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COMPANY REGISTRATIONS RISE BY 5 PER CENT
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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT TO 158 018, COMPARED WITH 150 551 AT THE END OF MARCH, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE ACTING REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR L.S. SHUM.

THE NUMBER OF NEW COMPANIES REGISTERED DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE 1986-87 FINANCIAL YEAR DECREASED BY 16 PER CENT TO 8 617 COMPARED WITH 10 282 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1985-86.

MR SHUM ALSO REPORTED INCREASES IN ACTIVITY IN MOST AREAS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMERCIAL DIVISION DURING THE PERIOD.

AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES WHICH HAD ESTABLISHED A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG UNDER PART XI OF THE ORDINANCE INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT TO 2 201 COMPARED WITH 2 122 AT THE END OF MARCH.

THE NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES ESTABLISHING A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG UNDER PART XI DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1986-87 WAS 148, AN INCREASE OF 12 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985-86.

IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1986-87, EXISTING COMPANIES INCREASED THEIR NOMINAL CAPITAL BY \$8 650 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 16 PER CENT OVER THE INCREASE OF \$7 464 MILLION IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1985-86.

THE NOMINAL CAPITAL OF NEW COMPANIES INCORPORATED DURING APRIL-SEPTEMBER INCREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT FROM \$1 809 MILLION TO \$1 932 MILLION COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985-86.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED BY CHARGES REGISTERED ON THE ASSETS OF COMPANIES INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT FROM \$16 581 MILLION TO \$21 276 MILLION.

THE NUMBER OF CHARGES FILED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS INCREASED BY 42 PER CENT, FROM 5 375 TO 7 636.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AMOUNT REPAID ON CHARGES, AS EVIDENCED BY CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION, INCREASED BY 76 PER CENT, FROM \$3 389 MILLION TO \$5 964 MILLION. THE NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT, FROM 3 286 TO 4 174.

DURING THE PERIOD, A TOTAL OF 50 PROSPECTUSES OF PUBLIC COMPANIES, INCLUDING 30 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, WERE APPROVED. THIS COMPARED WITH 49 PROSPECTUSES, INCLUDING 23 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985-86.

THE NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FOR FILING INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT, FROM 217 828 TO 227 094.

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THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES FOR AVAILABILITY OF RESERVATION OF NAMES DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS WAS 67 197. THIS REPRESENTED A 14 PER CENT DECREASE FROM 77 808 IN 1985-86, AND AN INCREASE OF FOUR PER CENT OVER THE FIGURE OF 64 375 FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1985-MARCH 1986.

THE NUMBER OF SUMMONSES ISSUED BY THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AGAINST COMPANIES AND THEIR DIRECTORS FOR BREACHES OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, MAINLY FOR FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL RETURNS WITH ACCOUNTS, WAS 116, COMPARED WITH 290 DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985-86.

DURING THE PERIOD, 87 SUMMONSES WERE WITHDRAWN (FOR EXAMPLE, BECAUSE OF NON-SERVICE), 129 RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS COMPARED WITH 189 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1985-86 AND 79 REMAIN TO BE HEARD BY THE COURT (180 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1985-86).

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES IMPOSED FOR CONVICTIONS WAS \$368 774, COMPARED WITH \$358 646 IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985-86.

MR SHUM NOTED THAT THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRY, AS A RESULT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW TYPE OF PART B REGISTRATION UNDER THE TRADE MARKS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1985 ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, SHOWED A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED -- 3 916 COMPARED WITH 3 479 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1985-86.

NEW TRADE MARKS REGISTERED NUMBERED 1 460, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRADE MARKS NOW REGISTERED TO 45 863.

IN THE PATENTS REGISTRY, THE NUMBER OF UNITED KINGDOM PATENTS RE-REGISTERED LOCALLY DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1986-87 WAS 500 COMPARED WITH 480 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1985-86.

MR SHUM SAID THE TOTAL NUMBER OF +LIVE+ PATENTS RE-REGISTERED WAS NOW APPROXIMATELY 12 000.

+IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE A PRECISE FIGURE AS THIS DEPENDED ON THE LIVES OF THE PATENTS AS ORIGINALLY REGISTERED IN THE UK PATENTS OFFICE IN LONDON,+ MR SHUM EXPLAINED.

IN THE MONEY LENDERS REGISTRY, 222 APPLICATIONS FOR A MONEY LENDER'S LICENCE WERE RECEIVED, COMPARED WITH 217 IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985-86. THESE COMPRISED 178 (179 IN 1985-86) RENEWAL APPLICATIONS AND 44 (38) NEW APPLICATIONS.

OF THESE 222 APPLICATIONS AND 89(68) APPLICATIONS PENDING AT MARCH 31, 1986, 206(184) WERE GRANTED, TWO(0) WERE DISMISSED AND ONE(3) WAS WITHDRAWN, LEAVING 102(98) APPLICATIONS OUTSTANDING.

IN ADDITION, 19(19) APPLICATIONS FOR ENDORSEMENT OF NEW OR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS PREMISES ON A LICENCE WERE APPROVED.

AT SEPTEMBER 30, THERE WERE 429(447) LICENSED MONEY LENDERS.

THE TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED THROUGH THIS REGISTRY DURING THE PERIOD AMOUNTED TO \$999 249 (\$923 346).

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PAPER ON REVIEW OF JSEA OUT TOMORROW

A PAPER CONTAINING A REVISED PROPOSAL FOR STREAMLINING THE OPERATION OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA), AND A SUMMARY OF PUBLIC REACTION TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY A WORKING PARTY APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW THE JSEA, WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (BUILDING AND SYSTEM), MR ANDY S.O. LIANG, WILL GIVE A PRESS BRIEFING TO EXPLAIN THE PAPER AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, THIRD FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS BRIEFING. COPIES OF THE PAPER ON THE REVIEW OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PERUSAL AT 3 PM AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, WILL REVIEW A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF RECRUIT FIRE OFFICERS AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES, THIS SATURDAY (OCTOBER 25) AT 10.00 AM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO USE FIRE SERVICES TRANSPORT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION IN CANTON ROAD BY 8.45 AM.

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BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL DECLARED DANGEROUS

BUILDINGS AT 239-243, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, ON HONG KONG ISLAND, HAVE BEEN DECLARED DANGEROUS BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) AS THERE WAS A RISK OF COLLAPSE IT WAS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THE BUILDINGS IN ONE OPERATION.

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NOTICES OF THE AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS AT VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT ON NOVEMBER 24 HAVE BEEN POSTED ON THE BUILDINGS.

THE FOUR-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS WERE FOUND TO HAVE DETERIORATED BADLY WITH VERTICAL FRACTURES AT THE CORNERS OF THE MAIN BUILDINGS.

SOME OF THE TIMBER FLOOR JOISTS AND PART OF THE TIMBER STAIRCASES WERE ROTTEN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SINCE JULY LAST YEAR VERTICAL FRACTURES HAD BECOME MORE PRONOUNCED AT THE REAR MAIN WALLS AND THE PARTY WALL BETWEEN 243-245, INDICATING MOVEMENT OF THE MAIN WALLS.

IN ADDITION, TWO LARGE NEW CRACKS WERE FOUND RECENTLY.

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DANGERS FROM OVERCROWDING IN DISCOS

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IN ORDER TO PREVENT POTENTIAL HAZARDS IN DISCOTHEQUES DUE TO OVERCROWDING, THE URBAN COUNCIL'S LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD WILL IN FUTURE SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENTS WHEN DEALING WITH APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENCES FOR SUCH PREMISES.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR PETER C.K. CHAN, AT ITS MONTHLY OPEN MEETING.

+IF IT IS IN BOTH DEPARTMENTS' OPINION THAT A RESTRICTION SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS TO BE ADMITTED AT ANY ONE TIME, THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER ADDING THIS TO THE LICENSING CONDITIONS,+ HE SAID.

CHIEF FIRE OFFICER MR T.D.C. GARDINER TOLD THE BOARD THAT IN THE PAST 20 YEARS THERE HAD BEEN MANY DISASTERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN OVERCROWDED DISCOTHEQUES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS RESULTING IN 765 PEOPLE BEING KILLED AND 250 INJURED.

HE SAID IT WAS +PLAIN LUCK+ THAT A MAJOR DISASTER OF THIS NATURE HAD NOT YET HAPPENED IN HONG KONG.

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A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, CHIEF SURVEYOR MR LAURIE WONG, TOLD THE BOARD THAT UNDER THE PRESENT LAW THERE WAS NO DEFINITION OF +OVERCROWDING.+

+WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT IS WHETHER THERE IS SUFFICIENT MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM A PREMISES,+ HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE THE BOARD EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO HELP TO ELIMINATE THE POTENTIAL DANGER.

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SUSPECTED FOOD POISONING -- SAMPLES BEING ANALYSED

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FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S SUSPECTED FOOD POISONING CASE AT THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND, SAMPLES TAKEN AT THE SCENE BY HEALTH INSPECTORS FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ARE TODAY BEING TESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY AND PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

AN USD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT RESULTS OF THE BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL TESTS WOULD BE KNOWN IN ABOUT A WEEK.

THE FOOD SAMPLES WERE TAKEN YESTERDAY FROM A LICENSED KIOSK AT THE SPORTS GROUND AFTER 18 GIRLS, ALL STUDENTS AT A GIRLS' COLLEGE SPORTS MEET, BECAME ILL SHORTLY AFTER EATING INSTANT NOODLES WITH HAM OR SAUSAGES FROM THE KIOSK.

THE VICTIMS, AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 18, WERE TAKEN TO TANG SHUI KIN HOSPITAL WHERE 15 WERE DISCHARGED AFTER TREATMENT. THE REMAINING THREE WERE TRANSFERRED TO QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL FOR FURTHER TREATMENT.

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REPORT ON SPECIALISED BUILDINGS COMPLETED
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THE HONGKONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL HAS COMPLETED A STUDY ON SPECIALISED MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

THE STUDY INVESTIGATED THE SCOPE FOR DESIGNING SPECIALISED FORMS OF MULTI-STOREY FACTORY BUILDINGS TO ACCOMMODATE A WIDE RANGE OF DIFFERING INDUSTRIES, AND THE MEANS OF MODIFYING CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES SO THAT THEY COULD BE ACCOMMODATED MORE READILY IN CONVENTIONAL FLATTED FACTORY BUILDINGS. THESE SPECIALISED BUILDINGS AND MODIFIED PROCESSES ARE KNOWN COLLOQUIALLY AS +BENT BUILDINGS+ AND +BENT PROCESSES+.

THIS STUDY WAS CARRIED OUT AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF HIGH LAND VALUES AND STRONG DEMAND FOR FACTORY SPACE IN THE LATE 1970'S. IT NOTED THAT CERTAIN GROUPS OF MANUFACTURERS WERE FRUSTRATED BY THE LACK OF SUITABLE FACTORY ACCOMMODATION.

THESE INCLUDED THOSE INDUSTRIES USING TALL MACHINES, LARGE MACHINES, MACHINES WHICH CAUSE STRONG VIBRATIONS, MACHINES WHICH REQUIRE FLOOR SPACE WITH HEAVY LOADINGS, DANGEROUS GOODS STORAGE AND SPECIAL PROCESSES.

THE CONSULTANCY STUDY IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, ONE ON THE +BENT BUILDING+ AND THE OTHER ON THE +BENT PROCESS+.

THE +BENT BUILDING+ IS A CONCEPT OF A MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING WITH CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS WHICH INCLUDE AN INTERNAL ROAD SYSTEM AND INBUILT FEATURES ENABLING THE BUILDING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A WIDE RANGE OF DIFFERING INDUSTRIES.

THE CONSULTANCY STUDY OBSERVES THAT THIS CONCEPT IS PRACTICAL AND CAN MEET THE FULL RANGE OF NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S PRESENT AND FORESEEN FUTURE INDUSTRIES.

IN THE +BENT PROCESS+ STUDY, A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS WERE MADE TO MODIFY PROCESSES SO AS TO MAKE MOVING OF OPERATIONS FROM THE GROUND FLOOR TO AN UPPER FLOOR OF A MULTI-STOREY BUILDING TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE.

THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAS CONSIDERED THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY AND ADVISED THAT COPIES OF THE STUDY SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE RELEVANT PRIVATE DEVELOPERS' ASSOCIATIONS, PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND TRADE AND INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND REFERENCE.

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KAIFONGS URGED TO SUPPORT DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE COMING SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

HE SAID THE KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE CHANCE TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN THE FESTIVAL AS IT WOULD IMPROVE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT AND ESTABLISH A SENSE OF BELONGING.

THE THEME OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WAS +CIVIC EDUCATION+ WHICH MATCHED THE GOAL OF THE KAIFONG MOVEMENT, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE THE SHAM SHUI PO KAIFONG FESTIVAL, WHICH ALSO INVOLVED A FEAST FOR THE ELDERLY, MR TSE EXPRESSED HIS EXPECTATIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS.

HE SAID HE HOPED THE ASSOCIATIONS COULD MAKE A GREATER EFFORT TOWARDS IMPROVING LIVING STANDARDS AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

+IF THE RESIDENTS WHO SEEK ASSISTANCE CAN HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS SOLVED, THEY WILL FEEL THAT KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS DO CARE FOR THEM, AND THIS WILL ENHANCE THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING,+ HE EXPLAINED.

HE SAID THAT THE ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD ALSO HELP PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION BY ORGANISING CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS. SEMINARS AND TALKS ON CURRENT AFFAIRS SHOULD BE HELD TO FOSTER RESIDENTS' CONCERN FOR SOCIETY.

REVIEWING THE WORK OF KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, MR TSE PRAISED THEM FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN RECRUITING MORE YOUNG PERSONS AND PROFESSIONALS AND FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN ORGANISING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS IN ARRANGING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

+SOME KAIFONG LEADERS WHO ARE ALSO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS HAVE SET UP THEIR OWN OFFICES TO KEEP CLOSER CONTACT WITH RESIDENTS. AND, IN FACT, THE NUMBER OF CASES WHERE RESIDENTS TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO MEET BOARD MEMBERS HAVE ALSO INCREASED,+ HE SAID.

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TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING IN SHA TIN
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THE OPERATION OF NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS IN MA ON SHAN WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO RESUME DISCUSSION ON THE SAFETY PROBLEM AT THE T-JUNCTION NEAR CHUN SHEK BUS TERMINUS, PROVISION OF CAR-PARKING SPACES FOR VILLAGES, OVERNIGHT PARKING PROBLEM ALONG THE ESTATE ROAD OF FUNG SHING COURT AND THE KMB ROUTE 82K.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT THE SIXTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, KCR HOUSE TOMORROW AT 9.30 AM.

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SHAM SHUI PO TO DISCUSS RENT POLICY
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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC HOUSING POLICY, WITH MEMBERS COMMENTING ON THE CONSULTATIVE PAPERS ON PUBLIC HOUSING RENT POLICIES.

USE OF THE CENTRAL RESERVE VOTE OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS WILL BE ANOTHER ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED. MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE BOARD'S PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP TO ALLOCATE \$45 000 TO CARRY OUT A SERIES OF PUBLICITY PROJECTS FOR THE BOARD.

OTHER ITEMS INCLUDE STUDY ROOM FACILITIES IN SHAM SHUI PO.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, AT 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW.

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CALL TO ARRIVE EARLY FOR ELECTION

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UNION REPRESENTATIVES AUTHORISED TO VOTE AT THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY AT THE POLLING STATION AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, SAI YEE STREET, KOWLOON.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID REGISTRATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE ISSUE OF BALLOT PAPERS WOULD BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AND ELECTION WOULD START AT 3 PM.

+THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER 3 PM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO VOTE,+ HE SAID.

REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD HAVE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND COPIES OF THE CIRCULAR LETTER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT INVITING THEM TO ATTEND THE ELECTION.

THIS YEAR, 260 REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS HAVE ENROLLED FOR THE ELECTION WHICH AIMS TO RETURN FOUR OUT OF THE EIGHT CANDIDATES TO THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD FOR TWO YEARS FROM 1987.

THE CANDIDATES ARE:

- * MR WONG WAI-HUNG OF ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT LAND AND ENGINEERING SURVEYING OFFICERS;
- * MR PUN TIN-CHI OF HONG KONG PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' UNION;
- * MR CHEUNG KWOK-BIU OF HONG KONG CIVIL SERVANTS GENERAL UNION;
- * MR CHAN YUN-CHE OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MOTOR CAR DRIVERS GENERAL UNION;
- * MR JOHN STOVE LAMBOURN OF MARINE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPATRIATE CIVIL SERVANTS OF HONG KONG;
- * MR CHENG PAK-KWAN OF MARINE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION=
- * MISS LI FUNG-YING OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES' GENERAL UNION= AND
- * MR CHENG YIU-TONG OF HONG KONG UNION OF CHINESE WORKERS IN WESTERN STYLE EMPLOYMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ELECTION. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK, AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW.

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CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR SHAM SHUI PO
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A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE NAM SHAN AND YAU YAT CHUEN AREA COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 25) AFTERNOON, IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LEE YU-TAI, HAS BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE SEMINAR ON THE PRESENT STATE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIC RIGHTS AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN HONG KONG.

BASIC LAW CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR KO GRA-YEE, WILL TALK ON HOW TO PROTECT CIVIC AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION RIGHTS THROUGH THE BASIC LAW AFTER 1997.

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE SHAM SHUI PO ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TSANG HING-KAY AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SHAM SHUI PO SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, MR FAN KAM-PING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 25) AT 2 PM AT THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL, 17 TONG YAM STREET, TAI HANG TUNG, KOWLOON.

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SAI KUNG FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY TO CLOSE

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ABOUT 1 300 SENIOR RESIDENTS OF SAI KUNG WILL BE TREATED TO A DAY OF ENTERTAINMENT WHEN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY CLOSED ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 26).

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE A +THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD FEAST+ TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LONGEVITY OF THESE PEOPLE. GOLD MEDALS AND PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE SIX OLDEST PERSONS FROM SAI KUNG, HANG HAU AND RENNIE'S MILL.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ON THE PROGRAMME, WHICH STARTS AT NOON, INCLUDE GAMES, LANTERN RIDDLES AND A VARIETY SHOW.

THE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY IS AN ANNUAL EVENT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

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ENTRANCE OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, 2.30 PM TOMORROW, MONG KOK, TA S. 30 PM TOMORROW, YEE STREET,

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, AND REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, EAST KOWLOON, MR KWOK KA-CHI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND FEAST OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY ON SUNDAY AT NOON, AT CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL OF SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU DISTRICTS, LOT 7 IN DD 231, CHUK KOK, HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, SAI KUNG. THOSE WISHING TO COVER THE GAMES AND VARIETY SHOW SHOULD ARRIVE AT 11.30 AM.

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TWO COMPETITIONS OPEN FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS
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WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION AND AN OPEN-AIR DRAWING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN ON NOVEMBER 23.

THE TWO COMPETITIONS ARE PART OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN THE SECOND HALF OF NOVEMBER.

THE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS: GROUP A FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25; GROUP B FOR THOSE BETWEEN 26 AND 55; AND GROUP C FOR THOSE 56 OR OVER.

PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES; WAYS TO BUILD A GOOD WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT; AND INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 31.

THE OPEN-AIR DRAWING COMPETITION FOR KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS WILL BE HELD AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE OR SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT. APPLICATION CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 7.

THE CHILDREN WILL BE ASKED TO DEPICT THEIR FAVOURITE PERSON AND THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT THEY WOULD CONSIDER IDEAL.

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TSUEN WAN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED
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NOTICES SAYING THE BUILDING AUTHORITY INTENDS TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 17 WERE POSTED ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE MAIN ROOF AND FLAT ROOF ADJOINING FLAT 3604, BLOCK L, ALLWAY GARDENS, TSUEN WAN, TODAY (THURSDAY).

A YEAR AGO, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE INSTRUCTED THE OCCUPIERS TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES, BUT THIS WAS IGNORED.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS NOW SEEKING A CLOSURE ORDER SO THAT THE STRUCTURES CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THEIR OCCUPIERS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

DEMOLITION IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE ONCE THE ORDER HAD BEEN MADE.

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EXHIBITIONS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST IN MUSIC
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THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING A SERIES OF FREE PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS OF CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IN CHAI WAN TO PROMOTE PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN MUSIC.

THE EXHIBITIONS, OPEN FROM NOON TO 7 PM, WILL BE HELD AT CHAI WAN COMMUNITY HALL FROM OCTOBER 26 TO 28= AT YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL ON OCTOBER 29-30= AND AT HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL ON OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1.

DEMONSTRATION CONCERTS BY THE WIND ENSEMBLE AND THE CHINESE ENSEMBLE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL ALSO BE GIVEN DURING THE EXHIBITIONS.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM 5-283257.

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SCOUT BAND TO 'BEAT RETREAT'
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TO MARK ITS INAUGURATION, THE BAND OF THE 221ST SCOUT GROUP OF HONG KONG ISLAND, COMPRISING INMATES OF TRAINING CENTRES RUN BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL STAGE A +BEATING RETREAT+ CEREMONY TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT STANLEY, BEGINNING AT 6.30 PM.

THE 221ST GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL, WHICH WILL MANAGE THE GROUP, WILL ALSO BE INAUGURATED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES REQUIRING TRANSPORT SHOULD GATHER AT THE PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE GROUND FLOOR, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 5.30 PM.

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DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR PLANS FOR JOURNALISTS
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JOURNALISTS ARE INVITED TO ENROL FOR A FULL-DAY SEMINAR ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ORGANISED BY THE BANK OF AMERICA'S AREA COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT.

THE SEMINAR, ENTITLED +CAPITAL MARKETS PRODUCTS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE+, IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB, THE HONG KONG JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION AND THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

IT IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS TO BE HELD FOR WORKING JOURNALISTS.

THE SEMINAR'S PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO BE AN INTENSIVE AND PRACTICAL ONE AT WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN HOW FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CAN BE USED TO DEVELOP INCISIVE REPORTING ON BUSINESS OBJECTIVES, DECISIONS AND CONDITIONS.

THE SEMINAR ON NOVEMBER 12 IS FREE OF CHARGE. CLASS NUMBER IS LIMITED TO 40. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 29.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM SECRETARY OF THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 283.

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EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH CLOSURE
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IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN 1986-87, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 26).

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KOWLOON SITE TO LET BY TENDER
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS TO LET BY TENDER A SITE AT NAM CHEONG STREET, KOWLOON.

THE SITE, ABOUT 5 400 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR USE AS A FEE-PAYING PARKING AREA FOR GOODS VEHICLES, EXCLUDING ARTICULATED LORRIES.

THE INITIAL TENANCY PERIOD IS FOR SIX MONTHS, RENEWABLE MONTHLY AFTERWARDS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 7.

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Royal Visit.

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THE QUEEN LEAVES HONG KONG * * *

AFTER A CROWDED TWO-DAY TOUR OF HONG KONG, IN WHICH SHE SAW MANY ASPECTS OF LIFE IN THE TERRITORY AND MET HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, THE QUEEN DEPARTED FOR BRITAIN BY AIR THIS MORNING.

HER MAJESTY LEFT PROMPTLY AT 10.30 AM ON BOARD A SPECIALLY CHARTERED BRITISH AIRWAYS TRI-STAR.

THE QUEEN HAD ARRIVED AT KAI TAK AIRPORT BY CAR FROM HMS TAMAR, WHERE SHE HAD GONE ASHORE FROM HMY BRITANNIA. SHE HAD BEEN GREETED AT HMS TAMAR BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE, WHO ACCOMPANIED HER TO THE AIRPORT.

AT THE AIRPORT, THE QUEEN ALIGHTED FROM HER CAR AT THE STEPS OF THE AIRCRAFT, WHICH WAS PARKED ON THE APRON IN FRONT OF THE TERMINAL.

THERE TO BID FAREWELL TO HER MAJESTY WERE, IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, SIR MARK HEATH, AND LADY HEATH; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR OSWALD CHEUNG AND MRS CHEUNG; THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL ANTHONY BOAM, AND MRS BOAM; THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND LADY AKERS-JONES; THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, AND LADY ROBERTS; AND THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE.

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INVESTITURES ANNOUNCED
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IT IS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESS SECRETARY TO THE QUEEN THAT
HER MAJESTY YESTERDAY EVENING INVESTED THE FOLLOWING WITH
THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER:-

SIR EDWARD YOUDE, GCMG, MBE	GCVO
MR ALAN SCOTT, CBE	CVO
MR JOHN CHAN, OBE	LVO
MR LAWRENCE POTTINGER, MBE	LVO
MR MARTIN SAMSON	MVO
MRS SUSAN MAK	MVO

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PRINCE PHILIP VISITS HIS OWN REGIMENT
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PRINCE PHILIP TODAY VISITED THE GURKHA REGIMENT THAT BEARS HIS NAME AND CHATTED TO GURKHA SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT LYEMUN BARRACKS.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH FLEW IN TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 2ND BATTALION, 7TH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES BY HELICOPTER FROM HMS TAMAR WHERE HE HAD EARLIER LUNCHEDED WITH SERVICE OFFICERS AT THEIR MESS IN THE PRINCE OF WALES BUILDING.

AT LYEMUN, THE 7TH DEO GURKHAS STAGED A REGIMENTAL PARADE FOR PRINCE PHILIP. THE PARADE WAS COMMANDED BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE 2ND BATTALION, LIEUTENANT COLONEL BILL DAWSON.

IT WAS A COLOURFUL SPECTACLE, WITH THE IMPECCABLY UNIFORMED MEN MARCHING WITH PRECISION BEFORE PRINCE PHILIP WHO WAS WEARING A TROPICAL PARADE UNIFORM. THEY WERE WATCHED BY A LARGE CONTINGENT OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT AND THEIR WIVES.

AFTER THE PARADE, THE DUKE ADDRESSED THE REGIMENT, AND COMMENTED THAT IT WAS BOTH A SPECIAL AND ALSO A RATHER SAD OCCASION.

IT WAS SPECIAL BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1958 IN SINGAPORE THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO SEE BOTH THE FIRST AND SECOND BATTALIONS TOGETHER- AND IT WAS SAD BECAUSE THIS WOULD BE THE LAST TIME HE SHOULD SEE THE SECOND BATTALION BEFORE IT WAS DISBANDED.

HE SAID THE MEN HAD GIVEN SPLENDID SERVICE AND HE HOPED THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO WHEREVER THEY WERE POSTED.

THE DUKE SAID: +THIS IS A SAD OCCASION ALSO BECAUSE THESE FAMOUS OLD BARRACKS ARE SOON TO BE HANDED OVER FOR REDEVELOPMENT. BY THAT TIME, THEY WILL HAVE SERVED THE ARMY FOR EXACTLY 140 YEARS. I AM GLAD THAT PART OF THEM WILL BE PRESERVED AS AN AREA OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE AND TO THE MEMORY OF ITS GALLANT DEFENDERS IN DECEMBER 1941.

+IN SPITE OF ALL THIS, THE REGIMENT WILL GO ON, AND I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT THAT IT WILL FULFILL ITS DUTIES WITH ALL THE ENTHUSIASM AND LOYALTY FOR WHICH IT HAS BECOME FAMOUS SINCE IT WAS RAISED 84 YEARS AGO.+

AFTER ADDRESSING THE REGIMENT, THE DUKE CHATTED TO THE SOLDIERS AND THEIR WIVES.

HE TOOK TEA IN THE BRITISH OFFICERS MESS BEFORE DRIVING TO THE REGIMENTAL FOOTBALL FIELD WHERE HE WAS GIVEN A ROUSING SEND OFF AS HE BOARDED A HELICOPTER TO RETURN TO HMS TAMAR.

Address by HRH Duke of Edinburgh
7th DOE Gurkha Rifles Lyemun Barracks
23 October, 1986

I am always delighted to have a chance to make contact with the 7th Gurkhas. And I think the reason must be fairly obvious to everyone.

2. But This is both a special and also rather a sad occasion. Special because it is the first time since 1958 in Singapore that I have managed to catch both Battalions together; and sad because this will be the last time that I shall see the second Battalion before it is disbanded. You have all given splendid service and I hope you will continue to do so wherever you are posted.

3. This is a sad occasion also because these famous old barracks are soon to be handed over for redevelopment. By that time, they will have served the army for exactly 140 years. I am glad that part of them will be preserved as an area of historical importance and to the memory of it's gallant defenders in December 1941.

4. In spite of all this, the regiment will go on, and I have absolutely no doubt that it will fulfill its duties with all the enthusiasm and loyalty for which it has become famous since it was raised 84 years ago.

5. Earlier this year, the Queen and I were invited by King Mahendra to revisit Nepal exactly 20 years after our first visit. One of the highlights was a chance to meet some very distinguished ex-Gurkhas who had walked long distances to pay their respects to the Queen. They all take great pride and interest in their old regiments and I am sure you will not let them down.

6. The future is always uncertain but whatever it holds for you, I wish you all many happy and contented years of life.

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PRINCE PHILIP OPENS WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTRE

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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND, TODAY VISITED THE PLACE THAT HAS PUT HONG KONG ON THE WORLD WILDLIFE MAP - MAI PO MARSHES.

PRINCE PHILIP OFFICIALLY OPENED THE NEW MAI PO EDUCATION CENTRE AND NATURE RESERVE CREATED BY WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE HONG KONG, WHICH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH LAUNCHED DURING A VISIT TO THIS TERRITORY IN 1981.

PRINCE PHILIP, WHO FLEW TO THE RESERVE BY RAF HELICOPTER FROM HMS TAMAR, UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING. AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, HE TOURED THE BUILDING AND MET MEMBERS OF THE STAFF AND THE WORKING COMMITTEES.

HE WAS PRESENTED WITH A WOODCARVING OF THE EMBLEM OF THE MAI PO WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTRE.

THE DUKE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF +INTERNATIONALISM+ IN THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE AND WILDLIFE, AND SAID THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO BOUNDARIES BETWEEN COUNTRIES IN THIS TASK.

HE DESCRIBED THE NEW EDUCATION CENTRE AS A WORTHY DEVELOPMENT AND CONGRATULATED ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING AND ORGANISATION OF THE PROJECT.

EARLIER, ON ARRIVAL AT MAI PO MARSHES, THE DUKE WAS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WHO PRESENTED TO THE DUKE: THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE HONG KONG, SIR KENNETH FUNG; THE CHAIRMAN OF WORLD WILDLIFE FUND HONG KONG, DR PHILIP KWOK; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECT COMMITTEE, DR K.C. SEARLE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE WWF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR BRIAN MORTON; AND THE PROJECT MANAGER MAI PO, MR DAVID MELVILLE.

AT THE EDUCATION CENTRE, SIR KENNETH FUNG PRESENTED TO THE DUKE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE, MR MAXIMILIAN MA; THE CHAIRMAN, PUBLIC RELATIONS, INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP, MR N.J.V. WATT; THE HONORARY TREASURER, MR IAN HARRIS; AND THE HONORARY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS MARY HOTUNG KETTERER.

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WELCOMING THE DUKE, PROF MORTON SAID ALL CONCERNED WITH THE PROJECT WERE GRATEFUL FOR HIS SUPPORT.

PROF MORTON SAID: +PROTECTION OF THIS IMPORTANT WETLAND PLACE FOR THE WILDLIFE IT CONTAINS IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT ITS CONTINUED PROTECTION BY GENERATIONS TO COME MUST BE THROUGH EDUCATION. EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS - BUT ESPECIALLY OF OUR CHILDREN SO THAT THEY WILL ALSO CHERISH WHAT WE ALL VALUE SO HIGHLY.

+MAI PO IS HONG KONG'S FIRST TRUE NATURE RESERVE AND THIS BUILDING, ITS HEART, HAS BEEN BUILT WITH AN ESPECIALLY GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. THIS GRANT HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN MATCHED BY THE DEDICATION OF WWF HONG KONG'S EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS AND BY THE GENEROUS TIME, WORK AND EFFORT PUT INTO THE PHYSICAL PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRE BY MEMBERS OF THE MAI PO MARSHES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND BY MEMBERS OF MY OWN MAI PO MARSHES EDUCATION COMMITTEE. IN THE SPACE OF A FEW YEARS, THE UNSTINTING EFFORT OF MANY PEOPLE HAS BROUGHT THEIR DREAM INTO FRUITION.+

PROF MORTON SAID THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE WAS NOT THE END OF THE PROJECT BUT THE BEGINNING.

+WE HOPE THAT THE EXPANSION OF THE RESERVE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ALL THE MARSH IS FULLY PROTECTED,+ HE SAID.

+JUST ACROSS THE BORDER IS OUR SISTER FUTIEN NATURE RESERVE AND IT IS OUR HOPE THAT ONE DAY THESE TWO FLEDGLING RESERVES WILL BE UNITED BOTH PHYSICALLY AND IN MANAGEMENT TO CREATE A TRULY SIGNIFICANT RESERVE SPREADING OUT BEFORE US FROM THIS EDUCATION CENTRE.+

LATER, ACCOMPANIED BY MR MELVILLE AND PROF MORTON, PRINCE PHILIP WALKED ALONG THE BOARDWALK TO A FLOATING HIDE IN THE SHENZHEN RIVER WHERE HE WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE BIRDS AND OTHER WILDLIFE ON THE MARSHES.

PRINCE PHILIP FLEW BACK TO HONG KONG ISLAND BY HELICOPTER.