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DISTINGUISHED AUTHOR'S PERSONAL VIEW

IN NEW GOVERNMENT YEARBOOK

The 30th edition of the Government's yearbook, "Hong Kong 1976" -- with more than 70 full-page colour pictures -- goes on sale tomorrow (Monday, March 1) with an introductory chapter by the distinguished author and journalist Richard Hughes. The book is published in English and Chinese.

It is the first time that a writer from outside the Civil Service has been invited to contribute the opening chapter, which traditionally reviews events and developments in Hong Kong.

Mr. Hughes gives his personal view of the past year with the familiarity of an author on home ground and with the perception of an international journalist -- he is Hong Kong correspondent for the Times, The Sunday Times and The Economist.

He puts recession, expansion and investment into neat perspective; recalls the Royal visit, the arrival of the Vietnamese refugees, and a moment in the history of local cricket; and takes stock of the Mass Transit Railway, the labour situation, New Towns, and corruption.

The Royal visit is featured in the first of ten picture sections in the yearbook. Other camera subjects include youth movements, the Oi Man housing estate, television, fashion, and the Yue Lan Festival.

As the Government's annual report covering the whole of 1975, the book is a work of reference on virtually every aspect of life in Hong Kong -- its 22 chapters ranging from industry, housing and education to recreation, natural history, religion and custom.

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Statistics are set out in appendices where the reader can see at a glance how much or how many in relation to more than 40 subjects -- including international trade, basketball courts, money in the banks, schools and examination results, the cost of living, letters and parcels posted, crime, traffic casualties, fish caught and poultry raised.

The book has been produced by Government Information Services and was edited by Joyce Savidge, a Senior Information Officer and the yearbook's first woman editor. The Creative Director of GIS, Arthur Hacker, designed the book and nearly all the pictures were taken by GIS photographers.

The Chinese version has been prepared by a team of Chinese language officers in the Home Affairs Department, under the supervision of G. Louie Yun-tao.

More than 31,000 copies in English and Chinese have been printed by the Government Printer for simultaneous publication tomorrow. The price of the book in either language is the same as last year -- \$15.

"Hong Kong 1976" is available at the Government Publications Centre, Star Ferry Concourse, Hong Kong; the 20 City District Offices; the Tourist Association office at the Star Ferry in Tsim Sha Tsui; the information counter in Ocean Terminal; and all leading bookstores. Bulk orders -- and editorial enquiries -- are handled at the publications office of GIS at 1A, Garden Road, Central.

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MANPOWER SURVEY: QUESTIONNAIRES TO EMPLOYERS

Questionnaires and explanatory letters will be sent tomorrow (Monday) to employers of 400 establishments selected for a manpower survey to be conducted by the Printing Industry Training Board of the Hong Kong Training Council.

The survey - the third of its kind - will be conducted between March 15 and April 5 with the assistance of the Labour Department and the Census and Statistics Department.

Up-to-date statistics will be collected to enable the Training Board to make recommendations on manpower training for the industry.

The information collected will be treated in strict confidence and will be published only in the form of statistical summaries without reference to any individual establishment.

Employers will be asked to supply the following information on each of the principal jobs in the industry:

- * the number of workers currently employed,
- * the number of workers currently under training,
- * the number of existing vacancies, and
- * a forecast of the additional number of workers required by April 1977.

Interviewing officers will call on each of the 400 establishments during the survey period to assist employers to complete the questionnaires.

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WATER CUT

Water supply to a number of premises in Kennedy Town and Stanley will be interrupted from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday (March 2 and 3) respectively.

During these periods, the Waterworks Office will carry out leakage tests in the two areas.

The premises to be affected on Tuesday are bounded by Smithfield Road to Cadogan Street and Forbes Street to the New Praya.

On Wednesday, the premises to be affected are bounded by Stanley Main Street and Tung Tau Wan Road.

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THREE LOTS OF N.T. CROWN LAND FOR SALE NEXT MONTH

Three lots of Crown land in the New Territories will be offered for sale next month.

The first will be auctioned in the Sha Tin Government Secondary School on Tuesday (March 2). It is a 21,320 sq.ft. area of land at Fo Tan to be used for industrial and/or godown purposes only.

The building covenant is \$3.2 million in 30 months from April 1. Fo Tan is now being developed as Sha Tin new town's industrial area.

The other two lots will be auctioned on March 16. They are a 7,770 sq.ft. area at Sai Kung town which is to be put up for sale at San Po Kong Government Offices, and a 5,500 sq.ft. area in the centre of Yuen Long which is to be offered for sale in Yuen Long Town Hall. The building covenants are \$1.55 million and \$1.1 million respectively. Both lots are to be used for non-industrial purposes.

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