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APPOINTMENTS OF SENIOR OFFICERS IN CROWN SERVICE  
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS HAS TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE QUEEN HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF SIR DENYS ROBERTS AS CHIEF JUSTICE. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JACK CATER AS CHIEF SECRETARY.

SIR DONALD LUDDINGTON WILL SUCCEED MR. CATER AS COMMISSIONER, ICAC. SIR DONALD WILL BE REPLACED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION BY MR. IAN LIGHTBODY, WHO IS CURRENTLY THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION.

SIR DENYS ROBERTS WILL GO ON LEAVE ABOUT THE END OF SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND MR. JACK CATER WILL TAKE OVER AS CHIEF SECRETARY.

AFTER HIS LEAVE, SIR DENYS WILL SPEND SOME TIME STUDYING THE ORGANISATION OF COURTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES BEFORE TAKING OVER FROM SIR GEOFFREY BRIGGS, THE PRESENT CHIEF JUSTICE, ON SIR GEOFFREY'S RETIREMENT IN 1979.

SIR DONALD LUDDINGTON WILL BECOME COMMISSIONER, ICAC, EARLY IN JULY, WHEN MR. CATER GOES ON LEAVE. THE COMMISSIONER WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR.

MR. LIGHTBODY WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE AFTER 32 YEARS SERVICE AND WILL BECOME CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE VACATION OF THIS OFFICE BY SIR DONALD LUDDINGTON.

SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF SIR DENYS ROBERTS, MR. JACK CATER, SIR DONALD LUDDINGTON AND MR. IAN LIGHTBODY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SIR DENYS ROBERTS, KBE, QC, JP, 55, WAS EDUCATED AT ALDENHAM SCHOOL AND OXFORD UNIVERSITY. HE SERVED WITH THE BRITISH ARMY FROM 1943 TO 1946. A BARRISTER-AT-LAW OF LINCOLN'S INN, HE WAS APPOINTED CROWN COUNSEL IN NYASALAND (NOW MALAWI) IN 1953. IN 1960 HE WAS APPOINTED ATTORNEY-GENERAL IN GIBRALTAR AND IN 1962 WAS TRANSFERRED TO HONG KONG WHERE HE HAS BEEN SUCCESSIVELY SOLICITOR GENERAL, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, COLONIAL SECRETARY AND CHIEF SECRETARY.

JACK CATER, CBE, JP, 56, SERVED IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND WAS FIRST APPOINTED TO HONG KONG IN 1945. HE HELD A VARIETY OF APPOINTMENTS INCLUDING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DEFENCE SECRETARY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION AND SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS BEFORE BECOMING THE FIRST COMMISSIONER OF THE ICAC IN 1973.

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SIR DONALD LUDDINGTON, KBE, CMG, CVO, 57, GRADUATED FROM ST. ANDREWS

UNIVERSITY AND SERVED IN THE BRITISH ARMY FROM 1940 TO 1946. HE WAS FIRST APPOINTED TO HONG KONG IN FEBRUARY 1949 AS A CADET OFFICER. AFTER HOLDING A VARIETY OF APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, NEW TERRITORIES AND DEFENCE SECRETARY, HE WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS IN 1971. HE WENT TO THE WESTERN PACIFIC TO BE GOVERNOR OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS IN 1973 AND RETURNED TO HONG KONG IN APRIL 1977 AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION.

IAN LIGHTBODY, CMG, JP, 56, WAS EDUCATED AT GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

AND SERVED IN THE INDIAN ARMY DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. HE WAS APPOINTED A CADET OFFICER IN HONG KONG IN 1946 AND HAS HELD MANY APPOINTMENTS INCLUDING DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, NEW TERRITORIES, COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, DEFENCE SECRETARY, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT COLONIAL SECRETARY, COMMISSIONER FOR RESETTLEMENT AND SECRETARY FOR HOUSING. HE HAS BEEN SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION SINCE 1977.

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R.A.F. KAI TAK RETURNED TO GOVERNMENT  
FOR REDEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY FORMALLY TOOK POSSESSION OF THE 44.5-HECTARE ROYAL AIR FORCE STATION AT KAI TAK IN KEEPING WITH THE NEW DEFENCE COST AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1975 BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, ACCEPTED THE DEEDS, TITLES AND DOCUMENTS FOR THE SITE FROM GROUP CAPTAIN DAN HONLEY, COMMANDER ROYAL AIR FORCE HONG KONG, DURING A BRIEF HANDING-OVER CEREMONY AT R.A.F. KAI TAK THIS AFTERNOON.

MR. MCDONALD SAID: +ALTHOUGH THIS CEREMONY MARKS THE CLOSING OF A CHAPTER IN THE R.A.F. HISTORY IN HONG KONG IT ALSO MARKS THE BEGINNING OF NEW DEVELOPMENT OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT KOWLOON SITE.+

THE LARGE LAND AREA, HE SAID, WOULD BE DEVELOPED FOR USES SUCH AS LIGHT INDUSTRY, PUBLIC HOUSING, OPEN SPACE AND THE EXPANSION OF AIRPORT FACILITIES ALL OF WHICH WOULD BE EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY.

+WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE CULMINATION OF A PERIOD OF INTENSE ACTIVITY BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,+ MR. MCDONALD SAID.

/+THE DECISION .....

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+THE DECISION TO REPROVISION THE R.A.F. FACILITIES AT SEK KONG AND TO RELEASE THE MILITARY LANDS AT KAI TAK FOR CIVILIAN USE WAS MADE AS RECENTLY AS JANUARY 1976 AND TO HAVE ASSESSED REQUIREMENTS, PREPARED DESIGN AND WORKING DRAWINGS AND RELATED CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR THE 26 PROJECTS IN THE REPROVISIONING PROGRAMME BY TODAY HAS BEEN NO MEAN TASK.+

MR. MCDONALD THANKED ALL THE PEOPLE CONCERNED WITH THE PROJECT, PARTICULARLY THE SERVICES AND THE PROPERTY SERVICES AGENCY, FOR THEIR HELP AND CO-OPERATION.

WITHOUT THEIR ASSISTANCE, HE SAID, HE DOUBTED WHETHER THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE COULD HAVE COMPLETED THE VERY LARGE AND COMPLICATED PROGRAMME OF WORKS SUCCESSFULLY WITHIN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

GROUP CAPTAIN HONLEY SAID THE CLOSURE OF R.A.F. KAI TAK CAME SOME 52 YEARS AFTER THE ENSIGN OF THE R.A.F. WAS FIRST RAISED ON THE SITE ON MARCH 10, 1927.

HAPPILY, HE SAID, THIS DID NOT MEAN THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE R.A.F. FROM HONG KONG AS THE R.A.F. HAD ALREADY HOISTED ITS ENSIGN AT ITS NEW LOCATION AT SEK KONG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THE CLOSURE COINCIDED WITH A REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF THE R.A.F. PRESENCE IN HONG KONG.

GROUP CAPTAIN HONLEY THANKED ALL THOSE CLOSELY CONCERNED WITH THE PROJECT FOR THEIR COUNSEL, GUIDANCE, PATIENCE AND CO-OPERATION.

IN PARTICULAR, HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS OF THE P.W.D. WHO HAD BUILT WHAT WAS VIRTUALLY A NEW STATION AT SEK KONG IN A LITTLE MORE THAN 18 MONTHS.

+IT HAS BEEN A MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENT AND ALL CONCERNED CAN TAKE PRIDE IN THE RESULT,+ HE SAID.

TO MARK THE CLOSURE OF THE STATION, THE ENSIGN OF THE R.A.F. WAS LOWERED FOR THE LAST TIME.

THE HANDING-OVER CEREMONY ENDED WITH A FLY-PAST BY FOUR WESSEX HELICOPTERS OF NO. 28 (A.C.) SQUADRON, R.A.F., IN A LAST SALUTE TO THE BASE WHICH HAS BEEN THE SQUADRON'S HOME ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1948.

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THREE MORE TRADES TO BE INCLUDED IN APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME  
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THE PROMOTION OF APPRENTICE TRAINING IN HONG KONG TOOK ANOTHER STEP FORWARD TODAY (FRIDAY) WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THREE MORE TRADES WILL SHORTLY BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPULSORY APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 31.

THE THREE TRADES ARE THOSE OF BRICKLAYER/PLASTERER/TILER, BAMBOO SCAFFOLDER AND PLUMBER.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE THAT THE TRADES ARE DESIGNATED UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 1. THEY HAVE BEEN SPECIFIED BY THE GOVERNOR ON THE ADVICE OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL. THE APPRENTICESHIP PERIOD FOR THE TRADES WILL BE THREE YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO PROMOTE APPRENTICE TRAINING IN TRADES WHICH ARE VITAL TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES AND TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SKILLED MANPOWER.

HE SAID: +THE DESIGNATION OF THESE TRADES AFFECTS THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 14 AND 18 YEARS OF AGE.

+EMPLOYERS ENGAGED IN THE DESIGNATED TRADES MUST ENTER INTO A VALID CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP WITH THEIR YOUNG EMPLOYEES, UNLESS THE EMPLOYEES HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED AN APPRENTICESHIP IN THAT TRADE.

+THE CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP MUST BE IN THE SPECIFIED FORM AND REGISTERED WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, SO THAT THE APPRENTICE WILL BE GIVEN PROPER TRAINING.+

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, HOWEVER, HAS THE POWER TO GRANT EXEMPTION IN CERTAIN CASES -- FOR EXAMPLE, IF HE IS SATISFIED THAT THE YOUNG PERSON HAS UNDERGONE SUFFICIENT TRAINING IN A PARTICULAR TRADE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE ADVISED EMPLOYERS OF YOUNG PERSONS IN THE THREE CONSTRUCTION CRAFT TRADES TO PREPARE THEMSELVES TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDINANCE AND TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH THEIR APPRENTICES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP REGISTERED WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HELP PROTECT THE EMPLOYER FROM LOSING HIS APPRENTICE TO ANOTHER EMPLOYER.

DETAILS OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE OR APPRENTICE TRAINING CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION BY TELEPHONING 5-280545, 3-219285 OR 3-667463, OR BY CALLING IN PERSON AT THE DIVISION'S THREE OFFICES AT NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99, QUEENSWAY, WAN CHAI= PARIS THEATRE BUILDING, 7, KING FUK STREET, GROUND FLOOR, SAN PO KONG= OR SALISEURY ROAD OPPOSITE THE SHERATON HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH 1978  
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THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1978, SHOW A DEFICIT OF \$161 MILLION, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$28.6 MILLION FOR THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

REVENUE AND RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH AMOUNTED TO \$1,425.5 MILLION AND TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO \$1,586.5 MILLION.

REVENUE AND RECEIPTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1977-78 TOTALLED \$10,205.7 MILLION (EXCLUDING THE DRAW-DOWN OF A LOAN FACILITY AMOUNTING TO \$26.9 MILLION) AND TOTAL EXPENDITURE WAS \$8,996.9 MILLION, GIVING A FINAL SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR OF \$1,208.8 MILLION.

WINDING UP THE BUDGET DEBATE IN APRIL, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY PREDICTED A SURPLUS OF \$1,080 MILLION, WITH TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS AT AN ESTIMATED \$10,063 MILLION AND TOTAL EXPENDITURE AT AN ESTIMATED \$8,983 MILLION.

COMMENTING ON THE FINAL RESULT OF GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, WHILE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE HAD TURNED OUT TO BE VERY CLOSE TO THE PREDICTION, REVENUE WAS HIGHER THAN EXPECTED, DUE MAINLY TO BETTER YIELDS FROM DUTIES, RATES, MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES, AND LAND SALES.

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P.W.D. AWARDS MAJOR ROAD CONTRACT TO PHILIPPINE FIRM

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THE P.W.D. HAS AWARDED A \$59.2 MILLION CONTRACT TO A PHILIPPINE FIRM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF THE SECOND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD.

THIS STRETCH OF ROAD, MEASURING ABOUT FIVE KILOMETRES, WILL RUN FROM TSUEN WAN TO SHAM TSENG.

DR. Y.L. CHOI, CHIEF ENGINEER, CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SIGNED THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE P.W.D. AND MR. R.M. CUENCA SIGNED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AT A CEREMONY IN G.I.S. THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, TODAY.

THE WORK UNDER THE CONTRACT, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT 26 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1.2 KILOMETRES OF BRIDGE AND VIADUCT, SEVERAL DRAINAGE CULVERTS, AND RETAINING WALLS. THERE WILL ALSO BE EXTENSIVE EARTH AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

DR. CHOI SAID THAT THE CONTRACT IS THE FIRST OF THREE MAJOR CONTRACTS FOR TUEN MUN ROAD, STAGE TWO -- WORTH A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$133 MILLION -- BEING LET FOR THE 17-KILOMETRE ROAD.

+THE REMAINING CONTRACTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND WORK ON ALL THE THREE CONTRACTS IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY LATER 1980,+ HE SAID.

THE FIRST THREE LANES OF THE TUEN MUN ROAD WERE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN MAY THIS YEAR.

SINCE ITS OPENING, DR. CHOI SAID, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN HAVE BEEN IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY.

+WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE SECOND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD, THE TRAFFIC BETWEEN THESE TWO NEW TOWNS WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED,+ HE ADDED.

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GOVERNOR ATTENDS PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL DINNER

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE THIS EVENING ATTENDED PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S 25TH ANNUAL OFFICERS DINNER.

AT THE DINNER, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY OVER 600 PRISON OFFICERS AND THEIR WIVES, THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. T.G. GARNER, PRESENTED GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATIONS TO THREE PRISON OFFICERS FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY.

MR. GARNER ALSO ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTION, FROM THE RANKS, OF 30 NEW PRISON OFFICERS.

THE THREE OFFICERS, TO WHOM THE AWARDS CAME AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE, WERE EACH PRESENTED WITH THE COVETED 'RED LANYARD', A CERTIFICATE OF AWARD, AND A LETTER OF CONFIRMATION OF THE AWARD FROM THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

THE AWARD RECIPIENTS ARE MISS JUDY WONG, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN= MR. LAM WAH-PAK, SUPERINTENDENT OF HEI LING CHAU DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE= AND MR. WU CHUN-KAN, THE CHIEF OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

THE LIST OF THE 30 NEW PROMOTIONS WAS DISPLAYED DURING THE EVENING, ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF THOSE LISTED WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF DUTY COMMITMENTS.

A SPECIAL CEREMONY IN CONNECTION WITH THESE PROMOTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

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HONG KONG-NORWAY TEXTILE TALKS

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+A FURTHER ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS FROM NORWAY AND HONG KONG WAS CONCLUDED IN OSLO TODAY, 29 JUNE 1978.

+THE CONSULTATIONS WERE A CONTINUATION OF THOSE HELD LAST MONTH CONCERNING THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD APPLY TO TRADE IN TEXTILES BETWEEN NORWAY AND HONG KONG.

+BOTH DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARDS REACHING A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN TEXTILES, ALTHOUGH IN SOME AREAS, DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AND APPROACH REMAINED UNRESOLVED. BOTH DELEGATIONS RECOGNISED THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, OTHER SOLUTIONS TO THE CURRENT PROBLEM UNDER THE TERMS OF THE GATT MAY BE NECESSARY.

+FURTHER CONSULTATIONS MAY NONETHELESS BE HELD LATER IN THE YEAR.+

THAT STATEMENT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE HONG KONG-NORWAY TEXTILE TALKS WAS RECEIVED BY TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT FROM OSLO TODAY (JUNE 30).

COMMENTING ON IT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH THE TWO SIDES HAD COME CLOSER, NORWAY WAS STILL SEEKING A CUTBACK ON IMPORTS GREATER THAN HONG KONG COULD CONTEMPLATE.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT NORWAY WILL CONTINUE ITS PRESENT IMPORT CONTROL REGIME UNTIL FURTHER CONSULTATIONS LEADING TO AGREEMENT OR OTHER SOLUTIONS ARE FOUND.

REFERRING TO 'OTHER SOLUTIONS', THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ONE POSSIBILITY OPEN TO THE NORWEGIANS IS TO INTRODUCE A NON-DISCRIMINATORY GLOBAL QUOTA UNDER ARTICLE XIX OF THE GATT.

+IT WAS THE DISCRIMINATION RATHER THAN THE FACT OF THE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS WHICH PROMPTED HONG KONG TO RAISE A COMPLAINT IN THE GATT COUNCIL LAST MONTH.+

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO RETURN NEXT WEEK.

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OBSERVATORY SIGNAL MAST TO BE DISMANTLED  
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FROM SATURDAY (JULY 1) TROPICAL CYCLONE SIGNALS AND THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WILL NOT BE DISPLAYED ON THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SIGNAL MAST, AS IT IS SCHEDULED TO BE DISMANTLED.

THE SYMBOLS WILL NO LONGER BE HOISTED DURING THE DAY TIME AND THE NIGHT SIGNAL LIGHTS WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

THE TIME SIGNAL WHICH HAS BEEN FLASHED BY THREE WHITE LIGHTS EVERY QUARTER OF AN HOUR WILL ALSO CEASE TO OPERATE, BUT THE 6-PIP TIME SIGNAL WILL STILL BE BROADCAST ON A FREQUENCY OF 95 MEGAHERTZ.

TROPICAL CYCLONE SIGNALS AND THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE OTHER 38 STORM SIGNAL STATIONS IN HONG KONG.

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BANKING STATISTICS FOR MAY  
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BANKING DEPOSITS AT THE END OF MAY THIS YEAR STOOD AT \$58,574 MILLION COMPRISING \$12,632 MILLION IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, \$23,138 MILLION IN TIME DEPOSITS AND \$22,804 MILLION IN SAVING DEPOSITS, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING THE MONTH WAS 45.01 PER CENT.

THERE WERE 74 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF MAY.

THE FOLLOWING TABLES GIVE A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF BANK LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AND MONEY SUPPLY FOR THE MONTH.

	\$MILLION
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
1. DEPOSITS	58,574
2. AMOUNT DUE TO BANKS ABROAD	36,349
3. OTHER LIABILITIES	11,548
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TOTAL LIABILITIES:	106,471
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ASSETS

1. CASH			1,014
2. AMOUNT DUE FROM BANKS ABROAD :			
(I) DEMAND AND SHORT TERM CLAIMS	31,310		
(II) TIME DEPOSITS	7,086	38,396	
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3. LOANS AND ADVANCES :			
(I) HONG KONG	41,511		
(II) ABROAD	16,117	57,628	
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4. INVESTMENTS :			
(I) HONG KONG	4,045		
(II) ABROAD	112	4,157	
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5. OTHER ASSETS :			
(I) HONG KONG	5,101		
(II) ABROAD	175	5,276	
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	TOTAL ASSETS		106,471
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AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING MONTH			45.01%

MONEY SUPPLYMONTH ENDED  
31ST MAY 1978

\$ MILLION

1. LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES IN CIRCULATION (A)			
(I) COMMERCIAL BANK ISSUES	6,095		
(II) GOVERNMENT ISSUES	644	6,739	
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2. LICENSED BANKS' HOLDINGS OF LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES (B)			1,014
3. LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES IN HANDS OF NON-BANK PUBLIC (A) - (B) = (C)			5,725

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4. DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (D)	12,632
5. MONEY SUPPLY (DEFINITION 1) (C) + (D) = (E)	18,357
6. TIME DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (F)	23,138
7. SAVINGS DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (G)	22,804
8. MONEY SUPPLY (DEFINITION 2) (E) + (F) + (G) = (H)	64,299

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#### TOWN CENTRE FOR TSING YI PROPOSED

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A TOWN CENTRE WITH MAJOR COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES, INCLUDING A MARKET, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AND A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, IS PROPOSED FOR TSING YI ISLAND UNDER A REVISED DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN PREPARED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 14 HECTARES, THE TOWN CENTRE WILL BE SITUATED ON PROPOSED RECLAMATION AT TSING YI BAY CLOSE TO OTHER RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

THE DRAFT PLAN COVERS A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 950 HECTARES OF WHICH OVER 100 HECTARES ARE BEING OR WILL BE FORMED BY RECLAMATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THAT BY 1987 THE POPULATION AT TSING YI WAS EXPECTED TO RISE TO ABOUT 189,000 FROM THE EXISTING 21,000.

OF THE TOTAL, 144,300 WOULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND 44,700 IN PRIVATE HOUSING ON THE ISLAND WHICH FORMS PART OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE DRAFT PLAN AIMS AT PROVIDING LAND FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES, SUCH AS OPEN SPACES, SCHOOLS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES IN SUPPORT OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

+IT ALSO AIMS AT ACHIEVING A PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING ADEQUATE ACCESS AND LINKS TO OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TOWN.+

/THE DRAFT .....

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THE DRAFT PLAN PROVIDES ABOUT 68 HECTARES OF LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, THREE HECTARES FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, 21 HECTARES FOR VILLAGES TYPE DEVELOPMENT AND 36 HECTARES FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, INDOOR GAMES HALLS, MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES, MARKETS, POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS.

THE MOST EXTENSIVE LAND USE HOWEVER, COMPRISING ALMOST 37 PER CENT OF THE ISLAND'S AREA, IS INDUSTRIAL.

ABOUT 57 HECTARES WILL BE RESERVED FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY, 140 HECTARES FOR HEAVY INDUSTRY AND 9.5 HECTARES FOR SPECIAL INDUSTRIES (OFFENSIVE TRADES).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OF THE 35.22 HECTARES ZONED FOR OPEN SPACE, 12 HECTARES WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR ACTIVE RECREATIONAL USE.

IN ADDITION, MORE THAN 431 HECTARES HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR GREEN BELT.

A LARGE HILLY AREA HAS ALSO BEEN SET ASIDE FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION USE. MEASURING ABOUT 61.4 HECTARES, IT IS SITUATED TO THE WEST OF THE PROPOSED TOWN CENTRE.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN, AND A NEW SET OF NOTES WHICH DEFINE THE PERMITTED USES AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH MAY BE EXCEPTIONALLY PERMITTED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE (TSUEN WAN) AND AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

UNDER A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PLAN OR NOTES SHOULD SUBMIT HIS OBJECTIONS IN WRITING BEFORE AUGUST 29, 1978 TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AT \$5 PER COPY (UNCOLOURED) AND \$50 PER COPY (COLOURED).

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FOU WAH OFFICE OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE OPENED

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ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR TASKS IN TSUEN WAN IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS IS TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND THE NORTH TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENT, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S NEW FOU WAH OFFICE, MR. HAYES ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM WAS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAMME WITH THE MINIMUM TROUBLE AND DIFFICULTY DESPITE THE CONVULSION THE PROGRAMME REPRESENTS TO MORE THAN 20,000 PERSONS IN THE TOWN.

IN THE LONG TERM, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE A DETAILED LOOK AT TOWN MANAGEMENT AND ESTABLISH IT ON SOUND LINES.

+WE HAVE, TOO, THE BENEFIT OF CITIZEN'S ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH AREA COMMITTEES AND A SOLID NETWORK OF LOCAL SOCIETIES, SPEARHEADED BY THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD,+ HE SAID.

MR. HAYES POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE FEATURES OF OFFICIAL LIFE IN TSUEN WAN WAS THE CO-OPERATION RECEIVED FROM MANY QUARTERS, FROM GOVERNMENT COLLEAGUES, LOCAL LEADERS AND THE POPULATION AT LARGE.

+MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IS NECESSARY IN TSUEN WAN, AS ELSEWHERE IN MODERN HONG KONG, BUT IT IS LARGELY DEPENDENT UPON ACHIEVING A SATISFACTORY RAPPORT BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

+THIS MUST ALWAYS BE OUR AIM,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS BASICALLY A HEALTHY SENSIBLE ATTITUDE IN TSUEN WAN BETWEEN OFFICIALS AND THE PEOPLE.

MR. HAYES SAID : +IT MAY BE DISRUPTED OCCASIONALLY WHERE THERE ARE SITUATIONS TO BE EXPLAINED AND OVERCOME, AND THERE ARE STILL PARTS OF THE TOWN AREAS WHERE WE DO NOT YET HAVE SUFFICIENT CONTACT AND RAPPORT.

+BUT IN GENERAL, GIVEN EFFECTIVE CONTACT, THE REQUISITE EFFORT ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE, AND COMMON WILL TO DISCUSS AND AGREE, MOST PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED.+

THE FOU WAH OFFICE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD HOUSES THE DISTRICT OFFICE HEADQUARTERS AND STAFF OF ITS MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY DIVISION.

IN ADDITION, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS TWO TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICES AND SIX PUBLIC ENQUIRIES CENTRES IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI.

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18 ASSISTANT PRISON OFFICERS RECEIVE TRAINING CERTIFICATES

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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. TOM ECOB, TODAY PRESENTED TRAINING CERTIFICATES TO 18 RECRUIT ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED ONE YEAR TRAINING.

AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT STANLEY STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, MR. ECOB WARNED THE NEW OFFICERS THAT MOST OF THEIR WORK IS CARRIED OUT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, AND RARELY SEEN BY THE PUBLIC, ADDING +THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN YOU WILL BE IN THE PUBLIC EYE+.

HE STRESSED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT OFFICERS CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A MANNER THAT WOULD NOT BRING THE SERVICE INTO DISREPUTE.

QUOTING HIS OWN SERVICE EXPERIENCE OF OVER 30 YEARS, MR. ECOB ADVISED THE OFFICERS +TO ASK, SEEK ADVICE AND ACCEPT CRITICISM+.

STRESSING THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT, HE HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY THE JUNIOR STAFF CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL IN THE INTRODUCTION OF MANY IMPROVEMENTS TO STAFF WORKING CONDITIONS, METHODS OF TREATMENT, AND IN THE AIRING OF GRIEVANCES FROM MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

+REMEMBER, THE COUNCIL WORKS FOR YOU, NOT AGAINST YOU+, SAID MR. ECOB.

COMMENTING ON THE CAREER OF PRISON OFFICERS, MR. ECOB STRESSED THAT PROMOTION PROSPECTS IN THE DEPARTMENT ARE NOW EXCELLENT, AND WILL IMPROVE IN THE FUTURE AS BUILDING AND METHODS OF TREATMENT PLANS ARE IMPLEMENTED.

+YOU WILL BE AMPLY REWARDED FOR THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION YOU PUT INTO THIS VERY WORTHWHILE CAREER WHICH YOU HAVE CHOSEN+.

THE ONE YEAR PERIOD OF TRAINING INCLUDES SEVEN MONTHS OF FIELD WORK AND FIVE MONTHS INTENSIVE CLASSROOM COACHING AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

THE NEWLY QUALIFIED ASSISTANT OFFICERS II RECEIVING THE TRAINING CERTIFICATES FROM MR. ECOB WERE: KWONG SIU-KIE, 22, POON CHI-MING, 22, LIU CHI-KUEN, 21, LAW YIU-TUNG, 25, TONG WAI-KI, 24, LUI KA-KI, 22, LEE WAI-YEE, 26, YIP KIM-WING, 26, TAM WAI-BUN, 21, HUI WING-SUM, 21, MA YING-LOK, 27, LAI POK-WAI, 20, CHUN KWOK-YAU, 23, LEE YUK-WAH, 22, CHENG HANG-SANG, 23, WONG WAH-LOK, 23, LI SHEK-HUNG, 19 AND CHEUNG CHI-CHEUNG, 27.

THEY WILL BE POSTED TO VARIOUS PRISONS AND INSTITUTIONS ON MONDAY (JULY 3).

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WATER METER READER RETIRES  
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A METER READER OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WHO IS REVERENDLY CALLED THE +GRAND TEACHER+ BY MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES RETIRED TODAY (FRIDAY) AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

HE IS MR. HENRY YIP WAI-KEE, 55.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, MR. CHAN SIU-LEUNG, BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE DEPARTMENT, PRESENTED HIM WITH A GOLD HORSE STATUE -- A SYMBOL OF ENERGY AND GOOD HEALTH.

MR. YIP FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A JUNIOR METER READER IN 1948 AND ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK NINE YEARS LATER. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.

IN PRESENTING THE GIFT, MR. CHAN SAID MR. YIP HAD WITNESSED THE DRAMATIC GROWTH OF THE DEPARTMENT SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

+HENRY, THE 'GRAND TEACHER', IN HIS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE DEPARTMENT HAS ACTUALLY WITNESSED THREE OCCASIONS OF OFFICE REMOVAL - FROM ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING TO WINDSOR HOUSE, FROM WINDSOR HOUSE TO MURRAY BUILDING, AND FINALLY FROM MURRAY BUILDING TO LEIGHTON CENTRE,+ HE SAID.

+EACH TIME WE MOVED, WE MOVED TO A LARGER OFFICE AND THE REMOVALS INDEED MARK THE GROWTH OF THE DEPARTMENT,+ HE ADDED.

MR. CHAN RECALLED THAT AT THE TIME WHEN MR. YIP JOINED THE WATERWORKS OFFICE, THERE WERE 15 METER READERS WHO CARRIED OUT MONTHLY READINGS OF SEVERAL THOUSAND METERS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

+BUT NOW 30 YEARS LATER,+ MR. CHAN ADDED, +WE HAVE A STAFF OF MORE THAN 100 OFFICERS IN THE METER READING SECTION AND 800,000 INDIVIDUAL METERS IN SERVICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.+

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SEMINAR ON GEOGRAPHY TEACHING  
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A SPECIAL SEMINAR ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TEACHING OF GEOGRAPHY AND MODERN CONCEPTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL GEOGRAPHY WILL BE HELD FOR TEACHERS ON JULY 18 AND 19.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE GEOGRAPHY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

A DISPLAY OF TEACHING AND RESOURCE MATERIAL ON ENVIRONMENTAL GEOGRAPHY AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SUBJECT BY LEADING LOCAL AND OVERSEAS PUBLISHERS WILL BE MOUNTED ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEMINAR.

TEACHERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE SEMINAR AND THE EXHIBITION CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE SENIOR INSPECTOR (GEOGRAPHY), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HONG KONG. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY JULY 7.

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