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HOUSING REVIEW COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST MEETING

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THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE COMMITTEE OF REVIEW TODAY (MONDAY) HELD ITS FIRST MEETING TO DISCUSS SUBMISSIONS FROM PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 50 SUBMISSIONS SINCE THEY WERE SOUGHT ON FEBRUARY 13.

THEY COVERED:

- * THE CEILING OF A 21 PER CENT RENT INCREASE OVER TWO YEARS-
- * THE RIGHTS OF LANDLORDS AND TENANTS-
- * REPOSSESSION OF FLATS-
- * LAND SUPPLY-
- * SECURITY OF TENURE FOR TENANTS-
- * THE ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE EXTENSION OF RENT CONTROLS- AND
- * GENERAL VIEWS.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD WELCOME FURTHER SUBMISSIONS FOR CONSIDERATION.

THEY SHOULD BE FORWARDED, HE SAID, TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, HOUSING BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

+TODAY'S MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WAS THE FIRST,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN, +AND AS SUCH IT WENT WELL. HOPEFULLY, MORE SUBMISSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE TO THE COMMITTEE SO THAT THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

+THE COMMITTEE WANTS TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER AS MANY VIEWS COVERING AS MANY ASPECTS OF THE ORDINANCE AS POSSIBLE.+

THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES:

- * MR R.H. LOBO, A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL-
- * MR PETER C. WONG, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL-
- * MR WONG PO-YAN, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL-
- * MISS SHEILA SERALE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING SOCIETY-
- * PROFESSOR PETER WILLOUGHBY OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY-
- * MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, A MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, AND THAT OTHER OFFICIAL MEMBERS WERE THE COMMISSIONER FOR RATING AND VALUATION, SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS AND A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, HE SAID.

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GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

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IT IS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO EXPAND SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY ON A WIDE FRONT, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING THEIR WELL-BEING THROUGH THE PROVEN CONCEPT OF CARE IN THE COMMUNITY AND BY THE COMMUNITY.

SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE POK OI HOSPITAL CARE AND ATTENTION HOME AT PING SHAN, NEAR YUEN LONG.

TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE, MR AKERS-JONES SAID, GOVERNMENT WOULD ADOPT A THREE-FOLD STRATEGY:

- * TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF THE ELDERLY IN THE COMMUNITY AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR NEEDS AND PROBLEMS-
- * TO ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO LOOK AFTER THEIR ELDERLY MEMBERS AND PROVIDE SERVICES THAT WOULD ENABLE OLD PEOPLE TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY- AND
- * TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES FOR THOSE WHO FOR HEALTH AND OTHER REASONS COULD NO LONGER LIVE WITH THEIR FAMILIES OR ON THEIR OWN.

+PRESENT FACILITIES ARE NOT ADEQUATE, AND IT IS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES ON AN EXPANDED SCALE,+ HE SAID.

+THESE HOMES WILL ALSO HAVE THE ADVANTAGES OF RELEASING MUCH-NEEDED HOSPITAL BEDS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY OLD PEOPLE WHO COULD MORE APPROPRIATELY LIVE IN CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES.+

ON THE BASIS OF PROVISION OF FOUR PLACES PER 1 000 AGED 60 AND OVER, THERE WAS ALREADY A TERRITORY-WIDE SHORTFALL.

ONLY 335 PLACES EXISTED TO MEET A DEMAND BY 1 990 OLD PEOPLE.

+WORKING HAND-IN-HAND WITH INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS POK OI HOSPITAL, IT IS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO ELIMINATE THIS SHORTFALL BY 1983/84 THROUGH PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL 1 935 PLACES.+

THE MAJORITY OF THESE NEW HOMES WOULD BE BUILT IN THE NT TO MEET BOTH THE LOCAL AND TERRITORY-WIDE NEED, MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

IT WAS GOVERNMENT'S AIM TO ACHIEVE A GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD OF CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES, TO FACILITATE SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF THE ELDERLY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND TO ENSURE THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE PHYSICALLY TOO FAR AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

+UPON COMPLETION OF THE POK OI CARE AND ATTENTION HOME, YOU WILL HAVE MADE A VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO GOVERNMENT'S PLANNED OBJECTIVES BY PROVIDING 150 PLACES FOR ACCOMMODATION OF THE ELDERLY,+ HE SAID.

THE POK OI HOSPITAL CARE AND ATTENTION HOME, WHICH MR AKERS-JONES DESCRIBED AS +YET ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT OF POK OI+, IS A \$5.5 MILLION PROJECT TO BE BUILT ON A 3 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE GRANTED FREE BY GOVERNMENT AT PING HA ROAD.

THE HOSPITAL HAS RAISED \$1.5 MILLION AND IS APPLYING TO OBTAIN THE REMAINDER FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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NEW COUNTRYSIDE MAP OF EASTERN NT ON SALE

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CAMPERS AND HIKERS TO THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL FIND THE CHOOSING OF CAMPSITES AND ROUTES MUCH EASIER WITH THE HELP OF A NEW COUNTRYSIDE MAP.

ENTITLED 'SAI KUNG AND CLEAR WATER BAY', THE NEW MAP IS THE FOURTH IN THE POPULAR COUNTRYSIDE SERIES PRODUCED BY PWD'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE TO PROMOTE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PURSUITS.

+THE OTHER THREE MAPS — 'HONG KONG ISLAND', 'NEW TERRITORIES -WEST' AND 'LANTAU AND ISLANDS' PROVED SURPRISINGLY POPULAR,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.+IN FACT, NEW EDITIONS HAD TO BE PRINTED TO MEET THE TREMENDOUS DEMAND.+

AS SAI KUNG AND CLEAR WATER BAY PENINSULAS ARE FASCINATING AREAS FOR EXPLORATION BY OUR NATURE LOVERS, HE SAID +THIS NEW MAP NO DOUBT WILL ALSO BE ON OUR BEST-SELLERS LIST.+

+TO CATER FOR THE DIVERSITY OF PURSUITS WHICH MAY BE UNDERTAKEN, THE VARIOUS COUNTRYSIDE FEATURES ARE DENOTED BY ILLUSTRATIVE SIGNS FOR QUICK AND EASY REFERENCE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

FOOTPATHS AND TRAILS ARE SHOWN ON MAP IN DIFFERENT LINE PATTERNS TO INDICATE WHETHER THEY ARE PAVED OR NOT. THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL WHICH HAS PROVED EXCEEDINGLY POPULAR AMONG HIKERS SINCE ITS OPENING IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, IS SHOWN IN A DISTINCT RED COLOUR ON THE MAP FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION.

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WITH THIS MAP IN HAND, FAMILY PARTIES CAN EASILY SELECT BARBECUE AND PICNIC SPOTS WHILE EXPERIENCED TREKKERS CAN TAKE TO RUGGED TERRAIN ALONG THE MORE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING TRAIL.

THE MAP, WHICH HAS BEEN DRAWN TO A SCALE OF 1:25 000, INCLUDES A SPECIAL INSERT SHOWING THE COUNTRY CODE. A GENERAL INFORMATION BOOKLET, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, ABOUT SAI KUNG PENINSULA ALSO COMES WITH THE MAP.

INCLUDED IN THIS BOOKLET ARE GENERAL NOTES ON THE COUNTRYSIDE, ROUTE SUGGESTIONS FOR TREKKERS, BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF VARIOUS PLACES OF INTEREST, PLUS A PLACE NAME DIRECTORY FOR QUICK LOCALITY FINDING.

THE WHOLE SET FITS SNUGLY IN A PLASTIC HOLDER, AND IS NOW ON SALE AT \$10 EACH AT PWD'S SALES COUNTER ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG- THE KOWLOON CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 9TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NATHAN ROAD- AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, EDINBURGH PLACE.

PRELIMINARY WORK WILL BEGIN SHORTLY ON THE FIFTH OF THE POPULAR MAP SERIES, COVERING THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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SNT TALKS ABOUT CHANGING SOCIETY

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WE HAVE TO THINK MORE CAREFULLY NOW, AS THE POPULATION INCREASES, ABOUT THE SORT OF PLACE WE WANT HONG KONG TO BE AND ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH SOCIETY IS CHANGING AND SHOULD CHANGE.

SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PAST CHAIRMEN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

MR AKERS-JONES ASKED WHETHER IT WAS ENOUGH TO GO ON ADDING TO THE NUMBER OF EXISTING ORGANISATIONS, COMMITTEES, CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

WOULD THIS SATISFY THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?

FOR WE WERE A YOUNG SOCIETY WITH NEARLY THREE MILLION PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 30 - OR HALF OUR POPULATION - A GROWING PROPORTION OF WHOM HAD BEEN BORN IN HONG KONG.

+THEY HAVE GROWN UP IN A VASTLY DIFFERENT WORLD FROM PREVIOUS GENERATIONS- SECONDARY EDUCATION IS NOW UNIVERSAL AND TELEVISION, BOOKS, CINEMA, TRAVEL AND EDUCATION ABROAD HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT A FAMILIARITY WITH DIFFERENT LANDSCAPES, DIFFERENT HORIZONS- CAREERS AND WORK ARE DIFFERENT AND NO ONE CAN BE UNAWARE OF THE PRESENT OVERWHELMING APPETITE FOR FRESH AIR AND PHYSICAL PURSUITS, NOR OF THE DEMAND FOR MUSIC, DANCING AND THE ARTS,+ HE SAID.

/+THIS REVOLUTION

+THIS REVOLUTION HAS TAKEN PLACE PRINCIPALLY IN THE PAST 10 YEARS. HOW DIFFERENT HONG KONG IS AT THE END OF THE SEVENTIES THAN IT WAS AT THE END OF THE SIXTIES!+

BUT NOW THIS CHANGING SOCIETY WAS ON THE MOVE, MOVING OUT TO THE NEW TOWNS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS WAS AN ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT SITUATION THAN THE GRADUAL ADDITION OF PEOPLE TO THE POPULATION OF THE EXISTING URBAN AREA, WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS.

+WE WILL HAVE TO THINK VERY CAREFULLY ABOUT THE PART OUR EXISTING INSTITUTIONS WILL PLAY IN THE LIFE OF THESE TOWNS AND ABOUT THE NEED FOR ANY CHANGE, FOR WE CANNOT, FOR EXAMPLE, JUST PLONK DOWN 500 000 PEOPLE AT TUEN MUN, 20 MILES FROM KOWLOON, WITHOUT A THOUGHT BEING GIVEN TO THE WAY THAT COMMUNITY WILL KNIT TOGETHER IN THE YEARS TO COME.

+TODAY I HAVE NOT COME TO PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS BUT TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT IN ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS YOURS, IN WHICH THERE IS AN ENORMOUS REPOSITORY OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF HONG KONG, THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE PONDERED OF HOW WE DEVELOP OUR SOCIETY IN THE YEARS TO COME AS THE POPULATION CLIMBS EVER UPWARD AND AS THE URBAN AREAS SPREAD FURTHER INTO WHAT WERE UNTIL RECENTLY THE MORE DISTANT PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.+

MR AKERS-JONES SAID IN HONG KONG OUR LIVES WERE INTERWOVEN AND INTERCONNECTED IN A WAY WHICH WOULD SEEM UNBELIEVABLE IN A LARGE CITY. IT WAS ALMOST AS THOUGH WE LIVED IN A VILLAGE OR A COUNTRY TOWN.

+I HAVE LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR 23 YEARS, YOU HAVE LIVED HERE ALL YOUR LIVES- GRADUALLY THE WEB OF OUR LIVES BECOMES MORE EXTENDED, MORE INTRICATE, AND WE BECOME MORE INVOLVED AS EACH DAY PASSES- THIS IS HAPPENING TO EACH ONE OF US AND TO THE ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH WE BELONG EVERYWHERE THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

+OUR ORGANISATIONS, OUR COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY BOARDS, OUR GOVERNMENT TOO, ARE LIVING THINGS, CONTINUALLY ADJUSTING THEMSELVES TO NEW SITUATIONS AND NEW CHALLENGES.+

BUT JUST AS WE COULD GO INTO RETREAT IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES, HE SAID, CLOSE THE DOOR ON FRIENDS AND RELATIONS, SO, TOO, WE COULD PUBLICLY BURY OUR HEADS IN THE SAND AND REFUSE TO SEE AND TO REACT TO THE CHANGES THAT WERE TAKING PLACE IN THE WORLD AROUND US AND IN LOCAL SOCIETY.

+THIS IS NOT WHAT I SEE HAPPENING IN HONG KONG, WE ARE ADJUSTING OUR SOCIETY ALL THE TIME TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT HONG KONG. AND IN THIS CONNECTION I AM VERY GLAD TO SEE THAT TUNG WAH SAM YUEN HAS ITSELF STREAMLINED ITS MANAGEMENT TO A MORE MODERN PROFILE IN RECENT YEARS.

+THIS IS THE GREAT STRENGTH OF HONG KONG AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THE MECHANISM OF CHANGE HAS RUN DOWN OR FUNCTIONS LESS WELL TODAY THAN IT HAS IN THE PAST.

BUT I WONDER WHETHER WE HAVE THE MEASURE OF THE CHANGES THAT ARE NOW TAKING PLACE IN SOCIETY AND WHETHER WE ARE CHANGING OUR INSTITUTIONS SUFFICIENTLY TO ACCOMMODATE THEM,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

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TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER GIVES ANNUAL TALK TO LOCAL LEADERS

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UNDER OUR EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE OBLIGED TO PERFORM MANY CIVIC DUTIES THAT IN OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD OFTEN BE CARRIED OUT BY POLITICIANS.

THE TOWN MANAGER TSUEN WAN, MR JAMES HAYES, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) AT THE ANNUAL TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LUNCH FOR LOCAL LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

MR HAYES SAID THERE WERE SOME DISADVANTAGES IN THIS OVER-RELIANCE ON OFFICIALS WHO HAD A FULL ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD AND WERE ALSO SUBJECT TO REGULAR TRANSFER.

HE SAID THERE WAS ALSO CONTINUED OVER-RELIANCE ON A SMALL BODY OF APPOINTED UNOFFICIALS IN THE BUSINESS OF GOVERNMENT. THEIR SERVICE TO GOVERNMENT WAS DIRECT AND GREATLY VALUED, BUT THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC GOOD WAS LESS EASY TO COMMUNICATE. +THIS IS NOT THEIR FAULT, THOUGH TO BE FAIR THE SYSTEM IS ONLY A FEW YEARS OLD.+

MR HAYES SAID, IN THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE CITY, WORKING THROUGH ASSOCIATIONS AND A BODY OF LOCAL LEADERS WAS THE MEANS BY WHICH MUCH OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WAS CARRIED ON. IN THIS PROCESS THE OFFICIALS PLAYED A PROMINENT PART, SHARING IN THE LOCAL FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS +JUST AS WE DO TODAY.+ WE WERE HOWEVER IN A DIFFERENT AGE AND SITUATION. COULD THE ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE DEPARTMENTS GO ALONG IN THE SAME CHANNELS TODAY?

+I SUPPOSE,+ MR HAYES SAID, +THE BEST ANSWER TO THIS MUST REALLY COME FROM THE PEOPLE.

+IF THE PRESENT PARTNERSHIP IS EFFICIENT AND PROVIDES SCOPE FOR THE REALIZATION OF THEIR AMBITIONS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN, THEY MAY NOT WISH TO BOTHER ABOUT WIDER LOCAL REPRESENTATION BUT BE CONTENT TO LEAVE LIAISON WITH GOVERNMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN ITS ACTIVITIES TO A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF PERSONS WITH A LIKING FOR ASSOCIATION WORK AND THE BUSINESS OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.

+THIS SEEMS TO BE THE PREVAILING MOOD- BUT WE SHOULD BE ALIVE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE.+

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

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AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CONFERENCE FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT WILL BE OPENED BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.C.A. HAMMOND, IN NEW WORLD HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI, TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE ONE-DAY CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION WILL START AT 9.30 AM IN THE HOTEL'S FOUR SEASONS ROOM ON THE LOBBY FLOOR.

IT IS SPONSORED BY THE ACCIDENT INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION LTD, THE HONG KONG COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG PLASTIC MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION LTD.

MR HAMMOND WILL GIVE AN OPENING SPEECH, AFTER WHICH NINE EXPERTS WILL GIVE TALKS ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING, TEXTILES, PLASTICS, METAL WORK AND OTHER RELATED SUBJECTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED BY MANAGERMENTS TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS.

TWO SAFETY FILMS WILL BE SHOWN DURING THE CONFERENCE -- THE FIRST DEALS WITH THE NEED OF CAREFUL INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENTS WHILE THE SECOND EMBRACES A WIDE SCOPE OF SAFETY MATTERS IN A FACTORY.

PARTICIPANTS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO VISIT A MINI-EXHIBITION OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT TO BE HELD IN THE HOTEL AS A MAJOR FEATURE OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE +INDUSTRIAL SAFETY GIRL+ WILL BE PRESENT AT THE RECEPTION DESK TO HELP REGISTRATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

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MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PHOTOGRAPHS OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
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COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM GIS PRESS BOXES THIS (MONDAY) EVENING FOR YOUR RECORD AND EDITORIAL USE.

IT WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD USE THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WHEN THE OCCASION ARISES.

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REFRESHER COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH
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TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO IMPROVE THEIR SPOKEN ENGLISH AT A REFRESHER COURSE RUN BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL AT THE REQUEST OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM MAY 1 TO JULY 23.

THERE WILL BE A MORNING SESSION FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM, OR IF PARTICIPANTS PREFER, AN AFTERNOON SESSION FROM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM.

TOTAL DURATION OF THE COURSE WILL BE 90 HOURS.

+THE MAIN AIMS OF THE COURSE ARE TO IMPROVE TEACHERS' FLUENCY AND CONFIDENCE IN SPOKEN ENGLISH, AND TO INTRODUCE TEACHERS TO A RANGE OF COMMUNICATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

AS A FOLLOW-UP TO FURTHER IMPROVE PARTICIPANTS' PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH, HE SAID, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FOR TEACHERS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE REFRESHER COURSE TO ENROL FOR ONE TERM OF ABOUT THREE MONTHS IN THE ENGLISH CLASSES AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL.

THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR 25 TEACHERS IN EACH SESSION AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE BRITISH COUNCIL, 253-261 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

NOMINATIONS BY HEADS OF SCHOOLS MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE APRIL 18 TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR, ENGLISH, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 5TH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

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ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE ENGLISH SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON TEL: 5-774001 EXT. 30.

SIMILAR REFRESHER COURSES WILL BE RUN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND AGAIN IN JANUARY, 1981.

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SALT WATER CUT
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CHAI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 9.30 AM TO 5.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 26) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE AT YUE WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN ESTATE, HING WAH ESTATE, SUN YIP STREET, ON YIP STREET, FUNG YIP STREET, CHEUNG LEE STREET AND LEE CHUNG STREET.

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