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QUOTA DODGERS ARE PENALISED
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AT LEAST 33 HONG KONG TEXTILE TRADERS WHO TRIED TO CIRCUMVENT THE QUOTA SYSTEM WILL PERMANENTLY LOSE THEIR QUOTAS EQUIVALENT TO THE QUANTITY OF GOODS THEY SHIPPED ILLEGALLY.

AND IF THEY DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT QUOTA IN THE CATEGORIES THEY SHIPPED, THEY WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN THROUGH PERMANENT TRANSFERS THE APPROPRIATE QUANTITY AND THEN SURRENDER THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS.

IF THE COMPANIES FAIL TO DO SO, THEY WILL BE BARRED FROM APPLYING FOR LICENCES, AND MAKING TRANSFERS OF QUOTAS IN RESPECT OF THE ENTIRE EEC MARKET FOR THE YEARS 1980 TO 1982.

+WE HAVE TAKEN THIS TOUGH ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO DEMONSTRATE CLEARLY THAT WE ARE DETERMINED TO STAMP OUT THESE MALPRACTICES, WHICH JEOPARDISE HONG KONG'S INTEGRITY IN THE EYES OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS,+ SAID THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR. PETER TSAO.

+OUR ACTION IS ALSO INTENDED TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF MOST PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY - THE LAW-ABIDING EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS WHOSE FUTURE COULD BE AFFECTED IF, BECAUSE OF THE OFFENCES COMMITTED BY A FEW, OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH IMPORTING COUNTRIES WERE IMPERILLED,+ HE SAID.

AS A RESULT OF A MASSIVE INVESTIGATION MOUNTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AFTER THE UNITED KINGDOM CUSTOMS SUPPLIED INFORMATION TO HONG KONG, SEVEN COMPANIES WERE PROSECUTED AND FINED A TOTAL OF \$343 000. ANOTHER 26 COMPANIES WERE GIVEN 14 DAYS TO APPEAL AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSALS TO PERMANENTLY REMOVE THEIR QUOTAS. NONE OF THE FEW REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT WERE FOUND TO BE JUSTIFIED.

LAST WEEK LETTERS WENT TO ANOTHER SIX COMPANIES SAYING THAT THEY ALSO HAD 14 DAYS TO APPEAL AGAINST SIMILAR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, AND A SEVENTH COMPANY IS TO BE PROSECUTED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

MOST OF THE OFFENDERS WERE INVOLVED IN SHIPPING GARMENTS TO BRITAIN EITHER THROUGH ANOTHER ASIAN COUNTRY NOT SUBJECT TO QUOTA RESTRAINT, OR DIRECT TO THE U.K. WITH FALSE DOCUMENTS.

+WE SHALL NOT HESITATE TO THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE INFORMATION GIVEN TO US BY ANY COUNTRY AND, IF THE EVIDENT JUSTIFIES IT, TAKE EQUALLY DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST ANY COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN SUCH ACTIVITIES,+ SAID MR. TSAO.

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SIR JACK CATER ACTING GOVERNOR
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SIR JACK CATER HAS ASSUMED THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE YESTERDAY (SATURDAY).

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ACTING GOVERNOR CALLS ON PRIVATE SECTOR
TO PROMOTE RECREATION AT SEA

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON INDIVIDUALS AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS TO HELP PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION AT SEA.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION OF THE TOLO HARBOUR CANOE RACE ORGANISED BY THE OUTWARD BOUND (ALUMNI) ASSOCIATION, SIR JACK SAID: +DESPITE ITS SMALL TOTAL AREA, HONG KONG HAS HUNDREDS OF MILES OF COASTLINE AND THERE IS GREAT POTENTIAL TO EXPAND OUR USE OF THE SEA FOR RECREATION AND ENJOYMENT.+

THE GOVERNMENT, WITH ITS HEAVY COMMITMENT TO ESSENTIAL PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON BASIC SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS, WOULD HAVE SCANT RESOURCES TO DEVOTE TO DEVELOPING THESE FACILITIES FROM PUBLIC FUNDS, HE SAID.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR JACK'S SPEECH:

+MY WIFE AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO MEET YOU ALL TODAY. I AM PARTICULARLY GLAD TO ATTEND TODAY'S FUNCTION BECAUSE, DESPITE ITS SMALL TOTAL AREA, HONG KONG HAS HUNDREDS OF MILES OF COASTLINE AND THERE IS GREAT POTENTIAL TO EXPAND OUR USE OF THE SEA FOR RECREATION AND ENJOYMENT. I AM SURE WE ARE ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN THESE ACTIVITIES, AND IT IS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP WITH DEMAND FOR SHORE BASES, FOR BOATSHEDS, SLIPWAYS AND MOORINGS. MOREOVER THE GOVERNMENT WITH ITS HEAVY COMMITMENT TO ESSENTIAL PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON BASIC SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS WILL, I AM AFRAID, HAVE SCANT RESOURCES TO DEVOTE TO DEVELOPING THESE FACILITIES FROM PUBLIC FUNDS. I HOPE THEREFORE THAT INDIVIDUALS AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS YOURS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO PROMOTE THIS VERY WORTHWHILE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION AT SEA.

+THERE IS A CHINESE SAYING 'BELITTLE THE MOUNTAINS BUT NEVER THE WATER'. DEVELOPMENT OF WATER SPORTS MUST GO TOGETHER WITH THE SKILL AND RESPECT FOR THE PARTICULAR PROBLEMS OF THE SEA. THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF 'PLAYING SAFE', AND I AM GLAD TODAY TO SEE THAT THESE SIMPLE RULES FOR PLAYING SAFE AT SEA ARE BEING OBSERVED.

+I CONGRATULATE YOU ALL ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AND ON YOUR SUCCESS IN ORGANISING THE SIXTH TOLO HARBOUR CANOE RACE TODAY. MAY I ALSO CONGRATULATE ALL THE WINNERS IN THE VARIOUS EVENTS AND INDEED ALL THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN MAKING THIS SUCH AN ENJOYABLE OCCASION.+

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HK TO ATTEND POWER CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE

A SEVEN-MAN DELEGATION, COMPRISING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND POWER COMPANIES' REPRESENTATIVES, LEFT FOR SINGAPORE TODAY (SUNDAY) TO ATTEND THE BRITISH ELECTRICAL AND ALLIED MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (BEAMA) POWER CONFERENCE.

THE CONFERENCE, ORGANISED BY BEAMA IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE BRITISH OVERSEAS TRADE BOARD, WILL OPEN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND WILL LAST FOUR DAYS.

IT WILL BE ATTENDED BY DELEGATES FROM PUBLIC UTILITY ORGANISATIONS AND POWER GENERATION COMPANIES THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE FAR EAST.

REPRESENTING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ARE DR. S. REED, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISER OF THE ENVIRONMENT BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT- MR. GRAHAM OSBORNE, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, AND MR. MIAO CHI, CHIEF ENGINEER, BOTH FROM THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD. AND THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO. LTD. HAVE EACH SENT TWO REPRESENTATIVES.

COUNTRIES TAKING PART IN THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE MALAYSIA, SRI LANKA, BURMA, THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND AND SOUTH KOREA.

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**CONTRACT FOR SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL
TO BE SIGNED TOMORROW**

THE MAIN CONTRACT FOR THE SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL WILL BE SIGNED TOMORROW (MONDAY).

IT WILL BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONTRACTS LET BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN RECENT YEARS.

THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE PWD, MURRAY BUILDING, 21ST FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, AT 12 NOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

TV CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

OFFICERS OF THE PWD'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR MA CHAI HANG FIRE VICTIMS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF OVER 300 JOB VACANCIES FOR MA CHAI HANG FIRE VICTIMS LIVING IN FANLING AND TAI PO.

NOTIFICATIONS OF THE VACANCIES, ABOUT 200 IN TAI PO AND THE REST IN FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI, HAVE BEEN PASSED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TWO TEMPORARY OFFICES SPECIALLY SET UP LAST MONTH TO HELP THESE VICTIMS TO FIND JOBS.

+THESE OFFICES ARE OPERATING VIRTUALLY AT THEIR DOORSTEPS -- ONE AT THE FANLING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND THE OTHER AT YUE KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA. ANYONE LOOKING FOR A JOB IS ADVISED TO CONTACT THE OFFICES, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE FANLING OFFICE OPENS ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY, WHILE THE TAI PO OFFICE ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY, AND THEIR OFFICE HOURS ARE 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

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NEW SCHOOLS URGED TO FORM LIFE SAVING CLUBS
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR KENNETH TOPLEY, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT WITH THE EXPANSION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION HE HOPED NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS WOULD FORM LIFE SAVING CLUBS TO TRAIN STUDENTS AS QUALIFIED LIFE GUARDS.

MR TOPLEY WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION OF A LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMING RACE FROM SILVER ISLAND TO REPULSE BAY. ABOUT 1 000 COMPETITORS TOOK PART IN THE 2 400-METRE RACE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB.

+WATER RECREATION ACTIVITIES ARE RAPIDLY EXPANDING IN HONG KONG AND WE NEED A CONTINUING SUPPLY OF COMPETENT LIFE SAVERS TO ENSURE THAT SAFETY STANDARDS ARE ALWAYS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED WHEN ORGANISING WATER BASED ACTIVITIES, + MR TOPLEY SAID.

HE CONGRATULATED THE CLUB FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING LIFE SAVING AWARENESS. TO THE COMPETITORS MR TOPLEY SAID: +TO SWIM 2 400 METRES WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME LIMIT IS NOT AN EASY TASK AT ALL. BUT AS A LIFE SAVER THIS RACE SERVES AS VERY APPROPRIATE BASIC TRAINING IN STAMINA AND SWIMMING TECHNIQUE IN THE OPEN SEA.

+THOSE WHO COMPLETE THIS RACE ARE COMPETENT SWIMMERS AND AS SUCH THEY SHOULD BE READY TO PARTICIPATE IN ADVANCED LIFE SAVING TRAINING AND ULTIMATELY TO USE THEIR SKILLS IN LIFE SAVING TECHNIQUES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. +

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NEW IMMIGRATION BRANCH OFFICE IN CAUSEWAY BAY
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN A NEW BRANCH OFFICE TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE NEW OFFICE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF IMMIGRATION SERVICES EXCEPT THE ISSUE OF HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS.

IT IS OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON SATURDAYS.

THE EXISTING BRANCH OFFICE AT LAN FONG ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY WILL CONTINUE ITS BUSINESS AS AT PRESENT.

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STREET CLOSURE IN KWUN TONG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT A NUMBER OF STREETS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR FIVE HOURS IN THE EARLY MORNING OF TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 13) AND WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 14) TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

BETWEEN 12.30 A.M. AND 5.30 A.M. ON THESE TWO DAYS, SIU YIP STREET, SHUN YIP STREET AND A SECTION OF WAI YIP STREET BETWEEN KWUN TONG ROAD AND LAI YIP STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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