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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES UP SLIGHTLY

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR JUNE WERE 142 AND 141 RESPECTIVELY, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, CPI(A) INCREASED BY TWO POINTS OR 1.4 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY ONE POINT OR 0.7 PER CENT. WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE LAST YEAR, CPI(A) ROSE BY 12 POINTS OR 9.2 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 11 POINTS OR 8.5 PER CENT. DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED IN JUNE 1983, BOTH THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.7 PER CENT EACH MONTH.

THE PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND SALT-WATER FISH WENT UP. HOWEVER, THE PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY, MAINLY CHICKEN, DECREASED.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI(A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

THE INDEXES FOR JUNE IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR MAY 1983 AND JUNE 1982.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	JUNE 82	MAY 83	JUNE 83	JUNE 82	MAY 83	JUNE 83
FOODSTUFFS	135	141	144	135	142	144
HOUSING	124	135	135	124	135	135
FUEL AND LIGHT	133	140	144	134	141	145
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	124	185	185	123	179	179
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	132	141	141	132	143	142
DURABLE GOODS	108	110	112	110	113	115
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	121	131	132	117	130	131
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	140	154	155	141	156	157
SERVICES	134	148	149	133	146	147
ALL ITEMS	130	140	142	130	140	141

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COMPARED WITH MAY, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY THREE POINTS IN CPI(A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN CPI(B).

THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES ROSE AS A RESULT OF AN INADEQUATE SUPPLY OF LOCALLY-GROWN FRESH VEGETABLES CAUSED BY THE HEAVY RAINSTORMS IN LATE MAY AND MID-JUNE.

THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH ALSO WENT UP, DUE TO REDUCED SUPPLY, AS SOME FISHERMEN STAYED AT HOME TO CELEBRATE THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL.

INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY, MAINLY CHICKEN, DECREASED AS A RESULT OF NEWS REPORTS ABOUT THE CARCINOGENIC EFFECT OF HORMONES IMPLANTED IN CHICKENS. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY FOUR POINTS IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY DUE TO FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT AND THE FULL IMPACT OF RISES IN THE PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS.

THE TWO-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES OF TELEVISION SETS, SOUND EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRICAL CONSUMER DURABLES.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) OWING TO HIGHER PRICES OF MEDICINES, JEWELLERY, TOYS AND HOBBIES.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B), REFLECTING THE FULL IMPACT OF RISES IN GASOLINE PRICES AND IN BUS AND MTR FARES.

HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, PACKAGE TOURS AND HAIR-DRESSING CAUSED THE INDEX FOR SERVICES TO INCREASE BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B).

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN THE OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR JUNE 1983. BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS OF THIS REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$3 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG. FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

(FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

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1980 BENCHMARK ECONOMIC CENSUS REPORT ON SALE

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A REPORT ON THE FIRST BENCHMARK ECONOMIC CENSUS OF HONG KONG'S STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES FOR THE REFERENCE YEAR 1980, IS NOW ON SALE.

PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE REPORT PROVIDES ECONOMIC STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND PERFORMANCE OF THE SECTORS CONCERNED.

THE REPORT IS PUBLISHED IN TWO PARTS, PART I ON STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING AND BUSINESS SERVICES AND PART II ON INSURANCE SERVICES. BOTH PARTS OF THE REPORT CONTAIN DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY, STATISTICAL CONCEPTS AND MEASURES USED, AND DETAILED ANALYSES OF THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE SECTORS CONCERNED.

WHILE PART I PROVIDES 40 ANALYTICAL TABLES OF PRINCIPAL/ DETAILED STATISTICS FOR REPORTING ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED BY SECTOR/GROUP AND ANALYSED BY NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, CENSUS DISTRICT, INCOME AND RECEIPTS, VALUE ADDED, AND CAPITAL STOCK, PART II CONTAINS 19 ANALYTICAL TABLES OF PRINCIPAL/DETAILED STATISTICS FOR REPORTING ESTABLISHMENTS ANALYSED BY GROUP, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, CENSUS DISTRICT, NET PREMIUMS AND INVESTMENT.

SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE SURVEY OF BANKS, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF FOREIGN BANKS, 1980 ARE INCLUDED IN PART I.

A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF PREMIUMS AND CLAIMS, FUNDS AND RESERVES BY TYPE OF INSURANCE POLICY IS ALSO PROVIDED IN PART II.

AS REVEALED IN PART I OF THE REPORT, THERE WERE 183 REPORTING ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE STORAGE SECTOR IN 1980, WITH A WORKFORCE OF 4 064 PERSONS. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED \$665 MILLION OF INCOME AND RECEIPTS, PAID OUT \$117 MILLION IN COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$350 MILLION IN OPERATING EXPENSES, AND CONTRIBUTED \$354 MILLION TO VALUE ADDED.

THEIR CAPITAL STOCK WAS \$820 MILLION. WHILE AN AVERAGE EMPLOYEE IN THE STORAGE SECTOR EARNED ABOUT \$29 000 PER ANNUM, EACH ESTABLISHMENT, ON AVERAGE, HAD \$3.6 MILLION OF INCOME AND RECEIPTS.

IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR, THERE WERE 50 REPORTING ESTABLISHMENTS IN 1980, ENGAGING 16 010 PERSONS. TOTAL INCOME AND RECEIPTS GENERATED BY THE SECTOR WERE \$2 814 MILLION, WITH \$643 MILLION SPENT ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$1 074 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES. VALUE ADDED CONTRIBUTED BY THESE ESTABLISHMENTS WAS \$1 730 MILLION WHILE THEIR CAPITAL STOCK WAS WORTH \$3 222 MILLION. AVERAGE COMPENSATION PER EMPLOYEE IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR WAS \$40 000 PER ANNUM. INCOME AND RECEIPTS PER ESTABLISHMENT AMOUNTED TO \$56.3 MILLION.

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THERE WERE 1 847 REPORTING ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE FINANCING SECTOR IN 1980, INCLUDING BILL DISCOUNTING COMPANIES, CREDIT INSTITUTIONS, LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANIES, PAWNSHOPS, INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES, SECURITY, COMMODITY AND GOLD BULLION BROKERS AND DEALERS, MONEY CHANGERS, AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE BROKERS AND DEALERS, BUT EXCLUDING BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

THIS SECTOR, WITH A WORKFORCE OF 15 580 PERSONS, GENERATED \$8 417 MILLION OF INCOME AND RECEIPTS, AND PAID OUT \$647 MILLION IN COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$1 931 MILLION IN OPERATING EXPENSES. THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO VALUE ADDED WAS \$1 568 MILLION. CAPITAL STOCK WAS \$506 MILLION. PER CAPITA EMPLOYEE INCOME IN THE FINANCING SECTOR WAS \$46 000 PER ANNUM. INCOME AND RECEIPTS PER ESTABLISHMENT WERE \$4.6 MILLION.

IN THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THERE WERE 1 885 REPORTING ESTABLISHMENTS IN 1980. THIS SECTOR, WITH A WORKFORCE OF 26 482 PERSONS, COMPRISED LEGAL, ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND DATA PROCESSING FIRMS; BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING, ADVERTISING, DESIGNING, SECRETARIAL AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES; AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND LEASING SERVICES. THEIR TOTAL INCOME AND RECEIPTS AMOUNTED TO \$3 629 MILLION. SOME \$940 MILLION WAS SPENT ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$1 652 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES. VALUE ADDED OF THE SECTOR TOTALLED \$1 957 MILLION AND CAPITAL STOCK \$744 MILLION. AN AVERAGE EMPLOYEE IN THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR EARNED ABOUT \$38 000 PER ANNUM. THE SECTOR HAD ON AVERAGE INCOME AND RECEIPTS OF \$1.9 MILLION PER ESTABLISHMENT.

PART II OF THE REPORT SHOWS THERE WERE 540 REPORTING ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE INSURANCE SECTOR IN 1980, WITH A WORKFORCE OF 7 016 PERSONS. THIS SECTOR GENERATED A TOTAL OF \$3 431 MILLION OF INCOME AND RECEIPTS OF WHICH, 60 PER CENT WAS PREMIUMS RECEIVED (GROSS RETAINED PREMIUMS), 16 PER CENT WAS REINSURANCE COMMISSIONS RECEIVED, 13 PER CENT WAS INVESTMENT INCOME AND 11 PER CENT WAS OTHER BUSINESS RECEIPTS WHICH CONSISTED MAINLY OF COMMISSIONS AND BROKERAGES AND SERVICE FEES.

THESE ESTABLISHMENTS INCURRED \$327 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$242 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES. WHILE \$807 MILLION WAS PAID OUT AS NET CLAIMS, \$908 MILLION WAS SPENT ON INSURANCE INTERMEDIARY SERVICES. INSURANCE FUNDS AND RESERVES PUT UP BY INSURERS AS LIFE FUNDS AND RESERVES FOR UNEARNED PREMIUMS AND OUTSTANDING CLAIMS TOTALLED \$3 371 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF INVESTMENTS GENERATED OR ADMINISTERED BY RESIDENT INSURERS WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$3 836 MILLION.

CAPITAL STOCK AT THE END OF 1980, OTHER THAN THOSE FIXED ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES, WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$107 MILLION.

REMUNERATION PER EMPLOYEE WAS ABOUT \$48 000 PER ANNUM. INSURANCE ESTABLISHMENTS HAD AN AVERAGE INCOME OF \$6.3 MILLION PER ESTABLISHMENT.

BOTH PART I AND PART II OF THE REPORT ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:-

PART I	\$44	PER COPY
PART II	\$23	PER COPY.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY COMPLETES RENT REVIEW

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS COMPLETED AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION A RENT REVIEW FOR 25 POST-1973 ESTATES WHERE RENTS WILL BE REVISED FROM SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

+THE RENT REVISION IS CONSIDERED REASONABLE AND HAS BEEN MADE NECESSARY BY THE CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE/IMPROVEMENTS COSTS OVER THE YEARS,+ SAID AN AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN TODAY.

+FURTHERMORE, A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN RATES HAS ALSO BEEN IMPOSED UPON THESE PROPERTIES SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR.

+EVEN AFTER THE SEPTEMBER REVISION, RENTS WHICH ALREADY INCLUDE RATES AND MANAGEMENT FEES WILL REMAIN LOWER THAN IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BUT THERE WILL STILL BE SUBSTANTIAL DEFICITS IN THIS AND COMING YEARS.

+AT PRESENT, TENANTS AT THESE ESTATES ARE PAYING VERY LOW RENT WHICH REPRESENTS ONLY A SMALL PROPORTION, AVERAGING ABOUT 6.8 PER CENT, OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD INCOME COMPARED WITH ABOUT 21 PER CENT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RENT REVIEW HAD BEEN MADE AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTATE VALUES IN TERMS OF LOCATION, FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED.

IN THE SEPTEMBER REVISION, RENTS IN THE 25 POST-1973 ESTATES, INVOLVING 42 783 FLATS, WILL BE INCREASED GENERALLY BY \$2.30 PER SQUARE METRE (OR 21 CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT).

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO REVIEW RENTS EVERY TWO YEARS. OF THE FLATS AFFECTED BY THE PRESENT RENT REVIEW EXERCISE, 17 259 OR ABOUT 40 PER CENT HAVE HAD A RENT INCREASE IN 1981, AND THE REMAINING 25 524 FLATS WHICH HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED SINCE SEPTEMBER 1981, HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY HAD ANY RENT INCREASE.

+THESE ESTATES ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE AMONG THE BEST OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES.

+THEIR FACILITIES ARE OF THE SAME STANDARD AS THOSE FOR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ESTATES.

+IN ACTUAL MONEY TERMS, THE RENT INCREASES ARE QUITE SMALL AS THE GREAT MAJORITY OF TENANTS WILL PAY NOT MORE THAN \$80 EXTRA PER MONTH, WHILE FOR SOME OTHERS THE INCREASES ARE EVEN SMALLER RANGING FROM ONLY \$26 TO \$42 PER MONTH.

+EVEN AFTER THE REVISION, RENTS FOR THE MAJORITY OF FLATS AT THESE ESTATES WILL RANGE FROM ONLY \$7.86 PER SQUARE METRE TO \$13 PER SQUARE METRE A MONTH, EXCEPT FOR THE NEW-TYPE FLATS IN ONE ESTATE WHICH ARE OF BETTER DESIGN WHERE THE RENT WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$15.06 PER SQUARE METRE TO \$17.36 PER SQUARE METRE A MONTH.+

OBSCENE SIGNBOARDS TO BE PULLED DOWN  
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A TOTAL OF 65 OBJECTIONABLE SIGNBOARDS WILL BE REMOVED FROM FOUR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN YIN HING STREET AND FOO YUEN STREET, SAN PO KONG ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27).

OF THESE, 20 WILL BE REMOVED UNDER THE OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS ORDINANCE AND THE REST UNDER THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THAT VICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE DISTRICT WERE STILL IN THE INFANT STAGE AND WERE CONFINED TO THE SAN PO KONG AREA.

+IT IS THEREFORE ADVISABLE TO STEP UP THE CONTROL NOW BEFORE THEY PROLIFERATE INTO OTHER AREAS,+ HE SAID.

THE OPERATION WAS INITIATED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND WILL BE CARRIED OUT JOINTLY BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE, AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

TEN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, MAINLY FOR STORAGE AND DOMESTIC USE, IN SUNG HING LANE, SAI YING PUN WILL ALSO BE DEMOLISHED ON WEDNESDAY.

IT WILL BE THE FIRST PHASE OF A STREET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE TO CLEAR THE DISTRICT'S 2 200 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES COMPRISING WALL STALLS, SHOP EXTENSIONS, WORKSHOPS, STORAGE ROOMS AND DOMESTIC UNITS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CLEARANCE OPERATIONS IN SAN PO KONG AND SAI YING PUN STARTING AT 9.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27).

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CLOSURE APPLICATION GRANTED  
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THE APPLICATION BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FOR 112-114 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WAS GRANTED BY THE VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT THIS AFTERNOON.

TENANTS OF THE BUILDING WERE EVACUATED LAST SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE SUBSIDENCE OF A PART OF THE PAVEMENT OUTSIDE THE BUILDING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT SAFE FOR RESIDENTS TO MOVE BACK TO THE BUILDING UNTIL AN INVESTIGATION AND POSSIBLE REMEDIAL WORKS TO THE GROUND HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE MTRC.

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EDUCATION SYSTEM +DOING PRETTY WELL+ -- HAYE  
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CRITICS OF HONG KONG'S EDUCATION SYSTEM SHOULD LOOK AT THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST'S +STUDENT OF THE YEAR+ ANNUAL SELECTIONS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID AT THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AT THE SCMP TODAY (MONDAY).

+EVERY YEAR HUNDREDS OF NOMINATIONS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE SHORTLISTED AND I HAVE BEEN LUCKY TO MEET THE TOP TEN STUDENTS EACH YEAR IN FINAL INTERVIEWS TO FIND THE 'STUDENT OF THE YEAR',+ MR HAYE WENT ON.

THESE OUTSTANDING YOUNG GIRLS AND BOYS ARE PRODUCTS OF A SYSTEM ANY COUNTRY SHOULD BE PROUD OF, MR HAYE SAID.

+THEY ARE THE LIVING PROOF OF THE VITALITY OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM SOME FIND IT FASHIONABLE TO KNOCK.

+IF WE CAN PRODUCE GIRLS AND BOYS LIKE THIS YEAR AFTER YEAR WE ARE DOING PRETTY WELL,+ MR HAYE SAID.

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107 PASS LICENTIATE MEDICAL EXAMS  
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THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT 107 OUT OF A TOTAL OF 126 CANDIDATES, HAVE PASSED THE FINAL PART OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS.

THIS PART OF THE EXAMINATION, HELD BETWEEN JULY 12 AND 14, WAS AN ORAL EXAMINATION OF ABILITY TO APPLY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO CLINICAL PROBLEMS.

CANDIDATES WERE GIVEN A 30-MINUTE EXAMINATION BY TWO PANELS OF EXAMINERS IN EACH OF THE THREE DISCIPLINES -- MEDICINE, SURGERY AND OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL NOW BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO AN 18-MONTH PERIOD OF ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING IN HOSPITALS APPROVED BY THE MEDICAL COUNCIL, STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER.

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LABOUR LAW OFFENDERS PROSECUTED  
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A TOTAL OF 735 PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LAWS TAKEN OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS BY THE COURTS LAST MONTH AND FINES IMPOSED AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$690 025.

MOST OF THE CASES CONCERNED BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

THERE WERE 264 CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS, WITH \$288 200 IN FINES. THESE INCLUDED 96 CASES (WITH \$102 650 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 88 CASES (WITH \$218 850 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

CASES RELATING TO BREACHES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS ACCOUNTED FOR 395 WITH \$232 575 IN FINES.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, 16 CASES WERE RELATED TO FAILURE TO KEEP RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES, LEADING TO \$7 300 IN FINES.

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'THEMATIC APPROACH' IN KINDERGARTENS TO BE SHOWN  
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A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION, ILLUSTRATING THE USE OF THEMATIC APPROACH IN KINDERGARTENS, WILL BE HELD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK, ON JULY 27 AND 28.

ORGANISED BY THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9.30 AM TO 4.30 PM ON BOTH DAYS.

EXHIBITS INCLUDE PROJECT WORK BY TEACHERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES HELD BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND BY MEMBERS OF THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT TEAM, AS WELL AS TEACHING MATERIALS AND CHILDREN'S WORK ILLUSTRATING THE THEMATIC APPROACH.

DURING THE EXHIBITION, THERE WILL BE FOUR DEMONSTRATION SESSIONS ON MUSIC MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR KINDERGARTENS — ONE IN ENGLISH AND THREE IN CHINESE. THE ENGLISH DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD AT 10.15 AM ON JULY 27— WHILE THE CHINESE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM ON JULY 27, AND AT 10.30 AM AND 3 PM ON JULY 28.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MRS LOUISE MOK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION ON THEMATIC APPROACH AT 9.30 AM, JULY 27. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL BE HELD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK, KOWLOON.

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ANTI-SMOKING POSTER DISPLAY DRAWS CROWDS

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AN INTER-SCHOOL POSTER DESIGN EXHIBITION ON SMOKING CONTROL HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TODAY (MONDAY) ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AMONG TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS.

THE TWO-DAY EXHIBITION IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF THREE ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECRETARIAT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

THE FIRST EXHIBITION WAS STAGED AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL EARLIER THIS MONTH. THE THIRD WILL BE HELD AT LANDMARK FROM AUGUST 1 TO 3.

THE EXHIBITIONS AIM TO WARN YOUNG PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY SCHOOL CHILDREN, OF THE HEALTH HAZARDS THAT SMOKING PRESENTS AND TO ADVISE THEM NOT TO START SMOKING.

ON DISPLAY AT TODAY'S EXHIBITION WERE 76 PRIZE-WINNING POSTER DESIGNS CHOSEN FROM 1 100 ENTRIES FROM SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THESE WINNING DESIGNS WERE DISPLAYED AT THE FIFTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON SMOKING AND HEALTH HELD FROM JULY 10 TO 15 IN WINNIPEG, CANADA.

THEY DREW ACCLAIM FROM VARIOUS NATIONAL DELEGATIONS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE.

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BOARD MEMBERS TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT STUDY

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THE MA ON SHAN TRANSPORT STUDY WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27) MORNING.

THE PROJECT MANAGER OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR KEITH AUSTIN, WILL BRIEF BOARD MEMBERS ON THE STUDY.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION, MR A.N. WATSON-BROWN, WILL BE PRESENT TO HEAR MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE LEGAL EFFECT OF AGE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE NAMING OF A TOWN PARK, AND A REVIEW OF THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME AND AN EDUCATION REPORT COMPILED BY A PANEL OF VISITING EXPERTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27) IN THE FUNCTION ROOM OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FLYOVER  
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THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 12.01 AM TO 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27) TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE THE GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

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WATER FIGURES  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 88.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 510.059 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 374.100 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 64.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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