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BUDGET DAY ON WEDNESDAY

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HONG KONG'S BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1982-83 WILL BE PRESENTED TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 24).

THE PROCEEDINGS WILL START AT 2.30 PM WHEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON JOHN BREMIDGE MOVES THE FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1982 AND OUTLINES HONG KONG'S ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1982-83.

THE ESTIMATED HEADS OF EXPENDITURE WILL BE SET OUT IN THE SCHEDULE OF THE BILL TO BE PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE AT 2.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WILL BE ADJOURNED UNTIL MARCH 24 AND 25 WHEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE BUDGET PROPOSALS.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES ON APRIL 14. IF NECESSARY, THE DEBATE WILL CONTINUE THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING OF THE BILL ON MAY 5.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE PROCEEDINGS WILL BE COMPREHENSIVELY COVERED BY THE MASS MEDIA.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON WEDNESDAY WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE OVER RTHK'S RADIO 1 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 3 (ENGLISH).

RTHK WILL ALSO BROADCAST LIVE THE OTHER BUDGET SITTINGS ON MARCH 24 AND 25, APRIL 14, 15 (IF NECESSARY) AND MAY 1 ON RADIO 1 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 3 (ENGLISH).

THE BUDGET SITTINGS WILL ALSO BE COVERED, IN NORMAL NEWS CASTS AND BULLETINS OF RTHK, COMMERCIAL RADIO, HK-TV AND RTV.

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NEAR NORMAL RAINFALL EXPECTED THIS YEAR

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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (MONDAY) ISSUED THE RESULTS OF ITS INVESTIGATION INTO 1982 RAINFALL.

OF THE VARIOUS STATISTICAL METHODS EMPLOYED, THE METHOD WHICH HAS BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL IN RECENT YEARS SUGGESTS THAT THE RAINFALL IN 1982 WILL BE NEAR NORMAL.

THE METHOD INDICATES THAT THE RAINFALL FOR THE PERIOD MAY TO OCTOBER THIS YEAR WILL BE IN THE RANGE 1 700 TO 2 200 MILLIMETRES AND THE RAINFALL FOR THE YEAR WILL BE IN THE RANGE 2 000 TO 2 500 MILLIMETRES.

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SEVEN NEW DISTRICT JUDGES NAMED
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SEVEN NEW DISTRICT JUDGES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED, WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (MONDAY).

THEY ARE MR FRANCIS WILLIAM BLACKWELL, MR JOHN GRAHAM ROY, MR ARTHUR LEONG SHIU-CHUNG, MR EDWARD STEPHEN YANNE, MR THOMAS MITCHELL GALL, MR BERNARD JOSEPH MOYLAN AND MR JOHN BAILY.

JUDGE BLACKWELL WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1926 AND EDUCATED AT DULWICH COLLEGE. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN 1954 AND WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN ENGLAND UNTIL 1971. HE JOINED THE JUDICIARY AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1972. HE WAS PROMOTED PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE IN 1977 AND APPOINTED ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT, IN 1979. HE HAS SAT AS A TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

JUDGE ROY WAS BORN IN NEW ZEALAND IN 1930 AND EDUCATED AT SOUTHLAND BOYS HIGH SCHOOL AND OTAGO UNIVERSITY. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR IN NEW ZEALAND IN 1955. HE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE UNTIL HE JOINED THE JUDICIARY IN HONG KONG AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1976. HE WAS PROMOTED ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT IN 1980. HE HAS SAT AS TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

JUDGE LEONG WAS BORN IN HONG KONG IN 1936 AND EDUCATED AT WAH YAN COLLEGE. HE JOINED GOVERNMENT IN 1954 AND SERVED IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS UNTIL 1963 WHEN HE WENT TO LONDON TO QUALIFY FOR THE BAR. HE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR OF MIDDLE TEMPLE IN 1965. HE BECAME ASSISTANT CROWN COUNSEL IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IN 1966 AND CROWN COUNSEL IN 1969. HE WAS APPOINTED MAGISTRATE IN 1973 AND PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL IN 1978. HE HAS SAT AS TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

JUDGE YANNE WAS BORN IN HONG KONG IN 1922 AND EDUCATED AT KING'S COLLEGE, ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN HONG KONG IN 1962. HE SPENT SOME YEARS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE UNTIL HE JOINED THE JUDICIARY AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1972. HE WAS APPOINTED PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE IN 1977. HE HAS SAT AS TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

JUDGE GALL WAS BORN IN AUSTRALIA IN 1942. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA IN 1966. HE WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN AUSTRALIA UNTIL 1973 WHEN HE JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS CROWN COUNSEL IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT. HE WAS PROMOTED SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL IN 1976 AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN MARCH 1981.

JUDGE MOYLAN WAS BORN IN AUSTRALIA IN 1939 AND EDUCATED AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, BRISBANE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A BARRISTER IN 1963. HE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, BRISBANE, BEFORE JOINING THE JUDICIARY IN HONG KONG AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1973. HE WAS PROMOTED SENIOR MAGISTRATE IN 1979. HE HAS SAT AS TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

JUDGE BAILY WAS BORN IN IRELAND IN 1930 AND EDUCATED AT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN IRELAND IN 1954. HE WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN IRELAND FROM 1954 UNTIL 1962 WHEN HE BECAME RESIDENT MAGISTRATE IN THE BAHAMAS. HE JOINED THE JUDICIARY IN HONG KONG AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1972 AND WAS PROMOTED SENIOR MAGISTRATE IN 1979. HE HAS SAT AS TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

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LOW-COST EVENING MEDICAL CARE FOR KWUN TONG RESIDENTS

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS APPROVED A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EVENING OUTPATIENT SERVICES ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

DURING THE BOARD'S 8TH MEETING HELD THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE SCHEME WILL BE SELF-SUPPORTING.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES WILL BE RENDERED BY DOCTORS AND OTHER STAFF, AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT CLINIC PREMISES WILL BE USED FREE OF RENT, MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR LOW FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE EVENING OUTPATIENT SERVICES TO COVER RECURRENT EXPENSES.

THE SCHEME WILL BE FIRST LAUNCHED IN YAU TONG AND MAY BE EXTENDED TO LAM TIN AND SAU MAU PING.

IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, THE BOARD RESOLVED TO SET UP A MONITORING GROUP ON THE JORDAN VALLEY CONTROLLED TIP PROJECT, TO ENSURE THAT ITS OPERATION IS PROPERLY CONTROLLED IN THE INTEREST OF RESIDENTS.

THE JORDAN VALLEY CONTROLLED TIP IS INTENDED TO REPLACE MA YAU TONG CENTRAL IN MID-1984 AND WILL OPERATE FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS.

MEMBERS WERE GIVEN ASSURANCE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT THAT THE BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY WILL BE USED TO CONTROL ITS OPERATION PROPERLY SO AS TO ELIMINATE NUISANCE AS 'TECHNICALLY AS POSSIBLE'.

MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED WITH A HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS MEASURES TO COMBAT FIRE AND LANDSLIP DANGERS, AND TO IMPROVE AMENITY FACILITIES IN SQUATTER AREAS IN KWUN TONG.

DURING THE MEETING, MEMBERS' ADVICE WAS ALSO SOUGHT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK ON THE YUET WAH STREET BUS TERMINUS SITE TO ALLEVIATE THE ACUTE SHORTAGE OF PARKING FACILITIES IN KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE. AN ALTERNATIVE SITE IN HIP WO STREET WAS ALSO CONSIDERED FOR THE CARPARK DEVELOPMENT.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED A WIDE VARIETY OF OTHER MATTERS AS WELL, INCLUDING A LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION FOR THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

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US IS HK'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER, VISITORS TOLD

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GIVEN HONG KONG'S FREE MARKET ENVIRONMENT AND TRADITIONAL RELIANCE ON MARKET FORCES, IT WAS PERHAPS INEVITABLE THAT THE UNITED STATES, AS THE DOMINANT WORLD ECONOMY AND LARGEST SINGLE CONSUMER MARKET, SHOULD BE OUR LARGEST TRADING PARTNER, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

WELCOMING A MARKETING MISSION TO HONG KONG BY THE AMERICAN TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS INSTITUTE AT A LUNCH GIVEN BY HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS, MR BREMRIDGE SAID: +THE TOTAL VALUE OF THIS TWO-WAY TRADE IN 1981 AMOUNTED TO OVER US\$8.5 BILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED ABOUT 19 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH THE WORLD. THE UNITED STATES IS HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET. YOU TOOK 36 PER CENT OF OUR EXPORTS IN 1981. AND THE UNITED STATES IS THE THIRD LARGEST SOURCE OF IMPORTS, SUPPLYING 10 PER CENT OF THEM IN 1981.+

STRESSING THAT TEXTILES AND GARMENTS HAVE BEEN A MAINSTAY OF HONG KONG'S EXPORT-ORIENTED ECONOMY, AND THAT 35 PER CENT OF OUR EXPORTS TO THE US COMPRISED TEXTILES AND GARMENTS, MR BREMRIDGE SAID THAT IN RECENT YEARS A DETERMINED EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO ENCOURAGE OTHER INDUSTRIES TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND.

+BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE BELIEVE THAT EXISTING INDUSTRIES SHOULD BE EXPECTED OR ENCOURAGED TO WITHER AND DIE AWAY. RATHER IT MEANS TRYING TO AVOID KEEPING TOO MANY OF OUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET. AS THE TOY AND ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES HAVE DEVELOPED IN HONG KONG, THE GARMENT INDUSTRY IN PARTICULAR HAS NEVERTHELESS KEPT PACE.+

ONE OF THE KEY FACTORS WHICH MADE THIS ACHIEVEMENT POSSIBLE WAS HONG KONG'S FREE MARKET, WHICH EXPOSED ITS INDUSTRY TO THE FULL FORCE OF COMPETITION.

+WE ARE ABOUT THE LARGEST, AND UNQUESTIONABLY THE FREEST, MARKET IN THE WORLD FOR THE PRODUCTS OF YOUR INDUSTRY. AND WE INTEND TO STAY THAT WAY,+ SAID MR BREMRIDGE.

THERE WAS MUCH COMMON GROUND BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG IN THE FIELD OF TRADE POLICY, AND THE UNITED STATES HAD TAKEN THE LEAD IN THE GENERAL LIBERALISATION OF POST-WAR WORLD TRADE.

+WE HAVE BENEFITED CONSIDERABLY FROM THIS, ALTHOUGH, I BELIEVE, NOT TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. OUR SHARE OF THE US MARKET IS SIGNIFICANT IN HONG KONG TERMS, BUT NOT IN US TERMS. WE ARE THE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTER OF FINISHED GARMENTS, AND YET OUR SHARE OF THE US DOMESTIC MARKET FOR TEXTILES AND GARMENTS COMBINED IS ONLY 1.5 PER CENT.

+ON AN OVERALL BASIS, LESS THAN TWO PER CENT BY VALUE OF US IMPORTS FROM THE WORLD CAME FROM HONG KONG IN 1981. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE THE WORLD'S LARGEST IMPORTER OF YARNS AND FABRICS. IN 1980, HONG KONG'S IMPORTS OF YARNS AND FABRICS WERE WORTH ABOUT US\$2.5 BILLION, OF WHICH IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES TOOK ONLY 1.8 PER CENT,+ STRESSED MR BREMRIDGE.

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+CONSISTENT WITH ITS FREE MARKET PHILOSOPHY, HONG KONG GIVES FULL AND ABSOLUTELY OPEN ACCESS TO ITS OWN MARKET. INDEED, AS IS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED BY THE INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRY DIALOGUE WHICH HAS LED TO YOUR MISSION HERE THIS WEEK, HONG KONG IS PREPARED TO GO FURTHER BY ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TWO-WAY TRADE, WHICH REFLECTS OUR MUTUAL BELIEF THAT MOST ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES ARE BETTER ADDRESSED BY INCREASING INTERNATIONAL TRADE THAN BY RESTRICTING IT,+ HE ADDED.

MR BREMRIDGE SAID: +WE IN HONG KONG ARE DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT TRADE IS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL- AND THAT BILATERAL BALANCING, WHETHER BY SECTOR OR COUNTRY, IS NOT AN OBJECTIVE TO BE SOUGHT BY ANY DEVICE OTHER THAN THE NATURAL PLAY OF MARKET FORCES.

+THIS IS NOT A DOGMATIC POSITION, BUT RATHER ONE ARRIVED AT BY EXPERIENCE AFTER AN ASSESSMENT OF OUR OWN BEST INTERESTS.+

+I CONFIDENTLY LOOK FORWARD TO A HEALTHY HONG KONG TEXTILE AND GARMENT INDUSTRY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME- AND FOR IT TO CONTINUE TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN TURN THE INDUSTRY AND THOSE WHO WORK IN IT CAN LOOK TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO DO ITS BEST TO DEFEND ITS INTERESTS,+ MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

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TEACHERS TO DISCUSS TEACHING OF ETHICS

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A SEMINAR IN CANTONESE WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH SOME SUGGESTED APPROACHES TO MORAL EDUCATION AND THE USE OF RELATED AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS.

+TEACHERS OF ETHICAL EDUCATION AND TEACHERS CONCERNED WITH ASPECTS OF MORAL EDUCATION ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THE MORNING OF MARCH 20 AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRES, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, FIFTH FLOOR, ROOMS 29-30, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WISHING TO NOMINATE THEIR TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR SHOULD SEND IN THEIR NOMINATIONS BEFORE MARCH 3 TO THE INSPECTOR (RELIGIOUS/ETHICAL EDUCATION), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE INSPECTOR (RELIGIOUS/ETHICAL EDUCATION) ON 5-774001 EXT. 43.

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MORE EQUIPMENT FOR CSD
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ALL INSTITUTIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL, IN FUTURE, BE BETTER EQUIPPED WITH READING MATERIAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES BECAUSE OF A GENEROUS DONATION OF \$141 400 FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) LTD., A SPOKESMAN FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE DONATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE PURCHASE OF REFERENCE BOOKS FOR LIBRARIES IN ALL INSTITUTIONS, CHINESE TYPEWRITERS FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND VARIOUS KINDS OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

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LEAFLETS ON DB CANDIDATES BEING DISTRIBUTED
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LEAFLETS INTRODUCING CANDIDATES FOR THE FORTHCOMING NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO REGISTERED ELECTORS.

THE LEAFLETS, PRINTED BY GOVERNMENT WITHOUT CHARGE TO CANDIDATES, CONTAIN A PHOTOGRAPH AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CANDIDATES.

A SEPARATE LEAFLET HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR EACH CONSTITUENCY AND, BESIDES PICTURES OF THE CANDIDATES, IT ALSO CONTAINS EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR ELECTORS.

THE LEAFLETS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED BY THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE CANDIDATES THEMSELVES.

+BY READING THE LEAFLETS, VOTERS WILL HAVE AN IDEA OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE CANDIDATES AND THIS WILL HELP THEM WHEN CASTING THEIR VOTE ON MARCH 4,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID.

BESIDES THE LEAFLETS, A CANDIDATE CAN SEND ONE ITEM OF ELECTION COMMUNICATION FREE OF POSTAGE TO EACH ELECTOR IN THE CONSTITUENCY FOR WHICH HE SEEKS ELECTION.

HE CAN ALSO SPEND UP TO \$10 000 FOR HIS CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES.

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PIONEER SOCIETY HELPS FARMERS

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S FIRST CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, ESTABLISHED SOME 30 YEARS AGO AT FANLING, IS A STORY OF RAGS TO RICHES.

IT WAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORLD WAR II THAT A SMALL GROUP OF 40 FARMERS FROM FANLING GATHERED TOGETHER AND RESPONDED TO THE IDEA OF FORMING MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AS INSTRUMENTS FOR IMPROVED MARKETING AND FOR IMPROVING THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS.

TODAY THERE ARE MORE THAN 400 SUCH SOCIETIES IN HONG KONG WITH SOME 22 000 MEMBERS, A SHARE CAPITAL OF \$1.8 MILLION AND DEPOSITS EXCEEDING \$6.5 MILLION.

TRIBUTE WAS PAID TO THE FANLING VEGETABLE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN WHO NOTED THE SOCIETY STILL HAD 31 OF ITS FOUNDERS AMONG ITS 1 045 MEMBERS.

IT WAS A MEASURE OF THE SOCIETY'S DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTH, SAID MR RIDDELL-SWAN, THAT BESIDES ITS INCREASED MEMBERSHIP, ITS ANNUAL TURNOVER HAD INCREASED FROM \$320 000 IN THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION IN 1951 TO \$12 MILLION LAST YEAR. AND ITS VEGETABLE COLLECTING DEPOTS INCREASED FROM ONE TO EIGHT.

+WHILE FURTHERING THE BUSINESS INTERESTS OF ITS MEMBERS, THE SOCIETY HAS NOT NEGLECTED THEIR WELFARE AND HAS ESTABLISHED LOAN FUNDS FOR FAMILY NEEDS AND HAS ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED REAL CO-OPERATION AMONG INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT,+ HE SAID.

THE SOCIETY WAS ALSO AMONG THE FIRST TO SET UP A PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME FOR ITS MEMBERS.

THE COMMENTS FROM MR RIDDELL-SWAN WERE MADE AT THE OPENING OF THE SOCIETY'S NEW PREMISES AT MA SZE PO.

THE SOCIETY'S CHAIRMAN, MR FUNG KWONG BRIEFLY OUTLINED DEVELOPMENTS : THE SOCIETY WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE HELP OF THE FORMER CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENT; AND ITS PREMISES AT ON LOK VILLAGE HAD AN AREA OF 200 SQ. FT.

+SUBSEQUENTLY,+ SAID MR FUNG, +UNDER THE CLOSE SUPERVISION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE BRILLIANT LEADERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OVER THE YEARS, OUR SOCIETY EXPANDED AND THE PREMISES WERE ALSO EXTENDED TO 3 000 SQ. FT.+

LAST YEAR THE VILLAGE WAS RESUMED BY GOVERNMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT. WITH ASSISTANCE BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (NORTH), THE SOCIETY WAS GRANTED MORE THAN 1 400 SQ. FT. OF LAND AT MA SZE PO AND \$112 500 EX-GRATIA PAYMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS. IT ALSO RECEIVED \$50 000 SUBSIDY FROM THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION.

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SAID MR RIDDELL-SWAN : +IN THE 30-ODD YEARS THAT THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE, FARMING IN HONG KONG HAS MOVED FROM A SUBSISTENCE TYPE OF OCCUPATION TO A CASH INTENSIVE BUSINESS. GENERAL LIVING CONDITIONS FOR FARMERS HAVE IMPROVED AND MANY OF THEIR SOCIAL ASPIRATIONS HAVE BEEN REALISED.+

DURING THIS PERIOD THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT AND TOGETHER THEY HAD PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY.

+IT IS NOTEWORTHY,+ SAID MR RIDDELL-SWAN, +THAT ALL THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF STEADY LOSS OF FARM LAND TO DEVELOPMENT, AND IT IS A TRIBUTE TO LOCAL FARMING THAT DESPITE THIS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP STEADY THE PROPORTION OF LOCAL FARM PRODUCE ON THE HONG KONG MARKET DESPITE EVER INCREASING DEMAND.+

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BALLET COURSES IN SHA TIN

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD HAS APPROVED MORE THAN \$9 000 TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR TWO LOCAL CHILDREN'S BALLET CLUBS AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF ITS RECREATION AND SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED INCLUDE MIRRORS AND BARS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL FOR BALLET PRACTICE.

ONE OF THE CLUBS IS ORGANISED BY LEK YUEN ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL. IT STARTED LAST NOVEMBER AND HOLDS ONE-HOUR TRAINING SESSIONS EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING.

IT HAS PROVED SO POPULAR THAT THE NUMBER OF CLASSES HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM ONE TO THREE AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING HAS GROWN FROM 25 TO 78. THE AGE RANGE IS FOUR YEARS TO NINE YEARS.

MISS CHIK YUEN-HAN, A STUDENT OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF ARTS, WHO WILL GRADUATE FROM A BALLET TEACHING CERTIFICATE COURSE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, IS THE TUTOR.

THE OTHER COURSE IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE WO CHE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE AND IS FOR UP TO 20 CHILDREN AGED FROM SIX TO 12.

IT WILL START NEXT MONTH AT THE PODIUM LEVEL OF WO CHE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE IS ACTIVELY ORGANISING ACTIVITIES IN SHA TIN DISTRICT. IT RECEIVED \$380 000 FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR 1981/82.

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MORE MARKETS FOR NEW TERRITORIES
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO EMBARK ON A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT TO BUILD MORE THAN 30 MODERN MARKETS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS.

THE AIM IS ALSO TO ACCOMMODATE UNLICENSED ON-STREET HAWKERS, ENABLING AT THE SAME TIME MORE EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT ACTION TO BE CARRIED OUT AGAINST ILLEGAL HAWKERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

FREEING THE STREETS FROM HAWKER OBSTRUCTION WILL PROVIDE A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE RESIDENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TWO NEW MARKETS WERE OPENED BY THE NTSD IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS — THE \$14 MILLION TSUEN WAN MARKET AND THE \$4 MILLION KWONG CHOI MARKET IN TUEN MUN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FIVE MORE NEW MARKETS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION LATER THIS OR EARLY NEXT YEAR.

IN KWAI CHUNG, CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY ON A NEW MARKET AT WING FONG STREET AND SHEK YAM ROAD.

WORK ON THE WING FONG STREET MARKET WILL BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST, AND ON THE OTHER BY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

TWO MODERN MARKETS AT TUEN MUN ARE ALSO UNDER CONSTRUCTION — THE YAN OI MARKET AT SAN HUI WILL BE READY IN OCTOBER AND THE OTHER BEING BUILT NEAR TO CHI LOK FA YUEN IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

AT SAI KUNG, CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED ON A MARKET AT TUI MIN HOI, WHICH WILL BE READY TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR.

IN YUEN LONG, PILING WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON THE \$61-MILLION, MULTI-STOREY MARKET COMPLEX COMPRISING 420 MARKET STALLS, DISTRICT LIBRARY, TWO SQUASH COURTS AND OFFICES FOR LOCAL URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE MARKET, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, WILL TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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CHINESE MUSIC AND DANCE AT ARTS CENTRE

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+LEGEND+, A CHINESE MUSIC PIECE DEPICTING THE STORY OF YOUNG HERO NIE ZHENG WHO LEARNED TO MASTER THE KU-CHIN SO AS TO ENTER THE IMPERIAL PALACE TO ASSASSINATE THE KING OF HAN WHO EXECUTED HIS FATHER WILL BE PERFORMED IN +AN EVENING OF CHINESE MUSIC AND DANCE+ NEXT MONTH.

THE PROGRAMME, FEATURING THE HONG KONG JING YING, IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL.

THE HONG KONG JING YING, COMPRISING OUTSTANDING YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS FROM HONG KONG, WILL PERFORM SOLO AND ENSEMBLE ITEMS AS WELL AS CHINESE CLASSICAL AND FOLK DANCES AT 8 PM ON MARCH 3 AT THE SHOUSON THEATRE, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

LEADING THE HONG KONG JING YING CHINESE ENSEMBLE IN PRESENTING THE +LEGEND+ WILL BE RENOWNED ER-HU PLAYER TONG LEUNG-TAK AND PIPA SOLOIST CHAN MAN-CHONG.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE +NIGHT THOUGHTS+, WHICH CAPTURES THE FEELINGS OF SOLDIERS CAMPING IN THE WILDERNESS FAR FROM HOME.

+SONG OF THE HERDSMAN+ WHICH PORTRAYS THE UNTAMED SPIRIT OF THE MONGOLIAN HERDSMAN WILL ALSO BE PERFORMED.

ANOTHER ATTRACTION WILL BE DOMING LAM'S +CONTRAST+ A WORK WHICH WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE TO COMMEMORATE THE HONG KONG JING YING CHAMBER ORCHESTRA'S FIRST VISIT TO AUSTRALIA IN AUGUST 1981.

IN A UNIQUE WAY, THE MUSIC PICKS OUT THE CONTRASTING SPIRIT AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CHINESE AND WESTERN ORCHESTRA AND TRULY REPRESENTS THE SPIRIT OF HONG KONG WHICH EMBRACES THE HERITAGE OF EAST AND WEST.

ON THE DANCE SIDE, THE JING YING CHINESE DANCE ENSEMBLE WILL PRESENT A COLOURFUL PROGRAMME OF CHINESE CLASSICAL AND FOLK DANCES.

IN ADDITION TO FAN DANCE AND RIBBON DANCE, WHICH ARE CLASSICAL DANCES OF THE TANG DYNASTY, THERE WILL BE A PAS DE DEUX +MERMAIDS+ FEATURING THE HAPPY GRACEFUL MOVEMENT OF FISHES.

OTHER DELIGHTFUL ITEMS ARE SHAWL DANCES AND SPRING IN TIAN SHAN, CHOREOGRAPHED BY NG KA-MAN.

TICKETS FOR THE PROGRAMME ARE PRICED AT \$10, \$20 AND \$30 AND MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE ARTS CENTRE BOX OFFICE, AND SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST BOOKSHOPS AT 107 WORLDWIDE HOUSE AND 313 OCEAN CENTRE. POSTAL BOOKING IS ALSO AVAILABLE AND FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING THE ARTS CENTRE BOX OFFICE (5-280626) BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 9.30 PM.

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WATER STORAGE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 42.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 243.812 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS IS ABOUT 215 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR, THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 267.710 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 46.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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+SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+ DRAWS CROWDS
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+SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+, A SOUND-ON-SLIDE PRESENTATION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY BEING HELD IN THE KESWICK HALL OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY VISITORS.

SINCE ITS OPENING LAST FRIDAY, THE 12-MINUTE AUDIO-VISUAL SHOW HAS ATTRACTED OVER 8 000 VISITORS.

THE VISITORS WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE SHOW'S SOUND AND LIGHTING EFFECTS AND THE SIMPLE AND CONCISE MESSAGE IT CONVEYS.

COMMENTED A 24-YEAR-OLD PLASTIC WORKER, MR CHAN MAN-TAK: +THE COMBINATION OF IMAGES WITH SPECIAL EFFECTS AND THE INTERPLAY OF SOUND AND LIGHTING IS VERY ENTERTAINING.+

APART FROM BEING ENTERTAINING, THE SHOW CONVEYED A SIMPLE MESSAGE -- +YOUR LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL; DON'T WRECK IT BY BEING CARELESS IN YOUR PLACE OF WORK+, HE SAID.

VISITORS CAN ALSO TAKE PART IN AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY QUIZ ORGANISED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOW.

THE VISITORS CAN OBTAIN HINTS FROM TWO +QUESTION AND ANSWER+ MACHINES WHICH FORM PART OF A STATIC DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND TICK THE CORRECT ANSWER ON THE STUBS OF THEIR ADMISSION TICKETS.

THE WINNING TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE SHOW AND WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE LOCAL PRESS ON MARCH 10.

THE TWO MAIN PRIZES ARE A THREE-IN-ONE MUSIC CENTRE AND A REFRIGERATOR. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE 60 CONSOLATION PRIZES, INCLUDING CAMERAS DONATED BY KODAK AND HOME PRODUCTS CONTRIBUTED BY 3M FAR EAST LTD.

THE SHOW OPENS DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM UNTIL FEBRUARY 28. THE OPENING HOURS ON THE FINAL DAY, MARCH 1, WILL BE FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN GETS BOOST

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THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WAS GIVEN A BOOST TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN A SHAM SHUI PO COMMUNITY LEADER MADE A GENEROUS DONATION FOR USE IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE TELE-MATCH DESIGN AND GAMES COMPETITION.

+THE DONATION BY MR KWOK WING-CHEONG IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE CAMPAIGN,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE COMPETITION WAS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS TOWARDS THE IMPORTANCE OF CO-OPERATION AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS AND TOWARDS THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN THE FAMILY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION.

THE TELE-MATCH COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AND CARITAS.

AT A CEREMONY AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, WAS PRESENTED WITH A CHEQUE BY MR KWOK.

MR KWOK IS A MEMBER OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND MANY COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

MR KWOK DID NOT WISH THE AMOUNT OF HIS DONATION TO BE MADE KNOWN.

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PENG CHAU MINI-SOCCER PITCH BEING REBUILT

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THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH ON PENG CHAU ISLAND IS BEING REBUILT AT A COST OF \$200 000 PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE PITCH, SITUATED ON THE PEAK OF PAK WAN, OCCUPIES AN AREA OF ABOUT 2 400 SQUARE METRES.

IT HAS BEEN IN REGULAR USE FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND AS A RESULT THE SURFACE HAS BECOME ROUGH. IT IS TO BE RE-SURFACED WITH CONCRETE, AND WILL BE USED BY LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS FOR SEVEN-A-SIDE MATCHES, AS WELL AS FOR RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

RE-SURFACING WORK WILL START AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A CHANGING ROOM WITH SHOWERS IS ALSO BEING CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF THE PROJECT, AT A COST OF NEARLY \$130 000 TO BE PAID FROM THE ISLAND DISTRICT LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE.

THE PROJECTS ARE BEING SUPERVISED BY ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE WORKS SECTION.

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