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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS FOR KEEP HK CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE  
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THREE NEW UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL-REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY MR CHEUNG HON-KAU TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE MEMBERS ARE MR IP YEUK-LAM, A MERCHANT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FIVE GUILDS UNION; MR DANIEL NG, AN EX-MEMBER OF EPCOM AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MCDONALD'S; AND MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, AN EDUCATIONALIST AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SIT ON THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO OPEN ITS MEMBERSHIP TO CONCERNED CITIZENS THAT ARE NEITHER URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS NOR CIVIL SERVANTS IS TO ENCOURAGE MORE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN SOLVING THE SOCIAL PROBLEM OF LITTERING.

THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE EXISTING 25 OFFICIAL MEMBERS IN MAKING DECISIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, THE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE LATEST PROGRESS OF THE LARGEST-EVER KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH BEGINS AT 3 PM TOMORROW IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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VIEWS ON ARTS POLICY WELCOMED  
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THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMED VIEWS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE FORMULATION OF A POLICY FOR THE ARTS IN HONG KONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE STRESSED THAT BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS WERE ANXIOUS THAT THE FUTURE POLICY ON THE ARTS SHOULD REFLECT THE INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY.

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COMMENTING ON RECENT PRESS REPORTS ON A FORUM ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ARTS ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION ON APRIL 3 AND 4, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF A BOYCOTT BY THE GOVERNMENT.

+SOME OFFICERS AT THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE URBAN AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE SECOND PART OF THIS FORUM, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 11,+ HE SAID. +THEY WERE NOT INVITED TO THE FIRST SESSION.+

+IN ADDITION, ONE OF THE AIMS OF THE FORUM IS TO PUT TOGETHER VIEWS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AND IT WOULD BE BEST FOR THE GROUP TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SUCH VIEWS WITH DUE OBJECTIVITY.

+THE OFFICERS INVITED, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP, HAVE EXPLAINED TO THE ASSOCIATION THAT IT WOULD THEREFORE NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO ATTEND THE FORUM AS SPEAKERS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE WORKING GROUP ALREADY HAD PLANS TO SEEK VIEWS FROM LOCAL ARTS ORGANISATIONS AND ADMINISTRATORS, AND WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REPORT ON THE FORUM FROM THE HONG KONG ARTS ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION.

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DB TO DISCUSS POLITICAL REFORM WORKING GROUP  
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THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) A PROPOSAL TO SET UP A WORKING GROUP ON POLITICAL REFORM TO HELP GAUGE PUBLIC VIEWS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON THE CONTROL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AND THE PROGRESS OF TARGET BUILDINGS IDENTIFIED BY THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM FOR IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS.

ALSO AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ELECT CHAIRMEN TO THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES AND DECIDE ON THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROPOSED BUDGET AND WORK PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD IN 1987-88 AND PROGRESS REPORTS BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC PROBLEM  
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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT THE SECTION OF CHING CHEUNG ROAD BEHIND THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE 1987-88 BUS STOP SHELTER CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME, AND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAFFIC AND NOISE POLLUTION PROBLEMS CAUSED BY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AT BERWICK STREET.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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SPECIAL MARINE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TIN HAU FESTIVAL  
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL AT TAI MIU WAN IN SAI KUNG FROM APRIL 18 TO 20 ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF A SPECIAL FERRY SERVICE FROM NORTH POINT PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATEI FERRY COMPANY.

OWNERS AND MASTERS OF VESSELS WHICH ARE LICENSED FOR THE PLYING LIMITS INVOLVED ARE ALSO URGED TO OBSERVE THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY MARINE DEPARTMENT AND ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE LAUNCHES PATROLLING IN THE AREA.

SENIOR MARINE OFFICER (EAST REGION), MR ALLAN CHADWICK, SAID TODAY THAT SOME 60 000 TO 70 000 WORSHIPPERS WERE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL BY SEA TO THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL OVER THE LONG WEEKEND.

+WE ARE WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FESTIVAL TO THE LOCAL MARINE COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE NO WISH TO DELAY WORSHIPPERS UNNECESSARILY.

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+ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ALSO WISH TO AVOID ANY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS AND ANY OVERLOADING OF THE LANDING FACILITIES AND IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY FOR ALL PARTIES CONCERNED THAT STRICT CONTROL MUST BE IMPOSED,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT VESSELS APPEARING TO BE OBVIOUSLY OVERLOADED MAY BE STOPPED.

MR CHADWICK THEREFORE URGED OWNERS OF VESSELS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND MARINE POLICE TO MAKE THE FESTIVAL AS SAFE AND SMOOTH RUNNING AS POSSIBLE.

MEANWHILE, OPERATORS OF VESSELS WHICH ARE NOT LICENSED TO CARRY PASSENGERS BUT INTEND TO CARRY WORSHIPPERS TO TAI MIU WAN OVER THAT WEEKEND MAY OBTAIN PERMITS AT ANY MARINE OFFICE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 16 PROVIDED THAT

- \* THE VESSELS HOLD A VALID LICENCE FOR THEIR NORMAL TRADE;
- \* THE DATES FOR WHICH THE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED ARE STATED; AND
- \* THEY MEET ALL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, E.G. SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF LIFEJACKETS AND LIFEBOUYS.

IN ADDITION TO THE MAIN PIER AT TAI MIU WAN USED BY HYF FERRIES, MR CHADWICK SAID THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A LANDING PONTOON TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR DISEMBARKING AND RE-EMBARKING PASSENGERS FROM SMALL CRAFT.

HOWEVER, LIGHTERS AND LARGE VESSELS MORE THAN 15 METRES IN LENGTH WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BERTH ALONGSIDE THE PONTOON. +THEY WILL HAVE TO ANCHOR AS DIRECTED BY OFFICIAL LAUNCHES,+ SAID MR CHADWICK.

+PASSENGERS ON ANCHORED VESSELS WILL NEED TO BE FERRIED TO THE LANDING PONTOON BY SMALLER CRAFT WHICH MUST ALSO OBTAIN A PERMIT TO DO SO ON OR BEFORE APRIL 16,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHADWICK WARNED THAT VESSELS WITHOUT VALID LICENCES OR PERMITS OR IN BREACH OF ANY CONDITIONS MAY BE PROSECUTED.

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#### YOUNG AMBASSADORS MEET THE PRESS

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THE 20 NEWLY SELECTED YOUTH AMBASSADORS OF TSUEN WAN FOR THE YEAR WILL MEET THE PRESS AT A RECEPTION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THEY ARE EITHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE ARTS AND SPORTS NURTURE SCHEMES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD OR NOMINATED BY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THE DISTRICT.

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THE YOUTH AMBASSADOR SCHEME WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1985 AS A DISTRICT PROJECT TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

AT THE RECEPTION, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR NORMAN SIN WILL INTRODUCE THE AMBASSADORS AND GIVE DETAILS OF THEIR FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDE AN OVERSEAS STUDY-CUM-GOODWILL VISIT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR OF THE TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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SEMINAR TO CELEBRATE PROGRAMME'S ANNIVERSARY

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A LUNCHEON SEMINAR TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S +5 000 YEARS OF CHINESE HISTORY+ WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY (APRIL 11).

OFFICIATING GUEST OF THE SEMINAR, MR SZETO WAH, WILL SPEAK ON +THE DIFFICULTIES FACED IN DEVELOPING EDUCATION ON HISTORY IN HONG KONG+.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD AT 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY AT STUDIO 2, BROADCASTING HOUSE, 30 BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON.

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ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, KCMG

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SPECTACULAR WELCOME FOR SIR DAVID WILSON

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BUSY HONG KONG TODAY (THURSDAY) ROLLED OUT THE RED CARPET TO STAGE A SPECTACULAR WELCOME FOR SIR DAVID WILSON, ITS 27TH GOVERNOR.

PEOPLE FLOCKED TO THE NEAREST VANTAGE POINTS OR GATHERED ROUND TELEVISION SETS TO WATCH THE ARRIVAL AND THE SOLEMN SWEARING-IN CEREMONY.

LIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE ALLOWED THEM TO CATCH THEIR FIRST GLIMPSE OF SIR DAVID, LADY WILSON AND THEIR SON ANDREW SHORTLY AFTER THEY STEPPED OFF THE PLANE AT KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT ABOUT 2.35 PM.

THERE TO GREET THEM WERE THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND LADY AKERS-JONES.

STEPPING INTO THE VIP ROOM FOR A SHORT REST AND QUICK CHANGE, SIR DAVID EMERGED RESPLENDENT IN WHITE UNIFORM FOR THE DRIVE TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST TO BEGIN HIS CRUISE ACROSS THE HARBOUR.

CAMERA-TOTING TOURISTS, OFFICE WORKERS AS WELL AS CHILDREN LINED THE SIDES OF THE PIER TO WATCH SIR DAVID BOARD THE GOVERNOR'S LAUNCH, THE LADY MAURINE.

A PLEASANTLY SURPRISED SIR DAVID WAVED AT THE CHEERING CROWD.

EVEN THE BUSTLING HARBOUR CAME TO A MOMENTARY STANDSTILL AS THE LADY MAURINE SAILED TOWARDS QUEEN'S PIER ESCORTED BY A FLOTILLA OF MARINE POLICE LAUNCHES, HMS PEACOCK AND HMS SWIFT AND THE WATER-SPRAYING FIRE SERVICES VESSEL, THE ALEXANDER GRANTHAM.

OVERHEAD, FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, THE ARMY AIR CORPS AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE FLEW PAST IN FORMATION WHILE A 17-GUN SALUTE WAS FIRED FROM HMS TAMAR.

AN EVEN LARGER CROWD WAITED AT EDINBURGH PLACE WHERE SIR DAVID DISEMBARKED. AS CAMERAS CLICKED AWAY TO RECORD THE MOMENTOUS OCCASION, SIR DAVID STEPPED ASHORE.

UNDER THE PORTICO OF QUEEN'S PIER, SIR DAVID WAS WELCOMED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, AND LADY ROBERTS; THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, AND MRS FORD; THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL ANTHONY BOAM, AND MRS BOAM; THE BISHOP OF HONG KONG, THE RIGHT REVEREND PETER KWONG, AND MRS KWONG; THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF HONG KONG, THE MOST REVEREND JOHN BAPTIST WU; THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, SIR S.Y. CHUNG; THE SENIOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MISS LYDIA DUNN; THE DIRECTOR OF XINHUA NEWS AGENCY, MR XU JIATUN; AND THE DOYEN OF THE CONSULAR CORPS, MR HERMES DUARTE ARIAS.

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AS THE FIRST SIX BARS OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM WAS STRUCK UP BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND, SIR DAVID STEPPED ONTO THE DAIS TO TAKE THE SALUTE. HE THEN INSPECTED THE GUARD OF HONOUR FORMED BY THE 1ST BATTALION 2ND KING EDWARD VII'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE THEN INTRODUCED TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND THEIR SPOUSES BEFORE HE PROCEEDED INTO THE CONCERT HALL WHERE THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY TOOK PLACE.

TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF FANFARE PLAYED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND, SIR DAVID ENTERED THE HALL PACKED WITH LOCAL DIGNITARIES INVITED TO WITNESS THE MEMORABLE OCCASION.

THE CEREMONY BEGAN WITH A BRIEF EXPLANATION BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, OF THE PURPOSE OF THE CEREMONY.

THE CLERK OF COUNCILS, MR ALISTAIR LANG, THEN READ THE COMMISSION BEFORE SIR DENYS INVITED SIR DAVID TO TAKE AND SIGN THE THREE OATHS -- THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE, THE OFFICIAL OATH AND THE JUDICIAL OATH.

AFTER THE OATHS, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES AND SIR S.Y. CHUNG READ THEIR WELCOMING SPEECHES BEFORE SIR DAVID REPLIED.

THE GOVERNOR AND HIS FAMILY THEN SPENT THE NEXT HOUR MEETING ABOUT 800 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY AT A RECEPTION HELD AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT.

WHEN SIR DAVID STEPPED OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CITY HALL AGAIN, HE DOTTED THE EYES OF A LION WHICH IMMEDIATELY SPRUNG TO LIFE AND PERFORMED A TRADITIONAL DANCE.

ALMOST TWO HOURS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG, SIR DAVID AND HIS FAMILY THEN DROVE TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE WHERE THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) PRESENTED ARMS.

BEFORE SIR DAVID STEPPED INSIDE, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE COMPLIMENT THAT CULMINATED HONG KONG'S WARM WELCOME TO HIM.

**RESOLUTE TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES**

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL FIND NO LACK OF RESOLUTION AND INGENUITY IN HONG KONG TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES AND TO CONTINUE PROGRESS.

SPEAKING AT THE NEW GOVERNOR'S SWEARING-IN CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL TODAY (THURSDAY), SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID HONG KONG HAD BECOME A MORE COMPLICATED PLACE SINCE SIR DAVID WILSON WAS LAST HERE, BUT THE CHANGE HAD BEEN MATCHED BY A GROWTH IN ITS ABILITY TO FACE UP TO MATTERS OF INCREASING COMPLEXITY.

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+NEW DIMENSIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO OUR LIVES, THROUGH THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG IN THE PACIFIC REGION AND IN THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE PROUD OF BUT, GIVEN THE VERY NATURE OF HONG KONG AND THE RAPID GROWTH OF ITS POPULATION, THERE ARE MANY AREAS IN WHICH WE ARE LAGGING BEHIND AND MANY THINGS WE MUST IMPROVE.+

SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID THAT IN SOME CASES IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY WERE DONE BUT IN OTHERS DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE DECISIONS HAD TO BE MADE.

+WE HAVE DEVISED OUR OWN METHODS OF INVOLVING PEOPLE AT ALL LEVELS IN THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO OUR PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

+WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS COMES A PRIDE, A GREATER SENSE OF BELONGING, A SENSE OF PURPOSE TEMPERED WITH REALISM AND, AT TIMES, AN UNDERSTANDABLE ANXIETY THAT THE GOING MAY NOT ALWAYS BE SMOOTH.+

SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID THAT THIS VARIETY OF EMOTIONS AND ATTITUDES FOUND IN THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG HAD TO BE REMEMBERED, AND +IT IS THEIR WELFARE AND THEIR FUTURE THAT MUST BE OUR CONCERN+.

HE WELCOMED SIR DAVID WILSON'S RETURN TO HONG KONG AS +OUR GOVERNOR AND OUR FRIEND+ AND HOPED THAT HE AND HIS FAMILY WOULD GREATLY ENJOY THEIR LIFE IN HONG KONG.

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MOST FITTING GOVERNOR CHOSEN TO LEAD HONG KONG  
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SIR DAVID WILSON HAS BROUGHT WITH HIM THE MOST FITTING CREDENTIALS FOR THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG DURING THESE IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE YEARS OF TRANSITION IN HONG KONG'S HISTORY, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, SAID AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID SIR DAVID HAD PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF HONG KONG, KNOWLEDGE OF CHINA AND ITS PEOPLE AND DEEP INVOLVEMENT IN THE SINO-BRITISH DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATION AND THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

SIR S.Y. ALSO PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE NEW GOVERNOR AND WISHED SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON A LONG, HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF DUTY IN HONG KONG.

HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAD COME A LONG WAY DURING THE PAST FEW DECADES.

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+WE HAD GONE THROUGH A DECADE OF ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION IN THE 1950'S, OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE 1960'S, AND OF RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE 1970'S,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE 1980'S SAW THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE IN THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION IN WHICH SIR DAVID WILSON TOOK AN IMPORTANT PART.

SIR S.Y. SAID DESPITE ITS SIZE AND ABSENCE OF NATURAL MATERIAL RESOURCES, HONG KONG WAS NOW AMONG ONE OF THE MOST PROSPEROUS AND STABLE TERRITORIES IN THE WORLD.

+WE ACHIEVED A HIGH REAL GROWTH RATE OF NINE PER CENT IN GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT LAST YEAR AND EXPECT AN EQUALLY RESPECTABLE GROWTH OF SIX PER CENT IN 1987. PERSONAL INCOMES ARE CONTINUING TO RISE IN REAL TERMS.

+THESE COUPLED WITH LOW RATES OF INFLATION, PRACTICALLY NO UNEMPLOYMENT AND AN EVER IMPROVING STANDARD OF LIVING HAVE ENABLED US TO ENJOY THE FRUITS OF OUR OWN LABOUR.

+WE ALSO ENJOY A HIGH DEGREE OF FREEDOM, A LOW CRIME RATE, A PROUD RECORD OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE,+ HE ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ALL THE ACHIEVEMENT OF HONG KONG TODAY WERE THE RESULT OF A HARDWORKING AND ENTERPRISING PEOPLE, AND THE PRESERVATION OF ALL THESE WAS THE OVERRIDING CONCERN OF THE PEOPLE HERE.

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PLEDGE TO CONTINUE 'REMARKABLE PROGRESS'  
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HONG KONG'S NEW GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) PLEDGED TO DO ALL HE COULD TO ENSURE THAT OUR +REMARKABLE PROGRESS CONTINUES AND THAT ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY SHARE THE FRUIT OF OUR SUCCESS+.

SPEAKING AT HIS SWEARING-IN CEREMONY AS HONG KONG'S 27TH GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID SAID TO RETURN AS GOVERNOR WAS +A GREAT PRIVILEGE AND A GREAT HONOUR+.

+HONG KONG HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY EVEN IN THE SHORT SPACE OF FIVE AND A HALF YEARS SINCE I LAST LIVED HERE,+ HE SAID.

GREAT AS THE DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN, SIR DAVID SAID THE WORK TO BUILD THE HONG KONG OF TOMORROW WAS ALL AROUND US.

/+WE MUST .....

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+WE MUST CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT AND INITIATIVE. WE MUST MAINTAIN A FRAMEWORK OF SOUND ADMINISTRATION BACKED BY CLEAR AND ENFORCEABLE LEGISLATION,+ HE ADDED.

+AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST ALSO MEET THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.+

ON THE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT AND THE ORGANISATION OF ADMINISTRATION, SIR DAVID SAID IT MUST REMAIN RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF SOCIETY.

+IT IS IN RESPONSE TO THESE NEEDS THAT HONG KONG'S UNIQUE SYSTEM HAS BEEN MOULDED AND DEVELOPED,+ HE SAID.

NOTING THE IMPORTANT ROLES PLAYED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, SIR DAVID SAID THE REVIEW ON THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THESE ORGANS OF GOVERNMENT AND THEIR VARIOUS COMPONENTS INVOLVED SERIOUS ISSUES WITH FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES.

+WE MUST APPROACH THEM CALMLY AND WITH COMMON SENSE,+ HE SAID.

+IF THERE IS TO BE ANY CHANGE IT SHOULD BE PRUDENT AND GRADUAL. IT MUST NOT DISRUPT THE STEADY PROGRESS WE HAVE BEEN MAKING, NOR THE STABILITY WHICH WE PRIZE.+

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT SIR EDWARD YOUDE, ON HIS ARRIVAL FIVE YEARS AGO, SPOKE WITH CONFIDENCE OF FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE VITAL QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

NOW THAT THE FUTURE WAS CLEAR, HE SAID, AND HE HAD NO DOUBT, GIVEN THE MANIFEST GOODWILL AND COMMITMENT OF BOTH THE CHINESE AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENTS, THE VITAL PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE STEADY PROGRESS.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD STRIVE TO BUILD ON THE FOUNDATIONS SIR EDWARD HAD LAID.

+CHALLENGING TIMES LIE AHEAD OF US, BUT HONG KONG HAS SHOWN TIME AND AGAIN THAT IT HAS THE WILL AND DETERMINATION TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES AND TO RESPOND TO CHALLENGE AND TO CHANGE.+

SIR DAVID SAID LADY WILSON AND HIMSELF WERE PROUD TO RETURN TO HONG KONG.

+WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU FOR THE WELL-BEING AND FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND ITS PEOPLE,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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