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CONTAINERISATION SEMINAR OPENED

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NEARLY 90,000 VESSELS OF ALL TYPES ENTERED AND CLEARED THE PORT OF HONG KONG LAST YEAR, HANDLING A TOTAL OF 25 MILLION DEADWEIGHT TONS OF CARGO, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR. M.J. ALEXANDER, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR. ALEXANDER WAS SPEAKING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE OPENING OF A TWO-WEEK SEMINAR ON CONTAINERISATION, ORGANISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE HONG KONG AND NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENTS.

MR. ALEXANDER SAID IN TERMS OF TONNAGE OF SHIPPING USING ITS FACILITIES, THE AMOUNT OF CARGO HANDLED AND THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED WITHIN IT, HE BELIEVED HONG KONG TO BE THE SEVENTH LARGEST PORT IN THE WORLD.

+AT ANY ONE TIME,+ MR. ALEXANDER SAID, +THERE ARE ABOUT 100 OCEAN-GOING SHIPS AND 5,000 LOCAL CRAFT WORKING OR UNDERWAY IN THE HARBOUR, AND OUR FLEET OF LOCALLY-BASED SMALL SHIPS COMPRISING FISHING BOATS, CARGO LIGHTERS, PLEASURE CRAFT AND THE LIKE, TOTALS MORE THAN 15,000.+

HE SAID ABOUT 170 MILLION PASSENGERS USED THE INTERNAL FERRIES EACH YEAR AND FIVE AND A HALF MILLION MADE THE JOURNEY TO AND FROM MACAU.

A RECENT SAMPLE SURVEY HAD INDICATED THAT, ON AVERAGE, CONVENTIONAL SHIPS WORKING CARGO AT BUOYS WERE IN PORT FOR 2.8 DAYS AND CONTAINER SHIPS WERE HERE FOR JUST TWO AND A HALF HOURS, INCLUDING STEAMING, BERTHING AND UNBERTHING TIME.

MR. ALEXANDER TOLD THE DELEGATES FROM 13 COUNTRIES IN THE REGION THAT THE INCREASING AND CHANGING DEMANDS ON THE PORT HAD LONG FORCED HONG KONG TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH PLANNING TO ENSURE THAT THE INSTALLATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE ITS WORKING EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY WERE PROVIDED WHEN AND WHERE NEEDED.

+KEEPING UP TO DATE HAS PROVED PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN RECENT YEARS WHEN LARGER, FASTER AND MORE SOPHISTICATED VESSELS ARE BEING USED AND WHEN THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND RUNNING THESE VESSELS IS SUCH THAT THEY MUST SPEND AS LITTLE TIME IN PORT AS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

HE CONTINUED: +SO, TODAY, WE HAVE NEARLY 250 MODERN NAVIGATIONAL AIDS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG WATERS TO GUIDE SHIPS TO AND FROM THEIR BERTHS.+

THERE ARE ALSO 71 MOORING BUOYS FOR VESSELS OF UP TO 180 METRES IN LENGTH AND WHARVES FOR SHIPS OF LENGTH OF UP TO 300 METRES. PRIVATE OPERATORS DEVELOPED EXTENSIVE AND EFFICIENT CONTAINER FACILITIES AND THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL, COMPLETED IN 1976, COULD PROVIDE BERTHS FOR SIX THIRD-GENERATION CONTAINER SHIPS SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WHAT WAS NOW, IN TERMS OF CONTAINERISATION, THE FOURTH LARGEST CONTAINER PORT IN THE WORLD, AFTER NEW YORK, ROTTERDAM AND KOBE.

/MR. ALEXANDER.....

MR. ALEXANDER SAID THE KEY THESE DAYS WAS THAT PLANNING SHOULD BE CONTINUOUS.

ALTHOUGH THE DECISION TO INTRODUCE A PARTICULAR SERVICE LAY ENTIRELY WITH THE SHIPOWNER, AND WAS BASED ON ECONOMICS OF OPERATION, AN ENTERPRISING PORT AUTHORITY MUST BE ALERT TO CHANGE.

+IT MUST,+ HE SAID, +BE AWARE OF THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL PRESSURES WHICH CAUSE CHANGE AND, INDEED, IT MUST FREQUENTLY ANTICIPATE CHANGE BEFORE IT OCCURS, FOR PORT INSTALLATIONS MUST BE VERY CAREFULLY PLANNED AND DESIGNED.+

THEY WERE EXPENSIVE AND TOOK A LONG TIME TO BUILD, AND THERE WAS USUALLY A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD BETWEEN CONCEPTION AND FULFILLMENT.

MR. ALEXANDER SAID THE DELEGATES WOULD OBSERVE THAT IN HONG KONG, DESPITE THE ADVENT OF CONTAINERISATION, A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF CARGO MOVING THROUGH THE PORT WAS STILL HANDLED, AT ONE STAGE OR ANOTHER, BY CONVENTIONAL OR TRADITIONAL MEANS.

IN THE MAIN, IT WAS HANDLED IN BREAKBULK FORM AND TRANSPORTED BY BARGE AND LORRY. IT FOLLOWED THAT THE EFFICIENT AND RAPID MOVEMENT OF THIS CARGO WAS VITAL IF HANDLING COSTS WERE TO BE MINIMISED.

+TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM,+ MR. ALEXANDER SAID, +THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS EMBARKED UPON A PROGRAMME THAT CALLS FOR THE INTRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF CONTROL MEASURES AT PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS, SO AS TO MAXIMISE THE USE OF SEAWALLS, INCREASE THROUGHPUT RATES, REDUCE CARGO HANDLING COSTS AND ALLEVIATE ROAD TRAFFIC CONGESTION.+

THE MAIN OBJECT OF THE SEMINAR, WHICH IS ENTITLED +PLANNING FOR CHANGE: UNIT LOADS IN ESCAP PORTS+, IS TO PROVIDE A FORUM TO DISCUSS PLANNING TECHNIQUES FOR INTRODUCING UNIT LOADS AND CONTAINERISATION INTO PORTS. PARTICIPANTS ARE MAINLY PERSONNEL IN GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND ORGANISATIONS ENGAGED IN PLANNING OR DIRECTING OPERATIONS OF UNIT LOAD BERTHS AND TERMINALS.

BESIDES MR. ALEXANDER, OTHER OFFICIALS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY THIS MORNING WERE MR. R.H. GONTHA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ESCAP, AND MR. B.T. AUGDHAL, NORWEGIAN CONSUL-GENERAL.

NINE EXPERTS FROM OVERSEAS WILL GIVE LECTURES AND LEAD DISCUSSIONS DURING THE SEMINAR, INCLUDING STAFF OF ESCAP, THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD), THE INSTITUTE OF SHIPPING ECONOMICS, BREMEN, THE NATIONAL PORTS COUNCIL, LONDON, AND THE FIJI PORTS AUTHORITY. SEVERAL LOCAL EXPERTS WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

THE DELEGATES WILL ALSO VISIT CONTAINER TERMINALS AND CONTAINER FREIGHT STATIONS.

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EMPLOY THE BLIND CALL BY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

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AN APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO EMPLOY BLIND PEOPLE WAS MADE BY THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. E.P. HO TODAY (MONDAY).

MR. HO WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FIFTH ASIAN CONFERENCE ON WORK FOR THE BLIND.

HE SAID: +I FEEL IT WILL NOT BE OUT OF PLACE FOR ME TO USE THIS FORUM TO MAKE AN APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS EVERYWHERE, NOT ONLY IN HONG KONG, IN ASKING THEM TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO GIVE SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT TO VISUALLY DISABLED PERSONS WHO ARE WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE THEIR SKILLS.+

+THEY DO JUST AS WELL, AND SOMETIMES EVEN BETTER, THAN THE FULLY SIGHTED. THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THOUGHT TO THIS MATTER RECOGNISE THAT VISUALLY DISABLED PEOPLE USUALLY HAVE MORE ABILITIES THAN DISABILITIES,+ MR. HO SAID, ADDING: +I STRONGLY URGE ALL EMPLOYERS IN HONG KONG AND THROUGHOUT ASIA TO IMPROVE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE VISUALLY DISABLED. GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY THEY WILL PROVE THEIR REAL WORTH TO THE COMMUNITY.+

MR. HO SAID THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE -- +TOWARDS TOTAL INTEGRATION -- A PRACTICAL APPROACH+ -- SUMMARISED +VERY SUCCINCTLY+ WHAT REHABILITATION WAS ABOUT, NAMELY, TO ENABLE HANDICAPPED PEOPLE TO FUNCTION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF WHICH THEY WERE CAPABLE SO THAT THEY MAY, LIKE THE REST OF SOCIETY, GO TO SCHOOLS, WORK AT JOBS, MAINTAIN HOUSEHOLDS AND PARTICIPATE WITH NEIGHBOURS IN SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL PURSUITS.

+THE THEME ALSO REFLECTS VERY CLEARLY THE HOPES OF THE DISABLED THEMSELVES, WHO LOOK TO US NOT FOR PITY OR TOLERANCE, BUT FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN THE NORMAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY, AND TO LIVE THEIR LIVES IN DIGNITY,+ MR. HO SAID.

HE CONTINUED: +I HOPE YOU WILL COME TO AGREE THAT HONG KONG HAS BEEN A VERY SUITABLE VENUE FOR THIS CONFERENCE. FROM THE REHABILITATION AND INTEGRATION POINT OF VIEW, WE HAVE, I THINK, MUCH OF INTEREST TO OFFER.+

THE FIRST HOME FOR THE BLIND WAS BUILT IN 1863= SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, TRAINING CENTRES AND SOCIAL CLUBS FOR THE BLIND WERE ESTABLISHED DURING THE 1950S= THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1956.

IN THE EARLY 1970S, MR. HO WENT ON, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN THE VIEW THAT HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT IN REHABILITATION HAD REACHED THE STAGE WHERE PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE RE-EXAMINED AND, IN 1974, A WORKING GROUP OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WAS SET UP TO PLAN A CO-ORDINATED AND INTEGRATED APPROACH IN REHABILITATION.

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THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME PLAN WAS COMPLETED IN 1977 AND A WHITE PAPER STATING THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES FOR THE PROVISION AND EXPANSION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES OVER THE NEXT DECADE WAS PUBLISHED.

TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE VISUALLY DISABLED THERE WAS NOW A WELL-EQUIPPED REHABILITATION CENTRE, A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, A FAST GROWING BRAILLE LIBRARY AND BRAILLE PRODUCTION CENTRE, A MODERN WORKSHOP FOR THE BLIND, A HOSTEL AND A HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND, ALL OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND WHICH WAS ALSO HOSTING THE CONFERENCE.

IN ALL THERE WERE FOUR ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG DEALING IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER WITH REHABILITATION PROBLEMS OF THE VISUALLY DISABLED. THESE SERVICES WERE AUGMENTED AND SUPPORTED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, IN PARTICULAR EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

MR. HO SAID 93 PER CENT OF BLIND CHILDREN HERE WERE CATERED FOR IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS. WHEN THE CANOSSA SCHOOL FOR THE VISUALLY DISABLED HAD BEEN REBUILT IN 1980 PROVISION WOULD MEET 100 PER CENT OF THE DEMAND.

ALSO BY 1980 HONG KONG PLANNED TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PLACES IN SPECIAL CLASSES INTEGRATED WITHIN ORDINARY SCHOOLS FOR ALL KNOWN PARTIALLY SIGHTED CHILDREN.

+THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH QUANTITY BUT WITH THE QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED FOR OUR BLIND PEOPLE,+ MR. HO SAID.

FOR EXAMPLE HONG KONG PLANNED TO PROVIDE MORE COMPREHENSIVE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CARE IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS NEXT YEAR AND IN THE MEDICAL FIELD, PLANS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED ON MUCH MORE GENEROUS ALLOCATION FOR CASES IN EYE CLINICS IN PARTICULAR TO DEAL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SIGHT PROBLEMS.

+WE HAVE TRIED TO GET OURSELVES ON THE RIGHT LINES, AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE WITH YOU,+ MR. HO SAID.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ALSO REALISE THAT WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN AND THE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE OF OUR DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES REPRESENTING 20 COUNTRIES WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO US. I BELIEVE THAT THIS CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL TO JOIN FORCES TO PUSH CLOSER TOWARDS OUR MUTUAL GOAL: TOTAL INTEGRATION.+

HE HAD GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE +BECAUSE WHEN DEDICATED PERSONS SUCH AS OURSELVES GATHER TOGETHER AND EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND NEW IDEAS, CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS ARE INEVITABLE.+

THE CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD AT THE LEE GARDENS HOTEL AND ENDS ON SATURDAY.

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### CHOOSING MEDICAL CAREER

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EVERY GRADE OF STAFF WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FROM THE HIGHEST TO THE LOWEST LEVEL, HAS AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT DUTY TO PERFORM.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG SAID THIS AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF THE CHEUNG CHUK SHAN COLLEGE THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

+NO ONE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANOTHER AND EACH ONE HELPS IN, AND COMPLEMENTS, THE WORK OF ANOTHER AS MEMBERS OF A WHOLE TEAM WHICH MAKES UP THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

DR. THONG ADVISED STUDENTS WISHING TO TAKE UP A CAREER WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT APART FROM POSSESSING THE PROPER ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS THEY MUST BE MOTIVATED BY A SPIRIT OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

+TO BE A DOCTOR, FOR INSTANCE, ONE HAS TO HAVE AN INITIAL HIGH ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT WHICH IS ONLY THE VERY START OF A LONG HARD ROAD,+ HE POINTED OUT.

+ONE HAS TO GO THROUGH LONG YEARS OF STUDY IN THE UNIVERSITY AND A SERIES OF EXAMINATIONS, PERHAPS TOO MANY, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY AND, EVEN AFTER GRADUATION, THE YOUNG DOCTOR WILL FIND THAT HE IS ONLY AT THE BEGINNING OF AN UNENDING ROAD OF HARD WORK AND ACADEMIC ENDEAVOURS,+ HE SAID.

BESIDES BEING DOCTORS, SAID DR. THONG, THERE ARE OTHER WORTH-WHILE CAREERS IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MANY OF WHICH REQUIRE ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS AND EXTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL TRAINING.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE ENGAGED IN REWARDING AND FULL LIFE TIME OF WORK IN THE SERVICE OF HIS FELLOW MEN TO CONSIDER ONE OF THE CAREERS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

THE DIRECTOR REMINDED STUDENTS THAT A CAREER +BEGINS FROM THE MOMENT ONE ENTERS SCHOOL.+

+THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE AND THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR THE PERSON WHO TRIES HARD ENOUGH TO ACHIEVE. DO NOT BE DETERRED BY TEMPORARY SETBACKS AND KEEP YOUR SIGHTS ON THE GOAL YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE AND WORK HARD TO ACHIEVE IT, REMEMBERING THAT HARD WORK IS AN ESSENTIAL PRE-REQUISITE TO ACHIEVEMENTS,+ HE ADVISED.

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EMPLOYMENT CHANGES IN SEPTEMBER 1978  
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EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES REGISTERED A MARGINAL DECLINE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1978 WHILE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SHOWED AN INCREASE, THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT REVEALED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SURVEY SHOWED 791,073 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS AS AT SEPTEMBER 15, REPRESENTING A DECLINE OF ABOUT 13,000 PEOPLE OR 1.6 PER CENT COMPARED WITH JUNE 1978 BUT AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 33,000 PEOPLE OR 4.3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER OF 1977.

IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, THE FIVE LARGEST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES REMAINED WEARING APPAREL= TEXTILES= ELECTRICAL MACHINERY= APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES= PLASTIC PRODUCTS= AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS.

THE CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THESE INDUSTRIES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1978 AND JUNE 1978 IS GIVEN BELOW :-

INDUSTRY GROUP	PERSONS ENGAGED IN SEPT. 1977	PERSONS ENGAGED IN JUNE 1978	PERSONS ENGAGED IN SEPT. 1978	CHANGE OF SEPT. 1978 OVER JUNE 1978	
				PERSONS ENGAGED	% CHANGE
WEARING APPAREL	248,737	261,791	263,960	+2,169	+0.8
TEXTILES	104,500	99,926	95,365	-4,561	-4.6
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	91,776	100,324	94,207	-6,117	-6.1
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	81,476	90,020	85,507	-4,513	-5.0
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	71,027	75,807	74,283	-1,524	-2.0

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THE MORE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT AT THE INDUSTRY SECTOR LEVEL BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1978 AND JUNE 1978 WERE AS FOLLOWS :-

INDUSTRY SECTOR	PERSONS ENGAGED IN SEPT. 1977	PERSONS ENGAGED IN JUNE 1978	PERSONS ENGAGED IN SEPT. 1978	CHANGE OF SEPT. 1978 OVER JUNE 1978	
				PERSONS ENGAGED	% CHANGE
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	14,401	18,110	20,152	+2,042	+11.3
GARMENTS EXCEPT KNITWEAR FROM YARN	194,449	203,804	205,695	+1,891	+0.9
PLASTIC PRODUCTS OTHER THAN PLASTIC TOYS AND PLASTIC FLOWERS	30,118	33,014	33,850	+836	+2.5
ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	72,210	77,938	71,887	-6,051	-7.8
PLASTIC TOYS	43,992	50,554	45,202	-5,352	-10.6
WOOLLEN KNITTING INCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN	40,525	41,102	39,293	-1,809	-4.4
COTTON SPINNING	18,656	18,337	16,965	-1,372	-7.5
MISCELLANEOUS FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	29,797	30,959	29,857	-1,102	-3.6

THERE WERE 92,549 PEOPLE ENGAGED IN FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES AS AT AUGUST 15, 1978. OF THESE, 32,638 WERE ENGAGED IN MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS, 14,041 IN REAL ESTATE COMPANIES AND 11,704 IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN BANKS.

THE FIGURE REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 5,800 PEOPLE OR 6.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1978 AND ABOUT 12,400 PEOPLE OR 15.4 PER CENT COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1977.

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THE MAIN INCREASES FROM MAY 1978 TO AUGUST 1978 ARE SHOWN BELOW :-

<u>TRADE/SERVICE</u>	<u>PERSONS ENGAGED IN AUG. 1977</u>	<u>PERSONS ENGAGED IN MAY 1978</u>	<u>PERSONS ENGAGED IN AUG. 1978</u>	<u>CHANGE OF AUG. 1978 OVER MAY 1978</u>	
				<u>PERSONS ENGAGED</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN BANKS	9,390	10,152	11,704	+1,552	+15.3
MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS	30,038	31,393	32,638	+1,245	+4.0
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	4,174	4,983	5,790	+807	+16.2
REAL ESTATE COMPANIES AND AGENCIES	11,652	13,540	14,041	+501	+3.7

DETAILED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR VARIOUS INDUSTRY GROUPS AND SECTORS ARE OBTAINABLE ON REQUEST FROM THE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNOR VISITS SHAM SHUI PO  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE TODAY (MONDAY) GAINED PANORAMIC VIEW OF SHAM SHUI PO FROM THE ROOF OF A MULTI-STORE BUILDING DURING A VISIT TO THE DISTRICT.

DURING HIS STAY ON TOP OF THE BUILDING IN YEN CHAU STREET, SIR MURRAY WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE LAI KOK ESTATE, A NEW PARK AND SWIMMING POOL, A MARKET, THE RECLAMATION AND THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR PROJECTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY DR. P.H. HASE, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, SHAM SHUI PO- MR. A.G. EASON, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, KOWLOON WEST AND MR. HUI KI-ON, DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT, SHAM SHUI PO, SIR MURRAY LATER TOURED THE OLDER PART OF THE DISTRICT TO SEE THE DEVELOPMENT THERE.

HE WALKED THROUGH A MARKET IN KI LUNG STREET AND STOPPED SEVERAL TIMES TO CHAT WITH HAWKERS AND SHOP-OPERATORS.

THE GOVERNOR ENDED HIS VISIT BY ATTENDING A MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, SHAM SHUI PO.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN CHEUNG CHAU  
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATION AT THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE PREMISES FOR FOUR DAYS FROM DECEMBER 12.

REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AND WARDS BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

ALL PEOPLE LIVING ON CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 6), THE SECTION OF ROUTE TWISK AT THE 12-MILESTONE BETWEEN CULVERTS 67 AND 68 WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE LANE TRAFFIC FOR BOTH DIRECTIONS.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE, TO BE CARRIED OUT THERE.

DURING THIS PERIOD, TRAFFIC ALONG THIS SECTION OF ROAD WILL BE CONTROLLED BY TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS FROM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 7) MIDNIGHT AND FRIDAY (DECEMBER 8) MIDNIGHT RESPECTIVELY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THOSE AFFECTED ON THURSDAY WILL BE PREMISES ALONG ON NING ROAD AND THE MAIN NULLAH, INCLUDING TAI KIU ROAD, WANG CHAU ROAD, YEUNG UK SAN TSUEN, WANG CHAU, YEUNG UK TSUEN, LAM UK TSUEN AND FUK HING TSUEN.

ON FRIDAY, WATER SUPPLY TO THE PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY ON NING ROAD, KUK TING STREET, TAI FUNG STREET, TAI CHEUNG STREET AND YUEN LONG MAIN ROAD, INCLUDING YUEN LONG OLD TOWN, SAI PIN WAI, TUNG TAU TSUEN, YING LUNG WAI, CHUNG HAU YUE MAN TSUEN AND SHAN PUI WILL BE AFFECTED.

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