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A ROYAL OPENING FOR CONVENTION CENTRE

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THE PRINCE OF WALES COMPLETED A ROYAL CONNECTION WITH THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE WHEN HE OFFICIALLY OPENED THE CENTRE IN WAN CHAI TODAY (THURSDAY).

JUST OVER THREE YEARS AGO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE CENTRE DURING HER VISIT TO HONG KONG IN OCTOBER 1986.

THE FIRST STEEL BEAM OF THE PROJECT WAS LAID AT THE SAME TIME AND THE \$2.5 BILLION CENTRE OPENED ON SCHEDULE, JUST OVER TWO YEARS LATER, ON NOVEMBER 25, 1988,

SINCE THEN IT HAS MADE HONG KONG A FOCAL POINT FOR LARGER INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS AND CONVENTIONS.

ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE ROYAL VISIT, THE PRINCESS OF WALES WORE A SILK DRESS WITH STRAIGHT ROYAL BLUE SKIRT AND WHITE BODICE WITH SHORT EGDE TO EDGE WHITE JACKET AND ROYAL BLUE COLLAR AND CUFFS AND ROYAL BLUE SHOES, DESIGNED BY CATHERINE WALKER OF CHELSEA DESIGN.

THE PRINCE OF WALES ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCESS, ARRIVED BY CAR AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CENTRE WHERE HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, DAME LYDIA DUNN, WHO PRESENTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HKTDC, MR JACK SO.

THE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRESENTED HKTDC MEMBERS MR WONG PO-YAN, MR HARI N. HARILELA, MR JACK TANG, MR DENNIS TING AND DR PHILIP Y. WONG.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES TRAVELLED BY ESCALATOR TO THE CONVENTION HALL WHERE DAME LYDIA AND MR SO PRESENTED MR CHENG YU-TUNG, WHOSE COMPANY, NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT CO LTD, DEVELOPED THE CENTRE AND WHOSE FULLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY - THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE (MANAGEMENT) LTD - RUN IT.

ALSO PRESENTED WERE THE PROJECT CONSULTANT AND CHAIRMAN OF C-FIN PROJECTS LTD, MR NORMAN THOMPSON; THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT LTD, MR HENRY CHENG AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE CENTRE, MR GEORGE BLANEY.

AS THE ROYAL PARTY ENTERED THE CONVENTION HALL THE BAND OF THE 1ST BATTALION, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S ROYAL REGIMENT (BERKSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE) PLAYED THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

DAME LYDIA MADE A BRIEF SPEECH OF WELCOME AND INVITED THE PRINCE OF WALES TO ADDRESS THE AUDIENCE.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THEN UNVEILED A COMMEMORATIVE SCULPTURE ENTITLED "CONVENTION" BY AWARD-WINNING, HONG KONG-BORN SCULPTOR ARIES LEE, WHO IS NOW BASED IN JAPAN.

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THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES PROCEEDED BY ESCALATOR TO THE UPPER EXHIBITION HALL TO SEE THE SHOWCASE 89 EXHIBITION.

THE SECOND SUCH ANNUAL EXHIBITION TO BE STAGED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, SHOWCASE 89 HAS ATTRACTED MORE THAN 200 EXHIBITORS, COMPARED WITH 125 LAST YEAR.

IT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING LOCAL CONSUMPTION OF HONG KONG-MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS AND TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSMEN TO TEST THE MARKET POTENTIAL OF THEIR PRODUCTS.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES WERE THE FIRST OF SOME 150,000 VISITORS OVER SIX DAYS WHO WILL BE ABLE TO SEE A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF LOCAL PRODUCTS INCLUDING HIGH FASHION, FUR GARMENTS, JEWELLERY, WATCHES AND CLOCKS, TOYS, GIFTS AND ELECTRONICS.

LAST YEAR'S EXHIBITION ATTRACTED 120,000 VISITORS AND TURNOVER TOTALLED HK\$17 MILLION.

AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE EXHIBITION DAME LYDIA AND MR SO PRESENTED THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HKTDC, MR FRANCIS LO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR MARSHALL CORAZZA, AND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, OPERATIONS, MR DENNIS YAU AND MR ANDREW MA.

THE ROYAL PARTY PROCEEDED TO LEVEL FIVE TO VIEW THE BRITAIN IN HONG KONG EXHIBITION.

ORGANISED BY FAIRS & EXHIBITIONS LTD OF LONDON FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION IS DISPLAYING THE BEST OF BRITISH MANUFACTURING, SERVICES AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY.

AMONG THOSE TAKING PART ARE INCHCAPE PACIFIC GROUP, WHICH HAS TAKEN MASSIVE FLOOR SPACE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS SERVICES AND HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT, BRITISH TELECOM, CABLE AND WIRELESS, BRITISH AIRWAYS, THE BRITISH TOURIST AUTHORITY, LEYLAND DAF, GLAXO, ICI, THE STANDARD CHARTERED BANK AND THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

ON THE ROYAL PARTY'S ARRIVAL THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, AIR COMMODORE VIVIAN WARRINGTON, PRESENTED THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR PETER HEAP.

THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER PRESENTED HIS DEPUTY, MR C.C. HAYWARD; THE CHAIRMAN BRITISH OVERSEAS TRADE BOARD, SIR JAMES CLEMINSON, WHO IS VISITING HONG KONG ESPECIALLY FOR THE EXHIBITION; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CHAIRMAN OF GLAXO (HONG KONG), MR NEIL MAIDMENT; THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS, MISS VIRGINIA KERN AND HER EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, MISS WENDY SANDERS.

AFTER BEING ESCORTED AROUND THE EXHIBITION BY MR HAYWARD THE PRINCESS OF WALES LEFT THE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE FOR CHAK ON HOUSING ESTATE, KOWLOON, WHERE SHE VISITED THE HELPING HAND CARE HOME.

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THE PRINCE OF WALES TOURED ANOTHER EVENT BEING HELD IN THE CENTRE, THE BRITISH EDUCATION EXHIBITION.

HONG KONG SENDS MORE STUDENTS TO BRITAIN THAN ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO BRITAIN'S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE.

THE 1987/88 ACADEMIC YEAR SAW 7,180 HONG KONG STUDENTS IN BRITAIN, 70 PER CENT OF THEM TAKING UNDERGRADUATE COURSES. THIS FAR EXCEEDED THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

AFTER HONG KONG THE MAIN SOURCES OF OVERSEAS STUDENTS IN BRITAIN WERE: MALAYSIA (6,566), USA (5,114), SINGAPORE (1,977), NIGERIA (1,664) AND CHINA (1,074).

TO HELP HONG KONG STUDENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERING STUDYING IN BRITAIN THE BRITISH COUNCIL IS HOLDING THE BRITISH EDUCATION EXHIBITION 1989 ON NOVEMBER 9-12.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS ESCORTED ON HIS TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION BY THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR HEAP, WHO PRESENTED THE DIRECTOR OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL, MR JULIAN DAVEY, WHO, IN TURN, PRESENTED THE BRITISH COUNCIL'S EDUCATION COUNSELLING OFFICER, MR GEORGE O'BRIEN AND THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID LEE.

THE PRINCE OF WALES CUT A RIBBON TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE EXHIBITION.

AFTER SPENDING NEARLY TWO HOURS IN THE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS LEFT BY CAR FOR HMS TAMAR.

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PRINCE PAYS TRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S RESOURCEFULNESS

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THE PRINCE OF WALES PAID TRIBUTE TO THE VIGOUR AND RESOURCEFULNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WHICH HE SAID ARE THE REAL GUARANTEES FOR THE TERRITORY'S PROSPERITY IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS SPEAKING DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID: "ONE OF THE REMARKABLE FEATURES OF HONG KONG IS THE EXTRAORDINARY NUMBER OF MAJOR NEW BUILDINGS AND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS WHICH YOU HAVE CONVENIENTLY UP YOUR SLEEVE IN CASE ANY PASSING ROYAL PERSONAGES MIGHT BE TEMPTED INTO OPENING THEM FOR YOU! DO YOU SAVE THEM UP, I WONDER, FOR A RAINY DAY (ENCOURAGED, PERHAPS, BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY?) OR IS IT JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE ALWAYS FINISHED EARLY? WHATEVER THE CASE, IT CERTAINLY SEEMS AS THOUGH THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB PAYS FOR MOST THINGS AROUND HERE, BUT PROBABLY NOT THIS ONE."

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CONTINUED: "IT IS CERTAINLY A TRIBUTE TO THE VISION, INDUSTRY AND EFFICIENCY OF HONG KONG THAT THIS SPLENDID FACILITY IS NOW COMPLETE AND OPERATIONAL, JUST THREE YEARS AFTER HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I WOULD HARDLY BE SO TACTLESS AS TO IMPART TO YOU MY VIEWS ON THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF THIS REMARKABLE BUILDING - AS ONE OR TWO PEOPLE SEEM TO BE ENCOURAGING ME TO DO! INSTEAD, I WOULD MERELY DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO A RECENT CONTROVERSIAL PUBLICATION BY AN UNKNOWN AUTHOR CALLED WALES. YOU WILL FIND IT CAN BE OBTAINED AT A MOST REASONABLE PRICE FROM ANY REPUTABLE BOOKSHOP!

"THIS CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, THE LARGEST IN ASIA, IS VERY MUCH A SYMBOL OF HONG KONG, AND OF ITS CONFIDENCE TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE. HONG KONG IS UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT INDUSTRIAL CENTRES OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND FINANCE. IT IS VITAL TO ITS FUTURE PROSPERITY THAT IT RETAINS AND DEVELOPS THAT ROLE. THIS NEW CENTRE, WITH ITS TRADE FAIRS, EXHIBITIONS, CONFERENCES AND BUSINESS CONVENTIONS CAN ONLY ADD TO THE ATTRACTIONS THAT HONG KONG OFFERS TO THE WORLD AS A CENTRE OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS. IT MUST BE SIGNIFICANT THAT THE CENTRE WHICH WE ARE OPENING TODAY HAS ALREADY TAKEN BOOKINGS UP TO SEVEN YEARS AHEAD."

THE PRINCE OF WALES ADDED: "IT STRIKES ME THAT THIS NEW CENTRE IS VERY MUCH A SYMBOL OF HONG KONG'S UNIQUE ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE. EVEN THOUGH I HAVE NOT BEEN BACK HERE SINCE MY LAST VISIT TEN YEARS AGO, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOT BE IMPRESSED BY THE VIGOUR AND RESOURCEFULNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY. IT IS THESE QUALITIES THAT ARE THE REAL GUARANTEES FOR HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

"I OFFER MY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CONCEPTION AND COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT AND AM DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM THE MOST COMPLEX PART OF THE WHOLE OPERATION, FOR WHICH YOU REQUIRE YEARS OF CONCENTRATED TRAINING AND A DIPLOMA FROM ONE OF THE LESSER-KNOWN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS - NAMELY TO OPEN THIS CENTRE."

LATER HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS OPENED THE "BRITAIN IN HONG KONG" EXHIBITION.

HE SAID: "BRITAIN AND HONG KONG HAVE HAD A LONG HISTORY TOGETHER AND, AT THE CORE OF THAT ASSOCIATION, HAS BEEN A THRIVING AND VIGOROUS COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP. AMONG THE EXHIBITORS TODAY ARE COMPANIES WHO HAVE PLAYED A LEADING PART IN FORGING THAT LINK OVER A VERY LONG PERIOD.

"I AM DELIGHTED TO BE PRESENT AT THIS DEMONSTRATION OF BRITAIN'S PART IN THE TERRITORY'S REMARKABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TO DECLARE THIS EXHIBITION, 'BRITAIN IN HONG KONG', OPEN."

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PRINCESS OF WALES VISITS THE ELDERLY

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THE PRINCESS OF WALES SAW HOW SOME OF HONG KONG'S ELDERLY ARE CARED FOR WHEN SHE VISITED THE HELPING HAND CARE CENTRE AT CHAK ON ESTATE, KOWLOON, TODAY (THURSDAY).

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS TRAVELLED TO CHAK ON BY CAR AFTER HAVING ATTENDED THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI.

THE CARE HOME AT CHAK ON ESTATE IS ONE OF THE LATEST TO BE OPENED BY HELPING HAND AND CAN HOUSE UP TO 78 OLD PEOPLE.

THE PREMISES WERE PROVIDED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION AND OUTFITTING COSTS WERE MET BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WITH A \$500,000 DONATION FROM THE ZONTA CLUB.

THE THREE SEPARATE PREMISES THAT MAKE UP THE CHAK ON CARE HOME HAVE A TOTAL STAFF OF 35.

ON ARRIVAL AT CHAK ON ESTATE HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS RECEIVED BY THE PROTOCOL OFFICER, AIR COMMODORE VIVIAN WARRINGTON, WHO PRESENTED THE CHAIRMAN OF HELPING HAND, MRS MARGARET CARTER, WHO IN TURN PRESENTED HELPING HAND'S HONORARY ADMINISTRATOR, FATHER SEAN BURKE AND ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DR KALEI INN.

MRS CARTER ESCORTED THE PRINCESS OF WALES TO THE COMMUNITY ROOM FOR A SHORT BRIEFING ON THE HISTORY OF HELPING HAND.

THE EVICTION OF A GROUP OF ELDERLY MEN FROM A DORMITORY IN TSUEN WAN IN 1978 WAS THE SPUR THAT STARTED HELPING HAND. TODAY THE ORGANISATION HAS BECOME A WELL-ESTABLISHED CHARITY PROVIDING A RANGE OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE FOR NEARLY 1,000 OLD PEOPLE.

BETWEEN 1978 AND 1983 HELPING HAND OPENED EIGHT TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA SHELTERS AND PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED ACCOMMODATION FOR MORE THAN 4,000 OLD PEOPLE.

IN 1983, WITH THE HELP OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT; THE ORGANISATION BEGAN TO BUILD PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION IN GOVERNMENT HOUSING ESTATES.

IN 1985, WITH THE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING HOUSING FOR SINGLE, ELDERLY PEOPLE IN ITS NEW HOUSING ESTATES, HELPING HAND TURNED ITS ATTENTION TO THE PROVISION OF PERSONAL AND NURSING CARE FOR ELDERLY NO LONGER ABLE TO CARE FOR THEMSELVES. THIS RESULTED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CARE HOMES WHICH NOW TAKE UP A GREATER PART OF HELPING HAND'S RESOURCES

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BY MARCH THIS YEAR HELPING HAND WAS RUNNING SIX CARE HOMES WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR 228 OLD FOLKS.

HELPING HAND, WHICH STARTED OUT AS A SMALL CHARITABLE ORGANISATION RELYING ON ITS OWN RESOURCES, IS NOW STRONGLY BACKED BY MANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS.

ONE OF THESE IS THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS INTRODUCED THE SUBSIDISED PLACE SCHEME. UNDER THIS SCHEME THE DEPARTMENT SUBSIDISES 80 PER CENT OF THE PLACES AT NEW CARE HOMES IN LAI YIU, CHAK ON AND TAI WO HAU AT THE RATE OF \$1,545 PER PERSON PER MONTH.

THESE HOMES HOUSE PEOPLE IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION WHO ARE DRAWN FROM THE CENTRAL WAITING LIST OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OR ARE REFERRED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THE PUBLIC HAS ALSO RESPONDED WELL TO HELPING HAND AND LAST YEAR ITS LAISEE COOKIE CAMPAIGN, ITS MAIN FUND RAISING DRIVE, REALISED \$1.4 MILLION.

FROM AN ORGANISATION OPERATING FROM A DESK IN THE FOUNDER'S HOME HELPING HAND HAS GROWN SO THAT IT NOW HAS A STAFF OF 160, HEADED BY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

AFTER THE BRIEFING, THE PRINCESS OF WALES SAT WITH ELDERLY RESIDENTS AT A TABLE WHERE THEY WERE WORKING.

THE CHAIRMAN OF HELPING HAND'S FUND RAISING COMMITTEE, MRS DANIELA SHANNON, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOME, MR FUNG AND HIS STAFF WERE PRESENTED TO THE ROYAL VISITOR.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES WALKED ACROSS THE HOUSING ESTATE TO THE WING CHAK HOME WHERE SHE SAW VOLUNTEER MEDICAL OFFICER, DR STEPHEN TSE, GIVING A MEDICAL CHECKUP TO ONE OF THE RESIDENTS. SHE ALSO CHATTED TO RESIDENTS TAKING PART IN THEIR NORMAL DAILY ACTIVITIES.

HELPING HAND'S SECRETARY, MRS JILL JAMES; TREASURER, MR DAVID MACE; ZONTA CLUB PRESIDENT, MISS JANICE CHAN AND HEAD OF SECRETARIAT, ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MR N.C. SUTHERLAND, WERE PRESENTED TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES UNVEILED A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL AT ABERDEEN.

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REGIMENTAL VISIT BY ROYAL COLONEL-IN-CHIEF
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THE PRINCE OF WALES, WHO IS COLONEL-IN-CHIEF OF THE 2ND KING EDWARD VII'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES (THE SIRMOOR RIFLES), VISITED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE REGIMENT'S SECOND BATTALION ON BORDER DUTY TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE ALSO TOURED THE BATTALION'S CAMP AT GALLIPOLI LINES NEAR SHEK KONG AND PRESENTED A CEREMONIAL KUKRI TO THE REGIMENT'S OUTSTANDING SOLDIER.

FOR HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE VISIT WAS A CHANCE TO RENEW AN OLD FRIENDSHIP BECAUSE THE BATTALION'S COMMANDANT, LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHRISTOPHER LAVENDER, IS A FORMER EQUERRY TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.

THE 2ND GURKHAS, AS THEY ARE MORE COMMONLY KNOWN, ARE THE OLDEST GURKHA REGIMENT IN THE BRITISH ARMY, RAISED IN 1815, THE YEAR OF THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO.

IT WAS THE FIRST NON-BRITISH UNIT TO TAKE THE BRITISH SIDE DURING THE INDIAN MUTINY AND ITS REGIMENTAL DAY, DELHI DAY ON SEPTEMBER 14, CELEBRATES ITS HEROIC SERVICE DURING THE SIEGE OF DELHI.

IN MORE RECENT TIMES THE REGIMENT SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN THE MALAYAN EMERGENCY (1948-60), THE BRUNEI REBELLION (1962) AND THE BORNEO CONFRONTATION WITH INDONESIA.

THE PRINCE OF WALES FLEW FROM HMS TAMAR IN A WESSEX HELICOPTER OF 28 SQUADRON, ROYAL AIR FORCE, TO CREST HILL ON THE HONG KONG/CHINA BORDER.

HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE COMMANDANT, LT. COL. LAVENDER, WHO PRESENTED MAJOR (QUEEN'S GURKHA OFFICER) HARIBAHADUR GURUNG. THE OFFICERS BRIEFED THE PRINCE OF WALES ON THE BATTALION'S ROLE ON THE BORDER.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMANDANT, FLEW TO GALLIPOLI LINES WHERE THE COMMANDANT PRESENTED HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND, MAJOR R.H. COLEMAN AND THE ADJUTANT, CAPTAIN I.A. RIGDEN.

AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRESENTED THE PRINCE OF WALES KUKRI TO COLOUR SERGEANT MAHENDRA THAPA.

A LAVISHLY ORNATE VERSION OF THE TRADITIONAL GURKHA KNIFE, THE PRINCE OF WALES KUKRI HAS BEEN PRESENTED ANNUALLY SINCE 1979 TO THE SOLDIER OR SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE FIRST OR SECOND BATTALION WHO IS JUDGED TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE REGIMENT DURING THE YEAR.

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THIS YEAR IT WAS PRESENTED PERSONALLY BY THE PRINCE OF WALES HIMSELF.

AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY, MAJOR (QUEEN'S GURKHA OFFICER) CHINTABHADUR GURUNG PRESENTED THE PRINCE OF WALES WITH A PUCHAI, A NEPALI WOODEN CONTAINER FOR WINE, AS A MEMENTO FROM THE BATTALION.

FOLLOWING HIS TOUR OF GALLIPOLI LINES HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS LUNCHEDED WITH THE BATTALION BEFORE DEPARTING BY HELICOPTER FOR TUEN MUN.

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PRINCESS OF WALES SEES POLICE IN ACTION

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THE PRINCESS OF WALES SAW FIRST HAND WHAT GOES INTO THE MAKING OF A HONG KONG POLICE OFFICER WHEN SHE VISITED THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE'S TRAINING SCHOOL AT WONG CHUK HANG TODAY (THURSDAY).

BESIDES SEEING MALE AND FEMALE OFFICERS UNDERGOING SELF DEFENCE AND WEAPON TRAINING, DRILL AND ASSESSMENT TESTS. HER ROYAL HIGHNESS CHATTED TO POLICE FAMILIES AND WAS ENTERTAINED TO LUNCH IN THE OFFICERS' MESS.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES ARRIVED AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL BY CAR AFTER VISITING THE HELPING HAND CARE HOME AT CHAK ON ESTATE IN KOWLOON.

ON ARRIVAL SHE WAS GIVEN A ROYAL SALUTE BY A QUARTER GUARD AT THE MAIN GATE AND WAS RECEIVED ALONGSIDE THE DRILL SQUARE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING.

THE COMMISSIONER PRESENTED THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER KEITH LOMAS; THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FORCE TRAINING AND COMMANDANT OF THE PTS, ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER BENNY NG CHING-KWOK AND CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR ADMINISTRATION, WOMAN CHIEF INSPECTOR ROSE TONG KIT-LIN.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS SAW TRAINEES TAKING DRILL INSTRUCTION ON THE SQUARE AND OTHER RECRUITS BEING GIVEN AN EXAMINATION IN HANDLING SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVERS, REMINGTON SHOTGUNS, AR15 RIFLES AND SMOKE PISTOLS.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES SAW RECRUITS UNDERGOING PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT TESTS ON HOW TO HANDLE INCIDENTS. SENIOR STAFF OFFICER NIGEL BROOMFIELD OF THE TRAINING DEVELOPMENT DIVISION EXPLAINED THE PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM TO THE ROYAL VISITOR.

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IN THIS INSTANCE RECRUIT POLICE CONSTABLE LAW KWOK-HOI WAS BEING ASSESSED BY INSPECTOR LO CHUEN-MAN ON HIS HANDLING OF A BURGLARY INCIDENT WHILE WOMAN RECRUIT POLICE CONSTABLE FONG SAU-KUEN WAS BEING EXAMINED BY SENIOR INSPECTOR CHAN HO-IP ON HER HANDLING OF A DRUG DEALING INCIDENT.

IN THE GYMNASIUM HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WATCHED RECRUITS PRACTISING AIKIDO. THE FORM OF SELF-DEFENCE ADOPTED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

SHE WAS BRIEFED ON THE SELF-DEFENCE SYSTEM BY STAFF OFFICER, CENTRAL TRAINING SERVICES DIVISION, SUPERINTENDENT BILL FULLERTON. SELF-DEFENCE INSTRUCTORS SERGEANTS LUNG CHUN-FUNG, LEE CHU-MING AND YUEN WING-NGO AND WOMAN SERGEANT LAW LUEN-YING WERE IN CHARGE OF THE TRAINING SESSION.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS ESCORTED TO THE OFFICERS' MESS WHERE THE DEPUTY COMMANDANT, POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT DAVID HUGHES; THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT COLIN WOOD; THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE MESS COMMITTEE (EXECUTIVE), SUPERINTENDENT PAUL CROFT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MESS COMMITTEE (SOCIAL), WOMAN PROBATIONARY INSPECTOR JENNY LAU FUNG-HA, WERE PRESENTED.

DURING PRE-LUNCH DRINKS HER ROYAL HIGHNESS SPOKE TO STAFF AND TRAINEES.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES WAS ESCORTED TO LUNCH BY THE COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMANDANT PTS. THEY WERE CEREMONIALLY PIPED INTO THE DINING ROOM BY PIPE MAJOR HSU YORK-FUNG.

SEATED AT THE TOP TABLE WITH THE ROYAL GUEST-OF-HONOUR WERE THE FORCE'S MOST SENIOR WOMAN OFFICER, CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT FELICIA WONG LEUNG KAM-SHAN; ACTING SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT MRS PEGGY STEVENS, CHAIRMAN OF THE JUNIOR POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION, MR TSUI WAI-CHUN; SENIOR INSPECTOR TING HUNG-KAY, WOMAN POLICE CONSTABLE LAM MING-YIN, A GOLD MEDAL WINNER FROM THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME AND WOMAN SENIOR INSPECTOR BEATRICE WOU TIEN-TCHE OF THE INTERPOL OFFICE.

THE LUNCH MENU FOR 120 GUESTS CONSISTED OF GRAPEFRUIT COCKTAIL, CHICKEN IN BUTTER SAUCE AND STRAWBERRY MELBA.

AFTER LUNCH THE COMMISSIONER ASKED HER ROYAL HIGHNESS TO RECEIVE A SILVER-PLATED, PEWTER FIGURE OF A ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE CONSTABLE AS A MEMENTO.

BEFORE LEAVING BY HELICOPTER FOR TUEN MUN THE PRINCESS OF WALES MET AND TALKED WITH POLICE FAMILIES.

SHE WAS THEN PRESENTED WITH A BOUQUET BY WOMAN RECRUIT POLICE CONSTABLE YENDI FONG SAU-KUEN WHO WAS PRESENTED TO HER EARLIER DURING THE ASSESSMENT DEMONSTRATION.

HER ROUTE TO THE HELICOPTER PAD WAS LINED BY STAFF, TRAINEES AND RESIDENTS OF THE POLICE MARRIED QUARTERS.

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TUEN MUN ON DISPLAY FOR ROYAL VISITORS

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TUEN MUN PUT ON ITS BRIGHTEST FACE TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES VISITED THE NEW TOWN FOR THE CLOSING CEREMONY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE ACCENT WAS ON YOUTH AS THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES WATCHED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SING, GIVE DANCING PERFORMANCES AND TAKE PART IN SPORTS AND GAMES BEFORE THE ROYAL VISITORS.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES ARRIVED SEPARATELY BY HELICOPTER AFTER COMPLETING THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMES IN THE MORNING.'

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS HAD BEEN VISITING THE 2ND BATTALION, 2ND KING EDWARD VII'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES WHILE THE PRINCESS OF WALES HAD TOURED THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL AT WONG CHUK HANG.

FROM THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, WHERE THEIR WESSEX HELICOPTERS OF 28 SQUADRON, ROYAL AIR FORCE HAD LANDED, THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES TRAVELLED BY CAR TO THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL WHERE THEY WERE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DONALD LIAO POON-HUAI, WHO PRESENTED THE REGIONAL SECRETARY, NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU.

MR LIAO AND MR HSU THEN PRESENTED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU WONG-FAT; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL, MR CHAN TIN-SANG, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR H.H.T. BARMA AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER TUEN MUN, MR JOHN WAN.

AS A CLOUD OF BALLOONS WERE RELEASED THE TUEN MUN CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGAN THEIR PERFORMANCE. THE ROYAL VISITORS WALKED TO THE SOUTHERN END OF THE TOWN HALL CONCOURSE WHERE THEY SAW LOCAL RESIDENTS PERFORMING AEROBIC AND MORRIS DANCING.

AT AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES WERE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES SEPARATELY WALKED THROUGH A CARNIVAL AND GAMES STALL AREA, PAUSING TO CHAT TO SOME OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT PLAY.

THE ROYAL COUPLE MET LATER AT AN ADJACENT GARDEN TO SEE A COLLECTION OF BONSAI FROM CHING CHUNG MONASTERY. THERE CHIEF PASTOR OF CHING CHUNG MONASTERY, MR HAU PO-WOON, WAS PRESENTED TO THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES LEFT BY CAR FOR THE TANG SHUI KIN SPORTS GROUND WHERE THE PRINCESS OF WALES BOARDED A HELICOPTER TO FLY BACK TO HMS TAMAR.

THE PRINCE OF WALES, ACCOMPANIED BY MR DONALD LIAO, DEPARTED BY CAR FOR SHUI TAU VILLAGE.

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PRINCE OF WALES SEES THE OLD NEW TERRITORIES

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FROM VISITING TUEN MUN, ONE OF HONG KONG'S NEWEST TOWNS, THE PRINCE OF WALES TODAY (THURSDAY) TRAVELLED A FEW MILES BY CAR AND CENTURIES BACK IN HISTORY WHEN HE VISITED TWO OF ITS OLDEST VILLAGES, SHUI TAU AND SHUI MEI.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS VISITED SEPTUAGENARIAN MADAM TANG MOK YING AT NO 35, SHUI TAU TSUEN, A VILLAGE WHICH PRE-DATES BY CENTURIES THE FOUNDING OF MODERN HONG KONG.

MADAM TANG'S FAMILY ARE PART OF THE TANG CLAN WHOSE ANCESTOR TANG FU-HIP SETTLED IN THE KAM TIN AREA IN 1105 AD. (OR, ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR ABOUT THE SECOND TO FIFTH YEAR OF SHUNG NING ERA OF THE EMPEROR OF FAI CHUNG OF THE SUNG DYNASTY).

THE TANGS HAD A CLOSE BLOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SUNG EMPERORS AND TANG FU-HIP'S GRANDSON MARRIED A SISTER OF THE EMPEROR GAO ZUNG.

TODAY THE TANGS ARE ONE OF THE FAMOUS CLANS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TWIN VILLAGES OF SHUI TAU AND SHUI MEI ARE PART OF THE KAM TIN HEUNG (OR GROUP OF VILLAGES) OCCUPIED BY THE TANG CLAN.

THE PRINCE OF WALES ARRIVED BY CAR FROM TUEN MUN ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DONALD LIAO POON-HUAI, WHO PRESENTED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, MR. TAI KUEN; THE DISTRICT OFFICER YUEN LONG, MR ROBIN IP; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KAM TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. TANG CHI-LEUNG AND VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES MR TANG KWOK-CHAI, MR TANG KAM-LEUNG AND MR TAM TIM-KAU.

THE ROYAL PARTY BEGAN THEIR TOUR OF THE VILLAGE AT THE TANG CHUN-YUI KUEN CHI (OR ANCESTRAL HALL), BUILT IN THE HONG HEI ERA (1662-1722) OF THE CHING DYNASTY IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE THREE SONS, CHUN, YUI AND KUEN, OF MR TANG HUNG-YEE, THE GREAT GRAND ANCESTOR OF THE TANG CLAN.

IT WAS BUILT IN AN AUSPICIOUS PLACE WHERE VILLAGERS BELIEVED IT WOULD BRING GREAT PROSPERITY FOR THE CLAN.

IT WAS THE MAIN ANCESTRAL HALL FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE VILLAGES OF SHUI TAU, TAI HONG WAI, CHI TONG TSUEN AND KIT HING WAI.

THE HALL, NOW USED FOR LOCAL CELEBRATIONS, HAS IN THE PAST BEEN USED AS A TUTORIAL SCHOOL AND A MEETING HALL.

IT WAS REDECORATED IN 1980, BUT MOST OF THE ART AND CRAFT WORK, OF WHICH THE VILLAGERS ARE JUSTLY PROUD, REMAINED UNCHANGED.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS THEN ESCORTED TO THE TANG CHING-LOK CHI ANCESTRAL HALL IN SHUI MEI VILLAGE. THE HALL WAS BUILT BETWEEN THE END OF THE MING DYNASTY AND THE BEGINNING OF THE CHING DYNASTY (APPROXIMATELY 1640-1644 AD) BY THE GREAT-GRANDSONS OF TANG CHING-LOK WHO DIED A VERY WEALTHY MAN.

IT WAS THE ANCESTRAL HALL OF SHUI MEI, WING LUNG WAI, KO PO, KAT HING WAI AND CHI TONG TSUEN VILLAGES WHO USED IT TO WORSHIP THEIR ANCESTORS AND FOR THE TRADITIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF PORK TO MALE DESCENDANTS AT FESTIVALS

IT WAS ALSO USED AS A COURT AND A SCHOOL AND IS NOW USED AS A PUBLIC MEETING PLACE.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CALLED ON MADAM TANG AT NO 35, SHUI TAU. THE HOUSE IS BETWEEN 100 AND 200 YEARS OLD AND IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE TRADITIONAL NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGE-TYPE ARCHITECTURE. THE ROOF WAS BUILT OF TILES IN A SLIDING DESIGN IN A STYLE KNOWN IN CHINESE AS THE "PYRAMID ROOF OF TILES.

THE HOUSE OWNERS, MR. TANG CHI-FAN AND HIS FAMILY, LIVE MAINLY IN ENGLAND, WHERE THEY ARE IN BUSINESS, AND KEEP THE HOUSE FOR THEIR VISITS TO HONG KONG. IT IS OCCUPIED BY MR TANG CHI-FAN'S MOTHER MADAM TANG MOK YING, WHO IS OVER 70 YEARS OLD AND WHO IS BEING CARED FOR BY HER YOUNGEST SON, MR. TANG YAN-MAU AND HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, MADAM TANG KONG YUN-GUI WHO LIVE NEARBY.

DURING HIS BRIEF STAY IN THE HOUSE, THE PRINCE OF WALES SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE CHINESE COOKING UTENSILS. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS SIGNED TWO FIRST DAY COVERS FOR THE TANGS.

BEFORE LEAVING, THE PRINCE OF WALES WAS GIVEN A LUCKY PACKET (LAI SEE) CONTAINING TWO CHINESE COINS ISSUED DURING THE ERA OF EMPEROR QIANLONG OF CHING DYNASTY.

THE PRINCE OF WALES CONTINUED HIS WALK THROUGH THE VILLAGE DURING WHICH HE WAVED TO THE VILLAGERS ALONG THE ROUTE AND GREETED THEM IN CANTONESE "NEI HO MA?" (HOW ARE YOU?). HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS LATER VISITED THE SO LAU YUEN OR HALL, BUILT IN THE CHING DYNASTY (1614-1911) AS A PRIVATE STUDY HALL. IT WAS LATER USED AS A SCHOOL AND FOR THE PRACTICE OF KUNG FU. IT WAS ALSO USED AS A COURT WHERE VISITING MAGISTRATES SETTLED VILLAGE DISPUTES.

IT IS NOW USED AS A VILLAGE MEETING PLACE AND AS A VENUE FOR PARTIES AND LOCAL CELEBRATIONS.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS BRIEFED ON THE HISTORY OF THE HALL AND SAW EXHIBITS OF OLD FARMING EQUIPMENT.

THE PRINCE OF WALES LEFT SHUI TAU BY CAR FOR BORNEO LINES IN SHEK KONG WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE COMMANDER ROYAL AIR FORCE GROUP CAPTAIN D.J. HAMILTON RUMP, RAF, WHO PRESENTED THE OFFICER COMMANDING 28 SQUADRON, SQUADRON LEADER G. R. EVANS, RAF.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS LEFT IN A RAF WESSEX HELICOPTER FOR HMS TAMAR.

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PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES ENTERTAIN ON BRITANNIA
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AFTER THE HECTIC SECOND FULL DAY OF THEIR VISIT TO HONG KONG THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES ENTERTAINED 180 OF THE LOCAL CITIZENRY AT A DINNER AND AT A RECEPTION ON BOARD HER MAJESTY'S YACHT BRITANNIA THIS EVENING (THURSDAY).

THIRTY GUESTS WHO JOINED THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES FOR DINNER REPRESENTED SEVERAL WALKS OF LIFE AND OCCUPATIONS IN THE TERRITORY.

THEY INCLUDED A FASHION DESIGNER, A CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE, ACADEMICS, A BROADCASTER, BASIC LAW DRAFTERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS.

AFTER DINNER THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES ENTERTAINED 150 GUESTS AT A RECEPTION ON THE ROYAL YACHT.

LATER IN THE EVENING THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES AND THEIR GUESTS WATCHED FROM THE DECK OF THE BRITANNIA AS THE BAND OF THE ROYAL MARINES GAVE A DISPLAY ON THE JETTY AT HMS TAMAR.

THE BAND DISPLAY IS A FEATURE OF ANY ROYAL VISIT IN WHICH HMY BRITANNIA IS INVOLVED.

THE LAST SUCH DISPLAY WAS GIVEN DURING THE QUEEN'S VISIT IN OCTOBER 1986.

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PRINCESS OF WALES BIDS FAREWELL TO HONG KONG
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AT THE END OF HER BUSY VISIT TO HONG KONG THE PRINCESS OF WALES LEFT THE TERRITORY FOR LONDON TONIGHT (THURSDAY) ON BOARD CATHAY PACIFIC FLIGHT CX 251.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS TRAVELLED FROM HMS TAMAR BY CAR TO HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHERE SHE WAS RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON.

AT THE AIRBRIDGE TO THE PLANE THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON, THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, AIR COMMODORE V.L. WARRINGTON AND THE GOVERNOR'S AIDE-DE-CAMP, SUPERINTENDENT GILES RUSSELL, TOOK THEIR LEAVE.

ACCOMPANYING HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ON THE FLIGHT WAS HER LADY-IN-WAITING, VISCOUNTESS CAMPDEN AND HER EQUERRY, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER PATRICK JEPHSON, RN, AND MEMBERS OF HER HOUSEHOLD.

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ROYAL TOUR ENDS WITH WESTERN WALKABOUT

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THE PRINCE OF WALES'S FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG WILL END TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WITH A WALKABOUT IN WESTERN DURING WHICH HE WILL VISIT CHINESE MEDICINE AND DRIED SEAFOOD SHOPS.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL SAMPLE CHIU CHOW TEA AND EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND SCENTS THAT MAKE UP ONE OF THE OLDEST PARTS OF HONG KONG.

THE WESTERN WALKABOUT WILL BE A SHARP CONTRAST TO HIS FIRST OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENT OF THE DAY, A VISIT TO THE JAGUAR CAR EXHIBITION IN THE LANDMARK.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL TRAVEL FROM HMS TAMAR TO THE LANDMARK BY CAR ACCOMPANIED BY THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER IN HONG KONG, MR P.W. HEAP.

THE NEW CARS ON SHOW WILL INCLUDE A SOVEREIGN 4.0 SALOON, A DAIMLER, AN XJS CONVERTIBLE, A JAGUAR 2.9 LITRE AND AN XJS 3.6.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE DES VOEUX ROAD ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING THE PRINCE OF WALES WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON.

MR HEAP WILL PRESENT MR CHARLES MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF INCHCAPE PACIFIC; MR STUART ROBINSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE JAGUAR HONG KONG; VISCOUNT ERRINGTON, MANAGING DIRECTOR INCHCAPE CHINA LTD; MR ROGER PUTNAM, SALES AND MARKETING DIRECTOR OF JAGUAR CARS UK AND JAGUAR CARS UK'S AND DIRECTOR OVESEAS SALES, MR NIGEL HESLOP.

FROM THE LANDMARK THE PRINCE OF WALES WILL TRAVEL BY CAR ALONG DES VOEUX ROAD TO AN AREA KNOWN AS THE NAM PAK HONG, WHICH HAS BEEN A BUSINESS CENTRE SINCE HONG KONG WAS FOUNDED AS A TRADING PORT IN 1842.

THE NAM PAK HONG IS A CLUSTER OF SHOPS ALONG A FEW NARROW STREETS OCCUPIED BY BONHAM STRANDS EAST AND WEST AND WING LOK STREET IN SHEUNG WAN.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL CALL IN THE SHOP OF CHIU KWONG LEE CO LTD WHERE THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR CHIU KWONG-HOI WILL OFFER HIS ROYAL VISITOR CHIU CHOW TEA AND EXPLAIN SOME OF THE TRADITIONAL MEDICINES ON DISPLAY.

THE PRINCE OF WALES WILL ALSO VISIT THE SHOP NEXT DOOR, PAK CHEONG TONG, OWNED BY MR TSANG SAU-YUEN.

THE PRINCE OF WALES WILL WALK ALONG BONHAM STRAND WEST TO DES VOEUX ROAD, AN AREA KNOWN FOR ITS DRIED SEAFOOD SHOPS, AND CALL IN AT ONE OF THEM, FOOK SHING.

AFTER HIS HOUR-LONG STROLL THROUGH WESTERN, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL LEAVE BY CAR FOR HMS TAMAR WHERE HE WILL BOARD HMY BRITANNIA.

AT 1 PM THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WILL BOARD THE BRITANNIA TO BID FAREWELL TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS BEFORE THE ROYAL YACHT SAILS AT 2 PM AT THE END OF THE FOUR-DAY ROYAL TOUR.

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SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE ROYAL VISIT TO WESTERN DISTRICT

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BUS AND TRAM PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO NOTE SERVICE CHANGES ARISING FROM THE VISIT TO WESTERN DISTRICT BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING.

TRAMS WILL OPERATE NORMALLY UNTIL 9.30 AM BUT FROM THEN UNTIL ABOUT 12 NOON TRAM OPERATION BETWEEN MARKET AND CENTRE STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

BUS SERVICES WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED FROM THE EASTERN END OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST BETWEEN 8 AM AND 12 NOON, AND BUS PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO READ NOTICES ON BUS STOPS FOR DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL SERVICE DIVERSIONS.

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GLOBAL FREE TRADE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE ECONOMY

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AS PAST DEVELOPMENTS HAVE CLEARLY SHOWN, GLOBAL FREE TRADE IS THE BEST POSSIBLE FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO BUILD THE FUTURE ECONOMIC PROGRESS OF HONG KONG, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON FOR THE PRESIDENTS OF THE OVERSEAS HONG KONG ASSOCIATIONS, SIR PIERS SAID HONG KONG WAS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO FREE TRADE AND THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM EMBODIED IN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

"OUR OPEN MARKET POLICY APPLIES TO TRADE IN GOODS, FINANCIAL AND OTHER SERVICES, AS WELL AS INVESTMENTS IN INDUSTRIES," HE SAID.

HONG KONG, WITH ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION, HIGHLY EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, OCCUPIED A PLACE OF IMPORTANCE IN THE INCREASINGLY PROSPEROUS ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, SIR PIERS NOTED.

"THIS RELATIONSHIP IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT IN VIEW OF HONG KONG'S UNIQUE POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS CHINA'S OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

"WITH OUR LONG EXPERIENCE AND PROVEN EXPERTISE IN TRADING AND OUR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF CHINA, WE HAVE A LOT TO OFFER TO WESTERN TRADERS WHO ARE KEEN ON DEVELOPING THE POTENTIALLY VAST CHINESE MARKET," HE SAID.

SIR PIERS TOLD THE OVERSEAS VISITORS THAT THE IMPACT OF RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA ON OUR ECONOMY HAD BEEN TEMPORARY.

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"THE FUNDAMENTAL ATTRACTIONS OF HONG KONG AS A PLACE FOR BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT REMAIN UNSHAKEN," HE SAID.

CITING EXAMPLES OF NEW INVESTMENTS, HE SAID FIVE CONSORTIA BID FOR THE LARGEST SITE EVER SOLD IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TOWARDS THE END OF JULY AND IT WAS A CLOSE CONTEST WON BY A BID OF US\$350 MILLION.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE WAS THE SECURING OF A US\$1.35 BILLION LOAN BY THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS TO CONSTRUCT TWO NEW CONTAINER TERMINALS. THE LOAN SYNDICATE INVOLVED U.S., JAPANESE AND HONG KONG INTERESTS.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THE FRANCHISE TO BUILD AND OPERATE THE WORLD'S BIGGEST CABLE TELEVISION NETWORK IN HONG KONG BROUGHT TOGETHER CODITEL OF BELGIUM, U.S. WEST AND HONG KONG INTERESTS WHICH WILL BE INVESTING US\$700 MILLION IN BUILDING THIS SYSTEM.

"OTHER MAJOR INVESTMENTS INCLUDE A US\$15 MILLION SEMI-CONDUCTOR ASSEMBLY HOUSE WITH EUROPEAN AND SINGAPORE INTERESTS, A US\$21 MILLION JOINT VENTURE INVOLVING THE BRITISH ICI GROUP, MORE THAN US\$10 MILLION TO BE PUT IN BY THE DAIDO CONCRETE COMPANY TO EXPAND ITS PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN ONE OF OUR INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AND THE SETTING UP OF A MANUFACTURING AND SERVICING COMPANY BY THE NEC CORPORATION IN HONG KONG FOR THEIR PERSONAL COMPUTERS, DISK DRIVES AND PRINTERS," HE SAID.

SIR PIERS SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, APART FROM MAINTAINING A SOUND TRADING FOUNDATION, WAS TAKING CONCRETE STEPS IN THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF HONG KONG'S INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS.

THE DECISION TO REPLACE THE EXISTING AIRPORT AT KAI TAK WITH A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK WAS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR A MASSIVE EXPANSION OF OUR PORT AND AIRPORT FACILITIES TO COPE WITH HONG KONG'S RAPIDLY GROWING ROLE AS ENTREPOT AND REGIONAL HUB, HE SAID.

"THE TOTAL INVESTMENT, WHICH WILL COMPRISE BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MONIES, IS ESTIMATED TO BE IN THE ORDER OF SOME US\$16 BILLION.

"WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN BOTH THE REGIONAL AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY. THERE ARE TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTORS IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"MEMBERS OF THE OVERSEAS HONG KONG ASSOCIATIONS, ALL OF WHOM HAVE CLOSE BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH HONG KONG, HAVE ACTUALLY EXPERIENCED THIS FIRST HAND.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT YOUR ASSOCIATIONS WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN FURTHER STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRIES AND HONG KONG. WE WELCOME AND TREASURE THESE RELATIONSHIPS AND WE HOPE THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO GROW TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT," HE ADDED.

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INCREASED SPENDING ON SOCIAL WELFARE

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THE GOVERNMENT'S TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF \$5,000 MILLION FOR WELFARE SERVICES IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR IS IMPRESSIVE BY ANY STANDARD. THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SUM ALSO REPRESENTED A RISE OF ABOUT 26 PER CENT OVER THAT IN THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR, SHE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH, MRS WONG EXPLAINED THAT THE SUM COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF WELFARE SERVICES INCLUDING THOSE FOR OFFENDERS, YOUNG PEOPLE, THE ELDERLY, FAMILY WELFARE, REHABILITATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS.

IT ALSO COVERED CAPITAL AND RECURRENT EXPENDITURE, INCLUDING SUBVENTIONS TO 157 VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT SPENDING ON SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES HAD RISEN SIX TIMES OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE IN TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE OF ONLY FOUR TIMES IN THE SAME PERIOD.

MENTIONING THE CHANGES IN THE SHARING OF THE OVERALL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND IN RELATION TO GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) IN THE LAST DECADE, MRS WONG NOTED THAT IN 1979-80 SOCIAL WELFARE ACCOUNTED FOR 4.6 PER CENT OF TOTAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING WHICH IN TURN REPRESENTED ABOUT 15 PER CENT OF GDP.

AT PRESENT, IT HAD GRADUALLY INCREASED TO 6.3 PER CENT OF TOTAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING WHICH REPRESENTED 16 PER CENT OF GDP.

SHE SAID: "THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT OUR RATE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE PAST DECADE HAS PRODUCED A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING FOR OUR COMMUNITY, WITH CORRESPONDINGLY HIGHER SOCIAL ASPIRATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS.

"IN KEEPING PACE WITH THESE CHANGES, WE HAVE THEREFORE WITNESSED THE STEADY DEVELOPMENT OF A DIVERSE RANGE OF WELFARE SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

"THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES DEPEND ON BOTH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY, AND THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL BUDGETARY SITUATION AS WELL AS DEPARTMENTAL PRIORITIES.

"ALTHOUGH RESOURCES ARE NOT UNLIMITED, THE PUBLIC'S EXPECTATIONS TEND TO GO ON INCREASING.

"FOR THIS REASON, THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO, WITHIN THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE, PLAN AND SET PRIORITIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CHANGING NEEDS OF SOCIETY."

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MRS WONG SAID THAT MORE THAN 85 PER CENT OF THE PRESENT RECURRENT EXPENDITURE WENT ON YOUNG PEOPLE, THE ELDERLY, AND REHABILITATION AS WELL AS FAMILY WELFARE. AND THE FIRST THREE FIELDS HAD ENJOYED A SHARP RISE IN PRIORITIES.

"THIS SHIFT IN EMPHASIS HAS BEEN NECESSARY AS THE PUBLIC IS NO LONGER SATISFIED WITH BASIC SERVICES.

"DEMANDS FOR SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES HAVE BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED, MATCHING THE DEVELOPMENTS OF SOCIETY ITSELF." SHE SAID.

ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. MRS WONG COMMENTED: "WE NEED TO SET OUR SIGHTS HIGH, OUR SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL AND OUR FEET ON THE GROUND.

"IN THE YEARS AHEAD, WE WILL NOT ONLY CAST OUR VISION TO THE YEARS AHEAD BUT ALSO CRITICALLY RE-EXAMINE OUR PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIES TO ENSURE THAT THE LEVEL OF OUR SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES REMAINS IN TUNE WITH THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S SOCIETY."

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GOVT DECIDES NO CHARGE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT, AS AT PRESENT, NO CHARGE SHOULD BE LEVIED FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES, INCLUDING NON-EMERGENCY REMOVALS, AFTER CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE AMBULANCE SERVICE REVIEW STEERING GROUP.

WHEN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE REVIEW OF AMBULANCE SERVICES IN 1987, IT ADVISED THE REVIEW STEERING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF CHARGING FOR NON-EMERGENCY REMOVALS AND TO REPORT BACK, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE REVIEW STEERING GROUP HAS EXAMINED THE QUESTION OF THE ABUSE AND MISUSE OF AMBULANCE SERVICES, AND CONDUCTED THREE SURVEYS TO COLLECT STATISTICS ON NON-EMERGENCY REMOVALS, ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVING HOMES FOR THE AGED AND PRIVATE HOSPITAL ESTABLISHMENTS, HE SAID.

HAVING EXAMINED THE PRESENT AMBULANCE SERVICES AND THE ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST CHARGING, THE REVIEW STEERING GROUP HAS CONCLUDED THAT NO CHARGE SHOULD BE LEVIED FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES, INCLUDING NON-EMERGENCY REMOVALS.

THE STEERING GROUP HAS FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE MISUSE OF AMBULANCES, AND TO DRAW UP ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FOR AMBULANCE STAFF, MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF AND SOCIAL WORKERS FOR NON-EMERGENCY REMOVALS.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REZONING OF LAND USE
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LAND USE IN AREA 16 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WILL MEAN THE RELOCATION OF A POTENTIALLY POLLUTING INDUSTRIAL AREA AWAY FROM MAJOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS A PAPER CONCERNING THE EFFECTS OF EXHAUST GAS EMITTED FROM ROAD WASHING VEHICLES ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND ON VISIBILITY.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONAL RAMPS TO THE TWO FOOTBRIDGES LINKING SHAN KING ESTATE TO THE INDUSTRIAL AREA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

MISFIRED FIREWORKS WARNING
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE URGED NOT TO TAMPER WITH UNKNOWN OBJECTS FOUND ON BEACHES OR ALONG THE COASTAL AREAS.

A TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT FOLLOWING A DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS OFF THE COAST OF TUEN MUN THIS EVENING, SOME MISFIRED SHELLS MIGHT BE WASHED ASHORE ALONG THE COASTAL AREAS OF TUEN MUN AND SOME MIGHT REACH OTHER BEACHES IN THE TERRITORY.

"THE BALL-SHAPED FIREWORKS COULD CAUSE GRAVE INJURIES TO NEARBY PERSONS IF SET OFF," HE WARNED.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY IF SIMILAR OBJECTS ARE SEEN ON BEACHES, AND NOT ATTEMPT TO TOUCH THEM.

THEY CAN ALSO CONTACT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S MINES DIVISION ON TEL. 3-7332356 OR 3-7332358 FOR THE REMOVAL OF SUCH OBJECTS.

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KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL TO START ON SATURDAY

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THE MONTH-LONG KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL KICK OFF WITH A SOCCER TOURNAMENT BETWEEN WOMEN TEAMS FROM GUANGDONG, TAIWAN AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 11) AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT; AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SPORTS FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL ALSO FORM A TEAM TO TAKE PART IN A HALF-HOUR FOOTBALL MATCH AGAINST A TEAM OF DISC-JOCKEYS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND (NEAR KWAI FONG MTR STATION) ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 11).

THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 1.30 PM.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO FUN, GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT AT A CARNIVAL AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12).

THE FOUR-HOUR CARNIVAL WILL START AT 1 PM. IT IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH-LONG SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, AND WILL INVOLVE GAME STALLS, ARTS AND CRAFTS STALLS, AND A VARIETY SHOW.

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY FILM AND TELEVISION ARTISTS, INCLUDING LO HOI-PANG, A SONG REQUEST PROGRAMME TO BE HOSTED BY DISC JOCKEY YU SIU-KEI, SINGING BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AND A TAEKWONDO DEMONSTRATION BY MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

A TOTAL OF 16 GAME STALLS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE CARNIVAL BY THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS BY ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN OF HOW TO MAKE GRASSHOPPERS AND RIBBON FLOWERS, AS WELL AS DEMONSTRATIONS IN CALLIGRAPHY AND PAPER-FOLDING.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS WILL INCLUDE PALM READING, PORTRAIT SKETCHING AND CHINESE CHESS DEMONSTRATION STALLS.

ADMISSION IS FREE. TICKETS FOR STALL GAMES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT ABERDEEN CENTRE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, WAH FU ESTATE AND LEI TUNG ESTATE.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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CLEANLINESS DRAWING COMPETITION IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP IS ORGANISING A DRAWING COMPETITION ON NOVEMBER 26 TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND FROM 1.15 PM TO 1.55 PM THAT DAY.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS -- THE JUNIOR SECTION FOR THOSE AGED UNDER 10 AND THE SENIOR SECTION FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 10 AND 14.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 37-39 TONKIN STREET AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. THE FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE NOVEMBER 20.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD REPORT TO THE ORGANISERS AT 1 PM ON NOVEMBER 26. THEY WILL HAVE TO BRING ALONG THEIR OWN DRAWING AND COLOUR MATERIALS, WHILE DRAWING PAPER WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISERS.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON THE SAME DAY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY PERFORMANCES BY YOUTH GROUPS.

GAMES STALLS WILL ALSO BE SET UP AT THE VENUE TO DRIVE HOME CLEAN HONG KONG MESSAGES.

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READING AWARD SCHEME FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

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THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS C.H. KONG, TODAY (THURSDAY) CALLED ON SECONDARY 1 TO 5 STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE 1990 READING AWARD SCHEME HELD BETWEEN DECEMBER AND MAY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MRS KONG SAID THE READING AWARD SCHEME AIMED TO HELP STUDENTS TO DEVELOP GOOD READING HABITS AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE SKILLS, AND TO PROMOTE THE USE OF LIBRARY RESOURCES.

THE 1990 AWARD SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO READ NO FEWER THAN 10 BOOKS INCLUDING AT LEAST THREE ENGLISH AND THREE CHINESE BOOKS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SCHEME. THEY HAVE TO COMPLETE A BOOK RECORD FORM AFTER READING EACH BOOK AND WRITE A REPORT IN EITHER ENGLISH OR CHINESE ON ONE OF THE BOOKS.

MRS KONG SAID SECONDARY 1 TO 3 STUDENTS IN THE JUNIOR SECTION OF THE CONTEST SHOULD SEND IN AN ESSAY TYPE REPORT IN 400 TO 700 WORDS, WHILE SECONDARY 4 AND 5 STUDENTS IN THE SENIOR SECTION SHOULD SENT ONE IN 700 TO 1,000 WORDS.

TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WRITERS OF THE THREE BEST BOOK REPORTS IN BOTH THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH CATEGORIES OF THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR SECTIONS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS.

THE TOP THREE WINNERS OF EACH CATEGORY WILL ALSO BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS OF \$2,000, \$1,500 AND \$1,000 RESPECTIVELY, WHILE 10 OTHER STUDENTS WHOSE REPORTS RECEIVE HIGH COMMENDATION WILL BE PRESENTED BOOK COUPONS WORTH \$300 AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO ENTRANTS WHOSE BOOK REPORTS ARE COMMENDABLE.

STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRIES TO THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE MAY 25 NEXT YEAR. ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ASSESSED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES AND AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN JULY NEXT YEAR.

MRS KONG SAID AS IN THE 1988 AND 1989 CONTESTS, THE WINNING BOOK REPORTS IN THE 1990 CONTEST WOULD BE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR REFERENCE.

IN 1988, A TOTAL OF 25,000 STUDENTS FROM 186 SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE READING AWARD SCHEME. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART IN THE 1989 CONTEST WAS INCREASED TO 27,000 AND THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS TO 194.

ALSO ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY WAS THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MRS JUSTINA LEUNG.

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ROVING EXHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT LAWS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL STAGE A MOBILE EXHIBITION IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO PROMOTE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF EMPLOYMENT LAWS.

ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT PUBLICISING AMONG THE PUBLIC THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE STATUTORY ENTITLEMENTS OF WORKERS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL DESCRIBE, IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE AND INTERESTING CARTOONS, PROVISIONS IN THE ORDINANCE OF INTEREST TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THESE INCLUDE REST DAY, STATUTORY HOLIDAY, PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, SICKNESS ALLOWANCE, MATERNITY PROTECTION AND END-OF-YEAR PAYMENT.

IT WILL ALSO FEATURE A QUIZ ON EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION WITH A LUCKY DRAW FOR SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPANTS.

LABOUR DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES ON EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR RELATIONS MATTERS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL FIRST BE HELD AT THE EMPIRE CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST FROM TOMORROW TO SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12), BEFORE MOVING TO BUTTERFLY ESTATE IN TUEN MUN FROM NOVEMBER 17 TO 19 AND CHEUNG HONG ESTATE ON TSING YI FROM NOVEMBER 24 TO 26.

OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9.30 AM TO 5.30 PM.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN SHEUNG SHUI TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF OVER FLAT A, SECOND FLOOR, 58 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

THE CLOSURE FORMS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN SEPTEMBER REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 8 NEXT YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURE TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN TSING YI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 11). THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN TSING YI WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY:

- * A SECTION OF THE ACCESS ROAD AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE TSING YI ESTATE BUS TERMINUS BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TSING LUK STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION: AND
- * A SECTION OF THE ACCESS ROAD AT THE EXIT OF THE TSING YI ESTATE BUS TERMINUS BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TSING LUK STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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PLB BAN ZONE IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 11). THE SECTION OF WING SHUN STREET IN KWAI CHUNG FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD 25/2 UNDERNEATH TSING TSUEN BRIDGE TO ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI HEI STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS BAN ZONE.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE AREA 24 HOURS DAILY.

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