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GOVERNOR SEES ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IN HIS CURRENT SERIES OF VISITS TO URBAN DISTRICTS, THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING VIEWED VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ABERDEEN.

FROM A VANTAGE POINT ON THE ROOF OF A HIGH-RISE BLOCK IN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, SIR MURRAY SAW WORK PROGRESSING ON THE AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE, THE ABERDEEN HARBOUR RECLAMATION PROGRAMME, THE YUE FAI YUEN OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND THE AP LEI CHAU WEST ESTATE.

SIR MURRAY WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THESE PROJECTS BY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (HONG KONG) MRS. MABLE HAYES, THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN), MISS ELLE SHUM AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE \$37 MILLION RECLAMATION PROGRAMME WILL EVENTUALLY YIELD ABOUT 16 HECTARES OF LAND FOR A CIVIC CENTRE, A MAGISTRACY, A BUS TERMINUS, A CARGO HANDLING AREA, AND OTHER USES.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE YUE FAI YUEN IS NOW AT FULL SPEED AND WILL PROVIDE 1,100 HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS FOR ABOUT 7,500 PEOPLE BY EARLY 1980.

THE AP LEI CHAU WEST ESTATE IS BEING BUILT ON A 5.2-HECTARE SITE EAST OF THE POWER STATION. THE ESTATE WILL HAVE ABOUT 3,800 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS FOR 24,000 PEOPLE, A MARKET, A COMMUNITY HALL, PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND A YOUTH CENTRE.

PHASE I OF THE ESTATE WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN OCTOBER NEXT YEAR AND WORK ON PHASE II WILL START IN LATE 1979.

WORK ON THE AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE, WHICH WILL HAVE A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WITH PEDESTRIAN PAVEMENTS, IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY AND WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT JULY.

APART FROM THESE LARGE PROJECTS, THE GOVERNOR WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORK IN THE AREA.

AFTER THE BRIEFING, SIR MURRAY WENT TO THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SOUTHERN) IN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD TO MEET LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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GOLD COIN APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON SATURDAY

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR THE YEAR OF THE GOAT GOLD COIN WILL CLOSE ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 16).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY), +ONLY APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED DECEMBER 16 OR BEFORE WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.+

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE GOLD COINS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ALL BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND THE MERCANTILE BANK.

+IF THE ISSUE IS OVER-SUBSCRIBED, A BALLOT WILL BE ARRANGED. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE GOLD COINS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, AND THAT SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY JANUARY 17, 1979, AND THOSE UNSUCCESSFUL BY JANUARY 24, 1979,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE YEAR OF THE GOAT GOLD COIN IS THE FOURTH IN SERIES OF 12 LUNAR NEW YEAR COINS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ISSUE. THE OBVERSE SIDE BEARS A PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN, WHILE THE REVERSE DEPICTS A RAM.

THIS ISSUE WILL BE LIMITED, AS WERE THE ISSUES FOR THE DRAGON, SNAKE AND HORSE COINS, SO THAT NO MORE THAN 30,000 COINS - 10,000 PROOF AND 20,000 UNCIRCULATED COINS - WILL BE MINTED.

THE PROOF COIN WHICH HAS A FROSTED RELIEF ON A MIRROR-FINISH BACKGROUND WILL BE SOLD AT \$1,500. THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN IS PRICED AT \$1,000. THE FACE VALUE OF BOTH COINS IS \$1,000.

EACH COIN WILL BE PACKAGED IN A PLASTIC SCREW-TOP CAPSULE AND SUPPLIED WITH A PRESENTATION CASE AND A DESCRIPTIVE BOOKLET.

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FURTHER ISSUE OF 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES

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A FURTHER 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES ARE BEING OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC BY SEALED TENDERS. BUT ON THIS OCCASION THE TENDER DEPOSIT FOR EACH TAXI WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$2,500 TO \$25,000.

APART FROM THIS, THERE ARE NO OTHER CHANGES IN THE TENDER PROCEDURE. THE TENDER WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A PREMIUM IN RESPECT OF ONE OR MORE URBAN TAXIS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) A TENDERER MAY SUBMIT ONE TENDER FORM FOR ONE OR MORE LICENCES BUT NOT EXCEEDING 300.

HE MAY ALSO SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE TENDER FORM, BUT IF A TENDER FOR MORE THAN ONE LICENCE IS SUBMITTED, ONLY ONE FIXED PREMIUM SHOULD BE OFFERED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +IF THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE LICENCES IS LESS THAN THE NUMBER REQUIRED BY A TENDERER THEN A SMALLER NUMBER OF LICENCES MAY BE ALLOCATED TO HIM AS APPROPRIATE.+

HE SAID A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE TENDERS IF THE UNIT PREMIA OFFERED ARE IDENTICAL.

TENDER FORMS PLUS FULL PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED IN PERSON ONLY FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK OR FROM THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE, NINTH FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL BUILDING, DUNDAS STREET, FROM FRIDAY (DECEMBER 15).

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS IN DUPLICATE, TOGETHER WITH THE ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, MUST BE SUBMITTED IN SEALED ENVELOPES ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE ENTRANCE HALL ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE 12 NOON ON DECEMBER 29, 1978.

LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS WOULD BE ISSUED TAXI LICENCES AT THE RATE OF 100 PER MONTH STARTING FROM FEBRUARY WITH THE HIGHEST TENDERS RECEIVING PRIORITY.

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RECRUITMENT OF MINOR CIVIL SERVANTS CENTRALISED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT RECRUITMENT OF MINOR STAFF INTO THE CIVIL SERVICE IS NOW CENTRALISED - WITH ALL APPLICATIONS FOR JOBS UNDER MODEL ONE PAY SCALE TO BE PROCESSED BY THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OR THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN CASE OF DISABLED APPLICANTS.

POSTS REMUNERATED UNDER THE MODEL ONE PAY SCALE (WITH MONTHLY SALARY BETWEEN \$990 AND \$1,490) INCLUDE DRIVER, LABOURER, AMAH, CARETAKER, GANGER, LIFT OPERATOR, WATCHMAN, COOK, ARTISAN AND ATTENDANT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID, +APPLICANTS FOR THESE POSTS SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE NEAREST LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, OR THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IN CASE OF A DISABLED PERSON.+

+APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD AND A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH WHEN CALLING AT THESE OFFICES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A FULL LIST OF POSTS AVAILABLE CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

+ALL SERVICES PROVIDED ARE FREE OF CHARGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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FOLLOW-UP TO ECONOMIC MISSION TO JAPAN

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SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN LEFT FOR TOKYO TODAY (WEDNESDAY) ON A FOLLOW-UP TO THE HIGH-LEVEL ECONOMIC MISSION HE LED TO JAPAN IN NOVEMBER.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT IS TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANISATIONS, THE KEIDANREN, AND THE JAPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ON THE FORMATION OF THE JAPAN-HONG KONG ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

+THE AIMS OF OUR MISSION WILL ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF THERE IS ACTIVE AND CONTINUING FOLLOW-UP,+ SIR YUET-KEUNG SAID.

+THAT IS WHY I AM TAKING THIS EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THE SUGGESTION MADE TO US BY FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA THAT A JOINT BODY SHOULD BE FORMED IN TOKYO AND HONG KONG TO FURTHER THESE AIMS+.

SIR YUET-KEUNG IS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. BILL DORWARD, COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, AND MR. PAULUS CHAN, INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION PROJECT OFFICER.

THEY WILL BE JOINED IN JAPAN BY MR. DAVID DE BORMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S TOKYO OFFICE.

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NEW LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE OPENS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN ITS 13TH LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE IN ABERDEEN.

THE NEW OFFICE IS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE ESTATE'S WELFARE BLOCK.

SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DIVISION, MRS. SOO MOK SAU-HA SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY), +EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS IN NEARBY AREAS ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE FREE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PROVIDED.+

+BETWEEN JANUARY AND NOVEMBER THIS YEAR MORE THAN 14,650 JOB-SEEKERS WERE SUCCESSFULLY PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THE SERVICE,+ SHE SAID.

MRS. SOO POINTED OUT THAT THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE HAS NOW BECOME AN EFFICIENT ORGANISATION FOR HELPING BOTH JOB-SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS.

WITH ITS NEWLY INSTALLED FACSIMILE NETWORK WHICH LINKS ALL 13 OFFICES, EMPLOYERS PLACING ORDERS WITH THE SERVICE CAN EXPECT A WIDER CHOICE OF CANDIDATES.

THIS IS BECAUSE NOT ONLY SUITABLE CANDIDATES FROM THE OFFICE THEY CONTACTED, BUT ALSO CANDIDATES FROM OTHER BRANCH OFFICES WOULD BE SENT OVER FOR SELECTION INTERVIEW. THIS WILL ALSO GREATLY ENHANCE THE CHANCE OF ITS REGISTRANTS IN GETTING SUITABLE POSTS.

THE NEW OFFICE TELEPHONE NO. IS 5-520131-4.

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RESULTS OF ROAD SAFETY DESIGN COMPETITION TO BE ANNOUNCED

THIRTY-TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN A ROAD SAFETY PROJECT DESIGN COMPETITION TO STIMULATE AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY.

AN EXHIBITION OF THE ENTRIES WILL BE HELD IN THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC PODIUM FROM FRIDAY (DECEMBER 15) AT 10 A.M. WHEN COMPETITION WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE TRAFFIC BRANCH OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE SHELL COMPANY.

THE THEMES OF THE DESIGNS INCLUDE THE ROAD SAFETY CODE FOR DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS — HOW TO DEAL WITH ACCIDENTS— ROAD SIGN MODELS— RULES FOR LEARNER DRIVERS— TRAFFIC CONDITION IN ABERDEEN— AND TRAFFIC CONDITION (PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE) IN CHOI HUNG AND PING SHEK.

MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT— MR. GEORGE YUEN, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT— AND MR. K.H. LOMAS, CHIEF STAFF OFFICER (TRAFFIC) OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FORM OF BOOK/STATIONERY COUPONS. THE FIRST PRIZE WILL BE COUPONS WORTH \$1,000 PLUS A TROPHY— THE SECOND PRIZE, \$800 PLUS A TROPHY AND THE THIRD PRIZE, \$500 PLUS A TROPHY.

A NUMBER OF MERIT PRIZES OF \$100 EACH WILL BE AWARDED TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS SUBJECT TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADJUDICATORS. SOUVENIR PLAQUES WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

THE EXHIBITION OF THE ENTRIES WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 6 P.M. ON DECEMBER 15 AND 16, AND BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 3 P.M. ON DECEMBER 17.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EXHIBITION AND PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE ROAD SAFETY PROJECT DESIGN COMPETITION AT 10 A.M. IN THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC PODIUM, HUNG HOM, ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 15).

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN QUARRY BAY TOMORROW (THURSDAY) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE RECLAMATION SITE ADJACENT TO HOI TAI STREET.

EFFECTIVE FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC:-

- * THE SECTION OF FINNIE STREET BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND HOI TAI STREET-
- * THE SECTION OF HOI TAI STREET BETWEEN FINNIE STREET AND HOI WAN STREET- AND
- * THE SECTION OF HOI WAN STREET BETWEEN HOI TAI STREET AND A POINT APPROXIMATELY 6.56 FEET EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI TAI STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ROADS WILL BE DECLARED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY DURING WHICH ALL VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

ALSO, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE HOLDING DUMPING LICENCES ISSUED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE FOLLOWING ROADS:-

- * THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF FINNIE STREET BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND HOI TAI STREET-
- * THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF HOI TAI STREET BETWEEN FINNIE STREET AND HOI WAN STREET- AND
- * THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF HOI WAN STREET BETWEEN HOI TAI STREET AND TONG CHONG STREET.

MEANWHILE A WESTBOUND SECTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES FROM 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT DAILY TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORKS.

THIS WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 15).

THE RESTRICTION, WHICH IS IMPOSED BETWEEN 13-26 CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THESE AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTE TO BE EXTENDED

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT FROM SATURDAY (DECEMBER 16), THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY ROUTE 5B WILL BE EXTENDED FROM KENNEDY TOWN TO FELIX VILLAS IN MOUNT DAVIS ROAD.

THE EXTENDED SERVICE WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN FELIX VILLAS AND CAUSEWAY BAY AT A FREQUENCY OF TEN MINUTES.

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING ROUTE 56 OPERATING BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN (SANDS STREET) AND FELIX VILLAS WILL BE CANCELLED ON THE SAME DAY.

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LOCAL CHRISTMAS MAIL DEADLINE

THE POST OFFICE TODAY (WEDNESDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT LOCAL MAIL SHOULD BE POSTED BEFORE DECEMBER 21 TO ENSURE DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID POSTINGS AFTER THAT DATE COULD NOT BE GUARANTEED DELIVERY BEFORE DECEMBER 25.

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