETAIN A MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE AT LEAST UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR WHEN THE SITUATION WILL BE REVIEWED.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ABUNDANT RICE SUPPLIES WERE AVAILABLE TO HONG KONG AT LOWER PRICES AS A RESULT OF GOOD HARVESTS IN THE RICE PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

+THIS IS WELCOME NEWS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE,+ HE SAID. +BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT THE RECENT DOWNWARD TREND IN RETAIL RICE PRICES IS BEING SUSTAINED.+

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT THE SECTION OF HAIPHONG ROAD BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND HANKOW ROAD, KOWLOON, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE LIFTING AND PLACING OF I BEAMS FOR A BRIDGE ACROSS HAIPHONG ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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DEVELOPMENT OF COMPLETE STRUCTURE
FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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HONG KONG IS DEVELOPING A COMPLETE STRUCTURE FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. ANDREW KINGWELL SAID TODAY WHEN HE DISTRIBUTED TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED BY MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

MR. KINGWELL CONGRATULATED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ENCOURAGING DONORS TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE SCHOLARSHIPS WHICH WERE GIVEN TO STUDENTS TO STUDY, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION, IN ALL THE TYPES OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EACH PART OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION STRUCTURE HAD ITS PLACE AND ITS OWN PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE AND EACH HELPED AND SERVED THE OTHER.

+THE TECHNICAL BRANCH OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITIES AND THE POLYTECHNIC. AT PRESENT THE VARIOUS SEGMENTS FOR WHICH THE TECHNICAL BRANCH IS RESPONSIBLE ARE: PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

+HONG KONG, IN COMMON WITH OTHER MODERN CITIES WILL NEED THE SERVICES OF SKILLED OPERATORS, CRAFTSMEN, TECHNICIANS AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN INCREASING NUMBERS IF IT IS TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE MANY EXPANSION PROGRAMMES SUCH AS THE MASS TRANSIT, ROAD BUILDING, REHOUSING, ETC., WHICH ARE IN TRAIN,+ MR. KINGWELL SAID.

THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, WHICH COMMENCED OPERATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 4, WILL OPERATE A VARIETY OF COURSES FOR THE FULL-TIME TRAINING OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS AT ALL LEVELS AND HAS PLANS TO COMMENCE NEW COURSES FOR TEACHERS.

+IN THIS WAY,+ MR. KINGWELL SAID,+EXISTING TECHNICAL TEACHERS CAN BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND IT IS HOPED THAT THERE WILL SOON BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHER TEACHERS TO TAKE CONVERSION COURSES FOR TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

+THESE CONVERSION COURSES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HELP WITH THE PROGRAMME OF PRACTICAL SUBJECTS IN ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN FORMS I TO III WHICH IS ENVISAGED IN THE WHITE PAPER.+

THE COLLEGE WILL BE GRADUALLY EXPANDED WHEN IT MOVES INTO THE BUILDING TO BE VACATED BY THE VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL. THE BUILDING WILL BE REFURBISHED AND SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR THE NEEDS OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS.

AFTER CONVERSION, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE COLLEGE TO PROVIDE THE EQUIVALENT OF 660 FULL-TIME PLACES.

MR. KINGWELL

MR. KINGWELL SAID: +AN EXCELLENT BEGINNING HAS BEEN MADE AND THE COLLEGE IS ALREADY STAFFED BY A TEAM OF EXPERIENCED TEACHERS WHO ARE QUALIFIED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF TECHNICAL AND EDUCATIONAL DISCIPLINES.

+TECHNICAL EDUCATION CANNOT REALLY BE DIVORCED FROM OTHER FORMS OF EDUCATION. WE LIVE IN A TECHNOLOGICAL AGE. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO HELP PEOPLE TO LIVE IN A MODERN SOCIETY, ALL EDUCATION SHOULD HAVE A TECHNICAL ELEMENT. IT IS WHEN THE TECHNICAL ELEMENT BEGINS TO FORM A SIGNIFICANT PART THAT WE USUALLY LABEL EDUCATION AS 'TECHNICAL'.+

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SAID IT WAS A GOOD THING TO INTRODUCE TECHNICAL SUBJECTS INTO SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND HENCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

+IT IS EXPECTED,+ HE SAID, +THAT MANY OF THE GRADUATES FROM A SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL WILL WISH TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT IN THE TECHNICAL FIELD AND SOME WILL PROCEED TO HIGHER STUDIES AT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR POLYTECHNIC OR UNIVERSITY.

+THIS WILL NOT, HOWEVER, NECESSARILY BE SO AND IT SHOULD BE REALISED THAT A SECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION HAS A VALUE OF ITS OWN IN DEVELOPING THE INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY AND PERSONAL QUALITIES OF THE STUDENT.+

MR. KINGWELL STRESSED THAT TECHNICAL EDUCATION OF A MORE INTENSELY PRACTICAL NATURE COULD HAVE GREAT VALUE IN A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL OR IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

HE SAID PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION WAS AN EXCELLENT FORM OF EDUCATION FOR THOSE WHO WISHED OR WOULD HAVE TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT AFTER THREE YEARS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION.

THE GRADUATE OF A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES FOR SPECIFIC TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS IN THE TRADE OF HIS CHOICE AT A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

+THE OVER SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREVOCATIONAL PLACES IS PROOF OF THEIR POPULARITY. THE SCHOOLS ARE STAFFED AND OPERATED BY DEDICATED PEOPLE AND THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB OF WORK,+ HE SAID.

PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, HE EMPHASISED, WERE AT PRESENT AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE FABRIC OF HONG KONG'S TECHNICAL EDUCATION SYSTEM, IN THE SAME WAY THAT TECHNICAL EDUCATION WAS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM OF A MODERN SOCIETY.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. KINGWELL'S SPEECH ARE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE GIS PRESS BOXES THIS EVENING.

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FIRE DRILL COMPETITION

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THE FIRST EVER NEW TERRITORIES FIRE COMMAND INTER-DIVISIONAL DRILL COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, PAT HEUNG, (WITHIN THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TRAINING SCHOOL COMPLEX) ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

THE DRILLS WILL BE: HOOK LADDER RESCUE DRILL, RESCUE ESCAPE DRILL, MAJOR PUMP DRILL, 35-FOOT LADDER DRILL AND ONE-MAN HYDRANT DRILL.

TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH DRILL BY MR. FRED JACKSON, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, NEW TERRITORIES= MR. M.C. ILLINGWORTH, DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, NEW TERRITORIES= MR. CHAN YAT-SAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK= MR. D. AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES= AND MR. A.E.H. WOOD, DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE EVENT= THEY SHOULD MEET MR. DONALD STRANGE, FIRE SERVICES PRO, AT PAT HEUNG SHORTLY BEFORE 2.30 P.M.

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	6.30	1.50	5.00
BIG-EYES	NORMAL	3.70	2.20	3.00
SQUID	NORMAL	5.50	3.50	4.40
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	3.00	1.00	2.20
LIZARD FISHES	GOOD	3.50	1.20	2.00
CROAKERS	GOOD	3.40	0.80	2.30
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	3.50	1.80	3.00
MELON COAT	LIMITED	3.90	1.80	2.70
BREAMS	SCARCE	5.10	4.30	4.70
YELLOW BELLY	---		NO SALE	
MACKERELS	SCARCE	5.50	3.20	4.70
RED GOAT FISH	SCARCE	2.50	1.50	2.00
FORK-TAIL	---		NO SALE	
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	6.80	4.00	5.50
MELON SEED	SCARCE	3.90	2.00	3.00
POMFRETS	SCARCE	13.00	10.00	12.00
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	12.00	7.00	10.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	8.50	3.70	5.50

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.60	0.80	1.80
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.60	0.40	1.20
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	2.00	0.80	1.40
WATER SPINACH	SCARCE	0.80	0.40	0.60
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	2.60	0.80	1.80
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.00	1.20	1.60
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.80	0.50	1.20
SPINACH	SCARCE	3.50	1.50	1.20
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	3.50	2.00	2.80
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	SCARCE	1.80	0.50	1.20
CHINESE SPINACH	---			
TOMATO	SCARCE	3.80	2.00	3.00

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