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GOVERNMENT'S TELEVISION SERVICES TO MERGE

GOVERNMENT'S TWO TELEVISION PRODUCTION ORGANISATIONS ARE TO BE COMBINED INTO A SINGLE UNIT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT SAID THAT THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION SERVICE (ETV) WHICH IS NOW PART OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL MERGE WITH RADIO HONG KONG TELEVISION (RHKTV) TO ENABLE THE BEST USE TO BE MADE OF THE CREATIVE TELEVISION TALENT AND PRODUCTION RESOURCES OF THE TWO UNITS.

THE MERGER WILL COMMENCE NEXT MONTH (APRIL) AND BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1, 1976. ALTHOUGH THE MERGED UNIT WILL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR. JAMES HAWTHORNE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF ALL ETV PROGRAMMES AND EVALUATING ETV PROGRAMMES TRANSMITTED TO CLASSROOMS. ETV PRODUCERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ETV AT PRESENT PRODUCES PROGRAMMES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS COVERING CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SOCIAL STUDIES. THE PROGRAMMES ARE CURRICULUM-BASED AND ARE TRANSMITTED BY ALL THREE TELEVISION STATIONS OVER EIGHT HOURS DAILY FOR A 32 WEEK SCHOOL BROADCAST YEAR.

RHKTV, WHICH CAME ON AIR IN 1971, PRODUCES A NUMBER OF PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMMES FOR TRANSMISSION BY THE COMMERCIAL STATIONS. AMONG ITS POPULAR PRODUCTIONS IS 'BELOW LION ROCK' WHICH DRAWS A COMBINED AUDIENCE OF OVER 2 MILLION.

WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY, THE ENGLISH NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING STATION WILL ALSO BE CHANGED FROM RADIO HONG KONG TO RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG TO REFLECT MORE ACCURATELY THE STATION'S ACTIVITIES. THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE HAS ADVISED THAT THE PRESENT CHINESE NAME FOR THE STATION REMAINS APPROPRIATE AND THIS WILL NOT BE CHANGED. CHANNEL IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS RHK3 AND RHK4 WILL BE REPLACED BY THE 'RADIO 3' AND 'RADIO 4' RESPECTIVELY.

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WORKERS OPERATING IN COMPRESSED AIR CONDITIONS
PROTECTED UNDER NEW REGULATIONS
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NEW REGULATIONS LAYING DOWN SPECIFIC PROCEDURES TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS OPERATING IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF COMPRESSED AIR WILL COME INTO FORCE TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (WORK IN COMPRESSED AIR) REGULATIONS, 1975 WERE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN DECEMBER 1975.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, AT THAT TIME POINTED OUT THAT WORKING IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF COMPRESSED AIR COULD BE HAZARDOUS, AND COULD CAUSE DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS.

HOWEVER, BY OBSERVING THESE REGULATIONS AND ADOPTING THE CORRECT PROCEDURES, THESE HAZARDS COULD BE AVOIDED, HE SAID.

MR. PRICE SAID HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT CONTRACTORS WHO WOULD BE USING COMPRESSED AIR FOR THE MASS TRANSIT PROJECT WERE AWARE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE REGULATIONS BECAUSE THEY WERE BASED ON INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS.

+COMPRESSED AIR, WHICH IS AIR MECHANICALLY RAISED TO A PRESSURE HIGHER THAN THE ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE, IS REQUIRED TO KEEP OUT EXCESS WATER WHICH MAY BE ENCOUNTERED, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN TUNNELLING THROUGH POROUS ROCK OR SOIL,+ MR. PRICE WENT ON.

+UNLESS A PERSON LEAVING THE WORKING AREA ENTERS A MAN LOCK AND IS BROUGHT BACK BY CAREFULLY CONTROLLED STAGES TO THE NORMAL PRESSURE, THE COMPRESSED AIR WHICH HAS BEEN ABSORBED IN THE BLOOD, OR TISSUE FLUIDS, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ESCAPE, WITH THE RESULT THAT BUBBLES OF GAS FORM IN THE BODY,+ HE SAID.

+THIS COULD CAUSE PAIN, PARTICULARLY IN THE JOINTS AND LIMBS, RANGING FROM RELATIVELY MILD DISCOMFORT TO REALLY INTENSE SUFFERING, LEADING TO COLLAPSE.+

THE REGULATIONS COVER FOUR BROAD AREAS :

- * THE PROVISION OF PROPER EQUIPMENT, CONTROLLED AND OPERATED BY TRAINED AND RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE=
- * DETAILED PROCEDURE FOR DECOMPRESSION=
- * PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND HEALTH EDUCATION=
- * THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL MEDICAL SUPERVISION AND FACILITIES ON SITE IN THE EVENT OF SICKNESS.

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MR. PRICE STRESSED THAT EACH WORKER MUST BE INFORMED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING ALL THE PROCEDURES IN THE REGULATIONS.

HE SAID THOSE WORKING IN COMPRESSED AIR EXCEEDING 14 P.S.I. MUST WEAR, NEXT TO THE SKIN, A WARNING BADGE SUPPLIED BY THE EMPLOYER GIVING THE ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL LOCK TO WHICH HE MUST BE SENT IF TAKEN ILL.

+THE SYMPTOMS MAY BE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF DRUNKENESS, BUT NOT NECESSARILY SO. OR THE WORKER MAY COLLAPSE. IT IS VITAL THAT HE IS TAKEN TO THE NEAREST MEDICAL LOCK WITHOUT DELAY.+

MR. PRICE SAID MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, HOSPITALS AND THE POLICE HAD BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS BADGE THROUGH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FORCE.

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S.W.D. TO PRESENT CHEQUE TO COMMUNITY CHEST
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SOME \$31,000 WAS RAISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TEAM BY TAKING PART IN THE +WALK FOR A MILLION+ IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN EARLIER THIS MONTH.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL PRESENT A CHEQUE FOR THAT AMOUNT TO MRS. SIU HON-SUM, BOARD MEMBER OF COMMUNITY CHEST AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF WALK FOR A MILLION COMMITTEE 75/76, TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 3.30 P.M.

THE PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS, 4TH FLOOR.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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MAC MOVEMENT A BIG SUCCESS - GOVERNOR TOLD

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WAS TOLD THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE MAC MOVEMENT IN TSZ WAN SHAN HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS IN REDUCING CRIME IN THE AREA AND IN PROMOTING BETTER RELATIONS, UNDERSTANDING AND CLOSER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE POLICE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF 11 MACS IN DIFFERENT BLOCKS OF THE TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE TOLD SIR MURRAY ABOUT THE IMPROVED LAW AND ORDER SITUATION DURING AN INFORMAL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

THE GOVERNOR CALLED ON THE MAC OFFICIALS AND DISCUSSED WITH THEM THE WORK AND PROBLEMS OF THE MACS IN THIS PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

THEY SAID SINCE THE MAC MOVEMENT STARTED IN 1973, THERE ARE NOW ABOUT TWO DOZENS OF MACS IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE CRIME RATE HAD BEEN REDUCED BY AS MUCH AS 60 TO 70 PER CENT.

IN ADDITION, THEY SAID, THE CRIME DETECTION RATE HAD BEEN VERY HIGH MAINLY DUE TO THE BETTER RELATIONS AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE RESIDENTS AND THE POLICE.

SIR MURRAY CONGRATULATED THE CHAIRMAN FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT AND SUCCESS, ADDING : +CARRY ON WHAT YOU ARE DOING WHICH IS VERY GOOD WORK.+

EARLIER, THE GOVERNOR, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. AUGUSTINE CHUI, AND THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. LAU CHAU-WA, VISITED THE WORK SITE OF THE MTR WONG TAI SIN STATION.

THE RESIDENT ENGINEER OF THE PROJECT, MR. TOM MUIR, BRIEFED SIR MURRAY ON DETAILS OF THE SCHEME AND THE WORK PROGRESS.

THE GOVERNOR LATER TOURED BLOCK 7 AND THE LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE AND SPOKE TO SEVERAL SHOPKEEPERS.

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE
TO RECORD REPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS UNIT WILL PUT INTO OPERATION AN AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE TOMORROW (APRIL 1) TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

ANNOUNCING THIS, A SPOKESMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS UNIT TODAY SAID A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER - 3-688756 - WOULD BE USED FOR THIS SERVICE WHICH WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECORD INCOMING CALLS.

PROPRIETORS OF FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS WHO HAVE TO MAKE IMMEDIATE REPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCUR AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS SHOULD DIAL THIS NEW NUMBER.

WHEN MAKING A REPORT, THE CALLER SHOULD GIVE THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS:

- * NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACTORY OR INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS=
- * NAME OF PROPRIETOR AND FACTORY TELEPHONE NUMBER=
- * NAME(S) OF INJURED PERSON(S)= AND
- * A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE ACCIDENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE WAS A FURTHER EFFORT OF THE DEPARTMENT TO HELP PROPRIETORS TO REPORT ACCIDENTS PROMPTLY.

HE SAID THE TWO RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS 3-013360 AND 5-444418 WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE WOULD BE CANCELLED AS FROM TOMORROW.

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THE WHOLE OF LAM TIN ESTATE WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IS TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A LEAKAGE TEST IN THE AREA.

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OPERATORS OF DANGEROUS GOODS VEHICLES GIVEN
MORE TIME TO APPLY FOR LICENCE

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THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES HAS DEFERRED FOR SIX MONTHS (OR UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30) THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1973 WHICH REQUIRE THE ANNUAL LICENSING OF ALL VEHICLES USED FOR CONVEYING COMPRESSED GASES AND INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS.

OPERATORS OF SUCH VEHICLES WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR LICENCES SHOULD WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, 11TH FLOOR, ASIAN HOUSE, HENNESSY ROAD.

ANNUAL LICENSING OF THESE VEHICLES BECAME LAW IN 1973 AND HAS BEEN PROGRESSIVELY ENFORCED SINCE APRIL LAST YEAR.

EARLY THIS MONTH THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED A WARNING TO ALL OPERATORS OF DANGEROUS GOODS VEHICLES THAT THEY WOULD FACE LEGAL ACTION IF THEIR VEHICLES WERE FOUND TO BE CARRYING DANGEROUS GOODS AFTER APRIL 1, 1976, WITHOUT A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY : +THE DECISION TO GRANT THE SIX MONTHS OF GRACE WAS TAKEN FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL OIL COMPANIES AND THEIR MAIN AGENTS.+

HE SAID REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE COMPANIES HAD EXPRESSED DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING THEIR VEHICLES BROUGHT UP TO THE FIRE SERVICES AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S STANDARDS IN TIME DUE TO THE HEAVY WORK LOAD BEING EXPERIENCED IN GARAGES AND WORKSHOPS.

+IN VIEW OF THIS ,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +THE DIRECTOR HAS AGREED TO DEFER ENFORCEMENT OF THE REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO GIVE THE OPERATORS MORE TIME TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.+

HOWEVER HE STRESSED THAT THIS PERIOD OF GRACE APPLIED ONLY TO THOSE VEHICLES PREVIOUSLY AUTHORISED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS.

+ANY OTHER VEHICLES NOT ALREADY AUTHORISED TO CARRY SUCH GOODS SHOULD BE LICENSED BEFORE BEING PUT INTO USE,+ HE WARNED.

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CHANGE IN BUSINESS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE
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CERTAIN COMPANIES WHICH ARE AT PRESENT NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNDER THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE AND TO PAY THE ANNUAL FEE OF \$150 WILL HAVE TO DO SO FROM TOMORROW (APRIL 1).

THIS CHANGE WAS PROPOSED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH LAST MONTH.

THE AFFECTED COMPANIES ARE THOSE INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG WHICH DO NOT CARRY ON BUSINESS HERE, AND OVERSEAS COMPANIES COMING UNDER PART XI OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE WHICH HAVE ESTABLISHED A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG BUT DO NOT CARRY ON BUSINESS HERE.

COMPANIES WHICH ARE EXEMPT AS CHARITIES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE CHANGE.

FORMS ON WHICH APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION MUST BE MADE MAY BE OBTAINED BY POST OR IN PERSON FROM THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION OFFICES OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT AT:

HONG KONG : 1ST FLOOR, CAXTON HOUSE, DUDELL STREET-

KOWLOON : 1ST FLOOR, REAR PORTION, +OLD+ HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING, 664 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK- AND

TSUEN WAN : ON YUE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, 132 TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET.

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SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER RETIRES

MR. MIKE GRIFFITH, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (CULTURAL CRAFTS) IS RETIRING SHORTLY AFTER MORE THAN 23 YEARS' SERVICE.

ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (ADMINISTRATION), MR. COLVYN HAYE WILL PRESENT MR. GRIFFITH WITH A RETIREMENT GIFT ON FRIDAY.

MR. GRIFFITH JOINED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST 1952 AS AN EDUCATION OFFICER.

HE FIRST TAUGHT AT KING GEORGE V SCHOOL AND WAS LATER MADE INSPECTOR OF ART IN CHARGE OF THE SUBJECT IN SEPTEMBER 1955.

MR. GRIFFITH WAS APPOINTED SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER ON APRIL 1, 1969.

DURING HIS LONG SERVICE, MR. GRIFFITH RAISED THE STANDARD OF ART AND THE TEACHING OF ART IN HONG KONG SCHOOLS.

HIS INFLUENCE IN ESTABLISHING RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE DESIGN PLAYS IN MODERN LIFE RESULTED IN A STRONG DESIGN ELEMENT BEING INCLUDED IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

MR. GRIFFITH'S PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE THE 27-FOOT-HIGH +FOUR ANGELS+ ON THE WALLS OF ST. FRANCIS CANOSSIAN CONVENT SCHOOL= THE DESIGN OF THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL CENTENARY POSTAGE STAMP= THE DESIGN OF THE COAT OF ARMS AND MACE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND DRAWINGS THAT ARE PART OF THE CITY HALL COLLECTION.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 11.30 A.M. ON FRIDAY COVERED. IT WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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SCHOOLS CANOEING AND SAILING FINALS

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE BOYS AND 69 GIRLS FROM 21 SCHOOLS HAVE ENTERED FOR THE HEATS OF THE FIRST ANNUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIPS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE HEATS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON APRIL 10 AT TAI MEI TUK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHILE THE FINALS WILL BE HELD FOUR DAYS LATER AT THE SAME PLACE.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT FOLLOWING THE HEATS ABOUT 100 BOYS AND GIRLS WILL BE LEFT TO COMPETE IN FINAL EVENTS.

+ I AM QUITE HAPPY WITH THE RESPONSE FROM SCHOOLS. AS THIS WILL BE THE FIRST ANNUAL CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIPS, I EXPECT MORE PARTICIPANTS NEXT YEAR, + SAID THE ORGANISER, MR. FRANCIS CHIU, INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION).

THE CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIPS COINCIDE WITH THE FINALS OF THE INTER-SCHOOLS SAILING EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SAILING ASSOCIATION AT TAI MEI TUK ON APRIL 14.

BOYS FROM SIX SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE TAKING PART IN THE FINALS OF THE SAILING EVENTS.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE WILL START THE FINAL RACE OF THE SAILING EVENTS AT 3.25 P.M. ON THAT DAY.

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER SIR MURRAY WILL WATCH SOME OF THE CANOEING ACTIVITIES BEFORE GOING ASHORE TO OPEN THE SCHOOLS SAILING AND CANOEING CENTRE WHERE HE WILL BE WELCOMED BY A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR. POON WAI-TONG, WHO IS SENIOR MASTER OF VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

THE GOVERNOR WILL THEN PRESENT THE WINNERS CUP FOR SAILING AND THE LOSERS SHIELD TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SCHOOLS CONCERNED. SIR MURRAY WILL ALSO PRESENT TO THE WINNERS OF THE CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIPS THE CHALLENGE SHIELD FOR BOYS AND THE CHALLENGE CUP FOR GIRLS.

BEFORE SIR MURRAY LEAVES THE CENTRE, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR. TONG KAI-HONG, AN EDUCATION OFFICER, WILL MAKE A SPEECH OF THANKS. MR. TONG IS CHIEF INSTRUCTOR OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SAILING ASSOCIATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE SAILING AND CANOEING EVENTS COVERED ON APRIL 14. THE GOVERNOR WILL ARRIVE AT TAI MEI TUK, NEW TERRITORIES, AT 3.15 P.M. ON THAT DAY.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICERS OFF TO U.K.

THREE SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS WILL LEAVE HONG KONG BY AIR THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM WHERE THEY WILL ATTEND A THREE-MONTH TRAINING COURSE ON IMMIGRATION AND MANAGEMENT.

THEY ARE MR. J.S. RAMSAY, MR. WONG TSUN-YIN AND MR. LEUNG MING-YIN.

THE TRIP WILL ENABLE THE OFFICERS TO HAVE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIFFERENT CULTURAL AND SOCIAL BACKGROUNDS OF FOREIGNERS WHOM THEY OFTEN HAVE TO CONTACT IN THE COURSE OF THEIR WORK.

DURING THEIR STAY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THEY WILL ALSO BE ATTACHED TO THE HOME OFFICE WHERE THEY WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTERESTS.

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