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ADDITIONAL 500,000 PEOPLE COULD BE IN HK NEXT SUMMER

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MORE THAN 500,000 LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES COULD COME TO HONG KONG IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THE SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION, MR. DAVID FORD, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE Y'S MEN CLUB.

HE SAID THAT BY THE SUMMER OF NEXT YEAR, SOME 365,000 ADDITIONAL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, 36,000 ADDITIONAL LEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM THE MAINLAND AND AT LEAST 225,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES COULD BE IN HONG KONG.

+IN VERY SIMPLE TERMS THE PRESENT RATE OF IMMIGRATION WOULD YIELD AT LEAST 1.5 MILLION IN THREE YEARS,+ HE SAID.

+AND IF THAT IS TO BE SET IN SOME SORT OF CONTEXT MAY I REMIND YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S 10-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME WHICH WAS RIGHTLY HAILED IN 1972 AS BEING IMAGINATIVE AND AMBITIOUS HAD AS ITS TARGET THE RE-HOUSING OF 1.8 MILLION (WHO WERE IN HONG KONG AT THAT TIME) OVER A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS,+

MR. FORD SAID ALTHOUGH IT WOULD APPEAR THAT CONCERN AMONG THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN CENTRED ON THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM, THE FACTS WERE THAT SO FAR THE PROBLEM OF IMMIGRATION FROM VIETNAM WAS SOMEWHAT INSIGNIFICANT WHEN SET AGAINST RECENT FIGURES FOR LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA.

HE SAID THAT AS FAR AS IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA IS CONCERNED, THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH WE CAN DO.

+SINCE SEPTEMBER 1978 IN AN ATTEMPT TO CURB THE ILLEGAL INFLOW, WE HAVE DEPLOYED ON OUR BORDERS WITH CHINA FOUR TIMES AS MANY SOLDIERS, THREE TIMES AS MANY POLICEMEN AND TWICE THE NUMBER OF MARINE VESSELS — EVEN THE GOVERNOR'S LAUNCH HAS NOW BEEN PRESSED INTO SERVICE,+ HE DECLARED.

+THE HONG KONG REGIMENT IS PROVIDING A SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL EFFORT BY DEPLOYING TWO SQUADRONS ON ANTI-ILLEGAL OPERATIONS.

+WE ARE SPENDING \$13 MILLION ON STRENGTHENING THE EXISTING BORDER FENCE AND BUILDING A NEW SECURITY FENCE.

+BUT UNLESS WE WERE TO BUILD A BERLIN WALL OR DEPLOY THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF THE BRITISH ARMY ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE BORDER AND ON THE FLANKS, MORE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO ENTER HONG KONG ILLEGALLY UNLESS OUR NEIGHBOURS ACROSS THE BORDER CAN EXERT MORE CONTROL,+ HE SAID.

MR. FORD SAID FAILURE BY EITHER SIDE TO CURB THE INCREASING FIGURES COULD LEAD TO GROWING RESENTMENT, A DECREASE IN THE STANDARD OF LIVING IN OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL AS OTHER PROBLEMS.

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HE EMPHASISED THAT THE VIEW OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, WHICH CLEARLY REFLECTED THE VIEW OF ITS PEOPLE, IS THAT THE PROBLEMS OF IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA AND VIETNAM ARE ONES THAT MUST BE DEALT WITH -- AND WHAT WAS MORE DEALT WITH IN THE SHORT RATHER THAN THE LONG TERM.

+THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS COMMUNITY DOES HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTECT ITSELF AGAINST AN INUNDATION OF STRANGERS -- THAT THERE IS MORE THAT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE,+ HE ADDED.

TURNING BACK TO THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, MR. FORD SAID THE PRIORITY MUST BE TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WOULD REAP A MASSIVE US\$3,000 MILLION IF IT WAS ALLOWED TO CARRY THROUGH +THIS TERRIBLE PROGRAMME OF EXPORT OF HUMAN BEINGS+.

AND, HE CONTINUED, IF THE CONCEPT OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS TO MEAN ANYTHING, IT MUST BE IN THAT FORUM THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD MUST COME TOGETHER INTENT ON THE TASK OF BRINGING HOME TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT THE FULL HORROR OF THEIR POLICY, A DELIBERATE POLICY OF CONDEMNING TO DEATH BY DROWNING OVER 500,000 OF ITS OWN CITIZENS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY HAPPEN TO BE CHINESE.

ON THE QUESTION OF RESETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEES, HE SAID THE PROCESS WAS WOEFULLY SLOW.

+AT THE PRESENT RATE, SOME 4-500 PER MONTH, IN THE UNLIKELY SITUATION OF NOT ONE MORE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE COMING TO THESE SHORES, IT WOULD STILL TAKE SEVEN YEARS TO RESETTLE THOSE WHO ARE HERE NOW,+ HE SAID.

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15 PER CENT INCREASE IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL  
NEEDS ALLOWANCE RATES  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE RATES OF PAYMENT FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS OLD AGE AND DISABILITY ALLOWANCES WOULD BE INCREASED BY ABOUT 15 PER CENT FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

THE INCREASES ARE ESTIMATED TO COST AN ADDITIONAL \$31.2 MILLION UP TO THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR, AND THEREAFTER AN EXTRA \$53.4 MILLION FOR A FULL YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WOULD BE THE FIFTH INCREASE IN THE PAYMENT RATES SINCE THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1971.

HE SAID THE LAST INCREASE WAS MADE IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR WHEN THE SCALE OF PAYMENT WENT UP BY ABOUT 11 PER CENT.

HE SAID THE PAYMENT RATES FOR PA AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE (SNA) WERE REVIEWED AND ADJUSTED FROM TIME TO TIME TO MAINTAIN THEIR PURCHASING POWER IN REAL TERMS. SNA, PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS THE WELFARE ALLOWANCE, COMPRISES OLD AGE AND DISABILITY ALLOWANCES.

+THE DEPARTMENT MONITORS THE LEVELS OF THE NON-CONTRIBUTORY PA AND SNA BY REGULARLY REFERRING TO THE MOVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INDEX OF PRICES,+ HE SAID.

THE MEANS-TESTED PA SCHEME PROVIDES MONTHLY CASH ASSISTANCE TO BRING THE INCOME OF A HOUSEHOLD IN NEED UP TO A LEVEL WHERE ESSENTIAL NEEDS SUCH AS FOOD AND CLOTHING CAN BE MET.

THE NON-MEANS TESTED OLD AGE OR DISABILITY ALLOWANCE PROVIDES A MONTHLY CASH GRANT, ON TOP OF ANY PA PAYMENT, AS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILY TO LOOK AFTER AN ELDERLY OR SEVERELY DISABLED MEMBER AND TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO REMAIN FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

THE NEW RATES OF PAYMENT WILL BE AS FOLLOWS (EXISTING RATES IN BRACKETS):

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

SINGLE PERSON LIVING ALONE	-- \$230 (\$200)
EACH OF FIRST THREE MEMBERS OF FAMILY	-- \$165 (\$145)
EACH OF SECOND THREE MEMBERS OF FAMILY	-- \$140 (\$120)
EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER THEREAFTER	-- \$105 (\$ 90)
OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT (FOR ANY PA RECIPIENT AGED 60 AND ABOVE)	-- \$115 (\$100)
ANNUAL LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT (FOR THOSE RECEIVING PA FOR 12 MONTHS OR MORE)	
(A) FOR A SINGLE PERSON	-- \$290 (\$250)
(B) FOR A FAMILY	-- \$575 (\$500)

#### SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES

DISABILITY ALLOWANCE	-- \$230 (\$200)
OLD AGE ALLOWANCE	-- \$115 (\$100)

AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE PA SCHEME CAN HELP A FAMILY IN NEED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BASIC SCALE RATE FOR A FAMILY OF SIX INCLUDING A 61-YEAR-OLD GRANDMOTHER WOULD BE \$1,030 A MONTH AT THE NEW LEVEL.

IT WOULD BE MADE UP OF \$495 FOR THE FIRST THREE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY AND \$420 FOR THE NEXT THREE MEMBERS, PLUS \$115 AS OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT FOR THE GRANDMOTHER, HE EXPLAINED.

IF THE FAMILY HAD RECEIVED PA FOR MORE THAN 12 MONTHS, IT WOULD BE ENTITLED TO A LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT OF \$575 A YEAR, HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, THE COST OF ACCOMMODATION IS COVERED SEPARATELY BY A RENT ALLOWANCE, WHILE SPECIAL EXPENSES, SUCH AS FOR EDUCATION OR DIETARY NEEDS, ARE MET BY DISCRETIONARY PAYMENTS.

+ALL THESE ARE, OF COURSE, ADDITIONAL TO THE OLD AGE AND DISABILITY ALLOWANCES PAID TO ANY ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER,+ HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HANDLES ABOUT 46,700 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 133,000 OLD AGE ALLOWANCE CASES AND 21,500 DISABILITY ALLOWANCE CASES.

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REFORMED DRUG ADDICTS CAN NOW BE  
EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED THAT REFORMED DRUG DEPENDENTS CAN NOW SEEK EMPLOYMENT IN THE CIVIL SERVICE FOLLOWING A RECOMMENDATION BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).

THIS ENCOURAGING NEWS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. E. I. LEE, WHEN HE PRESENTED APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES TO MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE COMMITTEE FOR VOLUNTARILY REHABILITATED ADDICTS.

MR. LEE SAID HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE NOW AUTHORISED TO EMPLOY ADDICTS MAINTAINED ON METHADONE, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION THAT THEY HAVE NO PREVIOUS RECORD OF MAJOR DRUG OFFENCES AND ARE ABLE TO PRODUCE A CERTIFICATE FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDING THAT THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE METHADONE CENTRE HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUS FOR AT LEAST ONE MONTH.

HE POINTED OUT THAT OFFENCES SUCH AS THE POSSESSION OF SMALL QUANTITIES OF DRUG FOR SELF-CONSUMPTION WOULD NOT NORMALLY DEBAR EMPLOYMENT, BUT RECEIVING, MANUFACTURING AND TRAFFICKING OFFENCES WOULD.

+AS THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE GOVERNMENT HAS AUTHORISED ADDICTS UNDER TREATMENT TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, WE SHALL WATCH THE RESULTS OF THIS NEW INITIATIVE TO REINTEGRATE METHADONE PATIENTS INTO THE COMMUNITY, WITH GREAT HOPE AND INTEREST, + MR. LEE SAID.

A TOTAL OF 635 EX-ADDICTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY SECURED JOBS THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE COMMITTEE FOR VOLUNTARILY REHABILITATED ADDICTS INAUGURATED IN JANUARY 1976.

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33 MAXICAB ROUTES FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE INTRODUCING MAXICAB ROUTES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE FIRST TIME.

DETAILS OF 33 ROUTES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID OWNERS OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES INTERESTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES MAXICAB ROUTES CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, SIXTH FLOOR, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR FROM THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE AT THE PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON, OR FROM KOWLOON OR DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY REGISTERED POST TO REACH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN GUARDIAN HOUSE, OI KWAN ROAD, BY 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

HE SAID THAT LATE APPLICATIONS WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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EXPORT OF WOVEN PILE, CHENILLE FABRICS TO EEC TO BE LIMITED  
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THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED IN NOTICE TO EXPORTERS, SERIES 2 (EEC) NO. 11/79 OF JUNE 6 THAT HONG KONG HAS AGREED TO LIMIT THE EXPORT OF WOVEN PILE AND CHENILLE FABRICS (CATEGORY 32) TO THE EEC FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1979 TO THE FOLLOWING LEVELS:

FR GERMANY : 110,000 KGS.  
UK : 3,600,000 KGS.  
BENELUX : 70,000 KGS.  
DENMARK : 20,000 KGS.  
FRANCE : 184,000 KGS.  
ITALY : 80,000 KGS.  
IRELAND : 300,000 KGS.

THE NOTICE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE EXISTING EA ARRANGEMENT FOR CATEGORY 32 WOULD BE REPLACED IMMEDIATELY BY A QUOTA ARRANGEMENT AND THAT QUOTAS WOULD BE OFFERED TO ELIGIBLE COMPANIES WITH SHIPMENT PERFORMANCE IN CATEGORY 32 FROM APRIL 1, 1978 TO MARCH 31, 1979.

EXPORTERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT, BEFORE JUNE 19, COMPLETE SCHEDULES OF THEIR SHIPMENTS IN CATEGORY 32 DURING THIS PERIOD TO FACILITATE QUOTA ALLOCATIONS.

TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND COMPANIES ON THE DEPARTMENT'S MAILING LIST WILL RECEIVE COPIES OF THE NOTICE SHORTLY.

COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE RECEPTION COUNTER ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:-

MR. S. LEUNG	-	INDUSTRY ASSISTANT TEL. NO. 3-670709	} FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
MR. T.H. YIM	-	INDUSTRY ASSISTANT TEL. NO. 3-670799	
MR. A.L.S. LAI	-	INDUSTRY ASSISTANT TEL. NO. 3-670880	} BENELUX, FRANCE AND ITALY
MR. C.K. CHEUNG	-	INDUSTRY ASSISTANT TEL. NO. 3-674849	
MR. C.H. CHING	-	INDUSTRY ASSISTANT TEL. NO. 3-672227	} UNITED KINGDOM, DENMARK AND IRELAND
MR. A.K.C. LEE	-	INDUSTRY ASSISTANT TEL. NO. 3-671887	

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### CHAI WAN REFUSE COMPOSTING PLANT OPENED

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MRS. GRACE HO, CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE, OPENED THE \$47.5 MILLION CHAI WAN REFUSE COMPOSTING PLANT TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, SHE DESCRIBED THE PLANT AS ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

+EACH DAY HONG KONG PRODUCES WELL OVER 4,500 TONNES OF DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REFUSE OF WHICH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROVIDES DISPOSAL FACILITY,+ MRS. HO SAID.

+THE TOTAL FIGURE FOR WASTE GENERATED IS INCREASING EACH YEAR AND THIS PLANT IS PART OF A CONTINUING WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAMME TO ENSURE THERE IS AT ALL TIMES ADEQUATE CAPACITY FOR REFUSE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL.+

MRS. HO, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM), SAID THE EFFICIENT COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE PRESENTED MANY PROBLEMS WHICH MUST BE OVERCOME.

SHE PRAISED THE EFFORTS OF ALL STAFF FROM THE URBAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING THIS VITAL SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+COMPOSTING IS A VERY WELL ESTABLISHED METHOD FOR DISPOSAL OF REFUSE, ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE FIRST PLANT OF ITS KIND TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN HONG KONG,+ MRS. HO SAID.

+IN THIS PROCESS THE ORGANIC CONTENT IN THE WASTE IS CONVERTED BY FERMENTATION INTO A STABLE AND INOFFENSIVE PRODUCT WHICH CAN BE USED AS A COVER MATERIAL ON LANDFILL SITES AND ALSO HAS OTHER POTENTIAL USES, FOR EXAMPLE AS A SOIL CONDITIONER IN AGRICULTURE, AND LANDSCAPING.

+THE REJECTS IN THE COMPOSTING PROCESS SUCH AS FERROUS METALS, PAPER, GLASS, PLASTICS AND WOOD ARE SEPARATED AND REDUCED IN VOLUME WHICH IN TURN ASSIST IN MORE ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION AND CONSERVES EXTREMELY IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS IN HONG KONG.+

FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION VIEWPOINT, MRS. HO SAID, COMPOSTING OFFERED AN ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO OTHER PROCESSES IN THAT IT DID NOT INVOLVE ANY EMISSIONS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE AND, THROUGH USE OF THE COMPOST PRODUCT, NATURAL ORGANIC MATERIALS WERE RETURNED TO THE GROUND.

SHE CONGRATULATED ALL THOSE WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT WHICH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST COMPOSTING PLANTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. WILLIAM BELL, SAID THAT THE PLANT WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DISPOSAL FACILITIES FOR HONG KONG ISLAND OF UP TO 240 TONNES OF REFUSE PER DAY DURING THE FIRST STAGE, WITH AN ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF 480 TONNES PER DAY.

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THE OPENING CEREMONY, HE SAID, MARKED THE COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF THE PLANT AND INITIATED A PERIOD OF TESTING AND EVALUATION WHICH WOULD RESULT IN FULL-SCALE OPERATION DURING THE EARLY PART OF OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

HE THANKED ALL THOSE WHOSE HARD WORK AND EFFORT HAD TRANSFORMED THE PLANS OF THE PROJECT INTO REALITY.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF PWD WERE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND THE E. AND M. OFFICE WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROJECT.

AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY, MISS MIRIAM TSANG, DAUGHTER OF MR. C.K. TSANG, SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER, PRESENTED MRS. HO WITH A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS.

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SPECIAL TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE STATION  
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE THREE SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS TO THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE STATION ON SATURDAY.

THESE SPECIAL NON-STOP TRAINS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 12.30 P.M., 12.51 P.M. AND 1.11 P.M.

THREE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL ALSO BE OPERATED TO CARRY PASSENGERS BACK FROM THE RACE COURSE STATION TO KOWLOON STATION. IN ADDITION, KCR WILL RE-ROUTE THREE OF ITS SCHEDULED TRAINS VIA THE RACE COURSE STATION AT 6.12 P.M., 8.12 P.M. AND 8.52 P.M. TO PICK UP PASSENGERS.

THE RUNNING TIME OF THESE SPECIAL TRAINS IS 20 MINUTES AND TIMETABLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS AND AT THE JOCKEY CLUB'S OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES.

THOSE GOING BY PRIVATE CARS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK ABOVE THE KOWLOON STATION.

MEANWHILE, THE TIMETABLES OF THE SCHEDULED TRAINS BETWEEN 10.30 A.M. AND 11 P.M. HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

FROM KOWLOON STATION: 10.57 A.M., 12.10 P.M., 1.18 P.M.,  
\* 2 P.M., 2.11 P.M., 3.05 P.M., 4.04 P.M.,  
5 P.M., 5.34 P.M., 6.02 P.M., 7 P.M.,  
7.56 P.M., 9.08 P.M. AND 11 P.M.

FROM LO WU STATION: 10.47 A.M., 11.53 A.M., 12.58 P.M.,  
1.55 P.M., 2.54 P.M., 3.49 P.M., 4.29 P.M.,  
5.27 P.M., 6.22 P.M., 7.18 P.M., 8.07 P.M.  
AND 9.15 P.M.

\* THROUGH PASSENGER TRAIN BETWEEN KOWLOON AND CANTON.

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FIREMEN PRAISED  
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THE WINSOR INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION WILL DONATE \$20,000 TO THE FIRE SERVICES WELFARE FUND.

THE DONATION TOGETHER WITH A BANNER WILL BE HANDED OVER TO NEW TERRITORIES FIREMEN NEXT WEEK IN RECOGNITION OF THE GALLANT AND EFFICIENT WAY IN WHICH THEY FOUGHT A FIRE AT ONE OF THE CORPORATION'S FACTORIES IN TSUEN WAN ON MAY 30.

CORPORATION CHAIRMAN, MR. T.K. ANN, IN A LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES THANKED THE FIREMEN FOR THEIR EFFICIENT SERVICE AND WISHED A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO TWO FIREMEN INJURED IN THE BLAZE.

THE FIRE BROKE OUT AT 8.34 A.M. ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF A NINE-STOREY FACTORY BUILDING AT 63-73 WO YI HOP ROAD. IT WAS UPGRADED TO THIRD ALARM 14 MINUTES LATER WHEN THE BLAZE SPREAD AND AFFECTED THE FIRST FLOOR WHERE COTTON YARN AND CLOTH WERE STORED.

MORE THAN 100 FIREMEN, USING EIGHT JETS, BATTLED THE FLAMES FOR MORE THAN FOUR HOURS. THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT AT 1.11 P.M. TWO INJURED FIREMEN WERE ADMITTED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF A \$20,000 DONATION TO THE FIRE SERVICES WELFARE FUND AND A BANNER BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WINSOR INDUSTRIAL CORP, MR. T.K. ANN AT 10 A.M. ON JUNE 13 AT THE LEI MUK SHUE FIRE STATION.

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WAN CHAI RECLAMATION SITE GRANT  
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A 6,000-SQUARE METRE SITE ON THE GLOUCESTER ROAD FRONTAGE OF THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION HAS BEEN GRANTED TO THE CHINA RESOURCES COMPANY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE COMPANY PROPOSES TO USE THE SITE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ITS HONG KONG HEADQUARTERS AND AS A TRADE CENTRE.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COMPANY WILL BUILD A PRESTIGE BUILDING WHICH WILL INCLUDE EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES.

THE CHINA RESOURCES COMPANY WOULD PAY A PREMIUM OF \$300 MILLION FOR THE SITE, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT BACK TO WINDSOR HOUSE  
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IT IS BACK TO WINDSOR HOUSE FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT AFTER AN ABSENCE OF 21 YEARS.

FOR STAFF MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE 1958, THE MOVE TO THE NEW BUILDING IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BRING BACK MEMORIES OF LIFE IN THE OLD WINDSOR HOUSE IN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL. THE NEW WINDSOR HOUSE IS AT 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD OPPOSITE VICTORIA PARK.

+IT IS A HAPPY COINCIDENCE THAT OUR RETURN TO 'ONE-ROOF' ACCOMMODATION ON THE ISLAND TAKES US BACK TO WINDSOR HOUSE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS OPERATED UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS DUE TO ITS OFFICES BEING SCATTERED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, HE SAID.

PRESENT OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, PERMANENT COMFORT BUILDING, CLUB LUSITANO, CAXTON HOUSE AND WORLD TRADE CENTRE.

+OUR RETURN TO A SINGLE SITE SHOULD BENEFIT BOTH THE PUBLIC AND THE DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

ALL OFFICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL MOVE TO WINDSOR HOUSE AND THIS WILL BE COMPLETED IN TWO STAGES. STAGE ONE IS TO TAKE PLACE THIS MONTH AND THE SECOND SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER.

OFFICES IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL REMAIN UNAFFECTED BY THE MOVE.

THE OFFICES INVOLVED IN STAGE ONE ARE THE GENERAL OFFICE, INSPECTORATE, DEFAULT, COLLECTIONS, STAMP DUTY, BUSINESS REGISTRATION AND ESTATE DUTY OF UNIT 3, THE COMPUTER, TRAINING, PROPERTY TAX, INTEREST TAX AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT SECTIONS IN THE HEADQUARTERS UNIT AS WELL AS THE SALARIES TAX UNIT.

+WE WILL TRY TO MINIMISE ANY DISRUPTION TO OUR SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC BY SCHEDULING MOVES TO TAKE PLACE ON DIFFERENT WEEKENDS THROUGHOUT JUNE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE COLLECTION OFFICE WILL NOT OPERATE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 30, TO FACILITATE THE MOVE AND ADVISED TAXPAYERS TO PAY THEIR DUES BEFORE THAT DATE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD TELEPHONE 5-79591111 FOR ANY ENQUIRIES ON SERVICES DURING THE MOVE TO WINDSOR HOUSE.

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SOCIAL STUDIES WORKSHOPS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED FOR PROF. ANGUS M. GUNN OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, TO CONDUCT TWO WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL STUDIES ON JULY 16 AND 17.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE WORKSHOPS SHOULD APPLY THROUGH THEIR PRINCIPALS.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (SOCIAL STUDIES), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, NOT LATER THAN JUNE 20.

+APPLICATIONS WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

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SQUASH COURT COMPLEX IN YUEN LONG

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THE FIRST SQUASH COURT COMPLEX IN YUEN LONG IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE FOUR-COURT COMPLEX, COSTING MORE THAN \$1 MILLION, IS BEING BUILT WITH FUNDS DONATED BY SIR SHIU-KIN TANG.

AT A CEREMONY HELD THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE PROJECT WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN OCTOBER.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, SIR SHIU-KIN SAID HE HAD DONATED THE COURTS IN HONOUR OF SIR DENYS ROBERTS TO MARK HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

HE NOTED THAT SQUASH IS AT PRESENT A POPULAR SPORT IN HONG KONG.

+THERE ARE NOW SIX SQUASH COURTS IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON AND TWO IN TSUEN WAN,+ SIR SHIU-KIN SAID.

+THIS COMPLEX WHEN COMPLETED WILL NO DOUBT PROVIDE A HEALTHY OUTLET FOR LOCAL PEOPLE DURING THEIR SPARE TIME.+

THE COMPLEX, SIMILAR IN DESIGN TO THE KOWLOON TSAI SQUASH COURT, IS ON A 430-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN ON LING ROAD.

THE COURTS WILL BE HOUSED IN TWO SEPARATE BLOCKS LINKED BY A STAIRCASE WITH CHANGING AND TOILET FACILITIES.

EACH COURT WILL HAVE A PUBLIC GALLERY WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR ABOUT 50 SPECTATORS.

UPON COMPLETION THEY WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES FOR MANAGEMENT.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE RAPIDLY INCREASING POPULARITY OF THE GAME ABOUT SIX SQUASH COURTS ARE PLANNED FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

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