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ROLE OF DISTRICT BOARDS IN COMMUNITY

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IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S FERVENT HOPE THAT DISTRICT BOARDS WILL FOSTER COMMUNITY SPIRIT AT DISTRICT LEVEL AND GIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THEIR INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES AS THEY AFFECT THEIR DISTRICTS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, IN HIS ADDRESS TO OVER 1 000 EXECUTIVES AND MANAGING DIRECTORS AT THE ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING ON +THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG,+ SIR PHILIP SAID THE DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD PROVIDE ADVICE ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING IN EACH DISTRICT, ON THE PROVISION AND USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND ON THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE DISTRICT FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

+DISTRICT BOARDS SHOULD, IN SHORT, IMPROVE THE IMPACT OF GOVERNMENT AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL AND STIMULATE A GREATER DEGREE OF LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN IT,+ HE SAID.

SIR PHILIP SAID THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN A PARTICULAR DISTRICT WOULD THUS DEPEND INCREASINGLY ON THE RESIDENTS OF THAT DISTRICT, THROUGH THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES TO THE BOARDS AND LATER BY CALLING THEIR MEMBERS TO ACCOUNT.

EARLIER, THE CHIEF SECRETARY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF AN ORTHODOX PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM, THE COMMUNITY IS ASSOCIATED DIRECTLY WITH THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS BY A NETWORK OF SOME 400 ADVISORY BODIES EXTENDING DOWNWARDS AND OUTWARDS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

THE INPUT OF THESE ADVISORY BODIES - BE THEY STATUTORY OR NON-STATUTORY, STANDING OR AD HOC, SUBJECT-ORIENTED OR GEOGRAPHICALLY-ORIENTED, AUGMENTS AND COMPLEMENTS, AND PROVIDES CRITICAL COMMENTARY UPON, THE OFFICIAL VIEW OF THE DESIRABLE CONTENT OF POLICIES IN THE VARIOUS PROGRAMME AREAS.

SIR PHILIP SAID THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT SUCH INPUT IS ESSENTIAL TO PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF POLICY DECISIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE ADDED, THIS ASSOCIATION OF ADVISORY BODIES WITH THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP THE CONCEPT OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY.

ON CHANGES IN THE ORGANISATION OF GOVERNMENT'S INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION, SIR PHILIP SAID IT WAS A STRANGE PARADOX THAT, WHEREAS IN BUSINESS, ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES WERE REGARDED AS A VIRTUE, REFLECTING A DYNAMIC APPROACH, IN GOVERNMENT, ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES TENDED TO BE REGARDED AS BEING COSMETIC OR AS A DEVISE TO OBSCURE INDECISIVENESS.

+BUT THIS IS UNFAIR, FOR CIVIL SERVANTS ARE QUITE CAPABLE OF REALISING THAT ORGANISATION OF GOVERNMENT'S INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION MUST BE ADAPTED TO CHANGING NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES - BOTH QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE - TO AVOID BECOMING ARTHRITIC, UNRESPONSIVE AND INCOMPETENT,+ HE SAID.

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FIRST SAFETY SEMINAR FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

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THE FIRST-EVER SAFETY SEMINAR ORGANISED SOLELY FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON.

ADDRESSING THE 300 PARTICIPANTS AT THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR AT THE CHINESE YMCA AT WATERLOO ROAD, HE SAID THAT THE OCCASION ENABLED PARTICIPANTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CONSTRUCTION SAFETY, AND SERVED TO SHOW THE SUPPORT OF ALL FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE VOLUNTARY SAFETY MOVEMENT IN THE INDUSTRY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ACCIDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HAD INCREASED IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, CLIMBING FROM 14 738 (INCLUDING 80 DEATHS) IN 1978 TO THE ALARMING FIGURE OF 18 319 (INCLUDING 88 DEATHS) IN 1980.

THE CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE HAD ALSO GROWN FROM 68 601 IN 1978 TO 84 395 IN 1980, SO THAT IN THE PAST THREE YEARS THE ACCIDENT RATE PER 1 000 PEOPLE EMPLOYED ON CONSTRUCTION SITES WAS ABOUT 215, AND TWO KILLED IN EVERY WORKING WEEK.

MR HENDERSON SAID THAT THE TOLL IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY NOW ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF ALL INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

ACCIDENTS WERE COSTLY, HE SAID.

+APART FROM DAMAGE TO PLANT, DISRUPTION TO PROGRESS OF WORK, LOSS OF SKILLED AND IRREPLACEABLE WORKERS AND OTHER INVISIBLE COSTS, A TOTAL OF \$12 823 226 WAS PAID OUT LAST YEAR IN COMPENSATION FOR WORKERS INJURED OR KILLED ON CONSTRUCTION SITE,+ HE SAID.

THIS CONSTITUTED ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL COMPENSATION (\$39 278 315) PAID OUT IN RESPECT OF ALL OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS IN 1980.

MR HENDERSON SAID : +THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIVES, LIMBS, EYES, ETC., IS INTOLERABLE. HONG KONG'S ONLY NATURAL RESOURCE IS ITS WORKERS. THERE IS NO SENSE IN WASTING THIS RESOURCE.+

HE SAID THAT THERE MIGHT BE GREY AREAS IN WHICH THE LAW WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY SPECIFIC OR NOT PROPERLY SPELLED OUT BUT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WAS PREPARING A NUMBER OF NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE INADEQUACIES.

BUT LEGISLATION ALONE WOULD NOT SOLVE OUR PROBLEM, HE SAID.

+THE PREVENTION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT ALONE. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL CONCERNED.+

A CONSTRUCTION WORKER, MR HO CHI-SHING WHO ESCAPED DEATH DURING AN ACCIDENT AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE, GAVE A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF HOW HE WAS SAVED BY THE SAFETY BELT HE WAS WEARING WHILE WORKING AT HEIGHTS.

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SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR INCLUDED MR CHEUNG LUN, SECRETARY, HONG KONG AND KOWLOON CEMENT AND CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION TRADE WORKERS UNION= MR HO SAI-CHU, PRESIDENT, THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION, MR KAM HUNG-YUEN, AREA CONSUMERS ENGINEER, CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO LTD= MR WONG YUM-YIN, SAFETY OFFICER, GAMMON (HK) LTD= MR MA CHING-KO, VICE-CHAIRMAN, HONG KONG AND KOWLOON CARPENTERS GENERAL UNION= AND MR CHENG KWONG-KUI, DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR, LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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USE OF FIRE BANNED IN COUNTRY PARK AND NATURE RESERVE

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A TOTAL BAN ON THE USE OF FIRES FOR ANY PURPOSE WILL BE IMPOSED IN ONE COUNTRY PARK AND A NATURE RESERVE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20).

THE BAN WILL BE APPLIED TO THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK AND THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND WILL EXTEND OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS UNLESS THE WEATHER CONDITIONS CHANGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY SAID THE BAN WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE PREVAILING DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS.

+THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT RAINFALL FOR 38 DAYS SINCE NOVEMBER 10.

+THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK AND THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE ARE TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WOODLANDS AND THEY ARE EXTREMELY SUSCEPTIBLE TO FIRES,+ HE SAID.

A NUMBER OF FIRES HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED IN THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK DURING THE CURRENT FIRE SEASON.

WHILE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN STILL VISIT THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK AND THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE WHEN THE BAN IS IN FORCE, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LIGHT FIRES IN THESE AREAS.

VISITORS SHOULD TAKE WITH THEM SANDWICHES AND PRE-COOKED FOOD.

+THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY REGRETS ANY INCONVENIENCE THAT MAY BE CAUSED, BUT NO ONE SHOULD UNDERESTIMATE THE VULNERABILITY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE TO FIRES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

FIRE IS THE SINGLE BIGGEST THREAT TO COUNTRY PARKS.

HE ALSO ASKED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REFRAIN FROM SMOKING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND TO BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL WITH FIRES DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

+ONLY BARBECUE IN APPROVED BARBECUE PLACES,+ HE STRESSED. THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR ILLEGAL USE OF FIRES INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS IS \$5 000, WHILE THE ILLEGAL USE OF FIRES ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE BUT OUTSIDE COUNTRY PARKS CAN RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 000.

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TUEN MUN SPORTS GROUND OPENED
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JUST OVER 11 MONTHS AFTER THE FOUNDATION STONE WAS LAID THE PEOPLE OF TUEN MUN HAVE AN EXCELLENT SPORTS GROUND, THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FIRST PHASE OF TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND WHICH WILL BE USED FOR SOCCER MATCHES, ATHLETICS EVENTS AND OTHER DISTRICT FUNCTIONS.

+IT IS A SPLENDID EXAMPLE OF THE THINGS THAT ARE BEST IN HONG KONG : PRIVATE GENEROSITY AND PUBLIC SUPPORT= DETERMINATION AND ENTERPRISE= CO-OPERATION= AND A RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

+WE MUST HURRY, FOR THERE CAN BE NO TOWN IN THE WORLD LIKE TUEN MUN, WHERE HOUSING FOR 50 000 PEOPLE IS BEING BUILT AND OCCUPIED EVERY YEAR, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE SUPPORTING FACILITIES OF SCHOOLS, CLINICS AND OTHER SERVICES.+

HOUSING MUST REMAIN OUR PRINCIPAL CONCERN, MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

BUT AN IMMENSE EFFORT WAS ALSO BEING MADE TO SPEED UP THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND, BY CREATING A TEAM OF WORKERS, TO ENSURE THAT THE BEST USE WAS MADE OF OUR RESOURCES AND THAT OUR FITNESS PROGRAMMES REACHED OUT TO ALL THE PEOPLE.

+THIS SPORTS GROUND COULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ADVANCED AHEAD OF ITS ORIGINAL PROGRAMME AND COMPLETED TODAY HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR SIR SHIU KIN TANG'S GENEROUS DONATION OF \$2 MILLION,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

+MAY I SAY ONCE AGAIN HOW MUCH HIS GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED.

+I HOPE HE, TOO, WILL BE PLEASED TO SEE HOW WELL HIS MONEY HAS BEEN USED.+

MR AKERS-JONES THANKED ALL THOSE WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS EARLY COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, IN PARTICULAR THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE SPORTS GROUND, SITUATED ON A THREE-HECTARE SITE ADJACENT TO TAI HING ESTATE, IS \$8.3 MILLION.

FACILITIES INCLUDE A FULL-SIZE TURFED SOCCER PITCH, AN EIGHT-LANE 400-METRE ALL-WEATHER RUNNING TRACK, A SHOT PUT CIRCLE, A DISCUS THROWING CAGE, A JAVELIN RUNWAY, AND A RUNWAY AND SANDPIT FOR POLE VAULT, AND HIGH, LONG AND TRIPLE JUMP.

/OTHER FACILITIES

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE CHANGING ROOMS WITH SHOWERS, TOILETS, A STORE ROOM FOR ATHLETICS EQUIPMENT, AND AN OFFICE.

SPECIAL CHANGING FACILITIES AND TOILETS FOR THE DISABLED ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE SPORTS GROUND TO FURTHER EXPAND IT INTO A MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS CENTRE WILL SOON START.

IT WILL INCLUDE CONCRETE SPECTATOR STANDS, BASKETBALL AND MINI-SOCCER PITCHES AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT AN ADJACENT SITE.

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HONG KONG'S FIRST WOMAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER
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MISS PAULINE LEE PO-LIN, 22, TODAY (THURSDAY) BECAME HONG KONG'S FIRST WOMAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER ON RECEIVING HER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER'S LICENCE ENDORSED WITH THE AREA CONTROL RATING FROM MR B.D. KEEP, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION.

MISS LEE RECENTLY QUALIFIED FOR THE RATING ON PASSING EXAMINATIONS SET BY THE AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

IN PRESENTING THE DOCUMENT TO HER, MR KEEP SAID THAT PASSING THE EXAMINATIONS WAS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAMME.

HE NOTED THAT THIS PROGRAMME HAD STARTED IN 1964 AND THE FIRST STUDENT WAS NOW A SENIOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

+SINCE THAT TIME, A TOTAL OF 67 LICENCES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO GRADUATES OF THE TRAINING SCHEME BUT ALL OF THEM HAD BEEN MALES UP TO THIS TIME,+ MR KEEP SAID.

HE CONGRATULATED MISS LEE AND HANDED HER THE DOCUMENT FOR WHICH SHE HAD WORKED HARD.

THE AREA CONTROL POSITION IS THE FIRST OF FOUR BASIC AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL POSITIONS FOR ENSURING SAFE AND EXPEDITIOUS FLOW OF AIR TRAFFIC IN HONG KONG'S FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION AND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY EXTENDING SOME 600 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH-SOUTH AND 330 NAUTICAL MILES EAST-WEST.

MISS LEE JOINED THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AS AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ASSISTANT IN OCTOBER, 1978.

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IN APRIL, 1980, SHE WAS APPOINTED A STUDENT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER AGAINST STIFF COMPETITION FROM OVER 300 ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR THE JOB.

SINCE JOINING THE DEPARTMENT, SHE HAS UNDERGONE FOUR DEPARTMENTAL PREPARATORY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TRAINING COURSES AND THE BASIC AERODROME AND APPROACH COURSE AT THE COLLEGE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. SHE HAS ALSO COMPLETED THE DEPARTMENTAL AREA CONTROL COURSE CONDUCTED TO ICAO STANDARDS AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN AREA CONTROL DUTIES.

WITH THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER'S LICENCE SHE HAS JUST BEEN AWARDED, MISS LEE WILL BE AUTHORISED TO WORK SOLO IN CARRYING OUT CONTROL DUTIES IN HER FIRST QUALIFIED CONTROL POSITION.

SHE WILL SHORTLY EMBARK ON A FLYING TRAINING COURSE TO QUALIFY FOR A PRIVATE PILOT'S LICENCE, A PART OF THE TRAINING SYLLABUS DESIGNED TO GIVE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS A BASIC APPRECIATION OF THE TASK OF THEIR AIRBORNE COUNTER-PART, THE AIRLINE PILOT. THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE A FEW HOURS' INSTRUMENT FLYING WITHOUT OUTSIDE VISUAL REFERENCE.

TO FURTHER HER TRAINING IN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, SHE WILL HAVE TO ATTEND OTHER SET TRAINING COURSES AND GAIN MORE ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE LEADING TO THE AWARD OF FOUR OTHER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL RATINGS -- AERODROME CONTROL, APPROACH CONTROL AND APPROACH RADAR CONTROL, AREA RADAR CONTROL, AND PRECISION APPROACH RADAR (TALKDOWN).

APART FROM PROVIDING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICE, AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ALERTING OF SEARCH AND RESCUE PERSONNEL AND THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION IN THE EVENT OF AN AIR MISHAP, DETERMINING THE MOST PROBABLE LOCATION OF SURVIVORS AND THE CONSEQUENT AREA OF SEARCH TO ALLOW FOR VARIABLES.

MISS LEE WILL UNDERTAKE A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION COORDINATOR COURSE AFTER ATTAINING HER LAST AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL RATING. A SEARCH AND RESCUE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY WILL BE AWARDED TO HER ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE AND ONLY THEN WILL SHE BE A TRULY FULL-FLEDGED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER.

THE ENTIRE TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL LAST FOR ANOTHER FIVE TO SIX YEARS.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL IS A TOUGH BUT REWARDING JOB. THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, SHE WILL HAVE TO UNDERGO AN ANNUAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION TO ICAO STANDARDS TO RENEW HER MEDICAL CERTIFICATE, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER'S LICENCE, AND AN ANNUAL PROFICIENCY CHECK ON EACH OF THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL RATINGS SHE WILL BE HOLDING.

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SIR PHILIP VISITS NEW PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED THE NEWLY-OPENED KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL, WHICH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS IN THE WORLD.

THIS WAS HIS SECOND VISIT IN A MONTH TO MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT. HE HAD EARLIER VISITED THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

SIR PHILIP WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR S.F. LAM AND THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR ERIC HO.

HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY DR C.Y. SAM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NEW TERRITORIES REGION), DR W.H. LO, CONSULTANT PSYCHIATRIST AND DR P.S. SHUM, MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL.

SIR PHILIP WAS SHOWN AROUND THE WARDS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY UNIT AND THE PATIENT'S SOCIAL CENTRE AND WAS IMPRESSED BY THE +OPEN DOOR+ ATMOSPHERE IN THE HOSPITAL.

THE 1 336-BED KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL, EQUIPPED WITH ADVANCED AND SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY, WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BY MID-1982, THUS REDUCING OVERCROWDING AT THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL.

LATER ON IN THE AFTERNOON, THE CHIEF SECRETARY VISITED THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE, ONE OF THE LARGEST GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED HOSPITALS IN HONG KONG.

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SOME TRAM SERVICES TO BE CURTAILED SATURDAY
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A NUMBER OF TRAM SERVICES WILL BE CURTAILED ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 19) TO FACILITATE THE CONNECTION AND REALIGNMENT OF NEW TRAM TRACKS IN KING'S ROAD BETWEEN HEALTHY STREET WEST AND HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL.

ON THAT EVENING, THE LAST TRAM FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE AT 10.24 PM, FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO HAPPY VALLEY AT 10.26 PM, FROM WESTERN MARKET TO SHAU KEI WAN AT 10.31 PM AND FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO WESTERN MARKET AT 11.14 PM.

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DUNCAN BLUCK NEW HKTA CHAIRMAN
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MR DUNCAN BLUCK, CHAIRMAN OF THE SWIRE GROUP IN HONG KONG, HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO SUCCEED MR DAVID NEWBIGGING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1.

WHEN HIS TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, MR NEWBIGGING WILL HAVE SERVED FOR FIVE YEARS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

DURING THIS PERIOD, ANNUAL VISITOR ARRIVALS HAVE INCREASED FROM 1.76 MILLION IN 1977 TO AN ESTIMATE OF 2.54 MILLION IN 1981. GROSS RECEIPTS FROM TOURISM HAVE GROWN FROM \$4.1 BILLION TO AN ESTIMATE OF \$7.5 BILLION OVER THE SAME PERIOD. THUS THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOURISM INDUSTRY TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMY HAS GROWN CONSIDERABLY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

MR BLUCK, WHO JOINED THE SWIRE GROUP IN 1948, HAS HAD TWO SPELLS AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT. THE FIRST WAS FROM 1966 TO 1968 AND THE SECOND BEGAN IN JANUARY 1977. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS HE HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S STAFF AND FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE.

LIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, MR BLUCK TRAVELS EXTENSIVELY BECAUSE OF HIS GROUP'S WIDESPREAD INTERESTS AND IS WELL PLACED TO PROMOTE HONG KONG TOURISM.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES
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A MAJOR SECTION OF THE MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK NEAR GARDEN ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY TO MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR A CHRISTMAS FUN FAIR ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN).

MEANWHILE, THE WUHU INTERCHANGE VEHICLE SUBWAY LEADING FROM CHATHAM ROAD NORTHBOUND TO GILLIES AVENUE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 12.30 AM TO 5.30 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) FOR MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE LIGHTING SYSTEM.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, TRAFFIC FROM CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH HEADING FOR THE HUNG HOM AREA MAY USE CHEONG WAN ROAD, ON WAN ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE.

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SPECIAL TRAINS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS BETWEEN KOWLOON AND LO WU TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED NUMBER OF COMMUTERS EXPECTED DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIODS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR KCR SAID TODAY THESE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL RUN FROM DECEMBER 23 TO 29 AND AGAIN FROM JANUARY 1 TO 3, 1982.

ONE SPECIAL UP-TRAIN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 9.26 AM WHILE ONE DOWN-TRAIN WILL LEAVE LO WU STATION AT 11.02 AM FROM DECEMBER 23 TO 26.

IN ADDITION, THREE SPECIAL NORTHBOUND AND FOUR SOUTHBOUND TRAINS WILL BE RUNNING DURING THE SIX-DAY PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 27 TO 29 AND BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND 3.

THE NORTHBOUND TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 10.20 AM, 1.44 PM AND 3.39 PM WHILE THE SOUTHBOUND TRAINS WILL LEAVE LO WU STATION AT 12.22 PM, 3.22 PM, 5.13 PM AND 6.36 PM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL STOP AT ALL STATIONS LIKE OTHER REGULAR TRAINS. HOWEVER, ONE UP-TRAIN LEAVING KOWLOON STATION AT 10.20 AM WILL TERMINATE AT SHEUNG SHUI STATION INSTEAD OF LO WU.

HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO COOPERATE BY QUEUEING UP FOR TRAIN SERVICES AND BY LISTENING TO BROADCASTS, IF ANY, AT VARIOUS STATIONS.

TIMETABLE FOR THE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS.

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TRADE MINISTER ARRIVES

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THE BRITISH MINISTER FOR TRADE, MR PETER REES, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BY AIR FROM GUANGZHOU THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING AFTER A VISIT TO CHINA.

HE WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR DEREK MARCH.

TOMORROW MORNING, MR REES WILL MEET THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR WILLIAM DORWARD, AFTER WHICH HE WILL HAVE A MEETING WITH THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

MR REES, WHO IS STAYING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WILL MEET THE MEDIA IN THE VIP PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE AIRPORT AT 8.15 PM TOMORROW BEFORE RETURNING TO LONDON. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ARE REQUESTED TO BE SEATED BY 8.10 PM.

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SEVEN NT SITES FOR SALE

SEVEN NEW TERRITORIES SITES WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 27 716 SQUARE METRES WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION NEXT MONTH.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON JANUARY 12 STARTING AT 11 AM.

TWO SITES, ONE AT SAI KUNG AND THE OTHER ON LANTAU ISLAND, ARE FOR LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE SAI KUNG SITE, MEASURING 6 050 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED IN RAZOR HILL AND HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$10 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR YEARS. THE PLOT RATIO IS 0.75.

THE LANTAU SITE IS AT CHEUNG SHA AND MEASURES 4 628 SQUARE METRES. THE BUILDING COVENANT OF \$3 MILLION IS TO BE FULFILLED BY MARCH 1985. THE PLOT RATIO IS 0.4.

FOUR OTHER SITES ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES.

TWO ARE IN TUEN MUN, MEASURING 4 440 SQUARE METRES AND 3 038 SQUARE METRES, WITH PLOT RATIOS OF 9.5. THE PURCHASERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE BUILDING COVENANTS OF \$40.49 MILLION AND \$28.62 MILLION WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

ANOTHER IS IN YUEN LONG COVERING AN AREA OF 1 659 SQUARE METRES. THE PLOT RATIO IS 5 AND THE BUILDING COVENANT OF \$7.96 MILLION IS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

THE REMAINING INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN SITE IS ON TSING YI ISLAND AND MEASURES 2 550 SQUARE METRES. IT HAS A PLOT RATIO OF 9.5 AND A FOUR-YEAR BUILDING COVENANT OF \$18.6 MILLION.

THE REMAINING SITE FOR AUCTION, AT SHA TIN, IS FOR PUBLIC LORRY PARK AND GODOWN USES EXCLUDING THE STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS. IT MEASURES 5 351 SQUARE METRES AND HAS A PLOT RATIO OF 9.5. THE BUILDING COVENANT OF \$48.8 MILLION IS TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

SALE CONDITIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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WATER MAINS WORK

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE CUT OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 21) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY (DECEMBER 22) FOR WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN FANLING ROUNDABOUT AND SHA TAU KOK MARKET, INCLUDING LUEN WO MARKET.

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\$114-MILLION ROAD CONTRACT AWARDED

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$114-MILLION CONTRACT TO LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS PTY. LTD. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY MR C.W.D. TAYLOR, CHIEF ENGINEER OF TAI PO AND FANLING NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAYS ON RECLAIMED LAND, THE EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PO HEUNG STREET AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AND ROAD BRIDGE ACROSS THE LAM TSUEN RIVER.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPING TO PROVIDE A RIVERSIDE WALK AND SMALL PARKS.

WORK WILL START EARLY JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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ALL YUEN LONG LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES SOLD

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ALL 142 STALLS AT YUEN LONG LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITE WERE SOLD AT ABOVE THE UPSET PRICE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE FAIR WILL BE HELD AT YUEN LONG SPORTS GROUND.

THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR A STALL SELLING FLOWERS AND OTHER WET GOODS WAS \$860 AND THE LOWEST WAS \$60 FOR A STALL SELLING DRY GOODS.

THE UPSET PRICE FOR EACH SITE WAS \$50, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE AUCTION WAS HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE.

STARTING 9 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), 100 STALLS AT THE TUEN MUN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION AT TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL AT TAI HING ESTATE.

SITES AT TWO OTHER FAIRS WILL BE AUCTIONED NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY WHILE THE REMAINING THREE WILL BE SOLD EARLY NEXT MONTH.

SEVEN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS WILL BE HELD IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BETWEEN JANUARY 18 AND 25 NEXT YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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