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NEW SHA TIN SCHOOL ALLOCATED TO  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT HAD DECIDED TO OFFER TO THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH THE SPONSORSHIP OF A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE WO CHE HOUSING ESTATE IN SHA TIN.

THIS OFFER CAME IN RESPONSE TO AN APPLICATION FROM THE CHURCH ON MAY 18 TO CONTINUE THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE SHA TIN AREA. THE SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 1979.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW SCHOOL WAS ALSO GIVEN IN A LETTER TO A GROUP OF PARENTS OF PUPILS AT THE SHA TIN LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHO HAD SENT A PETITION TO THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, ON JULY 11. THEY WERE TOLD THAT, AS SOME PARENTS WISH THEIR CHILDREN TO CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN A SCHOOL UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, THE WITHDRAWAL OF SUBSIDY, WHICH WAS DUE TO TAKE EFFECT THIS SUMMER, WILL NOW BE DEFERRED UNTIL FEBRUARY 1979, WHEN THE SCHOOL IS DUE FOR DEMOLITION. PRIMARY PUPILS MAY STAY ON AT THE SHA TIN LUTHERAN SCHOOL UNTIL THE NEW SCHOOL IN THE WO CHE ESTATE IS READY AND THEN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW SCHOOL. SOME PARENTS MAY WISH THEIR CHILDREN TO TRANSFER THIS COMING SEPTEMBER TO THE THREE OTHER PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE WO CHE AND LEK YUEN HOUSING ESTATES WHERE PLACES HAVE ALREADY BEEN FOUND FOR THEM, AND THEIR WISHES WILL BE RESPECTED ALSO.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS THE NORMAL PROCEDURE SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE OF A NEW ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOL TO DECIDE WHICH ORGANISATION SHOULD BE OFFERED THE SPONSORSHIP. IN VIEW OF THE PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE DESIRABILITY OF ENABLING PUPILS AT THE SHA TIN LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL TO CONTINUE AT A SCHOOL UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, THE DATE OF DECISION HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE APPLICATION FROM THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH HAD BEEN CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS. +WHILE APPLICATIONS TO SPONSOR NEW SCHOOLS IN SHA TIN HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM OTHER REPUTABLE ORGANISATIONS, THE LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS A PROVEN REPUTATION OVER THE PAST 28 YEARS IN PROMOTING PRIMARY EDUCATION IN THE SHA TIN AREA.+

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE DECISION DOES NOT AMOUNT TO REPROVISIONING THE EXISTING SCHOOL INTO NEW PREMISES AT WO CHE. +THE SHA TIN LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED IN FEBRUARY 1979 AND THE SCHOOL AT WO CHE WILL BE A NEW ONE, THOUGH IT WILL BE OPERATED BY THE SAME SPONSORING BODY,+ HE SAID. HE EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NOT THE NORMAL PRACTICE TO REPROVISION PRIMARY SCHOOLS THAT HAVE TO BE CLOSED, THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT DID THINK IT WAS RIGHT TO HAVE REGARD TO PAST SERVICE IN AN AREA WHEN DECIDING ON THE ALLOCATION OF NEW SCHOOLS IN THAT LOCALITY.

IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SPONSORING BODY TO APPOINT A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW SCHOOL. THIS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL IN TURN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENGAGING STAFF FOR THE NEW SCHOOL.

## PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JUNE

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR LAST MONTH (JUNE) WAS \$3,336 MILLION, IMPORTS WERE WORTH \$5,105 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS \$1,073 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THESE REPRESENT INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF \$406 MILLION OR 13.9 PER CENT IN EXPORTS, \$1,113 MILLION OR 27.9 PER CENT IN IMPORTS AND \$267 MILLION OR 33.1 PER CENT IN RE-EXPORTS COMPARED WITH THE FIGURES OF JUNE LAST YEAR.

THE FIGURES FOR THE LATEST THREE MONTHS (APRIL TO JUNE) SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF 14.7 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 23.1 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 37.9 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977.

THE SHORT TERM CHANGES (JUNE 1978 COMPARED WITH MAY 1978) SHOWED AN INCREASE OF \$43 MILLION OR 0.9 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS, AND INCREASES OF \$36 MILLION OR 1.1 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND \$91 MILLION OR 7.8 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

THE FIGURES FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM JULY 1977 TO JUNE 1978 COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE PREVIOUS CORRESPONDING PERIOD SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF 9.2 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 16 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 19.7 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

FOLLOWING ARE COMPARATIVE TRADE FIGURES:-

| LATEST 3 MONTHS                          | APRIL - JUNE     | APRIL - JUNE     | INCREASE             |        |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------|
|  | 1978             | 1977             | OR DECREASE          |        |
|  | \$ MN.           | \$ MN.           | \$ MN.               | %      |
| DOMESTIC EXPORTS                         | 9,752            | 8,505            | + 1,247              | + 14.7 |
| IMPORTS                                  | 15,134           | 12,298           | + 2,836              | + 23.1 |
| RE-EXPORTS                               | 3,237            | 2,347            | + 891                | + 37.9 |
| SAME MONTH LAST YEAR                     | JUNE 1978        | JUNE 1977        | INCREASE OR DECREASE |        |
|  | \$ MN.           | \$ MN.           | \$ MN.               | %      |
| DOMESTIC EXPORTS<br>(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS) | 3,336<br>(75.7%) | 2,930<br>(78.4%) | + 406                | + 13.9 |
| IMPORTS                                  | 5,105            | 3,992            | + 1,113              | + 27.9 |
| RE-EXPORTS<br>(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)       | 1,073<br>(24.3%) | 806<br>(21.6%)   | + 267                | + 33.1 |

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| <u>LAST MONTH</u>                        | <u>JUNE</u><br>1978                               | <u>MAY</u><br>1978                                | <u>INCREASE</u><br><u>OR DECREASE</u> |        |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|--------|
|  | \$ MN.  | \$ MN.  | \$ MN.                                | %      |
| DOMESTIC EXPORTS<br>(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS) | 3,336<br>(75.7%)                                  | 3,373<br>(74.4%)                                  | - 36                                  | - 1.1  |
| IMPORTS                                  | 5,105   | 5,061   | + 43                                  | + 0.9  |
| RE-EXPORTS<br>(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)       | 1,073<br>(24.3%)                                  | 1,163<br>(25.6%)                                  | - 91                                  | - 7.8  |
| <u>CALENDAR YEAR</u><br><u>TO-DATE</u>   | <u>JAN - JUNE</u><br>1978                         | <u>JAN - JUNE</u><br>1977                         | <u>INCREASE</u><br><u>OR DECREASE</u> |        |
|  | \$ MN.  | \$ MN.  | \$ MN.                                | %      |
| DOMESTIC EXPORTS<br>(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS) | 17,466<br>(74.7%)                                 | 15,776<br>(77.4%)                                 | + 1,690                               | + 10.7 |
| IMPORTS                                  | 28,240  | 23,440  | + 4,801                               | + 20.5 |
| RE-EXPORTS<br>(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)       | 5,930<br>(25.3%)                                  | 4,610<br>(22.6%)                                  | + 1,320                               | + 28.6 |
| <u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>                    | <u>JULY 1977</u><br><u>TO</u><br><u>JUNE 1978</u> | <u>JULY 1976</u><br><u>TO</u><br><u>JUNE 1977</u> | <u>INCREASE</u><br><u>OR DECREASE</u> |        |
|  | \$ MN.  | \$ MN.  | \$ MN.                                | %      |
| DOMESTIC EXPORTS                         | 36,689  | 33,605  | + 3,084                               | + 9.2  |
| IMPORTS                                  | 53,491  | 46,126  | + 7,365                               | + 16.0 |
| RE-EXPORTS                               | 11,107  | 9,279   | + 1,828                               | + 19.7 |

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GOVERNMENT TO SELL PRESTIGE RESIDENTIAL SITE AT SHA TIN  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS OFFERING FOR SALE A PRESTIGE, MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL SITE AT SHA TIN NEW TOWN WHICH OVERLOOKS THE FULL FO TAN VALLEY AND COMMANDS A SWEEPING VIEW OF THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE.

THE SALE OF THE 1.96 HECTARES (ABOUT 4 ACRES) SITE IS BY TENDER RESTRICTED TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE ACTING SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. DENIS RAGGETT, SAID TODAY THAT THE SITE WAS IDEAL FOR HIGH QUALITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

+THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST SITES IN THE NEW TOWN AND ITS DEVELOPMENT WILL BE CONTROLLED TO ENSURE THAT IT IS PUT TO THE BEST USE,+ HE SAID.

+THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ROADS, DRAINAGE, STREET LIGHTING AND OTHER SUCH FACILITIES TO COMPLETE THE FORMATION OF THE SITE, WHICH IS A PLATFORM CARVED FROM A BORROW AREA BY THE JOCKEY CLUB CONTRACTORS.

+THE DEVELOPER WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A DETAILED LAYOUT PLAN AND A SCALE MODEL OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE SALE BEFORE BUILDING APPROVAL CAN BE GIVEN.+

MR. RAGGETT SAID THE SALE CONDITIONS CARRIED A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$13.78 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

HE SAID THE PLOT RATIO OF THE SITE WAS VARIED TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPER SCOPE TO PRODUCE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 300,000 SQUARE FEET.

THE TENDER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON AUGUST 18 THIS YEAR. TENDER FORMS AND CONDITIONS OF GRANT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, 5TH FLOOR, HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON, OR ANY OF THE NTA'S SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES.

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AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT  
LAUNCHES FISHING VESSEL  
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AN 86-FOOT-LONG 'LONG-LINER', THE LARGEST FISHING CRAFT OF ITS TYPE IN HONG KONG, WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (MONDAY) AT A SHIPYARD ON TSING YI BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE 'LONG-LINER' IS THE LATEST FISHING VESSEL DESIGNED BY THE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT. IT IS DRIVEN BY A 400-HORSEPOWER DIESEL ENGINE AND HAS A CRUISING RANGE OF ABOUT 2,600 NAUTICAL MILES AT A SPEED OF 10 KNOTS.

THE VESSEL WAS BUILT AT A COST OF \$850,000, MUCH OF IT FINANCED BY THE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT. THE BALANCE WAS MET BY THE OWNER MR. NG SHU-KUN OF SHAU KEI WAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: +THE 'LONG-LINER' IS IDEAL FOR DISTANT-WATER FISHING AND IS BECOMING POPULAR WITH THE FISHING INDUSTRY.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A TOTAL OF 57 MODERNISED FISHING VESSELS, MOST OF THEM DESIGNED AND SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT, HAD BEEN BUILT SINCE THE SETTING UP OF THE FUND IN 1959 TO ASSIST FISHERMEN TO BUILD MODERN VESSELS CAPABLE OF FISHING IN HIGH SEAS.

THE FUND, ESTABLISHED WITH AN INITIAL CAPITAL OF \$2 MILLION AND SUBSEQUENTLY INCREASED TO \$5 MILLION, CAN ALSO BE USED FOR THE MECHANISATION OF EXISTING VESSELS, REPLACEMENT OF ENGINES SUITABLE FOR MIDDLE AND LONG DISTANCE WATER FISHING, AS WELL AS FOR OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

+SINCE 1959, LOANS TOTALLING \$12.5 MILLION HAVE BEEN ISSUED AND \$9.6 MILLION HAVE BEEN REPAID UP TO THE END OF JUNE 1978.+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CERTIFICATE COURSES FOR OFFICE STAFF

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TWO COURSES LEADING TO A CERTIFICATE IN OFFICE PRACTICE AND A CERTIFICATE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING STAFF WILL BEGIN AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN SEPTEMBER.

BOTH COURSES, WHICH ARE AIMED AT BOOSTING THE COMPETENCY OF OFFICE STAFF EMPLOYED IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE BASIS MADE UP OF ONE FULL DAY AND TWO EVENING LESSONS A WEEK.

THE CERTIFICATE IN OFFICE PRACTICE COURSE IS DESIGNED FOR JUNIOR CLERKS AND JUNIOR TYPISTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THREE YEARS SECONDARY EDUCATION AND HAVE BEEN SPONSORED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS.

THE COURSE COVERS PRACTICAL TYPEWRITING= OFFICE PRACTICE= ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES= AND ENGLISH FOR COMMERCE. ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, STUDENTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO SIT FOR EXTERNAL EXAMINATION OF THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (L.C.C.I.).

THE CERTIFICATE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING STAFF COURSE PROVIDES AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRINCIPLES OF COST AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND THEIR APPLICATION TO PRACTICAL SITUATIONS AND BUSINESS PROBLEMS= THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF COMMERCIAL LAW= THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF AUDITING= THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF OFFICE ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT= AND THE VITAL ROLE OF COMMUNICATIONS IN BUSINESS.

THE MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR THIS COURSE IS COMPLETION OF FORM 5 OR EQUIVALENT AND A RECOMMENDATION OR SPONSORSHIP BY AN EMPLOYER.

GRADUATES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO SIT FOR APPROPRIATE EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE L.C.C.I., PITMAN'S INSTITUTE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES.

APPLICATION FOR BOTH COURSES WILL BE INVITED EARLY IN AUGUST THROUGH NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT.

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PARCEL POSTAL SERVICES TO VIETNAM

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT AIR AND SURFACE PARCEL POSTAL SERVICES TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WILL BE RE-INTRODUCED FROM AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THE SERVICE IS LIMITED TO UNINSURED PARCELS ONLY FOR THE TIME BEING.

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TEMPORARY WATER CUTS FOR LEAKAGE TESTS

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES NEAR JARDINE'S LOOKOUT ON THE ISLAND AND IN TSUEN WAN, THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON THURSDAY (JULY 27) NIGHT TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IN THE JARDINE'S LOOKOUT, BOUNDED BY MT. BUTLER ROAD, MOORSOM ROAD, PERKINS ROAD, COOPER ROAD, WILSON ROAD INCLUDING CREASY ROAD, HENDERSON ROAD, GOLDSMITH ROAD, PURVES ROAD AND PRICE ROAD, WILL HAVE NO WATER FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

IN TSUEN WAN, PREMISES ALONG TAI WO HAU ROAD AND IN BLOCKS 27 TO 42 KWAI CHUNG ESTATE WILL HAVE NO WATER FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT JULY 27 TO 6 A.M. ON JULY 28.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF TING ON STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT TING ON STREET BETWEEN TING FU STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES THERE, BETWEEN 9 PM AND 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY (JULY 26/27), THURSDAY/FRIDAY (JULY 27/28) AND SUNDAY/MONDAY (JULY 30/31) TO FACILITATE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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