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MORE PROPERLY TRAINED SKILLED CRAFTSMEN NEEDED

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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR, MR. HORACE KNIGHT, TODAY EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRY TO HONG KONG.

HE SAID: +INDUSTRY IS NOT AN OPTION FOR HONG KONG. IT IS INDISPENSABLE TO HER.+

ECONOMICALLY, MR. KNIGHT SAID, +IT CONTRIBUTES AN INCREASINGLY HIGHER PERCENTAGE TOWARDS OUR TOTAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCTS, SOCIALLY IT IS THE BIGGEST EMPLOYER OF OUR PEOPLE.+

+WITH A POPULATION THE SIZE OF OURS,+ HE ADDED, +INDUSTRY WILL NEVER BE OBSOLESCENT NOR CAN IT BE REPLACED BY ANY OTHER FIELD OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.+

MR. KNIGHT STRESSED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT +OUR INDUSTRY REMAINS EFFICIENT, COMPETITIVE AND PROFITABLE+.

HE SAID: +TO DO SO IN THE PRESENT STAGE OF OUR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WHEN OUR PRODUCTS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED, WE CAN NO LONGER MERELY DEPEND ON THE NATURAL DILIGENCE AND ABILITY OF OUR PEOPLE.

+TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO TRADE UP IN THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTS, IMPROVE OUR QUALITY AND INCREASE OUR PRODUCTIVITY DEMANDS BETTER TRAINED TECHNICAL MANPOWER AT ALL LEVELS= BETTER TECHNOLOGISTS TO DESIGN OUR PRODUCTS, AND BETTER TRAINED TECHNICIANS AND CRAFTSMEN TO PLAN AND PRODUCE THEM.+

MR. KNIGHT WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY DURING WHICH DR. CHUNG SZE-YUEN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SONCA INDUSTRIES LIMITED, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION TO 29 CRAFT APPRENTICES OF THE COMPANY.

THESE APPRENTICES HAVE COMPLETED A THREE-YEAR CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP UNDER SCHEMES APPROVED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

IN HIS SPEECH, DR. CHUNG SAID THAT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRY IN THE WORLD MARKETS, ONE IMPORTANT FACTOR WAS THE ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF PROPERLY TRAINED SKILLED CRAFTSMEN, PARTICULARLY MECHANICAL ENGINEERING CRAFTSMEN.

REFERRING TO HIS COMPANY'S APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME, HE SAID IT WAS MODELLED FROM THOSE IN CONTINENTAL EUROPE PARTICULARLY THOSE IN GERMANY AND FRANCE.

+OUR SCHEME EMBRACES BOTH INSTITUTIONAL AND SHOP-FLOOR TRAINING AND IS SO EFFICIENT AND INTENSIFIED THAT THE NORMAL FIVE-YEAR PERIOD CAN BE COMPRESSED INTO THREE YEARS,+ HE ADDED.

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CAREERS SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS
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MORE THAN 2,500 STUDENTS FROM SOME 80 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL ATTEND TWO CAREERS SEMINARS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 4 TO 7 AT SHENG KUNG HUI TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL, 01 KWUN ROAD, HONG KONG AND QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, SAI YEE STREET, KOWLOON.

THE SEMINARS WHICH AIM TO PROVIDE CAREERS INFORMATION TO SENIOR STUDENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PING SHAN LIONS CLUB AND THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

+EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE GROWS AS COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CONTINUE TO EXPAND,+ SAID MR. DEXTER MAN, PRESIDENT OF THE TAI PING SHAN LIONS CLUB. +FACED WITH VARIOUS OPENINGS IN DIFFERENT TRADES AND INDUSTRIES, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FINDING IT MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO MAKE A CHOICE OF CAREER.+

+WE HOPE TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH CAREERS SEMINARS SOME GUIDANCE WHICH WILL HELP THEM MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE.+

THE SEMINARS - THE FIRST MAJOR CAREERS SEMINARS TO BE HELD CONCURRENTLY IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON - WILL CONSIST OF TALKS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON CAREERS IN COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

A TOTAL OF 12 TRADES AND INDUSTRIES WILL BE COVERED. THESE INCLUDE BANKING, SOCIAL WORK, NURSING, SECRETARIAL WORK, TEACHING, JOURNALISM, HOTEL, AIRLINES, SEAFARING, GOVERNMENT JOBS AND TEXTILES AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES. THERE WILL ALSO BE TALKS ON +HOW TO APPLY FOR A JOB+ AND +APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING SCHEME.+

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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS MUST BE DECLARED
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THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TODAY REMINDED IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS THAT THEY ARE OBLIGED TO LODGE TRADE DECLARATIONS WITHIN 14 DAYS ON ALL IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, EXCEPT FOR THOSE CATEGORIES OF EXEMPTED GOODS.

HE WARNED THAT PROSECUTIONS WOULD BE INITIATED AGAINST THOSE WHO, WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE, FAIL TO LODGE THE NECESSARY TRADE DECLARATIONS.

TRADE DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE THE PRESCRIBED 14-DAY PERIOD, HE ADDED, WILL BE LIABLE, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE, TO PENALTY CHARGES.

THESE RISE AFTER TWO MONTHS TO A MAXIMUM OF \$50 PER DECLARATION WHERE THE TOTAL VALUE OF ARTICLES SPECIFIED DOES NOT EXCEED \$20,000, AND TO A MAXIMUM OF \$100 PER DECLARATION WHERE THE TOTAL VALUE OF ARTICLES SPECIFIED EXCEEDS \$20,000.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND WITH A COMBINED AREA OF SOME 53,000 SQUARE FEET WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION IN THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM NEXT MONTH.

TWO OF THE LOTS ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT. ONE IS LOCATED AT TAI YIP STREET IN KOWLOON AND MEASURES 12,400 SQUARE FEET. THE OTHER COVERS AN AREA OF 21,430 SQUARE FEET OFF LEE CHUNG STREET IN CHAI WAN.

THE THIRD LOT, FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, IS LOCATED AT MARCONI ROAD IN KOWLOON AND MEASURES 18,280 SQUARE FEET.

THE FOURTH MEASURES 810 SQUARE FEET AND IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. IT IS LOCATED AT 39 STATION LANE, HUNG HOM, WITH AN EXISTING BUILDING.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON JUNE 28 IN THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), HONG KONG, AND FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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VOLUNTEERS TO CELEBRATE 120TH ANNIVERSARY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL BE ATTENDING THE FOUNDATION DAY DINNER OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING IN THE OFFICERS' MESS AT BEAONSFIELD HOUSE.

THE DINNER, WHICH WILL ALSO BE ATTENDED BY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, LT. GEN. SIR EDWIN BRAMALL, AND MANY OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, MARKS THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REGIMENT WHICH WAS FORMED ON MAY 30, 1854, AS THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

AS PART OF THE CEREMONY TO MARK THE FOUNDATION DAY, MEN OF THE REGIMENT MOUNTED A GUARD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE TODAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS : THE GOVERNOR IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT BEAONSFIELD HOUSE AT 8.15 P.M. PHOTOGRAPHERS WISHING TO COVER THE ARRIVAL ARE CORDIALLY WELCOMED TO DO SO.

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NEW ROAD FOR CAUSEWAY BAY

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A NEW ROAD JOINING UP WITH YEE KING ROAD WILL SOON BE CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF LAI TAK TSUEN HOUSING ESTATE.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE ROAD WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN TAI HANG ROAD AND CLOUD VIEW ROAD.

THE NEW ROAD WILL BE ABOUT 1,150 FEET LONG AND WILL COMPRISE A 24-FOOT WIDE CARRIAGEWAY AND AN EIGHT-FOOT WIDE CONCRETE FOOTPATH ON EACH SIDE.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROAD WORK, ABOUT 2,600 FEET OF STORMWATER DRAINS AND SEWERS RANGING FROM NINE INCHES TO 48 INCHES IN DIAMETER WILL BE LAID.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY THIS YEAR AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS.

THE HONG KONG DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, P.W.D., WHO DESIGNED THE WORK, WILL ALSO SUPERVISE ITS CONSTRUCTION.

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OPENING HOURS OF DC AND I OFFICES

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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED CHANGES IN THE OPENING HOURS FOR ALL OFFICES SERVING THE PUBLIC, EXCEPT THE AD VALOREM CHARGES COLLECTION OFFICE AT 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (JUNE 3), THE OPENING HOURS ON WEEKDAYS WILL BE FROM 8.45 A.M. TO 12.30 P.M. AND FROM 1.30 P.M. TO 5.15 P.M.

ON SATURDAYS, THE OFFICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON.

THE OPENING HOURS FOR THE AD VALOREM CHARGES COLLECTION OFFICE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED, E.G. FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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RETIREMENT GIFT FOR OFFICE ATTENDANT

MR. WONG PAK-HUNG, OFFICE ATTENDANT OF THE ENVIRONMENT BRANCH OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT, IS TO RETIRE ON JULY 7 AFTER SERVING THE GOVERNMENT FOR 27 YEARS.

HE JOINED THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT AS A MESSENGER ON AUGUST 14, 1947 AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT POST ON DECEMBER 1, 1953.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, MR. MICHAEL CLINTON, ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY, WILL PRESENT MR. WONG WITH A GOLD MEDAL TOMORROW AFTERNOON (MAY 31) AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE RECEPTION AREA ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION
----- COVERED. THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4.45 P.M.
TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGN

A TOTAL OF 3,595 CHILDREN WAS INOCULATED AGAINST MEASLES DURING THE TWO WEEKS ENDING ON MAY 18 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGN.

OF THESE, 798 WERE INOCULATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 1,821 IN KOWLOON, AND 976 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FIRST ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR IS CONTINUING UNTIL THE END OF MAY TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE NECESSITY TO CONTINUE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST THE DISEASE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT URGES PARENTS OF SUSCEPTIBLE CHILDREN BETWEEN SIX MONTHS AND FIVE YEARS TO HAVE THEM IMMUNISED IMMEDIATELY.

HE EMPHASISES THAT FREE VACCINE +IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT ALL THE DEPARTMENT'S MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.+

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE NEW	---	---
- OLD CROP	---	---
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.21
S.C.JIEN	---	---
- OLD CROP	---	---
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.16
PO NGAI	GOOD	1.72
CHU CHO	---	---
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	2.03
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.95
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.87
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.67
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.92
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.94
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.91
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	---	---
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	---	---

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	305 (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	4.00	2.60	3.20
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.90	0.60	2.00
SQUID	SCARCE	6.50	2.40	5.00
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	2.50	0.80	1.50
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.30	1.20	2.20
CROAKERS	NORMAL	1.00	0.50	0.70
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.40	0.80	1.20
MELON COAT	--	--	--	--
BREAMS	LIMITED	4.20	2.20	3.50
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.40	0.50	1.20
MACKERELS	LIMITED	4.20	2.80	3.50
RED GOAT FISH	GOOD	0.90	0.40	0.60
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.10	0.60	0.80
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	5.00	2.70	4.00
MELON SEED	NORMAL	2.40	1.50	2.20
POMFRETS	NORMAL	6.50	5.00	6.00
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	6.00	4.50	5.00
YELLOW CROAKER	--	--	--	--

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	GOOD	0.60	0.15	0.40
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.05	0.25
CHINESE LETTUCE	GOOD	0.40	0.05	0.25
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.05	0.25
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	0.70	0.20	0.50
STRING BEANS	GOOD	0.80	0.20	0.50
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.00	0.30	0.60
SPINACH	--	--	--	--
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	0.80	0.20	0.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.60	0.20	0.40
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.40	0.10	0.25
TOMATO	LIMITED	1.00	0.40	0.70

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