



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1975

EEC GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES BRITAIN EXERCISES ITS RIGHT IN FAVOUR OF HONG KONG *****

BRITAIN HAS WAIVED ITS RIGHT UNDER THE NEW COMMON MARKET GENERAL SCHEME OF PREFERENCES TO INVOKE A PROVISION WHICH WOULD HAVE LED TO FURTHER DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HONG KONG'S EXPORTS.

AFFECTED ARE TOYS (ONE OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR EXPORTS), UMBRELLAS, IMITATION JEWELLERY, TORCHES AND WIGS.

ALTHOUGH THESE ITEMS ARE ON THE SO-CALLED SEMI-SENSITIVE LIST, THAT IS TO SAY EACH BENEFICIARY IS ENTITLED TO CLAIM PREFERENCE UP TO 50 PER CENT OF THE COMMUNITY TARIFF QUOTA FOR THE PRODUCT IN QUESTION, HONG KONG AND SEVERAL OTHER BENEFICIARIES ARE DENIED FULL BENEFITS BECAUSE OF THEIR CLASSIFICATION AS +SUPER-COMPETITIVE+ SUPPLIERS OF THESE AND SOME OTHER PRODUCTS.

INSTEAD WE ARE SUBJECT TO A LOWER CUT-OFF LEVEL EQUAL TO OUR PREFERENTIAL ACCESS OF 1974 WHICH IS BASED ON 20 TO 30 PER CENT OF THE COMMUNITY TARIFF QUOTA OF THAT YEAR.

IN ADDITION, THERE IS A PROVISION WHICH FURTHER LIMITS OUR ACCESS IN EACH MEMBER STATE TO HALF OF THIS ENTITLEMENT.

IT IS THIS LATTER-LIMITATION THAT BRITAIN HAS NOW DECIDED NOT TO APPLY.

HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF THE FIVE ITEMS TO THE EEC WERE WORTH A LITTLE OVER \$480 MILLION LAST YEAR WITH BRITAIN TAKING THE LION'S SHARE.

WELCOMING THE NEWS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION HAS REMOVED PART OF THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HONG KONG.

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**COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AT OI MAN ESTATE
TO OPEN IN THREE MONTHS TIME**

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HOUSEWIVES IN HO MAN TIN AREA WILL FIND IT A GREAT CONVENIENCE TO SHOP IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S LARGE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AT OI MAN ESTATE WHEN IT OPENS IN THREE MONTHS TIME.

THE CENTRE, IDEALLY LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE ESTATE AND JUST NEXT TO THE BUS TERMINUS, HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE PROVISION OF A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IN A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IS A NEW CONCEPT OF THE AUTHORITY'S ARCHITECTS.

IT WILL HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF SHOPS, A SUPERMARKET, DEPARTMENT STORE, TWO BANKS, TWO RESTAURANTS AND A CAFE.

THE THREE-STORY BUILDING WILL BE FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED AND AN ESCALATOR WILL BE PROVIDED TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF SHOPPERS FROM FLOOR TO FLOOR.

LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR WILL BE THE TWO BANKS AND THE SUPERMARKET. THE SHOPS AND THE CAFE WILL OCCUPY THE FIRST FLOOR WHILE THE RESTAURANTS AND DEPARTMENT STORE WILL BE ON THE TOP FLOOR. THE ROOF TOP WILL BE USED AS A REST AREA FOR SHOPPERS.

THE ENTIRE BUILDING HAS A GROSS AREA OF OVER 200,000 SQUARE FEET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF TWO PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE GIS PRESS ROOM, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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♦YOUTH LEADERSHIP '75+
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S YUEN LONG COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE AND THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL HAVE JOINTLY ORGANISED A YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE TO BEGIN IN MARCH.

ENTITLED ♦YOUTH LEADERSHIP, 75+, IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP THEIR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL- TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE OPPORTUNITIES OF ACQUIRING THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE OF GOOD LEADERSHIP AND TO PROMOTE A GREATER AWARENESS ON THE VALUE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

MR. PAUL WONG, THE COMMUNITY YOUTH OFFICER (YUEN LONG), SAID THE COURSE IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR PHASES - UNDERSTANDING, PLANNING, ACTION AND EVALUATION - AND WILL RUN FOR NINE MONTHS.

♦THEORETICAL INSTRUCTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF WHAT THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE LEARNED WILL BE PROVIDED, ♦ HE SAID.

YOUTHS LIVING IN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICTS WHO ARE 15 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE AN EDUCATION OF FORM 3 OR ABOVE MAY APPLY FOR THE COURSE AT THE GENERAL OFFICE OF THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL. APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE FEBRUARY 21.

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MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
CERTIFICATES FOR 1973/74 SESSION

CERTIFICATES FOR THE 1973-74 SESSION OF BOTH FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EVENING COURSES OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND CALL AT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT OI KWAN ROAD, WANCHAI, AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES :

* MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS
9.30 A.M. TO 12 NOON (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)
2.00 P.M. TO 4.00 P.M. (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)
7.15 P.M. TO 8.00 P.M. (EXCEPT INSTITUTE HOLIDAYS)

* SATURDAYS
9.30 A.M. TO 11.30 A.M. (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

CERTIFICATES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION TECHNICIAN PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSE WILL BE ISSUED AT A LATER DATE.

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