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GREAT STRIDES MADE IN EDUCATION, SAYS GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) WE HAD MADE GREAT STRIDES IN EDUCATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CHIU LUT SAU MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL, YUEN LONG, SIR MURRAY SAID NINE YEARS OF FREE EDUCATION WERE GUARANTEED FOR ALL CHILDREN AND LAST YEAR'S 70 PER CENT INCREASE IN FORM IV PLACES BROUGHT US VERY NEAR TO OUR 1982 TARGET - THE PROVISION OF SUBSIDISED PLACES FOR 60 PER CENT OF THIS AGE GROUP.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE CHIU LUT SAU MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL, THE 15TH SECONDARY SCHOOL IN YUEN LONG, WOULD ENSURE THAT THE DISTRICT WAS NOT LEFT BEHIND.

+MOREOVER IT IS A PIONEER IN THAT STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW ONE PRACTICAL OR TECHNICAL SUBJECT UP TO FORM V LEVEL, A BROADENING OF THE CURRICULUM WHICH WILL ALLOW A FULLER DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR TALENTS.+

ON YUEN LONG, SIR MURRAY SAID THE SIGNS OF CONSTRUCTION WERE EVERYWHERE.

+A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 30 000 PEOPLE WILL OPEN SHORTLY AND ANOTHER IS PLANNED.

+JOBS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA TO THE NORTH AND IN SPECIAL INDUSTRIES ON THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WHERE LAND IS NOW READY FOR DEVELOPMENT.+

COMMUNICATION TOO WOULD IMPROVE, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY WOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1983, AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR WOULD SEE THE OPENING OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS AND COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CIRCULAR ROAD TO FANLING.

+THEN, TOO, YOU ARE NEAR THE EXPANDING SPECIAL DISTRICT OF SHENZHEN,+ HE SAID.

YUEN LONG HAD SUFFERED FROM EXCESSIVE IMMIGRATION AND UNPLANNED DEVELOPMENT, SIR MURRAY SAID. THE RESULT HAD BEEN INTRACTIBLE PROBLEMS OF BOTH POLLUTION AND NEGLECTED RURAL SPRAWL.

A STUDY SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN JULY THIS YEAR WHICH WOULD FORM THE BASIS FOR COHERENT DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WHOLE REGION.

SIR MURRAY SAID YUEN LONG DISTRICT WAS RICH IN HISTORIC BUILDINGS, MOSTLY IN FAMILY OWNERSHIP. HE HOPED THAT AS A COMMUNITY THE PEOPLE WOULD THINK OF WAYS IN WHICH THEY COULD BE PRESERVED.

THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD STOOD READY TO RESPOND TO ANY REASONABLE REQUEST.

ON COMMUNITY BUILDING, THE GOVERNOR SAID TO BUILD A COMMUNITY REQUIRED A CORE OF BUILDINGS PROVIDING FOR ACTIVITIES ROUND WHICH THE COMMUNITY COULD FORM ITSELF.

/+HERE YOU .....

+HERE YOU HAVE THE MAKINGS OF SUCH A CORE= YOU HAVE AN EXCELLENT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, A STADIUM WHICH IS ALREADY FIRST-CLASS AND TO WHICH IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE VERY SHORTLY.

+BESIDE THIS A SWIMMING POOL IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. NEARBY IS THE TOWN HALL. NOW WE HAVE THIS MAGNIFICENT AIRCONDITIONED SCHOOL HALL IN ADDITION.

+THIS IS A GOOD START BUT YOU HAVE SOMETHING MORE= IT IS COMMUNITY SPIRIT TO HAVE UNDERTAKEN MUCH OF THIS BY YOURSELF, THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT IS GLAD TO HAVE BUILT A SUBSTANTIAL PART.

+THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND NOW THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, WILL PROVIDE NEW GUIDANCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICT, AND THE SPIRIT WHICH HAS PRODUCED THESE FACILITIES SHOULD GIVE IT A FLYING START,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

HE SAID THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL, TO WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAD CONTRIBUTED SO GENEROUSLY, AND THE INAUGURAL CONCERT OF THE FIRST YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL HERE IN THE HALL WERE A CELEBRATION OF JOINT COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE.

+I CONGRATULATE YOU ALL, AS A COMMUNITY, ON YOUR GENEROSITY, INITIATIVE AND IMAGINATION,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE CHIU LUT SAU MEMORIAL SCHOOL HAS 600 STUDENTS NOW, BUT WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE 1 200 EVENTUALLY. IT HAS 24 CLASSROOMS AND 12 SPECIAL ROOMS PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS. IT COST MORE THAN $10 MILLION TO BUILD, $1 MILLION OF WHICH WAS DONATED BY MR STEPHEN CHIU AND MR LEONARD CHIU IN MEMORY OF THEIR LATE FATHER, MR CHIU LUT SAU, A PROMINENT FIGURE OF YUEN LONG WHO DIED IN 1974.

SIR MURRAY SAID MR CHIU LUT SAU'S CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF YUEN LONG WOULD LONG BE REMEMBERED, AND HE APPLAUDED THE FAMILY'S DECISION TO HONOUR HIS MEMORY THROUGH +THIS FINE SCHOOL+ WITH ITS MAGNIFICENT HALL.

THE HALL, WITH 1 000 SEATS, WILL BE USED OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS FOR CULTURE, THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE FESTIVAL INAUGURAL CONCERT WHICH THE GOVERNOR ALSO ATTENDED FEATURED DANCE PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG JING YING, WINNERS OF THE SCHOOLS' DANCE FESTIVAL AND SONGS BY THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

LASTING 14 DAYS, IT IS ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH HAS PROVIDED $200 000 TOWARDS COSTS.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES CONCERTS, BALLET PERFORMANCES, CANTONESE OPERAS, MIME, VARIETY AND FILM SHOWS AND ART EXHIBITIONS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SEMINARS ON CARVING, PHOTOGRAPHY, CHINESE PAINTING AND CARTOON DRAWING.

ADMISSION TO EVENTS, OTHER THAN CANTONESE OPERAS AND PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE MUSIC ORCHESTRA, IS FREE. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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BRITISH NATIONALITY BILL
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FOLLOWING THE SECOND READING OF THIS BILL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING FURTHER PRESS STATEMENT:

+EVER SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE GREEN PAPER IN 1977, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS MADE CONTINUING REPRESENTATIONS ON THE QUESTION OF BRITISH NATIONALITY AT EACH STAGE. THESE REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT BOTH AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL AND BY SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS TO MINISTERS. IN ADDITION, THE ANGLO-HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP HAS BEEN ADVISED ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF FEELINGS IN HONG KONG ON THIS SUBJECT= ITS CHAIRMAN, SIR PAUL BRYAN MADE A NUMBER OF POINTS STRONGLY AND CLEARLY IN HIS SPEECH IN THE SECOND READING DEBATE.+

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PROCEDURE WAS NOW FOR THE BILL TO BE CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE. THEN WOULD FOLLOW THE DEBATE AT THE REPORT STAGE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND A DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS. THE COMMITTEE STAGE IS THE ONE IN WHICH AMENDMENTS TO THE LEGISLATION ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED, HE EMPHASISED. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED TO THE SPEECH OF THE HOME SECRETARY (MR WILLIAM WHITELAW) WHEN PROPOSING THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL. THE HOME SECRETARY SAID +WE ARE AWARE OF THE STRENGTH OF FEELING IN HONG KONG ON THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE TIES BETWEEN THAT TERRITORY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. I WOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM THAT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION IS IN NO WAY INTENDED TO WEAKEN THOSE LINKS, TO WHICH WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE.+

IN HIS SPEECH, SIR PAUL BRYAN STATED THAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE SENSITIVE TO EVIDENCE OF ANY WEAKENING OF THE LINKS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND HONG KONG. HE SAID THAT EVER SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GREEN PAPER ON NATIONALITY FOUR YEARS AGO, HE AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN HONG KONG HAD TAKEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS ON SUCCESSIVE HOME SECRETARIES THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE THAT THIS BILL, WHEN IT WAS FINALLY INTRODUCED, DID NOTHING TO CAST DOUBT ON THE BRITISH COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG.

IN CONCLUDING THE DEBATE ON THE SECOND READING, MR TIMOTHY RAISON, MINISTER OF STATE AT THE HOME OFFICE, SAID THAT ALL THE POINTS MADE BY SIR PAUL BRYAN WOULD BE CONSIDERED DURING THE COMMITTEE STAGE. HE REPEATED THE HOME SECRETARY'S EMPHATIC STATEMENT THAT THE BILL HAD NO RACIAL OVERTONES, AND THE HOME SECRETARY'S REASSURANCE ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE OF LINKS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG.

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EPA TO COORDINATE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

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AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO ASSUME A COORDINATING ROLE IN THE FORMULATION AND EXECUTION OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT.

THE AGENCY HAS EVOLVED FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT WHICH WAS SET-UP WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENT BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT IN 1976 WITH A PROVISIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OF TEN POSTS.

THE LOCATION OF THE UNIT WITHIN THE BRANCH WAS A TEMPORARY MEASURE PENDING THE EXPANSION OF STAFF TO UNDERTAKE THE FULL TECHNICAL FUNCTIONS OF MONITORING AND RESEARCH.

THE UNIT WAS STRENGTHENED SUBSEQUENTLY TO INCLUDE AN ESTABLISHMENT OF 62 POSTS, OF WHICH ABOUT TWO-THIRDS HAVE BEEN FILLED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS HAD LED TO THE CREATION OF AN ORGANISATION OF THE NATURE, SIZE AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS WHICH MADE IT APPROPRIATE FOR THE UNIT TO BE SEPARATED FROM THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT. THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICIES.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WILL BE:

* FORMULATION OF POLICY IN ALL FIELDS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TO FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR THE CREATION OF NEW POLICIES, OR FOR CHANGES IN EXISTING POLICIES, IN ALL FIELDS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, INCLUDING THE SETTING OF OBJECTIVES AND STANDARDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY=

* ESTABLISHING PROGRAMMES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMMES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT TO IMPLEMENT APPROVED POLICIES AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE ACTIONS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN CARRYING OUT THESE PROGRAMMES=

* MONITORING POLLUTION LEVELS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

TO MONITOR POLLUTION LEVELS IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES ON THE BASIS OF CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL DATA ACQUIRED=

* ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

TO ASSESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SUCH AS POWER STATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AND TO APPRAISE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS OF GOVERNMENT PROJECTS AND POLICIES=

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* PROVISION OF ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

TO PROVIDE ADVICE TO DEPARTMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN ORDER TO MINIMISE THE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE EXECUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICIES- AND

* TRAINING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STAFF

TO EVALUATE THE TRAINING NEEDS OF STAFF INVOLVED IN THE FORMULATION AND EXECUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICIES AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE PROVISION OF TRAINING COURSES REQUIRED.

THE AGENCY IS HEADED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, WHO WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICIES WAS STILL IN ITS INFANCY BUT WAS REGARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS AN AREA OF CONSIDERABLE AND INCREASING IMPORTANCE.

THE ENVIRONMENT BRANCH CURRENTLY HAS TWO DEPUTY SECRETARIES, WHO ARE ALREADY FULLY COMMITTED ON TRANSPORT AND LAND MATTERS.

TO ASSIST THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IN ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DECIDED TO CREATE A THIRD POST OF DEPUTY SECRETARY TO HEAD THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF THE BRANCH.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1980

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1980. THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR DECEMBER 1980 WERE BOTH 168, EACH SHOWING A MARGINAL INCREASE OF ONE POINT OR 0.6 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING INDEXES FOR NOVEMBER 1980.

WHEN COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1979, BOTH INDEXES INCREASED BY 21 POINTS OR 14.3 PER CENT.

THE CPI(A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN $400 AND $1 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI(B) FROM THOSE SPENDING BETWEEN $1 500 AND $2 999 A MONTH, AS DETERMINED FROM THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY OF 1973/74.

THE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1980 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMPONENTS OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE DISTINGUISHED IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR NOVEMBER 1980 AND DECEMBER 1979.

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COMPONENT	CPI(A) DEC 80	CPI(A) NOV 80	CPI(A) DEC 79	CPI(B) DEC 80	CPI(B) NOV 80	CPI(B) DEC 79
FOODSTUFFS	160	160	140	163	162	142
HOUSING	161	157	148	158	157	148
FUEL AND LIGHT	278	272	208	263	258	200
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	185	184	168	178	178	163
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	128	127	117	127	126	116
DURABLE GOODS	138	137	131	133	132	127
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	173	173	163	171	171	158
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	213	211	165	216	214	171
SERVICES	183	180	157	189	186	160
ALL ITEMS	168	167	147	168	167	147

AS SHOWN BY THE INDEXES FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT, THE LARGEST COMPONENT IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, THERE WERE ONLY MARGINAL INCREASES IN FOOD PRICES AS A WHOLE BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1980.

THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF RICE AND EGGS, AND OF MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS, BUT THEIR EFFECTS ON THE INDEXES FOR FOODSTUFFS WERE LARGELY OFFSET BY SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND SALT-WATER FISH.

THE EFFECTS OF THE MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEXES FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT WERE INSIGNIFICANT. HOWEVER, MAINLY BECAUSE OF ROUNDING, THE INDEX FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT IN CPI (B) INCREASED BY ONE POINT WHILE THAT IN CPI (A) DID NOT INCREASE.

THE INDEX FOR THE HOUSING COMPONENT IN CPI (A) INCREASED BY FOUR POINTS AND THAT IN CPI (B) INCREASED BY ONE POINT AS A RESULT OF RECENT INCREASES IN RENTALS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY GROUP A AND B ESTATES.

ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER COST OF FUEL OIL, ELECTRICITY RATES FOR DECEMBER WERE INCREASED AND CONSEQUENTLY THE INDEX OF THE FUEL AND LIGHT COMPONENT INCREASED BY SIX POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY FIVE POINTS IN CPI (B).

HIGHER PRICES FOR CHINESE WINES CAUSED THE INDEX OF THE ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO COMPONENT TO INCREASE BY ONE POINT IN CPI (A).

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THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX OF THE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR COMPONENT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S UNDERCLOTHING ITEMS AS WELL AS HIGHER TAILORING CHARGES.

THE INDEX OF THE DURABLE GOODS COMPONENT INCREASED BY ONE POINT EACH IN CPI (A) AND CPI (B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, CAMERA AND OPTICAL GOODS.

THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE INDEX OF THE MISCELLANEOUS GOODS COMPONENT IN EITHER CPI (A) OR CPI (B).

THE INDEX OF THE TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES COMPONENT INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) DUE TO HIGHER FARES IN SOME PUBLIC LIGHT BUS ROUTES.

THE THREE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX OF THE SERVICES COMPONENT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) WAS MAINLY CAUSED BY HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, DOMESTIC HELP AND HAIRDRESSING.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR DECEMBER 1980, WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT $2 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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MARINE CENSUS STARTS ON SUNDAY

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THE 1981 CENSUS ON THE ENUMERATION OF THE FLOATING POPULATION WILL START ON SUNDAY.

TIMED TO BE UNDERTAKEN JUST BEFORE CHINESE NEW YEAR WHEN VIRTUALLY ALL VESSELS RETURN TO PORT, THE MARINE CENSUS WILL COVER THE ENTIRE POPULATION LIVING ON HONG KONG WATERS. THE CENSUS FOR THE LAND POPULATION WILL BE CONDUCTED NEXT MONTH.

OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT ALL HOUSEHOLDS LIVING ON HOUSE BOATS, FISHING JUNKS, LIGHTERS AND OTHER VESSELS FROM SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 1) TO WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 4).

ENUMERATORS WILL BE CARRYING A RED SATCHEL AND WILL HAVE TO SHOW BEFORE AN INTERVIEW A GREEN CENSUS OFFICER IDENTITY CARD, WHICH BEARS THE HOLDER'S PHOTOGRAPH AND NAME.

THEY WILL ASK QUESTIONS ON EACH MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD, INCLUDING AGE, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, PLACE OF BIRTH AND ORIGIN, OCCUPATION, INCOME AND DISABLEMENT.

THE HOUSEHOLDS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO GIVE THE TYPE AND LENGTH OF THEIR VESSEL, THE HORSEPOWER OF ITS ENGINES, AND TO STATE WHETHER LAND ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY EMPHASISED THAT INFORMATION WHICH HOUSEHOLDERS SUPPLY WOULD BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

+THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE PROHIBITS DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL PARTICULARS TO ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OR PRIVATE ORGANISATION,+ HE SAID.

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+ENUMERATORS TAKE AN OATH OF SECRECY BEFORE BEING SENT OUT ON ASSIGNMENTS AND DATA COLLECTED WILL BE PROCESSED BY COMPUTER AND THE RESULTS PRESENTED IN TABLE FORM.

+NO PERSONAL PARTICULARS CAN BE IDENTIFIED. ALL CENSUS SCHEDULES WITH THE NAMES WILL BE DESTROYED WITHIN A YEAR AFTER THE CENSUS.

+THE 1981 CENSUS IS FOR THE GOOD OF EVERYONE, BECAUSE GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SERVICES IF IT IS SUPPLIED WITH UP-TO-DATE AND ACCURATE DATA TO FORMULATE SOUNDLY-BASED PLANS,+ HE SAID.

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CHECK ON BOGUS INSPECTORS

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MRS SOO MOK SAU-HA, TODAY (FRIDAY) WARNED FACTORY PROPRIETORS TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST BOGUS LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

SHE SAID SEVERAL FACTORY PROPRIETORS HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THESE PEOPLE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD THE FACTORY PROPRIETORS THAT THEY WOULD BE CALLING ON THEIR FACTORIES BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR TO CHECK THEIR EMPLOYEE RECORDS.

MRS SOO SAID: +THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT NEVER TELEPHONES FACTORY PROPRIETORS IN ADVANCE TO LET THEM KNOW OF ANY IMPENDING VISITS. LABOUR INSPECTORS VISIT FACTORIES AT RANDOM AND WITHOUT NOTICE.+

SHE REMINDED FACTORY PROPRIETORS THAT ALL LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS CARRIED GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS AND WARRANTS BEARING THE PHOTOGRAPH AND NAME OF THE HOLDER.

+MEMBERS OF THE FACTORY AND LABOUR INSPECTORATES ARE UNDER INSTRUCTION TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY PRODUCING THEIR WARRANTS WHEN VISITING FACTORIES,+ SHE ADDED.

MRS SOO ADVISED FACTORY PROPRIETORS TO CHECK ON THE IDENTITY OF VISITORS CLAIMING TO BE OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND IF IN ANY DOUBT TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION.

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FULL-TIME TRAINING COURSE FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS
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THREE BLOCK-RELEASE IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE FOR INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS BETWEEN MARCH AND JUNE.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE EITHER TRADE OR WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS AND MUST BE FULLY SKILLED IN THEIR TRADES, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

EXPERIENCED WORKERS WHO WILL TAKE UP INSTRUCTION DUTIES IN FUTURE MAY ALSO APPLY, HE SAID.

EACH COURSE WILL REQUIRE FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE AT THE COLLEGE FOR TWO WEEKS, AND WHEN THE COURSE IS COMPLETED TUTORS WILL VISIT STUDENTS AT THEIR PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT TO GIVE FURTHER ADVICE ON TEACHING METHODS.

THE COURSES ARE ON THE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION BASED ON THE STUDY OF EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEY WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE BUT SOME ENGLISH TERMINOLOGY WILL BE USED. FEES ARE $100 PER COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG, AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 21.

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REGISTRATION OF PERSONS SERVICE AT KENNEDY TOWN
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT KENNEDY TOWN OFFICE IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL EXPAND ITS SERVICE TO INCLUDE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS FACILITIES FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 2).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE OFFICE WILL START PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR JUVENILE OR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR REPLACEMENT OF A DEFACED OR DAMAGED IDENTITY CARD AND AMENDMENT OF NATIONALITY ON THE IDENTITY CARD FROM CHINESE TO BRITISH,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, ENTRANTS FROM CHINA STILL HAVE TO GO TO VICTORIA BARRACKS FOR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS FACILITIES.

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TENDERS FOR URBAN TAXI LICENCES OVERSUBSCRIBED

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SOME 637 TENDERS SEEKING 830 TAXI LICENCES HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WHEN THE OFFER FOR 300 URBAN LICENCES CLOSED ON JANUARY 2.

THE HIGHEST TENDER WAS $253 100 AND THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID WAS $233 889.

DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THE AMOUNTS OFFERED WERE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE AVERAGE PREMIUM IN THE LATEST TENDER EXERCISE WAS $244 066.29, COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE PREMIUM OF $259 685.84 IN THE PREVIOUS TENDER LAST OCTOBER, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF SIX PER CENT.

HE ADDED THAT LETTERS WOULD BE GOING OUT TODAY TO THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS, AND THAT THE FIRST OF THE 300 TAXIS COULD BE INSPECTED WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 16.

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PUBLIC BUND ON LAMMA

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ALLOW THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT A BUND AT YUNG SHUE WAN, LAMMA ISLAND TO FACILITATE A RECLAMATION PROJECT IN THE AREA.

ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, THE BUND WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR PUBLIC USE AND THE RECLAIMED AREA WILL BE FOR RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANYONE OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR OBJECTIONS AND/OR CLAIMS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE ISLANDS, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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MORE LAND FOR AUCTION

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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND, TOTALLING MORE THAN 10 000 SQUARE METRES, WILL SOON BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE AUCTION WILL BE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 2.30 PM ON FEBRUARY 27.

ONE OF THE LOTS MEASURING ABOUT 1 947 SQUARE METRES IN AP LEI CHAU MAIN STREET IS INTENDED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

ANOTHER SITE IN CHAI WAN, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 4 900 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR GODOWN AND DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE REMAINING TWO LOTS, MEASURING ABOUT 1 423 AND 2 768 SQUARE METRES, ARE ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION. THEY ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

AT THE SAME AUCTION, TWO FLATS IN KOWLOON WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR SALE.

THE PREMISES, MEASURING ABOUT 72.7 AND 70 SQUARE METRES, ARE AT SECOND FLOOR, 131 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, AND AT FLAT C, 5 BEECH STREET RESPECTIVELY. THE BEECH STREET FLAT HAS ANOTHER ENTRANCE AT 7TH FLOOR, 40, 42, 44 ANCHOR STREET.

PEOPLE WISHING TO INSPECT THE FLATS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON 3-884111 EXT. 343 AND 347.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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MASS TRANSIT ADVISER RETIRES

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THE MASS TRANSIT ADVISER, MR ALAN WILKINS, WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH AFTER 29 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, MR JACK STEAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TODAY PRESENTED HIM WITH A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.

MR STEAN RECALLED THAT MR WILKINS JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1951 AND WAS POSTED TO THE THEN ROADS OFFICE AS A PUPIL ENGINEER.

HE SERVED IN SEVERAL OFFICES BUT FOUND HIS NICHE IN 1971 WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED AS GOVERNMENT HIGHWAYS ENGINEER WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROPOSED MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

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WHEN THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION TOOK OVER THE PROJECT, HE CONTINUED TO ASSIST AND SAW THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM THROUGH FROM COMMENCEMENT TO COMPLETION.

MR WILKINS WAS DUE FOR RETIREMENT IN 1978, BUT BECAUSE OF THE PROPOSAL TO PROCEED WITH THE TSUEN WAN EXTENSION HE WAS ASKED TO STAY ON FOR TWO MORE YEARS. THE EXTENSION IS NOW WELL ADVANCED AND THE WAY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE ISLAND LINE.

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HONG KONG/SWEDEN TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS ADJOURNED

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TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS WITH SWEDEN WHICH STARTED IN HONG KONG ON JANUARY 26 WERE ADJOURNED YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID THE TWO SIDES HAD A FULL AND FRANK DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS TO SUCCEED THE CURRENT TWO-YEAR RESTRAINT AGREEMENT WHICH IS DUE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 1981.

+THE TWO SIDES HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO RESUME THE CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA IN THE WEEK STARTING MARCH 2,+ HE SAID.

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JURY LIST SETTLED

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THE LIST OF COMMON JURORS, FINALLY SETTLED BY THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 2).

COPIES OF THE LIST MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE SUPREME COURT REGISTRY, OR AT THE ELECTORAL AND JURY SECTION OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE ON THE 7TH FLOOR, IN KA CHEONG BUILDING, 4 SUNNING ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

COMPRISING OF TWO VOLUMES, IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT $285 A VOLUME AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

OPENING OF PAI LAU (ARCH) AT SHAM TSENG

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A +PAI LAU+ (DECORATED ARCHWAY) IN THE FORM OF AN EMBLEM FOR SHAM TSENG NEW VILLAGE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 2) AT 12 NOON.

OFFICIATING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER, DR JAMES HAYES.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 10.45 AM TO TAKE THE PRESS TO SHAM TSENG. MR DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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Speech by H E The Governor at the Opening Ceremony of the Chiu Lut Sau Memorial Secondary School on Friday 30th January 1981

Mr Chiu, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am happy to be here today for the opening of the Chiu Lut Sau Memorial Secondary School and the inaugural concert of the Yuen Long Arts Festival.

Mr Chiu Lut Sau's concern for the welfare of the people of Yuen Long will long be remembered, and I applaud the family's decision to honour his memory through this fine school with its magnificent hall. The community is indebted to them for their generosity.

We have made great strides in education. 9 years of free schooling are guaranteed for all children, and last year's 70% increase in Form IV places brings us very near to our 1982 target; the provision of subsidised places for 60% of this age group. This school, the fifteenth secondary school in Yuen Long will ensure that the district is not left behind. Moreover it is a pioneer in that students will be able to follow at least one practical or technical subject up to Form 5 level, a broadening of the curriculum which will allow a fuller development of their talents.

The signs of construction are everywhere. A public housing estate for 30 000 people will open shortly and another is planned. Jobs will be provided in the light industrial area to the north and in special industries on the industrial estate where land is now ready for development. Communications too will improve. The Tuen Mun Highway will be completed by early 1983, and the following year will see the opening of the Tsuen Wan Bypass

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and completion of improvements to the circular road to Fan Ling. Then too you are near the expanding special District of Shen Zhen.

This district has suffered from excessive immigration and unplanned development. The result has been intractible problems of both pollution and neglected rural sprawl. A study should be completed in July this year which will form the basis for coherent development for the whole region. Yuen Long District is rich in historic buildings, mostly in family ownership. I hope that as a community you will think of ways in which they can be preserved. The Antiquities Advisory Board stands ready to respond to any reasonable request.

To build a community requires a core of buildings providing for activities round which the community can form itself. Here you have the makings of such a core, you have an excellent sports association, a stadium which is already first class and to which improvements will be made very shortly. Beside this a swimming pool complex is under construction. Nearby is the Town Hall. Now we have this magnificent airconditioned school hall in addition. This is a good start but you have something more, it is the community spirit to have undertaken much of this by yourself, though the Government is glad to have built a substantial part. The Town Hall Management Committee, and now the District Advisory Board will provide new guidance to the administration of the district, and the spirit which has produced these facilities should give it a flying start.

The opening of the school to which the community has contributed so generously and the Inaugural Concert of the Yuen Long Arts Festival here in this hall are a celebration of community enterprise. I congratulate you all, as a community, on your generosity, initiative and imagination.

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