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LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FINDS JOBS
FOR OVER 5,800 PEOPLE
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THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SUCCESSFULLY PLACED A RECORD NUMBER OF JOB-SEEKERS IN VARIOUS EMPLOYMENT LAST YEAR.

ALTHOUGH MORE THAN 5,800 PEOPLE WERE FOUND JOBS BY THE SERVICE AND OF THESE 1,403 WERE PLACED AS TECHNOLOGISTS, TECHNICIANS, EXECUTIVES, TEACHERS, CLERKS, SECRETARIES AND TYPISTS.

COMMENTING ON THE SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT, THE SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE EMPLOYMENT DIVISION, MR. ALFRED CHAN SAID : +THIS IS MAINLY DUE TO THE INCREASING CONFIDENCE OF BOTH EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS IN OUR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.+

MR. CHAN ALSO ATTRIBUTED PART OF THE SUCCESS TO THE RECENT UPTURN IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY.

HE WENT ON : +SOME PEOPLE, HOWEVER, STILL HOLD THE MISCONCEPTION THAT THE LES ONLY CATERS FOR INDUSTRIAL WORK, OR AT MOST FOR SOME LOW-PAID JOBS IN COMMERCE.

+IN FACT WE HAVE BEEN EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL IN THE PLACEMENT OF EXECUTIVES AS WELL AS CLERKS IN ALL SECTORS,+ HE ADDED.

TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM, MR. CHAN SAID THE VARIOUS JOBS FOUND FOR THE REGISTRANTS WERE FAIRLY EVENLY DISTRIBUTED IN THE DIFFERENT FIELDS OF EMPLOYMENT -- 36 PER CENT IN COMMERCE, 45 PER CENT IN INDUSTRY AND 19 PER CENT IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS.

MR. CHAN ALSO EXPLAINED THE SERVICES OF THE +SPECIAL REGISTER+ WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A SUB-UNIT OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

THE SPECIAL REGISTER WAS FORMED TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO OVERSEAS AND LOCAL UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAD COMPLETED POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING.

THE SPECIAL REGISTER OPERATES ALONG THE LINES OF THE +PROFESSIONAL AND EXECUTIVE REGISTER+ MAINTAINED BY THE MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

+LAST YEAR,+ SAID MR. CHAN, +A TOTAL OF 62 PEOPLE ON THIS SPECIAL REGISTER WAS PLACED IN POSTS WITH STARTING SALARIES AVERAGING \$1,500 A MONTH.

+SOME OF THEM ARE RECEIVING SALARIES AS HIGH AS \$2,500 TO \$3,000 A MONTH,+ HE ADDED.

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MR. CHAN SAID THAT BY PLACING ORDERS WITH THE LES, EMPLOYERS COULD SAVE ADVERTISING OR AGENCY FEES AS WELL AS THE TROUBLE OF GOING THROUGH INNUMERABLE APPLICATIONS.

+AS FOR THE JOB-SEEKERS, THE ADVANTAGES OF REGISTERING WITH THE LES ARE OBVIOUS.+

JOB-SEEKERS, MR. CHAN SAID, SHOULD CALL PERSONALLY AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT :

(A) HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99, QUEENSWAY, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG. TEL. 5-270276= (B) KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR, KOWLOON. TEL. 3-688131= (C) POST OFFICE BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, UN CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON. TEL. 3-791902= (D) KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, TUNG YAN STREET, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON. TEL. 3-896539= AND (E) CHARTERED BANK BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR, SHA TSUI ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES. TEL. 12-426722.

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RTHK TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY CHEST FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN
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IN SUPPORT OF THE FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL FOR THE FIRST TIME ORGANISE A PUBLIC SALE OF RTHK RAFFLE TICKETS.

RAFFLE TICKETS AT \$2 EACH WILL BE ON SALE SOON. RTHK EXPECTS 100,000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD, THUS BOOSTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST BY \$200,000.

THE FIRST PRIZE IS A DE LUXE SEDAN. OTHER PRIZES INCLUDE AN AIR TICKET, A TV SET, A MOTOR CYCLE, A REFRIGERATOR, A WATCH OF A WELL-KNOWN BRAND AND A HI FI SET.

DETAILS OF THE SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT BROADCASTING HOUSE, BROADCAST DRIVE, AT 12 NOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE MR. JAMES HAWTHORNE, DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING= MR. DON KERR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING (TELEVISION)= MR. KEN WARBURTON, CONTROLLER (RADIO PROGRAMMES)= MR. WYMAN CHAN, DEPUTY CONTROLLER (CHINESE SERVICE)= MR. FRANCIS WONG, ASSISTANT CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY CHEST AND MR. NORMAN B. CHEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF WALK FOR A MILLION.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT BROADCASTING HOUSE AT NOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. TWO VANS, NO. AM2128 AND AM2074, WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER FOR BROADCASTING HOUSE AT 11.30 A.M.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TO VISIT LEK YUEN ESTATE

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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND THE HON. ANGUS OGILVY WILL VISIT LEK YUEN ESTATE IN SHA TIN ON FEBRUARY 4 (FRIDAY) TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE LATEST PROGRESS IN HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING AND THE NEW TOWNS CONCEPT.

THE ROYAL COUPLE, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ARRIVE BY CAR AT BLOCK 7 OF THE ESTATE AT 2.30 P.M.

THEY WILL BE WELCOMED ON ARRIVAL BY MR. DONALD LIAO, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING= MR. RALPH HUSBAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (ESTATE MANAGEMENT) AND MR. C.C. HUI, HOUSING MANAGER OF LEK YUEN ESTATE.

THE ROYAL PARTY WILL FIRST VISIT THE CHI KWONG KINDERGARTEN ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF BLOCK 7 AND MEET THE CHILDREN. THE PRINCESS AND MR. OGILVY WILL THEN WALK THROUGH THE PLAYGROUND OUTSIDE THE KINDERGARTEN, PAST THE FOUNTAIN, THE SPACIOUS GARDEN, OPEN SPACE AND THE BUS TERMINUS BETWEEN BLOCKS 7, 6 AND 5 BEFORE REACHING THE TWO-STOREY SHOPPING CENTRE.

LOCATED AT THE HUB OF THE ESTATE, THE SHOPPING CENTRE IS FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED AND HAS 30,100 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR SUPERMARKETS AND SHOPS.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS AND MR. OGILVY WILL VISIT THE SWING SUPERMARKET WHICH SELLS A WIDE RANGE OF FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD COMMODITIES.

THE ROYAL PARTY WILL NEXT GO TO THE MODULAR MARKET OPPOSITE BLOCK 3, VISITING THE GROUND-FLOOR SHOPS AT BLOCK 2 ON THE WAY.

THE TOUR WILL END WITH A COLOURFUL DISPLAY OF DRAGON DANCE IN FRONT OF THE COMMUNITY HALL OPPOSITE BLOCK 5 AND THE ESTATE OFFICE.

THE ROYAL VISITORS WILL THEN RETURN TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

LEK YUEN IS THE FIRST OF 11 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES PLANNED FOR SHA TIN NEW TOWN WHICH WILL HAVE A TARGET POPULATION OF 500,000. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT SOME 60 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION WILL BE HOUSED IN THESE ESTATES GRADUALLY TAKING SHAPE.

THE \$50 MILLION ESTATE CONSISTS OF SEVEN APARTMENT BLOCKS OF UP TO 20 STOREYS HIGH AND COVERS AN AREA OF 10 HECTARES (25 ACRES). IT WAS COMPLETED LAST MAY AND PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR 23,000 PEOPLE. SOME 12,000 PEOPLE ARE LIVING THERE, AND WITH INTAKE OF TENANTS CONTINUING, THE ESTATE IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OCCUPIED BY NEXT JULY.

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IN COMMON WITH ALL NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES BUILT UNDER THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 10-YEAR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PLAN, LEK YUEN IS A SELF-CONTAINED ENTITY. FACILITIES PROVIDED INCLUDE SCHOOLS, WELFARE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, CLINIC, BUS TERMINUS, SHOPPING CENTRE, RECREATIONAL AREAS AND MARKET.

A NOVEL FEATURE IN THE DESIGN OF THE ESTATE IS THE SYSTEM OF COVERED WALKWAYS LINKING UP THE DOMESTIC BLOCKS WITH THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX. THIS GIVES TENANTS DIRECT ACCESS TO THE SHOPPING CENTRE WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT BAD WEATHER.

LEK YUEN PROVIDES 3,250 FLATS OF THREE SIZES FOR FAMILIES WITH FIVE, SEVEN AND NINE PERSONS. THE LARGEST FLAT IS 320 SQUARE FEET AND THE SMALLEST 178, EXCLUDING KITCHEN, TOILET AND BALCONY.

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HONG KONG - AUSTRIA TEXTILE AGREEMENT EXTENDED
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AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AUSTRIA TO CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER 11 MONTHS THEIR EXISTING TEXTILE RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENT, WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS.

AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AFTER TALKS IN VIENNA EARLIER THIS WEEK BETWEEN A THREE-MAN TEAM OF NEGOTIATORS FROM HONG KONG, LED BY MR. PETER TSAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (COMMERCIAL RELATIONS), AND AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THE MODIFICATIONS INCLUDE THE LIFTING OF ONE RESTRAINT -- ON THE EXPORT OF WOVEN BLOUSES -- AND THE PROVISION OF A 7.3 PER CENT EXPORT GROWTH FOR THE ITEM REMAINING UNDER RESTRAINT -- WOVEN SHIRTS.

WOVEN BLOUSES, WHICH WILL NO LONGER BE UNDER RESTRAINT WILL FROM FEBRUARY 1 BE PLACED UNDER AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION (E.A.) ARRANGEMENT ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER GARMENT ITEMS. AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION ARRANGEMENT IS A DEVICE DESIGNED FOR MONITORING THE VOLUME OF EXPORTS OF A PARTICULAR ITEM TO PROVIDE IMPORTING COUNTRIES WITH A FORECAST OF TRADE IN THAT ITEM, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE A DEGREE OF CERTAINTY TO THE EXPORTER SHIPPING GOODS UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT.

THE OTHER FOUR E.A. ITEMS INCLUDE CERTAIN LADIES' SLACKS, AND SHORTS, SKIRTS, DRESSES, FROCKS, JACKETS AND SUITS.

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TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES READY
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CERTIFICATES FOR THE 1975/76 SESSION, IN RESPECT OF FULL-TIME, BLOCK-RELEASE, PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE, PART-TIME EVENING AND SHORT COURSES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT THE GENERAL OFFICE OF THE RESPECTIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OFFERING THE COURSES AS FROM JANUARY 24.

FOR ALL THE THREE INSTITUTES, THE TIME FOR COLLECTION FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY IS 9.30 A.M. - 12 NOON AND 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M. AND ON SATURDAY, 9.30 A.M. TO 11.30 A.M.

FOR MORRISON HILL AND KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, CERTIFICATES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED BETWEEN 7.15 P.M. AND 8 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS.

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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FINAL LIST OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS ELIGIBLE FOR GSP RECEIVED
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A FINAL LIST OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS ELIGIBLE FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE 1977 EEC GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCE (GSP) HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE EEC COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE LIST CONTAINS AN ADDITIONAL 13 ITEMS TO THE 66 ITEMS ON THE PRELIMINARY LIST WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED LAST MONTH.

THE 13 ITEMS INCLUDE COTTON YARNS AND WOVEN FABRICS, TERRY TOWELING AND KNITTED OR CROCHETED GLOVES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATIONS MAY NOW BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE RELEVANT FORM (FORM A) FOR THESE GOODS TO BE SHIPPED TO THE EEC UNDER ITS GSP ARRANGEMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE EEC INTRODUCED ITS GSP IN 1971 THAT PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT WAS BEING EXTENDED TO TEXTILES ORIGINATING FROM HONG KONG.

A CIRCULAR (CERTIFICATE OF PREFERENCE CIRCULAR NO. 1/77) CONTAINING DETAILS OF THE 13 ITEMS HAS BEEN ISSUED TO THE TRADE.

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LAND EXECUTIVES COMPLETE COURSE

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SIXTEEN LAND EXECUTIVES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A CERTIFICATE COURSE IN LAND ADMINISTRATION UNDER A PILOT TRAINING SCHEME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE N.T.A. AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THEY WILL RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATE FROM THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN CHAMBERS, AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE N.T.A. HEADQUARTERS.

THEY ARE THE FIRST TO HAVE COMPLETED THE TWO-YEAR PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSE CONDUCTED AT THE POLYTECHNIC. THIRTY-FIVE OTHER LAND EXECUTIVES ARE NOW ATTENDING THE SECOND AND THIRD COURSES.

THE COURSE AIMS TO PROVIDE FORMALISED TRAINING IN LAND ADMINISTRATION IN LINE WITH INCREASING COMPLEXITY OF LAND WORK DUE TO RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE COURSE INCLUDES TRAINING IN VALUATION OF LAND AND BUILDING, LAND SURVEYING AND MAP INTERPRETATION, AND LAW RELATED TO LAND ADMINISTRATION.

THE 16 GRADUATES HAVE COME FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES - FIVE EACH FROM TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO, TWO EACH FROM YUEN LONG AND ISLANDS, AND ONE EACH FROM TUEN MUN AND SAI KUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH STARTS AT 4.30 P.M. TOMORROW AT THE N.T.A. HEADQUARTERS AT THE NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY BUILDING, TAI PO ROAD.

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EXTENSION OF KWUN TONG CARGO HANDLING AREA
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO EXTEND THE CARGO HANDLING AREA OFF HOI BUN ROAD IN KWUN TONG TO COPE WITH THE INCREASE IN CARGO-HANDLING ACTIVITIES.

AT THE SAME TIME HOI BUN ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED AND IMPROVED TO PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS TO THE CARGO-HANDLING AREA.

MR. NG YEE-YUM, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SAID TODAY WORK ON THE PROJECTS WOULD START IN MARCH AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 15 MONTHS.

HE SAID THE WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN STAGES SO AS TO AVOID DISRUPTING EXISTING CARGO-HANDLING ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA.

MR. NG SAID THE WORK WOULD MAINLY INVOLVE EXTENDING THE EXISTING CARGO-HANDLING STRIP AT THE WATERFRONT BY ABOUT 420 METRES ALONG THE SEAWALL TO THE WEST.

+THIS WILL VIRTUALLY DOUBLE THE SEA FRONTAGE OF THE CARGO-HANDLING AREA AND SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS EASING CONGESTION IN THE MOVEMENT OF CARGO AT THE HOI BUN ROAD WATERFRONT,+ HE SAID.

+WHEN COMPLETED THE ENTIRE CARGO-HANDLING AREA WOULD HAVE 950 METRES OF SEA FRONTAGE AND AREA OF ABOUT 13,500 SQUARE METRES,+ SAID MR. NG.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT, HOI BUN ROAD WOULD BE EXTENDED FOR SOME 420 METRES TO THE WEST, HE SAID. THE EXTENDED ROAD WOULD PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE CARGO-HANDLING AREA AS WELL AS FACILITATE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION ALONG THE SEAFRONT.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON CASTLE PEAK RANGE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 4 P.M.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAG ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF THE FIRING PRACTICE.

FIRING PRACTICE WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE ON THE RANGE ON SIX DAYS TOWARDS THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

DATE	HOURS
JANUARY 24 (MONDAY)	9 A.M. - 10 P.M.
JANUARY 25 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
JANUARY 26 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
JANUARY 27 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
JANUARY 28 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
JANUARY 31 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 22) TO ALLOW THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY KWONG FUK ROAD, TUNG CHEUNG STREET, PLOVER COVE ROAD, PO HEUNG STREET AND PO YICK STREET, INCLUDING LUK HEUNG LANE AND ON FU ROAD.

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