



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PRINCE CHARLES ARRIVES IN HK ON MARCH 3

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES WILL ARRIVE ON MARCH 3 ON HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG.

PRINCE CHARLES WILL BE HERE FOR FOUR DAYS DURING WHICH HE WILL CARRY OUT VARIOUS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS AND VISIT THE 2ND KING EDWARD VII'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES OF WHICH HE IS COLONEL-IN-CHIEF.

THE PRINCE WILL BE MET AT KAI TAK AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND BEGIN A SERIES OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 4.

HE WILL FIRST VISIT SHA TIN NEW TOWN TO SEE HOW THE ONCE RURAL VALLEY IS BEING TRANSFORMED INTO A MODERN METROPOLIS FOR 500,000 PEOPLE BY THE MID-EIGHTIES, AND VISIT LEK YUEN AND WO CHE ESTATES -- THE FIRST TWO OF ELEVEN SELF-CONTAINED HOUSING COMPLEXES COMPLETED IN THE NEW TOWN.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL ALSO VISIT TSANG TAI UK, AN OLD WALLED VILLAGE FOUNDED SOME 120 YEARS AGO, WHICH IS BEING RETAINED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE PRINCE WILL ALSO SEE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK, ONE OF 18 COUNTRY PARKS WHICH HAVE PROVED EXTREMELY POPULAR WITH YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE.

DURING THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 4, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL LUNCH WITH UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND ATTEND A COMMUNITY RECEPTION AT HMS TAMAR WHERE HE WILL MINGLE WITH SOME 2,000 GUESTS FROM A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

AT HMS TAMAR, THE PRINCE WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE NEW BRITISH FORCES HEADQUARTERS, AND IN THE EVENING ATTEND A CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC CONDUCTED BY ALUN FRANCIS IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

ON MARCH 5, PRINCE CHARLES WILL SPEND THE MORNING WITH THE 2ND GURKHAS AT CASSINO LINES WHERE HE WILL REVIEW A PARADE AND TOUR THE GURKHAS' TRAINING AREAS.

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ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY WILL BE A MASS YOUTH RALLY AT YUEN LONG STADIUM WHERE HUNDREDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WILL ACCORD THE PRINCE A SPECIAL WELCOME. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL BE INVITED TO START THE ACTIVITIES BY DOTTING THE EYES OF A DRAGON AND WILL THEN WATCH A COLOURFUL DISPLAY PRESENTED BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF YUEN LONG.

THE PRINCE WILL ALSO VISIT YUEN LONG TOWN HALL WHERE HE WILL MEET LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AND VIEW AN EXHIBITION DEPICTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG.

DURING THE AFTERNOON, PRINCE CHARLES WILL PRESENT A SQUADRON STANDARD TO HONG KONG'S OWN AIR FORCE, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL WIND UP HIS VISIT TO HONG KONG WITH A TOUR OF A TOY FACTORY IN SAN PO KONG BEFORE LEAVING ON MARCH 6.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A BRIEFING ON FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEDIA TO COVER THE VISIT OF HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES WILL BE GIVEN BY THE ROYAL VISIT PRESS OFFICER, MR. JOHN SLIMMING, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES AT 4 P.M. ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 20). YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE BRIEFING WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE GIS THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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SECOND PHASE OF YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE STARTS
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SITE FORMATION WORK ON THE SECOND PHASE OF THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE \$467 MILLION ESTATE, THE SECOND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE FOR HONG KONG, IS TO BE BUILT ON A SITE AT WANG CHAU, NORTH OF THE RAPIDLY-EXPANDING NEW TOWN OF YUEN LONG, AND IS CLOSE TO THE MAIN DUAL CARRIAGEWAY FROM YUEN LONG TO TUEN MUN WHICH IS LINKED TO TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND KOWLOON BY THE NEW TUEN MUN HIGHWAY.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL TAKE THREE YEARS TO FINISH AND WHEN DEVELOPMENT IS COMPLETED, A TOTAL OF 72 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SPECIAL INDUSTRY TO HELP HONG KONG BROADEN ITS INDUSTRIAL BASE.

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. MICHAEL CARTLAND, SAID THE IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICED LAND WAS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION AND WOULD IN ITSELF BE AN ATTRACTION TO POTENTIAL INVESTORS.

+THE PROJECT WILL BECOME A KEY FACTOR IN THE TOWN'S PLANNED GROWTH FROM ITS PRESENT POPULATION OF 40,000 TO NEARLY 100,000 BY THE MID 1980S,+ HE SAID.

+THE ESTATE AND THE MANY NEW AND EXPANDED FACILITIES IN THE TOWN WILL BE DEVELOPED IN TANDEM TO CONTRIBUTE TO A BALANCED TOWNSHIP WITH ALL MODERN FACILITIES.+

THE PROJECT IS DEVELOPED BY THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION IN TWO PHASES, WITH A MAJOR PORTION OF THE FUNDS BEING PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND.

THE FIRST PHASE INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SERVICE RESERVOIR AND AN ACCESS ROAD, A SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, A SECOND ACCESS ROAD TO THE ESTATE AND AN INDUSTRIAL LAND IS NOW IN HAND.

DEVELOPMENT ON THE SECOND PHASE WILL INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL LAND AND AN ACCESS ROAD, A BORROW AREA AT SHAN HA, SOUTH OF YUEN LONG TOWN, AND AN ACCESS ROAD TO THE BORROW AREA.

+THESE WORKS WOULD REQUIRE THE RESUMPTION OF MORE THAN 102,899 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND BY MID-APRIL THIS YEAR AND OWNERS AFFECTED WOULD BE OFFERED COMPENSATION OF CURRENT RATES AND LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS,+ MR. CARTLAND SAID.

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HE ADDED 78 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES, OCCUPIED BY 62 FAMILIES, AND 274 TEMPORARY STRUCTURES USED AS SHOPS, WORKSHOPS, AQUARIA, BATHROOMS, PIGSTIES AND POULTRY SHEDS WOULD BE CLEARED TO FACILITATE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

+DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING OR TEMPORARY PUBLIC HOUSING, DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY,+ MR. CARTLAND SAID.

+GENUINE CULTIVATOR FAMILIES MAY OPT FOR A RESITE TOGETHER WITH AN EX-GRATIA REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE OF \$5,000 PER FAMILY, BUT WILL FORFEIT THEIR PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.+

AS THE LAND TO BE RESUMED LIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE YUEN LONG OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, OWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WILL BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVES OF CASH COMPENSATION AT THE RATE OF \$39 PER SQUARE FOOT OR THE CHOICE OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS WITH A CREDIT VALUE OF \$19.5 PER SQUARE FOOT.

OWNERS OF THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS WILL BE OFFERED EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE UNDER CURRENT POLICY.

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COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYING AND LAND ECONOMY CONFERENCE
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HONG KONG WILL PLAY HOST LATER THIS MONTH TO THE 1979 ASIA REGIONAL MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYING AND LAND ECONOMY (CASLE).

THE CONFERENCE WILL OPEN ON FEBRUARY 25 AND EXTEND THROUGH TO MARCH 1.

TOPICS COVERED WILL INCLUDE :

- * HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION.
- * AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION.
- * SURVEY REQUIREMENTS IN THE EIGHTIES, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS.
- * LAND ECONOMY.
- * LAND SURVEYING.
- * QUANTITY SURVEYING.
- * THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROFESSION IN THE REGION DURING THE EIGHTIES.
- * FUTURE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES.

THE CASLE CONFERENCE WILL BE OPENED BY MR. DEREK JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS WILL BE GIVEN BY MR. FOX BUTTERFIELD OF THE NEW YORK TIMES. IT WILL BE ENTITLED : +CHINA IN THE '80S+.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE DR. R. BURCROFF, SENIOR PROJECT ECONOMIST, AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK- MR. T.D.W. MCCULLOCH, DIRECTOR OF OCEAN AND AQUATIC SCIENCES, DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT OF CANADA- AND MR. J.R. HOLLWEY, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND SURVEYING NORTH EAST LONDON POLYTECHNIC.

SITUATION REPORTS FROM COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES IN ASIA WILL BE TABLED, AND LOCAL EXPERTS WILL ALSO OFFER THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSIONS.

DR. E.G. PRYOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, HONG KONG (PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION), AND MR. IVOR STANTON, DIRECTOR OF LANDS, SURVEY AND TOWN PLANNING WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BOTH PRESENT PAPERS.

AS WELL AS PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND SITUATION REPORTS, GROUP MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AND DELEGATES FROM ABROAD WILL VISIT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND TOUR HONG KONG TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES PROGRESS MADE OVER THE YEARS.

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MORE JUMBO LADDERS FOR FIRE SERVICES

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE CAPABILITIES WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED WHEN THREE 50-METRE (164-FT) TURNTABLE LADDERS COME INTO OPERATION ON MARCH 1.

THE +JUMBO+ LADDERS, ORDERED FROM WEST GERMANY AT A TOTAL COST OF \$3.9 MILLION, ARE AMONG THE TALLEST IN USE IN THE WORLD.

EACH LADDER CAN ROTATE A FULL CIRCLE. A LIFT WHICH CAN BE FITTED TO THE LADDER CAN RAISE THREE FIREMEN AT ONE TIME. IT CAN ALSO BE OPERATED BY REMOTE CONTROL ENABLING THE OPERATOR TO CARRY OUT MOVEMENTS FROM A DIFFERENT LOCATION.

THE LADDER, MOUNTED ON ITS OWN VEHICULAR CHASSIS WITH AN AIR-COOLED DIESEL ENGINE, WILL ENABLE FIREMEN TO REACH THE 15TH FLOOR OF A BUILDING IN ANY FIRE-FIGHTING OR RESCUE OPERATION.

AT PRESENT, THE LONGEST LADDER IN SERVICE IS 37-METRE AND CAN REACH UP TO THE 11TH-12TH FLOOR OF A BUILDING.

+HOWEVER, THE LADDERS WILL NOT BE USED FOR NORMAL RESPONSES BUT ONLY IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ON REQUEST FROM A FIRE OFFICER WHO HAS ACCESSED THE SITUATION AS WARRANTING THE USE OF THE LADDER,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SAID THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE OPERATOR ON THE GROUND AND THE FIREMEN AT THE TOP OF THE LADDER HAS BEEN FACILITATED BY AN INTER-COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. THROUGH THIS SYSTEM, THE MEN AT THE TOP CAN CONSTANTLY REPORT THEIR OBSERVATIONS DOWN TO THE CONTROL POSITION.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE LADDERS WHICH WERE ACTUATED BY ELECTRONIC AND HYDRAULIC MEANS, AN EXTENSIVE AND THOROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMME HAD TO BE ARRANGED FOR FIREMEN TO ENSURE THAT THE MACHINES WERE ALWAYS OPERATED BY FULLY TRAINED MEN.

+AS A RESULT, THE CREWS HAD UNDERGONE A VERY DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING TRAINING COURSE,+ HE ADDED.

ADDITIONALLY, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, THE LADDERS WERE MANUFACTURED TO GENERAL EUROPEAN STANDARDS AND AFTER DELIVERY, HAD TO BE TESTED AND OPERATED IN HONG KONG'S DENSE ENVIRONMENT.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS HERE, MAGNIFIED THE SPEEDS AND EFFECTS OF WIND AND MODIFICATIONS TO COPE WITH THIS SAFELY HAD TO BE DESIGNED AND FITTED. SOME MODIFICATIONS WERE ALSO MADE TO THE ELECTRONIC CONTROL SYSTEMS.

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PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION
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HOW TO OBTAIN OPTIMAL PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AS ONE GETS OLD WILL BE THE MAIN THEME OF A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION THIS WEEK.

ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IT IS PART OF ITS CURRENT CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH OF THE ELDERLY.

THE EXHIBITION, CLIMAXING A THREE-MONTH HEALTH EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, WILL BE HELD AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL FROM FEBRUARY 24 TO 26, AFTER WHICH SIMILAR EXHIBITIONS WILL BE MOUNTED IN FOUR OTHER DISTRICTS DURING MARCH AND APRIL.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN ARE :-

- * TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON WHAT IS NORMAL HEALTH IN OLD AGE AND THE PROCESS OF AGEING-
- * TO IMPART KNOWLEDGE TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE VARIOUS FACTORS LEADING TO ILL HEALTH IN THE ELDERLY-
- * TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO OBTAIN OPTIMAL PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION OF DISEASES IN THE OLD AGE GROUP- AND
- * TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ON THE AVAILABILITY AND THE USE OF EXISTING HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT AROUSING THE INTEREST OF NOT ONLY THE ELDERLY BUT ALSO ALL OTHER AGE GROUPS WHO, AT ONE STAGE OR ANOTHER, HAVE TO UNDERGO THE PROCESS OF AGEING.

THE CAMPAIGN STARTED IN JANUARY WITH A PHOTO COMPETITION AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION LEAFLETS AND POSTERS.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF RADIO TALKS GIVEN BY MEDICAL EXPERTS ON ALL ASPECTS OF HEALTH IN THE ELDERLY. THE PROGRAMME CAN STILL BE HEARD OVER THE CHINESE CHANNEL OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG EVERY TUESDAY FROM 2.30 P.M. TO 3 P.M.

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AT THE FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION, THREE SETS OF SLIDES WILL BE SHOWN, PROVIDING USEFUL INFORMATION ON FOOD AND NUTRITION, EXERCISE AND POSTURE AND CARE OF THE EYES, EARS AND ORAL HYGIENE OF THE ELDERLY.

A FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKING SERVICE WILL ALSO BE OFFERED TO VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION ON PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH TO BE HELD AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL CONCOURSE AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 24). AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, DR. HARRY FANG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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MECHANISED IRRIGATION BENEFITS FARMERS

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF MECHANISED IRRIGATION, MANY HONG KONG FARMERS NOW NO LONGER NEED TO WAIT ANXIOUSLY FOR THE RAIN TO FALL.

MOST OF THEM HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE EFFICIENT AND LABOUR SAVING METHODS OF BRINGING WATER TO THEIR FIELDS THROUGH THE PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

MRS. VERA LEE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CROP DEVELOPMENT UNIT, SAID THAT AS AGRICULTURAL LABOUR FORCE IS BECOMING MORE SCARCE, MECHANISATION WILL BE PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT PART IN AGRICULTURE.

+AT PRESENT, THE TWO MOST COMMONLY USED MECHANISED IRRIGATION METHODS ARE THE FIXED HEAD IRRIGATION SYSTEM AND THE ROTARY SPRINKLER.

+THEY ARE COMMONLY EMPLOYED IN IRRIGATING VEGETABLES,+ SHE SAID.

ANOTHER METHOD OF IRRIGATION, MRS. LEE SAID, IS THE OSCILLATING BAR AND MIST BAR, MAINLY USED IN NURSERIES AND FOR SMALL FLOWER PLOTS.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ALSO EXPERIMENTS WITH NEW IRRIGATION METHODS SUCCESSFULLY EMPLOYED IN OTHER COUNTRIES TO SEE IF THEY CAN BE ADOPTED FOR LOCAL USE.

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A RELATIVELY NEW SYSTEM NOW BEING TESTED IS THE +DRIP AND TRICKLE IRRIGATION METHOD+.

EXPLAINING THIS NEW SYSTEM, MRS. LEE SAID : +LONG PLASTIC OR PAPER TUBES ARE LAID ON THE SOIL NEXT TO THE CROPS. WATER FROM THE STORAGE TANK, AFTER BEING FILTERED THEN OOZES OUT THROUGH THE TINY PERFORATIONS ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE TUBES.

+THIS SAVES WATER BECAUSE SMALL, MEASURED AMOUNTS OF THE FLUID SEEPS DIRECTLY INTO THE ROOT AREA OF PLANTS OR TREES AT REGULAR INTERVALS IN OPTIMUM QUANTITIES. WATER OF POORER QUALITY CAN ALSO BE USED WITHOUT HARMING THE CROPS.

+IN HONG KONG, WHERE WATER IS SO VALUABLE, THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY AN ADVANTAGE,+ SHE SAID.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S TANGERINE ORCHARD IN SAI KUNG HAS BEEN IRRIGATED BY THE TRICKLE SYSTEM FOR TWO YEARS. THE YIELD AND QUALITY OF FRUITS HAS SO FAR BEEN ENCOURAGING.

THE DRIP SYSTEM IS ALSO BEING EXPERIMENTED ON MARKET GARDEN CROPS AT THE GOVERNMENT'S TAI LUNG FARM, INCLUDING GLADIOLAS, CELERY, SPINACH, AND TOMATO.

FARMERS AND THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN MECHANISED IRRIGATION ARE WELCOME TO APPROACH THE CROP DEVELOPMENT UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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CAREERS EXHIBITION FOR POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR. MARTIN ROWLANDS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING ON WEDNESDAY OF A CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, WILL OPEN AT 10 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 6.30 P.M. ON BOTH DAYS.

IT IS INTENDED TO INFORM POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS OF THE WIDE RANGE OF JOBS IN GOVERNMENT AND ALSO TO INTEREST THEM IN GOVERNMENT CAREERS WHEN THEY GRADUATE.

A TOTAL OF 23 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IS PARTICIPATING.

THE EXHIBITION CONSISTS OF DISPLAYS OF MODELS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

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FUN AT YOUTH CARNIVAL IN ABERDEEN

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HUNDREDS OF YOUNGSTERS FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING BEGAN THEIR DAY OF FUN AT A DAY-LONG YOUTH CARNIVAL STAGED IN WONG CHUK HANG SPORTS GROUND, ABERDEEN.

THE CARNIVAL, FEATURING ENTERTAINMENT SHOWS AND STALL GAMES, WAS ORGANISED BY THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT BOY SCOUT COUNCIL.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, PRAISED THE ORGANISERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PROVIDING RECREATION OUTLETS FOR THE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CARNIVAL, HE SAID, ENABLES YOUNG PEOPLE, THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SOCIAL AIMS OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND BETTER REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS A PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL OCCASION IN THAT IT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THREE BODIES WHICH HAD A COMMON GOAL OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

AT THE CEREMONY, MR. LEE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, MR. HO WING-KO, CUT THE RIBBON TO MARK THE START OF THE DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

THEY ALSO PRESENTED PRIZES TO THOSE WHO HAD WON THE VARIOUS SINGING, STORY-TELLING AND ESSAY CONTESTS ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT F.L.E. COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE BETTER FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE DAY FEATURED LION AND FOLK DANCES, MARCHING DISPLAY, DRAMA AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES, MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION, AND A REPEAT PERFORMANCE BY TRAINEES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE WHO WON LAST YEAR'S TALENT QUEST FOR THE DISABLED.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WERE THRILLING RIDES ON A HOT-AIR BALLOON.

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CAREERS SEMINARS
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A SERIES OF 16 CAREERS SEMINARS, SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF WOULD-BE SCHOOL LEAVERS, WILL BE HELD IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG STARTING FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE FIRST SEMINAR WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL COLLEGE IN HOMANTIN.

EACH SEMINAR WILL CONSIST OF TALKS, FILM SHOWS, AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS CHAIRED BY SPECIALISTS FROM VARIOUS FIELDS.

A WIDE RANGE OF CAREERS TOPICS WILL BE COVERED INCLUDING JOURNALISM, CIVIL ENGINEERING, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, TOURISM, INSURANCE, NURSING AND SOCIAL WORK.

EXPERTS FROM COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND THE CIVIL SERVICE WILL TALK ABOUT THEIR WORK EXPERIENCE AND ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING FACILITIES AND JOB REWARD AND WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE STUDENTS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT SOME 12,000 STUDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN THESE SEMINARS.

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MORE THAN 200 SCHOOLS JOIN DANCE FESTIVAL
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THE 15TH SCHOOLS' DANCE COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD FROM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 TO MARCH 9, AT THREE VENUES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALTOGETHER 254 ENTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM OVER 200 SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR THE VARIOUS EVENTS, WHICH INCLUDE WESTERN DANCE, ORIENTAL FOLK DANCE, ORIENTAL CLASSIC DANCE AND CREATIVE DANCE.

THE COMPETITIONS HAVE BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

EVENTS AT THE CENTRE IN THE CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL, FORTRESS HILL ROAD, NORTH POINT, WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 22 AND 23.

AT THE KOWLOON CENTRE, SITUATED AT THE HONG KONG SZE YAP COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE IN NAM CHEONG STREET, SHEK KIP MEI, COMPETITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 26 AND 27, AND MARCH 7, 8 AND 9.

FOR SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE LAM WOO MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL IN KWAI CHUNG ON MARCH 1 AND 2.

ADMISSION TO ALL THE EVENTS IS FREE.

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SHUTTLE-COCK STARTS OFF SWD'S INTER-CENTRE COMPETITIONS
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A COMPETITION WITH A DIFFERENCE - SHUTTLE-COCK - THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING KICKED OFF A VARIETY OF OTHER COMPETITIVE EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH THAT WILL SWING INTO ACTION OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG.

THE EVENTS ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION AS ITS 4TH ANNUAL INTER-CENTRE COMPETITIONS.

THE WIDE RANGE OF COMPETITIONS AIMS TO PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE MANY MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION'S COMMUNITY HALLS AS WELL AS YOUTH, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL CENTRES.

DESIGNED TO MEET THE INTERESTS OF VARIOUS AGE GROUPS, THE COMPETITIONS WILL BE ON ORIENTEERING, CHILDREN'S DRAWING, ESSAY, FOLK DANCE, PHOTOGRAPHY, BASKETBALL, FOLK SONG, DRESS-MAKING AND FASHION DESIGN.

AT AN OPENING CEREMONY THIS MORNING AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICER FOR EAST KOWLOON, MR. KHOO TAI-PIN, MADE THE FIRST KICK TO START OFF THE SHUTTLE-COCK KICKING COMPETITION -- THE FIRST OF THE SERIES.

TWENTY SIX TEAMS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S CONTEST.

THE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AT A CLOSING CEREMONY TO BE HELD LATER IN MARCH.

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