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TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH CANADA

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THE CURRENT TEXTILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND HONG KONG IS DUE TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 1981. IT PROVIDES FOR EXPORT RESTRAINT ON 25 CLOTHING AND MADE-UP ITEMS.

FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA BETWEEN CANADA AND HONG KONG, AND AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON JULY 22, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT, WITH CERTAIN CHANGES.

THE NEW AGREEMENT IS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 1982. WHILE THE COVERAGE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT IS THE SAME AS THAT IN THE PRESENT AGREEMENT, A NEW CATEGORISATION SYSTEM, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE GROUPING OF SOME EXISTING CATEGORIES, HAS BEEN INTRODUCED.

IN THE NEW AGREEMENT, NINE ITEMS WILL BE REMOVED FROM EXPORT RESTRAINT AND PLACED UNDER EXPORT AUTHORISATION.

THEY ARE WINTER OUTERWEAR GARMENTS- SUITS, WOMEN'S, GIRLS'- CO-ORDINATES AND OUTERWEAR SETS, MEN'S, BOYS', WOMEN'S, GIRLS', CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS' WEAR EXCEPT TROUSERS, SHORTS, OVERALLS, COVERALLS, DRESSES AND SKIRTS- UNSTRUCTURED SUITS AND BLAZERS, MEN'S, BOYS'- JACKETS, PROFESSIONAL AND SHOP COATS- OVERCOATS, TOPCOATS AND RAINWEAR- BATHROBES, DRESSING GOWNS AND HOUSECOATS, MEN'S, BOYS', WOMEN'S, GIRLS'- BEDSHEETS AND COTTON TERRY TOWELS.

RESTRAINT WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXERCISED ON THE OTHER ITEMS AT PRESENT UNDER EXPORT RESTRAINT. THE STATUS OF ITEMS CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO EXPORT AUTHORISATION WILL ALSO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARD HAS BEEN CONSULTED AND HAS ADVISED THAT HONG KONG SHOULD ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT.

SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT THE AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED IN OCTOBER.

DETAILS AND THE RULES FOR IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE MADE KNOWN SHORTLY.

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16 000 PLACED IN JOBS
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DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, SOME 16 000 JOB-SEEKERS, INCLUDING 148 UNIVERSITY AND POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE GRADUATES, WERE SUCCESSFULLY PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT BY THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF ANOTHER NEW LES BRANCH OFFICE AT SHA TIN TODAY (THURSDAY), THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.C.A. HAMMOND, POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENTS REPRESENTED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

ALSO OFFICIATING WERE TWO UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU HON-KIT AND MR NG CHAN-LAM.

THE WORK OF THE LES, HE ADDED, WAS KEPT UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW TO ENSURE THAT ANY IMPROVEMENT OR EXPANSION OF ITS SERVICES WAS GEARED TO THE NEEDS OF EMPLOYERS, JOB-SEEKERS AND THE ECONOMY AT LARGE.

ONE OF THE LES'S AIMS THIS YEAR IS TO IMPROVE ITS COVERAGE BY ESTABLISHING NEW OFFICES IN AREAS WITH LARGE POPULATIONS, SUCH AS THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN WHICH HAS 140 000 RESIDENTS.

NOTING THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE LES DEPENDED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF VACANCIES NOTIFIED BY EMPLOYERS AND THE TYPES OF JOB-SEEKERS REGISTERED, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS AT SHA TIN WOULD MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE FREE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NEW OFFICE.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW OFFICE SITUATED AT UNITS 425-428, HAU WO HOUSE, THIRD FLOOR, WO CHE ESTATE, MR HAMMOND SAID, THE LES NOW OPERATES FROM 14 OFFICES IN THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE LES IS EQUIPPED WITH A FACSIMILE SYSTEM WHICH HELPS TO INCREASE ITS EFFECTIVENESS IN THE PROCESSING OF VACANCY ORDERS.

THROUGH THIS SYSTEM, A VACANCY ORDER RECEIVED IN ANY ONE OF THE BRANCH OFFICES COULD BE TRANSMITTED SPEEDILY TO ALL THE OTHER OFFICES SO THAT SUITABLE CANDIDATES COULD BE SELECTED FROM THE COMBINED POOL OF JOB-SEEKERS AND INTRODUCED TO THE EMPLOYER WITHIN A VERY SHORT TIME, HE SAID.

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OPTIONS ON BUS DEPOT REQUIREMENTS

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DIFFERENT OPTIONS ON REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL LAND FOR DEPOTS, AMOUNTS OF 'DEAD' BUS MILEAGE AND NUMBERS OF BUSES PARKED OVERNIGHT IN BUS TERMINI ARE BEING PREPARED BY THE DEPOT REQUIREMENTS SUB-GROUP INVOLVED IN THE GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF BUS COMPANY OPERATIONS, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +IN VIEW OF THE VERY HIGH LAND AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR MULTI-STOREY BUS PARKING GARAGES, THE GROUP IS ALSO CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES, SUCH AS INCREASED OVERNIGHT PARKING AT TERMINI, IN ACCEPTABLE LOCATIONS AND THE USE OF 'TEMPORARY' GROUND LEVEL SITES.

+A REPORT ON EACH OF THE OPTIONS UP TO 1991 WILL BE COMPLETED SOON. THE FINANCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE OPTIONS WILL BE COMPARED BEFORE THE SUB-GROUP PUTS FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT IN OCTOBER,+ HE SAID.

TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE BEGUN HELPING THE SUB-GROUP, ONE OF FIVE FORMED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT THE REVIEW.

THEY ARE MR STEPHEN CHENG WUI-YAU, A LECTURER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES AT HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, AND MR HA WAI-LEUNG, A THIRD-YEAR STUDENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AT THE POLYTECHNIC AND PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF STUDENTS.

THE SUB-GROUP ALSO COMPRISES TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNOFFICIALS MR H.M.G. FORSGATE AND MR STEPHEN CHEONG AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENT BRANCH AND KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO. LTD.

THE SUB-GROUP, WHICH IS DEALING INITIALLY WITH KMB DEPOT REQUIREMENTS, HAS MET THREE TIMES IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS. CHINA MOTOR BUS CO. LTD. DEPOT REQUIREMENTS WILL BE EXAMINED LATER.

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MOVING OFFICE

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FOUR SECTIONS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL OPERATE FROM NEW OFFICES IN THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 10).

THEY ARE THE LIVESTOCK REGULATORY SECTION, THE PLANT AND PESTICIDE REGULATORY UNIT, THE FAUNA CONSERVATION SECTION AND THE LICENSING UNIT.

ALL THESE SECTIONS WILL BE MOVED TO THE SECOND FLOOR FROM UPPER FLOORS OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT 393 CANTON ROAD IN KOWLOON.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THESE SECTIONS IS 3-688111 AND THEIR EXTENSION NUMBERS ARE: LIVESTOCK REGULATORY SECTION (555 AND 557) = PLANT AND PESTICIDE REGULATORY UNIT (552) = LICENSING UNIT (553 AND 556) AND FAUNA CONSERVATION SECTION (550).

ENQUIRIES CAN ALSO BE CHANNELLED THROUGH EXTENSIONS 255 ON 3-688111.

OFFICE HOURS REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM 8.30 AM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES DEALT WITH BY SOME OF THE SECTIONS INCLUDE ANIMAL TRADING LICENCE, HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR ANIMALS AND BIRDS AND FOR ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS, SPECIAL PERMIT FOR IMPORTING ANIMALS AND BIRDS BY AIR OR BY SEA, AND FOR IMPORTING CATTLE AND SWINE BY SEA.

AMONG OTHER DOCUMENTS PROCESSED BY THE SECTIONS ARE IMPORT AND QUARANTINE PERMITS FOR DOGS AND CATS.

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65 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JUNE

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SIXTY-FIVE NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN JUNE THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 56 IN JUNE 1980.

OF THESE NEW PLANS, 20 WERE FOR NEW BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 17 FOR KOWLOON AND 28 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED A 28-STOREY COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN COTTON TREE DRIVE, A 28-STOREY SHOP AND OFFICE BUILDING IN FA YUEN STREET AND A 31-STOREY APARTMENT BLOCK IN SHA TIN.

THE DECLARED COST OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$1 139.4 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$200 MILLION IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

THEIR TOTAL USEABLE FLOOR AREA AMOUNTED TO 460 609.8 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 250 892.7 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC AND 209 717.1 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 92 PROJECTS, INCLUDING A RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON WHARF ROAD, A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ON PAU CHUNG STREET AND A SCHOOL ON TAI PAK TIN STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

ALTOGETHER, 66 NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION IN JUNE, INCLUDING A SCHOOL IN STANLEY, A TEACHING BLOCK AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, SHA TIN, AND A PETROL FILLING STATION AT HIU KWONG STREET, KWUN TONG.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO AGREED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 113 BUILDINGS.

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LUNCH TIME ENQUIRIES SERVICE TO BE TRIED OUT

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AS A TRIAL, FOR ONE DAY TOMORROW (FRIDAY), FACTORY WORKERS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF THE LUNCH-TIME PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE AREA'S CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, IN THE CANTEEN OF LEIGHTON TEXTILES CO LTD, 888 CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 1 PM.

THE PURPOSE OF SUCH A SERVICE IS TO ENABLE FACTORY WORKERS TO SEEK ADVICE, MAKE ENQUIRIES ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND OBTAIN GOVERNMENT FORMS AND MATERIAL DURING THE LUNCH HOUR.

OFFICERS DEALING WITH ENQUIRIES ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION WILL BE PRESENT, AND A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS WILL ALSO BE ON DUTY TO MANAGE STATUTORY DECLARATIONS.

IF THE ONE-DAY TRIAL PROVES SUCCESSFUL, THE SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO OTHER FACTORIES ON A DAILY BASIS.

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POST OFFICE NO. 81

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A NEW POST OFFICE AT SHOP SPACE A2-10, COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, CHOI WAN ESTATE, KOWLOON WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT NOON TOMORROW (AUGUST 7).

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR A.C. HEATHCOTE, TOGETHER WITH MR KUT SING-KUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHOI WAN AREA COMMITTEE AND MR S.R. SELBY, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, WONG TAI SIN, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE NEW POST OFFICE AT 11 AM (TOMORROW).

THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG TO 81.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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OPEN ROUND-THE-CLOCK

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FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS INTENDING TO TRAVEL TO MACAU AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INCREASED FREQUENCY OF SERVICES, THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL WILL BE OPEN ON A CONTINUOUS, 24-HOUR BASIS FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 10, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

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CONCERT AT YOUTH MUSIC CAMP
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PARTICIPANTS OF THE SECOND HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP WILL BE GIVING A FINALE CONCERT AT THE WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE AT 2 PM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 8).

ABOUT 250 YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL MAKE UP A SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, CHINESE ORCHESTRA, YOUTH BAND, CHILDREN STRING ORCHESTRA AND CHILDREN MARCHING BAND TO PERFORM AT THE CONCERT.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE GUEST PERFORMANCES BY THE MUSIC OFFICE COMBINED CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE A SPECTACULAR MARCHING BAND DISPLAY FEATURING THE CHILDREN'S MARCHING BAND AT THE FOOTBALL PITCH TO BE FOLLOWED BY A TELEMATCH COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

PARENTS OF THE CAMPERS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FINALE CONCERT TO SEE THE PROGRESS MADE BY THEIR CHILDREN AFTER TWO WEEKS INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING.

THE MUSIC CAMP, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, IS PART OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FINALE CONCERT OF THE SECOND HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 8) AT THE WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE HANKOW ROAD JUNCTION WITH SALISBURY ROAD BEFORE NOON ON THAT DAY.

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WATER MAINS WORK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 11) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE AT FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA AND PAT TSZ WO TSUEN.

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ACTIVITIES IN TUEN MUN TO ENCOURAGE ELECTION PARTICIPATION

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE IS HOLDING A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION.

THEY INCLUDE TALKS, SLIDE SHOWS AND QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSIONS TO BE HELD IN VILLAGES AND HOUSING ESTATES UNTIL AUGUST 21.

THERE WILL ALSO BE LOGO, DRAMA, DRAWING, SLOGAN AND STICKER DESIGN COMPETITIONS RELATED TO THE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE PURPOSE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ELECTION. THEY ARE ALSO INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE VOTER REGISTRATION.

ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION MUST BE SUBMITTED BETWEEN AUGUST 12 AND 14. EACH COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO AN OPEN SECTION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS OR THOSE WHO WORK IN THE DISTRICT, AND A SECTION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY, DURING WHICH THE WINNING COMPETITION ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AND THE WINNING DRAMA STAGED WILL TAKE PLACE TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH.

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WATER PIPE CHECK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO LION ROCK COTTAGE AREA WILL BE CUT OFF TOMORROW FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM DUE TO ROUTINE CHECK OF WATER PIPES.

THE AFFECTED AREA INCLUDES LION ROCK VILLAGE.

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