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DETAILS OF U.S.-HK TEXTILE TALKS
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. DAVID JORDAN, TODAY (THURSDAY) GAVE DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED WITH THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWING THREE ROUNDS OF TEXTILE TALKS IN JANUARY, MARCH AND APRIL THIS YEAR.

THESE TALKS WERE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) AND THE U.S. - HK TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

MR. JORDAN RECALLED THAT THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION HAD BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL +SURGES+ IN THE VOLUME OF TEXTILE IMPORTS INTO THE U.S.A.

AT THE SAME TIME HONG KONG HAS BEEN SEEKING SOME GREATER CERTAINTY FOR ITS EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. OF TEXTILES COVERED BY THE EXPORT AUTHORISATION SYSTEM, WHICH APPLIES TO PRODUCTS WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC RESTRAINT LIMITS.

+I THINK THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK OUT A BALANCED PACKAGE WHICH GOES A GOOD WAY TO MEETING THE CONCERNS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS,+ MR. JORDAN SAID.

MR. JORDAN SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD DECIDED THAT IN 1979 IT WOULD NOT USE THE CARRYFORWARD (ANTICIPATION) PROVISIONS OF THE TEXTILE AGREEMENT FOR MOST OF THE APPAREL AND WOOL PRODUCT CATEGORIES.

HONG KONG HAD ALSO DECIDED THAT IT WOULD NOT NEED TO USE THE CARRYOVER IN 1979 OF THE UNSHIPED QUANTITIES IN 1978 OF FABRICS AND YARNS.

SEVEN CATEGORIES OF APPAREL (CATS. 336, 337, 342, 345, 643/4, 648 AND 633/4/5) WHICH ARE AT PRESENT SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC RESTRAINT LIMITS HAVE BEEN DERESTRAINED AND DROPPED INTO THE +BASKET+.

+ALTHOUGH THIS REPRESENTS A MEASURE OF LIBERALISATION,+ MR. JORDAN SAID, +WE RECOGNISE THAT THE CHANGE OVER FROM SPECIFIC RESTRAINT TO BASKET CONTROL COULD GIVE RISE TO SOME DISRUPTION FOR THOSE COMPANIES CURRENTLY HOLDING QUOTA IN THESE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES. WE WILL THEREFORE BE MAKING SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE COMPANIES FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR.

+WE HAVE ALSO SECURED AN IMPROVED CONSULTATION CLAUSE CONCERNING PRODUCTS NOT SUBJECT TO A SPECIFIC RESTRAINT LIMIT. UNDER THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT WHERE THE U.S.A. AND HONG KONG FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO LIFT A PARTICULAR PRODUCT FROM THE +BASKET+ AND GIVE IT A SPECIFIC LIMIT OR ON THE SPECIFIC LIMIT TO BE APPLIED, THE U.S.A. CAN DETERMINE THE LEVEL AT WHICH WE SHOULD HOLD EXPORTS. UNDER THE REVISED ARRANGEMENT, WHEN WE CANNOT AGREE ON A FIGURE, HONG KONG WILL BE ENTITLED TO A 20 PER CENT INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS TRADE LEVELS FOR COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRE PRODUCTS AND A SIX PER CENT INCREASE FOR WOOL PRODUCTS.

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+APART FROM THIS NEW CONSULTATION CLAUSE WHICH WILL APPLY FOR THE LIFE OF THE AGREEMENT (I.E. UNTIL THE END OF 1982), THE BASIC PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE UNAFFECTED BY THE AGREED PACKAGE,+ MR. JORDAN SAID.

MR. JORDAN ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD SHORTLY ANNOUNCE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE AGREED ARRANGEMENTS.

+THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN FULLY CONSIDERED AND DISCUSSED BY THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD,+ MR. JORDAN STATED.

THE CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD IN HONG KONG IN JANUARY, IN LONDON IN MARCH AND AGAIN IN HONG KONG THIS WEEK. THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS LED BY AMBASSADOR MICHAEL B. SMITH AND THE HONG KONG DELEGATION BY MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DIRECTOR OF TRADE.

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REVIEWING THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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ABOUT 200 SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP LEADERS FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MET TODAY (THURSDAY) TO EVALUATE THE PAST YEARS' ACTIVITIES AND EXPLORE POSSIBLE WAYS OF IMPROVING THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE MEETING, IN THE FORM OF A WORKSHOP, WAS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION AND WAS HELD AT THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING IN WAN CHAI UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. JAMES SO, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. LI FOOK-KOW, SAID THAT THE PROGRAMME, WITH ITS CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING, HAD DEMONSTRATED GREAT SUCCESS OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS. THE ANNUAL REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE INDICATED THAT OVER 2,000,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAD PARTICIPATED IN 8,000 EVENTS ORGANISED AT BOTH TERRITORY AND DISTRICT LEVELS IN 1978.

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HOWEVER, MR. LI EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THERE WAS STILL A LARGE PORTION OF THE YOUTH POPULATION WHO WERE NOT INVOLVED IN LAST YEAR'S PROGRAMME DUE TO VARIOUS REASONS. THIS WAS STATED IN THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE PARTICIPATION IN THE 1978 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

+EVEN ALLOWING FOR THE FACT THAT MANY OF THOSE PARTICIPATING IN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN THAT THE CAMP, HIKE, STUDY VISITS OR SPORTS DAY WHICH THEY ATTENDED WAS PART OF SUCH A PROGRAMME, IT SEEMS THERE IS STILL WIDESPREAD IGNORANCE OF THE EXISTENCE AND AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME.

+THEREFORE, IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP TO LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT THE FINDINGS AND THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ITSELF WITH A VIEW TO DIAGNOSING WEAKNESSES IN THE ACTIVITIES, ORGANISATION OR PUBLICITY WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE FINDINGS AND ENABLE US ALL TO PLAN BETTER AND MORE ACCEPTABLE PROGRAMMES IN THE FUTURE,+ MR. LI STRESSED.

AT A PANEL DISCUSSION, MR. CHAN FU-SAI OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND MR. DANIEL CHAN OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG PUT FORWARD SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS REGARDING THE OBJECTIVES, SCOPE AND VARIETY OF THE PROGRAMME.

REPERESNTATIVES ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A SERIES OF GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND A PUBLIC FORUM CHAIRED BY MR. JAMES SO.

THEY SCRUTINISED REASONS FOR NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS AMONG THE YOUTHS AND DISCUSSED VARIOUS PROPOSALS THAT MIGHT LEAD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MORE VIGOROUS AND BETTER CO-ORDINATED PROGRAMME.

COMMENTING ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE WORKSHOP, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION SAID THE WORKSHOP HAD PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ORGANISING BODIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS, SHARE EXPERIENCES AND IDENTIFY EXISTING PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

+MEANWHILE, THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE GROUPS HAVE HELPED UPDATE KNOWLEDGE OF DEMANDS AT VARIOUS STRATA AND ENHANCE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION AS WELL. CERTAINLY THIS WILL CONTRIBUTE CONSIDERABLY TO CARRYING OUT THE AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME IN FUTURE YEARS,+ HE SAID.

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DIRECTOR OF T.I.C. RETIRING IN OCTOBER

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. DAVID JORDAN, WILL BE RETIRING IN OCTOBER 1979.

HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR. W. DORWARD, COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, WHOSE PROMOTION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

MR. JORDAN WILL BE 55 IN OCTOBER AND WILL HAVE COMPLETED 28 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

HE WAS FIRST APPOINTED AS A CADET OFFICER IN JULY 1951, AND HAS SINCE HELD MANY SENIOR APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING DEPUTY ECONOMIC SECRETARY, DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND DEFENCE SECRETARY, BEFORE BEING APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POST IN 1972.

MR. DORWARD, 49, WAS FIRST APPOINTED AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN JANUARY 1954. HE JOINED THE TRADE OFFICER GRADE IN APRIL 1957 AND ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK IN JULY 1977.

FROM JULY 1974 TO JANUARY 1976, WHILE SERVING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DORWARD WAS POSTED TO THE GENEVA OFFICE AS AN ALTERNATE AND LATER A FULL MEMBER OF THE GATT TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY.

HE HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS ON MANY OCCASIONS.

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GOVERNOR TO ATTEND SCOUT RALLY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHIEF SCOUT OF HONG KONG, WILL ATTEND THE ANNUAL ST. GEORGE'S DAY SCOUT RALLY AT THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL FOOTBALL GROUND AT 4 P.M. ON SATURDAY.

SIR MURRAY WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT A PARADE OF 200 SCOUT LEADERS AND SCOUTS, ADDRESS A GATHERING OF 8,000 AND PRESENT AWARDS TO 30 SCOUT LEADERS AND ADMINISTRATORS.

THE RALLY WILL ALSO FEATURE RE-AFFIRMATION OF THE SCOUT PROMISE AND A +GRAND HOWL+ BY CUBS.

THE EVENT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FELLOWSHIP DINNER IN THE EVENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHIEF SCOUT OF HONG KONG, WILL ATTEND THE ANNUAL ST. GEORGE'S DAY SCOUT RALLY AT THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL FOOTBALL GROUND AT 4 P.M. ON SATURDAY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE RALLY.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR MARCH 1979 WERE BOTH 133, EACH BEING TWO POINTS HIGHER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE C.P.I.(A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 - \$1,499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I.(B), BETWEEN \$1,500 - \$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973-74.

THE SECTION INDICES FOR MARCH 1979, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1978, ARE GIVEN BELOW: -

SECTION	C.P.I.(A)			C.P.I.(B)		
	MAR.79	FEB.79	MAR.78	MAR.79	FEB.79	MAR.78
FOODSTUFFS	129	125	119	130	127	120
HOUSING	139	137	128	139	136	127
FUEL AND LIGHT	144	141	135	142	140	134
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	155	155	140	150	150	136
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	105	106	101	104	105	100
DURABLE GOODS	122	121	112	119	118	110
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	140	139	130	137	137	127
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	147	145	119	153	151	123
SERVICES	143	142	135	145	144	136
ALL ITEMS	133	131	122	133	131	122

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WENT UP BY FOUR POINTS IN C.P.I.(A) AND BY THREE POINTS IN C.P.I.(B). RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH-WATER FISH, FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUITS. THE COST OF MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME ALSO WENT UP AS SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES. ON THE OTHER HAND, A REDUCTION WAS RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF LIVE POULTRY. MOVEMENTS IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

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THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN C.P.I.(A) AND BY THREE POINTS IN C.P.I.(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER RENT IN POST-WAR BUILT PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT WENT UP BY THREE POINTS IN C.P.I.(A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN C.P.I.(B), REFLECTING THE FULL IMPACT OF THE INCREASE IN PRICE OF KEROSENE SINCE FEBRUARY.

THE DROP OF ONE POINT IN THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR IN C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO LOWER PRICES FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTER-CLOTHING AND WOMEN'S FOOTWEAR.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS ROSE BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR WOODEN FURNITURE, TRAVEL GOODS, TELEVISION SETS AND SOUND EQUIPMENT.

THE RISE OF ONE POINT IN THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS IN C.P.I.(A) WAS MAINLY BROUGHT ABOUT BY HIGHER PRICES FOR TOILET REQUISITES, SOAP AND DETERGENTS.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY TWO POINTS EACH IN C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) FOLLOWING HIGHER FARES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

HIGHER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING PUSHED THE INDEX FOR SERVICES UP BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B).

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

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UNIQUE FLYOVER FOR TSUEN WAN

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A FLYOVER WHICH IS UNIQUE IN APPEARANCE IN HONG KONG IS BEING BUILT IN THE NEW TOWN OF TSUEN WAN.

WHEN THE \$30 MILLION PROJECT IS COMPLETED AROUND THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, IT WILL BE A BOON TO RESIDENTS AND OTHERS PASSING THROUGH THE TOWN.

FOCAL POINT OF THE PROJECT IS A NEW GRADE-SEPARATED INTERSECTION AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD. THIS WILL LINK THE MAIN CONTAINER ROUTES TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF TSUEN WAN.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ROUTE WILL BE HEAVILY USED AND WILL SUBSTANTIALLY RELIEVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON THE ROADS TO THE WEST OF THE TOWN.

+THE MAIN ELEVATED STRUCTURE WILL BE A SLIM, HOLLOW PRESTRESSED CONCRETE DECK OF UNIQUE DISHED FORM, RESTING ON SCULPTURED CONCRETE SUPPORTS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THIS LOCATION,+ MR. LEN CURRIE OF THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, EXPLAINED TODAY (THURSDAY).

+THE BRIDGE ABUTMENTS SPORT UNUSUAL 'SHATTERED RIB' FINISH AND ARE WELL BACK FROM THE ROAD, THE AIM BEING TO CREATE AN EFFECTIVE EXTENSION TO TAI WO HAU PARK BY MAKING THE AREA UNDER AND AROUND THE BRIDGE AS ATTRACTIVE AS POSSIBLE.+

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MR. CURRIE SAID THE AREA WOULD BE LANDSCAPED AND WOULD INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

HE EMPHASISED THAT PEDESTRIANS ARE BEING CATERED FOR IN THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THOSE WITH PHYSICAL HANDICAPS:

- * A SUBWAY WILL CROSS UNDER TEXACO ROAD AT TAK TAI PATH.
- * THERE WILL BE SUBWAY ACCESS TO THE PLAY AREA.
- * A HELICAL PEDESTRIAN RAMP WILL LEAD TO AN ELEVATED FOOTWAY ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD.
- * THERE WILL BE A SUBWAY UNDER THE NEW LINK ROAD IN TAI WO HAU PARK.
- * AN EXTENSIVE COVERED FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM WILL BE BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF SHING MUN ROAD AND THE NORTHERN EXTENSION OF TEXACO ROAD.

MR. CURRIE ADDED: +BUILT INTO THE STRUCTURE WILL BE A SENSITIVE TEMPERATURE MONITORING SYSTEM, PLANNED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

+THIS WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE DATA FOR PWD DESIGN ENGINEERS.+

THE MAIN CONTRACTOR IS KUMAGAI GUMI (H.K.) LTD. CONSTRUCTION IS BEING SUPERVISED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE PWD'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, NEW TERRITORIES.

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LAND SALES REALISE \$22.45 MILLION
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A 2,329-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT CHO YUEN STREET IN SAM KA TSUEN, KOWLOON, WAS SOLD FOR \$20.7 MILLION AT AN AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE CITY HALL TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SITE, FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, WAS BOUGHT BY VILLAMAN LTD. AT \$8,887.94 PER SQUARE METRE.

ANOTHER LOT AT 460 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON, WAS SOLD TO WAI WONG INVESTMENT CO. LTD. FOR \$1.75 MILLION OR \$20,022.89 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SITE, MEASURING 87.4 SQUARE METRE, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

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107 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED LAST MONTH

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A TOTAL OF 107 NEW BUILDING PLANS WAS APPROVED LAST (MARCH) MONTH BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COMPARED WITH 56 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THOSE APPROVED, 54 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLANDS, 28 FOR KOWLOON AND 25 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED TWO PETROL FILLING STATIONS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, A CHURCH BUILDING IN KIANG HSI STREET, KOWLOON, AN ADDITIONAL STOREY TO A HOSPITAL IN SHATIN PASS ROAD AND A RURAL COMMITTEE BUILDING ON CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$239.21 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$193 MILLION LAST YEAR.

THE USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED LAST MONTH TOTALLED 558,387.9 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 140,705.3 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 417,682.6 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 55 NEW PROJECTS, INCLUDING A HOTEL IN SALISBURY ROAD, KOWLOON, A HOUSING ESTATE IN SHA TIN, A TEMPLE IN TAI AU MUN AND SEVERAL FACTORIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A TOTAL OF 53 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WAS CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING A SCHOOL EXTENSION IN INVERNESS ROAD, KOWLOON, A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING ON TSING YI ISLAND, A SCHOOL BUILDING AND A BANK BUILDING IN YUEN LONG AND A CHURCH AND YOUTH CENTRE IN HUNG SHUI KIU.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO ASSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 77 BUILDINGS.

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SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE

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A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE, ENTITLED +ANALYSIS OF STRUCTURAL RATIOS IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES FOR THE YEARS 1973 AND 1976+, IS PUBLISHED IN THE JANUARY (1979) ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

THE ARTICLE ILLUSTRATES SOME OF THE ANALYSES WHICH CAN POSSIBLY BE MADE OF DATA OBTAINED FROM THE 1976 CENSUS OF INDUSTRY.

IT ALSO COMPARES CERTAIN SELECTED STRUCTURAL RATIOS, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO INPUT CONTENTS AND PER CAPITA VALUES OF MAJOR ECONOMIC ATTRIBUTES AMONG MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS BETWEEN 1973 AND 1976.

RESULTS OF THE 1976 CENSUS OF INDUSTRY ARE REVEALING IN MANY ASPECTS. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST ARE THE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND SIZE COMPOSITION OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED SINCE 1973, THE REFERENCE YEAR FOR HONG KONG'S FIRST CENSUS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT DETAILED STATISTICS OF THE 1977 AND 1976 CENSUSES AND EARLIER INDUSTRIAL SURVEYS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION (TEL. 5-444734) OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE MONTHLY DIGEST IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$6 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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APPRENTICESHIP COURSE IN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL FIELD

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AS HONG KONG CONTINUES TO DEVELOP AS A MODERN CITY, WELL-TRAINED CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS WILL BE IN GREAT DEMAND.

WHICH IS WHY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY BE OFFERING MORE FORM FIVE GRADUATES WITH A FOUR-AND-A-HALF-YEAR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP COURSE IN THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL FIELD.

+RECRUITMENT OF TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES WILL BE ADVERTISED ON LOCAL NEWSPAPERS IN MAY, + SAID MR. M.J. HUTTON, GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER WHO ADDED, +I BELIEVE THE APPRENTICE TRAINING WE PROVIDE IS AMONG THE BEST IN HONG KONG.+

+ALL SELECTED CANDIDATES ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP AFTER WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY WAGE OF BETWEEN \$685 AND \$1,035, INCLUDING PAID ANNUAL LEAVE AND FREE MEDICAL CARE, + MR. HUTTON SAID.

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THERE ARE NOW 113 TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES UNDER TRAINING.

MR. HUTTON EXPLAINED THAT NEW APPRENTICES WILL FIRST RECEIVE SIX MONTHS BASIC TRAINING AT THE APPRENTICE TRAINING CENTRE OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE WHERE THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN ON BENCH FITTING, MACHINE TOOLS, WELDING, SHEET METAL WORK, ELECTRICAL, AIR-CONDITIONING AND VEHICLE WORK.

AFTER THE BASIC FAMILIARISATION WITH THE DIFFERENT TRADES, THEY WILL FURTHER THEIR TRAINING IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT WORKSHOPS AND PLANT COMPLEXES TO ACQUIRE A BROAD ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE. INSTRUCTORS AND EXPERIENCED STAFF WILL GUIDE AND HELP THEM DURING THE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

THE APPRENTICES WILL ALSO ATTEND RELATED ENGINEERING COURSES ON A PART-TIME DAY RELEASE BASIS AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

DURING THE LAST YEAR OF THEIR APPRENTICESHIP, THEY WILL RECEIVE SUPERVISORY TRAINING TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE UP THE DUTIES OF A JUNIOR SUPERVISOR.

+AFTER THE APPRENTICES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE COURSE, THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT AS WORKS SUPERVISOR OR TECHNICAL OFFICER TRAINEE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. THEY WILL ALSO BE FREE TO JOIN OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

+WITHIN THE PWD ITSELF, PROMOTION PROSPECTS ARE GOOD. FROM THE GRADE OF WORKS SUPERVISOR, THEY CAN BE PROMOTED TO INSPECTOR, OR EVEN TO CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER WITH A STARTING SALARY OF \$7,810 A MONTH,+ MR. HUTTON SAID.

MR. WONG SHIU-KWONG ACHIEVED EXACTLY THAT. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE IN 1957. TODAY HE IS SUPERINTENDENT OF APPRENTICES, WHICH IS CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER GRADE.

+FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE, I FEEL THAT THE APPRENTICESHIP COURSE PROVIDES GOOD CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ASPIRING YOUNG MEN BECAUSE THEY CAN ACQUIRE BOTH THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNICAL SKILL,+ MR. WONG SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL TRAINING THEY RECEIVE FROM THE COURSE STANDS THEM IN GOOD STEAD IF THEY DECIDE TO GO ABROAD TO ATTAIN A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DEGREE, PROVIDING THEY MANAGE TO PASS THE PART I OF THE COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING INSTITUTION EXAMINATION.

BESIDES THE TECHNICAL APPRENTICESHIP COURSE, THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE ALSO RUNS A CRAFTSMAN APPRENTICESHIP COURSE FOR YOUNG MEN WITH A MINIMUM OF PRIMARY SIX STANDARD. RECRUITMENT FOR THIS COURSE USUALLY TAKES PLACE IN FEBRUARY EACH YEAR.

ENQUIRIES ON THE APPRENTICESHIP COURSES CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 5-778241, EXT. 64.

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SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL BIOLOGY TEACHERS
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A SEMINAR ON TEACHING GENETICS IN FORMS 4 AND 5 WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY FOR IN-SERVICE BIOLOGY TEACHERS TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE MODERN TEACHING APPROACH USING PLANT MATERIALS.

MR. Y.W. LIU, SENIOR INSPECTOR (BIOLOGY), WILL OPEN THE SEMINAR, FOLLOWED BY A TALK ON +THE TEACHING OF GENETICS IN FORMS 4 AND 5+ BY MR. O.T. MOK OF THE HENRIETTA SCHOOL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DEMONSTRATION OF PLANT MATERIALS USED FOR GENETICS EXPERIMENTS.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, WILL BE HELD AT THE HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN CAUSEWAY BAY AT 9.30 A.M.

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URBAN CLEARWAY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. NEXT TUESDAY (MAY 1) THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ZONE TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC.

WITHIN THE CLEARWAY, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, ARE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SPECIAL TRAINS TO RACE COURSE STATION ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE THREE SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE STATION ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

THESE SPECIAL NON-STOP TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 12.01 P.M., 12.34 P.M., AND 12.54 P.M. ON SATURDAY, AND AT 12.04 P.M., 12.27 P.M. AND 12.47 P.M. ON SUNDAY.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY, THERE WILL BE THREE SPECIAL TRAINS ON SATURDAY AND FOUR ON SUNDAY TO BRING PASSENGERS BACK FROM THE RACE COURSE STATION TO KOWLOON. IN ADDITION, KCR WILL RE-ROUTE THREE OF ITS SCHEDULED TRAINS VIA THE RACE COURSE STATION ON SATURDAY AT 6.11 P.M., 7.18 P.M., AND 8.07 P.M. TO PICK UP PASSENGERS.

THE RUNNING TIME OF THESE SPECIAL TRAINS IS 20 MINUTES AND THEIR TIMETABLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS AND AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB'S OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES.

A KCR SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) ENCOURAGED THOSE GOING BY PRIVATE CARS TO MAKE USE OF THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STORY CAR PARK ABOVE THE KOWLOON STATION.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE TIMETABLES OF THE SCHEDULED TRAIN SERVICES HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY AMENDED. THE REVISED TIMETABLES BETWEEN 11 A.M. AND 11 P.M. ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ARE:

SATURDAY -- FROM KOWLOON STATION: 11.08 A.M., 12.20 P.M., 1.14 P.M.,
2.00 P.M., 3.04 P.M., 3.56 P.M.,
5.00 P.M., 5.30 P.M., 6.05 P.M.,
7.02 P.M., 7.48 P.M., 9.12 P.M.,
AND 11.00 P.M.

FROM LO WU STATION: 10.57 A.M., 11.52 A.M., 12.32 P.M.,
1.54 P.M., 2.45 P.M., 3.30 P.M.,
4.31 P.M., 5.26 P.M., 6.23 P.M.,
7.17 P.M., 8.12 P.M. AND 9.04 P.M.

SUNDAY -- FROM KOWLOON STATION: 11.12 A.M., 12.11 P.M., 1.13 P.M.,
2.00 P.M., 2.54 P.M., 3.19 P.M.,
4.13 P.M., 4.40 P.M., 5.23 P.M.,
6.28 P.M., 7.24 P.M., 8.35 P.M.,
9.42 P.M. AND 11.00 P.M.

FROM LO WU STATION: 11.05 A.M., 11.59 A.M., 12.35 P.M.,
1.29 P.M., 2.58 P.M., 3.44 P.M.,
4.42 P.M., 6.08 P.M., 6.52 P.M.,
8.12 P.M., AND 9.28 P.M.

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, SALISBURY ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, HANOI ROAD AND MODY ROAD, INCLUDING MINDEN ROAD, MINDEN AVENUE, BLENHEIM AVENUE, MIDDLE ROAD, BRISTOL AVENUE AND NEW WORLD HOTEL.

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