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GOVERNOR OPENS COMMONWEALTH PRESS UNION CONFERENCE

PRINCIPLE OF FAIR REPORTING MUST BE UPHELD, SAYS SIR MURRAY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY CALLED ON THE NEWS MEDIA THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH TO PRESENT A FAIR AND BALANCED PICTURE IN THEIR REPORTING OF EVENTS IN HONG KONG.

IN AN OPENING ADDRESS TO THE 12TH QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE COMMONWEALTH PRESS UNION, SIR MURRAY SAID: +WITHOUT EITHER DIRECT REPRESENTATION IN WESTMINSTER OR AN INFORMED PUBLIC OPINION, THERE IS NO NATURAL CORRECTIVE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE IMPRESSION MADE BY UNBALANCED OR INACCURATE REPORTS.+

FOR THIS REASON, HONG KONG, LIKE OTHER SMALL UNITS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, DEPENDED MORE THAN OTHERS ON FAIR TREATMENT BY THE MEDIA OF THE COMMONWEALTH. THE GOVERNOR ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS SURE MOST REPORTS WERE BALANCED AND MOST FACTS CHECKED.

SIR MURRAY NOTED THAT THE COMMONWEALTH PRESS UNION WAS MEETING AT A TIME WHEN THE WORLD WAS FACED WITH NEW ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH THE WORLD'S GOVERNMENTS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO MASTER, ALTHOUGH HE FELT THAT THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY BE OVERCOME.

+BUT MEANWHILE, ACTION IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO SAFEGUARD THE STEADY EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE ON WHICH THE PROSPERITY OF THE POST-WAR WORLD HAS BEEN BUILT,+ THE GOVERNOR STRESSED.

HE ADDED: +I SUGGEST THAT IF EVER THERE WAS A CHALLENGE TO THE PRESS AND THE MEDIA OF THE COMMONWEALTH THIS IS IT, CALLING FOR THE MOST CALM AND DISPASSIONATE REPORTING AND COMMENTARY AND THE MOST VIGOROUS EXPOSURE ALIKE OF COMPLACENCY ON THE ONE HAND AND OF PANIC, EXAGGERATION AND POLITICAL OR COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION ON THE OTHER.+

HONG KONG, LIKE OTHER DEVELOPING COMMUNITIES, WAS WATCHING THE SITUATION WARILY AND WAS LOOKING TO THE PRESS OF THE COMMONWEALTH +TO SEE THAT WE GET A SQUARE DEAL IN A SITUATION IN WHICH SELFISH SHORT-TERM MEASURES BY A FEW COULD SO EASILY SPELL DISASTER FOR SO MANY.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID: +FOR OUR PART, NOW AS ALWAYS, WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF OUR OBLIGATION NOT TO DISRUPT OR DAMAGE THE MARKETS OF OTHERS, AND TO CONSIDER RESTRAINT WHEN DAMAGE OR DISRUPTION IS PROVED.+

ON THE MEDIA IN HONG KONG, SIR MURRAY SAID IT WAS PARTICULARLY LARGE AND LIVELY AND WAS AS FREE FROM GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS AS ITS COUNTERPARTS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

THE HONG KONG PRESS, HE SAID, ACCEPTED ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY AND PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN HONG KONG'S UNUSUAL SITUATION WHERE THE GOVERNMENT WAS FORCED TO GOVERN WITHOUT THE USUAL AIDS OF A LIBERAL CONSTITUTION.

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REFERRING TO THE FAR-REACHING 10-YEAR PROGRAMMES COVERING HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, SOCIAL WELFARE AND TRANSPORT, THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S PRINCIPAL WISH TO SEE THEM THROUGH TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE TARGETS COULD BE ACHIEVED, PROVIDED THAT INDUSTRY WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE ITS EXPANSION AND THAT SLACKENING IN THE GROWTH OF WORLD TRADE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO GO TOO FAR, AND THAT HONG KONG EXPORTS WERE NOT STRANGLED BY PROTECTIONISM IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD.

HE WAS AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROBLEM HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AND THAT MANY GOVERNMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS WERE WORKING HARD TO SOLVE IT.

THE GOVERNOR TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT IN CONSIDERING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG AND HOW MUCH MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE, TO BEAR IN MIND THAT EVERYTHING HAD BEEN DONE WITHOUT ANY OF THE MASSIVE AID THAT SO MANY OTHERS HAD RECEIVED AND WITHOUT ANY OF THE RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES. +YOU MAY THEREFORE CONCLUDE THAT THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG IS SECOND TO NONE.+

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WATER SITUATION REPORT
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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 AM TODAY (THURSDAY) STOOD AT 34,188 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 50.8 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 65,301 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 26,291 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 49,973 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 52.1 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

NO RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 AM TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,372.7 MM (54.04 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,010.5 MM (79.15 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 31.7 PER CENT.

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HONG KONG AN ATTRACTIVE PROPOSITION
FOR INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT
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HONG KONG OFFERS A MOST ATTRACTIVE PROPOSITION FOR THE FOREIGN INDUSTRIAL COMPANY THINKING OF ESTABLISHING A PLANT IN ASIA, MR. JIMMY MCGREGOR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, SAID TODAY.

HE TOLD DELEGATES ATTENDING THE OPENING SESSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH PRESS UNION CONFERENCE THAT HONG KONG INDUSTRY RECOGNISES THE NEED FOR A CONTINUAL FLOW OF INFORMATION, EXPERTISE AND NEW INDUSTRIAL KNOWLEDGE FROM MORE ADVANCED COUNTRIES.

+DEPENDING AS WE DO ON MANUFACTURING AND EXPORTING FOR OUR LIVELIHOOD, WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE OVERSEAS INDUSTRIALISTS TO SET UP PLANTS IN HONG KONG EITHER AS SOLELY OWNED PROJECTS OR AS JOINT VENTURES WITH SUITABLE LOCAL PARTNERS,+ HE SAID.

+WE RECOGNISE TOO, THAT INTERNATIONAL TRADE IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AND THAT INDUSTRIES WHICH HOPE TO SELL IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS MUST KEEP UP WITH RAPID ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY, DESIGN AND MARKETING TECHNIQUES.

+IN THESE AREAS, HONG KONG DERIVES MUCH BENEFIT FROM THE PRESENCE HERE OF FOREIGN INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES.+

MR. MCGREGOR POINTED OUT THAT THE OVERSEAS INDUSTRIALIST HAS LONG FOUND HONG KONG AN ATTRACTIVE AND GENERALLY PROFITABLE PLACE TO MANUFACTURE OR PROCESS GOODS.

+QUITE APART FROM OUR INCOMPARABLE LABOUR, LOW TAXATION, FREEDOM FROM GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY AND INTERFERENCE, AND LACK OF DISCRIMINATION, HONG KONG HAPPENS TO HAVE ABOUT THE FINEST HARBOUR IN THE WORLD, A PARTICULARLY GOOD REGIONAL LOCATION, AND THE MOST EFFICIENT PACKAGE OF INFRASTRUCTURE THAT INGENUITY AND HARD WORK COULD PUT TOGETHER.+

AT THE PRESENT TIME HONG KONG HAS OVER 240 INDUSTRIAL FACTORIES EITHER FULLY OR PARTLY FOREIGN OWNED, MR. MCGREGOR SAID. THEY EMPLOY OVER 70,000 WORKERS, WHICH IS ABOUT 12 PER CENT OF OUR INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE. THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPORTS LAST YEAR VALUED AT AN ESTIMATED $1,875 MILLION, ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF OUR TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

+THE CAPITAL EMPLOYED BY THESE PLANTS IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT $1,500 MILLION AND AMONG THEM ARE SOME OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS INDUSTRIAL PRODUCERS IN THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

MR. MCGREGOR SAID HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL WORKERS HAVE LONG BEEN RECOGNISED AS ABOUT THE BEST IN ASIA - EASILY TRAINABLE, HIGHLY ADAPTABLE, INDUSTRIOUS AND PRODUCTIVE.

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+THE QUALITY OF OUR WORKERS, ALLIED TO AN EXPANDING FACILITY FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING, PROVIDES A TREMENDOUS ATTRACTION FOR INDUSTRIALISTS,+ HE ADDED.

+AS A RESULT OF A TRADITIONAL RESPECT BETWEEN ENLIGHTENED MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSIBLE LABOUR, OUR WORKERS HAVE EXPERIENCED A STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING FOR MANY YEARS WITHOUT THE KIND OF DISRUPTIVE INDUSTRIAL ACTION RESORTED TO IN SO MANY OTHER COUNTRIES.

+HONG KONG LABOUR UNIONS HAVE SHOWN WISDOM AND MODERATION BOTH IN GOOD TIMES AND IN TIMES OF TROUBLE. NEITHER UNIONS NOR WORKERS HAVE SHOWN ANY ENTHUSIASM FOR INAPPROPRIATE ADVICE FROM OVERSEAS LABOUR EXPERTS WHOSE RECORD OF SUCCESS AS TRADE UNION OFFICIALS HAS SO OFTEN WEAKENED THE ECONOMIES OF THEIR COUNTRIES.+

ON RELATIONS WITH CHINA, MR. MCGREGOR SAID : +WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN RECENT YEARS A CONTINUALLY IMPROVING CONTACT AND CO-OPERATION WITH OUR CHINESE FRIENDS. BUSINESSMEN HAVE OBVIOUSLY TAKEN NOTE OF THIS SITUATION AND HAVE NOT BEEN SLOW TO INTERPRET IT IN THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY, I.E. BY INVESTING IN SOME PRETTY LONG-TERM PROJECTS.

+THAT WE DEPEND UPON CHINA'S CO-OPERATION AND GOODWILL IS INCONTROVERTIBLE. IT SEEMS CLEAR TO ME THAT THIS GOODWILL IS EVIDENT IN OUR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS. THAT THIS SITUATION WILL CONTINUE AS FAR AHEAD AS THE PRUDENT BUSINESSMAN NEED LOOK IS ALSO, IN MY VIEW, AN INESCAPABLE CONCLUSION.

+I BELIEVE THAT ANY OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF OUR FUTURE WILL PROVIDE THE CONFIDENCE NEEDED AND VERY LARGE INTERNATIONAL AND MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANIES HAVE EMBARKED ON LONG-TERM PROJECTS IN HONG KONG.+

MR. MCGREGOR SAID THAT THE PROPOSED REFINERY AND PETRO-CHEMICAL COMPLEX WOULD COST AT LEAST $6,000 MILLION. THIS WAS MORE THAN THE FIRST FOUR STAGES OF THE MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM WHICH WAS ALSO A VERY LONG-TERM PROJECT.

+OUR TWO MOST RECENT MAJOR INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES INVOLVE A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OF MORE THAN $250 MILLION AND WE ARE DEALING WITH OTHERS IN THE SAME CATEGORY,+ HE ADDED.

+THE BOARDS OF THESE COMPANIES HAVE OBVIOUSLY REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT THE COMMERCIAL FUTURE OF HONG KONG IS BRIGHT AND I AM BOUND TO SAY THAT I AGREE WITH THEM.+

MR. MCGREGOR SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS WHO WERE READY AND WILLING TO JOIN WITH FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS IN NEW VENTURES AND WE HAD BANK FINANCE TO SUPPORT SOUND PROJECTS.

+WE HAVE RECENTLY MODIFIED OUR INDUSTRIAL LAND POLICIES TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT SALES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR MAJOR PROJECTS,+ HE SAID, +AND WE ARE NOW WORKING ON PLANS FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATES WHICH WILL BE PARTICULARLY SUITABLE FOR ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT INDUSTRIES.+

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GOVERNMENT IS ALIVE TO PUBLIC OPINION

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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY, SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS OFTEN MORE +CONSCIOUS OF AND SENSITIVE TO PUBLIC OPINION THAN SOME ELECTED POLITICIANS SEEM TO BE.+

SPEAKING AT THE 12TH COMMONWEALTH PRESS CONFERENCE, HE SAID THAT +WE HAVE AN ORGANISATION WHICH ENABLES ME TO SPEAK ALMOST DIRECTLY TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND FOR THEIR RESPONSE TO BE RECORDED, ANALYSED AND SUMMARISED.+

MR. BRAY SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE THIS SYSTEM, BUT HE FELT CONFIDENT THAT EVEN NOW THE GOVERNMENT COULD GAUGE WITH REASONABLE ACCURACY LOCAL OPINION ON ANY ISSUE OF IMPORTANCE.

HE EMPHASISED THAT WITH THIS WIDESPREAD SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATION THE MATERIAL AND OPINION RECEIVED WAS NOT JUST PIGEON HOLED. +IT IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND INFLUENCES THE OUTCOME.+

WITHIN SECTORS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES FIELD, THE GOVERNMENT HAS FOUND IT USEFUL TO PUBLISH DETAILED ANALYSIS AND PROPOSALS DURING THE POLICY FORMATION STAGE IN THE FORM OF GREEN PAPERS. +THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD AND THE DEFINITIVE POLICY STATEMENT REFLECTS THIS DEBATE,+ MR. BRAY SAID.

HE WENT ON: +ONE CONSEQUENCE OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO REACT TO OPINION IS SOMETIMES A RELUCTANCE TO CARRY OUT UNPOPULAR MEASURES. THIS MAY OCCASIONALLY BE A DISADVANTAGE.

+BUT+, HE STRESSED, +ANOTHER MORE VALUABLE CONSEQUENCE IS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO SUPPRESS DISSENT.+

MR. BRAY, WHOSE SPEECH WAS ENTITLED +GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE+, SAID HONG KONG HAS NO POLITICAL GAOLS, NOBODY IS DETAINED WITHOUT GOING BEFORE THE COURTS, THERE IS NO PRESS CENSORSHIP AND FILM CENSORSHIP IS AIMED AT LIMITING SCENES OF SEX AND VIOLENCE.

+WE COULD NOT TOLERATE SUCH A FREE SOCIETY IF WE FELT IT NECESSARY TO SUPPRESS PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF OPINIONS CONTRARY TO OUR PURPOSES,+ HE SAID.

IN CONCLUSION, MR. BRAY SAID THAT THE WORD +COLONY+ HAS COME TO IMPLY THE EXPLOITATION OF A REMOTE TERRITORY +BY AN UNSCRUPULOUS METROPOLITAN POWER.+

HONG KONG IS NOT LIKE THIS, HE SAID, +WE SINK OR SWIM BY OUR OWN EFFORTS.+

+THE ADMINISTRATION HERE IS DOMINATED NOT BY SOME REMOTE AUTHORITY BUT BY THE PRESSURES AND WHIMS, THE PETULANCE, THE ENERGY AND ENTERPRISE, THE VALUES AND COMMONSENSE OF ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO MAKE THEIR HOME HERE.+

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HONG KONG MAY OPEN NEW BRANCH OFFICE IN SCOTLAND TO SERVE CHINESE COMMUNITY THERE

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING ANOTHER BRANCH OFFICE, POSSIBLY IN SCOTLAND, TO SERVE THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN.

THIS WAS INDICATED BY THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR. S.T. KIDD, SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE 7TH TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CHAMBER OF CHINESE TRADERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS REVIEWING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE LIVERPOOL BRANCH OFFICE, WHICH WAS OPENED LAST YEAR, BEFORE EMBARKING ON FURTHER EXPANSION IN BRITAIN.

MR. KIDD COMMENDED THE CHAMBER FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF ITS MEMBERS BY FOSTERING THEIR MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP, ORGANISING VISITS AND TRADE MISSIONS, AND TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN PROVIDING A SUITABLE CHINESE EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

WHILE THE CHINESE CLASSES ORGANISED BY THE CHAMBER WERE PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL, THEY WERE NOW FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF FINDING MORE SUITABLE PREMISES IN WHICH TO RUN THE STEADILY EXPANDING CLASSES, HE SAID.

HE ASSURED THEM THAT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

THE COMMISSIONER SPOKE OF THE GREAT RESPECT IN WHICH THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY WAS HELD IN BRITAIN FOR ITS INDUSTRY AND RESPECT FOR THE LAW.

BUT HE SAID THERE WERE ALWAYS BOUND TO BE NEW SITUATIONS WITH WHICH THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY WOULD BE FACED IN LIVING IN BRITAIN, AND HE PLEDGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE WOULD MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE CHAMBER AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE TO TACKLE THE PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE.

THE COMMISSIONER NOTED THAT PARENTS WERE PROVIDING THEIR CHILDREN WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO APPRECIATE CHINESE CULTURE, THROUGH THE TUITION PROVIDED BY VARIOUS CHINESE CLASSES, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME GIVING THEM ENCOURAGEMENT TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION SYSTEM.

THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE HAD BEEN ABLE TO ASSIST PARENTS IN THIS WORK BY PROVIDING TEXTBOOKS FROM HONG KONG WHICH CONVEYED A KNOWLEDGE OF CHINESE AGAINST THE HONG KONG BACKGROUND.

THE REGULAR SUBSIDIES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE ALSO PROVIDED TOWARDS THE RUNNING OF THESE CLASSES WAS ANOTHER FORM OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THIS WORK, SAID MR. KIDD.

REFERRING TO THE CHINESE CLASSES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAMBER, MR. CHAN SAU-ON, SAID THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS HAD STEADILY INCREASED IN THE PAST SIX YEARS, AND THE CHAMBER HAD STARTED SOME CLASSES AT SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL.

MR. CHAN APPEALED TO MEMBERS TO PUT MORE EFFORT INTO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WELFARE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN.

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DON'T TAKE LAW INTO OWN HANDS RESIDENTS URGED

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MR. TONY NEOH, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OF KOWLOON, TODAY URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NOT TO COMBINE SPONTANEOUSLY TOGETHER WITH THE SOLE PURPOSE OF TAKING THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.

WHILE RESIDENTS SHOULD HELP IN BRINGING CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE, THEIR PART SHOULD STOP WHEN THE CULPRIT IS CAUGHT, HE STRESSED.

MR. NEOH WAS SPEAKING AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON EAST TRAINING COURSE ON BETTER BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THERE WAS A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JOINING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME AND JOINING IN A MOB TO TAKE THE LAW INTO OUR OWN HANDS.

+WE HAVE LAWS TO DEAL WITH CRIMINALS,+ HE SAID. +BY PUNISHING THE CRIMINALS OURSELVES, ON THE SPOT, WE DENY THAT THESE LAWS EXIST. LAWLESSNESS CANNOT BE FOUGHT WITH LAWLESSNESS. IF THE PUBLIC WISHES TO LIVE IN A SOCIETY RULED BY LAW, IT MUST BELIEVE THIS.+

MR. NEOH PRAISED THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE SCHEME AS A FIGHT-CRIME MACHINERY. +IN A GROUP, THE GOVERNMENT FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES HAVE PROVEN THEMSELVES TO BE EFFECTIVE BODIES TO COMBAT CRIME,+ HE SAID.

SINCE MUTAL AID COMMITTEES CAME INTO BEING A YEAR AGO, TREMENDOUS STRIDES HAD BEEN MADE IN IMPROVING SECURITY IN THE BUILDING ENVIRONMENT.

THE SECURITY MEASURES ADOPTED WERE POSITIVE STEPS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE, HE SAID.

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT THE SECTION OF DUNDAS STREET BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND KWONG WAH STREET, KOWLOON, WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO PROVIDE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW AS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 5).

THE RE-ROUTING IS AIMED AT IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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MORE PARKING SPACES FOR LORRIES IN TAIKOKTSUI

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METERED PARKING SPACES FOR LORRIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE BUSY TAIKOKTSUI AREA IN KOWLOON IN ORDER TO RATION THE LIMITED NUMBER OF LORRY PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA.

STARTING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) 520 TWO-HOUR METERS WILL BE INSTALLED. THE CHARGE WILL BE 50 CENTS FOR TWO HOURS.

INSTALLATION WILL BE SPREAD OVER A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS, STARTING AT PALM STREET.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID PRIVATE CAR PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR LORRIES WHILE PRIVATE CARS IN TAIKOKTSUI AREA WOULD BE SERVED BY A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AT BUTE STREET WHICH IS DUE TO OPEN SHORTLY.

+DEMANDS FOR LORRY PARKING FACILITIES HAS INCREASED, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING MORE METERED PARKING SPACES FOR LORRIES AT OTHER LOCATIONS IS BEING EXAMINED,+ HE SAID.

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BLOOD COLLECTION DRIVE IN NGAU TAU KOK

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RESIDENTS OF NGAU TAU KOK DISTRICT ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO DONATE BLOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE WORK OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE IN THE DISTRICT AND THE YWCA'S NGAU TAU KOK YOUTH CENTRE HAVE SENT APPEAL LETTERS TO FACTORIES, FIRMS, SCHOOLS, WELFARE AGENCIES, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT FOR DONATIONS.

TOMORROW (FRIDAY) HAS BEEN SCHEDULED AS BLOOD COLLECTION DAY. A TEAM FROM THE RED CROSS WILL BE STATIONED AT THE NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING FROM 4 TO 8 P.M. TO COLLECT BLOOD FROM THOSE RESPONDING TO THE APPEAL.

THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THAT SUCH A DRIVE HAS BEEN ORGANISED. LAST YEAR 70 DONORS GAVE BLOOD IN THE DRIVE THAT WAS RATED THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN THAT YEAR.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1974

CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (THURSDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE ($/CATTY) AVERAGE
CHINA RICE		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
THAI RICE		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.82
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.74
A1 : SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 : SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.92
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.74
PAKISTAN RICE	GOOD	-
TAIWAN RICE	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE (ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY - GOOD

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORKER ($/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT) - $320 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE ($/CATTY) HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.50	1.50	2.80
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.80	1.20	2.00
SQUID	NORMAL	4.50	0.70	3.00
HAIR-TAILS	LIMITED	1.80	0.40	1.00
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	2.50	0.70	1.60
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.60	0.80	1.60
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	GOOD	1.60	0.80	1.10
MELON COAT	SCARCE	1.10	0.60	0.80
BREAMS	LIMITED	6.00	2.50	4.00
YELLOW BELLY	NORMAL	1.80	0.60	1.10
MACKERELS	LIMITED	4.50	1.80	3.00
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	1.30	0.45	0.80
FORK-TAIL	LIMITED	1.00	0.60	0.70
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	5.50	3.00	4.00
MELON SEED	NORMAL	1.80	0.40	1.30
POMFRETS	SCARCE	8.00	5.50	7.00
GAROUPAS	LIMITED	8.20	5.80	6.80
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	4.50	3.50	4.00

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE($/CATTY) HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	NORMAL	1.60	0.50	1.00
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	1.00	0.40	0.70
CHINESE LETTUCE	NORMAL	1.20	0.40	0.80
WATER SPINACH	LIMITED	0.50	0.15	0.35
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.80	0.60	1.20
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	1.60	0.30	1.00
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	3.20	0.60	1.80
SPINACH			NO SALE	
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	4.00	2.00	3.20
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.60	0.40	1.00
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.80	0.20	0.50
TOMATO	SCARCE	3.50	2.00	3.00

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