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DUKE OF KENT TO VISIT HONG KONG

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF KENT, A COUSIN OF THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (MARCH 5) FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT IN HIS CAPACITY AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH OVERSEAS TRADE BOARD (BOTB).

DURING THE VISIT, THE DUKE WILL OPEN THE BRITISH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION AT KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION IN HUNG HOM.

HE WILL ALSO VISIT THE TSING YI POWER STATION, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, AND MEET MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE UMELCO.

THE 42-YEAR-OLD DUKE IS NO STRANGER TO HONG KONG. IN 1952, HE ACCOMPANIED HIS MOTHER, THE DUCHESS OF KENT, ON HER FAR EASTERN TOUR WHICH BROUGHT HIM TO HONG KONG. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALSO SPENT MORE THAN A YEAR HERE FROM NOVEMBER 1962 TO DECEMBER 1963 ON REGIMENTAL DUTIES WITH THE ROYAL SCOTS GREYS.

BORN ON OCTOBER 9, 1935, HE WAS EDUCATED AT ETON AND AT LE ROSEY IN SWITZERLAND. ON LEAVING SCHOOL IN 1953 HE DECIDED TO MAKE THE ARMY HIS CAREER AND WAS POSTED TO THE PRE-CADET TRAINING COMPANY IN SANDHURST.

HE GRADUATED FROM THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1955 AND WAS GAZETTED A 2ND LIEUTENANT IN THE ROYAL SCOTS GREYS. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS SERVED WITH HIS REGIMENT AT HOME AND OVERSEAS, AND ATTENDED THE ARMY STAFF COURSE IN 1966.

HE SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED ON THE STAFF IN EASTERN COMMAND AND IN 1970 TOOK COMMAND OF A SQUADRON OF HIS REGIMENT SERVING IN CYPRUS AS PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS RETIRED FROM THE ARMY AT HIS OWN REQUEST IN APRIL 1976, TO TAKE UP THE APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOTB.

AS VICE-CHAIRMAN, THE DUKE HAS BECOME THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE DAY TO DAY AFFAIRS OF BRITISH INDUSTRY. HE SHOULDERS WIDE RESPONSIBILITIES, REPRESENTING THE BOARD BOTH OVERSEAS PROMOTING EXPORTS AND AT FREQUENT MEETINGS WITH BRITISH BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL FIRMS WHICH IS A MAJOR PART OF ITS WORK.

IN JUNE 1961, THE DUKE WAS MARRIED TO MISS KATHARINE WORSLEY IN YORK MINSTER. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A BRIEFING ON FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRESS TO COVER THE VISIT OF THE DUKE OF KENT WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27) IN THE GIS THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND.

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REVISION OF HAWKER FEES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES

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HAWKER FEES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHICH HAVE NOT CHANGED IN THE LAST 15 YEARS, ARE TO BE INCREASED AS LICENCES ARE RENEWED OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THE REVISION IS ANNOUNCED IN AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWKERS (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. THE CHANGES COME INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 1.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE INCREASE IS THREE-FOLD:

- * TO BRING HAWKER FEES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO A MORE REALISTIC LEVEL SINCE THE EXISTING FEES WERE FIXED IN 1963=
- * TO HELP OFFSET THE OPERATIONAL DEFICIT INCURRED IN HAWKER ADMINISTRATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES= AND
- * TO STREAMLINE ADMINISTRATION BY INTRODUCING A SIMPLER SCALE OF CHARGES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE NEW FEES, AND THE REASONS FOR THEIR INTRODUCTION, HAD BEEN EXPLAINED TO THE HEUNG YEE KUK, THE NEW TERRITORIES GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTING LICENSED HAWKERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID THAT 80 PER CENT OF THOSE AFFECTED WOULD BE PEDLAR HAWKERS AND THE CHANGE MEANS THAT THEY WILL NOW PAY \$40 A YEAR INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT LICENCE FEE OF \$10.

FIXED PITCH FEES WILL BE INCREASED BY VARYING AMOUNTS, DEPENDING ON THE TRADE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE LARGEST INCREASE WILL BE IN THE LICENCE FEE FOR A COOKED FOOD STALL WHICH WILL RISE FROM \$175 TO \$1,080 PER YEAR, WHILE FIXED PITCH NEWSPAPER HAWKERS WILL PAY \$130 INSTEAD OF \$40.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE TEMPORARY LUNAR NEW YEAR LICENCE FEE WILL REMAIN AT \$25, BUT TEMPORARY LICENCES FOR OTHER TIMES OF THE YEAR, WHICH NOW COST \$5, WILL IN FUTURE COST \$25 ALSO.

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BILL TO CONTROL CAR PARKING
IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES GAZETTED
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A BILL PROPOSING TO GIVE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING AND MANAGING CAR PARKS IN ITS ESTATES IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO GIVE THE AUTHORITY POWERS TO CONTROL CAR PARKING ON SOME ESTATE ROADS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID UNAUTHORISED PARKING OF VEHICLES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IS A LONGSTANDING PROBLEM. THE POLICY OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, HE SAID, IS TO REGULATE AND CHARGE FOR PARKING IN STREETS, CONCOURSES OR PARKING SPACES MARKED OUT FOR THIS PURPOSE. IN SOME ESTATES, RENTED PARKING SPACES ARE PROVIDED IN SIDE STREETS AS WELL AS IN CAR PARKS.

+HOWEVER, STREETS IN MOST ESTATES, ESPECIALLY THE OLDER ONES, ARE THROUGH ROADS WHERE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGULATING ON-STREET PARKING LIES WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, AND THE AUTHORITY FOR ENFORCING THE FIXED PENALTY ORDINANCE LIES WITH POLICE OFFICERS AND TRAFFIC WARDENS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED: +AS WELL AS THE NUISANCE CAUSED TO RESIDENTS FROM INDISCRIMINATE PARKING OF VEHICLES, PARTICULARLY AT NIGHT, MORE IMPORTANT IS THE DIFFICULTY OF UNAUTHORISED PARKED VEHICLES PREVENTING VEHICLES SUCH AS AMBULANCES AND FIRE ENGINES REACHING AN EMERGENCY QUICKLY.+

THE BILL WOULD EMPOWER THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN HOUSING ESTATE ROADS AS +RESTRICTED+ ROADS, AND ENTRY TO THESE WOULD BE CONTROLLED.

THE AUTHORITY WOULD ALSO BE EMPOWERED TO PROVIDE CAR PARKS IN ESTATES AND PARKING PLACES ON RESTRICTED ROADS FOR VEHICLES OWNED OR USED BY PEOPLE WITH PERMISSION TO ENTER AND PARK ON RESTRICTED ROADS.

IT WOULD BE ABLE TO CHARGE FEES FOR PARKING, TO IMPOUND OR REMOVE AND DETAIN VEHICLES ILLEGALLY PARKED ON ESTATE ROADS OR IN CAR PARKS, TO CHARGE FEES FOR RELEASING THESE VEHICLES AND TO DISPOSE OF DETAINED VEHICLES NOT CLAIMED.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD NOT HAVE POWER TO DEAL WITH TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND OTHER TRAFFIC OFFENCES IN ESTATES - THESE DUTIES REMAIN WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

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LOANS TO FARMERS REACH \$100 MILLION

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GOVERNMENT-ADMINISTERED LOANS TO HONG KONG FARMERS TODAY REACHED THE \$100 MILLION MARK AND ONE LUCKY PIG BREEDER HAS WON A TRIP TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WHEN HIS APPLICATION FOR A LOAN CAME CLOSEST TO THE HUNDRED MILLION MARK.

THE PIG BREEDER IS MR. NG SHU-WING, 35, OF PAT HEUNG, AND WHEN HE APPROACHED THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR A LOAN TO BUY PIG FEED, HE WAS TOLD THAT THE SUM HE ASKED FOR, IF APPROVED, WOULD BRING TO \$100 MILLION THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LOANS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE PAST 23 YEARS.

MR. NG STARTED PIG RAISING IN LUI KUNG TIN IN 1970 AND NOW HAS 100 PIGS - A MIXTURE OF BREEDERS AND PORKERS.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS IN PRESENTING THE LOAN TO MR. NG TODAY SAID THAT THE LOAN FUNDS HAD SNOWBALLED IN TERMS OF LENDING CAPACITY.

IN THE FIRST 10 YEARS, \$25 MILLION HAD BEEN LENT- AT THE END OF THE SECOND TEN YEARS SOME \$76 MILLION- AND +NOW, WITHIN A FURTHER THREE YEARS, WE HAVE CROSSED THE \$100 MILLION MARK.+

+THIS IS AN ACHIEVEMENT IN ITSELF, BUT IT IS IN MANY WAYS ALL THE MORE AMAZING WHEN ONE ADDITIONALLY RECORDS THE FACT THAT BAD DEBTS TO THE LOAN FUNDS STAND AT WHAT IS PROBABLY A WORLD RECORD LOW ... BETWEEN 0.2 AND 0.3 PER CENT,+ MR. NICHOLS SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE PRODUCTION OF LOCAL FARM PRODUCE, MR. NICHOLS SAID MORE THAN 60 PER CENT OF ALL CHICKEN AND 50 PER CENT OF ALL VEGETABLES CONSUMED IN HONG KONG WERE HOME GROWN.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE PROTEIN CONSUMPTION IN HONG KONG WAS AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD.

ON A PER CAPITA BASIS THE CONSUMPTION OF PROTEIN IN HONG KONG WAS AHEAD OF THE U.K. (88 GRAMS PER DAY), ON PAR WITH THE U.S.A. AND AUSTRALIA (101 GRAMS A DAY) AND SURPASSED ONLY BY NEW ZEALAND AT 107 GRAMS PER DAY.

+WHEN ONE ANALYSES THIS SITUATION, WE CAN BE PROUD OF THE PART PLAYED BY THE LOAN FUNDS IN MAKING FINANCIALLY POSSIBLE ALL THE TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION INTRODUCED BY MY DEPARTMENT AND WHICH OUR PRESENT LEVEL OF FARMING STANDARDS DEMAND,+ SAID MR. NICHOLS.

MR. NG'S TRIP TO THE U.K. IS SPONSORED BY SIR LAWRENCE KADOORIE, CHAIRMAN OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION.

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GOVERNOR VISITS WONG TAI SIN CDO

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THIS AFTERNOON VISITED THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AND HELD DISCUSSIONS THERE WITH SIX CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, SIR MURRAY WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (WONG TAI SIN), MR. TONY MILLER, WHO INTRODUCED HIM TO STAFF MEMBERS IN THE OFFICE.

SIR MURRAY FIRST VISITED THE CDO'S INQUIRIES COUNTER ON THE GROUND FLOOR WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY WITH THE MAIN OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. IT WAS RECENTLY MOVED TO THE GROUND FLOOR FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

SIR MURRAY ALSO MET THE RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR. CHARLES CHU, AND THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR. LAI CHAM-KUN, WHO ARE WORKING IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN PLANNING VARIOUS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE DISTRICT.

AFTER TOURING THE OFFICE, SIR MURRAY HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. MILLER AND FIVE OTHER CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS. THEY ARE MR. WILLIAM YAP OF SOUTHERN, MR. ANGUS MIU OF KOWLOON CITY, MR. RICKY FUNG OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN, MR. THOMAS SHARR OF YAU MA TEI AND MR. BOWEN LEUNG OF WAN CHAI.

THE TALKS WHICH LASTED ABOUT AN HOUR CONCERNED PROBLEMS FACING THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS IN THEIR DAY-TO-DAY WORKS.

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HIGHER COST OF LIVING FOR JANUARY

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) FOR LAST MONTH (JANUARY) ADVANCED BY FOUR POINTS, AND C.P.I.(B) BY THREE POINTS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE MAJOR INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WHICH ADVANCED BY FIVE POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B)

THE COLD WEATHER COUPLED WITH REDUCED SUPPLY CAUSED THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES TO RISE SUBSTANTIALLY. DUE TO REDUCED SUPPLY, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH-WATER FISH AND LIVE POULTRY ALSO ADVANCED.

IN ADDITION, HIGHER PRICES FOR ORANGES AND APPLES PUSHED UP THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH FRUITS.

MOVEMENTS IN RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS WENT UP BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) OWING TO HIGHER PRICES FOR CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINES.

INCREASES OF ONE POINT EACH WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS AND FOR SERVICES IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR WOODEN FURNITURE AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND HAIR-DRESSING.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES IN C.P.I.(B) ALSO WENT UP BY ONE POINT FOLLOWING HIGHER FARES BEING CHARGED BY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

LOWER PRICES FOR SOME OUTERCLOTHING ITEMS CAUSED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR TO DROP BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B).

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE C.P.I.(A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE OF BETWEEN \$400 - \$1,499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I.(B), BETWEEN \$1,500 - \$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973/74.

THE SECTION INDICES FOR JANUARY 1978 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1977 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION	C.P.I.(A)			C.P.I.(B)		
	JAN. 78	DEC. 77	JAN. 77	JAN. 78	DEC. 77	JAN. 77
FOODSTUFFS	116	111	110	117	112	111
HOUSING	127	127	121	126	126	119
FUEL AND LIGHT	135	135	132	134	134	131
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	137	137	131	133	133	128
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	102	103	101	101	102	101
DURABLE GOODS	111	110	103	103	107	106
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	127	125	124	124	122	121
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	117	117	113	122	121	118
SERVICES	134	133	126	135	134	126
ALL ITEMS	121	117	115	121	118	115

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SETS UP COMPLAINTS OFFICE

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT HAS SET UP AN OFFICE AT ITS HEADQUARTERS IN MURRAY BUILDING TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE COMPLAINTS OFFICE WILL START TAKING CALLS FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27) AND WILL OPERATE DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS (9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND 9 A.M. TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.)

TWO SPECIAL DIRECT TELEPHONE LINES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE. THE NUMBERS ARE:

5-244744 FOR ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND,
5-221616 FOR CHINESE SPEAKING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE OFFICER WHO WILL HANDLE COMPLAINTS IS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, MR. JOHN DODWELL, WHO HAS HAD WIDE WORKING EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THE CENTRALISED COMPLAINTS OFFICE WAS TO HELP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE WORK OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHICH AFFECTED THEIR DAILY LIVES.

+HITHERTO PEOPLE WITH COMPLAINTS HAD TO CALL DIFFERENT NUMBERS DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THEIR PROBLEM. SOMETIMES THEY WOULD GET THE WRONG OFFICE AND THIS ONLY ADDED TO THEIR DISSATISFACTION.

+NOW, HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A SINGLE SOURCE TO WHICH THEY CAN TAKE THEIR COMPLAINTS AND HAVE THEM DEALT WITH QUICKLY,+ HE SAID.

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RAPID DROP IN NUMBER OF TB CASES
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IMPROVED TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS AND COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE POPULATION, PARTICULARLY THOSE AT SPECIAL RISK, HAVE RESULTED IN A RAPID DECLINE IN THE INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS WHICH WAS ONCE HONG KONG'S TOP KILLER DISEASE.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ANTI-TB AND THORACIC DISEASES ASSOCIATION OF WHICH HE IS THE PRESIDENT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NOTIFICATION RATE OF TUBERCULOSIS HAS FALLEN FROM 697.2 PER 100,000 POPULATION IN 1952 TO 168.4 PER 100,000 IN 1977, WHILE THE DEATH RATE HAS ALSO DROPPED FROM 159.3 TO 11.8 PER 100,000 IN THE SAME PERIOD.

AS A RESULT OF THIS DECLINE, BEDS WHICH WERE NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR THE TREATMENT OF TB CASES HAVE NOW BEEN USED TO RELIEVE PRESSURES IN OTHER AREAS, SAID DR. THONG.

FOR INSTANCE, FORMER TB BEDS HAVE BEEN USED AT THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL TO RELIEVE PRESSURES ON QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AND SIMILARLY A CERTAIN NUMBER OF FORMER TB BEDS AT CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE ARE BEING USED FOR ACUTE PATIENTS REFERRED FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH AND PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITALS.

DR. THONG SAID: +WE MAY BE WINNING THE BATTLE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS, BUT THE BATTLE IS NOT YET OVER AND ANY RELAXATION COULD CAUSE A RESURGENCE OF THE DISEASE.+

+IT IS IMPORTANT THEREFORE TO MAINTAIN OUR VIGILANCE AND TO CONTINUE WITH OUR MEASURES,+ HE ADDED.

DR. THONG SAID THERE WERE STILL SOME 7,000 NEW CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS WITH 500 DEATHS IN 1977, WHICH SHOWED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS STILL A LARGE ONE.

HE SAID THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOULD BE LAUNCHING A TB CASE-FINDING CAMPAIGN EARLY NEXT MONTH TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE EARLY ACTION WHEN SYMPTOMS REFERRABLE TO THE CHEST OCCURRED.

WITH THIS HEALTH EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, THE DEPARTMENT HOPES TO GET PEOPLE WITH SYMPTOMS OF PERSISTENT COUGH FOR MORE THAN FOUR WEEKS TO COME TO THE GOVERNMENT CHEST CLINICS FOR A CHECK-UP.

DR. THONG SAID THAT PRESENT DAY TREATMENT FOR TUBERCULOSIS IS VERY EFFECTIVE, COMPLETELY FREE AND DOES NOT DISRUPT THE PATIENT'S NORMAL WORK.

+GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES SUCH AS OUR OWN ANTI-TB AND THORACIC DISEASES ASSOCIATION ARE STILL SPENDING ENORMOUS SUMS OF MONEY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS, AND IT IS MY GREAT HOPE THAT WITH STEADY PROGRESS BEING MADE THIS MONEY AS WITH FORMER TB BEDS CAN BE DIVERTED TO OTHER WORTHWHILE MEDICAL PROJECTS,+ HE SAID.

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE
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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON MARCH 31 AT 2.30 P.M.

THE FIRST SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 2,900 SQ.M. AND SITUATED AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

ANOTHER SITE ALSO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USES IS LOCATED AT KAM SHING ROAD, KOWLOON. IT MEASURES 740 SQ.M.

THE LAST LOT WITH AN AREA OF 660 SQ.M. AND LOCATED AT PAK TIN, KOWLOON, WILL BE USED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

AT THE SAME AUCTION, A FLAT ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 4, HOI KING STREET, KOWLOON, WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR SALE.

THE FLAT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 56 SQ.M. AND THE ANNUAL CROWN RENT IS \$10.

THE PROPERTY IS SOLD SUBJECT TO EXISTING TENANCIES AND INSPECTION OF THE PREMISES MAY BE MADE ON MARCH 14 AND 28 BETWEEN 9 A.M. TO NOON.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND THE SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR TO LAY FOUNDATION STONE
FOR FANLING HOSPITAL EXTENSION
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE FANLING HOSPITAL EXTENSION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT 10.30 A.M. ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

THE NEW EXTENSION WILL PROVIDE A BETTER MEDICAL SERVICE FOR SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING AND ADJACENT AREAS WHICH ALREADY HAVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 100,000.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT COACH, AM5005 WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES' CARPARK AT 8.30 A.M. SHARP ON MONDAY.

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\$38M CONTRACT FOR LAND FORMATION IN TUEN MUN
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A \$38 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE FORMATION OF SOME 29 HECTARES OF LAND IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SIGNED AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR, ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 A.M.

TELEVISION CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR CAMERAS.

AFTER THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY, MR. STAN BARDEN, P.W.D.'S PROJECT MANAGER FOR TUEN MUN, AND MR. K.K. TANG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE RESPECTIVELY.

OFFICERS FROM THE P.W.D.'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

OPENING OF NEW TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING
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THE NEW TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING AT 20 MILESTONE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, NEAR THE TUEN MUN ROUNDABOUT, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED IN AN HOUR-LONG CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR. CHAN YAT-SUN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. LAU WONG-FAT AND OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

IT WILL START WITH A LION DANCE, WITH THE DOTTING OF THE LION'S EYES BY MR. PETER NG, THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, AND A PERFORMANCE BY THE GURKHA BAND. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO BE PERFORMED JOINTLY BY MR. AKERS-JONES AND MR. CHAN YAT-SUN.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OCCASION. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2088, WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 9.50 A.M. TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO AND LATER BACK FROM TUEN MUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED

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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27) AT 4 P.M. IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MISS ANNIE CHAN, ALONG WITH THE PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MRS. HENRIETTA CHEN, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, MISS NORA YAU, WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THIS COMMUNITY-WIDE PROJECT.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT CLERK RETIRING

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY PRESENTED A WATCH AS A RETIREMENT GIFT TO MR. TAM MAN-YIU, CLERICAL OFFICER CLASS 1, ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

MR. TAM, WHO HAS WORKED IN VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT HIS 30 YEARS SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT, IS RETIRING SOON.

HE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A TEMPORARY CLERK IN 1948 AND WAS PROMOTED TO CLERICAL OFFICER CLASS 1 IN 1965.

FOR HIS LOYAL AND DEVOTED SERVICE, MR. TAM WAS AWARDED THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL EARLY THIS YEAR.

AT TODAY'S PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR. LEE THANKED MR. TAM FOR HIS DEVOTED SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND WISHED HIM ALL THE BEST ON HIS RETIREMENT.

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NEW BUS TERMINUS IN CHEUNG CHING ESTATE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE NEW BUS TERMINUS AT THE END OF THE ACCESS ROAD TO CHEUNG CHING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE ON TSING YI ISLAND WILL COME INTO OPERATION AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

KMB BUS SERVICES TO THE ESTATE - ROUTES 43 AND 44A - WHICH NOW END IN THE ESTATE CAR PARK WILL OPERATE FROM THE NEW TERMINUS FROM TOMORROW.

THE NEW THREE-BAY BUS TERMINUS HAS BEEN BUILT AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE.

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