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GOVERNOR OPENS ARTS FESTIVAL

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID THIS EVENING +A NEW DIMENSION IS BEING ADDED TO THE LEISURES OF AN EVER-WIDENING NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE, AND HONG KONG IS EVEN GETTING A NAME AS A BUDDING CENTRE OF THE ARTS.+

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT THE GALA OPENING OF THE 1978 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL IN THE CONCERT HALL, CITY HALL.

SIR MURRAY OBSERVED THAT IN THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS THIS ALLEGED DESERT HAS BLOOMED IN NEW CULTURAL MANIFESTATIONS OF EVERY SORT.

+BUT FAR FROM BEING SURFEITED, CULTURAL APPETITES IN HONG KONG SEEM ONLY TO BE WHETTED, AND THE DEMAND GROWS FROM YEAR TO YEAR AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL AS WELL AS VISITING ARTISTS INCREASE,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH:

+IT IS EXCITING TO BE AT THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER HONG KONG FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS. SHAKESPEARE WROTE IN TWELFTH NIGHT:

'IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY ON: GIVE ME EXCESS OF IT THAT SURFEITING THE APPETITE MAY SICKEN AND SO DIE.'

+WELL, THAT MAY WORK IN 16TH CENTURY ENGLAND, BUT IT WILL NEVER WORK IN HONG KONG.

+IN THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS THIS ALLEGED DESERT HAS BLOOMED IN NEW CULTURAL MANIFESTATIONS OF EVERY SORT. BUT FAR FROM BEING SURFEITED, CULTURAL APPETITES IN HONG KONG SEEM ONLY TO BE WHETTED, AND THE DEMAND GROWS FROM YEAR TO YEAR AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL AS WELL AS VISITING ARTISTS INCREASE.

+AND INDEED A NEW DIMENSION IS BEING ADDED TO THE LEISURE OF AN EVER-WIDENING NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE, AND HONG KONG IS EVEN GETTING A NAME AS A BUDDING CENTRE OF THE ARTS.

+THE BOLD SPIRITS WHO STARTED THE HONG KONG FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS SIX YEARS AGO PROVIDED THE STIMULANT FOR THIS SUDDEN UPSURGE IN CULTURAL INTEREST, AND CREDIT IS DUE TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR SUBSEQUENTLY CATERING FOR IT SO WELL.

+NOW, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SIR RUN RUN SHAW AND THE DIRECTION OF MR. CHARDET, THE FESTIVAL IS GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

+ONCE AGAIN WE ARE OFFERED WIDE CHOICE AND HIGH STANDARD AND WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A MONTH OF VARIED ENJOYMENT.

+I WELCOME THE ARTISTS FROM ABROAD AND CONGRATULATE THOSE FROM HONG KONG WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS FESTIVAL AND HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING IT OPEN.+

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NEW ASSISTANT POLITICAL ADVISER ARRIVES
TO TAKE UP POST
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A FORMER FIRST SECRETARY AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING, MR. IAIN CAMPBELL ORR, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY (MONDAY) TO TAKE UP THE POST OF ASSISTANT POLITICAL ADVISER.

HE TAKES OVER FROM MR. CHARLES DRACE-FRANCIS, WHO LEFT HONG KONG IN EARLY DECEMBER TO JOIN THE OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY IN BRUSSELS.

MR. ORR, AGED 35, LEARNED CHINESE IN HONG KONG FROM 1969-71 AND WAS FIRST SECRETARY IN PEKING FROM 1972-74. SINCE RETURNING TO LONDON, HE HAS BEEN FIRST SECRETARY AT THE FAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

MR. ORR MARRIED RECENTLY.

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES
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THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, MR. F. CRABB, WILL LEAVE THE SERVICE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN MARCH 1978 ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE. HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR. G.D. EDEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, WHOSE PROMOTION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

MR. EDEN, AGED 54, FIRST JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS A TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN MAY 1961. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN NOVEMBER 1966, TO CHIEF TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN JANUARY 1972, TO PRINCIPAL TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN OCTOBER 1974 AND TO HIS PRESENT RANK IN MARCH 1975. MR. EDEN IS MARRIED AND HAS A SON AND A DAUGHTER.

MR. CRABB JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CLERICAL AND ACCOUNTING STAFF IN NOVEMBER 1940. HE WAS APPOINTED ON TRANSFER TO THE EXECUTIVE GRADE IN JANUARY 1947 AND AS A TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN APRIL 1960. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR ACCOUNTANT IN JUNE 1965, TO PRINCIPAL TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN MARCH 1970, TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES IN MARCH 1972, AND TO DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES IN MARCH 1975. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO SONS.

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AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL SECURITY MINISTER VISITS
REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS

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THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY, SENATOR MARGARET GUILFOYLE, NOW IN HONG KONG FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT, THIS (MONDAY) MORNING TOURED TWO REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY HER HUSBAND, MR. STAN GUILFOYLE AND HER PERSONAL SECRETARY, MISS JAN STEPHEN, THE SENATOR FIRST CALLED AT THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE IN KWUN TONG ROAD.

THE PARTY WAS SHOWN ROUND THE INSTITUTE BY MRS. NANCY TSUI, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CENTRE.

SENATOR GUILFOYLE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES AT THE CENTRE, PROVIDING SPECIALISED SERVICES AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR THE DISABLED.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO THE KAI NANG TRAINING CENTRE AT FUK TONG ROAD WHERE MRS. SHIRLEY LAI, THE CENTRE'S SUPERINTENDENT EXPLAINED TO THE VISITORS THE WORK OF THE INSTITUTE.

THE CENTRE, DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS, RUNS PROGRAMMES AIMED AT DEVELOPING SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS OF THE MENTALLY RETARDED AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 25 SO THAT THEY COULD BECOME INDEPENDENT AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

DURING THE TOUR, SENATOR GUILFOYLE MET CHILDREN ATTENDING VARIOUS CLASSES ON HABIT FORMATION, SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT, AND ARTS AND CRAFTS.

THE SENATOR SHOWED SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE SKILLS DISPLAYED BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN VOCATIONAL CLASSES SUCH AS WOODWORK, SHOE-MAKING AND TAILORING. SHE ALSO VISITED THE HOSTEL FOR 40 ADULT TRAINEES.

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THOMAS LEE TO VISIT VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL VISIT THREE VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING TO SEE THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THESE ORGANISATIONS AND TO KEEP HIMSELF INFORMED OF THEIR LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

MR. LEE WILL VISIT THE FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY, THE PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION AND THE PO LEUNG KUK.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY MRS. EVELYN DOE, HEAD OF THE FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION AND MR. HENRY AU, HEAD OF THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION.

MR. LEE WILL ARRIVE AT THE EASTERN OFFICE OF THE FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY IN SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND, WAN CHAI AT 9.45 A.M. TOMORROW AND THEN AT THE PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION, ALSO IN SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND AT ABOUT 10.30 A.M.

HE WILL THEN GO TO PO LEUNG KUK AT 66, LEIGHTON ROAD AT 11.30 A.M.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE VISIT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO THREE VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO USE THE FACILITIES ARE ASKED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE EASTERN ENTRANCE OF LEE GARDENS IN CAUSEWAY BAY NOT LATER THAN 9.20 A.M. TOMORROW.

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DAY CAMP FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
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ABOUT 300 HANDICAPPED CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE PART IN A DAY CAMP AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 25).

THE CHILDREN, AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 16, ARE TRAINEES FROM NINE CLUBS FOR THE DEAF AND TRAINING CENTRES FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN.

THE DAY CAMP, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S DEAF AND MENTAL WELFARE UNIT, AIMS TO FOSTER FRIENDSHIP AMONG PARTICIPANTS AND AROUSE THEIR INTEREST IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE DAY INCLUDE ROLLER SKATING, TRAMPOLINE, ARCHERY, BALL GAMES, ROPE WORK AND A LUCKY DRAW.

INSTRUCTORS OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP THE CAMPERS USE THE SPORTS EQUIPMENT, WHILE 50 STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE PARTICIPATING CENTRES WILL CONDUCT OTHER GROUP GAMES.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SECTION OF BOUNDARY STREET
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SECTION OF BOUNDARY STREET BETWEEN TAI HANG TUNG ROAD AND EMBANKMENT ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED BETWEEN 11.55 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 25) AND 5 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE REMOVAL OF THE TEMPORARY SUPPORTING STRUCTURES ON THE RAILING BRIDGE ACROSS BOUNDARY STREET.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, SAI YEE STREET BETWEEN FLOWER MARKET ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET, AND BOUNDARY STREET BETWEEN SAI YEE STREET AND TAI HANG TUNG ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

OTHER TRAFFIC AFFECTED BY THE ROAD CLOSURE WILL BE DIVERTED AS FOLLOWS:

- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON BOUNDARY STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO SAI YEE STREET, FLOWER MARKET ROAD, YUEN NGAI STREET, AND EMBANKMENT ROAD TO RE-JOIN BOUNDARY STREET-
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD GOING TO TAI HANG TUNG MAY TURN INTO TUNG CHOI STREET FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND THEN TO TAI HANG TUNG ROAD VIA BOUNDARY STREET- AND
- * TRAFFIC FROM TAI HANG TUNG ROAD GOING TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD MAY GO WESTBOUND ON BOUNDARY STREET AND THEN TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD VIA SAI YEE STREET, FLOWER MARKET ROAD AND YUEN NGAI STREET.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE WHEN PASSING THROUGH THE AREA AND APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE THEM.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL AREA WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 26) TO ALLOW STAFF OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT WATER PIPE CONNECTION WORK IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR FU TEI CHUNG TSUEN IN TUEN MUN.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED BY THE WATER CUT ARE THOSE IN TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL AREAS 9 AND 12.

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