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### NEW POSTAL RATES FROM JULY

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AN ADDITIONAL \$30 MILLION WILL HAVE TO BE PAID BY THE POST OFFICE TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR HANDLING ITS OVERSEAS LETTER MAIL THIS YEAR.

THIS IS DUE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONGRESS (UPU) IN RIO DE JANEIRO IN 1979 INCREASING THE SO-CALLED +IMBALANCE CHARGE+ FROM THE EQUIVALENT OF HK\$3.3 TO \$12.10 PER KG - A STAGGERING 267 PER CENT.

BEFORE 1969 NO COUNTRY CHARGED ANY OTHER FOR HANDLING INTERNATIONAL LETTERS AND PRINTED PAPERS. IT WAS THEN THAT THE UPU DECIDED TO INTRODUCE IMBALANCE CHARGES TO COMPENSATE THOSE COUNTRIES - MOSTLY IN THE THIRD WORLD - WHO IMPORTED MORE MAIL THAN THEY EXPORTED.

IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, HONG KONG EXPORTS MORE THAN TWICE AS MUCH AS SURFACE LETTER MAIL AS IT IMPORTS. IN 1980-81, FOR EXAMPLE, IT EXPORTED 6 700 000 KILOGRAMS AND IMPORTED 3 300 000 KILOGRAMS. LAST YEAR, THE POST OFFICE HAD TO PAY IMBALANCE CHARGES AMOUNTING TO OVER \$11 MILLION. THIS YEAR IT WILL COST \$41 MILLION.

THE INCREASE IS DESCRIBED AS +PUNITIVE+ BY MR A.C. HEATHCOTE, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, AND HE ADDED THAT THE EXTRA COST +WILL HAVE TO BE PASSED ON TO CUSTOMERS IN THE FORM OF HIGHER POSTAGE RATES FOR OVERSEAS LETTERS AND PRINTED PAPERS+.

IN ADDITION TO INCREASES IN THE +IMBALANCE CHARGES+ FOR LETTER MAIL, MOST OVERSEAS COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO RAISED THEIR CHARGES FOR DELIVERING PARCELS RECEIVED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS HONG KONG AND THIS IN TURN WILL LEAD TO INCREASES IN THE POSTAGE RATES FOR PARCELS. THE INCREASES IN AIR PARCEL POSTAGE RATES WILL BE PARTICULARLY SHARP BECAUSE THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION AGREED TO INCREASE BY 74 PER CENT THE PAYMENT TO AIRLINES FOR CARRYING AIR PARCELS. THE CONVEYANCE RATES HAD REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 1959.

HOWEVER, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL DID HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS. THERE WILL BE NO INCREASES IN LOCAL POSTAGE RATES, EXCEPT FOR PARCELS, AND THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF AIR MAIL ZONES FROM FOUR TO TWO WILL RESULT IN CHEAPER AIR MAIL LETTER RATES TO NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA.

THE CHANGES IN POSTAGE RATES WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1, 1981. ON THE SAME DATE, THE CHARGES FOR CERTAIN OTHER POSTAL SERVICES, SUCH AS THE REGISTRATION SERVICE AND THE POST OFFICE PRIVATE BOX AND PRIVATE BAG SERVICES, WILL ALSO BE REVISED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF PRESENT-DAY COSTS.

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## EXHIBITION CENTRE SEEN AS GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY

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THE PROVISION OF AN EXHIBITION CENTRE IS NOW SEEN AS A GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY, PURE AND SIMPLE, SAID THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR WILLIAM DORWARD, TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IN HIS SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE 12TH BUSINESS EFFICIENCY EXHIBITION AT THE HILTON HOTEL, MR DORWARD SAID THAT WHILE IT WAS FASHIONABLE TO CLAIM AN EXHIBITION CENTRE SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROVIDED YESTERDAY, IT WOULD BE BOTH IRRESPONSIBLE, AND HIGHLY INEFFICIENT (A POINT HE FELT HE SHOULD STRESS AT A BUSINESS EFFICIENCY EXHIBITION) FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT ITSELF TO A PROJECT ENTAILING A VERY LARGE EXPENDITURE WITHOUT EXAMINING CLOSELY AND FULLY WHETHER THE MONEY WOULD BE WISELY SPENT.

MR DORWARD SAID HE WAS SORRY THAT SOME PEOPLE HAD TO BE TURNED AWAY FROM THE EXHIBITION DUE TO LACK OF SPACE.

+I KNOW THERE IS A WIDESPREAD FEELING THAT HONG KONG IS AT A REAL DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF AN EXHIBITION CENTRE- AND OCCASIONS LIKE THIS STRENGTHEN THAT FEELING. I SYMPATHISE, BUT THERE IS NO SIMPLE, EASY OR RAPID ANSWER,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL, HAVING CONSIDERED A FIRST CONSULTANCY REPORT TO LOOK INTO THE DEMAND FOR AND VIABILITY OF AN EXHIBITION CENTRE IN 1980, HAD ACCEPTED THE APPARENT NEED FOR A CENTRE AND ADVISED THAT A SECOND STAGE OF THE CONSULTANCY SHOULD PROCEED.

A SITE IN TSIM SHA TSUI WAS MEANWHILE EARMARKED FOR THE PURPOSE.

THROUGH THE SECOND CONSULTANCY, THE GOVERNMENT AIMED TO FIND ANSWERS TO A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, SUCH AS: +HOW SHOULD THE CENTRE BE BUILT AND WHAT FACILITIES SHOULD IT PROVIDE, WHAT IS ITS LIKELY COST TO THE PUBLIC, HOW MUCH REVENUE MIGHT IT GENERATE, HOW MIGHT THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE SITE BE MAXIMISED, WHO SHOULD MANAGE IT AND HOW?

THE ANSWERS WOULD HAVE TO BE BASED ON A PROPER ASSESSMENT OF MANY RELEVANT FACTORS INVOLVING FINANCE, COSTINGS, STRUCTURAL AND ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES AND MUCH TIME AND EFFORT HAVE TO BE SPENT BEFORE A FINAL, SOUND DECISION MIGHT BE MADE,+ HE SAID.

MR DORWARD SAID A BOARD WAS APPOINTED TO OVERSEE THE SECOND CONSULTANCY, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF TRADE, INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND BANKING, WITH MR MICHAEL SANDBERG, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, AS CHAIRMAN.

THE BOARD WAS AS ANXIOUS AS ANYONE TO GET THINGS MOVING AND WAS APPROACHING SPECIALISTS COMPANIES TO TENDER FOR THE PROJECT. HE EXPECTED THE CONSULTANCY TO TAKE FOUR TO SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE, HE SAID.

MR DORWARD SAID ALSO THAT IT WAS A PITY THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO DEVELOPED PURPOSE EXHIBITION SPACE IN HONG KONG SOME YEARS AGO SHOULD HAVE FOUND IT MORE ATTRACTIVE TO TURN IT INTO RESTAURANT AND ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES.

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THEY COULD NOT BE CRITICISED FOR THEIR COMMERCIAL JUDGMENT, BUT IF THEY HAD NOT DONE SO, IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NECESSARY TO TURN COMPANIES AWAY FROM THE EXHIBITION, HE SAID.

THE HONG KONG OFFICE EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION WAS MAKING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN GIVING THE HONG KONG BUSINESSMAN THE OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP ABREAST OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FAST CHANGING WORLD, HE SAID.

HE EXPRESSED HOPE TOO THAT HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS WOULD SEE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE MANUFACTURE IN THIS FIELD AND THAT OVERSEAS COMPANIES WITH THE RIGHT EXPERTISE WOULD SEE THE ADVANTAGE TO THEMSELVES FOR INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION HERE.

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GROUP FORMED TO ADVISE ON TRADE MARKS  
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A SPECIALIST COMMITTEE, THE TRADING STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TSAC), HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, TO ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE.

THE TSAC WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALL ASPECTS OF TRADING STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR LEGISLATION AND THE FORM IT WILL TAKE, AND THE GOODS TO BE SUBJECT TO MARKING ORDERS.

THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE WAS IMPLEMENTED ON APRIL 1, THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR BOTH CONSUMERS AND THE TRADE AGAINST GOODS BEARING FALSE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS AND FORGED TRADE MARKS.

MEMBERS OF THE TSAC, WHICH HELD ITS FIRST MEETING RECENTLY, ARE : MISS OPHELIA CHEUNG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CONSUMER COUNCIL- MR JOHN PAIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION- MR CECIL S.O. CHAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES- MR J.P. LEE, SECRETARY GENERAL, CHINESE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION- MR PHILIP P.Y. YUEN, REPRESENTATIVE, CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- MR S.A. RAM, SECRETARY, INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- MR HARRY GARLICK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- AND MR KEITH BROADBRIDGE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS.

A SPECIALIST SUB-COMMITTEE, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NEED FOR A MARKING ORDER FOR GOLD AND GOLD ALLOY PRODUCTS, AN IMPORTANT AREA OF THE TSAC'S WORK, IS ALSO BEING APPOINTED.

THIS SUB-COMMITTEE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PRECIOUS METALS MARKING ORDER SUB-COMMITTEE, WILL ADVISE THE TSAC ON THE WORDING OF AN ORDER, THE METHOD AND ANY OTHER TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF MARKING IN RESPECT TO GOLD AND GOLD ALLOY PRODUCTS, AND THE SYSTEM OF CONTROL.

CHAIRD BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL INCLUDE SELECTED TSAC MEMBERS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOLD AND JEWELLERY TRADE WITH SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOODS IN QUESTION.

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TAC UNOFFICIALS HELP BUS REVIEW  
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TWO TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNOFFICIALS HAVE BEGUN HELPING A SPECIAL SUB-GROUP SET UP TO RE-EXAMINE THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO.'S ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AS PART OF THE REVIEW OF BUS OPERATIONS.

THEY ARE MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT AND MR STEPHEN WONG.

THE OTHER 10 MEMBERS OF THE SUB-GROUP INCLUDE OFFICIALS OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, ENVIRONMENT BRANCH, ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH, KMB AND THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT.

THE SUB-GROUP'S MAIN TASK IS TO RE-EXAMINE THE EXISTING NETWORK OF BUS SERVICES AND THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO TRY TO REDUCE UNDER-UTILISED SERVICES IN THE SEARCH FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY.

AT THE LATEST MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION THE INITIAL FINDINGS OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE 1981 ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WHICH IDENTIFIED SOME AREAS WHERE COST SAVINGS MIGHT BE ACHIEVED.

+PUBLIC VIEWS ON LOCAL BUS SERVICES ARE BEING SOUGHT THROUGH CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT BOARDS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER CHANNELS,+ A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN PARTICULAR, VIEWS ARE BEING SOUGHT ON:

- \* THE BUS NETWORK AS A WHOLE=
- \* REDEPLOYING BUSES FROM UNDER-UTILISED ROUTES TO OVER-CROWDED ONES=
- \* CONVERTING SERVICES FROM SINGLE-DECK TO DOUBLE-DECK VEHICLES=
- \* WITHDRAWING LIGHTLY-USED SERVICES AND REPLACING THEM WITH MAXICABS= AND
- \* REDUCING SERVICES DURING OFF-PEAK PERIODS.

WRITTEN SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS SHOULD BE FORWARDED BY JUNE 30 TO THE SECRETARY, REVIEW OF BUS OPERATIONS, FIFTH FLOOR, GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

FOUR OTHER SUB-GROUPS HAVE BEEN SET UP TO REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR EXAMINING BUSES, RE-EXAMINE THE PROGRAMME FOR ACQUIRING DEPOT SPACE, INVESTIGATE THE METHOD OF ACQUIRING SPARE PARTS, AND REVIEW THE SCHEME OF CONTROL APPLYING TO THE BUS COMPANIES.

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## HONG KONG/CANADA TEXTILE TALKS ADJOURNED

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AFTER ENGAGING IN FIVE DAYS OF FULL AND DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE HONG KONG/CANADA TEXTILE AGREEMENT, WHICH EXPIRES AT THE END OF THE YEAR, BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO ADJOURN THE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL JULY.

THEY WILL RESUME THE TALKS IN GENEVA, FOLLOWING THE TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH STARTS ON JULY 13.

+AS THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN CONCLUDED, I AM UNABLE TO DISCLOSE ANY DETAILS AT THIS STAGE,+ THE COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR PETER TSAO SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

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## APRIL SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED THE FOLLOWING ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS FOR APRIL:

INDUSTRY GROUP	ORDERS-ON-HAND IN TERMS OF MONTHS		
	APR 1980	MAR 1981	APR 1981
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	5.4	4.7	4.7
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	2.7	2.5	2.5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4.5	4.1	4.0
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	4.3	3.9	3.8
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	5.0	5.3	5.2
OTHERS	4.0	3.8	3.8
ALL MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.3	4.3

A COMPARISON OF THE ORDER-BOOK POSITION IN APRIL WITH THAT IN MARCH SHOWS A SLIGHT DECLINE IN THE VOLUME OF ORDERS HELD BY MANUFACTURERS REPORTING ON THE MONTHLY PANEL IN INDUSTRIES MANUFACTURING PLASTIC PRODUCTS, METAL PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS. BUT THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE OVERALL ORDER-BOOK POSITION OF ALL THE MANUFACTURERS REPORTING ON THE MONTHLY PANEL TAKEN AS A WHOLE.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE BASED ON AN UPDATED AND ENLARGED PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SELECTED BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979. AS THE PANEL IS NOT A SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED SAMPLE, RESULTS OBTAINED WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY OF THE COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE PANEL, BUT IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL GENERALLY INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.

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THIS SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED MONTHLY, ALSO ASKS QUESTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL AND COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS BESIDES MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR APRIL 1981 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL : 3-7213578).

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### DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARDS FOR 150 YOUNG PEOPLE

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES MUST HAVE SCOPE TO GROW PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY AND MORALLY, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S SILVER AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

+IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHICH IS MY AREA OF PARTICULAR CONCERN, WE ARE BUILDING NEW TOWNS AND NEW COMMUNITIES,+ HE SAID.

+DEVELOPMENT MUST ENCOMPASS NOT ONLY THE PROVISION OF SCHOOLS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BUT ALSO THE SPREAD OF SCHEMES SUCH AS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD WHICH BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN A RESPONSIBLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE WAY.+

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE AWARD PROGRAMME WAS NOT EASY.

IT REQUIRED INITIATIVE, IMAGINATION, SELF-DISCIPLINE, EFFORT AND DETERMINATION.

IN RETURN IT OFFERED PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND A BROADENING OF INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN A WIDE RANGE OF PRACTICAL, CULTURAL AND ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO COMMUNITY NEEDS.

THESE ARE QUALITIES WHICH HONG KONG NEEDS.

+IN YEARS TO COME, YOU YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE RECEIVING YOUR AWARDS HERE TONIGHT WILL MAKE YOUR MARK ON THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

+WHATEVER YOUR WORK AND WHEREVER YOU LIVE, THE BENEFITS YOU ARE GAINING FROM THE AWARD SCHEME WILL STAND YOU IN GOOD STEAD,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, 150 YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVED SILVER AWARD CERTIFICATES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AWARD SCHEME, MR ALEX WU, ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO 24 VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE MADE A MARKED CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHEME.

THE 24 VOLUNTEERS COME FROM VARIOUS OPERATING AUTHORITIES OF THE SCHEME, INCLUDING THE AWARD OPERATING AUTHORITY, CIVIL AID SERVICES, HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION, SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, THE GOLD AWARD HOLDERS' ASSOCIATION, AND THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS.

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GOVERNOR TO ATTEND CAS ANNUAL DINNER  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE CIVIL AID SERVICES ANNUAL DINNER AT THE OCEAN PALACE RESTAURANT IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON FRIDAY (JUNE 19).

OTHER GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR LEWIS DAVIES, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN AND THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY.

ABOUT 900 CAS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING.

SIR MURRAY WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, MR ROGER LOBO AND THE CAS CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, MR JOHN FORTUNE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CAS ANNUAL DINNER FROM 7 PM TO 8 PM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 19) AT THE OCEAN PALACE RESTAURANT IN OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS MAY TAKE PICTURES ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE OCEAN CENTRE, AND IN THE RECEPTION ROOM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE OCEAN PALACE RESTAURANT. HOWEVER, NO PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE DINNER.

COPIES OF SPEECHES BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE CAS COMMISSIONER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PRESS AT 7 PM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE OCEAN CENTRE.

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\$10M FANLING PUMPING STATION CONTRACT SIGNED  
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A \$10 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FANLING PUMPING STATION AS PART OF A PROJECT TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF WATER FROM CHINA WAS AWARDED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE \$1 300 MILLION PROJECT WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THREE STAGES OVER A PERIOD OF 12 YEARS.

THE ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER (RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT) OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR LIU YAN BUN, SAID: +WORK ON THE NEW PUMPING STATION LOCATED AT FAN KAM ROAD WILL START NEXT WEEK AND WILL TAKE 23 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

+THE NEW PUMPING STATION, WITH A DAILY OUTPUT OF 318 000 CUBIC METRES WILL CONVEY RAW WATER FROM SHEUNG SHUI VIA AN EXISTING 1 200 MM PIPELINE AND A NEW TUNNEL TO A FUTURE TREATMENT WORKS AT YAU KOM TAU, BEFORE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO WESTERN TSUEN WAN AND TSING YI.+

/MR LIU .....

MR LIU TODAY SIGNED THE CONTRACT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF GAMMON (HONG KONG) LIMITED, MR TSOI SHIU-FOO, AT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, LEIGHTON CENTRE.

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NT LIONS CLUB PRAISED FOR DONATING PAVILION  
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A \$100 000 CHINESE-STYLE PAVILION, TO BE BUILT IN SHA TIN WITH FUNDS DONATED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES LIONS CLUB, IS AN EXAMPLE TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL AFFAIRS, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

DR HASE WAS SPEAKING DURING THE STONE-LAYING FOR THE PAVILION WHICH IS BEING BUILT ABOVE THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME DEVELOPMENT, SUI WO COURT.

HE SAID GOVERNMENT WAS NOW ACTIVELY PROMOTING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN LOCAL AFFAIRS, SO THAT GOVERNMENT COULD ACT QUICKLY TO MEET PEOPLE'S NEEDS.

+THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PAVILION IS THE PEOPLE'S ACTIVE RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT'S WISHES,+ HE SAID.

DR HASE PRAISED THE NEW TERRITORIES LIONS CLUB FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY, ADDING THAT THE PAVILION WOULD PROVIDE A SITTING OUT AREA FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS. CONSTRUCTION WILL BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES LIONS CLUB, MR C.C. CHAN- THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL (DISTRICT 303), MR MANLAN U- A PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR, MR HERBERT H.Y. LIANG- AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL LEADERS.

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS URGED TO JOIN GUIDANCE SCHEME  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS APPEALING TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO JOIN THE STUDENT GUIDANCE SCHEME.

UNDER THE SCHEME, TEACHERS ATTEND A THREE-MONTH TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED BY THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC BEFORE TAKING UP GUIDANCE DUTIES.

AT A SEMINAR DISCUSSING THE SCHEME ON JUNE 13, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR J.C.H. GILLARD SAID, +THERE IS EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT THE SCHEME IS PROGRESSING WELL AND THERE ARE GOOD REASONS FOR PUPILS TO HAVE A STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICER.+

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME REQUIRED THE CLOSE COOPERATION OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE, AND HE URGED SCHOOL HEADS TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER JOINING IT.

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RESIDENTIAL COURSES FOR BIOLOGY TEACHERS  
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TWO SIMILAR RESIDENTIAL COURSES ON +METHODS AND TECHNIQUES IN FIELD STUDIES+ FOR BIOLOGY TEACHERS DURING THE SUMMER VACATION ARE BEING ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH.

THE AIM OF THESE COURSES IS TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH THE ECOLOGICAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES USED IN FIELD STUDIES.

THE FIRST COURSE WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 15 TO 16 AND THE SECOND ONE FROM AUGUST 28 TO 29 AT THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

THE COST WILL BE \$31 AN APPLICANT, AND THIS INCLUDES BOARD AND LODGING AND CAMP FEE.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE INSPECTOR, FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, PAK KONG, SAI KUNG, NT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26.

AS EACH COURSE IS LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO TEACHERS WHO TEACH MIDDLE/FORM VI OR WILL TEACH MIDDLE/FORM VI IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR. ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A 'FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED' BASIS.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE (TEL. 3-2814009).

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