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VISIT OF LORD CARRINGTON

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THE RT HON THE LORD CARRINGTON, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, ARRIVES IN HONG KONG ON MARCH 29 (SUNDAY) FOR A SHORT VISIT BEFORE LEAVING FOR CHINA ON APRIL 1 (WEDNESDAY).

LORD CARRINGTON, ACCOMPANIED BY LADY CARRINGTON, WILL ARRIVE FROM ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN, WHERE HE WILL BE MAKING AN OFFICIAL VISIT.

HE WILL BE MET AT KAI TAK AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE.

DURING HIS STAY, THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS, MEET WITH UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND URBAN COUNCILS, SEE A NUMBER OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG, AND WILL VISIT THE BORDER AREA.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS TO HAVE VISITED HONG KONG LAST SEPTEMBER BUT HAD TO POSTPONE THE VISIT BECAUSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEBATE ON THE GULF WAR.

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EMERGENCY FUND FOR HK STUDENTS IN UK

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED AN EMERGENCY LOAN FUND TO ASSIST HONG KONG STUDENTS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT INCREASE IN TUITION FEES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

A LONGER TERM LOAN SCHEME FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE OFFERED PLACES IN BRITISH TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS IS BEING CONSIDERED SEPARATELY BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DETAILS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FINALISED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A TOTAL OF \$9 MILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE EMERGENCY SCHEME, TO PROVIDE FOR LOANS TO NEEDY STUDENTS ALREADY ENROLLED IN BRITISH UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 1 500 STUDENTS STARTED COURSES IN OCTOBER 1980.

THE SCHEME WILL APPLY TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FIRST DEGREE OR EQUIVALENT COURSES, INCLUDING DIPLOMA COURSES AT POLYTECHNICS, WHETHER THEY ARE IN THEIR FIRST OR SUBSEQUENT YEARS OF STUDY.

INTERVIEWS TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS ARE IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY, AND THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE, WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER, LONDON OFFICE.

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THE INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE EITHER IN LONDON OR IN OTHER MAIN UNIVERSITY TOWNS TO AVOID STUDENTS SPENDING MONEY ON LONG JOURNEYS.

THE AMOUNT OF EACH LOAN TO BE OFFERED WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONER, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF 2 000 POUNDS STERLING.

LOANS WILL BE ISSUED DIRECT TO STUDENTS BY THE LONDON OFFICE AND WILL BE REPAYABLE WITHIN FIVE YEARS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF INDIVIDUAL COURSES.

THE LONDON OFFICE WILL INFORM HONG KONG STUDENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE EMERGENCY LOAN SCHEME AND HOW THEY SHOULD APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICERS COMMENDED
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FOURTEEN IMMIGRATION OFFICERS WERE COMMENDED TODAY (TUESDAY) FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE LAST YEAR.

THE OFFICERS, TOGETHER WITH A SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER, FIVE CLERICAL OFFICERS AND AN OFFICE ATTENDANT, RECEIVED COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR R.G.B. BRIDGE, IN A CEREMONY AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

AMONG THOSE COMMENDED WAS AN ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICER, MR KO MAN-KIT, WHO WAS LAUDED FOR HIS AWARENESS AND APPLICATION OF TECHNIQUES IN DETECTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA.

MR KO, WHO JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, HAS ON FOUR OCCASIONS WHILST OFF DUTY, DEMONSTRATED KEENNESS IN HIS WORK.

HE INTERCEPTED A SUSPECTED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT ON A FERRY EARLY IN A MORNING IN JULY LAST YEAR, AND SUCCESSFULLY TOOK HIM TO THE WATERFRONT POLICE STATION FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES.

TWO DAYS LATER AT A BUS STOP IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN, MR KO MADE ANOTHER ARREST OF AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT FROM CHINA WHO WAS LATER HANDED OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATION DIVISION.

THE OTHER TWO ARRESTS WERE MADE IN YUEN LONG IN AUGUST LAST YEAR AND IN SHAM SHUI PO LAST SEPTEMBER.

ALL FOUR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS APPREHENDED BY MR KO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REPATRIATED TO CHINA.

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WELFARE AGENCIES PRAISED
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY (TUESDAY) INSPECTED A WIDE RANGE OF WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED AT A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE AND AN ACTIVITIES CENTRE FOR THE BLIND IN KOWLOON.

MR ALLEYNE PRAISED THE TWO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PROVIDING THE SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG, THE OLD AND THE VISUALLY-HANDICAPPED.

HE FIRST VISITED THE YANG MEMORIAL SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE AND WAS MET BY ITS VICE-CHAIRMAN, THE REV LINCOLN LEUNG, AND HONORARY SECRETARY, DR NELSON CHOW.

THE CENTRE RUNS A CHILD CARE CENTRE AND A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, PROVIDES YOUTH SERVICE, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, FAMILY SERVICES AND HOME-HELP. IT IS ALSO INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

THE DIRECTOR WAS SATISFIED WITH THE GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE DEPARTMENT. HE LEARNED THE AGENCY WAS REPRESENTED IN MANY WELFARE SERVICE WORKING COMMITTEES.

MR ALLEYNE NEXT VISITED THE ACTIVITIES CENTRE RUN BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND AT OI MAN ESTATE, AND WAS BRIEFED ON ITS OPERATION BY THE PRESIDENT, MR BOBBY LEE.

THE ASSOCIATION, RUN BY VISUALLY-HANDICAPPED OFFICIALS, AIMS AT +OPPORTUNITY, EQUALITY AND INDEPENDENCE+ FOR THE BLIND THROUGH SELF-HELP AND MUTUAL SUPPORT.

THE CENTRE ORGANISES SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR BLIND PEOPLE AND PRODUCES BI-MONTHLY CASSETTE MAGAZINES.

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COMPUTER COURSE FOR SENIOR FORMS
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COMPUTER STUDIES WILL BE INTRODUCED AT SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL IN A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN TWO TO THREE YEARS, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ASIAN 81 COMPUTER AND EDUCATION EXHIBITION AT BAPTIST COLLEGE.

THE NEW SUBJECT HAD BEEN PLANNED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPUTER EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, MR LEUNG SAID.

COMPUTER STUDIES WILL HELP STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE FUNCTIONS, USES AND LIMITATION OF COMPUTERS, AND THE MODERN METHODS OF INFORMATION PROCESSING, HE SAID.

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IT WILL ALSO OFFER AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF COMPUTERS IN THE MODERN WORLD AND PREPARE THEM FOR FURTHER STUDIES IN COMPUTER SCIENCE.

THE SYLLABUS WILL INCLUDE TOPICS SUCH AS COMPUTER CONCEPTS, FLOW-CHARTS, INPUT/OUTPUT, CODING, THE STORAGE OF INFORMATION, AND COMPUTER OPERATION.

+TO PREPARE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS NEW COURSE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, INDEPENDENTLY, OR JOINTLY WITH THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, HAS ORGANISED OVER 30 COMPUTER COURSES FOR TEACHERS SINCE 1977,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

IN ADDITION, TERTIARY EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE ALSO OFFERED COMPUTER COURSES IN THEIR EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES, HE SAID.

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TWO PRE-WAR BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NOS. 3 AND 5 WING FUNG STREET, WAN CHAI, TO BE DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR STATED THAT THIS PAIR OF FOUR STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS AND TIMBER FLOORS, WITH COMMON CENTRAL STAIRCASE AND PARTIAL REINFORCED CONCRETE BALCONIES HAD BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE SINCE 1964.

RECENT DETERIORATION HAD BEEN NOTED IN THE BALCONIES AND CONCRETE STAIRHEAD WITH ASSOCIATED STRUCTURAL CRACKS. THE LINTOLS SUPPORTING THE WINDOWS TO THE KITCHEN BLOCKS HAD ALSO FAILED AND THE WINDOWS HAD DEFLECTED AND THE WALLS ARE BULGING. THE PREMISES IN GENERAL ARE VERY DILAPIDATED.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE AND IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THE BUILDINGS.

ACCORDINGLY, NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON APRIL 14, 1981 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS TO GIVE PRESS CONFERENCE
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A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE LATEST DRUG SITUATION IN HONG KONG WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (MARCH 20) AT 3 PM IN THE GIS THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MR PETER LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS.

DETAILS OF THE LATEST REPORT OF THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ADDICTS WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CONFERENCE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT. TELEVISION CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE EARLY TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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BALLET COMING TO SAI KUNG
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SAI KUNG DISTRICT WILL START AN ELEMENTARY BALLET COURSE NEXT MONTH (APRIL) FOR LOCAL CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12.

THE COURSE, WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL JUNE, IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

IT IS PLANNED TO HAVE THREE CLASSES, WITH 20 TO 30 CHILDREN IN EACH.

TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY A PROFESSIONAL DANCER EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT CHENG CHIK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCED IN FEBRUARY THAT IT WAS LOOKING FOR AN INSTRUCTOR, ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR AND PIANIST.

IT HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE THREE POSTS AND THE NAMES OF THOSE SELECTED WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

THE COURSE WILL CONSIST OF 10 SESSIONS. ENROLMENT IS FREE.

APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES AND SAI KUNG RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OFFICE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS APRIL 1.

THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WILL SUBSIDISE THE COST OF PROVIDING UNIFORMS FOR STUDENTS ON THE COURSE.

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WATER CUT IN TSZ WAN SHAN
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 19) TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD, WAN WAH STREET, SHUNG WAH STREET AND SHEUNG FUNG STREET, INCLUDING BLOCKS 1 TO 31, TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE.

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