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NEW FOOD SAFETY RULES

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IN ORDER TO FOLLOW ACCEPTED PRACTICE IN OVERSEAS COUNTRIES -- NOTABLY IN BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA -- NEW LIMITS HAVE BEEN SET IN HONG KONG FOR THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED LEVELS OF ARSENIC CONTENT IN FISH AND SHELL FISH AND THE MERCURY CONTENT IN FOOD GENERALLY.

THE NEW LIMITS CONSTITUTE, IN EFFECT, A SLIGHT RELAXATION ON THE ONES IN FORCE UP TO NOW -- BUT ARE WELL WITHIN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF SAFETY. AT THE SAME TIME THE PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING THE LIMITS HAS BEEN STIFFENED.

THE CHANGES ARE LAID DOWN IN AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD ADULTERATION (METALLIC CONTAMINATION) REGULATIONS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE. THE AMENDMENTS ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY STRESSED THAT THE CHANGES IMPLY NO LESSENING AT ALL IN SAFETY STANDARDS, BUT REPRESENT A FAIRER AND MORE REALISTIC REQUIREMENT FOR THE HONG KONG FOOD TRADE. HE WENT ON TO OUTLINE THE CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:

ARSENIC CONTENT IN FISH AND SHELLFISH

FOR FISH THE NEW MAXIMUM LEVEL IS 6 PARTS PER MILLION AND FOR SHELLFISH IT IS 10 PARTS PER MILLION. UNDER THE OLD REGULATIONS A LIMIT OF 1.4 PARTS PER MILLION WAS SET FOR ALL SOLID FOOD.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ARSENIC OCCURS NATURALLY IN MARINE LIFE AND THAT THERE IS NO SAFETY OBJECTION TO A LEVEL WHICH SHOWS THAT THE ARSENIC IS PRESENT AS A NATURAL CONSTITUENT. THIS CRITERION FOR FISH IS FOLLOWED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND TESTS IN HONG KONG HAVE SHOWN THAT THE NEW LEVELS SATISFY THIS CRITERION FOR FISH AND SHELLFISH RESPECTIVELY.

MERCURY CONTENT IN FOOD

THE NEW LIMIT SET FOR MERCURY IN FOOD IS 0.5 PARTS PER MILLION, IN PLACE OF THE FORMER PROHIBITION ON ANY MERCURY CONTENT. THE NEW LIMIT IS THE SAME AS THAT IMPOSED IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA= IN THE UNITED KINGDOM THERE IS NO STATUTORY LIMIT.

AGAIN, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE NEW LIMIT IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE SAFEGUARDING OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

PENALTIES

OFFENCES AGAINST THE REGULATIONS WILL FROM NOW ON CARRY LIABILITY TO A SENTENCE OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT INSTEAD OF THREE MONTHS, IN ADDITION TO THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000.

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DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977

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AN AMENDMENT BILL, WHICH SEEKS TO EMPOWER THE POLICE AND THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE TO DETAIN THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OF SUSPECTS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR SERIOUS DRUG OFFENCES WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE BILL, IF APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL AMEND THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE AND INCREASE ITS EFFECTIVENESS IN DEALING WITH DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

THE ORDINANCE AT PRESENT PROVIDES NO EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THE MOVEMENT OF A SUSPECTED DRUG OFFENDER. THIS MEANS THAT A SUSPECT CAN EASILY FLEE HONG KONG BEFORE THE AUTHORITIES CAN GATHER ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO BRING HIM TO THE COURT.

UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, A MAGISTRATE MAY AUTHORIZE THE POLICE OR THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE, UPON APPLICATION FROM THEM, TO DETAIN THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OF A PERSON WHO IS BEING INVESTIGATED FOR AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE WITH 15 YEARS OR MORE IMPRISONMENT UNDER THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE. THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS MAY BE DETAINED INITIALLY FOR SIX MONTHS AND, IF NECESSARY, A FURTHER THREE MONTHS TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR INVESTIGATION.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT IF THE PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE MAGISTRATE'S ORDER, HE MAY BE ARRESTED AND SENT TO PRISON CUSTODY.

COMMENTING ON THE BILL, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH CRIMINALS INVOLVED IN SERIOUS DRUG OFFENCES, SUCH AS MAJOR TRAFFICKING IN, AND MANUFACTURING OF DANGEROUS DRUGS.

HE SAID THE PROPOSED MEASURE WAS SIMILAR TO THE SECTION OF THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE WHICH EMPOWERS A MAGISTRATE TO ORDER A PERSON BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION TO SURRENDER HIS TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. HE SAID THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PARTICULAR SECTION HAD BEEN WELL DEMONSTRATED.

SIMILAR POWERS FOR ANTI-DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, WOULD BE USEFUL IN MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR MAJOR DRUG OFFENDERS TO FLEE HONG KONG BEFORE INVESTIGATIONS COULD BE COMPLETED.

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CONVERSION OF GRANTHAM HOSPITAL
INTO A CARDIO THORACIC CENTRE MOST OPPORTUNE
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THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL TO CONVERT GRANTHAM HOSPITAL, WHICH IS ONE OF TWO MAIN HOSPITALS IN HONG KONG FOR TREATING TUBERCULOSIS, INTO A MAJOR CARDIO THORACIC CENTRE.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS AND THORACIC DISEASES ASSOCIATION, OF WHICH HE IS THE PRESIDENT.

HE SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS ONE OF THE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS BY TWO CHEST DISEASE EXPERTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, PROFESSOR J. SCADDING AND DR. WALLACE FOX, WHO HAD EARLIER VISITED HONG KONG TO ADVISE ON THE PLANNING AND METHODS OF CONTROL AND TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

DR. THONG SAID WITH THE DECREASING INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EFFECTIVE OUT-PATIENT THERAPY THE NUMBER OF BEDS REQUIRED FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS HAD GREATLY DIMINISHED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, BOTH THE NEED AND THE DEMAND FOR TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR CHEST AND CARDIAC CONDITIONS WOULD BE INCREASING PROGRESSIVELY.

+THUS, THE EVOLUTION OF THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL INTO A CARDIO THORACIC CENTRE AT THIS TIME IS MOST APPROPRIATE,+ HE SAID.

THE PRELIMINARY COSTING OF THE PROJECT IS IN THE ORDER OF \$22 MILLION FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND \$16.9 MILLION FOR ADDITIONAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT ENVISAGES THE BUILDING OF A FIVE-STOREY EXTENSION TO THE HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPERATING THEATRES, A CARDIAC LABORATORY AND OTHER SERVICE UNITS AS WELL AS MODIFICATION OF SOME EXISTING ROOMS TO TURN THEM INTO INTENSIVE CARE UNITS.

THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL ENABLE THE HOSPITAL TO INCREASE ITS OPEN HEART OPERATIONS, CLOSED HEART OPERATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE CARDIAC INVESTIGATORY FACILITIES AS WELL AS OUT-PATIENT SERVICES.

DR. THONG SAID A DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH MAGNITUDE WOULD NATURALLY REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT A JOINT EFFORT WILL BE MADE BY THE HONG KONG HEART FOUNDATION AND THE HONG KONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS AND THORACIC DISEASES ASSOCIATION TO GATHER ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT BY FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

/THE DIRECTOR

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THE DIRECTOR POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ALTHOUGH THE INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS HAD FALLEN FROM 254.5 PER 100,000 POPULATION IN 1970 TO 178.4 IN 1976, THE DISEASE COULD BY NO MEANS BE REGARDED AS SUBDUED NOR MUST THERE BE ANY SLACKENING IN THE DRIVE AGAINST THE DISEASE.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO ADOPT A VIGOROUS AND ACTIVE APPROACH IN THE BATTLE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING FURTHER THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM AND HOPEFULLY TO ELIMINATE IT IN THE ULTIMATE.

DR. THONG SAID A LARGE SCALE CASE FINDING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WAS BEING PLANNED FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR TO MOTIVATE PATIENTS WITH SYMPTOMS ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH A COUGH LASTING MORE THAN FOUR WEEKS TO APPEAR FOR A CHEST X-RAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, THE TREATMENT METHOD FOR TUBERCULOSIS WOULD BE IMPROVED TO REDUCE THE DURATION OF TREATMENT TO THREE OR FOUR MONTHS WITH A SMALLER NUMBER OF DOSES OF CHEMOTHERAPY.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY

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THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY SHOW A SURPLUS OF \$288 MILLION AS COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$248 MILLION IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS OF \$874 MILLION FOR THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1976-77, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$407 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

GROSS EXPENDITURE AT \$542 MILLION WAS \$76 MILLION MORE THAN IN FEBRUARY 1976.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS AT \$830 MILLION WAS \$117 MILLION MORE THAN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR DUE MAINLY TO INCREASED RECEIPTS FROM DUTIES, INTERNAL REVENUE AND LAND SALES.

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IMPORTANT ROLE OF COMMUNITY HALLS

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COMMUNITY HALLS HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SOCIAL LIFE OF THOSE WHO LIVE IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL, SIR DENYS SAID IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY HALL IN ANY PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WITH A POPULATION OF 20,000 OR MORE.

+THIS IS THE FIRST OF ABOUT 10 HALLS WHICH ARE TO BE OPENED IN THE NEXT YEAR,+ HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE POPULATION OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN WOULD GROW FROM A FEW THOUSAND TO ALMOST HALF A MILLION DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

HE SAID ALL BUT A FEW THOUSAND OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE NEW TOWN WOULD COME FROM OTHER PARTS OF HONG KONG WHO WOULD BE TRYING TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT.

THE PRESENT INHABITANTS OF SHA TIN WOULD HAVE SEEN AN UNCROWDED RURAL EXISTENCE REPLACED BY THE DIFFERENT PACE AND SOUND OF A BIG CITY, HE ADDED.

SIR DENYS SAID: +EVERYONE IN THE NEW TOWN, WHETHER OLD INHABITANT OR NEWCOMER, WILL HAVE TO ENDURE A PERIOD OF NOISE, DUST, MUD, DISORDER AND DISCOMFORT, WHILE THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME CONTINUES.

+THESE FACTORS MAKE IT OF EVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE THAN IT IS IN MORE SETTLED POPULATIONS THAT FACILITIES SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR RECREATIONAL AND FOR VARIOUS KINDS OF SOCIAL ACTIVITY.+

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID IF PEOPLE WERE TO LIVE A REASONABLY FULL LIFE, IT WAS NOT ENOUGH MERELY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH DECENT PLACES TO LIVE. +PREMISES MUST BE AVAILABLE IN WHICH THEY CAN PURSUE THEIR LEISURE INTERESTS AND TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.+

HE SAID COMMUNITY HALLS WERE INTENDED TO SERVE AS A FOCAL POINT FOR GROUP AND NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS.

+THEY WILL, WE BELIEVE, HELP TO CREATE A COHESIVE AND STABLE SOCIETY AND A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS,+ HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE SAME CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF A COMMUNITY HALL WAS TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE CENTRE FOR THE MULTIFARIOUS FORMS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AS WELL AS FOR VARIOUS CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

+THE COMMUNITY HALL IS ALSO INTENDED AS A MEANS OF ENRICHING THE LIFE OF LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT MORE COMMUNITY HALLS WOULD BE BUILT IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WITH A POPULATION OF 20,000 OR MORE= IN FACT, FIVE HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.

PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE DURING MARCH 1977. THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR MARCH WAS \$2,327 MILLION, IMPORTS WERE WORTH \$3,933 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS \$763 MILLION.

THE FIGURES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO MARCH 1977 (LATEST THREE MONTHS) SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1976 OF 6.2 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 14.7 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 7.2 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1976, INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF \$435 MILLION OR 12.4 PER CENT IN IMPORTS AND \$17 MILLION OR 2.3 PER CENT IN RE-EXPORTS AND A DECREASE OF \$185 MILLION OR 7.4 PER CENT IN EXPORTS WERE RECORDED.

THE SHORT TERM CHANGES, MARCH 1977 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1977, SHOWED INCREASES OF \$72 MILLION OR 3.2 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, \$555 MILLION OR 16.4 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND \$104 MILLION OR 15.7 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS. ALTHOUGH THE SMALL RISE IN EXPORTS IS CONSISTENT WITH A PARTIAL RECOVERY FROM THE SEASONALLY LOW FEBRUARY FIGURE, THE UNDERLYING TREND IN EXPORTS IS STILL UNCERTAIN.

THE FIGURES FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM APRIL 1976 TO MARCH 1977 COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF 31.3 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 23.5 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 20.6 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

THE FOLLOWING TRADE TABLE GIVES THE COMPARATIVE FIGURES :

LATEST 3 MONTHS	JAN.-MAR.	JAN.-MAR.	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	1977	1976	\$MN.	%
	\$MN.	\$MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	7,271 (76.3%)	6,843 (76.4%)	+ 427	+ 6.2
IMPORTS	11,143	9,717	+1,425	+14.7
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	2,263 (23.7%)	2,112 (23.6%)	+ 151	+ 7.2
SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	MARCH	MARCH	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	1977	1976	\$MN.	%
	\$MN.	\$MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	2,327 (75.3%)	2,512 (77.1%)	- 185	- 7.4
IMPORTS	3,933	3,498	+ 435	+12.4
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	763 (24.7%)	746 (22.9%)	+ 17	+ 2.3

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<u>LAST MONTH</u>	MARCH 1977	FEBRUARY 1977	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$MN.	\$MN.	\$MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	2,327 (75.3%)	2,254 (77.4%)	+ 72	+ 3.2
IMPORTS	3,933	3,378	+ 555	+16.4
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	763 (24.7%)	659 (22.6%)	+ 104	+15.7
<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	APRIL 1976 TO MARCH 1977	APRIL 1975 TO MARCH 1976	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$MN.	\$MN.	\$MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	33,056	25,174	+7,883	+31.3
IMPORTS	44,718	36,194	+8,524	+23.5
RE-EXPORTS	9,079	7,527	+1,552	+20.6

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VERANDAHS OF PRE-WAR BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED THE VERANDAHS AT NOS. 131, 133, 135 AND 137, DES VOUEX ROAD WEST, HONG KONG TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THESE 3-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS HAD BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION FOR SOME TIME.

THE FRONT VERANDAHS NOW SHOW SIGNS OF EXTENSIVE MOVEMENT. IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO DEMOLISH THE VERANDAHS.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN THE VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON MAY 27, 1977 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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PRIME SITE IN CENTRAL SOLD FOR \$53 M.

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A PRIME NON-INDUSTRIAL SITE IN CENTRAL WAS SOLD TODAY FOR \$53 MILLION AT A PUBLIC AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE P.W.D.'S LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY HALL.

THE SITE, WHICH MEASURES ABOUT 1,780 SQ. M., IS LOCATED BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND LOWER LASCAR ROW, AND WAS BOUGHT BY WING TUNG HING REALTY LTD. AND KAI TAI LOY REALTY LTD. AT A REALISED PRICE OF \$29,785.32 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SITE CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$7,170,000 AND SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BEFORE JUNE 30, 1980.

TWO OTHER NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES FETCHED A TOTAL OF \$2.6 MILLION.

THE FIRST, LOCATED AT NO. 11 SHAMCHUN STREET IN YAU MA TEI WAS BOUGHT BY BONO DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD FOR \$1.85 MILLION -- A REALISED PRICE OF \$18,407.96 PER SQ. METRE. THE LOT MEASURES JUST OVER 100 SQ. METRES AND HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$150,000 BEFORE JUNE 30, 1980.

THE OTHER NON-INDUSTRIAL SITE WENT TO LIP SENG INVESTMENT CO. LTD. FOR \$750,000. THE 98 SQ. METRE SITE IS LOCATED AT PO FONG LANE, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, KOWLOON.

A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE AT NO. 989 CAPE ROAD IN CHUNG HOM KOK WAS SOLD TO PERIDOT INVESTMENT CO. LTD. FOR \$2.3 MILLION, REPRESENTING A REALISED PRICE OF \$1,133.51 PER SQUARE METRE. THE LOT MEASURES 2,029 SQ. M. AND HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$440,000 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1980.

THE AUCTION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE ACTING GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR. D.M. SCOTT-WILL, OF THE P.W.D.'S LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

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TWO FOOTBRIDGES FOR KWUN TONG PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD TWO FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS KWUN TONG ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHING SHUN ROAD AND A NEW BUS BAY IN THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWUN TONG ROAD SOUTH OF THE MTR KOWLOON BAY STATION.

THE STREET ALTERATIONS TO KWUN TONG WERE NOTIFIED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ALTERATIONS WERE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ACROSS KWUN TONG ROAD INTO KOWLOON BAY STATION AND TO TELFORD GARDENS, A RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEX BEING DEVELOPED ABOVE THE KOWLOON BAY DEPOT.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE TELFORD GARDENS DEVELOPMENT, 25,000 PEOPLE WILL LIVE IN A MODERN TOWN ALONGSIDE KOWLOON BAY STATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PLANS SHOWING THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS MAY BE INSPECTED DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE IN CENTRAL AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING.

THE PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE NGAU TAU KOK CDO SUB-OFFICE IN THE LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE AND AT THE CDO (KWUN TONG) IN TUNG YAN STREET.

THE GAZETTE NOTICE STIPULATES THAT ANYONE MAKING A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION MUST SEND IT IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

IN THE CASE OF THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OR PERMANENT SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION OF THE STREET OR PART OF IT, THE CLAIM MUST REACH THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF ONE YEAR FROM THE CLOSURE OR THE COMPLETION OF THE ALTERATION.

IN THE CASE OF THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OR TEMPORARY SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION OF THE STREET OR PART OF IT, THE CLAIM MUST ARRIVE IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF ONE YEAR FROM THE RE-OPENING OR RE-INSTATEMENT OF THE STREET OR PART OF IT.

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FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE
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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS OFFERING A TWO YEAR FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO INTEND TO TAKE UP THE TEACHING PROFESSION AS THEIR CAREER.

THE COURSE, COMMENCING IN SEPTEMBER, IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN FORM V SCHOOL-LEAVERS WITH APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL EDUCATION BACKGROUND TO BECOME QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

DURING THE TWO YEARS OF TRAINING, STUDENTS WILL STUDY EDUCATION THEORIES, INCLUDING EDUCATION PHILOSOPHIES AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY THE DESIGN, PREPARATION AND APPLICATION OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, TEACHING METHODOLOGY, MATHS AND GENERAL SCIENCES.

A PROPORTION OF TIME WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE POLISHING UP OF SPECIALIST SUBJECT-MATTER IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, ACCOUNTANCY AND SECRETARYSHIP. INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT AND VISITS WILL BE ARRANGED TO PROMOTE STUDENTS' CONTACT WITH INDUSTRIES.

STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PASS BOTH COURSE WORK AND EXAMINATIONS AS WELL AS TEACHING PRACTICES BEFORE THEY GRADUATE.

FINANCIAL AIDS ARE AVAILABLE ON APPLICATION TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN TAKING UP THE TEACHER TRAINING.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 4, 1977.

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MATHEMATICS SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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+A SYLLABUS FOR THE 1980'S+ IS THE TITLE OF A MATHEMATICS SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC TOMORROW MORNING.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS EXPECTED TO BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 300 TEACHERS. IT WILL BE OPENED BY THE ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MRS. LOUISE MOK.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR IS TO CONSIDER A NEW MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS FOR FORMS IV AND V AS DRAFTED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT MATHEMATICS SUBJECT COMMITTEE.

+ALREADY THERE HAS BEEN A GOOD RESPONSE FROM TEACHERS EAGER TO DISCUSS THE VITAL NEW IDEAS CONTAINED IN THIS SYLLABUS,+ SAID MR. FRANK PARKIN, PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (MATHEMATICS) AND CONVENOR OF THE SEMINAR.

MR. PARKIN ADDED: +THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THIS NEW SYLLABUS IS QUITE DIFFERENT TO THAT OF PREVIOUS ONES. WITH THE ADVENT OF THE ELECTRONIC CALCULATOR IT IS POSSIBLE TO BRING STUDENTS INTO DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE REALITIES OF OUR MODERN CULTURE.

+SCHOOL MATHEMATICS NO LONGER APPEARS AS AN INTELLECTUAL GAME FOR THE INITIATED USING CONTRIVED QUESTIONS, BUT AS A POWERFUL TOOL TO BE USED. INDEED THE MATHEMATICAL FUNCTIONS ON CALCULATORS ARE NATURALLY DIRECTED TO MATHEMATICS THAT OCCURS IN INDUSTRY, TECHNOLOGY, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, COMMERCE AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES. EVEN THOUGH THE NEW FORM IV AND V SYLLABUS THEN IS ESSENTIALLY A USEFUL SYLLABUS, EDUCATORS WILL STILL BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS PEDAGOGICAL VIRTUES.+

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE SEMINAR COVERED. IT WILL BE HELD FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. TOMORROW IN ROOM L-401, LIBRARY BUILDING, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

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BOYS COMPLETE TRAINING AT SEA SCHOOL

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY INSPECTED A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 10 BOYS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED TRAINING AT THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL IN STANLEY.

HE ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO THE GRADUATES WHO WILL BE JOINING THE LOCAL SHIPPING COMPANIES AS TRAINEES CLASS I ON BOARD SHIPS.

MR. AKERS-JONES AND HIS WIFE LATER TOURED THE SCHOOL AND SAW OTHER BOYS UNDERGOING VARIOUS FORMS OF TRAINING. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOL, BRIGADIER N.G.A. NOBLE.

ADDRESSING THE GRADUATES, MR. AKERS-JONES RECALLED THAT HE HIMSELF WENT TO SEA AT THE AGE OF 17 AS AN APPRENTICE AND SERVED FOR FOUR YEARS ABOARD A NUMBER OF SHIPS IN THE FAR EAST.

+I HAVE NEVER REGRETTED THE TIME SPENT AT SEA AND ALL THAT I LEARNT FROM IT,+ HE SAID.

HE TOLD THE BOYS THAT THEY WERE ON THE THRESHOLD OF GREAT ADVENTURE, GOING TO STRANGE PLACES, MEETING STRANGE PEOPLE AND ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULT SITUATIONS AND POSSIBLE DANGER.

+YOU WILL FACE THESE ENCOUNTERS WELL EQUIPPED BY YOUR TRAINING HERE BECAUSE YOU HAVE LEARNED THE NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR YOUR FELLOW MEN.

+IF YOU DO THIS, YOU WILL FULFIL THE HIGH TRADITIONS OF SERVICE AT SEA,+ HE SAID.

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