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PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES

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THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, ARRIVED FROM PEKING THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON AFTER SIGNING THE JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, LADY HOWE, THE DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR PERCY CRADOCK, AND THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, SIR RICHARD EVANS.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND HER PARTY WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LADY YOUDE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL DEREK BOORMAN, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, THE DOYEN OF THE CONSULAR CORPS, MRS FELICIDAD BENGZON-GONZALES, THE SENIOR COMMONWEALTH COMMISSIONER, MR KOH LIAN-HWI, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR LI CHUWEN.

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PM SEES AP LEI CHAU DEVELOPMENTS

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THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED AP LEI CHAU WHERE SHE WAS BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE ISLAND AND IN ABERDEEN.

SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, AND WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN), MR EDDIE CHAN.

FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION IN 1980 OF A BRIDGE LINKING AP LEI CHAU TO ABERDEEN, IMPROVED TRANSPORT ENABLED THE PREVIOUS BUILDING HEIGHT RESTRICTION TO BE REMOVED AND HIGH-RISE BLOCKS ARE NOW BEING BUILT ON THIS ONCE QUIET ISLAND.

MRS THATCHER WAS TOLD THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT ON THE ISLAND, THE AP LEI CHAU ESTATE WITH ABOUT 4 480 FLATS, HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND A SECOND ESTATE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WITH 4 000 FLATS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1986 AND A FURTHER 3 300 FLATS, BY MID-1987.

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SHE LEARNED THAT A SQUATTER AREA AND THE DWELLING BOATS ON THE NORTHERN SHORE WOULD BE CLEARED IN PHASES TO FACILITATE RECLAMATION WORK. THE RECLAMATION SHOULD PROVIDE SEVEN HECTARES OF LAND FOR OPEN SPACE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COASTAL HIGHWAY, A PUBLIC LANDING AREA, MARKETING AND OTHER FACILITIES AND AN INDUSTRIAL SITE.

THE RECLAMATION PROJECT WILL ALSO OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR BOATYARDS AND MARINE ENGINE WORKSHOPS ALONG THE NORTHERN SHORE FOR WHICH ALTERNATIVE SITES WILL BE PROVIDED.

MRS THATCHER WAS BRIEFED ON THE RECLAMATION IN ABERDEEN AS WELL. STAGE 1 OF THE RECLAMATION WAS FINISHED BY 1977, PROVIDING ABOUT 6.6 HECTARES OF LAND. STAGE 2 IS AN 11-YEAR PROJECT STRETCHING FROM 1976 TO 1987.

SHE LEARNED OF ABERDEEN'S GROWTH FROM A FISHING VILLAGE TO A BUSTLING RESIDENTIAL-INDUSTRIAL AREA WITH ITS POPULATION AND THAT OF AP LEI CHAU NOW EXCEEDING 200 000 PEOPLE, 64 PER CENT OF THEM LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

FROM A VANTAGE POINT, MRS THATCHER COULD SEE SOME OF THE DEVELOPMENTS.

SHE THEN PROCEEDED TO HO YAN KINDERGARTEN ON AP LEI CHAU RUN BY SIK SIK YUEN, A BUDDHIST ORGANISATION. SHE PLAYED WITH THE PUPILS AND SANG CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH THEM.

MRS THATCHER AND THE PARTY NEXT MOVED TO THE COMMUNITY HALL WHICH, SHE WAS TOLD, IS THE FOCAL POINT OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR THE AP LEI CHAU ESTATE'S POPULATION OF ABOUT 22 000 PEOPLE AS WELL AS AN IMPORTANT CENTRE FOR CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND WAS SHOWN CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY, RIBBON FLOWER-MAKING AND KNITTING CLASSES IN PROGRESS.

A TEA RECEPTION WAS HELD FOR MRS THATCHER IN THE HALL WHERE SHE ALSO MET MEMBERS OF THE AP LEI CHAU YIN NGAI SOCIETY WHICH IS DEVOTED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR WOMEN ON THE ISLAND.

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PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

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THE FOLLOWING IS A DETAILED RUNDOWN OF PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AND LADY HOWE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

PRIME MINISTER'S PUBLIC FUNCTIONS

PRESS CONFERENCE, LEGCO CHAMBER - 8.00 AM

LIKE THE ADDRESS TO THE JOINT EXCO AND LEGCO MEETING, ADMISSION INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE BY LAPEL BADGE HOLDERS ONLY. ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE CHAMBER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE PROOF OF IDENTITY AND OF THE ORGANISATION WHICH THEY REPRESENT.

TV CREWS ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE IN GOOD TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT. ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE SEATED BY 7.50 AM THERE WILL BE A THREE-MINUTE PHOTO-CALL AFTER THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ARRIVED AND BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE BEGINS. PHOTOGRAPHERS MUST LEAVE THE COUNCIL CHAMBER BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE GETS UNDERWAY.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE TELEVISED 'LIVE' BY RTHK, WHICH WILL ALSO MAKE AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL FEEDS FOR OTHER CREWS. NO MICROPHONES OR HAND-HELD RECORDERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE DIAS.

A FULL TRANSCRIPT, TOGETHER WITH A CHINESE TRANSLATION, WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS.

THERE WILL BE FIXED PRESS POSITIONS OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO BE IN POSITION 15 MINUTES IN ADVANCE.

DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG - 10.00 AM

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE ARRANGED AT THE DEPARTURE HALL +FINGER+. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTURE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM NOT LATER THAN 9.10 AM. THEY MUST BRING WITH THEM PROOF OF IDENTITY.

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SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AND LADY HOWE'S PROGRAMME

HARBOUR CRUISE

SIR GEOFFREY AND LADY HOWE WILL GO ON A HARBOUR CRUISE AND BE BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE HARBOUR AREA. A POOL PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS.

DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG - 8.50 PM

SIR GEOFFREY AND LADY HOWE WILL DEPART HONG KONG FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM ON FLIGHT BR381 AT 8.50 PM. THERE WILL BE A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY AT THE DEPARTURE HALL +FINGER+. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM NOT LATER THAN 8 PM. THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM PROOF OF IDENTITY.

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LADY HOWE VISITS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUPS ASSOCIATION
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LADY HOWE THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED THE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUPS ASSOCIATION IN HONG KONG TO OPEN ITS PREMISES IN VICTORIA BARRACKS.

ACCOMPANIED BY LADY YOUDE, SHE WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY MRS KATHLEEN MAIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION'S HONG KONG BRANCH, MRS L. HOLLAND, SECRETARY OF THE BRANCH, AND MRS SUSAN KERLEY, CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP.

LADY HOWE WAS TOLD THAT THE HONG KONG BRANCH WAS SET UP IN APRIL 1979.

SINCE 1981 IT HAS RUN AN ANNUAL COURSE AT THE EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENT OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY. IT HAS ALSO ORGANISED COURSES FOR PLAYLEADERS OF THE ARMY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

LADY HOWE LEARNED THAT THE PREMISES HOUSE A COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP, MOTHER AND TODDLER FACILITIES, AN OFFICE WITH A LIBRARY AND A RESOURCE CENTRE.

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MUK WU 'B' PUMPING STATION OPENED
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THE MUK WU +B+ PUMPING STATION, ONE OF THE IMPORTANT FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR THE RECEPTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF INCREASED WATER SUPPLIES FROM CHINA, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR JOHN TODD, TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE NEW PUMPING STATION, LOCATED AT THE BORDER JUST SOUTH OF THE SHENZHEN RIVER, MARKS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A 12-YEAR, THREE-STAGE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME THAT WILL MEET THE ANTICIPATED INCREASES IN CONSUMPTION IN FUTURE YEARS.

LAUNCHED IN JANUARY 1981, THE SCHEME INVOLVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEVEN PUMPING STATIONS, 32 KILOMETRES OF TUNNELS AND THE LAYING OF 31 KILOMETRES OF PIPELINES.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION, MR TODD SAID IN TERMS OF SCOPE, MAGNITUDE AND IMPORTANCE THE OVERALL SCHEME, ESTIMATED TO COST \$1.75 BILLION, RANKED WITH ANY OF HONG KONG'S PAST MAJOR WATERWORKS PROJECTS.

+THE RAPID GROWTH OF HONG KONG AND ITS CHANGE FROM AN ENTREPOT TO A HIGHLY INDUSTRIALISED COMMUNITY SAW WATER CONSUMPTION RISE FROM LESS THAN 200 000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY IN THE EARLY POST-WAR YEARS TO A CURRENT LEVEL OF 1.8 MILLION CUBIC METRES PER DAY,+ HE SAID.

AS A RESULT EVEN THE COMPLETION OF PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR AND HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR DID NOT ELIMINATE THE PROBLEM AND WATER RESTRICTIONS REMAINED A THREAT AT TIMES OF INADEQUATE RAINFALL, HE ADDED.

WHILE THE TERRITORY WAS DEVELOPING ITS OWN WATER RESOURCES, THE SUPPLY FROM ACROSS THE BORDER WAS SEEN AS AN ANSWER TO HELP MEET HONG KONG'S NEEDS AND WATER WAS FIRST OBTAINED ON A REGULAR BASIS FROM CHINA AS EARLY AS 1960.

THE INITIAL AGREEMENT WAS FOR AN ANNUAL SUPPLY OF 22.7 MILLION CUBIC METRES, BUT TODAY THIS FIGURE STOOD AT 290 MILLION CUBIC METRES AND WOULD INCREASE ANNUALLY TO AN AGREED FIGURE OF 620 MILLION CUBIC METRES IN 1994, REPRESENTING ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S DEMAND, MR TODD SAID.

WATER FROM CHINA IS DRAWN FROM THE EAST RIVER, A TRIBUTARY OF THE PEARL RIVER, AND IS PUMPED IN STAGES OVER A DISTANCE OF 83 KILOMETRES ALONG OPEN CHANNELS AND RIVER COURSES TO SHENZHEN RESERVOIR WHERE IT IS FED BY GRAVITY TO THE BORDER AND PIPED UNDER THE SHENZHEN RIVER THROUGH A 1 200-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER PIPE, LAID IN 1960 AND A 1 350-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER PIPE, LAID IN 1976.

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THE \$96-MILLION PUMPING STATION PROJECT COMPRISES THE INSTALLATION OF TWIN 2 000-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER PIPES CROSSING THE SHENZHEN RIVER, RECEPTION TANKS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE PUMPING STATION AND THE PUMPING STATION ITSELF.

THE STATION HAS ACCOMMODATION FOR TEN PUMP SETS WITH AN ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF 2.13 MILLION CUBIC METRES PER DAY. SIX PUMP SETS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INSTALLED TO MEET PRESENT DEMAND, WHILE THE OTHERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT A LATER STAGE.

+WATER CAN BE PUMPED DIRECTLY OR THROUGH BOOSTERS THROUGH THE DELIVERY SYSTEMS TO TAI LAM CHUNG AND PLOVER COVE RESERVOIRS AND TO MAJOR TREATMENT WORKS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ MR TODD SAID.

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, THEN EXCHANGED BANNERS WITH MR GU TIAN-XUN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CHINA CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CORPORATION, THE COMPANY WHICH CONSTRUCTED THE PUMPING STATION.

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PAY-TAX-ON-TIME REMINDER
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TAXPAYERS WERE URGED TODAY TO CHECK THEIR DEMAND NOTES TO ENSURE THAT THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF THE TAX DUE IS PAID ON OR BEFORE THE SPECIFIED DUE DATE.

+IF THE FIRST INSTALMENT IS NOT SO PAID, THE SECOND INSTALMENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME DUE IMMEDIATELY. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY APPLIED AND PLEAS FOR OVERSIGHT WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID.

IN ADDITION TO BOTH INSTALMENTS BECOMING IMMEDIATELY PAYABLE TOGETHER, WHERE TAX IS NOT PAID BY THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE NOTE THE COMMISSIONER MAY ORDER A SUM NOT EXCEEDING FIVE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL TAX BE ADDED. THIS SURCHARGE WILL ALSO BE IMMEDIATELY DUE FOR PAYMENT.

THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES ILLUSTRATE HOW THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL OPERATE :-

EXAMPLE 1

TOTAL TAX DUE	4.1.85	\$22 000
PAYABLE ON	4.1.85	\$17 000
PAYABLE ON	4.4.85	\$ 5 000

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IF \$17 000 IS PAID ON 4.1.85, THE SECOND INSTALMENT OF \$5 000 IS PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE 4.4.85.

EXAMPLE 2

TOTAL TAX DUE	4.1.85	\$22 000
PAYABLE ON	4.1.85	\$17 000
PAYABLE ON	4.4.85	\$ 5 000

IF \$17 000 IS NOT PAID ON 4.1.85, THE WHOLE AMOUNT OF \$22 000 PLUS A SURCHARGE OF \$1 100 TOTTALLING \$23 100 IS IN DEFAULT AND ACTION TO RECOVER THE TOTAL AMOUNT WILL BE TAKEN SHORTLY AFTER 4.1.85.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT TAXPAYERS WHO WISHED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TWO INSTALMENTS SHOWN ON THE NOTE HAD TO ENSURE THAT THE FIRST PAYMENT WAS MADE ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE SHOWN ON THEIR DEMAND NOTES.

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE AT THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION OFFICES:-

HONG KONG: WINDSOR HOUSE, 3RD FLOOR, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

KOWLOON: PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONGKOK, KOWLOON.

TSUEN WAN: FOU WAH CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, N.T.

SHA TIN: KCR HOUSE, 1ST FLOOR, SHA TIN STATION, SHA TIN, N.T.

YUEN LONG: YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 5TH FLOOR, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, N.T. OR

YOU MAY PAY BY POST SENDING A CROSSED CHEQUE PAYABLE TO HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TOGETHER WITH YOUR DEMAND NOTE. THE ENVELOPE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

TO: COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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INTELPOST TO SINGAPORE

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THE INTELPOST NETWORK FROM HONG KONG WILL BE EXTENDED TO SINGAPORE ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 24), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

INTELPOST ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG BEFORE 6 PM WILL BE DELIVERED THE SAME DAY THROUGHOUT SINGAPORE, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+INTELPOST IS IDEAL FOR SENDING URGENT LETTERS, REPORTS, CHARTS, DRAWINGS, QUOTATIONS OR CONTRACTS TO THE 20 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES, COVERED BY THE SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

THE CHARGES FOR THE SERVICE TO SINGAPORE ARE:

FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER \$40

FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME \$20

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT +INTELPOST SERVICE WAS ALSO AVAILABLE TO ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, DENMARK, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, LUXEMBOURG, MACAU, MALAYSIA, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, QATAR AND SWEDEN.

CUSTOMERS WISHING TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD HAND IN THEIR DOCUMENTS AT EITHER THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HENNESSY ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD AND WYNDHAM STREET POST OFFICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, OR THE TSIM SHA TSUI, GRANVILLE ROAD, INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE, KOWLOON CENTRAL, KWUN TONG AND MONG KOK POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST REPRESENTATIVE ON TELEPHONE 5-2671148.

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CHAI WAN LIGHTS UP FOR CHRISTMAS

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A GLITTERING CHRISTMAS TREE FLANKED BY TWO BEAUTIFUL ANGELS BLOWING TRUMPETS OF JOY, SEASONAL GREETINGS AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD LOGO MAKE UP THIS YEAR'S FESTIVE LIGHTING DECORATIONS IN THE HEART OF CHAI WAN.

THE COLOURFUL LIGHTS WERE SWITCHED ON BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, DR SIMON VICKERS AT A CEREMONY THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

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SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT \$42 000, THE LIGHTS ARE CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS WAN TSUI ROAD AND WILL BE ON UNTIL JANUARY 3.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID SIMILAR DECORATIONS LAST YEAR HAD PROVED POPULAR WITH RESIDENTS.

THERE WOULD ALSO BE OTHER ACTIVITIES AND RESIDENTS WOULD THUS BE ABLE TO ENJOY THEMSELVES WITHOUT HAVING TO GO ELSEWHERE FOR ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A VARIETY SHOW, FEATURING SINGING, MAGIC SHOWS, ACROBATICS, AND A LUCKY DRAW, WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 31.

ORGANISED BY THE CHAI WAN NORTH AND SOUTH AREA COMMITTEES, THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

A FILM SHOW, ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WAS ALSO HELD TONIGHT AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, PROVIDING FREE ENTERTAINMENT TO 400 RESIDENTS.

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YULETIDE CHEER FOR LESS FORTUNATE

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRINGING LITTLE CHRISTMAS JOY AND COMFORT TO THE LESS FORTUNATE RESIDENTS OF THREE INSTITUTIONS TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE MEMBERS HAVE FORMED THEIR OWN CHOIR TO ENTERTAIN FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS, MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS AND THE ELDERLY WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS, AND ONE OF THEM, DRESSED AS SANTA CLAUS, WILL DISTRIBUTE GIFTS TO RESIDENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS.

THEIR FIRST STOP WILL BE AT THE KWUN TONG SHELTERED WORKSHOP OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, WHERE THEY WILL ENTERTAIN THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS.

THE CHOIR AND SANTA CLAUS WILL THEN PROCEED TO THE SHUN LEE HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY, AND THE WONG CHEUNG KIN MEMORIAL HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY.

KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON), MR KWOK KA-CHI, AND STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO JOIN THE VISITS.

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MEANWHILE, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS ORGANISED A LARGE-SCALE LASER EXTRAVAGANZA AND DISCO NITE AT THE TSUI PING ROAD PLAYGROUND ON CHRISTMAS EVE (DECEMBER 24).

MORE THAN 2 000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE DISCO PARTY AND AN EVEN LARGER NUMBER WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE THREE-HOUR LASER SHOW.

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FESTIVE SEASON GLITTER IN TSUEN WAN
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FOUR AREAS IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT WILL BE GLITTERING WITH DECORATIVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) UNTIL JANUARY 7.

THE COLOURFUL LIGHTS, PUT UP AT A COST OF \$140 000, ARE LOCATED AT THE OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, THE TSING YI BRIDGE ROUNDABOUT AND AROUND THE JUNCTION OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

A SWITCHING ON CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED TOMORROW BY MRS MAY CHAN, WIFE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR S.J. CHAN AT THE OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE THE TSUEN WAN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS IS SPONSORED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

MEANWHILE, A DISCO NIGHT PARTY WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD ON CHRISTMAS EVE FOR ABOUT 8 000 PEOPLE.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$15 A COUPLE ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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DB TO DISCUSS WIDE-RANGING ISSUES
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MEMBERS OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE ASKED TO COMMENT ON A PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE STREET MUSICIANS IN MARKET STREET AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE BOARD WILL ALSO SEEK MEMBERS' ENDORSEMENT OF GRANTING \$30 000 TO FINANCE ACTIVITIES TO BE ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR IN YAU MA TEI.

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MEMBERS WILL DISUCSS A REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON VICE-ASSOCIATED ESTABLISHMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS PAPERS ON THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SCHEME AND MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS MATTERS RELATING TO DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT.

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SCHEME HELPS PROMOTE HEALTH
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A 7-DAY TSUEN WAN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROMOTION SCHEME WILL BE OPENED AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 23) AT 10.30 AM.

THE SCHEME, DESIGNED TO ACQUAINT BOTH EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WITH OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE HKCU.

THERE WILL BE STATIC DISPLAYS, VIDEO TAPE AND SLIDE SHOWS ON HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND LUNG AND BLOOD TESTS FOR VISITORS AT THE EXHIBITION.

A SEMINAR ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH WILL BE HELD RIGHT AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

TO HIGHLIGHT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE HKTVB +VITALITY TEAM+ WILL PERFORM EXERCISE.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (TSUEN WAN), DR J.W. HAYES, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AND PROFESSOR STEWART DONNAN OF THE COMMUNITY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE HKCU.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES
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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL STAY OPEN BETWEEN 9 AM TO 1 PM DAILY ON DECEMBER 25 AND 26.

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE: VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB POLYCLINIC IN KOWLOON, LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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LABOUR STATISTICS PUBLISHED
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STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT ARE CONTAINED IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1984 IS NOW ON SALE.

DETAILED ANALYSES OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE UNEMPLOYED, ARE ALSO CONTAINED IN THE REPORT.

COPIES OF THE REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$7 A COPY.

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NEW RECRUITS
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF ANOTHER GROUP OF RECRUITS AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY TOMORROW (DECEMBER 21).

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR BARRY HIGGINBOTTOM WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT SILVER WHISTLES TO THE BEST RECRUITS.

ON PARADE WILL BE 11 OFFICERS AND 54 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR BASIC TRAINING AT THE INSTITUTE.

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PLB CLEARWAY AT JAVA ROAD
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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 22), NO PLB WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY ALONG THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF JAVA ROAD IN NORTH POINT, FROM 65 METRES EAST OF HEALTHY STREET EAST TO THE JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD.

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PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS * * * *

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS THIS EVENING:

+YOUR EXCELLENCY, HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS,

+THIS EVENING I SPEAK TO YOU ON A MOMENTOUS OCCASION. YESTERDAY IN PEKING PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG AND I SIGNED THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON HONG KONG.

+IT IS FITTING THAT THIS HISTORIC DOCUMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SIGNED BY TWO PRIME MINISTERS. THESE SIGNATURES TESTIFY TO THE TOTAL COMMITMENT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT.

+THOSE SIGNATURES WERE ALSO THE CULMINATION OF A PROCESS WHICH BEGAN TWO YEARS AGO WHEN I VISITED PEKING AND HONG KONG. DURING THOSE TWO YEARS WE HAVE CONDUCTED TAXING AND COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS, AND I PAY TRIBUTE TO SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AND HIS ABLE TEAM OF ADVISERS.

+THE AIM AGREED BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS WAS TO PRESERVE HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY. FOR US ON THE BRITISH SIDE THIS HAS A VERY SPECIAL MEANING.

+THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS MY FIRST CONCERN WAS THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG AND HER PEOPLE.

+BRITAIN HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG FOR NEARLY 150 YEARS. IT IS AN ASSOCIATION WHICH IS A SOURCE OF JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE TO US ALL. AND BRITISH ADMINISTRATION HAS PROVIDED THE NECESSARY LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATION FOR WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

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+BUT HONG KONG'S GROWTH AND SUCCESS - ESPECIALLY IN THE POST-WAR YEARS, EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES - HAS BEEN DUE ABOVE ALL TO THE REMARKABLE TALENTS AND ENERGY OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE. THEIR CHARACTER, THEIR ACHIEVEMENT HAS BEEN SO STRIKING THAT OUR PRIME COMMITMENT COULD ONLY BE TO THEM.

+WE WERE DETERMINED TO DO ALL WE COULD TO PRESERVE WHAT THEY HAVE BUILT BY THEIR OWN ENDEAVOUR. WE SOUGHT A REALISTIC FRAMEWORK, ONE WHICH TOOK ACCOUNT OF CHINESE INTERESTS.

+BUT AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND WE SOUGHT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ASSURANCES THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE COULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS AND APPLY THEIR ENERGY: THAT WHAT I WOULD CALL HONG KONG'S GENIUS COULD CONTINUE TO FLOURISH AND THAT IT COULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND MODERNISATION OF CHINA AS A WHOLE.

+I BELIEVE WE HAVE SECURED SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT THE AGREEMENT IS A GOOD ONE.

+IT PROVIDES IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL AND IN BINDING FORM FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO YOUR UNIQUE SOCIETY.

+AS A RESULT, THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG CAN, I BELIEVE, FACE THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE.

+THE ASSESSMENT HAS SHOWN THAT THEY REGARD THE AGREEMENT AS A WHOLE ACCEPTABLE. THE PROCESS OF ASSESSMENT WAS REAL AND IT IS IMPORTANT. PARLIAMENT WOULD HAVE EXPECTED NO LESS BEFORE APPROVING THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

+I WELCOME THE FACT THAT THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE REPORT HAS GIVEN A CLEAR ACCOUNT OF THE RESERVATIONS AND CONCERNS WHICH PEOPLE QUITE UNDERSTANDABLY FEEL ON INDIVIDUAL POINTS. THIS WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO US WHEN WE BEGIN THE TASK OF PUTTING THE AGREEMENT INTO EFFECT.

+THE SUCCESS OF ANY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT OF COURSE DEPENDS UPON THE GOOD FAITH AND THE COMMITMENT OF THE SIGNATORIES.

+I BRING TO YOU THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT. WE SHALL DO OUR UTMOST TO ENSURE THAT THE AGREEMENT WORKS.

+AND I BRING FROM MY TALKS IN PEKING WITH THE MOST SENIOR CHINESE LEADERS A SIMILAR COMMITMENT. THEY ASSURED ME THAT FOR THEIR PART THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENTED. INDEED PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG ASSURED ME YESTERDAY IN PEKING, IT WAS THE TRADITION OF THE CHINESE NATION TO ACT IN GOOD FAITH, TO LIVE UP TO ITS INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND THAT CHINA WOULD PROVE ITS WORDS WITH ITS DEEDS. CHAIRMAN DENG XIAOPING CONFIRMED THIS.

+OF COURSE YOU STILL HAVE YOUR CONCERNS. AND I UNDERSTAND THEM.

/+ON NATIONALITY

+ON NATIONALITY QUESTIONS FOR INSTANCE. BUT WE HAVE FOUND A WAY TO ALLOW ALL HONG KONG BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS BORN BEFORE 1 JULY 1997 TO CONTINUE TO TRAVEL ON BRITISH PASSPORTS AND TO ENJOY BRITISH CONSULAR PROTECTION IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

+I KNOW YOU ARE ANXIOUS THAT OTHER COUNTRIES MAY NOT ACCEPT THE NEW BRITISH PASSPORTS AFTER 1997. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REGARDS IT AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG TO EXPLAIN TO ALL THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED THAT THERE WILL BE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR IMPOSING NEW RESTRICTIONS ON THE FREEDOM OF ENTRY OF HONG KONG PEOPLE HOLDING THE NEW FORM OF PASSPORT.

+AND I BELIEVE WE SHALL RECEIVE THE NECESSARY CO-OPERATION: INDEED I AM VERY STRUCK BY THE WARM INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THIS AGREEMENT.

+ANOTHER CONCERN IS THE BASIC LAW. I FULLY AGREE ABOUT ITS IMPORTANCE. THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT STIPULATE THAT THE VERY FULL AND DETAILED PROVISIONS IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND ITS FIRST ANNEX WILL BE EMBODIED IN THE BASIC LAW.

+MY DISCUSSIONS IN PEKING HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BASIC LAW, AND OF THE CONCERN IN HONG KONG THAT PEOPLE HERE SHOULD BE CONSULTED ABOUT IT.

+PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG TOLD ME THAT IN THE DRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW, THE VIEWS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE WOULD BE SOLICITED ON A WIDE BASIS, AND THAT THE BASIC LAW WOULD BE DRAFTED AND PROMULGATED NOT LATER THAN 1990.

+UNTIL 1997 BRITAIN REMAINS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG.

+WE FEEL, AS WE HAVE ALWAYS FELT, A DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY. AND NOW THAT THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED, I PLEDGE HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT'S EARNEST EFFORTS IN THE YEARS TO 1997 TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG CONTINUES TO HAVE A STABLE AND RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT, ADMINISTERING THE TERRITORY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERESTS AND THE WISHES OF ITS PEOPLE.

+DURING THAT TIME YOU WILL WANT AND NEED MOVEMENT TOWARDS MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. HONG KONG PEOPLE MUST BE ABLE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR RUNNING THEIR OWN AFFAIRS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST AVOID SUDDEN AND DRAMATIC CHANGES WHICH MIGHT HAVE A DISTURBING EFFECT. WE NEED TO BUILD, BUT TO BUILD CAREFULLY AND SECURELY.

+HONG KONG, MORE THAN MOST PLACES, LOOKS OUTWARDS FOR ITS LIVELIHOOD. IT FINDS READY MARKETS IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD. IT IS NATURAL THAT TRADERS AND INVESTORS SHOULD HAVE WATCHED CAREFULLY THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THEIR OUTCOME. THEY WANTED TO BE ASSURED THAT THEIR INVESTMENTS WOULD BE PROTECTED, THAT THEIR SOURCES OF SUPPLY WOULD REMAIN RELIABLE, AND THAT THEIR FREEDOM TO MOVE FUNDS FREELY IN AND OUT WOULD REMAIN UNTRAMMELLED.

+ALL THESE HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF IN THE AGREEMENT. INDEED, THE GOVERNMENTS OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS HAVE ALREADY WELCOMED THE AGREEMENT - FOR EXAMPLE THE UNITED STATES, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, JAPAN, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA, - AND IN MANY CASES THESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO HELP IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

+THE AGREEMENT PRESERVES THE ESSENTIALS FOR HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS.

- * HONG KONG'S FREEDOM TO PURSUE ITS OWN ECONOMIC POLICIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN NEEDS;
- * THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, FREE TRADE POLICIES AND THE FREE PORT;
- * HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO RETAIN ITS SEPARATE POSITION WITHIN THE GATT AND OTHER MULTILATERAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS; AND ITS FREEDOM TO DEVELOP ITS OWN ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES AND REGIONS;
- * A FREELY CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY;
- * FREEDOM TO PURSUE PRUDENT BUDGETARY POLICIES DETERMINED BY HONG KONG IN ACCORDANCE WITH HONG KONG'S OWN NEEDS;
- * THE RIGHT OF COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO OWN AND DISPOSE OF PROPERTY; AND THE PROTECTION OF THESE RIGHTS IN LAW;
- * AND ABOVE ALL, INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS WHICH ARE THE ESSENCE OF YOUR WAY OF LIFE.

+I CAN ASSURE HONG KONG'S PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD THAT THE FREE AND DYNAMIC BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT WHICH HAS ATTRACTED THEM IN SUCH LARGE NUMBERS FOR SO MANY YEARS WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. HONG KONG IS A GOING CONCERN WITH A FUTURE STRETCHING INTO THE NEXT CENTURY AND BEYOND.

+WE COULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED SUCH A GOOD AGREEMENT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT AND ADVICE OF MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, AND SPEAKING HERE TONIGHT AMONG SO MANY OLD FRIENDS, I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS.

+I SHOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE GOVERNOR FOR THE FIRMNESS OF HIS LEADERSHIP AND THE WISDOM OF HIS ADVICE.

+THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED GUIDANCE OF SIR S.Y. CHUNG, HAVE PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE THROUGHOUT THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD IN HONG KONG'S HISTORY. THE ADVICE OFFERED BY EXCO THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WAS OF THE GREATEST VALUE. I CAN RECALL MANY OCCASIONS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS IN THE CABINET ROOM AT 10 DOWNING STREET WHEN WE DISCUSSED THE CRUCIAL ISSUES TOGETHER.

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+ALL MEMBERS OF UMELCO MADE KNOWN THEIR OWN HOPES AND FEARS AND THOSE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AS REFLECTED TO THEM. YOUR FRANKNESS, DETERMINATION AND SENSE OF PUBLIC DUTY WAS OF GREAT VALUE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

+I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO PAY WARM TRIBUTE TO THE EXEMPLARY MANNER IN WHICH THE HONG KONG PUBLIC SERVICE CONTINUED TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES, AND TO THE PATIENCE AND FOREBEARANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AS A WHOLE. IT CANNOT HAVE BEEN EASY TO LIVE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE WHOLE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY AND ITS PEOPLE WAS BEING DISCUSSED, AS IT HAD TO BE, IN CONDITIONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY.

+WE FELT DEEPLY THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUST THAT THEY PLACED IN US. ONE TASK HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION. BUT THIS IS NOT THE END.

+THE AGREEMENT ON ITS OWN CANNOT ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE FOR HONG KONG. SO MUCH LIES, AS IT ALWAYS HAS DONE, IN YOUR OWN HANDS.

+YOU, THE HONG KONG PEOPLE, HAVE EARNED THE RESPECT OF THE ENTIRE WORLD FOR THE ASTONISHING SUCCESS STORY WHICH YOU HAVE WRITTEN. YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED RESILIENCE, IMAGINATION AND SHEER HARD WORK. ABOVE ALL YOU HAVE SHOWN THE COURAGE TO ADAPT TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES.

+WE HAVE OVER 12 YEARS TO PREPARE TOGETHER FOR THE CHANGES WHICH LIE AHEAD. I BELIEVE YOU WILL RISE TO THE CHALLENGE AND THAT THE SPIRIT, THE ENTERPRISE AND THE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG WILL FLOURISH AND WILL ENDURE.+

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