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WIDE SUPPORT FOR ACCORD, GOVERNOR SAYS

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THE SUPPORT BY ALL SIDES OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG INDICATED A VERY WIDE COMMITMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE SAID THIS WAS ONE OF THE POINTS WHICH STRUCK HIM VERY FORCIBLY DURING THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WHICH HE HAD JUST ATTENDED.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN TO HONG KONG FROM WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS +A VERY USEFUL AND EVENTFUL TRIP TO LONDON+.

+THE SECOND ONE WAS THE DETERMINATION OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT TO MAINTAIN A CONTINUING INTEREST IN HONG KONG, AND THE READINESS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CONTEMPLATE SOME SYSTEM OF REGULAR ACCOUNTABILITY ON HONG KONG MATTERS,+ HE SAID.

+THERE WAS ALSO AMONG THE GREAT MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AN UNDERSTANDING THAT IN DEVELOPING REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, HONG KONG MUST BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED AT ITS OWN PACE AND TO DEVISE A SYSTEM WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT OUR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN STABILITY.

+ALL THOSE WERE IMPORTANT POINTS,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT THE DEBATE ITSELF WAS VERY WELL PREPARED.

+IT HAD BEFORE IT REALLY QUITE IMPRESSIVE DOCUMENTATION, NOT ONLY IN THE AGREEMENT ITSELF, BUT IN THE REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE, AND OF COURSE THE MEMORANDUM WHICH THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS HAD PREPARED BEFORE THEY WENT TO LONDON.

+THESE DOCUMENTS DID MEAN THAT MEMBERS WERE VERY WELL AWARE OF THE CONCERNS OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE WIDELY EXPRESSED DURING THE DEBATE.

+AND OF COURSE THE PRIME MINISTER HERSELF GAVE THE UNDERTAKING THAT THESE CONCERNS WOULD BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ITSELF AND IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

/+AND FINALLY

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+AND FINALLY LET ME SAY, SINCE I'VE GOT SIR S.Y. WITH ME -- I'VE ALREADY SAID THIS IN LONDON BUT I WILL SAY IT AGAIN -- THAT A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HAVE SAID TO ME HOW VALUABLE IT WAS TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG -- NOT ONLY TO READ IT IN DOCUMENTS BUT TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH MEMBERS OF UMELCO ABOUT THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+A DIRECT CONVERSATION IS A VERY VALUABLE THING AND THEY WERE GRATEFUL TO MEMBERS OF UMELCO FOR GOING FOR THAT PURPOSE,+ HE SAID.

RETURNING TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNOR WAS THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG.

THEY WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CÁVE.

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GOVERNOR LEAVING TOMORROW WITH HK ECONOMIC MISSION
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE, WILL DEPART FOR JAPAN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WITH THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC MISSION.

THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC MISSION WILL BE LED BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE.

THE GROUP WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT JL 002, ETD 11.50 AM.

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CALL ON GOVERNOR
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THE GOVERNOR OF GUANGDONG PROVINCE, MR LIANG LINGGUANG CALLED ON THE GOVERNOR SIR EDWARD YOUDE AT 10.30 THIS MORNING.

THEY REVIEWED WITH SATISFACTION THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG PROVINCE, AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THIS WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN ALL FIELDS IN THE FUTURE.

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BLITZ AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS LAUNCHED
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THE HEAT IS ON AGAIN FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HIDING IN HONG KONG AS THE POLICE, LABOUR, AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS THIS WEEK MOUNTED A SERIES OF BLITZ OPERATIONS TO FLUSH THEM OUT.

THESE STEPPED-UP OPERATIONS RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF 18 SUSPECTED UNDERGROUND CITIZENS.

ALL THE ARRESTED PERSONS HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

+OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

+A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS,+ HE SAID.

DURING THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OPERATION, POLICE INCREASED THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPECT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THEY ARRESTED ONE SUSPECTED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT WITH A FORGED IDENTITY CARD. ANOTHER 147 PEOPLE WERE SUMMONSED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY, AND A FURTHER 95 WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1 000.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 10 857 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 13 PERSONS IN 12 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ANOTHER 74 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE KEEPING EITHER NO RECORD OR IMPROPER RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50 000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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+CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES NO IVORY TOWERS+
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THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN LOWER ALBERT ROAD ARE NO IVORY TOWERS AND PUBLIC CRITICISM INFLUENCES THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISIONS TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN MOST PEOPLE SEEM TO APPRECIATE, SAID THE DIRECTOR DESIGNATE, OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, TODAY.

SPEAKING ON THE SUBJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MASS MEDIA AT A SEMINAR OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, SHE SAID THAT OFFICERS MIGHT NOT LIKE WHAT THEY HEAR BUT POLICY IS INFLUENCED NONETHELESS.

+FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE THE GOOD WITH THE BAD,+ SAID MISS CHEUNG. +GIVEN THAT WE IN GOVERNMENT DO RECEIVE THIS CONSTANT FLOW OF CRITICAL COMMENT, TO WHAT EXTENT DOES CRITICISM INFLUENCE THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS DECISIONS? THE ANSWER IS: TO AN EXTENT GREATER THAN MOST PEOPLE SEEM TO APPRECIATE.+

+THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES ARE NO IVORY TOWER AND THE PEOPLE WHO WORK THERE, PEOPLE WHO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT GOVERNMENT POLICIES ARE NOT, AND SHOULD NOT, BE INSULATED FROM THE VIEWS AND OPINIONS OF THE PUBLIC.+

AS THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF HOW MEDIA CRITICISM CAN INFLUENCE THE GOVERNMENT MISS CHEUNG CITED THE RECENT WHITE PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. +EVEN SOME OF OUR HARSHTEST CRITICS HAVE ADMITTED THAT THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM THE PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN THE GREEN PAPER.+

+SIMILAR EXAMPLES OCCUR REGULARLY, IF ON A SMALLER SCALE. WE MAY NOT ALWAYS LIKE WHAT WE READ OR HEAR, BUT IT DOES INFLUENCE OUR JUDGEMENT AND FREQUENTLY HAS A BEARING ON OUR POLICIES.+

EXPLAINING THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, MISS CHEUNG SAID THAT ITS PRIMARY ROLE WAS TO PROVIDE A COMMUNICATION LINK BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE THROUGH THE MEDIA.

+ONE QUESTION THAT HAS OFTEN BEEN ASKED IS WHETHER GIS IS IN FACT JUST A PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT, EMPLOYED TO FOIST THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ONTO THE PUBLIC, VIA THE MEDIA. THE ANSWER TO THIS IS: NO.

+THERE IS A VERY REAL AND IMPORTANT DISTINCTION BETWEEN INFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA. EVERYDAY WE PUT OUT, ON OUR TELEPRINTER NETWORK, THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF WORDS. BUT, AND THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT BUT, THERE IS NO OBLIGATION AT ALL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE THAT INFORMATION TO USE IT, IN PRINT OR IN THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA. THEY ARE ENTIRELY FREE TO USE IT OR NOT USE IT, JUST AS THEY SEE FIT.

/+THEIR FREEDOM

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+THEIR FREEDOM TO MAKE THAT DECISION IS ONE OF THE FACTORS WHICH DISTINGUISHES INFORMATION FROM PROPAGANDA.+

MISS CHEUNG EMPHASISED THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MEDIA IN HONG KONG WAS A TWO-WAY AFFAIR. GIS ISSUED INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA AND REFLECTED OPINION EXPRESSED IN THE MEDIA BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT. +TO BE SUCCESSFUL, SUCH A RELATIONSHIP HAS TO BE RATHER LIKE A MARRIAGE - THERE HAS TO BE GIVE AND TAKE AND A CERTAIN DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY ON BOTH SIDES.

+BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MEDIA HAVE SPECIFIC TASKS TO PERFORM AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS TO PURSUE. THOSE TASKS AND INTEREST DO NOT ALWAYS NECESSARILY COINCIDE, AND IT IS NOT TO THE ADVANTAGE OF EITHER PARTY THAT THEY SHOULD.+

SHE SAID THAT THE TERM +A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN+ OR +THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN+ IMPLIED THERE WAS A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED. +IN FACT, THE STATEMENT PRESENTED BY ONE PERSON, OR IN ONE MEDIA RELEASE, REPRESENTS THE COLLECTIVE WISDOM DISTILLED FROM MANY SOURCES AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.+

THE USE OF A SPOKESMAN PRESENTED PROBLEMS, SHE SAID. +WE MUST ALSO BEAR IN MIND THE FACT THAT HONG KONG IS IN A UNIQUE SITUATION IN THAT CIVIL SERVANTS AT MANY LEVELS HAVE TO PERFORM A DUAL ROLE. ON THE ONE HAND THEY ARE CIVIL SERVANTS, ON THE OTHER THEY HAVE TO FUNCTION AS POLITICIANS.+

BUT THEY WERE NOT, NOT BEING ELECTED, POLITICIANS IN THE ACCEPTED SENSE OF THE WORLD AND THEY WERE AWARE OF THIS AND THE NEED NOT TO CONFUSE THE TWO ROLES AND THE NEED TO LISTEN AS MUCH AS THEY SPEAK. +IT IS NOT A HAPPY TASK, NOR IS IT AN EASY ONE. AND, WITH THE MOVE TOWARDS A MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG, IT IS NOT LIKELY TO BECOME ANY EASIER.+

IN CLOSING, MISS CHEUNG SAID THAT A NON-ELECTED GOVERNMENT WHICH DID NOT HAVE THE IN-BUILT CHECKS AND BALANCES OF AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT HAD TO BE EVEN MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR SUCH CONSIDERATIONS TO BE TAKEN TO ACCOUNT.

+THE EXPRESSION AND REFLECTION OF PUBLIC OPINION THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA IS AN INTEGRAL AND VITAL PART OF THAT SYSTEM. IT SUPPLEMENTS THE INFORMATION WE RECEIVE FROM OTHER SOURCES AND PROVIDES US WITH ALTERNATIVE ANGLES AND PERSPECTIVES.+

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REMINDER ON COMPULSORY INSURANCE
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES FOR ALL THEIR EMPLOYEES.

HE WARNED THAT ANY EMPLOYER WHO FAILS TO DO SO COMMITS AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM \$50 000 FINE AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OWNER OF A GARMENT WORKSHOP WAS FINED \$1 000 RECENTLY FOR THE OFFENCE.

HE SAID THE INSURANCE POLICY TAKEN OUT BY AN EMPLOYER IN RESPECT OF HIS EMPLOYEES MUST COVER THE FULL AMOUNT OF HIS LIABILITIES FOR BOTH COMPENSATION UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND COMMON LAW DAMAGES FOR INJURIES AND DEATH AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT AT WORK.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, THE INSURANCE POLICY MUST BE ISSUED BY AN INSURER AUTHORISED BY THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY TO CARRY ON ACCIDENT INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

+THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE INJURED EMPLOYEE CAN RECOVER IN HIS OWN NAME DIRECTLY FROM THE INSURERS ANY AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION WHICH HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENTITLED TO CLAIM AGAINST HIS EMPLOYER,+ HE SAID.

EMPLOYERS MUST ALSO DISPLAY THEIR NOTICES OF INSURANCE AT A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THEIR WORK PREMISES. THE PENALTY FOR FAILING TO PUT UP THE NOTICE IS A \$10 000 FINE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AUTHORISED OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ARE EMPOWERED TO ENTER AND INSPECT PREMISES, OTHER THAN DOMESTIC PREMISES, TO ENSURE THAT EMPLOYERS HAVE TAKEN OUT INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES AND THAT NOTICES OF INSURANCE ARE DISPLAYED AS REQUIRED.

HE URGED EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE ANY ENQUIRIES ON THE LEGISLATION ON COMPULSORY INSURANCE OR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION UNIT.

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15 INDOOR GAMES HALLS PLANNED FOR HOUSING ESTATES
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY PLANS TO BUILD 15 INDOOR GAMES HALLS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A \$18.8 MILLION ESTATE PARK NEAR BUTTERFLY ESTATE IN TUEN MUN, HE SAID THE SIZE AND FACILITIES OF THE GAMES HALLS WOULD DEPEND ON THE POPULATION IN THE ESTATE.

+GENERALLY SMALLER GAMES HALLS WILL HAVE ROOMS FOR SQUASH, GYMNASTICS, DANCING, TABLE-TENNIS AND BADMINTON, WHILE BIGGER ONES WILL EVEN HAVE BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL PITCHES.+

MR LIAO SAID THAT IN DEVELOPING PUBLIC HOUSING, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BOTH QUANTITY AND QUALITY.

+SPEAKING OF QUANTITY, THIS YEAR WILL BE THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN WHICH PUBLIC HOUSING PRODUCTION EXCEEDS THE ANNUAL TARGET OF 35 000 FLATS.

+AS REGARDS QUALITY, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS BEEN IMPROVING FACILITIES AND LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN ESTATES, APART FROM BUILDING DESIGNS AND STANDARDS.+

MR LIAO SAID THE ESTATE PARK WAS BUILT BY THE AUTHORITY SPECIFICALLY FOR RESIDENTS IN THE BUTTERFLY BEACH AREA.

+OF COURSE NOT EVERY ESTATE CAN HAVE SUCH A LARGE PARK, BUT NEW ESTATES WILL DEFINITELY HAVE BETTER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

+IN LINE WITH HIGHER ASPIRATIONS RESULTED FROM SOCIAL PROGRESS, WE MUST HAVE REGARD TO THE MANY VARIOUS NEEDS WHILST PLANNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.+

COVERING 2.5 HECTARES, THE PARK IS BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED WITH BALL GAMES PITCHES, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, AN AMPHITHEATRE, A FITNESS TRAIL AND THREE GARDENS, EACH HAVING ITS OWN FEATURES.

ONE IS A WATER GARDEN FEATURING A PERGOLA AND WATERFALLS OF DIFFERENT DESIGNS. THE OTHER TWO FEATURE VARIOUS SPECIES OF PLANTS.

HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBER, MR GERALD FORSGATE, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT, ALSO OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD, THEY CUT THE RIBBON TO HERALD A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF THE PARK.

THE PROGRAMMES INCLUDED A FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL EXHIBITION MATCH BETWEEN T.V. ARTISTES AND DISCJOCKEYS FOLLOWING A KICK-OFF CEREMONY, AS WELL AS A SHOW BY THE TVB VITALITY TEAM.

SOUVENIRS WERE PRESENTED BY MR LAU, MR FORSGATE AND MR FORD TO PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND GROUPS WHO HAD HELPED IN THE CEREMONY.

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LADY HADDON-CAVE VISITS HOUSING DISPLAY

LADY HADDON-CAVE, WIFE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, VISITED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S +BETTER HOMES IN ESTATES+ EXHIBITION AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, TODAY.

SHE ALSO CUT A BIRTHDAY CAKE IN THE SHAPE OF THE AUTHORITY'S LOGO TO CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG'S AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD TO COINCIDE WITH THE RE-STAGING OF THE EXHIBITION IN KOWLOON.

THE EXHIBITION OPENS TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM DAILY UNTIL DECEMBER 16.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD, SAID THE +HOUSING FESTIVAL '84+ WAS NOT ONLY A SUCCESS IN THE EYES OF THE PUBLIC BUT HAD ALSO SUCCEEDED IN HELPING TO FOSTER THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG INDIVIDUAL ESTATE RESIDENTS.

+WE ARE DELIGHTED IN THE WAY IN WHICH THE WHOLE FESTIVAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED BOTH WITHIN HOUSING ESTATES AND BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE,+ HE ADDED.

SPEAKING OF THE EXHIBITION, MR FORD SAID THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAD NOT IMAGINED THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE +CENTRE PIECE+ OF THE FESTIVAL.

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ANTI-DRUGS FIGHT GETS RESULTS

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR G.L. MORTIMER, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING APPEALED TO THE COMMUNITY TO KEEP UP THEIR FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE AT THE OPENING OF THE 1984 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CONCERT HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

HE SAID THE COMBINED EFFORTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY IN THE ANTI-NARCOTICS FIGHT WERE ACHIEVING RESULTS.

+THERE WAS A 17 PER CENT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS OF ALL AGES AND A 24 PER CENT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 21 NEWLY REPORTED TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1984, COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1983,+ MR MORTIMER SAID.

+THIS EVENING'S CONCERT SIGNIFIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT ALONE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS,+ HE SAID, +MANY PEOPLE IN THE SHAM SHUI PO COMMUNITY HAVE CONTRIBUTED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT IN ORGANISING THIS CAMPAIGN IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).+

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FOLLOWING THE NORTH AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICTS, SHAM SHUI PO IS THE THIRD DISTRICT TO MOUNT THE DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY KWUN TONG DISTRICT IN JANUARY, 1985.

DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS ARE HELD EVERY YEAR AS PART OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES. THE OBJECTIVES ARE NOT ONLY TO CREATE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DRUG MENACE, BUT ALSO TO HELP IN PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEAD MEANINGFUL LIVES FREE FROM THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS.

THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CONCERT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACAN AND THE SHAM SHUI PO ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE, WAS PRODUCED BY COMMERCIAL RADIO 2 AND BROADCAST LIVE.

TONIGHT'S CONCERT WAS PERFORMED BY THE LOCAL SINGERS, MR JOHNNY IP AND MISS CONNIE MAK, AND ATTRACTED AN AUDIENCE OF 1 300.

THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGES WERE EXPECTED TO REACH A LARGE AUDIENCE THROUGH THE RADIO.

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YOUTHS' VITAL CIVIC ROLE STRESSED
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YOUNG PEOPLE AND THOSE ENGAGED IN YOUTH WORK HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE COMMUNITY, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SUN CHUI YOUTH CENTRE IN SHA TIN, RUN BY THE CHURCH OF UNITED BROTHERS IN CHRIST, HE SAID THAT YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE GOOD CHARACTER, A HEALTHY BODY AS WELL AS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

+YOUTH WORKERS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE INCREASE THEIR SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS, TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND TO WORK FOR THE PROGRESS OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUN CHUI YOUTH CENTRE, HE SAID, WAS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF SETTING UP ONE YOUTH CENTRE FOR EVERY DISTRICT WITH A POPULATION OF 20 000.

HE SAID THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTED THE ALLOCATION OF WELFARE PREMISES FOR THIS PROJECT.

MR LAW STRESSED THE OBJECTIVE AND FUNCTION OF A YOUTH CENTRE WAS TO FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE HELP OF SOCIAL WORKERS AND ORGANISED ACTIVITIES.

THE SUCCESS OF YOUTH WORK AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, LIKE OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES, DEPENDED ON THE CO-OPERATION OF THE RESIDENTS AND THEIR PARTICIPATION, HE SAID.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN NT
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SEVEN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS WILL BE HELD IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THEY WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN FEBRUARY 13 AND 20, AND THEIR LOCATIONS WILL BE: TUEN MUN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, NORTH DISTRICT, KWAI CHUNG, SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

ORGANISED BY THE NTSD, THE FAIRS WILL PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 981 STALL SITES FOR THE SELLING OF LUNAR NEW YEAR FLOWERS, TOYS AND REFRESHMENTS.

ALL THE SITES WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC BIDDING NEXT MONTH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OF THE SEVEN FAIRS, THE LARGEST WILL BE IN TSUEN WAN. A TOTAL OF 208 STALL SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

IN YUEN LONG, THE FAIR, WITH 200 STALLS, WILL BE HELD AT THE PEDESTRIAN MALL OPPOSITE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AT TAI YUK ROAD.

IN TAI PO, THERE WILL BE 80 STALLS AT TAI PO PLAYGROUND.

THE TUEN MUN FAIR WITH 120 STALLS WILL BE HELD AT TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND.

THE NORTH DISTRICT FAIR WILL HAVE 113 STALLS AT SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THE KWAI CHUNG FAIR, WITH 112 STALLS, WILL BE STAGED AT KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND.

THE SHA TIN FAIR WILL BE HELD AT YUEN WO ROAD PLAYGROUND. THERE WILL BE 100 FLOWER STALLS AND 48 DRY GOODS STALLS.

THE DATES FOR THE SEPARATE BIDDINGS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL FOR ISLANDERS

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ABOUT 500 ISLANDERS WILL TAKE PART IN A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE CHI YAN PUBLIC SCHOOL ON PENG CHAU.

THE CARNIVAL, HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH-LONG ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, WILL FEATURE AN EXHIBITION OF CRIME PREVENTION DEVICES, PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAYS OF ICAC OPERATIONS, A FILM SHOW ABOUT THE EVILS OF CORRUPTION, AND GAMES STALLS.

WINNING ENTRIES OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME DRAWING, PAINTING AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITIONS WILL ALSO BE PUT ON DISPLAY.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THE DISTRICT AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP; THE DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT (ISLANDS), MR M. HARRIS; REPRESENTATIVES OF ICAC AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR W.P. TONG AND MR S.N. LAU; THE PRESIDENTS OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR W.Y. YOUNG AND MR P.Y. CHAN, TOGETHER WITH THE DISTRICT'S EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW AT 10 AM.

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FOOTBRIDGE FOR WONG CHUK HANG ROAD

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS WONG CHUK HANG ROAD NEAR VITA TOWER IN ORDER TO SEGREGATE THE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

THE FOOTBRIDGE, 26 METRES LONG AND TWO METRES WIDE, WILL PROVIDE SAFE CROSSING FOR PEDESTRIANS AND REDUCE INTERRUPTION TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ALONG THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATIONS) ORDINANCE.

A PLAN OF THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG

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- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE SOUTH DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND AND SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 5, 1985.

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FESTIVE EASTERN LIGHTS

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WITH THE APPROACH OF THE FESTIVE SEASON, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, TODAY WISHED LOCAL RESIDENTS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SPEAKING AT A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF DECORATIVE LIGHTING AT TAIKOO SHING, HE SAID THAT CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN FAMILIES GATHER TO CELEBRATE IN PEACE AND HARMONY.

MR LUI THANKED THE PRIVATE DEVELOPERS IN THE DISTRICT WHO HAD VOLUNTARILY PUT UP SUCH BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS FOR PUBLIC ENJOYMENT.+

THE FESTIVE LIGHTING AT TAIKOO SHING, FEATURING ANGELS AND STARS, WILL BE ON FOR ABOUT A MONTH.

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GAMES HALL FOR TUEN MUN

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GAMES HALL IN TUEN MUN TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE GAMES HALL, TO BE BUILT NEAR TAI HING ESTATE, WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 2 500 SQUARE METRES OF GAMES AREA FOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, GYMNASTICS, JUDO AND DANCING.

THE CONTRACT ALSO INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS, GAMES ROOMS AND OFFICES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY 1985 AND BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR'S TIME.

TENDERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1985.

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REFRESHMENT KIOSKS TO LET
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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SEPARATE TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF TWO REFRESHMENT KIOSKS IN KWAI CHUNG.

ONE OF THE KIOSKS IS AT HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND AND THE OTHER AT WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND.

THE CONTRACTS ARE FOR THREE YEARS, STARTING ON FEBRUARY 1.

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE IN KOWLOON BEFORE 9 AM ON DECEMBER 28 (FRIDAY).

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED AT TELEPHONE 0-209204.

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HK CHINESE ORCHESTRA GIVES CONCERT
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THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE URBAN COUNCIL GAVE A CONCERT AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

ANNIE CHAN, A LOCAL SOPRANO, SANG GAI WENJI WITH THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF LAU CHING-YU (HARP), WONG KUEN (XIAO) AND SHUI WAN-KWAN (GU-ZHENG).

THE ORCHESTRA ALSO PLAYED NG TAI-KONG'S CELEBRATIONS AT ZHOUSHAN, LO LEUNG-FAI'S AUTUMN, AI HUA'S DANCE MUSIC OF THE ZANG NATIONALITY AND LADY GENERAL MU GUI-YANG.

TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THE FESTIVAL, A FINALE CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 8 PM.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR MONG KOK

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A BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO LAUNCH A THREE-MONTH LONG MONG KOK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

THE SEMINAR WILL START AT 10 AM AT THE SAI YEE STREET QUEEN ELIZABETH SECONDARY SCHOOL HALL.

PANELISTS AT THE SEMINAR ARE MR K.H. LI, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE; MR T.K. CHOY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (KOWLOON WEST) OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT; MR T.D.C. GARDINER, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT; MR W.D. CHENG, GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG.

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RESTRICTED ZONE IN TAI PO

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 10), A SECTION OF PLOVER COVE ROAD IN TAI PO WILL BE MADE A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THE SECTION IS BETWEEN PO HEUNG STREET AND TUNG MAU SQUARE.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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MAINS WORK IN SHEUNG WAN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 11) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY 1-71 WING LOK STREET, WING SING STREET, KWONG YUEN STREET EAST, KWONG YUEN STREET WEST, 1-27 BONHAM STRAND AND 175-187 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY (DECEMBER 10 TO 15) BETWEEN 8 AM AND 5 PM.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

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