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DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS' PUBLIC ROLE STRESSED
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MEMBERS OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD, WHO COME FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE, WERE WELL-PLACED TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT INFORMED OF PUBLIC OPINION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, TOLD THEM TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE BOARD, MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THE BOARD MEMBERS' IMPRESSIVE COMMUNITY RECORD LEFT NO DOUBT THAT THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS AND WERE PREPARED TO GIVE THEIR VALUABLE TIME TO SPEAK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE YAU MA TEI AREA.

HOWEVER, THE WORK OF THE BOARD WOULD NOT BE EASY, MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID.

+FOR YAU MA TEI IS A GEOGRAPHICALLY COMPACT, BUILT-UP DISTRICT WITH OVER 170 000 RESIDENTS AND WHERE UNDEVELOPED LAND, A FAVOURABLE FACTOR WHICH WILL HELP TO SOLVE A LOT OF DISTRICT PROBLEMS, IS SCARCE,+ HE SAID.

SOUND ADVICE FROM THE BOARD WOULD HELP TOWARDS OPTIMUM USE OF WHAT WAS AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE, AND THE NEEDS OF THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE TO BE WEIGHED ONE AGAINST THE OTHER, MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID.

+IN THIS PROCESS, BOARD MEMBERS WILL NEED TO ADOPT A SYMPATHETIC AND YET RATIONAL APPROACH IN ORDER TO DO JUSTICE TO EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY.

+I AM SURE THAT WITH THEIR DEDICATION, ENTHUSIASM AND PROVEN ABILITY, MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN MEETING THE CHALLENGE,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEONG-LEEN POINTED OUT THAT YAU MA TEI WAS ONE OF THE EARLIEST DEVELOPED AREAS IN THE KOWLOON PENINSULA AND THE LAUNCHING OF THE BOARD MARKED AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

SPEAKING OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AS A MAJOR LAND USER, MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID IT HAD FIVE MAJOR PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE, COSTING OVER \$300 MILLION IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THESE INCLUDED THE TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURAL COMPLEX WHICH WOULD BE HONG KONG'S PRINCIPAL VENUE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, ONE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, AN INDOOR STADIUM, AND TWO MARKET COMPLEXES WITH CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

HE SAID THE BOARD WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN ADVISING HOW THE FACILITIES COULD BE BEST USED FOR THE DISTRICT'S RESIDENTS.

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A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, AND REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL ON THE BOARD WAS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE SMOOTH WORKING OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN CHANGING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG.

MR CHEONG-LEEN'S SPEECH FOLLOWED AN OPENING SPEECH OF WELCOME BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILFRED WONG.

LATER BOARD MEMBERS WERE INFORMED OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT IN THE SIX PRECEDING MONTHS BY THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, FORMED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO PUT DISTRICT PROBLEMS IN BETTER PERSPECTIVE, AND WHICH PRECEDED THE SETTING UP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE COMMITTEE PROVIDES A FORUM FOR INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION ON DISTRICT PROBLEMS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION, SHARING THE WORKLOAD OF THE BOARD.

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NO CHANGE IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION POLICY
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THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARDS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA.

REFERRING TO YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE ARRIVAL OF SIR EDWARD YOUDE TO REPLACE SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR LEWIS DAVIES, SAID THAT PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED RECENTLY AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE SAID THAT RUMOURS ABOUT CHANGES WERE CIRCULATING IN COMMUNES IN CHINA.

+ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE SNAKEHEADS SPREADING RUMOURS ABOUT CHANGES OF POLICY BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENTICING PEOPLE TO PAY MONEY IN ORDER TO BE SMUGGLED INTO HONG KONG BY ILLEGAL MEANS.

+THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARDS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, WHICH THREATENS AND PUTS IN JEOPARDY THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ MR DAVIES SAID.

MR DAVIES WENT ON TO SAY THAT AMONG OTHER RUMOURS BEING SPREAD IS ONE WHICH SUGGESTS THERE WILL BE A CHANGE OF POLICY WHEN NEW IDENTITY CARDS ARE INTRODUCED IN THE FUTURE.

+THIS IS ALSO NONSENSE AND QUITE UNTRUE,+ MR DAVIES ADDED.

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GERIATRIC MEDICAL SERVICES BEING EXPANDED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS STEPPING UP MEASURES TO IMPROVE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, DR K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, SAID TODAY.

SOME 800 OR MORE GERIATRIC BEDS WILL BE PROVIDED IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS WITHIN THE DECADE, HE SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE GERIATRIC WARD OF KWONG WAH HOSPITAL THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 309 GERIATRIC BEDS IN BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS, PROVIDING ACUTE AND CONTINUING CARE FOR OLD PEOPLE.

THE DIRECTOR SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR EXPANSION OF GERIATRIC SERVICES DUE TO POPULATION GROWTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS LAID DOWN IN THE 1977 GREEN PAPER ON THE +SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY+.

OTHER MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR THIS SECTOR OF POPULATION INCLUDE HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE, COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE, GERIATRIC OUT-PATIENT SERVICE AND ADDITION OF GERIATRIC DAY-HOSPITAL PLACES, HE SAID.

DR THONG SAID THE NEW GERIATRIC UNIT OF KWONG WAH HOSPITAL, WITH 56 BEDS, WOULD STRENGTHEN THE SERVICES, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE RESIDING IN THE WEST KOWLOON REGION.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GERIATRIC WARD WAS ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PRESENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS IN THEIR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO HELP IMPROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES, HE SAID.

THE NEW PROJECT WAS BROUGHT TO FRUITION WITH CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$480 000 FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROUP AND \$100 000 FROM THE LEE FOUNDATION, HE SAID.

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MAXICAB NO. 16 TO BE RE-ROUTED

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HONG KONG MAXICAB SERVICE NO. 16, BETWEEN CHAI WAN AND STANLEY VILLAGE, WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA THE CHAI WAN FERRY PIER ON BOTH INWARD AND OUTWARD JOURNEYS AS FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

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NEW YEARBOOK SPOTLIGHTS KEY TO HK'S SUCCESS

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POSITIVE NON-INTERVENTION FITS THE-SKY-IS-THE-LIMIT OUTLOOK OF HONG KONG'S PEOPLE, A PROMINENT LOCAL JOURNALIST SAYS IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT YEARBOOK WHICH GOES ON SALE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

AND AS A RESULT OF THIS NON-INTERVENTION THERE HAS BEEN AN ON-GOING PROLIFERATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES, MAXIMISING CANTONESE ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS WHERE SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL AND YET PROVIDING ALSO THE RIGHT CLIMATE FOR THE SHANGHAINESE WITH GREATER ORGANISATIONAL ABILITY WHO SEE BIGGER AS DESIRABLE.

MR GRAHAM JENKINS EXPRESSES HIS PERSONAL VIEWS ON HONG KONG'S GREATEST ASSET — ITS PEOPLE — IN THE YEARBOOK'S REVIEW CHAPTER WHICH TAKES STOCK OF THE RESULTS OF THE 1981 CENSUS.

+HONG KONG IS ESSENTIALLY AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE INDIVIDUAL WILL DO WHEN DRIVEN BY THE DESIRE FOR DIGNITY THROUGH SELF BETTERMENT, GIVEN FREEDOM OF ACTION IN AN INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED COMPETITIVE SOCIETY,+ HE SAYS.

HE DESCRIBES THE TERRITORY AS AN IMMENSE OPEN MARKET FOR ALL THE WORLD'S PRODUCERS BECAUSE IT MUST IMPORT EVERYTHING IT USES TO FEED ITS EXPORT-LED INDUSTRIES, EXCEPT FOR THE ENERGY, DILIGENCE, ENTERPRISE AND SKILLS OF ITS OWN LABOUR.

+ALREADY 16TH IN WORLD TRADE AND THIRD FINANCIAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD, HONG KONG IS NOT A MODERN MIRACLE WHICH ONLY THE MUMBO-JUMBO OF SOME MYSTIC MIGHT EXPLAIN.

+THE SECRET OF ITS REMARKABLE SUCCESS, INCLUDING ITS UPS AND DOWNS, LIES IN ITS OWN PECULIAR SOCIAL CHEMISTRY — IMPORTED TRADITIONS, IDEALS AND KNOW-HOW FROM EAST AND WEST AND THE ASPIRATIONS, HUMAN VALUES AND CHARACTER TRAITS OF ITS PEOPLE.+

MR JENKINS SAYS THAT ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRAINT IN ECONOMIC INTERVENTION, EXCEPT TO SMOOTH THE ROUGH SOCIAL EDGES, HAS RAISED THE PROSPECT, DESPITE CURRENT INFLATION, OF A MEDIAN FAMILY DISPOSABLE INCOME WITHIN THE NEXT DECADE COMPARABLE WITH SOME DEVELOPED NATIONS, INCLUDING BRITAIN.

HONG KONG HAS A REPUTATION, AMONG THOSE WHO KNOW IT AND ARE FASCINATED BY ITS DAILY VISIBLE GROWTH, AS ONE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT, HARDWORKING AND FORWARD-LOOKING PLACES ON EARTH, AND THE 1981 CENSUS CONFIRMS THE BASE FOR THIS ASSERTION, HE SAYS.

POINTING OUT THAT THE PROPORTION OF THE WORKING AGE POPULATION, FROM 15 TO 64, HAS INCREASED FROM 59.7 PER CENT TO 68.6 PER CENT OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, HE COMMENTS: +THIS MAKES FOR A MORE PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY AND BETTER ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE WITH MORE GRAVY FOR EVERYBODY.+

WITH MORE THAN 100 COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS, SOME 254 PAGES OF TEXT PLUS DETAILED APPENDICES AND A COMPREHENSIVE INDEX, THE YEARBOOK IS AVAILABLE IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH EDITIONS AT \$24 A COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, G.P.O. BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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IT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE SOON AT CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES AND LEADING BOOKSTORES.

THE 22 CHAPTERS IN THE YEARBOOK PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE YEAR. SUBJECTS SUCH AS TRADE, THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HOUSING, SOCIAL WELFARE, LAW AND ORDER AND A HOST OF OTHER TOPICS ARE INCLUDED.

COLOUR SECTIONS INCLUDE MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE YEAR, THE SPACE MUSEUM, FOOD, THE TOY INDUSTRY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO, THE SEA, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KEEPING FIT AND HIGHWAYS. A NEW END-COVER MAP BREAKS DOWN THE POPULATION DENSITIES IN HONG KONG.

+THE YEARBOOK, AN ESTABLISHED BEST-SELLER FOR SOME YEARS, IS AN IDEAL REFERENCE TOOL FOR ANYONE WANTING ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HONG KONG,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES TODAY.

+IT IS USED BY BUSINESS HOUSES, IN LIBRARIES AND SCHOOLS, AS A RECORD FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BY TOURISTS.

+COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN BRITAIN FOR POLITICIANS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, SOME 50 000 COPIES OF THE BOOK -- 36 000 IN ENGLISH AND 14 000 IN CHINESE -- HAVE BEEN PRINTED BY USING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG, THE LASER-COMP, RECENTLY INSTALLED AT THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

THE BOOK WAS PRODUCED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND TRANSLATED BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE DIVISION OF THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH.

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NEW RUNWAY FRICTION-TESTER IN USE

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A NEW RUNWAY FRICTION TESTING VEHICLE, KNOWN AS THE SAAB FRICTION-TESTER, HAS RECENTLY BEEN BROUGHT INTO USE AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS DURING TAKE-OFF AND LANDING.

THE VEHICLE IS SPECIALLY EQUIPPED WITH A FIFTH WHEEL WHICH IS LOWERED FROM THE LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT OF THE CAR WHEN MEASUREMENTS OF THE RUNWAY SERVICE FRICTION CHARACTERISTICS ARE TO BE TAKEN. THE VALUES ARE SHOWN ON A VISIBLE DISPLAY AT THE INSTRUMENT PANEL AND ON A PRINT-OUT COPY PRODUCED BY A PROCESSOR-CONTROLLED PRINTER NEXT TO THE DRIVER, AS THE VEHICLE IS DRIVEN ALONG THE RUNWAY.

INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE TESTER IS OF GREAT HELP TO PILOTS IN ADJUSTING THEIR OPERATING TECHNIQUES WHEN THE RUNWAY IS WET OR COVERED WITH WATER.

ANOTHER USE OF THE FRICTION-TESTER IS FOR ASSESSING THE RUNWAY SURFACE TEXTURE, WEAR AND RESTORATION REQUIREMENTS.

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84 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JANUARY

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EIGHTY-FOUR NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 79 IN JANUARY LAST YEAR.

OF THESE NEW PLANS, 29 WERE FOR NEW BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 12 FOR KOWLOON AND 43 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDE A MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE AT SANDY BAY, A COMMUNITY CENTRE AT CHUNG HAU STREET, TWO SCHOOLS AT TAI SHANG WAI, YUEN LONG AND OFF HIU KWONG STREET, KWUN TONG, A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE IN TUEN MUN AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL EXTENSION AT THE JUNCTION OF PO ON ROAD AND CHEUNG FAT STREET.

THE DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$499.2 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$430.6 MILLION IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THEIR TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA AMOUNTED TO 119 341.1 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 95 550.7 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC AND 23 790.4 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR SPACE.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 52 PROJECTS, INCLUDING A SCHOOL AT NAM FUNG ROAD, TWO SWIMMING POOLS AT TAI SHANG WAI, YUEN LONG AND SHA TIN, A SQUASH COURT AT HONG LOK YUEN, TAI PO AND A HOME FOR THE AGED AT SHUEN WAN, TAI PO.

ALTOGETHER, 38 NEWLY-COMPLETED STRUCTURES WERE APPROVED IN JANUARY, INCLUDING SIX OIL TANKS AT AP LEI CHAU SHELL DEPOT AND A FOOTBRIDGE AT CHING HAY STREET.

THE OFFICE ALSO AGREED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 68 BUILDINGS.

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SHORT-TERM TENANCY AVAILABLE

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TENDERS ARE BEING SOUGHT BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE LOT OF ABOUT 2 290 SQUARE METRES IS FOR THE STORAGE OF TENANT'S GOODS, VEHICLES CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, INCLUDING A FEE-PAYING GOODS VEHICLE PARK.

TENDERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON MARCH 19.

TENDER FORMS AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

TENDER PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE LOCATIONS.

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AZALEAS ON SHOW TO PUBLIC
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THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SUNDAY (MARCH 7) FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM, TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO SEE THE AZALEAS IN BLOOM.

THIS IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN THE FLOWERS ARE AT THEIR COLOURFUL BEST.

THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE HAVE BEEN OPENED TO THE PUBLIC EACH YEAR SINCE 1968.

SOME 65 000 PEOPLE VISITED THE GARDENS LAST YEAR- MORE ARE EXPECTED THIS YEAR.

VISITORS SHOULD ENTER BY THE MAIN GATE AND LEAVE BY THE SIDE GATES SO THAT ALL CAN ENJOY THE FLOWERS WITHOUT CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO OTHERS.

THEY ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT ONLY THE GARDENS WILL BE OPEN, AND THEY SHOULD NOT ENTER THE HOUSE ITSELF.

SCOUTS AND POLICEMEN WILL BE PRESENT AND VISITORS ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEM TO AVOID OVERCROWDING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FANLING FLOWER SHOW
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A FOUR-DAY FLOWER SHOW IN NORTH DISTRICT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY (MARCH 6) AT FANLING PLAYGROUND.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING AT NOON WILL BE LADY MACLEHOSE- THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES- THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT- AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FLOWER SHOW ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LIU YUN-SHUM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 10.30 AM ON THAT DAY.

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SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
TO GIVE TWO CONCERTS
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FIFTY-FOUR MEMBERS OF THE SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY (THURSDAY) FOLLOWING A PERFORMANCE TOUR AT GUANGZHOU.

THE YOUNG MUSICIANS, AGED BETWEEN 17 AND 23, ARE STUDENTS OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC, AND ARE AMONG THE FINEST YOUNG MUSICAL TALENTS IN AUSTRALIA.

THE ORCHESTRA WILL BE GIVING A SCHOOL CONCERT AT LA SALLE COLLEGE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING AND ANOTHER PERFORMANCE AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY AT THE INVITATION OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS ORCHESTRAS IN AUSTRALIA, ITS PERFORMANCE OF WALTON'S +BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST+ IN 1978 WAS LISTED AS ONE OF THE TOP CONCERTS IN THE COUNTRY THAT YEAR.

CONDUCTING THE ORCHESTRA WILL BE DR RONALD SMART, HEAD OF THE SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL STUDIES AT THE CONSERVATORIUM.

THE VIOLIN SOLOIST, MR CHRISTOPHER KIMBER IS CHAIRMAN OF THE STRING DEPARTMENT AT THE CONSERVATORIUM. MR KIMBER PERFORMS FREQUENTLY IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE CONCERT ON SATURDAY INCLUDES MENDELSSOHN'S VIOLIN CONCERTO IN E MINOR, OP64 AND JEAN SIBELIUS' SYMPHONY NO. 2 IN D, OP43.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WILL PERFORM FRANZ LISZT'S LES PRELUDES - SYMPHONIC POEM WITH THE VISITING GROUP.

TICKETS AT \$5, \$10 AND \$15 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MUSIC OFFICE HEAD OFFICE (HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 9/F) AND THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL BOX OFFICE.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT 5-283257.

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PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER TO BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY
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THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC LANE OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER NEAR NGA TSIN LONG ROAD ONTO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON MARCH 6 AND 7 BETWEEN 9 PM AND 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THIS ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL NOT BE AFFECTED AS MOTORISTS CAN USE THE GROUND LEVEL ROADS UNDER THE FLYOVER TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST.

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MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS CONCERT AT TELFORD GARDENS
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A +MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+ CONCERT WILL BE PERFORMED BY TWO YOUTH BANDS AT TELFORD GARDENS FOR THE FIRST TIME ON SATURDAY (MARCH 6) STARTING AT 3 PM.

THE CONCERT IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND WELLINGTON COLLEGE (TELFORD GARDENS), 33 WAI YIP STREET, TELFORD GARDENS, KOWLOON BAY.

IT WILL BRING TOGETHER THE EAST KOWLOON YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND AND THE WEST KOWLOON YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, TO PRESENT AN EXCITING PROGRAMME OF BAND MUSIC.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE FOLK SONGS AND DANCE PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS OF WELLINGTON COLLEGE.

RESIDENTS IN THE AREA ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CONCERT. ADMISSION IS FREE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-7561328.

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BALLET SCHOLARSHIP
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FOUR PROMISING BALLET STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ATTENDING CLASSES ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS BY A BALLET SCHOOL IN HONG KONG.

THEY ARE A BOY AND THREE GIRLS - ALL ARE ATTENDING INTRODUCTORY BALLET CLASSES AT VARIOUS CENTRES RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS).

THEY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FREE BALLET TRAINING BY JEAN WONG BALLET SCHOOL FOR ONE YEAR. HOWEVER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE SCHOLARSHIP IS RENEWABLE DEPENDING ON PROGRESS MADE BY THE STUDENT CONCERNED.

THE FOUR WERE SELECTED FROM ABOUT 300 BEGINNERS FOLLOWING A NUMBER OF AUDITIONS AND TESTS.

THE SELECTION WAS MADE BY A PANEL OF JUDGES FROM THE RSS, JEAN WONG AND MISS FLORA CHEONG-LEEN.

THE RSS STARTED ELEMENTARY BALLET CLASSES IN THE SUMMER OF 1980 WITH ABOUT 120 PUPILS.

CURRENTLY, THE SERVICE RUNS 28 INTRODUCTORY BALLET CLASSES AT VARIOUS CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY ATTENDED BY ABOUT 800 STUDENTS.

THE FEE FOR EACH COURSE IS \$3 PER PERSON.

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SATURDAY'S NIGHT TRAIN FOR LO WU CANCELLED
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THE LAST TRAIN LEAVING KOWLOON STATION FOR LO WU AT 11 PM WILL BE CANCELLED ON SATURDAY (MARCH 6) TO FACILITATE ENGINEERING WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE NEW TAI PO MARKET STATION.

HOWEVER, A SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAIN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 10 PM ON THAT DAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID TODAY NORMAL TRAIN SERVICES MIGHT ALSO BE SLIGHTLY DELAYED FROM MONDAY (MARCH 8) TO THURSDAY (MARCH 11) DUE TO WORK ON THE NEW SIGNALLING SYSTEM AT THE CONTROL CENTRE, KOWLOON STATION.

SEVERAL GOODS TRAINS WILL ALSO BE CANCELLED BETWEEN MARCH 8 AND 11, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TEMPORARY CURTAILMENT OF TRAM SERVICES
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TRAM SERVICES TO HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE CURTAILED ON SATURDAY NIGHT (MARCH 6) FOR ROAD WORKS IN TIN LOK LANE.

THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE AT 9.10 PM AND FROM KENNEDY TOWN AT 9.05 PM.

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