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DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT 1981

THE PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ARMY, MR BARNEY HAYHOE AND THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, HAVE CONCLUDED A NEW DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL REPLACE THE PRESENT AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1975. IT WILL RUN FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS. THEREAFTER IT WILL BE RENEWED ON THE SAME TERMS, OR ON OTHER TERMS AGREED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OR PERIODS OF FIVE YEARS. THE NEW AGREEMENT HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS OVER SEVERAL MONTHS.

IN THE NEW AGREEMENT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO THE INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF HONG KONG. A PERMANENT BRITISH GARRISON WILL CONTINUE TO BE STATIONED IN HONG KONG, AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO THE ENLARGEMENT OF THAT GARRISON BY ONE ADDITIONAL INFANTRY BATTALION AND CERTAIN OTHER SMALLER ELEMENTS. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS CONFIRMED THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO USE ITS BEST ENDEAVOURS TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY REINFORCEMENTS TO THE GARRISON WHERE BOTH GOVERNMENTS AGREE THAT THEY ARE APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY.

UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF 75 PER CENT TO THE COST OF THE GARRISON. A NEW BASIS OF COSTING HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO ENSURE THAT THE JOINT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REALISTICALLY COVER THE ACTUAL COST OF THE GARRISON. THIS NEW BASIS OF COSTING AND THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE GARRISON WILL MEAN THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER. SINCE CONTRIBUTIONS WILL IN FUTURE BE BASED ON ACTUAL COSTS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE AN EXACT FORECAST OF COST TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OF THE GARRISON ON THE FIRST YEAR OF THE NEW AGREEMENT (1981-82), BUT ACCORDING TO PRESENT ESTIMATES IT IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 120 MILLION POUNDS. THIS FIGURE WOULD REPRESENT AN INCREASE OF RATHER MORE THAN 50 PER CENT OVER WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE COST OF THE GARRISON AS COMPUTED UNDER THE OLD AND LESS COMPREHENSIVE METHOD.

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EXTERNAL TRADE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS

THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ROSE BY 9 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN JULY 1980 COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) IMPROVED SLIGHTLY BY 1 PER CENT. HOWEVER, A MUCH LARGER INCREASE IN VOLUME WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS (+ 13%) THAN FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS (+ 8%). ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT, WITH VOLUME UP BY 37 PER CENT.

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PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF THE GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

CHANGES IN THE VALUES, UNIT VALUES AND VOLUMES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY ARE ANALYSED AS FOLLOWS:

CHANGES COMPARING JULY 1980 WITH JULY 1979

	<u>EXPORT VALUES</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUES</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUMES</u>
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+ 13%	+ 10%	+ 3%
TEXTILE FABRICS	- 4%	+ 4%	- 8%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+ 8%	+ 6%	+ 2%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+ 20%	+ 8%	+ 11%
ALL TRANSISTORIZED RADIOS	+ 12%	+ 5%	+ 7%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+ 26%	+ 11%	+ 13%
FOOTWEAR	+ 13%	+ 14%	LESS THAN 0.5%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 19%	+ 15%	+ 3%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+ 55%	+ 8%	+ 44%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 44%	- 7%	+ 54%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 18%	+ 9%	+ 8%

APART FROM WATCHES AND CLOCKS, THE EXPORT PRICES OF WHICH DROPPED BY 7 PER CENT, EXPORT PRICES OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED AT VARYING RATES, FROM A 4 PER CENT INCREASE FOR TEXTILE FABRICS TO A 15 PER CENT INCREASE FOR METAL MANUFACTURES.

CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS NOTED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+ 54%), METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+ 44%) AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+ 13%). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (- 8%).

CHANGES IN THE VALUES, UNIT VALUES AND VOLUMES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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CHANGES COMPARING JULY 1980 WITH JULY 1979

	<u>IMPORT VALUES</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUES</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUMES</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 4%	+ 8%	- 4%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 35%	- 1%	+ 36%
FUELS	+ 39%	+ 49%	- 7%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI- MANUFACTURES	+ 17%	+ 9%	+ 7%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 22%	+ 6%	+ 14%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 22%	+ 8%	+ 13%

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUELS, THE PRICES OF WHICH JUMPED BY 49 PER CENT, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY CHANGED MODERATELY, RANGING FROM - 1 PER CENT TO + 9 PER CENT.

MOST IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS DROPPED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD, BOVINE CATTLE, VEGETABLES AND FRUIT. HOWEVER, LOCAL DEMAND FOR SUGAR, CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND LIVE POULTRY INCREASED.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, FOOTWEAR, CLOTHING, PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AND MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FUELS DROPPED BY 7 PER CENT.

THE IMPORT VOLUMES OF VARIOUS KINDS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES SHOWED A MIXED TREND. WHEREAS PURCHASES OF WOOLLEN YARN AND MIXTURES, RAW COTTON AND WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY, DEMAND FOR PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS, CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS AND COTTON YARN AND THREAD DROPPED.

AS FOR CAPITAL GOODS, MAJOR INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TEXTILE MACHINERY, SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS AND OFFICE MACHINES.

CHANGES IN THE VALUES, UNIT VALUES AND VOLUMES OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHANGES COMPARING JULY 1980 WITH JULY 1979

	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUES</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUES</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUMES</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 10%	+ 3%	+ 7%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 54%	+ 4%	+ 48%
FUELS	+ 11%	+ 47%	- 25%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 48%	+ 10%	+ 35%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 36%	+ 7%	+ 27%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 47%	+ 7%	+ 37%

APART FROM FUELS, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF WHICH DECLINED BY 25 PER CENT, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS, RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES, AND CAPITAL GOODS ALL SHOWED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES.

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STEPPED-UP EFFORTS TO PREVENT HILL FIRES
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THE GOVERNMENT IS INTENSIFYING ITS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO WARN THE PUBLIC OF THE HIGH RISK OF COUNTRYSIDE FIRES PARTICULARLY DURING THE PERIOD OF THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, WHICH IS JUST A WEEK FROM NOW.

FROM TOMORROW, SPECIAL BROADCASTS WILL BE MADE AT REGULAR INTERVALS AT THE HUNG HOM TERMINUS, SHA TIN, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI STATIONS OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, APPEALING TO THE PUBLIC TO TAKE EXTRA CARE WHEN BURNING JOSS STICKS AND OTHER SACRIFICIAL ITEMS AT GRAVE SITES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE SAID TODAY: +THE BURNING OF JOSS STICKS HAS BEEN A MAJOR CAUSE OF HILL FIRES. THIS MENACE CANNOT BE CONTAINED WITHOUT PUBLIC CO-OPERATION.

+THROUGH THE BROADCASTS, PICNICKERS AND PEOPLE VISITING GRAVES WILL BE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO OBSERVE THE COUNTRY CODE AND TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL,+ HE NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN GAVE THE FOLLOWING ADVICE ON PREVENTING HILL FIRES: +DON'T LEAVE LIGHTED CANDLES, JOSS STICKS AND JOSS PAPERS UNATTENDED, AND PUT THEM OUT BEFORE LEAVING A GRAVE SITE. RAISE THE ALARM AT ONCE IF YOU SEE ANY SIGN OF FIRE.+

AS PART OF THE STEPPED-UP EFFORTS, THE MOBILE FILM TEAM OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN BROADCASTING FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES AT FERRY PIERS AND BUS TERMINALS IN THE URBAN AREAS SINCE EARLY THIS MONTH.

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IN RURAL AREAS, SIMILAR BROADCASTS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S CIVILIAN INFORMATION TEAM IN ADDITION TO SHOWING FIRE PREVENTION FILMS AND DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS TO VILLAGERS.

THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE HAS PRODUCED A POSTER DRAWING THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION TO THE HIGH TOLLS OF FIRES DURING THE LAST CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PINPOINTING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM, IT WAS HOPED THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD HEED THE ADVICE MORE READILY.

+ONLY WITH THEIR SUPPORT CAN WE HOPE TO KEEP THE FIRE LOSSES AND DAMAGE TO A MINIMUM,+ HE ADDED.

THE POSTER IS NOW ON DISPLAY THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT RETIRES

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THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR DAVID STEAD, WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE LATER THIS MONTH AFTER 23 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, MR DAVID MCDONALD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TODAY PRESENTED HIM WITH A SOUVENIR — A TIENTSIN CARPET AND A POWER DRILL, ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.

MR MCDONALD RECALLED THAT MR STEAD JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1957 AND WAS POSTED TO THE THEN ROADS OFFICE.

HE WAS PROMOTED WITHIN TWO YEARS TO SENIOR ENGINEER AND ROSE THROUGH THE PORT WORKS OFFICE AND CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE TO BECOME PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER IN 1971.

HAVING ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, MR STEAD WAS CONFIRMED IN THAT RANK IN 1975. THIS YEAR HE ACTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS DURING THE ABSENCE OF MR JACK STEAN.

+IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST THIS YEAR, MR STEAD'S CAREER WAS MARKED BY THE AWARD OF A VERY WELL-DESERVED OBE,+ MR MCDONALD NOTED.

+NOBODY WHO HAS KNOWN MR STEAD AT ANY TIME DURING THE LAST TWENTY-ODD YEARS WILL THINK OF HIM WITHOUT REMEMBERING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE SPORT OF SQUASH AND HIS EFFORTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GAME, AND THE PROVISION OF PLAYING FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

MR STEAD HAS BEEN HON SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS SEEN THE GAME GROW ENORMOUSLY IN POPULARITY.

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IN APRIL THIS YEAR, HE MANAGED THE HONG KONG TEAM WHICH WENT TO KUALA LUMPUR FOR THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

MR MCDONALD REMARKED, +IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT YOU CANNOT GET BLOOD FROM A STONE. YOU CAN, HOWEVER, GET IT FROM A STEAD.+

MR STEAD HAS GIVEN 90-ODD PINTS OF BLOOD ALTOGETHER, 50 IN HONG KONG. HE PIONEERED THE ORGANISATION OF THE REGULAR RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION VISITS TO PWD — THE NUMBER OF DONORS HAS INCREASED FROM A HANDFUL TO EIGHTY OR MORE.

MR MCDONALD, ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN THE PWD, WISHED MR STEAD AND HIS WIFE, AUDREY, A LONG AND HAPPY RETIREMENT.

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TEXTILE TALKS SUSPENDED

A NORWEGIAN DELEGATION VISITED HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 7 TO 10, 1980 BUT WERE UNABLE TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS FOR A BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG.

THE DELEGATION HAS THUS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED NEGOTIATIONS WITH HONG KONG AND HAS RETURNED TO NORWAY FOR INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS.

THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION HAS, HOWEVER, GIVEN AN UNDERTAKING TO RENEW CONTACT WITH HONG KONG BEFORE ITS GOVERNMENT TAKES A DECISION ON TRADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1981.

SAI KUNG TO HAVE HOLIDAY CASUALTY FACILITIES

SAI KUNG RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE CASUALTY MEDICAL SERVICES DURING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.

A MEDICAL OFFICER WILL BE POSTED ON CALL DUTY AT SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT CLINIC IN MAN NIN STREET ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO PROVIDE CASUALTY TREATMENT. THE WORKING HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE URGED VILLAGERS AND HOLIDAY-MAKERS TO MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE, WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY THE LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEE.

HE SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE SERVICE WOULD BE INCREASINGLY NEEDED AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WERE SPENDING THEIR HOLIDAYS IN SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK OR AT LOCAL BEACHES.

THE SERVICE WILL START TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND CONTINUE ON A TRIAL BASIS UNTIL JANUARY 31 NEXT YEAR.

AN AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE AMBULANCE WILL ALSO BE STATIONED AT THE CLINIC FOR EMERGENCY CASES.

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DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN ENDS ON SUNDAY

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A CEREMONY THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 12) TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THE DISTRICT'S ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), MR KARL STUMPF, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR CHAN LING-FUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OCCASION.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR PETER LEE, THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MR EDDY CHAN AND ALL THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

THERE WILL BE A PRIZE PRESENTATION AND A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING TOP TV ARTISTES AND LOCAL PERFORMERS.

DURING THE MONTH-LONG INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN, WHICH BEGAN ON SEPTEMBER 20, A WIDE RANGE OF INDOOR AS WELL AS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WERE HELD.

EXHIBITIONS, VARIETY SHOWS, SPORTS COMPETITIONS, FILM SHOWS AND TALKS WERE ORGANISED TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE TO MORE THAN 200 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF CARITAS, CAINE ROAD, STARTING AT 3 PM.

TOWN HALL FOR SAI KUNG

SAI KUNG IS PLANNING TO HAVE ITS OWN TOWN HALL BY THE MID-1980'S, COSTING AN ESTIMATED \$9 MILLION.

THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HAS FORMED A SUB-COMMITTEE TO STUDY DESIGNS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

A LARGE AMOUNT OF THE MONEY FOR THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS.

THE TOWN HALL WILL BE BUILT IN TWO PHASES ON A 4 322 SQUARE METRE SITE NEAR THE CENTRE OF SAI KUNG.

IN PHASE I AN AUDITORIUM, CHANGING ROOMS AND STORAGE ROOMS WILL BE INCLUDED.

WORK ON THIS PHASE IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY 1982, PROVIDED AGREEMENT ON DESIGN CAN BE REACHED SOON.

PHASE II WILL INCLUDE A LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE.

VARIOUS PLANS FOR THE TOWN HALL HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR COMMENTS.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S ARCHITECT HAS COME UP WITH A PROPOSAL TO BASE THE DESIGN OF THE TOWN HALL ON ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE HALL, STANLEY. THIS IS A LARGE MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING CAPABLE OF SEATING 1 000 PEOPLE. TODAY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD VISITED ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE IN ORDER TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE DESIGN OF THE HALL.

A FINAL DECISION ON THE TOWN HALL DESIGN WILL BE MADE WHEN ALL VIEWS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED.

LECTURES ON CHINESE FOLK SONGS

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A SERIES OF FIVE LECTURES ON +INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE FOLK SONGS+ WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S MUSIC OFFICE FROM OCTOBER 15 TO NOVEMBER 12.

THE MUSIC LECTURES, TO BE GIVEN BY MUSICIANS MADAM CHOW MAN SHAN AND MR YEUNG YUK KEUNG, WILL BE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLK SONGS IN CHINESE CULTURE- THE ORIGIN, SCOPE AND INFLUENCE OF THESE SONGS, AS WELL AS COMPOSITION, SINGING AND APPRECIATION OF FOLK SONGS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY DURING THE LECTURES TO WATCH RECORDED TELEVISION PROGRAMMES ON FAMOUS CHINESE FOLK SONGS.

THE LECTURES WILL BE HELD AT THE MUSIC OFFICE'S EAST KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE, YAN HAU MANSION, 2ND FLOOR, 100 TING FU STREET, NGAU TAU KOK, AT 5.30 PM ON WEDNESDAYS.

ADMISSION IS FREE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 3-411328.

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SEMINAR ON TEACHING OF SCIENCE

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NEW SCIENCE TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO A SEMINAR ON SCIENCE TEACHING TO BE HELD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON OCTOBER 25 (SATURDAY).

THE SEMINAR, TO BE HELD BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 12.30 PM, IS ORGANISED BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THERE WILL BE A GROUP DISCUSSION AFTER TALKS ON SPECIFIC AREAS OF SCIENCE EDUCATION BY SUBJECT OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE CURRICULUM, TEACHING METHOD, PANEL MEETINGS, TEACHING RECORD, TEACHING PLAN, TESTING AND EVALUATION, TEXTBOOKS, LIBRARY SERVICES, VISUAL AIDS, LABORATORY FACILITIES AND SAFETY.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS SHOULD SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (SCIENCE) NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 15.

SCIENCE TEACHERS WITH ABOUT ONE YEAR'S TEACHING EXPERIENCE ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS SEMINAR.

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SEAMEN URGED TO REPORT CHANGE OF ADDRESS
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HONG KONG SEAMEN SEEKING FUTURE EMPLOYMENT AT SEA ARE URGED, IN THEIR OWN INTEREST, TO NOTIFY THE SEAMEN'S RECRUITING OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR OTHER PARTICULARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WAS TO ENSURE THAT ANY NOTICE OR OTHER DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (RECRUITMENT OF SEAMEN'S) ORDINANCE TO BE SENT TO OR SERVED ON THEM COULD BE DELIVERED PROMPTLY WITHOUT DELAY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT DURING A RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE SRO ON AVAILABILITY OF HONG KONG SEAMEN FOR FUTURE JOBS AT SEA, 5 600 OF THE 61 000 QUESTIONNAIRES SENT TO THEM WERE RETURNED BY THE POST OFFICE DUE TO INCORRECT ADDRESSES.

A SEAMAN WHO FAILS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ANY NOTICE OR OTHER DOCUMENT SENT TO AN ADDRESS REGISTERED WITH THE SRO MAY BE CONSIDERED AS INACTIVE AND MAY BE DE-REGISTERED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CLOSURE OF ROAD IN KWUN TONG
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE ACCESS ROAD LINKING SAU MAU PING ROAD AND ANDERSON ROAD HAD BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ROAD REPAIRS.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

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CHEUNG MAN ROAD TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT
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A 40 METRE SECTION OF CHEUNG MAN ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LOK MAN ROAD IN CHAI WAN WILL BE CLOSED TO HEAVY VEHICLES (OVER TWO TONS IN UNLADEN WEIGHT) FOR TWO MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 13).

THE ROAD SECTION WILL BE CLOSED FOR WORK ON A WATER MAIN.
TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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MORE BUSES PUT ON NT MAXICAB ROUTE 88
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TWO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL RUN ON MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 88 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON SHORT JOURNEYS BETWEEN TSING YI FERRY AND CHEUNG CHING ESTATE VIA CHUNG MEI VILLAGE FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 12).

THE FARE IS \$1 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY.

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